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From the Director, Jessica Keyser

Retirement of Kathy Gaughan

Circulation Specialist Kathy Gaughan retired in April. Kathy started as the Children's Librarian at the Park Branch of GPPL in 1980. After five years, she moved to the Grosse Pointe Public School System to be a Media Specialist. We were lucky to have Kathy back for the last several years as a member of our circulation team, where she was beloved by co-workers and patrons alike for her friendly, upbeat personality and unwavering service ethic. We wish you all the best on your next adventure, Kathy.

New Teen Librarian

I am very excited to announce our new Teen Librarian is our very own Charlotte Tito. Charlotte started with the GPPL in 2023 as a part-time Reference Librarian. Charlotte brings a wealth of experience in education and library services to teens. She has already hit the ground running with lots of fun and engaging programs for our teen patrons. Please join me in welcoming Charlotte to her new role.

Glenn Michaels Donation

A three-piece mosaic by renowned Michigan sculptor and painter Glen Michaels (1927 -2020) was recently installed on the second floor of the Woods branch. The art was donated by Kevin Simon in honor of his beloved parents George and Penny Simon.

Michaels' work can be seen in many private and public collections in the Metro Detroit area and beyond. His public commissions include the Detroit People Mover system; the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center and Ford Motor Company's pavilion at the 1964 New York World's Fair. We are thrilled to receive this wonderful donation, which will surely enhance the experience of many visitors to the Woods branch.

Bring your imagination to life this summer with the Library's Summer Reading Program: Color Our World

This summer, readers of all ages are invited to explore new stories, earn prizes, and take part in a vibrant line-up of events designed to inspire and engage. The "Color Our World" theme celebrates creativity and self-expression through books, crafts, music and community activities.

Did you know that students can lose up to two months of reading skills over the summer? The "summer slide" can make starting a new school year more challenging. With just 15–20 minutes of reading a day can help kids maintain and even improve their literacy skills during the break.

Our Summer Reading Program is designed not only to be fun but also to support learning and help prevent summer learning loss. With age-appropriate challenges, engaging activities and access to thousands of books, your child can keep their brain active while having a blast. Read on for more details about the wonderful line-up of events we have planned this summer.

DIA Inside Out at the GPPL

We are thrilled to participate in the Detroit Institute of Arts Inside Out program this summer. Inside Out brings high-quality reproductions of the DIA's collection to outdoor venues throughout metro Detroit to increase engagement between the museum and its diverse audience. Central will host a reproduction of "Dancers in the Green Room" by Edgar Degas; at Ewald, "Bank of the Oise at Auvers" by Vincent Van Gogh will be on display; and at Woods, we will have "The Window" by Henri Matisse. Special thanks to the Grosse Pointe Chamber for bringing Inside Out to Grosse Pointe.

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Adult Programs



Adult Summer Reading: Color Our World

June 1 - August 9

Did HUE know that grown-ups can participate in summer reading too? This year we're exploring all the ways art makes our lives BRIGHTER. Readers can COLOR in a bingo card filled with fun book suggestions and prompts designed to help you discover the many SHADES of the library. Fill your card for a chance to win one of five VIBRANT prizes.



Talk the Walk -Camino de Santiago

Thursday, May 22, 2 - 3:30 p.m., Ewald Branch

Patrons & friends from all walks (pun intended) of life, please join us at the Ewald branch to celebrate National Walking Month.

David Larwa will lead this program with a presentation and talk about his experience walking the Camino de Santiago, a well-known network of pilgrimage trails that lead to the shrine of the apostle James located in Spain. David has walked over 7,000 miles in the last several years (about 18 months overall) walking the Camino and has served as a volunteer (hospitalero) in Salamanca, Zamora and Ribadiso, Spain. Recently he completed 780 miles on the Via Francigena pilgrimage walking from Switzerland to Rome.

The session is for armchair walkers, experienced walkers and aspiring walkers. Larwa will bring maps, books and backpacking gear he has used for a show and tell. Please register.



Im-Prompt-Tu Reads

Starting in June

A book club with a twist (and a pun). Each month, you'll get a creative prompt, then you choose the book that fits it. Whether you go classic, contemporary, or totally out of left field, it's all fair game. You get to decide what you read. Come ready to



share the title you chose, hear about others' picks, and get inspired for your next read. It's spontaneous, surprising, and all about the joy of reading your own way. Please register. See the calendar for more details.

Monday Art with Mari

Mondays, June 9, 16, 23 & 30, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., Ewald Branch

Join us on Monday mornings for an introduction to art, led by local artist, Mari. Each class will build on the previous class to create something great. Please register.



Screenplay Writing with Amon Hale

Saturday, June 28, 10 a.m. – noon, Ewald Branch

Have a movie in your head and you want to get it out? Register for this screenplay workshop and learn the industry standards. Please register.



Photo Walk with Monica Morgan

Tuesday, July 1, 2 – 4 p.m., Ewald Branch

Join us with your camera or camera phone for a walk and photos. Please register.



Art of Self-Publishing with Sylvia Hubbard

Thursday, July 10, 5 - 7 p.m., Ewald Branch

Have a book in mind that you want to publish? Learn how in this A to Z publishing workshop. Please register.



Create with Procreate Mondays

Mondays, July 14, 21 & 28, 10 - 11 a.m., Ewald Branch

Plan to for an hour of fun as we learn to create with Procreate. Please register.

*Note: Participants must have an iPad with Procreate accessible.



Journey the World Through Food

Mondays, August 4 and 11, 3 – 5 p.m., Ewald Branch

Join us for a culinary exploration of countries around the world in two days—captaining the expedition is Chef Nedra Banks. Please register.



Portrait drawing for Adults and Teens with Jamar Lockhart

Saturdays, August 9 and 23, 10 a.m. – noon, Ewald Branch

Join us in fun and art as we learn the artistry of portrait drawing. Please register





Congressional Help for Everyday Issues

Tuesday, May 27, Noon – 2 p.m., Central Library; Wednesday, May 28, Noon – 2 p.m., Ewald Branch

The Office of Congressman Shri Thanedar (MI-13) will be hosting office hours to assist residents with issues related to federal agencies including Social Security, the IRS, VA benefits, immigration services and more. Members of the Congressman's district staff will be on-site to provide direct, confidential assistance and, if needed, to initiate the casework process.

If you are unable to attend but have an issue with the federal government that needs resolving, please visit the Congressman's website https://thanedar.house.gov/services/help-feder-al-agency 24/7 or reach out to our District Office at 313-880-2400, Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



1000 Hours Outside - Summer

Outside at the Ewald Branch

Got no Monet? We're chalk full of fun outdoor activities to get together and Color Our World. We're hoping to draw a crowd, so check our calendar for fun, all ages events outside at Ewald branch. We'll be celebrating International Mud



Day, taking neighborhood walks, exploring pollinators, learning about citizen science and more; all while connecting with nature and learning how to make our world a more beautiful place.

Grosse Pointe Community Game Meet-Up

Fourth Saturday of each month from noon – 4 p.m.

Join us for an afternoon of board gaming with your friends, family and neighbors. It is a great way to have fun while also encouraging critical thinking and problem solving.



This is an all-ages program. Drop in if you can make it, no registration required.

Special Note: For our June 28 meeting, we will also be holding a Board Game Swap. Bring a few in-tact board games to give and come away with new games to try.

Make Comics Club

6 - 8 p.m., Central Library

At Make Comics Club you're invited to work alone or collaboratively on zines, comics and other paper art.

All ages and skill levels are welcome.

Family & Friends Night

Wednesday, June 4

Bring a sibling, parent, or pal to show off what you've been working on and make art together. Please register.

Mail Art

Wednesday, July 2

Fun with giant postcards, collage and comics you can send in the mail. Please register.

No meeting in August. We will start back in September.



NEW AT THE DREAM LAB

ASK ABOUT OUR SUBLIMATION PRINTER AND MUG PRESS

Want to make a cool gift for a family member or just have a custom mug? Come to the DREAM Lab at the Woods Branch and have your custom mug made. Ask staff about prices for printing and mugs.

DREAM Lab Hours

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 3 - 6 p.m., Tuesday 3 - 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday 1 - 4 p.m.



Programs for Families and Children



Color Our World with Summer Reading

June 1 - August 9

Roses are RED. Violets are BLUE. You love great stories. The library does, too.

Kids and Teens, birth – 18, join the summer reading program and help us Color Our World. Read any story, listen to any audiobook, and earn free books and drawing entries for GOLD star prizes.

Check the library calendar to sign up for a whole spectrum of activities. With magic, music, art, science, scavenger hunts and more, all ages will be tickled PINK this summer.

Starting June 1, sign up at <u>gp.beanstack.org</u> then stop by the library to pick up a Summer Starter Bag. Bags available while supplies last.



GPPL @ Your Parks

Enjoy the BLUEtiful sunshine with GPPL at your local parks. We'll be making colorful crafts, sharing a story walk, playing games and checking out books. Stop by to say "Hi" to your Librarians



and visit with the Book Bike. Make sure you bring your park pass AND your library card. Watch the website for locations and dates.

Dog Days of Summer: Reader Dog Drop-in

Drop in and read with one of our friendly, trained Reader Dogs for some great reading practice and doggie time. Reader Dog drop-in sessions will be held at our Ewald and Woods branches. See event calendar for details. No registration required.



Eden



Lucy





Augie

PBS Kids Party

Thursday, May 22, 1 p.m., Woods Branch

Join the PBS Kids team for stories, songs and fun. You will also have a chance to take a picture with our special surprise guest. Please register.



Foam Time Summer Reading Party

Thursday, June 12, 1 p.m. and 6 p.m., Check the calendar for locations

Reading is fantastic, but Summer Reading is FOAMtastic. Music and mountains of foam will get your summer reading wiggles started. Please register and join us in comfy clothing that can get wet.

Family Movie Mondays

June 16, July 14, August 18, 11:00 a.m., Woods Branch

Join us for a family friendly movie in the story time room. No registration required.



Summertime Craft-To-Go

Need a fun activity on the fly? Stop at your branch every other Monday in June and July to pick up a Craft-To-Go kit and bring the creativity home. Available while supplies last. Check the calendar for dates.



MESSY Art

Wednesday, June 18, 10 a.m., Central Library; Wednesday, June 25, 10 a.m., Ewald Branch

Want to make some messy art? We'll be outside at the library adding some colors to our world with a variety of creative projects. Don't forget to dress for the mess. Please register.



Summer Story Times

Miss Jane, Miss Melissa and Miss Rachel can't wait to welcome you. See events calendar for details. No registration required.







Color our World: STEAM edition

Wednesday, June 18, Wood Branch

2:00 p.m.: Color STEAM 3:30 p.m.: Slime Time Children will complete fun, hands-on STEAM activities. For ages 6-10. Please register.



For more information and to register for events, visit www.grossepointelibrary.org/events



Programs for Families and Children

Tiny Art Show

Are you ready to Color Our World? Register for our Tiny Art Show and make a mini masterpiece to share with our community. After completing your art, you'll return your dry canvas to your local branch to be on display. All art must be family friendly. Need inspiration, supplies or space for creating? Check our calendar for Artist in Residence events at the library, where you can create your masterpiece. The Tiny Art Show is open to artists of all skill levels and ages.

Registration begins Monday, June 23

Canvas pickup is Monday, July 7

Canvas return is Monday, August 4



Tiny Art Show runs August 11-September 5 at all three locations

Birding 101

Wednesday, June 25, 6:30 p.m., Woods Branch

Join Rosann Kovalcik from Wild Birds Unlimited for a fun and interactive birding discussion for all ages. Please register.



Rufus the Dufus Comedy Juggling Monday, June 30, 2 p.m., Central Library

We're looking forward to hosting quick draw performer Rufus the Dufus this summer. He is RED-y to put on a colorful performance that will entertain all ages. He may BLUE you away with



Color Our World: Color STEAM

Tuesday, July 8, 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m., Central Library

Get hands-on with the science of color and have a TEAL-ly good time! For ages 6-10. Please register for one session only.

STEM Art

Wednesday, July 9, 10 a.m., Ewald Branch; Wednesday, July 30, 10 a.m., Central Library

Let's exercise our brains with some fun STEM art projects. Meet us outside at the library to investigate colorful concepts and create works of art. Please register.



Hour Of Code

Ewald Branch

Monday, July 14, 1 p.m.

Learn how to use pixels and code to draw a basic picture. Please register. https://hourofcode.com/art

Thursday, July 31, 2 p.m.

Learn Python to create your own colorful pixel art. Please register https://imagilabs.com/pages/hour-of-code



Jim Gill in Concert

Thursday, July 17, 11a.m., Woods Branch

Let's get together this summer to sing and play with the award-winning Jim Gill. We'll be clapping, jumping, dancing and even sneezing along to his banjo music. The concert will be filled with songs and stories for a memorable time together. Please register.



Wicked Singalong

Tuesday, July 22, 3 p.m., Woods Branch

Join our very special guests for a Wicked singalong and photo op. Please register.



Fizzy Science

Monday, July 28, 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m., Central Library

Get RED-y for a HUElarious time exploring chemical reactions that snap, crackle and pop. For ages 6-10. Please register for one session only.



Family Concert with Beverly, The Music Lady

Tuesday, July 29, 2 p.m., Central Library

Join Beverly The Music Lady for a colorful show of music and fun for the whole family. We'll be painting the sky with scarves, singing about the rainbow and creating music together. Please register.



Big Bubble Dance Party

Thursday, August 7, 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., Check the calendar for locations

The summer is almost over, but don't be BLUE. Get REDy to boogie with bubbles, instead. We will be outside making bubbles big and small to celebrate all the reading we have done. Please register.



Sensory Friendly Movie

Tuesday, August 12, 11 a.m., Woods Branch

Lights up. Sound down. Enjoy recent releases in an accepting environment. No registration required.

Middle School and Teen Programs



High School Study Nights @ the Library

May 6, May 14, and May 21, 6 – 8 p.m., Woods Branch

Stressing over finals or AP exams? We've got your back. Come for:

- Chill study music
- Free pizza and snacks
- Study break strategies & tools
- A certified teacher ready to help answer your questions



Bring your notes, bring your friends, and get prepped in a low-key, supportive space. No registration needed—just show up and get stuff done

Anime & Manga Night

Wednesday, May 28, 6 - 8 p.m., Woods Branch

Love anime? Obsessed with manga? Come geek out with fellow fans at our Anime & Manga Night. Whether you're a casual watcher or a full-on otaku, this night is for YOU. Please register.

- Anime screenings
- Manga to browse & borrow
- Japanese snacks
- Themed crafts & games
- Cosplay welcome (but not required)

Swiftie Hang Out Night

Thursday, June 5, 5:30 p.m., Woods Branch

Calling all Swifties. Whether you're a Rep-era rocker or a Lover girlie, join us for a fun-filled evening celebrating all things Taylor Swift.

- Trade & make friendship bracelets
- Make era-themed crafts
- Enjoy snacks and sweet treats
- Dress up as your favorite era (or come comfy)
- Snap pics at our Swiftie selfie station

Come meet other fans, share your favorite songs, and revel in the sparkle of every era. It's the perfect way to shake it off and make the whole place shimmer. Please register.



Meet Up & Make

Mondays June 23, July 7 & August 11, 2 p.m., Central Library

Ages 10-13 get together with friends for a summertime maker session. We will be painting and sculpting, making collage and wearable art, and letting our inner creativity shine. Please register.



Hula Hooping

Thursday, July 3, 11 a.m., Ewald Branch

Hoop it up with us at a lively hula hoop dance demo full of spins, tricks, music, and fun for ages 10-13. Let's get moving, grooving, and glowing—library style. It's the perfect way to kick off your July 4th weekend! Registration is required.



Comic Drawing with Kam

Monday, August 18, 2 p.m., Central Library

Ages 10-13 have fun and get tips on creating a character, adding action, and sequencing your stories. Art supplies provided. Please register.



Teen Book Club: Summer Book Binge

6 - 7 p.m., Woods Branch

Ready to escape into some epic reads this summer? Join our Summer Book Binge We'll dive into a new YA hit each month, with snacks, themed activities, and plenty of time to share all your bookish thoughts. All are welcome—even if you didn't finish the book (we won't tell). Please register.



June 17

Powerless

by Lauren Roberts



July 16

The Summer of Broken Rules

by K.L. Walther



August 20

A Good Girl's Guide to Murder

by Holly Jackson





Friends and Foundation of the Grosse Pointe Public Library

Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library

The Friends of the GPPL is a membership and volunteer organization dedicated to supporting and expanding the educational, cultural and outreach programs of the Library.

The Friends of the GPPL is proud to support library events including the ever-popular Books on the Lake author event on May 10 and the Youth Summer Reading program that kicks off on June 1. On April 12, the bi-annual Friends Books and Bags Sale took place. This great event allows shoppers to find the perfect purse and perfect read, while supporting library programming. Coming up on July 3, the library and Friends are co-hosting the quarterly Silent Book Club (summer edition). The Silent Book Club is a great way to enjoy quiet reading time and socialization with fellow readers at the same event. Please join us. Check out the events page on the Friends website for more details on this and all our upcoming activities. www.gpfriends.org/events

The Friends welcomed a new board member this winter, Diane Hockman. We are always looking for new Friends members and volunteers. There are many opportunities for volunteering at all levels of time commitment. Details can be found at www.gpfriends.org/support/volunteer

Be sure to visit our used book sale areas in all three branches to stock up on some new books – or DVDs, CDs and puzzles. The main Friends Used Bookstore is located on the first floor of the Woods Branch to the right of the entrance. There also are shelves at the entrances of the Ewald & Central Branches that contain selections of used books that can be purchased from the Circulation Desk. All books, DVDs, CDs and puzzles are just \$1.00. Patrons can also shop our \$5 Bag Sales on the last Saturday of each month in the Friends storage area in the lower level of the Woods Branch from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. For \$5 we provide you with a grocery-size bag that you can fill with books, puzzles, DVDs and CDs. Friends' members can start shopping at 9:30am. The stock is always changing, so shop often.

If you have materials to donate, please bring them to the Friends area on the first floor of the Woods Branch during our designated donation hours (see below). Donations cannot be left at the circulation desk or outside the library. Donations must be in good, clean condition and ready for resale. Donations are limited to a max of 3 bags/small boxes per household per donation day. For all the donation guidelines, please visit our website at www.gpfriends.org/support/donate-books.

Donation hours: 1^{st} and 3^{rd} Saturday from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.; and 2^{nd} and 4^{th} Wednesday from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Stay up to date on all Friends and GPPL happenings by following us on social media. Instagram: friendsgppl and Facebook: Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library.

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Save the Date



Mark your calendar for Books & Bubbles: A Sparkling Celebration for the Grosse Pointe Public Library.

The Grosse Pointe Library Foundation will host its annual fundraiser on Wednesday, October 22, at Ford House. Devin and Corey Scillian have agreed to serve as honorary cochairs and our 2024 committee chairs, Lisa Mower Gandelot and Nancy Gandelot Spearman are volunteering again for the 2025 event, along with Sherry McRill.

This is a not-to-be-missed event. We will be raising money for multiple projects at each branch, all of which will serve to provide patrons an improved experience. Over the past twenty-plus years, the Grosse Pointe Library Foundation, through generous community donors, has provided funds to expand spaces, improve offerings, update technology, preserve world-class art pieces and much more.

Please join us in our legacy of support for the Grosse Pointe Public Library. Purchase a sponsorship today or buy tickets when they go on sale.

If you'd like more information regarding *Books & Bubbles* or donating to the Foundation, please reach out to paige@qplf.org or 313.640.4683.

2025 Books & Bubbles Honorary Committee:

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The Friends and Foundation work together to help build a strong public library that is able to inspire, inform and engage people of every age and background – a singular and powerful asset to our community. Please consider giving.



DONATE. Visit <u>www.gplf.org</u> to make a gift today and help inspire, inform and engage.



BECOME A FRIEND. Enjoy benefits and make a difference by becoming a Friend of the Grosse Pointe Public Library. Membership envelopes can be found at each Library branch or join online at www.gpfriends.org.



VOLUNTEER. Volunteers make all things possible. Join the Friends and complete a volunteer application on our website www.gpfriends.org.



LEAVE A LASTING GIFT. Leave your lasting legacy by naming the Grosse Pointe Library Foundation as a beneficiary of your IRA, life insurance policy or annuity. Call 313.640.4683 to learn how you can impact the Library for generations.

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