

Children's Programs

Cartooning with Duane

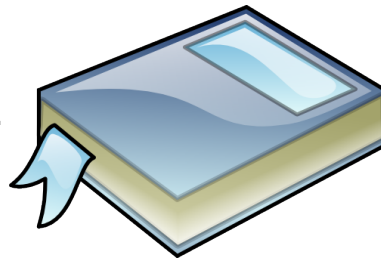
Hey, kids! Do you like to doodle on your notebooks? Do you love the comics page of the newspaper? Are you a third through sixth grader? Then come to Galion Public Library's "Cartooning with Duane" workshop on **Saturday, April 12, 2-3pm!**



To kick off our National Library Week celebration, Cartoonist Duane Abel of Corky Comics will be teaching how to create cartoon characters using simple shapes. Duane is the creator of Zed, an adorable laundry-dweller who tunneled through the world of fabric softener and dryer lint before popping into the world through a new washer and dryer. Come give Duane's "Wheel of Toon" a spin and see what characters you can create! There is no cost for this program, but sign-up is required. A sign-up sheet will be located in the Children's Room.

Cast Your Vote for Books

Starting April 1st, kids in grades 2-6 can nominate their favorite books for the "Cast Your Vote for Books" election. The election will be held in November. Stop by the Children's Room for details.



Preschool Storytimes

Join us Tuesdays at 1:30 & 7pm and Wednesdays at 10:30am for stories, songs, crafts and more!

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Did You Know?

The library subscribes to an online phone book for the entire United States! See the Resources on our website for details.

Message from the Director

The library was beautiful today. I was driving up Church Street, the snow was gently falling, and I couldn't believe how beautiful it was when I got to the library. I thought that after being here a month, my mind would be so full of what I have to do and where I have to go, that I would stop thinking about how the library looks, but I still look for it as I come down the street. I'm still surprised when it comes around the corner.



I'm enjoying my time here. I've survived the first month, experienced the first Staff meeting, gone through the first Board meeting, and as of next Monday I will have been to my first Friends of the Library meeting. There's been a lot of firsts for me this month. I've been to the Galion Betterment Commission and met many of the movers and shakers of Galion, and next week I will be going to my first Kiwanis. And, I've had first hand experience of every fast food and Chinese restaurant in Galion (which my family is very appreciative of on Friday nights).

The library has been settling into its first month with me as well. I've gotten to know staff well, and I know many patrons by their first names now. I can check in and check out books, but the phone system is still giving me grief. (If I cut you off, you have my sincere apologies). I now know that the fiction books are the most circulated items in the library and that everyone comes in before a snowstorm to check out DVDs. I guess the word is "comfortable". I am becoming more comfortable at the library and in Galion and (hopefully) the library staff and patrons are becoming more comfortable with me.

When I'm here, my office door is always open. Please remember to stick your head in when you visit and say hello. — Vicki Eckenrod

A library is not a luxury but one of the necessities of life.

— Henry Ward Beecher

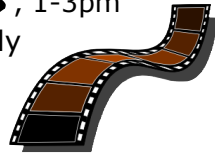
Adult Programs

Saturday Family Movies, 1-3pm

Come and enjoy these family friendly films. Refreshments are provided. Free to the public.

March 8th, Beowulf, PG13

April 19th, The Water Horse: Legend of the Deep, PG



Sign Language Class, Wednesdays, 7pm.

Beginning April 2nd, this seven-week course taught by Tim Kearney will cover the alphabet, numbers, colors and basic sign language. This class is free but registration is required as space is limited.



National Library Week,

April 13-19.

In celebration of National Library Week we will have special contests and programs. Please be sure to check out the library during this very special week.

Friends of the Library Fundraiser



We are raffling off a lovely quilt for our Mother's Day Quilt Raffle. Take a chance and buy a ticket. Prices are 1 ticket for \$1.00 or 6 tickets for \$5.00. The drawing will be held on May 10th. The quilt was donated by the Cut Ups Quilt Group, and all proceeds go to the library.

First Thursday Book Discussion

You won't want to miss being a part of these lively book discussions. The group meets the first Thursday of the month at 6:30. All are welcome, so stop by, have some coffee, and discuss a great book!

- April 13th, The Thirteenth Tale, by Diane Setterfield



Teen Programs



Chess Nights

Thursday nights from 6:30-8:15, learn new strategies and practice your chess skills. Grades 6-12. No charge. No sign-up needed.

Refreshments will be served. Feb 7, 14; Mar 6, 27; Apr 10, 24; May 15, 22.

Teen Girls' Book Chat

Discuss a chosen book with the group.

Sometimes we share other books we've read. Get first look at new teen books! Refreshments will be served. For girls in grades 9-12. First Monday of each month at 3pm.



Anime Club

Join this lively bunch to review the latest films, explore Japanese culture and try your hand at drawing and writing Manga.

Refreshments will be served. No registration required. For grades 7-12. Mar 20, Apr 17, May 1.

Chess Tournament

Come test your chess skills and win cool prizes. In our "Swiss" style tournament, everyone plays all 4 rounds, win or lose, and scores from each round are compiled. For grades 6-12 and chess club members.

Registration Required. Saturday, March 29th, Noon-5pm.



Triton's Curse: A Pirate Adventure Game



Due to "unfortunate events", the Captain of the famed Pirate vessel, *Triton's Curse*, needs a new crew. Recruits are encouraged to come dressed for the job and engage in "trials" by which the riff-raff and ne'er do wells will be eliminated.

Registration required. Grades 7-12. Friday, Apr 18, 7-10 pm.

Teen Board

Help choose and lead library programs for teens and for children. Help choose books, magazines and graphic novels for the teen collection.

Enjoy field trips, parties and programs just for members.

Teens in grades 7-12, if you are interested in joining the teen board, contact Ellen.