

Grandview Heights Public Library

Fall

Programs & Services

September–November 2026



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Your Library Card
Apply online at ghpl.org

Materials & Loan Periods

"Hot Picks" Books	7 days
Magazines	7 days
DVDs/Blu-rays	7 days
Video Games	7 days
Books (excluding "Hot Picks")	21 days
Audiobooks/CDs	21 days
Nontraditional Items	21 days
E-books/Digital Media	Varies

- ▶ There are no daily incremental fines for overdue items borrowed at GHPL.
- ▶ The library blocks patron accounts that have \$10 on their account, and/or an item that is 21 days overdue, and/or 10 overdue items.
- ▶ Items 35 days overdue are marked lost, and a bill for the replacement cost and processing fee is mailed.
- ▶ The library does not offer refunds for lost items that have been paid for and then returned later.

Maximum Items Checked Out
Patrons in good standing (owing less than \$10) may have a maximum of 100 physical items checked out at a time. This includes 20 movies, 40 CDs, 2 video games, 5 vinyl records, 2 board games. New patrons may have a maximum of 10 physical items at a time for the first 30 days. (Maximums vary for items from digital collections, nontraditional items, SearchOhio, and OhioLINK.)

Cards for Children 17 & Under
Parents/legal guardians are responsible for their children's library cards and have primary access. A parent or guardian may ask (in-person only) to grant named grandparents, siblings, childcare providers, and/or step-parents secondary access to a child's account.

Past Due Accounts
Past due accounts owing \$25 or more may be sent to a collection agency.

Lost, Stolen, or Missing Items & Cards
Patrons are responsible for all materials checked out on their card including lost and damaged items. Please report lost cards/items immediately.

Adding Users to Your Account
A patron's library record is confidential. Patrons may ask at a service desk (in-person only) to have specified users added to their accounts.

Access GHPL Online
Access your account at ghpl.org to place holds on items, choose your pickup location, renew materials, and create lists. You may also reserve a meeting room, download or stream digital media, learn about library events/news, donate to the library, and access information and resources.

Renewing Items
Most items automatically renew when due, up to the maximum number of renewals, unless requested by other patrons.



Library Services

ghpl.org/services

Automatic Holds	GHPL PopUp Library	Reference Services
Automatic Renewal (on most items)	GHPL StoryWalks	School Outreach
BookPage Newsletter	Golden Buckeye Card Applications	Staff Book Recommendations
Copier	History Walks App	Study Cubicles
Culture Pass	Homebound Delivery	Tax Forms (seasonal & limited)
Device Advice	Meeting Rooms	Technology Tutoring (by appointment)
Digital Library	Memory Building Kits	Used Books Donation Box (outdoors)
Drive-Thru Pickup	Mobile Printing (use your device to send print jobs from anywhere)	Voter Registration
E-Newsletters	Nursing Room	Wheeled Walker (mobility aid for in-library use)
Family Restroom	Notary (by appointment)	WiFi (library property and at Grandview Heights Parks/Pool)
Fax/Scanner	Public Computers (Internet/Microsoft Office/Adobe Acrobat)	
Free Online Courses		
GHPL App		



Free WiFi in Grandview Heights Parks



- Provides greater access to the library's digital collections at ghpl.org/ebooks.
- Promotes library, parks and recreation, and city events.
- Provides outside working space for individuals and businesses.
- Supports Grandview Heights Schools' 1:1 Computing Program.
- Provides emergency communication network for first responders.



GHPL StoryWalks®

ghpl.org/storywalks



StoryWalks at both C. Ray Buck Park (1280 Goodale Blvd.) and Wyman Woods Park (1520 Goodale Blvd.) are a fun way to enjoy a story or activity with the whole family outdoors in our community's beautiful parks.



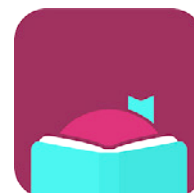
Mobile Apps

ghpl.org/apps



GHPL App

Download the free Grandview Heights Public Library app, available from the Apple App Store and Google Play Store. Search the catalog, request and renew items, access digital resources, see upcoming library events, and check out items from your phone.



Digital Downloads Ohio (Libby)

Access thousands of e-books, e-audiobooks, magazines, graphic novels, picture books for kids, and more with Libby! This free app is an easy way to access our Digital Downloads Ohio collection, also available at ghpl.org/ebooks. Libby is available for Android, iOS, Kindle Fire, and on your browser at libbyapp.com.



History Walks

Take 14+ self-guided walking tours featuring fascinating local legends, inspiring structures, and notable people. Download the free app from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. Presented with the Grandview Heights/Marble Cliff Historical Society. **Coming this fall:** Enjoy an autumn stroll highlighting Grandview's Ohio heritage!



Nontraditional Lending

ghpl.org/nontraditional



- ▶ Bicycle Locks (at-library use)
- ▶ Binoculars
- ▶ Blu-ray Player (region-free)
- ▶ Board and Tabletop Games
- ▶ Book Baskets
- ▶ Braille Uno & Playing Cards
- ▶ Bullhorn
- ▶ CD Player (portable)
- ▶ Dominoes
- ▶ Early Learning Backpacks
- ▶ Electricity Usage Monitor
- ▶ Electronic Label Maker
- ▶ Film/Video-to-Digital Converter
- ▶ Folding Tables
- ▶ Infrared Thermometer
- ▶ Knitting and Crochet Needles
- ▶ LED Projector
- ▶ Light Therapy Lamp
- ▶ Mahjong
- ▶ Metal Detector
- ▶ Microphones (Blue Yeti)
- ▶ Microscope/Prepared Biology Slides
- ▶ Musical Instruments: Guitars, Amplifiers, Ukuleles, Portable Keyboard, and Electronic Tabletop Drum Set
- ▶ Outdoor Games: Bocce, Croquet, Lawn Bowling, Pickleball, Cornhole, and Ladder Toss
- ▶ Oversize Connect Four, Dominoes, Jenga, Scrabble, and Sorry!
- ▶ Parallel Parking Cones
- ▶ Podcast Equipment
- ▶ Portable Cassette Player
- ▶ Portable PA Speaker
- ▶ Record Player (portable/Bluetooth)
- ▶ STEM Kits for Kids
- ▶ Stud Sensor
- ▶ Study Skeleton (32" replica; in-library only)
- ▶ Super 8, Slides & Negatives Scanner
- ▶ Table Tennis
- ▶ Toniebox Kits
- ▶ VHS/DVD Player
- ▶ Vinyl Records
- ▶ Yarn Winder and Swift



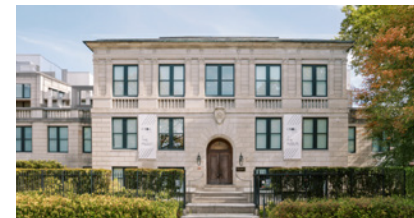
Culture Pass

ghpl.org/culturepass

The library's Culture Pass program enables library cardholders to borrow passes from the library for free admission to cultural, educational, and community institutions. These partnerships offer greater access to arts, culture, and education for all ages. A limited number of passes are provided to the library at no cost to patrons or the library.



Columbus Museum of Art



Columbus Museum of Art at The Pizzuti



National Veterans Memorial and Museum



Carpe Diem String Quartet



Digital Services and Online Learning

ghpl.org/research

Ancestry Library Edition

Who's in your family tree? Access billions of records from around the world. Available at the library and via library-provided WiFi.

Chilton Library Detailed Vehicle Repair

Most models from 1940–present, including step-by-step repair instructions. Browse or search by specific make, model, and year.

Creativebug Crafting

1,000+ video classes in painting, knitting, sewing, paper, jewelry, and more.

Final Salute

Learn about local residents who died in service to our country at ghpl.org/finalsalute or the touchscreen on the library's second floor. A digitization partnership with the Grandview Heights/Marble Cliff Historical Society of their paper publication.

HelpNow Live Homework Help from Online Tutors

Get live assistance Monday–Friday 2–11 pm and 24/7 access to learning resources, including SAT practice tests. For students K–12 and adult learners. ghpl.org/helpnow.

LearningExpress Library through OhioMeansJobs Online Job & Test Resources

Standardized practice tests (SAT, ACT, GMAT), job and resume help, computer skills tutorials, professional career resources (nursing, real estate, etc.), and more. For elementary school through college.

LinkedIn Learning Educational Courses

Instructor-led courses and video tutorials in computer applications, web design, accounting, and more.

Local History

Explore Grandview Heights/Marble Cliff Historical Society collections, History Walks, GHHS Yearbooks, *Columbus Citizen-Journal* photo archives, and more.

Mango Languages

Quick and easy online lessons in Spanish, French, Italian, ESL, and more. Free mobile app.

NoveList Plus

Find Your Next Great Read!

200K+ fiction and nonfiction authors and titles with read-alike suggestions for all ages.

Scholastic Teachables

Teacher Resources

Printable lesson plans, skill sheets, reading passages, and more for all subjects and grades.



Tools for Teachers

ghpl.org/school



Outreach

The Youth Services staff provides outreach services, including book talks, instruction on the library's digital resources, and book collections. The GHPL PopUp Library also visits local events and seasonal programs when available.

Teacher Collections

Teachers may contact Youth Services to have collections of books gathered for school use. Learn more at ghpl.org/services.

Library Visits

Teachers may bring their classes to the library for tours, research, assignments, and projects. Please reserve a date and time in advance with staff to alleviate any space or resource conflicts.

Ellison Die Cutter

A paper cutting machine is available to the public for in-library use. Choose from 50+ letters and designs. Please bring your own paper.

Scholastic Teachables

Printable lesson plans, skill sheets, reading passages, and more for all subjects and all grades.





E-Books & Digital Media

ghpl.org/ebooks



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E-Books, E-Audiobooks, Online Magazines

Thousands of titles available. Get Libby, the free mobile app, or visit libbyapp.com. Discover 5,000+ full magazines online!



Kanopy

Movies, TV

Stream 30,000 classic, indie, and documentary films. No waiting lists! Free mobile apps, including for your TV.



Hoopla

Movies, TV, Music, E-Audiobooks, E-Books, Comic Books

Instantly access thousands of titles! Free mobile apps, including for your TV.



Classic Reads

E-Books

300+ classic novels with no waiting. Available through the free GHPL app.



Freegal

Music

Legal MP3s to keep & 24/7 ad-free streaming music from Sony Music's collection of 18 million songs. Five downloads each week. Free mobile apps.



Newspapers Online

Get access to *The Columbus Dispatch* (1871–current), *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Post*, and more at ghpl.org/newspapers.



Consumer Reports

Expert, unbiased ratings, reviews, product comparisons, and buying guides for many consumer products.





Adult Events



Yoga on the Lawn

Tuesday, September 1, 6:30–7:30 pm

Join **Amy Carlisle from GoYoga Grandview** for a basic yoga class on the library lawn! Yoga can help you build strength, gain flexibility, improve balance, and relieve stress. For adults and youth accompanied by an adult. No fee. Registration required at ghpl.org/events beginning August 18. Bring a yoga mat if desired. Weather location: Library Meeting Room.



SHEEZA

Thursday, September 10, 6:30–7:30 pm

Solo rock & soul musician performing originals.



ZEPHYR CHAMBER WINDS

Thursday, October 15, 6:30–7:30 pm

Duo version of this group performing chamber winds music.



ALL THOSE WHO WANDER

Thursday, November 12, 6:30–7:30 pm

Group performing American, Celtic, Irish, and Cornish folk music.



GRANDVIEW SINGERS

Monday, November 30, 7–7:30 pm

Grandview Heights High School choral group holiday show directed by Andrew Grega and accompanied by Mary Ann Stephens.



Abraham Lincoln on the Lawn

Tuesday, September 8, 6–7 pm

Celebrate America's 250th anniversary! **John Cooper** presents a first-person portrayal of our 16th President, remaining fully in character without notes. Hear about Lincoln's life, followed by audience Q&A, and stay after for photos! For adults and youth. Weather location: Library Meeting Room.



Understanding Your Health in Menopause

Tuesday, September 15, 6:30–7:30 pm

Join **Dr. Ashley Chambers**, board-certified internist and certified menopause practitioner, to explore how hormonal changes in midlife affect women's energy, weight, and focus—and what you can do to support your health and well-being.

12th Annual Grandview Chocolate Walk

Thursday, October 8, 6–8 pm

Enjoy a walking tour of Grandview Heights with unique chocolate stops at participating businesses! A limited number of \$25 tickets will be available. Proceeds benefit the GHPL Foundation's Endowment Fund.



Mystery Night After Hours for Adults

Friday, October 9, 7–9 pm

Join us for a mysterious night of literary mischief after the library closes and become a character in the evening's plot to solve the crime! Hosted by GHPL staff members Wendy and Ben. For ages 18+. Registration required at ghpl.org/events beginning September 25.



Cultivating Your Creativity with Thurber House

Tuesday, October 13,
6:30–7:30 pm

Join us for a trip through the mystery and magic of creative writing.

Dr. Nicole Gnezda, from literary arts center Thurber House, will guide you through writing prompts, idea development, and accompany you as you write a piece of your own.

Get tips to encourage creative curiosity, kick-start your writing, keep yourself in the flow, and face-down writer's block. Class maximum: 25. Registration required at ghpl.org/events beginning September 29.

THURBER
HOUSE



Grandview Game Night

Monday, October 19, 6–7:45 pm

Game night at the library! Choose from our extensive collection of contemporary games or join a GHPL staff-led session of Belratti, in which we'll help a museum director figure out which works of art are real and which are forgeries! Browse our game collection at ghpl.org/nontraditional. Registration required at ghpl.org/events beginning October 5.



Howlin' Halloween

Saturday, October 31, 6–8 pm

Celebrate Beggars Night at the library with treats, costumes, games, a giant pumpkin carving demonstration with **Gus "Squashcarver" Smithhisler!** Presented with Grandview Heights Parks & Recreation.





Ohio Eccentrics

Tuesday, November 10,
6:30–7:30 pm

Discover the strange and unconventional Ohioans who made the world more interesting! From an accurate early-1800s solar eclipse prediction and a popular hollow-earth theory to scandalous reformers and a minister searching for Eden in southern Ohio, explore the Buckeye State's most eccentric characters with author **David Meyers**.

Take & Make Craft Kits for Adults

Pick up a craft kit inspired by our Creativebug database. Available while supplies last. Visit ghpl.org/craft to access Creativebug, find booklists, and more.

September: Embroidered Embellishments

October: Inktober Challenge

November: Folded Paper Box



these most-needed items: chili with beans, canned fruit (in juice/light syrup), tuna, canned vegetables, canned meat, soup with vegetables, and peanut butter.

Food Drive

November 16–December 13

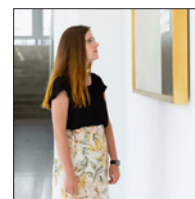
Drop off your non-perishable food donations (no glass containers) in the designated bin inside the library (next to the parking lot doors) during business hours for Mid-Ohio Food Collective's Foodbank. Please consider donating



What Kids Wish Adults Understood: How Parents Can Stay Connected When It Matters Most

Tuesday, November 17, 6–7:30 pm

Explore how parental responses shape trust and communication with our children. Learn practical ways to strengthen connection, encourage honesty, and keep the door open when your child needs support most. Join this **Start Talking Grandview** Community Conversation with **Nancy Gillespie, PhD** (Senior Director of Counseling, Southwestern City School District) and walk away with tools to help your family feel more supported and less alone.



Art Exhibits

Enjoy monthly art exhibits on the second level of the library. Learn more, including submitting exhibition proposals, at ghpl.org/art.



Grandview Library Writers Group

Second Wednesdays, 6–7:45 pm

Whether your focus is fiction, nonfiction, poetry, screenwriting, or any other format, join us for constructive feedback in an encouraging atmosphere. Hosted by GHPL staff member R.C.



Youth Events

Story Times

No registration required

Baby Games

Ages 0–18 months

Mondays, 10–10:30 am

August 31–November 30

(Except 9/7, 10/12, & 11/23)

Tales for Toddlers

Ages 18–36 months

Tuesdays, 10–10:30 am

September 1–November 17

Family Story Time: Evening Edition

Ages 2–5

Wednesdays, 6:30–7 pm

September 2–November 18

(Except 11/11)

Family Story Time

Ages 2–5

Thursdays, 10–10:30 am

September 3–November 19

Music & Movement

Ages 2–5

Wednesdays, 10–10:30 am

September 2, October 7, November 4

Join us for a special story time focused on age-appropriate play and learning. Discover some new activities you can try at home to build your budding learner's skills.

Fire Safety Story Time

Kids of all ages

Thursday, October 8, 10 am

Celebrate National Fire Prevention

Week (October 4–10)! **Grandview**

Heights Division of Fire Chief Greg

Eisenacher and his team will share a story and teach us about fire dangers and how firefighters help protect us and our community.



Dungeons & Dragons Club

Ages 11–17

Saturdays, 1–4 pm

September 5 & 26, October 17,

November 7 & 28

Learn how to play in the realms of fantasy in this classic role-playing game. Registration recommended at ghpl.org/events two weeks prior to each event.



Dungeons & Dragons Junior

Grades 1–5

Saturday, September 12, 1–4 pm

Embark on a journey of the imagination! Players will be introduced to the junior version of this magical role-playing game. Registration recommended at ghpl.org/events beginning August 29.



Anime & Manga Club

Ages 11–17

Thursdays, 3–4:30 pm

September 10: Anime & Manga Cats

October 8: Anime Halloween

November 12: DIY Candy Kit

Join us at the library to watch anime, create crafts, munch on unique snacks, and discuss all things anime and manga with your friends! No registration required.





Cool Critters in the Library

Ages 5–12

Thursday, September 17,
6:30–7:30 pm

Cool Critters Outreach will visit us with their rescue animals, like snakes, lizards, chinchillas, spiders, and frogs. Learn more about animals, pet care, and even touch and hold the animals for photos! Registration recommended at ghpl.org/events beginning September 3. Walk-ins welcome if seats are available.

Freeplay Fridays

Ages 0–5

Fridays, 10:30 am–noon

September 18, October 16, November 20

Drop in on the third Friday of the month and enjoy some unstructured, imaginative playtime with a variety of fun toys and activities. A perfect time to meet new friends and talk with other caregivers!



Youth Open Mic on the Lawn

Ages 11–17

Wednesday, September 23,
6:30–7:30 pm

Can you sing or play an instrument? Are you a poet or an actor? Whatever your talent, share it with other creative teens at the library.

No registration required.

Weather location: "The Basement" area on the lower level of the library.

Mario Kart World Tournament

Ages 11–17

Tuesday, October 6, 2 pm

Show off your Mario Kart skills for a chance to win a prize! This tournament will be played on the library's Nintendo Switch 2 with Mario Kart World. Registration is recommended at ghpl.org/events beginning September 22.

Things That Go: Grandview Heights

All ages

Saturday, October 10, 10:30 am–12:30 pm

Sensory-Friendly Time: 10–10:30 am

Touch and explore amazing service vehicles at the library – a police cruiser, fire truck, and many more – and play outdoor games, too! A great way to visit with people who make our community a safe and fun place to live and play. Presented with the City of Grandview Heights and Grandview Heights Parks & Recreation.



National Picture Book Month

November 1–30

Pick up a picture book bundle and visit displays throughout November to celebrate this special month!



America 250-Ohio: Armstrong & Flight

Ages 5–12

**Saturday, November 7,
12–1 pm**

Celebrate America's 250th anniversary with a visit from the **Armstrong Air & Space Museum** in Wapakoneta, Ohio!

Learn about Ohio astronaut Neil Armstrong (the first man on the moon!) and the airplanes he flew, including the Learjet that set five world records with Armstrong as



the pilot. You'll also perform airplane experiments and make and decorate your own balsa wood flyer!



Squishmallow Painting

Ages 11–17

**Saturday, November 14,
2–3:30 pm**

Paint a portrait of your favorite squishy friend! Bring your favorite Squishmallow to paint or paint a Squishmallow of your own creation.

Youth Scavenger Hunt

Enjoy a new scavenger hunt in Youth Services every month.

September: Fall

October: Pirates

November: Picture Book Characters

Weekly Craft for Youth

Available while supplies last in Youth Services and at the Drive-Thru.

Early Literacy Tips

Rhyming Game

Prompt your child with a basic word like "cat" and ask, "How many words do you know that rhyme with cat?" Take turns answering: "Bat, rat, sat, pat," etc. Once your child masters one-syllable words, try using words with two syllables. If your child uses a nonsense word like "dillow" to rhyme with "pillow," that's okay. They are still rhyming!



Diversity

The American Indian Youth Literature Award recognizes outstanding books by and about American Indians and Indigenous peoples of North America. Awards are given every two years for best picture book, best middle grade book, best young adult book, and up to five honor books in each category. Ask at the library to borrow these titles and share with your child in honor of National Native American Heritage Month in November.

Library Card Sign-Up Month

Does your child have a library card yet? September is the perfect time to get one as we celebrate Library Card Sign-Up Month. There is no age requirement, so register your child for a free library card and discover all the exciting books and resources available!

Have you recently attended a library event? Share your experience with us at ghpl.org/feedback.

The library is wheelchair-accessible. Ramps and elevators provide access to the entire building. Walkers available. Library events may be photographed/filmed for promotion in library publications, website, or e-newsletters. Attendance automatically confers consent for your likeness to be used. Please notify staff if you decline being photographed for yourself or your child.

GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS PUBLIC LIBRARY

1685 W. First Ave. Columbus, OH 43212 | 614-486-2951 | ghpl.org

Hours

Mon–Thu: 9 am–8 pm

Friday: 10 am–6 pm

Saturday: 10 am–5 pm

Sunday: 1–5 pm

Automated Phone Renewal & Account Information

1-877-772-6657

(1-877-77-BOOKS)

Library Closed

September 6–7, October 12,
November 11, 25 (at 6 pm), and 26

Ask Us

ask@ghpl.libanswers.com



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Support the Library

Learn how your tax-deductible donation or sponsorship can support the library. Visit ghpl.org/support.
