



Nealeigh to present on fall prevention

The first day of fall is Thursday, September 22, and September is Fall Awareness Month. Join us on the 22nd for Smart Steps for Fall Prevention at 10 a.m. in the third floor conference room for this free event.

Falling is not a normal part of aging, but according to the National Council on Aging, every 11 seconds an older adult is seen in an emergency department for a fall-related injury. Fortunately, many falls are preventable.

Nikki Nealeigh, a Master Care Partner with Electronic Caregiver, will discuss the National Council on Aging's "6 Steps to Prevent a Fall" and debunk "10 Myths of Older Adult Falls." Those in attendance will leave with actionable steps and knowledge about free and low cost local resources to keep themselves and loved ones safer against falling.

As a Master Care Partner,



Nikki Nealeigh

Nikki protects lives with personal emergency response systems and smart equipment for in-home medical monitoring. She has worked at the leadership level with senior citizens, first at Village Green Health Campus and then as the Executive Director of Oakley Place, and sees massive unmet needs in our community to support people as we age.

"So many of us just want to live independently at home as long and as safely as possible. Sometimes it is a matter of affordability, but most often, it's a matter of personal preference," Nikki

said. "It's a matter of dignity and self-determination. They want to remain independent and I want to support them in accomplishing that goal."

Nealeigh has a long history of helping people in Darke County. Some may know her from Downtown Greenville, Inc. (now Main Street Greenville), the YMCA or the KitchenAid Experience.

To learn more about Nealeigh or Electronic Caregiver, you can find her on Facebook or visit <https://ecgcarepartner.com/nikkinealeigh/>.

For more about the National Council on Aging, visit <https://www.ncoa.org/older-adults>.

More information on Falls Prevention Awareness can be found at: <https://www.ncoa.org/article/falls-prevention-awareness-week-toolkit>.

Registration is not required for this event.

Where the Mushroom Grows coming Sept. 15

On Thursday, September 15th at 1 p.m., the Library is proud to welcome Naturalist Kyle Canan of the Darke County Parks for a peek into the wide world of mushrooms.

Kyle is a citizen scientist and board member of the Ohio Mushroom Society where his purpose is to lead educational mushroom forays into the forest.

The presentation is welcoming to those with all levels of mycology knowledge. In it, Kyle will discuss how to find mushrooms during all seasons and how to identify them by providing resources and tools. This is a free event and registration is not required to attend.



In addition to his job as a naturalist, Kyle is pursuing a Bachelor's degree in environmental science. In his free time he collects mushrooms and brings them back

to a home lab and does microscopy work, then dries and stores them in his personal fungarium for potential and future DNA sequencing.

1000 Books Before Kindergarten gets a facelift

Back in 2017, Greenville Public Library began its 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program. To date, hundreds of kids, with the help of their parents, have enrolled in our 1000 books program.

But after five years of Oakley the Squirrel cheering kids on, GPL has decided it's time for a change. So beginning this fall, the 1000 Books program is getting a facelift!

Our new mascot will be Willy the Bookworm, pictured above. The program will operate in the same way it always has with children and



parents tracking their progress with the provided reading sheets. New enrollees will receive a bag with Willy on the front upon completing their 100 book milestone. There will also be new patches, but old patches will still be available for anyone with an Oakley bag.

The 1000 Books progress tracking baskets located in our board book area will also be getting an overhaul. Books will replace the acorns with each child's name on them, and bookshelves will take the place of the baskets.

Any child that has not yet started kindergarten can enter the program. Upon enrollment, they will receive a starter kit with their first reading sheet as well as some other goodies.

Give us a call or stop in for more information on this wonderful program!

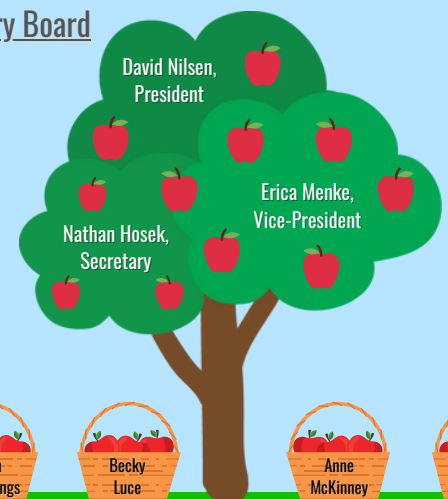
Library Staff Appreciation held at JT's



On Friday, August 26th, Greenville Public Library showed its appreciation to its staff with a luncheon at JT's Brew and Grill in Greenville. During the event, Carolyn Fisher was recognized for ten years at the library and Caitie Welker was honored for five years of service. Jeffery Deeter was awarded the first ever Super Hero Award for his hard work and dedication to the library since his return in June. A huge thanks to all of the library staff for making GPL the best library around!

The library will be closing at 3 p.m. on Friday, October 14 in order to prepare for our Murder in the Stacks event

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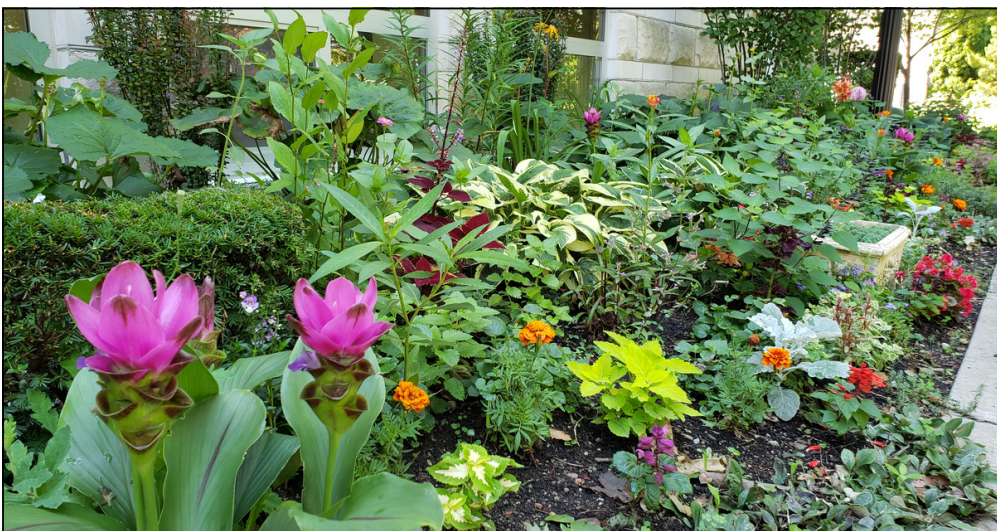


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Keeping our library grounds beautiful



Every year, the library receives many, many comments on our beautiful landscaping. Hours upon hours of work are put into keeping them in immaculate condition by Richard Halley. In addition to the library, Richard is also the caretaker of the flower beds belonging to Memorial Hall. The library would like to offer Richard a huge thank you for all of the hard work he puts in to keep us looking great all year round!



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