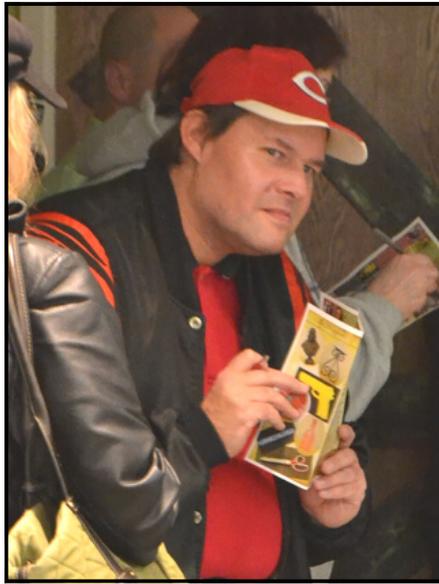




Celebrating the life of Fred Fine

Remembering a wonderful friend gone far too soon



On Friday, December 10, the library lost a beloved member of our family. Frederick Jay Fine, known to most as Fred, passed away following a short illness.

Fred was a kind soul with a big heart and even bigger personality. He was known for his quick wit, snappy comebacks, and one-of-a-kind sense of humor.

Fred's GPL experience began as a patron and has evolved over the last ten years, until he became a member of the library staff in 2016. He was **(story continued on back)**

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9 AM - 6 PM

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Thirty years and counting

In a day and age where you can have anything delivered to your front door, Greenville Public Library is ahead of the game. Our Extension Services Department has been delivering books to patrons for nearly 40 years.

Jeffery Deeter has been working with the department since he was hired in 1991, making deliveries for most of that time. When he first began, he helped with loading and unloading, and eventually took over the driving duties as well.

According to Jeffery, the best part of his job is the people he meets and gets to know through the service. "They're fun. A lot of them were lifetime Greenville residents and liked to talk about the good old things of Greenville," he said. "I'd spend a little bit of time with them, which I think was fun, and they enjoyed that I could spend a little bit of time with them."

Jeffery has been a pillar of the library since 1983 when his father worked at GPL as the Maintenance Supervisor. Jeffery helped with the cleaning and routine maintenance duties while his father was employed here, then took over for him when he retired.



Long-time library employee Jeffery Deeter heads out to deliver books for the Extension Services department. Jeffery has been making deliveries on GPL's behalf for over 30 years.

In 2017, Jeffery retired from his full-time building maintenance position, but came back soon after to assist with Extension Services once again.

"I'm so proud of this library, over the years, that we've tried to work outside its doors and outside its property," Jeffery said.

As a part of the program, Jeffery makes deliveries to nursing homes, private residences, and local pre-schools. According to him, there's nowhere in the county that's too far out of the way for a delivery.

"We've literally delivered to all four corners of the county," he explained.

"I just wish more people would use it," he said. "Just call and find out what's available. I think people would be thrilled to death if they knew what was available."

For more information on Extension Services, call us today!



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GPL celebrates the season with a party at Montage

The GPL staff Christmas party was held at Montage in Greenville on the evening of Thursday, December 16.

Staff and members of the library board were treated to a fantastic meal and a variety of delicious desserts.

Everyone in attendance enjoyed the festive evening of fellowship and fun. A special thanks to Aaron and Michele Cox and the Montage staff for a wonderful party!



Programming set to return in February

The long-awaited return of library programming is almost here! Mark your calendars to make sure you don't miss out on any of our upcoming events!

Storytime returns on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 11 a.m., beginning February 1. Each Storytime concludes with a craft.

Lego Club will begin on February 3,

and will be the first Thursday of each month at 4 p.m. for kids ages 12 and under.

Adult programming will also return in February. Our first program will feature information on preparing your garden for a bountiful harvest this fall, with a seed swap set to follow. The date for this program will be announced soon. Check out next month's newsletter for more info!



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meticulous in his shelving duties, which was apparent to anyone taking a stroll through the nonfiction section.

In addition to a strong love for the library, Fred was a train enthusiast. He enjoyed not only the model trains he collected, but also the full-size versions as well. He was very knowledgeable about all kinds of trains, and loved sharing his passion with others.

Fred was also a lover of classic films and TV shows, including game shows. He kept the library staff laughing with lines from some of his favorite programs and movies, as well as his wide range of accents and imperson-

ations of famous actors and iconic characters.

His coworkers described him as sweet, funny, thoughtful, dedicated and hard-working, among numerous other things. The one thing that was mentioned over and over was how much he loved his job, and how good he was at it. His talents will truly be missed.

It's not often that people like Fred come into your life. As our security officer, Stacy Caldwell, said, he was an "all-around great guy and a good friend." Anyone who knew him can agree that the library just won't be the same without his infectious laughter and warm smile.



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