

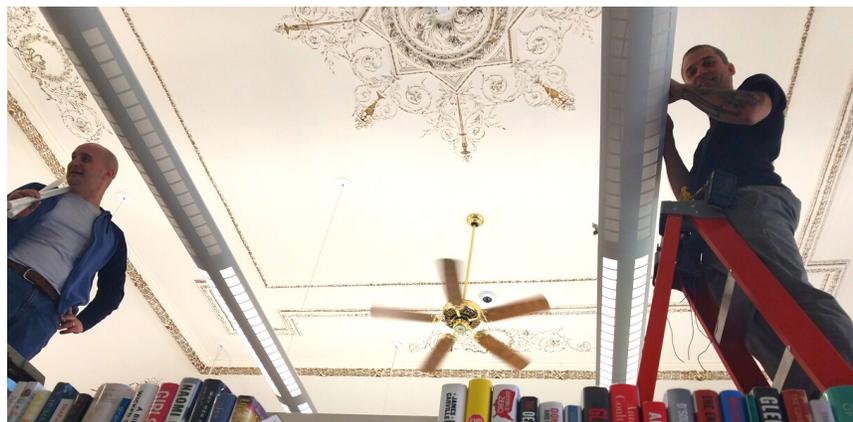
# Library News!

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## Library lighting gets an update

Reuben Kennett, Building Maintenance Supervisor, and Jesse Berry, Fiscal Officer, spent their 2020 Covid shut down updating the lighting in the library. All of the flourescent lights were replaced with LEDs, which will save the library thousands of dollars each year on electric costs. The project was completed in about three months. Rebates of around \$3000 from DP&L helped cut down the amount spent on the conversion. A huge thanks to Reuben and Jesse for all of their hard work!



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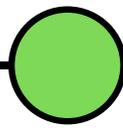
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# Seeds now available for pick up

By Caitlyn Clark  
Reference Librarian

Since opening in May 2014, the Growing Harvest Seed Library has been housed within the Greenville Public Library. It is a free resource for any community members who are interested in selecting and growing their own seeds. You do not need a library card in order to participate.

Today, Growing Harvest offers a wide variety of seeds thanks to generous donations and our volunteer growers. Many of these seeds were donated from seed companies such as Baker Creek, Sow True Seed, Seed Savers, and many others. Some of the seeds were collected from GPL's own gardens and still more were donated back to the library by patrons participating as growers for Growing Harvest. Thanks to our donators and growers, we have a broad selection of flowers, herbs and vegetables, ranging from

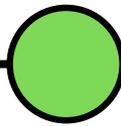
# GROWING HARVEST

calendula to catnip to corn!

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Growing Harvest Seed Library, please call the library at 548-3915 to make an appointment to come in and select your seeds. However, if you do not want to come into the building, you may also call us and put in your seed requests with Caitlyn Clark in Reference. We will then pack your seeds for you to pick up at the curb. We look forward to hearing from you and happy growing!

**Since beginning with a mere 29 members, Growing Harvest has grown to serve over 160 members! We opened the seed library in response to local interest in preserving heirloom seeds, sustainable gardening/food production, and non-GMO seeds.**





# Story Time continues to thrive online

With the library being closed to the public, many of the popular programs patrons have grown to love have been put on hold. But that just didn't sit well with Children's Librarian Julie Kennett.

"I got the idea for (Story Times online) while we were all in quarantine," Julie began. "My work is such a big part of my life, so of course I was thinking, as a children's librarian, is there something I could be doing?"

She started out by recording some of her favorite books from her personal collection and posting the videos on the GPL Facebook page.

"My husband recorded me with my cell phone up in our guest room, just to be away from any noise in our home," Julie said with a laugh. "We had my cell phone attached to a clipboard, hanging over the book to get the whole book in there."

The response to those first videos were overwhelmingly positive, so Julie decided to up the ante. Beginning in June 2020, she posted a new video each day as a replacement for the library's regular Summer Reading Program.



**Children's Librarian Julie Kennett films a virtual Story Time from her home.**

From there, things really took off.

"Our director asked me if I would think about starting a YouTube channel so that we could reach people who aren't on Facebook," she explained. "And so I did."

So on July 9, 2020, Julie began posting her videos on YouTube in addition to her regular Facebook posts.

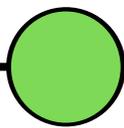
"I was a little nervous, but it's been really fun," she added. "Looking at the stats, I see where people in other countries are watching."

Thanks to a generous donation by the Friends of

the Library, the recording process has become much more streamlined thanks to new equipment, including a GoPro camera, microphone, and tripod.

While many of the older videos have been removed, Julie currently has 100 videos available to view on her channel, with new ones being added each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Puppet shows are also accessible in addition to the regular Story Times.

YouTube and Facebook videos can be accessed through a link on the GPL Children's page.



# Computer Lab temporarily closed

The computer lab will be closed to patrons on February 17 and 18 in preparation of the installation of new Covid-friendly computer desks.

The desks are being purchased thanks to a \$25,000 grant from the Ohio Office of Budget and Management's Coronavirus Relief Fund Public Library Assistance Program. Installation is scheduled for the week of March 1, weather permitting. Included in the project are electrical updates

as well as new chairs for each computer terminal.

"We are extremely excited about receiving this grant, and the opportunity it has given us to make our computer lab safer for our patrons," Deb Cameron, Reference & Adult Services Supervisor, said in response to the upcoming changes. "While we regret the inconvenience the closure may cause, we sincerely hope the final product is a testament to our desire to

give the community the best experience possible when utilizing our facility."

The lab will reopen to patrons on February 19 with a limited number of computers available until updates are completed. Patrons will still need to schedule an appointment for the lab, with use being limited to business and employment related matters. Printing and faxing will still be available during this time, as well as Curbside and Grab-and-Go services.

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