

# Library News!

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## Genealogy & Historic Preservation Department

**T**oday's libraries act as a dynamic link between the past, present, and future. They anticipate and implement new technologies at an ever-increasing rate and adjust to new cultural trends and mores. During a time of great transition, local libraries provide context, clarification, and competence for the future.

**A**t the same time today's libraries also carry the responsibility of preserving the past for future generations. Many one-of-a-kind documents, records, archives, and microfilm rolls are already fragile and at risk of disappearing forever. And in the case of our own beautiful building, it too calls out for preservation of its heritage so that its unique features are never lost.

**I**n this spirit, GPL has now expanded its genealogy room into the Genealogy & Historic Preservation Department, an umbrella name for several different but related areas of concern. As just mentioned, genealogical materials are at risk thus we plan to digitize our entire collection in the coming years. This will consist of scanning each and every piece and to have our microfilm professionally digitized into searchable pdf files.

**N**ot only will digitizing preserve the materials, but it will make searching for people, events, and other facts very easy on a computer. Along with this project is the possible restoration of our Carnegie building in terms of uncovering the original wall murals and other decorative motifs, as well as restoring the tile floor and antique tables.



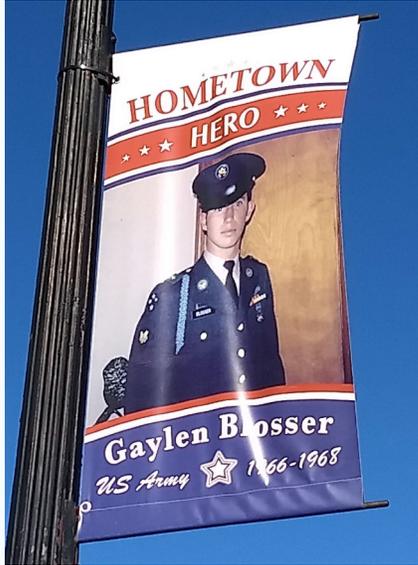
**T**he Historic Preservation Committee has already met with a consultant from Cleveland who made an on-site visit recently. Members Rachel Brock, Reuben Kennett, and Amanda Olson are seen holding photos of the original second floor that will be used for reference.

**T**he new department's staff consists of Carolyn Fisher and new addition Rachel Brock. Carolyn continues with her research for patrons and Rachel will be fund raising and writing grants.

**W**e feel confident the community who has been so generous in the past will enjoy supporting these new projects that include our Endowment Fund as well, since it too helps ensure a secure future linked to our treasured past. More information will be forthcoming as the excitement grows!

## A Personal Story of the Vietnam War

Join us Wednesday November 6th at 6:00 p.m. as Vietnam veteran Gaylen Blosser shares his personal story "One of the Two Percent." Gaylen served in the US Army as a teenager from 1969 to 1970 in the 196th Light Infantry Brigade and the 23rd Infantry Division. His photo is on the Hometown Hero banner located on the 100 block of Broadway. These banners honor local veterans and are provided by Mainstreet Greenville.



Gaylen was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, Vietnam Service Medal w/2 Bronze Stars, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, Presidential Unit Citation, and the Meritorious Unit Citation. He is a Life Member of the VFW, American Legion, AMVETS, and Disabled American Veterans, as well as currently serving as a Commissioner with the Darke County Veterans Services.

Gaylen is a popular figure at all the county games, matches, races, and other sporting events as he volunteers his time and talent as sports writer and photographer for the Early Bird. The Library is honored to offer Gaylen's program as a way to commemorate Veterans Day.

## Friends of the Library Holiday Open House

Mark your calendars for Saturday December 14th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for our Annual Friends of the Library cookie extravaganza and Holiday Open House! As always there will be tables-long offerings of every kind of Christmas cookie imaginable, live holiday music, special books for sale, and two new treats for the kids!

The schedule: from 10:00 to 10:30 and again from 12:00 to 12:30 kids can "Meet the Grinch" up close and personal. Also from 11:00 to 11:30 and again from 1:00 to 1:30 a hilarious "Holiday Puppet Show" will be presented by the GPL Puppeteers. Don't miss these fun events!

The Friends are a volunteer group of staunch supporters of the Library whose generosity allows us to go above and beyond what the budget can cover: extra items, the

summer reading entertainment, authors nights, and much more. Please shop their continuous book sale on the second floor for like-new volumes. They make great gifts! Officers Brenda Ballengee, and Craig and Vicky Stickle wish you a very Merry Holiday!



## Last Two Films of the Year!

by David Nilsen

The Library's Third Floor Film Series will be screening two excellent classic films in November and December at 6:30 p.m. On Tuesday November 5th we'll be watching the 1946 film noir *The Big Sleep*. The film was directed by Howard Hawks and starred real-life couple Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall in one of their most legendary on-screen pairings.



Based on the novel by Raymond Chandler and a screenplay co-written by novelist William Faulkner, *The Big Sleep* is full of film noir trappings, from a labyrinthine plot and snappy dialogue to moody cinematography and a subtextual evaluation of right and wrong. Films in this genre were often less about plot and more about atmosphere and the chemistry of their stars. Few were able to rival the magnetism of Bogie and Bacall. *The Big Sleep* is one of the most stylish films noir ever made.

On Tuesday December 3rd we'll lighten things up with the holiday comedy *Christmas in Connecticut*. This 1945 film directed by Peter Godfrey starred Barbara Stanwyck as Elizabeth Lane, a highly successful food and lifestyle writer for a New York newspaper. Unfortunately Lane can't actually cook, isn't a wife and mother as her column claims, and knows next to nothing about housekeeping. All of her recipes come from her uncle, a chef. Lane's life nearly comes undone when an injured soldier who loves her column reaches out to her editor requesting Lane cook him a holiday meal upon his return from war.



Her domestic ineptitude is about to be exposed, and a last minute attempt to maintain her ruse in person only threatens to make things worse. Holiday hijinks ensue in this lighthearted and ultimately heartwarming romp that also starred Dennis Morgan and Sydney Greenstreet.

At the December event David Nilsen will also be announcing the films in the Third Floor Film Series winter 2020 season. Refreshments will be provided and a short discussion will follow each film. Minors must be accompanied by an adult. We hope to see you at these upcoming classic films!

## Dropbox Closed Over Holidays

The outside dropbox will be closed over both the Christmas and New Years holidays. Please wait until we are open to return late materials. Because the Library no longer charges overdue fees, there will be no penalty in doing so. This will help protect books and materials from the weather when the dropbox gets too full.

The Library will be closed Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday both weeks: December 23rd, 24th, and 25th, and December 30th, 31st, and January 1st. Happy Holidays from all the staff and thank you for your patronage!

## Paint Wood Ornaments

In this free workshop Renee Hale, owner of Home Again II, will guide us through painting wood slices to create unique hand-crafted ornaments.

Space is limited so register at 548-3915 for Thursday November 21st at 6:00 p.m. Each attendee will leave with two ornaments and three paint samples.



## Gingerbread Barn-Raising

Kick off the holiday festivities and unleash your creative side with a new twist to the traditional gingerbread house!

Join us Monday December 2nd at 6:00 p.m. for this family-friendly free event. Gingerbread kits are limited so please call 548-3915 to save your spot.

