Dear Friends,

If you missed out on any of our programs this past month here is a recap. I lost the chili cook-off but the winner for 1st and 2nd place was Brenda Heck of Liberty Township for *Brenda's More Meat Than Beans Chili* and *Brenda's White Bean Chicken Chili*. Eileen Master came in 3rd with *Ed's Courtship Chili*. The Halloween family party was ghoulishly fun. A great big thank you to Derek & Ben from Derek Charlier Production for keeping the party going. FYI musical chairs, CUTTHROAT!

The time for the hustle and bustle of the Holidays has arrived and your community library is here to ease some of the strain. Do you need to get some shopping done? Have we got the thing for you! Get that hard person on your list a Grove City Community Library Christmas Tee. Not your thing? Choose from a variety of vendors at the Christmas Marketplace on Saturday November 4th. Need some ME time? Try one of our programs designed for adults: Book Clubs, Writing Groups, Crocheting, Computer Classes, and my favorite, Pub Trivia. Do you need some time to find your little darlings that special something? Don't forget to check out the Children’s programs.

All kidding aside, this is the time of year when we give thanks for all that we have. The GCCL would like to start the season of thankfulness with our tribute to our Vietnam Vets on Thursday, November 9 at 6:00 p.m. with a presentation from LTC (ret.) Larry Sheetz of Mercer County Veterans Affairs.

As always, we would like to thank those individuals that continually support our library and their programs. Our children’s department would be at a loss without the funds provided by our local United Way. Dairy Queen, Brandon Cowie of Outland Studios and the 501st Star Killer Garrison round out the other organizations and individuals that made October wonderful for the littlest patrons.

I would like to send out a personal feeling of gratitude to Andrew Mitchell, Rob Clemm, and Fredrick White for giving their time to the adult programs. You make our community a better place. Thank you.

Sincerely, Stacy Hook

Library Director
Don’t miss our 2nd Annual Christmas Marketplace on Saturday, November 4th, 2017 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Both inside and outside of our library! We had a great turnout last year and expect even more this year! Crafts, food and fun await you. See you there!

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Scholastic Book Fair

Grove City Community Library

**November 13-18**

During regular library hours!

Monday, Tuesday & Friday 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Thursday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

All proceeds go toward the Children’s Department

Thank you for your continued support!
Grove City Writers’ Group

Third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

The next meeting is November 15th

Writers’ Group is for ages 18 & up

It will be an exciting meeting as we will be reading over the assignments turned in at the last meeting. Some talented writers will receive first, second, and third place.

Since we were not given a writing prompt at the last meeting, (due to our amazing guest speaker), it’s the perfect time for new members to become a part of our group. No professional experience is required, just a love for writing and a positive attitude! This group is fun and supportive. Everyone ages 18 & up are welcome. Former executive editor and Grove City Library staff member, Linda Gerber, leads this group.

Monday Night Book Club

Second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

Next Meeting is November 13th

We will meet to discuss *The Dream* by Harry Bernstein

This book is an amazing memoir written when the author was 98 years old!

“Dreams played an important part in our lives in those early days in England. Our mother invented them for us to make up for all the things we lacked and to give us some hope for the future.”

During the hard and bitter years of his youth in England, Harry Bernstein’s selfless mother struggles to keep her six children fed and clothed. But she never stops dreaming of a better life in America, no matter how unlikely. Then, one miraculous day when Harry is twelve years old, steamship tickets arrive in the mail, sent by an anonymous benefactor.

Suddenly, a new life full of the promise of prosperity seems possible—and the family sets sail for America, meeting relatives in Chicago. Harry is mesmerized by the city: the cars, the skyscrapers, and the gorgeous vistas of Lake Michigan. For a time, the family gets a taste of the good life: electric lights, a bathtub, a telephone. But soon the harsh realities of the Great Depression envelop them. Skeletons in the family closet come to light, Mafiosi darken their doorstep, family members are lost, and dreams are shattered.

In the face of so much loss, Harry and his mother must make a fateful decision—one that will change their lives forever. And though he has struggled for so long, there is an incredible bounty waiting for Harry in New York: his future wife, Ruby. It is their romance that will finally bring the peace and happiness that Harry’s mother always dreamed was possible.

With a compelling cast and evocative settings, Harry Bernstein’s extraordinary account of his hardscrabble youth in Depression-era Chicago and New York will grip you from the very first page. Full of humor, drama, and romance, this tale of hope and dreams coming true enthralls and enchants.

Everyone who has read this book is invited to attend!

Please ask at the front desk if you need a copy.
Destiny Discover App Replaces Destiny Quest App

Follett’s Destiny Quest app for iOS devices will not be updated to support the latest iOS11 release. The Destiny Quest app is an older (32-bit) app that is not supported by this latest iOS version. The Destiny Discover app replaces the Quest app.

The Discover app provides many of the features available in the Quest app including searching the library collection, placing holds, managing your account (checkouts, holds, and the ability to view outstanding fines), and viewing your account history. The Discover app will also continue to add features in the future.

While the Quest app will still work on Android devices and iOS devices running pre-iOS11 versions, as well as Kindles and other devices, it is recommended that all patrons upgrade to the Discover app. To update to the Discover app, visit your app store or go to [https://www.follettlearning.com/books-materials/learn/digital-content/follett-ebooks/ebook-management/destiny-discover/download](https://www.follettlearning.com/books-materials/learn/digital-content/follett-ebooks/ebook-management/destiny-discover/download) to download the Discover app for your device. After you download the app, select your state (Pennsylvania) from the drop down menu then enter Grove City Community Library. Next, select the “Log In” button and enter your Follett Destiny account username and password. Once you are signed in, use the hamburger menu (the three horizontal lines located in the upper left) to access your account information (checkouts, holds, history, etc.).

Make a Difference Knitting and Crochet Group

Thursday, November 9th

1:30—3:00 p.m.

This casual group is open to members of any age, gender or ability! Works created can go to your favorite charity including Mercer County Aware. Come and kick back with your needles, hooks and yarn and Make a Difference in our community!

Shop Amazon this Holiday Season and Support GCCL

Use the Amazon search box at [www.grovecitypalibrary.org](http://www.grovecitypalibrary.org) to search and place your order this holiday season. The library will earn up to 10% in referral fees so you can give your gifts and give back to the community!
Preschool Storytime

Every Tuesday at 10:00 am
For children ages 3 up to age 6. Storytime is a 30 min. program that includes, stories, songs, finger plays and an activity related to the theme of the month.

PageMaster Book Club

For 1st and 2nd graders. Club meeting is from November 9th from 4:00 p.m. –6:00 p.m. Books are available at the front desk. Registration required.

Junie B. Jones: *Turkeys We Have Loved and Eaten*

PUB TRIVIA NIGHT

Thursday, November 30th at 6:00 p.m.
Must be 21 years & up to attend
B.Y.O.B and a snack to share

*Lightning round: Holidays around the world.*

Flash Fundraiser

Start your Christmas shopping and support your local library with an “Open a Book and Grow Your Mind” Short sleeve T-Shirt!

Orders will be taken until Wednesday November 8th!

$10 for Children
$15 for Adult
(2X–5X add $5)

Payment is due when order is placed

This offer is for a limited time!

Kids Cooking Club

for boys & girls in grades 3rd to 6th. Learn how to make different snacks, decorate cupcakes & cookies, learn basic kitchen rules and much more. Please bring your own apron to wear. This class will be featured once a month. Fall Session begins September 1st thru December 1st (first Friday of every month) at 6:00 pm. Registration is required. Please call for availability.

SPECIAL DATE CHANGE:

November 10th
**Star Wars Fan Club**  (By popular demand!)

This club is for kids in grades 3rd thru 6th on the 3rd Thursday of every month, starting November 16th from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. (after school).

Come and talk about all things Star Wars. What’s your prediction for the next movie? We will be making some cool crafts this day, too. Registration is required.

**Pokemon Club**

Calling All Pokemon enthusiasts! The GC Library is the place to learn about the Pokemon trading card game and to meet other Pokemon fanatics and share ideas. Club meets once a month. Bring your own cards to battle it out with your friends. This month’s meeting is November 25th from 1-2 p.m.

**A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving Dinner and a Movie**

Wednesday, November 22nd from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Come and enjoy a traditional Charlie Brown Thanksgiving dinner of buttered toast, popcorn, pretzels, jellybeans, and watch the movie. Registration is required by November 21st.

**Brown Bag Book Club**

For Kids in grades 3rd thru 6th. Participants are to bring their own supper to book club. We will discuss our book selection while eating supper together! If you need a copy of the books selected, please contact Miss Heather! November 17th at 5:30 p.m.

**Art Club featuring Brandon Cowie from Outland Studios**

This club is open to boys & girls in grades 3rd grade thru 7th. Cost of the class is $15.00 for supplies. Check made payable to: Brandon Cowie.

Class day: Saturday, November 25th from 9 a.m.—11 a.m. Registration required.

**Miss Heather’s Charm Club**

Young ladies in grades 6th thru 8th are invited to attend. Charm Club is on the 4th Thursday of every month from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Starting on November 30th

Charm Club basics include: Hair styles, journaling, jewelry making, make-up application, etiquette, mani & pedi’s, how to host a party, baking & cooking, how to set a table, plus a whole lot more girl stuff! Registration is required!
We don’t just work in an atmosphere of books, we read them, too! Here’s what our staff is reading this month:

Joseph — Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury
Linda — Playing Hurt by John Saunders
Scott — Thirteen Days in September by Lawrence Wright
Stacy — The Dream by Harry Bernstein
Matt — The Waste Lands by Stephen King
Sean — The Art of Happiness: A Handbook for Living by Dalai Lama XIV
Wendy — Every Fifteen Minutes by Lisa Scottoline
Rachel — The Underground Railroad by Colson Whitehead

Community Service Project

Monday, November 6th at 6:00 p.m.

Join Paula Hay from Kocher's Flowers as she demonstrates how to make a holiday wreath. Wreaths made will be distributed to Grove City Community Library’s home bound patrons. Please register at the main desk to help with this worthwhile service project!

BLACK FRIDAY FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, November 24th from 5:30—7:15 pm

Wear you jammies and bring a blanket & pillow. Plus, bring your own drinks and we will supply the popcorn.
Anonymous: What do you think a pilgrim is?
Thor: Probably the face I make when the vet makes me take a pill. YUCK!
Anonymous: If you had a pet turkey, what would you name it?
Thor: I would name my turkey “Gobble” and chase it around the yard all day!
Lillian’s Comment: Thor is thankful for having a home with good friends and good food on his plate every night.

**Cooking the Books Club**

So, what can we do with all of those Thanksgiving leftovers? We can’t wait to see what you come up with. Use the Internet to come up with a recipe, then make that dish to share with our group.

No worries if you’re not computer savvy. Stop into the library for any help you need in navigating the web to find a great recipe. We are here to help!

Bring your creation on Monday, November 27th at 6:00 p.m.
**DID YOU KNOW?**

Grove City Community Library and Ancestry.com can help you discover your family history! Bring your library card, register at the main desk, then begin your genealogy research.

**GCCL Offers Disc Cleaning and Repair**

*Don’t throw out or buy new discs!*  

Bring in those smudged, dirty, and even scratched discs to the library and we will clean and repair them for $1.00 per disc. (Additional cleaning cycles will be charged separately.) All proceeds collected through this service will directly benefit the Grove City Community Library!

**GCCL Proctoring Guidelines:**

- Proctoring costs $20 per exam, payable by cash, check, or debit/credit card.  
- Exams are scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis.  
- Scheduling will depend on staff availability and library programming needs.  
- Exams must be scheduled *at least one* week before the test date.  
- The library provides no test-taking materials. Special equipment (e.g. calculators) are the sole responsibility of the test-taker.  
- Proctoring is not offered for driving tests.  
- Special return mailing costs will incur an extra fee.

Call 724-458-7320 for further information.

**GCCL Offers a NOTARY PUBLIC SERVICE**  

Appointments are not necessary; however, please call ahead to confirm that notary is available.  

724-458-7320

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Tuesday night at the library is “quiet time” for our patrons. We are now open until 8:00 p.m. every Tuesday. No programs will be held so you can have a peaceful library experience.

**Does Not Compute**

If you are an adult who wants to learn the basics of computers but don’t know where to start, this time is for you. No question is too basic.

November classes are at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday mornings: November 2nd, 9th, 16th and 30th. The library will be closed on Thursday, November 23rd, Thanksgiving Day.

**Grove City Community Library**

A nonprofit organization. We rely on fees related to our programs, and yes... even those pesky late fees from overdue books, audio and DVDs. A special thanks to those who generously donate to help our library continue to thrive!  

A super loud shout-out to our volunteers!  

We couldn’t do it without you!
"Strip of the Month Row Quilt" Raffle

Pieced by Lynda Bortz
Machine Quilted by Pam Walowen

Tickets are $1.00 each or 6 for $5.00
Drawing will be held mid-December 2017
Winner will be contacted by phone
Measures approx. 62" W X 94" L

Run, run as fast as you can to the GCCL Gingerbread House Contest!
This year all proceeds will go to the Grove City Pet Rescue
Dimensions of bases may not exceed 12X18 inches

Rules to Participate

2. Create your gingerbread masterpiece from the story.
3. Submit to GCCL November 11-November 30
4. Tell ALL your family and friends to come vote for YOUR masterpiece!
5. Winners will be announced Friday, December 15 at the Christmas Dance Party!

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place will be awarded

A penny a vote $0.01
(Voting starts as soon as your masterpiece is submitted)
Claws & Paws Pet Memorial

Grove City Community Library has created a memorial category through an anonymous patron initiative, specifically for the community’s beloved pets. The Claws & Paws Pet Memorial is for any pet who has previously been a part of your life. Memorial donations will be used to purchase items for our collection, (fiction or nonfiction) about animals and can be based on either the patron’s or library’s recommendation.

In conjunction with the $25 memorial donation, the library will place a picture of the pet for one month on our bulletin board under the Claws & Paws Pet Memorial section. The chosen DVD or book about animals will be marked with a special “PETS” sticker and a memorial plate. The donor will receive a bookmark with the pet’s picture and a quote.

We understand that many cherish their pets as part of the family and are eager to see their pets commemorated in such a special way. If you would like to honor a special pet, stop at our front desk.

Mystery Lovers’ Book Club

Wednesday, November 15th @ 2:30 p.m.

This month club members will gather to discuss mystery writer Harlan Coben’s *Home*. Coben continues his popular Myron Bolitar series. A decade ago, kidnappers grabbed two boys from wealthy families and demanded ransom, then went silent. No trace of the boys ever surfaced. For ten years their families have been left with nothing but painful memories and a quiet desperation for the day that has finally, miraculously arrived: Myron Bolitar and his friend Win believe they have located one of the boys, now a teenager. Where has he been for ten years, and what does he know about the day, more than half a life ago, when he was taken? And most critically: What can he tell Myron and Win about the fate of his missing friend? Drawing on his singular talent, Harlan Coben delivers an explosive and deeply moving thriller about friendship, family, and the meaning of home.

Everyone who has read the book is welcome to attend. If you need a copy of the book, please stop by the front desk, call, or email the library to reserve a copy today!

Thanks to the Masonic Hall for the use of their building for our Halloween Party!

The final presentation in our series to honor our Vietnam War Veterans is

Thursday, November 9th at 6:00 p.m. Join us for a presentation by

LTC (ret.) Larry Scheetz

of Mercer County Veterans Affairs. Light snacks will be served.