



The Librarians' Ball

In observation of Valentine's Day



A Special Invitation from Grove City Community Library

Saturday, February 9, in the Year 2019

6 to 9 p.m. at the Grove City College Carnegie Alumni Center

*Please dance with us in roughly the style of Jane Austen's Regency England!
The Ball is open to adults and students in grades seven and above.*

Regency attire is encouraged; formal/semi-formal dress is required.

ALL PROCEEDS DIRECTLY BENEFIT THE LIBRARY!

Tickets Available Beginning on January 2: \$10 per person

*As long as tickets remain available, they will be sold through Monday, February 4th.
All payment/registration sent by mail must be postmarked **by** February 4^{5th} to ensure processing time.
Payment for all tickets is due at time of registration to secure reservation; library staff will contact you
to confirm official receipt of all required materials.*

*Workshop required for beginning English ball dancers (and those interested in refreshing their
memories!) will be held Saturday, February 9, 2019 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at Grove City College
Carnegie Alumni Center*

Websites of Interest:

Pittsburgh Country Dance and Song Society: <http://cdssp.org/>

Britain Express: <http://www.britainexpress.com/History/regency-dances.htm>

You Tube of Regency Dances: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ElptopGToUk>

History of Fashion and Dress: Regency Era: <http://www.maggiemayfashions.com/regency.html>

Jane Austen Today: <http://janitesonthejames.blogspot.com/2007/10/how-to-make-regency-costume-from-thrift.html>

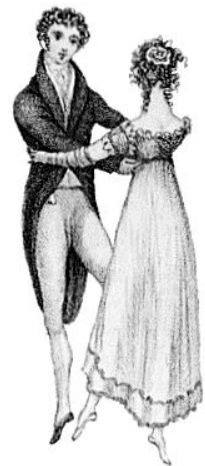
Guidelines for Ball Etiquette & Dress

The ball is intended to prove us with a unique and delightful experience! We hope this elegant ball will bring to life some of what we have read.

Etiquette

The Librarians' Ball is not a "date" kind of event. Everyone is invited to attend as a family or group, as the dances are group dances. In the past, it was considered ill-mannered if a man danced with one single lady more than once. Ladies are instructed that they should not reject a gentleman's request to dance; in return for this courtesy, gentlemen are expected to spread their attentions to as many ladies as possible, to allow for the greatest variety of partnerships while dancing.

While light conversation is acceptable during dances, attendees are expected to comport themselves in a refined manner and abstain from vulgar language and otherwise "rowdy" or overly loud behavior that would detract from others' enjoyment of the evening's experience.



Clothing

A. Restrictions and Requirements

Gentlemen must wear formal or semi-formal dress clothes: dress pants, a jacket or vest, a dress shirt and tie. Gloves are necessary (find them at a tuxedo rental store).

Ladies should wear a gown that is at least ankle length (not one with a train or that drags on the floor, as it will get stepped upon during dancing). Dresses need to have sleeves; please no spaghetti straps (shawls and wraps are an easy way to cover these, if needed). Gloves are necessary (from a wedding store, Claire's Boutique, or a costume store).

B. Suggestions to Prepare a Period Costume—Regency Period

Renting from a costume rental store could be feasible, or sewing patterns can be purchased. For a simpler approach--to concoct a look from modern clothing--gentlemen can wear a fancy vest worn over a white dress shirt. Dress slacks could be shortened and fastened just below the knee and worn with opaque tights, knee highs, or knee socks. For a tie, use a long strip of white fabric tied into a bow at the neck with the collar turned up. Ladies can choose an existing (modern) floor-length or tea-length dress with a high waistline. If it has straps instead of sleeves, a cover-up can be worn. Wear hair up, with ringlets, tendrils, or braids. Flowers in the hair or a jaunty ribbon tied around the head like a hair band complete the look.

* Only those who are adequately attired and who have tickets may attend.

* Younger dancers must be currently enrolled in grade 7 or above.

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The Librarians' Ball Registration Form

Please register and pay for ALL persons who will be in attendance (including parents).

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***Payment is due at time of registration.**

Contact Info:

- 1) Ticket Purchaser's Name: _____
- 2) Address: _____
- 3) Email Address: _____
- 4) Telephone: _____
- 5) Is someone registering who is new to English Country Dance? ____ Yes ____ No
I/we understand that anyone new to English Country Dance is required to attend the dance workshop. Date, time, and location TBA.
- 6) I/we understand that tickets are non-refundable.
- 7) I/we agree to pay a \$40.00 Returned Check Fee (per check) if I submit payment by check that results in being returned by the bank.

By signing this form I affirm that I have read and agree to all conditions outlined above.

Signature _____ Date _____

Dancer Registration (please continue on the back side of registration sheet, if necessary):

Name: _____	Grade Level: (if applicable) _____
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Number of guests X \$10.00 per person = TOTAL: _____

Please make checks payable to: Grove City Community Library (Memo: "Librarians' Ball")

Mail form/fees to: ATTN: Librarians' Ball, Grove City Community Library, 125 W. Main St., Grove City, PA 16127

Registration Deadline: Tickets are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis through Monday, February 4th

If registration/payment is sent by mail, it must be postmarked *by* February 4th.

OFFICE USE: Date:	Check/Cash/Card	Ticket #(s):	Staff initials:
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