



The Library will be closed on March 29 in observance of Good Friday

Eclipse Viewing Party on the Lawn



MARCH
2024

LIBRARY
HOURS

MONDAY -
FRIDAY
9 AM - 6 PM

SATURDAY
10 AM - 2 PM

SUNDAY
CLOSED

It's the biggest event of the year, and GPL's got you covered!

The total solar eclipse on April 8 is the first of its kind to happen in the United States since 2017, and Darke County is fortunate enough to be in the path of totality! To celebrate, Greenville Public Library will be offering free eclipse glasses to anyone who joins us to watch this historic event on our lawn from 1 to 4 p.m.

In addition to free glasses for those attending our event, we will also be offering popcorn and an eclipse timeline to help you know what to expect and how to safely view this natural wonder.

The eclipse is estimated to begin around 1:52 p.m., with it reaching the totality phase at 3:08 p.m. Totality will last approximately four minutes, coming to an end at 3:12. The partial phases of the event will conclude around 4:26.

It is vitally important that the eclipse be viewed with the proper eyewear, and the glasses we are offering are in compliance with the Filters for Direct Observation of the Sun.

This is a free event, and registration is not required. However, glasses are first come, first served and only while supplies last. For more information on this event, call the library at (937) 548-3915.

Healthy Soil, Healthy Garden coming to GPL

Does your soil need something? When is the best time to apply? It's March, so let's get ready for gardening season!

Join us for a presentation by Jared Coppess from the Darke Soil and Water Conservation District on Thursday, March 14 at 10 a.m. He will be discussing soil sampling and how to understand the soil analysis, as well as things we can do to improve our garden's soil health. A seed swap will follow the program.



All attendees will receive a credit for one soil sampling test, so there is no need to bring your sample to the program. Jared will be announcing the soil drop-off location during his presentation.

are encouraged to bring seeds to swap, but this is not necessary to participate. The program and seeds are free, and registration is not required to attend.

grew up on his family's farm near Ansonia. Before returning to Darke County, Jared spent time working as the Director of Public Policy for Indiana Corn and the Indiana Soybean Alliance.

Seeds from our very own Growing Harvest Seed Library will be available at the seed swap. Patrons

Jared is the District Administrator at the Darke Soil and Water Conservation District. He is a graduate of the Ohio State University. He

Anyone with questions or wanting more information on this program, contact Kelly at (937) 548-3915.

March Movies feature classic book adaptations

GPL will be showing the 2019 romantic drama, *Little Women* starring Saoirse Ronan and Emma Watson on Thursday, March 21 at 1 p.m. The film is rated PG with a run time of 2 hours 15 minutes. Patrons are invited to bring their favorite movie snacks and drinks, as well as a sweater for those that are easily chilled.



The Young Adult Department will be showing *Matilda* featuring Mara Wilson, Danny DeVito, and Rhea Perlman. This event, to be held on Thursday, March 28 at 3:30 p.m., is for ages 11-18. The movie is rated PG with a run time of 1 hours 38 minutes. Snacks will be provided.



COSI Learning Lunchboxes available March 11

The Children's Department is proud to offer COSI Learning Lunchboxes to local families!

Beginning March 11, GPL will be offering 100 COSI Learning Lunchboxes to families with children ages 6-12. Each water-themed kit contains five activities aligned with Ohio's learning standards and promotes science, technology, engineering, arts, math (STEAM) and more. Kits are first come, first serve with a limit of one per family.

The Ohio Library Council, in partnership with the Center of Science and Industry (COSI), have distributed over 25,000 COSI Learning Lunchbox STEAM kits to Ohio's 251 public library systems this summer to support youth learning across the state. To date, COSI has donated over 100,000 Learning Lunchbox kits to serve students, families and underserved youth.



The Ohio Distance Learning Initiative is an innovative program led by COSI and the state of Ohio, as well as an unprecedented collaboration of meal providers, libraries, museums and cultural institutions across the state to deliver free, hands-on science

Learning Lunchbox kits to help bridge the educational gap in communities.

For more information on the COSI Learning Lunchbox kits, you can call Joanna at (937) 548-3915 or stop by during our regular business hours.

Genealogist receives medal for her hard work

GPL Genealogist Carolyn Fisher was recently honored by the Miami Valley Firefighter/EMS Association for going above and beyond to help find a photo of a firefighter from Pitsburg who was killed in the line of duty in 1971.

Volunteer fireman Walter Booher Jr., 42, of Pitsburg was killed when a fire engine responding to a minor fire dragged him for a block. Officials said

Booher was found underneath the vehicle. Darke County Sheriff's deputies said they could not determine how Booher got under the fire truck.

The photo can be viewed on the MVFEA Facebook page along with numerous other moving posts honoring local fallen firefighters.



God Don't Make Junk now available

On the afternoon of January 20th, Darke County lost a local legend. Bob Robinson, former Daily Advocate editor and journalist extraordinaire, passed away at the home he shared with his wonderful wife, Susan.

I don't often use newsletter space for things other than library news, but in this case, I'm exercising my freedom to put what I want in here. So prepare for a possible tear-jerker.

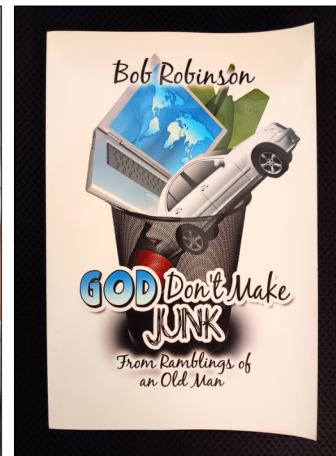
I, Amanda Olson, am proud to say I was one of Bob's kids. Those he took under his wing and changed our lives, and our perspectives, by being the cheerleader and inspiration we'd never known we needed.

Bob gave me my first job straight out of college. As a staff writer and evening news editor, I felt like I'd hit the big time, though I didn't feel like I'd earned it. But Bob saw something that made him take a chance on me. He taught me how to cover an event, including stand-

ing up in the middle of a presentation and moving in close to take photos. (Sorry, Bob... never quite got gutsy enough for that.) He helped me find the confidence to submit my first sports column into the running for an Associated Press (AP) award. (Thanks for that, Bob. I got third in the State of Ohio!)

He taught me the finer points of page layout, or pagination in business terms. Never run a grip-and-grin (posed photo) on the front page, headlines in descending size order, and press releases go inside. He's the reason I have the skills needed to do this monthly newsletter. (And yes, I still feel guilty if I break a Bob rule like I did inside this edition! See if you can find it... it's subtle.)

But one of the most important things I learned from Bob Robinson was always give your all, no matter what you're writing. Everyone's story is worth telling, and we owe it to them to do our best.



Bob gave his best in all aspects of his life, especially where kids were concerned. As a substitute teacher and the driving force behind Empowering Darke County Youth, he impacted hundreds, if not thousands, of lives through his kindness and compassion for others. He never wanted anyone to feel less than or unimportant. And when he smiled at you, you couldn't help but feel like the most important person in the world.

I could go on and on about Bob and the size of his heart and his willingness to give beyond measure, but the point of this article is to say that Bob's book, *God Don't Make Junk*, is now available for checkout at GPL. If you knew Bob, you'll hear his voice when you read it. If you didn't know him, you'll feel like you did when you finish.

To place a hold, go to our website, greenville-publiclibrary.org or give us a call at (937) 548-3915.

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