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# Library Pointes

THE TRI-ANNUAL NEWSLETTER OF THE GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC LIBRARY



## From the Director, Jessica Keyser

At the writing of this letter, we have been living through the COVID-19 pandemic for almost nine months. The Library has sought to offer refuge and respite from the challenges of quarantine, even when our buildings have been closed. We have done this through online programs, curbside delivery of items, virtual and phone reference services, and a comprehensive collection of online resources. Isolation can certainly take a toll on mental health, and it is my deep hope that accessing some of these resources has made a difference for individuals in our community.

One library card benefit I encourage everyone in our community to take advantage of is the Michigan Activity Pass (MAP). MAP provides library card holders with free or discounted access to hundreds of Michigan state parks and recreation areas, historic sites, cultural attractions and campgrounds. The program is courtesy of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the Michigan Recreation and Park Association (mParks) and The Library Network. MAP still offers many outdoor and socially distanced destinations that don't require traveling long distances. For more information and a full listing of participating institutions, visit <https://grossepointelibrary.org/michigan-activity-pass>

Accessing your library account, searching the catalog and placing holds on items has never been easier, now that we have the MyLibrary app. There is a digital library card feature that can be scanned right from your phone, so you don't need to worry if you've forgotten your card at home. They even work with the new self-check-out stations at each branch. The MyLibrary app is free and available on the App and Play stores.

Wishing you a happy and healthy year in 2021.

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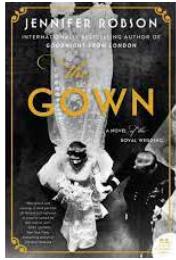


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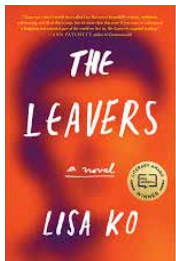
## Facebook Virtual Book Discussion

Each month we will feature one book to discuss and share throughout the month. Join anytime. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/GPPLbookdiscussion>



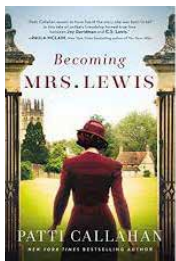
### January ***The Gown*** by Jennifer Robson

Throughout January, we will post about the book "*The Gown*" by Jennifer Robson. This enthralling historical novel is about one of the most famous wedding dresses of the twentieth century – Queen Elizabeth's wedding gown—and the fascinating women who made it.



### February ***The Leavers*** by Lisa Ko

Set in New York and China, "*The Leavers*" is a vivid and moving examination of borders and belonging. It's the story of how one boy comes into his own when everything he's loved has been taken away—and how a mother learns to live with the mistakes of her past. This powerful debut is the winner of the 2016 PEN/Bellwether Prize for Fiction and a National Book Award finalist.



### March ***Becoming Mrs. Lewis*** by Patti Callahan

In this masterful exploration of one of the greatest love stories of modern times, we meet a brilliant writer, a fiercely independent mother, and a passionate woman who changed the life of this respected author and inspired books that still enchant us and change us.

## Family Dance Party Pop-Up!

First Wednesdays, starting January 6 through April, 6:30 p.m., virtual

Cabin fever? Cure it with a pop-up dance party! The first Wednesday evening of each month, we'll meet virtually to dance and shake our sillies out for 3 songs. Registration required.



## How to Get Outside This Winter

Thursday, January 14, 7 p.m., virtual

Being outdoors can decrease stress levels and feelings of depression while increasing energy and creativity. Join Tyler Klifman, Community Planner for the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, to discover the variety of winter activities you and your family can enjoy—from skating & sledding to biking, hiking and wildlife watching. You'll learn about online tools you can use to find the best local parks and hiking trails, and tips on how to enjoy your time outdoors safely this winter. Registration required.



## Spice of the Month Club

First Meeting, Saturday, January 16, 11 a.m., virtual

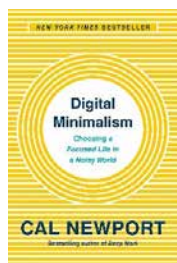
Wanna get cooking with the GPPL? Broaden your horizons as we take a journey together, learning about spices from around the world. We'll provide you with a new spice every month, then meet virtually to share what we've made and learn more about flavorful cooking from chefs and home cooks. Fun for the whole family. January's Spice is Cinnamon. Registration required



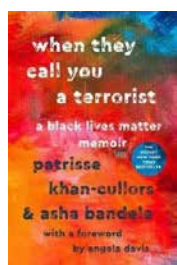
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## Non-Fiction Book Discussion 7-8 p.m., virtual



January 21, 2021  
**Digital Minimalism**  
by Cal Newport



February 18, 2021  
**When They Call You a Terrorist**  
by Patrisse Khan-Cullors



March 18, 2021  
**Say Nothing**  
by Patrick Radden Keefe

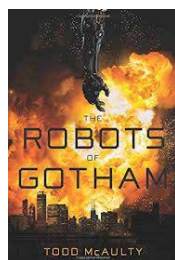
Registration required.

## Science Fiction Book Discussion

Are you a fan of science fiction? Interested in new authors as well as older classics? If so, join us on the second Wednesday of even-numbered months.



**Sleeping Giants**  
by Sylvain Neuvel  
Wednesday, February 10, 7-8 p.m., virtual



**Robots of Gotham**  
by Todd McAulty  
Wednesday, April 14, 7-8 p.m., virtual

Registration required.

Note: All library programs are virtual. Once you register for an event you will receive an email with the online link information.

## Coney Detroit with Joe Grimm Monday, January 25, 7 p.m., virtual

In this illustrated program, see how Detroit and Michigan became the capital of a Coney Nation. *Coney Detroit* co-author, Joe Grimm, will show you what a real Detroit-style coney dog is, why it found unsurpassed popularity in the Mitten State (shaped that way to better hold a coney), how coney makers improvise, and coney-dining etiquette. Meet the Greek family at the root of hundreds of coney islands.

The show includes 50 photographs taken for *Coney Detroit*, video and a hot dog IQ test. A good score could earn you a PhD (Professor of Hot Dogs.)

Share your coney stories. Tell the gang whether you prefer Lafayette or American – or a Flint aficionado. This experience will leave your memory full and your stomach feeling empty. Registration required.

## Thoughts to Action Book Club Last Thursdays, starting January 28 through November, 7 p.m., virtual

GPPL's Thoughts to Action Book Club seeks to provide our community with a way to explore current social issues in a meaningful way. Every six months we read one culturally relevant book and then meet monthly to discuss, plan and carry out a community project based on the book's message.

Our next book is *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents* by Isabel Wilkerson. A limited number of books will be available for pick-up from the library. If you do not wish to sign-up for the discussions but would like access to the learning material, you can email Annie Spence at [aspence@grossepointelibrary.org](mailto:aspence@grossepointelibrary.org).

## Suffragette Tour: The Changing Roles of Women in America

Thursday, March 11, 7 p.m., virtual

Join us as we honor the 100th anniversary of women's voting rights by exploring both works by suffragette artists and art which exemplifies the challenges women faced before the adoption of the 19th amendment. Detroit Institute of Arts docent, Connie Corrigan, will discuss the roles of women throughout history through the perspective of art and artists. Registration Required.



*Women's Equality, 1975*  
Marisol, French  
Image courtesy of the Detroit Institute of Arts

# Programs for Families and Children



## Winter Reading 2021

January 1 - February 28

Escape the cold this winter by curling up with a good book and joining us for Winter Reading 2021. Kids aged 0-18 can sign-up and log their reading and complete activities to be entered into a drawing for gift cards to local businesses at the end of the program. See our website for more details or visit <https://gp.beanstack.org/reader365>



## Read, Rhyme & Play on Zoom

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Join us for this live, interactive program full of rhymes, music and movement. For babies through age 5. Registration required.

## Mother Daughter Book Club

January 4, February 1, March 1, April 5, 7 p.m., virtual

Mother Daughter Book Group is open to girls in 4th and 5th grade and their adult female mentors. We will discuss books, play games, make new friends and have lots of fun. Our group meets on the 1st Monday of the month on Zoom through April. Space is limited. Registration required.



## Youth Story Time

January 11 - February 26

It's time for our Winter Story Time session. Look for Miss Jane, Miss Melissa and Miss Rachel to bring you a new story time every week between January 11 and February 26. See our online calendar for details.



## Cooking with Sticky Fingers

January 14, 4:30 p.m., virtual

Let your favorite books come to life in the kitchen. We'll read one of our favorite books, *Dragons Love Tacos* and cook up a recipe inspired by the story. Young chefs will spark their imaginations in this hands-on literary and culinary experience. You'll receive a supply list to make this family meal together. Registration required.

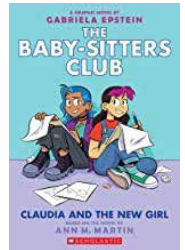


COOKS + BOOKS  
CHILDREN'S LITERATURE  
COOKING

## Babysitters Club Trivia on Zoom

Tuesday, January 26, 4-5 p.m., virtual

Join us to test your Babysitters Club knowledge. We'll have a drawing for participants for the new Babysitters Club graphic novel, *Claudia and the New Girl* (#9), which is being released in February and play a fun game, too. Registration required.



## Beverly Meyer, The Music Lady

Thursday, January 27, 6:30 pm

Join us for some sing-along fun and action songs with singer-songwriter Beverly Meyer, The Music Lady. Fun for the whole family!



Registration begins Monday, January 11.

## Family Yoga

Thursdays January 21, March 11 and April 15, 4:30 p.m., virtual

Ready for some movement and mindfulness? Yoga teacher Kathleen Wolney will guide us through different yoga poses as she reads a children's book. For kids and their parents. Registration required.



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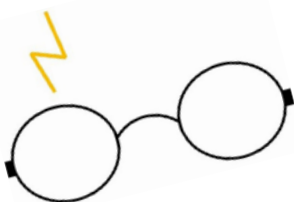


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## Harry Potter Trivia

Thursday, March 4, 4 p.m., virtual

What wondrous wizarding knowledge do you have? See if you can divine the answers to Harry Potter trivia with a focus on the early books in this Zoom session. Registration opens February 11.



## Dinosaur Tea Party

Saturday, February 13, 2 p.m., virtual

Dinosaurs plus tea? What could go wrong? Join us as we party like dinosaurs. Dinosaurs who drink tea! We'll play some games, make some crafts and have a roaring good time. Registration required.



## Finding Fossils

Tuesday, March 23, 4 p.m., virtual

Learn what fossils are and how fossil evidence paints a picture of the history of life on Earth. Use relative dating techniques to determine the age of a mystery fossil and discover some of the prehistoric animals that lived in Michigan millions of years ago! Create your own field guide of some commonly found fossils in Michigan. For elementary ages and families. Registration required.



## Earth Day Craft-To-Go

Monday, April 19

Earth Day is April 22. Celebrate with us and pick-up a craft-to-go kit from your home branch. Available while supplies last starting Monday, April 19.



## Book Groups

For kids who love to read and discuss books, play games, and make new friends!

Registration required.

### 5th & Sixth Grade Book Group

4th Tuesday of the month from January through April, 7-8 p.m., virtual

### 7th & 8th Grade Book Group

2nd Tuesday of the month from January through April, 7-8 p.m., virtual

## Money Smart Michigan

Wednesday, April 14 - 10:30 a.m., virtual

Money Smart Michigan is an initiative of the Michigan Financial Wellness Network, dedicated to providing Michigan residents with non-solicitous information, education and resources, to become better stewards of their money.

April is Money Smart Michigan month. Join Miss Rachel for a special Story Time and receive the book, *Give it!* The book is a delightful introduction to simple money concepts, where an enthusiastic young bunny discovers how good it feels to use his allowance to help others.



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# Middle School and Teen Programs



## Tween Writers Group

Mondays – January 11, February 8,  
March 15, April 19 and May 17,  
6:30 p.m., virtual

Do you like to write? Do you want to meet other writers in a supportive group to share your work and have fun? We will meet over Zoom once a month to discuss writing, get creative prompts and share samples of our writing. For ages 11-13.

Space is limited, registration required. Please plan to attend all meetings.

## Let's Play Among Us

January 20 & March 17, 4-5:30 p.m., virtual

Who's gonna be sus? Come play and find out. We'll play a few rounds and have some fun in these stressful times. Registration required.



## Beat Breakers

Thursday, January 21, 4 p.m., virtual

Let's Move! Join Beat Global for an incredibly fun, energetic and interactive virtual Hip Hop dance class. Learn Breakin' and Street Style dance from the best B-boys/B-girls from NYC. Presented by Bringing Education & Art Together (BEAT Global). For ages 11-18. Registration required.

## Beat Rockers

Tuesday, February 16, 4 p.m., virtual

Make some music! Join BEAT for a fun, easy and accessible virtual music class. Learn how to create music using your own voice through the art of beatboxing. This class is taught by professional Beatboxers from NYC. Presented by Bringing Education & Art Together (BEAT Global). For ages 11-18.

Registration opens January 19.



## Choose Your Own Adventure

February 17, All Day, Virtual

Take some pressure off your day and embark on an adventure. Follow the prompts to create your own story written by a not-so-professional writer. Results may vary.

## Virtual Scavenger Hunt

March 11, All Day

Solve some riddles and navigate the Internet from the comfort of your own home. Are your Internet skills up to the challenge?

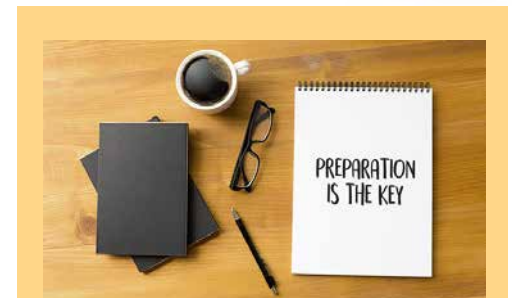


## Junior Financial Aid Night

Monday, March 22, 6:30 p.m., virtual

Ask questions from the staff of the Student Financial Services office of Oakland University. This virtual session is especially beneficial for Juniors and their parents. All levels of high school are encouraged to attend to learn general information regarding the financial aid process.

Registration opens February 22.



## College Prep Series Navigating Financial Aid & School Selections

February 17, 6-7 p.m., virtual

## Navigating Testing & School Choosing

April 14, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m., virtual

Karen French returns to help with the college selection process. These events will help students choose the right financial aid package for each school they've been accepted to. The other, will give the best practices to incoming seniors about testing and choosing the right schools to apply to. Registration required.

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# Friends and Foundation of the Grosse Pointe Public Library

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The Grosse Pointe Public Library is fortunate to have the support of two non-profit organizations: The Grosse Pointe Library Foundation, founded in 2004 and the Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library, in existence since 1948. Both organizations share the singular goal of supporting our amazing libraries but they accomplish this goal in different ways.

The Foundation undertakes active fundraising efforts, encourages planned giving and bequests, and searches for grant opportunities. All of this provides critical support for major capital projects and programs of the GPPL. The Foundation advocates for Library programs and initiatives and provides the community with opportunities to invest in the success of the Library.

The Friends of the GPPL is a membership and volunteer organization dedicated to supporting and expanding the educational, cultural and outreach programs of the

Library. The Friends sponsor activities that encourage literacy, lifelong learning, and the love of reading which stimulates interest in the Library.

The Friends are looking forward to 2021 and the opportunity to once again hold its used book sales, accept donations of used books for the Friends' bookstore, and open the store again with their wonderful volunteers. In addition, they hope to schedule the popular "Books, Bags, and Bagels" event, originally scheduled for March 2020.

Both organizations are comprised of a dedicated Board of Directors who volunteer their time, talent and expertise for the benefit of the Grosse Pointe Public Library.

Thank you donors and members. You truly make a difference in the quality of the Library and in our community.

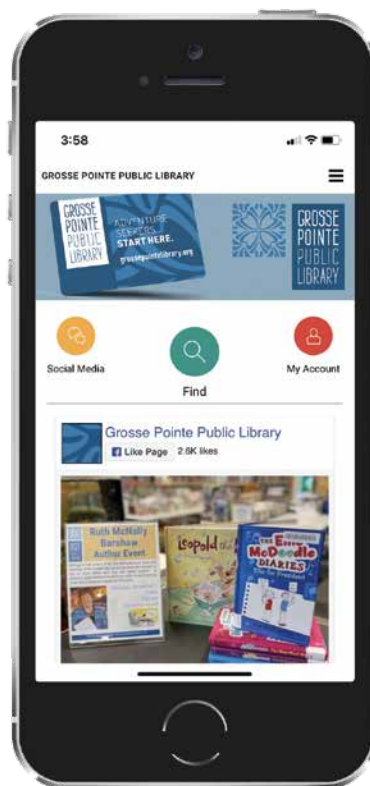
## Get Mobile Access to Your Library Account

Download the MyLibrary! App from the Google Play or Apple Store and get immediate access to your GPPL account.

With the MyLibrary! app you can:

- Login to your account
- View and renew items checked out
- Search the catalog
- Place holds on items you want to check out

There's also a digital library card feature, if you forget your card at home. The app is free. Download the app today.



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## Questions?

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# How Can I SUPPORT THE LIBRARY?

The Friends and Foundation work together to help build a strong public library that is able to inspire, inform and engage people of every age and background – a singular and powerful asset to our community. Please consider giving.



**DONATE.** Visit [www.ffgppl.org](http://www.ffgppl.org) to make a gift today and help inspire, inform and engage.



**BECOME A FRIEND.** Enjoy benefits and make a difference by becoming a Friend of the Grosse Pointe Public Library. Membership envelopes can be found at each Library branch or join online at [www.ffgppl.org](http://www.ffgppl.org).



**VOLUNTEER.** Volunteers make all things possible. Join the Friends and complete a volunteer application on our website [www.ffgppl.org](http://www.ffgppl.org) or find one at the Friends Down Under Book Store at the Woods Branch.



**LEAVE A LASTING GIFT.** Leave your lasting legacy by naming the Grosse Pointe Library Foundation as a beneficiary of your IRA, life insurance policy or annuity. Call 313.640.4683 to learn how you can impact the Library for generations.

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**Reference Hotline (during curbside hours) 313-389-6212**



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