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THE TRI-ANNUAL NEWSLETTER OF THE GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC LIBRARY



From the Director, Jessica Keyser

The Grosse Pointe Public Library is continuing to adapt to meet the needs of our patrons as habits and preferences have shifted as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. A few new services that began during the pandemic and are still offered include curbside service, book bundles and book buds (personalized reading recommendations from our librarians), virtual programming, and take-and-make craft kits.

We just completed a tremendously successful summer reading program, which was entirely virtual. As you read through this newsletter, you will see there are many opportunities to get involved with the Library as we transition into the fall and winter months. There are many virtual programs that allow you to engage with the Library from the comfort of your own home, as well as some in-person opportunities, too. I invite you to explore the possibilities to learn, create, and connect with the GPPL.

At the writing of this letter, the GPPL is currently accepting bids to execute the designs for Phase 2 of the Library Reimagined plan. Phase 2 will include a small addition to our iconic Central branch, making room for larger, multi-stall accessible restrooms, expanded space for youth services, additional programming space, a drive-up service window, an elevator to the second floor, and a fire suppression system throughout the building. Improvements to the Woods branch will include a dedicated makerspace, a lounge space on the first floor, and a refresh of the furniture and fixtures throughout the building. The Grosse Pointe Library Foundation announced a matching grant opportunity made possible by the Adele Huebner Foundation to provide financial support to the Central project, and all funds raised during the Foundation's masquerade will be dedicated to the expanded youth space at Central.

I hope to see you soon at the Library,

Jessica

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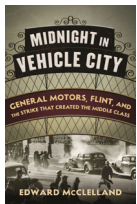
Great Michigan Read

One title, one state and thousands engaged in literary discussion. The Michigan Humanities' Great Michigan Read creates a statewide discussion around a selected book. The Grosse Pointe Public Library is proud to be a partner in this endeavor. The 2021-22 Great Michigan Read is *The Women of the Copper Country* by Mary Doria Russell.

Reserve your copy in print, large print, eBook, or eAudiobook on the library website. And watch for more information in our e-newsletter and social media.

Midnight in Vehicle City

Monday, September 27, 7 p.m., virtual



Lansing native Edward McClelland will discuss his most recent book, *Midnight in Vehicle City: General Motors, Flint, and the Strike That Built the Middle Class*. The book details the 1936-37 Flint Sit-Down Strike, which led to the establishment of the United Auto Workers as the nation's flagship labor union.

Creative Floss Crochet: Infinity Scarf

Tuesday, September 28 and Wednesday, October 6, 2 - 3:30 p.m., virtual

Join us for a fun afternoon of crafting as we create an infinity scarf with our fingers. Supplies will be provided. Registration required.



Make Your Own Zine

Thursday, October 14, 4:30 p.m., virtual

A zine is a small handmade booklet or magazine, reproduced on a copy machine. Join us and learn how to make one of your own. You can fill your personal zine with comics, collage art, sketches, stories, fanfiction or your favorite song lyrics. All ages are welcome. Registration is required.



Sarah E. Ray: Detroit's Other Rosa Parks

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

Join us for an evening with Desiree Cooper and Aaron Schillinger as they present the Sarah E. Ray Project. Seventy-five years ago a 24-year-old, African American secretary, was denied a seat on the segregated Boblo boat, SS Columbia. Like Rosa Parks, she refused to back down, taking her fight for integration all the way to the United States Supreme Court. Represented by fabled NAACP lawyer Thurgood Marshall, Ray won her case.

Getting to Know Kit Keeper

Wednesday, October 27, 1 p.m., location to be determined

Join Librarians Kathleen Gallagher and Priscilla Burns as they introduce the newest software at the Library, "Kit Keeper." This new system will help streamline the process of requesting and reserving a book discussion kit for your book club.

A History Lover's Guide to Detroit

Thursday, November 11, 7 - 9 p.m., virtual

Step inside the tiny recording studio where Berry Gordy created a music empire that broke down racial barriers. Tour Art Deco masterpieces so spectacular they're called "cathedrals" to commerce and finance. Walk in the footsteps of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., to Cobo Hall, where he first delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech. Karin Risko discusses her book to tour the city that put the world on wheels and discover an amazing history of innovation, philanthropy, social justice and culture.

Meet the Author: Libby Copeland

October 21, 2021, 7 - 8 p.m., virtual

The Lost Family explores the extraordinary cultural phenomenon of home DNA testing. The Wall Street Journal calls her book "a fascinating account of lives dramatically affected by genetic sleuthing." Join us via Zoom or Facebook Live.



All events are virtual. For more information and to register visit www.grossepointelibrary.org/events



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World AIDS Day - Remembering the Early Days

November 29, 7 p.m., virtual

Join "Our Bold Voices" storytellers Paul Larrobino and special guest, Jim Sutherland, as they discuss the historical context of the early days of the AIDS epidemic.

Leni Sinclair: Motor City Underground: Photographs 1963-1978

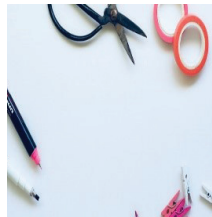
Thursday, December 9, 7 p.m., location to be determined

Photographer Leni Sinclair is best known for her work chronicling radical movements of Detroit since the 1960s. She is both an activist and longtime witness to social justice organizing in Detroit. Her images are among the most iconic and thorough records of the city's countercultural history. Her slideshow and commentary promise to be fascinating. Cary Loren, co-curator of the exhibit and author of the book text, will join us as well. He is a writer, a 2013 Kresge Arts fellow and co-owner of the independent bookstore, The Book Beat, in Oak Park.

DIY Gift Maker: Jewelry

Thursday, December 9, 7:30 - 8:45 p.m., location to be determined

Join us for an hour of gift making and holiday cheer. Supplies available for pick up while they last. Registration required.



Community Journals

We've been separated for so long, we felt it important to begin a project where we can share our stories and find common ground. We're starting with a "Flood Journal." You can write about recent experiences, share tips and advice and begin to heal from the catastrophic flooding. Look for a journal available for check out at each branch. Add writing or drawings to the journal and then return it for someone else to participate. More journals to come soon.



Authors to The Pointe

Saturday, October 30, Noon, Grosse Pointe War Memorial

Join us for the return of Authors to The Pointe. Our 2021 fall author luncheon will feature authors Kirk Wallace Johnson and Marney Rich Keenan.

Kirk Wallace Johnson is the author of the award-winning book, *The Feather Thief: Beauty, Obsession, and the Natural History Heist of the Century*, along with *To Be a Friend Is Fatal*, a memoir of his Iraqi War experiences. Marney Rich Keenan was a long-time columnist for The Detroit News, and is the author of *The Snow Killings: Inside the Oakland County Child Killer Investigation*. Ticket and registration information will be available on our website. Tickets go on sale Monday, September 20.

Hi Neighbor!

Communities come together when we discuss and share worldwide issues as well as our everyday lives. Stop by our libraries for upcoming opportunities to get to know each other through discussion boards, memorial displays, collaborative art projects and more.



New Parent Outreach

Expecting a little one or bringing home a new child? One of our Outreach Librarians can stop by with books for you and/or older siblings and information about resources for families in our area. Sign-up by visiting our website or emailing Annie Spence at aspence@grossepointelibrary.org.



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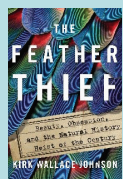
Programs for Families and Children



Adult Book Groups

Nonfiction Book Discussion

Registration required.



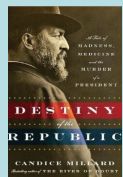
The Feather Thief by Kirk Wallace Johnson*

September 23, 2021, 7-8 p.m., virtual
*GPPL is hosting a live author visit Oct. 30 at Authors to the Pointe



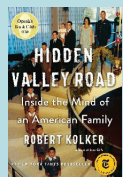
The Lost Family by Libby Copeland*

October 21, 2021, 7-8 p.m., virtual
*GPPL is hosting a virtual visit with the author



Destiny of the Republic by Candice Millard

November 18, 2021, 7-8 p.m., virtual



Hidden Valley Road by Robert Ko

December 16, 2021, 7-8 p.m., virtual

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. Registration required.

October 13 – *The Three-Body Problem* by Cixin Liu
December 8 – *Shards of Honor* by Lois McMaster Bujold

Horror/ Thriller Book Discussion

1 – 2 p.m., location to be determined, Second Thursday of the Month (October – April)

Ready for some nail-biting and hair-raising fun?
Join our Horror/Thriller book club. Registration required.

Youth Story Time

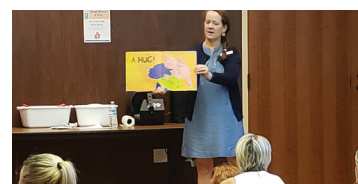
It's time for our Fall Story Time Session. Look for Miss Jane, Miss Melissa and Miss Rachel to bring you a new story time every week between September 20 and November 5. See our online calendar for details.



Read, Rhyme & Play

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m., virtual

Join us for this live, interactive program full of rhymes, music and movement. For babies through age 5, register on our calendar to receive the Zoom link. Registration required.



Outdoor Story Time

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m., September 22 – November 3, Woods Branch Courtyard

Join Miss Rachel and Mr. Bear for stories and songs. Recommended for ages 2-5, but all are welcome. Weather permitting.



Story Festival

Saturday, September 25, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Ford House, 1100 Lake Shore, Grosse Pointe Shores

The Ford House, ECHO & the Grosse Pointe Public Library are partnering to bring literacy and fun to children and their families. Featured guests include author & musician Jim Gill, The WSU Dance Team, Arts & Scraps and local guest readers and storytellers. Visit www.fordhouse.org for tickets and more information.



All events are virtual. For more information and to register visit www.grossepointelibrary.org/events



Programs for Families and Children

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Mother Daughter Book Group

Monday, October 4, November 1 and December 6, 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 the first Monday of the month through April. Space is limited. Registration required.

Michigan Science Center presents "Eureka!"

Tuesday, October 5, 6:30 p.m., virtual

Imagine where we would be without inventions such as the light bulb, microwave oven or even our favorite toys. Join us as we explore the unexpected and amazing tales of how these everyday modern marvels came to exist. Registration required.

Nailed It! Halloween Edition

Thursday, October 28, 6:30 p.m., virtual

Join us for our Grosse Pointe Public Library version of Nailed It! At this family event, you'll try your skills at creating some edible Halloween masterpieces. A supply list and bag with some items will be available for pick up at our Central Branch one week before the event. Registration required.

The Music Lady: Beverly Meyer

Wednesday, November 10, 10:30 a.m., virtual

Enjoy an interactive virtual concert with Music Lady Beverly Meyer.



Book Groups

For kids who love to read and discuss books, play games, and make new friends. Registration required.

5th & 6th Grade

Third Tuesday of the month, 7- 8 p.m., virtual

7th & 8th Grade

Second Tuesday of the month, 7 to 8 p.m., virtual

Grab-n-Go Holiday Craft

Monday, December 6, all day, all branches

Pick up a festive make-and-take craft at your local branch, while supplies last.



Gingerbread House Take-Home Kit

Thursday, December 16, 9:00 a.m.

Come to the Central Branch to pick up a kit with candy, icing, and all the supplies you'll need to make a special Gingerbread House. Registration required

Monthly To-Go Crafts

Check our calendar for a monthly to-go craft available at all three locations, while supplies last.



October 1 – November 30

Relax, fall in with a good book and join us for our Fall Reading Challenge 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.

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Middle School and Teen Programs



Let's Play Among Us

Wednesday, September 15, October 13, November 10 & December 15, 4 – 5:30 p.m., virtual

Let's play Among Us. 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.



Writing Group

Monday, September 20, October 18, November 15 & December 20, 4 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? Meet once a month to discuss writing, get creative prompts and share writing samples. For ages 11-13.



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

SolArt Kit

Thursday, September 23

Make art with the sun at home. Create a solar print of leaves, objects around the house and other found objects. For ages 11-13. Supplies limited, registration required. Pick up kits from the Central branch.



Zombified Doll Kit

Thursday, October 21

Get the materials to ghoulish a doll at home and be ready for the spookiest time of the year.

For ages 11-13. Supplies limited, registration required. Pick up kits from the Central branch.

Murder Mystery – Halloween Special

Friday, October 29, 6:30 – 9 p.m., virtual

Did you ever play Clue and think, you know, maybe actually participating in this would be fun. Minus the murder of course. Well, now you can! Come participate in a murder mystery where the participants are part of the game. Want to dress up for the part? Go ahead (unfortunately, it won't help your chances). But, it will make it more fun.



Take a break from the stresses of life and have some fun with good company. Registration required.

Anime Club

Saturday, November 13, 2 – 4 p.m., virtual

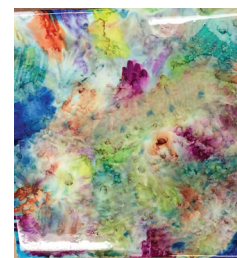
Join like-minded fans to discuss your favorite manga and anime. There will be a take home activity/craft to do for those registered. Registration required.



Tie Dye Tiles Kit

Thursday, November 18

Create a swirly, colorful tile with a Tie Dye Tile kit. Make a creative gift to cheer someone up. For ages 11-13. Supplies limited, registration required. Pick up kits from the Central branch.



Smash Bros Ultimate Online Tournament

Saturday, December 11, 2 – 4 p.m.

Many will enter. One will win (a prize). Nintendo online account required for participation. Registration required.



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Friends and Foundation of the Grosse Pointe Public Library

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Masquerade for the Stacks October 23

Funded through individual donations, charitable trusts, foundations, community partnerships and our signature fundraising event - *Masquerade for the Stacks* - the Grosse Pointe Library Foundation offers many options for supporters of the Grosse Pointe Public Library.

Masquerade for the Stacks celebrates the power of the Library to bring our community together. This year we will honor the memory of longtime GPPL supporter and GPLF board member, George R. McMullen, Jr. George gave so much to this community. His positive outlook, humor and genuine care and concern for his community proved invaluable and he is greatly missed. It is fitting to honor George at an event he wouldn't have missed.

Join us on October 23, 2021 at the Country Club of Detroit for this fun and festive event and make a direct and meaningful impact.

Another exciting option this year is through the recently announced Adele Huebner Matching Grant program. This grant will match every dollar donated to the Grosse Pointe Library Foundation up to \$250,000 through June 30, 2022.

Both *Masquerade for the Stacks* and the Adele Huebner Matching Grant will help us support the Library's plans to expand the Central Branch, through Phase II of Library Reimagined, specifically the youth space, nearly doubling the current room.

To sponsor *Masquerade for the Stacks*, donate an auction item, or simply donate to the Foundation, call 313.640.4683 or email beth@gplf.org. With your support and generosity, the Grosse Pointes will continue to be home to a world-class library system.



Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library

The Friends 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.

This spring the Friends hosted two outdoor sale events - a used book sale on May 22 and a purse sale on June 6. Both sales were a big success that generated a substantial amount of funding for future Library programs and events. We want to thank the Library for their assistance with the sales, our Friends volunteers for their efforts and the community for attending the sales and supporting the mission of the Friends.

The Friends Down Under Bookstore is being reimagined based on the Woods Branch renovations. Until plans are finalized the store will remain closed and we cannot accept book donations at this time. We look forward to sharing the exciting new plans with the community soon.



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DONATE. Visit www.gplf.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.gpfriends.org.



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