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THE TRI-ANNUAL NEWSLETTER OF THE GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC LIBRARY



From the Director, Jessica Keyser

I am excited to provide you with an update on the Library Reimagined capital improvements. This initiative began in 2018 as part of our strategic plan. Phase I is now complete with the new outdoor plaza at the Central Branch, a new entrance and improvements to the floating staircase at Woods and the renovations of the Ewald Branch interior. If you haven't seen these improved spaces, I encourage you to stop by and check them out.

Phase 2 of the plan includes a refresh of the Woods Branch interior and an expansion of the Central Branch. Both of these were a result of our Space and Capital Needs Assessment, which involved several community feedback sessions and detailed studies of all three buildings. Based on community and staff feedback, Phase 2 improvements will include more children's and programming space at Central, improved restroom facilities at both branches, an elevator at Central and a dedicated Makerspace at the Woods branch. We anticipate having detailed drawings from the architects, Quinn Evans, by the end of the summer. Be sure to watch for more updates in our e-newsletter, our website and our social media.

In April, the Library was able to refund its existing debt, which lowered our interest rate and saved \$400,000. By refinancing our bonds, the Library not only saved a substantial amount of money, we were also able to maintain our ability to continue implementing our strategic plan initiatives.

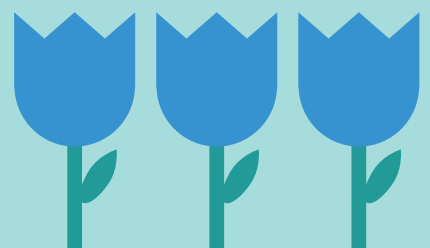
We just introduced a new, updated learning resource. Lynda.com is now LinkedIn Learning. LinkedIn Learning offers thousands of professional courses in 7 languages. You can learn computer coding, marketing, strategic planning – you name it. Another great resource we have is Ancestry.com. You can now access the database from home to discover your family's history. Both of these resources are free. All you need is your GPPL library card. Visit grossepointelibrary.org/research-learning to access both resources.

Summer Reading kicks off June 1. There are fun activities scheduled to encourage kids of all ages, and adults too. In my family, we all register for Summer Reading and encourage each other to read together. Kids earn prizes – the more they read – so it is a fun summer activity. There are more details in the newsletter on the Families and Children's pages.

At the writing of this letter, the Library is open 7 days a week. Come into the library to use our computers for up to 30 minutes, use our printers, browse new books and DVDs and pick up your library materials, including books, tools, seeds, and yard games. We're following the MIOSHA guidelines and give top priority to the health and safety of our staff and patrons. The virus has affected all organizations, and no one is operating the same way as in the past. We're providing most of the services we normally do, just in a different way. We are grateful for the community's support as we continue to cautiously move forward toward a post-pandemic, even better GPPL.

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Visit the library's website. www.grossepointelibrary.org



Book and Wine Pairing

Wednesday, May 19, 7 p.m., virtual

Join Librarian Kathleen Gallagher and Sommelier Michael Bottiglieri as they pair a few fine wines with some fascinating reads.

Bottles Nation Founder Michael Bottiglieri has been at the helm of Windy City Wine Guy, a consultancy focused on private wine events. He and his wife, Blagica, moved to Grosse Pointe and shifted their focus to a primarily virtual business, with virtual wine tasting and Facebook events each week. Kathleen has served on multiple literary awards committees for both children and adults. She brings many years of reader's advisory to the tasting table, and is ready to pair her picks with Michael's wines. Registration required.

Dealing with Pandemic Stress

Thursday, May 20, 6:30 p.m., virtual

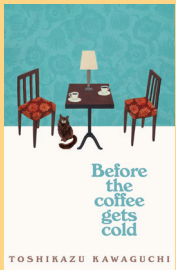
The COVID-19 pandemic has affected everyone in our community. If you've experienced feelings of anxiety, grief and loss, loneliness, or depression during the pandemic, or if you have worries about reentering the "new normal," join licensed therapist and Systems Director for H3- Hope, Healing, and Health, Charan Bashir for our discussion. Mr. Bashir will discuss pandemic stress and outline ways to cope. Registration required.



Facebook Virtual Book Discussion

The two selections for this summer to discuss and share are listed below. Join the discussion anytime.

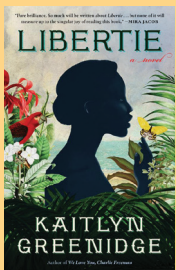
www.facebook.com/groups/GPPLbookdiscussion



June

Before the Coffee Gets Cold by Toshikazu Kawaguchi

Down a small alleyway in the heart of Tokyo is a small café that's been brewing coffee for over a century. Local legend has it that this shop offers more than just coffee – the chance to travel back in time.



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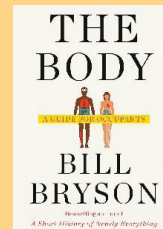
Libertie by Kaitlyn Greenidge

Libertie Sampson is a freeborn black girl in Reconstruction-era Brooklyn. Drawn to music and science, Libertie is stifled by the choices before her and longs for something else. This unforgettable tale describes Libertie's longing to find a place where she can be fully, and only, herself.

Non-Fiction Book Discussion

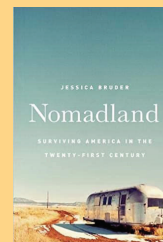
7 – 8 p.m., virtual

Registration required.



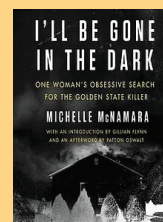
May 20, 2021

The Body: A User's Guide by Bill Bryson



July 15, 2021

Nomadland by Jessica Bruder



August 19, 2021

I'll Be Gone in the Dark by Michelle McNamara

For more information and to register for events,
visit www.grossepointelibrary.org/events



Adult Programs

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From the Roots Up: Urban Farming in the Motor City

Wednesday, May 26, 7 p.m., virtual

Detroit. The name does not evoke images of vegetables and flowers—but it should. Urban farming dates back to the 1890s, when the city's then-mayor urged residents to plant on unoccupied lots. Billy Wall-Winkel, Detroit Historical Society, talks about how, today, the practice continues to bring people and garden-fresh food together. Registration required.



Santorini Poems with John Karabetsos

Wednesday, June 16, 6:30 p.m., virtual

Local author, John Karabetsos will discuss his current work, *Santorini Poems*. Enjoy anecdotes about the poem's literary concepts, origin and inspirations along with photography of Greece. Feel the magic and enchantment of one of the Cyclades islands in the Aegean Sea. Registration required.



The Oudolf Garden Detroit

Thursday, June 10, 7 p.m., virtual

Program sponsored by the Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library

Please join Duncan Campbell and Richard Thomas, of Oudolf Garden Detroit, for an update on the progress of the garden, the challenges they faced, plans for the grand opening and - last but not least - the beauty of the garden.

Piet Oudolf is the internationally renowned Dutch garden designer and horticulturist who created the High Line in New York City and the Lurie Garden in Chicago.

Registration required.



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Programs for Families and Children



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. Registration required.

Youth Story Time

June 1 – August 14

It's time for our Summer Story Time Session. Look for Miss Jane, Miss Melissa and Miss Rachel to bring you a new story time every week between June 1 and August 14. See our online calendar for details.



Mad Science of Detroit presents "Tails and Tales"

Thursday, June 17, 2 p.m., virtual

Learn about animals amazing features by exploring how they move, see and evade predators with defenses like toxic venom, gooey slime and more. Registration required.



Summer Reading

June 1 – August 14

Tails and Tales - Kids and Teens

Starting June 1, pick up your Summer Reading Starter Bag (while supplies last) at your home branch, then sign-up and create your online reading account in Beanstack.

Do you love a whale of a tale? Think everybody otter read? Ain't lion about all the stories you listen to? Check out a book, listen to a tale on audio, download an e-book, grab your favorite comic, YOU choose what you want and read along with us. Track and log your reading and enjoy rewards for your hard work by earning free books and entering drawings for weekly, monthly and Grand Prizes. We'll have virtual events and take home activities all summer long. Check it all out on the Library website - we can't wait to see you!



Joel's Reading Ranger Magic Show

Tuesday, June 22, 6 p.m., virtual

Explore a Forest of Books with Reading Ranger Joel

Ranger Joel magically brings animal stories to life. Featuring goofy gadgets, dazzling magic, wacky stunts and lots of audience participation. This wholesome youth program will have kids and grown-ups laughing out loud and crazy about reading. Registration required.



Summer Science

Wednesday, June 23, 2 p.m., virtual

Children will complete hands-on STEM activities and experiments related to summer. Recommended for ages 6-10. Registration required.

Summer Reading is for Adults, too

Create your account on our summer reading site: gp.beanstack.org. Set your own reading goals and receive book recommendations throughout the summer. Discover new ways to enjoy your library and all that we have to offer.

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Programs for Families and Children

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Cooking with Sticky Fingers

Thursday, June 24, 10 a.m. virtual

Your favorite books will come to life in the kitchen. We'll talk about Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets and cook some recipes inspired by the story. Join us to make Golden Snitch Pineapple Cake Pops + Fast-as-Lightening Pineapple Icing + Madam Pomfrey's Iced Pineapple Smoothie. Young chefs will spark their imaginations in this hands-on literary and culinary experience. A supplies list will be emailed to you to make this fun snack. Registration required.



Monday, July 26, 10 a.m., virtual

Join a Sticky Fingers chef to read *Monkey with a Toolbelt* & the *Maniac Muffins* by Chris Monroe. Then prepare some Chico Bon Bons, Banana Split Blueberry Muffins and a side of Monkey Milkshakes. This chef-led program is a yummy learning experience. Registration required.

Myth Crackers: Common Animal Myths with the Howell Nature Center

Thursday, July 8, 4 p.m., virtual

Are owls truly wise? Do turtles come out of their shells? You'll find the answer to these questions and more in this fun investigation into common animal myths. Registration required.



Comedy Magic Fun with Magician Jeff Wawrzaszek

Thursday, July 22, 2 p.m., virtual

Jeff will dazzle you with his amazing and funny magic show. Entertaining for all ages. Registration is required.



Summer STEM Fun: Science Magic

Wednesday, July 28, 2 p.m.

Children will complete fun science experiments that look like magic, but are based on science. Recommended for ages 6-10. Registration required.

Tail End-of-Summer

Saturday, August 14 -All Branches

You've read your tail feathers off this summer. Stop by any branch to pick up an End-of-Summer Activity Bag to reward yourself, available while supplies last. For more information, check the Library website.



Oliver's Animal Adventures

Thursdays, June 3 - July 1, virtual

Go on a virtual safari. Each week sweet Oliver, the puppet, will introduce you to a special animal friend in a short video. Follow along and discover amazing creatures. Check the event calendar to access the video.

Astronaut Academy- Author Visit with Dave Roman

Monday, June 14, 2 p.m., virtual

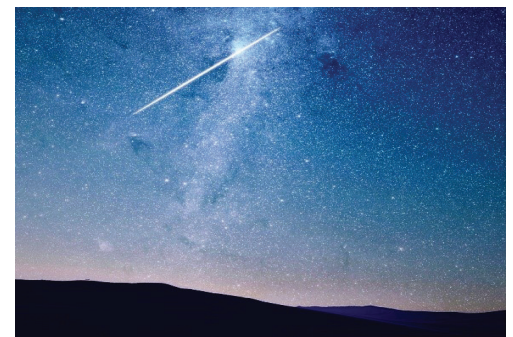
Meet the author of this fun graphic novel adventure series and learn his drawing techniques. Attendees will be entered into a drawing for all 3 volumes of *Astronaut Academy*. Registration begins Monday, May 24.



Ask the Astronomer

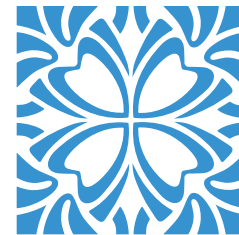
Thursday, July 29, 4 p.m., virtual

Learn about the Perseid Meteor Shower and ask the Astronomer all your Spaced-Out questions. Take home activity and craft for registrants will be available to pick-up the week of the event. For stargazers age 6+ and their families. Registration begins Thursday, July 8.



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Middle School and Teen Programs



Let's Play Among Us

Wednesday, May 12, June 16, July 14
and August 18, 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.



Television Trivia

June 10, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m., virtual

Test your knowledge in this trivia game focused on some popular shows. Let's see how far pop culture can take us. Registration required.



Paracord Maker

Monday, June 21

Make a survival paracord bracelet to send to Operation Gratitude for their care packages to Troops and First Responders.

Sign-up to get materials and instructions. Make a bracelet for Operation Gratitude and a bracelet for yourself or a friend. For ages 10-18. Registration begins Monday, May 31.

Sculpture - Among Us

Thursday, July 1, 3 p.m., virtual

Nothing Sus here. Learn to sculpt your own Among Us character live with Alex Thomas and Friends. Register to pick up an activity bag the week of the event. For ages 10-18. Registration begins Thursday, June 10.

Pocket Friend or Fiend - Sloth / Zombie

Monday, July 12

Create a friend or a fiend to take on summer adventures. Sign-up to receive materials, instructions and a video to follow along. For ages 10-18. Registration begins Monday, June 21.

Dungeons & Dragons

Thursday, July 22, 3 – 6 p.m. virtual

Roll for initiative and journey to another world with your created characters. We will have a curated game just for the participants in this ongoing event. How do you want to do this? Registration required.

Art Journaling

Monday, July 26, 4 p.m., virtual

Learn quick sketching techniques to observe your environment in a new way, creating realistic or imaginative drawings. No prior drawing experience needed. For ages 10-18. Registration begins Monday, July 5.



Fantasy Football - Library Style

Are you ready for some (fantasy) football? Let's have a Grosse Pointe library fantasy league. Join and we will discuss formats, scoring, drafting and everything prior to the seasons start. League winner will receive a prize. Register by Friday, August 20. Space is limited.

Basic Cartooning

Monday, August 2, 4 p.m., virtual

Learn to use basic shape construction and line drawing techniques to create characters and scenery. No prior drawing experience needed. For ages 10-18. Registration begins Monday, July 12.



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Friends and Foundation of the Grosse Pointe Public Library

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Friends & Foundation

TWO Organizations. ONE Focus. Did you ever wonder what the purpose of the Friends or Foundation is? The answer is they both support our Libraries, but each has a distinct approach.

Grosse Pointe Library Foundation

Who We Are

The Grosse Pointe Library Foundation is a non-profit donor-based organization dedicated to enhancing the services and ensuring the financial stability of the Grosse Pointe Library System.

What We Do

The Foundation provides vital funding to the Library through annual, capital and endowment fundraising. Through the generosity of our donors we have supported the following:

- Creation of the Ewald Branch
- Establishment of the Grosse Pointe Public Library Endowment
- Preservation of the Marcel Breuer designed Central Branch
- Restoration of the world class art housed at the Central Branch
- Mini Libraries in all five Pointes
- Purchase of a van to deliver books between branches and schools
- Support of the Your Library Reimagined capital projects including the creation of Central Plaza and the remodel of the Ewald Branch.
- Programs made possible with gifts to the Foundation include Books on the Lake (the Library's most popular author event), the Summer Reading Program and National Library Week events.

How We Are Funded

We are funded through individual donations, charitable trusts, foundations, and community partnerships as well as our signature fundraising event- Masquerade for the Stacks (hopefully to be held in October 2021).

For More Information

Website: gplf.org
Phone: 313.640.4683
Email: beth@gplf.org

Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library

Who We Are

The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library is a non-profit membership-based organization dedicated to supporting and expanding the educational, cultural and outreach programs of the Library.

What We Do

The Friends develop and execute our own activities while also sponsoring library programs that encourage literacy, lifelong learning and the love of reading. Some of our activities include:

- Down Under Bookstore
- Used Book Sales
- Library Program Volunteers
- Books, Bagels and Bags event

Library programs we have sponsored include:

- Books on the Lake & Authors to the Pointe
- Youth Summer Reading program
- Family Craft Kits
- Purchase of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for library staff

Friends membership benefits include:

- Early admittance to Friends' events including the Used Book Sales
- One free book per month at the Friends Down Under Used Book Store
- Invitation to Friends only opportunities such as guest speaker events and the Annual Membership Meeting
- Volunteer Opportunities

How we are Funded

We are funded through annual membership fees and proceeds from the Used Book Store.

For More Information

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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.



VOLUNTEER. Volunteers make all things possible. Join the Friends and complete a volunteer application on our website www.gpfriends.org.



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