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THE TRI-ANNUAL NEWSLETTER OF THE GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC LIBRARY



From the Director, Jessica Keyser

We have an exciting line-up of entertaining and educational programming for you this spring and summer. With reading challenges, programs, and prizes for book lovers of all ages, we hope you will join us in celebrating the joy of reading.

Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts a Summer Reading program every year to combat summer learning loss (AKA the “summer slide”), develop a love of reading in children, and help struggling readers catch up before the next school year. But summer reading isn’t just for kids anymore and it’s not just about books, either.

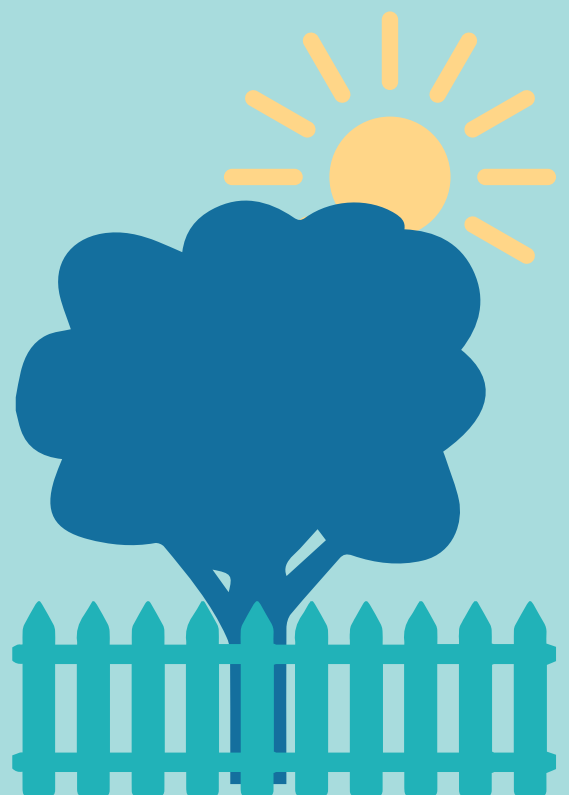
Our theme this year, *All Together Now*, invites you to explore together in our community with activities, programs, and all kinds of books. By joining the fun, you’ll earn prizes, and connect with others through the power of stories.

At the writing of this newsletter, we are approaching the final phases of the construction work at our beloved Central library, and we are on-track to re-open in the fall. The two-story, 6,200 square-foot expansion of the Central library will retain and enhance the mid-century modern aesthetic of the building, while meeting modern safety and accessibility standards. The improvements include the addition of a fire suppression system throughout the building, accessible restrooms, an elevator, a drive-through service window, an expanded youth area, a new program room, and a new roof. We can’t wait to invite the community back to Central. Visit the library’s website for updates.

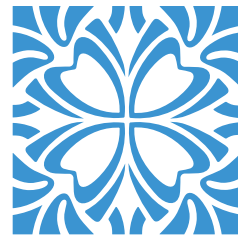
I look forward to seeing you throughout the summer. I encourage you to take advantage of all the library has to offer. No matter your age or your interests, the library is for everyone.

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



Adult Summer Reading

Grown-ups are invited to the summer reading fun too. Sign-up online and fill out a reader's bingo card designed to help you discover all the library has to offer, from tools that make your summer yardwork easier, to the best poolside reads.

Appy Hour

Wednesdays May - July, 3, 4 p.m.,
Ewald Branch

Did you know the library gives you free access to stream movies, music, as well as free downloads for audiobooks, e-books and more? Join us this summer for Appy Hour and become an app pro.

Each week will cover a different app. Check the online calendar for the description. You're not obligated to attend all sessions. Please bring your own device (laptop, kindle, tablet) and download the app beforehand. Please register.

Your Honor, Your Honor: A Journey Through Grief and Restorative Justice

Wednesday, May 31,
6 - 7 p.m., Ewald Branch

Book Discussion with Judge Leonia J. Lloyd. Limited books available for registered participants.



Dance Into Summer With Us

Saturday, June 3, 2 - 4 p.m., Woods Branch

Join us for one hour of Salsa instruction, followed by a second hour of open dance. Please register.



Community Quilt

In celebration of this year's summer reading theme: All Together Now - Kindness, Friendship, and Unity, Grosse Pointe Public Library invites you to roll with us and join our Community Quilt.

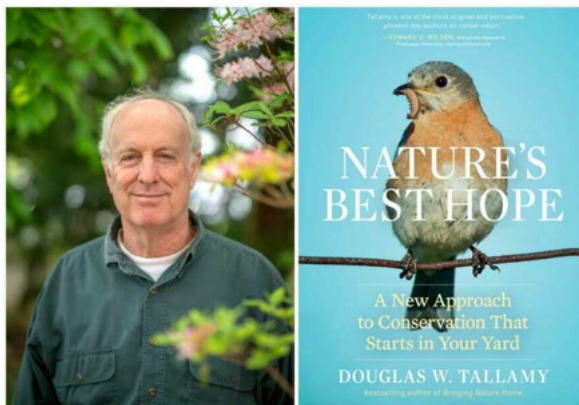
Decorate a recycled paper roll with a medium of your choice. Bring your roll to the library during the second week of June. Our staff will add your piece to the quilt for display Monday, June 19.



Nature's Best Hope with Entomologist: Doug Tallamy

Monday, June 12, 6 - 7 p.m.

New York Times bestselling author, Doug Tallamy will discuss his vision for a grassroots approach to conservation. Join us in person or via Zoom. Please register.



All Together in the Name of Beads

Thursday, July 6, 6 - 7:30 p.m., Ewald Branch

During this workshop, attendees will learn introductory skills for working with polymer clay. Practice shaping and manipulation techniques, as well as color mixing to create custom hues. Using these foundational skills students will assemble a simple pendant necklace to take home with them. This is a beginner course. No prior experience necessary. Please register.

Let's Come Together and Crochet

Monday, July 17, 3 - 5 p.m., Ewald Branch

Make a cotton shawl. Participants should have basic knowledge of crochet stitches and terminology. To learn more, visit CreativeBug on the library website (you'll need your library card and pin to access). Three skeins of cotton yarn and hook H (5.0 mm) or smaller needed. Please register.

Higbie Maxon Agney Lecture Series The Work of Versatile Michigan Architect Hugh T. Keyes

Wednesday, June 14, 7 p.m., Ewald Branch and virtual

Hugh T. Keyes was a prolific designer of fine homes in the Grosse Pointes. He predominantly created grand estates for the industrialists of Metro Detroit and is considered one of the most versatile architects of his generation. Keyes was heavily influenced by Tudor and formal Georgian styles. However, post 1930 he focused on his trademark Regency Moderne style that he would, ultimately, become most noted for. Keyes was also an important figure in transforming existing older mansions into more suitable spaces for modern living, including several such projects in Grosse Pointe. Presented by Paula Draper.



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



Library Outreach Services

Can't get to the Library? We'll come to you. If you're experiencing short or long term illness, physical challenges, visual disabilities, or non-driver status, our Outreach Librarian, Kathleen Gallagher, will deliver items to your home. You may also be eligible for extended loan periods, assistance with downloading e-items, online access to library products and services, and the Library for the Blind. If you are unable to get to the library, please call or email for more information. kgallagher@grossepointelibrary.org
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Traditional Art of Coiling

Mondays, August 15 and 22,
3 - 4 p.m., Ewald Branch

Learn and celebrate the art and tradition of coiling as practiced by the Gullah people of the Sea Islands. Materials provided. Please register.

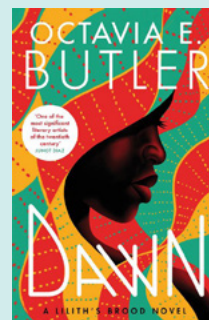


Adult Book Groups

Science Fiction Book Discussion

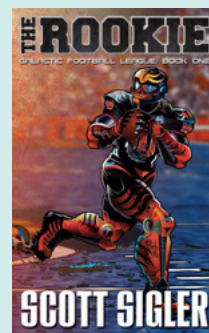
7 p.m., Woods Branch

Registration Required



Wednesday,
June 14 - 7 p.m.

Dawn
by Octavia Butler



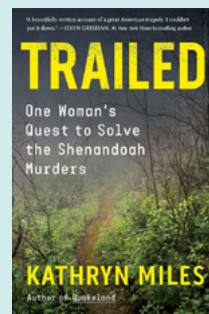
Wednesday,
August 9 - 7 p.m.

The Rookie
by Scott Sigler

You Kill Me: The True Crime Book Club

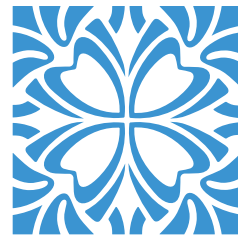
Tuesday, August 22 - 7 p.m., Woods Branch

Hooked on true crime? Find yourself talking about it with others who just don't get the appeal? Feel a bit guilty (and sometimes odd) about your fascination? Then this book club is for you. We'll read and discuss true crime cases, both historical and contemporary, cold and solved, as well as the psychology behind it all. Not for the faint of heart. The group will meet bimonthly. Copies of the first book will be available late July. Registration Required.



Trailed: One Woman's Quest to Solve the Shenandoah Murders
by Kathryn Miles





All Together Now Summer Reading

June 1 – August 12

Everything is more fun when we read together. Sign-up, find great stories and audio-books, and read as many days as you can to earn free books and entries for weekly and grand prize drawings. You are invited to bump into your buddies at a branch, discover new peeps who read the same books as you, collaborate with compatriots at fun events and enjoy summer "All Together Now" with the library.

Starting June 1, sign up at gp.beanstack.org then stop by the library to pick up your special Summer Starter Bag. Bags available while supplies last.



Spring/Summer Story Times

Youth Story Time

It's time for our Summer Story Time Session. Look for Miss Jane, Miss Melissa and Miss Rachel to bring you new story times all summer. See our online calendar for details.

Saturday Story Times with Miss Jane

Saturday, June 24, 10:30 a.m. and Saturday, July 22, 10:30 a.m., Woods Branch

Join Miss Jane for stories, songs and more. No registration required.

Drop-in Summer Story Times

Wednesdays, July 5, 12, 19, 26, 10:30 a.m., Woods Branch

Story Time is designed for children ages 2 to 5 years old, but everyone is welcome. Parent or caregiver must remain in the building. No registration required.



Summer To-Go Kits

All Branches

Bring the fun home or away on vacation with activity bags from the library. Every other week a different kit will be available at all library branches while supplies last.

Each bag contains instructions and most supplies needed to make an amazing project - common household items may be required. Check the website for dates and details.



Read, Rhyme & Play

Tuesdays, 10 a.m., June and July, Ewald Branch

Join us for this live, interactive program full of rhymes, music and movement. For babies through age 5. No registration required.

Jim Gill Concerts

Thursday, June 15, 6:30 p.m., Woods Branch

Friday, June 16, 1 p.m., Ewald Branch

Let's get all together and kick off the summer by singing and playing with the award-winning Jim Gill. We'll be clapping, jumping, dancing and even sneezing along to his banjo music! The concerts will be filled with songs and stories for a memorable time together. Please register.



Music Monday

Monday, June 19, 2 p.m., Ewald Branch

Let's make some music together! We'll be making some DIY instruments and then having a jam session. Please register.

Summer STEM

Tuesday, June 20, 2 and 3 p.m., Woods Branch

See online calendar for details and to register.



Volunteer Monday: Mats and Pillow Project

Monday June 26, 2 p.m., Ewald Branch

We're going to get together and learn how to make plarn, which is used to make mats and pillows for those in need. Bring some recycled plastic bags and we'll teach you the process. All ages are welcome! Please register.

Investigation Station

Wednesdays, June 28 and July 12, 2 p.m., Ewald Library

Join other budding scientists for fun experiments about the forces all around us and be amazed. Great for elementary age kids. Register for each date separately.

Drop-In Kids Craft

Monday, July 10, and Monday, July 31, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Woods Branch

Hey kids. Come on in for some creative crafting. No registration required.

Fleece and Thank You

Monday, July 17, 2 p.m., Ewald Branch

Come together and make a tie fleece blanket that we will donate to our local animal shelter. Have any other items to donate? Bring them too, and we'll make sure they get to the shelter. Fleece provided, you volunteer your time. Great for any students looking for some volunteer hours. Please register.



Programs for Families and Children

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GPPL Together @ Your Parks

Get together with your library and play in the sunshine at your municipal parks. Try a variety of activity challenges, check out books from the Book Bike, wander along a Story Walk and say "Hi!" to your librarians. Make sure you bring your park pass AND your library card. Watch the website for locations and dates.



Michigan Science Center presents "Eureka!"

Tuesday, July 18, 2 p.m. , Woods Branch

Join us as we explore the unexpected and amazing tales of how inventions such as the light bulb, microwave oven and favorite toys came to exist. We'll celebrate the scientists and inventors who made them possible. Please register.



Comedy Magician Cameron Zvara

Monday, July 24, 2:30 p.m. , Woods Branch

Join us for an afternoon of fun with Comedy Magician & Entertainer Cameron Zvara. Cameron's show is filled with mind-blowing magic, juggling, music, and TONS of audience participation. Please register.



Drummmunity

Monday, July 31, 6:30 p.m., Ewald Library

Join percussionist Lori Fithian for "DRUMMUNITY!" She will bring the drums, YOU get to play them. Kids bring your family, friends and neighbors for this all ages, high-energy rhythm session. Hear what can happen when we are All Together Now. No experience necessary. Please register.



Bike Blender Smoothies and Slushies

Wednesday, August 2, Woods and Ewald Branches

Celebrate the end of summer reading with a special visit from "Fresh Food is Fun" and the amazing bike blender. We will be serving up smoothies and slushies (while supplies last). See events calendar for more details and to register.



A Bubble Pop In

Wednesday, August 9, 10 a.m., Ewald Branch

Drop by Ewald to learn about bubbles, make lots of bubbles, and make some bubbly art. No registration required.



1000 Hours Outside



1,000 Hours Outside is a movement helping kids and adults spend more time in nature. All ages welcome. All programs will take place outside at Ewald. Please register.

JUNE

Pollinator Party & Summer Solstice

Wednesday, June 21, 10:30 a.m.

We're celebrating our first day of summer and National Pollinator Week by looking for pollinators, learning about Citizen Science, and playing a game.

International Mud Day

Thursday, June 29, 10:30 a.m.

Let's celebrate MUD by making funny faces with mud and other natural found items.

JULY

International Rock Day

Thursday, July 13, 10:30 a.m.

Stop by and paint some rocks, some to keep and some to share with friends and neighbors.

Walk & Talk: Moths

Wednesday, July 19, 4:30 p.m.

Let's add to our outside hours while we walk the neighborhood. This month, we'll explore the fascinating world of moths.

AUGUST

Social Butterflies

Thursday, August 24, 10:30 am



Beginning in August through October, monarchs begin to migrate south on a 2500 mile journey. Come learn more about monarchs and play some butterfly-themed games.

Walk & Talk: Once in a Blue Moon

Wednesday, August 30, 4:30 p.m.

August 30 will be the biggest brightest full moon of the year: the Full Blue Moon. Join us to learn about this unique occurrence and celebrate with a neighborhood walk.

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



Paracord Maker Kit

Kit pickup begins Monday, June 19, Central Annex

Make a paracord "survival" bracelet to send to a member of the Military or First Responder through Operation Gratitude. Sign up to get materials and instructions. Make a bracelet for Operation Gratitude and a bracelet for yourself or a friend. For ages 11-18. Please register.



Summer Scares Book Club

Third Wednesdays June 21, July 19, August 16, 7 - 8 p.m., Woods Branch

Are you fearless in the dark? Not superstitious around black cats? Totally fine with thrillers? Well then Summer Scares Book Club is for you. Join us for all the creepy stories you can handle. This mini book club for teens meets 3 times this summer. For teens ages 13-18. Please register.

Bad Art Afternoon

Tuesday, June 27, 4 p.m., Woods Branch

Feeling creative? Come join us at Bad Art Afternoon, a freestyle craft event for teens. If you can make the tackiest piece of art, you will be our winner of the tackiest trophy. For teens ages 13-18.

Smash Book

Tuesday, July 11, 3 p.m., Ewald Library

Ages 11 - 13, make a smash book journal that's all about YOU. Log your summer adventures, what you geek out over, and your dreams for the future in a creative mixed-media format.

Please register.



Summer Smash

Tuesday July 25 and Thursday August 3, 2 p.m., Woods Branch

It is on. Join us for a Super Smash Bros. tournament. For teens ages 12-18. Please register.

Phoenix Freerunning Academy

Thursday, July 20, 6 p.m., Woods Branch

Learn how parkour and freerunning works. Parkour is getting from point A to point B as quickly and efficiently as possible while navigating obstacles along the way. This event will be non-stop action. For teens ages 13-18. Please register.

Nick Pizana: Street Art Class

Monday, June 19, 2 p.m., Woods Branch

Caught doodling in class? Are you looking for a new creative outlet? It's time to try your hand at street art. Join Nick Pizana, a Detroit painter, illustrator and muralist for a deep dive into all things street art. All attendees will create and take home their own piece of art. For teens ages 13-18. Please register.



DREAM Lab maker space

Summer Art Classes

Mondays, June 5, July 3 & August 7, 3 - 4 p.m., Woods Branch

Come to the DREAM Lab and learn how to draw with Adam. Learn proportions and perspective. You could end up with a new piece of artwork to enjoy. Who knows, you might come up with the next big comic character. All ages welcome.

Makey Makey Day

Wednesday July 19, 3 - 4 p.m., Woods Branch

Want to play a Banana Piano? Control a video game character with water? Or any other crazy thing? Come down to the DREAM Lab to learn how to have fun with Makey Makeys. You'll work on a computer with absolutely minimal programming (and maximum imagination). Elementary school and up. Please register.



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Friends and Foundation of the Grosse Pointe Public Library

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Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public 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 of the GPPL was incorporated on May 3, 1948 which makes 2023 our 75th Anniversary. In the early years, the Friends support focused on securing an adequate library location because for the first 30 years of its history the library did not have a dedicated location. On January 25, 1953 that goal was achieved when the Friends hosted a dedication event for the Central Branch. Now, 75 years and 3 beautiful branches later, the Friends is focused on supporting library programs such as the Summer Reading Program, Authors to the Pointe and Books on the Lake. We have also grown from the original 16 founders to approximately 300 members. These members enjoy our Used Book Sales, Book Exchanges, Speaker Events and Annual Meeting.

A key service the Friends offer is the collection of donated books. Not only do we help the environment by taking in over 5,000 books a year, but selling those used books to fellow readers generates funds to support the library. We also donate a portion of the books we get to organizations such as Goodwill, Head Start, The Helm and the Boys and Girls Club of Detroit. Finally, our volunteers, ranging in age from a 7-year-old that volunteers with his mother to a couple in their 90s, are a key part of the success and longevity of the Friends of the GPPL.

Be sure to help us celebrate our 75th year by renewing your membership or becoming a member. It is your support that makes it all possible. To learn more about membership, visit our website at www.gpffriends.org/support/become-a-member.

Also visit the Friends Used Bookstore that is located on the first floor of the Woods Branch to the right of the entrance. All books, DVDs and puzzles for sale are just \$1. The bookstore is open whenever the library is open. Our stock is always changing so shop often.

If you have books, DVDs or puzzles to donate, please bring them to the Friends area on the first floor of the Woods Branch during our designated donation hours (see below). Donations cannot be left at the circulation desk. Donations must be in good, clean condition. For all the details, please visit our website at www.gpffriends.org/support/donate-books.

Donation hours are:

- 1st and 3rd Saturday from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- 2nd and 4th Wednesday from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

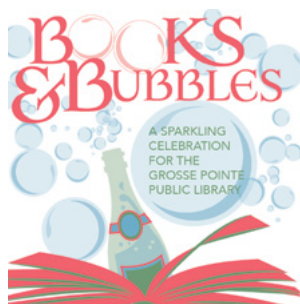
SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendar for *Books & Bubbles: A Sparkling Celebration for the Grosse Pointe Public Library*.

The Grosse Pointe Library Foundation will host its annual fundraiser on Thursday, October 26 at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House. This year funds from the event will be used to restore and improve landscaping and exterior lighting at the Ewald Branch. We will be funding the removal, replacement and repair of pavers, exterior lighting and installation of new landscaping and irrigation in the courtyard. Our branch exteriors will match the beautiful interiors.

If you'd like more information regarding *Books & Bubbles* or donating to the Foundation, please reach out to paige@gplf.org or 313.640.4683.

With your continued support and generosity, the Grosse Pointes will continue to be home to a world class library system.



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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.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.



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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Library Open 7 Days-A-Week

Monday – Thursday 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday 1 – 5 p.m.

(Sunday hours only during the school year)

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