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WINTER 2023

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Holiday Activities for Kids

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Celebrate Native American Heritage Month

Highlighting reads written by indigenous authors for readers of all ages!

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Book Festival

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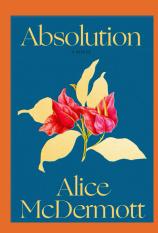






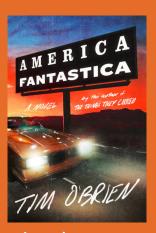
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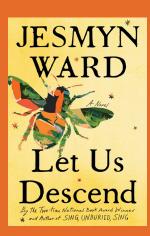
Absolution Alice McDermott

A riveting account of women's lives on the margins of the Vietnam War, from the renowned winner of the National Book Award.



America Fantastica Tim O'Brien

On a quest to settle a score with the man who destroyed his life, Boyd Halverson robs a bank and takes a hostage, in the new novel from the author of The Things They Carried.



Let us Descend Jesmyn Ward

From two-time National Book Award Winner Jesmyn Ward comes a haunting masterpiece about an enslaved girl in the years before the Civil War.

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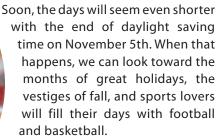




FulcoLibrary and the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library Foundation recognizes the efforts of stellar employees every year during our Annual Staff Development Day. Congrats to these 2023 award winners and special thanks to Kenneth Hermon, Fulton HR Director, for his support during the awards presentation. To learn more about the recent FulcoLibrary Staff Development Day, visit page 6.

on, the days will seem even shorter with the end of daylight saving time on November 5th When that

Gayle H. Holloman



This is a favorite time of year for many of us, as we look forward to spending more time with family and friends, especially during the November December holidays. Cooking and

decorating, travel, and leisure will be on our minds.

January 2024 may be ushered in with lots of weather changes which means you may want to be ready for it with stacks of books to read as you sit by the fire. Don't forget the online resources which include e-audiobooks, music, and movies. There are bestsellers available, information on upcoming author visits, and many programs for all ages that you may want to attend.

The new year will have enhanced programming. The signature programs, One Book, One Read and the Children's Book Festival will return. There will also be a few surprises along the way.

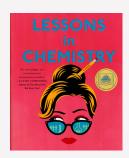
The local library is a great place to list on your calendar as a reminder to make a visit. Go and spend some time in the library. You might make, or recall, a good memory.

What I'm READING



Yellowface

R.F. Kuang



Lessons in Chemistry

Bonnie Garmus



GETTING TO KNOW

ERIN DREILING

FOUNDATION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

What moved you to get involved with the Atlanta Fulton Public Library Foundation?

I am personally passionate about libraries. As a child, my family went to the library every Sunday and it fostered a lifelong passion for reading and storytelling in me.

Did you know that the Fulton County Library System is the largest library system in Georgia and it serves over a million residents in the City of Atlanta and Fulton County? That is incredible. Libraries play a key role in Atlanta's cultural, educational, and economic fabric and provide essential resources that empower all of us.

When people want to read a great book, research a topic, find a better job or learn about something new, the library is there for them. The Atlanta-Fulton Public Library Foundation works in partnership with the Library System to support this indispensable community resource through advocacy,

fundraising and public awareness. So much good happens at our libraries and I wanted to be a part of that.



"FALL-ING" FOR

A LOOK BACK AT THE SEASON

FULCOLIBRA





- Authors, Victoria Christopher Murray (Left) and Marie Benedict (Right) greet readers of The Personal Librarian.
- Alyse Eady (Left) and the authors of The Personal Librarian, Murray and Benedict, discuss the novel.
- The authors of *The Personal Librarian*, engage with Library Leadership and program host, Alyse Eady.
- 4. Murray and Benedict sign personal copies of The Personal Librarian.

ONE BOOK, ONE RE

One Book, One Read is a county- librarian to J. P. Morgan wide book club with the aim of getting as many people across Morgan Library who Fulton County reading, talking about, and engaging with the as a white woman. The program conversations, community building, and literacy all while having fun with your friends, family, and neighbors. The 2nd Annual One Book, One Read program officially kicked off on June 1st with The Personal Librarian by Victoria Christopher Murray and Marie Benedict. It's the remarkable, little-known story of Belle da Costa Greene, the personal

and the curator of The was secretly passing

same book. The goal is to promote culminated in a special visit with the authors, which took place on Saturday, September 30th at the Central Library in downtown Atlanta. Both authors, along with moderator and Fox 5 Atlanta Anchor Alyse Eady were on hand to discuss the book, answer audience questions and take part in a book signing following the talk.





STAFF DEVELOPMENT

FulcoLibrary staff recently gathered for their annual Staff Development Day at the Central

attended nearly 50 sessions throughout the day, learning about important subjects to the library like, youth and adult programming, services, technical services and more. Staff address from Las Vegas-Clark County Library shared best practices from one of the largest library systems in the country.

The Children's Book Festival is a two-day event featuring author talks with two dynamic authors for elementary, middle, and high-school-aged children. Eric Litwin, original author of the *Pete the Cat* series, and Nic Stone, author of Chaos Theory, Dear Martin, Dear Justyce, Jackpot, and more for our middle and high school-aged students visited the Central Library in October to celebrate this annual event, talk about their books and engage with children from kindergarten through high school. Each child left the program with a free signed copy of the author's book. This special program, now completing it's second year brings together young people, books, and their favorite authors to continue fostering a love of reading.

CHILDREN'S BOOK FESTIVAL







Library Director, Gayle H. Holloman, and Board of Trustees leaders, Nina Radakovich and Priscilla Borders, celebrate *Pete The Cat*.

Eric Litwin, Author, explores the key to happiness during a *Pete The Cat* sing-along and storytime.

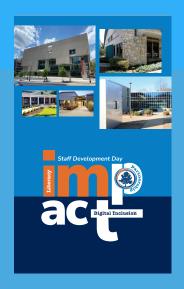




Students of Atlanta Public Schools and families enjoy storytime during the Children's Book Festival.

Author Nic Stone talks with students from across Fulton about her various New York Times Bestsellers.











CHECK OUT THESE READS

November is Native American Heritage Month, so there is no better time to highlight these enlightening books written by indigenous authors for readers of all ages. Reading provides many benefits, such as promoting language comprehension and literacy, and offering a time for families to bond. Children thrive when they see themselves and their culture reflected in the books they read.

This Indian Kid

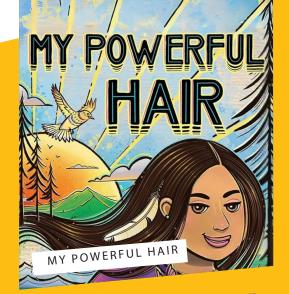
by Eddie Chuculate

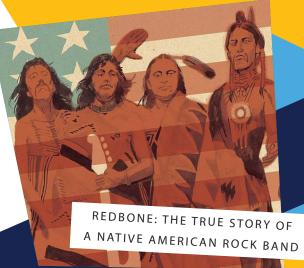
Award-winning author Eddie Chuculate brings his childhood to life with spare, unflinching prose in a book that is at once a love letter to his Native American roots.

We Had a Little Real Estate Problem

by Kliph Nesteroff

An acclaimed comedy historian explores how Native Americans have influenced and advanced the entertainment industry, tracing the achievements of performers ranging from Will Rogers and Adrianne Chalepah to Hill and the 1490s.









My Powerful Hair

Carole Lindstrom

From Carole Lindstrom, Caldecott Medal winner of *We Are Water Protectors*, and debut illustrator Steph Littlebird comes a celebration of hair and its significance across Indigenous cultures.

Redbone: The True Story of a Native American Band

Christian Staebler

Presents the history of the Native American rock band Redbone, who rose to fame while maintaining their cultural identity, and took a stand as the American Indian Movement in the 1970s gained momentum.

Seed to Plate Soil to Sky

Lois Ellen Frank

This mouthwatering—and eyeopening—celebration of Indigenous foods and Southwestern flavors presents more than 100 plant-based recipes to transform your cooking.

Never Whistle at Night

Edited by Shane Hawk

Celebrating Indigenous peoples' survival and imagination, these twenty-seven spinetingling stories introduce readers to ghosts, curses, hauntings, monstrous creatures, and unsettling acts of revenge.

A Snake Falls to Earth

Darcie Little Badger

Fifteen-year-olds Nina and Oli come from different words--she is a Lipan Apache living in Texas and he is a cottonmouth from the Reflecting World--but their lives intersect when Oli journeys to Earth to find a cure for his ailing friend and they end up helping each other save their families.

Discover more Native American books on our website, fulcolibrary.org.

LOVETT LIONS

LEARN HOW LIBRARY COMMUNITIES THRIVE



VOLUNTEER SERVICES

For almost thirty years a team of The Lovett School teachers and staff have taken high school freshmen into the community to learn about resources, needs and ways to make an impact. Service Initiation for Ninth Graders, otherwise known as SING, is two days of exploration, connection and learning through doing. This fall 15 groups in buses came to 15 libraries to meet people, visit neighborhoods and volunteer with the guiding question, 'What does it mean for a community to thrive?'

Lovett's Director of Civic and Global Engagement Fran Turner shared, "Libraries are a great fit for this project because they are such a key resource to the neighborhoods they serve. I'm excited that Lovett students saw the tremendous impact libraries have and that it's so much more than just lending out books."

Groups met with library staff, received a tour and taught a 'Tech and Tea' program with patrons wanting to learn more about technology, including downloading and using Hoopla and Libby. Students also made

short videos about library resources, using self-check machines, reserving study rooms and about their favorite book, so teens can reach teens during Teentober. Lovett's Head of School Meredyth Cole even participated in a video getting her library card at the Wolf Creek Library. Students were then heading to another service site, such as afterschool tutoring, bike repair and meal preparation.

Teen Advisory Boards are running or starting at several locations, so introduce yourself to the Branch Manager and Youth Services Librarian at your location to find out more.







Lovett School students brought 'Tech and Tea' lessons to seniors at 15 area libraries.



TIVITE



STORYTIME THANKSGIVING ADVENTURES

NOV 15 // 10:30AM **NORTHWEST**

Storytime fits in with the season of celebration of colder weather and READING! Join us for a special storytime session where we will share stories about Thanksgiving and turkeys that help promote early literacy skills. Please bring a friend to share in the exciting adventures of reading, singing, craft art and seasonal fun. Participants will create a take home craft. Registration is required for large groups. 404-613-4364

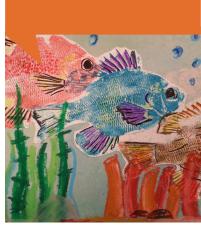
MEET THE ARTIST: KELLIE FOWLER

NOV 18 // 12:00PM KIRKWOOD

The Kirkwood Library will feature the work of fine artist Kellie Fowler. Visit the branch to view her artwork from October 28. 2023, through December 2, 2023. Join us for a Meet the Artist event on Saturday, November 18, 2023. Enjoy music and light refreshments while supplies last. Teens.

To learn more about the artist, visit www.kellieannedesigns. com





GYOTAKU "FISH PRINTING"

NOV 21 // 3:30PM EAST ROSWELL

Learn the ancient art of Gyotaku using a silicon replica of a fish to create a colorful imprint on a cotton tote.

Offered by the Fulton County Public Works Department.

Ages: 6-13. Registration is required.



STORYTIME WITH TREES ATLANTA

DEC 6 // 10:30AM **METROPOLITAN**

We are thrilled to welcome back our friends from Trees Atlanta for another fun and educational storytime experience! Please join us! Ages 3 to 5.

treesatlanta.org







DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS:

NEW YEAR SPECIAL 1-DAY EVENT

DEC 27 // 1:30PM // MILTON

For the first time in years, Orcus Claws has not been seen and the holidays went off without a hitch. But the new year is upon us and something is in the air... Can you and the party make sure the new year arrives without any evil happenings? Reservations Required. Ages 12+



CUBING AT PONCE

JAN 12 // 4:30PM // PONCE

Do you love the Rubik's cube and twisty puzzles? Are you interested in learning about the math behind twisty puzzles? Are you a puzzler and a competitor who is ready to connect with speedcubers outside of competition events? Then join your fellow puzzlers, develop your speedcubing skills and meet new friends at the Ponce Library! For ages 9-17







Coloring for Adults

WEST END // 2:00 PM

Join us for Adult Coloring for to reduce stress and anxiety. It's not just for kids anymore and a fun way to stay calm, unwind and discover your creativity. We will provide supplies and coloring sheets for the fall season. Adults.

ADULTS



Mindful Conversations for Women

NORTHEAST SPRUILL OAKS // 10:00 AM

Join our monthly group for women to discuss transitions in their lives. Life Coach, Sona Tank, will lead the discussion each month. Some topics covered include: letting dead things go like trees, an open house with yourself, and thankful mindset miracles.



Wed, Nov 22, 2023

11:00 AM - 5:00 PM // Metropolitan Library

Lots of people say they love to travel. They've got nothing on the Doctor. November 23rd marks sixty years (our time) and well over a thousand hours (their time) that the Doctor has spent wandering into new adventures in new places. The TARDIS hardly ever takes them where they wanted to go, but always where they NEED to go. Join us for an all day viewing of Doctor Who episodes!



Memory Music Class with Gail Burnett

MILTON // 2:00 PM

Join us for an ACTIVE MUSIC, ACTIVE BODIES, ACTIVE BRAINS class full of interactive, uplifting therapeutic music, encouragement and stories. We sing, 'dance', move, keep rhythm, and play instruments to timeless music. All of this helps stimulate brain function, while bringing joy and a lot of smiles! Presented by Gail Burnett, BA Music, Certified Dementia Practitioner, MBA.



Computer Class for Seniors

CASCADE // TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS JANUARY AND FEBRUARY // 10:30 AM.

Welcome to Chrome Essentials! This course will teach you the fundamentals of using a Chrome device, the internet, and email. Adults 50+. Space is limited to 10 people. Registration Required online at fulcolibrary.org/cascade

SERVICES OUT

This fall and winter the library's bookmobile will bring resources to our seniors, school-age children and new immigrants who live throughout Atlanta.

The bookmobile will visit the Cosby Spear Highrise and Trinity Towers, to share library resources and information with senior residents.

NOV 3RD // 10AM TO 11:30AM

COSBY SPEAR HIGHRISE

335 North Ave NE Atlanta, GA 30308

Come join the library's bookmobile for the annual Winter Resource Fair at the Sara J. González Park!





WINTER RESOURCE FAIR SARA J. GONZÁLEZ PARK

2411 Coronet Way NW Atlanta, GA 30318



TRINITY TOWERS

2611 Springdale Rd SW #608 Atlanta, GA 30315

Join us at the Mayor's Office of International and Immigrant Affairs, a Community Resource Event at the Park Vista Apartments.





1940 Fisher Rd SE,

Atlanta, GA 30315



ASK A RESOURCES

SOCIAL WORKER

Ask the Social Worker is an initiative that will be launched beginning in a few of the libraries in November 2023. It will be conducted by one of the social workers on the team that will provide walk-in services for community members. Clients can walk in and meet with a social worker and receive one-on-one services to assist with a job search, referrals for housing, obtaining documentation, SNAP application assistance, computer assistance and so much more.

This direct service can help to alleviate the stress of the clients from feelings of being overwhelmed and not sure where to start and it can also provide relief for the library staff by being able to refer the patron/client over to the social worker. The plan is to implement it in a few branches, see how well it does, and then possibly extend the service to other branches.

While there is no magic formula to erase every disruptive behavior you might encounter in the public library, you may now have a direct referral in your branch to help navigate what people may bring to your branch. The work ahead of us is only beginning and perhaps your understanding of social services will expand as well as you also meet with us to gain a better understanding and awareness of the program and what social services in the library has to offer. We hope you gain a belief that people can heal, and that the library is a place where healing can begin.

AUBURN AVENUE

RESEARCH LIBRARY

ANNUAL KWANZAA CELEBRATION featuring

ALL-SISTAH DANCE ENSEMBLE,

GIWAYEN MATA



HOLIDAY CULTURAL CELEBRATION

LIVE IN PERSON EVENT

SATURDAY, DEC 30, 2023 // 3:00 PM

Join the Auburn Avenue Research Library on African American Culture and History for its Annual Kwanzaa Celebration. This celebration commemorates the Afro-diasporic values of community and heritage enshrined by the cultural holiday of Kwanzaa. The program will feature African Dance performances by the All-Sistah Dance Ensemble Giwayen Mata, and remarks by educator and master of ceremonies, Dr. Chike Akua.



OUR SECRET SOCIETY:

Mollie Moon and the Glamour, Money, and Power Behind the Civil Rights Movement by Tanisha C. Ford

Author Discussion and Book Signing

The Auburn Avenue Research Library in collaboration with Charis Books and More will host Tanisha C. Ford who will discuss her latest book Our Secret Society: Mollie Moon and the Glamour, Money, and Power Behind the Civil Rights Movement.

Our Secret Society brilliantly illuminates a little known yet highly significant aspect of the civil rights movement that has been long overlooked—the powerhouse fundraising effort that supported the movement—the luncheons, galas, cabarets, and traveling exhibitions attended by middle-class and working-class Black families, the Negro press, and titans of industry, including Winthrop Rockefeller.

Historian and cultural critic Tanisha C. Ford brings Mollie Moon into focus as never before, charting her rise from Jim Crow Mississippi to doyenne of Manhattan and Harlem, where she became one of the most influential philanthropists of her time—a woman feared, resented, yet widely respected. She chronicles Mollie's larger-than-life antics through exhaustive research, never-before-revealed letters, and dozens of interviews.



THE RISK IT TAKES TO BLOOM: ON LIFE AND LIBERATION

Raquel Willis in conversation with TS Madison

Author Discussion and Book Signing

The Auburn Avenue Research Library in collaboration with Charis Books and More will host Raquel Willis in conversation with TS Madison to discuss her latest book. *The Risk It Takes to Bloom: On Life and Liberation.*

In *The Risk It Takes to Bloom*, Raquel Willis recounts with passion and candor her experiences straddling the Obama and Trump eras, the possibility of transformation after tragedy, and how complex moments can push us all to take necessary risks and bloom toward collective liberation.

Raquel Willis is an award-winning activist, author, and media strategist dedicated to Black transgender liberation. She has held groundbreaking posts, including director of communications for Ms. Foundation for Women, executive editor of Out magazine, and national organizer for Transgender Law Center.



Preschool S.T.E.A.M. Storytime

CENTRAL

WEDNESDAY, NOV 1, 2023

Explore S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology. Engineering. Arts. Math.) Concepts through stories, songs and hands-on activities all designed to challenge your child's thinking and problem solving skills. Ages 3-5 with a parent or caregiver

Make Your Video Pop

Premier

CLASSROOM 2A, TUESDAY,

DEC 12, 2023 // 3:00 PM

Do you make videos at home? Have your own YouTube channel? Unsure of how to elevate your video? Join us to learn basic video editing skills! Check our website for more information.









What Would You Do? An Unconscious Bias Game

MONDAY, NOV 20, 2023 // 6:30 PM

Join us for a virtual program complimenting the Smithsonian Institute, *The Bias Inside Us* exhibit. We will challenge our own bias in the interactive "What Would You Do?" Game presented by The CLU Studio. This game is designed to help players understand how their own bias can influence their decisions.

Fairy, Flit & Flutter

Come join us for the First Annual Fairy Festival Conference and Convention! There will be storytelling, music, face painting, book signing, and more as we celebrate local author and storyteller, Mama KoKu and her latest book, *Little Black Fairy*.



LOCATIONS

CENTRAL LIBRARY

One Margaret Mitchell Square Atlanta • 404.612.8700

AUBURN AVENUE RESEARCH LIBRARY

101 Auburn Avenue NE Atlanta • 404.613.4001

ADAMS PARK

2231 Campbellton Rd. Atlanta • 404.612.9200

ADAMSVILLE/COLLIER

3424 Martin Luther King Jr., Dr, Atlanta • 404.613.7330

ALPHARETTA

10 Park Plaza

BUCKHEAD

296 Buckhead Ave NE Atlanta • 404.613.7350

EVELYN G. LOWERY LIBRARY AT CASCADE

3665 Cascade Road SW

CLEVELAND AVENUE

COLLEGE PARK

3647 Main Street Atlanta • 404.612.9601

EAST ATLANTA

400 Flat Shoals Ave. SE Atlanta • 404.613.7320

EAST POINT

2757 Main Street East Point • 404.613.1050

EAST ROSWELL

2301 Holcomb Bridge Road Roswell • 404.613.4050

FAIRBURN

60 Valley View Drive Fairburn • 404.613.5750

GLADYS S. DENNARD LIBRARY AT SOUTH FULTON

Union City • 404.613.3092

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1463 Pryor Road Atlanta • 404.613.5771

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

MECHANICS VILLE

METROPOLITAN

Atlanta • 404.613.5772

MILTON

855 Mayfield Road Milton • 404.613.4402

NORTHEAST/SPRUILL OAKS

9560 Spruill Road Johns Creek • 404.613.7300

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3295 Northside Parkway NW Atlanta • 404.613.6870

NORTHWEST

2489 Perry Boulevard NW Atlanta • 404.613.4364

OCEE

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9111 Cascade Palmetto Hwy Palmetto • 404.613.4075

PEACHTREE

Atlanta • 404.885.7830

ROSWELL

115 Norcross Street Roswell • 404.612.9700

SANDY SPRINGS

395 Mount Vernon Hwy Sandy Springs • 404.612.7000

WASHINGTON PARK

1116 Martin Luther King Jr Drive,

WEST END

525 Peeples Street SW Atlanta • 404.613.8000

WOLF CREEK

3100 Enon Road