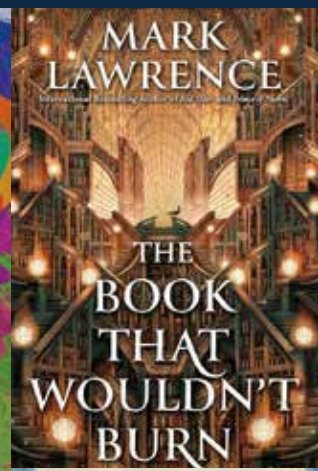
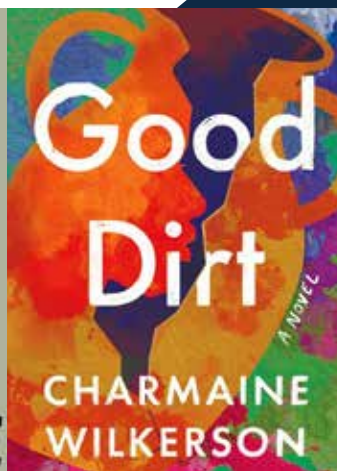
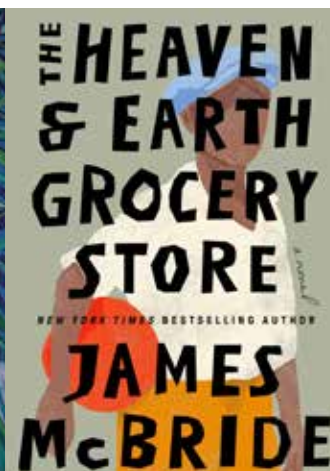
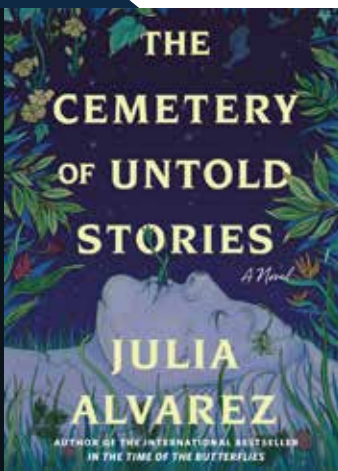
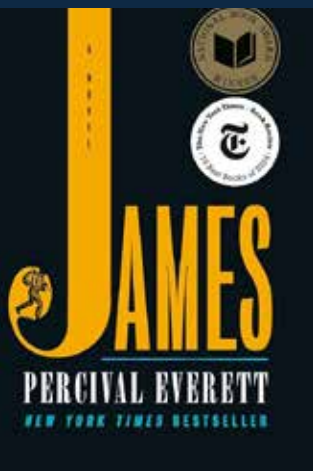


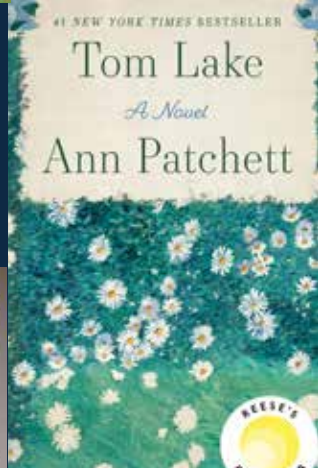
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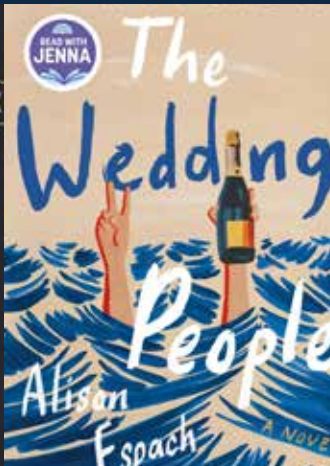
RESOLVE TO READ



A BIG READ IS COMING...BUT WHICH ONE?  
**ONE BOOK, ONE READ**



**8-9**  
CELEBRATING NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK



**15**  
EXPLORING OUR ONE BOOK ONE READ CHOICES

# LIBRARY Access



## 8-9

### **DRAWN TO FULCOLIBRARY: NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK**

What draws people to the library? Everything! From books and digital resources to job assistance and creative programming, libraries are essential to thriving communities. This National Library Week, take time to rediscover the library and see how it draws us together as a community.



### **UNVEILING THE SPECIAL EDITION AUBURN AVENUE LIBRARY CARD**

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### **LIFETIME OF LIBRARY LOVE**

Alpharetta volunteers, Ben and Linda Statham, celebrate retirement from thirty-five years of service to the Alpharetta Friends Group.

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### **CELEBRATE WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH**

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Discover Women's History Month events at libraries throughout the county, from author talks to film festivals.



### **2025 YEAR IN REVIEW**

Exploring FulcoLibrary's 2024 Impact: A Data-Driven Look at Our Reach and Impact across 16 Cities and 34 Libraries.

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### **ONE BOOK. ONE COMMUNITY. ONE READ.**

But what story will bring us together this time? Our next One Book, One Read selection is on the horizon, and the anticipation is building.



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WILL YOU HELP

# UNLOCK POSSIBILITIES?

**No matter what you need, you can find it at the library.**

In 2024, Fulton County Libraries welcomed 4,971,874 digital and in-person visits - each one representing a unique need and opportunity.

For children eagerly picking out their next summer reading adventure, grandmothers earning their high school diploma online, and neighbors using library computers to apply for new jobs, the library is a vital community hub.

Your support for the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library Foundation helps fund essential programs, including early literacy, job readiness, digital access, and more. Every gift matters. Your donation empowers learning, fuels curiosity, and strengthens our community.

**Give today and help unlock possibilities!**

Make your gift today at [afplf.org](https://afplf.org)



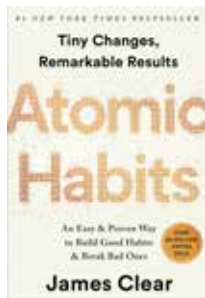
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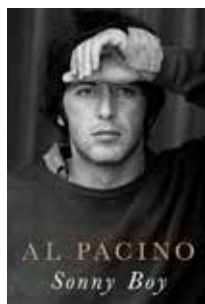
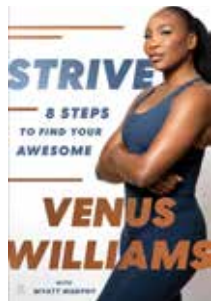
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## What I'm Reading



**ATOMIC HABITS**  
BY JAMES CLEAR

**STRIVE: 8 STEPS TO FIND YOUR AWESOME**  
BY VENUS WILLIAMS



**SONNY BOY**  
BY AL PACINO

Please join me in looking ahead with anticipation to a fascinating spring. It may be filled with wonder and surprise, but you will meet the moment. Go outside and spot a butterfly; look for a bird perched high in the trees; and contemplate a snail, slowly crossing the road.

The beauty and awe of nature can delight and inspire us. The creatures we observe may lie around all day; or appear to be nuisances; but they can teach us to revel in their presence with appreciation.

They can make us take time to reflect on them and to recall childhood memories. One memory especially dear to me was when, as a 10-year-old, I used to love playing hopscotch with my friends. We would spend spring and summer days,

whenever possible, engaged in the merriment found in that simple activity. Afterwards, I would go inside and get immersed in reading a book, helping to make dinner, and then reading a few more pages.

You are encouraged to find your passion in spring's reawakening. First, stop at your neighborhood library and check out a book. I am convinced there will always be something you can find to read or research once you step inside a library. The brick-and-mortar buildings await you. However, online materials are available anytime you want to electronically take the library with you.

Be sure to carry your library card with you and keep it in good standing. With your card, you will always be ready when you find yourself at the library.



**What Is Wrong  
With You**  
by Paul Rudnick

Find out what happens in Paul Rudnick's heartfelt new novel, which dares to pose the question essential to anyone who's ever been in love: What Is Wrong with You?



**Cat's People**  
by Tanya Guerrero

A stray cat brings together five strangers over the course of one fateful summer in this heartwarming novel about love, found family, and the power of connection.

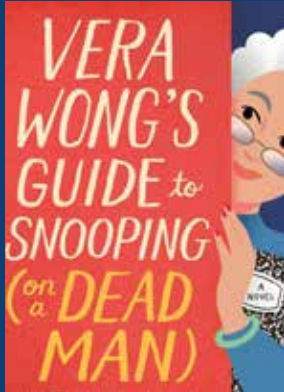


**You Got This:**  
**Recipes Anyone Can Make and  
Everyone Will Love** by Diane Morrisey

In these 100, simple recipes Diane Morrisey shows how anyone—whether you're a new or seasoned cook—can pull together a meal in a cinch.

**NEW  
ON  
SHELVES**

**Vera Wong's Guide  
to Snooping (On a  
Dead Man)**  
by Jesse Q.  
Sutanto



Vera Wong is back and as meddling as ever in this follow-up to the hit Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers. Ever since a man was found dead in Vera's teahouse, life has been good. For Vera that is.

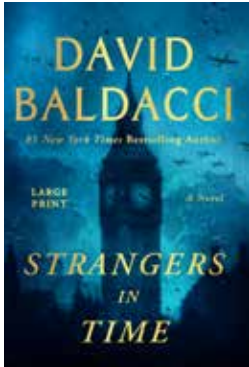
**Happy Land**  
by Dolen Perkins-Valdez



A woman learns the astonishing truth of her family's ties to a vanished American Kingdom in this transporting multi-generational novel about the stories that shape us and the dazzling courage it takes to dream.

**Strangers in  
Time** by  
David Baldacci

In London in 1944, a bereaved book shop owner and two teenagers scarred by the second world war, find healing and hope in one another.



# Lifetime of LIBRARY LOVE

## VOLUNTEER SERVICES

**Celebrating thirty-three years of volunteering and love with Alpharetta Volunteers, Ben and Linda Statham**



Love for each other, for books and of libraries kept 33 year volunteers Ben and Linda Statham serving at the Alpharetta Library and leading the Friends of the Alpharetta Library. Ben has over 31,187 volunteer hours setting up monthly book sales and won every volunteer award offered. Linda has over 10,729 hours at book sales and as the record keeper, secretary and treasurer of the Friends group. The Stathams continue to state the success of the Alpharetta Friends is a team effort, but this duo has contributed more attention, heart, talent and time than any other group.

Staff and volunteers describe them as consistent, dedicated and humorous leaders. They are very passionate about education and literacy, believing and showing libraries help change lives. Everything they do reflects these values. Ben has recruited and managed a book sale volunteer force, giving people in the Alpharetta area (and beyond) who love books and libraries a chance to contribute to this community and be a part of something

important. Other Friends Groups look to them for guidance and regular shoppers enthusiastically return each month because of their relationships.

Alpharetta staff shared, "Ben and Linda are very special people and we are so lucky to have worked with them. They are very dedicated to this branch, put in a lot of time and effort and love sharing their passion for books. They have huge hearts and are invaluable to both the community and to the library. Their years managing the FOTAL book sales has made possible countless new library programs and materials."

They have distinguished themselves as servant leaders who have made an impact on this reader, our library system, our patrons, our staff and our volunteers. Thank you both and best wishes on your next retirement adventure.



- 1** Ben and Linda Statham are all smiles at the City of Alpharetta Proclamation celebrating the Friends impact in the community.
- 2** Linda Statham helped award the youngest Friends volunteers for their service at the book sales.
- 3** Linda and Ben Statham honored in 2024 for their top volunteer hours.
- 4**
- 5** Ben Statham moved heavy boxes at the library, recycling center and storage.

# LET'S CELEBRATE



2024 was an instrumental year for FulcoLibrary's Social Services team. From branch referrals to client walk-ins and new community partnerships, FulcoLibrary provided support and services for over 895 patrons. Requests range from clients fleeing domestic violence, assistance with immigration services, seniors seeking assistance with Medicare enrollment, connections for senior home improvements, to helping clients get document ready, and offering assistance to the homeless population.

Throughout the year, the social services team conducted 89 "Ask the Social Worker" sessions, allowing patrons to make appointments with a social worker or walk in and seek social services from their local library branch. By providing this service, clients and families now have a familiar face at the library, providing the security of a safe place to turn for assistance with private and personal matters.

In 2024, FulcoLibrary's Social Services team also launched "Helping Mamas" at the Hapeville Library, where families can pick up diapers and period products, with plans to launch in more branches in 2025. Look out for more positive impacts from this program in the coming year. No one should ever have to decide between purchasing diapers or purchasing food, and now there is a service to help fill that gap for families in need.

The Social Services team is always looking for ways, big and small, to make an impact in Fulton County libraries. Please reach out to your local branch to find out more about ways to partner with FulcoLibrary's Social Services team or where to seek assistance.



Register for an upcoming #AskASocialWorker event by reaching out to your local library branch or emailing [askthesocialworker@fultoncountyga.gov](mailto:askthesocialworker@fultoncountyga.gov).

## FULCOLIBRARY in the COMMUNITY



### 2025 Summer Internship Fair & Expo

March 4 // 10 - 2PM  
Atlanta City Hall  
55 Trinity Avenue SW, 30303

Library Outreach is joining this career event for eligible college students. For questions, contact [talent@atlantaga.gov](mailto:talent@atlantaga.gov)



### Atlanta Science Festival

March 22 // 10AM - 5PM  
Piedmont Park  
Atlanta, GA 30309

Kids will enjoy exploring the STEM equipment, Snap Circuits and learn about solar power with our solar-powered charger.



### Happy Hearts Family Fest

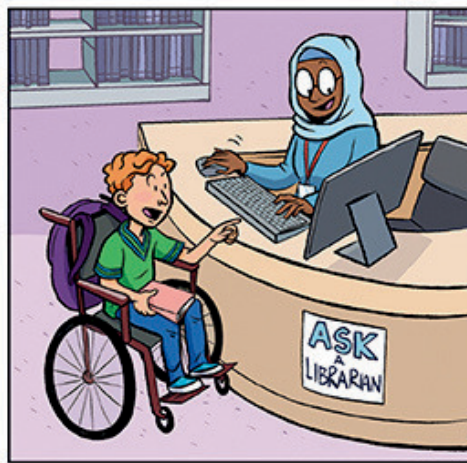
April 26 // 11AM - 1PM  
Quality Care for Children  
3 Corporate Blvd NE Suite 230, 30329

The Fulton County Library Outreach will join the Georgia Association for the Education of Young Children (GAEYC) and GPB's Early Childhood Education team for this event focusing on mental health for children.

# DRAWN TO

# FULCO LIBRARY

CELEBRATE  
NATIONAL  
LIBRARY WEEK  
APRIL 2025



**REDISCOVER FULCOLIBRARY THIS  
NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK AND SEE  
HOW IT DRAWS  
US TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY.**

### What draws people to the library? Everything!

From books and digital resources to job assistance and creative programming, libraries are essential to thriving communities.

National Library Week, April 6–12, 2025, is a time to celebrate the many ways libraries bring people together, spark imagination, and support lifelong learning.

At FulcoLibrary, we invite the community to join the celebration! Whether you're a longtime patron or haven't visited in a while, now

is the perfect time to explore all the library has to offer. Our library provides free books and materials, Wi-Fi, digital collections, career workshops, STEAM programs, and much more, ensuring that everyone has access to resources that educate, inspire, and connect.

Whatever draws you in, the library has something for everyone. FulcoLibrary serves as hubs for learning, creativity, and connection, helping people of all ages explore new ideas and opportunities.

### Discover National Library Events Near You

Visit us online at [fulcolibrary.org/events](https://fulcolibrary.org/events)





# FULCO KIDS - TEENS



## Neurodivergent Stories and Tunes

March 17 // 3:30 PM  
Roswell

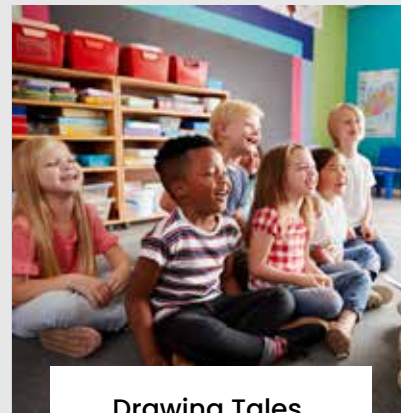
Join Miss Jessica for Neurodivergent Stories and Tunes, a special small group storytime geared towards neurodivergent patrons. Registration Required. No official diagnosis necessary to attend.  
For Ages 4 – 8.



## STEM: Animal Camouflage

March 26 // 3:30 PM  
East Roswell

We investigate how protective coloring can help animals hide from predators and prey and then conduct a camouflage toothpick experiment.  
Ages 6-12.



## Drawing Tales Storytime for National Library Week

April 10 // 2 PM  
East Atlanta

Join us for stories and activities. Every child receives a fun activity book to celebrate National Library Week.



## GeekCraft: Fairy Houses

April 11 // 1PM  
Milton

Join us for a reprise of our GeekCraft: Fairy Houses. This was a fan favorite, and we wanted to bring it back for a second chance for those who missed it the first time. Staff will be on hand to assist and guide you as you create your house. For teens, ages 13 to 17.



## Study Hall

May 5 // 4 PM  
Martin Luther King Jr.

A great opportunity for students to gain assistance with their homework and projects. Just drop by the library, and Mr. Ram will be here to assist. Teens and children are welcome.



## Anime Club

May 7 // 4 PM  
Louise Watley Library  
at Southeast

Watch anime, read manga, draw, fold origami and play games during our Anime Club meeting!  
Kids and Teens, ages 8 to 14



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## Container/Contained: Phil Freelon Design Strategies for Telling African American Stories MUSEUM EXHIBITION

Explore the visionary work of renowned African American architect Philip G. Freelon (1953–2019) in a powerful new exhibition.

Freelon is the mind behind AARL, the National Center for Civil and Human Rights, and the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture.

Freelon argued architecture should be more than a container, that it should help tell the story of and be integral to the content of these public institutions. This exhibition documents and analyzes the strategies Freelon's team used to connect the forms, materials, and meanings of their projects and the histories and cultures of the communities they celebrated. *March 8 - June 30*

### GALLERY TALK + OPENING RECEPTION

Two Opportunities:  
Saturday, March 8 // 6PM  
Friday, May 2 // 6:30PM

## A LEGACY IN ART: EXPLORING CHARLY PALMER AND THE SPECIAL EDITION AUBURN AVENUE RESEARCH

# Library Card



Celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Auburn Avenue Research

Library (AARL), the Fulton County Library System and the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library Foundation commissioned a special edition library card, honoring the library's history and African American culture in Atlanta. Designed by acclaimed artist Charly Palmer, the card pays tribute to Annie McPheeters, a trailblazer for libraries in Black communities.

Palmer, a visual artist with over 40 years of experience, describes himself: "I'm a dreamer." Having attended AARL's grand opening and showcased his work there, Palmer was thrilled to join this project.

"I immediately asked for references—photographs of Annie McPheeters, old images of the library, anything that could inspire me."

His research informed a collage intertwining historical elements with Atlanta landmarks. Starting with quick sketches or "thumbnails," Palmer refined concepts to capture his vision.

After initial approval of a design featuring 1920s women, he discovered a photo of Black children holding state signs. Inspired, he reimagined it with words like "courage," "strength," and "intelligence."

**"When there's a printed item, whether it's a card or a book, I live forever," Palmer says. "I'm now a part of this library, a part of its history." The original artwork will be permanently displayed at AARL.**

A signed library card is available now at the Auburn Avenue Research Library on a first-come, first-served basis.

Early concept of the AARL card



Commemorating the card with AARL Administrator, Victor Simmons, Jr.; Artist, Charly Palmer; and Director, Gayle Holloman



# CENTRAL LIBRARY

## In Celebration of Women's History Month with Vanessa Miller

March 22 // 2PM

Join us for an inspiring conversation with best-selling author, playwright, and motivational speaker Vanessa Miller, alongside author Vanessa Riley. Miller will share insights into her upcoming novel, *The Filling Station*—a powerful historical fiction set during the Jim Crow era, highlighting themes of resilience and community.



## Artist in Residence with Etienne Jackson

Throughout April // First Floor

Etienne, born in Tuskegee, Alabama and graduate of Morehouse College and Georgia State University, is an accomplished sculptor, woodworker, and metal fabricator. Come check out his work through the month of April in Studio A at Central's Artist in Residency space.



## The Literary Café: A Book Tasting at Central Library

April 11 // 3 PM

Join us for a book tasting where you can explore a variety of genres, sample new reads, and discover your next favorite book!

Browse, take notes, and discuss with fellow readers in a fun, café-style setting—no reservations needed!

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

Wednesdays // March 5 – May 29 // 11AM



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

## Best Buy Teen Tech Center Home School Program

Mondays – Fridays // March – May // 11AM - 2PM

Home school parents and children can explore S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) concepts and programs through hand craft making, digital drawing and other hands-on activities all designed to challenge your children's thinking and problem-solving skills. Learn to create, and master new technology such as virtual reality, photography, photoshop, sewing, coding, 3D printing and recording music/beats.



# 2025 YEAR IN REVIEW



Total Library Visits  
**4,971,874**



In-Person Visits  
**2,447,672**



Chromebook Circulations  
**2,749**

## VISITS AND INTERACTIONS



Website Users  
**2,524,202**



Ask-A-Librarians Total Assisted  
**4,069**

## IMPACT AND REACH



Customer Satisfaction  
**97%**



Newsletter Subscribers  
**173,597**  
**30,353 NEW**

## FULCOLIBRARY BOOKS AND MATERIALS

Physical Checkouts   
**2,277,686**

Virtual Checkouts   
**1,983,257**

Digital Users   
**426,278**

Hoopla Checkouts   
**420,779**

OverDrive Checkouts   
**1,318,092**

Kanopy Checkouts   
**84,387**

### facebook

New Followers  
**450**

All Followers  
**10,352**

Interactions  
**214,310**

### You Tube

New Subscribers  
**214**

All Subscribers  
**903**

Video Views  
**50,729**

### Instagram

New Followers  
**1,015**

All Followers  
**6,095**

Interactions  
**36,745**

### TikTok

New Followers  
**457**

All Followers  
**710**

Interactions  
**20,000**

## FULCO SOCIALS

## ONE BOOK ONE READ

**The Measure**  
by Nikki Erlick

Author Visit Attendees  
**350**

Measure Book Clubs  
**26**

Print + Virtual Checkouts  
**2,665**

## VOLUNTEER SERVICES



Total Volunteers  
**1,869**

Total New Volunteers  
**903**

Processed Applications  
**2,108**

Branches Hosting Volunteers  
**33**

Shelving Volunteers  
**586**

Program Volunteers  
**952**

Volunteer Hours  
**50,201**

Total Friends Groups  
**22**

# FULCOLIBRARY PROGRAMS

All Programs  
**10,403**

All Attendees  
**211,667**

## CHILDREN

Programs  
**3,932**  
Attendees  
**107,091**

## TEENS

Programs  
**1,827**  
Attendees  
**19,012**

## ADULTS

Programs  
**3,951**  
Attendees  
**47,892**

## ADVENTURE BEGINS AT YOUR LIBRARY. SUMMER READING

Total Participants  
**13,725**

Total Books Read  
**77,935**



## SOCIAL SERVICES

Patrons Served

**895**

Housing Referrals

**245**

Total Ask a Social Worker Events

**94**

Computer Assistance

**86**

## BOOKMOBILE OUTREACH



Outreach Programs

**31**

Total Outreach Served

**15,684**

Library Cards Issued

**233**

## Auburn Avenue Research Library

on African American Culture and History

In Person Programs

**132**

Programming Support Hours

**570**

In Person Attendees

**4,798**

Virtual Programs

**3**

Reference Research Support Hours

**405**



## CENTRAL LIBRARY

In-Person Programs  
**408**

In-Person Attendees  
**8,414**

GED Tests Administered  
**459**

GED Test Takers  
**237**  
*(40 Graduates)*

Best Buy Teen Tech Center Programs

**262**

Best Buy Teen Tech Center Served

**1,228**

Art & Gallery Exhibits

**19**

Art & Gallery Guests

**2,250**

Event Space Bookings

**24**

Event Space Guests

**1,913**

Career Online High School

**78 Applicants**

**24 Applicants who completed prerequisites**

**12 Students Awarded Scholarships**

**2 Graduates**

### SHARE YOUR 2024

Did you enjoy 2024 at FulcoLibrary? Share your favorite library memories with us on social media by tagging us at #fulcolibrary.

# → FULCO ADULTS

## DID YOU KNOW: SHE DIRECTED THAT? FILM FESTIVAL

METROPOLITAN // VARIOUS

Celebrate National Women's History Month with a showing of women-directed films.

- *March 10th, 6PM,*  
"The Decline of Western Civilization Part II: The Metal Years" by Penelope Speeris
- *March 17, 5:30PM*  
"Can't Stop The Music" by Nancy Walker
- *March 24, 5:30PM*  
"Point Break" by Kathryn Bigelow
- *March 31, 6PM*  
"One Night in Miami" by Regina King



## CELEBRATING THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF PAUL REVERE

APRIL 8 // 6:30PM  
MILTON

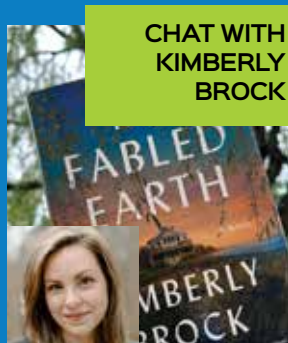
Join us and special guest lecturer Dr. Marianne Holdzkom from Kennesaw State University as she presents a look at the historical importance of Paul Revere's Midnight Ride. Part of the Milton Historical Society Lecture Series.



## STAGE AND SCREEN ACTING WORKSHOP W/ WILLIAM MORROW

EVERY 4TH TUESDAY  
4PM // PALMETTO

Whether you are a new or a veteran actor, join us in this workshop that specializes in teaching some easy-to-learn techniques used by many great performers. These techniques help bring focus and believability to acting roles.



## CHAT WITH KIMBERLY BROCK

MARCH 8 // 2PM  
SANDY SPRINGS LIBRARY  
Award-winning author Kimberly Brock discusses *The Fabled Earth*. She founded Tinderbox Writers Workshop and lectures at events like the Pat Conroy Literary Center.



## PUBLISHING CHILDREN'S BOOKS

MARCH 8 // 2:30PM  
EAST ROSWELL

This workshop covers the basics of publishing a children's book. We will also discuss finding an illustrator and the illustration process. Presented by BookLogix.



## SEWING 101

MARCH 4 & 18 // 6PM  
GLADYS S. DENNARD LIBRARY  
AT SOUTH FULTON

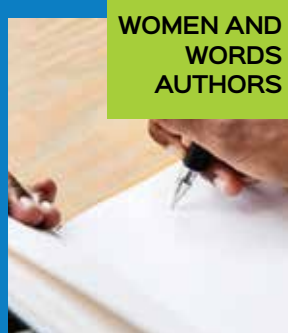
Learn sewing basics: threading, bobbin winding, stitch settings, and troubleshooting! Bring your sewing machine, fabric, and thread. Registration required; space is limited.



## DEMENTIA: WHAT EVERYONE SHOULD KNOW

MAR 21 // 10:30AM  
SANDY SPRINGS

Join us for quarterly dementia workshops, hosted by Sandy Springs Library and Fulton County Library with the Alzheimer's Association. Learn about symptoms, preparation, and caregiving.



## WOMEN AND WORDS AUTHORS

MARCH 22 // 1PM  
WOLF CREEK

Enjoy an afternoon of women literary voices, author book signings, vision board activity, meet the new Wolf Creek Friends group members or just enjoy mingling with other participants.



## PYSANKY- UKRAINIAN EASTER EGG DECORATING

MARCH 29 // 2PM  
OCEE

Decorate a traditional Ukrainian Pysanka Easter egg using hot beeswax, dye, and a stylus to create beautiful folk designs.

# ONE BOOK. ONE COMMUNITY



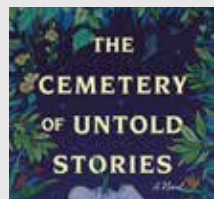
But what story will bring us together this time? Our next One Book, One Read selection is on the horizon, and the anticipation is building. Can you guess which one of these books will spark discussions, inspire ideas, and connect readers across our community? Stay tuned!

## One Read.



**The Book That Wouldn't Burn**  
by Mark Lawrence

Two strangers find themselves connected by a vast and mysterious library containing many wonders and still more secrets.



**The Cemetery of Untold Stories**  
by Julia Alvarez

Literary icon Julia Alvarez shares an inventive and emotional novel about storytelling and her homeland of the Dominican Republic.



**Good Dirt**  
by Charmaine Wilkerson

The daughter of an affluent Black family pieces together the connection between a childhood tragedy and a beloved heirloom.



**The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store**  
by James McBride

In 1972, when workers in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, were digging the foundations for a new development, the last thing they expected to find was a skeleton at the bottom of a well.



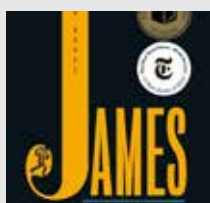
**How to Build a Fashion Icon**  
by Law Roach

From Law Roach, award-winning celebrity stylist and the world's only image architect, comes a guide to becoming your ultimate, confident self.



**The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue**  
by V.E. Schwab

France, 1714: In a moment of desperation, a young woman makes a Faustian bargain to live forever--and is cursed to be forgotten by everyone she meets.



**James**  
by Percival Everett

A brilliant, action-packed reimagining of *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, both harrowing and ferociously funny, told from the enslaved Jim's point of view.



**The Memory Library**  
by Kate Storey

When Ella Harrison learns that her mother, Sally, has suffered a fall, she doesn't know what to do. She and Sally have been estranged for many years, only texting and talking occasionally.



**Tom Lake**  
by Ann Patchett

Lara's three twentysomething daughters are back home in northern Michigan, thanks to the COVID-19 lockdown, just in time to harvest the cherries.



**The Wedding People**  
by Alison Espach

It's a beautiful day in Newport, Rhode Island, when Phoebe Stone arrives at the grand Cornwall Inn wearing a green dress and gold heels, not a bag in sight, alone.

### WHAT IS **ONE BOOK ONE READ**

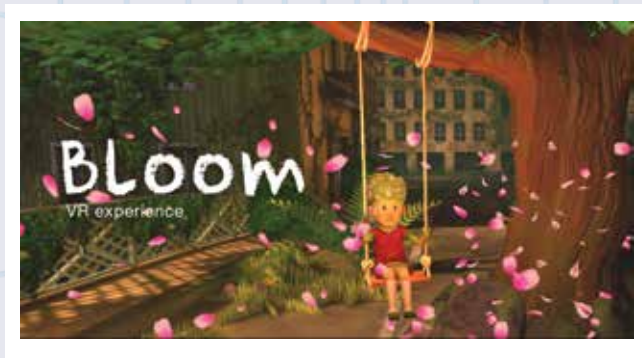
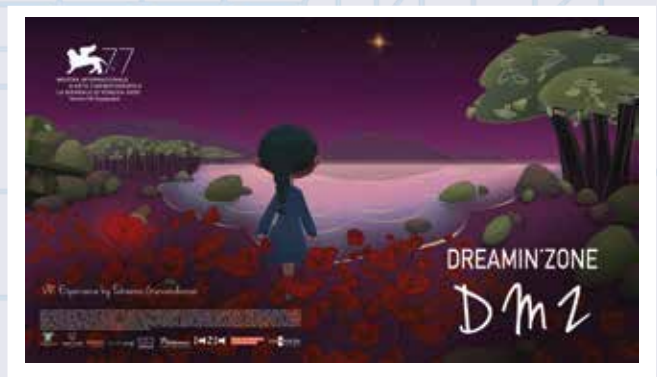
The goal of the One Book, One Read program is to get as many people across Fulton County reading, talking about, and engaging with the same book, as well as, promoting conversations, community building, and literacy all while having fun with your friends, family, and neighbors.

# IMMERSIVE HORIZONS

VR FILMS FROM FRANCE TO FULTON

March - April 2025

Immerse yourself in groundbreaking virtual reality films and experiences that transport you across cultures and perspectives all at FulcoLibrary! Don't miss this free, limited-time event at select libraries. Ages 10+



## SCHEDULE

**Monday, March 17 - Saturday, March 29**

Wolf Creek, Central, Roswell, Buckhead

**Monday, April 7 - Saturday, April 19**

Metropolitan, Milton, Joan P. Garner Library  
@ Ponce, Sandy Springs

**Monday, April 28 - Saturday, May 10**

Palmetto, East Roswell, Kirkwood, East Point

Visit any of these libraries to find a screening near you and step into a world of immersive storytelling. For more info, visit [PublicArtFuturesLab.com/ImmersiveHorizons](https://PublicArtFuturesLab.com/ImmersiveHorizons).

