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Stop in and explore the Dr. Keith E. Baird Collection at Auburn Avenue



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NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR

**GAYLE
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HOLLOMAN**



Hello everybody! Let's rush into summer 2025 with as much speed as possible!!! It seems we all need some fun, games, vacations, and anything that can bring rest and relaxation. Perhaps some porch sitting, and lemonade drinking are on the horizon. Or you may take that long-needed get-away to near or distant places. But whatever you do, include some time for learning and sharing knowledge or leaving someone wanting to read that book you keep talking about and recommending.

Also, ask a friend, or ask a Library employee their recommendation for a great summer read. The wonderful weather will beacon you to visit a beach or your deck. You may find yourself sitting with the windows open and the curtains pulled back to catch some air. All these things may serve to help you revisit a distant memory of quiet and lazy days.

You may find yourself being adventurous, and going on that road trip via a motorcycle, feeling the wind against your face, as was the case for me, when I was 19 years old and riding with a friend. Best fun ever! It was scary but the wind was awesome.

You might take a break from riding and stop into a library to take a class, join a craft program, or listen to music. You might find a canyon to sit and view and pass away the time.

It may be that you have a different take on summer fun but try to take the library with you. There's a book available for your interest. Maybe it's your time to plan the family reunion; or you want to spend long days researching your genealogy. Get going and do it.

Summer of 2025 is the time to make it happen. Flip through these pages and find your moment.



What I'm Reading



SAY YOU'LL REMEMBER ME
BY ABBY JIMENEZ



THE GREAT GATSBY
BY F. SCOTT FITZGERALD



JAMES
BY PERCIVAL EVERETT

Soak up Stories this summer with a Library Card!

Sign up for a library card and unlock books, movies, events, and more—free fun for all ages, all season long!



LIBRARY FOUNDATION

FAMILY'S GIFT EXPANDS ACCESS TO KOREAN CHILDREN'S BOOKS



Ryan Brainard and Joomi Lee share a love for literacy and the Korean language. It is what first brought them together – they met during a language exchange program in San Francisco – and has become an important family value as they raise their two young daughters.

"Libraries are so important in Korea and they were an important part of my childhood. I wanted my children—and other second and third generation children—to feel that way too," said Joomi.

The couple visit the Ocee Branch frequently with their children, and they enjoy the welcoming facility and staff, but there were not many Korean books in the children's section. With a significant Korean population living in the area, the need for more culturally representative materials was clear. They reached out to the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library Foundation to see if there was something they could do to help. The ... collections team researched and identified 28 books — many of which they'd already read to their own children. The couple made a gift to the Library Foundation to add the titles to the collection

Since arriving, the new books haven't stayed on Ocee's shelves long. Requests have come in from across the Library System, with families transferring the titles to other branches. Their donation is helping young readers across Fulton County access stories in their heritage language, strengthening both literacy skills and cultural identity.

For Ryan and Joomi, it's a perfect example of the library's power to support community needs. "It's the discoverability," said Ryan. "Kids can come in and just stumble across these on the shelves. That's awesome."

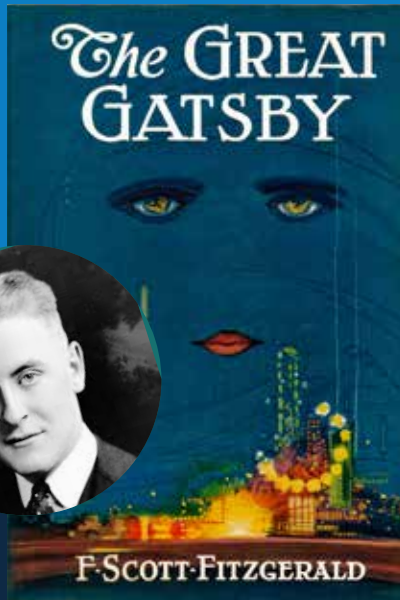


SUPPORT YOUR LIBRARY TODAY!

The Atlanta-Fulton Public Library Foundation serves as an advocate and fundraising champion for the Fulton County Library System, providing financial support to all 34 branches. Through the Foundation, corporations, foundations and individuals like YOU support education and employment, enhance digital access and technological resources, and promote community engagement.

Find out more and give today at afplf.org.

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF THE THE GREAT GATSBY



As we mark the 100th anniversary of *The Great Gatsby*, F. Scott Fitzgerald's timeless novel continues to captivate readers with its haunting portrayal of the American Dream. First published in 1925, the story of Jay Gatsby's lavish parties, unrelenting longing, and tragic downfall remains a mirror reflecting the hopes, illusions, and disillusionments of a nation. Its lyrical prose, complex characters, and critique of wealth and class have secured its place as one of the most iconic and enduring works in American literature. A century later, *The Great Gatsby* still speaks to the

heart of what it means to dream.

Published on April 10, 1925, by Charles Scribner's Sons, *The Great Gatsby* has been developed into a variety of forms, including film, television, stage plays, and even graphic novels. There have been four major movie adaptations, along with various television specials, a Broadway musical, and a short film. Additionally, the novel has been translated into at least 42 languages and adapted into various illustrated editions.

SO, YOU LOVED THE GREAT GATSBY

READ THESE NOVELS NEXT!



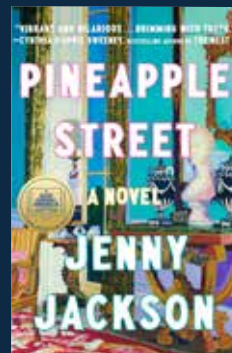
Bonfire of the Vanities by Tom Wolfe

A Wall Street bond trader's perfectly manicured life spins out of control in this novel about status, racial and class divisions, and power in 1980s New York.



Trust by Hernan Diaz

Even through the roar and effervescence of the 1920s, everyone in New York has heard of Benjamin and Helen Rask. He is a legendary Wall Street tycoon; she is the daughter of eccentric aristocrats.



Pineapple Street by Jenny Jackson

Darley, the eldest daughter in the well-connected, old money Stockton family, followed her heart, trading her job and her inheritance for motherhood but giving up far too much in the process.



The Chosen and the Beautiful by Nghi Vo

Jordan Baker grows up in the most rarefied circles of 1920s American society—she enjoys money, education, a killer golf handicap, and invitations to some of the most exclusive parties of the Jazz Age.

NEW ON SHELVES



Atmosphere

by Taylor Jenkins Reid

In 1980, professor Joan begins training for the Space Shuttle in Houston with Top Gun pilot Hank, scientist John, mission specialist Lydia, warm-hearted Donna, and aeronautical engineer Vanessa, who become unlikely friends—until December of 1984, on mission STS-LR9, when everything changes in an instant.



Meet Me at the Crossroads

by Megan Giddings

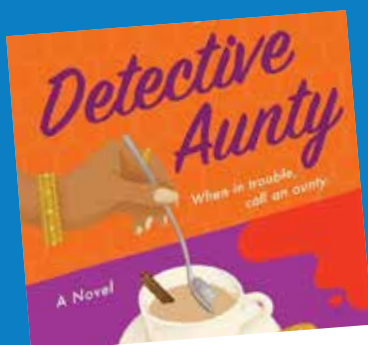
From the award-winning, critically-acclaimed author of *Lakewood* and *The Women Could Fly*, a dazzling novel about two brilliant sisters and what happens to their undeniable bond when a mysterious and possibly perilous new world beckons.



Cry Havoc

by Jack Carr

Amidst the turbulent backdrop of 1968, Navy SEAL Tom Reece navigates a clandestine mission across Vietnam and beyond, uncovering a Soviet plot that threatens to reshape global power in a high-stakes tale of espionage, betrayal, and brutal realism.



Detective Aunty

by Uzma Jalaluddin

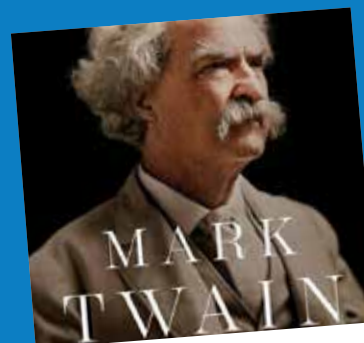
When her grown daughter is suspected of murder, a charming and tenacious widow digs into the case to unmask the real killer in this twisty, page-turning whodunnit.



Run for the Hills

by Kevin Wilson

Madeline Hill and her mom have lived alone on their Coalfield, Tennessee farm since her dad left. Then Reuben Hill rolls up in a PT Cruiser, claims she's his half-sister, and invites her on a wild road trip to find their father and other siblings.



Mark Twain

by Ron Chernow

Pulitzer Prize-winning biographer Ron Chernow illuminates the full, fascinating, and complex life of the writer long celebrated as the father of American literature, Mark Twain.



Summer Reading

2025

COME SEE US AT ZOO ATLANTA FAMILY DAYS

Saturday, August 10
9:00 AM-3:00 PM
800 Cherokee Ave SE, Atlanta, GA 30315

Stop by the Fulton County Library table to register for a library card and pick up a good book. Free admission to Zoo Atlanta will be available on a walk-up, first-come, first-served basis. Free parking will be provided at the Cherokee Avenue parking lot and the Grant Park Gateway facility on Boulevard.

For more details, visit zooatlanta.org.



VISIT THE BOOKMOBILE AT SOUTH FULTON LIBRARY

Tuesday, June 17
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
4055 Flat Shoals Rd,
Union City, GA 30291



Bringing COLOR to your Corner



VISIT THE BOOKMOBILE AT EAST ROSWELL LIBRARY

Tuesday, June 24
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
2301 Holcomb Bridge Rd,
Roswell, GA 30076

This summer, we're hitting the road and coming to a branch near you. Children will have the chance to explore the Bookmobile, choose a free book, and participate in exciting hands-on STEM activities.



VISIT THE BOOKMOBILE AT CLEVELAND AVENUE LIBRARY

Wednesday, July 16
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
47 Cleveland Ave SW,
Atlanta, GA 30315



VISIT THE BOOKMOBILE AT NORTHWEST AT SCOTTS CROSSING LIBRARY

Wednesday, July 9
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
2489 Perry Blvd NW,
Atlanta, GA 30318

A Technicolor Summer



SUMMER READING EVENTS FOR KIDS



JERRY G. WHITE SUMMER READING KICKOFF

Monday, June 2 / 11:00 AM
Fairburn Library

Please join us for an interactive family show with Author, Percussionist, and Storyteller Jerry G. White. Help Mr. White bring his debut Children's book "Anansi and the Colorful Kente Cloth", to life with illustrations by Courtney Strickland." Ages 3 and up.



SUMMER READING KICKOFF AT KIRKWOOD

Monday, June 2 / 11:00 AM
Kirkwood Library

Join us from 11:00am - 12:30pm to register for the 2025 Summer Reading program and enjoy: Face painting, Scratch Art, Giant Coloring Posters, and more! All ages are welcome.



SUMMER READING KICKOFF WITH JEFFINI THE GREAT!

Monday, June 2 / 11:00 AM
Sandy Springs Library

Kick off the summer with a bang with magician Jeffini the Great! Jeffini's incredible show includes endlessly fun magic, Jeffini's crazy puppet friends, and all of the kids working together to accomplish amazing things. All ages are welcome.



ROCK PAINTING WITH PUBLIC WORKS

Wednesday, June 18 / 10:00 AM
Palmetto Library

Participants will learn about water quality and water conservation as it relates to our most precious natural resource—the Chattahoochee River. Learn why we need to protect the Chattahoochee and how each of us can do our part to keep the river clean and use this resource wisely.



NORTHSIDE PLANETARIUM

Thursday, June 5 / 3:00 PM
Northside Library

Where is the Big Dipper? How about Mars? Come learn where to find these items in the sky with our planetarium projector. We will even have a little trivia contest afterwards. Come get cozy and view our virtual universe as we discuss where things are in the sky and why they have the names they have. Ages 5 and up.

ROSWELL LIBRARY FESTIVAL DAY

Thursday, June 12 / 11:00 AM
Roswell Library

Start your day off with Bill Packard the Magic Man—Live and in Color! After the magic show, get your face painted or watch a balloon animal get twisted up just for you! All ages welcome. Sponsored by the Friends of the Roswell Library



TEDDY BEAR PICNIC

Thursday, June 26 / 10:30 AM
Ponce De Leon Library

Bring your favorite teddy bear or stuffed animal and a snack to the library and enjoy an indoor picnic. We'll have a special story to read and then a chance for everyone to introduce their special friends to each other. For ages 2-7.



WHO'S CRAFT IS IT ANYWAY?

Wednesday, July 2 / 10:30 AM
Adams Park Library

Choose from various creative craft kits at the front desk to make your own craft and take it home with you. It's time to get creative! For children ages 5 and up.

Hue's Ready to READ?!



MURDER MYSTERY PARTY

Friday, June 13 / 2:00 PM
Northeast Spruill Oaks Library

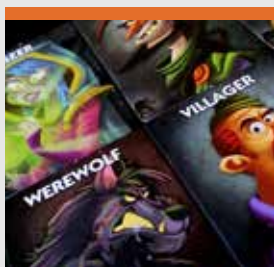
It's Friday the 13th and NESO has a spooky game waiting for you at the library. Bring your friends and join us for a murder mystery party where you'll decide whodunit! Teens, ages 13 to 17.



TERRARIUM-MAKING WORKSHOP FOR TEENS

Tuesday, July 15 / 3:30 PM
Roswell Library

Join us at the Roswell Library for this special terrarium-making workshop for teens! Add moss, critters, and more to a fun mini landscape inside a jar. Registration Required. Teens, ages 13-17



ONE NIGHT ULTIMATE WEREWOLF

Thursday, July 3 / 4:00 PM
Buckhead Library

Can you find the wolf among us? Let's play a few rounds of the social deduction game. This game requires cunning, face-to-face social interaction, and good sportsmanship! Teens, 13 to 17.



CREATE A WATER CYCLE BRACELET

Wednesday, July 16 / 11:00 AM
Metropolitan Library

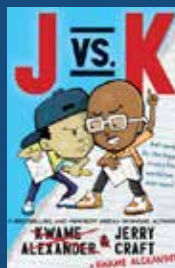
Learn how water is constantly changing form in this fun activity based on the water cycle. Participants will collect beads representing different phases of water to make their own unique bracelet! Teens, 12-17



MARIANNE THE MAKER

By Kelly Corrigan

Marianne's days are filled with schedules, structure, and soccer. There's just one problem: Marianne is a maker. She needs every minute of her weekends to scheme and dream, draw and design, to build and rebuild! Kids.



J VS. K by Kwame Alexander & Jerry Craft

Two ten-year-olds must decide whether they should join forces to create an unbeatable duo that is sure to win their school's annual creative storytelling contest, Kids.



THE ART OF EXILE by Andrea Max

To prove her worth to her family, seventeen-year-old Ada infiltrates a school for descendants of exiled Renaissance masters to steal their innovations, Teens.



THE COMPLEX ART OF BEING MAISIE CLARK by Sabrina Kleckner

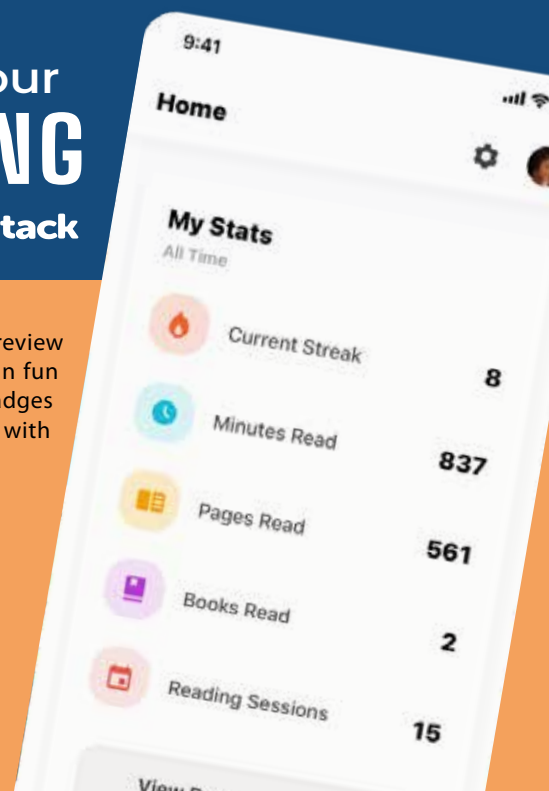
After years of imitating her dad's artistic style, eighteen-year-old Maisie throws away everything familiar in hopes of crafting her own voice, Teens.

Track Your
READING
with **beanstack**

Track your reading, review books, and participate in fun activities to earn badges and prizes this Summer with Beanstack!



SUMMER READING EVENTS FOR TEENS



FulcoLibrary ADULTS

CARIBBEAN HERITAGE MONTH MOVIE SCREENING

Bob Marley: One Love

Monday, June 9 // 4:00 PM // Cascade Library

Recognizing Caribbean Heritage Month, we invite you to the Bob Marley: One Love 2024 screening. The music documentary unravels the life of the noteworthy musician Bob Marley. The film dissects the artist's life, with untold stories and intimate details, inviting audiences to rediscover his impact in a revealing and captivating journey. Adults. Registration Required.



Karla Harris Quartet

Saturday, June 21 // 2:00 PM
Wolf Creek Library

Join the Wolf Creek community for an afternoon of jazz with the world-renowned Karla Harris and her band. Enjoy up-close and in-person conversation as the group engages the audience with jazz history and musical tribute.



Cooking With Skye Estroff!

June 10 // Summer Treats
July 31 // Seasonal Produce
Aug 19 // Back to School Food Prep
3-4:00 PM // Alpharetta Library

Skye Estroff, Social Media Consultant, foodie, and regular contributor to FOX 5 Good Day Atlanta, will host a delicious slate of themed cooking demos.



Live to Line Dance

Come and learn the latest line dances. It's fun, great exercise, and sure to lift your mood.

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Frida Kahlo Garden Pot Art

Join us to paint a garden pot in the style of Frida Kahlo! Registration required. Materials provided.

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Color Our World Adult Coloring

Stop in for a summer-reading themed adult-coloring program with relaxation and snacks.

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Arthur Atsma Magic & Comedy

Monday, July 7 // 6:30 PM
Northside Library

Arthur Atsma is a mish-mash of goofy comedy and sophisticated magic. You will love his skilled sleight of hand. You will laugh hysterically at his smart, self-deprecating humor. Come enjoy the evening, leave the kids at home and go have a nice meal afterwards. This fun is for Adults and Young Adults only!



Juneteenth Paint and Sip

Monday, June 16 // 4:00 PM
Cascade Library

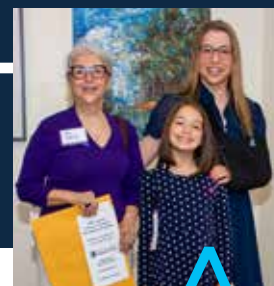
Celebrate Juneteenth by making beautiful African-American-themed canvas art while sipping punch and discussing African-American history. The library will provide materials. Space is limited to 10 people. Registration required.

Volunteer Simone McPherson (left) and library staff welcome volunteers to the annual Volunteer Appreciation ceremony.



Michael Bullock wins the Millennium Volunteer Award.

Volunteers enjoyed refreshments during the Volunteer Appreciation ceremony.



From left to right, Ana Calderon, Maddie Bowling, Elisa Bowling enjoy the festivities.

Celebrating Volunteer Appreciation Month!

This Spring, the Fulton County Library System, along with members of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners and the Library Board of Trustees, has the honor of celebrating the work of

hundreds of volunteers who contributed thousands of hours to the library. From shelving books, assisting with programs, and even conducting programs themselves, volunteers are the heart of the Fulton County Library

System, and we could not do the work of the library without their support.

THANK YOU to everyone who contributes their time and energy to the library. We couldn't do it without you!

Smiles from an exciting day of volunteer achievement!



Librarians and Library Administration, Tisa Jackson (left), Marcy Meyers, Andrea Robinson, Edith Wallace, and Teryn Gilliam (Right) celebrate the accomplishments of our volunteers.

SOCIAL SERVICES

Getting prepared for job opportunities

CAN BE OVERWHELMING FOR MANY OF US. CENTRAL OUTREACH ADVOCACY IS A COMMUNITY AGENCY THAT HELPS YOU GET JOB READY.

Their employment program called Main Frame is available Tuesday and Thursday 10:00 am – 12:30 pm. The program helps with résumé-building, computer literacy, job searching, financial literacy, and so much more. The program also offers an interview clothes closet by appointment only. For information about the program, please contact Sonja Hodges at shodges@centraloac.org.

Through our community partnership with Helping Mamas, we offer free diapers, wipes and period products through a few locations on a first-come, first-served basis. The times and locations are listed below:

HAPEVILLE BRANCH
525 King Arnold Street
Hapeville, GA 30354
EVERY 3RD THURSDAY
11 AM – 3 PM

FAIRBURN BRANCH
60 Valley View Drive
Fairburn, GA 30213
EVERY 2ND WEDNESDAY
11 AM – 3 PM



SUMMER READING KICKOFF 2025

COLOR WORLD



WITH  Microsoft

JUNE 7 - 11 AM - 3 PM
CENTRAL LIBRARY

ONE MARGARET MITCHELL
ATLANTA, GA 30303

This Summer Reading Initiative, a collaborative effort between Microsoft, Best Buy, and the Central Library, is designed to captivate the minds of children and youth by merging literacy with STEM-based learning. Through the integration of interactive experiences, technology-driven activities, and motivational incentives, we aim to ignite a lifelong passion for reading while nurturing a spirit of scientific inquiry and innovation.

We are thrilled to feature Sasha A. Alston, renowned STEM advocate and author, as our Guest Speaker. Her presence will undoubtedly inspire young minds to explore new horizons and embrace the boundless possibilities of STEM.

JOIN US AT THIS EXCITING
KICKOFF EVENT!

**BEST
BUY**



CARMEN AGRA DEEDY AND HER NEW BOOK, *THE PEANUT MAN*

Saturday, August 9 // 2:00 PM

We invite you to a special author visit with Carmen Agra Deedy, highlighting her newest book, *The Peanut Man* on August 9th at 2 PM. Carmen Agra Deedy is an award-winning author of 16 books and the host of the four-time Emmy-winning children's program, *Love That Book!*

DECOUPAGE SHADOWBOX WORKSHOP WITH MIRANDA SMITH

July 24 // 3:00 PM- 5:00 PM // Alcove

Discover the art of fabric decoupage in this hands-on crafting workshop at the library! Participants will use colorful fabric to create a custom design, which will be sealed onto an unfinished wood shadow box frame. All materials will be provided, and no prior experience is necessary—just bring your creativity!



CENTRAL

CONNIE CROSS AND FRIENDS: EXHIBIT AND AUTHOR TALK

April 19 - July 19 // Exhibit

Saturday, June 14 // 2 PM // Talk

Connie Cross is a documentary photographer/videographer, the creator/producer of Photo Battle Atlanta, and owner of The Connie Cross Group, LLC. She received her Bachelor's degree in Art Education from Armstrong State University and an Associate degree in Cinematography, Motion Graphics and Film/Video Production from Atlanta Technical College, graduating Magna Cum Laude. She currently is the Community Partnerships & Relations Coordinator, Department of Arts and Culture, Fulton County.



ALL THINGS TECHNOLOGY AT BEST BUY TEEN TECH CENTER

Wednesdays, June 11, 18, 25, July 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Dive into the exciting world of S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) through engaging programs designed to spark creativity and critical thinking. Teens will explore concepts and skills by participating in handcraft making, digital drawing, and other interactive, hands-on activities that challenge their problem-solving abilities and inspire innovation.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM GRAND FINALE

Saturday, August 2
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Come and join us as we wrap up our summer reading program with memorable moments and well-deserved recognition.



UPCOMING AT Avenue Auburn



1 NEW COLLECTION THE DR. KEITH E. BAIRD COLLECTION

Dr. Keith E. Baird was born in Barbados on January 20, 1923. Baird was raised and lived in Barbados until he came to the United States in 1947 at the age of 24. Once he reached the U.S., Baird enrolled at Columbia University where he studied Spanish. Baird continued his education at Columbia with completed graduate coursework in Romance Philology and Linguistics. Baird finished his education at Union Graduate Institute in Cincinnati Ohio, earning a doctorate in sociolinguistics.

From 1964–1969, Baird served as an educator and administrator in New York City. Baird served as the director of the Afro-American History and Culture Center, in District 29, New York City Board of Education. In this role, he developed educational curricula in Afro-American Studies for elementary and secondary teachers. During this time, Baird also co-founded the community education center in the Ocean Hill-Brownsville Experimental School District.

The majority of Baird's work centered on the view that language can and should be used as a political tool wielded against people of color and that language should also be a tool for liberation and self-development. Baird was one of the first advocates for the use of "Afro American" as opposed to Negro, Colored and other harmful descriptors used to label Black People and people of color. Baird's reasoning for the use of Afro-American was that he believed that using a term that invokes cultural heritage instead of racial trauma would improve the self-esteem of people of color within the Black Diaspora.

This collection will serve as a great resource for aspiring educators focused on Black Studies. Researchers of this collection will discover notable finds such as signed photos, early African American Studies programming, and rare Atlanta history.



2 FEATURED EXHIBIT CONTAINER/CONTAINED: ARCHITECT PHIL FREELON

Philip G. Freelon (1953–2019) had a remarkable four-decade architectural career designing public buildings. Inspired by his Harlem Renaissance era artist grandfather Allan Randall Freelon, Philip G. Freelon's creative eye combined his love of math, color and history. Curated by Emily Makas, this exhibition critically examines Freelon's libraries, museums, and other public buildings with a focus on projects that foreground African American culture, communities, and identities. 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. Two Atlanta projects are featured--the National Center for Civil and Human Rights (2014) and the renovation and expansion of the Auburn Avenue Research Library (2016). The CONTAINER/CONTAINED exhibit was made possible by University of North Carolina Charlotte's Center for Community, Heritage, and The Arts, and the Graham Foundation and will be made available until July 2025.

If you would like to introduce young children to Mr. Freelon's life story, you are welcome to read a copy of Kelly Starling Lyon's picture book, *Dreamer Builder: The Story of Architect Philip Freelon*.

BACK TO SCHOOL CLASS IS IN SESSION

EVENTS & BOOKS TO HELP YOU KICKSTART THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR



STUDY HALL

Monday, August 4 // 4:00 PM
Martin Luther King, Jr. Library

A great opportunity for students to gain assistance with their homework and projects. Teens and children are welcome.



MINDFUL MARVELS

Tuesday, August 12 // 5:00 PM
Louise Watley @ Southeast Library

Fun and interactive activities to foster a sense of calm, confidence, and connection among participants. Crafts, activities, and self-care. Ages 6 to 12.



TEEN ADVISORY BOARD (TAB)

Saturday, August 23 // 1:00 PM
Northeast Spruill Oaks

Join our TAB at NESO! TAB members will assist in steering teen programming, and engagement at the library. TAB is recommended for ages 14-18.



DON'T JUDGE A BOOK BY ITS MOVIE BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, August 12 // 5:00 PM
Roswell Library

Let's read the book, watch the movie and discuss how the adaptation compares with the original. Grades 6-8.



PRESCHOOL STORYTIME!

Wednesday, August 13 // 10:30 AM
Metropolitan Library

Join us on select Wednesday mornings for stories, songs and activities! Recommended for ages 2-5 with an adult caregiver.



IT'S STORYTIME!

Wednesday, August 13 // 12:00 PM
Adams Park Library

Join us on select Wednesday mornings for stories, songs and activities! Recommended for ages 2-5 with an adult caregiver.



CREATIVE LEGO BUILDING

Thursday, August 14 // 3:30 PM
East Point Library

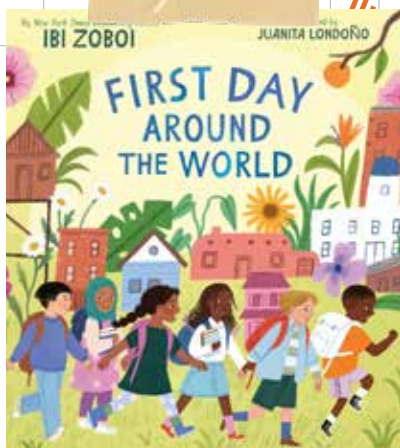
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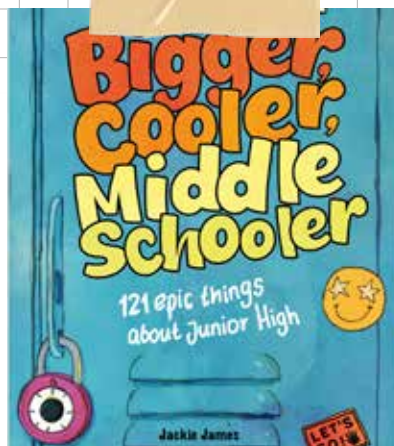
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FIRST DAY AROUND THE WORLD

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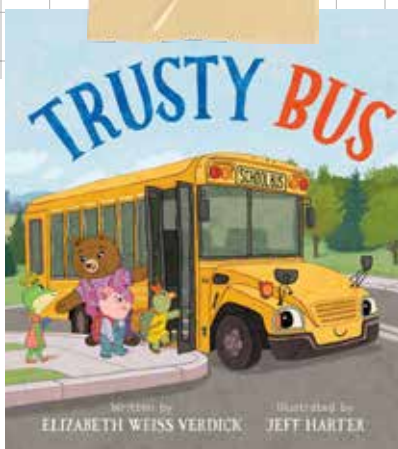
This book captures the joy of leaving circle time and single-file lines for the thrilling promise of a bigger gym, a brand-new locker, a mix of teachers, next-level food options, extracurriculars, clubs, and electives, and newfound independence.



HARRY VERSUS THE FIRST 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL

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TRUSTY BUS

by Elizabeth Weiss Verdick

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THE TOUR AT SCHOOL

by Katie Clapham

A student leads a very enthusiastic first-day tour in a comical, reassuring story sure to calm the nerves of kids about to start something new.



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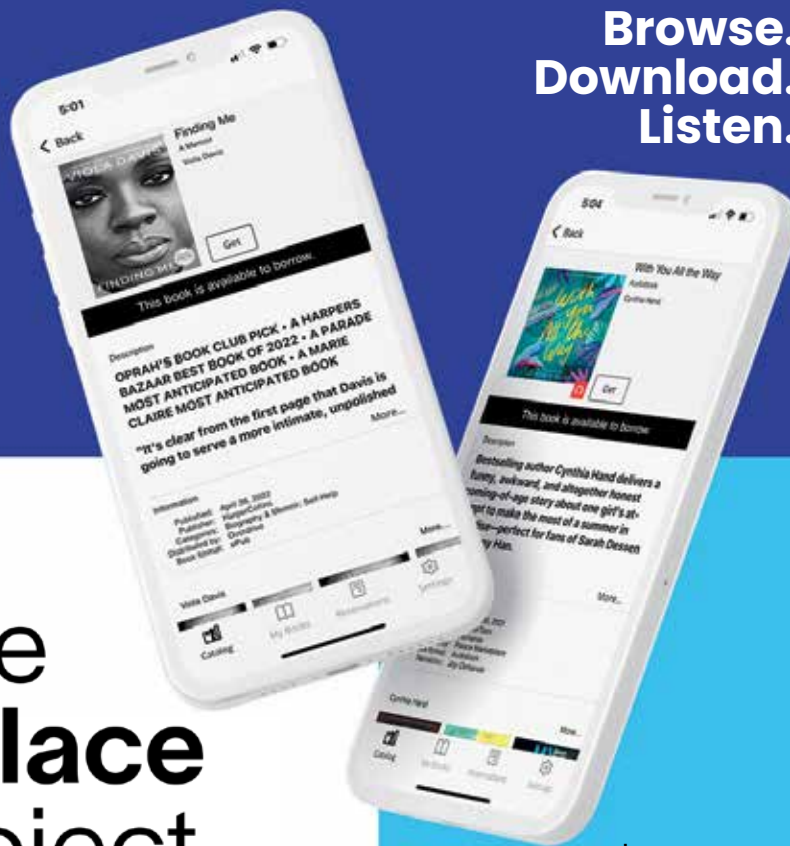
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