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LIBRARY INSIDER



Official Newsletter of the Hall County Library System

ADVENTURE — BEGINS AT — YOUR LIBRARY™



Dive into adventure with our Summer Reading program kicking off on May 22nd and continuing through August 3rd! This year's theme is 'Adventure Begins at Your Library.' From babies to adults, there's something for everyone! Don't miss out on our most thrilling Summer Reading Program yet! Sign up now using Beanstack – see instructions below and embark on a reading journey with us!

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Register and Read All Summer!

Starting **May 22nd**, register babies through adults online at hallcountylibrary.beanstack.org, on the *Beanstack Tracker* app on your device or in person at your local branch. Then you can log your reading and activities, to earn online badges and fun prizes!



Awesome Programs!

Programs for all ages from weekly storytimes to family performances and programs like live animal shows, magicians and professional puppeteers. There's even fun for teens and adults at our libraries around Hall County all summer long!

Cool Crafts!

For preschool and elementary students, pick up your Grab-and-Go Crafts or STEM activities each week at any HCLS branch. While supplies last!



Great Prizes!

When you read books and complete activities with the library this summer, you can earn terrific rewards to keep your family reading all summer long!



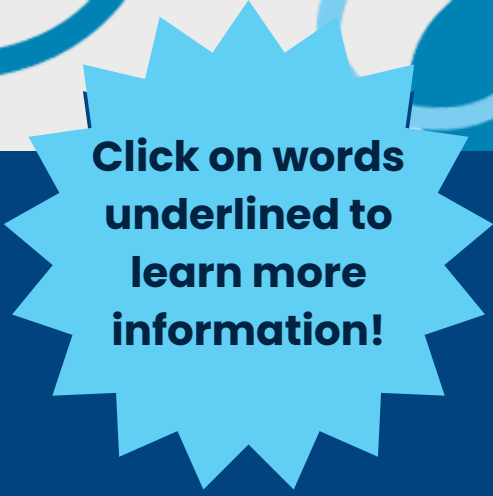


ADULT PROGRAMS!

Adult programs and events are available at all 5 of our library locations! We have programs varying from craft and paint nights, genealogy events, book clubs, and tech help! For more information about our adult programs please call us at 770-532-3311 or visit our website calendar at www.hallcountylibrary.org



PROGRAMS & EVENTS: ADULT



Blackshear Place Library:
2927 Atlanta Hwy, Gainesville, GA 30507

- Garden Club

May 1st, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

- Financial Education Workshops

Thursdays, 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

- Tech Tuesday

May 7th, 10:30 am – 11:30 am

- Manga & Anime Club for Adults

May 9th, 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

- Speed Puzzle Tournament

May 13th, 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

- New Mothers' Class

May 15th, 10:15 am – 11:15 am

- Monday Book Club

May 20th, 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm



PROGRAMS & EVENTS: ADULT



Downtown Gainesville Library:
127 Main St NW, Gainesville, GA 30501

- Better Read Than Dead

Select Thursdays in May, 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

- After Hours Silent Reading

May 3rd, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm *registration required*

- Greeting Card Workshop

May 4th, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

- ACAP – Adult Children of Aging Parents

May 6th, 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

- Special Needs Social Hour

May 8th, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

- Georgia Cross Stitchers

May 11th, 10:00 am – 4:30 pm

- Cat Café

May 13th, 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm *registration required*

- The Good News about Taxes

May 14th, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm



- Intro to Google Docs

May 15th, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

- MahJong

Select Thursdays in May, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

- Chattahoochee Riverkeeper Book and Film Event

May 20th, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

- Master Craftswoman Agatha Christie

May 24th, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm *registration required*

- Improve Your Microbiome

May 28th, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm



PROGRAMS & EVENTS: ADULT

Murrayville Library
4796 Thompson Bridge Rd, Gainesville, GA 30506

- Music Concert

May 2nd, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

- Dungeons & Dragons Club

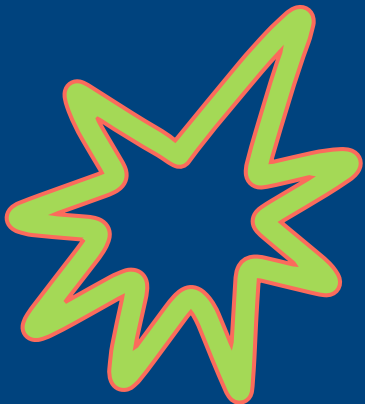
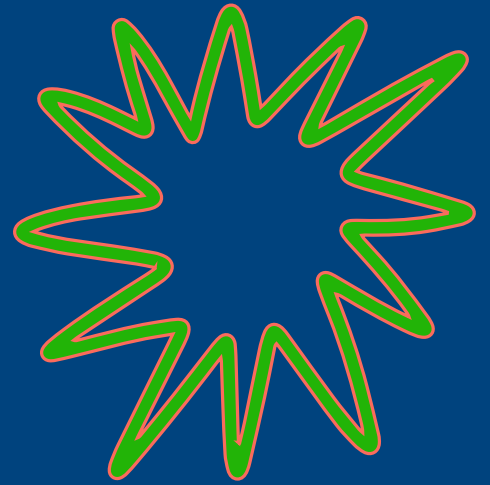
Select Thursdays, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

- War Stories Book Club

May 10th, 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

- Mater Gardeners

May 30th, 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm



PROGRAMS & EVENTS: ADULT

North Hall Tech Center
4175 Nopone Rd Suite B, Gainesville, GA 30506

- [Creative Coloring](#)

Wednesdays, all day event

- [Fiber Friends](#)

Thursdays, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

- [Build a Website](#)

Select Saturdays, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm *registration required*

- [Superhero Graphic Novel Book Club](#)

May 6th, 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

- [Critique Group for Children’s Authors](#)

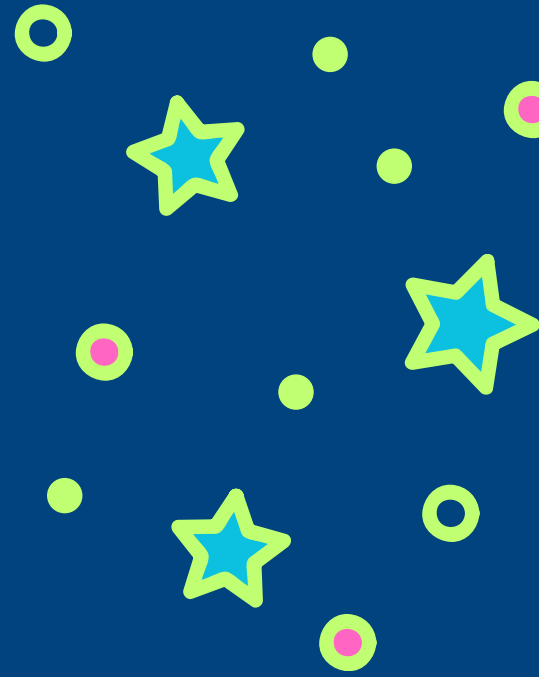
May 9th, 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

- [Conversation Club](#)

Select Mondays, 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

- [Stitching Peaches the Mouse](#)

May 14th, 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm *registration required*



PROGRAMS & EVENTS: ADULT



Spout Springs Library
6488 Spout Springs Rd, Flowery Branch, GA 30542

- Essential Oils Workshop

May 1st, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm *registration required*

- Historically Speaking Book Club

May 2nd, 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

- Pressed Flower Workshop

May 3rd, 10:30 am – 11:30 am *registration required*

- Movement for Life

May 7th, 10:30 am – 11:30 am

- Hoopla and Libby Assistance

May 8th, 10:30 am – 2:00 pm

- Stitching at the Springs

May 8th, 10:30 am – 11:30 am

- Thursday Book Club

May 9th, 10:30 am – 11:30 am

- Adult Chess Club

May 9th, 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm



- Belly Dancing Class

May 10th, 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm *registration required*

- One on One Tech Help for Seniors

May 15th, 10:30 am – 11:30 am *registration Required*

- Writing Group

May 16th, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

- Adult Craft Club

May 20th, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

- Sci-Fi Fantasy Book Club

May 20th, 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

- Senior Happy Hour Bingo

May 22nd, 10:30 am – 11:30 am

- Trivia

May 23rd, 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

- Vet to Vet Café

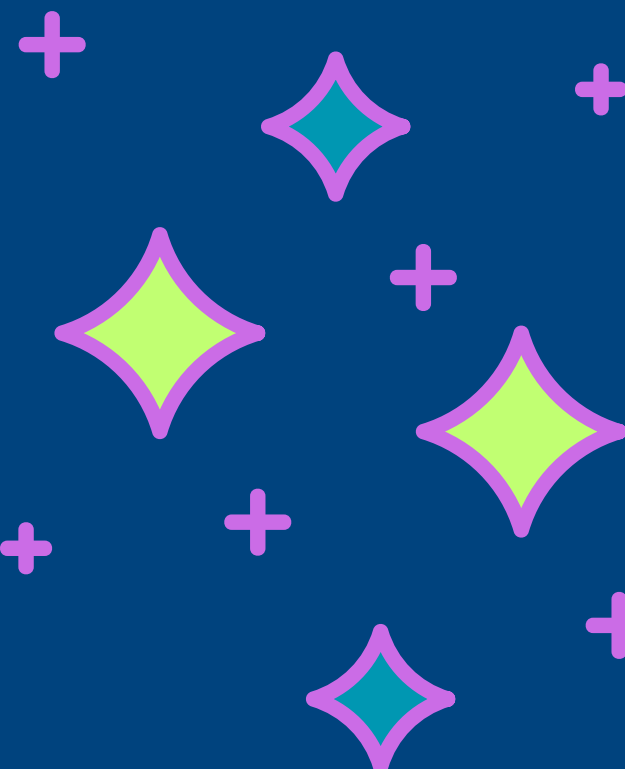
May 24th, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

- Yoga at the Springs

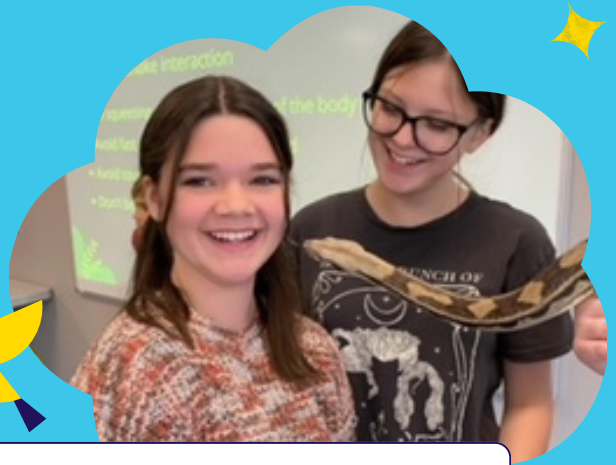
May 28th, 10:00 am – 11:00 am

- Coloring and Jazz

May 29th, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm



YOUTH PROGRAMS!



Youth programs and events are available at all 5 of our library locations and span from babies to young adult! At our library system you can find youth programs ranging from storytimes, book clubs, crafts, trivia, STEM, and so much more! To learn more about our youth programs you can call us at 770-532-3311 or visit our website at www.hallcountylibrary.org.



PROGRAMS & EVENTS: YOUTH

Blackshear Place Library:
2927 Atlanta Hwy, Gainesville, GA 30507

- Play Time

Wednesdays in May, 10:15 – 10:45 am

- Mother's Day Drop-In Craft

May 2nd, 3:00 – 7:00 pm

- Sensory STEAM for Toddlers

May 13th, 12:00 – 1:00 pm

- Read Rover

May 14th, 4:00 – 5:00 pm

- May Flowers STEAM

May 16th, 3:30 – 4:30 pm

- LEGO Play

May 20th, 3:30 – 4:30 pm

- High School Manga & Anime Club

May 30th, 5:00 – 6:00 pm



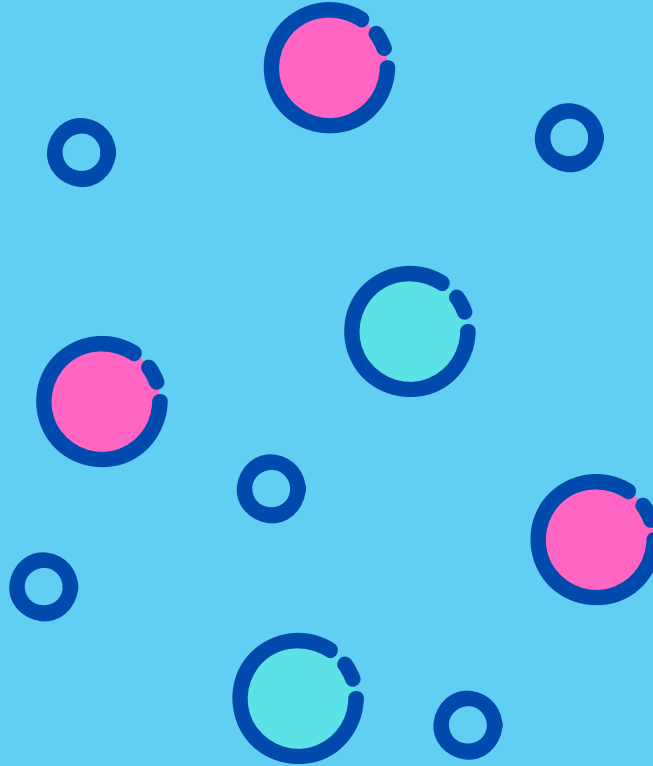
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Downtown Gainesville Library:
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- **Baby Play**

Tuesdays in May, 10:15 AM - 10:45 AM



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Murrayville Library
4796 Thompson Bridge Rd, Gainesville, GA 30506

- Baby Steps Playtime

Fridays in May, 10:15 – 11:15 am

- Minecraft Club

May 2nd, 5:00 – 6:00 pm

- Lego Club

May 6th, 5:00 – 6:00 pm

- Read Rover

May 8th, 3:30 – 4:30 pm

- Dot Art Day

May 13th, 10:00 am – 7:00 pm

- Graphic Novel Book Club

May 16th, 5:00 – 6:00 pm



PROGRAMS & EVENTS: YOUTH

North Hall Tech Center
4175 Nopone Rd Suite B, Gainesville, GA 30506

- Baby Playdate

Mondays in May, 11:00 – 11:30 am

- Family Fun Night

Mondays, 5:00 – 7:00 pm

- LEGO Club

Thursdays, 4:00 – 7:00 pm

- Mother's Day Craft

May 9th & 10th

- Teen Tech Skills

May 13th, 1:00 – 2:00 pm

- Pebble Art for Tweens & Teens

May 15th, 4:00 – 5:00 pm

- Butterfly Coffee Filter Crafts

May 16th, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

- Read Rover

May 21st, 3:30 – 4:30 pm



PROGRAMS & EVENTS: YOUTH

Spout Springs Library
6488 Spout Springs Rd, Flowery Branch, GA 30542

- Teen Take-Home Mystery Puzzle

All May Long!

- Baby Playdate

Tuesdays in May, 10:15 - 10:45 am

- Yarn Clouds Drop-In Craft

May 1st, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

- Lego Play

May 2nd, 4:00 - 6:00 pm

- Teeny Tiny Art Show: Canvases Due

May 15th

- Button Tree Drop-In Craft

May 18th, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

- Summer Read-In

May 23rd, 5:00 - 7:00 pm

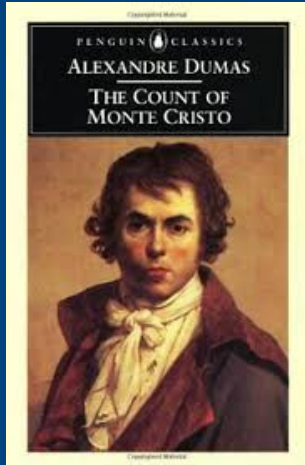


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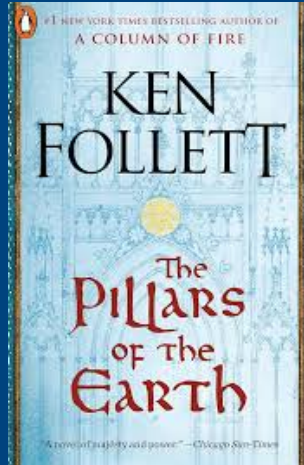
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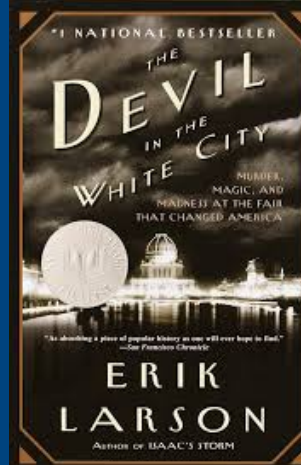
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Adrienne



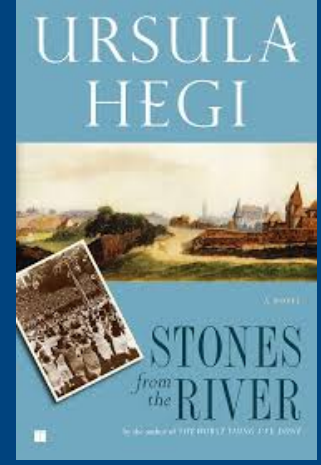
The Pillars of the Earth by Ken Follett

Marissa



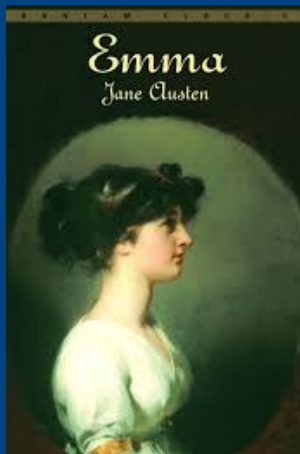
The Devil in the White City by Erik Larson

Gabriele



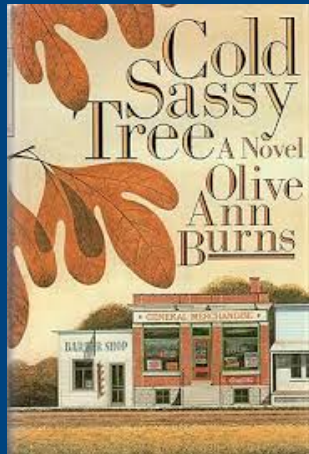
Stones From The River by Ursula Hegi

Sarah



Emma by Jane Austen

Cathy



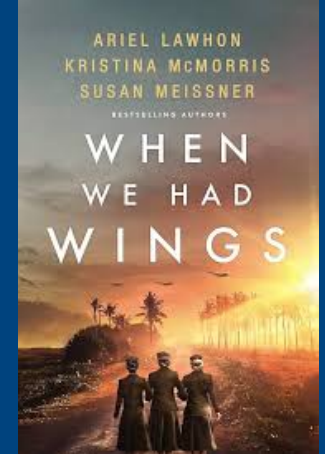
Cold Sassy Tree by Olive Ann Burns

Robert



The Time Machine by H.G. Wells

Kay



When We Had Wings by Ariel Lawhon

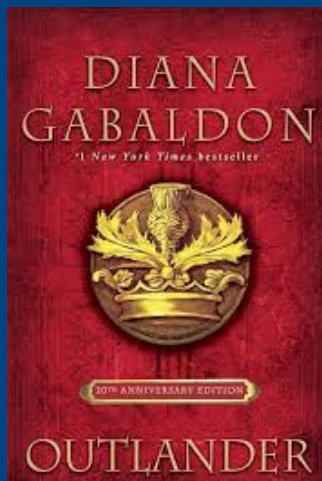


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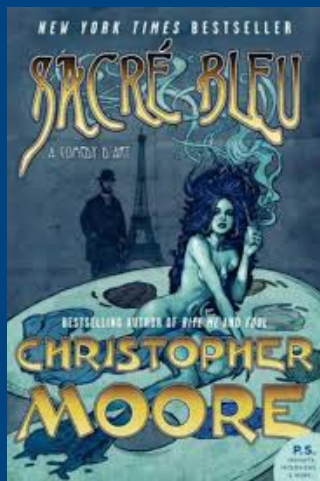
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Katherine



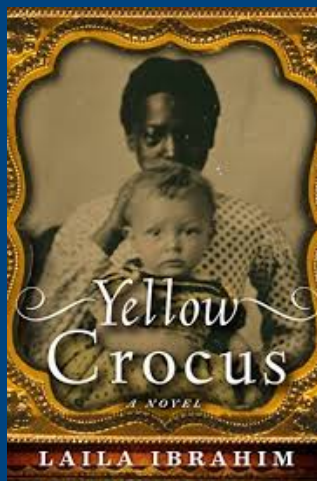
Outlander
by Diana Gabaldon

Elizabeth



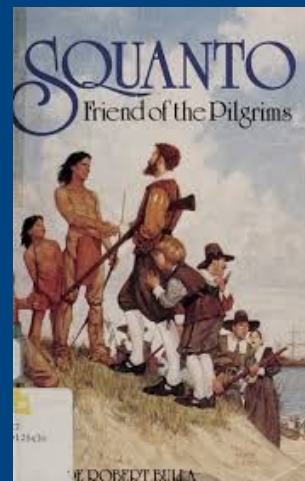
Sacre Bleu
by Christopher Moore

Cheryl



Yellow Crocus
by Laila Ibrahim

Lisa C.



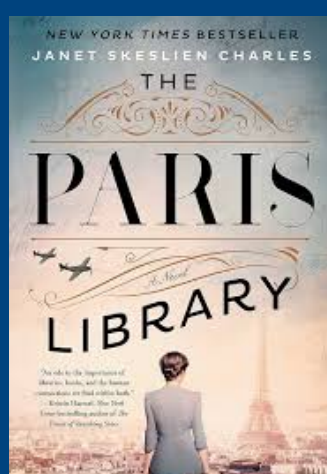
Squanto
by Clyde Robert Bulla

Patton



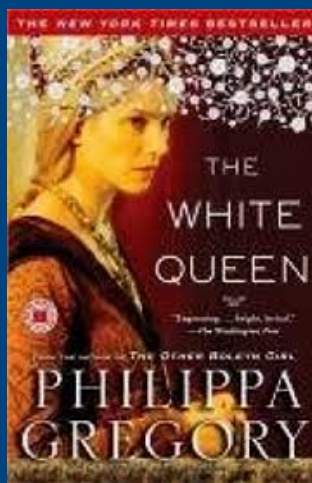
Vagabond
by Takehiko Inoue

Julie



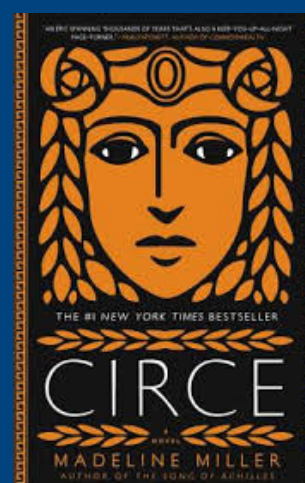
The Paris Library
by Janet Charles

Lisa M



The White Queen
by Philippa Gregory

Allyn



Circe
by Madeline Miller

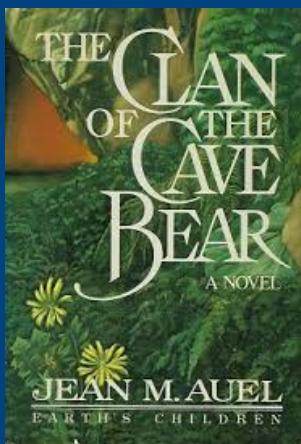


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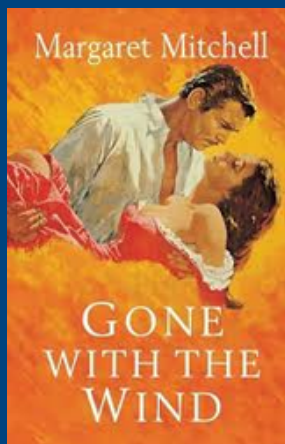
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Janine



The Clan of the Cave Bear
by Jean M. Auel

Ronda



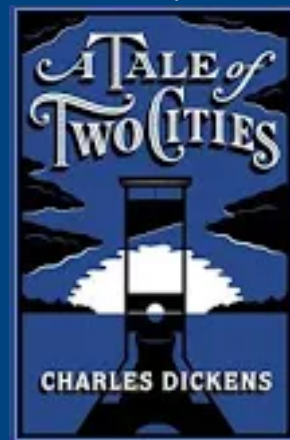
Gone With The Wind
by Margaret Mitchell

Michael



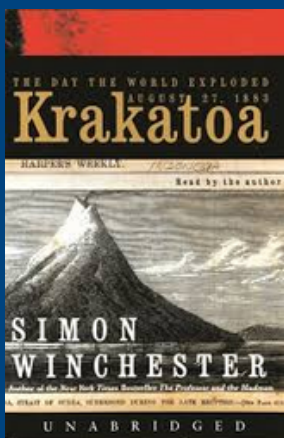
The Mysterious Island
by Jules Verne

Lucy



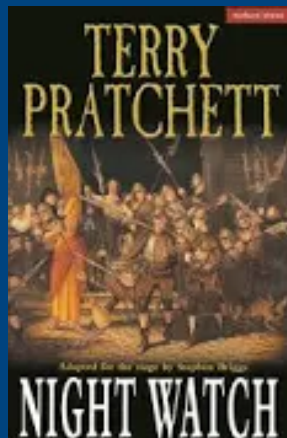
A Tale of Two Cities
by Charles Dickens

David



Krakatoa: The Day
World Exploded
by Simon Winchester

Marissa



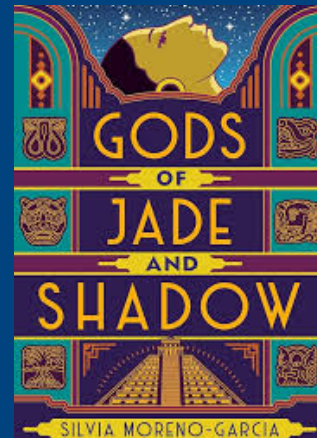
Night Watch
by Terry Pratchett

Hannah



Hamnet
by Maggie O'Farrell

Sandra



Gods of Jade and Shadow
by Silvia Moreno-Garcia



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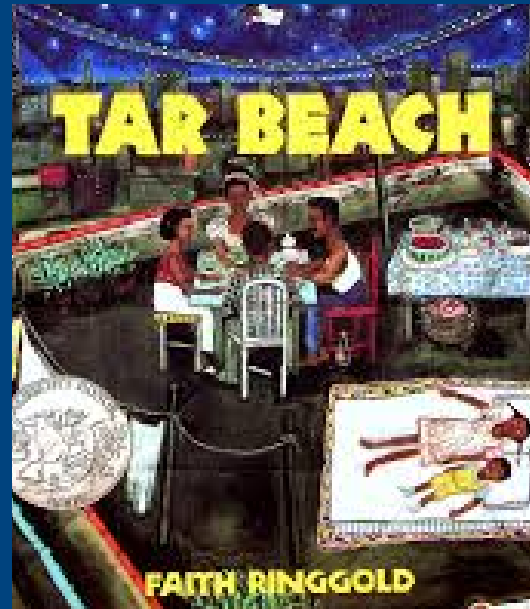
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by Faith Ringgold



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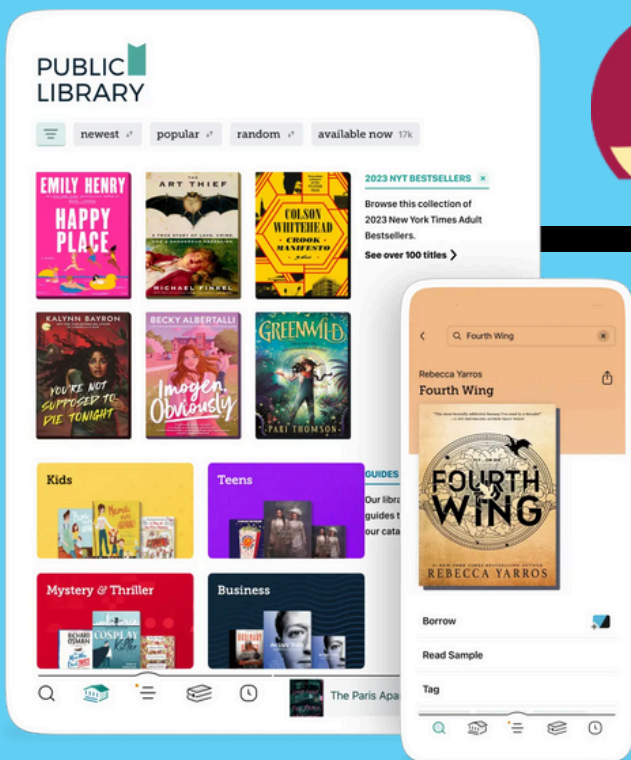
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Customer Survey

Your feedback matters! The Hall County Library System's annual patron survey is now live! Share your thoughts and help shape the future of our library services. Take the survey today and let your voice be heard! [SURVEY HERE](#)

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In The Gallery

For the month of May our gallery will be featuring a traditional exhibit of Gainesville High School student art! The student works will be available to view at the Downtown Gainesville Library May 1st - 30th

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