



FRIENDS FALL BOOK SALE

BY JAN SCHORR, FRIENDS PRESIDENT

Fall is just around the corner and fall brings a new school year, fall sports, mums, fall colors, and BOOKS! Yes, it's time for our Fall Book Sale. Our book sale will begin on Friday, September 19th through Saturday, September 20th for the public. As a Friend you can shop on Preview night, Thursday from 5 to 7 PM. This early shopping event is one of your perks for joining the GCPL Friends group. Your membership dues help sponsor the Summer Reading Programs and more.

Book donations will be accepted until September 13th so our awesome volunteers can organize and prepare for the sale. We thank those that work throughout the year sorting these donations. We also appreciate our Friends who volunteer during the sale. Your continued support makes it possible for Graves County to enjoy our wonderful library. I am honored to serve as President of our GCPL Friends group.

We appreciate your continued support. In other news, our annual meeting will be on September 8th for voting on the slate of officers for the coming year. This slate will be approved at our September meeting. Keep reading and happy fall!

Price List BOOK SALE	
Hardback	\$2
Library Hard Back Discard	\$1
Paperback	50¢
Bag of Harlequin Romances	\$1
Audio Book	\$1
Young Children's Book	25¢
Puzzle	50¢
DVD	\$1
Boxed Sets	\$5

Special Items Priced Individually

2025-26 Friends of the Library Board

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Friends Annual Meeting
September 8, 2025
Vote on Slate of Officers

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Staff Picks

My Friends by Fredrik Backman

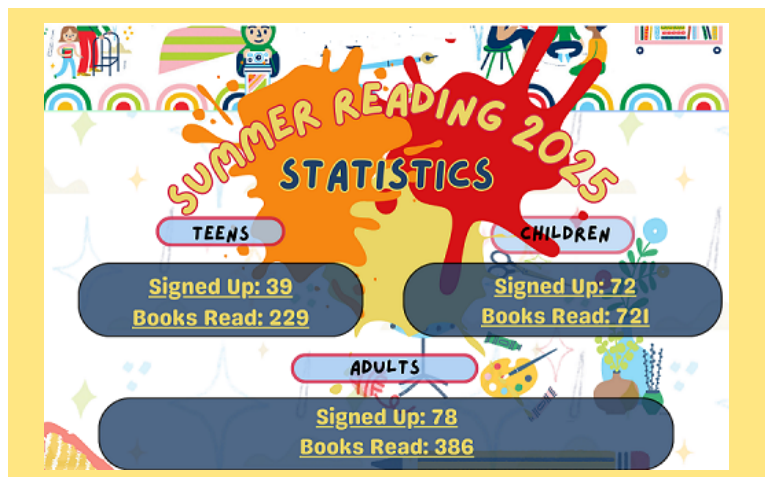
Most people don't even notice them—three tiny figures sitting at the end of a long pier in the corner of one of the most famous paintings in the world. Most people think it's just a depiction of the sea. But Louisa, an artist herself, knows otherwise and she is determined to find out the story of these three enigmatic figures.

Twenty-five years earlier, in a distant town, a group of teenagers find refuge from their difficult home lives by spending their days laughing and telling stories out on a pier. There's Joar, who never backs down from a fight; quiet and bookish Ted who is mourning his father; Ali, the daughter of a man who never stays in one place for long; and finally, there's the artist, a boy who hoards sleeping pills and shuns attention, but who possesses an extraordinary gift that might be his ticket to a better life. These four lost souls find in each other a reason to get up each morning, a reason to dream. Out of that summer emerges a transcendent work of art, a painting that will unexpectedly be put into eighteen-year-old Louisa's care. She embarks on a surprise-filled cross-country journey to learn the story of how the painting came to be.

Do Not Disturb by Freida McFadden

Quinn Alexander has committed an unthinkable crime. To avoid spending her life in prison, Quinn makes a run for it. She leaves behind her home, her job, and her family. She grabs her passport and heads for the northern border before the police can discover what she's done.

But when an unexpected snowstorm forces her off the road, Quinn must take refuge at the broken-down, isolated Baxter Motel. The handsome and kindly owner, Nick Baxter, is only too happy to offer her a cheap room for the night. Unfortunately, the Baxter Motel isn't the quiet, safe haven it seemed to be. The motel has a dark and disturbing past. And in the dilapidated house across the way, the silhouette of Nick's ailing wife is always at the window. Always watching. In the morning, Quinn must leave the motel. She'll pack up her belongings and get back on the road to freedom.



Ongoing Monthly Programs

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FOR KIDS

Lego Night

Tuesdays, 3:00 pm

Story Hour

Thursdays, 10:00 am

Infant Hour

Fridays, 10:00 am

Trading Card Games

Fridays, 4:00 pm

FOR ADULTS

Night Book Club

1st Monday @ 6:00 pm

Lunch Book Club

4th Monday @ 12pm

JU Kevil Story Club

Check Library Website for Dates

Bingo Night

Check Library Website for Dates

Classic Movie Night

Check Library Website for Dates

Silent Book Club

Second Tuesday of the Month

Upcoming Program

Haunted Harvest

October 11th

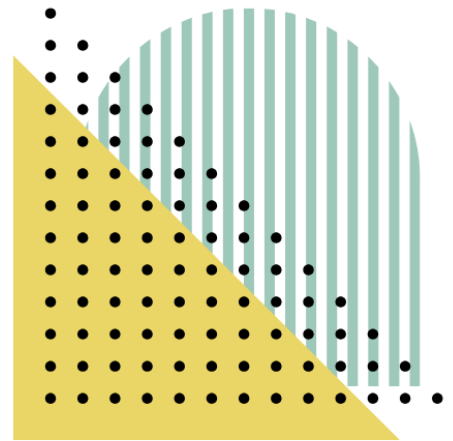
4-7 pm

For All Ages

EMPLOYEE

Spotlight

JUSTIN GIBBONS



◆ Where did you grow up?

To give a simple answer, I grew up in Mayfield. Though, I have also spent just as much time in central Illinois, where I was born. At 6 years old, I moved to Mayfield with my mother and younger sister, but made regular trips to visit with the Illinois side of the family. Up until 7th grade my education was in the Graves County school district. For 7th grade, I attended a year in Illinois, then returned to Kentucky to be homeschooled for the rest of my high school experience. After graduating, I attended college in Murray, where I currently live with my wife and two daughters.

◆ Who are your favorite authors and why do you love them?

At least for me, it's always so tricky to pick favorites. Though, as of late, I have really enjoyed the Hyperion series by Dan Simmons. The world he has built, and the stories he tells with the characters are all so interesting and I was always surprised by the direction of the plot. The New Crobuzon series by China Miéville, is a great read for the blend of grim yet ridiculousness. A scarab beetle headed human that crafts her spit into brightly colored sculptures is only a taste of the absurdity of the series.

As a father, and a children's librarian, I have also found children's book authors that I adore. Jon Klassen's books always get a chuckle out of me and are great for dramatic reading during Story Times or bedtime. Books like Giraffe Problems by Jory John, This is Not a Cat by David LaRochelle, and Creepy Crayon by Aaron Reynolds are also some favorites either for their silliness, or for their positive messages.

◆ What are you currently reading?

I am currently between books. Though my most recent read was a book called The language of Dragons by Williamson, S.F. The confluence of dragons and linguistics was a compelling idea for a book to me, so I was very excited to read this book. It was a good story, but left me wanting more as someone who studies linguistics as a hobby.

◆ What are your outside interests?

Some of my interests have already peeked their way through my previous answers, such as an appreciation for fantasy, world building, and linguistics/language. But musical instruments are also a big hobby of mine. I play guitar, bass, ukulele, cello, banjo, and a Japanese instrument called a shamisen. I have some familiarity with the harmonica, penny whistle, and ocarina. My first guitar was at 12 years old and I have played every day since then.

After music, language is my biggest passion. From studying linguistic ideas to learning bits of other languages, I just enjoy seeing all the systems that humans have created to communicate. As for languages I can speak, I studied Japanese in college, and have enough skill to get by. After that is Spanish in a distant second place.

◆ How long have you been with GCPL and what job titles have you had here?

I have been with GCPL for a little over a year. Initially, I was a part-time assistant at the front desk while I searched for a position in the schools to put my education degree and ESL teaching certification to use. Then, the Children and Family Programming Librarian position opened up, and I eagerly put my name in for the position. It has been one of the most satisfying roles I have taken on. This position has been all of what I enjoy about childhood education.

◆ What gives you the most satisfaction as a library employee?

The help that I offer to the public is the most satisfying aspect of my position. Anything from simply helping a patron find a book on the shelf, to solving their computer problems. Additionally, the happiness that I can inspire in children is such a rewarding experience. The giggles (or sometimes raucous laughter) that story time can create are in particular my favorites.

◆ What changes have you seen at GCPL since you began working here?

Perhaps the biggest change, as it impacts patrons, is the elimination of late fees. Something that many other libraries have done, and has pleasantly surprised many patrons.

FRIENDS DUES

Friends Membership Levels

- **Senior- \$5**
- **Individual- \$10**
- **Family- \$25**
- **Contributing-
\$50-\$99**
- **Benefactor- \$100**

It's that time of year again. The Friends needs you to renew your membership for the 2024-25 year. You can do this by simply completing the enclosed membership envelope and returning it with your dues payment. We always need new members. If you know anyone interested in being a Friend, the library staff can provide them with a membership envelope.

Your Friends dues help the library so much. Some of the items purchased with dues this year included a library bench for the lobby and two pin boards. The Friends also help fund our Summer Reading Programs every year.

Friends membership entitles you to a preview night at all Friends book sales, priority on bestseller lists, 10 day loans on movies and the Friends newsletter.

Date: _____

Name: _____

Street/Route _____

City _____ Zip _____

Amount paid _____ Phone _____

Email _____

PLEASE INDICATE AREAS OF INTEREST

Book Sale Worker _____

Summer Reading Helper _____

Bookmobile Helper _____

Hospitality _____

Inventory Taking _____

As Needed _____

Programs _____

Publicity _____

Story Telling _____

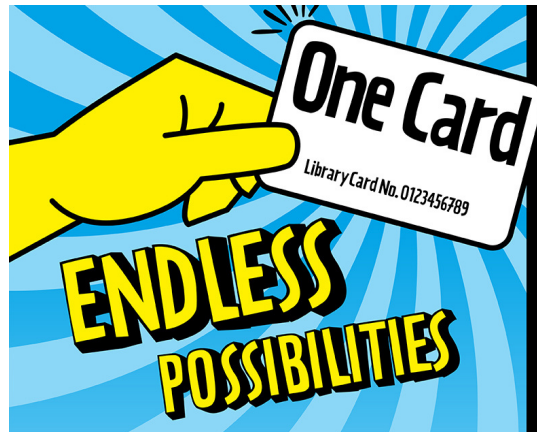
Adult _____

Children _____

Yard Work _____

Please fill out, cut along the line, and return to the library with your dues.

SEPTEMBER IS LIBRARY CARD SIGN UP MONTH!



We invite you to celebrate Library Card Sign-Up Month and discover how a single card can open the door to endless opportunities. With a library card, you can do more than check out books. From free online classes and online job resources, streaming media, and cultural events, today's libraries connect communities to information, inspiration, and each other.

Enter into our adult and teen basket drawing by signing up or renewing your library card information!

WHAT'S NEW AT THE LIBRARY

New Website:

Have you had the opportunity to visit our newly redesigned website? It offers a variety of enhanced features, including convenient webforms for requesting new materials or submitting interlibrary loan requests. You can also use our online forms to schedule a Bookmobile stop or request a field trip with our Children's Programming Librarian.

Explore our Library of Things, visit the Friends of the Library page, or browse our extensive online resources, each with detailed descriptions. You'll also find our Book Rivers, which showcase the latest items available at the library.

Live Online Author Talks:

We are pleased to announce a new online resource that enables you to participate in live, virtual discussions with authors. If you are unable to attend a session in real time, you may view the archived recording at your convenience. This resource features a wide range of authors, including those of fiction, non-fiction, and children's literature. You can access it through our website under Events and Live Online Author Talks.

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UPCOMING BOOK RELEASES

September

- The Academy by Elin Hilderbrand
- Circle of Days by Ken Follett
- Denied Access by Vince Flynn
- End Game by Jeffrey Archer
- The Girl from Devil's Lake by J.A. Jance
- Billion-Dollar Ransom by James Patterson
- The Christmas House by Beverly Lewis
- Framed in Death by J.D. Robb
- The Grave Artist by Jeffery Deaver
- Apostle's Cove by William Kent Krueger
- Tom Clancy Terminal Velocity by M.P. Woodward
- Impossible Fortune: A Thursday Murder Club Mystery by Richard Osman

October

- The Christmas Ring by Karen Kingsbury
- Remain: A Supernatural Love Story by Nicholas Sparks
- Sharp Force by Patricia Cornwell
- The Intruder by Frieda McFadden
- Five Golden Wings by Donna Andrews
- Gone Before Goodbye by Harlan Coben
- A Moment to Love by Tracie Peterson
- My Beloved by Jan Karon
- The Proving Ground by Michael Connelly
- The Widow by John Grisham
- C is for Courting by Shelley Shepard Gray
- Coyote Hills by Jonathan Kellerman
- The Black Wolf by Louise Penny

November

- Clive Cussler Quantum Tempest by Mike Maden
- The Color of Hope by Danielle Steel
- Return of the Spider by James Patterson
- The Seven Rings: The Lost Bride Trilogy by Nora Roberts
- Tom Clancy Executive Power by Brian Andrews
- The Christmas Stranger by Richard Paul Evans
- Exit Strategy by Lee Child
- The Lady on Esplanade by Karen White
- Nash Falls by David Baldacci
- Otherwise Engaged by Susan Mallery
- Robert B. Parker's Showdown by Mike Lupica

December

- Everybody Wants to Rule the World by Ace Atkins
- The Last Days of Marilyn Monroe by James Patterson
- Spasm by Robin Cook
- Stuart Woods' Blown Away by Brett Battles
- White Wolf by Eric Van Lustbader
- At Morning's Light by Lauraine Snelling
- The Birdwatcher by Jacquelyn Mitchard
- Tender Cruelty by Katee Robert
- W. E. B. Griffin Direct Action by Jack Stewart