

Friends Newsletter

GRAVES COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY



BOOKS, BOOKS, & MORE!

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 20th through Saturday, September 21st 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 Program 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.

This newsletter should contain a membership envelope for your convenience. Please be reminded that our newsletter is emailed each spring. If you know of any GCPL Friends that do not have an email account, encourage them to pick up a paper copy at the circulation desk. We appreciate your continued support. In other news, our current officers have all agreed to serve again for the coming year. This slate will be approved at our September meeting. Keep reading and happy fall!

<i>Price List</i>	
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

2024-25 Friends of the Library Board

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Friends Annual Meeting
September 9, 2024
Vote on Slate of Officers

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EMPLOYEE

Spotlight



TIFFANY MCCLURE

◆ Are you from Graves County?

Yes! I was born and raised in Symsonia. I graduated from GCHS in 2014!

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

My favorite authors are those that I go back to over and over again. Suzanne Collins has been a favorite of mine since she first released Hunger Games. I come back to her often, and I always find something new to love. Chuck Palahniuk is another author I find myself reaching for, my personal shelves are bursting with color from his books. He's a bit of an acquired taste, for sure, but I can always relate to his characters, most of whom are deeply flawed, while getting lost in the narrative. Rant, Choke, and Diary, are my all time favorites. I love to read horror, so I have to shout out a few of my favorite horror authors as well: Christopher Buehlman (Those Across the River and Between Two Fires), Chelsea G. Summers (A Certain Hunger), Nick Cutter (The Deep and The Troop), and Max Brooks (World War Z and Devolution). It can be difficult to find truly scary horror novels, but these folks managed to write beautiful (and truly horrifying) stories.

◆ What are you currently reading?

I like to read several books at a time (unless I find a book I am truly captivated by). So, right now, I'm reading Paul Tremblay's new book Horror Movie, Colm Tóibín's Long Island, and The Loop by Jeremy Robert Johnson. I just finished listening to Shift, the 3rd book in the Silo Series by Hugh Howey, on Libby.

◆ What are your outside interests?

I love learning, so I'm always trying new things and exploring new interests. I'm deeply fascinated by ecology and herpetology, so I love spending time outdoors; hiking, camping, and watching nature—and I dabble in nature photography! I enjoy traveling. I love trying new foods, going to concerts, and exploring new areas and cultures. When I'm not out and about, I like to hang out with my husband, my two dogs, and play video games, binge watch television, and listen to music.

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

I started at GCPL in January 2024 as a Library Assistant, and have truly found such an amazing group.

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

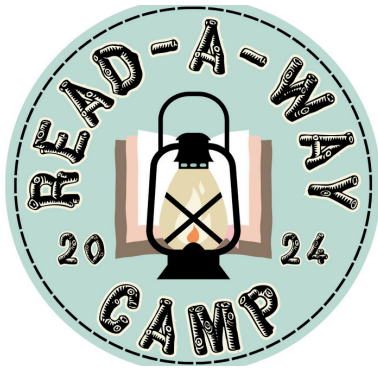
At the risk of sounding cliché, I am most fulfilled when patron's tell me that they are new to reading, or have come back to it after a long break. I love seeing people leave with stacks of books, or even just one, because I think reading is so important. In a broader sense, I love what libraries mean for their community, as a place for people to congregate, to learn and build new skills, to use the resources we provide; and that alone gives me satisfaction.

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

One of the more noticeable changes since I began working at GCPL is how our patrons are interacting with the book displays. With a facelift to our display shelves in front of the circulation, we've been able to increase the amount of books we can showcase. Once I settled into the groove of the library, I was able to start putting together one of the displays myself! Being mindful of trends, patron interests, and our book selection; this display combined with the second display—which often showcases awareness to disabilities, minorities, and underrepresented groups—means our front desk displays have garnered more interest than ever before!

CHILDREN'S SUMMER READING PROGRAM WRAP UP: READ-A-WAY CAMP!

BY NIKKI BROWN



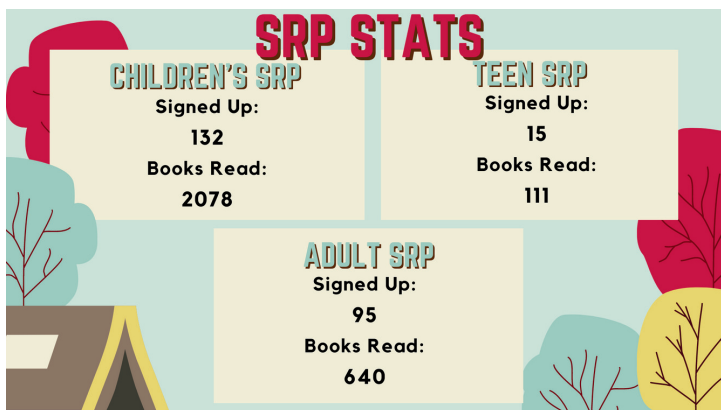
This year's summer reading theme was Read-A-Way Camp. We continued the use of ReaderZone to promote reading. We had a total of 201 readers who read a total of 2,205 books. 120 of the readers were children, and they read 1,750 books. That's more than half of all the books read during summer reading!

For every 5 books read, children would receive a prize such as a compass, flashlight, and canteen. They would also receive a bag and a chance to win a grand prize just for participating.

We had a total of 499 people attend our programming. There was a camping safety program which taught us the differences between safe and dangerous plants. The kids got to go bug hunting for pretend bugs to learn about their habitats. We even had a craft day. The coolest program was folk tales with Paul Strickland.

Camp Read-A-Way Day was at the end of June. We served hamburgers, hotdogs, soda, and chips. There were games and crafts for all ages as well. We also had a drawing for door prizes.

Overall, this year's summer reading program was a success. Thank you for your support!



Ongoing Monthly Programs

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FOR KIDS

Story Hour

Thursdays, 10:00 am
Kids Grab N Go Crafts

1st of the Month

Reading Club Ages 8-12

Check Library Website for Dates

FOR ADULTS

Night Book Club

1st Monday @ 6:00 pm

Lunch Book Club

4th Monday @ 12pm

Adult Paint Party

Check Library Website for Dates

Adult & Teen Craft Night

Check Library Website for Dates

Family Bingo Night

Check Library Website for Dates

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Teen Button Making Craft

September 5th

5:30-6:30 PM

Library Olympics Ages 8-12

September 10th

3:30 PM

Haunted Harvest

October 26th

2-5 PM

FRIENDS DUES

BY ANITA GRANIER

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 digital kiosk for the library lobby, and two replacement tables for the community meeting room.

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.

Friends Membership Levels

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

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Growing Community. Promoting Literacy.

MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE!

LIBRARIES

FREE NOTARY SERVICE, FREE SEED LIBRARY, WI-FI HOT SPOTS, MEETING ROOMS, BOOKMOBILE, AND MULTIPLE ONLINE RESOURCES FOR EBOOKS, EAUDIOS, MOVIES, & MUSIC

**SEPTEMBER IS...
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Celebrate with us!

Enter into our adult gift card drawing by signing up or renewing your library card! Adults complete Book Bingo to win library themed swag! Teens enter into a library basket drawing! Kids can complete a scavenger hunt or Read a mystery book to win prizes!

Fine free days all month for returned late items when you come in and renew your library card!

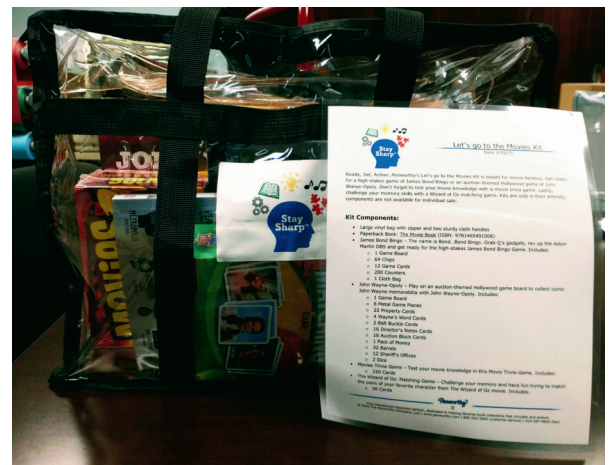
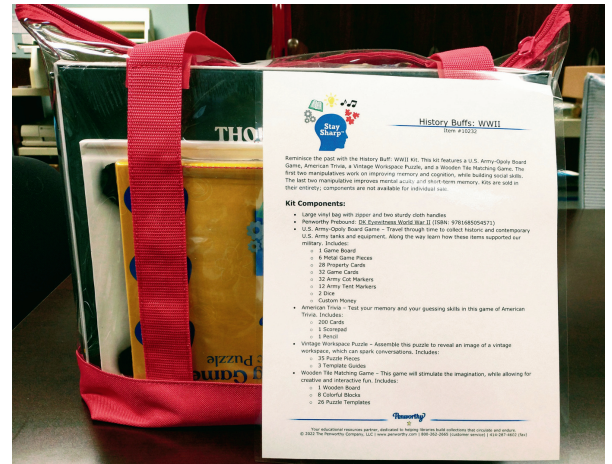
RENOVATED KITCHEN IN SMALL COMMUNITY ROOM



Discover our newly updated kitchen, now open for community use!

What's New at the Library Stay Sharp Kits

The library purchased six memory kits curated by Penworthy to help people with dementia or Alzheimer's disease. They are categorized by subject matter like movies and history. An example is the Garden Kit that includes DK Eyewitness Plant and What's that Flower, Garden Wonders Aquapaints™, Garden Gathering Shaped Puzzle, and Pick a Flower: a Memory Game. The first activity allows for relaxation and calmness of the mind through painting. The second two activities will create a sense of achievement, while reinforcing the connection between brain cells and improving mental speed and short-term memory. These kits circulate through the library and bookmobile.



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UPCOMING BOOK RELEASES

September

- Capture or Kill by Vince Flynn
- Counting Miracles by Nicholas Sparks
- Den of Iniquity by J.A. Jance
- Tell Me Everything by Elizabeth Strout
- Fatal Intrusion by Jeffrey Deaver
- Clive Cussler Ghost Soldier by Mike Maden
- The Forest of Lost Souls by Dean Koontz
- Here One Moment by Liane Moriarty
- Passions in Death by J.D. Robb
- Lies He Told Me by James Patterson
- Left Behind by Sharon Sala
- Who is Mary? by Linda Byler

October

- The Blue Hour by Paula Hawkins
- The Boyfriend by Frieda McFadden
- In Too Deep by Lee Child
- One Big Happy Family by Susan Mallery
- Identity Unknown by Patricia Cornwell
- Triangle by Danielle Steel
- The Waiting by Michael Connelly
- What Does It Feel Like? by Sophie Kinsella
- A Christmas Duet by Debbie Macomber
- The Grey Wolf by Louise Penny
- I'll Be Waiting by Kelley Armstrong
- Killing Time by M.C. Beaton

November

- Now or Never by Janet Evanovich
- To Die For by David Baldacci
- The Mirror: The Lost Bride Trilogy by Nora Roberts
- The House of Cross by James Patterson
- Unforgotten by Shelley Shepard Gray
- A Truth Revealed by Tracie Peterson
- An Insignificant Case by Phillip Margolin
- A Bloom in Winter by J.R. Ward
- Robert B. Parker's Hot Property by Mike Lupica
- Christmas in Bethel by Richard Paul Evans
- We Three Queens by Rhys Bowen
- Time Will Tell by Rita Mae Brown

December

- Stuart Woods' Golden Hour by Brett Battles
- Bellevue by Robin Cook
- The Wonder of It All by Barbara Taylor Bradford
- Tom Clancy Defense Protocol by Brian Andrews
- Lawbreaker by Diana Palmer
- Sharpe's Storm by Bernard Cornwell
- The Seaside Homecoming by Julie Klassen