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## News - Gwinnett County Public Library

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### Local Author Day at the Five Forks Branch

On May 17, 2014, Gwinnett County had no shortage of literary talent as the Gwinnett



County Public Library (GCPL) recognized writers during Local Author Day at the Five Forks Branch.

Attendees met new authors, had the opportunity

to read undiscovered debut novels, and learned about the journey from blank page to published book and everything in between.

Local Author Day is a great opportunity to meet local authors who will be selling and signing copies of their books while discussing their journeys. James Newman, Mike Brown, and Robert Hardin are three of the ten authors who participated in the afternoon long event. Many genres were represented including romance, historical fiction, thrillers, mystery, inspirational, and more.

The Five Forks branch is located at 2780 Five Forks Trickum Road Lawrenceville, GA 30044. For more information about Gwinnett County Public Library programs, events, and services, please visit [www.gwinnettpl.org](http://www.gwinnettpl.org), call (770) 978-5154, or

find GwinnettLibrary on Facebook, Twitter, and Google+.

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### GCPL and Norcross High School Team Up for MakerCamp

Coming in June, the Gwinnett County Public Library, in partnership with Norcross High School, will host the first “MakerCamp” for Gwinnett students. MakerCamp introduces students to practical—and fun—hands on learning through the use of computer-aided design software and a MakerBot 3D printer. Students will learn about the history and function of 3D printing. They will begin by exploring 3D projects that are available online and then move to designing and printing their own projects. The camp will take place June 9 through June 12 at the Peachtree Corners

Branch. A public reception will be held on June 23 where MakerCamp participants will unveil their newly printed creations.

3D Printing has become a powerful tool for teachers and students. 3D printers foster exploration in a variety of subjects—science, technology, engineering, art, and math—by allowing students to have a hands-on learning experience. Designs are created on a basic computer with browser-based design software. GCPL’s 3D printer, the MakerBot Replicator 2, uses PLA plastic

made of corn starch to lay down thin layers to form three-dimensional objects. To learn more



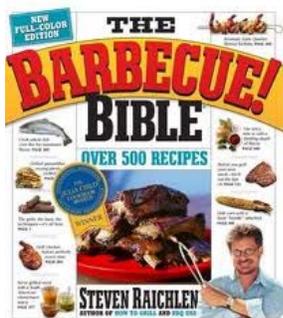
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about 3D printing and the library's printer, visit: <http://lib.gwinnettpl.org/makerbot>

Teens interested in participating in MakerCamp can sign up on the library's website beginning May 1, 2014: [www.gwinnettpl.org](http://www.gwinnettpl.org). Space is limited. To learn more about Gwinnett County Public Library programs and services, please visit online, find GwinnettLibrary on Facebook, Twitter, or call (770) 978-5154.

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**Gwinnett County Public Library Presents an Evening with America's "Master Griller," Bestselling Cookbook Author and Television Star Steven Raichlen**



Steven Raichlen, dubbed America's "master griller" by *Esquire Magazine*, will visit Gwinnett to discuss his prolific career and share some barbecuing secrets with fans. He is the author of over

25 bestselling cookbooks, including the award-winning Barbecue! Bible cookbook series. That series alone has sold over 4.7 million copies. Raichlen will appear on stage at Norcross Cultural Arts Center on Thursday evening, June 12, at 7 p.m. to host a cooking demonstration and talk about his newest book *Man Made Meals*.

Raichlen's articles appear regularly in *Food & Wine*, *Bon Appétit*, and other magazines and newspapers. His current show, *Primal Grill*, is a PBS hit series, and his popular *Barbecue University* series is now available on DVD. *Bon Appetit* named him Cooking Teacher of the Year. *Man Made Meals* focuses on tools and techniques—so guess what grillers?—you still get to play with

knives and fire! It's about adopting secrets from the pros—how to multitask, prep before you start cooking, clean as you go. It's about understanding flavor and flavor boosters, like anchovies and miso, and it's about essentials: how to shuck an oyster, truss a chicken, and cook a steak to the desired doneness.

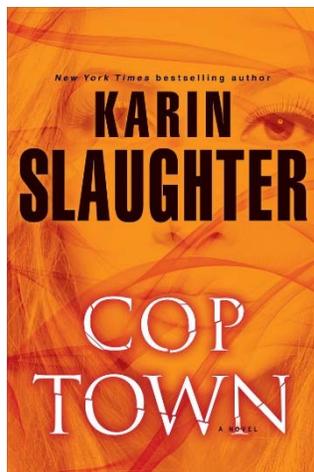
The event is free and open to the public. Books will be available for purchase and signing at the event. The Norcross Cultural Arts Center is located at 10 College Street in Norcross. For more information about library events, please visit [www.gwinnettpl.org](http://www.gwinnettpl.org), call (770) 978-5154, or find GwinnettLibrary on Facebook, Twitter, or Google+.

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**Gwinnett County Public Library Presents New York Times Bestselling Author Karin Slaughter**

As part of the Gwinnett County Public Library's Meet the Author series, bestselling author and library advocate Karin Slaughter will have a book discussion and signing at the Barnes & Noble store located at the Forum in Peachtree Corners. She will discuss her new book *Cop Town*—her first-ever stand-alone novel. The book talk and signing will take place at 7 p.m. on July 10, 2014.

Barnes & Noble will donate a portion of all sales during the day of the event to the Friends of Gwinnett County Public Library when customers mention the library while making a purchase at the store's checkout counters.



Karin Slaughter is the *New York Times* and #1 internationally bestselling author of 14 thrillers, including *Undone*, *Fractured*, *Beyond Reach*, *Triptych*, *Faithless*, and *Unseen*. She is a native of Georgia and a dedicated supporter of public libraries.

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### Free Workshop for Aspiring Writers

On Thursday, August 14 at 6:30 p.m., bestselling author and renowned writer's workshop conference speaker Joe Samuel Starnes will host a free workshop and book discussion at the Suwanee branch of the Gwinnett County Public Library. Starnes will focus his discussion on *Research: A Writer's Best Friend and A Writer's Worst Enemy—Using Research in Your Fiction*.



Eudora Welty once wrote “the art that speaks most clearly, explicitly, directly, and passionately from its place of origin will remain the longest understood.” Starnes, author of the novels *Fall Line* and *Calling*, will discuss how fiction can come alive with

details acquired from research, giving your short stories and novels a sense of verisimilitude. He will offer practical advice to aspiring writers about conducting research, and he will offer writers tips on avoiding the pitfalls and delays that doing research can bring to fiction writing.

Joe Samuel “Sam” Starnes first novel, *Calling*, was published in 2005. NewSouth Books published his second novel *Fall Line* in November 2011. Articles by Starnes have appeared in the *New York Times*, *Washington Post* and various magazines, as well as essays, short stories, and poems in literary journals. In

December 2012, *Fall Line* was named to the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution's* “A Year in Reading: Best of the South” list.

The Suwanee branch is located at 361 Main Street, Suwanee, GA. To learn more about Gwinnett County Public Library programs and services, please visit [www.gwinnettpl.org](http://www.gwinnettpl.org), find GwinnettLibrary on Facebook, Twitter, or call (770) 978-5154.

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### Gwinnett County Public Library Presents a Luncheon with *New York Times* Bestselling Authors and Award Winning Chefs: Nathalie Dupree and Cynthia Graubart

Gwinnett County Public Library, in partnership with Garden Plaza of Lawrenceville, will host an upscale weekday luncheon on June 4 at 12 p.m. with *New York Times* bestselling authors Nathalie Dupree and Cynthia Graubart. The authors will discuss their 2013 James Beard Award winning book: *Mastering the Art of Southern Cooking* and host a Q&A session followed by an onsite book-signing while guests enjoy a delicious lunch. Cookbooks will be available for purchase during the luncheon. Proceeds will support the Gwinnett County Public Library.



Nathalie Dupree is the author of fifteen cookbooks and has appeared on more than 300 television shows for The Food Network, PBS, and others. She has been prominently featured

in *the New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Chicago Tribune* as well as *Bon Appétit*, *Food and Wine*, *Southern Living*, *Coastal Living*, *Better Homes and Garden*, *Redbook*, *Cosmopolitan*, and *Good Housekeeping* magazines. She is a three time James Beard Award winner and was awarded the prestigious “Grand Dame” of Les Dames d’Escoffier, an international organization of top women in the culinary field, and was named the 2013 Woman of the Year by the prestigious organization of French Chefs of America.

Cynthia Graubart, a James Beard Award winner, is the author of *Slow Cooking for Two: Basics, Techniques, and Recipes*. Her other books include *Mastering the Art of Southern Cooking* (2013 James Beard Award) and *Southern Biscuits*, both co-authored with Nathalie Dupree. Her first book was *The One-Armed Cook: Quick and Easy Recipes, Smart Meal Plans*, and *Savvy Advice for New (and not-so-*

*new) Moms*. She is also a columnist for *Southern Living* magazine and a cooking teacher.

The Lunch & Listen series brings authors and readers together, providing the ultimate food for thought with a wide range of authors—from bestselling mystery writers, and award-winning regional novelists, to nonfiction and cookbook authors.

Seating is limited and tickets can be purchased in advance for \$12 per person. Tickets sold at the door will be \$17. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit <http://friendsgcpl.org>. Or email [Contact@FriendsGCPL.org](mailto:Contact@FriendsGCPL.org). Doors do not open until 11:30 p.m. The luncheon will take place at, and in partnership with, Garden Plaza at Lawrenceville, off of Route 316 at 230 Collins Industrial Way in Lawrenceville.