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## News - Gwinnett County Public Library

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### Gwinnett County Public Library Offers Book-a-Librarian Service

Gwinnett County Public Library (GCPL) patrons can now book one-on-one help sessions with branch staff through a new service launched this week.

Library staff are trained information professionals who can provide assistance on a variety of research and technology topics. Each appointment will be matched to an individual staff member with the most expertise in the topic requested.

“The service is a way for the library to provide customers with in-depth, uninterrupted assistance on topics that make an impact on their lives,” said Hamilton Mill branch manager Margaret Penn.

Topics available for the thirty minute to one-hour sessions include job search and resume help, database assistance, e-reader and tablet troubleshooting, and more.

Customers can make an appointment by stopping at the help desk at their local branch, online at [www.gwinnettpl.org](http://www.gwinnettpl.org), or by calling (770) 978-5154.

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### GCPL’s Let’s Talk Program Proves a Valuable Resource in Gwinnett County

Gwinnett County Public Library’s Let’s Talk, an English conversational program for speakers of other languages, has become a valuable resource in one of the Southeast’s most diverse counties.



“The goal of the program,” as Mountain Park branch manager Robyn Saint-Paen explains, “is to allow library customers the opportunity to practice their English speaking and listening skills in a comfortable, informal, and supportive environment.”

Let’s Talk began as Spanish Talk Night at the Buford branch in 2006 and has expanded to seven more branches to currently serve eight communities around the county.

Library staff, after attending annual training seminars, act as facilitators for the program and gently guide each session as conversations develop among the participants.

Sonia Lopez, who attended two recent sessions at the Centerville branch, lauds the program. “Both were excellent,” she said. “For me, I will

need thirty more minutes because one hour is too short.”

Times and locations for Let's Talk can be found at [www.gwinnettpl.org](http://www.gwinnettpl.org).

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**Gwinnett County Public Library Makes Music and Art Instruction Accessible through ArtistWorks**

Gwinnett County Public Library has launched ArtistWorks, an online instruction tool that will make music and art instruction accessible to county residents.

ArtistWorks for Libraries provides patrons with world-class instruction through self-paced video lessons from highly accomplished and Grammy Award-winning music professionals and art instruction.

“The price of private music lessons can be a barrier to the arts for many families and individuals,” said Library Executive Director Charles Pace. “With ArtistWorks, the library is making high caliber music instruction available to our entire community.”

Lessons available include beginner to advanced music instruction for the most popular string and band instruments as well as art and voice classes.

For more information about ArtistWorks, visit [gwinnettpl.org](http://gwinnettpl.org).

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**Love Between the Covers Luncheon Featured Bestselling Authors Karen White, Beatriz Williams, and Lauren Willig**

Gwinnett County Public Library featured *New York Times* bestselling authors Karen White, Beatriz Williams, and Lauren Willig at a book talk, signing, and luncheon to support the



Friends of Gwinnett Library on January 27, 2016 at Garden Plaza of Lawrenceville at 12 p.m.

The trio’s latest book, *The Forgotten Room*, is a rich, multigenerational novel of love and loss that spans half a century.

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**GCPL Branch Manager Selected for Georgia Public Library Service Leadership Program**

The Georgia Public Library Service has selected Collins Hill library branch manager Leslie Clark as one of twenty-two participants in the 2016 class of PINNACLE, the agency's comprehensive leadership program.

"By providing carefully designed training on numerous important and library-specific topics, PINNACLE is instrumental in our effort to prepare many talented individuals to take the next step in their careers and become our future public library leaders," said State Librarian Julie Walker.

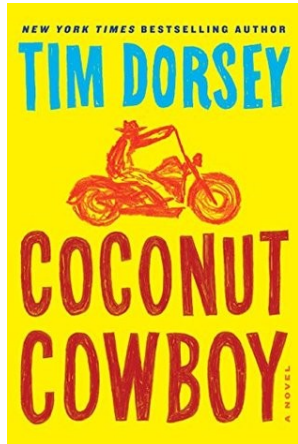


Clark has served as the Collins Hill branch manager since joining Gwinnett County Public Library in 2010.

### **New York Times Bestselling Author Tim Dorsey**

Gwinnett County Public Library hosted *New York Times* bestselling author Tim Dorsey for a book talk and silent auction event on February 23 at 7:30 p.m. at the Norcross Cultural Arts & Community Center.

Guests can always expect nothing less than madness, mayhem, ingenious homicides, and



belly laughs when Dorsey talks about his career and his newest book featuring Serge Storm. *Coconut Cowboy* is Dorsey's nineteenth book in the popular Serge Storms series.

Tim Dorsey was a reporter and editor for the Tampa

Tribune from 1987 to 1999 and is the author of ten previous novels. He lives in Tampa, Florida.

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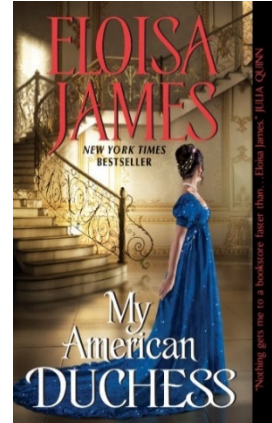
### **Bestselling Romance Author Eloisa James**

Gwinnett County Public Library hosted *New York Times* bestselling romance author Eloisa James for a book signing event on February 7, 2016 at the Barnes & Noble at The Forum.

James's latest novel, *My American Duchess*, tells the story of Englishwoman Merry Pelford who is set to marry the arrogant Duke of Trent.

However, Merry finds herself in love with his dissolute younger brother.

Eloisa James was the 2013 recipient of the RITA, the top award in the romance fiction genre, awarded by the Romance Writers of America.



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### **Bestselling Author of Forrest Gump**

Gwinnett County Public Library welcomed novelist Winston Groom for a book signing event on November 16, 2016 at the Norcross Cultural Arts & Community Center at 7:30 p.m.



Groom is best known for his book *Forrest Gump*, which was adapted into the Academy Award-winning film starring Tom Hanks.

His latest book, *The Generals*, tells the intertwined tales of

George Patton, Douglas MacArthur, and George Marshall—from the World War I battle that shaped them to their greatest victory: leading allies to victory in World War II.