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## News - Gwinnett County Public Library

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### GCPL Hosts N-400 Citizenship Application Assistance Programs

Gwinnett County Public Library (GCPL) teamed up with the Latin American Association and Asian Americans Advancing Justice Atlanta to host free N-400 Citizenship Application Assistance programs for permanent residents at the Lilburn Branch. Sessions are scheduled for February 16, March 16, and April 20, 2018, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The program offers qualified legal representatives in multiple languages including English, Spanish, Urdu, Hindi, and Mandarin. Assistance to attendees is on a first come, first served basis. The Lilburn Branch is located at 4817 Church Street, Lilburn, Georgia. For more information and a list of required documents, visit <https://gwinnettpl.org/N400> or email [events@gwinnettpl.org](mailto:events@gwinnettpl.org).

### GCPL Hosted Journalist Drew Jubera Writing Workshop



Gwinnett County Public Library (GCPL) and the Atlanta Writers Club hosted journalist Drew Jubera for a writing workshop on December 16, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. in the Lilburn Branch meeting room. Drew

Jubera is a five-time Pulitzer-nominated journalist who has written for major publications including *The New York Times*, *ESPN The Magazine*, *Esquire*, and *Texas*

*Monthly*. Jubera is also the creator of the hit Netflix sports documentary series *Last Chance U* and the author of *Must Win: A Season of Survival for a Town and Its Team*.

### GCPL and Eddie Owen Presents Hosted Radney Foster Book and CD Release Party

Gwinnett County Public Library (GCPL) and Eddie Owen Presents hosted a book and CD release party for Radney Foster on November 18, 2017 at the Red Clay Music Foundry in Duluth.



Radney Foster is a profound songwriter. When he hasn't been delivering his own vocals to songs he's written, he's been offering his prolific writing chops to some of the biggest names in Nashville and Texas. Foster has had 13 songs on the Billboard Hot Country Songs charts, including the Top Ten hits "Just Call Me

Lonesome" (#10, 1992) and "Nobody Wins" (#2, 1993).



Foster's newest work is *For You to See the Stars* published by Working Title Farm. He is releasing both an album and a book of the same name. They've inspired each other, and Foster says it's up to you to

decide which art form inspired the other first.

### **GCPL 2018 Teen Film Challenge Presented by East2West Media Group**

Gwinnett County Public Library (GCPL) accepted entries for the 2018 Teen Film Challenge Presented by East2West Media Group through January 26, 2018. \$1,000 in prizes were awarded by a panel of judges to teens who submit a short film between two and ten minutes in length.

A selection of films premiered at an awards ceremony at the Lilburn Branch on March 3, 2018. Awards including Best Picture were up for grabs.

### **GCPL Celebrates First Class of Career Online High School Graduates**

Gwinnett County Public Library (GCPL) celebrated the first class of Career Online High School graduates at the Lilburn Branch, Saturday, October 21, 2017. Eight community members who completed an accredited high school diploma and credentialed career certificate participated in the ceremony. Career Online High School, a program brought to public libraries by Gale, a Cengage company, is part of the world's first accredited, private online school district. The program is specifically designed to reengage adults into the education system and prepare them for entry into postsecondary career education or the workforce.



“The library is often referred to as the people’s university,” said Charles Pace, GCPL executive director. “In my mind, there’s nothing more important that we can do as a library than be an educational institution and an educational resource for the community. We’re happy to be able to provide these classes and this service to the citizens of Gwinnett County for no charge whatsoever.”

Clyde Strickland, whose donation helped launch Career Online High School at the library, shared words of encouragement with the graduates. “This program can put people on a path that they’ve never dreamed of,” said Strickland. “You cannot even imagine where you are going.” Career Online High School scholarships are supported through private funding and donations. To support the program, please contact GCPL Development Manager Shelly Schwerzler at [schwerzler@gwinnettpl.org](mailto:schwerzler@gwinnettpl.org) or visit [gwinnettpl.org/foundation](http://gwinnettpl.org/foundation).