



# What's Happening at GCPL



Yay for spring! We had a busy winter and we are glad that spring is here and summer is just around the corner.

I want to introduce Laken Smith as our new Program Coordinator. Elizabeth Roller has moved into the Teen Programming position and has developed a faithful following for a creative writing club, a Dungeons & Dragons group, and a Fandomonium group/club. Susan Hickman has taken on the role of Story Time Coordinator.

Laken, Elizabeth, and Susan are busy working hard to plan the Summer Reading Program with the theme of A Universe of Stories. Summer registration starts on May 13th! Mr. Bond and the Science Guys will kick off our Summer Reading with an event at First National Bank on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. As always, they will demonstrate the science that goes along with our theme. Since our theme is space this year, it should be out of this world! Bob Tarter will be back with his amazing animals and we have a magic show scheduled. Be sure to check out the calendar included to see when all the summer events will take place. Most of all, be sure to sign up for Summer Reading and reap the rewards and benefits of continuing to read throughout the summer!

Come and meet Robert Bailey on May 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 here at the library. His new book, *The Final Reckoning*, came out on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. This

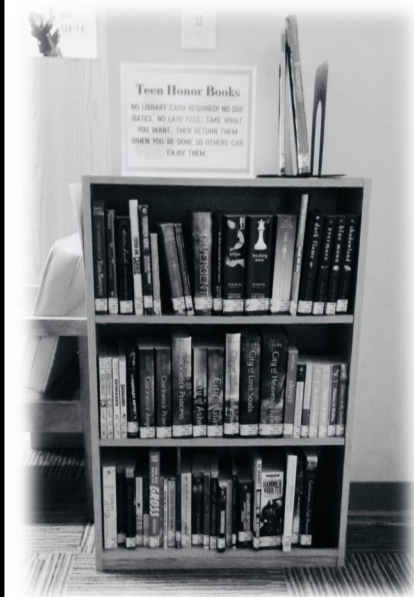
is the final book in the McMurtrie & Drake legal thriller series. This event will be held in memory of Danny Ray Cobb. Danny Ray was instrumental in getting Mr. Bailey to come to the library for the first time in 2016 and getting the word out about him as an author. The first two novels in the series, *The Professor* and *Between Black and White* both won the Beverly Hills Book Award for legal thriller of the year. This series is definitely suspenseful and a real page turner. He does a great job in catching you up to speed and reminding you of prior characters and events. If you enjoy legal thrillers, you will enjoy all four of these books!

Check out the calendar for a new set of computer classes starting in July. These classes will be held from 5:30 – 7:00 on Monday and Tuesday evenings for six weeks and will cover the topics of privacy and security, internet searching, office products, library resources, social media and multi-media. These classes are made possible from a Training Opportunities for the Public (TOP) grant with funding made possible by the Tennessee Broadband Accessibility Act and in partnership with the Department of Economic and Community Development. Two more hotspots are also available to the public to check out from the library with this grant.

If you want to keep up with what's happening at the library each week, please call or email to be added to our email blast or check out our Facebook page!

**Cindy Nesbitt, Director**

*"There are many ways to enlarge your child's world. Love of books is the best of all." ~ Jacqueline Kennedy*



Nestled in our Teen Room (behind the Magazine/Lounge area), we have three amazing collections. In the glass room behind the Teen Room, we have a Graphic Novel Collection (think superheroes like Batman, IronMan, Thor, Captain America, etc!) and a growing Manga Collection (think One Piece, Nisekoi, Inu Yasha, etc.). There's something for all ages and all interests in our Graphic Novel Room.

New to the Teen Room is our hide-a-way Honor Book shelf. These books are able to be "checked out" no matter what your library card status is. Borrow one (or two, or three) and bring it back when you're through. No due date, no fines, just time to read and share. We are trying to keep this shelf stocked with great reads! If you have some teen level books you would like to donate for this shelf, drop them by!



- *A Plain Vanilla Murder*—Susan Wittig Albert
- *Sunset Beach*—Mary Kay Andrews
- *Wherever She Goes*—Kelley Armstrong
- *Big Sky*—Kate Atkinson
- *One Good Deed*—David Baldacci
- *The Guest Book*—Sarah Blake
- *Storm Cursed*—Patricia Briggs
- *The Hive*—Orson Scott Card
- *The House on Olive Street*—Robyn Carr
- *Resistance Women*—Jennifer Chiaverini
- *The Bookshop on the Shore*—Jenny Colgan
- *After the Party*—Cressida Connolly
- *Labyrinth*—Catherine Coulter
- *A Dangerous Man*—Robert Crais
- *Recursion*—Blake Crouch
- *The Oracle*—Clive Cussler
- *It's a Christmas Thing*—Janet Daily
- *The Chelsea Girls*—Fiona Davis
- *The Never Game*—Jeffery Deaver
- *You, Me, and the Sea*—Meg Donohue
- *The Road Home*—Richard Paul Evans
- *Queen Bee*—Dorothea Benton Frank
- *Magic For Liars*—Sarah Gailey
- *City of Girls*—Elizabeth Gilbert
- *Red Metal*—Mark Greaney
- *The Friends We Keep*—Jane Green
- *Summer of 69*—Elin Hildebrand
- *Robert B. Parker's Buckskin*—Robert Knott
- *Window On the Bay*—Debbie Macomber
- *The Summer of Sunshine and Margot*—Susan Mallery
- *Waisted*—Randy Susan Meyers
- *Hot Shot*—Fern Michaels
- *The Yankee Widow*—Linda Lael Miller
- *The Summer Guests*—Mary Alice Monroe
- *My Life As a Rat*—Joyce Carol Oates
- *The Flatshare*—Beth O'Leary
- *Sophia Princess Among Beasts*—James Patterson
- *It's Hot in the Hamptons*—Holly Peterson
- *Lanny*—Max Porter
- *Under Currents*—Nora Roberts
- *Dawson's Fall*—Roxana Robinson
- *The Favorite Daughter*—Kaira Rouda
- *The New Girl*—Daniel Silva
- *Blessing in Disguise*—Danielle Steel
- *Lost and Found*—Danielle Steel
- *Surfside Sisters*—Nancy Thayer
- *Backlash*—Brad Thor
- *The Body in the Castle Well*—Martin Walker
- *The Night Before*—Wendy Walker
- *Mrs. Everything*—Jennifer Weiner
- *Anna of Kleve*—Alison Weir
- *The Nickel Boys*—Colson Whitehead
- *The Summer Country*—Lauren Willig
- *Skin Games*—Stuart Woods

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MAY 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Author Event: Kannon Graves "The Christmas Miracle of 1914" @4pm (Teen Creative Club)	3 Caterpillars and Butterflies Story Time 10:15 AM <i>Teen Fandomonium @4:00pm</i>	4
5  Cinco de Mayo	6 Ramblin' Writers Writers' Workshop 10:15 AM	7 Author Event: Robert Bailey "The Final Reckoning" 5:30-6:30 PM <i>Bridge Club 10:00 AM-12:00 PM</i>	8 Int. Computer Course with Bo Harvey 7:45-9:00 AM	9 Ask A Librarian Tech Help by Appointment  <i>Teen Club D&amp;D 3:30-5:00</i>	10  Bugs, Bugs, Bugs Story Time 10:15 AM	11  Literary Club 1:00-3:30 PM
12  Mother's Day	13 *Summer Reading Registration Begins! World of Books Club 10:15 AM "Unsheltered" by Barbara Kingsolver	14 Beginner's Computer Course 8:15-9:00 AM	15  Resume Assistance by Appointment	16	17 Ninja Story Time 10:15 AM  LEGO Club 3:30-4:30 PM	18  Armed Forces Day
19	20	21  <i>Bridge Club 10:00 AM-12:00 PM</i>	22 Int. Computer Course with Bo Harvey 7:45-9:00 AM	23 Ask A Librarian Tech Help by Appointment  <i>Teen Club D&amp;D 3:30-5:00</i>	24 Unique Unicorn Story Time 10:15 AM  <i>Teen Fandomonium @4:00pm</i>	25
26	27  CLOSED  Memorial Day	28 Beginner's Computer Course 8:15-9:00 AM	29	30	31 Picnics Story Time 10:15 AM	
Summer Reading Registration begins: <u>May 13th!</u> You can register at the library or on our website: <a href="http://www.gilescountylibrary.org/summer-reading-program.html">www.gilescountylibrary.org/summer-reading-program.html</a> 						



JUNE 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 SUMMER READING WILL BE STELLAR!						1
2	3 Kick-Off Event "SPACE! A Universe of Stories" with The Science Guys 10:00 AM-12:00 PM(SR*) Ramblin' Writers Writers' Workshop 10:15 AM	4  <i>Bridge Club 10:00 AM-12:00 PM</i>	5 Int. Computer Course with Bo Harvey 7:45-9:00 AM	6 Karaoke Night/ Guardians of the Galaxy Mixtape Contest 4:00-5:00 PM (Pre-teens and Teens-SR*)	7 Pre-K Story Time 10:15 AM  <i>Fandomonium Teen Meeting 4:00-5:00PM</i>	8  Literary Club 1:00-3:30 PM
9	10 World of Books Club 10:15 AM "The Language of Flowers" by Vanessa Diffenbaugh	11	12	13 Ask A Librarian Tech Help by Appointment	14 Animal Voyagers with Bob Tarter 10:00 AM-12:00 PM (SR*)	15 2019 Summer SOULstice on the Square 5:00-9:00 PM
16	17 Let's Make Litter Disappear! with Magical Jerry White 10:15 AM-12:00 PM (SR*)	18  <i>Bridge Club 10:00 AM-12:00 PM</i>	19 Int. Computer Course with Bo Harvey 7:45-9:00 AM  Resume Assistance by Appointment	20 Ask A Librarian Tech Help by Appointment  <i>Dungeons &amp; Dragons Group 1 Meeting 3:30-5:00PM</i>	21 Pre-K Story Time 10:15 AM SPACE PARTY! (Pre-teens & Teens SR*)  3:30-5:00 LEGO Club 3:30-4:30 PM	22
23	24	25	26 Go Tech Pulaski Coding Camp June 26-27 8:30am-3:30pm (cost associated SR*)	27 Go Tech Pulaski Coding Camp June 26-27 8:30am-3:30pm (cost associated SR*)	28  Pre-K Story Time 10:15 AM	29 Movie Under the Stars @ Sharewood Park Time: TBA (SR*)
30  End of Summer Reading Program				The Giles County Public Library would like to thank First National Bank for use of their facilities! Our sponsors make Summer Reading possible and fun!  Thank you!		



JULY 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Ramblin' Writers Writers' Workshop 10:15 AM	2 Bridge Club 10:00 AM-12:00 PM	3 Int. Computer Course with Bo Harvey 7:45-9:00 AM	4 <b>CLOSED</b>  4th of July	5 Pre-K Story Time 10:15 AM	6
7	8	9 Beginner's Computer Course 8:15-9:00 AM (Tentative)	10	11 Ask A Librarian Tech Help by Appointment  Teen Creative Club 4:00-5:00PM	12 Pre-K Story Time 10:15 AM  Fandomonium Teen Meeting 4:00-5:00PM	13 Literary Club 1:00-3:30 PM
14	15 World of Books Club 10:15 AM "The Glass Universe" by Dava Sobel Tech Tools Series 5:30-7:00 PM	16 Bridge Club 10:00 AM-12:00 PM  Tech Tools Series 5:30-7:00 PM	17 Int. Computer Course with Bo Harvey 7:45-9:00 AM  Resume Assistance by Appointment	18  Dungeons & Dragons Group 1 Meeting 3:30-5:00PM	19 Pre-K Story Time 10:15 AM  LEGO Club 3:30-4:30 PM	20
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28	29  Tech Tools Series 5:30-7:00 PM	30  Tech Tools Series 5:30-7:00 PM	31 Int. Computer Course with Bo Harvey 7:45-9:00 AM			
				 <b>HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!</b> JOIN THE GILES COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY AS WE CELEBRATE ANOTHER YEAR OF FREEDOM!		



AUGUST 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Pre-K Story Time 10:15 AM  Fandomonium Teen Meeting 4:00-5:00PM	3
4	5 Ramblin' Writers Writers' Workshop 10:15 AM  Tech Tools Series 5:30-7:00 PM	6 Beginner's Computer Course 8:15-9:00 AM Bridge Club 10:00 AM-12:00 PM Tech Tools Series 5:30-7:00 PM	7	8 Ask A Librarian Tech Help by Appointment  Dungeons & Dragons Group 1 Meeting 3:30-5:00PM	9 Pre-K Story Time 10:15 AM  Book Lover's Day	10 Literary Club 1:00-3:30 PM
11	12 World of Books Club 10:15 AM "Miracle at St. Anna" by James McBride Tech Tools Series 5:30-7:00 PM	13 Bridge Club 10:00 AM-12:00 PM  Tech Tools Series 5:30-7:00 PM	14 Int. Computer Course with Bo Harvey 7:45-9:00 AM  Resume Assistance by Appointment	15	16 Pre-K Story Time 10:15 AM	17
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					<b>Get geared up for another great school year!</b>	

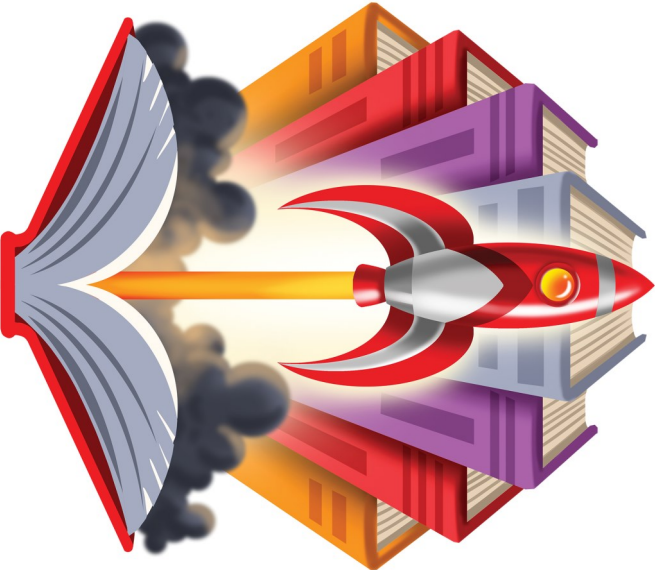


JUNE - SUMMER READING EVENTS - 2019						
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Weekly Themes: 2	Kick-Off Event "SPACE! A Universe of Stories" with The Science Guys 10:00 AM-12:00 PM 3	4	5	6	7	8
TAKE ME TO YOUR READER	First National Bank	BOYS & GIRLS CLUB of Pulaski, TN	Story Time at Lynnville Library 10:15 AM - 12 PM	Karaoke Night/ Guardians of the Galaxy Mixtape Contest 4:00-5:00 PM (Pre-teens and Teens- SR*)	Pre-K Story Time 10:15 AM - 12:00 PM	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
SHOOT FOR THE MOON		BOYS & GIRLS CLUB of Pulaski, TN	Story Time at Lynnville Library 10:15 AM - 12 PM		Animal Voyagers with Bob Tarter 10:00 AM-12:00 PM First National Bank	2019 Summer SOULstice on the Square 5:00-9:00 PM
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
TO THE LIBRARY AND BEYOND	Let's Make Litter Disappear! with Magical Jerry White 10:15 AM-12:00 PM First National Bank	BOYS & GIRLS CLUB of Pulaski, TN	Story Time at Lynnville Library 10:15 AM - 12 PM 9:30 AM World of Water with David Crane Pleasant Run Stream Walk		SPACE PARTY! (Pre-teens & Teens) 3:30-5:00 Pre-K Story Time 10:15 AM - 12:00 PM	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
TREKKING ACROSS OUR UNIVERSE		BOYS & GIRLS CLUB of Pulaski, TN	Story Time at Lynnville Library 10:15 AM - 12 PM Go Tech Pulaski Coding Camp June 26-27 8:30am-3:30pm (cost associated )	Go Tech Pulaski Coding Camp June 26-27 8:30am-3:30pm (cost associated )	Pre-K Story Time 10:15 AM - 12:00 PM	Movie Under the Stars @ Sharewood Park Time: TBA
30	The calendar is subject to change. Please call or check online for updates. Thank you. GCPL STAFF					

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# A Universe of Stories







# Giles County Public Library

# Staff Reviews



**Elizabeth Roller**

Teen Services Librarian

## **Glass (2019, PG-13) Crime/Mystery/Thriller**

A good movie, not unlike a good book, often leaves us with more questions than we have answers. Yet too many twists and needless complexity can cause a film to come off as pretentious, lifeless, or cliché. Walking the razor's edge between the two extremes seems like it calls for superpowers.

In a cinematic landscape choked full of superhero movies and shared universes, director M. Night Shyamalan's latest outing, *Glass* (2019, PG-13), manages a heroic feat all its own: it provides a satisfying experience that both finishes a saga and stands alone as an interesting character study that requires contemplation on the part of the audience. Bruce Willis and Samuel L. Jackson provide stellar performances; however, the true star of this movie is James McAvoy.

*Glass* culminates a storyline itself continued in *Split* (2017, PG-13) and begun in *Unbreakable* (2000, PG-13). David Dunn (Willis), *Unbreakable's* protagonist, scours Philadelphia's underbelly as a vigilante. Eventually, his new purpose in life tugs him right into the crosshairs of the supervillain part of him has been waiting to find - Kevin Wendell Crumb (McAvoy) aka the Beast. Once Dunn hunts

Crumb down, there's sure to be a brawl when "The Beast" meets the Unbreakable. But plans derail when both Dunn and Crumb are apprehended by police and taken to a mental institution where Dr. Ellie Staple (Sarah Paulson) promises to cure them of their delusions of grandeur...just as she has helped Elijah Price (Jackson) aka Mr. Glass. The match lit, the fire that consumes the third act of this slow-burn trilogy could come straight from the frames of a comic book, frantic and colorful with all the main players accounted for.

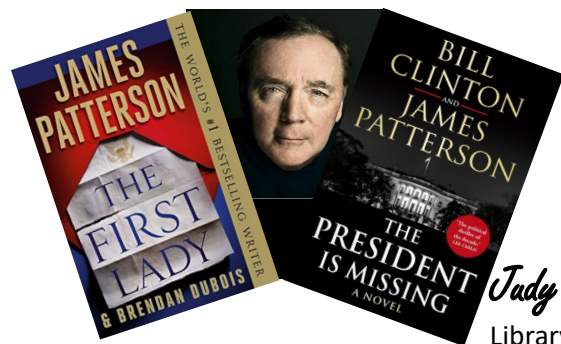
While not as poignant in its message as *Split*, *Glass* avoids being ham-fisted in presenting the myriad of ways we are all "broken" as people told through the lens of a superhero story. At the same time, it serves up interesting commentary on how superhero comics are intrinsically human stories about how we look to the sky, dreaming that someday we could be better, hoping to see that big red cape even if we know we never will.

"This was not a 'Limited Edition' — this was an origin story, the whole time."

**Rating: 4/5**

*Recommended Further Viewing/Reading: Unbreakable [DVD UNB (1) (DVD)], Split [DVD UNB (2) (DVD)], Watchmen by Alan Moore, illst. Dave Gibbons*

## **The First Lady by James Patterson The President is Missing by James Patterson**



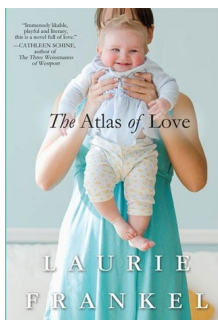
**Judy Praett**

Library Assistant

Well, there was a time when I really enjoyed reading James Patterson for the mystery and suspense, then there were many years and a jillion books that he wrote with other writers that I just could not get into. TV got so bad that I just could not watch and I looked forward to an easy mystery that could keep my attention and moved very quickly. Guess what James Patterson came back with, a couple that I have enjoyed!!! Moral of this story – never give up on a good mystery thriller, especially the proven authors.....they keep on keeping on!

The last two that I really enjoyed, especially since I am all about a political plot are *The President is Missing*, out in the Summer of 2018, followed by *The First Lady*, just out in March of this year.

Fast, read with a little scandal, a little danger and a little mystery! Just perfect for some easy weekend relaxation, complete with a coffee, a blanket and a good book!!



## **The Atlas of Love by Laurie Frankel**

Meet Jill, Janey and Katie: a trio of gals all trying to make their way through graduate school and life. Things are going along fabulously until Jill ends up pregnant *and* single in one semester. This trio of friends band together and decide to raise the baby. Add in some friendly highlights, the dating scene, new jobs, graduation and everything in between, and you get a pretty fabulous story.

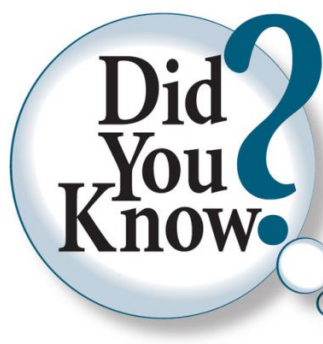
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