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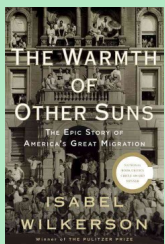


TOP REQUESTS

1. *The Vanishing Half*,
by Brit Bennett
2. *A Time for Mercy*,
by John Grisham
3. *A Promised Land*,
by Barack Obama
4. *The Guest List*,
by Lucy Foley
5. *Anxious People*,
by Frederick Backman
6. *The Searcher*,
by Tana French
7. *Daylight*,
by David Baldacci
8. *The Law of Innocence*,
by Michael Connelly
9. *The Sentinel*,
by Lee Child
10. *Leave the World Behind*,
by Rumaan Alam
11. *The Evening and the Morning*,
by Ken Follett
12. *One by One*,
by Ruth Ware

BOOK DISCUSSION

Saturday, February 6 at 2 p.m.



*The Warmth of Other Suns:
The Epic Story of America's
Great Migration*,
by Isabel Wilkerson

This meeting will be held via Zoom. For more information, or to get the Zoom link, e-mail Debbie Ladd at dladd@wgpl.org.

BETTER COMMUNICATION

This week we saw the early results of our recent survey, mostly asking our users how we have been doing during the pandemic. We are pleased that most of your responses have been positive and encouraging. But of course, there is always room for improvement. Why else do a survey?

One thing we noticed is that among comments, people suggested things we should do, or implement, that we in fact already do. Someone said it would be nice if our Website included a list of new acquisitions. We have always done that. You click on the Materials menu, then on the New Acquisitions option to find a monthly list of new books, movies, and more.

Someone was not happy that they could not easily access *Consumer Reports*. We have a dedicated tab for finding articles from that magazine. Just click on the Reference menu, then on the Research from Home option, and *Consumer Reports* is the first link to come up.

Someone else suggested that we should have links to special databases, like newspapers and such. Again, those are all available under the Research from Home page.

It's one thing to note that we have all of these things. The more important matter is to ask ourselves how we can more effectively keep people informed of them. This is all in communication, which we will continue to work on, trying to find ways to keep you informed of all the many services we provide. In the meantime, remember to call us at 314.961.3784 with any questions.

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LIBRARY HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Friday & Saturday 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

The Library will be closed Monday, January 18, for Martin Luther King's Birthday.

VIRTUAL GINGER-BREAD WINTER SCENE CONTEST

From now until January 23, create and send photos of your masterpieces to us at kids@wgpl.org.

Must be homemade; no store-bought kits.

Visible house contents must be edible (gingerbread, cookies, candy, icing, and other decoration items).

Non-edible materials may be used but only as support and must be covered up.

Vote for your favorite house on Facebook from January 25 through January 30. Visit us at facebook.com/wglibrary.

There will be four categories of prizes:

- Children (8 - 12)
- Teens (13 - 17)
- Adult (18 & up)
- Families



FRIENDS NEWS

The Friends were happy to provide funding for the Santa Express in December! Look for membership brochures to arrive in January. We are so grateful for the ongoing support of so many library patrons over the years. You make possible the Summer Reading Programs, the purchase of large print books, library staff enrichment, and in the past year, outreach kits and programs for families looking for ways to keep their kids engaged while they weren't able to be in school. Many thank you's for past support and we hope for your continued generosity! Happy New Year!

