

BETWEEN THE PAGES

Huntsville Public Library Monthly Newsletter

Friends of the Library by Mary Kokot, Adult Services Coordinator

The first group in the United States to name itself "Friends of the Library" was founded in 1922 to help purchase books for the Glen Ellyn Public Library in Illinois. Friends' groups were very important in helping libraries continue their services during the Depression in the 1930s. By 1973, there were around 1,000 Friends' groups with over 100,000 members. Friends of Libraries are adaptable groups that fit the needs of the communities and the libraries they support. They are made up of volunteers who organize themselves independently to support their local library or libraries. Friends of Libraries groups do many different things. Many work towards public support of libraries, including government advocacy and spreading information about library services. Other groups help provide resources and financial support.

BENEFITS OF BEING A FRIEND!

SOME OF THE BENEFITS OF BEING A "FRIEND" INCLUDE:

- KNOWING YOU ARE HELPING MAKE OUR PUBLIC LIBRARY THE BEST IT CAN BE
- PROVIDING CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR THE HUNTSVILLE COMMUNITY BY HELPING ENSURE CHILDREN, TEENS, AND ADULTS HAVE ACCESS TO THE TOOLS THEY NEED FOR SUCCESS
- PROVIDING A PLACE WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY FOR NEW PROGRAMS AND LIFE-LONG LEARNING
- RECEIVING PERIODIC NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL LISTING EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES AT THE LIBRARY
- ATTENDING SPECIAL FRIENDS' EVENTS AND PROGRAMS THAT CONNECT YOU WITH OTHER FRIENDS

Friends' organizations are usually structured by a charter and governed by bylaws, which may specify the group's purpose as well as membership and meeting requirements. They often work with library management or the library board in various capacities. Librarians, in some cases, are the ones who decide how to spend the funds provided by the Friends. In other cases, the Friends' board decides how to distribute and use the money raised. Library management may also send the Friends a wish list of items the library needs.



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Have you joined your Friends of the Library? Library lovers everywhere are invited and encouraged to join the Huntsville Public Library's Friends of the Library group. These dedicated volunteers advocate for our library, raise much needed funds, and sponsor programs and special events. Last summer, five special children's programs were made possible by their generosity. If you haven't joined our Friends, contact us, and find out how to join today. Even Amazon has chosen to support Friends with your assistance. When ordering from Amazon, go to smile.amazon.com, select "Huntsville Public Library Friends Inc.", and Amazon will donate a small percentage of your transaction to the Friends.

Join the Friends, Join the Future!

___ Individual \$10

___ Family \$15

___ Donor \$25

___ Business/Service Clubs \$50

___ Patron \$100

___ Life Member* \$500 or more

*Life members exempt from annual renewal – additional donations appreciated.

Amount Enclosed _____

Mail check payable to HPL Friends, Inc at the address below, drop off at the Library, or pay online www.myhuntsvillelibrary.com —Friends page.

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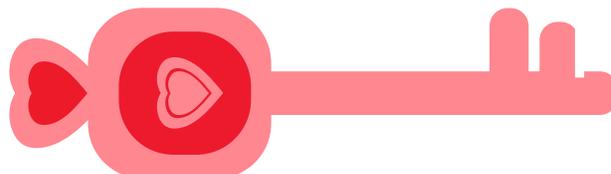
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A Place at the Table in Black History

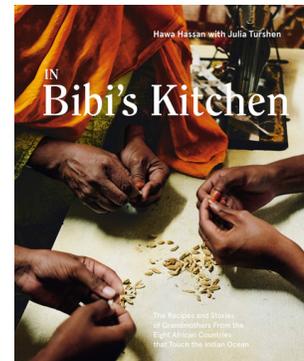
by **Baillie Pretzer, Children's Coordinator**

While there are many ways to celebrate and appreciate Black History Month, I can't think of a better and more eye-opening way to do so than through experiencing the cuisine that has influenced the kitchens of African Americans for generations. Often referred to as 'soul-food,' African American cuisine is steeped in a rich, yet pained, history. Author Michael W. Twitty addresses this fact in his memoir, *The Cooking Gene: A Journey Through African American Culinary History in the Old South*, "[taking] readers to the white-hot center of the fight, tracing the roots of his own family and the charged politics surrounding the origins of soul food, barbecue, and all Southern cuisine." Perhaps most significant is what food quietly, yet at the same time loudly, says about a people. One of the first things that comes to mind when anyone thinks of what they call "home" is the food they would share amongst friends and family. Furthermore, it is well-known that recipes and "kitchen hacks" go back generations, with people frequently professing that their grandmother's meatloaf, chicken casserole dish, cornbread - you name it - is the best there ever was. Food has the power to heal and to build friendships between communities and to say what often cannot be expressed through words.

In the critically acclaimed cookbook, *Vegan Soul Kitchen*, author Terry Bryant creatively brings the traditions of Southern and African cuisine to the table while staying true to their roots. And before you think "Vegan? Bah-Humbug!," Bryant's cookbook strictly omits the politics with which veganism is usually associated or perceived. Instead, as Twitty's *The Cooking Gene* wonderfully illustrates, Bryant not only uses anecdotes from his childhood and young adulthood to help the food tell a story but also recommends soundtracks, books, films, or even a piece of art with each recipe to round out the r[eater's] experience. For his delicious Cumin-Cayenne Mashed Potatoes with Caramelized Onions (page 115), Bryant suggests listening to "Push It Along" by A Tribe Called Quest and reading *Ida: A Sword Among Lions: Ida B. Wells and the Campaign against Lynching* by Paula J. Giddings. In his recipe titled Creole Hoppin'-Jean [JÔN] (page 140), Bryant recommends the reader listen to Bob Marley's "Burnin' and Lootin'" and viewing the film *La Haine* (1995) for a look into "the racial cultural volatility in modern-day France." Certainly, both Twitty and Bryant take readers and their taste buds through a journey that can only truly come alive in the kitchen and at the table with friends, family, and strangers alike.



Hungry for more? In addition to the books discussed in the article, check out our copy of *In Bibi's Kitchen* by Hawa Hassan with Julia Turshen and explore the cuisine from the eight African countries that touch the Indian Ocean.





How to Manage Libby Notifications!

by **Jalpa Shah, IT Services Coordinator**

Do you want to be notified when your book loan is about to expire?

Do you want to be notified when your hold is ready?

Do you want to be notified a few days before your loan is due so you can renew it or you can place it on hold?

Do you want to be notified when your hold is rescheduled or removed because you did not borrow it in time?

Do you want to be notified when other titles in the same series you are reading are added?

Do you want to be notified when another title by the same author is added?

Libby has a wonderful feature called **Manage Notifications**, which makes it easy to know when your book loan is expiring or expired or when your hold is available to borrow.

To manage which push notifications you receive on Android and iOS devices, open Libby and then:

1. Tap 

2. You may need to scroll down to Go to *Settings > Manage Notifications*.

3. If prompted, allow Libby to send push notifications. Make sure you've selected "Notification" for all the events about which you want to be notified.

Choose how to be notified: **Ignore** (no notification), **Menu badge** (in-app menu notification), or **Notification** (push notification).

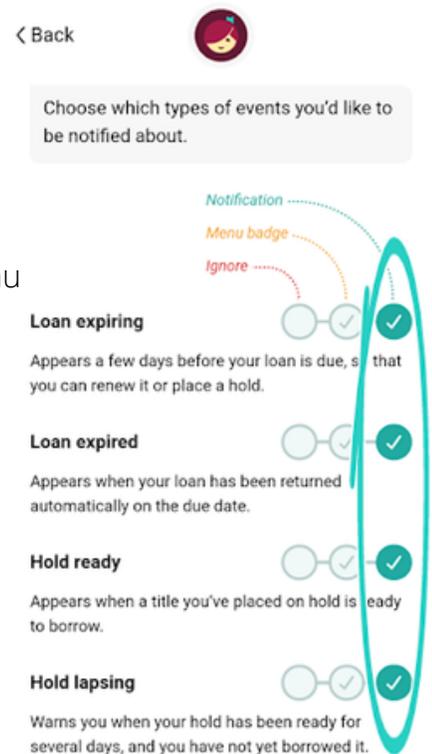
If you're using Libby in a web browser:

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2. Go to *Settings > Manage Notifications*.

3. Select Email notice for any event about which you'd like to be notified.

4. Select Fix This? next to "You need to specify an email address..." (at the bottom of the menu), then enter your email and select Next.



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