

# GIFT PICKS

## A curated selection of holiday gift ideas for bibliophiles

This winter season marks DC Public Library Foundation's fourth annual "Gift Picks," the holiday edition of "Lit Picks," our curated, quarterly e-newsletter.

Holiday shopping for your literary loved ones can prove to be a time-consuming challenge. In an effort to spare you countless hours searching the depths of the internet, we have compiled our favorite online holiday gifts for bookworms.

Looking to avoid the uncertainty of online shopping altogether? You don't even have to leave the District to check off your holiday shopping list. D.C. is home to talented retailers such as [DeNada Knitwear](#), [Salt & Sundry](#), [Mallory Shelter Jewelry](#), [Kiki Lynn Clothing](#), [Cloud Terre Tableware](#) and so many more. And, of course, we hope that you will support our amazing D.C. bookstores by shopping at [Politics & Prose](#), [Kramerbooks](#), and [Upshur Street Books](#).

Keep reading to see our picks for online and local holiday shopping.



## Geek Chic Gear



These days, you are more likely to hear the punk rock sounds of [Chain and the Gang](#) blaring through the Great Hall of the MLK Library than "shhh" from a DCPL librarian. That being said, [this Paper y Pastel t-shirt](#) that says "Libraries - Where Shhh Happens" is a cheeky play-on-words that nostalgically references the traditional, silent library environment in the context of a contemporary expression.

The banker in your life might enjoy a [Bateman & Bryce & McDermott & Van Patten t-shirt](#) referencing [American Psycho](#)'s Patrick Bateman and his investment banking associates - perfect for casual Fridays at the firm. MBA is not included.



Don't forget about a fun gift for your holiday host! [This Ain't No Party Like a Gatsby Party tee](#) is great for the holiday entertainer who liberally spikes the eggnog and keeps the partying going until the AM hours.

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## Baby's First Bookends



The DC Public Library seizes every opportunity to address the importance of [Singing, Talking and Reading](#) to babies to promote early literacy. These [A to Z bookends](#) from Proper Topper in Dupont Circle would provide the perfect accent to any junior bookshelf. The animal illustrations - A for alligator and Z for zebra - will compliment children's classics such as [Brown Bear Brown Bear What Do You See](#) and [The Very Hungry Caterpillar](#).

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## Create Gifts in The Labs at DCPL

Don't feel like shopping for hours? The DC Public Library is now your one-stop holiday shop. Visit the [Fab Lab](#) at the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library to create personalized holiday gifts for your friends and family. Learn how to use our DI-Wire bender, laser cutter and 3-D printer (we actually have seven) to make the following gifts:



- Holiday Ornaments
- [Jewelry Tree](#)
- Mason Jar Snow Globes
- [Laser Cut Wood Wallet](#)
- Laser Cut Lanterns
- [Candle Holders](#)
- Smartphone Holder
- [Ginger Bread Cookie Cutter](#)

Or if you prefer, you can join The DC Public Library Foundation on **Friday, December 4, at 5:30 p.m.** for a Holiday Happy Hour in the Dream Lab where we will drink, create several of the above gifts and, of course, be merry. [Click here to learn more and RSVP.](#)

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## Poignant Prints



Do you ever find yourself staring blankly at the wall in your office or screen of your laptop searching for the right words? This print by German artist Bianca Green titled [I Don't Know What to Write You](#) will remind you that writer's block is a pervasive plague, affecting minds as brilliant as [Margaret Atwood and Maya Angelou](#). This beautiful illustration of a funky typewriter might provide the ease and inspiration you need to get the wheels turning.

Every passionate reader can relate to the wonder of getting lost in a book. There is a sweet and sentimental quality to this handmade print titled [I Saw Her in the Library](#) by Emily Winfield Martin. The young girl in the foreground evokes fond reminders of the comfort and solace that a deeply engrossing story can provide. Frame her on your bookshelf and you will always have a reading companion.

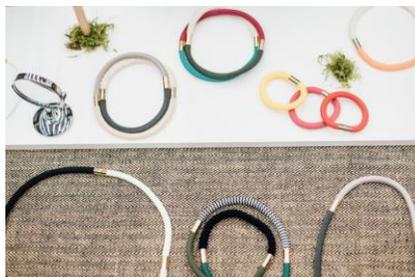


## Gifts That Go Further



**Wear a Hero, Be a Hero.** [Hero Heads](#) is a D.C.-based t-shirt brand that makes soft shirts inspired by heroic icons such as Nelson Mandela, Nina Simone, local hero Marvin Gaye and so many more. These clothes are transformative - 10% of the proceeds from each purchase go to a charity that hero either supports, did support, or would have likely supported based on their cause(s). Perhaps we can convince them to collaborate with the MLK Library on a Martin Luther King Jr. design!

**Accessories with an Impact.** [Kicheko Goods](#) is another local line that wants customers to look AND feel fabulous. Kicheko Goods uses metal, fabric, stone, wood and other interesting materials to create distinctive jewelry that invests in education. Each piece purchased from the collection provides a scholarship for a child in the Democratic Republic of Congo to attend school. The word "kicheko" means smile, and these joyful pieces will make you do just that.





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you love.

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## On Bookworm Time

Much like the girl in the library (above), we all lose track of time when absorbed in a good read. This [Bookworm Wall Clock](#) would make a wonderful gift for the bibliophile that's always running late. The clock consists of beloved book spines such as J.G. Ballard's *Empire of the Sun*, Ian McEwan's *Atonement* and other favorites. We stumbled upon this clock on [Popsugar's list of book-themed gifts](#) where you can find other novel items like this [banned books pouch](#) and [open book ring](#).



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The DC Public Library Foundation wishes you and yours a very happy holiday season!

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