Supporting the whole student: Leveraging leisure reading for academic success
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TODAY’S AGENDA

-01- OD + GSU overview
-02- Pleasure reading
-03- Academic success & career readiness
-04- Mental health & wellbeing
-05- Embracing a variety of formats

-06- Author Conversation with Clay McLeod Chapman & Hugo Bresson
About OverDrive Academic

The leading digital reading platform

- Best digital book catalog for all audiences
- Trusted partner to 76,000 libraries, colleges and corporations in 94 countries
- In-house librarians to help curate and serve your students, faculty, and staff
- Helping users read more with our award-winning apps
- Catalog of millions of titles in 100+ languages from 30,000+ publishers
- Certified B Corporation
About GSU

The largest university in southern Georgia

- 3 campuses, headquartered in Statesboro
- 27,091 students
- 141 bachelor’s, master’s and doctorate degree programs
Students are reading more

17% Increase across Academic
Go Eagles!
Academic success & career readiness

Leisure reading isn’t just fiction:
• Nonfiction
• Self-improvement
• Skills learning

Younger generations view books as key resources to learn skills and prepare for the future
Fueling curiosity at GSU
Getting involved

Get students more active and connected through the library:

• All-campus reads

• Support specific groups and interests: film, music, gaming + fandom

• Diversity Equity Inclusion (DEI) collections
Mental health & wellbeing

- Supporting the whole student
- Building curiosity and empathy
- Providing a chance to relax
Faculty & Staff Development

• Support for staff development
• Avoid health challenges & burnout
• Providing opportunity to recharge
Why are audiobooks so popular?

- Listen anywhere: Great for commutes
- Perfect for multitasking students
- Support different learning styles
Audiobooks at GSU

What’s Popular?
The hottest audiobooks in the library right now. If it’s not available, place a hold!
Listing 519 audiobooks.

Delia Owens
Where the Crawdads Sing
Place Hold
Takeaways

Leisure reading is growing in popularity among college students.

The benefits of leisure reading go beyond just “leisure” and help support the whole student:

- Academic success and career readiness
- Get students more active and connected through the library
- Mental health and well-being
- Meeting students where they are with the formats they want
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