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A hard lesson to learn

God's teaching me patience. I'm still waiting to hear whether I've won a contest, and if one of the three publishers to whom I've submitted my manuscript will contact me with good news. While Millie and I have spent a lot of time on our pontoon, I've also been behind my desk finishing the outline on my next novel. Stay tuned!

Missing your library?

While your local library may be COVID-closed like mine, you can still tour seven spectacular libraries through Atlas Obscura. These [online tours](#) (some 360°) include Harvard, Kings College Library at Cambridge University, and the baroque Klementinum Library in Prague (right).



Looking for an action-packed series?

Check out Robert Beatty's four-book Serafina series, set at the turn of the 20th century at the Biltmore Estate in Asheville, NC. The owner, George Vanderbilt, names Serafina guardian of the estate after she saves his family from certain death. Beatty weaves a tale about her friendship with Mr. Vanderbilt's nephew, their mission to keep evil

spirits away from the chateau, and Serafina's unusual bond with forest creatures. I highly recommend it for young teens with a thirst for adventure.

Season of Change

Though used as a curse word by many, 2020 has brought happiness to the Willis family. Within six weeks, we'll live 30 minutes from each other. My husband and I are so proud of our children.



Julia & her husband, Drew

Moving back to GA

Julia earned her doctorate in Industrial-Organizational Psychology last month from Auburn University and landed a telecommuting research position with a top government subcontractor. Drew, who graduated from Auburn last year, will transfer within his company to an office near their new townhome.



Marvin IV

Adjusting to student life

Marvin received an honorable discharge from the U.S. Marine Corps July 1st after five years of service (nine months in Afghanistan). He took advantage of the GI Bill and enrolled in a local college. At this time, all his classes are online. He's embracing civilian life with a new truck and his first apartment.

A New Chapter

Julia and I are still providing complimentary books featuring African American characters to teachers of all grades for their students to read in their free time. I've posted a recommended book list by age on my [website](https://www.jillkwillis.com). Please have your teacher friends contact me if they're interested in receiving a book off my list or one of their own choosing. If you'd like to help with this project, your monetary donations are welcome. Questions? Email me at jill@jillkwillis.com.



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