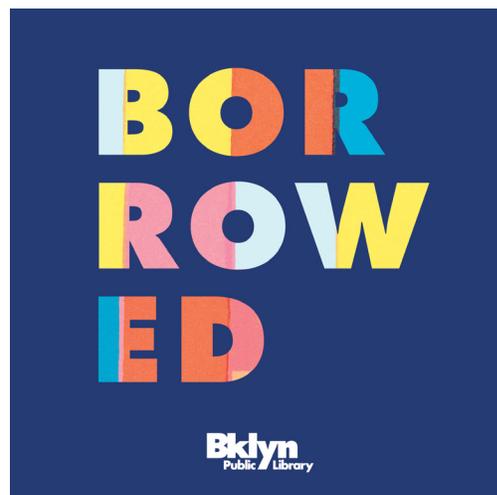


Welcome to *Borrowed*, stories that start at the library.

We are a narrative podcast from Brooklyn Public Library about superhero librarians, neighborhood stories and what it means to be a free, democratic place in today's changing world.

Each episode dives into a different aspect of library services, highlighting the stories of our librarians and everyday Brooklynites who make the library come alive. We've told stories about libraries during natural disasters, intellectual freedom at the public library, the challenges of homelessness, and NYC's fraught relationship with trash.



How do I listen to *Borrowed*?

You can listen right on our website (bklynlibrary.org/podcasts) by clicking the audio player. Or, subscribe to the podcast on any of the podcast apps on your phone. All you have to do is search for “Borrowed” on [Apple Podcasts](#), [Stitcher](#), [TuneIn](#), [Spotify](#), [Google Play Music](#), [iHeart Radio](#) or [RadioPublic](#), to name just a few. Then click “subscribe” or “follow” to get new episodes downloaded to your device as soon as they come out. We release new episodes every other week when we are producing a season.

Which episode should I start with?

It depends on what you like!

- For the budding activist: [Something to Offend Everyone](#)
- For the sleuthing archivist: [Oil Spills and Moldy Paper](#)
- For the social work warrior: [Getting Home](#)
- For the young book nerd: [Teens Take Over](#)
- For the New York City history buff: [Our Garbage, Ourselves](#)

Or, you could always start with our trailers. Here's [Season One](#) and [Season Two](#).

The *Borrowed* Team

Hosts

Adwoa Adusei

Adwoa is a native New Yorker who has been with BPL for four years. She should have known she would be a librarian from an early age but tempted fate seeking out titles like artist, curator, dancer, designer, teacher and activist—as a librarian she gets to be all of these and more. At the Brownsville Library, where she is a supervisor, Adwoa produces the *Brownsville Excerpts* podcast with the help of other librarians, community members and volunteers.



Krissa Corbett Cavouras

Krissa is a librarian by training and a marketer by trade, currently as the Director of Engagement for Brooklyn Public Library's Marketing & Communications team (which basically means she cares a lot about open rates). When she's not working, she reads fiction about complicated women and listens to podcasts about culture, half-heartedly trains for half marathons, and hangs out with her husband and son in Sunset Park, Brooklyn.



Felice Belle, *emeritus* host

Felice consumes and creates stories to make sense of the world and her place in it. As a poet and playwright, she has performed at The Apollo Theater, Joe's Pub at The Public Theater, and TEDWomen. For five years she worked as a Literacy Advisor at BPL's Central Adult Learning Center and she was honored to be a co-host for Season One of *Borrowed*. Felice currently serves as the Director of Marketing & Communications for the global nonprofit Narrative 4 and her heart still lives at the library.



Writer & Producer

Virginia Marshall

Virginia came to BPL from WBUR, Boston's NPR news station, where she was a news producer for Radio Boston and a co-editor for *Cognoscenti*. She helped launch the podcast *Ministry of Ideas*, and has written for *Harvard Review*, *The Normal School*, *The Millions*, *Brevity* and other places.

Editors

Fritzi Bodenheimer

Fritzi handles press and media relations for Brooklyn Public Library. Previously, she worked in radio as a writer, producer and newscaster.

Robin Lester Kenton

Robin is Brooklyn Public Library's VP of Marketing & Communications, where she oversees public communications and marketing on behalf of the system's 59 branches. Previously, she helped plan and promote NYC's bikeshare system, ran traffic safety campaigns and educated the public about how potholes get filled at the NYC Department of Transportation.

Art

Our logo was designed by Meryl Friedman.

Music

Billy Libby composed the music on our podcast.

What people are saying about *Borrowed*

“As a regular user of my local library, I’ve been overjoyed with the podcast *Borrowed* ... It’s quirky, delightful and shows that community is about building places for people to feel welcome.”

[Katy Aitkin, writer for *Stuff*](#)

“The podcast really gets into the human stories of the people using the libraries, whether that’s the ‘New Americans’—immigrants who use the library as a resource for immigration advice—or history lessons of notable people, like Clara Whitehill Hunt, an amazing 19th century librarian who made the library accessible for children. One episode features a woman who suffered domestic violence and was made homeless. She struck up a friendship with a librarian who helped her apply for jobs and get on a course to become an author. It’s stories like that which make you realize what a sanctuary libraries are for some people.”

[Hannah J Davies, *Guardian* podcast reviewer](#)

“It’s informative, charming, sweet, funny, and above all else, adds kindling to the love of libraries I’ve had my whole life. I look forward to every new episode!”

[Apple Podcasts review](#)



“*Borrowed* is a quirky podcast from Brooklyn Public Library that looks at how libraries in Brooklyn, New York have preserved stories from the borough that could easily have been forgotten without them. The library is the centre point of the podcast, and we learn about the people and systems that work in these old buildings. But the genius of the show is how they use the library as a springboard to tell a specific story from an area in Brooklyn.”

[Danielle Stephens, podcast producer of *Chips with Everything*](#)

About *Borrowed*

Our Mission

As a public library podcast rooted in the borough where we are made, one of *Borrowed*’s main goals is to help you feel more connected to your community. We aim to center the voices of our patrons and our librarians and find stories that challenge your idea of the public library, and of Brooklyn, too.

Accessibility

We have transcripts (and pictures) for all of our episodes on our website (bklynlibrary.org/podcasts). Just click on the detail page for the episode in question.

Contact

Email podcasts@bklynlibrary.org with questions or to get in touch about reviews or interviews. Photographs of our team are available upon request.

Listening Statistics

According to Libsyn, as of January 1, 2020, *Borrowed* has over 26,000 unique downloads across the full catalog. Each episode has an average of 1,364 unique downloads in the first 90 days. We currently average a five-star rating on Apple Podcasts.