

# Libraries and Podcasts



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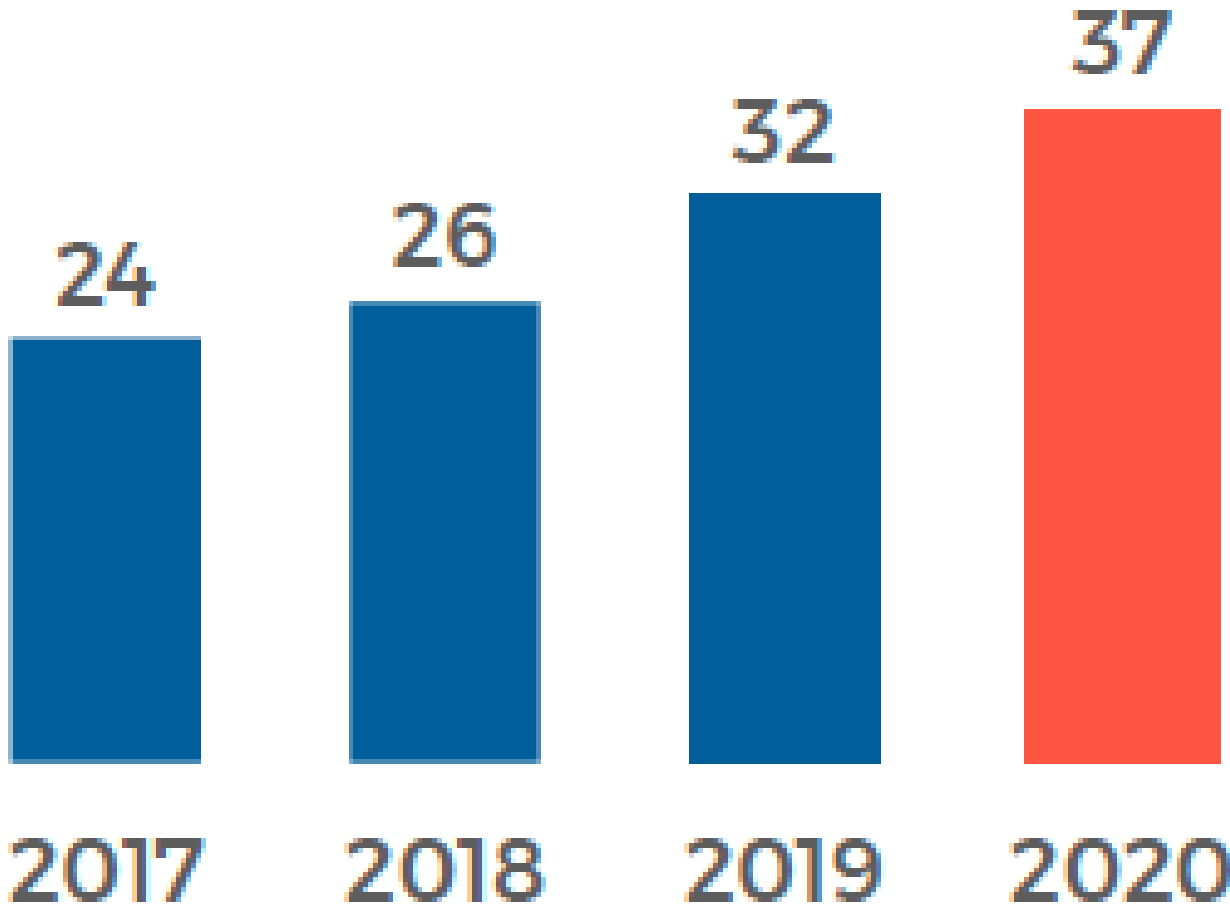
# Why A Library Podcast?

- ❖ **Origin Story: The Importance of Being Nimble**
  - Community Conversations
  - Public dialogue, relevance to current events
  - Library Journal article, on the rise of library podcasts



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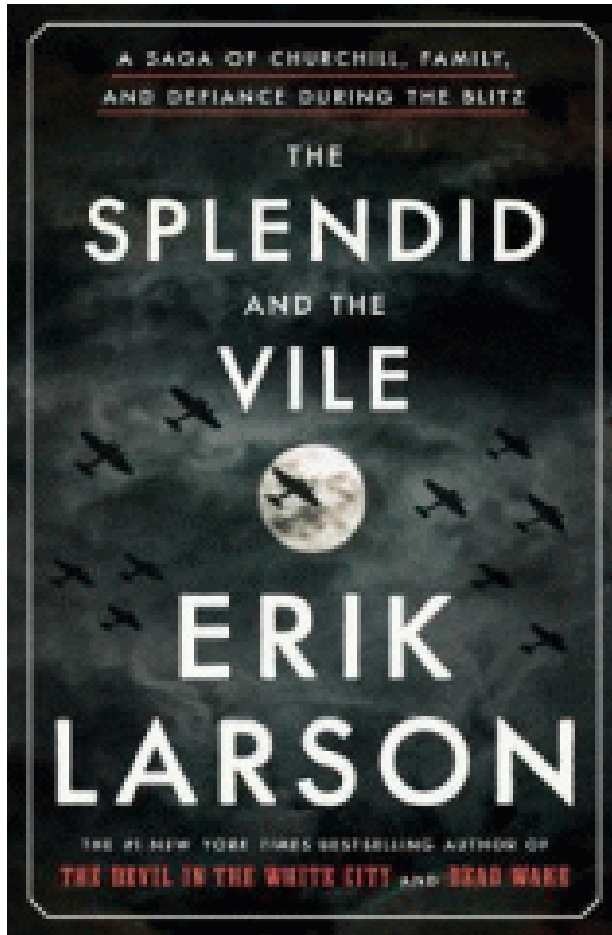
# Percentage of Americans Listening to Podcasts Monthly



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# Erik Larson Interview for The Splendid and the Vile

## Episode 26



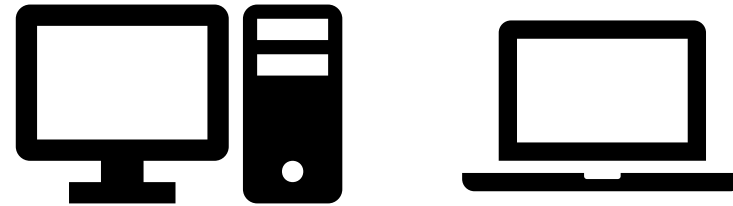
Winston Churchill and His love of Baths



# Equipment and Software

## Basic setup

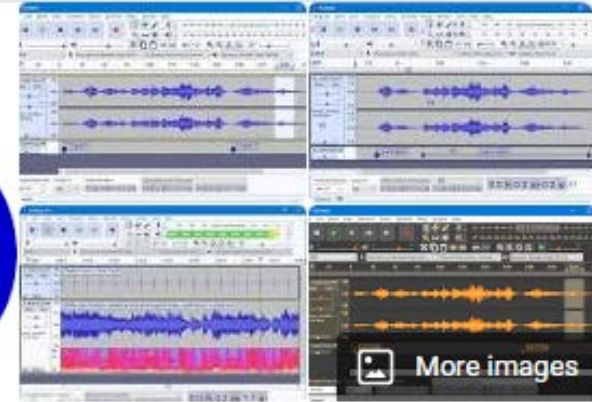
- ❖ Computer/Laptop
  - Standard Dell Laptop



- ❖ Microphone
  - Blue Yeti or Blue snowball



# Recording Software



## Audacity

Software



Audacity is a free and open-source digital audio editor and recording application software, available for Windows, macOS, Linux, and other Unix-like operating systems. [Wikipedia](#)



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# Recording the Episode

- ❖ Room with Minimal Echo
- ❖ Engaging and Lively
  - Modulate your voice
  - You are creating a show.



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## Editing software: Audacity

- ❖ Open source
- ❖ Frequent updates
- ❖ YouTube tutorials
- ❖ User friendly



Other options:

Adobe Audition



Alitu



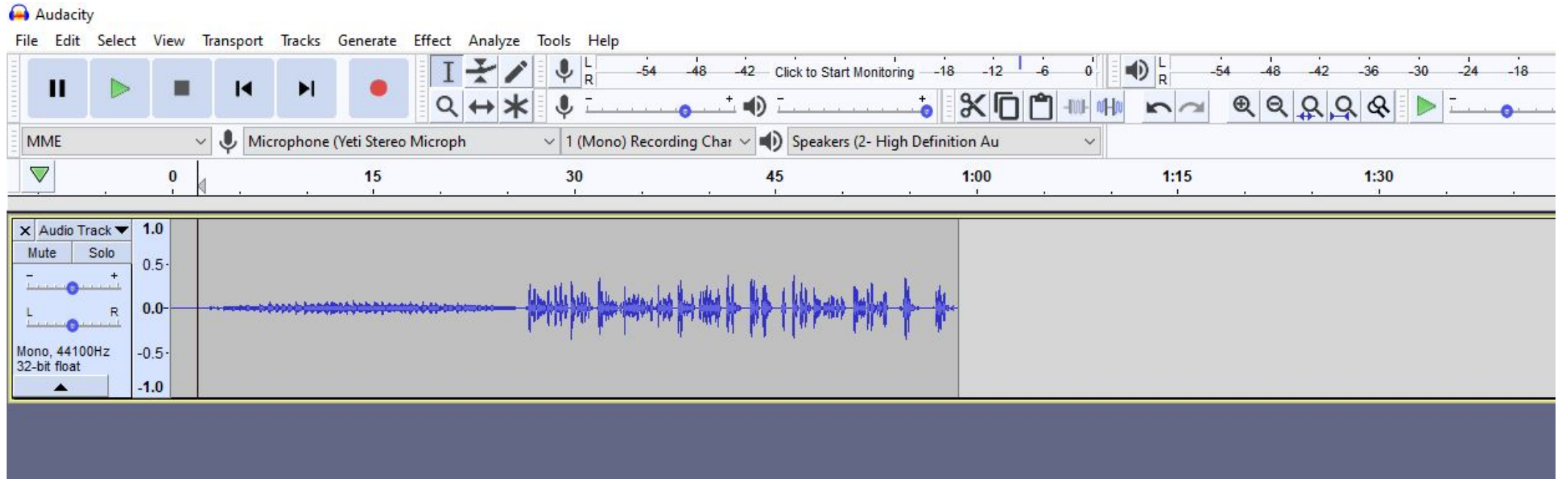
Garageband for Mac



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# Editing: Using Audacity



# Uploading To A Hosting Site

## Podcast Hosting Sites

- ❖ Numerous sites available
  - Podcasts.com ---free site



KPL Podcast Website:

<https://kplpodcast.buzzsprout.com/>

66 Episodes Recorded



# Laurell K. Hamilton – Sucker Punch, Episode 36



Books Are Magic



# Format Of The Podcast

## Other Library Podcasts:

- ❖ The Librarian Is In  
The New York Public Library System that features a reader's advisory podcast by librarian New Yorkers. This one is popular with patrons.
- ❖ Virtual Thrilling Tales  
The Seattle Public Library Podcast for Author Readings and Library events
- ❖ THE LIBRARY PROS (SUFFOLK COUNTY LIBRARY IN NEWYORK)  
These guys bring in some fascinating librarian guests and cover topics that other pods tend to miss, like the experiences of librarians of color.

# Format/ Content of the KPL Podcast

## ❖ Launched Jan of 2019

- Cohosts
- Library Events, Programs, and Reader's Advisory
- A New Episode Once A Month

## ❖ 2020

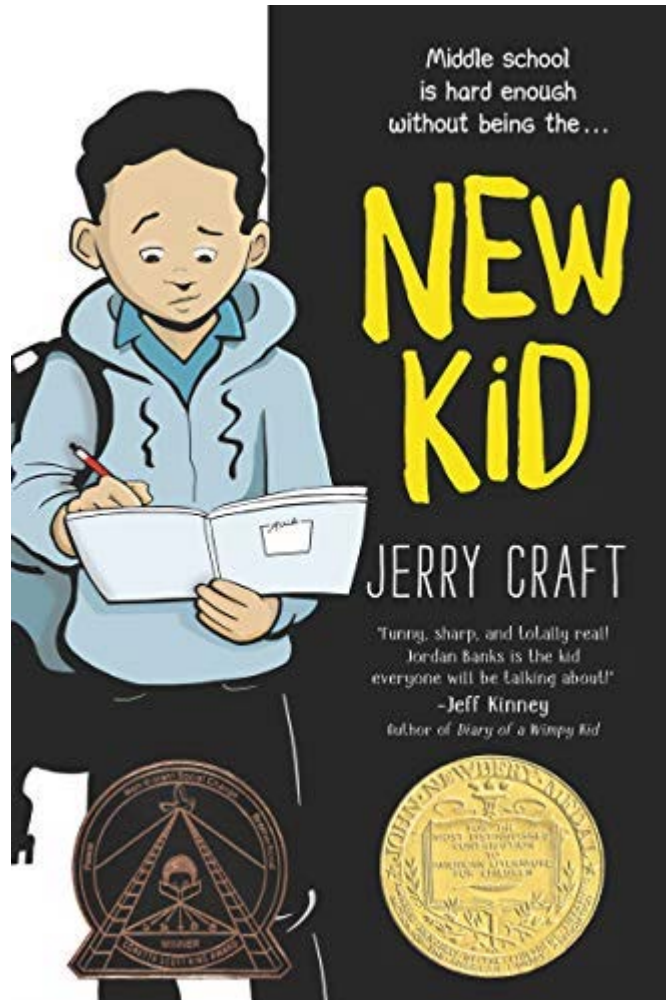
- March 2020 (Library closed)
- Weekly Schedule (content!)



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# Jerry Craft –New Kid

Episode 53



Winner

2020 The John Newberry Medal  
2020 Coretta Scott King Award



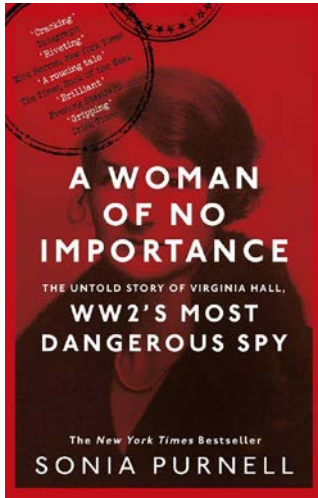
# How to Obtain Author Interviews?

- ❖ Ask, Ask, ASK again
- ❖ Prepare for more **No**s than **Yes**'
- ❖ Even when they say **Yes** sometimes it's hard to coordinate schedules.

# Content: Author Interviews

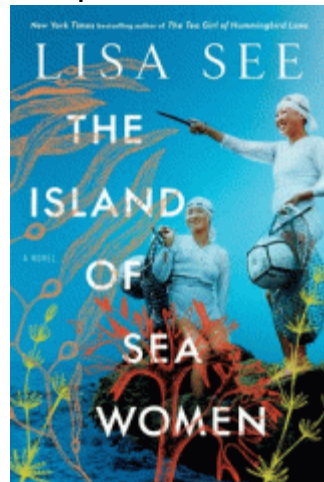
Sonia Purnell

Episode 54



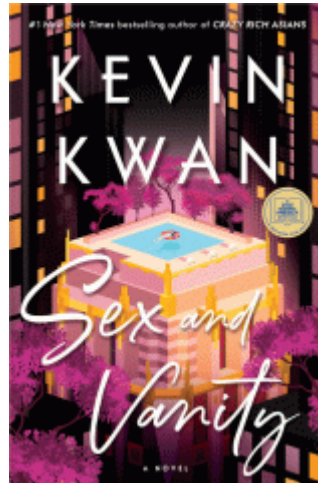
Lisa See

Episode 44

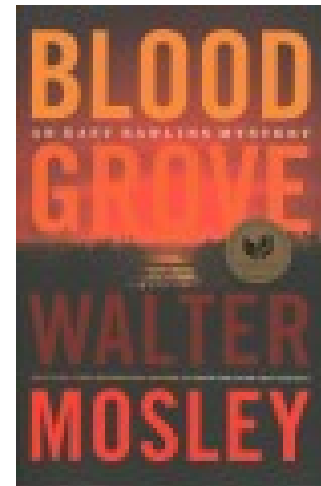


Kevin Kwan

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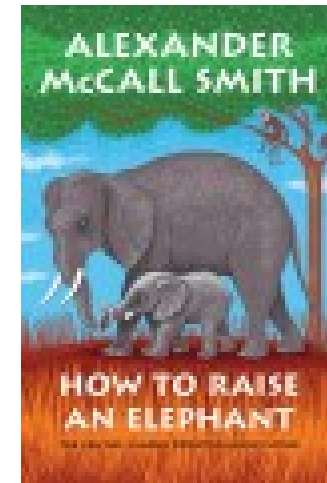


Walter Mosley



Alexander McCall Smith

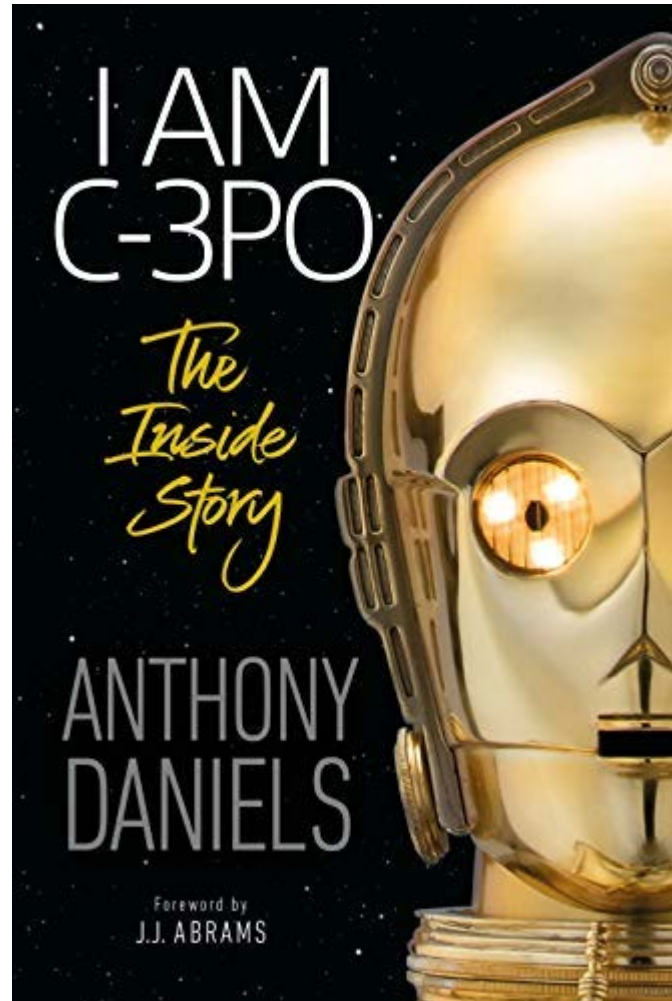
Episode 52





# Anthony Daniels--- I Am C-3PO

Episode 50



Never Tell Me The Odds!



# Content: Civics , Science, History

- ❖ Importance of Libraries with MLA President Cindy Dudenhoffer (Episode 35)
- ❖ DNA Frequently asked questions (Episode 61)
  - DNA Hard drives may be in our future
- ❖ Mail-in-voting with League of Women Voters (Episode 40)
- ❖ The life of Mary Fields aka Stagecoach Mary (Episode 63)
  - First Female African American Star Route Mail Carrier
- ❖ Banned books with Lisa Hoppenjans (Episode 44)

# Reader's Advisory

- ❖ Any Item In the Library Collection ([Books](#), [Music](#), [DVD's](#))
- ❖ Mother's Day Episode: Favorite Mom Characters ([Episode 5](#))
- ❖ Valentine's Episode: Favorite Romance Novels and/or Movies ([Episode 2](#))
- ❖ A Star Wars Episode: Favorite Star Wars Property ([Episode 50](#))



Cersei: Good Mother?



Romance and Zombies?



Is The Empire All Bad?



# Content: Libraries around the World

## Columbia's Mobile Library



The US and Canadian border falls between the building of Haskell Library



# Future Content Ideas

## ❖ Live Podcast

- One Author , One Kirkwood
- Summer Reading Kickoff


## ❖ Partnerships with Other Libraries

## ❖ Mobile Studio





## A Podcast Episode = A Library Program

- ❖ Wrangle Authors 
- ❖ Record
- ❖ Edit
- ❖ Write Scripts
- ❖ Experiment With Content



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Elliot Kalan --- KPL Song  
Episode 59



Thank You.  
Any Questions?



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