

Hear, Here!
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June is Audiobook Appreciation Month, so here we go! If you haven't started listening to audiobooks yet, you should give it a try, you might like it! The following are a few recent nonfiction audiobooks we have added at the library.

Listen up James Patterson fans, we have **"The Defense Lawyer"** by James Patterson and Benjamin Wallace. This is the true story of the high profile defense attorney, Barry Slotnik, and has all the suspense you would expect from a James Patterson novel except this one is true. James Patterson also has a new biography coming out in June titled **"James Patterson by James Patterson: The Stories of My Life."** James narrates his own book, so make sure you listen to this one.

"How to Be Perfect: The Correct Answer to Every Moral Question" by Michael Schur, received a great review by library aide Pam recently. She said "it's a book for our times. Always thinking of how your actions affect others brings you as close as possible to perfect." *How to Be Perfect* delves into what it means to be a good person. This book takes you through ethical questions, sometimes it's easy to figure out what the "good" thing to do is, and sometimes it's a little more complex. The author is the creator of *The Good Place* TV show, so you know there will be humor involved.

Similar to Jon Krakauer's *Into the Wild*, **"Lost in the Valley of Death: A Story of Obsession and Danger in the Himalayas"** by Harley Rustad will take you through the unsolved disappearance of an American backpacker in the Parvati Valley in India. Justin Alexander Shetler went to the Indian Himalayas seeking enlightenment and embarked on a spiritual journey from which he never returned.

"The Anxiety Healer's Guide: Coping Strategies and Mindfulness Techniques to Calm the Mind and Body" by Alison Seponara may be just what you are looking for if you are dealing with anxiety. She shares many techniques to help you calm your anxiety no matter where you are or what you are doing.

"The Midwest Survival Guide: How we Talk, Love, Work, Drink, and Eat...Everything with Ranch" by Charlie Berens pokes fun at any and all Midwestern idiosyncrasies. According to the synopsis on the audiobook, it is a "walleye-deep look into a distinctive, beautiful, and bizarre American culture, and the best gift you could give Midwesterners, or those aspiring to be...aside from rhubarb."

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