

A Hearty Greetings to GRAD, fellow Dickensians!

Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/dfgrad>

Regular meeting venue: Riverside Main Library / Zoom

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The Greater Riverside Area Dickens (GRAD) Fellowship meets monthly to discuss a selected novel or a specific Dickensian theme.

We have joyfully resumed live meetings, which will take place in the Carnegie Room at our brand new downtown Riverside Main Library. We successfully included Zoom participants, and will continue to do so.

Our chosen book for the remainder of this calendar year is **DROOD**, by Dan Simmons. Although it is voluminously imposing, we very excited about diving into it. Simmons has chosen Wilkie Collins as our narrator, and the detailed descriptives on everything Dickensian s spell-binding!

Here are our Saturday meeting dates, along with chapters that will be read and discussed:

- **September 11** (Ch. 1-13), led by Nancy
- **October 16** (Ch. 14-27), led by Tim
- **November 20** (Ch. 28-40), led by Vikky
- **December 11** (Ch. 41-53) led by TBA

Also:

Our newsletter, **GRAD Greetings**, is published prior to each meeting.

We assist in hosting an annual weekend event, the **Riverside Dickens Festival**.

Our annual Fellowship dues are designated to support local sponsorships and charities.