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400 Duane Street
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137
630-469-0879 | gepl.org

HOURS

Monday-Thursday
9 am to 9 pm

Friday and Saturday
9 am to 5 pm

Sunday
1 pm to 5 pm

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Adult Department
630-790-6630

Youth Department
630-790-6620

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Tuesday, December 25
Christmas Day

Monday, December 31
New Year's Eve (1 pm close)

Tuesday, January 1
New Year's Day



FROM THE *Library Director*

The final phase of our three-phase interior renovation is complete! If you have not visited recently, we invite you to come see the latest changes.

Our new south entrance has wide sliding-doors, providing easy access for strollers, wheelchairs, and mobility scooters. Once inside, you'll find interior book drops to the left and a service desk to the right, as well as a small waiting area with seating. Just behind the service desk there are two public meeting rooms with 70-person combined capacity. The meeting rooms feature ceiling-mounted projectors, touch-panel controls, and built-in speakers.

Just beyond the service desk are our new Self-Service Hold shelves. Once you locate your held item(s), you may check them out using a self-check machine or with help from the staff at the service desk. To the right of the Hold shelves there is a display case that contains some unique items that can also be checked out from the library. The case currently contains kilowatt meters and Roku units, and will soon also offer portable projectors, CD players, and DVD players.

Just outside of the Youth area is our new café space. Our concessionaires are hoping to open the facility soon. Across from the café, there is a seating area where you can enjoy a snack or beverage and browse the Friends Used Book Nook. There is also a new high-top bar area near the café with counter-height stools and electrical and USB ports.

Another exciting new renovation feature is our drive-up window, where you can pick up held items, pay fines, and check out Museum Adventure Passes without ever leaving your car.

Please come in and see what's new and enjoy all of the fabulous programs we have planned for the next three months!

The Glen Ellyn Public Library...so much more than books.

Dawn Bussey
Executive Director

LIVING TRADITIONS *For Kids*

An Inuksuk Means Welcome-Create Your Own Narwhal *

Wednesday, January 16 • 4-5 pm ♥

Explore the Arctic and learn about the animals and people who call it home. Create a narwhal, design an Inuksuk, and take part in other arctic-inspired crafts. For grades 3-5.

Welcome to the Neighborhood! *

Wednesday, December 5 • 7-8 pm 🗓️

Learn about the demographic changes that have affected DuPage County over the past two decades from the DuPage Federation on Human Services Reform. Discover the variety of ways communities can come together to ensure all residents achieve their full potential.

Neighbor-to-Neighbor Gathering

Tuesday, January 15 • 6-8:30 pm

Explore the newly-renovated library and mingle with your neighbors! Share a conversation, a story, or a book, and enjoy lemonade and cookies.

This event celebrates GEPL's partnership with the Glen Ellyn organization One Community, a grassroots initiative to actively celebrate and embrace our community's diversity, and to raise awareness, acceptance and involvement of neighbors of all backgrounds.

Amazing Africa *

Monday, January 21 • 10:30-11:10 am 🗓️

Journey to West Africa and discover the culture of the Manding Empire, the largest empire in African history. This high-energy show features acrobatics, traditional attire, and native instrumentation providing a glimpse into the rich West African culture. For adults and kids of all ages.

Walking with Dr. King: A Personal Journey *

Monday, January 21 • 7-8:30 pm 🗓️

Dr. Ernest E. Gibson is a living testament to the Civil Rights Movement. Hear Dr. Gibson speak about working with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Learn about how the Montgomery and Birmingham Campaigns, the Selma March, and the March on Washington were planned. While hatred, bigotry, and violence marred these historic events, Dr. Gibson's personal experiences merely increased his love of all mankind, continuing the true lesson taught by his good friend, Martin.

The Dance and Music of Mexico *

Saturday, January 26 • 2-2:45 pm • 2nd Floor

Dancers from the nationally-acclaimed Ballet Folklórico Nacional perform traditional and regional dances of Mexico, including the famous "Mexican Hat Dance." For adults and kids of all ages.



Traditions IN THE EYE OF THE BEHOLDER

By Elizabeth Clower, Instruction Librarian and Business Liaison

I lived in Asia for 11 years beginning in 2003—two years in Taiwan and nine years in Singapore. Walking the streets of Taipei, Taiwan, I noticed small offerings placed at the base of trees outside homes and businesses: a couple of oranges, a joss stick or two burning sweet incense, a small bundle of paper money. I soon learned that these were offerings to the ancestors—a living tradition of the Taiwanese.

When I moved to Singapore, I became aware of other living traditions, such as a free meal at the Sikh gurdwara (temple). Their tradition is to serve the community by offering a meal to anyone who visits.

Cultures and communities have unique living traditions that bind them and create a sense of belonging. Some traditions are based in faith, others come from an ethnic or cultural heritage; some are personal to individual families. My family celebrates Christmas on Christmas Eve, because when I was young, my aunt liked us all to come to her place on Christmas Day.

Here at the Glen Ellyn Public Library, we have our own living traditions. We kick off the summer each year with our Ice Cream Social and the Summer Reading program. Every fall, the festival season begins with our Holiday Walk. And we have offered book clubs for as long as we can remember.

Living traditions can change over time, with new traditions created and old ones abandoned. But what does not change is that communities use living traditions to make new members their own. By sharing the things that make the community unique and demonstrate what they value, traditions can make people feel like they "belong".

What are your favorite living traditions?

Hello, Neighbor: Hola, Namaste, Ahlan, & Bonjour!

Fridays • February 1, 8, 15, 22 • 4-4:30 pm ♥

Hear stories and enjoy activities that showcase diverse cultures and languages within our community. Guest readers will share a favorite traditional story in the featured world language: Spanish, Hindi, Arabic, and French. For kids of all ages.

Lunar New Year: A Chinese Celebration

Tuesday, February 5 • 4-5:30 pm ♥

Xīn nián kuài lè! Celebrate the Year of the Pig. Learn about the Chinese Zodiac, create a dragon puppet, and practice calligraphy. For kids of all ages.

ADULT

On the Gallery Wall

View the Artist of the Month's exhibit on the second floor of the Library. For more information, visit gepl.org/meet-the-artist.

December: **Tom Beck**
January: **Rachael Weaver Rivera**
February: **Christine Seagrave**

Get DuPage Covered: 2019 Health Insurance

Thursday, December 6 • 5-9 pm 📅
Saturday, December 15 • 9 am-2 pm 📅

Open Enrollment in the Individual Health Insurance Marketplace for 2019 is November 1 through December 15. A DuPage County Health Department representative will assist you with the enrollment or review-and-renew process.

Trace Your Family Tree

Tuesday, January 8 • 7-8:30 pm 📅

Drop in to this genealogy workshop and investigate your family history using library resources. A genealogist from the Anan Harmon Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will be on hand to answer your questions. Feel free to bring your own laptop.

LifeSource Blood Drive

Monday, January 28 • 1-7 pm 📅

Help save a life. Give the gift of blood. Schedule your donation appointment at www.lifeforce.org or call 877-543-3768. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are recommended.

Understanding Fake News *

Thursday, January 31 • 7-8:30 pm 📅

Fiction and nonfiction are not just library sections. People get constantly bombarded with unreliable information from untrustworthy sources. So how do you know what's real and what's fake? Learn to weed through the noise and evaluate sources for authenticity.

Career Transitions *

Tuesday, February 19 • 7-8:30 pm 📅

Whether you are re-entering the job market or looking for new employment, learn the best strategies to find your next job with Peg Hendershot, Executive Director of Career Vision.

Now Playing: Movie Poster Fun

Saturday, February 23 • 9:30 am-4:15 pm
Lobby and 2nd Floor

Calling all film fanatics, movie maniacs, and cinema-centrics! Ready for something REELY, REELY fun? View a vibrant collection of full-size movie posters. Correctly match movie descriptions to posters for a chance to win local movie theater passes. For all ages.



WDCB Jazz—Jammin' in the Stacks * Alyssa Allgood Quartet featuring Chris Madsen

Thursday, December 13 • 7:30-8:30 pm • 2nd Floor

WDCB's Jammin' in the Stacks is a free concert featuring Chicago-based jazz vocalist Alyssa Allgood and saxophonist Chris Madsen. Allgood, who sings, scats, and writes original lyrics, won the inaugural Ella Fitzgerald Jazz Vocal Competition in 2017. Madsen, a full-time jazz faculty member at the University of Illinois at Chicago, is a sought-after jazz clinician, performer, composer, and pedagogue.

DRIVE-UP *Now Open!*

Drive-Up Window and 24/7 Drive-Up Book Drop

For Vehicles Only-Enter the drive up lane at the northwest corner of the building so that you can pull in close to the window or the 24/7 book drop, which is just past the drive-up window.

Assistance Needed? Use the Drive-Up Window during regular library hours.

- Pick up held items and pay fines.
- Ring the bell for service.
- If you anticipate using the drive-up window regularly to pick up your held items, please tell the Circulation staff member.

Only Returning Items? Use the Drive-Up Book Drop anytime!

- Pull past the drive-up window to the vehicle book drop marked with the yellow reflective tape.
- Only return items from the driver's side of the car, and for your safety, please do not leave your vehicle.

Pedestrians may use the 24/7 book drop located near the parking lot exit on Duane Street or return items inside the library in the book drops in the wall to the left of the waiting area.



SUPPORTING LOCAL BUSINESS

Creating a Social Media Crisis Plan *

Thursday, December 13 • 7-8:30 pm 🕒

Do you know what to do when someone posts a negative review or a complaint about your business on social media? Sara Troyer from the COD Small Business Development Center explains how to quickly and effectively prevent a negative spiral.

Marketing Your Business with Video *

Tuesday, January 8 • 7-8:30 pm 🕒

Video is key to getting attention online. Learn the applications you can use in the Digital Media Lab to shoot, edit, and narrate videos and expand your customer reach.

HR Compliance Best Practices *

Tuesday, January 22 • 7-8:30 pm 🕒

Avoid severe penalties by ensuring your business is HR compliant with help from Jenny Andrews, Senior Human Resource Consultant at Sikich.

Integrating Your Online Presence *

Thursday, February 21 • 7-8:30 pm 🕒

Are your social media messages consistent? Learn to integrate your business profiles to streamline your online marketing presence.

Business Mentoring with...

The Illinois Small Business Development Center *

Thursday, December 6 • 9:30 am-1:30 pm ◆

Register for an hour long, one-on-one mentoring session on topics such as management, marketing, finance, or operations.

The Illinois Procurement Technical Assistance Center *

Thursday, January 3 • 9:30 am-1:30 pm ◆

Gain expert advice on expansion through governmental contracting of goods and services with local, state, or federal agencies in an hour long, one-on-one mentoring session.

The Illinois International Trade Center *

Thursday, February 7 • 9:30 am-1:30 pm ◆

Ensure your import/export readiness in the global marketplace during an hour long, one-on-one mentoring session.

BOOKS WITH *Fascinating Families*



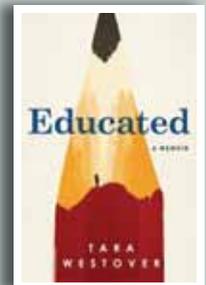
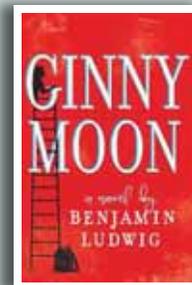
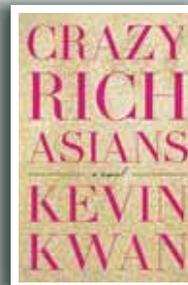
By Brenna Murphy, Readers' Advisory Librarian

The winter months often mean we're spending more time with loved ones. While every family has its own unique beliefs and traditions, some are a bit quirrier than others. Here are some great reads featuring fascinating families that are, in some way, a bit different:

Crazy Rich Asians by Kevin Kwan: Imagine your potential in-laws are billionaires with mansions, private jets, and glamorous wardrobes. Oh, and they despise you. Welcome to Rachel Chu's life when she travels to Singapore to meet her boyfriend's family. This dramatic, hilarious, and adventurous novel is sure to brighten your mood on a cold winter day.

Ginny Moon by Benjamin Ludwig: Ginny has finally found her forever home after years of foster care, but she's having trouble moving on from her experiences with her biological mother. Told through Ginny's perspective as a teenager with autism, this heartwarming and redemptive novel will have you cheering for Ginny as she faces challenges in her own unique way.

Educated by Tara Westover: Raised by her survivalist family in rural Idaho, Tara Westover doesn't set foot in a formal classroom until she is 17. Completely self-educated, she studies to attend Brigham Young University, and then Harvard and Cambridge. Along the way she struggles with faith, independence, and a strained relationship with her family. This memoir is powerful, inspiring, and impossible to put down.



BOOK 'EM

Tuesdays • 7-8:30 pm • Lobby Café
December 11, January 8, February 12

Discuss community issues and build relationships in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere with Police Chief Phil Norton at the Library's new café.

police & coffee



Book Discussion

December

Kitchen Confidential: Adventures in the Culinary Underbelly
by Anthony Bourdain *
Thursday, December 13 • 7-8 pm 🍄

January

An American Marriage: A Novel by Tayari Jones *
Thursday, January 10 • 7-8 pm 🍄

February

News of the World: A Novel by Paulette Jiles *
Thursday, February 14 • 7-8 pm 🍄

Visit gepl.org/book-discussions for information on this season's selections. Copies of book discussion titles are available near the 2nd floor Information desk.

Glenbard Parent Series Book Discussion *

Monday, January 24 • 7-8:30 pm 🍄

Join a "living-room-style" discussion of Rachel Simmons' *Enough as She Is: How to Help Girls Move Beyond Impossible Standards of Success to Live Healthy, Happy, and Fulfilling Lives* as part of the Glenbard Parent Series, Navigating Healthy Families. Copies of the book discussion title are available near the High School room.

Rachel Simmons appears at the McAninch Arts Center on Tuesday, January 29 at 7 pm as part of this series. For more information on all GPS programming, visit glenbardgps.org.

Next Chapter Book Club

Wednesdays • January 9, 23; February 6, 20 • 6:30 pm 🍄

Next Chapter Book Club is a community-based book club for individuals with cognitive and developmental disabilities. Members read together, hang out, make friends, enjoy a snack, and have fun. Contact Sarah Kleiva, Outreach Librarian, at skleiva@gepl.org or 630-790-6745 to learn more, or visit gepl.org/next-chapter-book-club.



DIGITAL LIBRARY

Love Hoopla, but can't find a recommended documentary or classic? Check out Kanopy! Cold, dreary winter days are the perfect time to stream entertaining and educational movies (including kids titles). Hoopla and Kanopy are available at gepl.org/stream-movies.

If you have not used Kanopy before, you will need to create a Kanopy account (using your email address and a new Kanopy password), verify your email address, and then add your library card number.



Borrow movies, music, audiobooks, ebooks, comics and TV shows to enjoy on your computer, tablet, or phone—and even your TV!



Discover over 30,000 of the world's best films, including award-winning documentaries, rare and hard-to-find titles, film festival favorites, indie and classic films, and world cinema with collections from Kino Lorber, Music Box Films, Samuel Goldwyn, The Orchard, The Great Courses, PBS, and thousands of independent filmmakers.

Everyone Welcome

MOVIE MAKERS
WORLD PREMIERE
FEBRUARY 25
6:30 PM

Alexa, What Can You Do for Me? *

Tuesday, December 4 • 7-8:30 pm 🗓️

Tech insiders say voice activation speakers, like Amazon Echo and Google Home, are how we will interact with all of our devices in the future. Find out what they can do and how you can protect your privacy when you use them.

Tech Help One-on-One

Wednesdays • December 5, 12; January 9, 16; February 6, 13 • 2-4 pm ♦

Do you need hands-on instruction with your tablet, smartphone, or computer? Make a 30-minute one-on-one appointment with a librarian for help. To request a day and time that better fits your schedule, contact the 2nd floor Information desk at 630-790-6630.

Microsoft Word: The Next Step *

Thursday, December 20 • 7-8:30 pm 📖

Learn how to adjust application settings, customize and reuse document designs, and build and maintain tables during this intermediate-level class.

Microsoft Excel: The Next Step *

Thursday, January 17 • 7-8:30 pm 📖

This intermediate-level class will delve into a few of the advanced functions of Excel to filter, link, and format data, and to create charts.

Privacy and Social Media *

Tuesday, February 5 • 7-8:30 pm 🗓️

Learn how to enjoy Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram while avoiding the privacy pitfalls of public profiles, lenient app settings, geo codes and more!

TECHNO*Kids*

Google CS First Club *

Tuesdays • January 8, 22; February 5, 19 • 7-8 pm ♥

CS First is a program created by Google to help people explore computer science. Use it to animate a wave, make a Google logo, and go on a coding adventure. For grades 4-6.

Little Printers *

Saturday, December 1 • 11-11:30 am ♥

3D printing isn't just for big kids! Create your own unique 3D trinket with help from your grown-up. Your print will be available for pick up at a later date. For parents and their kids ages 4-8.

Movie Makers *

Mondays • February 4, 11, 18, 25 • 4:30-5:30 pm ♥

Movie Premiere: Monday, February 25 • 6:30-8 pm ♥

Want to make a movie? Direct your own live-action or stop-motion short film during this four-week course and then show it off to the world. You and your guests can dress up and enjoy refreshments during the world premiere of your short film. For grades 4-8.



Nature Meets Technology

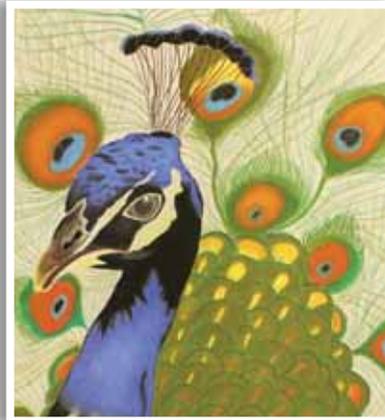
By Christina Keasler, Youth Technology Librarian

You may not normally think that technology and nature go hand-in-hand, but there are ways that they can actually enhance each other! Apps can boost your enjoyment of nature. Found a bird? Use the Audubon Bird Guide app to identify its type. Gardening? Use a plant identification app to figure out what to keep and what to pull. There's even an app that entices kids with nature-themed activities to get them outdoors. But technology can enhance your experience of nature with more than just the apps at your fingertips. You should be cautious and make sure that you vet your sources, but there's no need to avoid the internet as a valuable resource in your outdoor endeavors!

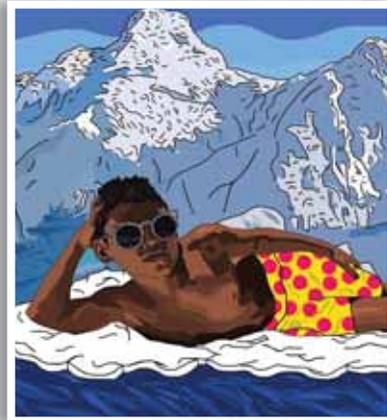
We live in a world of instantaneous information, which can be both a blessing and a curse. The need to vet reliable sources is more crucial than ever. While it might seem great to have millions of strangers commenting on a pressing issue, you must be wary of the keyboard warriors ready to pounce if you use the wrong version of the word "there".

A few weeks ago, while removing verified weeds in my garden, I found a fuzzy white caterpillar hanging out on one of the large unwanted plants. I knew that some caterpillars are dangerous to touch, so I quickly pulled out my phone to search for caterpillars native to the area. I identified the suspect as a yellow woolly caterpillar and learned that they could cause skin irritation. Careful not to let its hairs break off into our skin when we picked it up, we put the caterpillar into my son's Bugnoculars to observe it.

I decided that this could be a fun learning experience, so we set out to build the caterpillar a suitable habitat. Some additional online searching gave us enough information to build a comfy home for our friend, now named Whito Fuzzy. We had learned how to properly care for Whito, but I wanted to know when to expect Whito to transform into a cocoon. That's when I discovered that some caterpillars hibernate! We looked up a local naturalist and set up a visit so that my son could learn more from a proper caterpillar expert. Now that I have a potentially multiple-month commitment living in my house, the cyber world has taught my son and me quite a bit about our local outside world. Pairing nature and technology can definitely enrich your experiences, so charge up, and get outside!



Peacock by Lindsey Payne



Brother by Cameron Kruse

ART CONTEST

GEPL Teen Art Contest

Submission Dates: November 1, 2018-February 3, 2019
Winners announced in March, 2019

Your masterpiece could hang on the walls of the Library's High School room! Teens in Glen Ellyn and local high school students are invited to participate in this annual art contest. All types of visual art will be accepted. Printed images of the winning artworks will be displayed with the artist's name and work title in the High School room and on the GEPL website. For more information and official rules, visit gepl.org/teen-art-contest.

Teen Art Show

The Glen Ellyn Public Library invites all artists, artists' families, friends, judges, and community members to attend the Teen Art Show on Sunday, February 10 from 2-3:30 pm. All artwork will be displayed in its original form.

Late Night Study

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday • December 18, 19, 20 • 5-10 pm

Studying for finals? The library will stay open one extra hour for high schoolers hitting the books. Enjoy pizza, beverages, and a little R&R with trained therapy dogs. For grades 9-12.

How to Pay for College Without Going Broke *

Tuesday, December 11 • 6:30-8 pm 🐾

Discover little-known strategies to help families plan, save, or pay for college. These strategies from the My College Planning team can save you thousands of dollars. For parents and their teens in grades 9-12.

Fortnite at the Library *

Monday, January 7 • 6-8 pm 🐾

Power up your knockout skills! Watch Ninja's stream to hone your talent or jump right into the round-robin battles. The top player of the night gets to play on the Library Oculus! Devices and keyboards are provided, or bring your own Xbox One or PS4 controller with a USB input. Snacks provided. For grades 9-12.

Being Healthy Under Pressure *

Wednesday, January 16 • 6:30-8:30 pm 🐾

Do friends, school, and work stress you out? Explore practical ways to deal with stress and cultivate an uplifting lifestyle through hands-on activities with help from NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) DuPage. For grades 9-12.

Customer Service Workshop *

Sunday, February 3 • 1:30-3 pm 🐾

Do your email etiquette and body language make a favorable impression? Discuss what you can do to look professional in your job and develop your own set of best practices to impress your customers or employer. For grades 9-12.

Kindness Counts

By Tom Malinowski, Middle School Librarian

Kindness doesn't cost a thing. Even if you are not in the best mood, smiling and being pleasant to the people around you might change that! And if you believe the aphorism that it takes more muscles to frown than to smile, a kind smile will conserve your energy!

What are acts of kindness? Opening a door, helping with a chore, demonstrating good manners, recommending a great book, writing a letter to a relative, being supportive in a new endeavor, being a patient listener—all of these could brighten someone's day.

Over the summer, Middle School volunteers stamped out a variety of shapes—hearts, dragons, leaves—and wrote kind notes on them. "You are beautiful!" "Don't give up." "Always be unique." On their last day of volunteering, they placed the messages in random books throughout the Youth Department, not only serving as possible bookmarks, but also to spread positivity and encouragement.

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted." (Aesop)



MIDDLE SCHOOL



AUTHOR EVENT

Mary Winn Heider *

Saturday, February 23 • 2-3 pm ♥

Middle-school author Mary Winn Heider discusses her book *The Mortification of Fovea Munson*, including the origin of her cadaver lab story and what inspires her.

A Q&A and book signing will follow her presentation. Copies of *The Mortification of Fovea Munson* will be available for purchase.

Improv It! *

Tuesday, December 18 • 4-5:30 pm ♥

Shake those winter blues by performing improv! Play fun warm-up games, perform hilarious quick skits, and write the fastest story ever. For grades 6-8.

New Year, New Journal *

Tuesday, January 8 • 4-5:30 pm • The Middle

Learn various journaling methods and techniques to keep the challenges and stories flowing all year. Take home a new journal to start the journey. For grades 6-8.

Love Stinks! *

Tuesday, February 5 • 4-5:30 pm • The Middle

Not a fan of Cupid? Scorn Valentine's Day by making black duct tape roses, decorating rude cookies, and writing anti-Valentine's Day cards. For grades 6-8.

Glen Crest Fine Arts Night

Tuesday, February 12 • 6-8 pm • 2nd Floor

Celebrate the visual arts, music, home arts, band, orchestra, and chorus talents of Glen Crest Middle School students.

YOUTH

Stories with Santa at the Glen Ellyn Fire Station

Saturday, December 8 • 2-4 pm • 524 Pennsylvania Avenue

Santa is making a special trip from the North Pole to hear your Christmas wish list and to take a picture with you! While you wait your turn to sit on Santa's lap, enjoy stories read by GEPL librarians and carols sung by TAKE NOTE. For kids of all ages.

Attach a Patch

Tuesday, December 11; Tuesday February 12 • 4-5 pm ♥

Do you have Reading Patch Club patches that you would like to add to a tote bag, vest, or sash? We'll have sewing materials, glue guns, and adhesive available to attach all types of patches and badges. For kindergarten-grade 8 with a parent.

The Nutcracker

Wednesday, December 12 • 10:30-11 am ♥

Hear the magical holiday story of *The Nutcracker* and learn a few of the dance steps set to the classic soundtrack from an Alma Dance Theater representative. For age 3 and up.

The Great Scott's Magic Show *

Monday, December 31 • 11-11:45 am • 2nd Floor

Enjoy a hysterical interactive magic show featuring award-winning magician Scott Green. After his show, start your New Year's celebration early with a countdown to Noon! For kids of all ages.

STEM Club: Chemistry Magic

Thursdays • January 10-February 14 • 4-4:30 pm ♥

Lemon volcanos? Learn about chemical reactions by completing a variety of chemistry challenges. For kindergarten-grade 2.

Nifty Stitchers *

Session 1 for Grades 3-5:

Thursdays • January 10 and 17 • 6:30-7:30 pm ♥

Session 2 for Grades 6-8:

Thursdays • January 24 and 31 • 6:30-7:30 pm ♥

Learn the basics of using a sewing machine by making a fleece scarf.

Adventures in Yoga *

Wednesday, January 23 • 4-5:15 pm ♥

Build strength, self-awareness, and mindfulness while learning different yoga postures and movements. Kids encouraged to bring their own yoga mats. For kindergarten-grade 5.

Valentines Around the World

Wednesday, February 6 • 4-5 pm ♥

Make valentines inspired by cards from other countries. For grades 1-3.

YOUTH

BOOK DISCUSSION

Plots n' Pizza *

Mondays • 6-7 pm ♥
December 10, January 14, February 11

Kids and their parents will enjoy delicious pizza, friendly conversation, and fun activities at this monthly book club. Copies of book discussion titles are available at the Youth Information desk. For grades 3-5.

Pint-Sized Plots n' Pizza *

Wednesdays • 6-7 pm ♥
December 12, January 9, February 13

Listen to a story and participate in friendly conversation while enjoying delicious pizza and fun activities. Copies of book discussion titles are available at the Youth Information desk. For kindergarten-grade 2 and their grownups. For the best "big kid" experience, we do not recommend siblings attend.

From Book to Bot *

Thursday, January 3 • 4-5 pm ♥

Discuss the book *Little Robot* by Ben Hatke with others, then play with robots yourself. Copies of the book discussion title are available at the Youth Information desk. For grades 3-5.



FOR HOMESCHOOLERS

Adventures in Yoga *

Wednesday, January 23 • 1:30-2:45 pm ♥

Build strength, self-awareness, and mindfulness while learning different yoga postures and movements. Kids encouraged to bring their own yoga mats. For kindergarten-grade 5.

Upcycled Crafting *

Wednesday, February 13 • 1:30-2:30 pm ♥

Spend the afternoon recycling materials into book-themed crafts, such as cards and decorations.

STORYTIME



Winter Storytimes

January 7-February 16 ♥

The Glen Ellyn Public Library offers a variety of storytimes for children starting at birth. During librarian-led programs that incorporate stories, songs, movement, rhymes, and other storytime activities, your child will learn to love reading and the library. More details and the winter schedule at gepl.org/storytime.

Love Warms My Heart

Tuesday, December 11; Thursday, December 13 • 10-10:30 am ♥

Listen to generosity-themed stories like *Penguin and Pinecone* by Salina Yoon and decorate a greeting card to send to a loved one. For kids of all ages.

Strega Nona

Wednesday, December 12 • 4-5 pm ♥

A magic pot, overflowing spaghetti, and a hungry Big Anthony? *Strega Nona* is here to save the day! Enjoy reading the classic tale, creating a spaghetti filled craft, and learning more about the Italian language. For grades 3-5.

Paw Patrol Party *

Tuesday, February 19 • 10-11 am ♥

You're on the case! Listen to a *Paw Patrol* story and play *Paw Patrol* games while being on the lookout for a special guest. For kids of all ages.

Donations Needed



DuPagePads
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Care Kits for DuPagePads *

Tuesday, January 3 • 1:30-2 pm ♥

Listen to *The Last Stop on Market Street* by Matt de la Peña and pack special care kits to be donated to DuPagePads.

Between December 1 and 31 the Youth Department will accept donations of travel-sized shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, and body wash for inclusion in the care kits.



MY FAVORITE *Picture Books*



By Melissa Hilt, Youth Dept. Assistant Director

Picture books have always had a special place in my heart. I have fond memories of being cuddled up with books as a kid. Sometimes I would just look at the pictures, and other times my parents and I would read together. One of my favorite picture books was *The Gingerbread Man*. I am sure that it was read to me hundreds of times, and I would look at it over and over again. I still have my childhood copy after all of this time!

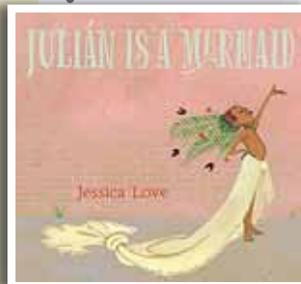
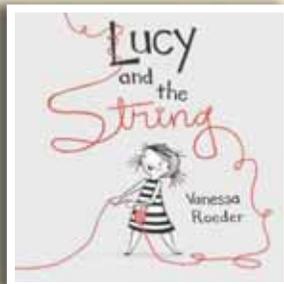
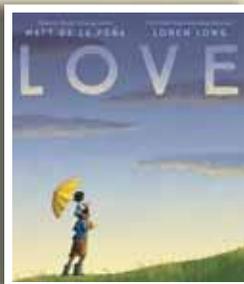
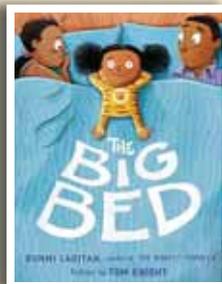
When I became an aunt, my nieces would sleep over, and reading books was always something we did before they would go to sleep. A favorite that I used to read to them was *The Flea's Sneeze* by Lynn Downey. They loved the repetition—it made them feel like they were reading along with me.

My nieces are now both in high school, so we aren't reading picture books together anymore. Luckily, I have a job that allows me to still read picture books, and purchase them for the library, too!

Some of our recent favorites here at the library are

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| <i>Little Elliot</i> series by Mike Curato | <i>The Legend of Rock, Paper, Scissors</i> by Drew Daywalt |
| <i>The Big Bed</i> by Bunmi Laditan | <i>Lucy and the String</i> by Vanessa Roeder |
| <i>Mixed</i> by Arree Chung | <i>Crunch the Shy Dinosaur</i> by Cirocco Dunlap |
| <i>Love</i> by Matt de la Pena | <i>Walrus in the Bathtub</i> by Deborah Underwood |
| <i>Not Quite Narwhal</i> by Jessie Sima | <i>Julián is a Mermaid</i> by Jessica Love |

Stop by the Youth Information desk and tell us about your favorite picture books!



EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL PLAY

Sensory Saturday

Saturdays • 9:30-10:15 am ♥
December 8, January 12, February 9

Hands-on sensory friendly art and play stations that feature opportunities to smell, touch, see, hear, and explore. Children of all abilities and their families are welcome. For birth through 5 years.

A licensed Physical Therapist, Occupational Therapist, or Speech Therapist from Westside Children's Therapy will be present to help families find support.

Ole! Learning Spanish Through Play

Thursdays • January 10, 17, 24, 31 • 4-5 pm ♥

Join Ole! Spanish School for this four-week course at GEPL. Stories, dance, crafts, and writing will be used to develop children's potential in Spanish. For grades 2-5.

Winter Smart Starts

February 26-March 21 ♥

Smart Starts is a hands-on, interactive environment where adults help children develop early reading, writing, math, and science skills through play. Several crafts, games, and experiential activities are focused around a weekly theme and are designed to engage children ages 2 to 6. Find the current schedule at gepl.org/smart-starts.

Baby Playgroup

Fridays • March 1, 8, 15, 22 • 9:30-10:30 am ♥

An open playgroup featuring a variety of toys and sensory play activities to help babies discover the world around them and build early reading skills. For birth to 24 months.



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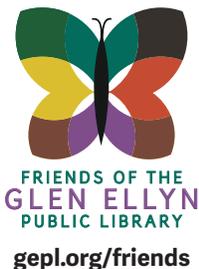
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Saturday, January 19 from 9 am to 2 pm

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