Meet American Ninja Warrior Kyle Schulze

Cat Café

The Fairytale Trail

A Community Beyond Books
Explore ChecktheLibrary.org
The Glen Ellyn Public Library’s mission is to serve the community as a vibrant center for accurate information, robust learning, and personal discovery. To that end, we hope you are enjoying our drive-up window and 24-hour book drop and have visited the new café, which is often a lively place. We hope that you will explore our programs and services and take advantage of the range of credible sources on a breadth of topics. We hope that you will be as amazed as we were when we prepared our Check the Library site, particularly at how robust our learning environment has become. Art walls, technology, study rooms, play areas—come discover what many of our residents and visitors know we have to offer!

Re-packaging these incredible resources and reaching people who don’t know what they are missing is the reason behind our Check the Library campaign. We want you to see your library as the solution to your daily quandaries. Are you perplexed by a challenge at work? Facing a gardening, automobile, or maintenance catastrophe at home? Wondering where to wander on summer vacation? Check the library!

We have evolved in ways you may not have noticed yet. We even offer literal “food for thought” at the 3/7 Pathway Café. Whether you are a small business owner, recent college graduate, or a rising kindergartener, we have something for you!

- Have you ever looked for a place to work remotely? Check the Library—our study rooms are perfect! Don’t forget to grab coffee from the 3/7 Pathway Café.
- Do you participate in a book club and want a recommendation for your next read? Check the Library—we have lots of great ideas, and we’ll even gather the books for your group with easy pickup options.
- Want to read an ebook while you are waiting to pick up your soccer star from practice? Check the Library—your card unlocks digital services wherever you are.
- Have a new tech toy that’s giving you headaches? Check the Library—we offer Tech Help.
- Would you love to try a sewing project but not have a sewing machine? Check the Library.
- Need a passport? Check the Library.
- Looking for a way to support your community? Check the Library. Participate in our Game On! Summer Challenge.

We really have something for everyone, and you can see it all at checkthelibrary.org.

Please feel free to contact me at 630-790-6760 or director@gepl.org with questions or comments.

Dawn Bussey
Executive Director
GAME ON! SUMMER CHALLENGE
June 10-August 7

For the past six years, the Glen Ellyn Public Library has tied its summer reading program to a philanthropic cause—embracing the volunteer spirit of the community. This summer, the library is thrilled to partner with the Glen Ellyn Park District and bring you Game On! Summer Challenge. Youth and adult participants will work toward a combined goal of 50,000 points. If we reach our goal, the Glen Ellyn Library Foundation and the Friends of the Library will donate $2,000 to the Glen Ellyn Park District’s Scholarship Fund.

Log Your Progress
Sign up online (gepl.beanstack.com) or pick up a log in the Youth Department beginning June 10. Register as a Pre-Reader, Youth, Middle Schooler, High Schooler, Adult, or for the Adaptive Program. Then keep track of what you read, watch, and play!

For the first time ever, participants will be able to count films, magazines, newspapers, and activities to earn points. You may also count any type of game. You can complete tasks around the library, such as finding and using the new Short Story Dispenser or searching a digital resource. Registering for the Adaptive Program will allow users of all ages to earn points through supportive activities, whether classic reading goals, cooking, or exercise. Each completed item gets a point, and each point is a step closer to our goal. High school students can earn gift cards to Amazon and Starbucks. Youth can earn books and coupons. Adults can earn entries for grand prizes like two gift cards to Dick's Sporting Goods ($100), two gift cards to The Bike Hub ($100), and two one-year memberships to The Morton Arboretum.

SUMMER SPOTLIGHT

Frozen Custard Social
Monday, June 10 • 7-8:30 pm • Library Parking Lot
Celebrate and kick off the library’s Game On! Summer Challenge with frozen custard from Andy’s, an ice pop, or fresh fruit. Thank you to Andy’s Frozen Custard Glen Ellyn and the Friends of the Library for their generous donations.

Super Smash Bros. Tournament 🎮
Tuesday, June 11 (Middle School) • 3-5 pm 🎮
Wednesday, June 12 (High School) • 3-5 pm 🎮
Thursday, June 13 (All Ages) • 3-5 pm 🎮
Battle Yoshi, Peach, and Pikachu in the library with a Super Smash Bros. tournament! Bring your own joy-cons, as our supply is limited. A GameStop gift card will be awarded to one lucky winner on each of the three days.

Community Game Night
Wednesday, August 7 • 6:30-8 pm • Sunset Park, 483 Fairview Avenue, Glen Ellyn
Celebrate the end of summer and the library’s Game On! Summer Challenge with giant games like Connect 4, Jenga, checkers, and more! This event is open to all ages, from kids who love games to adults who are kids at heart.
Did you know the Glen Ellyn Public Library has thousands of ebooks and audiobooks? You can borrow them, instantly, for free, using just the device in your hand.

1. Download the Libby App.
2. You’ll need your library card number and PIN, but not much else.
3. Search for your title.
4. Choose audiobook or ebook format.
5. Click play and enjoy.

Trash: Where Is “Away?” June 3-July 8 • 2nd Floor
Recycling can be confusing, even for the most conscientious consumer. SCARCE’s interactive exhibit helps you explore how to responsibly dispose of common household items and “rethink your waste.”

The Writing Journey
Saturday, June 8 • 11:30 am-2:30 pm
Fiction writers interested in improving their skills are invited to join this collaborative workshop provided by NaperWriMo. Participants will share their knowledge and experiences with writing and receive feedback on their work. Learn more about The Writing Journey at writingjourney.org.

Drop-In Genealogy Workshop
Tuesdays, June 11, July 9, August 13 • 7-8:30 pm
Dig into your family history using Glen Ellyn Public Library resources. Ask questions, share insight, and develop new research skills. A genealogist from the Anan Harmon DAR Chapter will be on hand to help.

Vitalant Blood Drive
Monday, July 15 • 1-7 pm • Bus in Library Parking Lot
Schedule your donation appointment at vitalant.org or call 877-25-VITAL. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are recommended.

Solar Power Hour: Solarize Chicagoland
Wednesday, July 31 • 7-8:30 pm
Solarize Chicagoland is a grassroots program that combines volume purchasing with community education to make solar energy more accessible and affordable. Learn about the basics of solar, its financial implications for a household, and how the solar group buy program works from the Citizens Utility Board. After the session, get a free, no-obligation site assessment from a competitively selected solar installer. Learn more at SolarizeChicagoland.com.

Cat Café
Sunday, August 18 • 2-4 pm
Bring your work or a favorite book and cozy up to some cats and kittens from DuPage County Animal Services. Fresh coffee and snacks will be provided by the 3/7 Pathway Café. Can’t resist the cuteness? Fill out an adoption application on site, head over to the shelter, and take home a new furry friend.

Mocktails and Masterpieces
Thursday, June 27 • 7-8 pm
Sip a mocktail while you craft and enjoy a fun night out with friends of any age! Make a painted rock photo holder for your BFF or favorite relative. For adults and kids of all ages.

Bingo
Thursday, July 25 • 7-8 pm
B-11! G-50! Join us for Bingo, called by Danny from the 3/7 Pathway Café. Winners will receive 3/7 Pathway Café vouchers. For adults and kids of all ages.

Next Chapter Book Club
Wednesdays • 6:30-7:30 pm
June 12, 26; July 10, 24; August 7, 21
Next Chapter Book Club is a community-based book club for individuals with developmental disabilities. Members read together, hang out, make friends, and have fun. To sign up, please contact Outreach Librarian Sarah Kleiva at skleiva@gepl.org or 630-790-6745.

GEPL Book Discussion

Children of Blood and Bone by Tomi Adeyemi
Thursday, June 13 • 7-8 pm

Rules of Civility by Amor Towles
Thursday, July 11 • 7-8 pm

Educated by Tara Westover
Thursday, June 20 • 12-1 pm

Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens
Thursday, July 18 • 12-1 pm

Travel with Libby This Summer

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3. Search for your title.
4. Choose audiobook or ebook format.
5. Click play and enjoy.
what should I read next?
INTRODUCING “YOUR NEXT READ”

By Brenna Murphy
Readers’ Advisory Librarian

“Wondering what your new favorite book is going to be? You’re in luck! GEPL is now offering a personalized book recommendation service called Your Next Read. Just fill out a quick survey to tell us about your preferences, including favorite genres, recent reads, and whether you prefer print books, audiobooks, or another format. Give us five days, and one of our librarians will send you five hand-picked recommendations!

Discover “Your Next Read” by completing the form at gepl.org/your-next-read or look out for one of the “Your Next Read” iPads located throughout the building. Everyone is invited to use this personalized service—we’ve got experts on children, teen, and adult books ready to help you find your next great read!

RECENT READS from the adult department

- My Life Among the Underdogs: A Memoir by Tia Torres
- The Wedding Guest by Jonathan Kellerman
- Educated by Tara Westover
- Make the Bed by William H. McRaven
- On the Come Up by Angie Thomas
- The Girls in the Picture by Melanie Benjamin
- Mary Pickford, America’s Sweetheart by Scott Eyman
- Walking With Henry: Big Lessons from a Little Donkey on Faith, Friendship and Finding Your Path by Rachel Anne Ridge
- City of Ink, A Mystery by Elsa Hart
- Women Rowing North by Mary Pipher
- The Miniaturist by Jessie Burton
- The Person You Mean to Be: How Good People Fight Bias by Dolly Chugh
- Won’t You Be My Neighbor? Mister Rogers Biopic (DVD)
- Single Malt: A Guide to the Whiskies of Scotland by Clay Risen
- The Art of Logic in an Illogical World by Eugenia Cheng

Student Resources

Customer Service Workshop and Volunteering

Friday, June 21 • 10:30 am to 12 pm

Looking for volunteer opportunities this summer? Join a workshop at the library hosted by the BR Ryall YMCA and the Glen Ellyn Public Library to learn how to provide great customer service and compile your own list of best practices. This session will engage values such as respect, care, professionalism, and flexibility in any situation, and then help you set a schedule for volunteering at the BR Ryall YMCA or GE Park District. For grades 9-12.

High School Summer Volunteers

June 3-August 9
Application Deadline: Monday, June 24 at 5 pm

Lend your talents as a library volunteer! You can help envision, design, and implement programs. Applicants will meet with the Young Adult Librarian to match their interests with library needs and to customize a schedule. Applicants must be students at Glenbard South, Glenbard West, or homeschoolers between the ages of 15 and 18 who reside in Glen Ellyn. Visit the gepl.org high school volunteer page for details.

Storm Drain Medallions with SCARCE

Monday, July 8 • 2-4 pm • High School Room, Off-Site Locations around Glen Ellyn

Help keep local waterways healthy! Volunteers will apply medallions on nearby storm drains to educate residents about the importance of preventing pollution. For grades 9-12.

ACT Practice Test

Saturday, June 6 • 9:30 am to 2 pm

SAT Practice Test

Saturday, August 17 • 9:30 am to 2 pm

Rid yourself of test day jitters by taking a full-length ACT/SAT practice test provided by College Nannies + Sitters + Tutors. Bring multiple sharpened #2 pencils and an approved calculator. Waitlisted students are encouraged to arrive 5-10 minutes early to fill open spaces. Contact College Nannies + Sitters + Tutors for test results at 630-381-0788.

prep for COLLEGE

@ Reserve Your Spot  ◆ Adult Study Room  ◆ Computer Lab  ◆ The Lounge  ◆ Meeting Room  ◆ Shakespeare Room  ◆ Youth Program Room
GET INTO GAMING with the library

By Christina Keasler, Ass’t Youth Dept. Director and Youth Technology Librarian

“This summer, GEPL is all about games! Some of you may know that I’m an avid board gamer. I like to stay current on new board game releases, and I enjoy a few computer games every now and then. Gaming is a great way for the whole family to spend time together. It’s a wonderful opportunity to connect with your kids and enjoy their personalities. Games can also develop motor skills (spinners, dice, pawn movement), social skills (turn taking, losing and winning), and counting skills.

There are different platforms for games, as well. Apps and free websites can make gaming more accessible for people of all abilities. These options are a cheaper way to play some popular (and pretty expensive) new board games. Personally, I tend to learn better when a computer is telling me the rules as I play, too.

Why not revamp some games yourself? By learning simple circuitry, you can redesign or even create a new board game with audio files. Using sound effects and other various textures will add a non-visual element and enhance the gaming experience. Attend a “Try It, Make It!” session at the library on June 20 or July 18 to experiment with cool maker tools, including a 3D printer and corresponding design software, a die cutter, and conductive ink. Don’t forget to sign up for GEPL’s Game On! Summer Challenge to participate in a variety of games, both big and small!

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Photo Organizing:
From Chaos to Memories
Tuesday, June 4 • 7-8:30 pm
Are you overwhelmed at the thought of organizing or archiving your photos? Adam Pratt from Chaos to Memories will help you corral your digital and physical photos so friends and family can enjoy the stories they tell.

Tech Help: One-on-One
Wednesdays • 2-4 pm
June 5, 12; July 10, 17; August 7, 14
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.

Try It, Make It!
Thursdays • June 20, July 18 • 4-6 pm
Try out cool maker tools at this DIY open lab for kids, teens, and adults. What can you create with a button maker? With a die cutter? Would you like to try to use a sewing machine? What can you do with conductive ink? Or create a 3D design and print it at the library!

Microsoft Word: The Next Step
Thursday, June 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.

Technology and Your Health:
The Double-Edged Sword
Tuesday, July 2 • 7-8:30 pm
Studies show that Americans use technology over 10 hours per day! We know it’s intrinsic to our lives, but how much does it affect our overall health? Learn how you can benefit from your devices while safeguarding your current and future health (and health dollars) with Dr. Vito Spadaferro from West Suburban Wellness.

Microsoft Excel: The Next Step
Thursday, July 18 • 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 create charts.

Podcasting: For You or Your Business
Tuesday, August 6 • 7-8 pm
Whether for fun or for your business, podcasts are big! Dr. Kris Sargent, DC, MS, who produces a business podcast for Restor Healing Centre, will help you determine whether a podcast is right for you, and if so, help you get started.

LinkedIn for Professionals
Thursday, August 15 • 7-8:30 pm
Learn how to optimize your LinkedIn page to present your best image and network like a pro.

Little Printers
Saturday, August 24 • 11-11:30 am
3D printing is not just for big kids! Children and their grownups will work together to create a 3D trinket. Pick up your 3D prints at a later date.
SUPPORTING LOCAL BUSINESS

Library to Business Communications
Visit gepl.org/business and subscribe to L2B Communications, a monthly business enewsletter to help you use the tools at the Glen Ellyn Public Library to start, improve, or grow your small business.

Business Library Cards
Any business located in the incorporated Village of Glen Ellyn is eligible for a library card free of charge at the Glen Ellyn Public Library. Visit gepl.org/LibraryBusinessCard for more details.

one-on-one BUSINESS MENTORING

Illinois Small Business Development Center
Thursday, June 6 • 9:30 am-1:30 pm
Business owners can receive an hour-long, one-on-one mentoring session from a professional with the Illinois Small Business Development Center in the areas of management, marketing, finance and operations.

SCORE
Wednesdays • July 17, August 21 • 6:30-8:30 pm
Attend an hour-long, one-on-one session with a SCORE business mentor for personalized help with your business start-up plans or continuing business challenges.

programs for BUSINESS OWNERS

Cash Flow for Your Business
Tuesday, June 18 • 6:30-7:30 pm
The cash flow statement is a valuable decision-making tool for business owners, investors, and creditors. Explore how you can make the most out of yours at this session with Barbara Piesz, Community Business Banker from Glen Ellyn Bank & Trust.

Easy Email Marketing for Your Business
Tuesday, July 16 • 6:30-7:30 pm
Even in the age of social media, email is still the most valuable tool for any business. Susan Vertrees, digital marketing technology expert, will cover the basics of building an email marketing program, including how to increase engagement through personalization.

How to Use Social Media to Set Your Business Apart
Tuesday, August 20 • 6:30-7:30 pm
The right tool makes any job faster and easier. Discover the right social media platforms to advance your business marketing in this session with Franklin Rivera from V2M2 Group.

EXPLORE A VIRTUAL WORLD with Oculus Rift
To reserve your one-hour VR session, please call the 2nd Floor Information Desk at 630-790-6630.
Monday-Thursday: 9:30-10:30 am, 11 am-Noon, 12:30-1:30 pm, 2-3 pm, 3:30-4:30 pm, 5-6 pm, and 6:30-7:30 pm.
Friday and Saturday: 9:30-10:30 am, 11 am-Noon, 1:30-2:30 pm, and 3-4 pm. Sunday: 1:30-2:30 pm and 3-4 pm.
No school, tempting summer weather, and energetic kids means that sometimes it’s hard to fit books into your daily activities. Here are a few tips for sneaking in some reading time, both for yourself and for your kids.

**SNACKS**
Make an impromptu book picnic by grabbing some sandwiches, sweet lemonade, and a cozy blanket to hang out and read in your backyard. Take stuffed animal friends with you, and practice reading aloud to them. Even better, read a book ABOUT a picnic, while you’re ON a picnic! *Pignic* by Matt Phelan is a great choice.

**SUNGLASSES**
Reading outside is very pleasant, but remember to wear sunglasses to protect yourself against the white page glare. Even Pete the Cat rocks some cool shades when he reads.

**HEADPHONES**
Books can be enjoyed on a whole new level if you listen to them from an expert narrator. Download audiobooks from gepl.org, or visit the library to check out some Playaways for those long car trips. One of my favorites for siblings of multiple ages is *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. The full cast version includes sound effects, magical fantasy, and lots of adventure!

**WATER**
You can read pretty much anywhere. Bath time is a great opportunity to read to a wiggly child, because they are relaxed but still alert and having fun. Sit by the tub and share a silly story. Encourage older kids to tuck a magazine or paperback into their swim bags. Take books with you to the beach or pool when you just want to lounge around and enjoy a refreshing read. It’s helpful for kids to see you enjoying a book or two while they’re around—you’re not being lazy, you’re modeling excellent reading behavior!

**BACKPACK**
Take a walk in the woods, go on an urban field trip, or have a local adventure using books as your inspiration. Find a story that takes place in the city you’ll be visiting and read about your destination ahead of time. It really makes the trip come alive if you pack some exciting books. I’m headed to Boston soon, so Judy Moody is on my list. Visit the Youth Desk, and we can provide a customized pick just for you!

At the Glen Ellyn Public Library, we know how to get kids excited about books. Sign up for Game On! Summer Challenge to read and participate in fun activities with your family all summer long!
Summer Storytimes
June 17-July 26
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 spring schedule at gepl.org/storytime.

STORYTIME at the library

Storytime in the Park
Tuesdays • 7-7:30 pm
Come out to your favorite neighborhood parks for stories, music, and movement. Don't forget to bring a blanket and bug spray! The library building will be the alternate location in the event of inclement weather. For kids of all ages.

- June 18: Nature Stories at Surrey Park, 95 Surrey Dr.
- June 25: Dragon Stories at Stacy Park, 50 Geneva Rd.
- July 2: Robot Stories at Newton Park, 707 Fairview Ave.
- July 9: Food Stories at Glen Ellyn Manor Park, 375 Illinois St.
- July 16: Sports Stories at Spalding Park, 22W325 2nd St.
- July 23: Shark Stories at Lake Foxcroft Park, 2S540 Lambert Rd.

Peppa Pig Party
Wednesday, June 5 • 10-10:45 am; 2-2:45 pm
Snort! Celebrate all things Peppa Pig at this interactive storytime featuring games and “muddy puddles.” Don’t forget your boots! For ages 3-5.

Tea for Two: Dinosaur Tea Party
Tuesday, June 11 • 11 am to 12 pm
Calling all twins! Whether you’re a biological twin or just #twinning, show us how you dress to impress. We’ll read books, eat snacks, and have tea with a dinosaur! For ages 2-6 with a grownup.

Baby and Toddler Clothing Swap
Donations Accepted: July 1-July 19
Saturday, July 27 • 9:30-11:30 am
Drop off gently-used baby and toddler clothing (sizes 0-4T) in the Youth Department between Monday, July 1 and Friday, July 19. Then shop for free, new-to-you clothing at the library on Saturday, July 27.
YOUTH

Join the 1K Club

Child development research consistently shows that early literacy can improve behavior and academic growth. The Glen Ellyn Public Library is challenging families to read 1,000 books with their children before kindergarten!

Everything read to your child counts. These books can be re-reads, read by an older sibling, babysitter, or grandparent, read at preschool, and read at storytime. Sign up at the Youth Desk.

Congratulations Sean Martelli!
Congratulations Bradley Martelli!
Congratulations Genevieve Hane’s parents registered her for the program at just 9 days old and she is officially the youngest participant ever!

Can You Dig It? R
Wednesday, June 12 • 3-4 pm ☾
Learn about archaeology and uncover artifacts in our mock dig! For grades 1-3.

The Fairytale Trail
Monday, June 24; Friday, July 12 • 3:30-4:30 pm
Meet at Bike Racks on North Side of Parking Lot
Walk through the enchanted Prairie Path forest. Meet costumed characters, hear classic stories, and gather ingredients for a magical potion along the way. For kids of all ages.

Pirates & Mermaids R
Monday, July 15 • 2-3 pm ☾
Aye, what will ye be? Mermaid or pirate? Make an eye patch or a shell necklace, then scavenge the library for treasure! For grades 1-3.

Strange New Planet R
Wednesday, July 17 • 4-5 pm ☾
Simulate space exploration! Make your own telescope and view a “new planet” from afar. For grades 2-4.

Happy Birthday Harry Potter R
Wednesday, July 31 • 4-5 pm ☾
You’re invited to Harry’s birthday party! Celebrate with Quidditch ball toss, get sorted into your Hogwarts House, and make your own wand. For grades 3-5.

KinderLab
10-11 am ☾
Monday, August 5 (St. James and St. Petronille)
Tuesday, August 6 (District 41)
Thursday, August 8 (CCSD 89)
Meet your future teachers at the library! Incoming kindergartners are invited to celebrate the beginning of school with stories, teachers, crafts, and a school bus. Limited to the first 25 children to request a name tag.
The Middle Squad
June 12-August 3

The Middle Squad Party
Monday, August 5 • 5:30-6:30 pm • Youth Dept.
Work with library staff to prepare for programs, pull books, and help as needed. Visit gepl.org/middle-school/volunteer to fill out an application. For grades 6-8.
Questions? Contact Tom Malinowski, Middle School Librarian, at tmalinowski@gepl.org or 630-790-6738.

Welcome to The Middle!
Friday, June 14 • 3-4 pm • The Middle
New 6th graders, you’ve waited long enough! Students entering grades 7-8, you’re invited, too! Enjoy a pizza party while discovering what The Middle has to offer.

Chopped! Summer Challenge
Wednesday, July 24 • 4-5 pm
Kids will get a bag of five ingredients and have a limited amount of time to create an edible dish! Brian from the 3/7 Pathway Café will be our guest judge and determine the winner. For grades 6-8.

The library’s summer theme, Game On!, is a challenge to get outside and play, break out traditional and trending new board games, and game digitally. All of these options for “gaming” allow children to tap into their imagination, spark creativity, and build mental strength. Play is essential for growth and development. Here are a few of my recommendations for books and games to engage young minds.

• The Gauntlet by Karuna Riazi
In this book with a Jumanji flair, four children find themselves immersed in a board game and must solve several puzzles laid out by the mysterious architect.

• Pokémon Adventures by Hidenori Husaha
In the Pokémon universe, a trainer encounters wild Pokémon, captures them, and trains them against other Pokémon in non-lethal battles. Pokémon literature for various ages, as well as movies and video games, is available for checkout at the Glen Ellyn Public Library.

• Minecraft Education Edition is playable on all Youth Department computers at GEPL—no need to create an account. Minecraft focuses on construction, art, and design. Team play with problem solving makes this enjoyable learning!

• Check out controllers to play on Xbox One, PlayStation 4, or Wii U (with a school ID or library card) in The Middle. Board games and puzzles—such as Yahtzee, Jenga, Connect 4, Dragonwood, and Bananagrams, just to name a few—are also available for use during library hours.

Get your game on at the Glen Ellyn Public Library to socialize, learn, and be creative!
The Glen Ellyn Public Library received a special shipment recently: a device that will dispense one, three, and five-minute stories and poems on long scrolls resembling receipt paper. A gift from the Glen Ellyn Library Foundation, this Short Story Kiosk is the first of its kind to show up in an Illinois library.

The modest machine from French company Short Édition is sleek, simple and intuitive but draws attention with its colorful design and compelling “Press, Read, Enjoy” motto. Readers can choose from three categories, designated by large buttons on the machine: Children (stories and classics), General Public (collection and “feel-good”) or Spanish (PG-13 rated “feel-good” and children’s). Prints are free of charge.

“As always, we hope our members find solace at the library,” says Dawn Bussey. “But we also hope that this generous donation from the Foundation provides a unique alternative to scrolling on a smartphone while waiting for friends or standing in line at the café. We hope members will take an opportunity to slow down, sit back, and relax.”

Though the Short Story Kiosk currently resides in the library lobby, its lightweight structure is easily transportable. After introducing it to library visitors, the Foundation plans to share the friendly device with nearby partners so the entire community can “Press, Read, Enjoy.”