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Healthy Communities

Understanding Opioids: A Panel Discussion About the Epidemic in Glen Ellyn
Thursday, September 19 • 6:30-8:30 pm • 2nd Floor
A panel of experts will discuss how Glen Ellyn and DuPage County are currently affected by the national opioid epidemic and what our local community is doing to address the issue. The session will be moderated by Illinois State Rep. Terra Costa Howard and panelists will include Mila Tsagalis, Director, DuPage Narcan Program; Julie Trytek, Professor of Human Services, College of DuPage; Bob Listecki, Pharmacist, Glen Ellyn Pharmacy; and Joe Scarpelli, Recovery Aficionado, who will share his own journey of opioid addiction and recovery.

Human Trafficking and Our Community
Thursday, October 17 • 7-8:30 pm
More than 24,000 women and girls are commercially sexually exploited in the Chicagoland area each year. How does human trafficking impact our community and what can we do to stop it? Naomi’s House, a local organization, will discuss how the community can help survivors and end human trafficking.

Can Science Explain Everything?
Tuesday, October 29 • 7-8:30 pm
Is scientific knowledge superior to philosophy, religion, and art? Are philosophy, religion, and art inherently subjective matters of opinion? Does everything need to be scientifically proven to be fact? Share your thoughts at this group discussion with Peter Kanetis, a philosophy instructor at College of DuPage.

Healthy Aging Week
September 1-7

Strokes: What You Need to Know
Tuesday, September 3 • 10-11 am
Learn about strokes—symptoms, risk factors, and the importance of calling 911 when you suspect stroke with Ryan Keiler, Stroke Education Coordinator for Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage. Ryan will also be in the lobby from 11 am to 1 pm to answer questions and spread awareness.

Choose Your Medigap Insurance Wisely
Wednesday, September 4 • 10-11 am
Use one of our online digital resources, Medigap Buyer’s Guide, to create a personalized Medicare Supplement (Medigap) Insurance report based on your age, gender and zip code. Tracey Ferguson of Weiss (Financial) Ratings, will also discuss major expenses not covered by Medicare, why your trusted insurance agent may sell you the wrong insurance policy, what you must know to lower insurance premiums, and how to choose the best supplemental insurance policy for you.

Eating Well as You Age
Thursday, September 5 • 10-11 am
Learn how diet, exercise and community connectedness can contribute to a healthy lifestyle. Laura Barr, Nutrition and Wellness Extension Educator at the University of Illinois Extension, will present the latest science on health maintenance.

Intro to Wills, Trusts, and Estate Planning
Friday, September 6 • 10-11 am
Learn the basics of wills, trusts and estate planning from Jason Borg, Attorney at Law.
This fall, GEPL is talking about some big issues in our local community, including the opioid crisis. As it can be a difficult topic to unpack, consider these book recommendations to learn more.

**Dreamland: The True Tale of America’s Opiate Epidemic** by Sam Quinones (Nonfiction): Journalist Sam Quinones delves into the history of heroin distribution in the U.S. and its link to OxyContin. From rural Mexico to suburban neighborhoods in America, drug traffickers developed an intricate system to produce and distribute black tar heroin. Since many OxyContin addicts were looking for a cheaper alternative, these heroin dealers moved in. From DEA agents to small-time dealers to crooked clinics, Dreamland goes behind the scenes to reach the heart of this multi-faceted issue.

**Heroine** by Mindy McGinnis (Young Adult Fiction): When high school softball star Mickey breaks her leg in a car crash, her doctor prescribes OxyContin to help manage the pain. Mickey quickly becomes dependent on the pills and progresses to more extreme drug use with friends who don’t have her best interests in mind. When the addiction spirals out of control, Mickey is forced to make some tough decisions about what she wants for her future.

**Dopesick: Dealers, Doctors, and the Drug Company that Addicted America** by Beth Macy (Nonfiction): This sweeping history of the opioid crisis begins with the introduction of OxyContin in 1996. Macy investigates how communities across America have been shattered by addiction, while showing compassion for those hit hardest by the epidemic. Join the book discussion of this title in November.
Vitalant Blood Drive
Mondays • September 16, November 11 • 1:30-7 pm
Blood donations can save up to 12,000 lives a day. Schedule your donation appointment at vitalant.org or call 877-25-VITAL. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are recommended.

Guitar for Beginners
Mondays • 7-8:30 pm
October 7-December 9 (skip November 11)
Bring your own guitar to this nine-week course for beginners 16 years and older to learn guitar basics in a friendly group setting.

NaNoWriMo Prep Workshop: How to Use Your Character's Actions and Reactions to Build an Emotional Scene and Drive Your Plot Forward
Tuesday, October 8 • 7-8:30 pm
It's an author's job to develop characters who struggle, discover, and change. Learn how to apply the principle of "show don't tell."

Come Write In with NaNoWriMo
Mondays • November 4-25 • 5-9 pm
Challenge yourself to write a 50,000-word novel during National Novel Writing month in November. Visit naperwrimo.org for details.

Cord Cutting and Smart TVs
Tuesday, September 3 • 6:30-7:30 pm
Tired of paying for cable? Learn how to watch your favorite shows without cable TV.

Tech Help: One-on-One
Wednesdays • 2-4 pm
September 11, 25; October 9, 16; November 6, 13
Get hands-on instruction with your tablet, smartphone, or computer, or learn more about the library's online digital resources, materials, and circulating devices in a 30-minute one-on-one appointment with a librarian.
To request a day and time that better suits your schedule, please contact the 2nd Floor Information Desk at 630-790-6630.

Virtual, Augmented, and Mixed Realities, Explained
Tuesday, October 15 • 6:30-7:30 pm
What's your reality? Virtual, augmented, mixed—learn the differences.

TECH 101 create, edit, save, share
Microsoft Word 101
Thursday, September 19 • 7-8:30 pm
Microsoft Excel 101
Thursday, October 17 • 7-8:30 pm
Microsoft PowerPoint 101
Thursday, November 21 • 7-8:30 pm
Google Docs 101
Thursday, November 7 • 6:30-8 pm
Google's Docs application lets you create documents and spreadsheets online and share them with other people. Learn how to use Docs to create, edit, and share a file.

Ready, Set, Code!
Tuesday, September 10-October 1 • 6:30-7:30 pm
Learn software programming concepts like boolean logic, sorting, automation, variables, sequencing, and loops by solving puzzles and playing games. For grades 2-3.

Try It, Make It!
Thursday, September 19 • 4-5 pm
In this DIY open lab, learn about and use "maker" tools like sewing and Cricut (electronic cutting) machines and a 3D printer. For kids of all ages.

From Book to Bot Book Discussion
Wednesday, October 9 • 4-5 pm
Read Robot Dreams by Sara Varon and then come to the library to discuss the book and play with robots. Copies of Robot Dreams are available at the Youth Desk. For grades 3-5.

Creative Circuits
Wednesday, November 20 • 4-5 pm
Learn about famous abstract artists like Jackson Pollock, then make your own work of abstract art using Spheros and Bristlebots! For grades k-2.
Geek Talk Post-Premiere: Joker
Tuesday, October 8 • 3:30-4:30 pm • High School Room
Wednesday, October 9 • 7-8 pm • Wheaton Public Library
Need to rant about the new film? Gotta let loose about X-Men Dark Phoenix, or trade theories about Star Wars Rise of Skywalker? Want the inside scoop on trending videogames and graphic novels? This is your place to talk, laugh, and discuss. Eat some snacks and get your nerd on.

Spark Joy with Cardboard Sculptures
Wednesday, November 6 • 4-5:30 pm • High School Room
Make sculptures out of cardboard and duct tape while getting life hacks for dealing with stress and finding joy in our hectic lives. NAMI DuPage will join us while chatting informally about mindfulness, relaxation, and community while sculpting cardboard and eating stuff from 3/7 Pathway Café.

PREP FOR COLLEGE SERIES
practice tests

ACT
Saturday, September 21 • 9:30 am to 1 pm

SAT
Saturday, October 12 • 9:30 am to 1 pm

Avoid test day jitters by taking a full-length 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.

HIGH SCHOOLER
Check the Library to retrieve materials from other libraries if we don’t have them in-house. Whether you’re working on a school research project or trying to find that recommendation from a friend, discover books, CDs, and videos from over 10,000 libraries with WorldCat. Visit ChecktheLibrary.org and click Explore to discover more about your library.

visit your library for MERAKI
By Joshua ES O’Shea
Young Adult Librarian

“Back and forth goes the little white dot, bouncing off paddles to score points. Imagine the paddles being work and play. To keep the balance in our lives, we ricochet between work and play. In this metaphor, we score points not by making another player miss the dot, but by keeping the ball moving. Mentally and physically, we need variation to stay creative. If we’re hyper-focused for too long, we become uninspired and less efficient, and limit our ability to be multifaceted. According to a study by The Draugiem Group, a ratio of 52 minutes of work to 17 minutes of play or goofing off can significantly improve productivity.

On the GEPL high school blog*, Saaniyah S. wrote about meraki, which is the concept of leaving a piece of yourself in what you do. She says she likens meraki to an activity that “frees you from your day-to-day worries.” Saaniyah lists diverse activities — “time spent with my siblings doing silly things...making my dad’s homemade cinnamon oatmeal from scratch, journaling...watching a robin build a nest...,” all things she does deliberately for enjoyment and to keep the ball moving.

As school starts, you can consciously add meraki to what you do as well. Bury yourself in a school assignment for a while, and then take a break to do something unrelated and carefree. On Wednesday, November 6 from 4-5:30 pm, you can try putting a little bit of yourself into abstract art with NAMI. Engage in a creative activity, learn helpful tips about mindfulness, and hang out with other high school students while enjoying free food from the 3/7 Pathway Café. Consider it a step in your healthy pursuit of meraki!

*If you are in high school and would like to share your thoughts in a blog, email Josh at joshea@gepl.org.

book discussion
GLENBARD PARENT SERIES
Monday, September 16 • 7-8 pm
High school students and adults will discuss Rachel Simmons’ Enough As She Is with GPS Coordinator Gilda Ross prior to Simmons’ presentations on September 24 and 25. For more information about GPS programs, visit glenbardgps.org.
Back to School

Google is often a great start, but how do you determine whether you can trust a source? The list below has credible sources that are available 24/7 from your home or school at gepl.org under the Digital Library menu. These resources are also available from the Middle School and High School pages under Homework Help.

- **Credo Reference**: Encyclopedias, dictionaries, thesauri, quotations, and subject-specific titles, including health references. Credo also provides links to sources from the Library of Congress. Search gepl.org for Credo Reference.

- **Gale Virtual Reference Library**: Reference information on health, medicine, science, art, history, business, technology, and biography. Search gepl.org for Gale Virtual Reference Library.


- **Magazines**: Consumer Reports, MasterFile Complete-Magazines (PC Magazine, Newsweek, Macworld, and more) and RB Digital Magazines (The Economist, ESPN, Esquire, Forbes, National Geographic, New Yorker, Newsweek, Oprah, OK!, RollingStone, US Weekly, Vanity Fair and more). Select Read Magazines from the Digital Library menu.


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 Mentoring**

Wednesday • 6:30-7:30 pm or 7:30-8:30 pm  
September 18, October 16, November 20

Make a list of the business questions keeping you up at night and discuss them one-on-one with a SCORE business mentor.

**The Top 5 Tax Deductions for Small Businesses**

Tuesday, September 24 • 6:30-8 pm

Learn from a SCORE business mentor which deductions you are authorized to take and how to survive a tax audit.

**GEPL Get Together: Painted Pumpkins**

Thursday, October 3 • 7-8 pm

Adults and kids of all ages can have fun and be creative by painting a pumpkin or gourd to use as a fall decoration or centerpiece.

**Holiday Walk**

Friday, November 29 • 1:30-4:30 pm

Celebrate the holidays with music from One Voice Choir, Vivaldi Strings, Glenbard South High School Madrigal Singers, and Genuine Brass! Kids can make a holiday-themed craft. Thank you to our sponsors Trader Joe’s and Brookdale Senior Living. After the event, head downtown for the Village’s annual tree-lighting ceremony.
MIRRORS, WINDOWS, and books

By Katy Almendinger
Early Literacy Librarian

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When children cannot find

themselves reflected in

the books they read…they

learn a powerful lesson about how they are
devalued in the society of which they are a part.”

Dr. Rudine Sims Bishop

I wanted to be a librarian because I believe that there is a perfect

book for every child. Something with suspense that makes their

heart race, something that makes them giggle, or something that

reflects their own life in a beautifully relatable way. Books are

mirrors and windows.

Multicultural education expert Dr. Rudine Sims Bishop coined the

mirrors and windows phrase. She describes mirror books as those

where children can find themselves, their families, their

backgrounds, and their communities reflected in the stories.

Window books help children see the world around them, including

characters that don’t look or live like them. It’s essential that

children read both mirror and window books.

In 2015, the Cooperative Center for Children’s Books at the

University of Wisconsin-Madison released an infographic that

quickly went viral and shook the world of children’s literature.

With research and statistical support, the infographic showed that

there are more books published about animals and trucks (non-

human things) than African/African American, Latinx, or Asian/

Asian Pacific characters. Our nation is becoming increasingly

diverse, and children’s literature needs to catch up. There’s a

growing grassroots effort to advocate for change in children’s

publishing. We Need Diverse Books has stepped up to the

challenge, and it has a growing social media following with

#WeNeedDiverseBooks.

This summer, the Youth Department started a diversity audit to

make sure that our picture book collection represents the entire

community. We’re taking a serious look at every picture book we

own and analyzing it for accurate representation. Is the main

character a person of color? Do they identify with a disability? Is

the main character LGBTQ? Are they living below the poverty line?

We will identify gaps in the collection and purchase new titles that

more accurately reflect our Glen Ellyn community. GEPL staff will

then use this information to deliver an increasing amount of diverse

content in storytime, displays, and future programming.

Mother Goose and Friends

Tuesday, September 17 • 10:30-11:10 am

Meet Mother Goose and her puppet friends at this storytime

with rhymes, creative dramatics, and fingerplays! For

preschoolers and their grownups.

See a Juggler! Be a Juggler!

Monday, October 14 • 2-3 pm

Get ready for eye-popping balancing, juggling, and stunts

with Jason Kollum’s 100% interactive experience. For kids

of all ages and their grownups.

Meet Anna and Elsa

Saturday, November 16 • 10:30-11:30 am • 2nd Floor

Anna and Elsa are visiting the library! Party Princess

Productions’ characters will read the Frozen story, tour the

library, and provide photo ops! For kids of all ages.

Sarah Jayne Lane Concert

Wednesday, November 20 • 10-10:45 am

Get up on your feet and groove to the music with Sarah

Jayne Lane. Sing songs you love and use fun props and

instruments. For kids of all ages and their grownups.

Bringing Up Baby: Birth to Preschool

Saturday, October 5 • 10 am-Noon

Our Preschool Fair has grown to include other early

childhood topics! Now, in addition to learning about local

preschool programs, you can talk to experts about Sleep

Support and Training, Baby Wearing, Developmental

Milestones, Vaccines, and Breast Feeding at booths

throughout the library. Have the Glen Ellyn Police

Department ensure that your carseat is installed properly

(weather permitting), pose for a free baby bump or

newborn photo, and collect prizes. From 11 am to Noon,
attend brief presentations followed by Q & A.

Understand our global society with

International Children’s Digital Library. The

ICDL offers 4,619 books in 59 languages for

kids in pre-kindergarten through grade 5.

Browse by age, genre, book length, character

types, or even the color of a book’s cover!

Visit ChecktheLibrary.org and click Explore

to discover more about your library.

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Fall Storytimes
September 23-November 15
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STORYTIME at the library

Fall StoryWalk®: Dragons Love Tacos
Saturday, October 12 • 10:30-11:30 am
Prairie Path Park between Park Blvd. & Forest Ave.
What do dragons and tacos have in common? Find out at Prairie Path Park by reading the StoryWalk® book Dragons Love Tacos by Adam Rubin with our special guest. For kids of all ages.

Nature Telling: Worms
Thursday, September 19 • 10:30-11 am
Meet and learn about earthworms with a Lincoln Marsh Naturalist. Listen to the story, Earl the Earthworm Digs for His Life. For ages 3-5. Available to the first 15 children to request a nametag.

Hora de Cuentos Bilingüe | Bilingual Storytime
Tuesdays • 4:30-5 pm
September 24, October 22, November 26
¡Disfruta con nosotros mientras participamos con libros divertidos, poemas, canciones, y toques de mano en inglés y español! ¡Cada mes tendrá un tema diferente! Todas las edades son bienvenidas. Enjoy fun books, poems, songs, and fingerplays in both English and Spanish! All ages welcome.

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Learn about migration with a Lincoln Marsh Naturalist. Read Bird, Butterfly, Eel by James Prosek and make your own feeder to help traveling birds! For ages 3-5. Available to the first 15 children to request a nametag.

SENSORY friendly

Sensory Saturday
Saturdays • 9:30-10:30 am
September 14, October 12, November 9
These hands-on, sensory-friendly art and play stations feature opportunities to smell, touch, see, hear, and explore. A licensed physical therapist, occupational therapist, or speech therapist from Westside Children’s Therapy will be available to support children of all abilities and their families. For birth-5 years.

Adaptive Halloween Party
Wednesday, October 30 • 4:30-5 pm
Trick-or-treating practice for children with sensory-processing issues or disabilities. Listen to not-so-scary stories like There's a Monster in Your Book, then trick-or-treat through the library! Costumes are optional. For grades 1-3.

SMART STARTS

Fall Smart Starts
Mondays-Thursdays • 9:30-11 am
August 26-September 12
Smart Starts is a hands-on, interactive environment where adults help children develop early reading, writing, math, and science skills through play. Crafts, games, and experiential activities have a weekly theme and are designed for children ages 2 to 6.

Baby Playgroup
Fridays • August 30-September 13 • 9:30-10:30 am
Meet other adults and babies at this open playgroup featuring the library's collection of developmentally-appropriate toys. For birth to 24 months.

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reserve your spot  • adult study room  • computer lab  • the lounge  • meeting room  • shakespeare room  • youth program room
BUILDING community connections
By Melissa Hilt, Community Engagement Librarian

As the Community Engagement Librarian, I have the pleasure of connecting local organizations with library resources, programming, and other community partners. It’s true that it takes a village to raise a child, and in the case of the Village of Glen Ellyn, the library works with area schools and nonprofits to provide a variety of enrichment for our children. Literacy skills are a primary driver for future success in school, and together we help kids grow and develop those skills by reading aloud, conducting science experiments, exploring art, tinkering with technology, and discovering a world of stories. We build partnerships to foster creativity and generate solutions, so that every child is exposed to opportunities to read, learn, and grow.

Our newest partnership is with Bridge Communities. Bridge Communities is a dynamic, grassroots, non-profit organization committed to transforming the lives of homeless families with help from talented, resourceful individuals and groups in the community. Over the past several months, the Glen Ellyn Public Library has connected Bridge Communities with the Friends of the Library to refresh Bridge’s shelves with engaging books that kids are excited to read. At the Bridge Communities summer kickoff event, I introduced Game On! Summer Challenge and highlighted digital resources like Freetgal and Kanopy, as well as our passport service. This fall, the Youth Department will be bringing STEAM programming to kids at Bridge Communities to enhance their critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

The Glen Ellyn Public Library strives to bring the library experience to wherever families live, work, and play by branching out into the community with robots and virtual reality for the YMCA, virtual reality at College of DuPage, and crafts and books at locations like the StoryWalk in Prairie Path Park.

If your family-oriented agency or non-profit would like to find out more about our partnerships or pursue an enrichment program, please contact me at 630-790-6734 or mhilt@gepl.org. I’d love to work with you.

Plots ‘n Pizza
Tuesdays • September 3, October 8, November 5 • 6-7 pm
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 Desk. For grades 3-5.

Brain Games
Friday, September 13 • 1-4:30 pm
Drop-in and challenge your brain with puzzles, tongue twisters, and other mental exercises. For grades 3-5.

OneInMath
Sundays • September 15-November 17 • 3:30-4:30 pm
Reserve your spot at register.oneinmath.com
OneInMath is a free program run by volunteers. Its goal is to create a custom process for every child while reducing anxiety and building confidence in math. This program is not a substitute for your child’s school curriculum but strives to strengthen the basic math foundation critical for long-term success. For k-grade 3.

STEAM Club
Thursdays • September 26-November 14 • 4-4:30 pm
Each week, explore the science of light and color and learn how they combine to create rainbows and other phenomena. For grades k-2.

Patch Club 2019 Kick-Off
Saturday, September 28 • 1-3 pm
Patch Club begins in October, so come sign up, enjoy a snack, and share a story with a therapy dog. Patch Club is a fun way for kids to earn patches when they read. For grades k-3.

DIY Haunted House
Wednesday, October 23 • 4-5 pm
Get creative with friends and family by making your own haunted house diorama out of boxes and creepy craft supplies. For grades K-5 with a grownup.

Wellness Warriors
Friday, November 22 • 1-3 pm
Compete with your friends to complete various yoga and exercise-related tasks that also engage your brain. For grades k-8.

Monarch Mingle: Who Has Your Vote?
Sundays • 2-3 pm
September 15, October 13, November 10
Which of the books, illustrators, and authors nominated for the Monarch Award, Illinois’ annual Readers’ Choice Award, deserves your vote? Each week, discuss a nominated book, enjoy snacks, and participate in story-related activities. For grades k-3.
Haunted House Escape Room
Tuesday, October 29 • 4:30-5 pm; 5-5:30 pm
In 30 minutes (or less), work together to escape this single-room haunted house filled with creepy clues and spooky solutions! (Max. 10 per group) For grades 6-8.

Tokens of Thanks
Tuesday, November 19 • 4:30-5:30 pm • The Middle
Make a button or a bookmark to share. For grades 6-8.

The Middle Squad
Tuesdays, November 26-December 17 • 4:30-6 pm
Work with library staff to prepare for programs, pull books, and help as needed. Please visit the middle school volunteer page of gepl.org to fill out an application. For grades 6-8.

DONATIONS NEEDED
Kindness Club: Veterans Edition
Saturday, November 2 • 2-3 pm
Help sort donations, create care kits, and write thank-you messages for members of the military. Care kits will be donated to Operation Support Our Troops-America. For kids of all ages.

During the month of October, the Youth Department will accept donations of travel-sized shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, and body wash for inclusion in the care kits.

for HOMECHOOLERS

West Suburban Home School Band
Wednesday, September 18 • 1-2:30 pm
Learn about this group of elementary through high school-age homeschooled students. The band includes all wind instruments and a full percussion section with over 200 members from over 90 families. Listen to some of the players and try some instruments! For kids of all ages.

Make Your Own Book Cover
Wednesday, November 6 • 1:30-2:30 pm
Design a cover for your favorite book using construction paper and colored pencils. For kids of all ages.

SEW much fun!

Sewing 101
Saturday, September 7 • 1-2 pm
Thursday, September 12 • 6:30-7:30 pm
Learn how to use a sewing machine and accompanying tools in this introductory class. Sewing and machine skills include threading the machine, raising and lowering the presser foot, using the foot pedal, winding a bobbin, sewing straight, in reverse and around corners, organizing your workspace, and using a seam ripper. Sewing machines are provided. For grades 4-8.

Sewing 201: Top-Notch Tote Bag
Saturday, October 19 • 1:30-2:30 pm
Put your 101-level sewing and machine skills to use. Make a tote bag to carry your favorite books or the treats you collect on Halloween! Sewing machines are provided. For grades 4-5.

Sewing 201: Repurposed Drawstring Backpack
Saturday, November 16 • 1:30-2:30 pm
Put your 101-level sewing and machine skills to use. Bring your own t-shirt to repurpose into a drawstring backpack! Sewing machines are provided. For grades 6-8.

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DONATE TO THE FOUNDATION: NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

There are many ways to make a tax-deductible gift to the Glen Ellyn Library Foundation. One way is to make a financial donation in exchange for naming a piece of the library for yourself or a loved one. Nameable items range from the end panel of a bookshelf to the library building. A variety of the library’s furniture and meeting spaces are also available. Visit gepl.org/foundation to learn more about the opportunities available.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR COMMUNITY MAILING

The Friends of the Glen Ellyn Public Library sends an annual mailing to community households and businesses asking for voluntary contributions, which help fund the library’s collections and typically raise more than $15,000 for the library. FOL members, friends, and volunteers fold the solicitation letter, stuff envelopes, and affix preprinted mailing labels. This is a great one-day service opportunity to undertake with friends while enjoying coffee, snacks, and loads of conversation. Volunteers are appreciated for any amount of time their schedules permit. Stay for at least an hour and earn a free book coupon redeemable at a future FOL Used Book Sale!

This year’s community mailing will be Wednesday, October 16 from 6-9 pm and Thursday, October 17 from 9 am-1 pm at the library. If you would like to volunteer to help prepare the mailing, please RSVP to friends@gepl.org.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

USED BOOK SALES

Saturday, September 14 • 9 am to 2 pm
Sunday, September 15 • 1 pm to 4 pm (Sunday only: Books by the Bag for $5 each)
Saturday, November 9 • 9 am to 2 pm
Friday, November 29 • Noon to 4:30 pm (during GEPL’s Holiday Walk)

Support Friends of the Library when you shop at smile.amazon.com. The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from eligible items when you select Friends of the Library Glen Ellyn Free Public Lib as your charitable organization.

Present this coupon to receive one free regularly priced item with purchase of equal or lesser value. Limit one per customer. Valid at Friends of the Library Used Book Sales in the Glen Ellyn Public Library’s basement at 400 Duane Street.