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THE GLEN ELLYN LIBRARY FOUNDATION
Annual Newsletter

2019 Highlights

April: The Foundation funded a Short Story Kiosk, the first of its kind in Illinois. It was placed in the Library lobby and dispenses Youth, Adult, and Spanish language stories on recycled paper. It also features some stories from local authors: *The Talking Gorilla* by Natalie, grade 2; *Lights Out* by Brooklyn, grade 5; and *A Surprise Success* by Emma, grade 7, are winners of a Youth Department writing contest. Since April 2019, the kiosk has distributed 11,198 stories representing 56% Youth, 35% Adult, and 9% Spanish. Plans are in the works to take the kiosk “on the road” to local schools in 2020.

June: The Foundation sponsored its first dinner fundraiser with restaurant partner Chicks ‘n Salsa to raise awareness for the Foundation’s mission.

September: A donor reception was held at the Library in appreciation of Foundation supporters. Attendees enjoyed fare from the Library’s cafe and learned about past and future Foundation projects.

October: The Library took ownership of the Foundation-funded cafe. Proceeds will support the Glen Ellyn Public Library.

December: The Foundation began participating in GivingTuesday, an annual global charitable movement.

Annual donations to the Foundation for 2019 totaled $6,748.47. Your support and generosity make a difference to the Library and the Glen Ellyn community, allowing the Foundation to support the Library in a variety of ways. Thank you!
**Donate to the Foundation**

**Donating Appreciated Assets**  
Individuals interested in making charitable donations might realize substantial income tax benefits (up to IRS limits) by donating long-term (held more than one year) appreciated assets directly to a charity. This approach gives the donor and the charity additional benefits because it provides the greatest charitable impact while maximizing income tax savings. Donation of appreciated assets to charities such as the Glen Ellyn Library Foundation also may provide the donor a deduction of up to 100% of the gift. (Check with your accountant or other tax professional regarding pertinent tax laws.) Foundation gifts provide long-term funding for the Library and are gifts that keep on giving.

**Naming Opportunities**  
Name a piece of the Library, or the Library itself, for you or a loved one. Visit Foundation Naming Opportunities on the Foundation's webpage to learn about available naming opportunities at the Library (gepl.org/foundation/naming-opportunities).

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