Is my donation/sponsorship tax deductible?

Yes, the Glen Ellyn Library Foundation is the entity hosting the event and your donation is 100% tax deductible as allowable by law (tickets are not fully deductible, but less the value of the benefit received.)

Why is the money needed?

It is estimated that a fully equipped outreach van will cost $65,000. The Library does not have these funds in the current budget.

Don't I pay for library services with my taxes?

Yes, if you live in incorporated Glen Ellyn you pay a portion of your property taxes to the Library. Only four cents of each property tax dollar paid goes to the Library. Property taxes make up 93% of the Library’s annual revenue, followed by 1% in Grants, 1% in Gifts and 5% in fees collected for services like passports and printing. In 2019, the Glen Ellyn Public Library received $39,486 in Grant funding and $49,120 in Gifts. Funds raised by The Great Gatsby Gala are earmarked directly to purchase an outreach van for the Glen Ellyn Public Library.

Is the Library a non-profit entity?

The Glen Ellyn Public Library is a non-profit tax supported agency.

What is the goal for The Great Gatsby Gala?

Revenue from The Great Gatsby Gala will allow the Library to expand outreach services by purchasing a fully equipped outreach van. Having a specially designed and equipped library-owned vehicle will allow staff to extend these and other services into the community.

I don't borrow books from the Library. Why should I donate?

The Glen Ellyn Public Library has something for everyone. It is not just a warehouse of books. If you have not visited recently, come in, talk to staff, and learn about the new things we have to offer. Virtual reality, 3D printing, media conversion, downloadable books and movies, online magazines and newspapers, programs and classes—we truly are More Than Books! The Library is a place where:

- individuals gather to explore, interact and imagine
- people visit looking for information, but leave engaged with their community
- new moms connect at baby storytimes
- older adults, often facing difficult life transitions, attend events and may make new friends
- teenagers meet up in the library study rooms after school
- readers discuss current events
staff recognize social needs and bring them to the attention of the community. Our Summer Meals program is one example of how we partnered with local agencies to feed hundreds of children who, during the school year, participate in the free-and-reduced lunch program.

In the Library, community-building connections are happening all the time. Having a specially designed and equipped library-owned vehicle will allow staff to extend these and other services into the community.

**When and where is the event?**

Saturday, October 17, 2020 at the Glen Ellyn Public Library from 6-10 pm.

**How much are tickets?**

Early Bird Tickets are $125 through August 1
After August 1, tickets will be $150

**What is the program?**

For one night only, the Glen Ellyn Public Library will be transformed into a roaring 20s speakeasy. Period attire is encouraged. The event will feature the best of Glen Ellyn restaurants, silent and live auctions, and entertainment.

**What are the different Boards at the Library?**

Glen Ellyn Public Library Board of Trustees
Seven elected residents of Glen Ellyn who serve on a volunteer basis for a four-year term and help direct the funds and policies of the institution. In general, the Library Board of Trustees has a role in determining the mission of the library, setting the policy that governs the library, hiring and evaluating a director, overseeing the financials, and advocating for the library.

Glen Ellyn Library Foundation
Established in 1998 to build an endowment that will ensure that future residents of Glen Ellyn enjoy high quality library service in an attractive, state-of-the-art facility. The Foundation is an independent, non-profit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization; governed by a volunteer board of directors made up of community members and non-voting representatives of the Friends of the Glen Ellyn Public Library, the Glen Ellyn Public Library Board of Trustees, and the Glen Ellyn Public Library administration. The Foundation accepts both outright and deferred donations of all sizes from anyone who wishes to support the Library.

Friends of the Glen Ellyn Public Library
Volunteer organization dedicated to raising funds to supplement the library’s annual budget for materials, programs, and literacy initiatives in the local community. The Friends welcome new members and offer service opportunities for youth and adult groups.