Here at the Glen Ellyn Public Library, we continue to move forward, mindful of, but not paralyzed by, the pandemic. We have several projects in motion that represent how we see the library in the not-so-distant future!

**We’re refreshing our logo and our website!** Over the past 10 years, we have updated and improved our building and our services, and now it’s time to refresh our digital image! We hope that the new logo and website, launching this spring, will help our community see the library as current, professional, efficient, and welcoming. Explaining all that we offer and communicating that with something as compact as a logo has been quite challenging—but rewarding!

We have so much to offer the Glen Ellyn community, and in 2019, our Check the Library campaign encouraged people to discover something new at the library. We are using what we learned from Check the Library, the results of our recent website survey, and website design best practices to form the new design. Our goal is a website that is easy to navigate and intuitive to use, so that you can find what you are looking for quickly and enjoy browsing curated content based on your interests.

**We’re sharing and collaborating on our diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) initiatives.** Learning and conversing about diversity, equity and inclusion can be a daunting task. As library staff, we have found it helpful to share titles of books, movies, and podcasts pertaining to DEI with one another so we can have informed discussions amongst ourselves. We thought members of our community might find it helpful if we provided some of these titles for them through “Let’s Talk” PlayPacks in the Youth Department and “Let’s Talk” displays in the Adult Department, which include questions so people of all ages can learn and converse about diversity, equity and inclusion with their friends, family, and book clubs.

In January, we wrapped up a Village-wide series of conversations about diversity, equity, and inclusion. Reesheda Graham Washington, the consultant who facilitated these sessions, will provide a summary report to help us identify themes. Each participating organization will prioritize the themes and determine where it can incorporate the findings into programs, policies, practices, and procedures. At the library, we are planning a special program for the fall based on themes from the January discussions.

**We’re renovating some of our facilities.** When we remodeled the 2nd floor in 2014, we did not update the restrooms. Until recently, they still had their original tile and fixtures. So, these two restrooms have been refreshed with new tile, grout, and paint, as well as touchless faucets for extra safety and convenience.

As we complete these and other projects at the library, we hope that you will visit our new website, come in to the building, and continue to explore all that we have available. Please contact me with any questions or comments at director@gepl.org or 630-790-6760.

—Dawn Bussey, Executive Director
Crayon and Bread Tag Recycling
April 1-30
In celebration of Earth Day on Thursday, April 22, the library is partnering with SCARCE (scarce.org) to collect used crayons and bread tags for recycling. During the month of April, please drop off your used crayons and bread tags in the Adult or Youth Department.

SCARCE's Super Crayon project diverts broken, unusable crayons from going to the landfill. They recycle crayon pieces into “Super Crayons” that can be used by children with special needs.

SCARCE also works with Danielle Cares for Chairs to collect and recycle plastic bread tags for funds to purchase wheelchairs for those in need. It takes about 260,000 bread tags to purchase a basic wheelchair—so every bread tag counts!

Sustainable Choices for Your Yard
Wednesday, April 14 • 7-8 pm • Virtual Program
Join the Homegrown National Park movement in Glen Ellyn and make this a greener spring with tips and resources from The Conservation Foundation. Learn how to create a conservation corridor in your own backyard with water-efficient gardens and diverse wildlife habitats that adapt to variations in climate. Learn about sustainable garden design, native plant choices, and rainwater management. Presented by Christy Truitt from the Glen Ellyn Environmental Commission.

An Introduction to the Life and Work of Emily Dickinson
Thursday, April 15 • 6:30-7:30 pm • Virtual Program
Registration Required
Celebrate National Poetry Month! Kinga Lipinska, an art consultant specializing in religious art, heritage restoration, and poetic studies, will speak about the life and work of Emily Dickinson.

Mindfulness Meditation
Saturday, May 1 • 10-11 am • Virtual Program
Registration Required
Carole Liss of Glen Ellyn Body & Brain Yoga TaiChi will lead an hour of simple meditation techniques to improve your health through the body, mind and spirit.
Thursday Evening Book Club
Thursdays • 7-8 pm • Virtual Program
March 11, April 8, May 13 • Registration Required
Copies of book discussion titles are available on the 2nd floor near the study rooms, or you can request a copy for pick up at the drive-up window by calling the library or emailing reference@gepl.org.

Using Virtual Personal Assistants
Monday, March 8 • 6:30-8 pm • Virtual Program
Siri, Alexa, and Cortana are big names in tech and are touch-free. Learn what these applications can do and whether using one could help you. Presented by technology tutor Mike Gershbien from Very Smart People.

Powers of Attorney: Finance and Health Care
Thursday, March 25 • 6:30-7:30 pm • Virtual Program
Shirley Ramadani of Piercey & Associates in Oak Brook will discuss the importance of protecting yourself financially and medically by selecting and naming an agent as your legal representative. Learn what characteristics are important in an agent and why naming an agent helps ensure a safe future for you and your family.

iCash
Saturday, April 10 • 10 am-4:30 pm • Library Lobby
The Illinois State Treasurer is holding 2.5 billion dollars in unclaimed funds for Illinoisans. The State holds these lost funds until they are claimed by either the original owner or the owner’s heirs. Property is returned at no cost with the proper identification. Visit the library lobby to meet with iCash representative Gladys Piper and search for lost assets.

Saving to The Cloud
Wednesday, April 28 • 6:30-8 pm • Virtual Program
Learn how to safely back up your documents, music, and photos using various free cloud-based software options. Learn the basics of storing copies on different devices and the 3-2-1 strategy—three copies, two local, one off-site. Presented by technology tutor Mike Gershbien from Very Smart People.

Explore a New Digital Resource
Using a library computer or the library’s Wi-Fi in the parking lot, you can view digital images of microfilm of Glen Ellyn newspapers dating back to 1900! Newspaper titles include Glen Ellyn Echo, Glen Ellyn Enterprise, The Glen Ellyian, Glen Ellyn News, and Glen Ellyn Suburban Life. Visit gepl.org/newsarchive for access.

Stay Informed with Consumer Health Complete
Find full-text articles to support research in aging, cancer, diabetes, drugs and alcohol, fitness, and nutrition to stay informed and stay safe this spring. Consumer Health Complete also includes teen health topics specialized for teens and their parents. Visit gepl.org/digital-library.
Imagine Your Future: Nonfiction

By Brenna Murphy, Readers’ Advisory Librarian

This spring, we’re looking toward the future—and putting 2020 behind us! Luckily, there are plenty of books that express a positive view of what’s to come. Here are a few nonfiction picks from visionary authors.

21 Lessons for the 21st Century by Yuval Noah Harari
In this guide to the future, Harari examines 21 of the most pressing issues for the 21st century. From technology to politics to war and education, he breaks down each topic and looks at how it may change in upcoming years. In one chapter, he takes a close look at fake news and offers tips on how to combat it; in another, he closely examines the roots of terrorism. 21 Lessons is a solutions-based, thought-provoking overview to the world’s greatest problems, for those with an interest in politics and global affairs.

Good Neighbor: The Life and Work of Fred Rogers by Maxwell King
This biography of America’s most beloved educator is a true delight. The young Fred Rogers was a bullied and outcast child, but these experiences shaped him into a pioneer within the child development field. On Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood, he taught children how to talk about difficult things such as death and divorce, and he was also progressive in terms of civil rights and equality. This moving biography is a reminder of Mr. Rogers’ message of kindness and compassion.

The Future of Humanity: Terraforming Mars, Interstellar Travel, Immortality and Our Destiny Beyond Earth by Michio Kaku
Physicist Michio Kaku envisions a future in which humans move beyond Earth. Using research in the fields of robotics, nanotechnology, and biotechnology, he discusses interplanetary travel and the possibility of building cities on Mars. With a sense of wonder and optimism, The Future of Humanity is an accessible read that turns science fiction into reality.

Haben: The Deafblind Woman Who Conquered Harvard Law by Haben Girma
Haben Girma was born with deafblindness, meaning her hearing and vision are significantly impaired. As a child, she learns to advocate for herself by demanding equal treatment in a world designed for able-bodied people. In high school, she goes on a service trip to Mali to build a school, and in college, she fights for a Braille menu at her school cafeteria. She also learns to dance salsa, hike in the Alaskan wilderness, and becomes the first deafblind woman to graduate from Harvard Law School. Now a lawyer and advocate for people with disabilities, Girma continues to fight for a more accessible world.

GEPL Get Together

Nailed It!
March 15-April 2
Are you obsessed with Netflix’s “Nailed It”? Stretch your baking and decorating skills by recreating the iconic Frida Kahlo on a sugar cookie! Email photos of your creations to reference@gepl.org to be entered to win a prize and be featured on social media. First and second place winners will receive a $15 gift certificate to The Cafe. For adults and kids of all ages.

Paint Like Frida
Friday, April 9 • 7-8 pm
Virtual Program
Registration Required
Activity Kit Available
Christine Thornton of Hello Art Studio will guide you through a creative project and provide tips to help you paint like Frida Kahlo! The activity kit is available for pickup in the Adult or Youth Department or at the drive-up window one week prior to the program date, while supplies last. For adults and kids of all ages.

Vitalant Blood Drive
Mondays • March 29, May 24
1:30-7:30 pm • Library Parking Lot
It doesn’t take much time and every donation has the power to save up to three lives. Schedule your donation appointment at vitalant.org or call 877-25-VITAL. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are recommended.
Imagine Your Future: Tech

By Joshua ES O’Shea, Young Adult Librarian

It’s easy to imagine far-out concepts of the future. Technology that allows you to jump into another galaxy in a personal spaceship, wear a bodysuit that gives you elasticity to stretch a hundred yards, or walk to the moon on a suspension bridge come to mind! We get these fun ideas from movies, comics, or just daydreaming—but it’s funny how envisioning a more realistic future, and the steps to get there, can be quite difficult.

We’ve all heard the phrases, “I’ll believe it when I see it!” or “Seeing is believing.” But things we can’t yet see, taste, hear, or smell start in the imagination. Even in Netflix’s TV series, “The Queen’s Gambit,” the heroine needs to visualize her chess game on the ceiling in order to compete in the world championship! (If you love chess or want to learn how to play, look for Chess Tutoring within Brainfuse’s HelpNow digital resource under the Expert Help > Featured Service menu. Visit gepl.org/helpnow.)

“COVID-time” has made imagination challenging. When we’re just trying to live one day at a time, it’s hard to think about next week, next month, and next year. As we focus on staying healthy, it’s hard to picture how we might make strides in our overall wellbeing and grow physically, mentally, or professionally.

Sometimes, all it takes is the right tools to jumpstart our creativity and accomplish our goals. Fortunately, the Glen Ellyn Public Library can help.

Creativebug is a beautiful and diverse collection of award-winning arts and crafts video classes by designers and artists. Plus, it’s free to access with your library card. Nurture your creative soul by learning new skills and simple ways to practice every day, whether you’re a crafter, maker, or just a DIY-er!

Lynda provides free tutorials related to business, software, and technology for people looking to achieve their professional goals. As a library member, you have access to Lynda’s engaging, top-quality courses taught by recognized industry experts.

Find Creativebug and Lynda in the Digital Library at gepl.org.

With our new Conversion Cases and Equipment Express, you can check out mobile versions of the library’s Conversion Room and Digital Media Lab resources to tackle your projects from home. Digitize those precious family VHS tapes and slides for safekeeping. Record professional audio for a podcast or music video and play with the details in mixing software like Audacity. To learn more, contact the IT Department at 630-423-6664 or email jhalter@gepl.org.

Like to brainstorm? Let’s bounce some ideas around about your next creative endeavor! Contact me at joshea@gepl.org or 630-780-6748 to schedule a virtual meeting or call. Remember, when inspiration strikes, the Glen Ellyn Public Library is a great place to imagine your future.
For Young Adults

Virtual Volunteering
March 1-May 31
Review books, TV, music, movies, comics, video games, and your favorite businesses, parks, and events around Glen Ellyn and earn a raffle entry for prizes, including three $50 Amazon gift cards. Each submitted review is worth five volunteer hours. Email your reviews to joshea@gepl.org. Reviews will be edited by GEPL staff and some may be posted to the High School blog.

High School Art Contest
Submission Dates: March 1-May 31
Visit gepl.org/high-school-art-contest for details. Winners will be selected by June 30
Artists between the ages of 14-18 who attend high school or live in Glen Ellyn, share your masterpiece(s) for the chance to win a gift certificate from Blick Art Supplies! Art will be judged in four categories: Digital/Film Photography or Graphic Art; Ceramics and Sculpture; Painting or Drawing; Assembly, Collage, or Mixed Media. Two winners will be selected from each category. Photos of winning artwork will be displayed in the High School Room and on gepl.org.

College Prep: ACT and SAT
Tuesday, March 16 • 4-5 pm • Virtual Program
High school students and parents, find out what you need to know to prepare for the ACT and SAT. Learn about recent trends in the college application process from Cameron Harro, Learning Center Manager at College Nannies + Sitters + Tutors of Wheaton, a company that offers homework help and test prep tutoring.

Explore and Support Diversity: Roundtables

Native American Advocacy
Tuesday, March 23 • 6:30-8 pm • Virtual Program
Learn about the strong Native American presence in our community's past, present, and future, as well as how to actively support Native peoples. Hosts will include the Native American Studies Committee at College of DuPage.

Social Justice (Glenbard Parent Series)
Thursday, April 8 • 7-8:30 pm • Virtual Program
Human rights activist Qasim Rashid and spoken word poet Jonathan Mendoza will guide participants through practical steps that we can each take to create a more inclusive future. Learn how the power of dialogue can overcome violence and hate, leading us to peace and understanding. This program is offered in partnership with the Glenbard Parent Series (GPS) glenbardgps.org.
**Minecraft Mania**  
Thursday, April 15 • Virtual Program  
Grades K-3: 4-5:30 pm; Grades 4-8: 6-7:30 pm  
*Registration Required*  
Get tips on the ins and outs of Minecraft, then put your new skills into action! Work together to complete building challenges and other activities in-game.

**The Brothers Grimm: A Walking Play!**  
Saturday, May 22 • 2-2:45 pm  
Meet at Bike Racks on North Side of Library Parking Lot  
*Registration Required*  
Inkwell Arts & Learning present The Brothers Grimm in an interactive, hilarious, and educational journey through some of their favorite stories! Each tale takes place at a different outdoor location, with a short, scenic walk between natural backdrops around the library. Feel free to bring blankets or portable seating, and don’t forget your face coverings! For ages 5-12 and their families.

**BYOB Book Chat Junior**  
Wednesday, March 17 • 4-4:30 pm • Virtual Program  
*Registration Required*  
Through imagination, you can be anyone or go anywhere! Explore the world through books with Youth staff and share what you’re reading. For grades 4-5.

**Friendship Necklaces**  
Wednesday, March 31 • 1-1:15 pm • Virtual Program  
*Registration Required • Activity Kit Available*  
Create clay charm necklaces to share with friends. For grades 5-8.

**April Art Gallery**  
Display your child’s original masterpiece on the bulletin board in the Youth Department! Register and drop off paper-based submissions in the Youth Department during the month of March. Please include your child’s name, age, and contact email address or phone number on the back of the artwork. Art will be displayed April 1-28. April Art Gallery masterpieces can be picked up May 1-14. For birth–grade 8.

**Paint with Friends: Galaxy**  
Wednesday, April 7 • 4-5:30 pm • Virtual Program  
*Activity Kit Available*  
Paint a galaxy scene and optionally display your masterpiece for everyone to see! For grades 3-5.

**Book Recommendations for Grades 3-5**  
Wednesday, April 21 • 4-4:30 pm • Virtual Program  
Discover some of the titles on the 2022 Bluestem Award list. The Bluestem Award is Illinois’ Grades 3-5 Readers’ Choice Award. Start reading now to be ready to vote next spring!

**Kindness Club: Earth Day**  
Thursday, April 22 • 1-1:15 pm • Virtual Program  
*Activity Kit Available*  
Plant seeds of kindness on Earth Day! Grow and share beautiful flowers with friends and family. For grades k-8.

**Potholders**  
Saturday, May 15 • 1-2 pm • Virtual Program  
*Activity Kit Available*  
Using a potholder loom and loops, create your own potholder with live help. For grades 3-6.

**2020-2021 School-Year Scrapbook**  
Wednesday, May 26 • 4-4:30 pm • Virtual Program  
Create your own book of memories from the school year using materials you have at home. For grades 3-5.

*Activity kits are available for pickup in the Youth Department or at the drive-up window one week prior to program date, while supplies last.*
New in Youth!

As part of GEPL’s growing Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) efforts, the Youth Department is excited to introduce the first set of “Let’s Talk” PlayPacks! When you check out a “Let’s Talk: Race” PlayPack, you’ll be prepared with a variety of carefully curated materials (including books, conversation guides, tips, and outside resources) to initiate relevant and educational family discussions about this challenging topic. “Let’s Talk: Race” PlayPacks are available now for kids ages 0-2, 3-6, 7-10, and 11+.

Coming Soon to Youth…

Look for the new large print collection in the Youth Department! Large print is not only helpful to those with vision difficulties, but it can benefit all readers. Once they are available to check out, these large print materials will be shelved right next to the typical font sized books of the same titles and have “large print” labels on their spines for identification. Let Youth staff know what you think and if there are specific titles you would like them to try to acquire in large print!

Glenbord Parent Series: Early Childhood

*Ignore It: Increase Parenting Satisfaction by Selectively Looking the Other Way*

**Tuesday, March 2 • 7-8:30 pm • Virtual Program Registration Required**

Dr. Catherine Pearlman, author of *Ignore It! How Selectively Looking the Other Way Can Decrease Behavioral Problems and Increase Parenting Satisfaction*, will discuss her revolutionary approach that combines highly effective practical strategies supported by research to restore calm and avoid engaging in power struggles with your children. Learn effective behavior modification techniques to eliminate problem practices and build strong family relationships. For parents, caregivers, and educators of ages 3-11. CPDU credit will be given upon request. This program is offered in partnership with the Glenbord Parent Series (GPS) gdenbardgps.org.

Imagine Your Future: Resilient Kids

*By Katy Almendinger, Early Literacy Librarian*

It’s safe to say you’re probably worrying about your kids right now. You may feel like they aren’t going to be prepared for their next grade level. You may notice that they’re regressing in certain developmental milestones or with social behaviors like sharing. They may be more likely to be frustrated or over-react. This is normal, especially during a pandemic.

Kids are resilient. Kids are flexible. These tips can help kids build resiliency, make them feel safe, and manage their stress.

- **Model preferred behavior.** Kids aren’t the only ones who make mistakes. Grownups make mistakes, too. Recognizing a mess with “Oops, sorry about that. I left my papers everywhere. Let me pick this stuff up so you have room to color.” reassures kids that mistakes are natural and happen to everyone.
- **Deliberately praise.** Instead of saying something generic like “good job” say something like “You must be so proud that you finished that puzzle! I know it was a lot of hard work.”
- **Tell and show them that they are loved.** This is a perfect time for extra hugs, cuddles, and I love yous. It’s a good time to schedule video chats with grandparents or loved ones who live far away. According to Harvard’s Center on the Developing Child, “The single most common factor for children who develop resilience is at least one stable and committed relationship with a supportive parent, caregiver, or other adult.”
- **Re-direct bad behavior.** Give them more time to play outside or to be creative.
- **Offer reassurance.** If you’re leaving to run an errand without them, tell your children where you’re going and when you’ll be back. Reassure them that you’ll be safe.
- **Answer their questions honestly.** Give them the vocabulary to help them process the new things that are happening in their world as the result of the pandemic. Not answering their questions can add to their confusion and anxiety. Give them time to process the information you’ve shared with them and then check back in to see how they’re feeling.
- **Keep a routine.** Maintaining a sense of normalcy with bedtimes and mealtimes is important.

The library is full of resources to support you and your family throughout life’s journey! Here are just a few: *Positive Parenting* by Rebecca Eanes; *How to Celebrate Everything* by Jenny Rosenstrach; *This is Where You Belong* by Melody Warnick; *The Read Aloud Family* by Sarah Mackenzie; *Big Magic: Creating Living Beyond Fear* by Elizabeth Gilbert; and *The Self Driven Child* by William Stixrud and Ned Johnson.

And remember that grownups need time to care for themselves, too! Take a deep breath. Make a list. Go for a run. Eat some chocolate. Do things that help you de-stress. You’re doing great. So are your kids.
Imagine Your Future: Adventure Through Books
By Melissa Hilt, Community Engagement Librarian

Imagine your future. What do you see? When I was a kid, I wanted to be an astronaut. Back then, I really thought we would have a lot of people living up in space by now! It’s fun to imagine your future and the different things you might be and places you might visit.

In the meantime, we have books to take us on adventures and help us learn new things. I never became an astronaut (and I will probably never live in outer space), but I can read a book to transport myself there. I’ve also never been to Paris, but I have my passport, and I know that one day I will visit. Until then, I’ll read about it.

Here are some books to help you imagine your future.

Not for Parents Paris: Everything You Ever Wanted to Know by Klay Lamprell. Let’s plan all the things we’d like to see in Paris one day!

The Space Mission Adventure by Sharon Draper. Join Ziggy and his friends at space camp.

Mae Among the Stars by Roda Ahmed. Live vicariously through a little girl who tells her teacher she wants to be an astronaut and does exactly that.

Mystery at Disney World by Carole Marsh. If you can’t go to Disney, the next best thing is to read about it.

Kids Garden! The Anytime, Anyplace Guide to Sowing & Growing Fun by Avery Hart. Plant a garden!

I Want to Be a Vet by Daniel Liebman. For all of you animal lovers, dream that you’re a veterinarian.

If you have a different image of your future, let us know! We would be happy to help transport you anywhere and do anything—through books!

Animals Around the World
Tuesday, March 30 • 2-2:45 pm • Virtual Program
Registration Required

Where can you find a coati? What do veiled chameleons eat? Eyes of the Wild, an exotic animal rescue that provides forever homes to over 175 animals and 60 different species from throughout the animal kingdom, will share fun and ferocious facts about five different creatures from around the world! For ages 3 and up.

STEAM Club: The Wonders of Weather
Thursdays, March 4-April 22 • Activity Kit Available

Take STEAM Club home with you in March and April! Pick up a new STEAM Club kit each Thursday in the Youth Department or at the drive-up window, while supplies last. Each self-led activity will focus on a different weather-related concept. Experiments include making a barometer and rain gauge, plus learning about the water cycle and how storms form! For grades k-2.
Spring Storytime
April 6-May 14 • Virtual Program
*Registration Required*

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 activities, your child will learn to love reading and the library.

For spring, enjoy Bilingual Storytime in both Spanish and English, Together Time, and Pajama Storytime. Visit [gepl.org/storytime](http://gepl.org/storytime) for details.

Rain or Shine: Making Mistakes
Monday, May 17 • 10-10:15 am • Virtual Program

Rain or Shine: Kids and their grownups will listen to a story and learn about the real and sometimes messy parts of childhood.

What do you do when you make a mistake? Youth staff will read a story and demonstrate an activity to show that sometimes mistakes can lead to something great! For toddlers and their grownups.

Royal Tea Party Storytime
Wednesday, May 19 • 10:30-11 am • Virtual Program
*Registration Required* • *Activity Kit Available*

Princes and Princesses are cordially invited to a royal tea party with fancy stories and songs. The activity kit is available for pickup in the Youth Department or at the drive-up window one week prior to the program date, while supplies last. For ages 4-6.

Sticky Fingers: Cooks + Books
Tuesdays • 4-5:15 pm • Virtual Program
*Registration Required*

Who doesn't love food? Share a story to warm up those tastebuds, then head to the kitchen and put your chef skills to the test! Presented by Sticky Fingers Cooking. List of ingredients needed will be emailed after registration. One registration per family. For ages 5-8.

March 9
*Last Stop on Market Street* by Matt de la Peña with Last Stop Potato Leek Soup + Market Street Croutons + Iced Creamy Dreamy Apple Cider

April 13
*Monkey with a Toolbelt & the Maniac Muffins* by Chris Monroe with Chico BonBon Banana Split Blueberry Muffins + Monkey Milkshakes

May 11
*Dragons Love Tacos* by Adam Rubin with Dragon Party Street Tacos + Cilantro Lime Rice + Easy NOT SPICY Salsa
Friends of the Library

The Used Book Nook is open for business on the first floor near The Cafe! Stop by during library hours to browse the shelves. They are restocked several times a week!

Used book sales take place in the library basement on a limited-entry basis. Visit gepl.org/friends for sale dates and new procedures to ensure your health and safety.

If you would like to request an appointment to shop for used books in the library basement during the Friends’ weekly sorting sessions, please email friends@gepl.org.

What’s Cooking in The Cafe?

The Cafe at the library features a variety of rotating quiches, soups, and bakery items, as well as eight sandwiches (toasted or cold), and a wide selection of coffee and tea beverages (hot and cold) on a daily basis. Its menu changes frequently depending on seasonal ingredients or on-trend flavors. All items are made from scratch in The Cafe’s kitchen.

Signature Chef Series

The Cafe occasionally celebrates renowned chefs by preparing a few of their signature recipes.

March: Eric Ripert, born March 2, 1965, is a French chef, author, and television personality specializing in modern French cuisine and noted for his work with seafood. The Cafe will feature a wide range of Ripert’s recipes.

April: Alice Water, born April 28, 1944, is an American chef, restaurateur, activist, and author. She is the owner of Chez Panisse, a Berkeley, California restaurant she opened in 1971. Chez Panisse is famous for its organic, locally-grown ingredients and for pioneering California cuisine. The Cafe will feature recipes from Water’s cookbook, Chez Panisse Café Cookbook.

May: Jaime Oliver, born May 27, 1975, is a British chef best known for his television series “The Naked Chef” and for campaigning for healthier diets for school children. The Cafe will feature recipes from his cookbook, 5 Ingredients: Quick & Easy Food.

National Food Celebration Days

The Cafe will highlight one ingredient each month, for one day only, in various recipes!

March 24: National Chocolate Covered Raisin Day
April 13: National Peach Cobbler Day
May 4: National Candied Orange Peel Day