Do You Feel Welcome?

The Glen Ellyn Public Library welcomes everyone, but we realize that sometimes we might not recognize how our own behaviors and actions may make some people feel unseen.

• We welcome people with disabilities, but are all areas of our building accessible to a person who uses a wheelchair? What can and can’t they reach? Can we improve?
• We welcome people who don’t currently have a Glen Ellyn Public Library card, but do we make them feel singled out if they have to ask for a computer pass every time they visit?
• We welcome people who identify as members of the LGBTQIA+ community, as well as those who are Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC), but do we have books, magazines and movies that have characters with which they identify? Do we have materials written and created by similar individuals? Do we provide programming that is of interest?
• We welcome people for whom English is not their primary language, but do we have effective means with which to communicate in their language?
• We welcome our entire community, but how do we facilitate library services and materials for people who don’t live in close physical proximity to the library building?

The Glen Ellyn Public Library wants to be proactive to eliminate barriers and provide programs, materials, and services that are representative of all of the members of the Glen Ellyn community.

The library’s internal DEI Committee meets regularly to discuss questions like these. The committee includes staff from all departments to represent our entire library staff community.

The Glen Ellyn Public Library wants to be proactive to eliminate barriers and provide programs, materials, and services that are representative of all of the members of the Glen Ellyn community. Some ways that we have chosen to be more welcoming are

• using pronouns in our email signatures to signal which pronouns are correct for us, and to acknowledge that they may be different for others
• publicly responding to hate and violence with solidarity statements
• providing credible, reliable resources and reading lists for people to research issues and current events
• creating Glen Ellyn Public Library-specific definitions of diversity, equity, and inclusion
• highlighting holidays and other occasions that are valued in our community so that people see their diversity mirrored on our calendar and feel like we are taking their beliefs and observances into account in our programs
• participating in an Inclusive Services Assessment to measure where we are and provide tangible examples of how we can make our library more inclusive for both staff and members. This assessment was compiled by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. We plan to revisit this assessment every year to discuss and plan future projects.

As the result of our Inclusive Services Assessment, we
• conducted a wheelchair-bound usage study
• purchased an Instant Language Assistant to enable us to translate to and from English “on the fly”
• added closed captions to our Zoom programs
• continually conduct staff training on topics such as Implicit Bias, Harassment, and Kind, Connected Humans
• offered programs to the public that acknowledge and accommodate characteristics that are different among our users, increase opportunities and eliminate barriers, and create a culture where each person is valued, seen, and heard.

We want you to feel welcome to the library, and our DEI committee is one way we have to continually measure our progress.

Please email reference@gepl.org or place a comment in one of the Comment boxes at the library if you have a suggestion to create a more welcoming atmosphere. And if you are passionate about DEI in Glen Ellyn, please attend the public meetings for the Village of Glen Ellyn’s Community Relations Commission to stay informed and involved. You can find more information at glenellyn.org/747/Community-Relations-Commission.

—Dawn Bussey
Executive Director
Find all programs and events at calendar.gepl.org
Registration required

Neighbor to Neighbor
Wednesday, October 20 • 7-8 pm
Meeting Room
Hear personal stories of Glenbard West High School students and community members as they share and reflect on the journeys that brought them to Chicago's western suburbs. Mingle with your neighbors and enjoy an evening of stories and experiences.

Skills for Bridging the Divide
Thursday, October 28 • 6:30-8:30 pm
Meeting Room
Learn skills to have constructive, empathetic political conversations with people in your life, then practice ways to find common ground and map differences accurately (rather than based on stereotype). The workshop includes a mandatory 40-minute eLearning course that you must complete prior to October 28, and a two-hour skills practice session. Presented by Braver Angels (braverangels.org).

Read Diverse Books!
By Brenna Murphy
Readers' Advisory Librarian and Adult Dept. Assistant Director

It's easy to get stuck in a reading rut, falling back on favorite authors and genres. But I believe we can and should challenge ourselves to read outside of our comfort zones.

Reading diversely helps us learn about new cultures, consider new perspectives, and gain confidence through exposure to members of our global community who are different than ourselves. Diversity of authors and characters includes differences in their race, ethnicity, gender, mental health, sexual orientation, religion, and ability to see, move, think, remember, learn, communicate, hear, and participate in social relationships.

Ready to get started? Authors and characters come in all shapes, sizes, and backgrounds, and the experience of reading diversely is different for everyone because of our own unique identities. Here are a few of my favorites.

They Called Us Enemy
by George Takei
Many will recognize George Takei from his iconic role on “Star Trek”. In this graphic novel, Takei recounts his childhood in a relocation center for Japanese Americans during World War II. A heartbreaking book about our nation’s history, this is an excellent read for preteens, teens, and adults.

Ordinary Girls
by Jaquira Diaz
In this memoir, Jaquira Diaz recalls her early years in Miami and Puerto Rico. With unflinching honesty, Diaz explores themes of friendship, mental illness, addiction, and much more. For fans of emotionally raw and exceptionally written memoirs.

Ginny Moon
by Benjamin Ludwig
Ginny Moon is a fourteen-year-old girl with autism. After years in foster care, Ginny has finally found her forever home—but secrets from her past are preventing her from adjusting to her new life. Inspired by the author’s experience as a foster parent, Ludwig has created a powerful novel with an unforgettable narrator.

Wow, No Thank You
by Samantha Irby
Samantha Irby is laugh-out-loud funny. In this collection of essays, she covers everything from the thrills of home ownership to life with Crohn’s disease and her relationship with her wife and stepchildren. Every essay is infused with her signature self-deprecating wit. I highly recommend the audiobook.

Holds: A New Choice for Pick Up Location
If you prefer to pick up held items at the drive-up window, don’t forget to choose Glen Ellyn Public Library Drive-up Window when you place holds.

You can also set a default hold pick up location for your account. Go to gepl.org and click My Account to log in. Then, under Personal Information, scroll down to Preferences, Preferred Pickup Library and select either Glen Ellyn Public Library or Glen Ellyn Public Library Drive-Up Window.

Library Hours
Expanding Sept. 7
The library will resume pre-COVID-19 hours of operation beginning Tuesday, September 7. Hours will be Monday-Thursday 9 am-9 pm; Friday 9 am-6 pm; Saturday 9 am-5 pm; Sunday 1-5 pm.
Healthy Hedges
Wednesday, September 8 • 7-8 pm • Virtual Program
Representatives from The Morton Arboretum and the Chicago Region Trees Initiative will help participants identify invasive species and recommend replacement trees and shrubs that will thrive in our climate. Sponsored by the Glen Ellyn Environmental Commission and the Glen Ellyn Park District in support of a region-wide initiative to remove European Buckthorn, a threat to local trees, shrubs, and wildlife.

Thursday Evening Book Club 📚
7-8 pm • Meeting Room
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.

September 9: The Leavers by Lisa Ko
October 14: The Thursday Murder Club by Richard Osman
November 11: The Children's Blizzard by Melanie Benjamin

Vitalant Blood Drive
Mondays • September 13, November 8 • 1:30-7 pm • Meeting Room
Schedule your donation appointment at vitalant.org or call 877-25-VITAL. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are recommended.

National Voter Registration Day
Tuesday, September 28 • 4-6 pm • Meeting Room
Members from the League of Women Voters, Glen Ellyn will be available to register voters and answer questions about voting. Federal law requires two forms of identification for first-time registration. Valid identification could include a state-issued ID or a copy of a utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, or another government document showing your name and address. Anyone age 17 or older may register to vote if they will turn 18 on or before Tuesday, November 2, 2021.

Poetry of Federico García Lorca 📚
Thursday, October 7 • 6:30-7:30 pm • Virtual Program
In honor of National Hispanic Heritage Month, Kinga Lipinska, Art Consultant and Editor of the Prairie Review, a laboratory for reading, writing, and publishing the works of grassroots poets and writers, will explore the cultural impact of Federico García Lorca’s poetry.

Bake-Along: The Cafe’s Famous Scones 🍞
Saturday, October 23 • 10-11 am • Virtual Program
Prepare The Cafe's famous scones! Purchase your own ingredients in advance and follow along live via video. This is an interactive event, so we encourage you to turn your cameras on and share your progress!

Meditation for the Holidays 🧘
Thursday, November 18 • 6:30-7:30 pm • Meeting Room
Learn meditation techniques from Carole Liss of Body & Brain Glen Ellyn to help you de-stress during the Holiday season.

Holiday Walk
Friday, November 26
Check gepl.org for additional details after November 1.

DuPage County Health Department Care Van
The DuPage County Care Van will be in the parking lot at the Glen Ellyn Public Library on Saturday, September 11 and Saturday, October 2 from 10 am-2 pm.
The Care Van is a walk-up, free, mobile clinic traveling throughout DuPage County to administer COVID-19 vaccines to persons 12 years and older, including those who do not have health insurance or legal immigration status. The Care Van will offer either the Pfizer vaccine which requires two doses 21 days apart, or the single dose Johnson & Johnson (J&J) vaccine. To learn more, search for “care van” at dupagehealth.org.

COMPUTERS AND TECHNOLOGY
Microsoft Word Intermediate � onBindViewHolder()
Monday, September 20 • 6:30-7:30 pm
Internet Lab
Dive deeper into Word with technology tutor Bill Dallman in this intermediate-level class.

Flight Simulator 🎮
Saturday, October 16 • 9 am-1 pm
2nd Floor Study Room
Fly an airplane and test your piloting skills for an hour with our new Flight Simulator. Please contact Joe Halter at 630-423-6664 to schedule your visit.

Microsoft Excel Intermediate 🎮
Tuesday, November 16 • 6:30-7:30 pm
Internet Lab
Dive deeper into Excel with technology tutor Bill Dallman in this intermediate-level class.
Library Anywhere

By Tanya King
Outreach Librarian

Home Delivery, a free service for Glen Ellyn Public Library cardholders of any age who want to use library materials, but due to temporary or permanent circumstances are unable to visit the library on a regular basis, was appreciated more than ever during the pandemic! Our ability to maintain our connection with this group of readers outside of the library building made us realize how powerful it would be to be able to take other aspects of the library into the community, anywhere! The library is already in our parking lot with free Wi-Fi and BINGO, in your home and car and on your Kindle with online digital resources, and in community parks with programs like Storytime in the Park and Youth Splatter Paint.

We hope that getting out into the community and taking library materials, services, and programs with us becomes more commonplace. To facilitate this goal, we hope to soon have a vehicle equipped to help us mobilize the library. Many libraries refer to these vehicles as outreach vans.

An outreach van would make the library accessible to all residents and serve as a location for social gatherings. The one-on-one services offered inside the library building could become available anywhere! An outreach van could provide access to technology like hotspots, Wi-Fi, iPads, and laptops, as well as online digital resources and software and off-site game nights and storytimes.

The Glen Ellyn Library Foundation will be hosting a Fall Fun Fest in the library parking lot on Saturday, October 16 from 4-7 pm to kick off their Outreach Van Campaign. We have increased the virtual footprint of the library, and with your help, we can increase the physical footprint of the library as well!
Welcome to LinkedIn Learning

By Beth Clower
Instruction Librarian and Business Liaison

The Bad News
2020 had us learning new skills just in time, as our work, home, and school environments changed. One of the biggest changes was learning how to operate virtually. But every cloud has its silver lining.

The Good News
Now that we are all confident, capable remote workers and learners, we can take advantage of the full range of online resources available for free with your library card at gepl.org!

More Good News
Lynda is now LinkedIn Learning! Lynda was one of our most robust sources for professional, vetted tutorial videos to learn new software, marketing, or web development skills, along with thousands of other topics. With LinkedIn Learning, we now have access to a library of over 16,000 courses in English, French, German, Japanese, Spanish, Mandarin, and Portuguese. LinkedIn Learning also provides Closed Captioning and a Transcript for each course.

If you used Lynda in the past, LinkedIn Learning will retain all of your In Progress and Saved courses. For a complete list, you can click My Learning to see the courses you have accessed.

If you prefer to use an app, you can download the LinkedIn Learning app. When you sign in, click “Sign in with your library card” and type “gepl” into the “Enter your Library ID” field and click Continue. Enter your library card number and PIN to complete the login process.

To search for a specific topic, such as data visualization, type “data visualization” into the “Search for skills, subjects or software” field and get a results list of over a thousand videos. You can filter the results by criteria such as Type (Courses, Videos, or Learning Paths) or Level (Beginner, Intermediate, or Advanced). You can also search for an instructor you like to see all the courses by that instructor.

Once you find a course of interest, you can view the full content and move to any point within that content to learn one discrete skill or jump around and learn the skills in your preferred order. Many of the videos also include sample documents that you can download to practice what you’re learning.

The Best News
LinkedIn learning is an impressive tool that you can use for free with your library card to enhance your work skills, learn a new skill, or take a deeper dive into something you already know. Find it in our alphabetical list of online digital resources at gepl.org/category/digital-resource.

Introduction to 3D Printing
Are you curious about 3D printing but not sure how to start? Head to our YouTube channel (youtube.com/GlenEllynPublicLibrary) to watch a walkthrough of the process or email skenney@gepl.org to schedule an introductory tutorial. Sophie Kenney, Youth Department Assistant Director, will cover the basics of 3D design and modeling using Tinkercad, a free, online 3D modeling web application. No experience necessary, but basic computer skills are a plus. For adults and kids of all ages.

Conversion Cases and Equipment Express
The library has adapted some of the capabilities of our Conversion Room and Digital Media Lab to allow cardholders to check out the supplies needed for the following:

- 8mm Video to Digital or DVD
- VHSC Video to Digital or DVD
- Print Material, Slides, or Negatives to Digital
- Digital Audio Recording (Podcasts)
- Digital Audio Recording (Garage Band)
- Karaoke
- Learn a Language (Babbel)

Please contact Joe Halter at 630-423-6664 to arrange to borrow Conversion Cases and Equipment Express!
ADULTS LEARNING ABOUT KIDS

Talking to Kids About LGBTQ+ ☑
Tuesday, September 28 • 7-8 pm
Meeting Room and Virtual Program
Pediatric Neuropsychologist Dr. Kymberly Larson will lead a discussion to increase comfort and confidence when talking to kids about LGBTQ+ topics. Learn proper terminology including pronoun usage and how to honor questions. The Q&A session following the presentation will provide resources on how to be an ally to the LGBTQ+ community.

Diversify Your Bookshelf ☑
Wednesday, October 13 • 7-8 pm • Virtual Program
Incorporate social justice, diversity, and equity for every reader into your bookshelf with library staff recommendations for readers of all ages. One free CPDU credit will be awarded upon request. For adults who choose books for children ages birth to 17.

Glenbard Parent Series (GPS)
Hunt, Gather, Parent: What Ancient Cultures Can Teach Us About the Lost Art of Raising Happy Helpful Little Humans ☑
Wednesday, November 3 • 7-8 pm • Virtual Program
Michaelaen Doucleff, author of Hunt, Gather, Parent: What Ancient Cultures Can Teach Us About the Lost Art of Raising Happy Helpful Little Humans, will discuss her New York Times bestseller.

Preschool Fair
Wednesday, November 10 • 6:30-8 pm
2nd Floor Atrium
Visit with representatives from local preschools to help determine which program is right for you.

HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE

Volunteering: Your Voice, Your Time
September 1-November 30
The Young Adult Librarian would like to hear and share the voices of young adults in the community. Please volunteer your time, talent, and voice in
• reviews of books, music, tv, movies, or experiences
• recommendations for books, graphic novels, manga, or subjects that you’d like to see on displays or in the library collection
• ideas about fun or important topics for programs
• performing tasks in the building as they arise.
Email joshea@gepl.org for a chance to have your thoughts shared in the high school blog or to provide input to your library.

Let’s Talk: How to Have Good Conversations on Important Topics ☑
Wednesday, September 15 • 6:30-7:30 pm • Meeting Room
Learn how to have mutually uplifting conversations about important topics like race and gender. Adrian & Nancy McKee, founders of Pizza & Social Justice (PSJ), and an inter-racial, social activist team of husband and wife, share methods to talk with friends, family, or strangers about sensitive and difficult issues. The opening presentation will be recorded, but to encourage honest dialog, the interactive conversation will not. For ages 14-21.

Glenbard Parent Series (GPS) Community Read
The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates ☑
Friday, September 8 • 7-8 pm • Virtual Program
The author of The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates, the GPS first semester community-wide read, will describe two boys named Wes Moore born blocks apart within a year of each other, fatherless in similar Baltimore neighborhoods, and with difficult childhoods. Both hung out on street corners with their crews and ran into trouble with the police. How, then, did one grow up to be a Rhodes Scholar, decorated veteran, White House Fellow, and business leader, while the other ended up a convicted murderer serving a life sentence?

Preparación para la universidad: consejos para el éxito y una experiencia Latinx ☑
College Prep Tips for Everyone and The Latinx College Experience ☑
Thursday, November 4 • 6:30-7:30 pm • Meeting Room
Prepárese para una experiencia satisfactoria y productiva antes y durante sus años universitarios. Esta presentación interactiva dirigida por Cynthia Diaz de CREO DuPage se centra en la educación y el estilo de vida para estudiantes y familias de todos los orígenes. Obtenga información y consejos sobre cómo es ser un estudiante Latinx en el sistema educativo estadounidense. Este evento será virtual. Edades de 14 años-adulto, para estudiantes de cualquier edad y adultos que los apoyen.

Set yourself up for a fulfilling, productive experience before and during your college years. This interactive presentation led by Cynthia Diaz from CREO DuPage is focused on education and lifestyle for students and families of all backgrounds. Get insight and advice about what it’s like to be Latinx in the American education system. For students of any age and the adults who support them.
LIVING WITH AUTISM: A DIFFERENT WAY OF THINKING

Saturday, October 9 • 2-2:30 pm • Virtual Program
Cody Clark Magic’s renowned performance combines magic, comedy, and storytelling to share what living with autism is like. This show encourages “a different way of thinking” about autism and acceptance, and celebrates our differences! For families of all ages.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Sketchnoting
Tuesday, September 7 • 6:30-7:15 pm
Virtual Program • Kit Available
Try recording thoughts and concepts with visual note taking, or sketchnoting. Use illustrations, symbols, structures, and texts to start the new school year! No artistic skills required. This activity has supplies in a special free kit available for pickup in the Youth Department or at the drive-up window one week prior to the event, while supplies last. For grades 6-8.

Cookie and Canvas
Tuesdays • October 19, 26 • 4:30-5:30 pm
Virtual Program • Kit Available
Discuss painting styles like modernist and abstract, and paint something using the supplies provided. Enjoy a cookie from The Cafe as inspiration. This activity has supplies in a special free kit available for pickup in the Youth Department or at the drive-up window one week prior to the event, while supplies last. For grades 6-8.

Middle School Reads
Tuesday, November 30 • 4:30-5 pm • Virtual Program
Middle School Librarian Tom Malinowski will recommend fiction, non-fiction, and graphic novel titles and ask middle school students what they have been reading lately. For grades 6-8.

SER BILINGÜE ROCKS!
BEING BILINGUAL ROCKS!

Saturday, September 18 • 2-2:45 pm
Maryknoll Park, 845 Pershing Avenue, Glen Ellyn
¡Alina Celeste y Mi amigo Hamlet quieren que sepan que ser bilingüe ROCKS! Únanse a ellos para un programa interactivo que incorpora canciones originales y folclóricas en español e inglés, con música que abarca géneros como Rumba Flamenco, Bluegrass, Bossa Nova y otros ritmos caribeños, latinoamericanos y norteamericanos. ¡Prepáranse para bailar, cantar y rockear, estilo bilingüe!

Alina Celeste and Mi amigo Hamlet incorporate original and folk tunes in Spanish and English, with Rumba Flamenco, Bluegrass, Bossa Nova and other Caribbean, Latin American and North American Beats in this interactive show. Be prepared to dance, sing and ROCK OUT, bilingual style. For families of all ages.

FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES

Costumes and Candy
Saturday, October 23 • 2-4 pm
Duane/Lorraine Commuter Parking Lot
Dress up in your favorite costume and join us for this fall-themed, carnival-style event. Enjoy a variety of fun activities, special appearances from costumed characters, and yummy treats to share.

GEPL Grooves
Thursdays • November 4-December 30
Virtual Program (3:30 pm release post to social media)
Our Get Up ’n Groove storytime is now a weekly playlist available on Spotify and Apple Music. Previous playlists have included a trip back to the ’60s and ’70s with DJ Tom, DJ Sophie’s movie soundtracks, and food music from DJ Jacquei.
Full STEAM Ahead!

By Sophie Kenney
Youth Department Assistant Director

We are so excited that we have new STEAM Kits available for checkout in the Youth Department! Each bin contains curated items like games, activities, books, and DVDs that introduce children to a Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, or Math (STEAM) concept through fun, inquiry-based learning experiences.

We hope that these kits stimulate curiosity and help kids develop important 21st century skills like critical thinking, problem solving, and creativity. Our new STEAM Kits include topics like nature, anatomy, geology, music, coding, and robotics, and offer families an opportunity to explore something new together. You can search the catalog for “STEAM Kit” to see what’s currently available.

Kids of all ages who are interested in science can also find information in the Science Reference Center online digital resource. You can use this resource to extend STEAM Kits and make connections between STEAM and everyday life.

Science Reference Center contains full-text articles and books to support research in applied sciences, biology, chemistry, earth and space science, and energy and extends the learning from our STEAM Kits. Search gepl.org for “science reference” and select “Science Reference Center.” You will need to sign in with your library card number and PIN. After you sign in, you can explore the following resources.

- Science Experiments: On the right, under Reference Shelf, select Science Experiments.

Hoopla, another online digital resource, has just released a 2021 STEAM Look Book. This e-guide highlights STEAM reading for all ages and even links to the items so that you can check them out immediately!

Sphero Obstacle Course Racing 📅
Monday, September 13 • 4-5 pm • For grades k-2
Monday, September 20 • 4-5 pm • For grades 3-5
Youth Program Room
Write code to direct a ball-shaped robot to race through a custom obstacle course using creativity, engineering, math, and problem-solving skills. Guide your Sphero around barriers, curves, and other obstacles in this fun STEM program! No previous Sphero experience required.

Kindness Club: Kindness Rocks! 📅
Wednesday, September 15 • 3:30 pm
Virtual Program • Kit Available
Decorate rocks to inspire kindness and cheer! Find an instructional and inspirational video on the library’s YouTube page on the day of the program. This activity has supplies in a special free kit available for pickup in the Youth Department or at the drive-up window one week prior to the event, while supplies last. For grades k-2.

Creepy Story Contest 📅
Wednesday, September 15- Friday, October 15
Submission Deadline: Friday, October 15, 9 pm
Do you love scary stories? Write and submit a creepy story or poem to reference@gepl.org and library staff will choose winners from grades 3-5 and grades 6-8 to receive prizes. Your story may be posted on the library’s website, social media, and/or the short story kiosk! Visit gepl.org/creepy-story-contest for details.

Stories and STEAM 📅
Thursdays • 4-4:30 pm • Youth Program Room
September 16, 23, 30; October 7, 14
Listen to a fall-themed story and explore a STEAM concept it inspires. For grades k-2.

First Chapter Friday 📅
Fridays • 3-3:15 pm • Virtual Program
September 17, 24; October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; November 5
Looking for new reading suggestions? Get a taste of some great books by listening to the first chapter read by a Youth Librarian. For grades 3-8.

Create a Paper Circuit with a Light to Celebrate Diwali 📅
Monday, November 1, Tuesday, November 2 • 4-5 pm
Youth Program Room
Diwali is a special Indian holiday, also known as the Festival of Lights. Use paper, conductive tape, battery, and a lightbulb to create a keepsake to celebrate Diwali. For grades 3-5.

Introduction to Sign Language 📅
Saturdays • November 6 and 13 • 10-10:45 am
Youth Program Room
Learn some basic concepts expressed by movements of the hands and face in this two-week introduction to American Sign Language class. For grades 3-5.
Large Print for Everyone

By Melissa Hilt
Community Engagement Librarian

For as long as I can remember, GEPL has had large print editions of titles in the Adult Department. I am excited to say that we now also have large print editions in the Youth Department!

As the library looks for ways to
• acknowledge and accommodate all of the characteristics, visible and invisible, that are different among our users (embrace diversity)
• ensure that users have what they need to succeed by increasing opportunities and eliminating barriers (provide equity)
• create a culture where each person is valued, seen, and heard and can have input into the decisions that affect them (include everyone),

providing large print editions of titles for youth became a top priority. Large print is not only helpful to those with vision difficulties but has been shown to be helpful to all readers.

“When given access to popular titles in large print, a majority of students in grades 3–12 reported improved personal self-efficacy around reading, and a third of teenagers reported improved reading comprehension. After seeing the impact of large print titles on their students in grades 3–12, more than 80% of teachers would recommend large print to assist striving readers, those with learning differences or disabilities, and those who simply lack confidence in their reading.” From “Literacy & Longing for Equity: How Librarians Can Pave the Way for All Students” at gale.com/public/equity-diversity-and-inclusion.

Years ago, large print titles for youth were hard to find. Now we are seeing popular titles and authors being published all the time.

Our large print titles are shelved with the typical font sized books and have a LARGE PRINT label on the spine. In the catalog, large print editions have a large print symbol for the format and “Large print” is noted in the Edition. We now have youth large print books in our fiction (jfic), middle school (jmiddle), and biography (jbiog) collections.

If you try a title in large print format, email reference @gepl.org and tell us what you think. If there are specific titles you would like for us to purchase in large print, you can Suggest a Purchase any time using the form at gepl.org/request-a-purchase.

CHILDREN AS WATER PROTECTORS:
How Native Americans and Youth Will Help Strengthen Our Environmental Communities

Saturday, November 20 • 10-10:30 am • Virtual Program
On World Children’s Day (un.org/en/observances/world-childrens-day), storyteller Mark Denning will read The Water Walker by Joanne Robertson “about the efforts that the Ojibwe and many other Indigenous peoples give to the protection of water—the giver of life.” Learn about one of the original Native Water Protectors and gather inspiration for ways to be respectful of our shared environment. For families of all ages.

STORYWALK®
Along the Prairie Path between Forest Avenue and Park Boulevard

StoryWalk® in downtown Glen Ellyn will have a new book for fall: Hot Pot Night! by Vincent Chen. StoryWalk® is an exciting, interactive way for children—and adults—to enjoy reading and the outdoors. Pages from a child’s book are placed on permanent signs along the walkway and changed periodically throughout the year.
STORYTIME

**Fall Storytime**
Tuesday, September 7 - Friday, November 12
Virtual and In-Person Programs
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. This fall, enjoy Storytime in the Park, Bilingual Storytime in both Spanish and English, Together Time, and Pajama Storytime. Visit gepl.org/storytime for details.

**Map Your Neighborhood**
Monday, September 27 • 4:30-5 pm
Youth Program Room
Listen to the book *Yasmin the Explorer* by Saadia Faruqi and make a map of your neighborhood. For grades k-2.

**Hispanic Heritage**
Tuesday, September 28 • 4-4:30 pm
Youth Program Room
Language Labs will share bilingual stories, rhymes, and songs to celebrate Latin American cultures and identities. For ages 4+.

**Unicorns**
Wednesday, November 3 • 10:30-10:45 am
Virtual Program • Kit Available
Sing songs and read stories about a favorite mythical beast—the unicorn! This activity has supplies in a special free kit available for pickup in the Youth Department or at the drive-up window one week prior to the event, while supplies last. For ages 3-5.

**Fall is Not Easy**
Monday, November 8 • 10:30-11 am, 11:30-Noon
Youth Program Room
Listen to *Fall is Not Easy* by Marty Kelley and create dot art inspired by the story. For ages 2-6 and their grownup.
**FRIENDS**

**Used Book Sales are Back!**
The Friends will be selling gently used books in the basement of the library on the following dates.

- Saturday, September 11 • 9 am-2 pm
- Sunday, September 12 • 1-4 pm, with books for $10 per bag
- Saturday, November 13 • 9 am-2 pm

**Annual Community Mailing**
- Wednesday, October 13 • 6-9 pm
- Thursday, October 14 • 9 am-Noon

Volunteer to help the Friends send their 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. If you would like to volunteer to help stuff envelopes and affix mailing labels, please email friends@gepl.org for details.

**FOUNDATION**

**Fall Fun Fest**
Save the Date for Fall Fun Fest, Saturday, October 16 from 4-7 pm. Enjoy giant games and live music with specialty food truck items and beverages available for purchase! This event is sponsored by the Glen Ellyn Library Foundation to kick off their Glen Ellyn Public Library Outreach Van Campaign to fund a mobile library van to serve the community beyond the library building. For adults and kids of all ages.

**Giving Tuesday**
On Giving Tuesday, November 30, please consider donating to the Glen Ellyn Library Foundation in support of the Glen Ellyn Public Library Outreach Van Campaign (gepl.org/foundation).

Stay connected with Glen Ellyn Library Foundation! Send your email address to jevans@gepl.org to receive the annual newsletter and event announcements.

**CAFÉ**

**Signature Chef Series**
The Cafe occasionally celebrates renowned chefs by preparing a few of their signature recipes.

**September 21-24 • Anne Burrell**
American chef, television personality, and former instructor at the Institute of Culinary Education, Burrell is the host of Food Network’s “Secrets of a Restaurant Chef” and co-host of “Worst Cooks in America.” She was also an “Iron Chef,” Mario Batali’s sous chef in the “Iron Chef America” series and appears on other programs on the network, such as “The Best Thing I Ever Ate.”

**October 12-15 • Emeril Lagasse**
American celebrity chef, restaurateur, television personality, and cookbook author, Lagasse is a regional James Beard Award winner, known for his mastery of Creole and Cajun cuisine and his self-developed “New New Orleans” style. He has appeared on a variety of cooking TV shows, including the long-running Food Network shows “Emeril Live” and “Essence of Emeril,” and is associated with several catchphrases, including “Kick It Up a Notch!” and “BAM!”

**November 9-12 • Gordon Ramsay**
British chef, restaurateur, television personality, and writer, Ramsay was born in Johnstone, Scotland, and raised in Stratford-upon-Avon, England. After rising to fame on the British television miniseries “Boiling Point” in 1999, Ramsay became one of the best-known and most influential chefs in the UK by 2004. As a reality television personality, Ramsay is known for his bluntness, fiery temper, and strict demeanor.

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