In March, the Glen Ellyn Public Library Foundation purchased a short story dispenser that prints one, three and five minute short stories in three customizable categories. Between April 1 and December 31, the kiosk dispensed over 11,100 stories. As part of the Game On! Summer Challenge reading program, the library held a short story writing contest for children, and the winning stories were uploaded to the kiosk.

In late January 2019, while the midwest experienced a polar vortex, GEPL served as a warming center for the unsheltered individuals that routinely visit the library. Recognizing that these individuals also need to eat, a Compassion Fund was created. Donations to the Compassion Fund provide $10 vouchers for use at The Cafe at the Glen Ellyn Public Library to Glen Ellyn Walk-In Ministry.

The Glen Ellyn Public Library has stopped charging late fees for overdue items. Concern over late fees for overdue items discourages some cardholders from visiting the library and borrowing items. We hope that eliminating late fees makes it more convenient to use the library.