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**GLEN ELLYN LIBRARY FOUNDATION**  
Annual Newsletter

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*Summer Reading Challenge Check Presentation to GECRC*

During this unanticipated year, the Foundation targeted fundraising and giving to meet needs created by the pandemic at the Library and in the community. The indefinitely postponed Great Gatsby Gala planned to raise funds for a fully-equipped outreach van to serve the community beyond the Library building. This important focus to serve those with less “in person” access to the Library will soon launch into a year-long campaign for outreach funding.

## *2020 Highlights*

- Provided pandemic-related funding for Glen Ellyn Public Library—touchless controls for Short Story Kiosk, Audio-Visual Conversion and Equipment Cases for checkout, Library staff appreciation
- Raised over \$3,400 for the Library’s Compassion Fund through donations from community members and businesses to provide meals for community members in need from the Foundation-funded Cafe at the Glen Ellyn Public Library
- Donated \$1,000 to Glen Ellyn Children’s Resource Center (GECRC) through the Library’s Summer Reading Challenge
- Hosted Halloween-themed Drive-In BINGO event at the Library
- Hosted four meal fundraisers supporting local restaurants and providing funds for the Foundation’s work. Look for more opportunities to support the Foundation by dining locally in 2021
- Short Story Kiosk went “on the road” to Glen Crest Middle School
- Glen Ellyn Library Foundation said a grateful “goodbye” to two long-serving board members, David Haugstad and Judith Wagner, and welcomed two new board members, Peter Cooper and Tony DeCesare

Annual donations to the Foundation for 2020 totaled \$6,188.67. In addition, the Foundation received three corporate matching gifts totaling \$1,000 in first quarter 2021, resulting from 2020 donations. 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!



## 2021 Fundraising

Stay tuned for announcements about the Foundation's year-long campaign to support the increasing need for Library Outreach Services by raising monies for a fully equipped outreach van to serve the Glen Ellyn community beyond the Library building. Please give generously to this important community effort.

## Donate to the Foundation

### Cash Donation via Check or PayPal

Mail or drop off a check at the Library for a 100% donation without fees. Make a safe and secure donation to the Foundation via PayPal. Visit [gepl.org/foundation](http://gepl.org/foundation), scroll to the bottom of the page, and click Donate.

### 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](http://gepl.org/foundation/naming-opportunities)).

### 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.)

### AmazonSmile

Support the Foundation when you shop online! Amazon donates a percentage of each purchase to the Glen Ellyn Library Foundation. Visit [smile.amazon.com/ch/36-4243793](http://smile.amazon.com/ch/36-4243793) to participate.

The Glen Ellyn Library Foundation, established in 1998, is an independent, non-profit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to ensuring that future residents of Glen Ellyn enjoy high quality library service in an attractive, state-of-the-art facility. Donations to the Foundation are deposited in an endowment fund, and interest earned on the principal investment is used to help fund special Library projects.

*Foundation Financials: a sub-committee of the Glen Ellyn Library Foundation Board of Directors performs an internal financial review of the organization based on the Foundation Financial Review Policy Guidelines. To review the Foundation's financial report, please visit [gepl.org/foundation-financials](http://gepl.org/foundation-financials).*



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