Wonder About Your Water?

The Clean Water Act was passed by Congress on October 18, 1972. The purpose of this law was to prevent, reduce, and eliminate pollution in our nation’s waterways.

Thinking back, I recall television public service announcements (PSAs) from that period that specifically encouraged not littering because our discarded soda cans and debris were contaminating our waterways. So I always thought the Clean Water Act was the result of the need for each of us to take more responsibility for the care and protection of our lakes, rivers, streams, wetlands, and coastal areas.

Fast forward 50 years, and I discovered that the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972, more commonly known as the Clean Water Act, originated to combat chemical discharge into our nation’s waterways and to improve sewage treatment. Interestingly, this piece of legislation has impacted both individual and corporate water pollution over the years.

I am happy to announce that from mid-September to mid-October, the library will host an informational exhibit titled “Wonder About Your Water?” made possible by SCARCE (scarce.org). The exhibit combines facts, pictures, and flyers about protecting our water and waterways. Please come to the library to experience the exhibit! Additional information about the Clean Water Act is available at the library.

—Dawn Bussey, Executive Director
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FOR ADULTS AND KIDS OF ALL AGES

Haunted Library
Friday, October 20 • 6-8 pm • Throughout the Library
The library will close early on Friday, October 20 at 3 pm and re-open at 6 pm transformed into two floors of bone-chilling hauntings! Visit the library after hours, if you dare!

In the lobby, Chicagoland authors will talk horror and have books available for purchase.

Michael Allen Rose: Jurassichrist
Damian Serbu: The Vampire's War
Cynthia Pelayo: Children of Chicago
Christopher Hawkins: Suburban Monsters
Brian Pinkerton: The Intruders
John Everson: Five Deaths for Seven Songbirds

In the Youth Department, find family-friendly frights and participate in a scavenger hunt. In the North and South meeting rooms, watch movies from the Disney’s Halloween Spooktacular binge box. On the 2nd floor, Glenbard South Theatre students and others will act out scripts written by Chicagoland authors. Please note that there may be flashing lights in use on the 2nd floor.

Veterans Day Program: Smoky the War Dog
Saturday, November 11 • 2-4 pm • 2nd Floor Atrium East
On Veterans Day, listen to Adrian Brigham tell the story of one of the most decorated dogs in history for her service during WWII. Smoky was found trapped in an abandoned foxhole in Papua New Guinea and went on to become the best mascot of the South Pacific, the world’s first official Therapy Dog of record, and a medal of honor recipient for her bravery in the Philippines. It is a story that warms the hearts of all who hear it! Also, meet Hairy, a therapy dog not unlike Smoky.

Reptiles and Amphibians from Around the World
Saturday, November 18 • 2-3 pm • 2nd Floor Atrium East
Dave DiNaso’s Traveling World of Reptiles provides an up-close interactive experience that is entertaining and educational.

Holiday Walk
Friday, November 24 • 1:30-4:30 pm • Throughout the Library
Before you head downtown for the Glen Ellyn Holiday Walk and tree lighting, come to the library! Enjoy performances by Music Institute of Chicago Virtuoso Strings, Bellas Artes School of Music, harpist Dawn Bishop, and others. Apple cider donated by Trader Joe’s and light refreshments will be provided.
Books About Haunted Houses

To get you in the mood for the Haunted Library event on October 20, these spine-chilling books feature danger coming from inside the house. Consider yourself warned: You might not want to read them right before bedtime!

By Sarah Kovac, Adult Department Assistant Director and Readers’ Advisory Librarian

How to Sell a Haunted House by Grady Hendrix
In this darkly humorous novel, single mom Louise returns to her small hometown to deal with her late parents’ house. The tension rises as her mother’s prized dolls and puppets, including Punkin the clown, seem to be moving on their own. Fans of Annabelle and Child’s Play will enjoy this creepy tale.

A House with Good Bones by T. Kingfisher
Archeologist Sam Montgomery is looking forward to spending a cozy weekend with her mom. However, when she arrives, she finds her mother is jumpy and anxious, vultures are circling the mailbox, and there is a jar of teeth in the rosebushes. In her search for answers, Sam unearths long-buried horrors. Kingfisher’s novel has twists and turns, humor, and details that will make you squirm.

The Book of Cold Cases by Simone St. James
If you’re a fan of true crime, you’ll enjoy this supernatural thriller. A blogger gets the chance to interview the reclusive Beth Greer, who was charged and acquitted of two murders, at her eerie cliffside manor. This genre-blending book has a mix of romance, horror, and mystery.

The Hacienda by Isabel Cañas
In the years surrounding the Mexican War of Independence, Beatriz is looking forward to a fresh start with her new husband. However, shortly after arriving at his run-down estate, she begins to see signs, including rumors about his first wife’s death, that something is off. Richly detailed, The Hacienda will both terrify you and make you think.
LEARN SOMETHING NEW

Narcan Training
Thursday, September 28 • Noon-1 pm, 6:30-7:30 pm
North and South Meeting Rooms
Learn how to administer Narcan, a medication used to treat opioid overdose in an emergency situation. DuPage Narcan Program staff will discuss opioid usage in DuPage County and how to identify signs of an overdose. Attendees will have the opportunity to receive a free Narcan kit following the training.

Guitar for Beginners
Wednesdays • 7-8:30 pm
October 4, 18, 25; November 1, 8, 15, 29; December 6, 13
North and South Meeting Rooms
Learn guitar basics from guitarist John Wolaver in a friendly group setting. The final meeting on December 20 will be a performance. Please bring your own guitar. For age 16 and up.

Guitar Performance
Wednesday, December 20 • 7-8:30 pm
2nd Floor Round Window Area
Listen to members of the Guitar for Beginners group perform a mini concert. Light refreshments will be provided.

Tech Help One-on-One
Appointments available at calendar.gepl.org or by calling Beth Clower at 630-790-6750
Get hands-on instruction with your tablet, smartphone, or laptop to learn how to operate your device or get Microsoft, Apple, or Google platform software help in a 45-minute one-on-one appointment with library staff.

Digital Literacy Workshop to Provide Free Tablets to Cardholders!

Glen Ellyn Public Library has received a Public Library Association (PLA) Digital Literacy Workshop Incentive, sponsored by AT&T grant!

Powered by a contribution from AT&T, the Public Library Association (PLA) has selected more than 200 public libraries across 45 states to host digital literacy and ACP workshops. The PLA Digital Literacy Workshop Incentives, supported by AT&T support public libraries in their work improving digital skills and promoting broadband adoption among families and communities. The workshops leverage the online digital literacy courses, created by PLA in collaboration with AT&T, that are freely available to anyone through DigitalLearn.org and AT&T ScreenReady. DigitalLearn.org online courses and training materials were developed with and for library staff and their patrons.

Glen Ellyn Public Library will use funds provided by the 2023 grant to provide free android tablets to 36 Glen Ellyn Public Library cardholders as part of a Digital Literacy Workshop series.

Digital Literacy Workshop
Wednesdays • September 20-October 25 • 1:30-2:15 pm
North and South Meeting Rooms
Learn basic technology skills, including
• how to use a mobile device
• how to use the internet
• how to participate in video conferences
• how to protect yourself from cyber attacks

Adults with a valid Glen Ellyn Public Library card may register for the Digital Literacy Workshop. Participants who register and attend at least five of the six workshops will receive a new android tablet at the end of the workshop series on October 25.

Please contact Tanya King at 630-790-6745 or tking@gepl.org to learn how to get a Glen Ellyn Public Library card and/or to register for the Digital Literacy Workshop.
GET SOCIAL

Time to Thread with Lucy Dallman

Thursdays • September 7, October 5, November 2
Tuesdays • September 19, October 17, November 21
7-8:30 pm • Shakespeare Room
Gather with others to work on your own knitting, crocheting, or other fiber arts projects twice a month.

Knit to Give Back

Wednesday, September 27 • 7-8:30 pm
North and South Meeting Rooms
Intermediate knitters who can knit with double pointed needles (in the round) and have double pointed needles size 3, 5, and 7, complete a knitting kit to donate to the National Youth Advocate Program (nyap.org) for a foster child. Kit will include a pattern, yarn, and stuffing, and will be started in the program and can be dropped off at the library at a later date.

Trivia Night

Thursdays • September-November (excl. November 23) • 7-9 pm
The Beer Cellar, 488 Crescent Boulevard
Grab some friends or head out by yourself to The Beer Cellar Glen Ellyn for live trivia! For age 21 and up. Please arrive by 6:45 pm to secure space. Teams of four or less are encouraged.

NaNoWriMo

Kick-off Party
Saturday, October 28 • 11-2 pm • North and South Meeting Rooms
Come Write In
Mondays • November 6-27 • 5-9 pm • Lounge and Shakespeare Room
Challenge yourself to write a 50,000-word novel during National Novel Writing month in November. Visit naperwrimo.org for details. For adults and high school students.

WTTW/PBS Presents Viewing and Discussion Series

Sundays • September 17, October 15, November 19 • 3-4:30 pm
North and South Meeting Rooms
Each week, view one of the events in the series and participate in a discussion led by PBS Books National Director and local resident Heather-Marie Montilla.

September 17
Iconic America: Our Symbols and Stories with David Rubenstein
A close examination of American iconic national symbols: indelible artifacts, places, and archetypes.

October 15
Southern Storytellers
Celebrate community identity through the eyes of contemporary creators of literature, music, TV and film, including author Angie Thomas, poet Jericho Brown, musician Lyle Lovett, actress-turned-songwriter Mary Steenburgen, and screenwriter/songwriter Billy Bob Thornton.

November 19
The American Buffalo by Ken Burns
Celebrate Native American History Month with a biography of an improbable, shaggy beast that has found itself at the center of many of the country’s most mythic and heartbreaking tales, taking viewers on a journey through more than 10,000 years of North American history and across some of the continent’s most iconic landscapes, tracing the mammal’s evolution, its significance to the Great Plains and, most importantly, its relationship to the Indigenous People of North America.

FOR ADULTS 50+

Social Hour

Wednesdays • September-November • 2:30-3:30 pm
North and South Meeting Rooms
Socialize while completing puzzles, playing card games, or working on coloring crafts. Light refreshments will be provided.

Donuts and BINGO

Thursdays • September 14, October 12, November 9 • 10:30-11:30 am
Main Street Recreation Center, 501 Hill Ave
Visit with friends over coffee and donuts while playing everyone's favorite game. BINGO is free to play, with games starting at 10:30 am. One BINGO card per participant. Coffee, donuts, and BINGO cards will be provided, and prizes will be awarded to winners. Offered in partnership with the Glen Ellyn Park District.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Copies of book discussion titles are available on the 2nd floor near the study rooms, or you can request a copy for pickup at the drive-up window by calling the 2nd Floor Information Desk at 630-790-6630 or emailing reference@gepl.org.

Thursday Evening Book Club

Thursdays • September 14, October 12, November 9 • 7-8 pm
North and South Meeting Rooms
September 14: Funny in Farsi by Firoozah Dumas
This book discussion is part of the Neighbors Together program series. Neighbors Together is a coordinated effort by several libraries in DuPage County to support Literacy DuPage by helping them recruit English tutors and by encouraging residents to learn more about members of their community through book (and other) community discussions.

October 12: The Marriage Portrait by Maggie O'Farrell

November 9: The Second Life of Mirielle West
by Amanda Skenandore
Why and when did you choose to become a librarian?
I learned about makerspaces when I was living in Cincinnati, Ohio. I saw an article about what was offered in the downtown branch and couldn’t believe what I was reading. Before I knew it, I was walking into the makerspace asking one of the specialists to show me everything! I was in shock that these pieces of equipment were readily available for member use, and I quickly became a regular. After returning from a year abroad, I knew that I belonged in a library makerspace and that it was time to change career paths. I was lucky enough to find an amazing position as a Makerspace Specialist at Spark Place in Xenia, Ohio and am now elated to be here at Glen Ellyn Public Library as the Maker Librarian.

Do you have any fun childhood memories of the library?
Similar to the way the library has the Hot Picks section on the second floor, my school library would pull the newest books and place them on a separate table. Weekly, my class would head to the library on our designated day, and I would always make a beeline for that new-reads table. I vividly remember noticing a colorful cover with a young boy riding a broom. The librarian noticed me reaching for the book and informed me that she had just finished reading it and no other students had had the opportunity to check it out yet. She also shared that she thought it was an excellent book and that I would really enjoy it. I now always remember that I was the first student at my elementary school to check out the first Harry Potter book from the library.

What do you wish people knew about Glen Ellyn Public Library?
I wish people knew just how much is happening every day at the library and how many different types of resources are available! To me, that’s the wonderful thing about libraries; they are a destination for resources of all types, not just books. The makerspace will be another wonderful resource that the library will make available to the community, and I cannot wait to have everyone come and use it once it’s open!

What is your favorite book genre?
I’ve always enjoyed a good Science Fiction read that has solid footing in reality.

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If a movie or show comes out that was based on a book, do you watch first to see if you’d like the book, or do you read the book first?
I watch the movie first to see if I’d like the book. I am a huge fan of cinema and am very visual in general. My undergraduate degree is in Photography so I’m not only watching the movie for the story, but for the visual presentation as well.

What is the weirdest food that you enjoy? Is there a story behind it?
I’m not sure about the weirdest food, but I do love tofu, which can be a controversial food item. I can see why some may not like tofu, because I have had some pretty terrible tofu dishes, but like anything else, if properly prepared it can be utterly amazing.

If you had to live in a different state, which would it be?
New York (but not NYC). I’m originally from the Hudson Valley and have always loved it there. Although the winters can be harsh, fall and spring are absolutely magical.

Do you have a favorite hobby?
This is quite the question to ask the Maker Librarian! I have many hobbies — how am I supposed to choose a favorite? I really enjoy collage. I enjoy every aspect of the craft; hunting vintage ephemera at flea markets and antique shops, cutting out the imagery, creating new vignettes with the pieces, and even the final framing presentation.

What's your favorite '90s jam?
Oh the 90’s... In those days, the biggest question at school was "Are you an NSYNC fan or a Backstreet Boys fan?" I was an NSYNC fan all the way, so my ‘90s jam was *Tearin’ Up My Heart*.
No Shush Salon  Ten Years, Three Library Locations, and Going Strong

By J-nine Vaughn, Adult Programming Librarian

Long before I worked at a library or was a librarian, I was creating programs. My background is in theater, and creating shows that travel is something very common for theater folks!

Throughout Chicagoland, there are many open mics and performance spaces, but they often have a specific focus like music, poetry, comedy, dance, or genre writing. Events take place at bars, clubs, or cafes, which can be loud, overwhelming, and require a purchase or cover charge. Bar and club venues are not accessible to everyone, and drink minimums can be barriers for people who struggle with alcohol or just don’t want to drink. I wanted to provide a space that offered no-cost admission and was inclusive, where all different creative types could come together and share talents with a kind audience.

The predecessor of the No Shush Salon was an open mic at a small used-book store in Chicago where I worked, Kate the Great’s Book Emporium. My comanager Claire Cooney and I hosted an event that was open to anyone and any type of creative outpouring. We charged nothing and accepted everything.

The open mic program I started at the Clarendon Hills Public Library met in the attic program room on Halloween night a decade ago. Some of the performers were even dressed in costumes. Along with the open mic, the performers, audience, and I had snacks and discussed what we would call this program. The idea of it being the opposite of the stereotypical librarian shushing was brought up. Then “No Shush” was put together with “Salon” since what we wanted to create was more than an open mic, but a salon where creative types could come together and inspire one another.

While it isn’t necessarily common for open mic venues to follow their creators, the No Shush Salon followed me to the Oak Park Public Library, where we were once joined by improv troupe OuttaSpacel! During the pandemic, No Shush Salon met online with appearances by musical performer Jenny Bienemann and authors Michael Allen Rose, Zig Zag Claybourne, John Wayne Comunale, B. Sharise Moore, and Shveta Thakrar. Today, No Shush Salon is an open mic for every type of expression—writing, music, comedy, dance—anything. At each location, we have hosted performers sharing their talent and creativity for the first time as well as veterans who have performed in sundry venues.

In moving No Shush Salon to new venues, I have learned to be open and flexible, yet clear on our intention—be supportive and be kind. Anyone looking for an open mic with unexpected variety and delightful camaraderie is welcome to join us on the 2nd floor of the library by the round window. We offer free snacks, and our featured performers often have items for sale. This October, for its 10-year anniversary, No Shush Salon will have the regular open mic—and cake! Please visit calendar.gepl.org for dates and times.

No Shush Salon: Open Mic with Guest Performers

Thursdays • September 28, October 26 • 6:30-9 pm
2nd Floor Round Window Area

Local creative types gather to discuss creative things. Share your works-in-progress or finished endeavors at an open mic! Use your 10 minutes to sing, dance, read, recite—whatever you choose. Sessions will include scheduled guest performances! Spectators are welcome and appreciated. For adults and high school students.

September 28: Tina Jens; October 26: 10-year Anniversary Open Mic/Party

“Just wanted to thank you for nurturing and supporting the [No Shush Salon] reading series at the library. Carol and I felt a really wonderful sense of community there on Thursday night—and thoroughly enjoyed the music and the readings.”

—Tom Montgomery Fate

Registration required
HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE, YOUNG ADULT

Glenbard Parent Series: Lisa Damour, PhD
Inside the Emotional Lives of Teenagers: How to Navigate the Bumpy Ride of Adolescence
Wednesday, September 13 • Noon-1 pm, 7-8 pm
Virtual Program
In teenagers, powerful emotions come with the territory. And with so many of today’s teens contending with academic pressure, social media stress, worries about the future, and concerns about their own mental health, it’s easy for them — and their parents — to feel anxious and overwhelmed. But it doesn’t have to be that way.

The Library for Creators:
Media Lab and Maker Equipment
Monday, September 18 • 3:30-4:30 pm
High School Room
Watch creator Nick Jackson demonstrate video capture and editing using features of the library’s Media Lab like
• Adobe Creative Cloud apps for photography, graphic design, video editing, UX design, drawing, and painting
• Final Cut Pro video-editing application used to import, edit, process video footage, and output it to a wide variety of formats
• microphones
Also, see maker equipment like the laser cutter/engraver and embroidery machine in action and make a button to keep.

Applying to College: What’s New?
Thursday, September 21 • 7-8 pm
North and South Meeting Rooms and Virtual Program
College Inside Track will discuss how significant changes to college applications may impact your family in order to enhance your understanding of the college process, reduce anxiety, and position your child for success. This session will cover
• Class of 2023 college admission trends and costs
• Online SAT with adaptive scoring
• Simplified FAFSA
• How to choose a school when your student isn’t sure of their major
• Where to find the best scholarships
• Strategies to consider to give your student the best opportunity to be admitted and maximize financial aid and scholarships.

Publishing Workshop
Saturday, September 23 • 10:30-11:30 am
North and South Meeting Rooms
This Girls Story (TGS), a quarterly girl-led magazine that showcases contributions from girls ages 13-19, invites you to publish a zine. Bring narrative writing, nonfiction essays, poetry, artwork (photos of artwork), photography, or video content, or create content at the event. Then edit, plan, and produce a final print product. No prior experience necessary. The mission of TGS is to provide a creative platform where teen girls can express themselves, gain publishing experience, and build confidence.

After Hours Mini Golf
Friday, November 10 • 6:30-8:30 pm
2nd Floor Atrium East
Play LED mini golf in the library after the library closes at 6 pm! Free — all supplies provided. For middle and high school.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Middle School Volunteering
Earn volunteer hours by learning and helping your community on your own schedule! Learn about the topic of the month through self-paced investigation, and complete projects to help you, your family, and your community. Stop by the Youth Information Desk or visit gepl.beanstack.org to participate. For grades 6-8.

September: Animal Welfare
October: Emergency Services
November: Homelessness

Made in The Middle
Thursdays • September 14, October 12, November 16 • 4-5 pm
The Middle
Try a new craft each month. For grades 6-8.

September 14: Neon Sign
October 12: Creepy Bouquet
November 16: DIY Plush Dino Nuggie

Global Taste Test
Thursdays • September 28, October 26, November 30 • 4-5 pm
Youth Program Room
Each month, taste and rate snacks provided by Universal Yums from countries around the world! The library cannot guarantee that food served at this program has not come into contact with tree nuts, soy, or other allergens. For grades 6-8.

Wickedly Wonderful Wednesday
Wednesday, October 25 • 4-5 pm • Youth Program Room
Experience Nevermore Academy at this Wednesday Addams-themed party. Watch an episode of the Netflix series Wednesday while snacking and crafting Addams Family style. For grades 6-8.
FOR EDUCATORS AND ADULTS

Walk in My Shoes: Let’s Talk Hunger
Wednesday, September 27 • 7-8 pm
Youth Program Room
Laura Glaza, Executive Director of the Glen Ellyn Food Pantry, presents some of the tough choices that members of low-income households have to make every day. One free CPDU credit available upon request. Gateways Credits available upon request in partnership with CASE DuPage.

Glen Ellyn Food Pantry, Inc.

Fun with STEM: Learn and Create
Tuesdays • September 19, October 24, November 28
4:15-5 pm • North and South Meeting Rooms
Members of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) present monthly science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) topics.

September 19: Diffraction of Light
Discuss what light is and how diffraction gradients separate light into its components. Make kaleidoscopes using diffraction gradients and toilet paper rolls. For grades 2-5.

October 24: Secret Messages
Learn about the history of secret messages and develop secret codes to write messages. Use chemistry to write a secret message. For grades 2-5.

November 28: Squishy Circuits
Discuss polymer, Newtonian, and non-Newtonian fluids, where they are used, and how they affect the environment. Create slime to take home. For grades 2-5.

Everyone’s an Artist–Let’s Doodle
Fridays • September 1, October 6, November 3 • 4-5 pm
Youth Program Room
Use letters, numbers, and shapes as a starting point to draw and create! Younger participants may bring a grownup. For grades k-5.

Pokémon Club
Thursdays • September 7, October 5, November 2 • 4-5 pm
Youth Program Room
Calling all Pokémon Trainers! Join us for a fun-filled hour of games, trading, and activities. This beginner-level club will focus on learning to play in phases and include some time for trading. For grades k-5.

OneInMath
Sundays • September 10-November 12 • 2:30-3:30 pm
North and South Meeting Rooms
(September 17 and October 15 will be held in the Youth Program Room)
OneInMath is a free program run by high school volunteers to empower the love of math in students in grades k-3. Register or sign up to volunteer.

Bluestem Book Club
Tuesdays • September 12, October 10, November 14 • Noon-1 pm, 6-7 pm
Youth Program Room
Discuss a Bluestem book each month while eating pizza supplied by the library or bring your own meal. We’ll start with Long Distance by Whitney Gardner in September, then vote on the next title. Copies of the monthly title will be available to check out at the Youth Desk. For grades 3-5.

3D Print Club
Wednesdays • September 13, October 11, November 8 • 4-5 pm
Youth Program Room
Use Tinkercad, a 3D design program, to create a 3D design and then print the design on the 3D printer to keep. For grades 3-5.

Meet the Great Masters of Art
Wednesdays • September 20, October 18, November 15 • 4-5 pm
Youth Program Room
Learn about famous artists and make art in their medium or style. Artists include painter Earnest Lee, the quilters of Gee’s Bend, and print artist Gwen Frostic. For grades 3-5.

InvestiGators on the Case
Tuesday, September 26 • 4-5 pm • Youth Program Room
S.U.I.T Agents, we need you! Join us for an exciting mystery-solving party based on the InvestiGators book series. Bring your magnifying glass and your super-sleuth skills and help Mango and Brash search for their Very Exciting Spy Technology, make your own InvestiGator bookmark, and enjoy a slice of pizza! For grades 3-5.

Solar Shindig
Saturday, October 14 • 11 am-12:30 pm • Youth Program Room
On October 14, an annular solar eclipse will cross North, Central, and South America. This eclipse will be visible for millions of people in the Western Hemisphere, with an estimated 50% coverage visible in Glen Ellyn. Participate in activities and crafts to learn the science behind the eclipse while enjoying some snacks, then head outside to watch as it happens! Gear up for the 2024 total eclipse April 8, 2024 with solar eclipse glasses distributed at this program! For grades k-5.
**VISIT STORYWALK®**

**Prairie Path Park**  
Between Forest Avenue and Park Boulevard  
StoryWalk® in downtown Glen Ellyn will have a new book for fall: *Have You Seen My Invisible Dinosaur?* by Helen Yoon. StoryWalk® is an exciting, interactive way for children—and adults—to enjoy reading and the outdoors. Pages from a children’s book are placed on permanent signs along the walkway and changed periodically throughout the year.

**Invisible Dinosaur Search Party**  
Wednesday, October 4 • 4-5 pm  
Prairie Path Park  
Celebrate the new StoryWalk® book, *Have You Seen My Invisible Dinosaur?* by Helen Yoon. Go on a scavenger hunt for lost dinos and create invisible dinosaur friends. In case of inclement weather, this program will take place at the library in the Youth Program Room. For kids of all ages.

**STORYTIME**

**Fall Storytime**  
September 5 – October 11  
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. Visit gepl.org/storytime for details.

**STEAM Storytime**  
Tuesday, October 3, November 7 • 4-5 pm  
Youth Program Room  
Solve problems and work through challenges with hands-on Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM) activities based on our favorite picture books. For grades k-2.

**Dental Health Storytime**  
Tuesday, October 17 • 10:30-11 am  
Youth Program Room  
During National Dental Hygiene month, listen as staff from Glen Ellyn Pediatric Dentistry read *Sugar Bugs* by Dr. Sam Weisz and Erica Weisz and learn about dental health and how to maintain a healthy smile. Twenty name tags (children only) will be available at the Youth Desk beginning 30 minutes prior to the program start time. For pre-k.
Fall into a Great Series

These bingeable series will have you itching to stop by the library to pick up the next volume!

By Payton Hughes, Youth Librarian

**Flora** by Molly Idle | Three titles
*Flora and the Flamingo, Flora and the Penguin, Flora and the Peacocks*
Bright, bold, and beautiful illustrations tell the story of Flora, an ambitious young dancer, in this wordless picture book series. Lift the interactive flaps to discover new moves that will inspire you to get up and groove with Flora and her feathered friends!

**The Secret Life of...** by Laurence Pringle | Six titles
This charming non-fiction picture book series dives into the lesser-known facts of our favorite animals. From the red fox to the flying squirrel, and many animals in-between, Pringle invites you on a journey alongside these creatures as they navigate their everyday lives in ways we never could have imagined.

**Wednesday and Woof** by Sherri Winston | Three titles
*The Runaway Robot, New Pup on the Block, Catastrophe*
This beginner chapter book is a great place to start for early readers. Wednesday and her service dog Woof set out to solve the neighborhood’s greatest mysteries. Between the story, notes on being a good detective, and the interactive lists of clues, there is so much to enjoy about this series! The story is paired with inviting illustrations and encouraging milestone markers at the end of each chapter to keep readers inspired.

**Pizza and Taco** by Stephen Shaskan | Six titles
*Rock Out!, Who’s the Best?* (also available in Spanish), *Super-Awesome Comic!, Best Party Ever!, Too Cool for School, Dare to be Scared!*
This graphic novel series for ages 5 to 8 is perfect for a good laugh! Pizza and Taco, along with their other foodie friends, go on all sorts of hilarious adventures that are sure to tickle even the most serious readers. The two best friends are always getting into silly arguments, but in the end, they always agree — pizza and tacos are best enjoyed together.

**The Vanderbeekers** by Karina Yan Glaser | Seven titles
*The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street, The Vanderbeekers and the Hidden Garden, The Vanderbeekers to the Rescue, The Vanderbeekers Lost and Found, The Vanderbeekers Make a Wish, The Vanderbeekers on the Road, The Vanderbeekers Ever After*
This middle grade series follows the large and loveable Vanderbeeker family of Harlem, New York. Each installment in the series presents the Vanderbeeker children with another problem that they solve with some help from their family and helpful neighborhood friends. Full of big laughs, warm fuzzies, and a lot of heart, it’s easy to fall head over heels for this series.

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Monday-Thursday: 9 am-9 pm
Friday: 9 am-6 pm
Saturday: 9 am-5 pm
Sunday: 1-5 pm

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Fall Closures
Monday, September 4: Labor Day
Friday, October 13: Staff In-Service Day
Friday, October 20: Haunted Library Event Prep (close at 3 pm)
Wednesday, November 22: Thanksgiving Eve (close at 5 pm)
Thursday, November 23: Thanksgiving Day

Accessibility
The Glen Ellyn Public Library encourages persons with disabilities to participate in its programs and activities. If you anticipate needing any type of accommodation or have questions about the physical access provided, please call 630-469-0879 in advance of your participation or visit. Learn more at gepl.org/accessibility.

Promotion
Adults and children may be photographed and videotaped by library staff or their representatives in the course of library activities. The images may be used, without accompanying personal identification, in library publicity. If you have a concern about this policy, please contact library staff.
FOUNDATION

The Glen Ellyn Library Foundation is celebrating its 25th Anniversary in 2023, and to kick off this momentous occasion, the Foundation hosted The Silver Ball on Friday, April 28 in the Ginkgo Room at The Morton Arboretum. The Foundation raised an impressive $270,000 to help fund the library’s new makerspace with the help of the Glen Ellyn community coming together with the following support:

- 210 guests
- 200 raffle ticket purchases for two Taylor Swift concert tickets
- 110 ticket purchases
- 10 live auction purchases
- 47 silent auction purchases
- 90 live and silent auction donors
- 36 paddle raise participants
- 34 individual and corporate sponsors
- 40 Committee Chairs and Volunteers

The Foundation is grateful to the Glen Ellyn community and beyond. To learn more about the Foundation, visit gepl.org/foundation.

FRIENDS

Annual Community Mailing
October 11 (6-9 pm) and October 12 (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.

Used Book Sales
Bimonthly in the basement of the library.

- Saturday, September 16 • 9 am to 2 pm
- Sunday, September 17 • 1 to 4 pm
  (most items $10 a bag)
- Saturday, November 11 • 9 am to 2 pm
- Friday, November 24 • 1 to 4 pm
  (during the library’s Holiday Walk)

Visit the Used Book Nook in the lobby next to The Cafe. Most items are $2 for adult books and $1 for children’s books.

Book Donations
Book donations for used-book sales are accepted at the Library Services Desk at any time. If you have a large donation, please contact Dennis McCarthy, Building Engineer, at 630-790-6765 to schedule a drop-off appointment. We prefer quality adult and children’s books in good condition and cannot accept encyclopedias, magazines, or damaged, musty, or outdated materials.

For more information on Friends activities, visit gepl.org/friends.

CAFE

Monday-Thursday: 9 am-8:30 pm
Friday: 9 am-4:30 pm
Saturday: 9 am-4:30 pm
Sunday: 1-4:30 pm

Get Help Locating Free and Low-Cost Services
Did you know that you can get help locating child care, training, food assistance, housing, medical care, legal advice, and specialized support for all ages and languages at the library?

Glen Ellyn Youth and Family Counseling Service (GEYFCS) Outreach Program Coordinator Jessica Gul is available Tuesday-Friday on the 2nd floor to provide referrals for housing and employment services and schedule appointments for mental health services with a clinician at GEYFCS.

Contact Jessica Gul at 630-469-3040 ext. 3045 or jessicagul@geyfcs.org.