This summer, the library is encouraging the community to read with the 2024 Summer Reading program, and is also excited to host World on the Move: 250,000 Years of Human Migration!

If 2,000 people register for summer reading, the Friends of the Library and the Glen Ellyn Library Foundation will each give $1,000 to our non-profit partner, Ten Thousand Villages, to support fair trade artisans. On Sunday, June 9 from 3-4 pm, you can learn more about Ten Thousand Villages at the Ten Thousand Villages Presents: Fair Trade and Folk Dance event!

World on the Move: 250,000 Years of Human Migration encourages people to consider their migration story and those of other members of the community. People have always been on the move. Since the first humans began moving from Africa to other parts of the world 250,000 years ago, we have never stopped moving.

World on the Move is a voluntary opportunity for learning and personal discovery for visitors of all ages in a non-book format. Immigration is a current event and an educational historical issue. The American Anthropological Association in collaboration with the Smithsonian Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage developed the exhibition to use science, history, and lived experience to explain migration and displacement. We are excited to house this interactive exhibit at the library from July 27-August 30.

World on the Move will only be displayed at 15 libraries in the country, and Glen Ellyn Public Library is the only library in Illinois to be selected. Come in for a self-guided tour or make a reservation for a guided tour for a group by filling out the World on the Move Community Partners Interest Form at gepl.org/world-on-the-move or by calling Josh O’Shea at 630-790-6748.

The library is a great place to find information to help navigate current events and topics. Whether we talk to our spouse or significant other, our friends, our neighbors, or our children or grandchildren, the library has relevant, age-appropriate information. Glen Ellyn Public Library staff are happy to help you find information about your subject of choice, and work diligently to make sure that there are books, magazines, and newspapers to help you find the details you need.

Dawn Bussey, Executive Director
director@gepl.org | 630-790-6760

People Have Always Been on the Move

World on the Move Exhibit Opening Event
Saturday, July 27 • 2-4 pm • Library Parking Lot and 2nd Floor of the Library
Be one of the first people in Illinois to experience World on the Move: 250,000 Years of Human Migration on the 2nd Floor of the library. In the library parking lot, enjoy live music and dance performances and refreshments available for purchase from Taco Madre food truck and Sunset Slush (cash only).

World on the Move: 250,000 Years of Human Migration was developed by the American Anthropological Association, together with the Smithsonian’s Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage and Smithsonian Exhibits. It is administered by the American Library Association’s Public Programs Office.

Volunteer Opportunity: World on the Move Docents
July 22-September 6 • 2nd Floor of the Library
Earn volunteer hours and help library visitors of all ages connect with World on the Move: 250,000 Years of Human Migration. Sign up for hours that fit your schedule. On-site training provided. Visit gepl.org/world-on-the-move/ for more information.

For adults and high school students.
Find all programs and events at calendar.gepl.org

Registration required

The Great Migration and The Great War: Engines of Change
Thursday, August 1 • 7-8 pm
North and South Meeting Rooms
Musician, historian, and radio personality Clarence Goodman will discuss the relationship between two seismic events taking place as the 20th Century approached: the relocation of more than six million Black Americans from the rural South to the cities of the North, Midwest, and West, and World War I, also known as the Great War. For adults and high school students.

The Moon from Dehradun
Monday, August 12 • 4-4:45 pm
Youth Program Room
Local author Shirin Shamsi will discuss her book The Moon from Dehradun, which is based on her family’s migration from India to Pakistan. Share family stories and participate in an activity. For grades 3-5.

WTTW/PBS Presents
Visions of America: A Journey to the Freedom Tower-Stories of Cuban Migration to Miami
Wednesday, August 14 • 6:30-7:30 pm
North and South Meeting Rooms
PBS Books National Director and local resident Heather-Marie Montilla will talk about the Freedom Tower in Miami, which is considered to be the Ellis Island for Cuban refugees. Then, participants will discuss other stories of American migration and share personal stories.

How the World Arrived on Lake Michigan’s Shores with Sam Mitrani
Tuesday, July 23 • 6-7:30 pm
North and South Meeting Rooms
COD Professor Sam Mitrani will present the history of immigration to Chicagoland within the context of immigration to the U.S. He will discuss the history of anti-immigrant sentiment in this country and its importance leading up to the 2024 U.S. presidential election. For adults and high school students.

How Climate Impacts Migration for Humans, Plants, and Animals
Saturday, July 27 • 10-11 am
North and South Meeting Rooms
Jacquelyn Casazza, president and co-founder of Go Green Glen Ellyn, will discuss how the impacts of climate change have influenced the movement of humans, plants, and animals around the world. What does this migration mean to life—all life, on our planet, and how can we care for our planet and all that share it? For adults and high school students.

Empathy is Your Superpower
Tuesday, August 6 • 1:30-2:30 pm
High School Room
Learn how developing empathy can build self-esteem, foster community, and deepen connections, then explore World on the Move: 250,000 Years of Human Migration. Presented by Reality DuPage. For high school students.

Building Welcoming Communities
Wednesday, August 7 • 6:30-7:30 pm
North and South Meeting Rooms
Representatives from World Relief will discuss current immigrant and refugee arrival statistics for DuPage County, World Relief welcome services and procedures, and ways communities can make newcomers feel welcome.

Sample the Foods of Turtle Island
Saturday, August 17 • 1-2:30 pm
North and South Meeting Rooms
Turtle Island is the name for the North American continent in many Indigenous/Native American cultures. A chef from Ketapanen Kitchen will discuss and provide samples of Indigenous foods. For adults and high school students.
2024 Summer Reading | June 1-July 31
World on the Move to benefit Ten Thousand Villages

Summer Reading Log
This summer, everyone can read (or be read to) or complete an activity every day and use this paper log or the Beanstack Tracker app to record your progress. During the program, rewards are available at the library for each 15 days you log. Color in, initial, or somehow indicate in the days on the paper log the days you read or complete an activity. When you come to the library to collect your reward, staff will mark your reward redeemed. Come in to the library to collect prizes by Saturday, August 31.

Activities
- Attend a library program
- Use the drive-up window
- Visit Ten Thousand Villages
- Use a meeting or study room
- Use a digital resource
- Visit a Glen Ellyn business
- Visit The Cafe
- Get a story from the short story dispenser
- Visit World on the Move: 250,000 Years of Human Migration at the library
- Request book recommendations with Your Next Read

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SUMMER READING

World on the Move | June 1-July 31

Readers of all ages can participate in 2024 Summer Reading! If 2,000 people register for summer reading, the Friends of the Library and the Glen Ellyn Library Foundation will each give $1,000 to our non-profit partner, Ten Thousand Villages, to support fair trade artisans.

Register at the Youth Desk, 2nd Floor Information Desk, or using Beanstack (visit Beanstack online at gepl.beanstack.com or the Beanstack Tracker app) beginning Saturday, June 1.

- Read (or be read to) or complete an activity every day.
- Log reading and activity days any time on a paper log or using Beanstack (gepl.beanstack.org) or the Beanstack Tracker app.
- A paper log is available on page 4 or at the library.
- Come in to the library to collect prizes by Saturday, August 31.

Participants earn prizes at registration and for every 15 days logged.

- Registrants through grade 8 can earn drawing slips at the library. Monthly drawings will be on the following Mondays: June 17, July 8, August 5.
- Adult and high school registrants receive a chocolate bar from Chocolaterie Stam at registration and can earn chances to win $50 Chamber of Commerce gift cards. The more days you log, the greater your chance of winning!

Adult Reading Recommendations:
Human Migration
By Sarah Kovac, Adult Department Assistant Director and Readers’ Advisory Librarian

In honor of World on the Move, these books take a closer look at why and how people relocate to new places.

The Best We Could Do by Thi Bui
This graphic novel memoir explores a family’s journey from war-torn Vietnam to America. The author’s moving writing and elegant artwork illuminate how her family’s struggle to find stability affected her.

Pachinko by Min Jin Lee
In 1900s Korea, Sunja faces disgrace when she becomes pregnant. However, a marriage proposal leads to a new life in Japan. Fans of historical fiction will enjoy this sweeping, multi-generational novel.

The Glass Castle by Jeanette Walls
Jeanette Walls reflects on her nomadic upbringing, where her alcoholic father and eccentric mother frequently moved the family to evade bill collectors. If you liked Educated, you will enjoy this engaging memoir about survival.

Somewhere We Are Human Edited by Reyna Grande and Sonia Guiñansaca.
This diverse and genre-bending collection of essays, art, and poetry looks at what it means to be undocumented in the United States.

Brooklyn by Colm Tóibín
Brooklyn follows the journey of Eilis Lacey, who is torn between her homeland in Ireland and her new life in Brooklyn, New York. This bittersweet love story explores the immigrant experience in the 1950s.

FOR ADULTS AND KIDS OF ALL AGES

Ice Cream Social
Monday, June 10 • 7-8:30 pm
Library Parking Lot
Celebrate the beginning of 2024 Summer Reading at the library with an ice cream sundae, ice pop, or fresh fruit. Enjoy music and a dance performance by Movement of Desis (MOD).

Seed Library: DIY Terrariums
Wednesday, August 7 • 1-2 pm, 5-6 pm
Youth Program Room
Learn about and create your own terrarium.

Registration required
**Alebrije Mask Making with Gloria Contreras**

**Thursday, June 6 • 6-8 pm**
**North and South Meeting Rooms**

Led by Artist Gloria Contreras, learn the origins of alebrijes—brightly colored Mexican folk art sculptures depicting fantastical creatures or familiar animals—and make an alebrije mask of your own. **For adults and middle/high school students.**

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**How Money Works: The Migration of Women’s Wealth**

**Monday, June 3 • 7-8:30 pm • North and South Meeting Rooms**

Mary Ann Galicia and Sheryl Mercedes from HowMoneyWorks will discuss how women can overcome financial challenges and experience greater financial security and independence. **For adults and middle/high school students.**

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**Dementia Support Group**

**Tuesdays • June 4, July 2, August 6 • 3:30-4:30 pm**
**North Meeting Room**

LaVon K. Lenaway, Dementia Care Educator, will lead an open support group for caregivers to connect with others and share experiences about providing care for someone with memory impairment. Sponsored by Arden Courts ProMedica Memory Care Glen Ellyn. **For adults and middle/high school students.**

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**Social Hour for Adults 50+**

**Wednesdays • June-August (excl. July 3) • 2:30-4 pm**
**North and South Meeting Rooms**

Join neighbors to socialize while completing puzzles, playing card and board games, or working on coloring crafts.

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**Illinois Libraries Present**

**The Hidden Gifts of Visual Thinkers with Dr. Temple Grandin**

**Tuesday, June 4 • 7-8 pm (Rescheduled from April)**
**Virtual Program**

Dr. Temple Grandin is one of the world’s most accomplished and well-known adults with autism. Dr. Grandin has been at the forefront of research and activism for autism and neurodiversity for decades. This event is made possible by ILP, a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering high-quality events.

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**Declutter Your Photo Life**

**Wednesday, June 5 • 6:30-7:30 pm**
**North and South Meeting Rooms**

Learn a five-step process to organize your photos from photo-organizing expert and best-selling author Adam Pratt.

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**Trivia Night**

**Thursdays • June-August (excl. July 4) • 7-9 pm**
**The Beer Cellar, 488 Crescent Blvd.**

Grab some friends or head out by yourself to The Beer Cellar Glen Ellyn for trivia! **For ages 21 and up. Please arrive by 6:45 pm to secure space. Teams of four or fewer are encouraged.**

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**Dungeons & Dragons Gaming**

**Saturdays • June 8, June 22, July 6, July 27 • Noon-4 pm**
**Shakespeare Room**

Play Dungeons & Dragons in an exciting series of adventures facilitated by Professional Games Master Al Graves. All levels of experience with tabletop roleplaying games are welcome! **For adults and high school students.**

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**Ten Thousand Villages Presents: Fair Trade and Folk Dance**

**Sunday, June 9 • 3-4 pm • North and South Meeting Rooms**

Learn about Ten Thousand Villages, a fair trade retailer of artisan-crafted items from 38 countries, and the beneficiary of 2024 Summer Reading. Pam Eifen, Assistant Manager of Ten Thousand Villages Glen Ellyn will present a brief history of the store and explain fair trade and how items qualify as fair trade. Also, participate in a simple folk dance in celebration of cultural diversity! **For adults and high school students.**

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**Donuts and BINGO**

**Thursdays • June 13, July 11, August 8 • 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 provided, and prizes will be awarded to winners. Offered in partnership with the Glen Ellyn Park District.

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**ICash: Claim Your Lost Funds**

**Monday, June 24 • 10 am-4 pm • Lobby**

The State Treasurer is holding more than 5 billion dollars in unclaimed funds for Illinoisans. The State holds these lost funds until they are claimed by either the original owner or their heirs. Gladys Piper from the Illinois State Treasurer’s Office will help you claim your funds.

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**No Shush Salon: Open Mic with Guest Performers**

**Thursdays • June 27, July 25, August 29 • 6:30-9 pm**
**2nd Floor Round Window Area and Virtual Program**

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. Spectators are welcome and appreciated. June 27 guest performer is Clarence Goodman. **For adults and high school students.**
**The Workshop**

The library is putting the finishing touches on The Workshop, the new community makerspace! Visit gepl.org/maker to find the most up-to-date maker information, such as

- The Workshop open hours
- maker events in The Workshop
- maker events in the Youth department
- maker services
- maker resources in the digital library.

Maker programs are available to Glen Ellyn Public Library cardholders, and The Workshop is available to Glen Ellyn Public Library cardholders high school age and up. To help ensure that maker programs are available to everyone, beginning in September 2024, Glen Ellyn Public Library cardholders will be eligible to register for one maker program per person per month. If you have any questions about The Workshop, please email makerspace@gepl.org or call 630-790-6742.

**USING MAKER EQUIPMENT**

**Sublimation Printer and Heat Press: Sublimate a Tote Bag**
Wednesday, June 12 • 5:30-7:30 pm • The Workshop

Get ready to absorb knowledge of all things sublimation (pun intended)! Customize a polyester tote bag with a photo you provide on a thumb drive or email to yourself. Supplies provided. **For adults and high school students.**

**Cricut: No-Sew Coin Purse**
Monday, August 5 • 5:30-7 pm • The Workshop

Fabricate a no-sew coin purse by cutting faux leather with the Cricut and learn about other types of materials that can be used with the Cricut Maker 3. **For adults and high school students.**

**FOR KIDS**

**3D Printing**
Tuesdays • June 18, July 16, August 20 • 3-4 pm, 4:30-5:30 pm
Youth Program Room

Create a custom design using Tinkercad and 3D print the item you design to keep! Please register for each month separately. Prior month’s attendance is not necessary. **For grades 3-8.**

- June 18: Keychain; July 16: Whistle; August 20: Pencil Holder

**Introduction to Maker Equipment for Grades 3-8**
Grades 3-5: Wednesdays • June 19, July 17 • 4-5 pm
Grades 6-8: Thursdays • June 20, July 18 • 4-5 pm
Youth Program Room

Explore some of the tools that will be available in The Workshop and create something new each month. Please register for each month separately.

**¡Hola! Adult Spanish Collection**

*By J-nine Vaughn, Adult Programming Librarian*

Did you know that the Adult Department of the library has a Spanish collection? I choose materials for the adult Spanish collection, and while I am a Spanish speaker who lived in Venezuela as a child, I am not a native speaker and my fluency in Spanish literature is very limited. I also maintain the adult Spanish non-fiction collection, and that’s another can of worms—or, in Spanish, la caja de Pandora.

If you are a Spanish speaker, and especially if Spanish is your first language, I would greatly appreciate your help to make the adult Spanish collection bigger and stronger! Please consider offering suggestions for books in Spanish by emailing jvaughn@gepl.org using the subject “Spanish Book Suggestion” and include titles, authors, and links if you have them!

**¡Hola! Colección Española para Adultos**

¿Sabías que el departamento de Adultos de la biblioteca tiene una colección en español? Elijo materiales para la colección de español para adultos y, si bien soy un hablante de español que viví en Venezuela cuando era niño, no soy un hablante nativo y mi fluidez en la literatura española es muy limitada. También mantengo la colección de no ficción en español para adultos, y esa es otra lata de gusanos o, en español, la caja de Pandora.

Si eres hispanohablante, y especialmente si el español es tu primer idioma, ¡apreciaría mucho tu ayuda para hacer que la colección de español para adultos sea más grande y más sólida! Considere ofrecer sugerencias de libros en español enviando un correo electrónico a jvaughn@gepl.org usando el asunto “Sugerencia de libros en español” e incluya títulos, autores y enlaces si los tiene.

**Thursday Evening Book Club**

*By J-nine Vaughn, Adult Programming Librarian*

**Thursday Evenings**

- June 13, July 11, August 8
- 7-8 pm • North and South Meeting Rooms

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 2nd Floor Information Desk at 630-790-6630 or emailing reference@gepl.org.

**June 13**
*The Celebrants* by Steven Rowley

**July 11**
*Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus

**August 8**
*The Warmth of Other Suns* by Isabel Wilkerson

**Find all programs and events at calendar.gepl.org**
Summer 2024

Craft Your Story
Thursdays • June 13, July 11, August 8 • 3-4:30 pm
North and South Meeting Rooms
Create projects with keepsakes to express your narrative. Please bring photographs to incorporate into the project. For grades 6-12.
June 13: Timeline Journal
July 11: Hand Sewn Fabric Photo Display
August 8: Paper Time Capsule

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Song Share
Tuesdays • June 4, July 2, August 6 • 3-4 pm
Youth Program Room
Share your love of vinyl records with fellow music lovers. Bring in an album or two and spin a few tracks for the group. For grades 6-8.

Welcome to The Middle
Wednesday, June 5 • 11 am-1 pm
The Middle
The Middle is a space on the 1st floor of the library just for middle school students. The Middle has board and video games and it’s a great place to meet up. Stop by to enjoy pizza and other treats. For students entering grade 6.

Global Taste Test
Thursdays • June 27, July 25, August 22 • 4-4:45 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.

New High School Room
Open House
Mondays • June 24, July 29, August 26
3-4:30 pm • High School Room
Come and see the new space on the 2nd floor just for high school students! Hang out, browse books, play video and tabletop games, enjoy refreshments, and enter to win prizes! Arrive any time during the open house. For students in high school and entering grade 9.

Craftapalooza
Fridays • June 7-28 • 10-11 am
Youth Program Room
Drop in to paint, stamp, weave, glue, and tape amazing crafts. For kids of all ages.

Homeschool Hangout
Monday, June 10 • 2-3:30 pm
North and South Meeting Rooms
Celebrate the beginning of summer with homeschool friends by painting a picture of your favorite beach! Dress for mess. For grades k-8.

Books and Cooks Gone Global
Tuesdays • June 11, July 9, August 13 • 4-5 pm
Youth Program Room
Read together and make dishes from around the world. For grades 3-5.

StoryWalk®: Welcome to the Table
Saturday, June 22 • 10-11 am
Prairie Path Park, Between Forest and Park Boulevard
Celebrate the installation of the new StoryWalk® book, A Hundred Thousand Welcomes by Mary Lee Donavan by collaging your own delicious dinner with magazine and newspaper clippings. In case of inclement weather, this program will take place at the library in the Youth Program Room. For grades k-5.

Show Your Style
Thursday, June 27 • 6-6:30 pm
Youth Program Room
Walk the runway in an outfit that expresses your individual style and strike a pose so that your grownup can capture a photo! For birth-grade 8 and their grownups.
Youth Reading Recommendations:

Award Nominee Staff Favorites
by Alexa Moffat, School Liaison

Each year, committees of Illinois teachers and librarians select the nominees for the following year’s Monarch, Bluestem, and Caudill Award lists. Preparation for the meetings begins months in advance, with members responsible for reading 50 titles that will be winnowed down to the final lists of 20 books. Youth Department staff members Melissa Hilt, Alexa Moffat, and Beth Kirchenberg are on the Monarch, Bluestem, and Caudill committees, respectively. Here are the Best of the Best, our favorite titles on the new lists:

MONARCH NOMINEES

Lou by Breanna Carzoo
As the neighborhood dog toilet, Lou knows there must be more to life than this! When Lou saves the day, his true purpose is revealed.

Norman Didn’t Do It!: (Yes, He Did) by Ryan T. Higgins
In this exploration of friendship, a grumpy porcupine learns an important lesson when his best friend makes a new friend.

Facts vs. Opinions vs. Robots by Michael Rex
Learn the difference between facts and opinions in this fun robot romp.

BLUESTEM NOMINEES

Not If I Can Help It by Carolyn Mackler
When she learns her dad is dating her best friend’s mom (ew!), Willa’s life is thrown into chaos.

Weird Kid by Greg Van Eekhout
When mysterious goop-filled sinkholes start popping up around town as undercover shapeshifting alien Jake starts middle school, it’s up to him and his new best friend to save the day.

FRIZZY by Claribel A. Ortega
Marlene hates straightening her hair, but her mom makes her. With the help of her aunt and BFF, she begins to love and appreciate her curls.

CAUDILL NOMINEES

Starfish by Lisa Fipps
Fat-shamed for her entire life, Ellie gains the confidence to stand up for herself and to take up space in a big way.

A First Time for Everything: A True Story by Dan Santat
In this autobiographical graphic novel, author Dan Santat shares the story of his life-changing Europe trip with his middle school class that opened his eyes to all the world has to offer—Fanta, fondue, and first love.

Explore with Circuits
Wednesday, June 5 • 3-4 pm, 4:30-5:30 pm
Mondays • July 8, August 5 • 3-4 pm, 4:30-5:30 pm
Youth Program Room
Learn about circuits and then complete a fun project. Prior month’s attendance is not necessary. For grades 3-8.

June 5: Paint with Circuits
July 8: Make Your Own Bracelet
August 5: Create a Light-up Wand

Fun with STEM: Learn and Create
Mondays • June 17, July 15 • 3-3:45 pm • Youth Program Room
Members of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) present monthly science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) topics. Please register for each month separately. For grades 2-5.

June 17: DaVinci Bridge
Learn about bridge design and build bridges using ordinary items like pencils and rubber bands. Which design will hold the most weight?

July 15: Paper Airplanes
Learn about aerodynamics by designing paper airplanes to see how drag effects the distance that the planes will fly. Learn how the shape of the plane is affected by gravity, weight, lift, and thrust.

Forgotten Skills
Tuesdays • June 25, July 23, August 27 • 4-5 pm
Youth Program Room
Learn how to tie square knots, thread needles, and rediscover other skills found in The Handbook of Forgotten Skills: Timeless Fun for a New Generation by Elaine Batiste. For grades 3-5.

Art in STEM
Friday, June 28 • 2-3 pm • Youth Program Room
Explore art in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) with the DuPage Children’s Museum! Work together to build a level structure on an uneven terrain using clay, straws, toothpicks, and other similar materials, observe different animal specimens like furs, skulls, insects encased in resin and make and label scientific drawings based on your observations, and create tiles with tesselation patterns using cut shapes and stencils. For grade k-5.

Tech Learn ‘n Play
Wednesdays • July 10, August 14 • 4-5 pm
Youth Program Room
Drop in to explore robotics and coding with technology like Ozobot, Sphero, and Snap Circuits! Try all of the options or spend extra time with your favorites. For ages 3-12. Children under 7, please bring your grownup.

Let’s Upcycle: Plastic Lanterns
Saturday, August 17 • 10-11 am
Youth Program Room
Turn found objects into something new while learning about the importance of the 3 Rs: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle! For grades k-5.
The Eras Tour Party
Saturday, July 13 • North and South Meeting Rooms
Pre-K to Grade 2: 10:30-11 am
Grades 3-8: 2:30-3 pm
Wear your favorite Eras outfit, exchange friendship bracelets, and sing along to The Eras Tour music with other Swifties.

The Magic and Mystery of the Talking Drum
Tuesday, July 30 • 3:30-4:15 pm
North and South Meeting Rooms
Experience the famous Talking Drum of West Africa with Mama Edie! Hear stories from West African countries, the Caribbean Islands, the Americas, and First Nations cultures about their use of the drum and explore the many ways that these cultures remain connected today. For adults and kids of all ages.

El Mago Magic Show
Saturday, August 3 • 11 am-Noon, 1-2 pm
North and South Meeting Rooms
Enjoy the magical feats of "El Mago" in a family-friendly show! Best for kids in preschool and elementary school and their grownups.

STORYTIME

Summer Storytime
June 4-July 25
The Glen Ellyn Public Library offers a variety of storytimes for children starting at birth. During staff-led programs that incorporate stories, songs, movement, rhymes, and other activities, your child will learn to love reading and the library. gepl.org/storytime.

Storytime in the Park
June 4-August 1 (excl. July 4)
Come out to your favorite neighborhood parks for songs, rhymes, and stories. Don’t forget to bring a blanket and bug spray! For kids of all ages and their grownups.
Tuesdays • 10:30-11 am
Lake Ellyn Park, 645 Lenox Road
Wednesdays • 10:30-11 am
Co-Op Park, 515 Wilson Avenue
Thursdays • 10:30-11 am
Newton Park, 707 Fairview Avenue

Together Time
Saturdays • June 8, July 6 • 10:30-11 am
Youth Program Room
Dynamic session promoting child and grownup bonding through creating, singing, playing, and sharing stories together. Twenty name tags (children only). For kids of all ages and their grownups.

Milk and Cookie Storytime
Wednesdays • June 26, July 24 • 6-7 pm
Youth Program Room
Dynamic session promoting child and grownup bonding through creating, singing, playing, and sharing stories together. After the story session, enjoy milk and cookies followed by open play. Twenty name tags (children only). For kids of all ages and their grownups.

Passport to Storytime
Fridays • August 16, 23, 30 • 10-10:30 am
Youth Program Room
Read books, sing songs, and listen to music inspired by different continents. Twenty name tags (children only). For kids of all ages and their grownups.

*Name tags will be available at the Youth Desk beginning 30 minutes prior to the program start time. Children with their grownups can pick up name tags on a first-come, first-served basis.
Preserving Family Moments with a Time Capsule  
By Sophie Kenney, Youth Department Director

As a frazzled parent of three young children, I was often told: “The days are long, but the years are short.” This adage still resonates with me years later, not just because I’m still frazzled most of the time, but because the passing of each year seems to speed up the older my children become.

Our family loves to reminisce by looking at old photos. Together, we share our thoughts and feelings which allow us to collectively relive memories. By diving deeper into special moments, we’ve created opportunities to discover new narratives and enrich our understanding of each other.

This summer, as the library hosts World on the Move: 250,000 Years of Human Migration, I encourage you and your family to capture what the summer of 2024 was like with a family time capsule. This simple activity involves collecting items from each family member, assembling a capsule to house the collection, and opening the capsule sometime in the future. The best part is that it’s just as much fun to put together as it is to open! Here are the steps:

1. **Choose where to hide the capsule.**
   There are endless ways to hide your capsule, whether it’s outside or in your home. Choose a location that’s easy to access and one you won’t forget! The location you pick will also factor into the type of capsule you use, so keep that in mind.

2. **Choose the capsule.** The capsule should be large enough to fit items for each of your family members. The best containers are airtight and waterproof, to prevent damage. If you’re keeping your capsule outdoors, make sure it is durable for Chicago winters and critter proof.

3. **Assemble the contents.** Gather items from each family member to create your collection. These items can be anything! Popular things to include are photos, favorite toys, mementos from special occasions, and artwork. It may be helpful to label the items and include short notes about why they are important.

4. **Seal the capsule.** Once you have everyone’s contributions, put them into your capsule and secure it.

5. **Hide the capsule.** Place your capsule in its hiding spot.

6. **Choose an opening date.** Decide when in the future you’ll open your capsule. There is no set timeline so pick what works best for your family. Remember to note the opening date and the time capsule location so you don’t forget.

7. **Open the capsule.** When the time comes, open it up and have fun reflecting on the summer of 2024.
FOUNDATION

The library’s Short Story Dispenser is on tour! The kiosk dispenses short stories and poems and was the first of its kind to offer short stories in Spanish. Library staff deliver the dispenser to schools using the outreach van. The dispenser was a gift from the Foundation, which also helped fund the outreach van to allow the library to make connections in the community to provide access to library materials, programs, services, and technology at senior centers, schools, parks, and other locations.

To learn more about the Foundation, visit gepl.org/foundation.

FRIENDS

Used Book Sales
Bimonthly in the basement of the library.

Monday, June 10 • 7-8:30 pm (during the Ice Cream Social)
Saturday, July 13 • 9 am-2 pm

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