



# GLEN ELLYN PUBLIC LIBRARY

READ, LISTEN, PLAY,  
WATCH, RESEARCH

## Museum Adventure Pass

Use your library card to receive admission or a special discount at participating Chicago area cultural destinations! [museumadventure.org](http://museumadventure.org)



MUSEUM  
ADVENTURE  
PASS

## Digital Resources

24/7 access on your computer or mobile device to items like databases, apps, eBooks and audiobooks, services, training, newspapers, health and consumer information, language instruction, and movie and film streaming. [gepl.org/digital-library](http://gepl.org/digital-library)



DIGITAL  
RESOURCES

## USE THE LIBRARY

### 65 S Park Lockers

24/7 locker hold pick up at 65 S Park Boulevard, inside the Glen Ellyn Police Department. [gepl.org/65-s-park-lockers](http://gepl.org/65-s-park-lockers)

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

### Home Delivery

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. [gepl.org/home-delivery](http://gepl.org/home-delivery)

## Glen Ellyn Library Foundation: Support the Library and Its Mission

The library is so grateful to the Glen Ellyn community for its support!

The mission of Glen Ellyn Public Library is to serve the community as a vibrant center for accurate information, robust learning, and personal discovery, and public funding has helped to make Glen Ellyn Public Library one of the preeminent libraries in the State of Illinois.

Although the library takes pride in its achievements and the services it currently provides, there are always additional resources and programs that could benefit the Glen Ellyn community. People have asked how else they can support the library and its mission. The Glen Ellyn Library Foundation exists to bridge the financial gap between publicly-funded library services and all the experiences that library staff want to deliver to the community.

Donor gifts touch many lives at Glen Ellyn Public Library— young people studying and congregating in the High School room, neighbors learning, exploring, and creating in The Workshop, and children discovering the wonders of storytelling and reading through the Short Story Dispenser. All these projects were funded substantially through contributions to the Glen Ellyn Library Foundation.

To learn more about how you can sustain the library through the Glen Ellyn Library Foundation, please email [foundation@gepl.org](mailto:foundation@gepl.org) or visit [gepl.org/foundation](http://gepl.org/foundation).

Thank you again for helping to keep the library one of the treasures and cornerstones of our community!

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## 1st Floor Refresh Construction Continues through November

Access to some areas of the Youth Department may be limited, and some items will be shifted and relocated. If there is something that you can't find, please ask at a service desk! Access to the North and South Meeting Rooms limited to staff. Improvements will include

- adding study rooms in the Youth Department
- creating a designated passport area in the Youth Department
- refreshing the Youth Department play area
- replacing the carpet in the lobby area





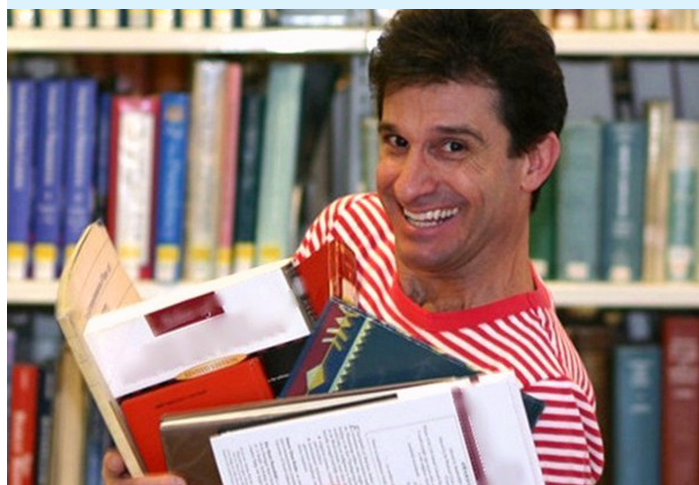


## Haunted Library

Friday, October 17 • 6-8 pm

Throughout the Library

The library will close at 2 pm on Friday, October 17 and re-open at 6 pm transformed for Halloween fun! Visit the library after hours, if you dare! On the 1st floor, find family-friendly frights. On the 2nd floor, watch actors perform scary scenes recommended for age 13 and older. Costumes are encouraged. Offered in partnership with the Glen Ellyn Park District. **For adults and kids of all ages.**



Chris Fascione | Juggling Funny Stories

## Holiday Walk

Friday, November 28 • 2-4:45 pm

Throughout the Library

Before you head to downtown Glen Ellyn for holiday festivities, come to the library! **For adults and kids of all ages.**

### 1st Floor

Scavenger hunt, crafts, and musical handbell game in the Youth Department

### 2nd Floor

Make a holiday button in The Workshop! Performances by Music Institute of Chicago Virtuoso Strings, Bellas Artes School of Music, and Chris Fascione.

## Glenbard Parent Series

Join online audiences with high school experts. Books related to each event are available at the 2nd Floor Information Desk.

### Quiet Power: The Secret Strengths of Introverted Kids and Adults

Wednesday, September 17 • Noon, 7 pm • Virtual Program

### What We Get Wrong Motivating and Connecting with Young People 10-25

Wednesday, October 15 • Noon, 7 pm • Virtual Program

### Untangling Teen Challenges: Social Media, Relationships, and the Epidemic of Stress

Thursday, October 30 • Noon, 7 pm • Virtual Program

### What Teens Want You to Know and Conversations to Have Now

Wednesday, November 12 • Noon, 7 pm • Virtual Program

## Sign up for a Library Card in September!

It may be small, but a library card packs a mighty punch. Borrow museum passes, musical instruments, and even tools from the library's collection. Take part in engaging programs like book clubs, movie nights, crafting classes, and lectures. Access technology, Wi-Fi, and career resources to support your goals, whether you're a student, job seeker, entrepreneur, or lifelong learner. It's one card with endless possibilities!

Staff at the Library Services Desk can help you determine your options.

## During September

Get your library card to receive a coffee mug (adults), string bag (age 13-17), or carabiner wallet (age 0-12) and be entered into a weekly drawing. Tag the library in a social media post to be entered into an end-of-month prize drawing.

Did you know that if you don't use your library card for three years (since September 2022) you have to register for a new card? Don't lose access to book holds and checkouts, digital resources, and makerspace activities at the library!

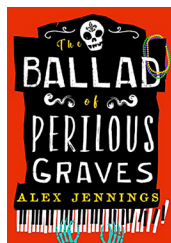
New since September 2022: 24/7 hold pickup, makerspace, 2nd Floor refresh, Seed Library.

## Adult Recommendations:

# A Sampler of Scares

by Elaine Waite, Readers' Advisory and Collection Development Librarian, with summaries from Goodreads.

No matter your tolerance for terror, there's a book for you on this list! The following titles have been sorted from simply spooky to downright distressing.



### *The Ballad of Perilous Graves* by Alex Jennings\*

Nola is a city full of wonders. A place of sky trolleys and dead cabs, where haints dance the night away and Wise Women keep the order, and where songs walk, talk and keep the spirit of the city alive. To those from Far Away, Nola might seem strange. To failed magician, Perilous Graves, it's simply home. Then the rhythm stutters. Nine songs of power have escaped from the magical piano that maintains the city's beat and without them, Nola will fail. Unexpectedly, Perry and his sister, Brendy, are tasked with saving the city. But a storm is brewing and the Haint of All Haints is awake. Even if they capture the songs, Nola's time might be coming to an end.



### *The September House* by Carissa Orlando\*

After purchasing the beautiful Victorian house on Hawthorne Street at an unexpectedly low price, Margaret and her husband Hal experience overwhelming (and undisclosed) hauntings each September. The walls drip blood, ghost children run through the halls, and the basement door must be boarded up and blessed by a priest lest the thing living down there try to escape. While most would choose to cut their losses and run, Margaret remains, insistent on staying in the only home she's ever truly owned. However, Hal leaves without notice one night, cutting all communication. Their daughter Katherine, unaware of her parents' circumstances, arrives searching for him in the first week of September.



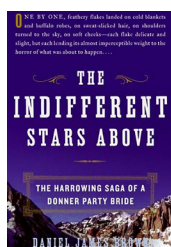
### *Horrorstör* by Grady Hendrix

Something strange is happening at the Orsk furniture superstore in Cleveland, Ohio. Every morning, employees arrive to find broken Kjerring bookshelves, shattered Glans water goblets, and smashed Liripip wardrobes. Sales are down, security cameras reveal nothing, and store managers are panicking. To unravel the mystery, three employees agree to work a nine-hour dusk-till-dawn shift. In the dead of the night, they'll patrol the empty showroom floor, investigate strange sights and sounds, and encounter horrors that defy the imagination.



### *Lone Women* by Victor LaValle

Adelaide Henry carries an enormous steamer trunk with her wherever she goes. It's locked at all times. Because when the trunk opens, people around Adelaide start to disappear. The year is 1915, and Adelaide is in trouble. Her secret sin killed her parents, forcing her to flee California in a hellfire rush and make her way to Montana as a homesteader. Dragging the trunk with her at every stop, she will become one of the "lone women" taking advantage of the government's offer of free land for those who can tame it—except that Adelaide isn't alone. And the secret she's tried so desperately to lock away might be the only thing that will help her survive the harsh territory.



### *The Indifferent Stars Above: The Harrowing Saga of a Donner Party Bride* by Daniel James Brown\*

In April of 1846, twenty-one-year-old Sarah Graves, intent on a better future, set out west from Illinois with her new husband, her parents, and eight siblings. Seven months later, after joining a party of emigrants led by George Donner, they reached the Sierra Nevada Mountains as the first heavy snows of the season closed the pass ahead of them. In early December, starving and desperate, Sarah and fourteen others set out for California on snowshoes and, over the next thirty-two days, endured almost unfathomable hardships and horrors.

\*Discuss these titles at Thursday Evening Book Club. You can find program information in this issue of *The Guide*.

## Social Hour for Adults 50+

**Wednesdays • 2:30-4 pm • 2nd Floor West Window**

**September 3-November 19**

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

## Passport Acceptance Fair

**Saturday, September 6 • 9:30 am-4 pm • Youth Program Room**

Glen Ellyn Public Library is an official Passport Acceptance Facility. During this event, four passport agents will accept, on behalf of the U.S. Department of State, walk in DS-11 applications for new passports for all ages and passport renewals for children under age 18 on a first-come, first-served basis. Passport photos will be available for an additional fee.

## Donuts and BINGO

**Thursdays • 10:30-11:30 am**

**September 11, October 9, November 13**

**Main Street Recreation Center, 501 Hill Avenue**

Enjoy BINGO, coffee, and donuts each month. One BINGO card per participant. Coffee, donuts, and BINGO cards are provided, and prizes will be awarded to the winners. This free drop-in activity is offered in partnership with the Glen Ellyn Park District.

## Thursday Evening Book Club

**Thursdays • 7-8 pm • Shakespeare Room**

**September 11**

*The September House* by Carissa Orlando

**October 9**

*The Battle of Perilous Graves* by Alex Jennings

**November 13**

*The Indifferent Stars Above: The Harrowing Saga of a Donner Party Bride* by Daniel James Brown

Copies of book discussion titles are available at the 2nd Floor Information Desk, 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](mailto:reference@gepl.org).

## Tech Help Drop-In

**Saturdays • September 13, October 11, November 8 • 1-3 pm**

**2nd Floor of the Library**

Drop in with your questions or to troubleshoot an app or device issue on your laptop, tablet, or phone.

## Illinois Libraries Present

**Tuesdays • 7-8 pm • Virtual Program**

These events are made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering premier events. **For adults and high school students.**

**September 16**

Finding the Clues: Then and Now with Steve Burns

**October 21**

Beyond the Screen: A "Wicked" Conversation with Marissa Bode

**November 18**

J. Kenji López-Alt: A Journey Through Food and Science

## Dementia Friendly

### Dementia Support Group

**Tuesdays • 3:30-4:30 pm • Shakespeare Room**

**September 2, October 7, November 4**

LaVon K. Lenaway, Dementia Care Educator, leads 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.

### Dementia Education

**Tuesdays • 1-2:30 pm • 2nd Floor Round Window Area**

Hadi Finerty from the Alzheimer's Association ([alz.org](http://alz.org)) will discuss various aspects of Alzheimer's and other dementias, which cause memory, thinking, and behavior problems that interfere with daily living.

**September 9:** 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's

**October 14:** Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia

### Craft Group

**Thursdays • 6:30-7:30 pm**

**2nd Floor West Window**

Work on your current project with other crafters or start a new project! Guest facilitators will provide a limited number of craft starter-kits. Light refreshments provided.

**September 18:** Tin Hearts

**October 16:** Card Making

**November 20:** Blackout Poetry

### Medicare Information for People Turning 65

**Thursdays • 7-8:30 pm**

**2nd Floor Atrium East**

Learn about the Medicare Election Timeframes for 2025 and 2026, including the Annual Enrollment Period (AEP) October 15-December 7, 2025. Representatives from The Medicare Ladies ([medicare-ladies.com](http://medicare-ladies.com)) will also discuss Social Security and Medicare Parts A, B, C, and D.

**September 25**

Everything You Need to Know About Medicare When You Turn 65

**October 23**

Medicare in 2026

### Vitalant Blood Drive

**Monday, November 3 • 2-6:30 pm • Library Parking Lot**

Schedule your donation appointment at [vitalant.org](http://vitalant.org) or call 877-25-VITAL. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are recommended.

### Tech Help One-on-One

**Appointments available at [calendar.gepl.org](http://calendar.gepl.org) or by emailing Lucy Prado at [lprado@gepl.org](mailto:lprado@gepl.org).**

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.



# Q&A

## Welcome Leslie Jacobs! Adult Department Director



### What drew you to work in libraries?

Ironically, working in libraries was going to be my “temporary job” until I decided what I wanted to be when I grew up. My first job out of college was with the Clermont County Public Library (CCPL) in Ohio and this “temporary job” turned into a 37-year adventure. I worked in a great community and had an opportunity to work with fantastic people.

### Can you share a little about your work at Clermont County Public Library and what you enjoyed most about it?

As I mentioned, my entire career in libraries had been spent with CCPL, working eventually in five of the system's ten branches throughout the county. I started in an entry-level position as a circulation clerk progressing to reference services, to librarian, and then to becoming a branch manager. I literally grew up in the system. For the past decade I have served as the assistant director of the CCPL system. During that time, I often had dual roles, sometimes as the human resources director, and other times as the public services manager. The thing I enjoyed the most was the people—those I worked for and those I worked with. I have met so many fantastic and interesting people in my career. The connections and friendships you make are the greatest parts of librarianship.

### What most excites you about joining the Glen Ellyn Public Library team?

One of the things I missed most about librarianship was working with the public. In my former position I did not have a lot of time to work at a public desk and interact with people. Coming to Glen Ellyn was an opportunity to get back to what I loved most. I am working with a great team, and I am having fun meeting new people. I am really excited to be here.

### Is there a library program or project you've worked on that you're especially proud of?

One project I am especially proud of is the genealogical service CCPL offers to both local, national, and international researchers. When I became the manager of the Doris E. Wood Branch in Batavia, Ohio, I was tasked with making the collection more accessible to the public. The branch housed the local genealogical society's collection, but staff did not feel ownership of the collection. During my tenure at the branch, that changed. All staff of the branch are trained to assist anyone with the collection. Training is now also required of all system staff. The library has assisted researchers from almost every state in the United States as well as researchers from Australia, United Arab Emirates, Germany, and England.

### When you're not at the library, how do you like to spend your time?

As a recent transplant from Cincinnati, Ohio, I've been spending time exploring the area. I especially love the shops in Glen Ellyn's downtown as well as going to the local farmers markets on Saturdays. I have new memberships at The Morton Arboretum, the Art Institute of Chicago, and the Lincoln Park Zoo, so I've been making use of my memberships. I also like to participate in local 5Ks.

## THE WORKSHOP



***"I absolutely LOVE these workshops!  
It's so fun to have the opportunity  
to see how the equipment works and  
make cool things. The staff in the  
makerspace is always so positive,  
encouraging, and friendly."***

## Helpful Computer Skills for Maker Projects

Most maker projects require a design file that is uploaded to the software that runs the equipment. For this reason, the following skills are very helpful.

- use a keyboard to copy and paste
- use a mouse to double-click and left-click, click-and-drag and highlight text, and scroll
- navigate file directories, open and rename files
- use a flash drive
- patience to use a computer for up to an hour

The library highly recommends Tech Help One-on-One sessions and DigitalLearn.org for anyone who would like to enhance their computer skills. The library makes every effort to ensure that programs can be enjoyed by all. If you have any concerns about accessibility or need to request specific accommodations, please call 630-469-0879 or email [reference@gepl.org](mailto:reference@gepl.org).



**THE WORKSHOP**

## For Adults and High School Students

Supplies provided.

### Monthly Make

Reserve a kit that includes supplies and instructions for a self-guided maker project. When you register, please indicate your preferred days and times to come into The Workshop and complete the project. Please see *Helpful Computer Skills for Maker Projects*.

#### September 8-30: Sublimated Mug

Cozy season is coming! Use the sublimation printer to make a new mug for sipping your favorite warm beverage.

#### October 6-31: Pumpkin Tealight

Use the laser cutter to create a seasonal tealight holder—no pumpkin-carving tools required.

#### November 3-30: Personalized Gift Tags

Add a special touch to your gifts by using the Cricut® to create personalized tags.

### Equipment Basics

**Saturdays • 10-11:30 am • The Workshop**

Staff-led program to learn basic skills using a piece of equipment by working on a beginner-level project. Please see *Helpful Computer Skills for Maker Projects*.

**September 13:** Cricut®

**September 20:** 3D Printer

**October 11:** Laser Engraver

**October 25:** Embroidery Machine

**November 1:** Sublimation Printer and Heat Press

### Make and Take

Staff-led program to use makerspace equipment to make a specific item to take home. Please see *Helpful Computer Skills for Maker Projects*.

#### Laser-Cut Box

**Monday, September 15 • 2-4 pm**

**The Workshop**

Learn to laser-cut and assemble a wooden box, perfect for storing pencils or organizing small items.

#### Laser-Cut Papel Picado

**Monday, October 27 • 2-4 pm**

**The Workshop**

Explore a fusion of tradition and technology as you use the laser to cut a colorful paper banner, inspired by the designs seen fluttering at weddings, birthdays, and Dia De Los Muertos celebrations.

#### Laser-Cut Acrylic Pie Topper

**Monday, November 10 • 1-3 pm, 5:30-7:30 pm**

**The Workshop**

Spruce up your baked goods! Learn how to use the laser and cut decorative acrylic pie toppers.



## For Kids

Supplies provided.

### Beginner 3D Printing

**Wednesdays • September 3, October 1, November 5 • 4-5 pm**

**Youth Program Room**

Learn how to use Tinkercad to design the project of the month and 3D print the item to keep! Please register for each month separately. Prior month's attendance is not necessary. **For grades 3-8.**

### Intermediate 3D Printing

**Wednesdays • September 3, October 1, November 5**

**5:30-6:30 pm • Youth Program Room**

If you have already attended Beginner 3D Printing and are confident using Tinkercad, create your own design and then 3D print the item to keep! Please register for each month separately. Prior month's attendance is not necessary. **For grades 3-8.**

### Laser Engrave a Notebook

**Grades 3-5: Tuesday, September 9 • 4-5 pm**

**Grades 6-8: Tuesday, September 9 • 5:30-6:30 pm**

**The Workshop**

Use Canva® to create a design and then use the laser to engrave the design onto a notebook cover.

### Make Your Own Poster

**Grades 3-5: Tuesday, October 14 • 4-5 pm**

**Grades 6-8: Tuesday, October 14 • 5:30-6:30 pm**

**The Workshop**

Use the large format printer to print something you design.

### Decorate a Custom Mug

**Grades 3-5: Tuesday, November 11 • 4-5 pm**

**Grades 6-8: Tuesday, November 11 • 5:30-6:30 pm**

**The Workshop**

Use Canva® to create a design and use the Sublimation Printer to print the design. Then use the Mug Heat Press to transfer the design onto a sublimation blank mug!

Registration for maker programs begins at Noon 30 days prior to the event.

If you have any questions about The Workshop, please email [makerspace@gepl.org](mailto:makerspace@gepl.org) or call 630-790-6742.

# HIGH SCHOOL

## Friday Challenge

**Fridays • 3:30-4:30 pm • High School Room**

Face the Young Adult Librarian in this month's challenge to get a free snack.

**September 12:** Answer Me These Questions Three

**October 10:** Let's Play a Game

**November 14:** Minute to Win It

## Drop-In Volunteer Hours

**Sundays • 2-4 pm • High School Room**

Write letters for the month's featured partner. Students completing at least one acceptable letter can receive verified volunteer hours. Supplies provided.

**September 14:** Letters of Hope

**October 12:** Love for Others

**November 9:** Letters for Veterans

## Global Taste Test

**Wednesdays • 4-5 pm • Shakespeare Room**

**September 17, October 15, November 19**

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.

## Reality DuPage Nature Walk

**Tuesday, October 14 • 6-7 pm • Shakespeare Room**

Being in nature and creating art has been shown to reduce stress, improve mood, and enhance mental clarity. All DuPage County high school students are invited to join Reality Illinois ([dupageplt.org/reality](http://dupageplt.org/reality)), the Teen Board to the DuPage County Health Department, as we work to support mental health and well-being at a special Art in Nature event in partnership with The Conservation Foundation.

## Financial Aid Application Completion Workshop

**Tuesday, October 21 • 6-7:30 pm • 2nd Floor Atrium South**

Work with a representative from the Illinois Student Assistance Commission's ISACorps to get help completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Participants

- must create an FSA ID at least three business days prior to the workshop to be able to start the FAFSA
- should have information regarding their income and asset information readily available
- should bring a device (such as a laptop) to work on if possible.

## High School Craft Series

Participate in a craft after school.

### Felted Soap

**Monday, September 22 • 4-5 pm • The Workshop**

### Paper Marigolds and Diya Painting

**Tuesday, October 28 • 4-5 pm • High School Room**

### Pumpkin Spice Crafts

**Tuesday, November 25 • 4-5 pm • High School Room**



# MIDDLE SCHOOL

## Versus: Videogame Tournament

**Thursdays • 4-5 pm • The Middle**

**September 18, October 16, November 20**

Each month, play a different Nintendo Switch game and compete for a prize.

## Group LEGO® Build

**Wednesday, November 26 • 1-4 pm**

**The Middle**

Work with friends to build an amazing, premium LEGO® kit that will be displayed in the library.

## For Middle/High School

## So You Want to Play Dungeons & Dragons®

**Thursdays • 4-5 pm • Shakespeare Room**

For seasoned adventurer and beginner middle and high school students.

### September 4: Character Creation

Create Your Character for Dungeons & Dragons 5e 2024.

### October 2: Learn to Play

Learn the basics of how to play the latest edition of Dungeons & Dragons.

### November 6: Dungeon Master's Workshop

Running a game is hard. Get advice, workshop combat encounters, and troubleshoot to make your games the best they can be.



### OneInMath

**Sundays • September 7-November 16 • 2:30-3:30 pm**  
**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 at OneInMath.com.

### Fun with STEM: Learn and Create

**Mondays • 4-4:45 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.**

**September 8:** Use magnets to make a train without wheels.

**October 13:** Convert chemical energy from lemons into electrical energy.

**November 10:** Use tensegrity, or tension integrity, to build a structure that defies gravity.

### The Artist in You

**Wednesdays • 4-5 pm • Youth Program Room**

**September 10, October 8, November 12**

Make one-of-a-kind art inspired by famous artists, the world around you, and your own creative spirit! **For grades k-2.**

### Toddler Artists Kit

**Wednesdays • September 10, October 8**

**Youth Department**

Use the supplies and instructions provided to share rhymes and a craft anywhere! Available while supply lasts. **For ages 2-3 years and their grownups.**

### Create Kindness

**Thursdays • 4-5 pm • Youth Program Room**

**September 11, October 9, November 13**

Crochet or knit an item to donate to the Community Cupboard. Supplies and instruction available. Beginners welcome! Volunteer hours can be awarded. **For grades 4-8.**

### Brilliant Babies

**Fridays • 9:30-10 am, 10:30-11 am • Youth Program Room**

**September 12, October 10, November 14**

Bring baby to a special playtime at the library with craft, sensory, and activity stations. Fifteen name tags (children only) 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.

**For birth-24 months and their grownups.**

### Pottery Possibilities

**Tuesdays • 4-5 pm • Youth Program Room**

**September 16, October 21, November 18**

Create a fun piece of pottery each month using a different type of clay. **For grades 3-5.**

### Bluestem Book Club

**Tuesdays • 6-7 pm • Youth Program Room**

**September 16, October 21, November 18**

Preview a Bluestem book each month while eating pizza supplied by the library. Listen to the first chapter of the book and then participate in a fun activity. Please register for each month separately. **Best for grades 3-5.**

### After School Snack Attack

**Tuesdays • September 23, October 28 • 4-5 pm**

**Youth Program Room**

Learn basic food prep skills to create your own treats to eat! **For grades 3-5.**

### Drama in the Library

**Thursdays • September 25, October 23 • 4-5 pm**

**Youth Program Room**

Explore the world of theatre from comedy improv silly scenes to readers theatre expressive storytelling. No experience needed—just bring your imagination and get ready to shine!

**For grades 3-5.**

### Piñata Party!

**Thursday, October 2 • 4-5 pm • Youth Program Room**

Listen to a story and create your own piñata during Hispanic Heritage Month to recognize the artistry of this Hispanic cultural tradition. **For grades 2-5.**

### Monster March

**Wednesday, October 29 • 10-10:45 am, 6-6:45 pm**

**Thursday, October 30 • 10-10:45 am**

**Friday, October 31 • 10-10:45 am**

**Youth Program Room**

Parades begin at 10:30 am and 6:30 pm (Wednesday only)

Celebrate Halloween with a craft and walk through the library to show off your costume! **For birth-age 6 and their grownups.**

### Smart Starts

**Tuesdays • November 4, 11, 18 • 10-11 am**

**Wednesdays • November 5, 12, 19 • 10-11 am**

**Youth Program Room**

Drop in for some early-literacy learning and play based on a weekly theme. **For pre-k and their grownups.**

### American Girl® Doll Adventures

**Saturday, November 8 • 1-2 pm • Youth Program Room**

Learn about a surprise American Girl® through crafts and other hands-on activities. Bring your own doll or stuffed animal to join the fun. **For grades 1-5.**

### Self-Care Squad: Gratitude Journal Kit

**Tuesday, November 18 • Youth Department**

Learn how to start a simple, positive habit of writing down your thoughts and feelings in a personal notebook. Kit includes supplies and instructions. While supply lasts. **For grades 3-5.**



## Read a New Book at the StoryWalk®!

By Meredith Bazzoli, Youth Department Librarian

If you're looking for more literacy activities while the Youth Department undergoes construction this fall, take a walk, ride, or scoot down the Prairie Path to Prairie Path Park and check out our StoryWalk®!

Ann Ferguson, a librarian in Vermont, developed the first StoryWalk® as a way to encourage literacy and physical activity in her community. Weatherproof stands display the pages of a picture book, and readers can enjoy the story as they walk from station to station. The Glen Ellyn Public Library StoryWalk® was installed in 2017 with support from Glen Ellyn Rotary Club and Glen Ellyn Park District. The display has featured 25 titles since 2017!

In September, the display will feature *Let it Grow* by Mary Ann Fraser. This sweet, simple story about the life cycle of a pumpkin is perfect for fall! Visiting the StoryWalk® makes a great outing on its own or as a fun adventure to tag onto a visit downtown or while waiting for the train.

On Saturday, September 27, the library will host Pumpkin Stories at the StoryWalk®. You can find program and registration information in this issue of *The Guide*.

If you visit the StoryWalk®, take a picture with your favorite panel! Show staff at the Youth Desk your picture to sign the exclusive StoryWalk® guest book and receive a special sticker!

## Sibling Support Project

### Sibshop for Siblings of Children with Disabilities

**Saturday, September 13 • 11 am-Noon • Youth Program Room**

Connect with other kids who share the experience of having a brother or sister with a disability. Laugh, talk, play games, do activities, and discuss your shared experiences. Discussion topics may include how to answer questions about your sibling's differences, how to handle big feelings, and how to navigate your role as a sibling. Led by adult siblings of people with disabilities who are trained Sibshop (sibshopsupport.org) facilitators. **For siblings ages 7-12 years of children with disabilities.**

### Parent and Caregiver Sibshop Support Meeting

**Saturday, September 13 • 11 am-Noon • Shakespeare Room**

Discuss the needs, concerns, and opportunities that are frequently experienced by siblings of people with disabilities, and how Sibshops and other practical strategies can support them. Caregivers for children with disabilities and a typically developing child may wonder about the typically developing child's experience as a sibling. Siblings are in a unique position to be lifelong advocates for the needs of their brothers and sisters with disabilities, and information and support at an early age are important. Led by adult siblings of people with disabilities who are trained Sibshop facilitators. **For caregivers of children with disabilities.**

## STORYTIME

[gepl.org/storytime](http://gepl.org/storytime)



**ADD STORYTIME  
TO YOUR CALENDAR**

### Together Time at the Civic Center

**Tuesdays • September 9-October 28  
10:30-11 am**

**Glen Ellyn Civic Center, 535 Duane Street, 2nd Floor Gymnasium**  
Dynamic session promoting child and grownup bonding through creating, singing, playing, and sharing stories together. **For kids of all ages and their grownups.**

### Meet-a-Truck Storytime

**Fridays • September 19, 26 • 10:30-11 am  
Newton Park, 707 Fairview Avenue**

Listen to a story and songs about trucks then explore the truck featured in the story. Offered in partnership with the Village of Glen Ellyn Public Works Department. **For kids and younger and their grownups.**

### Pumpkin Stories at the StoryWalk®

**Saturday, September 27 • 10:30-11 am  
Prairie Path Park, Between Forest Ave. and Park Blvd.**

Ring in pumpkin season with a storytime and activity centered around this fall's StoryWalk® book, *Let it Grow* by Mary Ann Fraser. **For kids of all ages and their grownups.**



**Sticker Club** is a fun way for kids in grades k-5 to earn stickers when they read! Sign up at the Youth Desk to receive a Sticker Pouch and a Sticker Club Log. Keep track of the days you read and earn a sticker for every seven days logged!

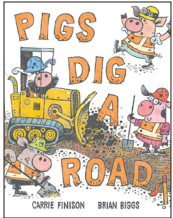


## Youth Recommendations:

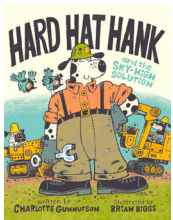
## Construction Junction

by Payton Hughes, Youth Programming Associate

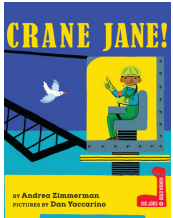
While the Youth Department gets a facelift this fall, hunker down with these construction-themed stories and wait for the renovation to be revealed!

**Pigs Dig a Road by Carrie Finison**

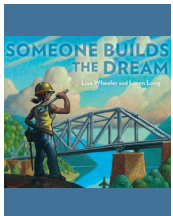
A crew of enthusiastic construction workers race to build a road to the county fair—but too much chaos means crew leader Rosie must take charge and make sure they get the job done!

**Hard Hat Hank and the Sky-High Solution by Charlotte Gunnufson**

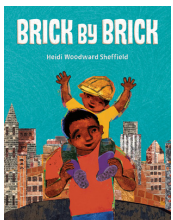
Hank and his crew are hard at work until their progress is halted by a bird building a nest on their construction site. This upbeat, rhyming picture book teaches us the power of eco-focused problem solving by showing us how easy it can be to make space for the natural world in our busy lives.

**Crane Jane! by Andrea Zimmerman**

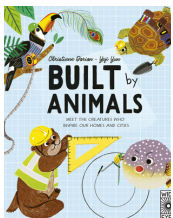
Confident and capable Jane stares down a storm while lifting her biggest load yet. Does she have what it takes to get the job done on time?

**Someone Builds the Dream by Lisa Wheeler**

An ode to the unsung heroes that have worked tirelessly to build the world around us. Lyrical prose and joyful illustrations remind readers that every dream begins with someone's behind the scenes hard work, turning our imagination into our reality!

**Brick by Brick by Heidi Woodward Sheffield**

Louis and Papi are hard at work—Louis is building his imagination book by book, while Papi is building the city brick by brick. It all comes to an end with a surprise that makes their work worthwhile! This heartwarming story celebrates family bonds, cultural pride, and the power of perseverance.

**Built by Animals: Meet the Creatures Who Inspire Our Homes and Cities by Christiane Dorion**

Take a fascinating tour of remarkable creatures whose natural engineering has inspired human innovation.

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## Direct Dial

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Cafe: 630-790-6772

## Hours

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

## Fall Closures

Monday, September 1: Labor Day  
Friday, October 3: Staff In-Service Day  
Friday, October 17: Prep for Haunted Library (close at 2 pm)  
Wednesday, November 26: Thanksgiving Eve (close at 5 pm)  
Thursday, November 27: Thanksgiving Day

## Executive Director

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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.



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## FOUNDATION

Donor gifts touch many lives at Glen Ellyn Public Library—young people studying and congregating in the High School room, neighbors learning, exploring, and creating in The Workshop, and children discovering the wonders of storytelling and reading through the Short Story Dispenser. All these projects were funded substantially through contributions to the Glen Ellyn Library Foundation.

To learn more about how you can sustain the library through the Glen Ellyn Library Foundation, please email [foundation@gepl.org](mailto:foundation@gepl.org) or visit [gepl.org/foundation](http://gepl.org/foundation).

**GIVE. GROW. INSPIRE.**

## 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**



**CAFE MENU**  
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## FRIENDS

Friends of the Library (FoL) is a volunteer organization dedicated to raising funds to supplement the library's annual budget for materials, programs, and literacy initiatives in the local community. The Friends raise funds through an annual community mailing, used book sales, and the Used Book Nook at the library. For more information on Friends activities, visit [gepl.org/friends](http://gepl.org/friends).

### Annual Community Mailing

**October 15 (5-9 pm) and October 16 (9 am-Noon)**

**Board Room, 3rd Floor**

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](mailto:friends@gepl.org) for details.

### Used Book Sales

**Held in the Basement Friends Area**

**Saturday, September 13 • 9 am-2 pm**

**Sunday, September 14 • 1-4 pm** (most items \$10 a bag)

**Saturday, November 8 • 9 am-2 pm**

**Friday, November 28 • 1-4 pm** (during the library's Holiday Walk)

### Used Book Nook

**Located next to The Cafe**

Most items are \$2 for adult books and \$1 for children's books.

### Book Donations

Book donations 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. Donations of quality adult and children's books, media, puzzles, and games are appreciated. We cannot accept encyclopedias, magazines, or damaged, outdated materials.