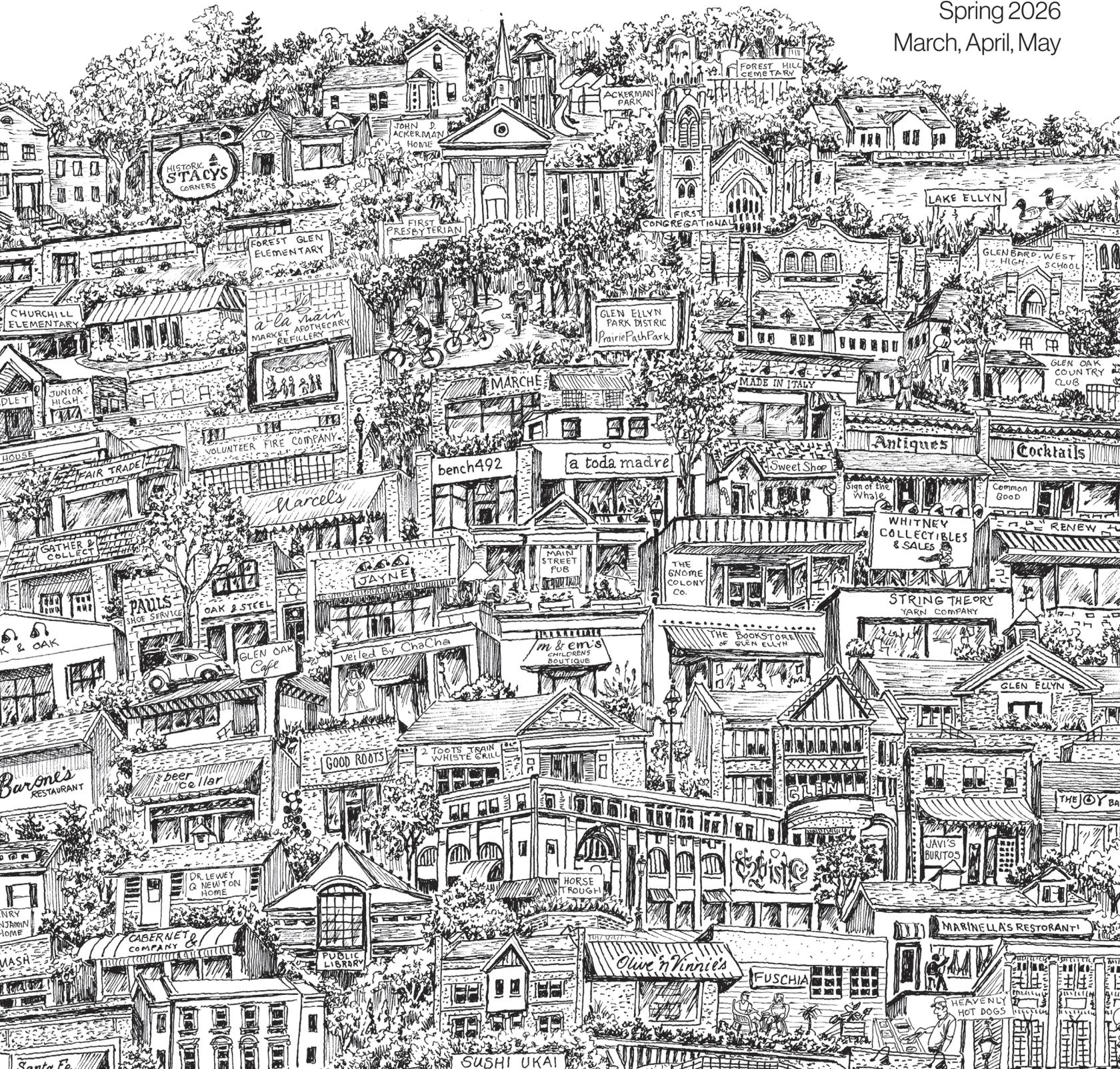


Spring 2026
March, April, May



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!



Museum Adventure Pass
museumadventure.org

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.



Digital Resources
gepl.org/digital-library

USE THE LIBRARY

65 S Park Lockers

gepl.org/65-s-park-lockers

24/7 locker hold pick up available at 65 S Park Boulevard inside Glen Ellyn Police Department.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Home Delivery

gepl.org/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.

ON THE COVER

Bruce Loesch, “Glen Ellyn Community Montage”

Visit The Lytle Auditorium's website at thelytleauditorium.com/montages to see the full artwork.

A 16"×20" limited-run archival print is available for sale, with 20% of the print price going to one of five Glen Ellyn community organization options of your choice.



Library of Things

More Than Books: Discover Glen Ellyn Public Library's Library of Things

When most people think of their local library, they picture shelves of books, quiet study tables, and perhaps a row of public computers. All of that still exists at Glen Ellyn Public Library—but it is no longer the full story. Tucked amongst the traditional collection is something many people have yet to discover: a Library of Things that allows cardholders to borrow practical, creative, and occasionally surprising items at no cost.

Yes, you can check out a sewing machine. You can borrow an American Girl doll. You can take home a projector for a presentation, or a karaoke kit for a family celebration. And those examples are only the beginning.

The Library of Things reflects a modern understanding of what a public library can be: not simply a place to consume information, but a community resource that helps people try new skills, complete projects, and share experiences—without having to purchase equipment they may only need once.

Why a Library of Things?

Many household tools and specialty items are expensive, bulky, or used infrequently. A sewing machine, for example, may cost hundreds of dollars, yet many people only need one for an occasional repair or short-term project. The same is true for a projector used for a single meeting, a karaoke kit for a party, or a puzzle that comes out once or twice a year.

By circulating these items, the library lowers barriers to creativity, learning, and participation. Cardholders can explore hobbies, host gatherings, and complete tasks without the financial burden or storage challenges that often come with owning such equipment.

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More materials in World Languages

آپ لائبریری میں کون سی اردو اشیاء شامل کرنا چاہیں گے؟

What Urdu items would you like us to add to the library?

¿Qué materiales en español les gustaría que agregáramos a la biblioteca?

What Spanish items would you like us to add to the library?

आप हम से लाइब्रेरी में कौन से हिंदी आइटम्स शामिल करवाना चाहेंगे?

What Hindi items would you like us to add to the library?

Jakie polskie tytuły chcielibyście, abyśmy dodali do naszej biblioteki?

What Polish items would you like us to add to the library?



by Sara Youngs, Passport Coordinator and Meredith Bazzoli, Youth Librarian

The library's strategic plan includes two overarching goals to *Improve Existing Resources and Access* and *Meet Current Community Needs* to help it become the top anchor institution for everyone in the Glen Ellyn community.

In 2025, a survey indicated that if the library had them, community cardholders would use magazines and books in their primary language. Primary languages surveyed included Spanish, Russian, Hindi, Urdu, and Polish. Based on these results, and using data from Glen Ellyn schools, the library is making a concerted effort to expand its materials in languages other than English to meet the needs of current community members.

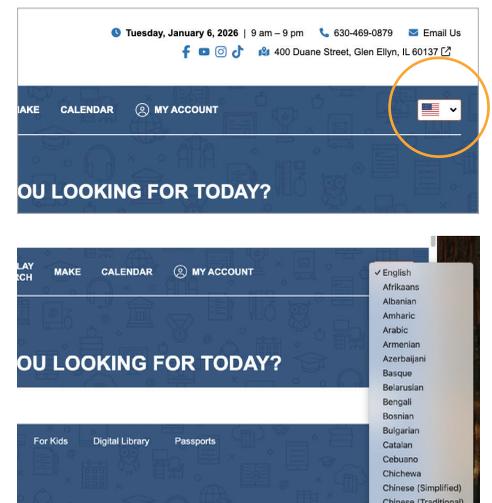
The earliest additions were magazines, which are now available on the 2nd floor. New books in Polish, Urdu, and Hindi should also be available in early 2026. The Youth department collection includes updated Spanish, Polish, and Urdu materials. If these materials are of interest to you and you have trouble locating them, please ask staff at the Youth Desk.

The library worked with a wonderful vendor, WEPA! Libros, that prioritized sourcing original works over translations and recommended quality, in-demand materials. Items are still making their way onto the shelves. Some items have made a long journey from publishing houses overseas and are being added to the collection with extra love and care.

Many materials in Spanish, Russian, Hindi, Urdu, and Polish are also available online as digital resources through Libby and Hoopla. Other digital sources of materials in languages other than English include LOTE4Kids, Palace, and Tumble Book Library. You can access these resources at gepl.org/digital-library.

To help ensure that the items in the expanded World Languages collection meet community needs, please email reference@gepl.org or mention to staff which World Languages items you are enjoying and any additional items that the library can help you access.

To read the website in languages other than English, please use the translation available in the navigation menu at gepl.org (images below). Community members are welcome to communicate in their native language when they use the Contact Us form.



AMERICA



America250 Celebration

Saturday, May 30 • 1–3 pm • Throughout the Library

Join community members of all ages for activities and light refreshments to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

Coming soon: Find out in eNews and at gepl.org how the library is using an unexpected \$10,000 gift from Carnegie Corporation of New York in celebration of America's 250th anniversary.

What's America250?

america250.org

America250 is the national commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. It's an opportunity to reflect on how the past 250 years, guided by the belief that "all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness," have made the United States of America what it is today.

Celebrate with the library!

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Spring Break Craft	All ages, page 10

Color Festival

Saturday, March 28 • 1–2 pm

Maryknoll Park, 845 Pershing Avenue

Holi, often called the "festival of colors," is a vibrant and joyful Hindu celebration that takes place in March. Explore the stories and traditions of Holi with Bollywood & Culture Groove and participate in a lively, beginner-friendly dance and a color throw. Please wear clothes you don't mind getting messy and bring a towel for the ride home. **For adults and kids of all ages.**



Silent Dance Party

Friday, April 17 • 6:30–8:30 pm

2nd Floor Atrium East

Let the library be your dance floor at a special after-hours event! Put on a pair of headphones, tune to a music channel, and dance to your own beat. Headphones and snacks provided.

For adults and kids of all ages.



Crayon and Bread Tag Recycling

April 1–30

Lobby near The Cafe

The library is partnering with SCARCE (scarce.org) to collect crayons and bread tags for recycling. Drop off these items in the lobby near The Cafe.



Illinois Libraries Present: Authors Percival Everett, Cristina Henríquez, and R.F. Kuang

Virtual Program • 7–8 pm

These events are made possible by the Illinois Library Association-ILP and its member libraries, and in part funded by a grant awarded by the Illinois State Library, a department of the Office of the Secretary of State, using funds provided by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services, under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). **For adults and high school students.**

Thursday, March 19 **Beyond the Page with Percival Everett**

Thursday, April 16 **Cristina Henríquez: Voice, Culture, and Human Connection**

Tuesday, May 19 **Babel-On with R.F. Kuang**



Navigating Healthy Families

Glenbard Parent Series

Virtual Program • Noon, 7 pm

Join online audiences with high school experts. Books related to each of the events listed below are available at the Adult Desk. For more information about these virtual presentations and to discover many more (including presentations in Spanish, Urdu, Hindi, and Gujarati) visit gpsparentseries.org.

Thursday, March 24 **College Admissions Essentials** from Ethan Sawyer, "The College Essay Guy"

Wednesday, April 8 **Parent Yourself First: Become the Parent You Want to Be** with licensed marriage and family therapist Bryana Kappadakunnel

Tuesday, April 28 **Teen Relationship Skills in the Social Media Era** with educator Lisa A. Phillips

Adult Recommendations

In Like a Lion, Out Like a Lamb

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

The proverb "in like a lion, out like a lamb" is often applied to spring weather (specifically the month of March), meaning that the weather is very harsh and biting (like a lion) at the beginning, but gets warmer and more pleasant at the end (like a lamb) as summer arrives.

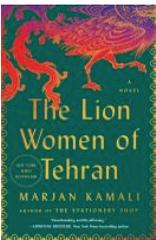
These books have nothing to do with that proverb, aside from their titles.



Wearing the Lion by John Wiswell

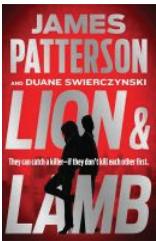
In a fit of god-induced madness, Heracles slayed his own children. Now a shell of a man and wracked with guilt, he embarks on a quest to find the god that cursed him and get revenge. Hera, the guilty party, sends Heracles monster after monster to slay as a distraction. Too traumatized to enact more violence, Heracles instead cares for the Nemean lion, cures the illness of the Lernaean hydra, and bonds with Crete's giant bull.

Wearing the Lion is a reimagining of the Labors of Hercules. It is also a story about grief, redemption, and the power of compassion.



The Lion Women of Tehran by Marjan Kamali

This novel explores the intertwined yet divergent lives of two Iranian girls as they grow into adulthood and experience different social classes, political leanings, and dreams spanning from 1950 Tehran, through the 1979 Iranian Revolution, to the United States in 2022.



Lion & Lamb by James Patterson and Duane Swierczynski

Rival PIs, Veena Lion and Cooper Lamb, work the same intense headline-making case involving Eagles starting quarterback Archie Hughes and his even more famous wife, Grammy-winning singer Francine Hughes. One spouse is murdered. The other is suspect #1. Even before the case hits the courtroom, it's the hottest ticket in town. Together, Lion and Lamb knowing every secret in Philadelphia, prove how two wrongs can make a right.



Three Bags Full: A Sheep Detective Story by Leonie Swann

Something is not right with George the shepherd. His sheep have gathered around him outside the cozy Irish village of Glennkill to assess the situation. George has cared for the sheep for years, reading them books every night, and now he lies pinned to the ground with a spade. His flock, far savvier about the workings of the human mind than your average sheep, sets out to find George's killer, led by Miss Maple, the smartest sheep in Glennkill (and possibly the world).



She's a Lamb! by Meredith Hambrock*

Jessamyn will stop at nothing to become a Broadway star. But for now, she juggles working as an usher at a theatre in Vancouver with auditioning for TV commercials. When she gets the opportunity to try out for the main role in the theatre's production of *The Sound of Music*, she's convinced that this will be her big break. The only problem is she doesn't book the part. Or any part, actually. She is instead offered a job as the babysitter for the child actors. Jessamyn knows in her heart that she could do a better job than the woman cast as the lead...and she'll go to great lengths to try and snatch the role out from under her.

*Discuss this title at Thursday Evening Book Club. You can find program information on the next page.

Adult Programs

Social Hour for Adults 50+

Wednesdays • March 4–May 27 • 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. Light refreshments provided.

Donuts and Bingo

Thursdays • March 12, April 9, May 14 • 10:30–11:30 am
Main Street Recreational Center, 501 Hill Ave.

Enjoy bingo, coffee, and donuts at Main Street Recreation Center on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Games are from 10:30–11:30 am. 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 Glen Ellyn Park District.

Thursday Evening Book Club

Thursdays • 7–8 pm • Shakespeare Room

March 12 *The Nickel Boys* by Colson Whitehead

April 9 *She's a Lamb!* by Meredith Hambrick

May 14 *The Devil in the White City* by Erik Larsen

Copies of book discussion titles are available at the Adult Desk, or you can request a copy for pick up at the drive-up window by calling the Adult Desk at 630-790-6630 or emailing reference@gepl.org.

Remember When

Monday, March 16 • 2–3 pm

North and South Meeting Rooms

Nostalgic humorist Todd Hunt will recall when times were simpler growing up in small-town America. There was just one flavor of Cheerios, humans answered the phone, and pet rocks and mood rings were the rage!

Craft Group

Thursdays • 6:30–7:30 pm

March 19, April 16 • 2nd Floor West Window

May 21 • North and South Meeting Rooms

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.

March 19 Scrapbooking

April 16 Blackout Poetry

May 21 Glass Terrariums

Plant Exchange and Soil Demonstration

Sunday, May 17 • 2–4 pm • Picnic tables near the library parking lot
Jump-start your garden! Trade small seedlings, garden veggies, flowers, and houseplants for other plants. A representative from Sustain DuPage will explain the components of a peat-free seed mix.

Dementia-Friendly Support and Education

Dementia Caregiver Support Group

Tuesdays • 3:30–4:30 pm • North Meeting Room

March 3, April 7, May 5

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 Memory Care of Glen Ellyn.

Memory Cafe

Tuesdays • March 10, April 14, May 12 • 4–5 pm

North and South Meeting Rooms

Memory Cafes are welcoming social gatherings for people living with changes in their memory or thinking, and the people who care about them. A Memory Cafe is a place to have fun together, talk with others who understand what you're going through, and try something new! Presented in partnership with Teresa's Place Adult Daycare Center.

The Slow Churn of "What Now?" and "What Next?" as a Family Caregiver

Tuesday, March 24 • 2–3:30 pm • North and South Meeting Rooms

Thursday, April 23 • 5:30–7 pm • North and South Meeting Rooms

It all starts with a sneaking suspicion of something different or something changed in a loved one. From there, the questions and curiosities don't stop. LaVon K. Lenaway, Dementia Care Educator, will focus on where to start if you suspect memory impairment in a loved one and continue through the three stages of dementia. This helps us understand where we are at and where we might be going. Clarity is kindness, and honesty about dementia's realities, while difficult, are important for our advocacy, coping, grief, and planning.

Walk-In Passport Photos

Saturday, April 18 • 10 am–2 pm • North and South Meeting Rooms

Tuesday, April 21 • 6–8 pm • North and South Meeting Rooms

The library normally offers passport photo services by appointment only. Have a passport photo taken without an appointment on a first-come, first-served basis by a passport agent. The fee for passport photos is \$15 for two printed photos per person (digital copy available upon request), which may be paid with cash, credit card, or check payable to Glen Ellyn Public Library. Please do not wear camouflage or white shirts. **Passport applications will not be accepted at this event.** Please visit gepl.org/passports for more information.

Vitalant Blood Drive

Monday, April 6 • 2–6:30 pm • North and South Meeting Rooms

Schedule your donation appointment at vitalant.org or call 877-25-VITAL. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are recommended.

Guitar for Beginners

Wednesdays • March 18–May 13 • 7–8:30 pm

North and South Meeting Rooms

Learn guitar basics from guitarist John Wolaver in a nine-week session in a friendly group setting. Please bring your own guitar. Optionally, participate in a performance at the end of the session. **For ages 16 and up.**

Manga March Madness

Tuesdays • Weekly brackets start March 3, 10, 17, 24 at 4 pm

Vote for your favorite manga in a March Madness manga bracket. Ballots will be available at the Adult Desk on the 2nd floor beginning Tuesdays at 4 pm with voting through the following Monday at 9 pm. Final winner will be announced Tuesday, March 31.

Open Mic Night with The Awakenings Project

Thursday, April 9 • 5–7 pm • 2nd Floor Atrium East

Writers and musicians from The Awakenings Project will share original pieces. Members of the public are also invited to share original works.

Artist Reception

Thursdays • 5:30–7 pm • 2nd Floor

Meet-and-greets honoring the month's Gallery Wall artist.

March 5 **Ken Marz**

April 2 **DuPage Art League**

May 7 **Inklude Studio**

Tech Help Drop-In

Tuesdays • March 10, April 14, May 12 • 6–7:30 pm • 2nd Floor of the Library

Saturdays • March 14, April 11, May 9 • 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.

Tech Basics Series for Adults

Wednesdays • 1–2 pm • North and South Meeting Rooms

March 25 **Mis- and Dis-information**

How can you tell what's real or not online? Learn how to identify misinformation, disinformation, and trusted sources for all your news needs.

April 22 **Passwords, Passkeys, and Password Managers**

Learn methods other than sticky notes to keep track of your passwords. A representative from Wright to Learn will discuss how you can use apps and biometrics like your face or fingerprint to take control of your digital security.

May 27 **Digital Resources**

Learn how to enjoy thousands of free digital books, audiobooks, magazines, movies, TV shows, and documentaries with your library card!

Community Resource Spotlight

Mondays • North and South Meeting Rooms

Learn about local community services.

March 30 **Metropolitan Family Services**
4–5 pm Family Shelter Service and a brief overview of services.

April 27 **NAMI DuPage**
4–5 pm Caregiver burnout and a brief overview of services.

May 18 **Glen Ellyn Senior Center**
2–3 pm Overview of services for people over 65.

High School Programs

High School Snack Challenge

Wednesdays • March 11, April 8, May 13 • 3:30–4:30 pm

High School Room

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

Global Taste Test

Wednesdays • March 18, April 15, May 20 • 3:30–4:30 pm

Shakespeare Room

Taste and rate snacks provided by Universal Yums from countries around the world! *The library cannot guarantee food served at this program has not come into contact with tree nuts, soy, or other allergens.*

High School Craft Series

Tuesdays • March 24, April 28, May 26 • 3–4 pm

Toni Morrison Room

Participate in a craft after school.

March 24 Handmade Earrings

April 28 Felted Soap

May 26 Crochet Basics

Middle and High School

Let's Play Dungeons & Dragons

Thursdays • March 12, April 9, May 14 • 4–5 pm

Shakespeare Room

For beginner and seasoned adventurers who are middle or high school students. **For grades 6–12.**

Middle School Programs

Creative Kits

March 1, April 1, May 1 • The Middle

Grab a free kit and get creative. Each kit includes all the supplies and instructions for a simple project. While supplies last.

Bring Your Own Book Club

Thursdays • March 12, April 9, May 14 • 4–5 pm • The Middle

No assigned reading. No stress. Just books you enjoy and people who love talking about them. Bring any book you're currently enjoying and share it with other readers while snacking.

Team LEGO Build: Mario Edition

Tuesday, March 31–Thursday, April 2 • 2–4 pm • The Middle

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

Cake Painting

Friday, April 17 • 2–3 pm • Youth Program Room

Get creative *and* delicious! Learn how to "paint" on the surface of a cake using edible colors and design your own edible masterpiece to take home.

Programs in The Workshop

Supplies provided. All programs are in **The Workshop**.

Please see *Helpful Computer Skills for Maker Projects* below for technology skills that are often needed in The Workshop.

For Adults and High School Students

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 in and complete the project.

You will receive an email confirmation containing your assigned date and time for this project within seven days of your registration.

March 11–31	Large Format Printer Labels Use the large format printer to create custom labels to organize your space during spring cleaning!
April 7–30	Cricut Paper Flower Garland Use the Cricut to create a floral decoration sure to freshen up any space!
May 5–30	Laser-Engraved Plant Press Collect spring specimens with an on-the-go device to flatten and dry them for preservation.

Equipment Basics

Saturdays • 10–11:30 am

Staff-led program to learn basic skills using a piece of equipment by working on a beginner-level project.

March 7	3D Printer
March 28	Cricut
April 4	Laser
April 11	Embroidery Machine
May 9	Sublimation Printer and Heat Press
May 30	Sewing Machine

Make and Take

Staff-led program to use makerspace equipment to make a specific item to take home.

Embroidered Keychain

Monday, March 16 • 2–4 pm, 5–7 pm

Learn machine embroidery basics while making a stylish accessory for your keys or backpack.

Sublimated Towel

Monday, April 20 • 2–4 pm, 5–7 pm

Use the sublimation printer and heat press to create a towel that is great for washing, scrubbing, and polishing.

3D-Printed Propagation Vase

Monday, May 18 • 2–4 pm, 5–7 pm

Use the 3D printer and Tinkercad to design a vase that hangs on your fridge to cultivate plant specimens.

For Kids

Create Your Own Stickers

Monday, March 9 • 4–5 pm • The Workshop

Tuesday, March 10 • 4–5 pm • The Workshop

Design stickers and then use the large format printer to print and cut them out of sticker vinyl. **For grades 3–8.**

Engrave Your Own Bookmark

Monday, April 13 • 4–5 pm • The Workshop

Tuesday, April 14 • 4–5 pm • The Workshop

Design a bookmark and then use the laser to engrave your design. **For grades 3–8.**

Sublimate Your Own Magnets

Monday, May 11 • 4–5 pm • The Workshop

Tuesday, May 12 • 4–5 pm • The Workshop

Design magnets, use the sublimation printer to print the designs, and use the heat press to transfer them onto magnets. **For grades 3–8.**

Registration for The Workshop and 3D printing programs begins at Noon 30 days prior to the event. If you have any questions about The Workshop, please email makerspace@gepl.org or call 630-790-6742.

Helpful Computer Skills for Maker Projects

Most maker projects require using a computer. For this reason, the following skills are very helpful:

- using a keyboard to copy and paste
- using a mouse to double-click and left-click, click-and-drag and highlight text, and scroll
- navigating file directories
- opening, renaming, and editing files
- using a flash drive
- patience to use a computer for up to an hour

The library highly recommends our Tech Help Drop-In programs (listed on the Adult Programs pages) and digitallearn.org for anyone who would like to enhance their computer skills.



The Workshop
gepl.org/makerspace

Kids Programs

Beginner 3D Printing

Wednesdays • March 4, April 1, May 6 • 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. Registration begins at Noon 30 days prior to this event. **For grades 3–8.**

Intermediate 3D Printing

Wednesdays • March 4, April 1, May 6 • 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. Registration begins at Noon 30 days prior to this event. **For grades 3–8.**

Mario Day Party

Tuesday, March 10 • 4–5 pm • Youth Program Room

Smash Goombas, build a Piranha Plant, and defeat an obstacle course. Can you beat this level? **For grades k–5.**

LEGO Lab

Thursdays • 4–5 pm • Youth Program Room

Discover more ways to play and learn with LEGO! **For grades 2–5.**

March 12	Build It! LEGO Challenge
April 9	Make Prints with LEGO Bricks
May 14	Write Code with LEGO Spike

Bluestem Book Club

Tuesdays • March 17, April 21 • 6–7 pm • Youth Program Room

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.**

Tech Learn 'n Play

Tuesday, March 31 • 3–4 pm • Youth Program Room

Drop in to explore robotics and coding with technology like Cubelets, 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.**

Crafty Kids

Wednesdays • March 25, April 22, May 27 • 4–4:45 pm

Youth Program Room

Monthly craft and after school snack. **For grades k–2.**

Family Craft Night

Monday, March 23 • 6–7 pm • Youth Program Room

Monday, April 20 • 6–7 pm • Youth Program Room

Monday, May 11 • 6–7 pm • Youth Program Room

Drop in to create a masterpiece together as a family. **For adults and kids of all ages.**

KPop Demon Hunters Party

Tuesday, March 31 • 10–11 am • Youth Program Room

Wednesday, April 1 • 10–11 am, 2–3 pm • Youth Program Room

We're goin' up, up, up! Drop in to help us strengthen the Honmoon by singing along to your favorite movie tracks while designing your own emblem and sampling Korean snacks. Costumes encouraged. **For grades k–8.**

Baby Rave

Tuesday, May 5 • 9:30–10 am, 10:30–11 am • Youth Program Room

Wednesday, May 6 • 6–6:30 pm • North and South Meeting Room

Untz untz! Dance to EDM remixes of familiar kid-friendly tunes. Neon outfits encouraged. Name tags (kids only) will be available at the Youth Desk beginning 30 minutes prior to the program start. Kids with their grownups can pick up name tags on a first-come, first-served basis.

For birth–24 months and their grownups.

Smart Starts

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays • March 3–March 26 • 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.**

Imagination Nation

Wednesdays • March 18, April 15, May 20 • 4–4:30 pm

Youth Program Room

Gather for a shared story then engage in imaginative play based on the book of the month. Name tags available at the Youth Desk beginning 30 minutes prior to the program start time on a first-come, first-served basis. **For pre-k and their grownups.**

The Postal Project

Tuesday, April 7 • 4–5 pm • Youth Program Room

Wednesday, April 8 • 4–5 pm • Youth Program Room

Get your snail mail on during National Card and Letter Writing Month in April by writing and decorating postcards and letters to send to friends and loved ones! **For grades 1–5.**

National Treasures

Tuesdays • March 24, April 28, May 26 • 4–5 pm

Youth Program Room

From amber waves of grain to purple mountain majesties, celebrate the wonders of America's National Parks with hands-on nature-based activities, scientific explorations, and crafts. **For grades 3–5.**

The Baby-Sitters Club Party

Thursday, April 23 • 4–5 pm • Youth Program Room

Test your knowledge and make fun crafts! **For grades 3–5.**

American Girl Doll Adventures: Felicity

Friday, March 13 • 4–5 pm • Youth Program Room

Saturday, March 14 • 2–3 pm • Youth Program Room

Celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and learn about Felicity and the American Revolution through crafts and other hands-on activities. Bring your own doll or stuffed animal to join the fun. **For grades 1–5.**

Drama in the Library: Readers Theatre

Thursdays • March 19, April 16 • 4–5 pm • Youth Program Room

Explore and practice expressive storytelling. No experience needed—just bring your imagination and get ready to shine! The final product will be recorded to share with friends and family. **For grades 3–5.**

Scales and Tales Traveling Zoo

Saturday, March 21 • 10:30–11:30 am • 2nd Floor Atrium East

See and learn about rescued animals like rabbits, hedgehogs, sloths, chinchillas, racing turtles, and bearded dragons with Beth Wagner of Scales and Tales Traveling Zoo. **Please register all attendees, adults and children, for this event. For kids of all ages and their grownups.**

After-School Snack Attack

Tuesdays • March 17, April 21 • 4–5 pm • Youth Program Room

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

Spring Break Craft

March 28–April 4 • Youth Department

Stop by and make a patriotic craft to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. **For adults and kids of all ages.**

ASQ Training for Educators

Saturday, April 11 • 8:30 am–12:30 pm

North and South Meeting Rooms

Glenbard Early Childhood Collaborative will provide an in-depth overview of ASQ-3, a developmental screening tool used to monitor a child's progress from 1 month to 5½ years. Learn how to administer, score, and interpret screenings across key developmental areas, communicate results effectively with families, and identify appropriate next steps and referrals. Help children reach their full potential by identifying areas for targeted support. Gateways Credentials and ISBE credits available upon request.

Storytime

All storytimes are in the Youth Program Room unless noted otherwise.

Name Tag Storytimes

Name tags (kids only) will be available at the Youth Desk beginning 30 minutes prior to the program start. Kids with their grownups can pick up name tags on a first-come, first-served basis.

Book Babies

Mondays • April 6, 13, 20, 27 • 9:30–10 am, 10:30–11 am

Bring baby for rhymes, songs, and playtime with other babies. **For birth–24 months and their grownups.**

Sensory Storytime

Thursday, April 23 • 10:30–11 am

A guest from the Sensory Garden Playground in Lisle will share a story and lead a sensory-based activity. Grownups can also learn about the playground! **For kids of all ages and their grownups.**

Together Time

Tuesdays, Wednesdays • April 7–29 (no April 21) • 9:30–10 am, 10:30–11 am

Saturdays • March 7, April 4, May 2 • 10:30–11 am

Dynamic session promoting child and grownup bonding through creating, singing, playing, and sharing stories together. **For kids of all ages and their grownups.**

Drop-in Storytimes

No registration is required for these storytimes.

Hora del cuento bilingüe: Español • Bilingual Storytime: Spanish

Fridays • March 6, April 3, May 1 • 10:30–11 am

Disfruta de libros y canciones en inglés y español. Para niños de todas las edades y sus acompañantes. Stories and songs in English and Spanish! **For kids of all ages and their grownups.**

中英双语故事时间 • Bilingual Storytime: Mandarin

Thursday, April 30 • 10:30–11 am

起来欣赏英语和普通话的故事和歌曲，适合所有年龄段的孩子及其家长。 Stories and songs in English and Mandarin! **For kids of all ages and their grownups.**

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Storytime at Sensory Garden Playground

Friday, May 15 • 10:30–11 am • 2751 International Drive, Lisle, IL

Come out to Sensory Garden Playground for songs, rhymes, and stories. Don't forget to bring a blanket and bug spray! **For kids of all ages and their grownups.**

Adaptive Storytime

Mondays • March 2, April 6, May 4 • 7–7:30 pm

Enjoy books, songs, and rhymes with a visual schedule and a modified environment. **For kids of all ages and their grownups.**

Pajamas and Popcorn Storytime

Wednesdays • March 11, April 8, May 13 • 6–7 pm

Dynamic session promoting child and grownup bonding through creating, singing, playing, and sharing stories together. After the story session, enjoy popcorn followed by open play. **For kids of all ages and their grownups.**

Registration Storytimes

Registration is required for these storytimes.

StoryWalk® New Location Launch Party

Saturday, April 11 • 2–2:30 pm • Panfish Playground

StoryWalk® has moved to a new location! Celebrate spring with a special storytime featuring *How to Staycation Like a Snail* by Naseem Hrab and then stay to play and enjoy the playground! **For kids of all ages and their grownups.**

Earth Week Storytime in the Park

Tuesday, April 21 • 10:30–11 am • Maryknoll Park

Celebrate Earth Day with Glen Ellyn Park District! **For kids of all ages and their grownups.** Register at gepark.org.

Toddler Artists

Wednesday, May 20 • 9:30–10 am, 10:30–11 am

Gather for a shared story then engage in imaginative play based on the book of the month. **For birth–3 years and their grownups.**

Youth Recommendations

Beginning Chapter Books

by Melissa Hilt, Community Engagement Librarian,
with descriptions from the catalog



Ready to move on from the Early Reader section but not quite ready for Percy Jackson? We've got you covered! Check out the Beginning Chapter Books, perfect for readers who are taking that next step. These books feature shorter chapters, fewer pages, plenty of white space, and often include illustrations to support growing readers.

You'll find this new collection at the beginning of the Juvenile Fiction section—or ask at the Youth Desk. We're always happy to help! Look for call numbers that begin with **JBC** with a **blue dot** on the spine. They are shelved by the author's last name.

Wallace and Grace Take the Case by Heather Alexander

Owl detectives Wallace and Grace solve the mystery of the spooky garden.

Llamas, Iguanas, and My Very Best Friend by Janet Costa Bates

With her best friend moving away, Rica Baptista needs a pet so she won't get lonely, but her parents are against it until she proves she is ready for the pet of her dreams.

Bulldozer's Big Rescue by Elise Broach

Bulldozer overcomes his anxiety and befriends two human siblings.

The Haunted Library by Dori Hillestad Butler

When ghost boy Kaz's haunt is torn down and he is separated from his ghost family, he meets a real girl named Claire who lives above the town library and can see ghosts.

Henry Heckelbeck Gets a Dragon by Wanda Coven

Future spy Henry discovers that he has magic, like his big sister, Heidi, when he accidentally creates a tiny dragon, which definitely does not belong at Brewster Elementary School.

Hotdog! by Anh Do

Hotdog and his friends are going on a mad adventure to help a baby bird find his missing mom! They'll climb to crazy heights to find her! But can they handle dirty diapers and karate-chopping roosters along the way?

Kingston the Great Dane by Debbi Michiko Florence

What do you do with a gentle Great Dane who's the size of a cow but acts like he's no bigger than a mini dachshund?

A New Friend by Poppy Green

Eight-year-old Sophie Mouse is excited to return to school after the long winter break, but there is a new student—a snake—and Sophie and the other animals are afraid to sit near him, much less ask him to play with them, because they have heard snakes are awful.

How to Test a Friendship by Theanne Griffith

When Pablo, Violet, and Deepak discover a magical makerspace, they can't wait to check it out! The Maker Maze has cool science games and puzzles behind every door. When they enter the portal, they will find a wacky scientist who will be their guide, giant puzzles to test their skills, holograms of animals, plants, and more—and a friendship challenge.

The Case of the Strange Splash by Henry Winkler

Willow Feathers McBeaver, aka Detective Duck, is a crime-solving duck who can crack any case—no matter how hard-boiled! Even though she's still just a little duck, there's no problem too big or too fowl for her to figure out.

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The 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

Spring Closures

Sunday, April 5	Easter
Friday, April 10	Staff In-Service Day
Monday, May 25	Memorial Day

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The library's goal is for programs to be enjoyed by all. If you have any concerns about accessibility or need to request specific accommodations, please contact the library.

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 any concerns about the photography and video policy, please contact the library.



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Every paver tells a story

Thank you to the donors who added their stories to the Foundation's growing Pathway to Lifelong Learning in 2025.



More than 30 new pavers honoring families, book clubs, colleagues, and even a fantasy football league will be installed as part of the library's landscape in Spring 2026.

Funds raised will support Glen Ellyn Library Foundation's on-going commitment to making Glen Ellyn Public Library's vision a reality. Popular amenities like The Cafe, The Workshop, The Studio, and the multilingual welcome in the front entry were realized with Foundation funding, along with the outreach van and the 65 S Park Lockers inside Glen Ellyn Police Department.

If masonry isn't your style, donate online any time or contact Foundation Development Director Mary DiCarlo to learn about donating from your stock portfolio, donor-advised fund, or estate plan.

To learn more about how you can sustain the library through Glen Ellyn Library Foundation, please email Mary DiCarlo at foundation@gepl.org or visit gepl.org/foundation.

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FRIENDS

Friends of the Library 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.

Used Book Sales

Held in the Basement Friends Area

Saturday, March 14	9 am–2 pm	
Sunday, March 15	1–4 pm	(Most items \$10 a bag)
Saturday, May 9	9 am–2 pm	

Used Book Nook

Located on the 1st floor next to The Cafe

Most items are \$2 for adult books and \$1 for kids books.

Book Donations

Book donations are accepted at the Library Services Desk at any time. If you have a large donation, please contact the Building Engineer at 630-790-6765 to schedule a drop-off appointment.

Donations of quality adult and kids books, media, puzzles, and games are appreciated. The Friends cannot accept encyclopedias, magazines, or damaged, outdated materials.

CAFE

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

The Cafe serves an array of beverages, food, and treats. The menu changes frequently depending on seasonal ingredients on hand or on-trend flavors.

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Cafe Menu