GLEN ELLYN PUBLIC **LIBRARY**

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RESOURCES

Museum Adventure Pass

museumadventure.org

Use your library card to receive admission or a discount at participating area cultural destinations!

Digital Resources

gepl.org/digital-library

24/7 access on your computer or mobile device to items like eBooks and audiobooks, movie and film streaming, databases, training, newspapers, health and consumer information, and language learning.

Library of Things

gepl.org/library-of-things

Borrow technology, conversion kits, educational tools, games, toys, and much more.

USE THE LIBRARY

65 S Park Lockers

gepl.org/65-s-park-lockers

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

SPACES

Meeting and Conference Rooms

gepl.org/space
630-790-6727

Our North and South Meeting Rooms and Shakespeare Room are open for reservations on a quarterly schedule.

- June, July, August open April 9
- September, October, November open July 9
- December 2026 and January, February 2027 open October 8, 2026

SERVICES

Businesses, Nonprofits, and Civic Entities

gepl.org/for-businesses

Train your staff with the expert professional courses and quick videos at Linkedin Learning, check out technology from the Library of Things, access research and consumer databases, and request Book Bins for your business. Not a cardholder yet? Organizations in Glen Ellyn can request a Glen Ellyn Public Library business card.

Quieter Areas of the Library

Visitors looking for a quieter environment at the library may request an enclosed study room or choose seating in the north area of the 2nd floor near the study carrels, which is buffered from sound by the nonfiction collection.

With gratitude for our past partners—and excitement for what's ahead

As we launch another season of summer reading at Glen Ellyn Public Library, we want to pause for a moment of sincere thanks.

Each summer, the library kicks off summer reading with the Ice Cream Social, gratefully funded by the Friends of the Library. This summer, the Friends will also sponsor the library's Storytime in the Park series of programs. In 2025, the Friends donated $70,000 to supplement the library's annual budget for materials, programs, and literacy initiatives in the local community!

The library is delighted to share that Glen Ellyn Library Foundation will fund the full cost of 2026 Summer Reading! This support allows the library to continue to offer a high-quality experience while ensuring that the program remains free and welcoming to everyone. The Foundation's investment reflects a shared belief that access to reading and learning opportunities strengthens our community. Their sponsorship helps us encourage reading, discovery, and connections across all ages throughout the summer.

Past partners, thank you for helping build a strong model for supporting the library.

Glen Ellyn Library Foundation, thank you for your leadership and continued commitment to literacy.

Friends of the Library, thank you for your generosity and willingness to inspire young readers with ice cream and fun at the parks.

Readers, we look forward to another summer of stories, learning, and inspiration with the 2026 theme *Plant a Seed, Read!*

Dawn Bussey, Executive Director
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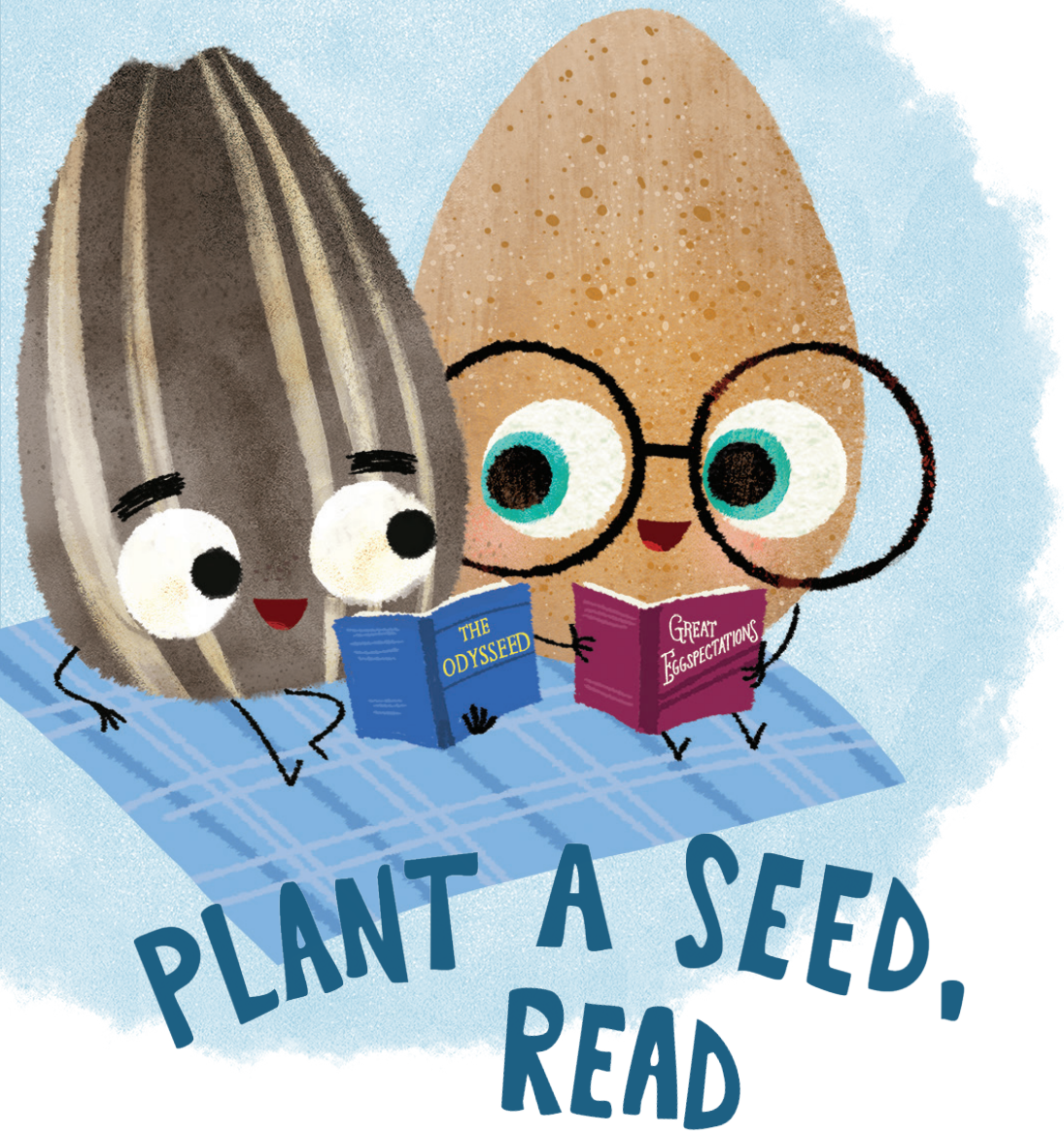

2026 Summer Reading

June 1–July 31
For all ages

Plant a Seed, Read is rooted in the concept of farm to table. A farm grows food that nourishes our bodies; a library grows ideas that nourish our minds. Both food and stories connect us to our family, culture, economy, and ecology.

Read for

15 days

30 days

45 days

60 days

and get rewards

You don't have to read every single day—but it's a great habit to grow. 🌱

Ice Cream Social

Monday, June 8 • 7–8:30 pm • Library Parking Lot

Celebrate the beginning of summer reading at the library with an ice cream sundae, ice pop, or fresh fruit. **For adults and kids of all ages.**

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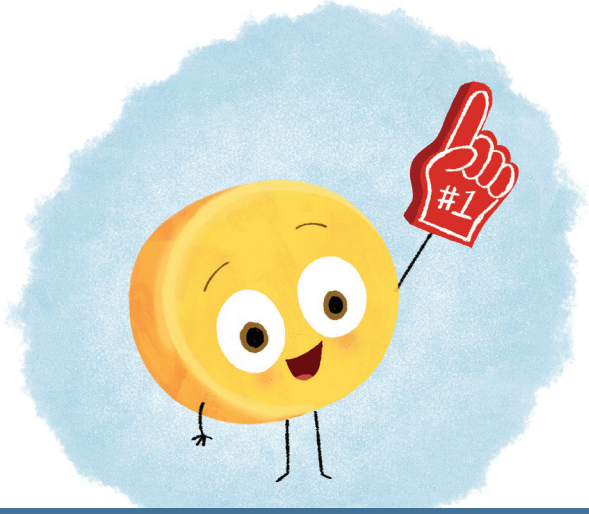

2026 Summer Reading Log

June 1–July 31 • For all ages

PLANT A SEED, READ

Read, be read to, or complete an activity in the list below every day this summer to earn rewards!

Register at the Youth Desk, Adult Desk, or using Beanstack beginning Monday, June 1. Participants earn rewards at registration and for every 15 days logged. Log every day you read or do an activity by coloring in a seed on this paper log, using Beanstack online at gepl.beanstack.com, or using the Beanstack Tracker app on a mobile device. Rewards are available while supply lasts. Redeem rewards through Sunday, August 9.

Activities

- Use the drive-up window
- Attend a library program
- Visit The Cafe
- Use a library digital resource
- Complete a Monthly Make in The Workshop
- Get a short story from the short story dispenser
- Request book recommendations with Your Next Read at gepl.org/service/your-next-read
- Use a library meeting, conference, or study room
- Visit the StoryWalk® at Panfish Park
- Use the Seed Library on the 2nd Floor

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 **REWARD 15**

16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 **REWARD 30**

31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 **REWARD 45**

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Seeds, from top to bottom: wheat grain, cowpeas, pistachios, and sunflower seeds.

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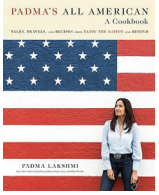
Adult Recommendations

Ideas that Nourish Our Minds

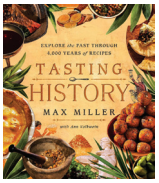
by Elaine Waite, Adult Readers' Advisory and Collection Development Librarian, with summaries from Goodreads

In honor of our Summer Reading theme, explore culture, history, science, health, and human connection through the lens of food.



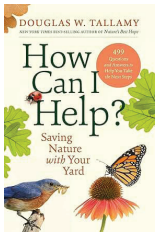
CULTURE ***Padma's All American: Tales, Travels, and Recipes from Taste the Nation and Beyond*** by Padma Lakshmi

In this very personal book—the result of seven years of traveling and tasting, listening and observing for her award-winning Hulu show *Taste the Nation*—Padma Lakshmi compiles more than 100 recipes from the immigrant and Indigenous communities she visits, as well as many from her own family, showing us what really comprises American cuisine.



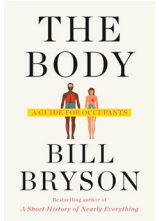
HISTORY ***Tasting History: Explore the Past through 4,000 Years of Recipes*** by Max Miller

The *Tasting History with Max Miller* YouTube channel has thrilled food enthusiasts and history buffs alike as Miller recreates dishes from the past, often using historical recipes from vintage texts, but updated for modern kitchens as he tells stories behind the cuisine and culture. From ancient Rome to Ming China to medieval Europe and beyond, Miller has collected the best-loved recipes from around the world in his first book.



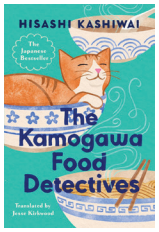
SCIENCE ***How Can I Help? Saving Nature With Your Yard*** by Douglas W. Tallamy

Tallamy tackles the questions commonly asked at his popular lectures and shares compelling and actionable answers that will help gardeners and homeowners take the next step in their ecological journey. Topics range from ecology, evolution, biodiversity and conservation to restoration, native plants, invasive species, pest control, and supporting wildlife at home.



HEALTH ***The Body: A Guide for Occupants*** by Bill Bryson

Full of extraordinary facts and astonishing stories, this book is a brilliant, often very funny attempt to understand the miracle of our physical and neurological make up.



HUMAN CONNECTION ***The Kamogawa Food Detectives*** by Hisashi Kashiwai*

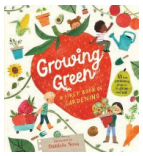
Down a quiet backstreet in Kyoto exists a very special restaurant. Through ingenious investigations, Koishi Kamogawa and her father Nagare are able to recreate dishes from a person's treasured memories—dishes that may well hold the keys to their forgotten past and future happiness.

** Discuss this title at Thursday Evening Book Club. You can find program information under Adult Programs.*

Youth Recommendations

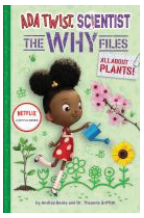
How Does a Garden Grow?

by Ellie Hansen, Youth Assistant Director and Technology Librarian, with descriptions from the catalog



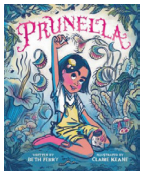
NONFICTION ***Growing Green: A First Book of Gardening*** by Daniela Sosa

This easy-to-follow gardening book contains 15 simple (and delicious!) projects for budding young gardeners.



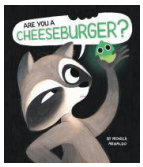
NONFICTION ***Ada Twist, Scientist's The Why Files: All About Plants*** by Andrea Beaty

What do plants eat? Why do some plants have flowers and others don't? What's the tallest plant?



PICTURE BOOK ***Prunella*** by Beth Ferry

Prunella cultivates a poisonous garden to keep people away until a curious weed pops up, forcing her to decide between uprooting this tentative new friendship or allowing it to blossom.



PICTURE BOOK ***Are You a Cheeseburger?*** by Monica Arnaldo

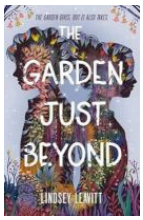
Grub the raccoon wonders what Seed will grow, hoping it's Grub's favorite food, mouthwatering cheeseburgers.

FICTION ***The Song of Orphan's Garden*** by Nicole M Hewitt

In a rapidly freezing world, 13-year-old Lyriana and her younger brother believe their only hope for survival is to find the Orphan's Garden, while the Giant boy who created the garden must overcome his distrust of humans to help save it.

FICTION ***Isabel in Bloom*** by Mae Respicio

Making friends in a new city, and new country, is hard for twelve-year-old Filipina-American Isabel, but joining the gardening and cooking club at school helps her find her way.



MIDDLE SCHOOL ***The Garden Just Beyond*** by Lindsey Leavitt

Fourteen-year-old Maggie and her eccentric family harvest crops that alter emotions, but their secret and magical dinner parties come under threat when a mysterious stranger moves to town.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ***Moongarden*** by Michelle Barry

Crumbling under the pressure at her elite school on the moon, misfit Myra discovers a lab full of toxic plants and uses her botanical magic to weed out its secrets, but discovers some will do anything to take those secrets to the grave.

Adult Programs

Tech Help Drop-In

Saturdays • June 13, July 11, August 8 • 1–3 pm
Tuesdays • June 23, July 28, August 25 • 6–7:30 pm
2nd Floor of the Library
Stop in with your questions or to troubleshoot an app or device issue on your laptop, tablet, or phone.

Thursday Evening Book Club

Thursdays • 7–8 pm • Shakespeare Room

June 11	*Junie* by Erin Crosby-Eckstine
July 9	*The Kamogawa Food Detectives* by Hisashi Kashiwai
August 13	*Luminous* by Silvia Park

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.

Social Hour for Adults 50+

Wednesdays • June 3–August 26 • 2:30–4 pm
North and South Meeting Rooms
Join neighbors to socialize while playing card and board games. Light refreshments provided.

Donuts and Bingo

Thursdays • June 11, July 9, August 13 • 10:30–11:30 am
Main Street Recreation Center, 501 Hill Ave.
Ages 55 and up
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.

Welcome to Birding!

Tuesday, July 7 • 6–7 pm
North and South Meeting Rooms
Since 2004, Jeff Reiter has written the *Words on Birds* column in the *Daily Herald* about birds, birding, and birders. Get fun insights about the nature of birding and why it's booming in popularity. The hobby's easy entry and proven mental health benefits are just a few reasons to get outside and start enjoying birds on a deeper level.

Craft Group

Thursdays • June 18, July 16, August 20 • 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.

June 18	Build Your Own Bouquet
July 16	Mini Mosaics with Local Glass Studio
August 20	Upcycled Trinket Magnets

Artist Reception

Thursdays • June 4, August 6 • 5:30–7 pm • 2nd Floor
Enjoy light refreshments while admiring the new art on the Gallery Wall at this meet-and-greet honoring the month's Gallery Wall artist.

Dementia-Friendly Support and Education

Dementia Caregiver Support Group

Tuesdays • June 2, July 7, August 4 • 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 Memory Care Glen Ellyn.

Memory Cafe

Tuesdays • June 9, July 14, August 11 • 1–2 pm
South Meeting Room
Memory Cafes are welcoming social gatherings for people living with changes in their memory or thinking, and the people who care about them. A representative from Teresa's Place Adult Daycare Center will facilitate having fun together, talking with others who understand what you're going through, and trying something new!

Remembering Route 66

Tuesday, July 28 • 7–8:30 pm • North and South Meeting Rooms
In this lecture by historian Leslie Goddard, Ph.D., explore the history of the "mother road" that linked Chicago to Los Angeles from 1926 to 1985.

DuPage County Historical Museum Series

Thursdays • 7–8 pm • North and South Meeting Rooms

June 25	**The History of Railroads in Wheaton and DuPage County** Discover the nine major railroads that crisscrossed DuPage County. Learn from speaker Wayne Rosenwinkel how our railroads intertwined with the United States, Illinois, and our own county history.
July 23	**History of Women in DuPage** Join DuPage County Historical Museum for an overview of what life would have been like in the 1800s for women in the DuPage County area, including the social issues that they would have been involved in and the details of what daily life would have looked like.
August 27	**DuPage Architects** The rich architectural history in DuPage County could not have been achieved without the talent and skill of some truly amazing people. Explore the individuals behind the designs with the DuPage County Historical Museum.

Tech Basics Series for Adults

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

June 24	**What Is AI Anyway?** A representative from Wright to Learn will discuss what people mean when they talk about AI, where it already shows up in your life, what it's good (and not so good) at, and why it's causing both excitement and worry.
July 22	**Social Media Safety** Learn how to manage your privacy settings on social media, block unwanted messages, and avoid common scams.
August 26	**Online Privacy** Learn how to increase your privacy online and reduce your digital footprint.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) Series

Saturdays • 1–2 pm • North Meeting Room

July 25	**AI Prompt Engineering** Learn how to structure queries and submit them to various AI tools.
August 8	**AI for Productivity** Learn how to use AI to draft emails, improve your resume, and get answers to questions.
August 22	**Ethics of AI** Reflect on topics like bias in AI answers to prompts, AI's effect on the environment, and how AI may imitate copyrighted work.

Passports 101

Wednesday, July 15 • 6–7 pm
North and South Meeting Rooms

Learn how to avoid scams when you apply for a U.S. passport, the differences between passport application forms, and what information to have on hand when you travel.

Walk-In Passport Photos

Saturday, June 20 • 11 am–2 pm
Thursday, June 25 • 11 am–2 pm
Monday, July 13 • 1–4 pm
Wednesday, August 5 • 5–8 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 these events.**

Passports by Appointment

Glen Ellyn Public Library is an official Passport Acceptance Facility and accepts, on behalf of the U.S. Department of State, only DS-11 applications for new passports and passport renewals for children under age 18. The library's passport services, including passport photos, are available by appointment at **gepl.org/passports** or by calling 630-790-6630.

High School Programs

Microwave Chef

Tuesdays • June 16, July 21, August 18 • 3:30–4:30 pm
North and South Meeting Rooms

Learn to make tasty meals using only your microwave! Recipes will be posted with each event. The library cannot guarantee that food served at this program has not come into contact with tree nuts, soy, or other allergens. Please email szagotta@gepl.org for additional information.

Middle and High School

Plant Vibes

Thursdays • 3:30–4:30 pm
North and South Meeting Rooms

Hands-on plant-themed projects to make and take home. No green thumb required—just bring your creativity! **For grades 6–12.**

June 11	Beaded Plants
July 9	Pressed Flower Bookmarks
August 13	Clay Succulents

Let's Play Dungeons & Dragons

Thursdays • June 25, July 23, August 27 • 4–5 pm
Shakespeare Room

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

Middle School

Welcome to The Middle

Friday, June 12 • 12–1 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.**

Whatever Floats Your Boat

Thursday, June 18 • 3:30–4:30 pm
North and South Meeting Rooms

Experiment with sodas, juices, ice cream, and fun toppings to create your own custom float drink! **For grades 6–8.**

Programs in The Workshop

Supplies provided. All programs are in The Workshop. **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. 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 to The Workshop and complete the project. The Workshop's open hours are available at **gepl.org/makerspace**.

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

June 10–30	**Embroidered Bookmark** Save your page in style! Learn how to make a custom bookmark using the embroidery machine.
July 7–30	**Cricut Tealight Holder** Light the way by creating an electric tealight holder with the Cricut.
August 4–29	**Laser-Cut/Engraved Page Holder** Keep on reading by using the laser to make a personalized, one-handed book-holding assistant.

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.

June 6	Sublimation Printer and Heat Press
June 27	Sewing Machine
July 11	Cricut
July 18	3D Printer
August 22	Laser
August 29	Embroidery Machine

Make and Take

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

Laser-Cut Acrylic Earrings
Monday, June 22 • 2–4 pm, 5–7 pm
Learn to make your own acrylic jewelry using the laser.

Sublimated Garden Flag
Monday, July 20 • 2–4 pm, 5–7 pm
Learn about sublimation printing as you create a flag to decorate your garden.

Sew a Scrunchie
Monday, August 3 • 2–4 pm, 5–7 pm
Keep cool this summer with a hair scrunchie you sew yourself! This program will cover the basics of using a sewing machine to create this simple project.

For Kids

Use the Laser

Use Canva to create a design, then use the laser to engrave it onto an item. **For grades 3–8.**

Monday, June 8 • 10–11 am	Laser Engrave a Bird House
Tuesday, June 9 • 4–5 pm	Laser Engrave a Bird House
Monday, July 13 • 10–11 am	Laser Engrave a Picture Frame
Tuesday, July 14 • 4–5 pm	Laser Engrave a Picture Frame

Sublimate Your Own Tumbler

Monday, August 10 • 10–11 am
Tuesday, August 11 • 4–5 pm
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 tumbler.
For grades 3–8.

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 in the Adult Programs) and digitallearn.org for anyone who would like to enhance their computer skills.

The Workshop Open Hours

Tuesday*, Wednesday, Thursday	10 am–8 pm
Saturday	Noon–4 pm

*Closed the 2nd Tuesday of every month and on library holidays.

Equipment in The Workshop

The Workshop is a makerspace—a place to create, discover, and learn. Got an idea for a project, or looking for inspiration? Staff in The Workshop can help you get started! See below to make an appointment.

Equipment use is free for adults and high school students who are Glen Ellyn Public Library cardholders or library cardholders who have reciprocal borrowing privileges at Glen Ellyn Public Library, but you might need to purchase materials. Some limitations apply. Please visit gepl.org/makerspace for details.

3D printer	flat heat press	mug heat press
button maker	laminator	serger
comb binder	laptop computer	sewing machine
Cricut	large format printer	sublimation printer
embroidery machine	laser	

Make an Appointment in The Workshop

The Workshop is staffed four days a week (see Open Hours above). Makerspace laptops and the laminator do not require appointment bookings. Stop by the library, visit **gepl.org/makerspace** or call The Workshop staff at 630-790-6742 to make an appointment.

TINY TESTIMONIAL

I just finished using the serger in The Workshop and had a wonderful experience. With the soft music in the background and the staff always ready with friendly and positive help, it's a great place to create and try new things. Their knowledge of the equipment and computer programs help you feel confident using the equipment.

I would encourage all Glen Ellyn residents give The Workshop a try. It's a delightful resource the library offers.

The Studio

gepl.org/space/the-studio

Adults and high school students can record voice-overs, podcasts, vocals, webinars, and Zoom presentations, or produce music in The Studio.

Kids Programs

Beginner 3D Printing

Wednesdays • June 3, July 1, August 5 • 2–3 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 • June 3, July 1, August 5 • 3:30–4:30 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.**

STEM Play Lab

Wednesdays • June 17, July 15 • 3–4 pm • Youth Program Room
Explore hands-on STEM challenges each week using tech like Cubelets, Spheros, and LEGO bricks. **For grades 3–8.**

Tech Learn 'n Play

Thursday, August 13 • 2:30–3:30 pm • Youth Program Room
Drop in to explore robotics and coding with technology like Cubelets, Spheros, 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.**

Craftapalooza

Mondays • June 1–29 • 2–3 pm
North and South Meeting Rooms
Drop in to paint, stamp, weave, glue, and tape your way through a month of amazing crafts! **For kids of all ages and their grownups.**

Family Craft Night

Mondays • June 15, July 27, August 17 • 6–7 pm
Youth Program Room
Drop in to create a masterpiece together as a family. **For adults and kids of all ages.**

Star-Spangled Tie-Dye

Tuesday, June 30 • 2–3:30 pm
Picnic Tables near the Library Parking Lot
Celebrate Independence Day with a hands-on tie-dye program for the whole family! We'll provide red and blue dye and guidance—just **bring a plain white t-shirt or other cotton item** to transform into a wearable work of art. Dress for crafting and get ready to show off your patriotic style! **For adults and kids of all ages.**

Puzzle Race

Thursday, July 30 • 6–8 pm
North and South Meeting Rooms
Test your puzzle speed in a timed competition! Complete a 500-piece jigsaw puzzle as a team of two to four people or get closest within two hours to win! One registration per team. Light refreshments provided. **For adults and kids age 8 and up.**

Foam Party

Saturday, August 1 • 1–2 pm
Main Street Recreation Center, 501 Hill Ave.
Dive into a world of bubbly fun with Foam Party All Stars. Play in a swirling sea of music, movement, and billions of tiny bubbles. Lawn games will keep the party going between foam blasts. Dress to get wet, and don't forget to bring your own towel! **For kids of all ages and their grownups.** *Registration begins July 2.*

EcoExplorers

Tuesdays • June 2, July 7, August 4 • 3–4 pm
Youth Program Room
Are you passionate about the outdoors? Do you love all things flora, fauna, and fun? Learn about nature and how to nurture the planet the best we can! **For grades k–2.**

National Treasures

Wednesdays • June 10, July 8, August 12 • 3–4 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.**

Books and Cooks: Farmers Market

Tuesdays • June 16, July 21, August 18 • 2–3 pm
Youth Program Room
Work with a partner to make dishes straight from the garden. **For grades 3–5.**

Incredible Edible Bugs

Tuesday, June 23 • 1–2 pm • Youth Program Room
Learn about bug bodies, habits, and homes, and how bugs are used as a food source around the world. Optionally, taste an edible insect! **For grades k–2.**

Once Upon a Time: Cinderella and Jack and the Beanstalk

Tuesday, July 21 • 1–2 pm • North and South Meeting Rooms
Dance at the ball with Cinderella and challenge the giant with Jack and the Beanstalk as Bright Star Touring Theatre brings these stories to life! **For pre-k to grade 5 and their grownups.**

LEGO Terrarium

Wednesday, July 22 • 3–4 pm • Youth Program Room
No green thumb? No problem! Come build a brick garden you can forget to water without worry. **For grades 3–8.**

American Girl Doll Adventures

Friday, August 7 • 2–3 pm • Youth Program Room
Saturday, August 8 • 2–3 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.** Please sign up for only one of the dates.

Minecraft Mayhem

Thursday, August 27 • 4–5 pm • Youth Program Room
Test your knowledge with Minecraft trivia and participate in fun activities and a mine "craft"! **For grades 3–5.**

Grow, Baby, Grow!

Tuesday, June 2 • 9:30–10 am, 10:30–11 am, 6–6:30 pm
Wednesday, June 3 • 9:30–10 am, 10:30–11 am
Youth Program Room
Garden-themed playtime for little sprouts. Dress for mess! Fifteen name tags (children only). **For birth–24 months and their grownups.**

Playtime with The Morton Arboretum

Thursday, June 4 • 10–11 am • Youth Program Room
Drop in to celebrate the seasons and explore nature with The Morton Arboretum and Glenbard Early Childhood Collaborative. **For birth-5 years and their grownups.**

Brilliant Babies

Mondays • June 15, July 20, August 17 • 9:30–10 am, 10:30–11 am
Youth Program Room
Special playtime with craft, sensory, and activity stations. Fifteen name tags (children only). **For birth–24 months and their grownups.**

The Morton Arboretum Presents: Seeds

Fridays • 10:30 –11 am • Youth Program Room

June 26	**Plant the Tiny Seed**: Create a container out of recycled materials and plant a seed in the container to take home. **For 3–6 years and their grownups.**
July 31	**Seed Explorers:** Listen to a story about tree seeds, explore seed dispersal, and create art. **For 3–6 years and their grownups.**

Growing Readers

Fridays • July 10, 17,24 • 10:30–11 am • Youth Program Room
Practice phonics with a story, fun games, and interactive activities. **For k–grade 2.**

StoryWalk®: Flower Crowns

Saturday, July 18 • 11 am–Noon • Panfish Park
Craft your own flower crown to take home, like the one in the StoryWalk story *A Crown for Corina* by Laekan Zea Kemp. **For kids of all ages and their grownups.**

Smart Starts: Back to School Edition

Tuesday, August 11 • Wednesday, August 12 • Thursday, August 13
10–11 am • Youth Program Room
Drop in to sharpen your fine motor skills with back-to-school themed crafts and activities. **For birth–grade 1 and their grownups.**

Storytimes

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

Drop-in Storytimes

No registration is required for these storytimes.

Adaptive Storytime

Mondays • June 1, July 6, August 3 • 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.**

Hora del cuento bilingüe: Español • Bilingual Storytime: Spanish

Fridays • June 5, July 3, August 7 • 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.**

Pajamas and Popcorn Storytime

Wednesdays • June 10, July 8, August 12 • 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.**

Storytime in the Park

Local Parks • 10:30–11 am

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.** Gratefully funded by the Friends of the Library.

Lake Ellyn	Tuesdays • June 9–30, July 7– 28
Surrey Park	Wednesdays • June 10–24, July 1–29
Spalding Park	Thursdays • June 11–25, July 9–30

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.

Spidey and Friends Storytime

Friday, June 19 • 9:30–10 am, 10:30–11 am
Saturday, June 20 • 9:30–10 am, 10:30–11 am

Webs up, Spiders! Listen to a superhero themed storytime and meet Spidey and Ghost-Spider. Costumes encouraged. 30 name tags (kids only). **For birth–k and their grownups.**

Saturday Together Time

Saturdays • June 6, August 1 • 10:30–11 am

Dynamic session promoting child and grownup bonding through creating, singing, playing, and sharing stories together. 20 name tags (kids only). **For kids of all ages and their grownups.**

Public Works Open House Storytime

Wednesday, June 17 • 4:30 pm
30 S. Lambert Road
Please visit glenellyn.org for details.

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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.

Used Book Sales

Held in the Basement Friends Area

Monday, June 8	**7–8:30 pm,** during the Ice Cream Social
Saturday, July 18	**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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