GLEN ELLYN PUBLIC **LIBRARY**

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COVER ART: Inset of "Quail" by Patrick Carroll; made at the library in The Workshop using the laser.

RESOURCES

Digital Resources
gepl.org/digital-library
Access eBooks and audiobooks, movie and file streaming, training, news, health and consumer information, and language learning 24/7.

Library of Things
gepl.org/library-of-things
Borrow equipment, educational tools, games, and toys.

Museum Adventure Pass
museumadventure.org
Visit participating area cultural destinations for free or receive a discount with a pass from the library.

USE THE LIBRARY

65 S Park Lockers
gepl.org/65-s-park-lockers
Pick up holds 24/7 from lockers inside Glen Ellyn Police Department at 65 S Park Boulevard.

SPACES

Meeting and Conference Rooms
gepl.org/space • 630-790-6727
Reserve rooms beginning in January, April, July, and October for the upcoming quarter.

The Studio
gepl.org/space/the-studio
Record voice overs, podcasts, vocals, webinars, and Zoom presentations or produce music. For adults and high school students.

SERVICES

Flight Simulator
gepl.org/service/flight-simulator
Fly an airplane at the library! Learn how to start up, taxi, fly, and land single- and twin-engine propeller planes.

For Businesses, Nonprofits, and Civic Entities
gepl.org/for-businesses
Train your staff, check out technology, access research and consumer databases, and request Book Bins for your business. Not a cardholder yet? Request a Glen Ellyn Public Library business card.

Passports
gepl.org/passports • 630-790-6630
Apply for a passport in person using a DS-11 application with the required documentation for Proof of U.S. Citizenship and checks for all applicable fees. The library is an official Passport Acceptance Facility. Passport services, including passport photos, are available **by appointment only.**

The Cafe has replaced plastic utensils, stirrers, and straws with more sustainable options.

Small Actions, Massive Impact: Sustainability in Everyday Life

When we think of sustainability, our minds often drift to massive wind farms, international climate treaties, or corporate green initiatives. While those large-scale actions are important, they represent only half of the equation. The true foundation of environmental preservation lies in the collective power of our everyday choices. Incorporating sustainability into our daily routines is no longer just a lifestyle choice; it is a necessity for the health of our planet and future generations.

Every decision we make—from the food we eat to the way we commute—leaves an ecological footprint. When multiplied by billions of people, seemingly minor habits create monumental consequences. For instance, opting for a reusable water bottle, turning off running water while brushing your teeth, or choosing to walk or bike instead of driving for a short errand might feel insignificant in isolation. However, these small shifts drastically reduce plastic pollution, conserve precious freshwater resources, and cut down carbon emissions when adopted on a community level.

At Glen Ellyn Public Library, we are actively looking at how, as individuals and as an organization, we can promote sustainable practices by reducing our own single-use waste and facilitating reuse for the community. We hope that you enjoy learning and growing with us!

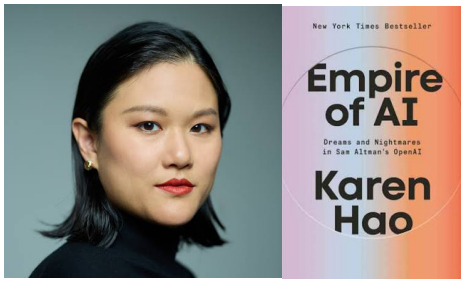
Dawn Bussey, Executive Director • director@gepl.org • 630-790-6760

Cover artist alert! Effie K., who is going into grade 6, loved the summer cover of *The Guide* so much that she recreated it in Freeform. Great job, Effie!

Monthly Author Events with Illinois Libraries Present

Discussions with award-winning authors of popular titles!

- Participate comfortably from anywhere
- Submit questions ahead of time or in the chat
- Watch the recording at your convenience within 30 days
- Enjoy select authors' local connections



Inside the Empire of AI with Karen Hao

Thursday, September 17 • 7 pm

Whether you're excited about AI, cautious about it, or just trying to understand the hype, join us for an accessible look at one of today's biggest technological shifts.

Explore the rapid rise of artificial intelligence, the social, political, and ethical questions surrounding AI development today, and the questions posed in investigative journalist and MIT graduate Hao's work—Will AI produce broad-based societal benefit for all? Or return us to an age of empire? The path forward is in our hands.

Preserving History with Geoffrey Baer

Tuesday, October 20 • 7 pm

Beloved Chicago historian, storyteller, and host of numerous PBS programs, Baer explores the architecture, history, and hidden stories of the city and surrounding region. Known for bringing local history to life, Baer offers an engaging look at the people, places, and stories that define Chicago.

Whether you're passionate about local history or simply curious about the stories hidden in your own community, you'll leave with a renewed appreciation for the power of preserving and sharing the past.

Words, Power, and Community with Dr. Eve L. Ewing

Thursday, November 12 • 7 pm

Explore the power of language and storytelling as Dr. Ewing reflects on how words shape public memory, challenge systems of inequality, and help communities imagine new futures.

Dr. Ewing is an acclaimed author, educator, poet, and cultural organizer based in Chicago. Her books include *Original Sins, 1919,* and *Maya and the Robot,* as well as comic books *Black Panther, Marvel Team-Up,* and *Ironheart*. Blending scholarship, storytelling, and activism in mediums including radio, television and theater, Dr. Ewing has become one of today's most influential public voices on culture and education.

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Be a Library Star! Get a library card or refer a friend

Help the library add 250 new library cardholders for Library Card Sign-up Month, September 1–30!

New cardholders receive a coupon for 10% off at The Cafe, an entry into that week's prize drawing for new cardholders, and an entry into a Grand Prize Drawing to be announced on October 5.

Current and new Glen Ellyn cardholders receive Grand Prize Drawing entries for:

- Referring someone who gets a new card (you need not be present, but the new cardholder will need to fill out an entry for you)
- Taking selfies at the Be a Library Star! Photo Booth on September 1
- Attending a Library Card Glow Up program (see below)
- Playing all-ages Be a Library Star! Bingo
- Attending any Adult or High School program in September

Most people who live, work, or go to school in Glen Ellyn can get a library card. Call or visit the library to find out if you're eligible!

Kids who have their own library card can feel a sense of belonging and pride with their new responsibility, and parents can link multiple family accounts to their own.

Apply for a library card at the library or online at **gepl.org/get-a-library-card**. Sign up online in English, Spanish, or Polish.

Library Card Glow Up

Wednesdays • 6–7 pm
North and South Meeting Rooms

Celebrate Library Card Sign-up Month in style with crafts centered around your best accessory—your library card! **For adults and kids of all ages.**

September 2	Library Card Keychain
September 16	Bedazzle Your Library Card
September 30	Felted Library Card Holder

Carnival tent art by Ben Clark

Haunted Library

Friday, October 16 • 6–8 pm
Throughout the Library

The library will close at 2 pm on Friday, October 16 and re-open at 6 pm transformed for carnival-themed Halloween fun! Visit the library after hours, if you dare!

On the 1st floor, find family-friendly frights. On the 2nd floor, walk through scary scenes recommended for ages 13 and older. Costumes are encouraged. **For adults and kids of all ages.**

Photograph by Rory Anderson

Día de Lotería: Lottery Day

Thursday, September 24 • 3:30–4:30 pm
North and South Meeting Rooms

Discover the excitement of Lotería—a traditional Mexican game of chance similar to bingo. Join us for multiple rounds of interactive gameplay with colorful cards! Game cards available while supply lasts. Light refreshments provided. **For adults and kids of all ages.**

Holiday Walk at the Library

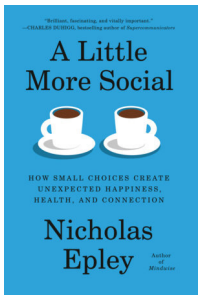
Friday, November 27 • 2–4 pm • 2nd Floor

Before you head to the downtown Glen Ellyn Holiday Walk, come to the library for festive musical performances! Light refreshments provided. For adults and kids of all ages.

Glenbard Parent Series

GPS Great Read!

A Little More Social: How Small Choices Create Unexpected Happiness and Connection by Dr. Nicholas Epley



We know that social connection enriches our lives—so why do we hesitate to connect?

Humans are a highly social species uniquely equipped to connect with other people and doing so is better for us. Yet we so often choose to be unsocial. Every day, we avoid opportunities to connect with strangers, neighbors, colleagues, friends, and family. By missing those moments, we miss out on all the benefits of a more social life—one that is happier and healthier for everyone.

University of Chicago psychologist and author of *Mindwise,* Nicholas Epley has spent his career studying the way we connect, and he has found that our social fears often keep us from reaching out. But bridging the gap between two people is easier than we think—and success is more likely than we imagine. We just have to be a little more social.

GPS Great Read! Author Visit with Dr. Nicholas Epley

Wednesday, September 30

Noon • Talk at College of DuPage and Virtual on Zoom

7 pm • Talk at Glenbard West (after 6 pm Wellness Expo) and Virtual on Zoom

The New Bully: Confronting Online Conflict, Rumors, and Social Exclusion with Dr. Katie Hurley

Tuesday, October 20 • Noon and 7 pm
Virtual on Zoom

Selecting and Paying for College: Nuts, Bolts and Secrets with Ron Lieber and Jeff Selingo

Tuesday, November 17 • Noon and 7 pm
Virtual on Zoom

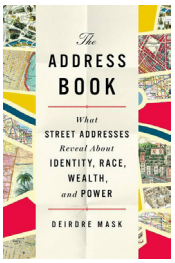
Visit gpsparentseries.org for a full schedule.

Adult Recommendations

It's the Little Things: Microhistories

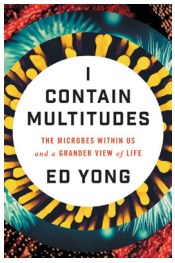
by Elaine Waite, Readers' Advisory and Collection Development Librarian

First developed by Italian historians in the 1970s, microhistory is a genre of history that focuses on small units of research, such as an event, community, or individual. Commonly associated with social and cultural history, microhistories encourage asking big questions about what we think of as "the little things in life." Summaries from Goodreads.



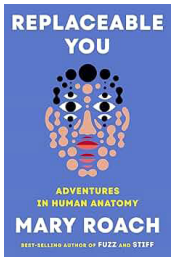
The Address Book by Deirdre Mask*

This wide-ranging book illuminates the complex, sometimes hidden stories behind street names and their power to name, to hide, to decide who counts, who doesn't—and why. Mask looks at the fate of streets named after Martin Luther King Jr., ancient Roman wayfinding, and how Nazis haunt the streets of modern Germany. We also see what not having an address means for millions of people, including those who live in the slums of Kolkata and on the streets of London.



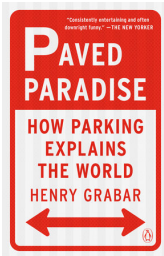
I Contain Multitudes by Ed Yong

Every animal, whether human, squid, or wasp, is home to millions of bacteria and other microbes. Many people think of microbes as germs to be eradicated, but those that live with us—the microbiome—build our bodies, protect our health, shape our identities, and grant us incredible abilities.



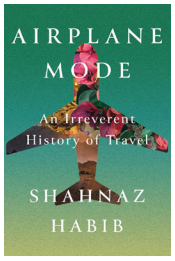
Replaceable You by Mary Roach*

For centuries, medicine has reached for what's available—sculpting noses from brass, borrowing skin from frogs and hearts from pigs, crafting eye parts from jet canopies and breasts from petroleum by-products. Today we're attempting to grow body parts from scratch using stem cells and 3D printers. How are we doing? Are we there yet?



Paved Paradise by Henry Grabar

Parking determines the design of new buildings and the fate of old ones, patterns of traffic and the viability of transit, neighborhood politics and municipal finance, the quality of public space, and even the course of floodwaters. A mesmerizing, thought-provoking story about the strange and wonderful superorganism that is the modern American city.



Airplane Mode by Shahnaz Habib

For Habib, an Indian Muslim woman, travel has always been a complicated pleasure. Yet, her journeys have profoundly shaped her life. Habib offers inviting and playful analyses of obvious and not-so-obvious travel artifacts: passports, carousels, bougainvilleas, guidebooks, expressways, the idea of wanderlust. Together, they tell a subversive history of travel as a Euro-American mode of consumerism—but as any traveler knows, travel is more than that.

* Discuss these titles at Thursday Evening Book Club (see page 6).

Middle School Recommendations

Beyond Gratz: Gripping Survival and Historical Adventures

by Beth Kirchenberg, Middle School Librarian

Books for middle school readers who crave fast-paced, heart-pounding stories like those by author Alan Gratz, *New York Times* bestselling author of more than twenty books for young readers, including *Heroes, Two Degrees, Captain America: The Ghost Army, Ground Zero, Allies, Resist, Refugee,* and *Ban This Book*. Summaries from publishers.

A Land of Permanent Goodbyes by Atia Abawi

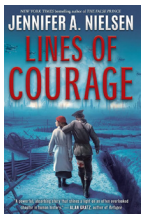
Tareq lives with his big and loving family...until the bombs strike. As they travel as refugees from Syria to Turkey to Greece, facing danger at every turn, Tareq must find resilience and courage to finish his harrowing journey.

Rebellion 1776 by Laurie Halse Anderson

In March 1776, Elsbeth Culpepper finally had hope. Hope that the Patriots would beat the British Army and free Boston. An epidemic rages in tandem with the American Revolution. Suddenly, her dreams of the future are reduced to one simple wish: survival.

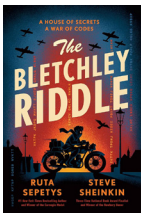
Westfallen by Ann and Ben Brashares

Told in alternating voices and timelines, twelve-year-old Henry and his two friends unknowingly alter the outcome of World War II when they communicate over radio with three kids from 1944 and must now work together to change it back.



Lines of Courage by Jennifer A. Nielsen

From the assassination that triggers World War I in 1914 to Armistice Day in 1918, the story follows the fates of five young people on both sides of the conflict—each facing their portion of the war with courage, until the end of the war brings them together.

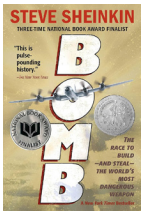


The Bletchley Riddle by Ruta Sepetys, Steve Sheinkin

Jakob and his quirky younger sister Lizzie share a love of riddles and puzzles. And now they're living inside of one. The quarrelsome siblings find themselves amidst one of the greatest secrets of World War II—Britain's eccentric codebreaking factory at Bletchley Park.

I Must Betray You by Ruta Sepetys

In a country governed by isolation, fear, and a tyrannical dictator, Cristian Florescu is blackmailed by the secret police to become an informer, but he decides to use his position to try to outwit his handler, undermine the regime, give voice to fellow Romanians, and expose to the world what is happening in his country.



Bomb by Steve Sheinkin

In December of 1938, a chemist in a German laboratory made a shocking discovery: When placed next to radioactive material, a Uranium atom split in two. That simple discovery launched a scientific race that spanned three continents.

Adult Programs

Tech Help Drop-In

Saturdays • September 12, October 10, November 14 • 1–3 pm
Tuesdays • September 22, October 27, November 24 • 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

September 10	*The Address Book: What Street Addresses Reveal About Identity, Race, Wealth, and Power* by Deirdre Mask
October 1	*How to Sell a Haunted House* by Grady Hendrix
November 12	*Replaceable You: Adventures in Human Anatomy* by Mary Roach

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 • September 2–November 25 • 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 • September 10, October 8, November 12 • 10:30–11:30 am
Main Street Recreation Center, 501 Hill Ave.
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. **For age 55 and up.**

Craft Night

Thursdays • 6:30–8 pm • 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.

September 17	Introduction to Crochet and Knitting
October 15	Card Making with Kathy Donofrio
November 19	Craft Swap with Go Green Glen Ellyn

Seed Saving

Sunday, September 27 • 1:30–2:30 pm
North and South Meeting Rooms

Saving your own seeds is easy and free! A University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener will discuss how to save seeds from your own garden.

Find out which seeds are worth the effort and which are not, and learn methods for cleaning and storing your seeds.

seed library

September 1–October 30
2nd Floor Desk

Donate saved seed packets to receive entries into the Seed Starter Basket drawing! Packets must be given to 2nd Floor staff. One entry per seed type.

Dementia-Friendly Support and Education

Dementia Caregiver Support Group

Tuesdays • September 1, October 6, November 3 • 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 • September 8, October 13, November 10 • 1–2 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 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!

Journaling Workshop

Tuesdays • September 29, October 27, November 24 • 4:30–6 pm
North Meeting Room
Join Janet Penley, a lifelong journal keeper, for reflection and connection. Bring your notebook and a pen; prompts will be provided. There is no pressure to produce polished writing, and sharing is completely optional.

Collaborating in the Cloud

Wednesday, September 23 • 12:30–2 pm
North and South Meeting Rooms
Tom DiFrisco from Wright to Learn will help you explore the cloud and explain how to use it to organize shared photo albums and family calendars, co-write stories, and build playlists.

Microsoft Word and Excel for Beginners

Wednesday, October 28 • 12:30–2 pm
North and South Meeting Rooms
Learn formatting, formulas, data visualization, and markup. Optionally, bring your own laptop and follow along.

Guitar for Beginners

Wednesdays • October 7–December 16 (No November 25) • 7–8:30 pm
North and South Meeting Rooms (Youth Program Room on October 21)
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 Guitar Performance after the session ends. **For age 16 and up.**

Passport Acceptance Fair

Saturday, September 12 • 9:30 am–3:30 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.

Note: DS-11 applications require Proof of Citizenship. Please review the required documentation on page 2 of the DS-11 application and bring the following: application completed in black ink, applicant, certified citizenship documents, photo identifications, and your checkbook or money orders in the exact amount payable to the US Department of State with you to this event in order to apply for a passport. Blank applications are available at travel.state.gov.

Author Event: Kelli Christiansen

Thursday, November 5
6–8 pm
North and South Meeting Rooms

Local author Kelli Christiansen will provide insight into her writing process and perform short readings from her debut novel, *After the End,* followed by a Q&A session.

High School Programs

Global Taste Test

Tuesdays • September 15, October 13, November 17 • 3:30–4:30 pm
Shakespeare Room

Taste and rate snacks provided by Universal Yums from countries around the world! *The library cannot guarantee that food served at this program has not come into contact with tree nuts, soy, or other allergens.* **For grades 9–12.**

Cops, Cookies, and Mario Kart

Tuesday, September 29 • 4–5 pm • Shakespeare Room

Can you beat a cop at Mario Kart? Come meet Officer Alisson Ramirez of the Glen Elyn Police Department and find out! Ask Officer Ramirez questions you may have about policing and eat some cookies. **For grades 9–12.**

The Success Hack: Master Your Mind, Time, and Space with Reality DuPage and Patrick Donohue

Tuesday, October 6 • 6–7 pm • North and South Meeting Rooms

All high school students in DuPage County are welcome to join life coach and experienced educator Patrick Donohue and learn how to cultivate a winning mindset by overcoming perfectionism, procrastination, and self-sabotaging thoughts. Learn essential organizational skills to master daily priorities and balance busy schedules. **For grades 9–12.**

College Planning Workshops

Presented by Dr. Richard Jones of Wise College Choices, a former teacher and administrator with experience navigating the Common App.

For High School Seniors

Thursday, September 10 • 7–8 pm • North and South Meeting Rooms

Feeling behind on your college applications for fall of 2027? Bring your Chromebook or iPad with completed Profile, Family, Education, and Testing Common App sections and build a realistic plan to complete at least one Early Action (EA) and multiple Regular Decision (RD) applications. Dr. Jones will also discuss the Early Decision II strategy and map your supplemental essays.

For High School Juniors

Thursday, November 19 • 7–8 pm • South Meeting Room

Build a clear, robust list of college sightseeing visit ideas for Winter and Spring Recess. Dr. Jones will also discuss ACT/SAT preparation strategies for the April 2027 test.

Middle and High School

Let's Play Dungeons & Dragons

Thursdays • September 10, October 8, November 12 • 4–5 pm
Shakespeare Room

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

Middle School

Taste of TikTok

Thursdays • 4–4:45 pm • Youth Program Room

Want to make the viral foods taking over your feed? Join us for a hands-on kitchen session where we recreate the trendiest snacks straight from TikTok. **For grades 6–8.**

September 3	Ice Cream Fruit Roll Ups
October 1	Pancake Cereal
November 5	Chamoy Pickles

Crocs and Socks

Thursday, October 22 • 4–5 pm • Youth Program Room

Wear your favorite Crocs and socks combo and get ready to upgrade your look. Use shrink plastic to design, shrink, and create one-of-a-kind jibbitz shoe charms. **For grades 6–8.**

Creative Junk Journaling

Thursdays • 6:30–7:30 pm • Youth Program Room

Love crafting, collecting, and keeping memories? Learn how to build your own junk journal with photos, recyclables, and stickers. Each month, gather to chat, snack, and design a brand-new themed page. Basic journals provided. **For grades 6–8.**

September 17	All About Me: school year goals, favorite things, and self-portraits
October 15	Spooky and Cozy: ghost stories, autumn leaves, and dark academia aesthetics
November 19	Gratitude and Growth: pocket lists of things you love and thankful thoughts

Programs in The Workshop

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

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 below.

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

September 9–30	Machine-Embroidered Hoop Art
October 6–31	Laser-Cut Door Sign
November 11–25	Sublimated Air Fresheners

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.

September 5	Sewing Machine
September 26	Sublimation Printer and Heat Press
October 3	3D Printer
October 10	Cricut
November 14	Laser
November 21	Embroidery Machine

Make and Take

Mondays • 2–4 pm, 5–7 pm

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

September 21	Pencil Case
October 19	Pride Buttons
November 23	Sewn Bowl Cozy

For Kids

Create Your Own...

Mondays and Tuesdays • 4–5 pm

Create a design and then use maker equipment to complete a project. **For grades 3–8.**

Tuesday, September 8	Poster with the Large Format Printer
Monday, September 14	Poster with the Large Format Printer
Monday, October 12	Tote Bag with Vinyl and the Cricut
Tuesday, October 13	Tote Bag with Vinyl and the Cricut
Monday, November 9	Puzzle with the Sublimation Printer and Flat Heat Press
Tuesday, November 10	Puzzle with the Sublimation Printer and Flat Heat Press

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.

Make an Appointment in The Workshop

Equipment use is free for adults and high school students who are Glen Ellyn Public Library or reciprocal cardholders, but you might need to purchase materials. Some limitations apply. Stop by the library, visit **gepl.org/makerspace** or call The Workshop staff at 730-790-6742 to ask questions or make an appointment.

Using The Workshop in December

Beginning **December 15,** in order to accommodate as many users as possible and limit crowding, makerspace equipment will be available with an equipment booking only. Book equipment online at **gepl.org/book-maker-equipment**.

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

Beginner 3D Printing

Wednesdays • September 2, October 7, November 4 • 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 • September 2, October 7, November 4 • 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.**

Tech Learn 'n Play

Wednesday, November 25 • 2–3 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.**

Hour of Code

Tuesdays • September 1, October 6, November 3 • 4–5 pm
Youth Program Room
Complete a fun computer-based coding project using a variety of coding activities and platforms. Please register for each program separately. Prior attendance is not necessary. **For grades 3–8.**

Family Craft Night

Mondays • September 21, October 19, November 16 • 6–7 pm
Youth Program Room
Drop in to create a masterpiece together as a family. **For adults and kids of all ages.**

Sing-Along Play-Along Family Concert with Jim Gill

Saturday, September 26 • 10:30 am • 2nd Floor Atrium East
Sing, clap, and dance along during this visit by award-winning musician and author Jim Gill! Gill's distinctive music play creates the spirit of a family room in the concert hall and is an invitation to children, parents, and grandparents to sing, dance, and play together! **For adults and kids of all ages. Please register all attendees, adults and children, for this event.**

Listen to Jim Gill's fun, clap-along favorites at jimgill.com!

After School Snack Attack

Tuesdays • September 15, October 20 • 2–3 pm
Youth Program Room
Learn basic food prep skills to create your own treats to eat! **For grades 3–5.**

American Girl Doll Adventures

Friday, September 25 • 4–5 pm • Youth Program Room
Saturday, September 26 • 3–4 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.

Bluestem Book Club

Tuesdays • October 20, November 17 • 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.**

Jack-O'-Lantern Jamboree

Wednesday, October 28 • 6–6:45 pm • Youth Program Room
Friday, October 30 • 11–11:45 am • North and South Meeting Rooms
Celebrate Halloween with a craft, story, and walk through the library to show off your costume! **For birth–age 6 and their grownups.**

Junior Birders

Wednesdays • September 16, October 21, November 18 • 4–5 pm
Youth Program Room
Discover the wonderful world of birding! Participate in a short class, then head to the Prairie Path to test your new skills. Dress for the weather, because only lightning storms will stop us! Binoculars are recommended but not necessary. **For grades 3–5.**

Raptors Up Close

Saturday, November 14 • 2–3 pm • North and South Meeting Rooms
Northern Illinois Raptor Rehab & Education will discuss birds of prey, conservation efforts, and the critical role raptors play in the food chain. **For adults and kids grade 3 and up. Please register all attendees, adults and children, for this event.**

Cosmic Colors

Wednesday, September 23 • Youth Program Room
4–5 pm for grades k–2
5:30–6:30 pm for grades 3–5
Sit under blacklight and create your own glow-in-the-dark masterpiece! Sips and snacks provided.

Seasonal Soiree

Tuesday, September 22 • 4–5 pm • Youth Program Room
Celebrate the fall equinox with crafts, games, and seasonal snacks! **For grades k–5.**

The Cat in the Hat Party

Tuesday, October 27 • 6–6:45 pm • Youth Program Room
Thursday, October 29 • 4–4:45 pm • Youth Program Room
Get excited for the new *The Cat in the Hat* movie with games, crafts, and general Seussian mayhem! **For grades k–2.**

OneInMath

Sundays • September 13–November 15 • 2:30–3:30 pm
North and South Meeting Rooms (September 27 in 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.

Smart Starts

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays • November 3–25 • 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.**

Wiggles and Giggles Playtime

Fridays • September 18, October 23, November 20 • 9:30–10:30 am
Youth Program Room
Explore toys, books, and crafts while you get to know other families. **For birth–23 months and their grownups.**

The Artist in You

Tuesdays • September 29, October 27, November 24 • 4–5 pm
Youth Program Room
Make one-of-a-kind art inspired by famous artists, the world around you, and your own creative spirit! **For grades k–2.**

StoryWalk®: *Can You Hug a Forest?* Nature Walk

Wednesday, October 14 • 4–5 pm • Panfish Park
Meet at the playground at Panfish Park to enjoy the new StoryWalk book, *Can You Hug a Forest?* by Frances Gilbert, and explore some of the nature around the park. **For pre-k–grade 2 and their grownups.**

Music. Movement. Spanish. Fun!

Fridays • September 11, October 9, November 13 • 10–10:45 am
Youth Program Room
Learn Spanish through singing, listening, and repetition. Build confidence speaking Spanish from day one with no experience needed with MLToons. Eighteen name tags (kids only). **For 2–6 years and their grownups.**

Storytimes

gepl.org/storytime

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

Drop-in Storytimes

No registration is required for these storytimes.

Adaptive Storytime

Mondays • September 14, October 5, November 2 • 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 • September 4, November 6 • 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.**

Dwujęzyczne czytanie bajek: język polski • Bilingual Storytime: Polish

Thursdays • September 24, October 22 • 10:30–11 am

Opowieści i piosenki w języku polskim i angielskim! Dla dzieci w każdym wieku i ich opiekunów. Stories and songs in English and Polish! **For kids of all ages and their grownups.**

Storytime in the Park

Tuesdays and Wednesdays, September 8–30 • 10:30–11 am • Local Parks

Don't forget to bring a blanket and bug spray! **For kids of all ages and their grownups.**

Newton Park	Tuesdays • September 8–29 • 10:30–11 am
Village Green Park	Wednesdays • September 9–30 • 10:30–11 am

Storytime in the Park with the Glen Ellyn Police Department

Tuesday, September 1 • 10:30–11 am • Newton Park

Enjoy stories, songs, and a chance to meet police officers and explore a police vehicle! Don't forget to bring a blanket and bug spray! **For kids of all ages and their grownups.**

Storytime in the Park with the Glen Ellyn Volunteer Fire Department

Thursday, October 8 • 10:30–11 am • Newton Park

Enjoy stories, songs, and a chance to meet volunteer firefighters and explore a fire engine! Don't forget to bring a blanket and bug spray! **For kids of all ages and their grownups.**

Name Tag Storytimes

Name tags (kids only) 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.

Apple of My Eye

Tuesday, September 1 • 6–6:30 pm
Wednesday, September 2 • 9:30–10 am, 10:30–11 am

You're the apple of my eye! Bring baby and explore apples with apple themed stories, rhymes, and play. Fifteen name tags (kids only). **For birth–23 months and their grownups.**

Book Babies

Mondays • September 14–October 26 • 9:30–10 am, 10:30–11 am

Bring baby for rhymes, songs, and playtime with other babies. Fifteen name tags (kids only). **For birth–23 months and their grownups.**

Milk and Cookies Storytime

Wednesdays • September 9, October 14, November 11 • 6–7 pm

Dynamic session promoting child and grownup bonding through creating, singing, playing, and sharing stories together. After the story session, enjoy milk and cookies followed by open play. Twenty name tags (kids only). **For kids of all ages and their grownups.**

Together Time and Saturday Together Time

Tuesdays and Wednesdays • October 6–28 • 9:30–10 am, 10:30–11 am
Saturdays • September 5, October 10, November 7 • 10:30–11 am

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

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

Fall 2026 Building Closures

September 7	Labor Day
October 2	Staff In-Service Day
October 16	2 pm closure for Haunted Library
November 25	5 pm closure for Thanksgiving
November 26	Thanksgiving

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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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Joan B. Key, 1935 – 2025

Joan Key, "Jo" to her friends, called Glen Ellyn home for nearly 50 years before her passing in June of 2025. She traveled the world to pursue her interests in history, interior design, and antiques. In Glen Ellyn, Jo turned to the library to sustain her broad horizons and cherished its friendly staff.

In a gracious gesture of gratitude to her beloved library, Jo named the Foundation as beneficiary of an IRA account, a transformative gift with potential to impact the entire community. The Foundation is deeply grateful for her vision and generosity and will long remember her adventurous spirit.

The Foundation invites you to help sustain the vitality of the library with a gift to the Foundation in your estate plan. For more information on creating your legacy at the library, consult your legal/financial advisors or email foundation@gepl.org.

$15,000 Challenge

Many thanks to every donor who helped the Foundation meet our $15,000 challenge in May! Your generosity will support new materials for book clubs, programming and prizes for the library's Summer Reading program, and countless other extras that keep the library exceptional.

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FRIENDS

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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 community through an annual giving campaign, used book sales, and the Used Book Nook at the library.

Annual Giving Campaign Mailing

October 21 (5–9 pm) and October 22 (9 am–Noon) at the Library

Volunteer to help the Friends send their annual mailing to community residents asking for voluntary contributions, which help fund the library's collections. If you would like to help stuff envelopes and affix mailing labels, please email friends@gepl.org for details.

Used Book Sales

Held in the Basement Friends Area

Saturday, September 19	**9 am–2 pm**
Sunday, September 20	**1–4 pm** ($10 per bag of most items)
Saturday, November 14	**9 am–2 pm**
Friday, November 27	**1–4 pm** during the library's Holiday Walk

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. Donations of quality adult and children's books, media, puzzles, and games are appreciated. We cannot accept encyclopedias, magazines, or damaged, outdated materials. If you have a large donation, please contact the Building Engineer at 630-790-6765 to schedule a drop-off appointment.

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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