

Library Link

A Season of Giving

The Giving Tree

In 2019, our community donated hundreds of items to the Library's Giving Tree that benefited numerous individuals experiencing homelessness. This year, the Giving Tree is returning to the Library, and we are once again partnering with BEDS Plus to collect items that are needed for the winter season. Items will be accepted at the Library from December 6-January 3. Requested donations include:

- New hats
- Handwarmers
- Low denomination gift cards

Hats and handwarmers can be donated in the Lobby on the Ground Floor of the Library. To donate gift cards, please make arrangements with Sara Horn at 708-598-8446 ext. 115 or shorn@greenhillslibrary.org.

All items must be new. We are unable to accept any used donations.



November/December 2021

Available Services

To find out what Library services are currently available, call 708-598-8446 or visit us online at greenhillslibrary.org/covid-19.

Contact Us

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Web: greenhillslibrary.org

Phone: 708-598-8446

Patron Services Desk: ext. 110, 112

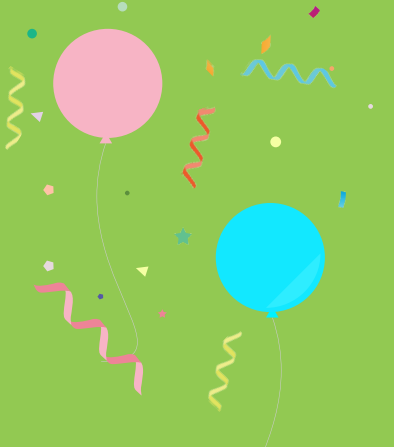
Adult Services Desk: ext. 120

Youth Services Desk: ext. 117

Kristen Human • Head of Adult Services

Though I just joined the Green Hills team in 2019, this Library has been one of my favorite places for over 20 years. When I was a kid I would walk through the stacks here, envisioning myself as a librarian and picking out my favorite books to suggest to my friends. At the time I thought that's what the job would entail - lots of reading, book talks, and shushing loud people who would dare to disturb a reader's solace. Obviously, my expectations about the job have changed throughout the years, but I am still just as passionate about sharing knowledge and making the Library a welcoming place for all.

Being a librarian allows me to wear many hats at once: researcher, curator, designer, guide, advocate, learner. Each day is a new opportunity to make connections, empower others, and inspire lifelong learning. It is truly fulfilling to know that I am doing meaningful work that positively impacts the community. I am so thrilled to begin this journey as Head of Adult Services and to provide our patrons with the services and resources they need to lead richer lives!



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The Stranger in the Lifeboat by **Mitch Albom**

Out of the Rain by **V.C. Andrews**

The Playing Fields by **Stella Cameron**

Game On by **Janet Evanovich**

The Christmas Promise by **Richard Paul Evans**

A Christmas Legacy by **Anne Perry**

The Dark Hours by **Michael Connelly**

Dark Tarot by **Christine Feehan**

Never by **Ken Follett**

Mercy by **David Baldacci**

A Man of Honor by **Barbara Bradford**

The Missing Piece by **John Lescroart**

The Wolf by **J.R. Ward**

Fear No Evil by **James Patterson**

Go Tell the Bees That I Am Gone by **Diana Gabaldon**

The Becoming by **Nora Roberts**

Flying Angels by **Danielle Steel**

Someone Perfect by **Mary Balogh**

Autopsy by **Patricia Cornwell**

The Midnight Lock by **Jeffery Deaver**

Wish You Were Here by **Jodi Picoult**

Sharpe's Assassin by **Bernard Cornwell**

The Midnight Hour by **Elly Griffiths**

City of Shadows by **Victoria Thompson**

The Paris Detective by **James Patterson**

Criminal Mischief by **Stuart Woods**

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Program Registration

To protect the health and safety of our community and staff, program registration will take place online or over the phone. Visit greenhillslibrary.evanced.info/signup/calendar to sign up for programs. There is no in-person registration.



Scan to visit our
event calendar.

From the Director

We have gradually started to offer in-house programs, one of them being the return of our popular Legislative Meet and Great. On Thursday, November 4, Senator Bill Cunningham (18th District) and State Representative Kelly Burke (36th District) will be here to update us on legislative issues and answer your questions. I hope to see some of you at this informative program.

If you haven't seen our Checkout Rewards, I encourage you to stop and take a look at this display. Each month a different collection is featured. When you check out one of the items on display you receive a themed snack or item. I particularly like November and December's themed collections as I love to read, and two of my favorite genres are on display: bestsellers, and mysteries! With these checkouts, you'll get an autumn candle and a hot chocolate spoon. Sounds like a perfect way to spend a cold evening.

As we get ready to say goodbye to 2021 and welcome 2022, I would like to extend my thanks to all of you for your continued support of our Library. It has been a challenging year with so many changes, and I know we are all looking forward to good health and to a peaceful 2022.

As a reminder, the Library will be closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 25. As we look ahead to December, the Library will be open on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve from 9am-3pm.

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

Jane Jenkins
jjenkins@greenhillslibrary.org



Checkout Rewards

This is a fun way to try out something new and get a treat! Check out an item from the month's featured collection, and receive a themed snack or item. Please inform staff at the Patron Services Desk of this promotion when checking out the material to receive your Checkout Reward.

November

Missed out on reading a hot title this year? Check out a bestseller and receive an autumn candle.



December

Time to warm up by the fire! Check out a cozy mystery and receive a hot chocolate spoon.



Community Kits

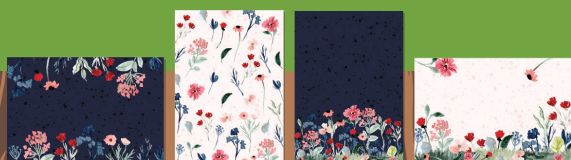
Want to help make our community a better place? The Library will provide residents with supplies, informational materials, and directions on how to complete and utilize projects to better our community! Limit one per household. For more information, please contact Brittany Ramos at 708-598-8446 ext. 118.

November: Greeting Cards*

Brighten someone's day with these neat greeting cards! The pandemic has had a major effect on our lives. Public health actions, such as social distancing, are necessary to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Yet, these actions can make us feel isolated and lonely and can increase stress and anxiety. Promote positivity in the world and send someone a cheerful card! This kit is complete with cards, envelopes, and stamps. Register online or call 708-598-8446 ext. 120. Registration starts Monday, November 8 at 10am.

December: Green Cleaning Products*

Green cleaning products are created using safe, non-toxic, and biodegradable ingredients unlike conventional cleaning products. Eco-friendly cleaning products not only reduce air and water pollution, but also help fight ozone depletion and climate change. Try out a green solution to cleaning that may tempt you to ditch your conventional cleaning products. Register online or call 708-598-8446 ext. 120. Registration starts Monday, November 8 at 10am.



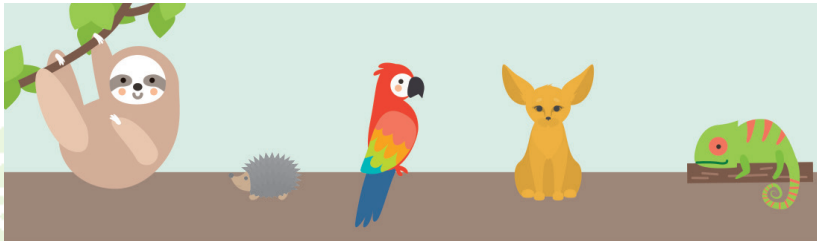
YOUTH PROGRAMS

Animals Around the World*

Thursday, December 2 • 4:30pm OR 6:00pm

Location: 1st Floor Meeting Room

Meet animals from all over the world! Come to the Library and see arachnids, amphibians, reptiles, mammals, and birds. Interact with our live animal ambassadors and you will learn how these animals adapt and survive in varied biomes across the globe! Please register all attendees, including caregivers. Register for only one session. Face masks are required. Limit 20 per session. All ages.



Family Storytime*

Wednesdays: November 3, 10, 17, 24 • 11:00-11:30am

Location: 1st Floor Meeting Room

Come to the Library and have some fun with stories, songs, and more! Register all participants including caregivers. Face masks are required. Limit 20. All ages.



Cookie Decorating*

Available: Friday, December 10 • 3pm

Format: Take & Make

The best kind of art is the one you can eat! Be creative and decorate a holiday cookie to enjoy at home. Kits will include all the necessary supplies. Limit 50. Children ages 9 and under.



Zumba*

Monday, November 22 • 6pm

Monday, December 20 • 6pm

Location: 1st Floor Meeting Room

Let's get moving! Come to the Library and try out Zumba! Zumba is a workout that combines dancing and fun! Face masks are required. Children ages 6 and up. Limit 15.

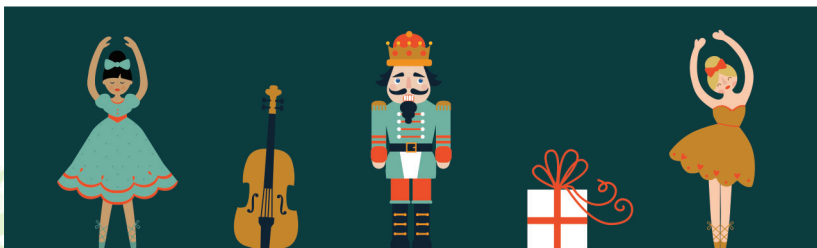


Nutcracker Dance Workshop with Beverly Arts Center*

Tuesday, December 21 • 4:30pm

Location: 1st Floor Meeting Room

Join us with Beverly Arts Center instructor Miriam-Rose LeDuc, who will teach us how to do some of the dances from the Nutcracker! All experience levels are welcome to join. Face masks are required. Limit 20. Ages 6-9.



Decorative Dots*

Thursday, December 16 • 4:30-6:00pm

Location: 1st Floor Meeting Room

Young artists will blend a dot paint technique with shimmering metallic paint markers to create an imaginary animal in this unique decorative design workshop. Face masks are required. Limit 20. Ages 6-9.



Youth: Programs marked with an asterisk (*) require registration. You can register at greenhillslibrary.evanced.info/signup/calendar. Unless otherwise noted, registration is live. Check out the Library's YouTube Channel for more programs.

TEEN PROGRAMS

Natgirl Reads*



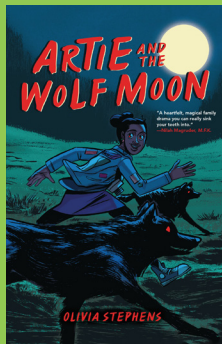
Format: In-person

Come join Miss Natalie for a fun book discussion. Copies of the book will be available at the Youth Services Desk one month before the book club meeting. If you do not pick up your book one week before the meeting, your spot will be forfeited and given to the next person on the waiting list. Face masks are required. Limit 15. Ages 10-17.

Monday, November 8 • 6pm

Location: 1st Floor Meeting Room

Artie and the Wolf Moon by Olivia Stephens

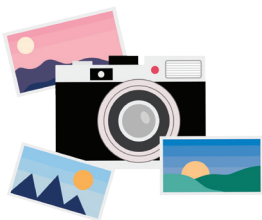


Photography Workshop with Beverly Arts Center*

Wednesday, November 3 • 6pm

Location: 1st Floor Meeting Room

Join us with Beverly Art Center instructor Tony Mosley who will teach us about photography! Learn about composition and basic photo editing. All experience levels are welcome to join! Face masks are required. Limit 10. Ages 10-17.



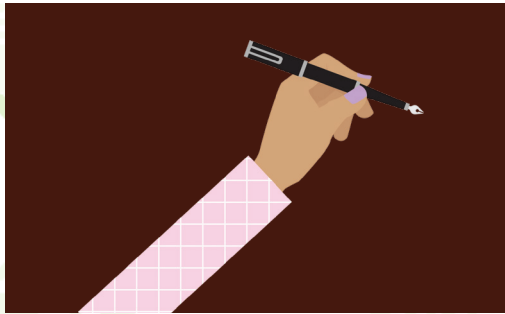
Calligraphy Club*

Monday, December 6 • 6pm

Monday, December 13 • 6pm

Location: 1st Floor Meeting Room

Join Miss Cristina as you learn the skill of calligraphy and make a framed art piece to take home! This program has two sessions and attendance is required for both. Face masks are required. Limit 10. Ages 10-17.



Cookie Decorating for Teens*

Available: Friday, December 10 • 3pm

Format: Take & Make

The best kind of art is the one you can eat! Be creative and decorate a holiday cookie to enjoy at home. Kits will include all the necessary supplies. Limit 50. Ages 10-17.



Gift Wrapping Drop In

Tuesday, December 14 • 2-7pm

Location: 1st Floor Meeting Room

Wrap your holiday gifts at the Library! All supplies will be provided. Face masks are required. Ages 10-17.



Teen Trivia Night*

Monday, November 29 • 6pm

Location: 1st Floor Meeting Room

Come join us for a night of trivia fun! From sport stats to Kpop and every pop culture topic in between, battle your friends and test your knowledge! Face masks are required. Limit 20. Ages 10-17.



YA Checkout Incentive: Kawaii School Supplies

Check out five books from our Young Adult collection, and receive kawaii school supplies! You will get your choice of a cute pencil holder and animal pen. Read a lot, and collect them all! This promotion will run for the month of November. Please show your checkout receipt at the Youth Services Desk to receive your prize.



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ADULT PROGRAMS

Craft Kits*

Format: Take & Make

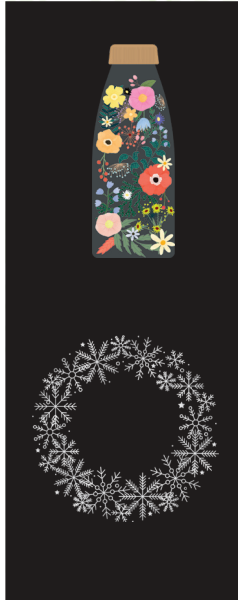
Learn cool new DIY techniques with our craft kits! Limit one per person. Register online or call 708-598-8446 ext. 120. Registration starts Monday, November 8 at 10am. Staff will contact registered patrons when to pick up their kit during the months of November and December. Ages 18 and up.

November: Forever Bouquet*

Learn how to preserve beautiful dried flowers in a cool jar with translucent jelly, for a bouquet you can keep forever!

December: Snowflake Wreath*

Craft a beautiful wintry snowflake wreath via this kit! A glue gun is required to complete this craft (not supplied by the Library).



All About NFTs*

Tuesday, November 30 • 6:30pm

Location: Online OR 1st Floor Meeting Room

Format: Online OR In-person

NFTs (non-fungible tokens) are all over the news as a way to produce and/or acquire digital art, music, videos, and other collectibles. Are they just a passing trend or a useful way to assign uniqueness to easily reproducible items, while rewarding their creators? Attend virtually or at the Library to view the live Zoom. Face masks are required for in-person attendance. Limit 90 virtual. Limit 30 in-person. Ages 18 and up.



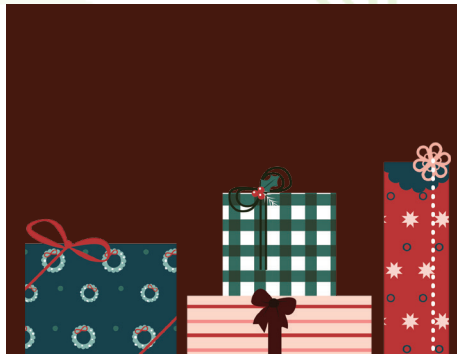
Gift Wrapping Drop In

Tuesday, December 14 • 2-7pm

Location: 1st Floor Meeting Room

Format: In-person

Wrap your holiday gifts at the Library! All supplies will be provided. Face masks are required. Ages 18 and up.



Legislative Meet and Greet*

Thursday, November 4 • 6:30pm

Location: 1st Floor Meeting Room

Format: In-person

Do you have questions you would like to ask your local legislators? Meet State Senator Bill Cunningham (18th District) and State Representative Kelly Burke (36th District) at the Library. Face masks are required. Limit 30. Ages 18 and up.

Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic

1st Dose Wednesday, November 17 • 3:30-6:30pm

2nd Dose Wednesday, December 1 • 3:30-6:30pm

Location: 1st Floor Meeting Room

Format: In-person

Join Crescent Pharmacy at the Library to get vaccinated with the FDA approved Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine. Flu shots will also be offered during both dates. Let's protect our community and get vaccinated! Vaccines will be administered by the Crescent Pharmacy Team. Walk-ins are welcome. Face masks are required.



Flu Shot Clinic*

Tuesday, November 9 • 3:30-6:30pm

Location: 1st Floor Meeting Room

Format: In-person

Stay healthy and protect others this season with a flu shot. Vaccines are recommended for everyone 10 years of age and older, including healthy adults. Vaccines will be administered by the Crescent Pharmacy Team. Walk-ins are welcome; please bring your medical insurance card. The cost for uninsured individuals is \$30 out of pocket. For more information, please contact Brittany Ramos at 708-598-8446 ext. 118. Face masks are required.

Wintery Wood Pallet Paint Along*

Kits Available: Monday, December 6 at 10am

Format: Recording + Kit

Paint along with artist Heather Vandermolen as we learn to paint a wintry design on a wooden pallet from home! Registration starts Monday, November 8 at 10am. Ages 18 and up

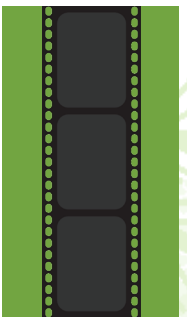
Movie Night: *Knives Out**

Tuesday, December 7 • 6:30pm

Location: 1st Floor Meeting Room

Format: In-person

Join us at the Library for a fun movie night. We will be watching *Knives Out*. One lucky person will win a copy of the movie. Face masks are required. Limit 25. Ages 18 and up.



Adult: Programs marked with an asterisk (*) require registration. An email is required at registration to receive the Zoom link. Unless otherwise noted registration is live. Register at greenhillslibrary.evanced.info/signup/calendar. Select program recordings are available to view after the program.



Our Story

Year in Review

2020–2021

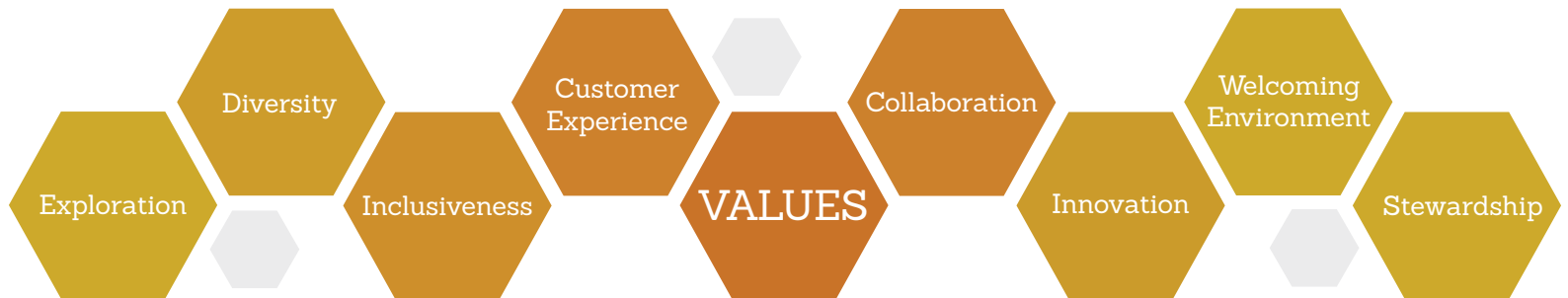
2020–2021 has been yet another extraordinary year. When we started the fiscal year on July 1, 2020, we had only been open to the public for a couple weeks following a 13-week shutdown in response to the pandemic. Though our service model looked very different when we reopened, we were able to reintroduce services over the course of the year while keeping health and safety our top priority.



Spotify

To reach our community members in the midst of an ongoing pandemic, we needed to rethink our service model. Our excellent staff were quick to offer creative solutions that prioritized health and safety. This included take-home craft kits, virtual programs, home delivery for all residents, online Library card registration, website chat service, a customized list of community resources for those in need, and enhanced remote access to online resources. Our staff also curated lists of recommended books, podcasts, movies, and music using digital book displays, Letterboxd, and Spotify. Many of these services proved to be very popular and still remain available today.

Library administration developed and finalized the 2021–2024 Strategic Plan during this time. Over the next few years, we hope to achieve a diverse Library through initiatives that are representative of our community, an enhanced presence from stronger marketing and outreach efforts, and an expansion of services that foster inclusiveness, innovation, and lifelong learning. We encourage you to follow along with our progress.



Following the Strategic Plan's release in early 2021, it wasn't long before we were able to accomplish one of our goals. The growing trend of public libraries going fine free reached our Library when the Board unanimously voted to approve a fine free policy in February. Not only does this help eliminate barriers that keep community members from utilizing Library services, it establishes consistency of policies and improves the overall user experience.

The Library also saw some changes to its governance this past fiscal year. A long-serving Trustee, Rick Kelleher, retired from the Board after 15 years of dedicated service. In April, existing Trustee Thomas Hanes was reelected to the Library Board, and we welcomed newly elected Trustee Kathleen Groark. The Board also appointed new Trustee Ian Chafee in June to fill a vacancy.



As we wrapped up the 2020–2021 fiscal year, we knew one thing was certain: we have evolved. And as we enter the next year, we will continue to embrace changes and make every effort to serve the needs of our wonderful community. We thank our community members and the Library Board of Trustees for their continued support.

Jane Jenkins

Jane Jenkins, Library Director

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HOURS

Monday-Friday: 9am-9pm
Saturday: 10am-5pm
Sunday: 12-4pm

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greenhillslibrary.org.

LIBRARY BOARD

Noula Angelos, President
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Ian Chafee
Stephen Culen
Thomas Hanes
Jane Jenkins, Library Director

Upcoming Board Meetings:

Monday, November 15 • 6pm
Monday, February 21 • 6pm

GET A LIBRARY CARD

It's never too late to get the smartest card of all, a Library card! There is no cost.

How To Apply:

- Visit us in-person with one document establishing residency in the District and a photo ID. Applicants under 18 require a parent/guardian to be present.
- Register online at greenhillslibrary.org for an instant digital access card. Online registrants must be 13 or older.

LETTERBOXD

Our staff have curated lists of movies, old and new. Whether you are looking to take a trip down memory lane, or want to find something new to watch, the Library's Letterboxd page is filled with recommendations and themed selections.



MOST POPULAR CHECKOUTS

Top 5 Adult Fiction

1. *Blindside* by James Patterson
2. *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett
3. *The Guest List* by Lucy Foley
4. *The Russian* by James Patterson
5. *The Silent Patient* by Alex Michaelides

Top 5 Adult Nonfiction

1. *Untamed* by Glennon Doyle
2. *Hidden Valley Road* by Robert Kolker
3. *Educated* by Tara Westover
4. *The Office: The Untold Story of the Greatest Sitcom of the 2000s* by Andy Greene
5. *Becoming: A Guided Journal for Discovering Your Voice* by Michelle Obama