

Library Link

September Is Library Card Sign-Up Month

This month, Green Hills Public Library District is joining the American Library Association and libraries nationwide to encourage readers of every generation to cultivate their curiosity and sign up for their very own library card. At GHPLD, during the month of September, each person registering as a new cardholder will receive a Green Hills lunch bag welcome gift, while supplies last. To celebrate our new and current cardholders, all patrons with a GHPLD Library card will be eligible to enter three different raffles for a Kindle, a Green Hills fleece and travel tumbler, and a bag full of Green Hills goodies.

How Do I Get a Library Card?

Visit the Patron Services Desk on the 2nd floor of the Library with one document establishing residency within the District (Hickory Hills and Palos Hills) and a photo ID. Applicants under 18 require a parent or guardian to be present.



Contents

Library News	2-4
Did You Know?	5
Back to School Resources	6
Children's Programs	7
Storytimes	7
All Ages Programs	8
Family Programs	8
Tween and Teen Programs	9
Adult Programs	10-11
Upcoming Releases	12

Registration

See each page for registration dates. Non-residents may register for programs one week after registration opens to GHPLD cardholders.

Registration link:
greenhillspdl.librarycalendar.com

Photo Policy

The Green Hills Public Library District reserves the right to use photographs and audio/video recordings taken at Library events or programs for publicity purposes in printed materials and online. All Library patrons consent to the use of their image and/or voice taken on the Library premises or at offsite Library events, unless they specifically inform Library staff of an objection to such use.

Accessibility

For staff to be best prepared to assist with your needs, we ask individuals with disabilities who require an accommodation for Library programs to contact the Library Director by phone at 708-598-8446 or by email at ghpl@greenhillslibrary.org at least five working days in advance.

Stay Connected

Follow us on social media for the most up-to-date information on Library news, services, and more.



Facebook
[@GreenHillsLib](https://www.facebook.com/GreenHillsLib)



Instagram
[@greenhillslibrary](https://www.instagram.com/greenhillslibrary)



YouTube
[youtube.com/greenhillslibrary](https://www.youtube.com/greenhillslibrary)

LIBRARY NEWS



From the Director

As one season ends and another begins, I would like to take a moment to reflect on a few major accomplishments from our 2024-2025 Fiscal Year.

The remodel of our Youth Play Area is now complete, and it looks great! A big thank you to Natalie Djordjevic, Head of Youth Services, for leading the project, and to her team for their hard work in bringing the space to life.

We also had another successful Back to School Supply Drive, with generous contributions from local businesses and patrons. Special thanks to Emily Meszaros, Youth Services Librarian, who spearheaded this year's drive and helped make it a success.

Our most exciting accomplishment has been the installation of our 24-Hour Library. We are the first Library in the state of Illinois to have this machine. To celebrate, we will be hosting a ribbon cutting ceremony on Saturday, September 13 at 10am. I hope to see many of you there.

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month – just in time for the start of the new school year. What better way for students to get ready for school than by signing up for their own Library card? All new cardholders will get a free gift and be entered into a raffle for another fun giveaway! Whether you're a new resident or new to the Library, we invite you in to get a Library card and see all that we have to offer!

Here's a glimpse of a few of our upcoming programs. Our popular Community Shred Event will take place on Saturday, September 13, from 9-11am at Oak Ridge School, in the South Parking Lot. We also have a variety of youth and family programs planned throughout the fall. Be sure to check the full newsletter for details.

Happy Halloween!

Jane Jenkins
jjenkins@greenhillslibrary.org



Youth Play Area

Top Micropantry Donations Needed

Are you looking to donate to our micropantry, or do you know someone who does? Please note the top donations our community needs:

• Diapers • Mouthwash • Soap • Toothpaste

For more information on donating, please visit greenhillslibrary.org/micropantry.

Library Closure • Friday, August 29-September 1

The Library will be closed from August 29-31 due to necessary repairs in our parking lots. We will be closed on Monday, September 1 for Labor Day and will resume regular operating hours on Tuesday, September 2. The outdoor book drop on 103rd Street will be unavailable during this time, but no materials will be due during the closure. As always, our online resources are available 24/7 on our website: greenhillslibrary.org.



Introducing Our New...

24-Hour Library!



We are thrilled to announce a new way to enjoy Library services with the installation of a 24-Hour Library! This innovative addition brings increased convenience to the community by allowing patrons to check out and return materials, and/or pick up holds—day or night.

This new offering provides access to a curated selection of currently trending materials, fan favorites, and seasonal items, available to patrons around the clock. This initiative is in support of our Strategic Plan, in which we have set out to maximize community engagement and provide responsive library services.

The 24-Hour Library is located outside, near the main entrance. We welcome you to give it a try; just scan your Library card and follow the on-screen instructions.

Hold Pickup

When you place a hold in the online catalog, you can select “Green Hills 24-Hour Library” as your hold pickup location for most books and AV items.

Some materials, such as Beyond Books or those that are oversized, are not eligible for pickup from the kiosk.

Checkouts & Returns

New books, non-new books, and audiovisual (AV) items check out for three weeks; new AV items check out for one week.

Items are not eligible for renewals. Any cardholder in our system can use the kiosk.

The kiosk will accept returns of books and AV items from any library and items are checked in real-time. All other items are not accepted.

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Saturday, September 13 • 10am

Join us to celebrate the ribbon cutting of our 24-Hour Library with the community!

Community Events

AAFS Photovoices Exhibit

Wednesday, September 3 • 6:30-8:30pm

Location: Green Hills Public Library District, First Floor Meeting Room

Photovoice is a powerful community project that gives participants the opportunity to tell their stories through photographs. This event will feature Arab American community members as presenters, sharing their personal experiences and reflections on the ongoing challenges they face related to identity and representation. Through their photos and narratives, participants will showcase their unique perspectives as Arab Americans navigating cultural complexities and societal perceptions.

The event aims to raise awareness, foster understanding, and amplify voices that are often underrepresented in mainstream discourse. Presented by Arab American Family Services. Light refreshments will be served. Limit 60. All ages.



Community Shred Event

Saturday, September 13 • 9-11am

Location: Oak Ridge School South Parking Lot (Entrance off 88th Ave)

Shred it and forget it! Bring your paper goods to the South Parking Lot of Oak Ridge School off of 88th Avenue. Have your items shredded confidentially and securely. Limit two boxes per person.

24-Hour Library Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Saturday, September 13 • 10am

Location: Green Hills Public Library District, First Floor Meeting Room

Join us to celebrate the ribbon cutting of our 24-Hour Library with the community! Light refreshments will be served.

Writer's Critique Group

Saturday, September 13 • 10am-12pm

Saturday, October 11 • 10am-12pm

Location: Green Hills Public Library District, Screened Porch Room

Join the Writer's Critique Group on the second Saturday of each month from 10am-12pm. Whether you are a published or aspiring writer, please join us for discussion, feedback, and suggestions for improvement in member's works.

Important Notice About Program Attendance



Patrons who do not cancel their registration more than 24 hours in advance will be considered No Shows. If a patron is considered a No Show for three events, they may be unable to register for future events and will instead be placed on a waitlist.

How to Cancel Your Registration for a Program

Ages 18+

Call the Adult Services Desk at least 24 hours before the event at 708-598-8446 ext. 120. You can also click the link in the registration confirmation email you received to cancel without calling the Library.

Ages 0-17

Call the Youth Services Desk at least 24 hours before the event at 708-598-8446 ext. 117. You can also click the link in the registration confirmation email you received to cancel without calling the Library.



Thank you to our community donors who made our 3rd annual School Supply Drive so successful with their donations. We'd like to thank the following businesses and The Hills Chamber of Commerce for their generous contributions:

\$500 Sponsor

- The Hills Chamber of Commerce



\$100 Sponsors

- El Chaparro Mexican Food of Hickory Hills
- Jewel-Osco of Hickory Hills
- Memeti's Pizza
- The Qahwa
- Round 4 Gym



\$50 Sponsors

- Ayara Threading
- Lassak Delicatessen
- Palos Consulting LLC
- Palos Home Care
- Stars Academy School of Phlebotomy



\$25 Sponsors

- Priyanka Shah of Allstate Insurance
- Y Nail & Spa



Other Sponsors

- Palos Lanes
- Palos Orthodontics
- Streets of Europe Fashion Boutique



DID YOU KNOW?

College Center

Get help with college level assignments, papers, and exams on a number of subjects including Math, English, Science, and Social Studies with Tutor.com's College Center.



Test Preparation 24/7

Prepare for the SAT/PSAT, ACT, standardized tests in all 50 states, GED, GRE, GMAT, LSAT, MCAT, civil service, and much more with Tutor.com.

Job, Resume, and Career Help

Looking for a career change? Need to dust off your resume? Tutor.com is there to help you navigate a job search, write your resume, prepare for an interview, or apply for jobs online. You can even find online resources like sample resumes, job openings, and career sites.

Visit bit.ly/ghpld-tutor or scan the QR code and enter your Library card number to get started today.



CR Consumer Reports

Browse thousands of unbiased ratings, reviews, expert buying advice, product comparisons, consumer user reviews, and product video clips. Proven product reliability data and complete product specifications are included. Product and service ratings and reviews include electronics, appliances, home and garden, baby gear, food products, automobiles, and much more. Visit bit.ly/consumer-reports-ghpld to access Consumer Reports remotely.



careeronlineTM HIGH SCHOOL

Are you looking to advance your career, prepare for workforce entry, and/or continue your education? Find

out more about Career Online High School, a program that offers adults the opportunity to earn an accredited high school diploma and career certificate online. Visit greenhillslibrary.org/cohs, or scan the QR code for more information on this free program.



Mango Languages

Want to learn a new language? This online language-learning system uses real-life situations and actual conversations to more effectively teach a new language. There are over 70 world languages and 18 ESL courses available. This resource is free and available to use online or via mobile app on the go, at home, or within the Library. A Library card is required. Scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/ghpld-mango-languages to get started.

Below are some of the languages available:

- | | | | |
|----------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| • Arabic (Iraqi) | • English | • Italian | • Spanish |
| • Arabic (Levantine) | • Filipino (Tagalog) | • Japanese | • Swahili |
| • Arabic (Modern Standard) | • Finnish | • Korean | • Swedish |
| • Bengali | • French | • Latin | • Tamil |
| • Chinese (Cantonese) | • German | • Persian (Farsi) | • Telugu |
| • Chinese (Mandarin) | • Greek (Modern) | • Polish | • Thai |
| • Croatian | • Hebrew (Modern) | • Portuguese (Brazilian) | • Turkish |
| • Czech | • Hindi | • Punjabi (Pakistani) | • Ukrainian |
| • Danish | • Hungarian | • Romanian | • Urdu |
| • Dutch | • Indonesian | • Russian | • Vietnamese |



MANGO



Notary Services

The Library has several notaries on staff with varying availability during all operational hours. Walk-ins are accepted, but we strongly encourage patrons to confirm availability and make an appointment by calling 708-598-8446.



Scan the QR code for more information on the Library's notary service.



GHPLD Book Match

Do you feel like you've read it all? Want to watch something new? Let our professional title matchmakers provide you with personalized selections! Within a week, a staff member will find you five titles that fit your reading or watching preferences. A new adventure is just a few clicks away! To get matched with new personalized reading and watching options, visit bit.ly/ghpldbookmatch.



Scan the QR code to access GHPLD Book Match



BACK TO SCHOOL RESOURCES

Scholastic Teachables

Did you know our Library offers access to Scholastic Teachables? This resource provides teacher-approved printable activities for math, science, reading comprehension, STEM, writing, and beyond for students in pre-K through 8th grade. This collection also has lesson plans and homeschooling resources. We have binders of activities for grade levels pre-K through 6th grade and copies can be made at the Youth Services Desk, free of charge. You can also access all of these materials remotely by scanning the QR code or visiting bit.ly/scholastic-teachables. For more information, visit the Youth Services Desk or call 708-598-8446 ext. 117.

In-Library Activity Binder

Grade Levels Available:

- Pre-K
- 1st Grade
- 2nd Grade
- 3rd Grade
- 4th Grade
- 5th Grade
- 6th Grade

SCHOLASTIC
Teachables



Youth Services Department Help

Visit the Youth Services Desk on the 2nd floor of the Library. Our friendly staff members are more than happy to assist you. We offer a wide variety of services:

- General Information Requests
- Interlibrary Loan
- Library Tours
- Online Databases Including Homework Help
- Parent/Teacher Resources
- Readers Advisory
- Research Assistance
- School Visits
- Volunteer Opportunities



College Prep and FAFSA Help

Getting ready for college? Tutor.com provides 24/7 access to SAT and ACT essentials, powered by the world leader in test preparation, The Princeton Review. This resource offers complete full-length practice tests, help with areas in need of improvement, and important test-taking strategies.

Tutor.com also offers FAFSA resources, where you can get information about the FAFSA along with tips for maximizing your aid.

Visit bit.ly/ghpld-tutor or scan the QR code and enter your Library card number to get started.



Parent/Caregiver and Teacher Resources

Parent/Teacher Collection

The Library has a special collection of books for parents/caregivers and teachers to borrow. These resources are helpful for lesson planning and obtaining creative ideas. Are you looking for a resource that we do not have? Email youthservices@greenhillslibrary.org or call 708-598-8446 ext. 117.

Reading Lists

Youth Services has compiled a series of reading lists children of all ages. Narrow down award winners as well as books that fall within various genres. These lists can help you locate books for required reading or just for fun. Visit greenhillslibrary.org/youth-reading-lists to check out award winners and staff recommended lists.

Homework Help and Live Tutors with Tutor.com for Kindergarten-College

School is back in session, and this is a great time for all ages to connect to Tutor.com. Tutor.com can help with homework, studying, preparing for tests, and much more. Live tutors are available from 12pm-12am to work with students in kindergarten through college. Visit bit.ly/ghpld-tutor or scan the QR code and enter your Library card number to get started today.



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

 See page 4 for important information about program attendance and cancellations.

Eco Club*

Wednesday, September 17 • 6:30pm

Wednesday, October 15 • 6:30pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

In each program, we will watch a video, play a game, and create a craft that ties into the environmental theme chosen by participants. Limit 15. Ages 6+.



Science Lab*

Wednesday, September 10 • 6:30pm

Wednesday, October 8 • 6:30pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

We will start each class with a read-aloud book. Then, we will discuss the actual science before we play a game and complete a hands-on project. Limit 15. Ages 6+.

Crafternoons

Wednesday, September 10 • 3:30pm

Wednesday, October 8 • 3:30pm

Location: Youth Services Department

Stop in and get those little fingers moving with a fun and simple craft. Supplies are first come first served, but you are welcome to pop in and out. Ages 3-6.



Spin Art Spectacular*

Monday, September 8 • 4:30pm

Location: Ground Floor Meeting Room

Get ready to spin it right-round as we use a spin art wheel to create masterful pieces of art. Limit 15. Ages 6+.

Let's Go Legos*

Tuesday, September 9 • 4:30pm

Tuesday, October 7 • 4:30pm

Location: Ground Floor Meeting Room

Lego lovers, unite! Put on your hard hat and get to building. We'll let you borrow our Legos, but you'll have to bring your creativity to match the given challenge. Limit 20. Ages 6+.



Pokémon Club*

Tuesday, September 16 • 4:30pm

Tuesday, October 14 • 4:30pm

Location: Ground Floor Meeting Room

Come gather with fellow Pokémon trainers to make a craft, play games and battle, and join an optional trade with parent permission. Let's catch them all! Limit 20. Ages 8+.

Little Sensations*

Wednesday, September 3 • 11am

Wednesday, October 1 • 11am

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Your little ones will be able to touch and feel their way through the Library's sensory-friendly materials during this one-hour station-based playtime. Register all participants including caregivers. Limit 20. Ages 3-6.

Maker Mondays*

Mondays: September 15 and 29 • 4:30pm

Mondays: October 13 and 27 • 4:30pm

Location: Youth Services Department

Join us in beating those Monday blues by making a craft of your own. Limit 15. Ages 6+.

Shrinky Dink Central*

Wednesday, September 24 • 4:30pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Step on down to the Library and get ready to shrink and dink your way through the evening while we make all kinds of Shrinky Dinks for you to take home. Limit 15. Ages 6+.

Yoga for Kids*

Thursday, September 11 • 6pm

Thursday, October 2 • 6pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Stretch. Meditate. Relax. We are pleased to partner with The Do Good Movement to bring yoga and mindfulness to our Library. Yoga mats will be provided. Limit 20. Ages 6+.



Retro Kidventures*

Tuesday, September 30 • 4:30pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Join us as we head back in time to watch some of our favorite classic TV shows and make a fun craft! Limit 15. Ages 6+.

Adopt a Ghost*

Wednesday, October 22 • 4:30pm

Location: Ground Floor Meeting Room

There are no boos about this one! Float on into the Library to adopt your very own ghoulish friend. Limit 20. Ages 6+.



STORYTIMES

Family Storytime

Fridays: September 12, 19, 26 • 10am

Fridays: October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 • 10am

Location: Ground Floor Meeting Room

Have some fun with stories, songs, and more! Registration will begin 10 minutes prior to the start of the program. Space is limited to the first 20 children and their caregivers.

Hills Farmer's Market Storytime

Friday, September 5 • 10am

Location: The City of Hickory Hills Veteran's Park, 8652 W. 95th St., Hickory Hills

Catch us at the Hills Farmers Market for a fun and fresh storytime! Children of all ages and their caregivers are welcome.

Pajama Storytime*

Thursday, September 25 • 6:30pm

Thursday, October 23 • 6:30pm

Location: Ground Floor Meeting Room

Bring your favorite stuffy to the Library's pajama-themed storytime! Children of all ages and their caregivers; please register all attendees. Limit 20.



Wiggle & Wobble*

Mondays: September 8 and 22 • 10am

Mondays: October 6 and 20 • 10am

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Wiggle your way down to the Library for a storytime with fun songs and activities tailored for the littlest ones. Children ages 0-36 months and their caregivers; please register all attendees. Limit 20.

Halloween Storytime*

Wednesday, October 29 • 6pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Join us as we have fun with family-friendly stories, songs, and more Halloween fun. Children of all ages and their caregivers; please register all attendees. Limit 20.



Spanish Storytime*

Monday, September 29 • 6pm

Location: Ground Floor Meeting Room

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage month with a wonderful evening full of songs, stories, and culture. Children of all ages and their caregivers; register all attendees. Limit 20.

Polish Storytime*

Monday, October 13 • 6pm

Location: Ground Floor Meeting Room

Celebrate Polish Heritage month with a wonderful evening full of songs, stories, and culture. Children of all ages and their caregivers; register all attendees. Limit 20.



Scan to
register for
programs.

Registration starts Monday, August 25 at 10am. Programs marked with an asterisk (*) require registration. Register online or call 708-598-8446 ext. 117. Non-residents may register for programs one week after registration opens to GHPLD cardholders.

7 • Library Link
September/October 2025

FAMILY PROGRAMS

See page 4 for important information about program attendance and cancellations.

District 117 Library Orientation*

Monday, September 8 • 5pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Working with the parent liaisons in North Palos School District 117, the Library is offering an orientation and tour as well as helping families get Library cards. This presentation will be given in English, but translated to Arabic, Polish, and Spanish. This program is best suited for families who have children attending District 117. Limit 40. Children of all ages and their caregivers; please register all attendees.

Pumpkin Painting*

Thursday, October 16 • 6pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Pop into the Library with the whole family to decorate some pretty pumpkins! Pumpkins and all materials needed for decorating will be provided. Limit 50. Children of all ages and their caregivers; please register all attendees.



Family Halloween Costume Party*

Thursday, October 30 • 6pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Come dressed for fun games, crafts, snacks, movies, and a costume contest. Please no weapons and no gory, religious, or revealing costumes. Remember that everyone is invited! Limit 50. Children of all ages and their caregivers; please register all attendees.

* Family Programs are intended for children and their adults. Adults who are not accompanying a child are not able to attend Family Programs. Please register all attendees.

ALL AGES PROGRAMS

See page 4 for important information about program attendance and cancellations.

Fruteland Jackson*

Thursday, September 4 • 6pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Blues guitarist and songwriter Fruteland Jackson combines lecture and song to trace the evolution of blues music in American culture, from the Mississippi Delta and Piedmont regions to the Great Migration and the origins of rock and roll. Join us for this special concert! Limit 60. All ages.

Storm Science*

Tuesday, September 23 • 6pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Join real-life storm chasers for an exciting exploration of extreme weather. Experience live demonstrations, insights into local climatology, tornado occurrences, and severe weather safety. Participate in a Q&A session and learn essential storm-chasing skills. Limit 60. All ages.

Halloween Spooktacular

Tuesday, October 28 • 5:30-7:30pm

Location: Ground and First Floor Meeting Rooms

Spooky, scary, or sweet: this multi-room Halloween spooktacular has unique photo opportunities for everyone! Stop by the Ground and First Floor Meeting Rooms to check out our Halloween displays, take pictures with all kinds of themed scenes, and stay for a surprise! No registration required. All ages.



AAFS Photovoices Exhibit*

Wednesday, September 3 • 6:30-8:30pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Presented by Arab American Family Services, Arab American community members will share their personal experiences and reflections on the ongoing challenges they face related to identity and representation, with unique perspectives navigating cultural complexities and societal perceptions. The event aims to raise awareness, foster understanding, and amplify voices that are often underrepresented in mainstream discourse. Light refreshments will be served. Limit 60. All ages.

تالئاع التام دخ هم دقت (Photovoice) اهلوح تارواحو روصلل ضرعم
ةيكييرم ال-ةيبرع ال

ءاسم 6:30-8:30 • ربم تبس /لولي 3 ءاعبرال موي

م حصص درس ءصرف نيكراشم ال حنمي مهم عمتجم عورشم وه ضرع ال اذه
عمتجم دارفأ ءل عوض ال طاشنل اذه طلسيسو ءيفارغو توفال روصال رب
ةي صخشال مهرباراجت نورطاشيسو ءاضورع نومدقيس ثيح نيكييرم ال برع ال
قل عتت يتال او اهنوهج اوي يتال ءي ال اهل ال تاي دحتال صوصب مهتال مأتو
نم هنومدقي ام لال خ نم ،نوكراشم ال ضرعيسو .لي ثمتال او ءي وه لابل
يف نوضوخي نيكييرم ا برع ءديرفال مهتاروظنم ،تاي درسو روص
طاشنل اذه فدهي .ءي عمتجم ال تاروصتال ءي افقتل تاي دعتال
ءصوقنم لظت ام ابل ال ءاوص ءال عاو ،مهفل زيزعتو ،ي عول ءايز ءل
تالئاع التام دخ مسق طاشنل ريديس .ام ال راي تال باطخ يف لي ثمتال
ددع ال .ءفي فخ تابطر مدي دقت هلال خ متيسو ،ءيكييرم ال ءيبرع ال
رام ال عي مجل ءوتفم ءكراشم ال 60 نيكراشم لل ءصق ال



* All Ages Programs are intended for everyone. Adults are welcome to attend without accompanying a child. Adults must accompany a child under the age of 10. Please register all attendees.

1,000 Books

Before

Kindergarten

Calling all little bookworms! Take on the challenge of reading 1,000 books to your little one before entering kindergarten to boost their literacy and get a head start in school.

Participants will win a prize for every 100 books read. You could win more books, stuffed animals, toys, and the ultimate prize at the end when you complete the challenge. Come visit Youth Services for book recommendations, to redeem your prizes, or just keep us updated on your progress.

For more information, please contact the Youth Services Department in-person, via phone at 708-598-8446 ext. 117, or via email at youthservices@greenhillslibrary.org. Sign up at the Youth Services Desk, greenhillslibrary.org, beanstack.org, or scan the QR code to get started today!



TWEEN PROGRAMS

 See page 4 for important information about program attendance and cancellations.

Silent Library*

Wednesday, September 10 • 6pm

Location: The Hangout

Shhh! Can you keep things quiet while playing silly games in the Library? Put your silence to the test as we make our way through hilarious challenges that are sure to make it hard for you not to laugh. Limit 15. Ages 10-13.

TikTok Taste Test*

Thursday, September 18 • 6pm

Location: The Hangout

You know that viral recipe you can't stop thinking about? We are going to make it here in The Hangout! Come explore your taste buds with the latest recipe you've probably seen all over the internet. Limit 15. Ages 10-13.

Faux Taxidermy*

Tuesday, October 21 • 6pm

Location: Ground Floor Meeting Room

Ever wanted a spider or some other creepy crawly mounted on your wall? This is your chance! Come get in the spookish mood and make a plaque to take home. Limit 20. Ages 10-13.



TEEN PROGRAMS

 See page 4 for important information about program attendance and cancellations.

Pressed Flower Bookmarks*

Wednesday, September 17 • 6pm

Location: The Hangout

Let's get to pressing and use some flowers and make a few bookmarks to take home. While we're in The Hangout, you can even check out a few books to complement your bookmark! Limit 15. Ages 13-17.



Creepy Clown Masks*

Wednesday, October 15 • 6pm

Location: Ground Floor Meeting Room

These clowns may not be found at your regular circus, but you can make a creepy clown of your own at the Library. Limit 20. Ages 13-17.

Repaint the Picture*

Thursday, October 2 • 6pm

Location: The Hangout

Take an old drab painting and use some markers and paint to put your own twist on it! Limit 15. Ages 13-17.



TWEEN/TEEN PROGRAMS

 See page 4 for important information about program attendance and cancellations.

Throwback Thursdays*

Thursdays: September 4 and 18 • 4:30pm

Thursdays: October 9 and 23 • 4:30pm

Location: The Hangout

Come to The Hangout these Thursdays in September and October for a fun and retro craft. Each week, we will travel back in time to create some groovy, or even rad, crafts. Limit 15. Ages 10-17.



RGP Adventures in Green Hills*

Thursday, September 11 • 6:30pm

Thursday, October 9 • 6:30pm

Location: The Hangout

Join us for some tabletop roleplaying games. Wizard Staffing Co. will guide you through the session, so this opportunity is great for beginners and veterans alike. Limit 15. Ages 10-17.



New Tween and Teen Volunteer Opportunities

We have new virtual service hour opportunities for students ages 10-18. Volunteers can earn hours while helping brighten someone's day! The kind actions of our volunteers will benefit nonprofits by coloring pages for Color a Smile and making cards for Cards for Hospitalized Kids.



How it Works:

- Complete a volunteer application at the Youth Services Desk or online at greenhillslibrary.org/youth-services/volunteering.
- Read the instructions provided and bring your completed coloring sheets and cards to the Youth Services Desk.
- Earn up to six volunteer hours.

We also have in-person volunteer opportunities. For more information, visit greenhillslibrary.org/youth-services/volunteering or contact Youth Services Librarian Emily Meszaros at emeszaros@greenhillslibrary.org or 708-598-8446 ext. 117.



Scan to register for programs.

Registration starts Monday, August 25 at 10am. Programs marked with an asterisk (*) require registration. Register online or call 708-598-8446 ext. 117. Non-residents may register for programs one week after registration opens to GHPLD cardholders.

9 • Library Link
September/October 2025

ADULT PROGRAMS



See page 4 for important information about program attendance and cancellations.

Medicare 101*

Session One: Tuesday, September 2 • 6pm

Session Two: Wednesday, October 22 • 6pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Join us to demystify the confusing world of Medicare with expert Moncif Belkasem. Learn about coverage options based on your needs and budget, Medicare Supplements, Medicare Advantage Plans, Part D Prescription Coverage, and cost-saving strategies. Q&A to follow. Limit 30. Ages 18+.

AAFS Photovoices Exhibit*

Wednesday, September 3 • 6:30-8:30pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Join us for a special event and art exhibit featuring Arab American community members as presenters who will be sharing their personal experiences and reflections on the ongoing challenges they face related to identity and representation through photographs. This event is in collaboration with Arab American Family Services. Light refreshments will be provided. Limit 60. All ages.



ESL 101 4-Week Course*

Mondays: September 8 and 22 • 6:30-8:00pm

Mondays: October 6 and 20 • 6:30-8:00pm

Location: Ground Floor Meeting Room

Join other adult English language learners in this engaging, four-week course designed to help learners improve their speaking, listening, and writing skills. Includes take-home assignments. Limit 12. Ages 18+.

Introduction to AI and ChatGPT*

Wednesday, September 10 • 2pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

It feels like AI (Artificial Intelligence) is everywhere. But how does it work? And what can it actually do? In this lecture, learn some of the background, problems, and ways to use AI tools, including ChatGPT. Limit 50. Ages 18+.

Frutel and Jackson*

Thursday, September 4 • 6pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Blues guitarist and songwriter Frutel and Jackson combines lecture and song to trace the evolution of blues music in American culture, from the Mississippi Delta and Piedmont regions to the Great Migration and the origins of rock and roll. Join us for this special concert! Limit 60. All ages.



Community Shred Event

Saturday, September 13 • 9-11am

Location: Oak Ridge School South Parking Lot (Entrance off 88th Ave)

Shred it and forget it! Bring your paper goods to the South Parking Lot of Oak Ridge School off of 88th Avenue. Have your items shredded confidentially and securely. Limit two boxes per person.

Yoga for Self-Care*

Saturday, September 13 • 10:15am

Saturday, October 11 • 10:15am

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Yoga teacher and Ayurvedic yoga specialist Julie M. Gentile guides you through a rejuvenating class that blends yoga poses, breathing exercises, and meditation with a focus on self-care. Limit 20. Ages 18+.

Scrapbook-a-Palooza*

Thursday, September 11 • 6:30-8:00pm

Location: Ground Floor Meeting Room

Get creative and capture your memories in style at our beginner-friendly scrapbooking class! Learn the basics of layout design, clever tips, and fun ideas to make your pages pop. All materials are provided—just bring your favorite photos and get ready to craft something special! Limit 20. Ages 18+.

Ageless Grace*

Monday, September 15 • 11am

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Monday, October 20 • 11am

Location: Ground Floor Meeting Room

Ageless Grace® is a fun and playful brain health exercise program practiced to upbeat music while seated in a chair. Come and experience timeless fitness for the body and brain™. This is a seated program and all levels are welcome. Limit 25. Ages 18+.



Laughter Yoga*

Monday, September 15 • 12pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Monday, October 20 • 12pm

Location: Ground Floor Meeting Room

Laughter Yoga is where we laugh without relying on jokes or humor. It combines laughter exercises with deep breathing, which brings more oxygen to the body and brain to help us feel more energetic. All levels are welcome; we will not be doing any yoga poses in this class. Limit 25. Ages 18+.

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. Patrons can pick up their kits starting on the date and time listed below. Recipients have until the end of the month to pick up their kits.



September: Mexican Tin Hearts*

Kit Available: Monday, September 8 • 10am

September is National Hispanic Heritage Month! Celebrate by painting and decorating a sacred heart cut from tin. Limit 40. Ages 18+.

October: Glowing Ghost Terrarium*

Kit Available: Monday, October 13 • 10am

Spooky season is here! Create a glowing ghost to display inside a bell jar for a cute, spooky decoration. Limit 40. Ages 18+.

Self-Care Made Simple*

Saturday, September 13 • 11:30am

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Ready to feel your best? In this uplifting session, you'll discover simple self-care practices that truly work—no complicated routines or unrealistic goals required. Limit 50. Ages 18+.

Handwriting Analysis for Fun & Insight*

Tuesday, September 16 • 6:30pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Experience why this intriguing psychological tool is used by the FBI and employers as actor Lorrissa Julianus analyzes celebrity handwriting samples throughout this unique program. Limit 60. Ages 18+.



Budgeting for Needs vs. Wants*

Wednesday, September 17 • 2pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Shawn Wears, CFP®, will teach participants to identify fixed costs like rent and groceries, and budget for extras like entertainment or shopping. Learn to build smart spending habits and achieve financial goals with confidence. Limit 50. Ages 18+.

Walgreens Vaccine Clinic

Wednesday, September 17 • 5-7pm

Location: Ground Floor Meeting Room

Walgreens staff will be in the Library administering vaccines. Stop by to get your flu shot or other routine vaccines including Shingles, Pneumonia, Tetanus, and RSV. Pizza and snacks will be available for those receiving a vaccination. No registration is required. Ages 18+.



ADULT PROGRAMS



See page 4 for important information about program attendance and cancellations.

Amelia Earhart: Soaring High on Wings of Success*

Thursday, September 18 • 6:00-7:30pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Historian Jim Gibbons will present the life, death, facts, and theories of America's legendary first woman aviator, Amelia Earhart, who, on her final flight, simply vanished. Limit 60. Ages 18+.

Storm Science*

Tuesday, September 23 • 6pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Join real-life storm chasers for an exciting exploration of extreme weather! Experience live demonstrations, insights into local climatology, tornado occurrences, and severe weather safety. Participate in a Q&A session and learn essential storm-chasing skills. Limit 60. All ages.



Robert Ballard: Undersea Discovery and Titanic*

Thursday, September 25 • 2pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Dive into the thrilling tale of Dr. Robert Ballard's groundbreaking discovery of the RMS Titanic! Learn how his innovative underwater technology, stealth Cold War mission, and relentless curiosity led to one of history's most exciting deep-sea discoveries. Limit 50. Ages 18+.

Take Control of Your Paper!*

Tuesday, September 30 • 6:30pm

Location: Ground Floor Meeting Room

Do you wonder what paperwork to keep, and for how long? Learn tips and suggestions from Certified Professional Organizer Colleen Klimczak on what to keep, what to shred, what to save, and how to save it. Limit 40. Ages 18+.

Google Drive Basics*

Wednesday, October 1 • 2pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

This lecture covers key features of Google Drive and its apps, including file sharing, project management, workspace organization, and productivity tips. Limit 50. Ages 18+.



Scary Debt Management*

Tuesday, October 7 • 2pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Nothing is scarier than overwhelming debt. Shawn Wears, CFP®, will teach attendees how to create a personalized plan and regain control of your finances. Limit 50. Ages 18+.

Crochet for Beginners*

Thursday, October 2 • 6:30-8:30pm

Location: Ground Floor Meeting Room

Join Catherine Suchy for an introduction to the basic crochet stitches with tips and techniques from an expert! Learn basic pattern reading and crochet symbols to make a rope scarf and needle holder. Yarn and hooks will be included. Limit 10. Ages 18+.



Accused: A Salem Witch Faces Her Fate*

Wednesday, October 8 • 6:30pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

In this chilling portrayal, historical presenter Michelle Gibbons will embody the voice of one of the countless women accused of witchcraft during the infamous Salem Witch Trials. Limit 60. Ages 18+.

Morbid History*

Thursday, October 9 • 6:30pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

In this light-hearted presentation, award-winning filmmaker Lorrissa Julianus will take you around the world with spine-tingling true tales you never learned in history class. Limit 60. Ages 18+.

Spooky Bingo*

Wednesday, October 15 • 2pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Come dressed in your best spooky outfit or costume for this Halloween-themed bingo game! All winners and the person with the best outfit will walk away with a prize. Limit 40. Ages 18+.



Movie Night: Sinners (2025)*

Tuesday, October 14 • 6:00-8:15pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Trying to leave their troubled lives behind, twin brothers return to their Mississippi hometown to start again, only to discover that an even greater evil is waiting to welcome them back. Limit 50. Ages 18+.

Autumn Cupcake Decorating Workshop*

Tuesday, October 21 • 6-7pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

In this hands-on class led by Chef Violeta, each participant will learn how to decorate three pre-baked cupcakes with fall designs. This workshop is geared towards beginners. Limit 24. Ages 18+.

BOOK CLUB

Fact or Fiction Book Club*

Location: Ground Floor Meeting Room

Connect with other people who love to read and join us at the Library for engaging conversation about fiction and nonfiction titles selected by Adult Services Librarians. Copies of the books will be available at the Patron Services Desk one month prior to the discussion. Limit 20. Ages 18+.

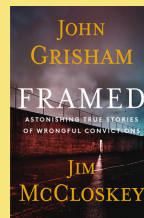


Wednesday, September 24 • 7pm

Framed: Astonishing True Stories of Wrongful Convictions

By John Grisham and Jim McCloskey

Ten harrowing true stories of wrongful convictions. Impeccably researched and grippingly told, *Framed* offers an inside look at the injustice faced by the victims of the United States criminal justice system.

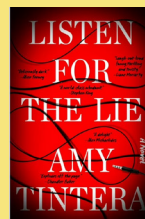


Wednesday, October 29 • 7pm

Listen for the Lie

By Amy Tintera

After Lucy is found covered in her best friend Savvy's blood, she's presumed guilty of murder, despite having no memory of the night. Years later, a popular true crime podcast reopens the case, forcing Lucy to return to her small Texas town and confront the past she's been trying to escape. As secrets unravel, Lucy must face the possibility that she might be the killer—or uncover the truth behind Savvy's death.



Universal Monsters*

Thursday, October 23 • 6:30pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Explore the iconic legacy of Universal Monsters—the classic horror films that introduced Dracula, Frankenstein, The Mummy, and more! Learn how legendary actors like Bela Lugosi and Boris Karloff helped shape the genre and leave a lasting mark on pop culture. Limit 50. Ages 18+.



Scan to register for programs.

Registration starts Monday, August 25 at 10am. Programs marked with an asterisk (*) require registration. Register online or call 708-598-8446 ext. 120. Non-residents may register for programs one week after registration opens to GHPLD cardholders.

11 • Library Link
September/October 2025

ECRWSS

Residential Customer
Palos Hills, IL 60465

Contact

Green Hills Public Library District

10331 S. Interlochen Dr.

Palos Hills, IL 60465

Email: ghpl@greenhillslibrary.org

Web: greenhillslibrary.org

Phone: 708-598-8446



Hours

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

Special Hours:

Monday, September 1 • Labor Day

Closed

Library Board

Noula Angelos, President

Azmi Mohammad, Vice President

Steve Stratakos, Treasurer

Kathleen Groark, Secretary

Christine Barry

Ian Chafee

Malgorzata Klich

Jane Jenkins, Library Director

Upcoming Board Meetings:

Monday, September 15 • 6pm

Monday, October 20 • 6pm

Parking

When the Library parking lot is full, patrons may use Interlochen Drive or other residential streets for additional parking.

Design: Brittany Ramos, Content Coordinator

September and October Upcoming Titles

September 1, 2025

Billion-Dollar Ransom by James Patterson

September 2, 2025

Deadly Storms by Christine Feehan

September 2, 2025

The Hallmarked Man by Robert Galbraith

September 2, 2025

Apostle's Cove by William Kent Krueger

September 2, 2025

Framed in Death by J.D. Robb

September 9, 2025

The Secret of Secrets by Dan Brown

September 9, 2025

The Grave Artist by Jeffrey Deaver

September 9, 2025

Lover Forbidden by J.R. Ward

September 16, 2025

The Academy: A Novel by Elin Hilderbrand

September 16, 2025

Gray Dawn by Walter Mosley

September 16, 2025

The Final Score: Six Short Novels by Don Winslow

September 23, 2025

End Game by Jeffrey Archer

September 23, 2025

A Bitter Wind by James R. Benn

September 23, 2025

Circle of Days by Ken Follett

September 23, 2025

A Slowly Dying Cause: A Lynley Novel by Elizabeth George

September 30, 2025

Calder Strong by Janet Dailey

September 30, 2025

The Girl from Devil's Lake by J.A. Jance

September 30, 2025

A Matter of Pedigree by Leslie Meier

September 30, 2025

The Portrait by Danielle Steel

October 7, 2025

Twice by Mitch Albom

October 7, 2025

Sharp Force by Patricia Cornwell

October 7, 2025

Remain by Nicholas Sparks

October 13, 2025

The Picasso Heist: A Thriller by James Patterson

October 14, 2025

The Sword of Light by Heather Graham

October 14, 2025

And to All a Good Bite by David Rosenfelt

October 21, 2025

The Proving Ground by Michael Connelly

October 21, 2025

The Widow by John Grisham

October 28, 2025

Birdlane Island by V.C. Andrews

October 28, 2025

Fox and Furious by Rita Mae Brown

October 28, 2025

The Tin Men by Nelson DeMille

October 28, 2025

Coyote Hills by Jonathan Kellerman

Place a Hold on Upcoming Titles

Visit bit.ly/sep-oct-2025 or scan the QR code to place a hold on September and October upcoming titles (URL is case-sensitive). Print copies are available at the Adult Services Desk.

