



Library Link

The Giving Tree

The Giving Tree is back, and we are once again partnering with BEDS Plus to collect items needed for individuals experiencing homelessness. Items will be accepted at the Library from December 1-January 4.

Requested donations include:

- New Coats
- New Hand Warmers
- New Leggings and Sweatpants
- Low-denomination Gift Cards

Coats, hand warmers, leggings, and sweatpants can be donated at the Patron Services Desk. You will then be given an ornament to place on our tree on the Ground Floor of the Library. To donate gift cards, please make arrangements with Adult Services Librarian Janet Gatz at 708-598-8446 ext. 133 or jgatz@greenhillslibrary.org. All items must be new; we are unable to accept any used donations.



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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

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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.

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YouTube
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LIBRARY NEWS



Annual Report

Check out *Our Story: Year in Review* from Library Director Jane Jenkins, along with some highlights from the past fiscal year. See page 4 for the full report.

Study Smarter in Our Upgraded Group Study Rooms

We've refreshed our group study rooms with new furniture and updated technology to make your experience even better. Each room now features accessible tables and chairs that comfortably seat up to six people. Plus, you'll find large TV monitors that are easy to connect to with USB-C. No USB-C? No problem, HDMI and USB-C adapters are available at the Adult Services Desk.

These upgrades are part of our ongoing Strategic Plan goal, Optimizing Library Spaces for Access and Comfort, to enhance your Library experience. Whether you're collaborating on a project, preparing a presentation, or studying with friends, our updated study rooms are ready for you. Come take a look!



Community Calendar

Coffeehouse Checkouts

Monday, November 10 • 12-3pm

Location: The Qahwa, 7544 W. 103rd St., Bridgeview, IL 60455
Grab your favorite drink at The Qahwa and connect with the Library during this partnership. Chat with friendly staff, sign up for a Library card, checkout books, and learn about exciting upcoming programs, all while enjoying a cool coffeehouse vibe.



Jingle & Mingle with Santa

Thursday, December 11 • 5-7pm

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

Get ready to jingle and mingle with Santa and a special guest at this festive drop-in event. No registration is required. Photos are first-come, first-served. All ages.

Writer's Critique Group

Saturday, November 8 • 10am-12pm

Saturday, December 13 • 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 in the Library's Screened Porch Room. Whether you are a published or aspiring writer, please join us for a discussion, feedback, and suggestions for improvement in member's works.

Discover Your Family Tree at the Library!

The holidays are approaching, making it the perfect time to dive into your family's story and share it with loved ones. Uncover your roots with U.S. Census data, military records, immigration documents, and Canadian & international collections on Ancestry Library Edition and HeritageQuest.

Ready to explore your family tree? These resources are available to use at the Library using our public computers or laptops, or via your own device on our wifi network. For more information, visit greenhillslibrary.org/resources and scroll to the Genealogy & History section. Stop by the Library today and start your journey!



The New York Times

Cardholders can enjoy The New York Times All Access Pass. This includes paywall-free access to the New York Times online, including News, Games, Cooking, The Athletic, and Wirecutter. Read as many articles as you'd like! Inside the Library, access is free. Outside the Library, you will need to redeem a free 24-hour code to gain access; there is no limit to how many times you can redeem a code. Visit bit.ly/ghpld-nyt or scan the QR code below to redeem a code.

Your access includes everything The New York Times offers:

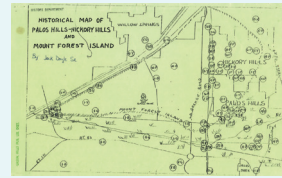
- **News:** Original reporting from 1,700 journalists.
- **Games:** Spelling Bee, Wordle, The Crossword, and more.
- **Cooking:** Recipes, advice, and inspiration for any occasion.
- **Wirecutter:** Independent reviews for thousands of products.
- **The Athletic:** In-depth, personalized sports journalism.



History Archive



Over the years, the Library has maintained numerous historical documents in a physical format, with a growing demand for digital access. In an effort to facilitate access to this collection, our staff have digitized our historical documents for patrons, researchers, and all those interested in the history of the Library, Hickory Hills, and Palos Hills. The Library's History Archive can be accessed by scanning the QR code above or by visiting ghpldhistoryarchive.omeka.net. It is free and open to the public. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Adult Services Department at 708-598-8446 ext. 120 or adultservices@greenhillslibrary.org.



Historical Map of Palos Hills and Hickory Hills



Cat in the Hat Storytime, 1970s



Palos Hills Squad Car, 1960s



4th of July Parade, 1992



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

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.



Our Story

Year in Review

2024-2025

This past year, Green Hills Public Library District continued to cultivate curiosity across the community. Guided by our mission and strategic goals, we have embraced new opportunities to serve our community, while building on the strong foundation of our existing offerings.

There are even more materials for our patrons to browse and check out from GHPLD. Our recently added Beyond Books collection was enhanced with new items including a coin counter, balloon pump, portable projector screen, and giant outdoor games. We also welcomed more than 50 new online databases to our existing suite of digital resources, all thanks to the Illinois Office of the Secretary of State and Illinois State Library. And for those who enjoy a quick game of Wordle, or reading The New York Times, our community now has free daily access. Finally, at the tail end of our fiscal year, we installed a 24-Hour Library at the main entrance where patrons can check out materials and pick-up holds at their convenience – day or night.



24-Hour Library



Micropantry

In an effort to tailor services to specific needs and interests, we introduced new and unique offerings. A micropantry was installed at the main entrance of the Library, where patrons can donate or take non-perishable food items and toiletries as needed. We also joined the world of podcasts with the debut of our own series, *Checked Out*, where staff hold lively discussions about books, movies, music, and more. To level up our youth volunteer program, the Youth Services Department provided new and meaningful opportunities for tweens and teens to give back to their community. And we can't forget about our youngest patrons, who can now participate in 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten, an online program self-led by parents to foster a love of reading early on.

From early learners to lifelong explorers, we have created and maintained a welcoming space for discovery and growth. We once again teamed up with Artist Sonata Kazimieraitiene to design a ceramic mural in the Screened Porch Room inspired by community contributions. In addition, the Youth Play Area took on a new look with a new theme – The Campground. Children can now enjoy a multitude of toys and interactive play items to spark their imagination and creativity while supporting learning and development. And lastly, as part of our maintenance efforts, new flooring was installed to replace worn carpeting, and updated furniture was added to various spaces of the Library.



Ceramic Mural

Our program offerings proved to be successful with a wide reach, totaling 16,708 community members. And while the numbers are interesting, the positive impact is a key component of our story. In our Youth Services Department, what has stood out most is how our youth patrons have interacted with one another. Children have met new friends, worked as a team, shared knowledge, and gone out of their way to make others feel welcome, all while learning new skills themselves. In our Adult Services Department, adults have come together to share their enjoyment and interest in local history, health and wellness, creative outlets, and technology, to name a few. And to further bring our community together, we hosted several programs for all ages and families, including our first-ever Roller Disco Day, when we turned the Library's meeting room into a roller-skating rink.



Jane Jenkins

Jane Jenkins,
Library Director

As of this writing, we are well into our 2025-2026 fiscal year with some exciting initiatives in the works. I invite you to follow along with us by looking at our Action Plan at greenhillslibrary.org/about/strategic-plan.

Thank you to our community, staff, and Board of Trustees for their ongoing support. We hope to see you soon!



Green Hills Public Library District By the Numbers 2024-2025

226,107

Circulation of
Items

64,989

Physical Items
in Collection

111,875

Patron
Visits

16,708

Program
Participation

12,381

Library
Cardholders

10,015

Reference
Transactions

299,690

Computer &
Internet Sessions

20,914

Database
Usage



What Our Community is Saying About GHPLD:

"Keep up the fantastic work, library staff! Love our library!"

"Everyone is so nice + kind! An amazing library all around ☺"

"We love our library! Such a wonderful place for children and adults. So many services!"

"The library is always well organized, clean, quiet, and the staff members are extremely knowledgeable, friendly, and helpful."

"Best library and staff ever!"

"I love to see the growth of this fantastic staff! Thank you to each for helping make our library such a treasure!!"

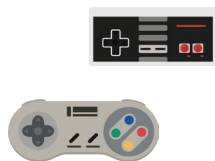
"LOVE THIS LIBRARY BECAUSE OF ALL THE HELPFUL, KIND AND INFORMATIVE STAFF!"

"Cool staff"

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Retro Video Game Consoles

- Atari Flashback 8
- C64 Mini
- NES Classic
- Nintendo Famicom
- Playstation Classic
- SEGA Genesis Mini



Rokus

Enjoy a variety of shows, movies, live TV, sports, local news, music, and so much more with our Rokus. Check one out today!



Beyond Books Collection

This collection includes non-traditional Library materials in support of lifelong learning and exploration. Examples of items available for checkout include adaptive devices, digitizing equipment, hobby supplies, home maintenance tools, STEM kits, toys for children, and so much more. Visit bit.ly/ghpld-beyondbooks to view the entire collection online.

BEYOND BOOKS COLLECTION

Adult AV Boxes

Looking for a little surprise on your next Library visit? Try one of our Adult AV Boxes, our very own version of a subscription box! Each box comes packed with a DVD and CD from a specific genre, plus a few fun goodies to enjoy. Choose from action, family, special, or sci-fi/fantasy, and see what's inside! Stop by the Adult Services Desk or visit bit.ly/av-boxes to explore the collection and check one out today.

Adult Book Boxes

Our Adult Book Boxes are like a subscription box, Library style! Each box includes a book from a specific genre plus a handful of fun goodies to keep. Choose from young adult, graphic novel, literary fiction, romance, mystery/thriller, sci-fi/fantasy, or historical fiction. Stop by the Adult Services Desk to pick out your box today!



World Languages

Did you know we have a World Language Collection? We have books in the following languages within our physical collection: Arabic, Lithuanian, Polish, Russian, and Spanish.

Board Games

Looking for some fun and games this holiday season? We've got you covered! Whether you're gathering with family, friends, or just looking for a cozy night in, our Library has a fantastic selection of board games for all ages and interests. You can browse the entire collection online at bit.ly/ghpld-board-games.



GHPLD Essential Films

The Library has a curated collection of films for the cinephile or casual movie lover. Go beyond new releases and explore cult classics, family favorites, timeless comedy, quintessential horror, and more. You can view the entire collection at bit.ly/ghpld-essential-films or browse the films in the AV section at the Library.

STREAMING SERVICES

'Tis the season for streaming! Did you know that you have access to premium streaming platforms with your Library card? As wintry weather and the holidays roll in, get cozy and see what's streaming free with your Library card!

kanopy

Ad Free!

Kanopy is an award-winning video streaming service with more than 30,000 of the world's best films. Kanopy's unique selection offers something for everyone. In addition, Kanopy Kids is also available, providing educational, enriching, and entertaining videos for children of all ages.



Scan the QR code to access kanopy

Categories include:

- Award-winning Documentaries
- Criterion Collection Titles
- Film Festival Favorites
- The Great Courses
- Indie and Classic Films
- Rare and Hard-to-find Titles
- World Cinema and much more!

Try it free with your Library card. You can watch on your desktop or laptop computer, mobile device, TV apps, tablet, and more.

hoopla

Ad Free!

Hoopla is a digital media platform that provides access to a collection of over 200,000 movies, TV, music, and audiobooks.



Scan the QR code to access hoopla

You can borrow instantly on your desktop or laptop computer, mobile device, TV apps, tablet, and more. Titles are automatically returned at the end of the lending period. Watch content with no ads or late fees.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

 See page 3 for important information about program attendance and cancellations.

Mini Masterpieces*

Wednesday, November 12 • 6pm

Location: Ground Floor Meeting Room

Join us for an evening of celebrating being together and the love of art! This program is designed for children and accompanying adults. Please plan to attend and be engaged with your child for this program. Register all participants, including caregivers. Limit 20. Ages 3-6.

Eco Club*

Wednesday, November 19 • 6:30pm

Wednesday, December 17 • 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+.

Miss Allison's Music*

Saturday, December 6 • 11am

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

We'll get the chance to sing songs, play instruments, and dance. Only register children attending. One accompanying caregiver per child please. Limit 15. Ages birth+.



Science Lab*

Wednesday, November 12 • 6:30pm

Wednesday, December 10 • 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+.

Finish the Story*

Monday, November 3 • 4:30pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

It's National Novel Writing Month! We are putting our writing skills to the test with some mad-lib-like exercises that are sure to surprise you. Limit 15. Ages 6+.

Retro Kidventures*

Tuesday, November 25 • 4:30pm

Tuesday, December 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+.



Winter Sip & Paint*

Monday, December 8 • 6pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Come and enjoy some hot cocoa and paint a wonderful pre-outlined winter wonderland! Limit 15. Ages 6+.



Picky Pads*

Tuesday, November 18 • 6pm

Location: Ground Floor Meeting Room

Hey, stop picking at that! Come pick at one of these homemade picky pads instead! We'll learn how to make them and even take one home. Limit 15. Ages 6+.

Maker Mondays*

Mondays: November 10 and 24 • 4:30pm

Mondays: December 15 and 29 • 4:30pm

Location: Youth Services Department

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

Lego Free Build*

Monday, November 17 • 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. Limit 20. Ages 6+.

Pokémon Club*

Wednesday, November 5 • 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+.



Science Heroes: Adventure of the Missing Color*

Tuesday, November 11 • 4:30pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Join Science Heroes on our mission to turn science into an adventure! Through hands-on experiments and fun, interactive stories, we get kids excited about the science that's all around us as we celebrate the scientists who color our world with art! Limit 40. Ages 6+.

kanopy kids

Educational, Enriching, Entertaining Streaming Content for Kids

Kanopy Kids features some of the best children's programming available today. Our kids' selection is curated to support early literacy, STEM education, and even foreign language learning. Using favorite children's characters from Sesame Street, PBS Kids, Weston Woods, and more, our collection of kids films inspires empathy, critical thinking, and self-esteem in young viewers. You can visit kanopy.com/kids or scan the QR code to view the collection of videos.

Ad
Free!

Children and their parents can enjoy Kanopy Kids with a generous viewing period and parental controls. Viewers cannot exit the Kanopy Kids section without a parent PIN.



Scan to
access
Kanopy
Kids

Little Sensations*

Wednesday, December 3 • 11am

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Your little ones will be able to touch and feel their way through our sensory-friendly materials during this one-hour open playtime. This program is designed for children and accompanying adults. Please plan to attend and be engaged with your child for this program. Register all participants, including caregivers. Limit 20. Ages 3-6.

Yoga for Kids*

Thursday, November 6 • 6pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Thursday, December 4 • 6pm

Location: Ground 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+.



Scan to
register for
programs.

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Arabic Storytime*

Monday, November 24 • 6pm

Location: Ground Floor Meeting Room

Join us for a wonderful evening of stories, songs, and culture. Children of all ages and their caregivers; please register all attendees. Limit 20.



Family Storytime

Fridays: November 7, 14, 21, 28 • 10am

Fridays: December 5, 19, 26 • 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 in the Ground Floor Meeting Room. Space is limited to the first 20 children and their caregivers.

Wiggle & Wobble*

Mondays: November 3 and 17 • 10am

Mondays: December 1 and 15 • 10am

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

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

Christmas Storytime*

Monday, December 22 • 6pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Let's celebrate Christmas with some stories, carols, and a craft to take home. Children of all ages and their caregivers; please register all attendees. Limit 30.



Preschool Storytime*

Tuesday, November 18 • 4:30pm

Tuesday, December 9 • 4:30pm

Location: Ground Floor Meeting Room

Let's get you ready for the classroom! We welcome 3-6 year olds to join us on their own for a fun storytime that incorporates reading, singing, and playing.

Pajama Storytime*

Thursday, November 20 • 6:30pm

Thursday, December 18 • 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.



Brunch & Books*

Saturday, November 8 • 11am

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

What are Miss Josie's two favorite things? Why, a yummy brunch and some fabulous books, of course! Join us for some delicious donuts and a sensational storytime. Children of all ages and their caregivers; please register all attendees. Limit 20.

FAMILY PROGRAMS



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.

Family Movie Night Fun: *Lilo and Stitch* (2025)*

Tuesday, November 4 • 6pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Grab your Ohana for this fun-filled interactive movie experience. Popcorn and chill vibes will be served. Please leave your little blue aliens at home, but little blue stuffies are welcome. Limit 40. Children of all ages and their caregivers; please register all attendees.

Rockin' Noon Year's Eve*

Wednesday, December 31 • 11am

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Ring in the new year, all before bedtime! Bring your friends and family for an epic New Year's party with snacks, games, and more. Be on time because the ball drops at noon! Limit 40. Children of all ages and their caregivers; please register all attendees.



ALL AGES PROGRAMS



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.

Friendsgiving Bingo*

Thursday, November 13 • 2pm OR 6:30pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Join us for fun, friends, caramel apples, apple cider, and bingo! Play for a chance to win a pie in each round. Limit 40. All ages.

Jingle & Mingle with Santa

Thursday, December 11 • 5-7pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Get ready to jingle and mingle with Santa and a special guest at this festive drop-in event. No registration is required. Photos are first-come, first-served. All ages.



Charlie Brown Christmas Concert with The Chris White Trio*

Tuesday, December 2 • 6:30pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Take in the true magic of the season! Experience The Chris White Trio performing the Peanuts' Christmas classic, *A Charlie Brown Christmas*, live in its entirety. Limit 80. All ages.

Cookie Decorating*

Tuesday, December 16 • 2pm OR 6:30pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

'Tis the season... for cookies! Decorate sugar cookies with icing and fun, festive toppings. All materials provided. Limit 40. All ages.



TWEEN PROGRAMS



See page 3 for important information about program attendance and cancellations.

TikTok Taste Test*

Monday, December 29 • 6pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

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

Smitten Mittens and Beanies*

Saturday, December 6 • 1pm

Location: The Hangout

Let's stay warm this winter by looking cool in a new set of mittens and a beanie to decorate. Limit 15. Ages 10-13.



Crazy Candy Canes*

Wednesday, December 17 • 6pm

Location: The Hangout

Candy cane lane has much more in store than just peppermint. Come to the Hangout to taste all sorts of crazy candy cane flavors. Limit 20. Ages 10-13.

TEEN PROGRAMS

Keychain Lane*

Saturday, November 8 • 1pm

Location: The Hangout

Stop by the Hangout to make all sorts of keychains out of all sorts of materials! Limit 15. Ages 13-17.



Teen Movie Night: *Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas* (2000)*

Friday, December 19 • 6pm

Location: The Hangout

Enjoy this classic Christmas movie while we nibble away on some yummy snacks, hot cocoa, and make a Grinch-worthy craft. Limit 20. Ages 13-17.

Teen Volunteer Time*

Wednesday, November 5 • 6pm

Wednesday, December 10 • 6pm

Location: The Hangout

Looking for a fun way to give back? Come help us help others; you never know what you might get to do. This is a great opportunity to earn those service hours! Limit 20. Ages 13-17.



TWEEN/TEEN PROGRAMS

RPG Adventures in Green Hills*

Thursday, November 6 • 6:30pm

Thursday, December 4 • 6:30pm

Location: The Hangout

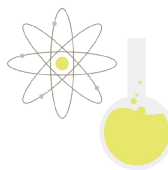
Join us for some tabletop roleplaying games. Wizard Staffing Co. will guide you through the session, so this opportunity is great for beginners and veterans alike. Limit 15. Ages 10-17.

Science Heroes: Experiment Lab*

Tuesday, November 11 • 6:30pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Join the Science Heroes for an informal and interactive workshop featuring fun experiments. Working together, teens and tweens will investigate amazing science concepts through hands-on experimentation! Limit 25. Ages 10-17.



Throwback Thursdays*

Thursdays: November 6 and 20 • 4:30pm

Thursdays: December 4 and 18 • 4:30pm

Location: The Hangout

Come to The Hangout 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.

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.



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The Opioid Crisis & Saving Lives with Naloxone*

Tuesday, November 4 • 2pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Opioid overdoses are a serious public health concern in our communities. The University of Illinois Extension is here to provide free training on how to recognize the symptoms of an opioid overdose and administer life-saving naloxone. Limit 50. Ages 18+.

Candle Making Workshop*

Wednesday, November 5 • 6:30-8:00pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Candle connoisseur Kari Maisonet is here for an all-fun, no-stress candle making workshop! Create and decorate your own 4 oz. soy candle with dried flowers and toxin-free scents. Limit 15. Ages 18+.



Board Game Cafe*

Thursday, November 6 • 6:30-8:00pm

Location: The Qahwa, 7544 W. 103rd St., Bridgeview, IL 60455

Calling all gamers for a fun night of games, coffee, and friends at the GHPLD board game cafe! Come play a game from the Library's collection or bring your own at this open-house style game night. Every participant will get a free drink from The Qahwa. Limit 25. Ages 18+.

Traditional Arab Cuisine with Chef Heifa*

Monday, November 10 • 6:30-7:45pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Local cookbook author and food blogger Heifa Odeh of Fufu's Kitchen shares recipes, stories, and food centered around traditional Arab cuisine. She will show you how quick and easy it is to make your favorite dishes at home. Limit 50. Ages 18+.

Concert: Fruteland Jackson*

Thursday, November 20 • 6:30pm

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 a special concert program! Limit 60. Ages 18+.

Coloring and Sound Healing*

Tuesday, November 11 • 6:30pm

Location: Ground Floor Meeting Room

Coloring is shown to reduce stress and anxiety and increase mindfulness. Take a break from the holiday season by coloring while listening to a sound healing session from certified instructor Gail Morales. Limit 30. Ages 18+.

Creating Digital Holiday Cards*

Wednesday, November 12 • 2pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Learn tips and tricks for how to create professional-quality holiday cards yourself! Using Canva, Microsoft Word, Microsoft PowerPoint, and other digital tools, learn how to design cards and labels at home. Limit 25. Ages 18+.

Grateful Heart Yoga*

Saturday, November 15 • 10:15am

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Breathe, move, and tap into the wisdom of gratitude. This uplifting class blends yoga and mindful moments to help you slow down and appreciate the now. Limit 20. Ages 18+.

Ageless Grace*

Monday, November 17 • 11am

Monday, December 15 • 11am

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Ageless Grace® is a fun and playful brain health exercise program practiced to upbeat music while seated in a chair. We lubricate our joints, strengthen our muscles, exercise our brains, and tickle our funny bones! 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 Club*

Monday, November 17 • 12pm

Monday, December 15 • 12pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Stay after Ageless Grace or join us at noon for this 30-minute class. Laughter Yoga is a unique concept where we laugh without relying on jokes, humor, or comedy. 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.



November: Fall Wall Hanging*

Kit Available: Monday, November 3 • 10am

Create a cozy, practical wood wall hanging to add fall feelings to your home! Using wood, create a sign to attach to a container for holding plants, trinkets, and more. Limit 40. Ages 18+.

December: Snowman Hot Cocoa Jars*

Kit Available: Monday, December 8 • 10am

Create a cute and nostalgic winter treat perfect to give as a gift! Using three textured mason jars and felt, create a snowman filled with hot cocoa, peppermint, and marshmallows. Limit 40. Ages 18+.

Smartphone Photography 101*

Tuesday, November 18 • 6:30pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Instructor Molly Page will share mobile photography tips and tricks, editing options available for all phones, and solutions that make snapping photos more fun. Limit 50. Ages 18+.

Hammer Horror Films*

Friday, November 21 • 2pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Step into the chilling world of classic horror with journalist Jeff Cappel. This engaging program explores iconic characters like Count Dracula, Baron Frankenstein, and the Mummy, while uncovering the thrilling history of Hammer Film Productions. Limit 50. Ages 18+.

Belgian Travel, Chocolate, & Beer Masterclass*

Monday, November 24 • 6:30-8:00pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Calling all travel, chocolate, and beer lovers! Join Scott and Sandi Pointon for a travel tour of Belgium and a tasting of genuine Belgian chocolate and delicious Belgian beer. **Attendees must be 21 years and older.** Limit 24.



ADULT PROGRAMS



See page 3 for important information about program attendance and cancellations.

Movie: *Jurassic World Rebirth* 2025*

Tuesday, November 25 • 6:30-8:45pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Zora Bennett leads a team to a dangerous island, the original Jurassic Park, to retrieve dinosaur DNA with life-saving potential. Popcorn and drinks will be provided. Limit 50. Ages 18+.



Christmas Markets in Prague and Germany*

Wednesday, December 3 • 2pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Join world traveler Gene Flynn as he takes listeners on an amazing trip to the Christmas markets of Prague and four cities in Germany. Filled with good food, good friends, and a festive atmosphere, these markets serve up a charming dose of holiday spirit. Limit 50. Ages 18+.

DIY Miniature Winter Wonderland*

Thursday, December 4 • 6:30-8:00pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Design and create a magical forest filled with tiny animals, snowy trees, and enchanting details in this hands-on winter craft session. Limit 25. Ages 18+.

Timeless Movie Music Moments*

Friday, December 5 • 1:00-2:30pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Join film historian John LeGear as he takes viewers on a guided tour of scenes and songs made possible by the greatest composers, lyricists, directors, and performers in film history. From Judy Garland to The Beatles, experience an iconic variety of timeless movie music moments. Limit 50. Ages 18+.

'Tis the Season: Holiday Traditions from Radio's Golden Age*

Monday, December 8 • 2pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

The "Golden Age" of radio brought many fun traditions, from Jack Benny's shopping trips to Lionel Barrymore's Scrooge portrayal. This program will share classic seasonal sounds to spark imagination and holiday spirit. Limit 50. Ages 18+.



Behind the Scenes: *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation**

Tuesday, December 9 • 6:30pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Join for a behind-the-scenes look at this classic holiday film to discover fun facts and learn about its Chicago connections. Themed food and drinks will be provided. Limit 50. Ages 18+.

Guided Journaling and Sound Healing*

Wednesday, December 10 • 2pm

Location: Ground Floor Meeting Room

Write away the stress of the holidays and the new year while journaling and listening to a sound healing session by instructor Gail Morales. Journals and prompts will be provided. Limit 30. Ages 18+.

Holiday Reset Yoga*

Saturday, December 13 • 10:15am

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Step away from the hustle, breathe a little deeper, and ground yourself with mindful movement and calming breathwork. Recharge your energy, refocus your mind, and return to what truly matters. Limit 20. Ages 18+.

Drop-in Gift Wrapping

Thursday, December 18 • 6-8pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Wrap your gifts at a cozy and casual event at the Library! Cookies and all gift-wrapping materials will be provided. No registration required. Ages 18+.



Chef Maddox Presents Holiday Hors d'Oeuvres*

Friday, December 19 • 6:30-8:30pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Join Chef Maddox as she prepares delicious treats for your guests to devour. Attendees will enjoy samples and take-home recipes for their festivities. Limit 40. Ages 18+.

World War II Propaganda Films*

Monday, December 29 • 2pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Journalist Jeff Cappel will explore how governments used propaganda films to inspire, persuade, and shape public opinion on both the home front and the battlefield. Limit 50. Ages 18+.

BOOK CLUB

Fact or Fiction Book Club*

Location: Ground Floor Meeting Room

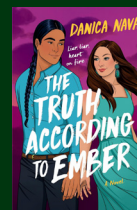
Connect with other people who love to read and join us at the Library for engaging conversation about fiction and nonfiction titles selected by Adult Services Librarians. Copies of the books will be available at the Patron Services Desk one month prior to the discussion. Limit 20. Ages 18+.

Wednesday, November 19 • 7pm

The Truth According to Ember

By Danica Nava

A Chickasaw woman who can't catch a break serves up a little white lie that snowballs into much more in this witty and irresistible rom-com by debut author Danica Nava.



Wednesday, December 17 • 7pm

Into Thin Air: A Personal Account of the Mt. Everest Disaster

By Jon Krakauer

A gripping, firsthand account by Jon Krakauer of the 1996 Mount Everest disaster, where eight climbers died during a fierce storm. Krakauer, a journalist and experienced climber, was part of an expedition led by Rob Hall when the tragedy unfolded.



Movie: *Mission: Impossible – The Final Reckoning* (2025)*

Monday, December 22 • 2-5pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Ethan Hunt and the IMF team race against time to find the Entity, a rogue artificial intelligence that can destroy mankind in the finale of *Mission: Impossible*. Popcorn and drinks will be provided. Limit 50. Ages 18+.

Disneyland: Making the Happiest Place on Earth*

Tuesday, December 30 • 6:30pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Author and former Disney researcher and Imagineer Susan Gibberman will trace the history of how Disneyland came to be and how it developed into theme parks all over the world. Limit 50. Ages 18+.



Scan to register for programs.

Registration starts Monday, October 20 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.

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Hours

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

Special Hours:

Thanksgiving Day • Closed

December 12 • Closed for Staff Training

Christmas Eve • Open 9am-3pm

Christmas Day • Closed

New Year's Eve • Open 9am-3pm

New Year's Day • Closed

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Upcoming Board Meeting:

Monday, November 17 • 6pm

Parking

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

November and December Upcoming Titles

November 4, 2025	<i>The Christmas Stranger</i> by Richard Paul Evans
November 4, 2025	<i>The Hidden City: A Charles Lenox Mystery</i> by Charles Finch
November 4, 2025	<i>Queen Esther</i> by John Irving
November 4, 2025	<i>Otherwise Engaged</i> by Susan Mallery
November 11, 2025	<i>Nash Falls</i> by David Baldacci
November 11, 2025	<i>Exit Strategy: A Reacher Novel</i> by Lee Child
November 11, 2025	<i>The King's Ransom</i> by Janet Evanovich
November 11, 2025	<i>False Witness: A Novel</i> by Phillip Margolin
November 11, 2025	<i>Wild Instinct</i> by T. Jefferson Parker
November 17, 2025	<i>Return of the Spider</i> by James Patterson
November 18, 2025	<i>From Cradle to Grave</i> by Rhys Bowen
November 18, 2025	<i>Revenge of Odessa</i> by Frederick Forsyth
November 18, 2025	<i>Evil Bones</i> by Kathy Reichs
November 18, 2025	<i>The Color of Hope</i> by Danielle Steel
December 2, 2025	<i>Everybody Wants to Rule the World</i> by Ace Atkins
December 2, 2025	<i>Stuart Woods' Blown Away</i> by Brett Battles
December 2, 2025	<i>Sharpe's Storm: A Novel</i> by Bernard Cornwell
December 2, 2025	<i>Silent Bones: A Karen Pirie Novel</i> by Val McDermid
December 9, 2025	<i>Spasm</i> by Robin Cook
December 9, 2025	<i>The Quiet Mother: A Detective Konrad Novel</i> by Arnaldur Indridason
December 9, 2025	<i>The Birdwatcher</i> by Jacquelyn Mitchard
December 16, 2025	<i>W.E.B. Griffin Direct Action</i> by Jack Stewart

Place a Hold on Upcoming Titles

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

