

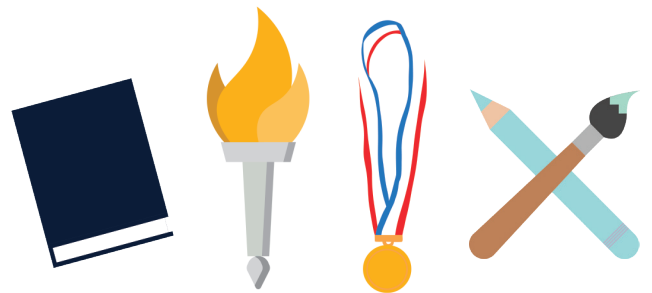
Library Link



WINTER ACTIVITY CHALLENGES

Monday, January 19–Sunday, February 22

In the spirit of the 2026 Winter Olympics, we want you to go for gold at your Library! This program offers something for everyone and there will be weekly challenges for you to try. Earn prize tickets by watching movies, listening to music, exploring digital resources, attending Library programs, and reading a variety of books. Tracking online or via the Beanstack mobile app is required. Check out the Adult Challenge on page 4 and the Youth Challenge on page 5.



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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:
greenhillspld.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.com/greenhillslibrary](https://www.youtube.com/greenhillslibrary)

LIBRARY NEWS



From the Director

Happy New Year! I ended 2025 with a trip to England, where I indulged in all things British—especially the food! I stayed on the beautiful Dorset coast, where one of the many delights is enjoying Afternoon Tea. This delightful tradition usually includes thin sandwiches (with the crusts cut off, of course), delicious cakes—often a rich fruit cake or a Victoria sponge—and best of all, freshly baked scones served with strawberry jam and clotted cream. So, I am especially excited to hear Marcy Lautanen-Raleigh's upcoming program on the historic journey of the traditional Afternoon Tea.

A special thank you to everyone who gave so generously to our Giving Tree this year. All donations went to BEDS Plus, helping individuals in our community who are experiencing homelessness. Make sure you're staying up to date with all our events and news by subscribing to our email newsletter, following us on social media, and visiting our website at greenhillslibrary.org. Printed copies of our newsletter are also available in the Library.

As always, we are here to help you find the perfect book, resource, or program to match your interests.

Jane Jenkins
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NEW! Online Instant Library Card

Getting your Library card just got easier! With our brand-new online registration, you can sign up, get approved on the spot, and get connected to all of the amazing resources and services we offer.

At the heart of our mission is connecting our community with information and experiences that spark lifelong learning. Your Library card is your all-access pass to our extensive physical and digital collections, plus fantastic programs for every age and interest. Want to learn more? Flip to page 6 for all the details!



Community Calendar

Writer's Critique Group

Saturday, January 10 • 10am-12pm

Saturday, February 14 • 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 members' works.

NEW YEAR, NEW HOBBIES: CREATE, CRAFT, AND COOK WITH THE LIBRARY!

Kick off your New Year's resolutions with the help of the Library! We've handpicked some of our favorite resources that are perfect for starting a new hobby or rekindling an old favorite. From online crafting courses to curated cookbooks, you got this!



creativebug®

Unleash your creativity with Creativebug, the ultimate online crafting resource, which is free with your Library card! Explore thousands of award-winning art and craft video classes, all taught by renowned designers and artists. From painting and knitting to jewelry making and journaling, Creativebug offers step-by-step lessons for every skill level. Start your next creative endeavor at bit.ly/creativebug-ghpld.

Class Topics:

- Art + Design
- Digital Art
- Embroidery
- Food + Home
- Holiday + Party
- Jewelry
- Kids + Teens
- Knitting + Crochet
- Origami
- Painting
- Quilting
- Sewing



BEYOND BOOKS COLLECTION



Spark a new passion or try something different with our Beyond Books Collection creative items! Whether you're into knitting, painting, paper crafts, or DIY décor, we've got the tools and inspiration to get you started, no experience or shopping trip required! Check out the collection at bit.ly/ghpld-beyondbooks.

Craft Items:

- Circular Knitting Set
- Cricut Joy
- LED Tracing Pad
- Handheld Sewing Machine
- Portable Easel
- Punch needle Kit
- Rotary Cutter Kit
- Sewing Machine
- Spirograph Set



Cook Smarter with our Brand New Resource: Eat Your Books

Tired of hunting through stacks of cookbooks or scrolling endlessly for that one recipe? With Eat Your Books, simply select your cookbooks from a library of over 170,000 titles, add them to your virtual bookshelf, and search by ingredient, cuisine, occasion, book title, or author. You can even create shopping lists and tag and organize your go-to recipes. Cooking inspiration is just a click away at bit.ly/eat-your-books-ghpld.



WINTER ADULT ACTIVITY CHALLENGE 2026

MONDAY, JANUARY 19-SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

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CHALLENGE ACTIVITIES

Week 1 • 1/19-1/25

- Read or Listen to One Book
- Leave One Book Review
- Browse the 24-Hour Library
- Complete a Journal Prompt
- Reader's Choice: Read a Book That Was Published in 2025



Week 2 • 1/26-2/1

- Read or Listen to One Book
- Leave One Book Review
- Stream a Movie or TV Show on Kanopy
- Check Out an Item from the Beyond Books Collection
- Place a Hold on Something That is Not Available
- Reader's Choice: Read a Book Under 300 Pages



**BEYOND BOOKS
COLLECTION**

Week 3 • 2/2-2/8

- Read or Listen to One Book
- Leave One Book Review
- Answer Trivia Questions
- Find a Read Alike Using Novellist Plus
- Reader's Choice: Read a Book Written by a Black Author

**Novellist
Plus**

Week 4 • 2/9-2/15

- Read or Listen to One Book
- Leave One Book Review
- Add a Book That's Not Released Yet to Your TBR
- Decorate a Valentine
- Reader's Choice: Read a Book That Reminds You of Your Childhood



Week 5 • 2/16-2/22

- Read or Listen to One Book
- Leave One Book Review
- Fill Out a Book Match Request
- Stream Music on Hoopla That Was Released in 2025
- Reader's Choice: Read a Book Published in 2016



HOW TO PARTICIPATE



Web

greenhillslibrary.beanstack.org

Beanstack Mobile App

Beanstack Tracker, Zoobean Inc.

Phone

708-598-8446

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QR code to
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PRIZES



Palos Diner
\$25 Gift Card



Pete's Market
\$25 Gift Card



Ring
Doorbell



Adjustable
Dumbbells



Ninja
Air Fryer



Roma Italian
Cookie Set



Charcuterie
Board Set



Beginner
Crochet Set



JBL Bluetooth
Headphones



Electric
Blanket



Mosaic
Coaster Kit

WINTER YOUTH BINGO CHALLENGE 2026



MONDAY, JANUARY 19-SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

On your mark, get set, go! You will have the entire five weeks to earn bingo by completing activities and logging your reading. Each time you mark off a square, you will earn a prize ticket. When you hit bingo, you will earn an extra 10 prize tickets. If you cover all the squares, you will earn a whopping 25 prize tickets! This Challenge is for ages 0-17. Check out Beanstack to begin your challenge.

YOUTH BINGO ACTIVITIES

- Read 1 Book
- Read 3 Books
- Read 5 Books
- Read 10 Books
- Read 15 Books
- Anyone is a Poet, You Should Show It!
- Attend a Program
- Be an Artist
- Design Your Own Bookmark
- Go Beyond the Books
- Hot Chocolate Storytime
- Knock Knock
- Participate in a Monthly Checkout Incentive
- Participate in a Monthly Contest
- Random Act of Kindness
- Read a Book Aloud
- Read a Book Set in Winter
- Read a Graphic Novel
- Read a Nonfiction Book
- Share Your Favorite Chilly Day Meal
- Walking in a Winter Wonderland
- Watch a Movie Based Off a Book
- Watch a Winter Olympic Event
- Winter Memories
- Winter Scavenger Hunt

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PRIZES



WINTER YOUTH BINGO CHALLENGE 2026



 Read 1 Book	 Complete 1 Activity	 Complete 1 Activity	 Complete 1 Activity	 Complete 1 Activity
 Complete 1 Activity	 Complete 1 Activity	 Complete 1 Activity	 Complete 1 Activity	 Read 5 Books
 Read 3 Books	 Complete 1 Activity	 Complete 1 Activity	 Complete 1 Activity	 Complete 1 Activity
 Complete 1 Activity	 Complete 1 Activity	 Complete 1 Activity	 Read 15 Books	 Complete 1 Activity
 Complete 1 Activity	 Complete 1 Activity	 Read 10 Books	 Complete 1 Activity	 Complete 1 Activity

NEW!

ONLINE INSTANT LIBRARY CARD



Don't have a Library Card?
You can get one right now!

Get a Card at:

bit.ly/get-a-card-ghpld

Scan the QR Code
to Get a Card



ALL THE PERKS OF GETTING A CARD AT THE LIBRARY, JUST MORE CONVENIENT

Library Services

- 24-Hour Library Kiosk
- 3D Printer Access
- Museum + Other Discount Passes
- Doorside Delivery
- Priority Program Registration
- Reciprocal Library Access

Online Resources

- Ebooks and eaudiobooks
- Homework + Tutoring Help
- Suite of Online Databases
- Streaming Services
- Much More!

Physical Collection

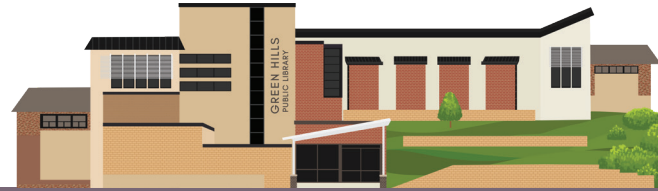
- Audiobooks
- Board Games
- Books
- CDs
- DVDs
- Kindles
- Magazines
- Roku Players
- Video Games
- Wifi Hotspots

Beyond Books Collection

- Adaptive Devices
- Art Tools
- Board Games
- Children's Activities
- Crafting Tools
- Games
- Educational Items
- Health Devices
- Hobby Supplies
- Home Tools
- Tech Tools
- Toys

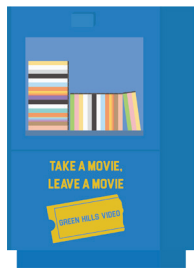
AT THE LIBRARY

The Library is here for you with a wide range of services designed to support and enrich our community. We're committed to meeting the needs of everyone.



Micropantry

The Library's micropantry is located just outside the entrance of the building. Community members are invited to access or donate non-perishable food items and personal care items. The idea is to "take what you need, leave what you can." It is accessible 24/7. For more information on donating, you can visit greenhillslibrary.org/micropantry.

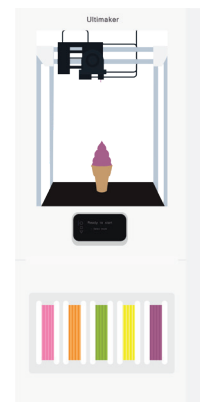


Little Free Blockbusters

You never know what you might find when you visit our Little Free Blockbusters! As a sustainable effort, we share our discarded DVDs, Blu-rays, and video games with our community in these Little Free Blockbusters. You can find the dispensers around town, including Strange Brew Cafe in Palos Hills, Vito & Nick's II in Hickory Hills, and the Library's Ground Floor Lobby.

3D Printer

Unleash your creativity with the Library's 3D printer! The Library's Ultimaker S7 is available to use by patrons of all ages, and anyone with a GHPLD card can submit a request. Visit the Youth or Adult Services Desks, or visit us online at greenhillslibrary.org/3d-printer for more information and to submit a request. Printing charges are based on the time it takes to print the item, at \$0.25 per half hour. Whether it's a toy, planter, or wrench, we are excited for you to try out some new tech.



Paper Recycling Bin

Declutter your home and conveniently recycle your paper at the Library! You can find our paper recycling bin in our main parking lot. Please note that this recycling bin is not secure, and we do not recommend using it for sensitive documents.



- Catalogs
- Newspapers
- Magazines
- Notebooks and Folders
- Mail (including envelopes)
- School and Office Paper

Book Donation Bin

Drop your materials off anytime in our Better World Books donation bin, conveniently located right outside the Library's main entrance. We gladly accept a wide range of items, including books for all ages, recent college textbooks (published within the last 10 years), foreign language books, DVDs, Blu-rays, audiobooks, and video games. Your donations help support libraries, plus the bin helps keep books out of landfills by recycling materials that can't be reused. Give your old favorites a new life and make a difference today!

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

 See page 9 for important information about program attendance and cancellations.

K-pop Demon Hunters Party*

Wednesday, January 7 • 6:30pm
Location: First Floor Meeting Room
Come show the Library how it's done, done, done! Join us as we dance, sing, and craft our way through this legendary soundtrack. Limit 20. Ages 6+.

Mini Yogis*

Thursday, January 8 • 11am
Thursday, February 5 • 11am
Location: First Floor Meeting Room
Stretch those little bodies and minds with the Do Good Movement's morning of yoga and mindfulness. Yoga mats will be provided. Limit 20. Ages 3-6.

Yoga for Kids*

Thursday, January 8 • 6pm
Thursday, February 5 • 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+.

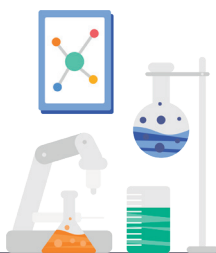


Pokémon Club*

Tuesday, January 13 • 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 Lab*

Wednesday, January 14 • 6:30pm
Wednesday, February 11 • 6:30pm
Location: First Floor Meeting Room
In each program, we will watch a video and discuss the actual science before we play a game and complete a hands-on project. Limit 15. Ages 6+.



Little Felt Plushies*

Monday, January 19 • 4:30pm
Location: First Floor Meeting Room
Come try out your hand sewing skills by making the cutest little felt plushie you've ever seen! Limit 15. Ages 6+.



Eco Club*

Wednesday, January 21 • 6:30pm
Wednesday, February 25 • 6:30pm
Location: First Floor Meeting Room
We will start each class with a read-aloud book. Then, we will discuss the science behind the environmental theme chosen by participants before completing a fun craft. Limit 15. Ages 6+.

Retro Kidventures*

Tuesday, January 27 • 4:30pm
Tuesday, February 24 • 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+.

Mini Masterpieces*

Tuesday, February 3 • 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. One caregiver must accompany each child. Register each child and include the caregiver in the special field. Limit 10 children. Ages 3-6.



DIY Heart Boxes*

Tuesday, February 10 • 4:30pm
Location: Ground Floor Meeting Room
Love is in the air! Join us to decorate your own heart box for you or your Valentine. Limit 15. Ages 6+.

STORYTIMES

Family Storytime

Fridays: January 9, 16, 23, 30 • 10am
Fridays: February 6, 13, 20, 27 • 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.



Brunch & Books*

Saturday, January 10 • 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.

Wiggle & Wobble*

Mondays: January 12 and 26 • 10am
Mondays: February 2 and 16 • 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.

Preschool Storytime*

Tuesday, January 20 • 4:30pm
Tuesday, February 17 • 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. Limit 15.



Pajama Storytime*

Thursday, January 22 • 6:30pm
Thursday, February 26 • 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.



Be Mine Storytime*

Thursday, February 12 • 6:30pm
Location: Ground Floor Meeting Room
Join us for a craft, light refreshments, and a lovely storytime. Children of all ages and their caregivers; please register all attendees. Limit 20.



FAMILY PROGRAMS



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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.

Little Sweethearts Ball*

Friday, February 6 • 7pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Grab the grooviest grown-up you know and get ready to dress up and get down to dance the night away! Light refreshments and awesome dance moves will be served. Children of all ages and their caregivers; please register all attendees. Limit 50.

Family Yoga*

Monday, February 9 • 6:30pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Join the Do Good Movement for a calming night of yoga for the whole family. Children of all ages and their caregivers; please register all attendees. Limit 30.



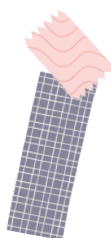
TWEEN PROGRAMS

Washi Tape Wall Art*

Wednesday, February 4 • 6pm

Location: The Hangout

Let's add some fun to your room with some handmade art! We'll supply the washi tape and canvas, but the rest is up to you. Limit 15. Ages 10-13.



TikTok Taste Test*

Thursday, February 19 • 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.

Music Bingo*

Friday, February 27 • 6pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Do you think you know your pop music? Let's test it out with a game of bingo! Join us as we make our way through the top charts and win some cool prizes. Limit 30. Ages 10-13.

TEEN PROGRAMS

Book Bedazzle*

Saturday, January 10 • 1pm

Location: The Hangout

This bring-your-own-book adventure will surely dazzle you! Bring one book you would love to bedazzle. Limit 15. Ages 13-17.



Teen Uno Tournament*

Thursday, January 22 • 6pm

Location: The Hangout

Add this program to your pile and draw 4 for one wild Uno ride! In this round-robin tournament, you'll go head-to-head in a few games of Uno. The tournament winner will get the grand prize. Limit 15. Ages 13-17.

Teen Volunteer Time*

Wednesday, January 28 • 6pm

Wednesday, February 18 • 6pm

Location: The Hangout

Looking for a fun way to give back? Come help us help others. This is a great opportunity for getting those service hours in! Limit 20. Ages 13-17.



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.



Scan to
register for
programs.

Registration starts Monday, December 22 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.

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ADULT PROGRAMS



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Movie: *Downton Abbey: The Grand Finale* (2024)*

Friday, January 2 • 2:00–4:00pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

In the summer of 1930, the Crawleys grapple with the threat of social disgrace when Mary finds herself at the center of a public scandal and the family faces financial trouble. Popcorn and drinks will be provided. Limit 50. Ages 18+.

Club Lenny: Neurodiverse Community Meetup*

Tuesday, January 6 • 2:00–3:30pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Club Lenny offers activity-based programs for neurodivergent adults and adults with intellectual and developmental differences. Watch a movie in a sensory-friendly space with lower volume, soft lighting, fidget toys, a craft, and freedom to move and talk. Limit 20. Ages 18+. Register all attendees, including caregivers.

Bread Baking 101*

Thursday, January 8 • 6:30pm

Location: Ground Floor Meeting Room

Nothing beats the smell of fresh bread! Chef Cherise Slattery will teach the 12 steps of yeast bread making, along with tips to make it your new favorite hobby. Enjoy samples of Italian Batard and Walnut Wheat Bread, plus recipes to try at home. Limit 40. Ages 18+.



Afternoon Tea Workshop*

Tuesday, January 13 • 2pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Join Marcy Lautanen-Raleigh for a historic and tasty journey into traditional afternoon tea. Learn its origins, explore teas and customs, make sandwiches, and enjoy a mini tea party. Limit 20. Ages 18+.

New Year's Meditation and Sound Healing*

Thursday, January 15 • 6:30pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

A new year means new goals and intentions. Meditate and reflect on your resolutions while listening to a sound healing session by instructor Gail Morales. Journals will be provided. Limit 30. Ages 18+.

Ageless Grace*

Monday, January 19 • 11am

Monday, February 16 • 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, January 19 • 12pm

Monday, February 16 • 12pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

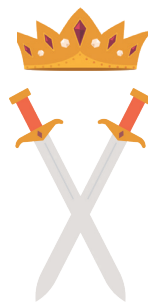
Laughter Yoga is a unique concept where we laugh without relying on jokes, humor, or comedy. It combines laughter exercises with deep breathing, which brings more oxygen to the body and brain to help us feel more energetic. All levels are welcome; we will not be doing any yoga poses in this class. Limit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

The Arthurian Legend: Fact or Fiction?*

Tuesday, January 20 • 2pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table are among the most influential tales in Western literature and folklore. Was Arthur real? Did Camelot exist? Explore the archaeological, historical, and literary evidence behind the legend. Limit 50. Ages 18+.



Fairy and Gnome Houses*

Thursday, January 22 • 6:30–8:00pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Add a touch of whimsy to your garden by creating a miniature fairy or gnome house using charming tiny décor and natural materials. Limit 20. 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.



January: Personalized Picture Magnets*

Kit Available: Monday, January 12 • 10am

DIY map magnets are the perfect personalized craft. Capture special places with this easy tutorial that is great for gifts, travel lovers, or your own fridge. Limit 40. Ages 18+.

February: Mini Zen Garden*

Kit Available: Monday, February 9 • 10am

Bring the essence and peace of a zen garden to your coffee table or desk with these small-scale DIY terrains. Limit 40. Ages 18+.

Because I Matter:

Breast Cancer Education*

Monday, January 26 • 2:00–3:30pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

This 90-minute session teaches the MammaCare® Method for breast self-exam, covering breast cancer facts and hands-on practice, helping participants confidently detect changes and apply the 5 Ps technique. Limit 25. Ages 18+.



Job Jumpstart Lab*

Tuesday, January 27 • 2:00–3:30pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Get a jumpstart on the job-hunting process from job boards, cover letters, resumes, and how to use LinkedIn. Limit 15. Ages 18+.

Crochet for Beginners*

Thursday, January 29 • 2–4pm OR 5:30–7:30pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Learn to crochet with Catherine Suchy! This beginner class covers basic stitches and pattern reading while you create miniature ear warmers. Yarn and hooks provided. Limit 10. Ages 18+.



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Valentine's Day Card Workshop*

Tuesday, February 3 • 6:30–8:00pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Create fun and unique Valentine's Day cards with designer Karina Guico using layering techniques, stamps, paper punches, and other fun embellishments! Limit 20. Ages 18+.



A Taste of New Orleans*

Thursday, February 5 • 2pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Explore the culinary history of New Orleans with former resident Amy Gail Hansen, learning the origins of café au lait, beignets, gumbo, and king cake—while enjoying samples! Limit 50. Ages 18+.

Club Lenny: No Shush Movie*

Friday, February 6 • 2:00–3:30pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

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Movie Music Tribute to Black History*

Tuesday, February 10 • 1:00–2:30pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

John LeGear examines some of the many ways African American writers, musicians, and performers have enriched the American Experience. Please join us for this lyrical, thought-provoking multimedia presentation. It'll set your toes to tappin' and bring joy to your heart. Limit 50. Ages 18+.

Date Night Meals with Chef Maddox*

Thursday, February 12 • 6:30–8:30pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Join Chef Maddox for a demonstration on how to make an elegant meal for you and your special someone. Recipes and samples will be included. Limit 40. Ages 18+.



Movie: *Superman* (2025)*

Friday, February 13 • 2pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

When Superman becomes entangled in conflicts at home and abroad, his actions are scrutinized, providing tech billionaire Lex Luthor with the opportunity to eliminate the Man of Steel once and for all. Will intrepid reporter Lois Lane and Superman's four-legged companion, Krypto, be able to help him before it's too late? Limit 50. Ages 18+.

Avoiding AI Scams*

Tuesday, February 17 • 2pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Learn how to recognize and avoid AI-driven scams. This program will cover common tactics used by scammers, how AI tools can be misused, and simple steps you can take to protect yourself online. Limit 40. Ages 18+.

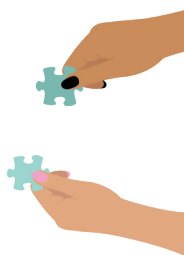


Team Puzzle Competition*

Thursday, February 19 • 6:30–8:00pm

Location: Ground Floor Meeting Room

Go for gold at the Library! Form a team of your best puzzler friends and family to complete a 500-piece puzzle the fastest. Prizes will be awarded to first and second place. Come as a team of up to four people, or come alone, and we will assign you to a team. Limit 30. Ages 18+.



Hidden Histories:

Forgotten Stories from the Past*

Tuesday, February 24 • 2pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

History is filled with remarkable people whose stories rarely appear in textbooks. This program explores overlooked narratives such as Robert Smalls, the enslaved man who seized a Confederate ship and sailed to freedom; Ida B. Wells, the fearless Illinois journalist who exposed the horrors of lynching, and more. Limit 50. Ages 18+.

BOOK CLUB

Fact or Fiction Book Club*

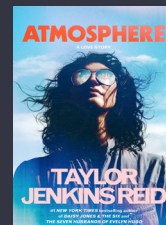
Location: Ground Floor Meeting Room

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, January 28 • 7pm

Atmosphere

By Taylor Jenkins Reid



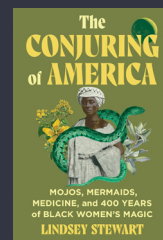
Physics professor Joan Goodwin chases her dream of becoming one of NASA's first female astronauts, joining a diverse group of candidates training for spaceflight in the 1980s.

As friendships, love, and ambition collide, one mission changes everything in this fast-paced and emotional novel.

Wednesday, February 25 • 7pm

The Conjuring of America: Mojos, Mermaids, Medicine, and 400 Years of Black Women's Magic

By Lindsey Stewart



This book traces the hidden legacy of conjure women—enslaved healers, Voodoo queens, blues women, and midwives—whose rituals, remedies, and artistry shaped American culture and survival. Lindsey Stewart uncovers how

their practices, rooted in ancestral magic and resistance, influenced everything from medicine and music to fashion and folklore.

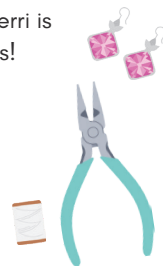
Gemstone Jewelry Making*

Thursday, February 26 • 6:30–8:00pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Jewelry creator and artist Sherri is here for a fun, hands-on class!

Participants will learn how to create earrings, necklaces, or bracelets using genuine gemstones on stretch cord, beading wire, or memory wire. Limit 20. Ages 18+.



Scan to register for programs.

Registration starts Monday, December 22 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:

New Year's Day • Closed

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Upcoming Board Meetings:

Monday, January 26 • 6pm

Monday, February 16 • 6pm

January and February Upcoming Titles

January 5, 2026	<i>The Invisible Woman: A Thriller</i> by James Patterson
January 6, 2026	<i>Order of Royals: A Novel</i> by Jude Deveraux
January 6, 2026	<i>The Right to Remain: A Jack Swyteck Novel</i> by James Grippando
January 6, 2026	<i>Dark Joy</i> by Christine Feehan
January 6, 2026	<i>The Shop on Hidden Lane</i> by Jayne Ann Krentz
January 6, 2026	<i>Skylark: A Novel</i> by Paula McLain
January 6, 2026	<i>The Viper: A Zig & Nola Novel</i> by Brad Meltzer
January 13, 2026	<i>Private Rome: A Private Novel</i> by James Patterson
January 13, 2026	<i>The Devil's Daughter: A Novel</i> by Danielle Steel
January 20, 2026	<i>Twelve Months</i> by Jim Butcher
January 20, 2026	<i>Evelyn in Transit: A Novel</i> by David Guterson
January 20, 2026	<i>The Friend of the Family</i> by Dean Koontz
January 20, 2026	<i>The Method: A Thriller</i> by Matthew Quirk
January 27, 2026	<i>The Witching Hours</i> by Heather Graham
February 3, 2026	<i>Jigsaw: An Alex Delaware Novel</i> by Jonathan Kellerman
February 3, 2026	<i>The Asset: A Joe DeMarco Thriller</i> by Mike Lawson
February 3, 2026	<i>Wolf Hour: A Novel</i> by Jo Nesbo
February 3, 2026	<i>Stolen in Death</i> by J.D. Robb
February 10, 2026	<i>The Hadacol Boogie: A Dave Robicheaux Novel</i> by James Lee Burke
February 10, 2026	<i>Antihero: An Orphan X Novel</i> by Gregg Hurwitz
February 10, 2026	<i>And the Crowd Went Wild</i> by Susan Elizabeth Phillips
February 17, 2026	<i>The Devil's Bible: A Cotton Malone Novel</i> by Steve Berry
February 24, 2026	<i>The Crossroads: A Joe Pickett Novel</i> by C.J. Box
February 24, 2026	<i>More Than Enough: A Novel</i> by Anna Quindlen
February 24, 2026	<i>Trust No One: A Thriller</i> by James Rollins

Parking

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

Place a Hold on Upcoming Titles

Visit bit.ly/jan-feb-2026 or scan the QR code to place a hold on January and February upcoming titles (URL is case-sensitive). Print copies are available at the Adult Services Desk.

