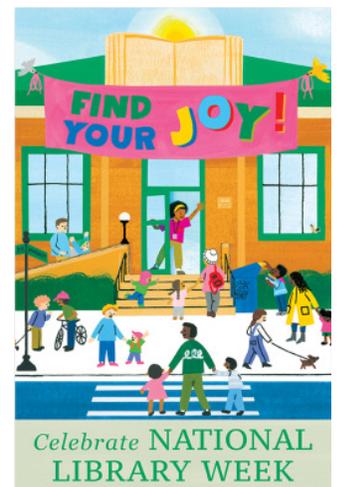


# Library Link



## National Library Week • April 19-25

National Library Week is an annual celebration highlighting the valuable role libraries, librarians, and library workers play in transforming lives and strengthening our communities. This year's theme is "Find Your Joy" and we invite people of all backgrounds to explore and discover what sparks joy in them at our Library. Join us starting on Monday, April 20, for a week of fun activities, surprises, and treats as we celebrate National Library Week! Flip to page six to see what we have planned.



Library Closure: Monday, March 9-Tuesday, March 17. Visit page three for more details.

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# LIBRARY NEWS



## From the Director



National Library Week is April 19-April 25, and this year's theme, "Find your Joy," is an invitation for people of all backgrounds to explore, discover, and connect with what brings them happiness, right here at the Library. Whether it's finding your next great read, learning a new skill, attending a program, or simply enjoying a quiet space, we hope the Green Hills Public Library District is a place where you find joy.

## 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](http://greenhillspdl.librarycalendar.com)

## Photo Policy

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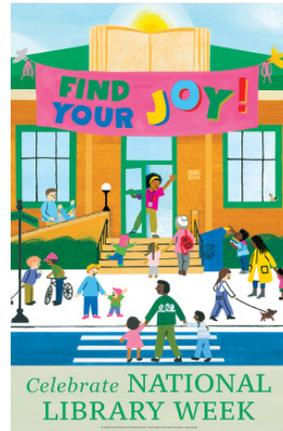
For staff to be best prepared to assist with your needs, we ask individuals with disabilities who require an accommodation for Library programs to contact the Library Director by phone at 708-598-8446 or by email at [ghpl@greenhillslibrary.org](mailto:ghpl@greenhillslibrary.org) at least five working 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
- Instagram @greenhillslibrary
- YouTube youtube.com/greenhillslibrary



Last year I celebrated 10 years as Library Director, and I can truly say it has been filled with joy. I have had the privilege of working alongside an incredible staff, serving engaged patrons, and benefitting from the guidance of a dedicated Board of Trustees.

April 21 is National Library Workers Day, and I encourage you to stop by and let our staff know how much you appreciate all they do. While staff are often seen helping patrons with technology, finding materials, and placing holds, there is also important work happening behind the scenes. From cataloging and promotions, to budgeting and building maintenance, each member of our team plays a vital role in making your library experience possible.

To our patrons - thank you for your continued support. To the entire GHPLD Staff - thank you for your dedication, teamwork, and commitment to serving our community.

We invite you to share your thoughts by completing our community survey about how you use the Library's spaces. Your feedback will help us create an even more welcoming and useful environment for everyone.

Be sure to explore this newsletter to discover all the wonderful programs we have planned. I hope to see many of you at these events, but you can always reach me either by email, phone, or in the Library.

Jane Jenkins  
[jjenkins@greenhillslibrary.org](mailto:jjenkins@greenhillslibrary.org)

## We Want to Hear From You!

The Green Hills Public Library District is conducting a community survey regarding the use of Library spaces to inform initiatives under our current Strategic Plan. Help us shape the future and improve our Library spaces by taking a brief, five-minute survey. Your feedback will help us make our Library more welcoming, useful, and inspiring for everyone.

The survey will be open for responses between February 1-28. All responses are strictly confidential.

Survey Link:  
[bit.ly/spaces-survey](https://bit.ly/spaces-survey)



Scan to Take the Survey

# LIBRARY NEWS

## ! Library Maintenance Project & Partial Building Closure

The Second Floor Library will be closed for flooring repairs and maintenance from Monday, March 9–Tuesday, March 17. We will reopen on Wednesday, March 18 at 9am.

During the partial closure, please note:

- Staff will be available by phone and email during all operational hours.
- All programming in the Ground Floor Meeting Room and the First Floor Meeting Room will take place as scheduled.
- Voting for the General Primary Election will be open in the Ground Floor Meeting Room on Tuesday, March 17.
- The 24-Hour Library machine located outside the front entrance will be available for checkouts, returns, and holds.
- The book drop on 103rd St. will be available for you to return materials as well.
- There are no fines for late returns.
- And as always, you can access our downloadable ebooks, streaming video, online learning, and more at [greenhillslibrary.org](http://greenhillslibrary.org).

We thank you for your patience and understanding. If you have any questions, please email [ghpl@greenhillslibrary.org](mailto:ghpl@greenhillslibrary.org).

## Adult Services Reading Challenge 2026



This reading challenge lasts all year, with fresh themes each month for ages 18+. To join, simply read a book connected to the monthly theme. You can find a list of suggestions by visiting the URLs or scanning the corresponding QR codes. When you're ready, submit your entry at the Adult Services Desk before the end of the month. Remember, you can submit one entry each month, and you'll be in the running for a fun raffle prize. We hope you'll join in on the fun!

March  
Climate Fiction  
[bit.ly/mar-2026](http://bit.ly/mar-2026)



April  
A Book of Poetry  
[bit.ly/apr-2026](http://bit.ly/apr-2026)



## Lenny the Leaf's Youth Bookmark Contest 2026



Feeling artsy? Grab a pen and paper or some online tools to design a Lenny bookmark! Pick up a template and more information at the Youth Services Desk starting Monday, March 2. Make sure all designs are appropriate for all ages.

Designs will be separated by the following age groups:

- K-1 • Grades 2-3 • Grades 4-5 • Grades 6-8 • Grades 9-12

Submit all designs by Friday, March 27 so Lenny has enough time to choose his favorites!

## Community Calendar

### Writer's Critique Group

Saturday, March 14 • 10am–12pm • Ground Floor Meeting Room

Saturday, April 11 • 10am–12pm • Screened Porch Room

Location: Green Hills Public Library District

Whether you're a published or aspiring writer, join us for feedback and improvement suggestions on your work.

### Coffeehouse Checkouts

Monday, March 23 • 12–3pm

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

Check out books and upcoming programs as you sip on your favorite drink during this partnership with The Qahwa.



### General Primary Election

Tuesday, March 17 • Polls Open 6am–7pm

For information about candidates and polling places, visit [cookcountyclerkil.gov](http://cookcountyclerkil.gov).

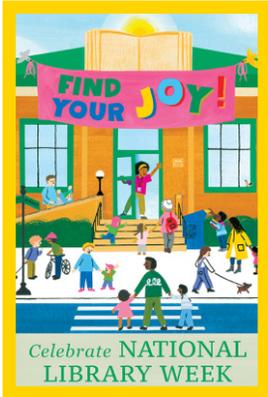
### Community Shred Event

Saturday, April 11 • 9–11am

Location: Oak Ridge School South Parking Lot

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 banker boxes per person.

# Green Hills Staff “Finds Joy” During National Library Week



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**In honor of the occasion, we asked staff:  
“Looking back, what book sparked your joy?”**

## Roberta, Business Services

*The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle

When my son was very small, he wanted me to read this to him every night multiple times. His copy came with a caterpillar stuffed animal, and I used to do sound effects and a little show for him each night. Thinking about it brings back wonderful memories.



## Olivia, Adult Services

*The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien

My parents read to us a lot when we were growing up, and I have special memories with my dad when he would read me this book. It is one of my first memories and one that helped me fall in love with books and reading.



## Josie, Youth Services

*Starfish* by Lisa Fipps

I read this book as an adult and haven’t felt so moved and seen in a book before. The story will capture your heart, break it a little, and piece it all back together again. And the poetry is stunning.





## Jane, Library Director

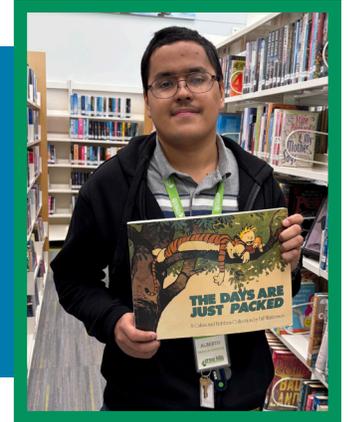
*Gone with the Wind* by Margaret Mitchell

Living in England, I didn't know much about American history and this book started my love of historical fiction.

## Alberto, Patron Services

*Calvin and Hobbes* by Bill Watterson

When I was little, my mom would read the comics to me as bedtime stories. I loved that Calvin, a six-year-old boy, was asking all sorts of questions to his parents and to his tiger doll/imaginary friend Hobbes, about life, human nature, and criticism on modern society. This book taught me to ask questions at an early age and was one of the reasons I ended up getting a college minor in Philosophy.



## Catherine, Marketing and Communications

*Taking a Bath With the Dog and Other Things That Make Me Happy* by Scott Menchin

This was a favorite of both my kids, and I have fond memories of reading it together-night, after night, after night...

**But we know that Library joy goes well beyond just books. So,**

My joy is creating interactive Library displays that spark conversation and connection. **-Genevieve**  
Finding space where I can create something with my own two hands and see it come to life. **-Amanda**

The excitement when my kids find a book they can't wait to read. **-Sara H.**

Seeing our adult patrons walk away knowing they got exactly what they needed. **-Mariam**

When patrons gasp, "I didn't know I could get that at the Library!" **-Teri**

The look on a young patron's face when they get to use their Library card for the very first time. **-Lili**

Walking into a library full of stories just waiting to be discovered. Like a kid in a candy store! **-Kelley**

Working with people dedicated to sharing stories and celebrating our community. **-Sara S.**

Our fish tank! And when people see "Nemo" the clown fish, or a sea urchin for the first time. **-Nellie**

Supporting our community alongside an amazing group of people who find joy in doing so as well. **-Tessa**

**Now it's your turn: how do YOU find joy in the Library?  
Tell us at [ghpl@greenhillslibrary.org](mailto:ghpl@greenhillslibrary.org).**

# National Library Week

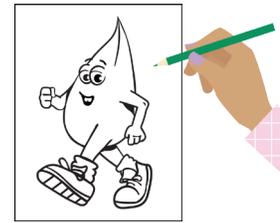
## April 19-25

Celebrate with us all week long!

### Monday • April 20

Program: Drop-In Bookworm Bookmarks • Ages 6-10 • 4:30-5:30pm

Activity: Which Library staff member brings you joy?



### Tuesday • April 21

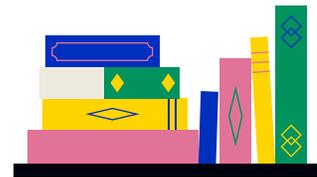
Program: Adult Book Bingo • Ages 18+ • 2pm

Activity: Color Lenny the Leaf with coloring sheets and accessories.

### Wednesday • April 22

Program: Local Author and Book Fair • All Ages • 5:30-7:30pm

Activity: What part of the Library brings you joy?

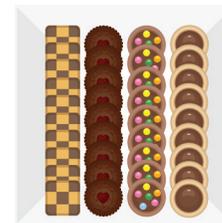


### Thursday • April 23

Program: Drop-In Tiny Book Keychains • Ages 10-17 • 4:30-5:30pm

Program: Prose & Pours for Adults • Ages 21+ • 6:30pm

Activity: All Ages Scavenger Hunt/Trivia



### Friday • April 24

Activity: Patron Appreciation Day with sweets and snacks.

Activity: What book brings you joy?



## 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.

# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS



See page 6 for important information about program attendance and cancellations.

## Paper Portraits\*

Tuesday, March 3 • 4:30pm  
Location: Ground Floor Meeting Room  
Picture yourself perfectly by making some paper portraits of you and your friends. Limit 15. Ages 6+.

## Pokémon Club\*

Wednesday, March 4 • 4:30pm  
Location: Ground Floor Meeting Room  
Come gather with fellow Pokémon trainers to make a craft, play games, battle, and join an optional trade with parent permission. Let's catch them all! Limit 20. Ages 8+.



## DVD Case Doodle Pads\*

Monday, March 9 • 4:30pm  
Location: Ground Floor Meeting Room  
Let's put those old DVD cases to good use! We will have fun decorating and doodling all while reusing recycled materials. Limit 15. Ages 6+.

## Mini Yogis\*

Tuesday, March 10 • 11am  
Tuesday, April 7 • 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\*

Tuesday, March 10 • 6:30pm  
Tuesday, April 7 • 6:30pm  
Location: First Floor Meeting Room  
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+.

## Faux Labubus\*

Monday, March 23 • 4:30pm  
Location: Ground Floor Meeting Room  
Labubu who? We are taking over the Labubu scene by making our own rendition of those notorious plushies. Limit 15. Ages 6+.

## STEM Squad\*

Wednesday, March 25 • 6:30pm  
Wednesday, April 15 • 6:30pm  
Location: First Floor Meeting Room  
This multi-media hands-on program will expand your knowledge about STEM topics in the real world. Limit 15. Ages 6+.

## Kid's Bead Workshop\*

Thursday, March 26 • 6:30pm  
Location: First Floor Meeting Room  
Bring creativity to life with Do Art's hands-on Bead Art Workshop! Participants design and build their own colorful creations. Limit 25. Ages 6+.

## Mini Masterpieces\*

Tuesday, March 31 • 6:30pm  
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 be engaged with your child in this program. Limit 10 children. Register each child and include the caregiver in the notes field.

## Snail Mail Celebration\*

Monday, April 6 • 4:30pm  
Location: Ground Floor Meeting Room  
April is National Card and Letter Writing Month. Come get creative with all sorts of fun materials to make cards and postcards that are ready to be sent out! Limit 20. Ages 6+.



## Lego Free Build\*

Wednesday, April 8 • 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 15. Ages 6+.



## Baby Rave\*

Saturday, April 18 • 11am  
Location: First Floor Meeting Room  
Come pump up the jams and dance the morning away at this glow-in-the-dark baby and toddler rave! This program is designed for children and accompanying adults. Please plan to be engaged with your child in this program. Limit 20 children. Ages 0-5. Register each child and include the caregiver in the notes field.

## Drop-In Bookworm Bookmarks

Monday, April 20 • 4:30-5:30pm  
Location: Youth Services Desk  
Help us celebrate National Library Week by making a caterpillar bookmark! Supplies are first come, first served. Ages 6+.



## Retro Kidventures\*

Tuesday, April 28 • 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+.

## Aspiring Architects\*

Wednesday, April 29 • 4:30pm  
Location: First Floor Meeting Room  
Get ready to build! We will test your bridge-building skills in a friendly competition. Limit 15. Ages 6+.

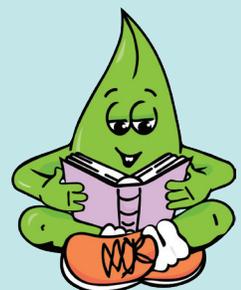
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Submit all designs by Friday, March 27 so Lenny has enough time to choose his favorites!



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 Unless otherwise noted, register children and include the caregiver in the notes field when registering for our Storytimes.

## Wiggle & Wobble\*

Mondays: March 2, 16, 30 • 10am

Mondays: April 13 and 27 • 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.

Limit 15 children.



## Family Storytime

Fridays: March 6, 13, 20, 27 • 10am

Fridays April: 3, 10, 17, 24 • 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.

## Arabic Storytime\*

Saturday, March 7 • 10:30am

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Join us for a morning of stories, songs, crafts, and culture. Children of all ages and their caregivers. Limit 15 children.

## Sensory Storytime\*

Wednesday, March 11 • 10am

Wednesday, April 15 • 10am

Location: Ground Floor Meeting Room

Join us for a storytime in a smaller and sensory-friendly environment as we participate in activities, read books, and sing songs. This program is designed for neurodivergent attendees or those with developmental differences, though all are welcome. Ages 0-5. Limit 5 children.

## Starry Night Storytime\*

Thursday, March 12 • 6:30pm

Thursday, April 23 • 6:30pm

Location: Ground Floor Meeting Room

Join us as we read and sing under the shiny bright stars. Children of all ages and their caregivers. Limit 10 children.

## Brunch & Books\*

Saturday, March 14 • 11am

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Join us for delicious donuts and a sensational storytime. Children of all ages and their caregivers. Limit 15 children.



## Preschool Storytime\*

Tuesday, March 17 • 4:30pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Tuesday, April 21 • 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.



## Easter Storytime\*

Wednesday, April 1 • 6:30pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Hop down into the Library for an excellent Easter storytime filled with Easter stories, songs, and a craft. Limit 15 children.

## Spanish Storytime\*

Monday, April 13 • 6:30pm

Location: Ground Floor Meeting Room

Join us for an evening of stories, songs, crafts, and culture. Children of all ages and their caregivers. Limit 15 children.

# 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.

## Ramadan Iftar at Green Hills\*

Thursday, March 5 • 5:30pm

Location: Ground & First Floor Meeting Rooms

Ramadan Kareem! Celebrate and break a fast with snacks, crafts, and community in a welcoming space for reflection, creativity, and connection. All are welcome. Limit 50.

All ages.

## Easter Bunny Photoshoot

Thursday April 2 • 5:30-7:30pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Stop by the Library for special visitor, the Easter bunny! Get in line before 7:30pm to get your picture taken by our photographer, and also snap your picture. All ages.



## All Ages No Shush Movie\*

Wednesday, April 8 • 6:30pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Enjoy lower volume, softer lighting, fidget toys, a craft, and the freedom to move or talk. This program is for neurodivergent attendees or those with developmental differences, but all are welcome. Limit 20. All ages. Register all attendees, including caregivers.

## Roller Disco\*

Saturday, April 11 • 11am, 12pm, 1pm, OR 2pm

Location: Ground & First Floor Meeting Rooms  
Skates will be provided for ages 3 and up. All participants must have a signed liability waiver before entering the rink. A parent or guardian must remain present with all children under the age of 10. Register all participants. Limit 30 per session.

## Music of the Middle East and North Africa\*

Monday, April 20 • 6:30pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Join the legendary Malley Family Band for an evening of music from Egypt, Lebanon, Syria, Palestine, and Morocco. This all-ages event features traditional instruments such as the oud and riq. Limit 70.



## Local Author and Book Fair

Wednesday, April 22 • 5:30-7:30pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Join us for an evening filled with books, crafts, and mingling with talented local authors! Browse an array of genres from a variety of authors, where you will have the chance purchase books for all ages.



# TWEEN PROGRAMS



See page 6 for important information about program attendance and cancellations.

## Collage Creations\*

Saturday, March 14 • 1pm

Location: Ground Floor Meeting Room

Cut, color, and collage! Come to the Library ready for a messy glue-filled afternoon. We will supply materials, but feel free to bring your own photos and more to add to your masterpiece. Limit 15. Ages 10-13.

## Punch Needle Party\*

Tuesday, March 24 • 6:30pm

Location: The Hangout

Punch out those pesky feelings with a punch needle craft that is sure to help you find your inner peace. Limit 10. Ages 10-13.

## Cereal Connoisseurs\*

Tuesday, April 14 • 6:30pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Cereal or milk first? Who cares! Come enjoy a variety of cereals, play some games, and create a back-of-the-box-worthy craft. Limit 15. Ages 10-13.



# TEEN PROGRAMS

## Teen Volunteer Time

Wednesday, March 11 • 6pm

Location: Ground Floor Meeting Room

Wednesday, April 8 • 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 for getting those service hours in! Limit 20. Ages 13-17.

## Slideshow Showdown\*

Wednesday, March 25 • 6:30pm

Location: The Hangout

If you feel very passionate about a funny topic, like whether pineapples belong on pizza or not, come share your side of the story! Make a presentation on any platform to share and debate with the group to earn a prize. Limit 15. Ages 13-17.

## Eraser Stamps\*

Saturday, April 18 • 2pm

Location: Ground Floor Meeting Room

Come carve away those pink erasers! We will demonstrate how to carve, and the rest is up to you. Limit 15. Ages 13-17.



# TWEEN/TEEN PROGRAMS

## Throwback Thursdays\*

Thursday, March 12 • 4:30pm

Location: Ground Floor Meeting Room

Thursday, April 9 • 4:30pm

Location: The Hangout

Come create fun and retro crafts. We will travel back in time to create some groovy or even rad crafts. Limit 15. Ages 10-17.

## Poetry and Creative Writing Workshop\*

Thursday, April 16 • 6:30pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Celebrate National Poetry Month and unleash the power of words with Do Art's interactive Poetry Workshop! Participants explore creative writing through the tools of poetry. Limit 25. Ages 10-17.

## Drop-In Tiny Book Keychains

Thursday, April 23 • 4:30-5:30pm

Location: The Hangout

Celebrate National Library Week with a new keychain! Supplies are first come, first served. Ages 10-17.



## YA Book Boxes Are Back!

Take home the library version of a subscription box! Each box includes a book from a specific genre, plus some goodies to enjoy. Just stop by the Youth Services Desk to check one out today!

Current Genres Available:

- Graphic Novel
- Romance
- Sci-fi/Fantasy
- Special
- Thriller



## Tween and Teen Volunteer Opportunities

We offer virtual service hour opportunities for students ages 10-18. Volunteers can earn hours while brightening someone's day! The kind actions of our volunteers will help nonprofits by coloring pages for Color a Smile and making cards for Cards for Hospitalized Kids. We also have in-person volunteer opportunities. For more information, visit [greenhillslibrary.org/youth-services/volunteering](http://greenhillslibrary.org/youth-services/volunteering) or contact Youth Services Librarian Emily Meszaros at [emeszaros@greenhillslibrary.org](mailto:emeszaros@greenhillslibrary.org) or 708-598-8446 ext. 117.



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## Organizing Your Big Projects & Garages\*

Tuesday, March 3 • 6:30pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Spring cleaning is approaching! Learn strategies for tackling large organizing projects in garages and basements, including how to decide what to keep, and how to clear clutter. Limit 50. Ages 18+.

## TechWise Computer Course\*

Wednesdays: March 4–April 8 • 12:00–1:30pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Join Pathlights for this six-class series for adults that will help improve basic computer skills. Topics include computer basics, email, online security, and more. To register, call the Adult Services Department or visit the Adult Services Desk. Limit 8. Ages 50+.

## The Opioid Crisis & Saving Lives with Naloxone\*

Friday, March 6 • 2pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Opioid overdoses pose a serious public health risk. The University of Illinois Extension will teach how to recognize overdose signs and administer naloxone. Limit 50. Ages 18+.

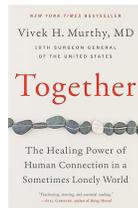
## Together Book Club\*

Mondays: March 9, 23, and April 6 • 7pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Join this three-week series and book discussion exploring *Together* by Dr. Vivek Murthy, examining loneliness, its physical and emotional impacts, and practical strategies to build meaningful social connection.

Refreshments provided. Limit 20. Ages 18+.



## Nervous System Reset\*

Tuesday, March 10 • 2pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Discover simple, science-based ways to calm your nervous system, manage emotions, and strengthen connection. This session will introduce Polyvagal Theory through accessible discussion and guided practices to boost resilience and well-being. Limit 50. Ages 18+.

## The Women: A Story of Two Vietnam Army Nurses

Thursday, March 12 • 6:30pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Experience Lynn Rymarz's storytelling as she intertwines a blend of Kristin Hannah's fictional nurse Frances McGrath and the true experiences of Army nurse Lynda Van Devanter in this powerful historical performance. Limit 60. Ages 18+.

## Ageless Grace\*

Monday, March 16 • 11am

Monday, April 20 • 11am

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Ageless Grace® is a seated, upbeat brain health program using 21 playful exercises to improve joint mobility, strength, coordination, and cognition. All levels welcome. Limit 25. Ages 18+.



## Laughter Yoga Club\*

Monday, March 16 • 12pm

Monday, April 20 • 12pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Laughter Yoga combines intentional laughter with deep breathing to increase oxygen and energy. This 30-minute class includes no yoga poses. Limit 25. Ages 18+.

## How to Talk to Your Kids About AI\*

Tuesday, March 17 • 6:30pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

As parents, it can be challenging to explain complex topics like AI when we're still learning ourselves. Tech educator Eric Santos will break down AI basics for parents, exploring children's AI use and offering guidance on safety, ethics, and spotting misinformation. Limit 60. Ages 18+.

## Wick & Wine\*

Wednesday, March 18 • 6:30pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Join candle connoisseur Kari Maisonet for a no-stress workshop where you'll design a 4-oz soy candle using dried flowers and custom scents, paired with a complimentary glass of wine. Limit 25. Ages 21+.



## 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.



## March: Squeegee Painting\*

Kit Available: Monday, March 9 • 10am

Create a modern masterpiece using a shower squeegee! Pull and blend blobs of paint to create abstract designs and unique effects in this creative method. Limit 40. Ages 18+.

## April: Bird Feeder Cakes\*

Kit Available: Monday, April 13 • 10am

Create a wildlife-friendly treat that helps local birds refuel during busy nesting and migratory seasons. Limit 40. Ages 18+.

## Scene Queens: Notable Female Directors\*

Tuesday, March 24 • 2pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Join journalist Jeff Cappel for a lively film history program celebrating notable female directors, spotlighting their overlooked innovations and inspiring contributions that helped shape cinema's past and future. Limit 50. Ages 18+.

## Diamond Painting\*

Thursday, March 26 • 6:30–8:30pm

Location: Ground Floor Meeting Room

Create a sparkling mosaic through diamond painting in this calming, creative session. Follow a color-coded canvas, with all supplies and guidance provided. Limit 20. Ages 18+.



## Balance and Bloom Yoga\*

Saturday, March 28 • 10:15am

Saturday, April 25 • 10:15am

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Ignite your vitality with invigorating movement and breathwork that sparks warmth, energy, and clarity – awakening and uplifting your mind, body, and spirit. Limit 20. Ages 18+.



# ADULT PROGRAMS

⚠️ See page 6 for important information about program attendance and cancellations.

## Movie: *The Housemaid* (2025)\*

Monday, March 30 • 2-4pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Based on the bestselling Freida McFadden novel, a young woman hopes for a fresh start as she becomes a live-in maid for a wealthy couple who harbor sinister secrets. Limit 50. Ages 18+.

## Introduction to Flower Arranging\*

Tuesday, March 31 • 6:30-8:00pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Spring has sprung! Discover the art and joy of flower arranging in this hands-on introductory class with florist and backyard gardener Rachel Lebensorger while you create your own beautiful bouquet to take home. Limit 20. Ages 18+.



## Lincoln's 25 Hours in Gettysburg\*

Tuesday, April 7 • 2pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Civil War reenactor Scott Dominiak offers a fresh perspective on Lincoln's brief but meaningful stay in Gettysburg. Hear stories and historical accounts of Lincoln's speech preparation and interactions with locals. Artifacts will be on exhibit for attendees to view during the session. Limit 50. Ages 18+.

## Chasing Mother Nature\*

Thursday, April 9 • 6:30pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

This captivating storm chasing presentation will take you on an adventure into the heart of severe weather led by a seasoned storm chaser. Explore storm science complemented by stunning footage and gripping personal stories of close encounters. Limit 50. Ages 18+.

## Community Shred Event

Saturday, April 11 • 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 banker boxes per person.



## Past to Pixel\*

Tuesday, April 14 • 2pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Learn to digitize photos, film negatives, and slides in this workshop. Discover how to save images to a flash drive and understand physical versus cloud storage. Limit 25. Ages 18+.



## Club Lenny: Be You Bash\*

Wednesday, April 15 • 3:30pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Club Lenny offers activity-based programs for neurodivergent adults and adults with intellectual and developmental differences. Celebrate Neurodiversity Awareness Month with snacks, crafts, and community! Honor the unique experiences of people with autism, ADHD, dyslexia, Tourette syndrome, and other brain differences with fun activities in a friendly and relaxed environment. Limit 20. Ages 18+. Please register all attendees, including caregivers.

## Book Bingo\*

Tuesday, April 21 • 2pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

It's National Library Week! Join us for a fun, book-themed game of bingo where all winners will have a chance to win books and book-themed prizes. Limit 40. Ages 18+.

## Prose & Pours\*

Thursday, April 23 • 6:30pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Enjoy a curated selection of book recommendations with special drink pairings at this fun literary event! Sip a variety of creative drinks while hearing about new and notable books, all selected by Green Hills Librarians. Limit 30. Ages 21+.



## Edible Watercolor Cookie Painting\*

Tuesday, April 28 • 6:30-8:00pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Using special tools like gel icing and fondant, learn how to paint watercolor designs on sugar cookies for an artsy and edible creation. Limit 25. Ages 18+.

# BOOK CLUB

## Fact or Fiction Book Club\*

Location: Ground Floor Meeting Room

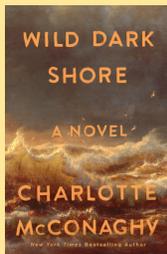
Connect with other people who love to read and join us at the Library for engaging conversation about fiction and nonfiction titles selected by Adult Services Librarians. Copies of the books will be available at the Patron Services Desk one month prior to the discussion. Limit 20. Ages 18+.

Wednesday, March 25 • 7pm

### *Wild Dark Shore*

By Charlotte McConaghy

A mysterious woman washes ashore on an isolated seed-bank island, exposing a family's secrets as deadly storms close in and trust becomes the only hope for survival.

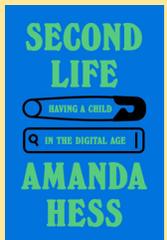


Wednesday, April 29 • 7pm

### *Second Life: Having a Child in the Digital Age*

By Amanda Hess

Amanda Hess describes how pregnancy pulled her into an anxious online spiral, showing how the internet fuels confusion, pressure, and strange influences that shape modern parenting and everyday life.



## November's Fury: The Sinking of the Edmund Fitzgerald\*

Thursday, April 30 • 2pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

On a stormy November night, the S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald sank, tragically claiming 29 lives. Join Jeff Cappel as he recounts the tragedy, its aftermath, and the ship's enduring infamy in history. Limit 50. Ages 18+.



Scan to register for programs.

Registration starts Monday, February 23 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

Library Closures

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Library Board

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Upcoming Board Meetings:

Monday, March 16 • 6pm

Monday, April 20 • 6pm

March and April Upcoming Titles

March 3, 2026	<i>The Bookstore Diaries</i> by Susan Mallery
March 3, 2026	<i>Want to Know a Secret?</i> by Freida McFadden
March 3, 2026	<i>The Tree of Light and Flowers</i> by Thomas Perry
March 3, 2026	<i>Faithful of Heart</i> by Tracie Peterson
March 3, 2026	<i>Felicia's Favorites</i> by Danielle Steel
March 9, 2026	<i>Judge Stone</i> by James Patterson
March 10, 2026	<i>My Gardening Life</i> by Mary Berry
March 10, 2026	<i>Vanished in the Crowd: a Molly Murphy Mystery</i> by Rhys Bowen
March 10, 2026	<i>Kids, Wait Till You Hear This!</i> by Liza Minnelli
March 10, 2026	<i>Mistakes Were Made</i> by Lucy Score
March 17, 2026	<i>Bloodlust</i> by Sandra Brown
March 17, 2026	<i>Everyone in this Bank is a Thief</i> by Benjamin Stevenson
March 24, 2026	<i>Daughter of Egypt</i> by Marie Benedict
March 24, 2026	<i>The Night We Met</i> by Abby Jimenez
March 31, 2026	<i>The Keeper</i> by Tana French
March 31, 2026	<i>The Final Storm</i> by Fern Michaels
April 7, 2026	<i>A Cruise to Die For</i> by Heather Graham
April 7, 2026	<i>Revenge Prey</i> by John Sandford
April 14, 2026	<i>Hope Rises</i> by David Baldacci
April 20, 2026	<i>The Mother-Daughter Book Club</i> by Susan & James Patterson
April 21, 2026	<i>The Rough Side of the Mountain</i> by Keisha Lance Bottoms
April 21, 2026	<i>Paradox</i> by Douglas Preston
April 21, 2026	<i>A Woman's Place</i> by Danielle Steel
April 21, 2026	<i>Shadow Strike</i> by Brad Taylor
April 28, 2026	<i>Clawed and Dangerous</i> by Rita Mae Brown
April 28, 2026	<i>Chasing the Clouds Away</i> by Debbie Macomber

Place a Hold on Upcoming Titles

Visit [bit.ly/mar-apr-2026](http://bit.ly/mar-apr-2026) or scan the QR code to place a hold on March and April upcoming titles (URL is case-sensitive). Print copies are available at the Adult Services Desk.



Parking

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