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Autumn 2026

A Brief (and Surprisingly Interesting) History of Brick Architecture in Chicago

When Chicago burned down in 1871, it was rebuilt as a city of brick, mostly using bricks made from the clay right underneath the young city's feet. But as much as we may think of a brick as a simple rectangle that holds our buildings up, it is actually so much more—it is an object of design, each brick a brushstroke in the canvas of a building.

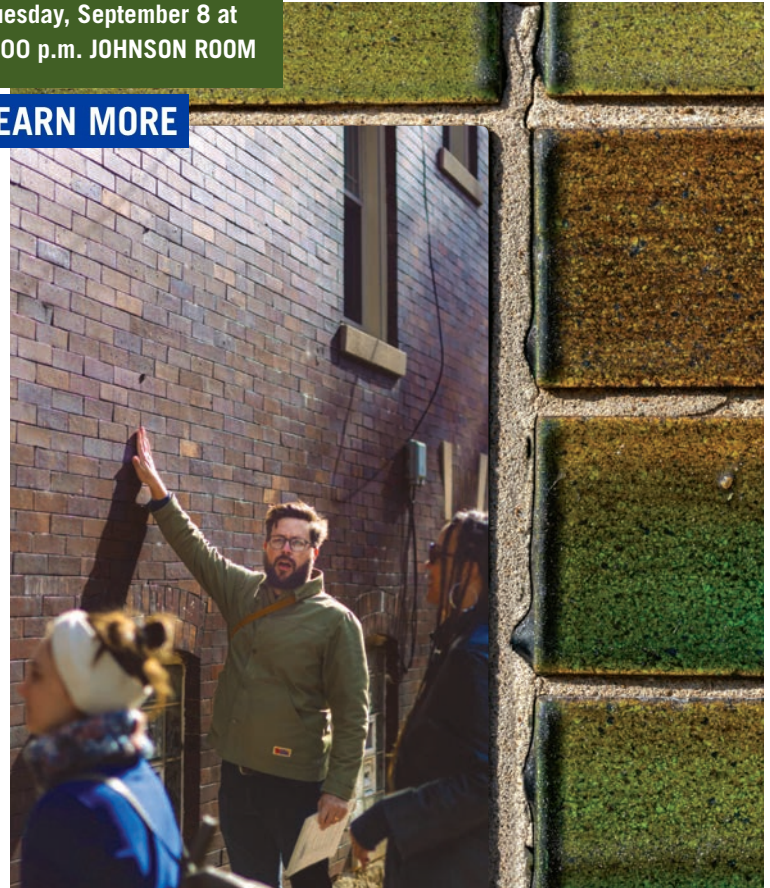
Journey across Chicago and architecture history with author Will Quam and learn how fashion in brick changes just as much as fashion in clothing, from monolithic temples covered in solid red bricks to English cottages bedecked with bark-textured multi-colored bricks to sleek towers clad in rich, iron-flecked bricks. Mr. Quam is the author of *Fire and Clay: How Brick Reveals the Hidden History of Chicago* (University of Chicago Press, 2026).

Copies will be available for purchase and signing courtesy of The Book Stall.

An architecture photographer and historian, Will Quam has been described as “Chicago’s premier brick expert” by Geoffrey Baer of PBS Chicago. Through his project Brick of Chicago, Mr. Quam has led more than 10,000 Chicagoans and tourists on brick walking tours of the city. His tours were voted the second best tour in Chicago by the *Chicago Reader*. **Register for a reminder.**

Tuesday, September 8 at
7:00 p.m. JOHNSON ROOM

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PRESENT: TRAINS! FRIENDS SPONSORED

Saturday, September 26
9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m. FORTE ROOM

All ages

All aboard! Make tracks to the library for a special modular train event. Press buttons, listen to whistles and horns, and spot your favorite engines in the decorated O Gauge train layouts. Train enthusiasts of all ages are welcome.



NEW ONLINE SPEAKERS SERIES [LEARN MORE](#)

The library is excited to offer patrons access to programs produced by the Library Speakers Consortium (LSC). You can watch the programs in real time, with the option to interact with the moderator and speaker, or you can view them later on your own schedule through LSC's Archive. See what's coming up by going directly to our LSC microsite libraryc.org/glencolibrary or by going to the GPL website and selecting Events/Past Program Videos/Library Speakers Consortium Archive. The Archive includes an impressive array of past programs on all sorts of topics. We'll also let you know about them here (see page 4) and through GPL Weekly, our Monday-morning e-newsletter.

Book Discussions FRIENDS SPONSORED

Everyone is welcome to attend our lively discussions. We try to provide copies for all who wish to participate. Dates are subject to change. **Registration required.** All book discussions will be **IN LIBRARY**.

NONFICTION

Led by Judy Levin.

Thursday, September 24, at 1:00 p.m. REGISTER

London Falling: A Mysterious Death in a Gilded City and a Family's Search for Truth
by Patrick Radden Keefe

Thursday, October 29, at 1:00 p.m. REGISTER

Family of Spies: A World War II Story of Nazi Espionage, Betrayal, and the Secret History Behind Pearl Harbor by Christine Kuehn

Thursday, December 3, at 1:00 p.m. REGISTER

Obstinate Daughters: The Rebels, Writers, and Renegade Women Who Ignited the American Revolution by Denise Kiernan

CONTEMPORARY FICTION

Led by Judy Levin.

Wednesday, September 9, at 1:00 p.m. REGISTER

This Is Where the Serpent Lives
by Daniyal Mueenuddin

Wednesday, October 14, at 1:00 p.m. REGISTER

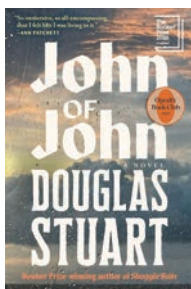
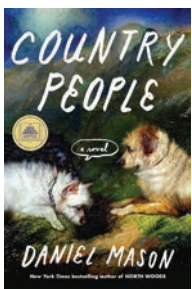
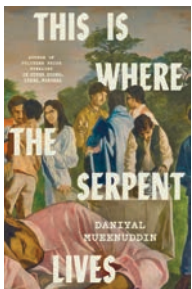
Land by Maggie O'Farrell

Wednesday, November 11, at 1:00 p.m. REGISTER

Country People by Daniel Mason

Wednesday, December 9, at 1:00 p.m. REGISTER

John of John by Douglas Stuart



Autumn Programs for Adults

Registration is required when noted. See the library's website for details.

REVOLUTIONARY ILLINOIS: HOW OUR STATE SHAPED OUR NATION LEARN MORE

Thursday, September 17, at 1:00 p.m. HAMMOND ROOM

Perhaps more than any other state outside the original thirteen colonies, Illinois has played a major role in shaping our nation. Learn how our state became a state—changing governments seven times in a little over a century—and spurred further national changes for another century to come. Presented by John Kokoris (a.k.a. “Mr. Illinois”). **Register for a reminder.**



FROM SURREALISM TO PHOTOJOURNALISM: THE ART OF LEE MILLER REGISTER

Tuesday, September 22, at 7:00 p.m. ONLINE

Born in 1907, Lee Miller went from flapper to cover model, Surrealist artist to World War II photojournalist. She achieved success in her various professions and earned the respect of (mostly male) colleagues. Art historian Jeff Mishur returns to discuss a selection of Miller's work, which will be the subject of *Lee Miller: Fearless*, an exhibition at the Art Institute of Chicago that runs August 29–December 7. **Registration required.**



THE WILDEST WRITING YOU'VE EVER DONE LEARN MORE

Thursday, September 24, at 7:00 p.m. HAMMOND ROOM

Enjoy a workshop with unusual, wacky, witty, and surprising writing prompts designed to encourage playfulness and exploration. Leave with a list of options for submitting your work into the literary world. Presented by author Kelly Q. Anderson. **Register for a reminder.**



FALL MIGRATION BIRD WALK

Saturday, September 26, 1:00–2:30 p.m. HELLER NATURE CENTER REGISTER

Red Hill Birding will lead a bird walk through the woods to a small pond at Highland Park's Heller Nature Center. We may see birds like warblers, thrushes, and other southbound migrants, along with resident woodland birds like woodpeckers, chickadees, and birds of prey. **Registration required; Glencoe residents take priority.**



HOW TO NAVIGATE YOUTUBE [LEARN MORE](#)

Monday, September 28, at 1:00–2:30 p.m. HAMMOND ROOM

Are you looking for free cooking videos? Free workout routines? Free music? YouTube has it all. Reference librarian Haley will demonstrate how to navigate the YouTube app and website. The last 30 minutes of class will be reserved for hands-on tech assistance. Bring your devices for troubleshooting and in-depth questions. **Register for a reminder.**



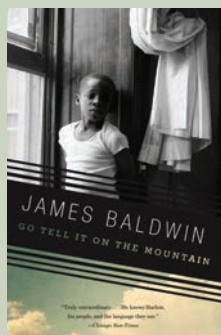
BIG BOOKS: *GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN*

BY JAMES BALDWIN [FRIENDS SPONSORED](#) [REGISTER](#)

Mondays, 7:00–8:30 p.m. HAMMOND ROOM

September 28–October 19

James Baldwin's *Go Tell It on the Mountain* (1953) is a semi-autobiographical novel centered on 14-year-old John Grimes, growing up in 1930s Harlem within a Black Pentecostal community. The novel is generally regarded as Baldwin's best novel and one of the great African-American novels of the 20th century. Holly Marihugh returns to lead the discussions. **Registration required.**



SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION, HARM REDUCTION, AND OVERDOSE RESPONSE [LEARN MORE](#)

Wednesday, September 30, at 7:00 p.m. HAMMOND ROOM

Representatives from the Knowledge Empowers Youth (KEY) Coalition will discuss the role adults can play in promoting health, safety and well-being within their families and communities. Participants will learn about substance abuse prevention strategies, how to recognize and respond to an opioid overdose, and ways to reduce the risks of substance abuse while supporting individuals with compassion. **Register for a reminder.**

REAL VS. FAKE: HOW TO NAVIGATE THE NEWS AND MEDIA WITH CONFIDENCE [LEARN MORE](#)

Thursday, October 8, at 1:00 p.m. HAMMOND ROOM

How do we decipher what is fact and what is spin? It can be hard to tell at any time, but election cycles are especially challenging. Reference librarian Rachel will present an overview of tools that can help identify bias in broadcast and print information and how to locate and use basic fact-checking resources. **Register for a reminder.**

Did You Know?

If you're looking for parking near the library, there's free three-hour parking in the southwest Metra lot (just across Green Bay Road from the library).

GONE WITH THE WIND: THE JEWISH INFLUENCE ON A HOLLYWOOD CLASSIC

Tuesday, October 13, at 7:00 p.m.

HAMMOND ROOM [LEARN MORE](#)

More than 85 years after its blockbuster premiere in 1939, *Gone with the Wind* remains one of the most famous films ever made. With ticket sales translated into modern dollars, it's the world's all-time box office champion. This illustrated talk by historian Leslie Goddard, Ph.D., explores the making of *Gone with the Wind* and the Jewish influences on its creation. **Register for a reminder.**



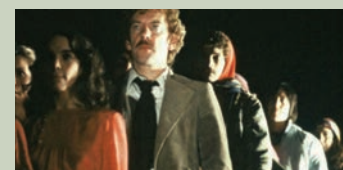
CLASSIC FILMS: HORROR IN THE SUBURBS

Fridays at 1:00 p.m. HAMMOND ROOM

October 16: *Invasion of the Body Snatchers* (1978) [LEARN MORE](#)

October 23: *The Stepford Wives* (1975) [LEARN MORE](#)

Get your Halloween vibes on with screenings of two classic horror films. Films selected and introduced by reference librarian and film buff Matthew.



ADULT ART CLASS: AUTUMN WREATH [REGISTER](#)

Tuesday, October 20, 6:30–8:00 p.m. HAMMOND ROOM

Paint a watercolor wreath inspired by the autumn harvest. Practice brushstrokes to paint vines, leaves, berries and pheasant feathers. Once you know this technique, you can paint a wreath for any season. Materials provided. **For adults and teens (ages 13 and up). Registration required.**



GREAT GRAVES OF ILLINOIS [LEARN MORE](#)

Thursday, October 22, at 7:00 p.m. HAMMOND ROOM

Join Illinois traveler John Kokoris for a look at the graves of great Illinoisans and notable monuments to lives well lived. We'll also look at art and literature inspired by these storied cemeteries. The perfect fall program for cemetery lovers, road trippers, and history buffs alike. **Register for a reminder.**



MONDAY AT THE MOVIES

Mondays at 1:00 p.m. **IN LIBRARY**

September 21: *Tuner*

Leo Woodall plays a gifted young piano tuner whose heightened sense of hearing draws the attention of criminals. Along the way, *Tuner* provides an unlikely narrative blend: part New York story, part thriller, part romance. Director Daniel Roher brings it all together with surprising success. Dustin Hoffman co-stars as the young tuner's mentor. *107 minutes.*

October 19: *The Christophers*

The children of an elderly and eccentric painter hire another artist to pose as an assistant to their father and complete a series of paintings they hope to sell for a great windfall after his death. Told with typical panache, director Steven Soderbergh's latest film stars Ian McKellan and Michaela Coel. *100 minutes.*



November 16: *Omaha*

Propelled by the quietly powerful performance of John Magaro (*Past Lives*), *Omaha* presents something of a coming-of-age story and road film at once. After a family tragedy, a father takes his two children on a cross-country trip. *84 minutes.*

MUSICAL THEATER LEGENDS

Susan Benjamin presents the lives and work of the performers, composers, and lyricists of the Golden Age of American musical theater and beyond.

Mondays at 1:00 p.m.

September 14 **IN LIBRARY:**

Louis Armstrong

October 12 **IN LIBRARY:**

Stephen Sondheim

November 9 **ONLINE:**

Julie Andrews

Registration required for November 9 program.



REGISTER

Autumn Programs for Adults

DIVE INTO DATABASES **REGISTER**

Tuesday, November 10, at 1:00 p.m. **ONLINE**

There's so much more out there than what's on Google! Explore the wealth of information available through the library's premium databases. Reference librarian Rachel will delve into resources covering consumer and finance needs, business and industry information, and magazines and newspaper—all at no cost to you. **Registration required.**

SHANE LARSON **REGISTER** ON THE SECRET LIVES OF STARS

Wednesday, November 11, at 7:00 p.m. **ONLINE**

Stars are born from the turbulent mixing of gases in vast molecular clouds, experience constant swelling and shrinking in middle age, and die sometimes violent deaths, leaving behind a fascinating array of skeletal remnants in the stellar graveyard. With astrophysicist Dr. Shane Larson, we'll visit some stars at various points in their evolution. **Registration required.**



GIFT WRAP SWAP **LEARN MORE**

Saturday, November 21, 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. **HAMMOND ROOM**

Freshen up your presents this holiday season, or just put unused gift-wrapping supplies into the hands of someone who will use them! Get an early access ticket by dropping off your donations between November 15–21; with the ticket, you can shop 10:00–11:00 a.m. All are invited to browse from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Donated wrapping paper, ribbon, bags and tags for any occasion are welcome. **Register for a reminder.**



LIBRARY SPEAKERS CONSORTIUM ONLINE **LEARN MORE**

All are welcome to enjoy these online programs with nonfiction authors and experts from the Smithsonian Institution. More programs will be scheduled by the time of publication; visit library.org/glencoeLibrary for information. **Registration required.**

THE DEMOCRACY WE MUST KEEP: WHY THE IDEAS THAT BUILT AMERICA STILL MATTER WITH DAVID O. STEWART **REGISTER**

Tuesday, September 1, at 1:00 p.m. **ONLINE**

THE ART OF FIGHTING: BUILDING BETTER, STRONGER RELATIONSHIPS WITH PRIYA PARKER **REGISTER**

Tuesday, September 15, at 3:00 p.m. **ONLINE**

Activities & Events for Children

KRAFTY KIDS

Thursdays, 4:15–5:00 p.m.

September 10: Pony Bead Mosaic

October 8: Clay Pot Frankenstein Planter

R Grades K–4

Spark your creativity by making a fun, seasonal craft.



[CLICK THE DATE TO REGISTER](#)

BEDAZZLED BOOKMARKS

Wednesday, September 16

4:00–5:15 p.m.

R Grades 4–8 [REGISTER](#)

Have you ever wanted to try diamond art? Here's your chance! Make a beautiful, bedazzled bookmark for your back-to-school reading.



CRAFTERNOONS [LEARN MORE](#)

Thursdays, 4:15–5:00 p.m.

September 17, October 15, November 19

All ages (under 8 with adult)

What could be better than a lazy crafternoon? Create your own crafts out of materials ranging from the everyday to the entirely unexpected.



CRAFTS AND SNACKS: POP TART PILLOW

Wednesday, September 23

4:00–5:30 p.m.

R Grades 5–8 [REGISTER](#)

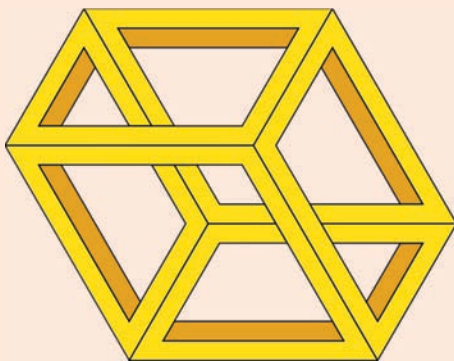
We'll sew a pop tart pillow while snacking on pop tarts! No previous sewing experience needed.

STEM LAB: OPTICAL ILLUSIONS

Thursday, September 24, 4:00–5:00 p.m.

R Grades 3–6 [REGISTER](#)

Have your eyes ever tricked you into seeing something that conflicts with reality? Join us to learn about optical illusions and create your own examples to take home.



LEGO PLAY [LEARN MORE](#)

Monday, September 28, 4:00–5:00 p.m.

Mondays, October 12, November 2,
November 24, 3:00–5:00 p.m.

Ages 4+ (under 8 with adult)

Join us for LEGO play featuring our massive collection of bricks and minifigs.



BARK TO SCHOOL [LEARN MORE](#)

Wednesday, September 30

4:00–5:00 p.m.

All ages

Drop in to meet the friendly, trained therapy dogs of K-9 Reading Buddies of the North Shore and see if you might like to sign up to read to one this fall.

K-9 READING BUDDIES

Wednesdays, 4:00–5:00 p.m.

October 14, November 11, December 9

R Grades 1–5

Share some of your favorite books with a four-legged furry friend. Practice your reading skills by signing up for a 15-minute slot to read to a trained therapy dog. *Please call or visit the Children's Department to register.*

COMICS CREW

Mondays, 4:00–4:50 p.m.

October 5, November 9, December 7

R Grades 2–3

Discuss a different graphic novel series each month. Share what you love (or hate) about the books while enjoying a snack and a book-related activity.

[CLICK THE DATE TO REGISTER](#)

Drop-In Storytimes

Storytimes begin September 8 and end November 20. Pick a storytime that aligns with your child's developmental stage or join us for all-ages fun.

Each class features a 20–30 minute storytime followed by time for socialization and play. Little ones attend with adult caregivers.

Space is limited. Free tickets for Toddler Time, Tales for Tots, and Story Spark will be given out on a first come, first served basis at the Children's Desk 30 minutes prior to the storytime

BABY TIME

Mondays, 11:00–12:00 p.m.

Babies 0–14 months with adult

TODDLER TIME

Mondays, 9:30–10:30 a.m.

Toddlers 12–24 months with adult

TALES FOR TOTS

Tuesdays 9:30–10:15 a.m.

(no class October 13)

Thursdays 10:45–11:30 a.m.

Ages 0–5 with adult

NEW STORYTIME! STORY SPARK

Fridays, 10:00–10:45 a.m.

(no class October 30 or November 27)

October 2–December 4

Ages 2–3 with adult

Each week, we'll explore picture books and do a process-based art activity. Space is limited to 12 children. Free tickets will be available at the Children's Desk beginning at 9:30 a.m.

R Classes marked with this symbol require *advance registration*.

Register in person, by phone, or online at www.glencoe.org. Registration for children's programs opens four weeks prior to each event.

Activities & Events for Children



FIREFLY FAMILY THEATRE: THE HARVEST MOON

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Tuesday, October 13 **LEARN MORE**
9:30 OR 10:30 a.m.

Suggested for ages 2–8 with adult

Firefly Family Theatre returns for TWO shows on this school-day-off! Sing, dance and play with Spark and all her friends. With shadow puppets, music and stories, Firefly delights in this performance designed especially for young people. Space is limited. Free tickets will be given out on a first come, first served basis at the Children's Desk 30 minutes prior to each show.

ART EXPLORATIONS WITH BERNADETTE

Saturday, October 17, 2:00–3:30 p.m.

R Grades 1–6 **REGISTER**

Create Halloween silhouettes with visiting artist Bernadette Foch using oil pastels, Sharpies, chalk, and color-diffusing paper.



CANDY PUMPKIN CATAPULTS

Thursday, October 22, 4:00–5:00 p.m.

R Grades 1–5 **REGISTER**

What's more fun than carving pumpkins? Launching them! Work together or on your own to create simple catapults to launch candy pumpkins across the room. Can you hit the target, topple the tower, or score a basket?

SPOOKACULAR FAMILY CRAFTS

Saturday, October 24 **LEARN MORE**
10:00–11:30 a.m.

Ages 3+ with adult

Create three different Halloween-themed crafts together! We'll make puffy cotton ghosts, beaded pipe cleaner pumpkins, and masking tape mummies.

TRICK OR TALES HALLOWEEN SHOW

Friday, October 30 **LEARN MORE**
9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Ages 2–5 with adult

Put on your costume and join us for a special Halloween *gorytime*. Enjoy a performance by library staff featuring skits, songs, puppets and jokes to get you in the Halloween spirit!



DINOMITE DINOVEMBER

Thursday, November 5, 3:30–5:00 p.m.

Ages 3+ (under 8 with adult) [LEARN MORE](#)

Test your skill at the Triceratoss or Feed the T-Rex, make dinosaur fossils, excavate a baby dino from an egg, and more!



THE T-REXPLORES DINOSAUR DISCOVERY

Saturday, November 7, 2:00–3:00 p.m.

Ages 3+ [LEARN MORE](#)

Do you dig dinos? Drop in to meet real paleontologists and get a glimpse of what it's like to go on a paleontological dig. Learn about and touch real fossils from species like Triceratops and T-Rex. Be sure to arrive 15 minutes early to meet Ranger, a young T-Rex, in front of the library!

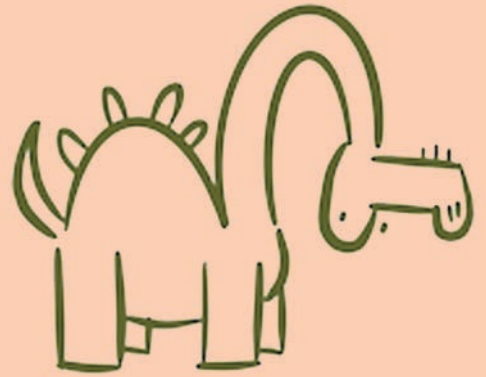


CARTOONING WITH MARK ANDERSON: DISINGENUOUS DINOSAURS

Thursday, November 12, 4:00–5:00 p.m.

R Grades K–6 [REGISTER](#)

Did you know every day scientists are discovering new and exciting unknown dinosaurs? It's true! Is that what we're drawing? No! We'll just make up a bunch of totally hilarious fake dinosaurs! Take that, science!



PUZZLE AND GAME SWAP

Saturday, November 14 [LEARN MORE](#)
10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

All ages

Entertain yourself or your family this winter with a new puzzle or game. Drop off a new or gently used puzzle or game from November 1–13 and receive a ticket for each item you donate. Use your tickets on November 14 to shop for new-to-you entertainment.



READY, SET...PUZZLE RACE

Sunday, November 15, 2:00–3:00 p.m.

R Families with kids ages 5+ [REGISTER](#)

Bring your best puzzling strategies to the library for a family puzzle race! Each group will get 90 minutes to complete an identical 500-piece puzzle. Teamwork wins the day as you compete against other families for puzzle glory! Please register only one spot for your family.



MARIO KART TOURNAMENT

Monday, November 23, 2:00–4:00 p.m.

Ages 8–14 [LEARN MORE](#)

Drop in for a friendly tournament of Mario Kart 8 Deluxe. Compete with your friends on epic courses like Rainbow Road and more. Can you avoid the blue shell and come out a winner?

Non-gamers are welcome to watch and cheer on the racers.





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Saturday	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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The library will be closed **September 6; September 7;** before 1:00 p.m. **Friday, September 25; November 25;** and **November 26, 2026.**

Staff and Friends

Meet the Staff

DEE RYAN

I started working at the Check-Out Desk in February and am happy to be here! A 15-year resident of Glencoe, I've spent my entire career steeped in the art and craft of storytelling. Over the past 25 years, I have been working as an improvisation, acting and sketch educator at The Second City (in Hollywood and Chicago), as an adjunct professor at Northwestern University in the radio, television and film department, and as a freelance corporate speechwriter and coach. I've toured nationally and internationally with The Reduced Shakespeare Company, written and performed two solo shows, worked at Disney Animated Features, and created the female-forward storytelling show *Louder Than a Mom*, which still runs at Martyrs' in Chicago. I just returned from performing at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

It's been wonderful getting to know more Glencoe residents. Please share your gardening, cooking and good read suggestions!



Donations to the Library

The library deeply appreciates donations to its general operating fund. Donations were recently received from:

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Friends' Corner

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Contact the Friends via email at friends@glencoelibrary.org or visit us at www.glencoelibrary.org/friends.

USED BOOK SALE OCTOBER 2–5

Although the library's upcoming renovation is exciting, it does mean that the October sale will have to be our last until the project is completed. We are extending our sale hours so everyone will have an opportunity to shop.

Friday, October 2, 4:00–7:00 p.m. (members-only preview sale)

Saturday, October 3, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 4, 11:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. (everything half price)

Monday, October 5, 9:00–5:00 p.m. (\$4/bag sale)

We are still accepting donations of books, CDs and DVDs through September 17.* We are also accepting monetary donations.

*Donations cannot be accepted after that date until the renovation has been completed.

LATEST GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY

At their May 2026 meeting, the Friends voted to support the summer reading clubs; the ice cream social; fiction and nonfiction book discussions (July–September 2026); family programs (modular trains, Firefly Family Theater, T-Rexplorers); K-9 Reading Buddies; Musical Theater Legends (summer 2026); Monday at the Movies independent film series; Movies on the Green; a book repair binding machine; and the summer 2026 Big Books leader fee.



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