GLENCOE PUBLIC LIBRARY

EXCERPTS

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The Art of Glassblowing: Live Demonstration

Tuesday, December 1 at 6:30 p.m. JOHNSON ROOM

REGISTER



Join glass artisan Connor Strehl of Conair Glass Company for a live 90-minute glassblowing demonstration that fuses the art, science and history of glassblowing. Hear about the glass blowing process step by step and watch as molten glass is transformed into beautiful handmade objects right before your eyes. Whether you're curious about how glass behaves, interested in art, or just want to see something truly unique, this live demonstration offers a rare behind-the-scenes look at the magic of glass. **Registration encouraged**.





IT'S SNOWING STORIES: JOIN OUR WINTER READING CLUBS!

December 12 to January 31

Our winter reading clubs are back for readers of all ages. All reading clubs offer prizes, raffles and even more fun… beyond the pleasure of reading some great books. See page 2 (adults and teens) and page 7 (children) for more details on our winter reading clubs.

Donations to the Library

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

- Lowell Cantor
- Teresa Grosch
- Dr. Robert and Judith Freilich
- Stephen Monjar

Winter Programs for Adults

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

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, December 3, at 1:00 p.m. REGISTER
Obstinate Daughters: The Rebels, Writers, and Renegade Women Who Ignited the American Revolution by Denise Kiernan

Thursday, January 28, at 1:00 p.m. REGISTER
The Renoir Girls: A Hidden Story of Art, War, and Betrayal by Catherine Ostler

Thursday, February 25, at 1:00 p.m. REGISTER
Trash: A Garbageman's Story by Simon Pare-Poupart

Thursday, March 25, at 1:00 p.m. REGISTER
Shadow Before the Flame: The Hindenburg Disaster and the Prelude to War by Catherine Grace Katz

CONTEMPORARY FICTION

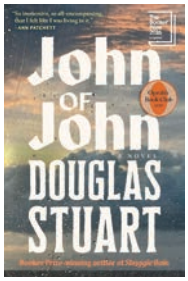
Led by Judy Levin.

Wednesday, December 9, at 1:00 p.m. REGISTER
John of John by Douglas Stuart

Wednesday, January 13, at 1:00 p.m. REGISTER
The Half Life by Rachel Beanland

Wednesday, February 10, at 1:00 p.m. REGISTER
Luna, Phoenix, Queen by Julie Orringer

Wednesday, March 10, at 1:00 p.m. REGISTER
Music Against the Night by Yiyun Li









BOOK BINGO



Thursdays, 1:00–2:00 p.m. HAMMOND ROOM

Test your luck and join us for bingo at the library! Winners take home a free book. Dress to match the theme and bring a friend for this lively social event. Light snacks and drinks will be served. **Registration required**.

December 10: Ugly Sweaters REGISTER
January 14: Silver and Gold REGISTER
February 11: Hearts REGISTER

STUDY BREAK LOUNGE FRIENDS SPONSORED

Friday, December 11–Monday, December 14 LEARN MORE

Join us for study gift bags and snacks during finals week! Group study will be available in the Hammond Room at the times below, and there will be extra quiet places to focus throughout the rest of the library.

Friday, December 11, 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 12, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 13, 1:00–5:00 p.m.
Monday, December 14, 3:00–9:00 p.m.

WINTER READING CLUB FOR ADULTS & TEENS: IT'S SNOWING STORIES LEARN MORE FRIENDS SPONSORED

Saturday, December 12, 2026–Sunday, January 31, 2027

Explore a winter wonderland of stories with our reading club for adults! Participants will receive prizes for signing up and completing their reading logs and can participate in a weekly gift card raffle. Sign up online at glencoelibrary.beanstack.org or register at the Reference or Reader's Advisory Desk, via phone, or via email.



ADULT CRAFT CLASSES

Make something yourself to enjoy at home or gift to a loved one! Materials provided. **Registration required**. ***For adults and teens (ages 13 and up).***

Mondays, 6:30–8:00 p.m. and Fridays, 2:00–3:30 p.m.
HAMMOND ROOM
CLICK THE DATE TO REGISTER

December 4 & 7: Winter Landscape Luminary
January 15 & 18: Woven Heart Baskets
February 15 & 19: Embroidered Book Page Leaves



HOW TO NAVIGATE YOUTUBE

Monday, December 14, at 7:00 p.m. ONLINE **REGISTER**



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. **Registration required**.

RIDING IN STYLE: THE AMERICAN AUTOMOBILE STORY LEARN MORE

Tuesday, December 15, at 7:00 p.m. HAMMOND ROOM

From the 1890's onward in America, a fortunate confluence of forces—new technologies, industrial capacities, mass supply, and ensuing mass demand—would put most Americans on self-propelled wheels in only a few decades. Along the way, especially after World War II, the U.S. physically changed to accommodate the car, with superhighways, suburbs, and roadside amenities. Presented by architect Joseph Madda. **Registration encouraged**.



STREAMING SERVICES AT THE LIBRARY

Wednesday, January 6, at 1:00 p.m. HAMMOND ROOM **REGISTER**

Streaming services have become complicated and expensive. Luckily, Glencoe Public Library offers access to thousands of movies and shows through our free streaming services. Reference librarian Rachel will discuss how to watch documentaries and art films on services like Kanopy and Criterion Channel or catch up on original programs from HBO Max and Prime—all with your library card! **Registration required**.

CRAFT SUPPLY SWAP LEARN MORE

Saturday, January 23, 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. HAMMOND ROOM

Be a person who makes wonderful things—for yourself or for others—in 2027! Bring in unwanted supplies and leave with supplies new-to-you. Get an early access ticket by dropping off your donations at the Reference Desk between January 15 and 22; 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. **Registration encouraged**.



GORGEOUS GEORGIA

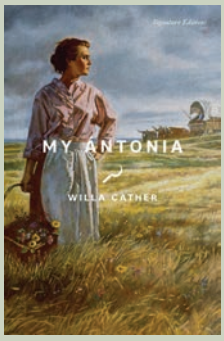
Wednesday, January 27, at 1:00 p.m. HAMMOND ROOM **REGISTER**

After hearing years of rave reviews about this Eastern European gem, world traveler Brian Michalski finally visited Georgia. During five remarkable weeks, it exceeded high expectations thanks to its vast natural wonders, locals' relaxed approach to life, and wide-ranging cuisine. Brian's insider experiences take us along the mountainous Mestia to Ushguli hike, to bustling Tbilisi, into Sighnaghi's wine country, and much more. **Registration required**.

BIG BOOKS: *MY ÁNTONIA* BY WILLA CATHER

Tuesdays, 7:00–8:00 p.m. ONLINE

February 2, 9, and 16 **REGISTER**



Willa Cather's beloved novel *My Ántonia* tells the story of immigrant life on the Nebraska prairie through the memories of Jim Burden and his friendship with Ántonia Shimerda. A moving portrait of hardship, resilience, and the enduring bonds between people and place, the novel celebrates the strength of the human spirit and the beauty of the American frontier. Librarian Dale Heath will lead this 3-week session of Big Books, a guided discussion series of major works of literature. **Registration required**.

ADULT ART CLASS: WINTER CARDINAL REGISTER

Monday, February 8, 6:30–8:00 p.m.
HAMMOND ROOM



Capture a majestic red cardinal perched among snow-dusted winter branches. Participants will learn watercolor techniques including wet-on-wet blending for atmospheric backgrounds, layering for feature textures, and fine brushwork to detail. Presented by artist Jennifer Evans of Periwinkle Design. For adults and teens (ages 13 and up). **Registration required**.

Theater & Film FRIENDS SPONSORED

MONDAY AT THE MOVIES

Mondays at 1:00 p.m. HAMMOND ROOM

December 21: *Peter Asher: Everywhere Man*
You may know little about Peter Asher, but he's had a hand in some of the best popular music of the past 60 years. From child star to pop star to manager and producer to the likes of James Taylor and Linda Ronstadt, Peter Asher's life has often intersected with great artists and musical moments. This joyous documentary features interviews with Paul McCartney, Carole King and many more. *118 minutes*.

January 18: *The Marching Band*
A box office sensation in France, *The Marching Band* is the uplifting tale of a world-famous orchestra conductor who discovers a brother he never knew he had—a school cafeteria worker who plays trombone in a local marching band. The more famous sibling takes it upon himself to rectify the humble fate bestowed upon his newly-found brother. *102 minutes. In French with English subtitles.*

February 15: *Amrum*
A deeply felt coming-of-age story, *Amrum* takes its title from the idyllic German North Sea Island on which its story plays out. The relative peace and beauty of the island stand in contrast to the historical moment: the final days of World War II and looming defeat of the Nazis, an outcome about which the island's inhabitants are decidedly torn, none more than the film's young protagonist, Nanning. *93 minutes. In German with English subtitles*

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.

December 14 HAMMOND ROOM:
Jerome Kern LEARN MORE

January 11 ONLINE:
Harold Arlen REGISTER

February 8 ONLINE:
Frank Loesser REGISTER



Registration required for January 11 and February 8 programs.

Winter Programs for Adults

FRANCISCO DE ZURBARÁN AND THE SPANISH BAROQUE REGISTER



Monday, February 22, at 7:00 p.m. ONLINE

Francisco de Zurbarán created remarkably illusionistic and expressive artwork during the 17th century in Spain. His paintings united the drama and emotion of the Baroque and the lifelike naturalism of Spanish polychrome statuary. Art historian Jeff Mishur returns for this Zoom program to discuss the work of this Spanish master, along with his colleagues, Velazquez and Murillo. This lecture complements the Art Institute of Chicago special exhibition, *Zurburan: Divine Light*, running February 28 to June 20, 2027. **Registration required**.

YOUR 24-HOUR LIBRARY

Tuesday, February 23, at 7:00 p.m. ONLINE REGISTER

When it's frigid and snowy outside, taking a trip to the library might sound like a hassle. Never fear, though, because your Glencoe Public Library has books, audiobooks, movies, and more available from anywhere, at any time. Reference librarian Rachel will present an overview of free digital services from GPL. **Registration required**.

LIBRARY SPEAKERS CONSORTIUM ONLINE

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 **libraryc.org/glencoelibrary** for information. **Registration required**.

EXILE, MEMORY, AND THE MEANING OF HOME WITH ANA HEBRA FLASTER REGISTER

Tuesday, December 8, at 1:00 p.m. ONLINE

COMIC STRIPS AND KIMCHI WITH ROBIN HA REGISTER

Thursday, December 10, at 1:00 p.m. ONLINE

MYTHS, MAPS, AND MATTER: A HISTORY OF THE MOON WITH MATTHEW SHINDELL REGISTER

Tuesday, December 15, at 1:00 p.m. ONLINE

HARNESSING JOY THROUGH LIFE'S GREAT LABORS WITH BRANDI SELLERZ-JACKSON REGISTER

Tuesday, January 19, at 1:00 p.m. ONLINE

INTO THE LONG NIGHT: GRIEF, WONDER, AND LIFE IN ANTARCTICA WITH STEPHANIE KRZYWONOS REGISTER

Thursday, January 21, at 1:00 p.m. ONLINE

Activities & Events for Children



JAMMING WITH JAMBERRY MUSIC

Wednesday, December 2 LEARN MORE
10:00–10:30 a.m.

Ages 0–5 with adult

Make new friends while we sing, dance, play, pretend, and experiment with instruments in this interactive music class with Jamberry Music!

CARD WORKSHOPS

Holiday: Saturday, December 5
10:00–11:30 a.m. LEARN MORE

Valentine's: Saturday, February 6
10:00–11:30 a.m. LEARN MORE

All ages

Show your love for someone by creating a unique card out of our array of materials. Ribbons, foamies, sequins—check, check, check! Just drop in!



COMICS CREW REGISTER

Monday, December 7, 4:00–5:00 p.m.

R *Grades 2–3*

Join us to talk about a favorite graphic novel series—what makes you laugh, the characters you love, and the best artwork. Then do a book-related activity or draw your own comic panels. Snacks too!

K-9 READING BUDDIES

Wednesdays, 4:00–5:00 pm

December 9, January 13, February 10

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.

CRAFTERNOONS LEARN MORE

Thursdays, 4:15–5:00 p.m.

December 10, January 14, February 11

All ages (under 8 with adult)

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



TINY ART KITS LEARN MORE

Pick up begins Saturday, December 12

All ages

Calling all artists for our fifth annual Tiny Art Show! Pick up a kit beginning Saturday, December 12, and return your finished artwork to the library by Sunday, January 3. Kits include a 4"x4" canvas, paint, and a paintbrush. Completed art will be displayed in the library in January and February. Kits available while supplies last.

BEAUTIFUL BIRD FEEDERS

Sunday, December 20, 2:30–4:00 p.m.

Ages 3+ with adult LEARN MORE



Our bird feeders bring all the birds to the yard! Attract winter birds to your yard with natural, nut-free bird feeders using pinecones, Cheerios, and dried fruit. If you build it, they will come!



COCOA AND COLORING/REVERSE COLORING

Sunday, January 3, 2:00–3:30pm

All ages LEARN MORE

Exhausted from the holidays? Drop by the library for a cup of hot cocoa and a relaxing afternoon of coloring or reverse coloring (we provide the art, you draw in the lines). No crowds, no travel, no stress!

KRAFTY KIDS

Thursdays, 4:15–5:00 p.m.

January 7: 3D Paper Snowflakes REGISTER

February 4: Foil Embossed Hearts REGISTER

R *Grades K–4*

Spark your creativity by making a fun, seasonal craft. Each session will have a different theme.



SNOW MUCH STEM LEARN MORE

Saturday, January 9, 2:00–3:30 p.m.

Suggested for ages 4+ with adult

Investigate snow and snowflake science with simple hands-on activities and crafts. Discover snow facts, create a fake snow volcano, make salt crystal snowflakes, and more. Fun for the whole family!

Activities & Events for Children

Drop-In Storytimes

Storytimes begin January 4 and end March 19. 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, 11:00–11:30 a.m.
(no class February 15)

Babies 0–14 months with adult

TODDLER TIME

Mondays, 9:30–10:30 a.m.
(no class February 15)

Toddlers 12–24 months with adult

TALES FOR TOTS

Tuesdays 10:30–11:30 a.m.
Thursdays 9:30–10:15 a.m. and 10:45–11:30 a.m.

Ages 0–5 with adult

STORY SPARK

Fridays, 10:00–10:45 a.m.

Ages 2–3 with adult

Each week, we'll explore picture books and do a process-based art activity. Just drop in. Space is limited to 12 children.

R Classes marked with this symbol require *advance registration.*
Register in person, by phone, or online at www.glencoelibrary.org. Registration for children's programs opens four weeks prior to each event.

LEGO PLAY XL! LEARN MORE

Mondays, January 11, February 22
3:00–5:00 p.m.

Ages 4+

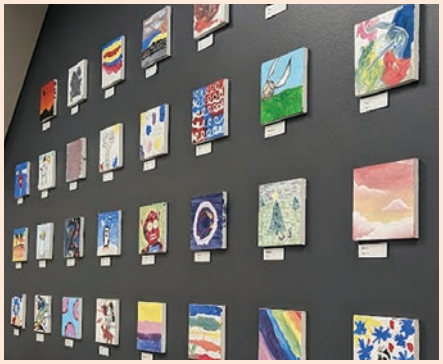
Winter LEGO Play is extra-large! Drop in on early dismissal days for up to two hours of LEGO play featuring our massive collection of bricks and minifigs.

TINY ART GALLERY OPENING

Saturday, January 16
10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. LEARN MORE

All ages

Dress in your artsy-chic best for our first-ever Tiny Art Gallery Opening! Tour the walls of family-created art as you sip sparkling water and debate the meaning of each paint swirl.



ART EXPLORATIONS WITH BERNADETTE: FOXES REGISTER

Saturday, January 16, 2:00–3:30 p.m.

R *Grades 1–6*

Join Glencoe favorite Bernadette Foch for a unique class featuring oil pastels, Sharpies, chalk, and color diffusing paper. You'll create your own masterpiece to bring home!



CRAFTS AND SNACKS: JELLYCAT AMUSEABLE CLAY MAGNETS REGISTER

Monday, January 18, 4:00–5:30 p.m.

R *Grades 5–8*

No school? No problem! Join Crafts and Snacks to create Jellycat Amuseable inspired magnets from polymer clay!

CARTOONING WITH MARK ANDERSON: WINTER WILDLIFE REGISTER

Thursday, January 21
4:00–5:00 p.m.



R *Grades 3–6*

Learn to draw animals that like it cold! Arctic foxes, polar bears, snow monkeys, and even the ruffled grouse! Do not miss it!

DIY SNOWMAN PLUSHIES

Friday, January 22, 4:00–5:15 p.m.

R *Grades 3–6* REGISTER

Create adorable snowman plushies, complete with buttons and colorful scarves. No sewing experience required.

SMARTY PANTS BIG BALLOON SHOW FRIENDS SPONSORED

Saturday, January 23, 2:00–3:00 p.m.

All ages LEARN MORE

Exercise your imagination with the hilarious Smarty Pants. Featuring magic, comedy, storytelling, and of course, larger-than-life balloon props. Smarty will have you rolling with laughter and delight!





WINTER ORIGAMI LEARN MORE

Monday, January 25, 4:00–5:00 p.m.

Ages 6+ (under 8 with adult)

Learn how to fold an easy origami bookmark and decorate it as a penguin, polar bear, pine tree, or more.

LIGHT-UP VALENTINE'S DAY CARDS REGISTER

Friday, February 5, 4:00–5:00 p.m.

R *Grades 3–6*

Make a light up card for the "light of your life!" Learn about paper circuits and create glowing Valentine's Day cards for friends and family.

MARIO KART TOURNAMENT

Friday, February 12, 2:00–4:00 p.m.

Ages 8–14 LEARN MORE

Relax on your day off of school with 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? Not a gamer? Come to watch and cheer on the racers.



Winter Reading Club

WINTER READING CLUB: IT'S SNOWING STORIES FRIENDS SPONSORED

Saturday, December 12–Sunday, January 31 LEARN MORE

Birth–8th grade

Bundle up this winter and grab a book when the temperature drops! Pick up your reading log at the Children's Desk beginning Saturday, December 12. Complete up to 15 days of reading through January 31 to earn entries into a stuffie prize drawing, a pass to the Winter Reading Club Skating Party, and a free book!

WINTER READING CLUB SKATING PARTY LEARN MORE

Sunday, January 31, 2:30–4:30 p.m. WEINBERG FAMILY RECREATION CENTER

For Youth Winter Reading Club Participants

Winter Readers! Turn in your completed *It's Snowing Stories* winter reading log at the Children's Desk by January 31 to get an invitation to our annual skating party at Weinberg Recreation Center. Celebrate your reading achievements on the ice during open skate and stop in for a winter-themed activity in the rec room. Skate rental is provided. *With thanks to the Glencoe Park District.*



LEGO LANDMARK CHALLENGE

Saturday, February 13, 2:00–4:00 p.m.

Ages 5+ with adult LEARN MORE

Kids and grownups work together to choose a famous landmark and work to build it using LEGO bricks! Whether you're a new builder or an expert, you'll have plenty of fun using your imagination to create something amazing.

ANIMALS AROUND THE WORLD FRIENDS SPONSORED

Monday, February 15, 10:00–11:00 a.m.

All ages LEARN MORE

Spend your day-off-of-school with a sloth! (And a fennec fox, fruit bat, armadillo, hedgehog, rabbit, bearded dragon, gecko, and so many more!) Learn about these amazing animals from educator Sharon Peterson and get to touch and hold several as well.





BING-GLOW REGISTER

Thursday, February 18, 4:00–5:00 p.m.

R *Grades 3–8*

Get ready to glow, Bing-GLOW, that is! Join us to play Bingo as you've never experienced it. In a dark room, lit only by blacklights and complementary neon accessories, jazz up your Thursday afternoon with a whole new way to play an old game. *Snacks will be served.*

INTERACTIVE PLAY-ALONG TOY STORY LEARN MORE

Saturday, February 20, 2:00–3:30 p.m.

Best for families with children ages 3+

Join us for an interactive, play-along, one-of-a-kind movie experience! We'll provide fun instructions and props for an immersive Toy Story screening that encourages you to interact with the movie in a whole new way.

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Friday	9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
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 **Thursday, December 24**; **Friday, December 25**; **Thursday, December 31 (after 1:00 p.m.)**; and **Friday, January 1, 2027**.

Staff and Friends

Meet the Staff

MAGGIE KUTSUNIS



I'm so excited to join the Glencoe team as the Head of Children's Services! I started in October and I've had so much fun meeting the patrons and staff. I have been working in public libraries since I was in high school, when I started as a shelver at my hometown library. Since earning my MLS degree, I have worked with children and families as a storytime presenter, school liaison, and department manager. I love working in the Children's department because no two days are ever exactly the same!

I love to read! My favorite genre is historical romance. I also love picture books, fantasy, and classics. Come and sit by me if you want to talk about Jane Austen adaptations! If I'm not reading, I'm probably journaling, working a jigsaw puzzle, or cheering on my kids' sports teams. I also love to attend concerts, send snail mail, ride roller coasters, and hunt for treasures at the thrift store.

I am so glad to get to know the Glencoe community. Stop by and say hi—I love making new friends!

Friends' Corner

FRIENDS SPONSORED *Programs and classes sponsored by the Friends.*

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

OCTOBER'S USED BOOK SALE

We just had a wonderful book sale thanks to the many books, DVDs and CDs that the community donated to the Friends. We're very grateful to everyone who donated these materials and to everyone who came to our sale. Due to the construction schedule for the renovation, this will be our last book sale until the library's renovation project is completed. We are no longer accepting material donations.

MONETARY DONATIONS

Our annual Appeal letter has been sent to your home. The Friends will continue to support the library's programs, collections, and equipment during the renovation. We hope that you'll be able to contribute to the Friends so that we can continue to sponsor the programs that you love. You can contribute online by going to www.glencoelibrary.org/friends.

LATEST GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY

At their September 2026 meeting, the Friends voted to support the Judy Levin book discussions; winter reading clubs for children and adults; the library's subscription to Kanopy; family programs Smarty Pants Big Balloon Show, Animals Around the World; and American Musical Theater Legends with Susan Benjamin.

The Glencoe Public Library is subject to the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Any individual who plans to attend any program at the library and who requires a special accommodation, or anyone who has questions regarding accessibility to the library, is requested to phone the library at (847) 835-5056. The library reserves the right to take photographs and video of program participants. Photos and videos are for library use and may be used in library publicity materials. Patrons who do not wish to be part of photographs or videos should notify library staff.

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