Jens Jensen, O.C. Simonds, and Today’s Native Gardens

The late 1800s and early 1900s were a turning point in conservation and garden design, a response to increasing urbanization that laid the groundwork for today’s ecologically based landscape design. Leading this bold new “Prairie Style” were Jens Jensen and O.C. Simonds, both of whose work continues to grace the Chicago region and beyond.

Jensen left a legacy of over 600 landscapes, many using native plants, including the Forest Preserve Districts of Cook County and Lake County, Indiana Dunes National Park, the Shakespeare Garden on the Evanston campus of Northwestern University, and Columbus Park in Chicago. Simonds’s enduring influence includes Graceland Cemetery, Fort Sheridan, parts of Chicago’s Lincoln Park, and Morton Arboretum.

Jensen scholar Dr. Bob Grese will explore the work of Jensen and Simonds and suggest ways their work can continue to inspire gardens and conservation efforts today. Dr. Grese is a professor emeritus in the School for Environment and Sustainability at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor and the former director of the university’s Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum. He is an honorary member of the Garden Club of America and a past president of the Ann Arbor Chapter of the Wild Ones.

Thursday, August 8 at 7:00 p.m. IN LIBRARY

“COFFEE WITH THE BOARDS” RETURNS JUNE 8

Starting this summer, the library, the village, District 35, and the park district will relaunch the “Coffee with the Boards” drop-in events. These events feature board representatives from all four agencies and give residents convenient opportunities for informal conversations and check-ins with officials and staff. The first event will be at the library’s annual Ice Cream Social (and summer reading clubs kickoff) on Saturday, June 8, from 12:00–1:30 p.m.

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**Summer Programs for Adults**

Registration is required for both types of programs—in library and on Zoom—unless otherwise noted. See the library’s website for details and to register.

### SUMMER READING CLUB FOR ADULTS

**June 7–August 3**

“Brighten Your Summer with Reading” by signing up for our summer 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. Register by visiting the Reader’s Advisory or Reference Desk, emailing rdesk@glencoeplibrary.org, or calling us at (847) 835-5056.

### ICE CREAM SOCIAL

**Saturday, June 8, 12:00–2:00 p.m. FRONT LAWN**

Stop by for our annual Ice Cream Social and sign up for our summer reading clubs! We’ll be serving up delicious Culver’s frozen custard with all the toppings. In the event of inclement weather, we’ll move the treats indoors. **For all ages.**

### STUDY BREAK LOUNGE

**Saturday, June 1, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, June 2, 1:00–7:00 p.m. (NOTE EXTENDED HOURS)**

**Monday, June 3, 9:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday, June 4, 9:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.**

Studying for final exams? The library is your place. We’ll have extra tables and chairs as well as grab ‘n’ go bags with snacks and other helpful items. On Sunday we’ll stay open late for more study time!

### THE ART OF GEORGIA O’KEEFFE

**Monday, June 3, at 7:00 p.m. ON ZOOM**

One of the most popular American artists of the 20th century, Georgia O’Keeffe painted, drew and sculpted an incredible array of subjects over her long career. Art historian Jeff Mishur will discuss the works that put Georgia O’Keeffe at the forefront of abstraction, as well as works that expressed her passion for unique American places such as New York City, the plains of Texas, and the mountains of New Mexico. This presentation will complement the “Georgia O’Keeffe: My New Yorks” exhibition on display at the Art Institute of Chicago June 2–September 22.

### TEMPLE GRANDIN: THE HIDDEN GIFTS OF VISUAL THINKERS

**Tuesday, June 4, at 7:00 p.m. ON ZOOM**

Join us for an evening with Dr. Temple Grandin, one of the world’s most accomplished and well-known adults with autism. Dr. Grandin has been at the forefront of research and activism for autism and neurodiversity for decades and has written many books on those topics, with a specific focus on visual thinking. Please note that this program has been rescheduled from its original April 3 date. **This event is made possible by Illinois Libraries Present.**
PANEL DISCUSSION:
TRANSGENDER DAY OF VISIBILITY
Tuesday, June 11, at 7:00 p.m. IN LIBRARY
While it is officially celebrated in March, the library will honor Transgender Day of Visibility on June 11 with a panel discussion hosted by Lizzy Appleby, the pride/share director at Youth Services of Glenview/Northbrook. The event will offer an opportunity for the community to engage in open, thoughtful conversation with a transgender and nonbinary panel. We hope you can join us! Cosponsored with St. Elisabeth’s Church.

BICYCLING THE NORTH SHORE
Thursday, June 13, at 7:00 p.m. IN LIBRARY
The North Shore has great options for bicyclists of all levels. This could be the summer you make the most of it! Doug Hoffman, president of the Evanston Bicycle Club, will talk about routes, organized rides, getting started, equipment, and more. Cosponsored with the Glencoe Sustainability Task Force and the Friends of the Green Bay Trail.

ADULT CRAFT CLASS: COILED POTTERY
Friday, June 14, 2:00–3:30 p.m. IN LIBRARY
Make something with your hands to enjoy at home! Materials will be provided. Registration is required and Glencoe residents will have priority if the class fills up. Each class will be offered twice; please only sign up for one date and time. For adults and teens.

REVIVAL ARCHITECTURE
AND ITS ANCIENT DERIVATIVES
Thursday, June 20, at 7:00 p.m. IN LIBRARY
Why is the Washington Monument shaped like an Egyptian obelisk? What is a sphinx doing in a Cambridge, Massachusetts, cemetery as a Civil War memorial built in 1872? Dr. Foy Scalf, head of the Research Archives library at the Institute for the Study of Ancient Cultures of the University of Chicago, will discuss how early Americans viewed ancient Egypt and appropriated its legacy for their own purposes.

RAINBOW DAY PRIDE CELEBRATION
Saturday, June 22, 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. FRONT LAWN
Drop by the library to celebrate Pride Month with all things rainbow! We’ll have supplies to color and make your own pride buttons and stickers and rainbow candy to take home. Cosponsored with the Glencoe Council for Inclusion and Community.

ART CLASS: PAINT YOUR HOUSE
Tuesdays, 6:30–8:30 p.m. IN LIBRARY
June 25 and July 2
Using pen-and-ink technique, paint a picture of your home or another building important to you under the guidance of Jennifer Evans of Periwinkle Art Studio. Over two sessions, participants will learn a bit about perspective drawing, get advice on sketching their structure in pencil and then ink, and finally add a watercolor wash for color, light and shadows. All materials provided. For adults. Registration required and space is limited. Glencoe residents will have priority if the class fills up.

BIG BOOKS:
MRS. DALLOWAY BY VIRGINIA WOOLF
Thursdays, 7:00–8:30 p.m. IN LIBRARY
July 11, 18, and 25
Our three-week summer course will return to the literature of Virginia Woolf; this time we will focus on the early modernist novel Mrs. Dalloway. Written in the aftermath of the Great War and the 1918 flu pandemic, Woolf’s treatment of consciousness and creation of multiple perspectives raise questions of sanity versus insanity, death and grief, and the meaning of life.

Barbara Joyce will lead our discussion. She taught English for 20 years at New Trier High School and has led several past summer sessions, including those on Emily Dickinson, William Faulkner, and Woolf’s To the Lighthouse. Registration required.
AMERICA’S MUSICAL THEATER LEGENDS
Susan Benjamin presents the lives and work of the performers, composers, and lyricists of the golden age of American musical theater.
Mondays at 1:00 p.m. IN LIBRARY
June 10—Jerome Robbins
July 8—Bob Fosse
August 12—Donald O’Connor

TALKING PICTURES WITH SUSAN BENJAMIN
Enjoy an afternoon of thought-provoking film discussion with Susan Benjamin. Film screening and discussion occur in the Hammond Room.
Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. IN LIBRARY
June 26—Abed’s Knee
July 17—Anatomy of a Fall
August 28—One Life

UNPLUG ILLINOIS DAY: MANDALA ART
Saturday, July 13
10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. WYMAN GREEN
For a relaxing, no-screens morning, drop by to color a mandala pattern using markers or colored pencils. This is part of the statewide “Unplug Illinois Day” being celebrated in coordination with the Glencoe Park District. No registration is needed; just stop in. For all ages.

EXPLORING THE BAHÁ’I TEMPLE
Tuesday, July 16, at 7:00 p.m. IN LIBRARY
Wilmette’s serenely beautiful Bahá’i Temple on Sheridan Road is one of just eight continental Bahá’i Houses of Worship and the only one in North America. Learn why it was built in Wilmette, about its architecture, history and garden design, and how to visit it. Presented by Ellen Price, coordinator of the temple’s welcome center.

CLASSIC FILM DISCUSSIONS: MOVIES ABOUT MOVIES
Sundays, 1:30–4:15 p.m.
July 21: Sunset Boulevard (directed by Billy Wilder, 1950)
July 28: The Player (directed by Robert Altman, 1992)
Join Francine J. Sanders, film historian and writer, for a special look at Hollywood’s love affair with films that celebrate movies. This new series will feature two of the best films that showcase the world of movies: the romance, the corruption, the bad, and the beautiful.

MONDAY AT THE MOVIES
Mondays at 1:00 p.m. IN LIBRARY
June 17: The Painter and the Thief
In Oslo, security cameras capture thieves stealing two paintings from a gallery. At trial, the painter of the stolen canvases unexpectedly speaks to one of the thieves, asking him to sit for a portrait as a kind of penance. An unlikely relationship and odyssey for both individuals ensue in this fascinating and moving documentary. 102 minutes. In English and Norwegian with English subtitles.

July 15: Other People’s Children
An excellent contemporary drama (with welcome doses of levity), Other People’s Children follows 40-year-old Rachel, whose well-ordered life is upturned when she falls in love with a single father. Issues of family, parenthood and passage of time impose themselves on Rachel and her romantic partner. A story of everyday Parisian life rendered with considerable precision, insight and humanity. 103 minutes. In French with English subtitles.
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KALEIDOSCOPES
Thursday, June 13, 4:00–5:00 p.m.
Entering grades 1–5 in fall
Ooh and ahh as you look through the eyepiece of your own homemade kaleidoscope! Use reflective paper, beads and creativity to make a magical optical instrument.

FLOWER POWER STORYTIME AND CRAFT
Saturday, June 15, 2:30–3:30 p.m.
Ages 3 and up with adult
Join us for a fun, flower-themed storytime, then decorate your own terracotta pot and plant seeds!

LITTLE WORLD TRAVELERS
Mondays, 4:00–4:45 p.m.
June 17, June 24, July 1, and July 15
Entering grades 1–2 in fall
Learn with friends while traveling around the world! We’ll read a picture book about a different country or culture, talk about it, and do a fun activity or craft. No reading assignments, no homework, just fun!
Early Literacy

**TODDLER TIME** LEARN MORE
Mondays, 9:30–10:00 a.m.
June 10–August 5
Toddlers 12–24 months with caregiver
Join us for stories, songs and play for active little ones. Our 30-minute storytime is followed by time for play and socializing. Just drop in!

**BABY TIME** LEARN MORE
Mondays, 11:00–11:30 a.m.
June 10–August 5
Babies 0–14 months with caregiver
Build early literacy skills with songs, rhymes, bounces and books while enjoying the company of other babies and caregivers!

**TALES FOR TOTS** LEARN MORE
Tuesdays and Thursdays
10:30–11:00 a.m.
June 11–August 8
Ages 0–5 with caregiver
Our multi-age storytime has something for everyone. Join us for stories, songs, puppets and fun. The 30-minute class is followed by time for play and socializing. Just drop in!

Activities & Events for Children

**DIY NEON SIGNS** REGISTER
Tuesday, June 18, 4:00–5:00 p.m.
Entering grades 5–8 in fall
Light up your space this summer! You’ll learn how to use electroluminescent (EL) wire to make a customized glowing sign.

**DIY RAINBOW KEYCHAINS** REGISTER
Tuesday, June 25, 4:00–5:00 p.m.
Entering grades 3–6 in fall
Create rainbow-riffic keychains or bag tags out of polymer clay! Learn basic polymer clay skills while making something awesome to take home.

**CARTOONING WITH MARK ANDERSON: POWER PETS** REGISTER
Thursday, June 20, 4:00–5:00 p.m.
Entering grades 1–6 in fall
Look up in the sky! It’s a dog! It’s a cat! Wait, is that a bearded dragon? And why are they all wearing capes? Oh, they’re Power Pets!! From their Super Shelter headquarters, they fight for truth, kibble, and belly rubs! And you’ll learn to draw them all!

**GLOW PARTY** LEARN MORE
Friday, June 21, 3:30–5:00 p.m.
Entering grades 3–8 in fall
Be the “light” of the party! The library is hosting a blacklight party complete with a “glow-to” booth. Come ready to make glow-in-the-dark bracelets, keychains and more.

**ART EXPLORATIONS WITH BERNADETTE** REGISTER
Saturday, June 22, 2:00–3:30 p.m.
Geometric Color Art
Entering grades 1–6 in fall
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! Each class features a different theme.

**KRAFTY KIDS** REGISTER
Thursdays, 4:15–5:00 p.m.
June 27: Cicada Summer
July 11: Beautiful Butterflies
Entering grades 1–4 in fall
Spark your creativity by making a fun, seasonal craft. Each session will have a different theme.

**IT’S RAINING RAINBOWS** REGISTER
Friday, June 28, 4:00–5:00 p.m.
Entering grades 2–5 in fall
Get covered in color as we explore the science behind rainbows and create rainbow crafts to take home.
BIG BEAUTIFUL BUBBLE WANDS  
Saturday, June 29, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.  
Ages 4 and up (under 8 with adult)  
Create your own custom giant bubble wand, then test it out! Can you make a bubble as big as a book? As a beach ball? As YOU?

COLOR AND LIGHT SCIENCE WITH STEVE BELLIVEAU  
Saturday, July 13, 2:00–3:00 p.m.  
Ages 5 and up  
Get excited about science as Steve Belliveau wows us with dramatic demonstrations, humor and tons of audience participation. Is it science or is it magic? Maybe it’s simply magical science!

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COLOR YOUR WORLD WITH LEGO: FAMILY EDITION  
Saturday, July 6, 2:30–4:00 p.m.  
Ages 4 and up  
Drop in and build using our massive collection of Lego bricks and minifigures. Whether you’re a kid or an AFOL, you’ll be limited only by your imagination!

LEGO PLAY  
Tuesdays, 4:00–5:00 p.m.  
July 16 and 30  
Ages 4 and up (under 8 with adult)  
Drop in to build and play with the library’s amazing Lego collection. Just bring your imagination!

CRAFTERNOONS  
Thursday, July 18, 4:15–5:00 p.m.  
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.

LIBRARY SUMMER OLYMPICS  
Sunday, July 21, 2:00–4:00 p.m.  
Ages 3 and up  
Before the Paris Olympics, get your game on closer to home. Participate in various events as you go for the gold!

TINKER TIME: OPTICAL ILLUSIONS  
Thursday, July 25, 4:15–5:00 p.m.  
Enter grades 2–6 in fall  
Enter grades 4–8 in fall  
Register  
Is it a duck or a rabbit? Where does that staircase end? Optical illusions trick our brain into seeing things that are not what they seem. We’ll view many different optical illusions and create our own to take home.

FANTASTIC FOAM FEST  
Saturday, August 3, 1:00–2:00 p.m.  
All ages  
Celebrate the end of Summer Reading Club with bubbles! Join us on Wyman Green for foam-tastic fun after you’ve had a frozen treat! Check-in for Summer Reading Club will be outside for the duration of the party.

FAMILY GAME WEEK  
August 12–18  
Suggested for ages 3+ with adult  
Get ready to challenge your family and friends during our second annual Family Game Week! Giant-sized games, including Jenga, Yahtzee, and Connect 4 will be available to play all week (Monday afternoon through Sunday) in the Hammond Room. Just drop in!

DESIGN YOUR OWN CANDY BOARD GAME  
Saturday, August 17, 2:30–4:00 p.m.  
Ages 4 and up with adult  
Register  
Choose your family’s favorite candies and awesome challenges to create and take home a sensational sweet board game. We’ll provide a box with the game, cards, colors, and a choice of game template.
The library will be closed at 5:00 p.m. on July 3 and all day July 4.

Meet the Staff

MATTHEW BYRD

Despite growing up on the North Side of Chicago, I had never spent much time in Glencoe or the North Shore generally before starting as an Adult Services Librarian here last October. To me, the North Shore was just the place where John Hughes movies were set. I have been delighted to find a welcoming, friendly and laid-back community that I am very happy to serve, at first as an Adult Services Librarian and now also as a Technology Librarian. Besides working with the world’s greatest library staff, my favorite part of this job has been the day-to-day interactions with our patrons, whether it’s solving a tech issue, finding a book they’re looking for, and just shooting the breeze. Prior to joining the library, I got a BA in History and English from the University of Iowa, an MLIS from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and worked in Tech Support for Columbia College Chicago.

Outside the library, you can usually find me catching a film at one of Chicago’s many excellent independent movie houses (The Music Box, Siskel Center, Doc Films etc.), winning at bar trivia, watching the Bears lose, reading Wikipedia articles, or watching even more films in my apartment. If you ever want a film recommendation or just want to chat about a movie you’ve been enjoying, do not hesitate to drop by the reference desk and say hi!