

Library Link



60th Anniversary Celebration

The Green Hills Public Library District turns 60 this December. To celebrate our 60th, we have planned a month of all-out '60s programs, activities, and challenges! Check out page three for all of our groovy '60s-themed programs. Visit the Library during the month of December to participate in retro trivia, '60s photobooth, and receive a groovy giveaway!

Birth of a District

In mid-1962, residents of Palos Hills and Hickory Hills were discussing creating libraries to serve their communities. It soon became clear that the best way to support this goal was to go at it together.

The first meeting of the Green Hills Public Library Association was held on October 2, 1962, at the Walnut Hills Country Club. The Library Association sponsored a dance on November 24, 1962 at the Sabre Room to raise money for a referendum to form a library district. Voters approved the referendum on December 8, 1962, officially creating the Green Hills Public Library District. "Green Hills" was chosen as a neutral name that would not favor the name of one city over another.



November/December 2022



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Library Hours

Monday-Friday: 9am-9pm

Saturday: 10am-5pm

Sunday: 12-4pm

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From the Director

If you saw the words groovy, far out, deuce, don't flip your wig, radical, and nifty to name a few, would you know what decade we were in? If you guessed the 1960s you would be right on! There was a lot happening in the 1960s: the Vietnam War, Civil Rights Protests, the assassinations of John F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King Jr., and the Cuban Missile Crisis, among others. Turning to lighter events, we saw The Beatles' first visit to the United States in 1964, Neil Armstrong landed on the moon in 1969, and our Library was officially created in 1962.

To celebrate the Library's 60th anniversary, we have some wonderful programs scheduled for December, including a '60s Trivia Challenge, Retro Games Night, Retro Cooking with Chef Maddox, and some fun '60s movies to watch. Make sure to stop in the Library to look at Brittany's history display of our Library.

Just a reminder that the Library will be closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 24. As we look ahead to December, the Library will be open on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve from 10am-3pm.

As we come to the end of the year, I would like to thank you for your ongoing support and to wish you all a very happy holiday and a healthy and happy new year.

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Upcoming Titles • Publication dates are subject to change.

November 1	<i>Peril in the Parish</i> by Dorothy Cannell	November 15	<i>The Perfect Assassin</i> by James Patterson
November 1	<i>Racing the Light</i> by Robert Crais	November 22	<i>Hunting Time</i> by Jeffery Deaver
November 1	<i>Going Rogue</i> by Janet Evanovich	November 22	<i>A Christmas Memory</i> by Richard Paul Evans
November 3	<i>Theft of an Idol</i> by Dana Stabenow	November 22	<i>The Choice</i> by Nora Roberts
November 8	<i>Peris in Paris</i> by Rhys Bowen	November 22	<i>The Whittiers</i> by Danielle Steel
November 8	<i>Desert Star</i> by Michael Connelly	November 29	<i>Death by Smoothie</i> by Laura Levine
November 8	<i>Blood Moon</i> by Heather Graham	November 29	<i>A World of Curiosities</i> by Louise Penny
November 8	<i>Dawnlands</i> by Philippa Gregory	December 6	<i>Night Shift</i> by Robin Cook
November 8	<i>Murder at Black Oaks</i> by Phillip Margolin	December 6	<i>Sharpe's Command</i> by Bernard Cornwell
November 8	<i>A Christmas Deliverance</i> by Anne Perry	December 6	<i>A Dangerous Business</i> by Jane Smiley
November 8	<i>Secluded Cabin Sleeps Six</i> by Lisa Unger	December 6	<i>City of Fortune</i> by Victoria Thompson
November 15	<i>Paperback Jack</i> by Loren D. Estleman	December 13	<i>Devil's Delight</i> by M.C. Beaton
November 15	<i>Bleeding Heart Yard</i> by Elly Griffiths	December 22	<i>Web of Lies</i> by Barbara Nadel

The Giving Tree

The Giving Tree is back, and we are once again partnering with BEDS Plus to collect items needed for individuals experiencing homelessness. Items will be accepted at the Library from December 5-January 2.

Requested donations include:

- New hats
- Handwarmers
- Low denomination gift cards

Hats and handwarmers can be donated in the Lobby on the Ground Floor of the Library. To donate gift cards, please make arrangements with Sara Horn at 708-598-8446 ext. 115 or shorn@greenhillslibrary.org.

All items must be new. We are unable to accept any used donations.



GROOVY PROGRAMS

Happy 60th, Green Hills!

On December 8, 1962, we officially became Green Hills Public Library District! To celebrate our 60th, the Library has planned fun '60s programs and activities for the month of December. Check out all of our groovy programs on this page!



Rock Legends of the '60s with Randy Walker*

Thursday, December 1 • 6:30pm

Location: 1st Floor Meeting Room

Format: In-person

The groovy '60s are highlighted with Randy performing hits by the Beatles, the Mamas & the Papas, Buffalo Springfield, Credence Clearwater Revival, the Turtles, and a variety of others. Limit 30. Ages 18 and up.

Holiday TV Shows* (All Ages)

Tuesday, December 20 • 6pm

Location: 1st Floor Meeting Room

Format: In-person

Celebrate the season and the Library's 60th with holiday TV shows. We will show holiday specials of TV shows from the 1960s. All ages welcome.

Retro Cooking with Chef Maddox*

Tuesday, December 6 • 6:30pm

Location: 1st Floor Meeting Room

Format: In-person

In this live retro cooking demonstration, Chef Susan Maddox will rekindle some fun food favorites from the 1960s. Susan will discuss methods and techniques to make time in the kitchen efficient and fun! Each participant will receive recipes and tastings. Limit 40. Registration starts Monday, November 7 at 10am. Ages 18 and up.

Space Race*

Thursday, December 8 • 6:30pm

Location: 1st Floor Meeting Room

Format: In-person

The Space Race In the 1960s, the U.S. and the Soviet Union were locked in a race to send men to the Moon. How did it all begin? How did the Soviets try to beat the Americans? Limit 40. Ages 18 and up.



Retro Embroidery Kit*

Available: Friday, December 2 at 10am

Format: Take & Make

Get crafty with this totally '60s embroidery kit! This complete kit includes everything you need to create a cool floral design. Limit 65. Ages 10 and up.



Woodstock's Golden Jubilee*

Monday, December 12 • 6pm

Location: 1st Floor Meeting Room

Format: In-person

Over 400,000 people attended Woodstock for three days of peace and music. Ellie Presents brings you music, food, flowers, dance, drums, and some daring escapades, all designed to bring that fantastic festival alive again. Limit 40. Ages 18 and up.

Concert with Dave Rudolf* (All Ages)

Monday, December 19 • 6pm

Location: 1st Floor Meeting Room

Format: In-person

Enjoy the rollicking fun music of Grammy-nominated artist, Dave Rudolf, as he performs '60s hits for the whole family! Limit 40. All ages welcome.



Retro Game Night* (All Ages)

Tuesday, December 13 • 6:30pm

Location: 1st Floor Meeting Room

Format: In-person

Join us at the Library with our groovy board games! To celebrate the Library's 60th anniversary, we've gone retro and invite you to celebrate with board games from the 1960s. All ages welcome.

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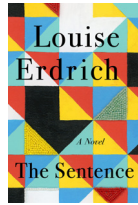
ADULT PROGRAMS

Fact or Fiction Book Club*

Wednesday, November 30 • 7pm
Location: Ground Floor Meeting Room
Format: In-person

Join us at the Library for lively conversation and great reads. Copies of books and audiobooks will be available at the Patron Services Desk one month prior to the discussion.

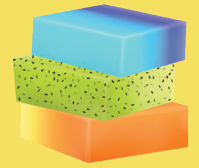
Reading: *The Sentence* By Louise Erdrich



Soap Making 101*

Thursday, November 3 • 6:30pm
Location: 1st Floor Meeting Room
Format: In-person

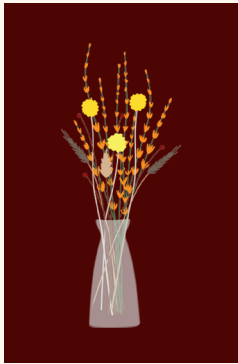
Explore the technique of combining oils and lye to produce soap using the cold process method. There will be a live demonstration and lucky guests will get a bar of soap! Limit 40. Ages 18 and up.



Dried Flower Bouquet*

Thursday, November 10 • 2:00 OR 2:30pm
Location: 1st Floor Meeting Room
Format: Take & Make OR In-person

Follow along at the Library or at home via a kit to create a beautiful bouquet of colorful dried flowers for gorgeous decor. Register online or call 708-598-8446 ext. 120. Registration starts Monday, November 7 at 10am. Ages 18 and up.



The Essential Houdini with William Pack*

Monday, November 14 • 6:30pm
Location: 1st Floor Meeting Room
Format: In-person

The true stories of Houdini - the American self-liberator, Europe's eclipsing sensation, the World's handcuff king, the Exposer of fraud, the original prison breaker, and master magician. William goes beyond the myth and brings to life the true story of this American icon. Limit 40. Ages 18 and up.

Local Business Bingo with Peppo's*

Tuesday, November 29 • 6:30pm
Location: 1st Floor Meeting Room
Format: In-person

The Library pledges to support local businesses around the community with our new local business bingo. Join us for an exciting night of bingo at the Library! Winners will receive gift cards to Peppo's. Registration starts Monday, November 7 at 10am. Ages 18 and up. Limit 25.



Virtual Author Events*

Location: Zoom
Format: Live Zoom

These events are made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration among libraries. Ages 18 and up.

An Evening with Caitlin Doughty*

Wednesday, November 16 • 7pm

Join Caitlin Doughty, author, mortician, advocate, and founder of reform collective, The Order of the Good Death.

An Evening with Shauna Sever*

Tuesday, December 13 • 7pm

Shauna Sever, author of *Midwest Made: Big, Bold Baking from the Heartland*, joins us live on Zoom to celebrate baking this holiday season.

Ageless Grace*

Monday, November 21 • 11am
Location: 1st Floor Meeting Room
Format: In-person

Ageless Grace is a fun, creative, and playful exercise program that works out your brain as well as your body. This innovative program is composed of 21 simple tools for lifelong comfort and ease. Come and experience this brain and body boosting class and feel younger with every workout! Exercises are done in a chair. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes. Ages 18 and up. Limit 25.



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YOUTH PROGRAMS

Turkey Bingo*

Tuesday, November 15 • 6pm

Location: 1st Floor Meeting Room

Using stickers and creativity, we'll create our own winning bingo cards and then play them in a round or two of bingo! Prizes will be available for the winners. Register all participants including caregivers. Limit 20. All ages welcome.



Read to Dogs*

Tuesday, November 8 • 4:30pm

Location: 1st Floor Meeting Room

Tuesday, December 6 • 4:30pm

Location: Ground Floor Meeting Room

Come to the Library and sharpen your reading skills by reading to the cutest therapy dogs! Once you complete your book, we will take your picture and hang it up in the Library! Limit 20. All ages welcome.

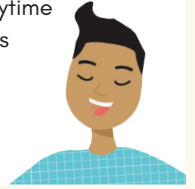
Musical Mayhem*

Tuesday, November 1 • 6pm

Wednesday, December 7 • 6pm

Location: Ground Floor Meeting Room

Does your child love music and stories and play? Come join us at the Library for a special musical storytime and craft! Limit 20. Ages birth to 5 welcome. Register all participants including caregivers.



Pajama Storytime*

Thursday, November 3 • 6:30-7:00pm

Thursday, December 1 • 6:30-7:00pm

Location: Ground Floor Meeting Room

Pajamas! Stories! It's bedtime at the Library! Bring your favorite stuffy to the Library's pajama-themed storytime! Register all participants including caregivers. Limit 20. All ages welcome.

Science Lab*

Wednesday, November 9 • 6:30pm

Wednesday, December 14 • 6:30pm

Location: 1st Floor Meeting Room

We will start each class with a read-a-loud book. Then we will discuss the actual science before we play a game and complete a hands-on project. Limit 15. Ages 6 and up.



Baby Mine Storytime*

Monday, November 14 • 11:00-11:30am

Location: Ground Floor Meeting Room

It's baby time! Bring your babies and join us at the Library for some storytime fun! There will be songs and stories specialized for our littlest patrons. Register all participants including caregivers. Limit 20. Ages birth to 5 welcome.

Snowman Soup Drop-In

Tuesday, December 27 • 2pm

Location: 1st Floor Meeting Room

It's cold! Wanna be warm? Come join us at the Library to learn how to make snowman soup! Participants will get to make soup for themselves and one to enjoy later! All ages welcome.



Grateful Turkeys Drop-In

Tuesday, November 22 • 4pm

Location: 1st Floor Meeting Room

What are you most grateful for? Let's find out, with this adorable turkey craft! From 4-6pm, come to the Library and make and color your very own turkey to take home! All ages welcome.

Eco Club*

Wednesday, November 14 • 6:30pm

Wednesday, December 21 • 6:30pm

Location: 1st Floor Meeting Room

In each program, we will watch a video, play a game, and create a craft that ties into the environmental theme that you helped choose. Limit 15. Ages 6 and up.

Cookies with Santa*

Thursday, December 22 • 6:00-7:30pm

Location: 1st Floor Meeting Room

Santa Claus is coming to town and he's bringing stories and cookies with him! Come to the Library to talk with Santa, read a story, and decorate cookies! Register all participants including caregivers. Limit 35 per session. Register for a 6:00, 6:30, OR 7:00pm time slot. All ages welcome.

Family Storytime*

December 7, 14, 21, 28 • 11:00-11:30am

Location: Ground Floor Meeting Room

Come to the Library and have some fun with stories, songs, and more! Register all participants including caregivers. Limit 20. All ages welcome.



Zumba*

Monday, November 28 • 6pm

Monday, December 26 • 6pm

Location: 1st Floor Meeting Room

Let's get moving! Zumba is a workout that combines dancing and fun! Don't forget to bring your waterbottle. Limit 15. Ages 6 and up.



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TEEN PROGRAMS

Not Your Siblings' Picture Book*

Wednesday, November 30 • 6pm

Location: 1st Floor Meeting Room

Did you know that picture books aren't just for little kids? No kidding! Picture books are for everybody! Come to the Library for this special opportunity to experience advanced picture books and make your own! Limit 20. Ages 10-17.

Yarn Pumpkins*

Monday, November 14 • 4pm

Format: Take & Make

Everyone needs a few pumpkins in their life. Register for a kit to make your very own pumpkins using a little yarn, a balloon, and a whole lot of glue! Limit 30. Ages 10-17.



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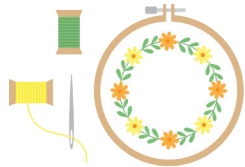
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Nat's Snacks*

Thursday, November 17 • 6pm

Location: 1st Floor Meeting Room

Miss Natalie will teach you how to make the yummiest, trendiest Tik Tok recipes! You'll see a demo, make the food yourself, and get to snack on your creations with your friends! Limit 15. Ages 10-17.



Teen Trivia Night*

Thursday, December 8 • 6pm

Location: Strange Brew Cafe,
8650 W. 103rd Street, Palos Hills

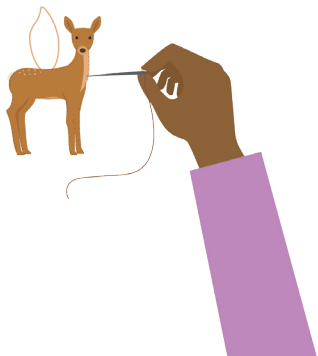
Come join us for a night of trivia fun! From sport stats to K-pop and every pop culture topic in between, battle your friends and test your knowledge! Limit 20. Ages 10-17.

Hand-Stitched Deer Ornament*

Available: Monday, December 12 • 4pm

Format: Take & Make

This little deer ornament will have all your friends fawning over your newfound sewing abilities! Register for a kit to make one of your own! Limit 30. Ages 10-17.



Make Your Own Stress Balls*

Thursday, December 15 • 6pm

Location: 1st Floor Meeting Room

Don't stress! Make! With exams coming up, these little stress balls will keep you on an even keel. They also make the perfect gifts! Limit 20. Ages 10-17.



About the Artist*

Thursday, November 10 • 6pm

Location: 1st Floor Meeting Room

Learn about different artists around the world and then make a project inspired by them! Limit 20. Ages 10-17.



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Our Story

Year in Review

2021–2022

As I reflect on our previous year, many words come to mind, but one in particular stands out: growth.

With the release of 2020 Census data, we learned that our District population increased by more than 5%, from 31,533 to 33,210 residents. It's wonderful to see our community expanding, and that's not all that has grown over the past year. Our Library began the fiscal year on July 1, 2021, with lots of new ideas to continue making strides in our Strategic Plan.

In the first half of the year, our community saw the return of popular, in-person programming for adults and children of all ages, while we continued offering virtual options and take-home activities. Over the course of the year, we reached 7,219 patrons through our programming efforts!

Following a space analysis and proposal, the Library Board of Trustees approved a construction project to improve staff workspaces. This project involved a reorganization of existing spaces, renovation of a storage room, and a building addition on the north side of the building. With the completion of this project, you can expect to see sustained, enhanced, and new services as we grow along with our community.

As we started 2022, the Library launched a digital archive with local historical information. While the Library maintained this collection in print for decades, there was a growing demand for digital access. Complete with photographs, newspaper articles, maps, and other historical documents, this archive will teach you about the rich histories of the Library District, Hickory Hills, and Palos Hills. We also plan to upload additional information as we obtain it.



What is a Fine Free Library?

Instead of being charged for overdue fines, an alert is placed on library cards when an item is overdue for 14 days or longer. This alert prevents future use of the card, but once the overdue item is returned, no fines are assessed and the card is free to be used again. The Library will continue to assess charges for lost or damaged materials.

In March, we celebrated our one-year anniversary of being a fine free Library. And moving forward into spring, we made progress in improving the patron experience. Our online catalog took on a new look, providing for better discovery of materials available at the Library, both digital and in print. We also upgraded our scan/fax station, remote printing service, and wifi hotspots. Lastly, we added new furniture to the Screened Porch Room to provide a comfortable and practical space for patrons to study or work, while enjoying the beautiful view.

We ended the fiscal year on a high note, bringing back the ever-popular Summer Reading Kickoff with Rainbow Cone. This event, held at Bennett Park, reached hundreds of community members who enjoyed ice cream on a very hot day and showed excitement to read over the summer. With better weather upon us, we joined the Hills Farmer's Market to connect with our community members and promote our services, and we hope to participate again next year.

What's next for the Library? As of this writing, we are about two months into our current fiscal year, and have some exciting initiatives on the horizon; most notably, the Library will be celebrating its 60th anniversary this December! Our Library has grown so much over the past 60 years, and we expect to see continual improvements to meet the needs of our community. We thank our community members, staff, and Board of Trustees for their ongoing support. I hope to see you in the Library soon!



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Special Hours:

Thanksgiving Day • Closed
December 2 • Closing at 5pm
for Staff Training
Christmas Eve • 10am-3pm
Christmas Day • Closed
New Year's Eve • 10am-3pm
New Year's Day • Closed

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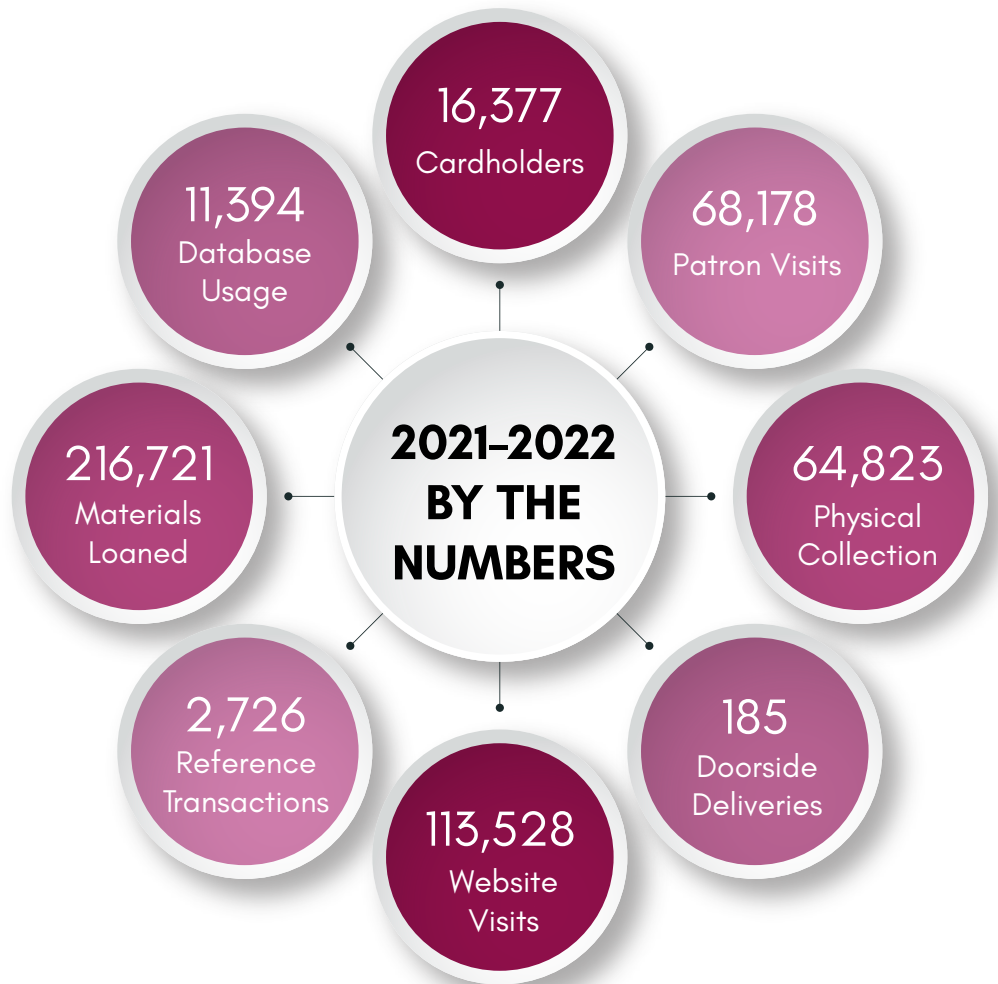
Next Board Meeting:

Monday, November 21 • 6pm

LIBRARY CARDS >>

How Do I Get a Library Card?

- Visit us in-person with one document establishing residency in the District and a photo ID. Applicants under 18 require a parent/guardian to be present.
- Register online at greenhillslibrary.org for an instant digital access card. Online registrants must be 13 or older.



WHAT OUR COMMUNITY IS SAYING ABOUT GHPLD:

"They have plenty of books and an inviting place to read."

"THE KIDS AREA IS SO COOL."

"My favorite thing about GHPLD is being able to have all the books, movies, and video games I love accessible to me!"

"We look forward to every new issue of the Library Link; which offers so many splendid programs and insight to community events."

"I have been coming to GHPLD for 30 years and everyone has been so pleasant and helpful to me."

"Every book is a new world to explore."