



Library Link



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 4-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 Adult Services Librarian Janet Gatz at 708-598-8446 ext. 132 or jgatz@greenhillslibrary.org.

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



November/December 2023

Library Hours

Monday-Friday:	9am-9pm
Saturday:	10am-5pm
Sunday:	12-4pm

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Registration

See each page for registration dates. Non-residents may register for programs one week after registration opens to GHPLD cardholders.

Registration link: greenhillslibrary.evanced.info/signup/calendar

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Instagram
[@greenhillslibrary](https://www.instagram.com/greenhillslibrary)



YouTube
[youtube.com/greenhillslibrary](https://www.youtube.com/greenhillslibrary)

Green Hills Reads to the Community

Friday, November 17 • 11am-2pm OR 3-6pm

Location: Ground Floor Meeting Room

Give back to our wonderful community by reading a story to a child that will live in our collection forever! Stop by the Library and read a storytime favorite while we record it using our new Yoto Players and Yoto Cards. Your card will be put into the catalog and available for checkout, giving you the opportunity to share your love of reading.



Introducing GHPLD Beyond Books!

Who said the Library only had books? Scan the QR code to browse our newest collection of tools, tech, and games for checkout. Must be a valid GHPLD cardholder. Visit our website for more details: greenhillslibrary.org/beyond-books.



State of Illinois Treasurer's Office

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Michael W. Frerichs
ILLINOIS STATE TREASURER

Upcoming Titles

Scan the QR code below or visit bit.ly/novdec2023releases to view November and December upcoming titles. Print copies are available at the Adult Services Desk.



LITTLE FREE BLOCKBUSTER

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

Do you need more movies in your life? Visit Strange Brew Cafe to use the Green Hills Public Library District's Little Free Blockbuster! As a sustainable effort, we are sharing our discarded DVDs, Blu-rays, and video games with the community.





STORYTIMES

Baby Mine Storytime*

Monday, November 27 • 11am

Monday, December 18 • 11am

Location: Ground Floor Meeting Room

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

Pajama Storytime*

Thursday, November 16 • 6:30pm

Thursday, December 28 • 6:30pm

Location: Ground Floor Meeting Room

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.

Family Storytime*

Fridays: December 1, 15, 22, 29

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.

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YOUTH PROGRAMS



Craft Stick Scarecrows*

Monday, November 6 • 4pm

Format: Take & Make

No celebration of fall is complete without a scarecrow or two! We have everything you need to make one of your very own! Limit 30. Ages 6 and up.

Turkey Windsocks Drop-In

Monday, November 13 • 4pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

This turkey might not want to hang outside in the wind, but he sure would look cute near your Thanksgiving table! Drop on in and put one together! Ages 6 and up.

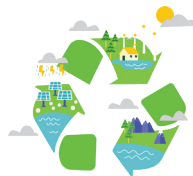
Eco Club*

Wednesday, November 15 • 6:30pm

Wednesday, December 20 • 6:30pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

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



Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*

Tuesday, November 21 • 4:30pm

Tuesday, December 19 • 4:30pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Won't you be our neighbor? Join us as we watch episodes of Mister Rogers' Neighborhood and then enjoy a craft centered around the themes of the show. Limit 20. Ages 5 and up.

Styrofoam Ornaments*

Thursday, December 14 • 6pm

Location: Ground Floor Meeting Room

When you have a pin and fabric, sequins and buttons and glue, the options are limitless! Come join us for an evening of holiday joy and imagination! Limit 30. Ages 6 and up.



Popsicle Stick Holiday Trees*

Tuesday, December 5 • 4pm

Format: Take & Make

What better way to enjoy the holiday than with a beautifully festive little tree? Bring a little joy into your life or share it with someone else! Limit 30. Ages 6 and up.

Zumba*

Wednesday, November 29 • 6pm

Wednesday, December 27 • 6pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Let's get moving! Come to the Library and try out Zumba! Zumba is a workout that combines dancing and fun! Limit 15. Ages 6 and up.



Baby, Let's Play!*

Wednesday, November 15 • 11am

Wednesday, December 20 • 11am

Location: Ground Floor Meeting Room

Little ones can be creative, too! Bring your little one for a fun-filled morning of entertainment and creativity. Fair warning, things could get a little messy. Register all participants including caregivers. Limit 20. Ages birth-5.

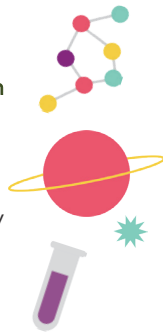
Science Lab*

Wednesday, November 8 • 6:30pm

Wednesday, December 13 • 6:30pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

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



Bully Prevention*

Tuesday, November 21 • 6pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

At this presentation and workshop, brought to you by Pillars Community Health, you'll learn what bullying is and how to spot it. You'll also learn the three D's and how to be an active bystander. Please join us for a very important evening. Limit 40. Ages 6 and up.



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Registration starts Monday, October 23 at 10am. Programs marked with an asterisk (*) require registration. Register online or call 708-598-8446 ext. 117. Non-residents may register for programs one week after registration opens to GHPLD cardholders.

ALL AGES PROGRAMS



Read to Dogs*

Tuesday, November 14 • 4:30pm

Tuesday, December 12 • 4:30pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Tails will wag! Come to the Library and sharpen your reading skills by reading to the cutest therapy dogs! Limit 20. All ages.



Cookies with Santa*

Saturday, December 2

5pm, 5:45pm, 6:30pm, OR 7:15pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Santa Claus and his reindeer are coming to town and they're bringing stories and cookies with them! Come to the Library to talk with Santa, read a story, and decorate cookies! Register all participants. Limit 35 per session. All ages.

Family Caramel Apples*

Thursday, November 9

6pm, 6:30pm, OR 7pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Join us at the Library to make a homemade candy apple dipped in caramel and sprinkled with gourmet toppings! Registration is limited to 50 per session. Register all participants. All ages.



TWEEN/TEEN PROGRAMS



Pom Pom Thanksgiving Garland*

Friday, November 3 • 4pm

Format: Take & Make

We've got the perfect Thanksgiving decoration...a garland made of festive pom poms! Bring some creative joy to your Thanksgiving table this year with this kit full of fun! Limit 30. Ages 10-17.

Among Us LIVE!*

Monday, November 20 • 6pm

Location: Youth Services

Are you the imposter? Or maybe you're a crewmate just trying to finish your tasks. In any case, the Library is in danger and it's up to the crew to save it from the imposter bent on destruction. Come join us for a fun evening of Among Us LIVE! Limit 20. Ages 10-17.



Let's Go to the Movies: Teen Edition*

Tuesday, November 7 • 6pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

GHPLD presents *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*. See the movie that started it all, with an evening of fantasy, magic, and popcorn. Limit 40. Ages 10-17.

Christmas Stockings*

Monday, December 4 • 4pm

Format: Take & Make

With just a little fabric and some sewing, you could have your very own Christmas stocking. Use it for decoration, or give it as a gift! We'll provide the material; you provide the creativity. Limit 30. Ages 10-17.



Mental Health Presentation*

Tuesday, December 19 • 6pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

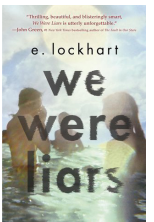
Your mental health is important. But even though it's important, we don't always know how to best take care of it. Come listen to a behavior health professional from Pillars Community Health to teach you how to better take care of your mental health. Limit 40. Ages 10-17.

On the Same Page*

Thursday, November 30 • 6pm

Location: Ground Floor Meeting Room

Come join Miss Tessa, YA genre expert, for a fabulous book discussion. Copies of the book will be available at the Youth Services Desk one month before the book club meeting. If you do not pick up your book one week before the meeting, your spot will be forfeited and given to the next person on the waiting list. Limit 15. Ages 13-17.



Reading: *We Were Liars*
By E. Lockhart

Hauntingly mysterious and completely captivating, *We Were Liars* is a story of incredible wealth, privilege and, of course, the many layers of deception that come along with it. This gut-wrenching tale comes complete with a jaw-dropping twist readers will not see coming.

Do Good! Volunteer! Drop-In Night

Monday, November 6 • 6pm

Tuesday, December 5 • 6pm

Location: Ground Floor Meeting Room

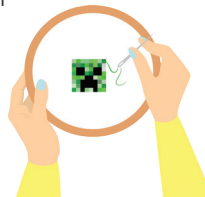
Looking for a fun way to give back? Come help us help others! You never know what you might get to do! This is a great opportunity for getting those service hours in! Ages 10-17.

Cross Stitch with a Twist*

Monday, December 4, 11, and 18 • 6pm

Location: Ground Floor Meeting Room

Ever wanted to learn how to cross stitch? Well, here's your chance! Over the course of three classes, you'll learn how to start and finish a project and how to design your very own piece. Limit 20. Ages 10-17.



ADULT PROGRAMS



Chef Maddox Presents Diabetes Friendly Holiday Cooking*

Thursday, November 2 • 6:30pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

November is American Diabetes Month® and Chef Maddox will demonstrate how healthy and nutritious food can be delicious, too! Samples will be provided. Limit 40. Ages 18 and up.



Yoga for Self-Care*

Saturday, November 4 • 10:15am

Saturday, December 2 • 10:15am

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Yoga is a great form of self-care and gentle exercise and this hour-long class will include yoga poses, breathing exercises, and meditations. Bring a yoga mat and a water bottle. Limit 20. Ages 18 and up.

State of Illinois Treasurer's Office

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English Conversation Group

Thursday, November 9 • 10:30am

Tuesday, November 28 • 7pm

Thursday, December 7 • 10:30am

Tuesday, December 19 • 7pm

Location: Ground Floor Meeting Room

This program offers adult English language learners the opportunity to practice conversational English in a relaxed, fun way. This is an hour-long program led by the Library's Programming Librarian. All levels welcome. Limit 20. Ages 18 and up.

Local Business Bingo*

Monday, November 6 • 6:30pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Join us for a fun night of bingo at the Library! Winners will receive a gift card to the local business Strange Brew Cafe and an assortment of treats. Limit 40. Ages 18 and up.

Digital Literacy - Computer Basics*

Friday, November 10 • 10:30am

Location: Adult Services Computers

In this 45-minute session, learn about the different components of a computer, how to access a Library computer, operate a mouse, conduct a basic online search, and print a document. Limit four per session. Ages 18 and up.

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Zeskanuj kod QR, aby zobaczyć przetłumaczoną wersję w języku polskim.



Escanee el código QR que se encuentra a continuación para ver una versión traducida en español.

Coin Collecting 101*

Tuesday, November 14 • 6:30pm

Location: Ground Floor Meeting Room

William Birk from the Oak Forest Numismatic Society will discuss the ins and outs of coin collecting. William will be available for Q&A after the presentation. Limit 40. Ages 18 and up.



Fun Fall Craft*

Wednesday, November 15 • 2pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Wednesday, November 15 • 6pm

Location: Ground Floor Meeting Room

Come to the Library and create a beautiful 3D paper pumpkin. You will love this addition to your fall decor! Limit 20 at 2pm and 10 at 6pm. Ages 18 and up.

New Holiday Traditions*

Thursday, November 16 • 6:30pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

This interactive program will focus on holiday-themed activities around Chicago. Molly Page shares familiar and less familiar options including: activities that are appropriate for date night, a night out with friends, and family-friendly outings. Limit 50. Ages 18 and up.



Ageless Grace*

Monday, November 20 • 11am

Monday, December 18 • 11am

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Ageless Grace® is a fun and playful brain health exercise program practiced to upbeat music while seated in a chair. This innovative program is composed of 21 tools or exercises. We lubricate our joints, strengthen our muscles, exercise our brains and tickle our funny bones! Come and experience timeless fitness for the body and brain™. This is a seated program and all levels are welcome. Limit 25. Ages 18 and up.

Laughter Yoga Club*

Monday, November 20 • 12:00-12:30pm

Monday, December 18 • 12:00-12:30pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Stay after Ageless Grace, or join us at noon for this 30-minute class. Laughter Yoga is a unique concept where we laugh without relying on jokes, humor, or comedy. It combines laughter exercises with deep breathing, which brings more oxygen to the body and brain to help us feel more energetic. All levels are welcome; we will not be doing any yoga poses in this class. Limit 25. Ages 18 and up.



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RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT

Take advantage of our suite of resources which provides access to information free of charge, most of which you can access in the comfort of your own home. This includes downloadable books and audiobooks, research databases, video streaming services, online learning courses, and much more. Scan the QR code to view and access our suite of resources, or visit greenhillslibrary.org/resources.



Auto Repair Source

Expert repair and maintenance information for thousands of domestic and imported vehicles.



Comics Plus

Over 20,000 digital comics, graphic novels, and Manga for all ages.



Consumer Reports

Ratings, reviews, expert advice, product comparisons, user reviews, and video clips.



Creativebug

Art and craft video classes taught by recognized design experts and artists.



Genealogy Resources

Ancestry Library Edition and HeritageQuest Online are accessible at the Library.



Kanopy

Award-winning streaming service featuring films, documentaries, and television series.



LinkedIn Learning

Learn business, creative, and technology skills to achieve personal and professional goals.



Mango Languages

Language-learning system with over 70 languages.



Tutor.com

Live homework help from tutors. ESL, GED, ACT, SAT, AP, job help, and citizen test help.



ADULT PROGRAMS



Fact or Fiction Book Club*

Wednesday, November 29 • 7pm

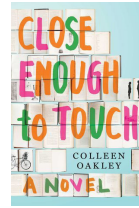
Location: Ground Floor Meeting Room

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 and information on how to access the audio version of books will be available at the Patron Services Desk one month prior to the discussion. Limit 20. Ages 18 and up.

Reading:

Close Enough to Touch

By Colleen Oakley



It's Christmastime in the City: Chicago and Its Yule Contributions and Traditions*

Tuesday, December 5 • 6:30pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

From Christmas trees and wreaths to the first major department store holiday catalog, Chicago has always known how to celebrate the Yuletide season. Join local historian Clarence Goodman as he presents this festive program, and relive some favorite local holiday customs! Limit 50. Ages 18 and up.



Green Hills Resource Showcase*

Tuesday, December 12

2:00-3:30pm OR 6:30-8:00pm

Location: Ground Floor Meeting Room

Prepare for the cooler weather and cozy nights at home by learning how to access the Library's online arts and crafts classes, free movies, TV shows, documentaries, audiobooks, e-books, magazines, comics, music, and book recommendations. If you would like, bring your Library card number, laptop, smartphone, and/or tablet and our staff will show you how to sign up! Limit 20 per session. Ages 18 and up.

Holiday Gift Guide*

Thursday, November 30 • 6:30pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Join Adult Services staff to learn about the season's most popular and highest rated gifts for different age groups and at a variety of price points. Items will include tech gifts, games, subscriptions, and a few surprises. You will also learn how to search for product recommendations and ratings. Limit 50. Ages 18 and up.



Festive Felting Craft*

Wednesday, December 6 • 6:00-7:30pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Join local artist Claire Rasmussen for this hands-on program. You will learn needle felting - a fun, accessible craft, while creating a snowman ready for winter! Limit 25. Ages 18 and up.



Seasonal Mocktails*

Thursday, December 14 • 6:30pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Presenter Marcy Lautanen-Raleigh, owner of Backyard Patch Herbs, will show you how to make simple syrups with dried herbs and citrus juices that are available in winter. This is a perfect program if you are preparing for "Dry January", or if you simply appreciate alcohol free cocktail options. Samples will be provided. Limit 35. Ages 18 and up.



Movie Night: Home Alone*

Thursday, December 21 • 6pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room

Join Library staff for this holiday classic and a holiday treat. One lucky person will win a DVD of the movie. Limit 50. Ages 18 and up.

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Our Story

Year in Review

2022-2023

I'm happy to report on another great year at the Green Hills Public Library District, with continued progress on meeting the needs of our community members.

Our fiscal year began in the summer on July 1, 2022, which is always an exciting time at the Library. We were only a few weeks into the Summer Reading Challenge, when more than 600 community members registered to read over the summer. Not only does this program help prevent the summer slide for school-aged children, but also supports literacy while fostering a love for reading.

With summer coming to an end and school back in session, we promoted Library Card Sign-Up Month in September by inviting our community members to visit the Library and get the most valuable card of all - a Library card! By the end of the month, we had 118 new cardholders enjoying all the services the Library has to offer.

As we moved into fall, we entered the final stages of our Staff Area Project, which resulted in improvements to staff workspaces. We are now settled into our new space, and staff are excited to continue working towards sustaining and enhancing services in our community.

While the Staff Area Project was mainly focused on staff areas, we still had some exciting projects in the works on the public side of the Library. We added new, functional furniture to the Screened Porch Room, where patrons can enjoy a good book, work on school assignments, or complete other work while enjoying the beautiful view. The Youth Services Play Area adopted a new name, The Campground, as we furnished the space with items that support interactive and imaginative play for our littlest patrons.



We ended 2022 on a high note, celebrating the Library's 60th anniversary. Patrons were given "Cheers to Sixty Years" commemorative cups as we took a step back in time with 1960s-themed programs focusing on cooking, music, crafting, and pivotal moments in history.

After having achieved 60 years of service to the community, it was the perfect time to reflect on how the Library has evolved over the years. Even more fitting, we celebrated National Library Week in April, and this year's theme was "There's More to the Story." This is a regular saying in the Library, as we have grown so much along with our community. Books will always remain, but with time we have created new services to align with the needs of our community. The support from our patrons, staff, and Board of Trustees is what enables our Library to make a positive, meaningful impact in the community.



Near the end of the fiscal year, the Library Board of Trustees saw some changes. Long-serving Trustee Steve Culen retired from the Board after 30 years of dedicated service. The community also re-elected President Noula Angelos, Vice President Azmi Mohammad, Treasurer Steve Stratakos, and Trustee Ian Chafee. The Board also appointed new Trustee Christine Barry to fill a vacancy.



Jane Jenkins

Jane Jenkins, Library Director

With a new fiscal year upon us, there is a lot to look forward to in the coming months. Here is a sneak peek at a few things you can expect to see at GHPLD this year:

- A brand new collection called Beyond Books that supports lifelong learning and exploration. This collection will include unique items such as a sewing machine, podcasting equipment, tools, a Yoto player, a portable projector, and more.
- A new and improved 3D printer.
- New databases for skill-building and continuing education.

Make sure to keep up with our newsletter mailings and other communications to stay updated on all we have planned, or, next time you are in the Library, ask a staff member what's new. We hope to see you soon!

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Hours

Monday-Friday: 9am-9pm
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Sunday: 12-4pm

Special Hours:

Thanksgiving Day • Closed

December 8 • Closed for Staff Training

Christmas Eve • 12-4pm

Christmas Day • Closed

New Year's Eve • 12-4pm

New Year's Day • Closed

Library Board

Noula Angelos, President

Azmi Mohammad, Vice President

Steve Stratakos, Treasurer

Kathleen Groark, Secretary

Christine Barry

Ian Chafee

Thomas Hanes

Jane Jenkins, Library Director

Next Board Meeting:

Monday, November 20 • 6pm

Design: Brittany Ramos, Content Coordinator

Green Hills Public Library District By the Numbers 2022-2023



226,738
Total
Collection

67,025
Physical
Collection

85,235
Patron
Visits

11,819
Program
Participation

16,208
Library
Cardholders

5,098
Reference
Transactions

193,866
Computer
and Internet
Sessions

