

Library Link



Winter Reading and Activity Challenge

Monday, January 15-Sunday, February 25

Ready to try something different? This challenge has it all and offers something for everyone! Earn prize tickets by completing fun activities, attending Library programs, and reading a variety of books. Track your progress online in Beanstack. Each week holds new activities to participate in! But, beware, these challenges are time-sensitive. Don't wait, or you might miss out! See page three for more details.



January/February 2024

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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From the Director

Happy New Year! I hope you were all able to enjoy the holiday festivities and are ready for 2024. Thank you to everyone who donated new hats, handwarmers, and low denomination gift cards to the Library's Giving Tree to benefit individuals experiencing homelessness. Your generosity is very much appreciated.



As we move into the new year, I have been reflecting on all the programs and services the Library has provided, and am pleased to share with you some of the exciting additions we have made to our collection. In October we introduced two new collections; Beyond Books and Adult Book Boxes, both of which can be found by searching our online catalog, or you can stop by our Adult Services Desk where staff will be able to assist you. I encourage you to give our Book Boxes a try; there are seven different genres to choose from, so there's something for everyone. I recently checked out the Historical Book Box and was very excited to read one of the authors I follow, Kate Mosse. I was even more pleased to realize I had not read this book, which is the first in The Burning Chambers series.

We are always looking for new opportunities for our patrons to participate in at the Library, and I am delighted to share with you that we will soon be working with muralist Sonata Kazimieraitiene on a new project for our Screened Porch Room. If you would like to see what the mural will look like, the design is available to preview in the Screened Porch Room. Sonata will be working with patrons to create pieces to add to the mural, so stay tuned for further details in the March/April newsletter!

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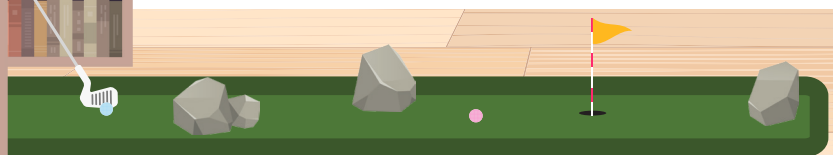


Library Mini Golf*

Sunday, February 11 • 1-5pm

Location: Second Floor

Come to the Library to play a round of mini golf. Fun is guaranteed and these nine themed putting greens will challenge your skills! At the completion of the course, a raffle ticket will be awarded to each player for a chance to win a prize. Remember to bring your "A" game! Groups are limited to four and registration is required. The Library will be closed for all other services this day. All ages.



Writer's Critique Group

Saturday, January 13 • 10am

Saturday, February 10 • 10am

Location: Screened Porch Room

Join the Writer's Critique Group on the second Saturday of each month from 10am-12pm in the Library's Screened Porch Room. Whether you are a published writer or an aspiring writer, please join us for discussion, feedback, and improvement suggestions of a member's works.

Upcoming Titles

Scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/Jan-Feb-2024 to view January and February upcoming titles. Print copies are available at the Adult Services Desk.



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Paint Your Own Picture Frame*

Monday, February 12 • 6pm
Location: Ground Floor Meeting Room
You've got the perfect picture. Now, you just need something to put it in. What better to display it than in a frame you designed yourself? Limit 30. Ages 6 and up.



Pet Snowmen*

Tuesday, January 2 • 4pm
Format: Take & Make
Everybody needs a little friend to spend the new year with! We have everything you need to make one of your own. Limit 30. Ages 6 and up.

Valentine's Day Slime*

Friday, February 2 • 4pm
Format: Take & Make
Nothing says "love" like glittery slime! Our special kit will show you how to make some of your very own! Limit 30. Ages 6 and up.

Sensational Science*

Tuesday, January 9 • 6pm
Location: First Floor Meeting Room
Let's get excited about science! We are proud to present Steve Belliveau and his amazing science show. You won't believe what you see! Limit 40. Ages 6 and up.

Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*

Tuesday, January 23 • 4:30pm
Tuesday, February 27 • 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.

Eco Club*

Wednesday, January 17 • 6:30pm
Wednesday, February 21 • 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 an environmental theme. Limit 15. Ages 6 and up.



Zumba*

Wednesday, January 24 • 6pm
Wednesday, February 28 • 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 Races*

Monday, January 22 • 11am
Location: First Floor Meeting Room
On your mark, get set, go! Come join us to see the cutest little racers around. It will be adorable, fun, and special. Limit 20. Ages birth-5.

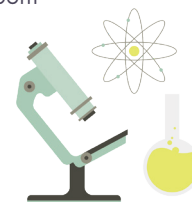


Baby, Let's Play!*

Wednesday, January 17 • 11am • Ages birth-5
Monday, February 19 • 11am • Siblings welcome
Location: Ground Floor Meeting Room
Bring your little one to the Library 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, January 10 • 6:30pm
Wednesday, February 14 • 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.



Yoga for Kids*

Thursday, January 11 • 6pm
Thursday, February 8 • 6pm
Location: Ground Floor Meeting Room
Stretch. Meditate. Relax. We are pleased to partner with The Do Good Movement to bring yoga and mindfulness to our Library. Yoga mats provided. Limit 20. Ages 6 and up.

STORYTIMES

Baby Mine Storytime*

Monday, January 29 • 11am
Monday, February 26 • 11am
Location: Ground Floor Meeting Room
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-5.

Pajama Storytime*

Thursday, January 25 • 6:30pm
Thursday, February 29 • 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: February 2, 9, 16, 23 • 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.



Registration starts Wednesday, December 27 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.



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ALL AGES PROGRAMS

Read to Dogs*

Tuesday, January 9 • 4:30pm
Location: Ground Floor Meeting Room
Tuesday, February 6 • 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.

Art Night for All*

Tuesday, February 20 • 6pm
Location: First Floor Meeting Room
Bring your family or come solo to create a one-of-a-kind work of art! Choose from a wide range of materials and let your imagination run wild. Limit 40. All ages.



Library Mini Golf*

Sunday, February 11 • 1-5pm
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FAMILY PROGRAMS

Oh, Biscuits! Let's Meet Bluey!*

Thursday, January 4 • 6pm, 6:30pm, OR 7pm
Location: First Floor Meeting Room
Great news! A very special friend has come to visit the Library! How cool is that? Bluey is looking forward to meeting you! Registration is limited to 30 per session. Register all participants including caregivers. All ages.

Teddy Bear Picnic*

Tuesday, February 13 • 11am
Location: First Floor Meeting Room
It's time for a Valentine's picnic! What better way to celebrate the coming of spring than to enjoy some picnicky snacks, read a story, and build your very own teddy bears? Come join us for a very special morning! Limit 20. All ages.



TWEEN/TEEN PROGRAMS

Teen Poetry Slam*

Monday, January 15 • 6pm
Location: Strange Brew Cafe, 8650 W. 103rd Street, Palos Hills
You've got words, and you know how to use them! Come show off your talent for poetry and get a special treat from Strange Brew! Limit 30. Ages 10-17.

Will You Give Me a Reading?*

Thursday, February 15 • 6pm
Location: First Floor Meeting Room
Ever wanted to know your future? Maybe one of the top psychics in the Chicago area can help you figure it out. Come on over to the Library to discover the unknown! Limit 15. Ages 10-17.



Teen Volunteer Time*

Monday, January 8 • 6pm
Monday, February 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! Limit 30. Ages 10-17.

About the Artist*

Thursday, February 1 • 6pm
Location: Ground Floor Meeting Room
Learn about different artists around the world and then make a project inspired by them! Limit 20. Ages 10-17.



Have a Heart Necklaces*

Friday, February 9 • 6pm
Location: Ground Floor Meeting Room
These necklaces are perfect for giving to someone special, or keeping for yourself. We'll provide the supplies, you provide the creativity! Limit 30. Ages 10-17.

Sing Your Heart Out!*

Thursday, February 22 • 6pm
Location: Strange Brew Cafe, 8650 W. 103rd Street, Palos Hills
Today, the local coffee shop. Tomorrow, American Idol! Join us at Strange Brew and bring your favorite tunes to sing. Treats will be provided. Limit 30. Ages 10-17.



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ADULT PROGRAMS

Jigsaw Puzzle Competition*

Thursday, January 11 • 6-8pm
Location: First Floor Meeting Room
January is National Puzzle Month!
Identify which of your friends and family members are the best puzzlers and assemble your team. You will race other teams to complete the same 350-400 piece puzzle in the quickest amount of time; prizes will be awarded.
Come as a team of up to four people, or come alone, and we will assign you to a team. Light refreshments will be served. Limit 24.
Ages 18 and up.



English Conversation Group

Tuesday, January 30 • 2pm
Tuesday, February 27 • 2pm
Location: Ground Floor Meeting Room
This program offers adult English language learners the opportunity to practice conversational English in a relaxed, fun way. Each session will include a variety of speaking activities with conversations centered around a topic of the day. All levels are welcome. If you have any questions and would like to speak with an Adult Librarian call 708-598-8446 ext. 120.
Limit 12. Ages 18 and up.

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Ageless Grace*

Monday, January 15 • 11am
Monday, February 19 • 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.

An Organized Kitchen*

Tuesday, January 16 • 6:30pm
Location: First Floor Meeting Room
Join Colleen Klimczak, Certified Professional Organizer (CPO), to learn how to find time, money and space in the heart of your home. Organize, explore menu planning, learn some shopping tips, and make your kitchen work for your wellness, family, and life.
Limit 50. Ages 18 and up.

Art for Wellness*

Thursday, January 25 • 6:30-8:00pm
Location: First Floor Meeting Room
Facilitated by Erin Mooney-Simkus, licensed art therapist and counselor, this workshop will combine accessible art materials, creative writing, and verbal/written processing of the experience. Limit 26. Ages 18 and up.

Tossing and Turning All Night: Steps to Better Sleep*

Thursday, February 8 • 6:30pm
Location: First Floor Meeting Room
Sleep problems are common in adults and these challenges may increase as we grow older. Explore the connection between poor sleep and its impact on our health. Learn to identify your personal "sleep thieves" and interventions to help you enjoy a better night's sleep. Limit 50. Ages 18 and up.



Laughter Yoga Club*

Monday, January 15 • 12pm
Monday, February 19 • 12pm
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.

Scholarships, Grants, and Loans*

Thursday, January 18 • 6:30pm
Location: First Floor Meeting Room
Join My College Planning Team to learn how to uncover the best college cost-reduction strategies and learn little-known asset, borrowing, and saving methods. You will receive insider information on scholarships, grants, and loans to help make college planning both successful and affordable.
Limit 50. Ages 16 and up.



Yoga for Self-Care*

Saturday, January 27 • 10:15am
Saturday, February 24 • 10:15am
Location: First Floor Meeting Room
Yoga is a great form of self-care and gentle exercise. 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.

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BEYOND BOOKS COLLECTION

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.



Blood Pressure Monitor

This blood pressure monitor is designed for home use with a built-in advanced sensor for high sensitivity and has been tested to ensure accuracy.



Computerized Sewing Machine

Utilize a range of professional features with 60 built-in stitches. Experience effortless sewing on denim, tweed, and other thick fabrics with this exceptional machine.

Video2Digital® Converter

Convert those old VHS tapes! Check out our VHS Converter for a quick and easy way to transfer VHS and camcorder tapes to digital video format.



External CD/DVD Drive

This ultra-slim CD/DVD player provides high writing and reading speed. Perfect for PCs and laptops powered by USB port.

Yoto Player

A screen-free audio platform that lets kids explore 1,000+ stories, music, activities, sound effects, radio, podcasts, and more!



Zoom H4n Pro Handy Recorder

Produce studio-quality tracks with this recorder. The versatile mic, line, and instrument inputs lets you record up to four tracks of high-resolution audio.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Fact or Fiction Book Club*

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 will be available at the Patron Services Desk one month prior to the discussion. Limit 20. Ages 18 and up.

Wednesday, January 24 • 7pm

The Signal Flame

By Andrew Krivak

This is a heartbreaking, captivating story about a family awaiting the return of their youngest son from the Vietnam War. This novel is about generations of men and women and the events that define them and old world values yielding to new world ways.



Wednesday, February 21 • 7pm

Like the Appearance of Horses

By Andrew Krivak

Set in a small mountain town this story will immerse you in the intimate lives of a family whose fierce bonds have been shaped by the great conflicts of the past century.



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Digital Literacy – Microsoft Word 101*

Friday, January 26 • 9:30am

Friday, February 23 • 9:30am

Location: Adult Services Computers

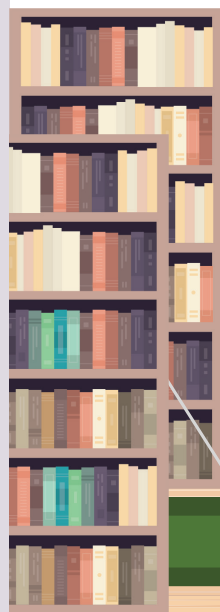
In this 45-minute session, learn how to create text-based documents using Microsoft Word, as well as how to complete simple actions like saving, opening, and printing documents. Limit 2 per session. Ages 18 and up.



Movie Night: *Peanut Butter Falcon**

Thursday, February 29 • 6pm

Location: First Floor Meeting Room
Join us for this award-winning, feel-good film. One lucky person will win a DVD of the movie. Popcorn and beverages will be provided. Limit 50. Ages 18 and up.

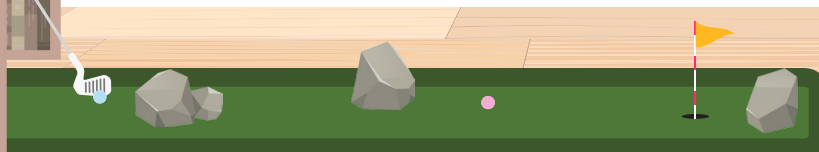


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Hours

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Special Hours:

Sunday, December 24 • Open 12-4pm

Monday, December 25 • Closed

Sunday, December 31 • Open 12-4pm

Monday, January 1 • Closed

Sunday, February 11 • Closed for an Event

Library Board

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Azmi Mohammad, Vice President

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Christine Barry

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Jane Jenkins, Library Director

Next Board Meetings:

Monday, January 22 • 6pm

Monday, February 19 • 6pm

Design: Brittany Ramos, Content Coordinator

Need a Notary?

Services are typically available between 10am-4pm Monday-Friday, however we strongly encourage you to confirm availability and make an appointment by calling 708-598-8446.

Scan the QR code for more information on the Library's notary service.



Computer Access

The Library has desktop and laptop computers available for use. Wireless internet is available throughout the building. Public computers are equipped with:

- Google Chrome
- Microsoft Edge
- Microsoft Word 2019
- Microsoft Excel 2019
- Microsoft PowerPoint 2019
- Microsoft Publisher 2019

Library staff will provide basic instruction in the use of computers as time and staff knowledge permits.

Remote Printing

No printer? No problem! You can print from home or via a mobile device and pick up at the Library.

The cost for printing is:

- 10¢ per page for black & white
- 25¢ per page for full color



Copying, Scanning, and Faxing Services

Copying

A photocopier is available for patrons to use. Copying fees are payable by cash (coins, \$1, and \$5 bills) or credit card. The cost is 10¢ per page for black & white and 25¢ per page for full color.

Scanning

The Library has a public scanner available for use free of charge. Users have the option to scan to a USB drive or email. Documents can be scanned as black and white or color into the following file types: • PDF • Searchable PDF • Word • TIFF • JPEG • PNG

Faxing

The Library has a fax machine available for public use. This fax machine can only send outgoing documents. Fax fees, payable by cash (coins, \$1, and \$5 bills) or credit card, are 50¢ per page.

