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Friday, December 25
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Letter from the Library Director

At Glenview Public Library, we know that a library is more than a place to find books and information. It's a place where people connect, discover new interests, and build community. That's why we've reimagined a few of our spaces to better support the various ways people use the Library. And we're happy to report that our community is responding by using the Library more than ever before!

Our updated children's play area is bustling with children exploring, discovering, and learning through play. Our refreshed lobby offers comfortable seating and convenient self-service café options through our partnership with a local coffee shop, the Glenview Grind. On the second floor, we've made our collections easier to explore and added seven new study rooms, providing more opportunities for people to work, study, and collaborate.

The response has been exciting. Library visits are up 30% year to date, and study room usage increased 65% in the first two months following the opening of our new study rooms.

One of my favorite things about walking through the Library is seeing people of all ages and backgrounds using and enjoying the space in their own ways, whether studying, spending time as a family, or relaxing with a newspaper. To me, that's a wonderful reflection of the power of libraries to bring people together. Even when we're doing different things, sharing the Library's space reminds us that we're part of something bigger- a community.

If you haven't been in to see our updated spaces, I invite you to stop by and experience your Library in a new way!

Lindsey Dorfman, Library Director

Love Your Library Gift Basket Raffle

Love your Library? Let us show you some love, too! Throughout February, check out any item for a chance to win a gift basket filled with reading essentials to enjoy with your next great read. Stop by, find something you'll love, and enter for your chance to win!

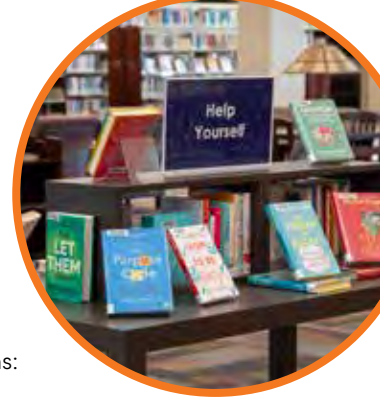




Visit the lobby café to try the new seasonal flavor:

PEPPERMINT!

News & Announcements



Discover What's New Upstairs

You may have noticed some of the new and improved spaces on the Library's first floor, including our lobby café and play space. But have you explored what's new upstairs?

We've added seven study rooms that seat one or two people, complementing our larger study rooms and making it easier to find a quiet place to work, study, or meet. Since the new rooms opened in July, the Library has accommodated more than 560 additional study room reservations on the second floor each month, resulting in an increase of over 65% in the first two months.

You'll also find new seating throughout the second floor, including larger tables for group work, a comfortable couch, and high-top seating along the windows in the quiet study room, where you can take in the great view of Jackman Park.

> "We want the second floor to feel like a place where you can relax with a good book, explore an interest, get some work done, or simply discover something new," says Deputy Director of Library Services Linda Sawyer. "We hope these improvements give residents even more reasons to visit the Library."

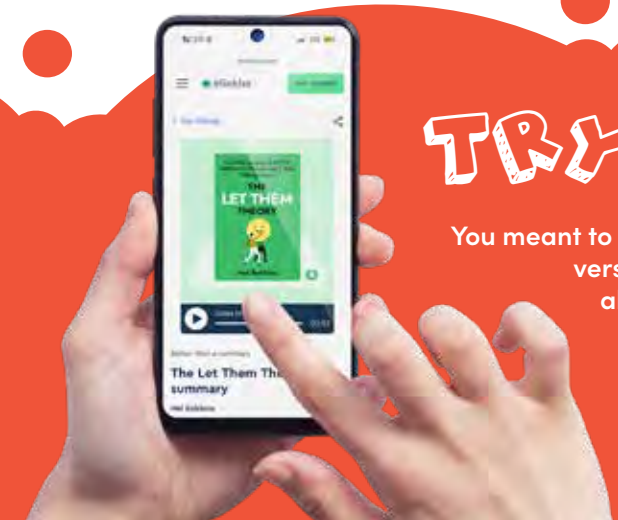
New book displays, curated by our librarians, make it easier to discover hidden gems from second-floor collections, including cookbooks, biographies, crafting, DIY, and more. And a new self-checkout station means you can browse, check out a book, and find a cozy spot to read without going downstairs.

While you're exploring upstairs, you won't want to miss these hidden gems:

- **Local Author Collection**
  Discover books written by your friends and neighbors.
- **Local History Room**
  Explore Glenview history and see the stained-glass Jackman Bear.
- **World Language Collection**
  Find books in Korean, Polish, Russian, Spanish, plus resources for English language learners.
- **Magazine Collection**
  New display boxes make it easier to spot your favorite magazine or find something new.

"We hope you will check out the second floor the next time you visit the Library," says Adult Services Collections Manager Kim Comerford. "With expanded collections on your favorite nonfiction topics, new display tables, and improved signage, it's easier than ever to browse and find something you didn't know you were looking for."





TRY BLINKIST!

You meant to read it, but life got busy. Read or listen to condensed versions of the nonfiction books everyone is talking about. Available in our digital library.

- *The Let Them Theory* by Mel Robbins
- *The Anxious Generation* by Jonathan Haidt
- *A World Appears* by Michael Pollan





DEC 15 – JAN 31

WINTER READING

Winter is the perfect time to curl up with a great book!

Join Winter Reading and discover your next favorite read.

How does Winter Reading work?

It's simple! Read, watch, or listen to books and log your progress. When you reach your Winter Reading goal, visit the Library to pick up your reward. Rewards must be claimed by Feb 14.

- Youth (Birth–Teens): Read 30 days
- Adults: Read 3 books

How to Register?

- Go to glenviewpl.beanstack.org, download the Beanstack app, or visit the Youth Services Desk or Reader Services Desk.



glenviewpl.org/winter-reading

Need help?
Stop by the Reader Services or Youth Services Desks for assistance.

Favorite Books of 2026



ADULT FICTION

The Correspondent
by Virginia Evans

If you liked this favorite, we recommend:

Violeta
by Isabel Allende

The Lost Manuscript
by Cathy Bonidan

Olive Kitteridge
by Elizabeth Strout



ADULT NONFICTION

Strangers
by Belle Burden

If you liked this favorite, we recommend:

Awake: A Memoir
by Jen Hatmaker

This American Ex-Wife
by Lyz Lenz

Splinters
by Leslie Jamison



TEEN FICTION

Sunrise on the Reaping
by Suzanne Collins

If you liked this favorite, we recommend:

Immortal Consequences
by I.V. Marie

Blightfall
by Brandon Sanderson

Piper at the Gates of Dusk
by Patrick Ness



YOUTH FICTION

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Partypooper
by Jeff Kinney

If you liked this favorite, we recommend:

Dante N. Inferno is Not a Loser
by Brian Gordon

Really Rubie
by Maddie Frost

The (Not So) Superheroes
by Swapna Haddow



YOUTH GRAPHIC NOVEL

Dog Man: Big Jim Believes
by Dav Pilkey

If you liked this favorite, we recommend:

A Fishboy Named...Sashimi
by Dan Santat

The First Cat in Space Ate Pizza
by Mac Barnett

Fantastic Frog and the Amazing Tad Lad
by Brandon Reese



YOUTH PICTURE BOOK

Fluffy McWhiskers Crunchazaur Kaboom
by Stephen W. Martin

If you liked this favorite, we recommend:

This Book is Dangerous
by Ben Clanton

Dragons Are the Worst!
by Alex Willan

Goldilocks and the Three Dinosaurs
by Mo Willems

Kids & Families

Inspire lifelong learning, foster social skills, and promote language development.

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Visit Any Library Service Desk.

T = Ticketed
Arrive 20 minutes early for your program ticket. Preference given to GPL cardholders.

STORYTIME SCHEDULE

Registration begins two weeks before the date of the program, unless otherwise noted.

1/11–2/18
Storytime registration begins 12/28 at 9 AM

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Busy Little Bees (12–23 months w/adult) 9:30–10:15 AM Youth Program Room Drop in.	**Baby & Me Playtime** (birth–11 months w/adult) 9:30–10:15 AM Youth Program Room Drop in.	**Book Babies** (birth–11 months w/adult) R 9:30–10 AM Youth Program Room	**Preschool Play & Learn** (ages 3–5 w/adult) 10–10:45 AM Community Room West Drop in.*
Monday Movers (all ages w/adult) 10:30–11 AM Community Room Drop in.	**Tiny 2's** (age 2 w/adult) R 10:30–11 AM Youth Program Room	**Little 1's** (12–23 months w/adult) R 10:30–11 AM Youth Program Room	**Led by instructors from Oil Lamp Theater.*
	Story Squad (ages 3–5) R 1–1:45 PM Youth Program Room		

StoryWalk (all ages w/adult)
Dec–Feb • Little Bear Garden at Gallery Park
The Sweater: A Story of Community by Larissa Theule
See how woodland animals come together to support a new friend during the chilly winter. Drop in.



OUR NEW PLAYSPACE THEME:
ELEMENTS!
Coming Dec 2026

Childcare and Early Learning Expo

Saturday, Dec 5, 10 AM–Noon
Community Room
Connect with representatives from local childcare centers, preschools, and early learning programs for you and your family. Drop in.

DUAL LANGUAGE STORYTIMES

Grupo de juego | Spanish Playgroup (ages 3–5 w/adult)
Fridays, Dec 11, Jan 15 & Feb 12
10:30–11:15 AM
Youth Program Room
Drop in.

Korean Storytime (birth–6 w/adult) R
Fridays, Dec 18, Jan 22 & Feb 19
10–10:30 AM
Youth Program Room

INFANTS & PRESCHOOL

Stay and Play (birth–2 w/adult)
Thursdays, Dec 3, 10 & 17, 10–11 AM
Youth Program Room
Make new friends with other little ones and their caregivers through interactive free play. Drop in.

Tot Music with Piano Power (birth–3 w/adult) R
Fridays, Dec 4, Jan 8 & Feb 5, 10:30–11:15 AM
Youth Program Room
Sing, dance, and explore the basics of rhythm and pitch through music. Led by instructors from Piano Power.

Storytime at the Grove (all ages w/adult)
Tuesday, Dec 8, 10–10:30 AM • The Grove
Join Youth Services Librarians at the Grove for stories and songs inspired by the nature and local history around us. Drop in.

Winter's Ball (birth–6 w/adult)
Saturday, Dec 12, 10–11:30 AM • Community Room
Come in your best dress to dance, play, and have a flurry of fun! Drop in.

Pajama Storytime (all ages w/adult)
Thursdays, Dec 17, Jan 21 & Feb 18, 6–6:30 PM
Youth Program Room
Come in your coziest pajamas and enjoy stories, songs, and fun. Drop in.

Storytime at Wagner Farm (all ages w/adult)
Monday, Jan 4, 10–10:30 AM • Wagner Farm
Join Youth Services Librarians at Wagner Farm for stories, songs, and more farm fun! Drop in.

Family Storytime (all ages w/adult)
Saturday, Jan 16, 10–10:30 AM
Youth Program Room
Enjoy rhymes, stories, and games with Youth Services Librarians. Drop in.

Yoga Storytime with Pandaste Yoga (ages 3–5 w/adult) R
Fridays, Jan 29 & Feb 26, 10–10:30 AM
Community Room
Unwind with stories and songs paired with gentle yoga movement. Bring your own mat. Led by instructors from Pandaste Yoga.

STEAM Stories at Kohl Children's Museum (ages 2+ w/adult)
Sunday, Feb 7, 10:30–11 AM & 11:15–11:45 AM
Kohl Children's Museum
Enjoy STEAM storytime with your GPL Librarians! Meet at Spotlight Studio; museum admission not required for storytime. Drop in.

SENSORY-FRIENDLY FOR FAMILIES

Presented in partnership with Glenview School District 34.

Sensory-Friendly Early Access (birth–grade 12 w/adult) R
Sundays, Dec 13, Jan 10 & Feb 7, Noon–1 PM
Youth Services Department
Visit the Youth Services Department before the Library opens to the public for a quieter, less busy setting. Meet our Youth Librarians and take part in a fun craft or activity.



Cozy Crafts (birth–grade 12 w/adult)
Sunday, Dec 13, 1–2 PM
Youth Program Room
Get cozy and craft this winter! Materials available for open art time, while supplies last. Drop in.



Sensory-Friendly Family Movie: *Elemental* (101min/PG/2023) (birth–grade 12 w/adult) R
Friday, Feb 5, 6:30–8:30 PM
Community Room
The lights will be up, the sound will be down, and movement is encouraged. Families can also enjoy sensory-friendly access into the Innovation Center during this time.

SUPER SATURDAY

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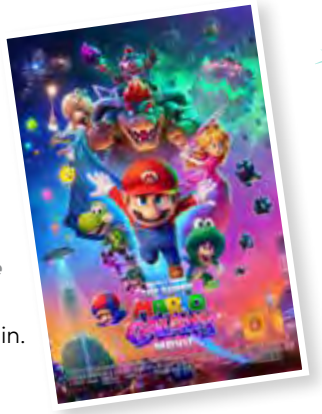
Dinosaur Ranger Academy with Dinosaurs Wild (all ages w/adult) T
Saturday, Jan 9, 10:30–11:30 AM
Community Room
Join Dinosaur Ranger Brooke and her baby dinosaurs for some prehistoric fun!

Spark's Snow Day with Firefly Family Theatre (all ages w/adult) T
Saturday, February 13, 10:30–11:15 AM
Community Room
Go sledding, ice skating, and more with Spark the Firefly on her very first snow day in this interactive puppet and theater performance!



WINTER BREAK

FAMILY FUN



Family Fridays (all ages w/adult)
Fridays, 6:30-8 PM • Youth Program Room
Dec 18: Game Night
Jan 15: Craft Night
Feb 26: Movie Night: *The Super Mario Galaxy Movie* (99min/PG/2026)
Open time to play, create, and enjoy together. Drop in.

Puzzle & Board Game Swap (all ages)
Friday, Jan 29, 5-7 PM • Community Room West
Drop off puzzles and board games to Youth Services between Friday, Jan 22 and Thursday, Jan 28. Donors will receive a coupon to enter the swap at 5 PM, giving them first pick of items. The general public may enter at 5:40 PM.



Pokémon Party (grades K-8 w/adult)
Monday, Feb 15, 1:30-3 PM • Community Room
Join us for Pokémon-themed crafts and activities as we catch 'em all and celebrate our favorite Pokémon! Drop in.

Intergenerational BINGO (grades 3-12 and adults)
Friday, Feb 19, 2-3 PM • Youth Program Room
Pair up to play B-I-N-G-O with a favorite family member of a different generation, or attend alone and make a new friend. Drop in.

In Balance: Dances of the Four Elements with Ede2 (all ages w/adult) T
Sunday, Feb 21, 3-4 PM • Community Room
Through movement, music, and storytelling, explore the beauty and complexity of earth, water, fire, and air.

Wrap & Yap (grades 4-12)
Monday, Dec 21, 3-4:30 PM
Youth Program Room
Work together to elegantly wrap gifts to impress your family at this year's holiday gathering! We'll provide basic wrapping materials. Bring your gifts and any special wrapping materials. Drop in.

Music & Movement with Countryside Day School R
Monday, Dec 28 • Community Room West
18 months-2 w/adult: 10-10:30 AM
ages 3-6 w/adult: 10:45-11:15 AM
Share in the joy of music and movement together! Led by instructors from Countryside Day School.

Family Collaging (all ages w/adult)
Monday, Dec 28, 3-4:30 PM
Youth Program Room
Make memories and create art as a family! Craft materials provided. Bring in photos and other personal material to create your masterpiece. Drop in.

Minecraft Cube Crafts (grades K-8)
Tuesday, Dec 29, 3-4:30 PM
Youth Program Room
Use colorful cubes to bring your very own Minecraft creation to life! Drop in.

Let's Move! (grades K-3 w/adult)
Wednesday, Dec 30, 1:30-2:30 PM
Community Room West
Take a movement break with us! Try a hula hoop contest with friends or a variety of other mini-movement challenges. Drop in.

DAD & CO.

Connect with other dads and father figures while enjoying time with your children at the Library.



LEGO Demolition Derby (all ages w/adult)
Saturday, Jan 23, 10-11:30 AM
Community Room
Build, race, and crash! Put your LEGO creation to the test in a demolition derby where speed, durability, and creative design collide. Drop in.

Game Time! (all ages w/adult)
Saturday, Feb 20, 10-11:30 AM • Community Room
Compete in board games, yard games, video games, and more against your family for ultimate bragging rights. Drop in.

SCHOOL AGE

STEM Lab (grades K-3) R
Wednesdays, Dec 2, Jan 6 & Feb 3, 4:30-5:15 PM
Youth Program Room
Investigate and experiment STEM concepts through hands-on play and open exploration.

Taste Travelers (grades 4-8) R
Thursdays, Dec 3, Jan 7 & Feb 4, 4:30-5:30 PM
Youth Program Room
Try snacks from around the world and share your favorites while learning about different cultures and places. Each month highlights a new country or continent.

***The Nutcracker* Preview & Dance Workshop with Dance & Music Academy (grades K-4 w/adult)** R
Sunday, Dec 6, 2-2:45 PM • Community Room
Get a sneak peek of the musical *The Nutcracker*, then learn some choreo from the classic show. Led by instructors and dancers from Dance & Music Academy.

Book Bash: *The Gingerbread Man* Loose at the Library! (grades K-3) R
Wednesday, Dec 9, 4:30-5:30 PM
Community Room West
Join us for fun activities and a scavenger hunt based on *The Gingerbread Man* book series!



LEGO Club (grades K-3)
Tuesdays, Dec 15, Jan 19 & Feb 16
4:30-5:15 PM • Youth Program Room
Show off your brick-building skills at LEGO Club! Drop in.

Learn and Play Chess (grades 2-8) R
Wednesdays, Dec 16, Jan 20 & Feb 17, 7-8 PM
Youth Program Room
Learn some chess tips and tricks, then challenge friends to a game. Some prior chess knowledge recommended.

Tea Rex Party (grades K-4 w/adult) R
Sunday, Jan 24, 2-3 PM • Youth Program Room
Roar and stomp your way to the Library for a dino-mite tea party! Light bites and crafts provided.

Full STEAM Ahead with Kohl Children's Museum (grades K-2) R
Monday, Jan 25, 4:30–5:15 PM • Youth Program Room
Explore your inner maker through hands-on STEAM activities led by staff from the Kohl Children's Museum.

Read to the Dogs (grades K-4) R
Wednesdays, Jan 27 & Feb 24, 4:30-5:30 PM • Youth Program Room
Practice your reading skills with a trained therapy dog from Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy. Readers will be assigned a 15-minute reading time slot upon check-in.

Battle of the Books

Battle of the Books is back! Teams of 4th and 5th graders can register between Nov 16-Jan 4.

Visit glenviewpl.org/bob for more details.

CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

Lunar New Year Celebration (all ages w/adult)
Saturday, Feb 6, 10:30 AM-Noon • Youth Program Room
Celebrate the Lunar New Year with crafts and activities. Drop in.

DIY Paper Sculptures (grades 4-6) R
Wednesday, Feb 10, 4:30-5:30 PM • Youth Program Room
Celebrate Black History Month by enjoying the work of renowned African-American sculptor Charles McGee, and create your own dimensional paper sculptures in his style! All materials provided.

Preschool STEAM: Tinker & Create (ages 3-5 w/adult) R
Tuesday, Feb 23, 10-10:45 AM • Youth Program Room
Explore STEM activities inspired by respected African-American inventors and artists throughout history.

Manga Club (grades 4-8) R
Thursday, Jan 28, 4:30-5:30 PM • Youth Program Room
Meet up with fellow manga enthusiasts to discuss your favorite series, discover new titles, and share your love for manga.

Glenview Pokémon League (grades 3-8) R
Friday, Jan 29, 4:30-6 PM • Innovation Center
Learn how to play the Pokémon card game and prepare for battle against other players.

Dungeons & Dragons (grades 3-8) R
Innovation Center
Create n' Craft: Tuesday, Feb 9, 4:30-5:30 PM
Play Day: Friday, Feb 26, 4:30-6 PM
Create your own Dungeons & Dragons character, paint miniatures, and build terrain while exploring the world of tabletop gaming. Then join fellow enthusiasts for a fun and engaging time playing D&D!

Improv for Kids with Oil Lamp Theater (grades 3-5) R
Monday, Feb 22, 4:30–5:30 PM • Youth Program Room
Say "yes, and" to learning the basics of improv. Led by instructors from Oil Lamp Theater.

Teens

Connect to the power of ideas, inspiration, and each other.

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Visit Any Library Service Desk.

Registration begins two weeks before the date of the program.



Glenview's Got STEAM (grades 5-8) Ⓡ
Thursdays, 4:30-6 PM
Dec 10: @ Glenbrook South
Jan 14: @ GPL
Feb 11: @ Glenbrook South
Join us for monthly STEAM activities presented by Glenview's Got STEAM of Glenbrook South High School. No prior knowledge required.

Win, Lose or Draw (grades 7-12) Ⓡ
Friday, Jan 22, 7-8 PM • Youth Program Room
Race against the clock to sketch and guess well-known phrases with your team!

Anti-Valentine's Day Party (grades 6-12) Ⓡ
Friday, Feb 12, 5-6 PM • Youth Program Room
Not into flowers, hearts, and all things lovey-dovey? Maybe you just want an alternative to the usual celebrations? Join us for this year's Anti-Valentine's Day Party!

Parents and Caregivers

The "Head Start" Strategy: Middle School Planning with Excellerate Learning Studio Ⓡ
Tuesday, Jan 12, 7–8 PM
Community Room West
Middle school isn't too early to set a foundation of interests, low-stakes volunteering, and good study habits for your student's educational track through high school and into college. Find out when may be the right time for your family to start exploring the college pathway.

STUDY FOR FINALS @ YOUR LIBRARY

Rooms open for studying:

- ★ Saturday, Dec 12 • 9 AM–5 PM
- ★ Sunday, Dec 13 • 1-5 PM
- ★ Monday, Dec 14–Wednesday, Dec 16 • 1-9 PM



We're here for you!

Check in at the Library to destress with:

- ★ Therapy dogs
- ★ Study tips and tricks
- ★ Snack and treats

LET'S VOLUNTEER

MLK Day of Service (grades 3-adult)
Monday, Jan 18, 1-3 PM • Community Room
Serve your neighbors through hands-on projects led by local community organizations. Drop in.

Youth Volunteer Opportunities
If you're friendly, patient, and enthusiastic about working with children, sign up to become a volunteer at the Glenview Public Library!

Youth Volunteers MUST be in grades 6-12 and a Glenview Village resident or attend a school served by the Glenview Public Library to apply.

Visit glenviewpl.org/volunteer to learn more.

Get Creative

Discover the joy of making with crafts for kids, teens, and families.

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FAMILY

Toddler Art
(ages 1-2 w/adult)
Wednesdays, Dec 16 & Feb 24
9:30-10:15 AM
Youth Program Room
Make a masterpiece with your toddler! Dress to get messy. Drop in.

Crafty Wednesday
(all ages w/adult)
Wednesday, Jan 6, 10-11:30 AM
Youth Program Room
Get creative with a fun craft to take home or give to a loved one. Drop in.



TEENS

Cheesy Holiday Gifts
(grades 6-12) Ⓡ
Friday, Dec 11, 6-7:30 PM
Make a personalized cheese board to gift to a cheese-lover in your life. Perfect for the holidays!

Vision That!
(grades 5-8) Ⓡ
Wednesday, Jan 13, 4:30-5:30 PM
Youth Program Room
Create a vision board to help you achieve your dreams and goals in the new year.

SCHOOL AGE

Winter Landscape Painting (grades 3-8) Ⓡ
Tuesday, Jan 5, 4:30-5:30 PM
With your own primed canvas, paint a winter landscape with acrylic paint.

Kyrgyz Felt Art Workshop (grades 3-8) Ⓡ
Wednesday, Jan 13, 6-7:30 PM
Learn about Ala Kiyiz, the traditional felt art technique of Kyrgyzstan. Explore traditional patterns and colors to create your own felt artwork to take home.

Sewing: Tablet or Book Stand
(grades 3-8) Ⓡ
Saturday, Jan 16, 10 AM-Noon
Sew a fabric stand for your tablet or book.

3D Printing Parent & Child
(grades 3-8 w/adult) Ⓡ
Thursdays, Jan 21 & Feb 18, 6-7:30 PM
Find and prepare a 3D model for printing using Prusa Slicer. At the end, submit your 3D creation for printing.

Felt Wallets (grades 3-8) Ⓡ
Saturday, Jan 23, 1:30-3 PM
Learn how to hand sew a felt wallet using colorful felt and embroidery floss.

Hand Sewn Bookmarks (grades 3-8) Ⓡ
Wednesday, Jan 27, 6-7:30 PM
Learn the skills and techniques required to hand sew your own bookmark. Caregivers are welcome to participate.



Felt Heart Stuffies
(grades 3-8) Ⓡ
Saturday, Feb 6
1:30-3 PM
Learn how to hand sew a felt heart shaped stuffy using colorful felt and embroidery floss.

The Innovation Center

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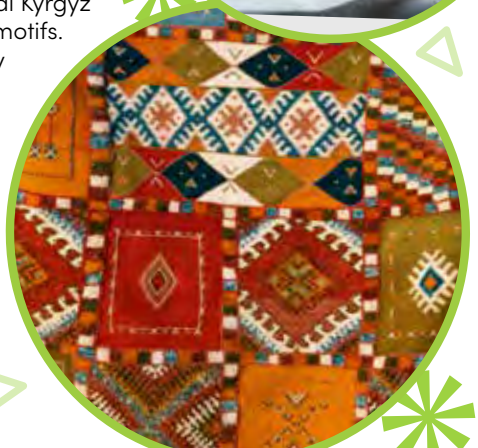
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Patrons are encouraged to book an appointment to use the Innovation Center. Visit **glenviewpl.org/innovation** for details.

Registration opens two weeks before the date of the program. Each patron is limited to registering for 1 seat per program. Unless noted, programs are for adults and teens. All materials provided.







Chameleon Cell Acrylic Pouring (adults) R
Sunday, Jan 10, 1:30–3 PM
Create stunning abstract artworks featuring iridescent "cells" that change colors by combining acrylic paints, additives, and pouring techniques.

Sewing: Repurposed T-Shirt Pillows (adults) R
Thursday, Jan 14, 6–7:30 PM
Bring your old t-shirts and repurpose them into a fun pillow with Poly-fil.

Stained Glass Windows R
Sunday, Jan 24, 1:30–3 PM
With the materials provided, create a stained-glass window inspired by Frank Lloyd Wright and Charles Lewis Tiffany. Select from a wide array of color arrangements.

Beginner Kinusaiga R
Monday, Feb 1, 6–7:30 PM
Explore Kinusaiga, a traditional Japanese fabric art technique that creates colorful designs without sewing! Learn how to use fabric scraps and foam board to create your own unique piece of artwork.

Valentine's Kinusaiga R
Monday, Feb 8, 6–7:30 PM
Explore Kinusaiga, with a seasonal twist! Learn how to use fabric scraps and foam board to create your own unique piece of artwork.

Valentine's Engraved Heart R
Wednesday, Feb 10, 6–7:30 PM
Using a heart shaped template on the computer, play with different fonts and graphics to create your own laser engraved heart!

The Great Embroidery Overview! R
Monday, Feb 15, 6–7:30 PM
Learn everything you need to know about the embroidery machine, from digitizing to hooping methods. This is an overview class for beginners.

Traditional Kyrgyz Patterns (adults) R
Wednesday, Feb 17, 6–7:30 PM
Discover Shyrdak, the traditional Kyrgyz art of geometric patterns and motifs. Create your own contemporary Shyrdak-inspired design and apply it to a project.

Sewing: Table Runner (adults) R
Saturday, Feb 20
10 AM–Noon
Sew a decorative runner to accent your table.

Adults

Learn new skills, achieve your goals, and connect with your community.

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Hybrid programs are held simultaneously via Zoom and in-person. Physical space is limited.

MEET UP @ GPL





NEW! Card Club

Mondays, Dec 7, Jan 11 & Feb 8
1:30–3:30 PM • Community Room West

Play your favorite card games, meet fellow players, and enjoy a relaxed gathering. Cards are provided. Drop in.

Death Café Ⓡ

Wednesdays, Dec 9, Jan 13 & Feb 10, 7–8:30 PM
Community Room East

Connect with others in a relaxed, informal environment for a facilitated discussion about death and what it means to live a meaningful life. Learn more at deathcafe.com.

Cozy Holiday Recipe Swap Ⓡ

Thursday, Dec 10, 7–8 PM • Community Room East

Bring your favorite holiday recipe and join us for a cozy evening sharing stories and swapping recipes. Please bring a recipe to share. Sweet treats and copying services will be provided.

Game On! Board Game Night for Adults

Tuesdays, Dec 15, Jan 19 & Feb 16, 6:30–8:30 PM
Community Room East

Play board games, discover new favorites, and meet fellow gamers. Bring a game to teach or try one of ours. Drop in.

Knit and Purl @ GPL

Mondays, Dec 28, Jan 25 & Feb 22, 6–7:30 PM • Innovation Center

Join us for a relaxed, social space to knit, share tips, and connect. This is not a formal class. Materials and tools are not provided. Drop in.

NEW! Learn to Play Modern Canasta Ⓡ

Wednesday, Jan 27, 6:30–8:30 PM • Community Room West

Learn the basics of Modern Canasta in a welcoming, beginner-friendly session that introduces the rules, point values, and scoring. Includes supervised play.

Jigsaw Puzzle Competition (ages 8+ w/adult) Ⓡ

Thursday, Feb 25, 6:30–8 PM • Community Room

Teams of up to four work together to complete the same 500-piece puzzle in 90 minutes, with prizes for the top three finishers.

MAHJONG!

Learn to Play Mahjong Ⓡ

Community Room West
Wednesday, Dec 2: 6:30–8:30 PM
Tuesday, Jan 5: 10 AM–Noon
Tuesday, Feb 2: Noon–2 PM

Learn the basics of Mahjong in a welcoming, beginner-friendly session that introduces the tiles, rules, and flow of the game.

Mahjong Club

Thursdays
Dec 3, Dec 10, Jan 14, Feb 4 & Feb 11:
1:30–3:30 PM • Community Room
Dec 17, Jan 21 & Feb 18:
6:30–8:30 PM • Community Room West

Play, practice, and connect with others, beginners are always welcome. A limited number of Mahjong sets are available. Please bring your own set and your 2026 NMJL card if you have one. Drop in.

Mahjong Strategy Ⓡ

Community Room West
Thursday, Jan 28: 6:30–7:30 PM
Tuesday, Feb 9: 10–11 AM

Build your Mahjong skills and confidence as you explore strategies for organizing tiles, navigating the Charleston, choosing a line, playing defense, calling, and scoring. Designed for players who know the basics and want more guidance; please bring your 2026 NMJL card if you have one.

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MAHJONG BRUNCH

See page 19 for details.

AUTHOR EVENTS

Local Author Meet & Greet
Saturday, Jan 9, 11 AM–Noon • Lobby

Stop by to meet local authors and explore their work. If you're a local author and are interested in participating, visit glenviewpl.org/local-authors for more information. Drop in.



Funny on Purpose with Sasheer Zamata (R)
Tuesday, Jan 19, 7–8 PM • Zoom

Join comedian and actor Sasheer Zamata for a lively conversation about comedy, creativity, and storytelling. Known for *Saturday Night Live, Agatha All Along,* and *Home Economics*, Zamata shares insights from her career on stage and screen. This event is made possible with Illinois Libraries Present.



Navigating Hallowed Ground with David Grann (R)
Thursday, Feb 18, 7–8 PM • Zoom

Join bestselling author and journalist David Grann for a conversation about the fascinating true stories behind his books. Grann discusses *The Wager, Killers of the Flower Moon,* and the people and events that bring history to life. This event is made possible with Illinois Libraries Present.

Take Home Kits

Mystery Club (R)
Pick up at the Reader Services Desk on the 1st Floor

Dec 1: Tunnel of Love

Jan 1: Asylum

Feb 1: A Second Chance at Love

Put your detective skills to the test with a new mystery each month. Pick up a case file on the first of the month, solve the clues at home, and submit your answer by month's end to enter the raffle.

Spice Club (R)
Pick up at the Reader Services Desk on the 1st Floor

Dec 1: Cinnamon

Jan 1: Cumin

Feb 1: Coriander

Expand your culinary horizons with Spice Club. Pick up a monthly kit featuring a container of spice, recipes, book recommendations, and interesting facts to inspire your next meal. Submit your creation by month's end to enter the raffle.

JOIN THE CONVERSATION

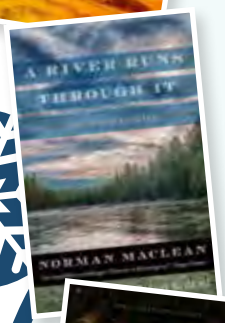
Unless otherwise noted, all discussions held in-person at the Library, drop in. Print copies of the books, except where noted, are available at the Library one month prior to meetings. Limited digital copies are available through Libby.



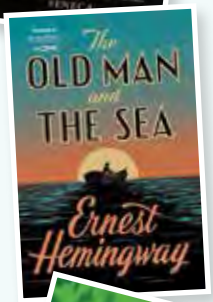














BookBites
Thursdays, 7–8 PM
North Branch, 4520 W Lake Ave

Dec 3: *Time of the Child* by Niall Williams

Feb 4: *The God of the Woods* by Liz Moore

Visit facebook.com/nilesglenviewbookbites for details. Co-sponsored by the Niles-Maine District Library.

Page Turners Book Discussion
Mondays, 1–2 PM • Community Room East

Dec 7: *The Woman in the Library* by Sulari Gentill

Feb 1: *Yesteryear* by Caro Claire Burke

Great Books Discussion
Wednesdays, 10–11:30 AM
Community Room East

Dec 9: *A River Runs Through It* by Norman Maclean

Jan 13: *Moral Essays* by Seneca

Feb 10: *The Old Man and the Sea* by Ernest Hemingway

Participants responsible for obtaining their own materials.

Glenview Writers Group (R)
Mondays, Dec 14, Jan 11 & Feb 8, 7–8:30 PM
Multipurpose Room

Hone your writing skills in a friendly, supportive environment while giving and receiving encouragement and feedback on current projects. New and experienced writers of all genres are welcome.

All Things Spanish (R)
Mondays, Dec 21, Jan 18 & Feb 15
7–8:30 PM • Multipurpose Room

Practice your Spanish with a friendly group of native and non-native speakers while celebrating Spanish and Latino cultures. Meetings are conducted primarily in Spanish.

The Past Tense Book Discussion (R)
Monday, Feb 22, 2–3 PM
Glenview History Center

Read historical nonfiction and discover connections to Glenview's past. February's discussion title will be *The Radium Girls: The Dark Story of America's Shining Women* by Kate Moore.

CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

Holocaust Remembrance Day: A Holocaust Survivor's Story (R) (H)
Tuesday, Jan 12, 7-8:15 PM
Community Room East or Zoom
Hear the powerful story of Holocaust survivor Steen Metz, whose family was deported from Denmark to the Theresienstadt concentration camp when he was just eight years old. Steen reflects on his experiences, liberation in 1945, and the life he built in the US afterward.

Black Movie History in Chicago: Cinematic Milestones, Sacred Grounds (R)
Tuesday, Feb 16, 6:30-7:30 PM
Community Room West
Explore Chicago's Black film history through groundbreaking milestones, including the film believed to feature the first onscreen kiss by a Black couple. Then virtually visit Burr Oak Cemetery, discovering its significance to Black history and its connections to landmark films.

SUNDAY MUSIC SERIES



GBS Chamber Singers (R)
Sunday, Dec 20, 2-3 PM • Community Room
Join us for this annual holiday tradition as the talented Glenbrook South High School Chamber Singers present all of your favorite festive songs!

The Alba Quintet (R)
Sunday, Jan 10, 2-3 PM • Community Room
The Alba Quintet (flute, 2 violins, viola, cello) returns to present a program of Antonio Vivaldi's The Four Seasons.

Petra van Nuis Quintet (R)
Sunday, Feb 7, 2-3 PM • Community Room
The Petra van Nuis Quintet featuring trombonist Russ Phillips is an all-star band comprised of internationally recognized Chicago musicians, playing Chicago-style Hot Jazz and 1940s Big Band Swing.

Thank you to the Friends of Glenview Public Library for the generous support of our Sunday Music Series Concerts!

OTHER MUSIC PROGRAMS



Starlite Singers Sing in the Season
Thursday, Dec 3, 10:30-11:30 AM • Community Room
Ring in the joy of holidays with a matinee performance from the Glenview Senior Center Chorus performing a selection of festive songs to brighten the season. Drop in.

Holiday Caroling with The Frozen Robins (R)
Tuesday, Dec 8, 7-8 PM • Community Room
Enjoy an evening of holiday cheer for all ages with The Frozen Robins, a Chicago caroling group.

GlenVIEWINGS

Doors open 30 minutes before screening
Community Room • Drop in

***Late Fame* (96min/NR/2026)**
Friday, Dec 18, 2 & 6:30 PM
Forgotten New York poet Ed Saxberger finds new admirers among a group of eccentric young creatives. Their fascination with his work—and the captivating presence of actress Gloria—rekindles his artistic passion.

***Pressure* (100min/PG-13/2026)**
Friday, Jan 15, 2 & 6:30 PM
In the tense 72 hours before D-Day, General Dwight D. Eisenhower and Captain James Stagg face an impossible choice—launch the most dangerous seaborne invasion in history or risk losing the war altogether.

***Mr. Burton* (124min/NR/2025)**
Friday, Feb 19, 2 & 6:30 PM
A wild schoolboy and son of an alcoholic miner, Rich Jenkins is mentored by teacher Philip Burton and transforms into Richard Burton—Wales's greatest movie star.



LEARN AND DISCOVER



The Life, Music, and Mystery of Connie Converse (R)
Saturday, Dec 5, 3–4 PM • Community Room East

Join author Howard Fishman to explore the mysterious disappearance of pioneering singer-songwriter and activist Connie Converse, who's music was unknown in her lifetime.

Native Seed Plant Giveaway
Saturday, Dec 12 & Tuesday, Jan 26, 10 AM–Noon • Lobby

Get a head start on next year's garden with free native plant seeds from Natalia of Backyard Prairies and Joanna of Soil & Sprouts. Discover how native plants support local wildlife, save time and money, and learn how to start plants from seed using the simple winter sowing technique. Drop in.

Joyous Japan (R)
Wednesday, Jan 6, 7–8 PM • Community Room East

Explore Japan with traveler Brian Michalski as he shares stories, original photography, and memorable moments from his five-week journey through the country's culture, cuisine, history, and cherry blossoms.

Thoughtful Planning for Your Treasures (R)
Wednesday, Jan 20, 1–2:30 PM • Multipurpose Room

Join us for a talk about thoughtful planning for your treasures, whether they be antiques, collections, family heirlooms or vintage finds. Whether you are downsizing or planning your estate, Bill Little, CAGA, Certified Personal Property Appraiser and owner of an estate sale company based in Glenview, brings his expertise to help you with the next move.

The State of Local News (R)
Wednesday, Jan 20, 6:30–8 PM • Zoom

Explore how local journalism is changing and discover new approaches to building sustainable, connected communities through local news. Learn about emerging subscription, and membership models and the work of Northwestern University's Local News Initiative.

Winter Sowing Workshop (R)
Tuesday, Feb 2, 7–8:30 PM • Community Room East

Learn how to grow plants outdoors all winter using the simple, low-cost method of winter sowing. Plant seeds in a recycled container and take home your own starter jug to watch grow in the spring.

VA Benefits & Services: Evanston Vet Center
Tuesday, Feb 9, 9:30 AM–Noon • Lobby

Get help with VA benefits for Active Duty, Reservist/National Guard, veterans, dependents, and survivors from James S. Harkins from the Evanston Vet Center. Drop in.

Mosquitoes, Ticks & Pesticide Resistance (R)
Monday, Feb 15, 7–8:30 PM • Community Room

Learn how communities can respond to the growing challenges of mosquito- and tick-borne diseases with sustainable and ecologically sound approaches. Co-sponsored by Greener Glenview.



WELLNESS STARTS HERE

Wellness Fair
Saturday, Jan 30, 10 AM–1 PM • Community Room

Explore resources that support your health and well-being, connect with a variety of organizations, and take advantage of available health screenings. Presented in partnership with the Glenview Chamber of Commerce. Drop in.

Living to 120: What the Blue Zones Teach Us About Life (R)
Wednesday, Feb 3, 7–8 PM • Community Room East

Explore what the world's Blue Zones can teach us about longevity, and discover practical ways to build and maintain strong muscles that support an active life.

Self Defense Workshop (R)
Tuesday, Feb 9, 6:30–7:30 PM • Community Room

Learn the basics of self defense with an instructor from Wing Tsun Martial Arts.

FOR OLDER ADULTS

Wits Workout (R)
Tuesdays, Dec 15 & Feb 16, 1–2 PM
Multipurpose Room

Exercise your mind and connect with others through fun, engaging activities designed for older adults. Each session sparks curiosity, conversation, and meaningful social connection.

Medicare 101 (R)
Friday, Jan 8, 1–2 PM • Community Room

Learn essential Medicare enrollment topics including applying for Medicare, plan options, choosing supplement and prescription plans, and detecting and avoiding healthcare fraud. Presented in partnership with the Village of Glenview Senior Services and North Shore Senior Center.

Fitness BINGO for Older Adults (R)
Tuesday, Jan 19, 1–2 PM • Multipurpose Room

Enjoy an easygoing program that blends a classic game with light seated exercises designed to keep you moving.

Elder Crisis Planning (R) (H)
Thursday, Feb 11, 7–8 PM
Community Room East or Zoom

Navigate a crisis with practical guidance on understanding your options, finding support, and deciding what to do next. Presented by ElderSmart.

Village of Glenview Senior Services
Wednesday, Feb 24, 1–3 PM • Lobby

Explore Glenview's older adult benefit programs with Kim Hand, Coordinator of Senior Services, in cooperation with the North Shore Senior Center. Drop in.



Library Navigators



Library Navigators is a program series designed for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Caregivers are kindly asked to remain with those requiring additional support throughout the event.

Create a Sublimation Mug R
Wednesday, Dec 9, 11 AM–Noon • Innovation Center

BINGO R
Thursday, Jan 7, 11 AM–Noon • Community Room West

Sweetheart Cookie Decorating R
Thursday, Feb 11, 11 AM–Noon • Community Room West

BUSINESS, INVESTING & CAREER



Navigating a Soft Job Market R
Thursday, Jan 28, 6:30–8:30 PM • Zoom
Strengthen your job search with smarter, faster strategies for navigating a slow market, led by experienced career development coach Autumn Geist. In partnership with the Lake Cook Career Collab.

MEET WITH AN EXPERT

Career Counseling Appointments R
Fridays, Dec 4, Jan 8 & Feb 5, Noon–2 PM • Study Room 9
Consult with a career expert for resume help, LinkedIn profile review, and job search strategies for any stage of your career.

Financial Planning Appointments R
Tuesdays, Dec 15, Jan 19 & Feb 16, 9–11 AM • Study Room 9
Plan for your financial goals with a one-on-one consultation with a Certified Financial Planner. Ask questions about investing, budgeting, and managing your finances with confidence.

SCORE Business Advising Appointments R
Wednesdays, Dec 16, Jan 20 & Feb 17, 1–3 PM • Study Room 9
SCORE North Cook and Lake Counties provides mentoring to local small business owners and entrepreneurs. Current and potential entrepreneurs can benefit from the experience of retired volunteer executives to develop business plans and grow businesses.



TECHNOLOGY

Essentials

Tech Help Drop-in
Mondays, Dec 7, Dec 21, Jan 4, Jan 18, Feb 1 & Feb 15, 1–3 PM • Lobby
Get help with your technology-based questions and address your concerns about laptops, tablets, and smartphones. Help is first come, first served and limited to 15 minutes. Drop in.

AI Images R H
Wednesday, Dec 16, 2–3:30 PM
Tech Lab or Zoom
Learn how AI software generates pictures and get tips for identifying AI images. Try out your own image prompts using a chatbot.

Digital Storage and Organization R H
Tuesday, Feb 23, 2–3:30 PM
Tech Lab or Zoom
Learn tips, tricks, and best practices for storing and organizing your digital files.

Apple

iPhone Basics R H
Tuesday, Jan 26, 2–3:30 PM
Tech Lab or Zoom
Learn to navigate your iPhone's home screen, customize your settings, download apps, and more in this beginner class. Demonstration only.



MLK Day of Service

(grades 3-adult)
Monday, Jan 18, 1–3 PM • Community Room
Serve your neighbors through hands-on projects led by local community organizations. Drop in.

GENEALOGY & LOCAL HISTORY

FamilySearch: Explore Your Family History (R)
Wednesday, Dec 2, 2–3:30 PM • Zoom

Discover FamilySearch.org, a free website with records and resources to help you discover your family history.

Genealogy Research Night (R)
Thursday, Jan 14, 5:30–8:30 PM
Tech Lab and Genealogy & Local History Room

Socialize with other genealogists while using our print collections and online resources. Get individualized help from our genealogy experts, discuss your research with others, and enjoy free printing.

Beginner Genealogy Group (R)
Tuesdays, Jan 19 & Feb 16, 7–8 PM • Tech Lab

Explore your family history in a welcoming, interactive group. Build essential genealogy research skills, learn how to find ancestors in historical records, and get supportive guidance as you begin your journey. Presented in partnership with the North Suburban Genealogical Society.

Getting Started with Genealogy (R)
Wednesday, Jan 20, 2–3:30 PM • Zoom

Discover how to begin finding information about the people, places, and stories that make up your family's past.

Researching American Patriots (R) (H)
Saturday, Feb 13, 1–2:30 PM • Community Room East or Zoom

Explore your family's connections to the Revolutionary era with Genealogist Scott Norrick. Gain practical strategies for researching Patriots and Loyalists using resources from the National Archives, DAR, SAR, libraries, archives, and state and local organizations. Presented in partnership with the North Suburban Genealogical Society.

AncestryDNA (R)
Wednesday, Feb 17, 2–3:30 PM • Zoom

Explore the basics of AncestryDNA testing and learn how your results can reveal new clues to your family story and help you grow your family tree.

Glenview and Chicago's Fires (R)
Wednesday, Feb 24, 2–3 PM • Glenview History Center

Learn how Glenview helped Chicago rebuild after the Great Chicago Fire and how the Iroquois Theater Fire affected local residents and improved fire safety. Presented in partnership with the Glenview History Center.

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Art in the Library



Everything Glenview by Photojournalist George LeClaire
Tuesday, Nov 24–Tuesday, Jan 12 • Lobby

George LeClaire is an award-winning photojournalist and educator with more than two decades of experience in the Chicago suburbs. A 34-year Glenview resident, he spent 22 years as a staff photojournalist for the *Daily Herald*, covering news, features, and professional sports. His work has received national recognition, including a first-place award from the National Press Photographers Association for multimedia production. He also taught photography at New Trier Extension for 14 years and has led seminars at libraries throughout the Chicago suburbs.



Filippo Aliperta
Thursday, Jan 14–Tuesday, Mar 16 • Lobby
Reception: Thursday, Feb 11, 6–7 PM • Lobby

Art is Filippo Aliperta's passion. He enjoys exploring different techniques and materials, including acrylics, oils, and mixed media. Inspired by the beauty and tradition of the Venetian Carnival, he creates handmade masks to celebrate the festival's vibrant colors, elaborate designs, and creative spirit.

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IN SUPPORT OF GLENVIEW PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION

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THE SOCIAL TILES MAHJONG

Sunday, Feb 28, 9 AM-Noon
Glenview Public Library • Community Room

Set your tiles, grab a seat, and enjoy a morning of Mahjong in support of Glenview Public Library Foundation. Your registration helps the Foundation expand programs that keep knowledge, information, and discovery open to everyone in our community—from early literacy initiatives to resources for students and adult learners. Join us for a morning of Mahjong and be a part of a shared effort to strengthen the Libary for all of Glenview.

BITES & BAMS BRUNCH

Open Play Ticket $60

Calling all American Mahjong players! Join us for a morning of friendly competition while supporting the Glenview Public Library Foundation. Your ticket gets you full access to our open play rounds hosted by The Social Tiles. We're kicking things off with a light brunch from 9-10 AM, so arrive early to grab a bite and mingle! Game play will start promptly at 10 AM.

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