

APRIL

Glen Carbon Centennial Library District



All programs are cancelled in April due to COVID 19 and shelter in place order. Although no additional shelter in place orders have been given, the library is canceling all of our May programs. If no additional orders are given, the library will ease back into a regular routine through the summer months and start scheduling programs again.

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From the Desk of the Library Director

When the Essential becomes Nonessential

Closing the library to the public on March 17 was one of the most difficult decisions that I've had to make as a Library Director. Libraries are seen as an essential service to the community because we are an equalizer. It doesn't matter how much money you make, race, religion, background, or housing status; you are welcome at the library. We serve as an important "third place" for many people in that we are not home and not work. The library is also a place where you are under no pressure to purchase anything or charged a fee to enter. We are a safe place for teens to gather, for tutors to help children, and for adults to have quiet, reflective time to themselves. We offer free access to valuable resources, such as the internet, which people can use for job searches, continuing education, or to have fun. We not only provide a service to the community, but we also strive to be part of the community as a whole.

The decision to close our doors was made because we did not want our strength to become Glen Carbon's weakness. Gathering places are essential to communities, but they also create an environment where something like COVID-19 can spread unchecked, and we knew that we did not have the resources to continually sanitize the surfaces and furniture to keep it safe for people to use.

We look forward to reopening our doors and continuing to serve the public once the most significant threat of illness has passed. We have many resources that are available from home and we will do everything that we can to help our community access those resources during the Stay-at-Home order, issued by Governor Pritzker. If you have any issues accessing your account, please contact gle@glencarbonlibrary.org or leave a voicemail message at 618-288-1212 and we will do what we can to get you up and running.

MEET THE STAFF:

Kim, Library Associate
Worked here Since:
Oct 22, 2018

Educational Background:
BA in Cultural Anthropology with a concentration on Gender & Sexuality

Hobbies and Interests:
Reading all the books, petting all the dogs and cats, cooking, dancing when no one is watching...

**We're all under the same sky and walk the same earth;
we're alive together during the same moment.**

~Maxine Hong Kingston, The Woman Warrior (1976)

From the Desk of the Circulation Manager (who also plans the library programs)

In heeding the shelter in place order from Gov. Pritzker, we cancelled our programs and closed our doors to the public. Before the orders, the staff did come to work in an attempt to get some larger projects completed before we opened the doors again. Since the order though, we have stayed at home too—that's why this newsletter is late.

So, what do I put here if there are no programs to promote at the library? In the wake of the coronavirus outbreak, a digital tidal wave of sharing, collaboration, mutual support and entertainment has opened up, as well as, created an opportunity to pause, reflect, and disconnect. If you haven't already found some of these things on your own, here's a few things you can do right now. Keep in mind this is still the adult programs page, not all listings may be suitable for all audiences. But just know that educational opportunities for students, of all ages, are plentiful, and are relatively easy to find online.

The internet will become more essential in our daily lives than ever before. From virtual birthday parties and singalongs, to happy hours and yoga classes, people are pulling together on the internet, in real time, all over the world.

Internet Required	No Internet Required
Domestika is a community for creative people offering a selection of courses for free.	Gardening, sewing, quilting
Google Hangouts Meet and Zoom are pretty similar. They both have collaboration tools, including share screen and breakout rooms, and lately have been used for happy hours.	Phone calls, texting, letter writing
Use FaceTime and other social media with your friends, family.	
There are many classical music organizations that are live-streaming, or have made their concert archives available online.	Play records, tapes
Contemporary musicians have teamed up with WHO (World Health Organization) to serenade you on Instagram Live. Some are also hosting live-streams, Q&As, tutorials, and more with their fans.	Radio
Netflix Party allows users to chat while watching the same film.	Watch DVD
The Met Opera, and many other opera companies, are offering free streaming services. You can always Wikipedia the plot after.	Relaxing
For the clubbing crowd: innovative DJs have started putting their performances online so clubbers don't miss out.	Dancing
Fitness studios and gyms are live-streaming their workouts.	Exercise
Museums, zoos, and theme parks are offering virtual tours.	Art and crafts
Many zoos, aquariums, and parks are either streaming live or have archived videos available.	Set up bird feeders in back yard
Audible just made hundreds of audiobooks completely free and they're narrated by actors. There are kids' books too.	Listen to audio CD's
National Emergency Library has made more than 1.4 million e-books for free (pre-ebook tech) available duration of the US national emergency.	Reading
Discover thousands of free online courses from top universities around the world like MIT, Stanford, and Harvard.	Make use of your time to record memories, scrapbooking
YouTube is an excellent resource if you want to be handier around the house.	Home improvements using books, manuals

It's so important to remember older adults and people who have serious underlying medical conditions might be at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19.

- Help set up grocery delivery or curbside pickup for medications.
- Take the canine pals for a walk for those who can't.
- Take trash to/from curb.
- Offer to be a text, phone or errand buddy.
- Donating blood is especially important—even without a pandemic, the world needs your blood.

HASHTAGS to Follow

#StayAtHomeChallenge
 #SafeHands
 #ViewFromMyWindow
 #MyPandemicSurvivalPlan
 #TogetherAtHome
 #QuarantineAndChill
 #FlattenTheCurve

Things to keep in mind: It may turn out that our virtual lives will become just as over-scheduled as our real ones. Most times, our packed schedules leave us with little time for other things that are good for us too—like mindfulness, self-reflection, exercise, journaling, reading books, and taking up a hobby. #StaySafe #StayAtHome

From the Desk of the Youth Services Director

I never thought I'd see the day when libraries were closing during a crisis, but here we are. We are at home, day after day, maybe feeling a little lost at what to do. Some of us are wishing for a little less alone time, while others are hoping for more. What can we possibly do in these uncertain times? We find ways to connect with others without being physically together.

We take the opportunity to learn new things. We do our best each day, knowing that this all temporary.

I know that is easier said than done. I am struggling with my new solitary reality myself. Here are some ideas of how you can keep yourself grounded while everything feels out of control.

Your family could:

- ◆ Cook new recipes together.

I can't imagine that I'm the only person who buys cookbooks with the best of intentions to learn new recipes but never gets around to trying any of them because I don't have the mental energy to try something new in the kitchen after a long day at work. Being home with your family gives you an excellent opportunity to try a fresh recipe with extra hands to help! Maybe you have used all the recipes in your cookbooks or don't have any at all. The internet has more with recipes and video tutorials than you could get through in your lifetime. Allrecipes is one of my favorite sites or apps for finding new dishes to learn. You can search by a specific meal you want to create or use the "Ingredients search" to search for a recipe using only the ingredients you have on hand.

- ◆ Write a story together. There are many ways you could do this. An easy one would be for you to pass a pad of paper around to each person in your family. You each take turns writing one line of the story and continue to do this until you can't think of what else to add or your laughing so hard you can't write anymore.
- ◆ Go for a walk as a family and discover the odd lawn ornaments, window decorations, or other unique things in your neighborhood or around town. Make it a challenge to see who can spot the weirdest item. Many people are putting stuffed animals and bears in their windows, see how many you can find while walking.
- ◆ Make art to display in your windows for your neighbors to see. If enough people create artwork, then you could have an outdoor art gallery on your street. It could be a drawing, a painting, a sculpture, or whatever you feel inspired to create.
- ◆ Make your own window paint by combining equal parts of water, white flower, and dish soap to create window paint that will easily wash off. Use food coloring to color the paint, and you are good to let your kids' creativity soar! If they are old enough, you can have them clean it off, and you'll end up with clean windows.

I hope I gave you some fresh ideas on how to spend your time. Some days will be easier than others. Just remember that we are still here for you, even if our doors aren't open. You can stay connected with us on Facebook and Instagram.

Great Resources for Kids

The library offers fun interactive ebooks for children through **Tumblebooks**.

For older children and teens, check out **TumbleBookLibrary** and **TeenBookCloud**.

The library offers several collections and databases that can help kids find current and reliable information.

Check out these great databases on our Research Databases Page:

Biography in Context

CoinDEXter

Driving-tests.org

Mango Languages

Opposing Viewpoints

FACEBOOK Live Storytime
Featuring Ms. Aimee
Tuesdays - 10:00 am
While the library is closed

**STORY
TIME**

Did you know?

In 1987 there was an unsuccessful referendum to establish a Glen Carbon Library District, so the Reading Room continued to operate as usual. After the completion of a new municipal building in 1990, the Reading Center was able to move the adult book collection into a renovated room on the first floor.

A successful referendum in November of 1992 established a 15 mil village library tax and governance by an elected library board, consisting of seven trustees. To expedite library services, village officials authorized the expenditure of \$6,000 from the general fund for library purposes, as well as agreeing to improve the building with a new boiler heating system and the renovation of the vacated police department.

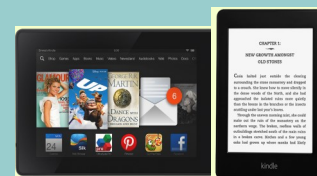
In 2002 village residents passed a 2.6 million dollar bond issue to build a new library. After nearly two years of construction, the library opened its 14,000 square foot facility on October 4, 2004, located on Main Street adjacent to the town's historic covered bridge.

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In another time and place — #WeAreEssential

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Mango Languages – Mango is an online language learning system teaching practical conversation skills for a wide variety of popular languages. Mango also has an easy to access small film library. Download the Mango app to learn on the go.

A to Z World Foods – Explore food culture and recipes from around the world. Topics include full recipes, measurement conversions, dining etiquette, and more.

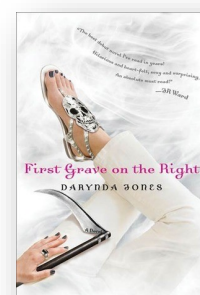
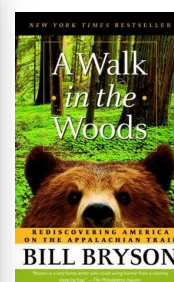
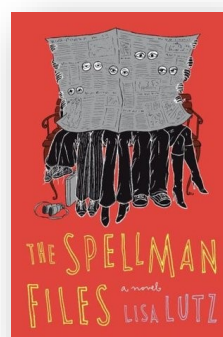
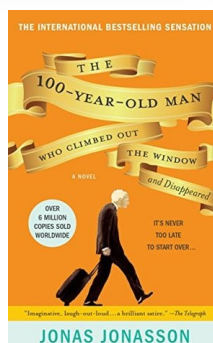
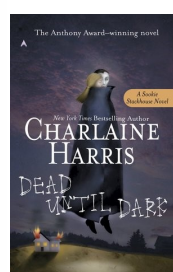
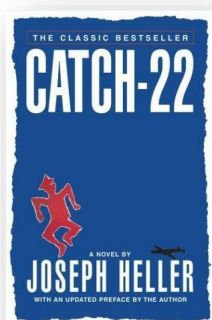
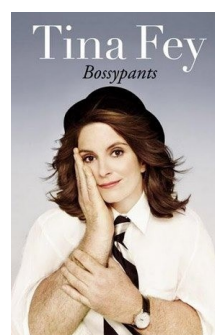
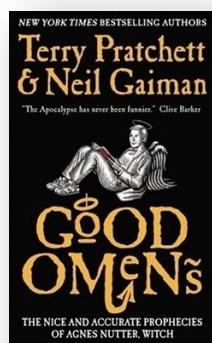
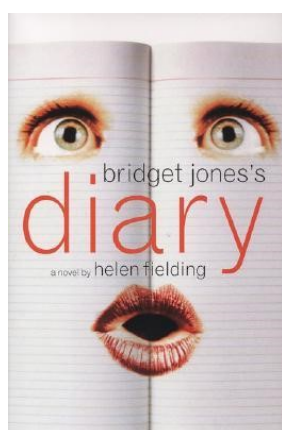
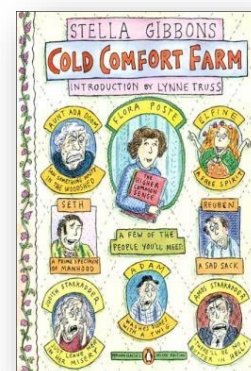
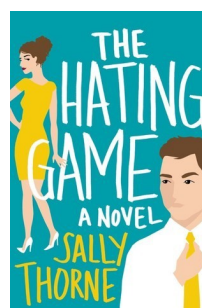
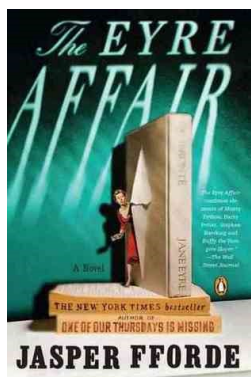
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2020 Reading Challenge

Join us again, as we challenge ourselves to not only read more, but read better. Reading Challenges push us to read books outside of our comfort zones. That often means reading genres we usually overlook; like classics, non-fiction or even fantasy, despite a preference for contemporary fiction. We chose 12 tasks designed to expand and diversify your reading in all sorts of ways to be completed over the course of a calendar year.

Each month we will announce a new task and help you with suggested titles. Once you've read your book, submit an entry on our website. Complete all 12 and receive a thank you gift from us.

This month's task is: Read a Funny Book



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9:00 am to 8:00 pm

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9:00 am to 5:00 pm

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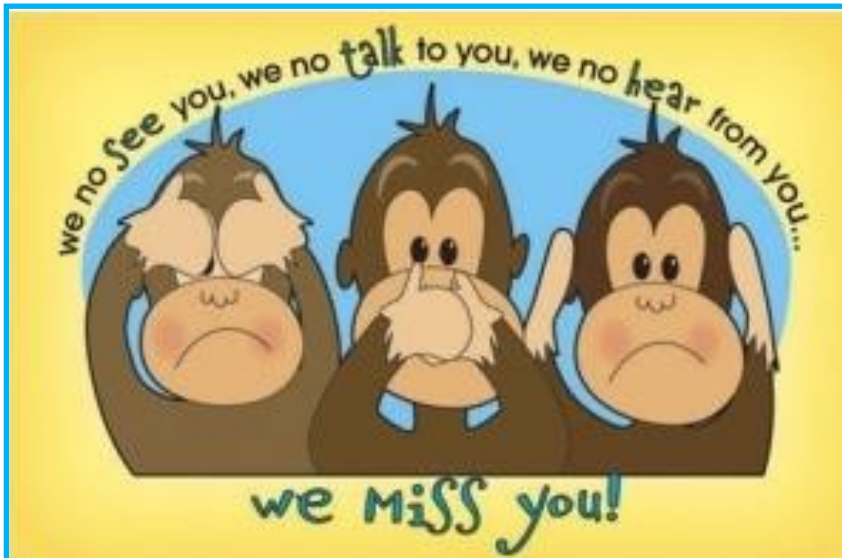
1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Closed for the rest of April, or until further notice.

Monday, May 25 for Memorial Day

When closed, library materials are not due.



FRIEND YOUR LIBRARY

Friends of the Library

Who? Our friends are volunteers who share a common belief that the library is important to the intellectual and cultural growth of the community.

What? The members of this non-profit organization work to increase public awareness of all library services and assist in bringing funds to the library for special needs. With fun events like Holiday Tree Auction, the Friends of the Library are always looking for new ideas and programs to support the library.

When? The Friends of the Library meet on the second Wednesday of each month in the Community Room.

Become a member by picking up an application, which are available at the Help Desk. For more information contact us at: friends@glencarbonlibrary.org