

# FEBRUARY

## newsletter

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### HOURS

MON - THUR **9 am - 8 pm**  
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SUNDAY **1 pm - 5 pm**

### LIBRARY CLOSINGS



This event is made possible by ILP, a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering high-quality events.

Saying Yes to Your Story:  
A Conversation with  
*Kwame Alexander*

**February 8, 2023  
at 7PM**

Join us for an evening of inspiration and conversation with best-selling and award-winning children’s and young adult author and poet, Kwame Alexander, author of the Newbery Award-winning book, *The Crossover*, Newbery Honor/Caldecott Medal-winning book, *The Undeclared*, and most recently, *An American Story*, for an Illinois Libraries Present event for young people and their families. Kwame will share ways to say yes to your story and persist in the face of rejection as he shares his own publishing journey. As a creator of more than 36 books, Kwame will energize our community to harness the power of words and storytelling for a change!

Kwame Alexander Kwame Alexander is a poet, educator, publisher, and New York Times Bestselling author of 36 books, including *Swing*, *Becoming Muhammad Ali*, co-authored with James Patterson, *Rebound*, *The Undeclared*, *The Crossover*, and *The Door of No Return*. A regular contributor to NPR's Morning Edition, Kwame is the recipient of numerous awards, including The Lee Bennett Hopkins Poetry Award, The Coretta Scott King Author Honor, Three NAACP Image Award Nominations, and the 2017 Inaugural Pat Conroy Legacy Award. In 2018, he opened the Barbara E. Alexander Memorial Library and Health Clinic in Ghana, as a part of LEAP for Ghana, an international literacy program he co-founded. He is the writer and executive producer of *The Crossover* show on Disney+.

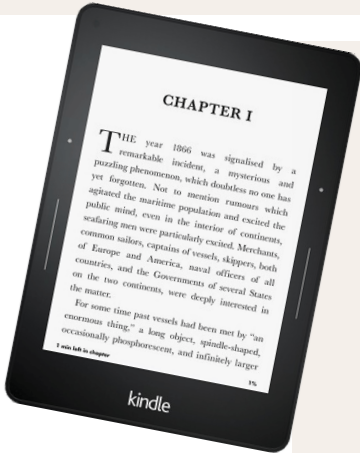
Advance registration is encouraged as capacity is limited. This event is made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering premier events. ILP is funded in part by a grant awarded by the Illinois State Library, a department of the Office of the Secretary of State, using funds provided by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services, under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). ILP is committed to inclusion and accessibility.



GADGETS

SERVICES

## Kindles



We have Kindles available to check out. You can check their availability and reserve one by visiting the online catalog, calling us, or stopping in. We have 2 Paper-white and 3 Fire HD 8, fully loaded with 200+ titles. There is also a Fire HD loaded with titles for teens, a graphic novel collection, and some cool apps. Just want to practice using a Kindle before you buy? We have 2 unloaded Kindles available - with these you can also download other apps and games (memory wiped after each use).

*Kindles may be checked out for two weeks at a time and can be found at the Help Desk.*

## Mobile Hotspots

Stay connected, wherever you are. Check out a mobile hotspot for instant, trouble-free wireless internet access. Easy to setup and use, they can be checked out for 2 weeks at a time.



## Roku Streaming Stick

Catch up on your favorite shows on Hulu/Disney+, Prime, Netflix, HBO Now. Call or reserve one through the online catalog - look for the featured app! Grab some popcorn and settle in for these new blockbusters and more available on the Vudu app.



## Vortex Binoculars

A binocular kit for stargazing and bird watching. Part of the telescope and binocular checkout program, in association with Riverbend Astronomy Club, St. Louis Astronomical Society, and the St. Louis Audubon Society.



## Telescope

Amateur stargazers rejoice. We have Orion StarBlast 4.5" telescopes to loan to Glen Carbon Library cardholders. Request online or at the Help Desk.



## Notary Service

**The Library offers free notary public services. Please check the library website for more details concerning notary service. It is highly recommended that you call ahead to ensure that certified staff is present.**

## 3D Printing

**Take your 2D designs into the third dimension. The Library provides use of our 3D printer to all Glen Carbon residents. Fill out a print request form online to get started.**

## Homebound

**The Library provides free delivery services to individuals in the community who are unable to come to the Library either temporarily or permanently. This includes homebound elderly, families with infants up to six weeks old, and individuals unable to leave the home due to temporary or permanent illness. Contact the Library to learn more.**

# E- RESOURCES



ONLINE DATABASES

available to patrons 24/7

Check out our online databases at [glencarbonlibrary.org/research-databases/](http://glencarbonlibrary.org/research-databases/) . Glen Carbon patrons may access 24/7 unless marked “In Library Only.”

Here's a list of our database categories!

Biographies	Government	Literature	Reference
Careers	Health and Wellness	Local Resources	Senior Services
eBooks	History	Opposing Viewpoints	Testing & Education
Finance	Languages – Training	Periodicals/Newspapers	
Genealogy	Legal	Reader’s Advisory	



## PROGRAMS



### The Weird & Wonderful World with Mary Roach Wednesday March 1, 2023 7:00pm R

Experience an entertaining and hilarious evening with New York Times best-selling science author, Mary Roach - despite her claim that "people call me a science writer, though I don't have a science degree and sometimes have to fake my way through interviews with experts I can't understand"! Roach will discuss her frank approach to science, and the importance of humor, and explore the weird, wonderful world in which we live. This event is made possible by Illinois Libraries Presents.



### Glen Carbon before Glen Carbon: The Goshen Settlement R Thursday, March 9, 2023 @6:00pm

Join us for a presentation from Samantha Doolin with the Glen Carbon Heritage Museum and learn about the earliest settlers to Madison county. Discuss the history of the Goshen Settlement, the earliest settlers, and more all about Glen Carbon before Glen Carbon.



### Protecting the Home Computer R Thursday, March 30, 2023 @6:30pm

Technology has changed so much. Join Joey Harris, a Senior Sales Engineer from Ace Tech to learn what you need to do to protect yourself and your computer from outside attack. As a bonus, we will talk about upcoming technology.



### Evening Flow Yoga R

Wednesdays | 5:30 pm  
February 15, 22  
March 1, 8, 15, 22

Instructor: Anne Hughes  
This "Slow Flow" practice will lead you through a series of yoga poses that focus on strengthening, lengthening, and stretching. Side effects may include a sense of well-being and feelings of peace and calmness!



### Medicare Q&A R

Monday | 6:00 pm  
February 20  
March 20

Facilitated by: Jon Burgmann  
Bring your questions on how to register and what is covered when you sign up for Medicare.



### Plethora of Pens R

1st Monday of the Month  
6:30 pm  
February 6  
March 6

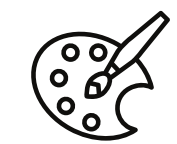
Facilitated by: Susan Carsell  
This writing group encourages each other's creativity and gives support to one another's work.



### Saturday Morning Yoga R

Saturday | 9:30 am  
February 4, 18, 25  
March 4, 11, 18, 25

Instructor: Sarah Hartwig  
Start your weekend with an energizing session of yoga.



### Art Exploration R

Sunday | 2:00 pm  
February 12  
March 12

Instructor: Greta Pastorello  
The materials list is available in the Event Calendar on the library website.



### Beginners Knitting Group R

Saturdays | 11:00 - 12:30 pm  
February 11, 25  
March 11, 25

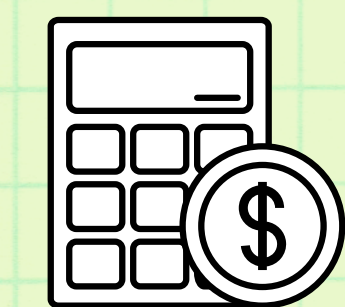
Instructor: Greta Pastorello  
Experience how easy it can be to learn to knit through our structured, interactive, social knitting group. Perfect for true beginners or those looking for an easy refresh project. Different intermediate skills will be introduced on a project-by-project basis. The materials list is available through the Event Calendar.



### Cookbook Club

Tuesday | 6:30 pm R  
March 28

Cookbook Club is back! Join us every month for delicious food! Cookbooks pertaining to this month's theme will be available at the front desk for you to explore. Then, pick a recipe from the cookbook or use your own and bring a dish to share! You will then be able to try everyone's food and enjoy a lively discussion. You are not required to bring a dish though. If you try a new recipe and it doesn't turn out the way you wanted, you are more than welcome to still come and enjoy everyone else's dishes! Let's get cookin'!



### AARP Tax Aid R

Fridays- February 3 - April 7

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide program provides free tax preparation assistance to anyone. IRS-certified volunteers make filing taxes easy for you. Call 618-288-1212 to schedule an appointment during library hours.



Red Cross Blood Drive  
March 20, 2023 11:00 - 4:00 pm

R /RR - Registration Required

## BOOK CLUB

Second Tuesday of the Month | 6:30 pm



February 7

March 14

April 11

February 7\*: *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett

March 14: *Sing, Unburied, Sing* by Jesmyn Ward

April 11: *Rock, Paper, Scissors* by Alice Feeney

Limited copies of each book will be available at the Help Desk or they can be immediately downloaded from Hoopla. Some selections may also be available on cloudLibrary & Overdrive.



# YOUTH PROGRAMS

## PROGRAMS



### Stuffie Sleepover

**Friday, February 3-4** <sup>(R)</sup>

Bring one of your very special stuffies to the Library for a sleepover! Your fluffy friend will get a goodie bag, and you will get some fun pictures of the great time they spent with their new stuffie friends!

**Drop-off: Friday, Jan. 3 from 9 am to 4 pm**

**Pick-up: Saturday, Jan. 4 starting at 9 am**

### GEEK CON <sup>(R)</sup>

**Saturday, March 4 @1:00 pm**

Join us as we celebrate geek culture!

The EHS Drama Club will perform a special skit featuring your favorite characters from various fandoms.

We'll have pearler beads available to make your 8-bit crafts. A character scavenger hunt! And more!



### SIUE

#### Tutoring

Free tutoring for school-aged children and teens by SIUE students.

Check our website for more information.



### Storytime

**Mondays & Tuesdays at 10:00 am**

**February 6, 7, 20, 21**

**March 6, 7, 20, 21**

Sing songs, make crafts, and interact with us during storytimes! Join us in our Youth Room where we'll help build your preschooler's early literacy skills! Space is limited.



### Pajama Storytime

**Wednesdays at 6:30 pm**

**February 1, 15 / March 1, 15, 29**

Get all cozy in your pajamas and join us for a night of stories! Pajama Storytime is an excellent way for families to unwind together before bed. Planned for Pre-K to Kindergarten, all are welcome.

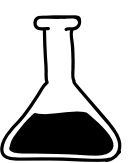


### Special Storytime at the Cabin

**Saturdays at 10:00 am**

**February 18 / March 11**

Cozy up at Yanda Log Cabin while listening to stories, singing songs, and making a simple craft. Storytime is planned for Pre-K to Kindergarten-age kiddos, but kids of all ages are welcome!



### STEM Activity Days

**Sundays at 2:00 pm** <sup>(R)</sup>

**February 26 / March 26**

**Youth Entering Grades K-5**

Do you enjoy exploring science, technology, engineering, and math in fun, crafty ways? Then register for this program at the Library! Once a month, we will dive deep into a project.



### Baby Lapsit

**Thursday at 10:00 am**

**February 9, 23 / March 9, 23**

Build your baby's literacy foundation with skills, stories, and songs in a 20-minute session. Playtime follows to help with social skill development. For ages birth to 2.

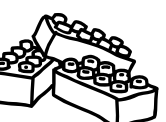


### Let's Get Crafty!

**Saturday**

**February 11 at 1:00pm**

Join us at the Library for a seasonal craft activity! Each craft will take about thirty minutes and push your creativity and imagination!



### Lego Days

**Sundays at 2:00 pm**

**February 12 / March 12**

Come to the Library to show off your Lego skills! Build and create your own Lego masterpiece to show off at the Library!

**Age 4+**

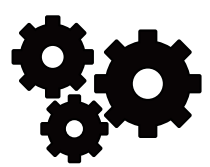


### Read with a Dog! <sup>(R)</sup>

**Monday at 6:30 pm**

**February 13 / March 13**

Sit with Woody, a licensed therapy dog, and read a story of your choosing! You'll have 15 minutes to read and pet a loveable dog! **Drop-ins welcome.**



### Tech Club

**Mondays once a month at 6:30 pm** <sup>(R)</sup>

**February 20 / March 20**

Youth Entering Grades 3-7

Explore technology and coding in this new club for kids looking to get hands-on experience using different tech!



### Imagination Station

**Tuesdays at 10:00 am**

**February 14, 28 / March 14, 28**

Join us for a morning of activity, imagining, creating, songs, and fun! Planned for ages 3-5.

### Comic Corner

**Sunday February 4th at 1:00 pm**

Come to the library for a special comic book reading by local comic enthusiast Douglas Dial! He'll use our large smart screen to zoom in on comic book panels to best display all the details, so you don't miss a moment of the action! The reading will feature fan-favorite superheroes in classic comics you might not be familiar with.

## TEEN PROGRAMS

**Monthly programs for youth in grades 6 through 12.**



Registration Required



### Art Unlimited

**Tuesdays at 6:00pm**

**February 14, 28**

**March 14, 28**

Join Miss Sam at the library as we craft and create! Each month will feature a different art medium and project, lasting two weeks. Get your creativity flowing with your friends.



### Junior Friends of the Library

**1st Wed. of the month @4:00 pm**

Are you in grades 6-12? Do you want your voice to be heard at your library? Join the Junior Friends of the Library! Earn volunteer hours and help come up with ideas to make the library a better place for teens!



### Teen Hangout

**Wednesdays 3:00-6:00 pm**

Join us every Wednesday for a relaxing couple of hours of free time with your friends! Enjoy movies, board games, and chill vibes while you hang out.



### Teen Job Fair

**Saturday, April 29, 2023 @ 1:00pm**

**Location: Glen Carbon Senior Center**

Mark your calendars for our Teen Job Fair! Teens can come to the Senior Center and meet representatives from local businesses and organizations to learn about job opportunities in the area. Go to our website to learn more! **Registration Opens March 1, 2023**



### Twitch Streams

**Monday at 5:00 pm**

**Thursday at 6:00 pm**



Do you love books, art, and video games? Do you want to see more of that at the Library? Well, check out our Teen Twitch channel! Aimee and Sam will be live streaming the most popular Switch games, talking books, and creating art every week! Visit our website for more information.



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			<b>1</b> 3:00pm Teen Hangout  4:00pm Junior Friends of the Library 6:30pm: Pajama Story Time	<b>2</b>   6:00pm: Twitch for teens	<b>3</b> 9:00am- 12:00 pm: AARP Tax Prep  9:00am - 5pm: Stuffie Sleepover Dropoff 	<b>4</b> 9:00am: Stuffie Sleepover Pickup 9:30am Virtual Yoga  1:00pm: Comic Corner
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 10:00am Storytime  5:00pm: Twitch for teens 6:30pm Plethora of Pens	<b>7</b> 10:00am Storytime  6:30pm: Book Club	<b>8</b> 3:00pm Teen Hangout  7:00pm: IL Presents: A Conversation with Kwame Alexander	<b>9</b> 10:00am: Baby Lapsit  6:00pm: Twitch for teens	<b>10</b> 9:00am- 12:00 pm: AARP Tax Prep 	<b>11</b> 11:00am Beginner Knitting Group  1:00pm: Let's Get Crafty: Valentine's Day
<b>12</b> 2:00pm Lego Day 2:00pm aRt eXPLoRaTioN	<b>13</b>  5:00pm: Twitch for teens 6:30pm: Read with a Dog! 	<b>14</b> 10:00am Imagination Station  6:00pm Art Unlimited 	<b>15</b> 1:00pm Friends of the Library 3:00pm Teen Hangout  5:30pm Virtual Yoga with Anne 6:30pm: Pajama Story Time	<b>16</b>   6:00pm: Twitch for teens	<b>17</b> 9:00am- 12:00 pm: AARP Tax Prep 	<b>18</b> 9:30am Virtual Yoga  10:00am Storytime at the Cabin
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 10:00am Storytime  5:00pm: Twitch for teens 6:00pm  Medicare Q&A  6:30pm Tech Club: Grades 3-7	<b>21</b> 10:00am Storytime  6:00pm Library Board Meeting	<b>22</b> 3:00pm Teen Hangout  5:30pm Virtual Yoga with Anne 	<b>23</b> 10:00am: Baby Lapsit  6:00pm: Twitch for teens	<b>24</b> 9:00am- 12:00 pm: AARP Tax Prep 	<b>25</b> 9:30am Virtual Yoga  11:00am Beginner Knitting Group 
<b>26</b> 2:00pm: STEM Activity Days 	<b>27</b>  5:00pm: Twitch for teens	<b>28</b> 10:00am Imagination Station  6:00pm Art Unlimited 				



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MARCH

Registration available online at [glencarbonlibrary.org](https://glencarbonlibrary.org)

For programming beyond this month, please visit our website, or call 618-288-1212

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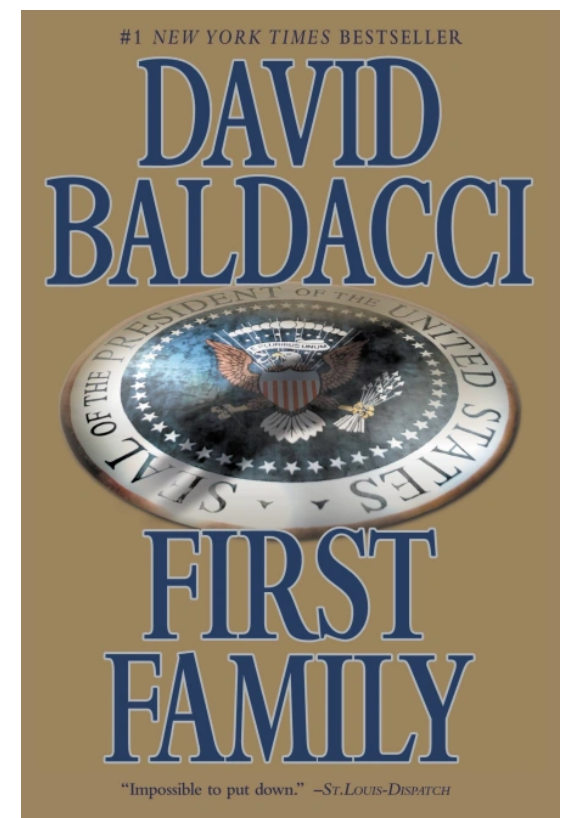
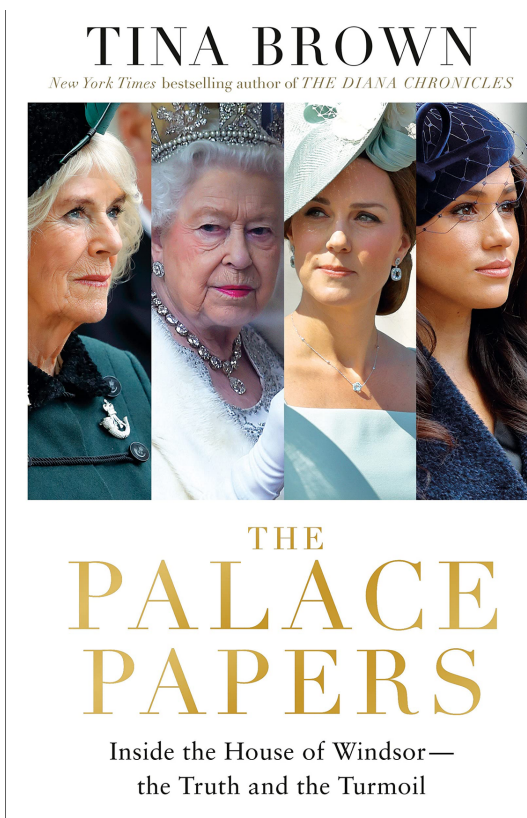
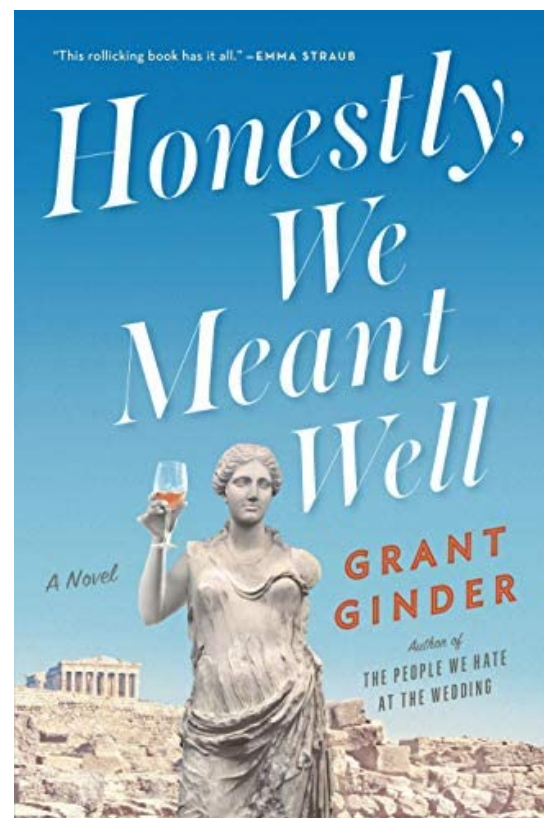
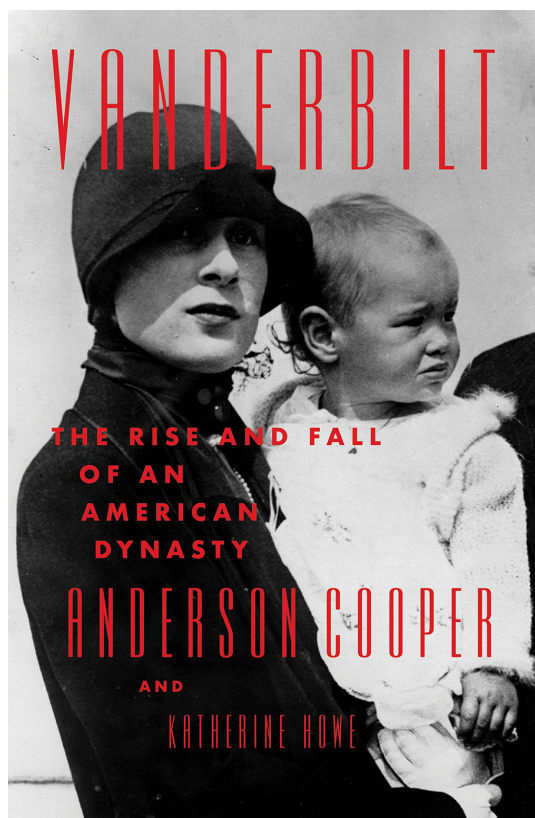
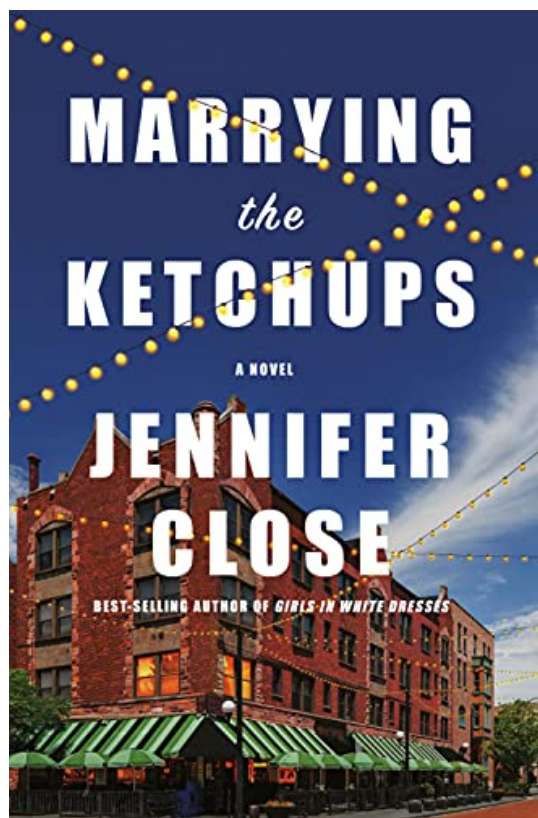


## 2023 READING CHALLENGE

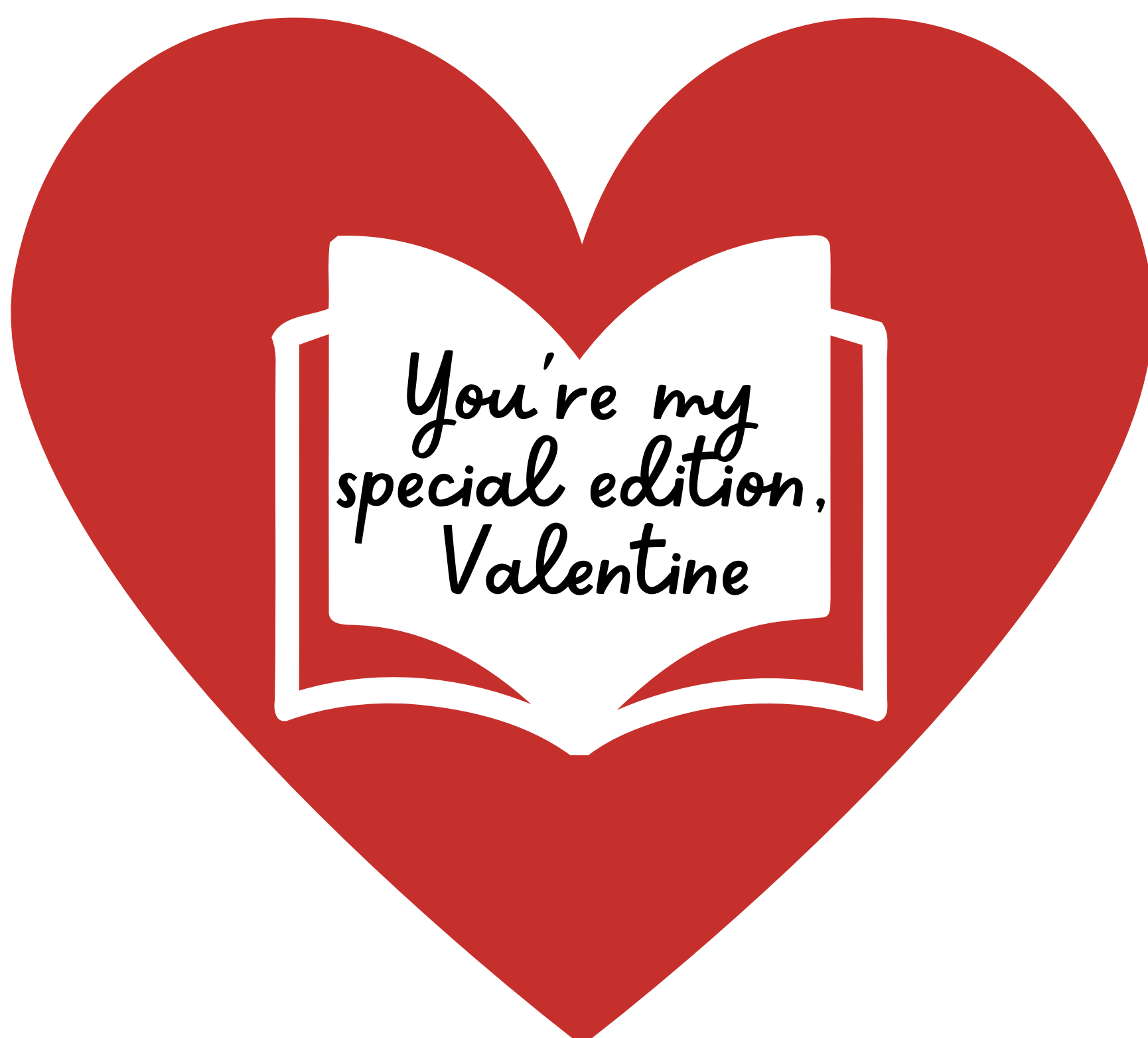
Join us again as we challenge ourselves to not only read more, but read better. Reading Challenges push us to read books outside of our comfort zones. That often means reading genres we usually overlook; like classics, non-fiction, or even fantasy, despite a preference for contemporary fiction. We chose 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 titled. 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: *Book About Family*



## HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!





## GLEN CARBON CENTENNIAL LIBRARY DISTRICT

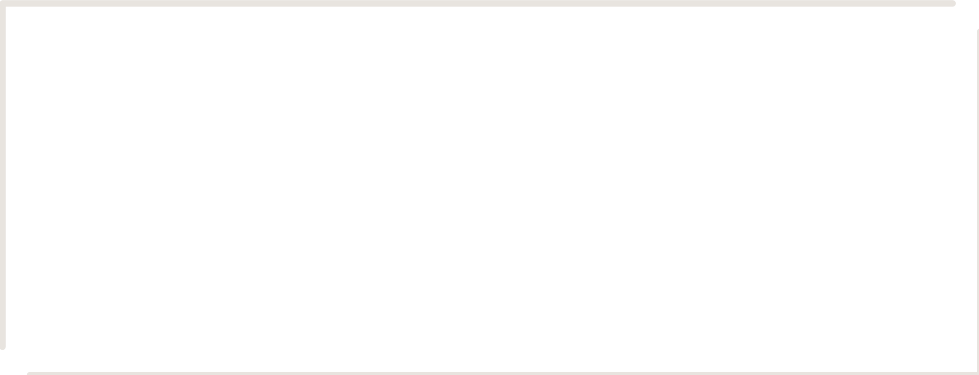


Glen Carbon Centennial Library District is a nationally recognized public library known for its innovative programs, strong community partnerships, and staff committed to excellence and personal service.

### Public Access & Curbside Hours

MON - THUR	9 am - 8 pm
FRI - SAT	9 am - 5 pm
SUNDAY	1 pm - 5 pm

### LIBRARY CLOSINGS



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## BE A FRIEND

### 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 evens like the Holiday Tree Auction. The Friends of the Library are always looking fo rnew ideas and programs to support the library.

*When?* The Friends of the Library meet on the third Wednesday of each month at 1pm 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](mailto:friends@glencarbonlibrary.org)

## WHAT'S NEW AT THE LIBRARY? Follow us to find out!

