



FEBRUARY newsletter

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Still Afraid of the Dark: An Evening with R.L. Stine Tuesday, February 24 at 7 PM

Witty, creepy, and compulsively readable, bestselling author R.L. Stine defined horror for a generation of young readers. The generation that grew up with the Goosebumps franchise may be grown, but Stine keeps finding ways to keep us afraid of the dark! Join us with The Guinness Book of World Records' "most prolific author of children's horror novels," R.L. Stine, to discuss his illustrious and still-expanding body of work.

Best known for the Goosebumps and Fear Street series (and their respective TV and movie adaptations), R.L. Stine has sold over 400 million books worldwide in 35 languages. His recent and upcoming works include The Last Sleepover, which is the fifth installment in the Goosebumps: House of Shivers series; The Graveyard Club, a YA graphic novel illustrated by Carola Borelli; multiple Fear Street movies, including Fear Street: Prom Queen; and Goosebumps: The Vanishing, the second season of the Goosebumps reboot TV series.

Becky Spratford, acclaimed horror maven and editor of Why I Love Horror: Essays on Horror Literature, will join R.L. Stine in conversation.

This event is intended for adults.

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ILP is committed to inclusion and accessibility. American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation and Closed Captioning are provided for all events by default—no special request needed.

If a patron needs accommodations not listed, the member library should email illinoislibrariespresent@ila.org.

HOURS

MON - THUR 9 am - 8 pm

FRI - SAT 9 am - 5 pm

SUNDAY 1 pm - 5 pm

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

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PROGRAMS



Hobbits and Hobbies

Tuesdays @ 6:00pm
February 3 (Part 2 of FotR) , 17
March 3, 10

Join us for cozy evenings in the Shire! Settle in to watch The Lord of the Rings while working on your favorite craft. Everyone is invited to bring your own small craft. Each Movie will be watched over two dates. Registration Encouraged

Great Puzzle Race

Saturday
February 7, 2026
at 2:00pm
Glen Carbon Senior & Community Center
157 N. Main Street

Gather up a team of up to 4 people to compete against other teams putting together a 500 piece puzzle in 90 minutes. The team with the most complete puzzle wins! Entry Fee of \$40 per Team, snacks and drinks provided at the event!

AARP Foundation

Fridays, February 6th - April 10th

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.

Appointment Required

TAX-AIDE

Free tax assistance for those who need it most

Crochet with Amy

Saturday | 10:00am
February 28; March 14, 28

All skill levels welcome! Crocheters and knitters are invited to bring a project, learn new techniques, and enjoy creative time with fellow yarn lovers.

Cookbook Club

Tuesday | 6:30 pm
March 24

This month's food: Local Recipes with Glen Carbon Heritage Museum

More Than a Trip: A Journey of Service in Tanzania

Tuesday, March 31, 2026 at 6:30pm

Learn about a volunteer trip to Tanzania, Africa and the role individuals can play in global service efforts with service organizations. This presentation offers context about the region, the work involved, and the lasting effects of cross-cultural engagement. It also highlights the beautiful animals of the Serengeti region!

Plethora of Pens

1st Monday of the Month | 6:30 pm
February 2 & March 2

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

Yoga with Sarah

Via Zoom

Saturday | 9:30 am
February 7, 14, 21, 28
March 7, 14, 21, 28

In person:

Wednesday | 9:30 am
March 4, 11, 25

Instructor: Sarah Hartwig

Medicare Q&A

Monday | 6:00 pm
February 16 & March 16

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



Beyond the Page with Percival Everett

Tuesday, March 19 at 7 PM

Industrious, irreverent, humble—though he may deny the accusation—Percival Everett, like his fiction, defies categorization. His most recent novel, *James*, earned both the Pulitzer Prize for fiction and the National Book Award, and his 2001 novel *Erasure* inspired the film *American Fiction*, which received the Academy Award for Best Adapted Screenplay in 2024.

Everett's other titles include *Dr. No*, *The Trees* (finalist for the Booker Prize and the PEN/Faulkner Award for Fiction), *Telephone* (finalist for the Pulitzer Prize), *So Much Blue*, and *I Am Not Sidney Poitier*. Despite these accomplishments, he remains devoted to reviewing his own work critically, and indeed his writing process involves intensive research and revision. Tune in for our conversation with Percival Everett to get a glimpse beyond the page. **ALL PROGRAMS HOSTED VIA ZOOM**

Future Programs:

Thursday, April 16 | 7 PM

Cristina Henríquez: Voice, Culture, and Human Connection

Thursday, May 19 | 7 PM

Babel-On with R.F. Kuang

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Red Cross Blood Drive: Monday, March 30, 1:30 - 5:30

Please Call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: GCCLibrary to schedule an appointment.

BOOK CLUBS

/RR - Registration Required

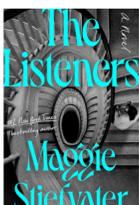
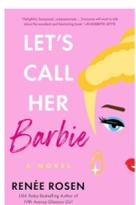
Adult Book Club

Tuesdays once a month @ 6:30 pm

February 10: *Becoming* by Michelle Obama

March 10: *Let's Call Her Barbie* by Renee Rosen

April 14: *The Listeners* by Maggie Stiefvater



Limited copies of each book will be available at the Help Desk. Some selections may also be available on CloudLibrary, Libby, &/or Hoopla.

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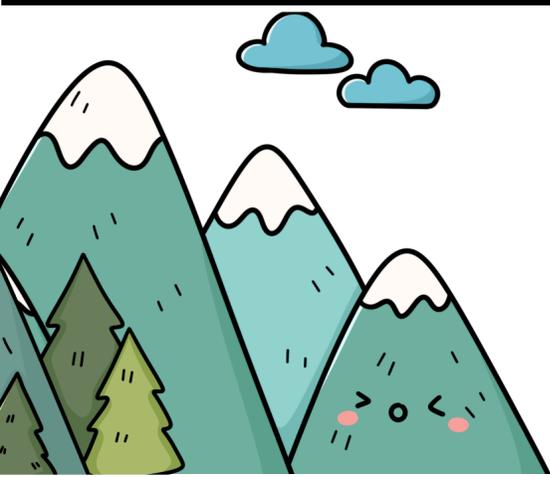
Metro East Rainbow Readers

Wednesdays once a month @6:00 pm

Join us in reading books by and about LGBTQ+ people. Masks encouraged. Ages 18+. Visit the website for the current book list.

February 18 & March 18

PROGRAMS



DIY Moose Stuffies

Saturday, February 14, at 1 pm

Join us at the Library where you can put together your very own Moose stuffy!

***Registration Required;
Supplies Limited**



Storytime

Monday & Tuesday at 10:00 am

February 9, 10, 23, 24, March 9, 10, 23, 24

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!

Imagination Station

Tuesdays at 10:00 am

Feb 3, 17 & March 3, 17, 31

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

Tech Club

Wednesday, February 4, 18 at 4:00 pm

Youth Entering Grades K-5

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

S.T.E.M.

Sunday @2:00 pm

February 8 & March 22

Do you enjoy exploring science, technology, engineering, and math in fun, crafty ways? Then come on in for this in-person program at the Library! **This is a drop-in program with limited supplies.

Grades K-5

Read with a Dog!

Monday at 6:30 pm

February 9 & March 9

Sit with Woody, Luna or Honey, licensed therapy dogs, and read a story of your choosing! You'll have 15 minutes to read and pet a loveable dog!

Snacks in the Stacks

Wednesday, February 11 at 4:30 pm

Come learn age-appropriate cooking skills and nutrition with healthy, no-bake snacks. *Please call ahead for any food allergies or sensitivities and we will do our best to accommodate. *Youth grade K-5*

Baby Lapsit

Thursday at 10:00 am

February 12, 26 & March 12, 26

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.

Game On!

Monday, February 16 at 10:00 am

Board games, card games and more - get your game on at the library! Learn to play your Reading Dragon cards against your friends!

Mama Bear Support Group

Thursdays Once a Month at 10:00 am

February 19 & March 19

Come share your feelings and concerns with other moms in an accepting environment. We'll have toys available for children to play with, and a library staff member will facilitate the discussion. This program is not a replacement for mental health services but an opportunity to feel less isolated on your journey as a parent or guardian.

Lego Days

Saturdays @2:00 pm

February 28 & March 21

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+

TEEN PROGRAMS

Monthly programs for youth in grades 6 through 12.

Ⓡ Registration Required

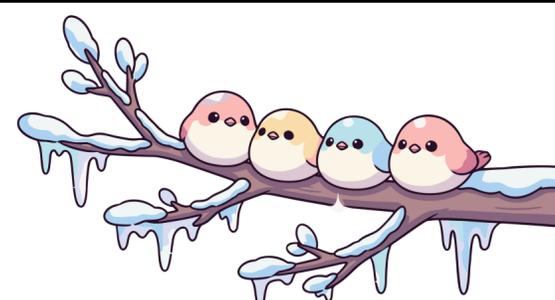
Art Unlimited Ⓡ

Tuesdays at 6:00 pm

February 10 & 24

March 3 & 17

Join us 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.



Twitch Once a Month. Check the website Streams for more information.

Find us at: twitch.tv/glencarbonlibrary/about

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Registration available online at glencarbonlibrary.org

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8 2:00pm: S.T.E.M.	9 10:00am: Storytime 6:30pm: Read with a dog	10 10:00am: Storytime 6:00pm: Art Unlimited 6:30pm: Adult Book Club	11 4:30pm: Snacks in the Stacks	12 10:00am: Baby Lapsit	13 9:00am A.A.R.P. Tax Aide	14 9:30am Virtual Yoga 1:00pm: D.I.Y. Moose Stuffies
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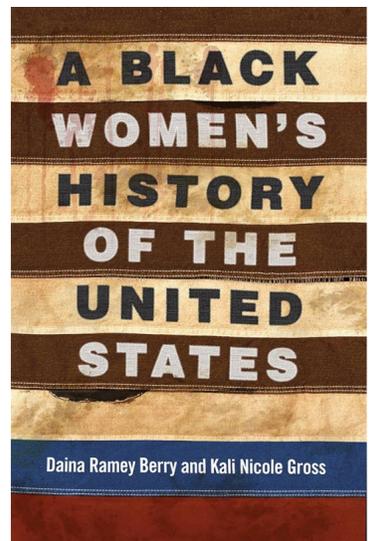
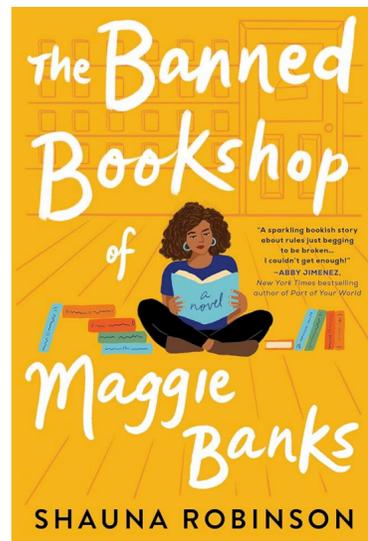
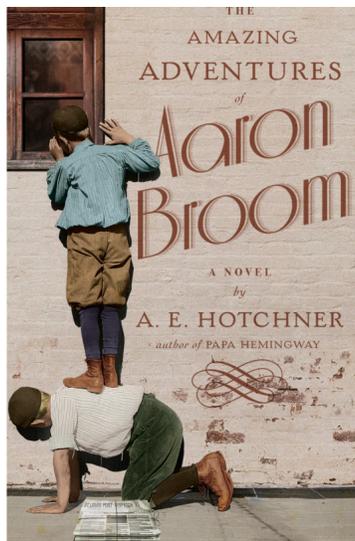
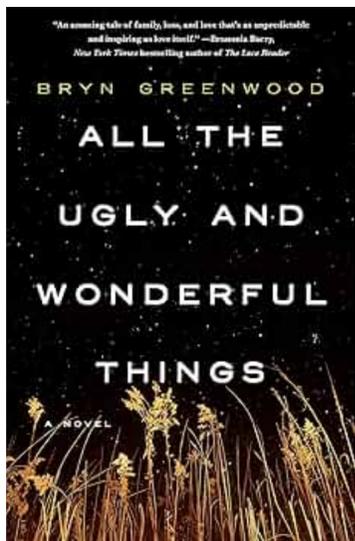
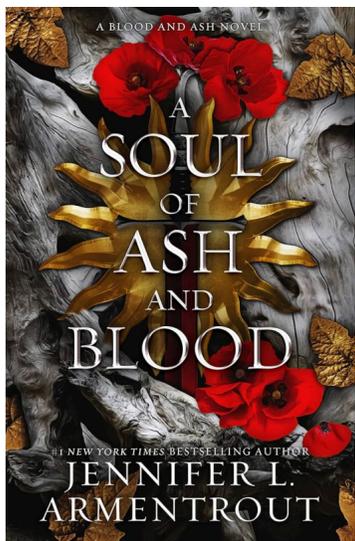
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2026 ADULT READING CHALLENGE

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 challenges 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 challenge is to read: A book with a Title Longer Than 5 Words



1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten is a free program that promotes reading and early literacy skills while encouraging bonding. The goal is to read 1,000 books before your child starts kindergarten to help your child prepare for one of life's biggest milestones!

Registration for 1,000 Books is through [Beanstack](#) allowing you to start tracking immediately from anywhere! You may repeat titles as many times as you can stand. You can include books read in storytimes, our Story Walk, bedtimes, story podcasts, and more! There will be incentives at 100, 250, 500, and 750 books read. Upon completion of the program, kids will receive a free book!

This program is only for children ages birth to 5 who have NOT entered kindergarten. The program will be ongoing with no deadline. Contact us at (618) 288-1212 ext. 103 with questions.

