Kick off your new year with a conversation about joy with best-selling essayist and award-winning poet Ross Gay. An exploration of the joy we incite when we turn our attention to what we love and what brings us together, Ross will discuss his most recent collection of essays, Inciting Joy, with performance poet Dan “Sully” Sullivan.

Ross Gay is the author of four books of poetry: Against Which; Bringing the Shovel Down; Be Holding, winner of the PEN American Literary Jean Stein Award; and Catalog of Unabashed Gratitude, winner of the 2015 National Book Critics Circle Award and the 2016 Kingsley Tufts Poetry Award. His first collection of essays, The Book of Delights, was released in 2019 and was a New York Times bestseller.

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**GADGETS**

**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 Paperwhite 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**


**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.

**Library Services**

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**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**

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

Current patrons can access databases using the library’s online catalog or the library’s mobile app.

**Online Databases**

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

Here’s a list of our database categories!
Establishing Financial Goals
Tuesday, January 10
6:30 - 7:30pm
Instructor: Jill Rice
In this workshop you will learn how to create effective and sustainable financial goals that are suited to your situation and values.

Evening Flow Yoga
Wednesdays | 5:30 pm
January 4, 11, 18, 25
February 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!

Saturday Morning Yoga
Saturday | 9:30 am
January 4, 11, 18, 25
February 4, 11, 18, 25
Instructor: Sarah Hartwig
Start your weekend with an energizing session of yoga.

Art Exploration
Sunday | 2:00 pm
January 15
February 12
Instructor: Greta Pastorello
The materials list is available in the Event Calendar on the library website.

Medicare Q&A
Monday | 6:00 pm
January 23
February 20
Facilitated by: Jon Burgmann
Bring your questions on how to register and what is covered when you sign up for Medicare.

Beginners Knitting Group
Saturdays | 11:00 - 12:30 pm
January 14, 28
February 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
January 31
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
Fridays- February 4th - April 8
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.

Black History Heroes, Soldiers & Spies
Tuesday, January 17
6:00pm
Join us for a performance by Bright Star Touring Theatre! History is filled with Black American heroes and in this production, audiences learn the stories of some of the most amazing figures like Colonel Charles Young of the Buffalo Soldiers, the Tuskegee Airmen as they take flight to help achieve victory in World War II, and Mary Elizabeth Bowser, whose work as a spy helped the Union during the Civil War. An exciting and interactive production that is sure to intrigue young and old alike!

Book Club
Second Tuesday of the Month | 6:30 pm
January 10: The Midnight Library, by Matt Haig
February 14: The Vanishing Half, by Brit Bennett
March 14: Sing, Unburied, Sing, by Jesmyn Ward

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.
**Teen Programs**

Monthly programs for youth in grades 6 through 12.

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**DIY Penguin Plush**  
**January 28 at 1:00pm**  
Come to the Library to make your very own penguin plush! In this program, you will stuff your plush and make a wish to put inside. We’ll have a penguin-themed activity, a photo spot, and a movie to share with your new friend! Due to limited supplies, priority will be given to Glen Carbon residents until January 16th. Add yourself to the waitlist, and we’ll contact you about your registration status ASAP.

**Storytime**  
**Mondays & Tuesdays at 10:00 am**  
**January 9, 10, 20, 21**  
**February 6, 7, 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! Space is limited.

**Imagination Station**  
**Tuesdays at 10:00 am**  
**January 17, 31 / February 14, 28**  
Join us for a morning of activity, imagining, creating, songs, and fun! Planned for ages 3-5.

**Baby Lapsit**  
**Thursday at 10:00 am**  
**January 12, 26 / February 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.

**Tech Club**  
**Mondays once a month at 6:30 pm**  
**January 23 / February 20**  
Explore technology and coding in this new club for kids looking to get hands-on experience using different tech!

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### Youth Programs

**Special Storytime at the Cabin**  
**Saturdays at 10:00am**  
**January 21 / February 18**  
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!

**Stuffie Sleepover**  
**Friday, February 3-4**  
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

**Read with a Dog!**  
**Monday at 6:30 pm**  
**January 9 / February 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 lovable dog! Drop-ins welcome.

**Lego Days**  
**Sundays at 2:00 pm**  
**January 15 / February 12**  
Come to the Library to show off your Lego skills! Build and create your own Lego masterpiece to show off at the Library!

### Art Unlimited

**Tuesdays at 6:00pm**  
**January 10 & 24**  
February 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.

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### 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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**SIUE Tutoring**  
Free tutoring for school-aged children and teens by SIUE students. Check our website for more information.

**Tutoring ends Dec. 3 and restarts Jan. 17**

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**Comics 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.

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**STEM Activity Days**  
**Sundays at 2:00 pm**  
**January 29 / February 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.

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**Pajama Storytime**  
**Wednesdays at 6:30 pm**  
**January 4, 18 / February 1, 15**  
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.

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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 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: A book about Sports or an Athlete

NEW YEAR. NEW BOOKS: WHAT IS YOUR 2023 TBR (TO BE READ) LIST?
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

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Library Board

- **PRESIDENT**: Kathy Dortch
- **VICE PRESIDENT**: Marcella Starck
- **SECRETARY**: Cody Jeter
- **TREASURER**: David Boduch
- **TRUSTEE**: Dave Klingensmith
- **TRUSTEE**: Carrie Smith
- **TRUSTEE**: Kevin Tellor
- **LIBRARY DIRECTOR**: Christine Gerrish

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 the 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 third Wednesday of each month at 1 pm 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

What's New At The Library? Follow us to find out!