

JANUARY

newsletter

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WINTER READING CHALLENGE

January 1-31 on



This January, we are partnering with Steps to Literacy to welcome all libraries across North America to join our winter reading challenge, which features Beanstack's very own Benny the Bean!

HOURS

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

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

New Year's Day
 January 1
Staff Development
 January 9
Martin Luther King Day
 January 19



ADULT

As participants log their reading, they'll collect fun, winter-inspired badges and be entered to win a Scooter's or The Cup gift cards. Bundle up, grab a great book, and settle in for a cozy winter reading challenge.



GRADES K-12

Participants will earn fun, Benny-themed badges along with Reading Dragon cards for logging their reading. So, grab a book and join Benny for an unforgettable reading adventure!

GADGETS

Roku Streaming Stick

Catch up on your favorite shows on Hulu, Disney+, Prime, Netflix, HBO, Peacock & Paramount+. Call or look on the app for availability - look for the featured app! Grab some popcorn and settle in for these new blockbusters and more available on the Fandango app.



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 1 week at a time.



Home Theater Kit

Turn your home/garage/back yard into a theater with this kit! This kit includes a 100in indoor/outdoor projection screen, digital projector, and supplemental speakers. Gather your favorite snacks and get ready to watch a movie on the big screen from the comfort of your own space.



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.



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.



SERVICES

Notary Service

The Library offers free notary public services to Glen Carbon Library Patrons. 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. The Library will not provide witnesses.

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/ . Glen Carbon patrons may access 24/7 unless marked "In Library Only."

Here's a list of our database categories!

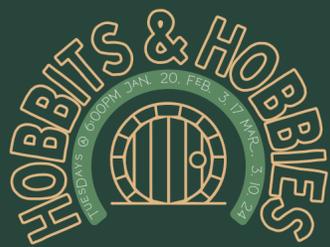
Careers
eBooks
Finance
Genealogy
Government

Health and Wellness
History
Languages – Training
Legal
Literature

Local Resources
Opposing Viewpoints
Periodicals/Newspapers
Reader's Advisory
Reference

Senior Services
Testing & Education
Travel

PROGRAMS



Hobbits and Hobbies

Tuesdays @ 6:00pm
January 20, February 3, 17,
March 3, 10, 24

Join us for cozy evenings in the Shire! Settle in to watch The Lord of the Rings while working on your favorite craft. We'll provide diamond art kits for those who'd like to try something new, or you can bring your own project from home. 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 Tax-Aide Information Session

Tuesday, January 13, 2:00 pm

Jim Hellrich, District Coordinator AARP Tax-Aide program, will be here to answer any questions you might have related to personal tax implications of your financial decisions

Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, January 12, 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.

Plethora of Pens

1st Monday of the Month | 6:30 pm

January 5 & February 2

Facilitated by: Steve Harrick

This writing group encourages each other's creativity and gives support to one another's work.

Cookbook Club

Tuesday | 6:30 pm

January 27

This month's food: New Recipes

Saturday Morning Yoga

Via Zoom

Saturday | 9:30 am

January 17, 24, 31

February 7, 14, 21, 28

Instructor: Sarah Hartwig

Start your weekend with an energizing session of yoga.

Medicare Q&A



Monday | 6:00 pm

January 26 & February 16

Facilitated by: Jon & Jay Burgmann

Bring your questions on how to register and what is covered when you sign up for Medicare.

AARP Foundation

TAX-AIDE

Free tax assistance for those who need it most

Fridays, February 6th - April 3th

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 starting January 5, 2026.

Appointment Required



REGISTER FOR CHANCE TO WIN A FREE R. L. STINE BOOK!

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.

ALL PROGRAMS HOSTED VIA ZOOM

Future Programs:

Tuesday, March 19 | 7 PM

Beyond the Page with Percival Everett

Thursday, April 16 | 7 PM

Cristina Henríquez: Voice, Culture, and Human Connection

These events are 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 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.

American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation and Closed Captioning are provided for all events by default—no special request needed.

BOOK CLUBS

/RR - Registration Required

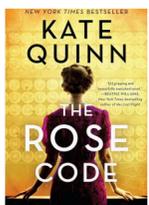
Adult Book Club

Tuesdays once a month @ 6:30 pm

January 13: *The Rose Code* by Kate Quinn

February 10: *Becoming* by Michelle Obama

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



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.

January 17

February 21

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**

Grades K-5

Game Day

Friday, January 2 & 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!

Imagination Station

Tuesdays at 10:00 am

January 6, 20 & Feb 3, 17

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

Storytime

Monday & Tuesday at 10:00 am

January 12, 13, 26, 27 & February 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!

Read with a Dog!

Monday at 6:30 pm

January 12; February 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!

Baby Lapsit

Thursday at 10:00 am

January 15, 29 & February 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.

Mama Bear Support Group

Thursdays Once a Month at 10:00 am

January 22 & February 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.

Card Making Event with EHS's Cards For Hospitalized Kids Club

Saturday at 1:00 pm

January 31

Join EHS's Cards for Hospitalized Kids Club to make cards for kids in the hospital. We'll provide the supplies for you to spend the afternoon creating cards.

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

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

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*

Lego Days

Saturday, @2:00 pm

February 28

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

**January 13 & 27 Diamond Art Painting
February 10 & 24**

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
Streams**

**Once a Month. Check the website for
more information.**

Find us at: twitch.tv/glencarbonlibrary/about

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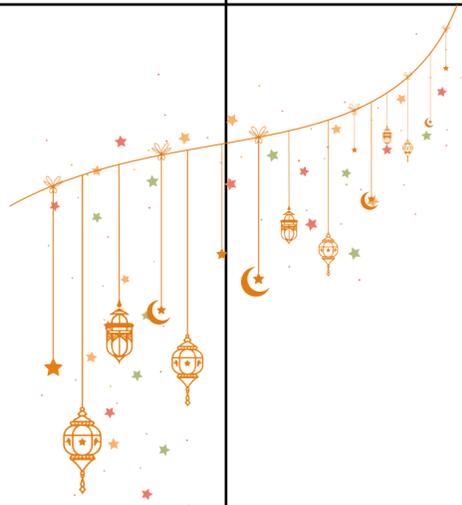
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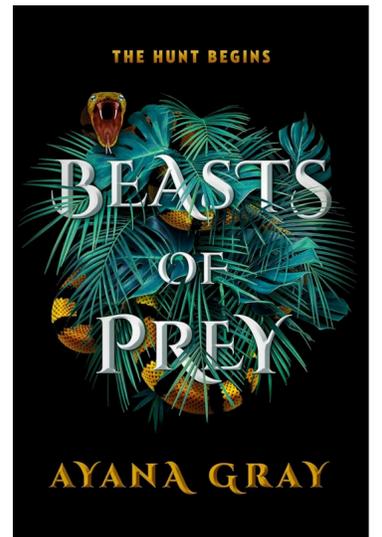
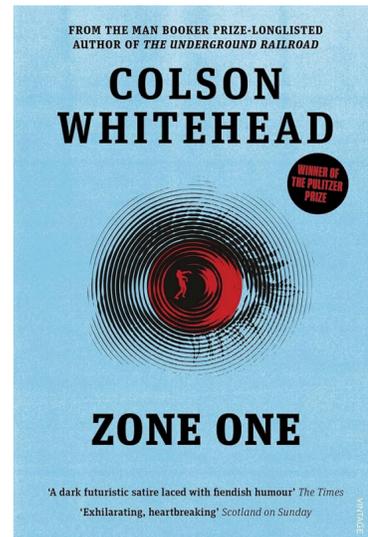
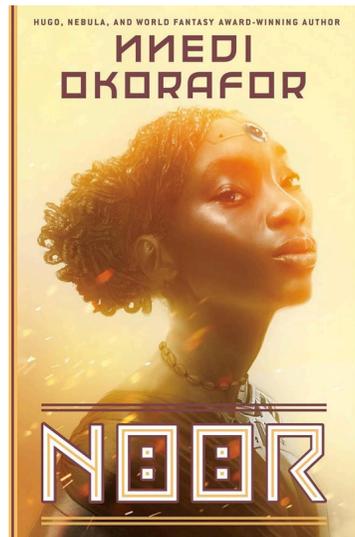
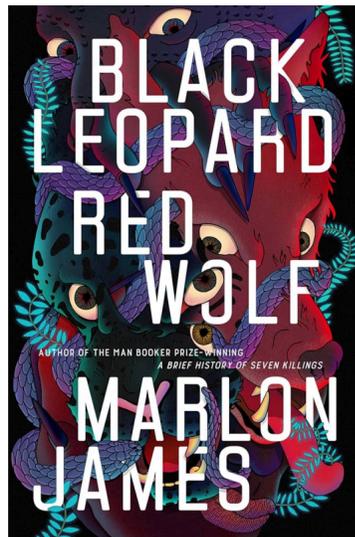
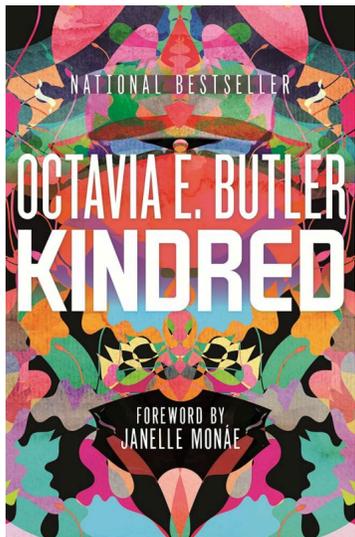
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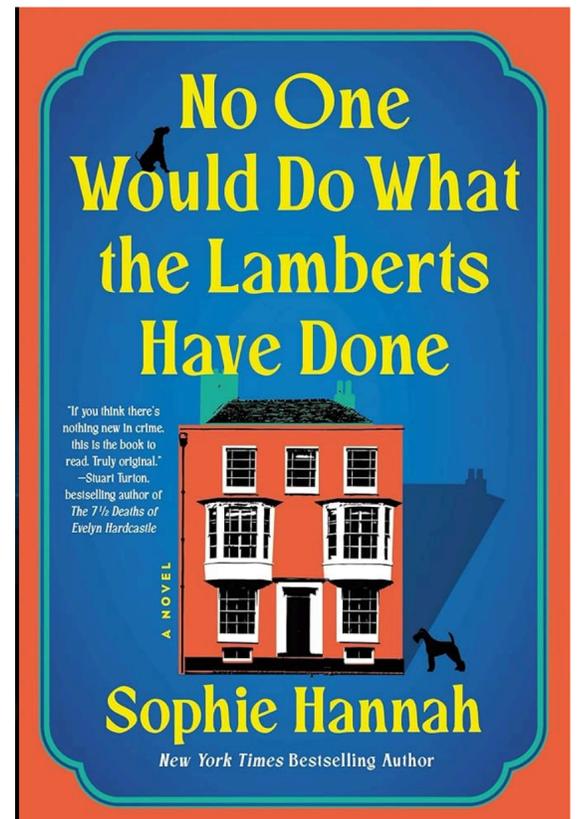
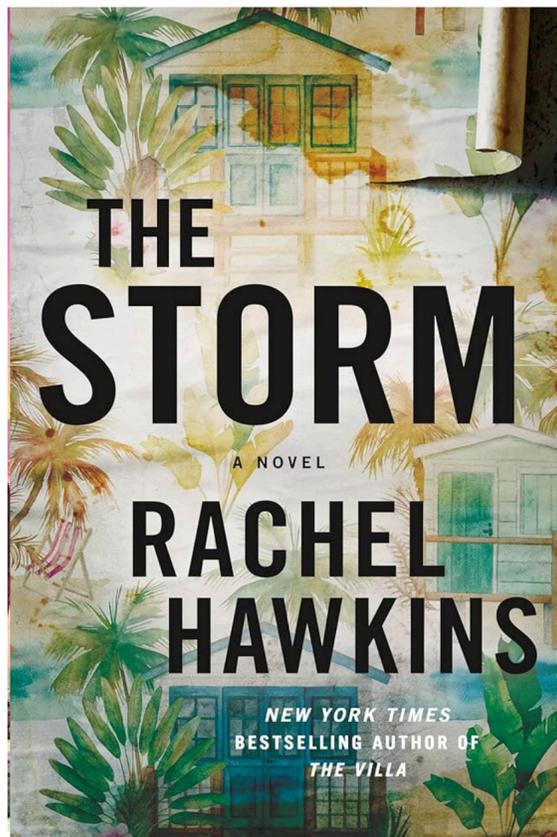
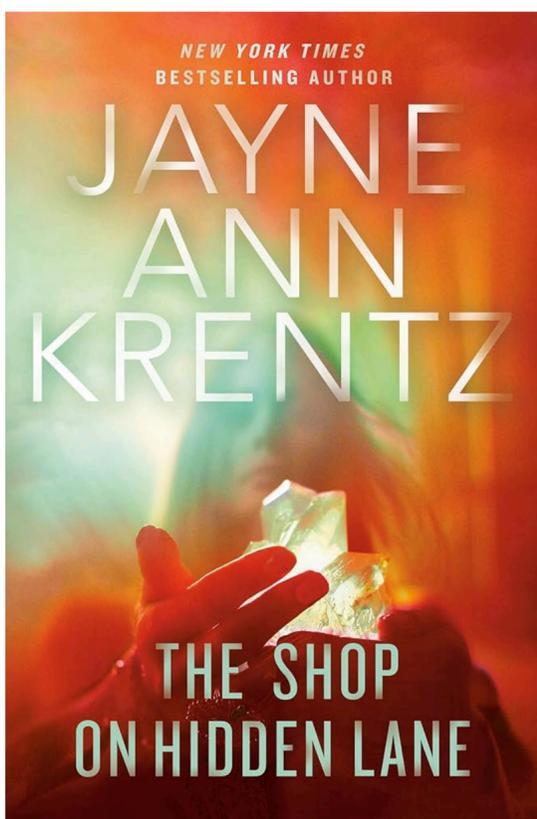
Join us again as we challenge ourselves to not only read more, but read better. Reading Challenges push us to read books outside of our comfort zones. That often means reading genres we usually overlook; like classics, non-fiction, or even fantasy, despite a preference for contemporary fiction. We chose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



COMING THIS MONTH



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**

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LIBRARY DIRECTOR	Christine Gerrish

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 events like the Annual Book Sale. 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 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

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

