

MARCH newsletter

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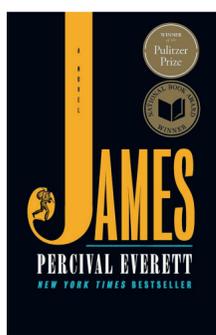
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Beyond the Page with Percival Everett Thursday, March 19 at 7 PM

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.

Brandis Friedman will moderate the event. Friedman is a writer and anchor for WTTW's *Chicago Tonight* and *Chicago Tonight: Black Voices*, and also serves as a champion for libraries.

This event is intended for adults.

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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

Sunday April 5th: Easter

PROGRAMS



Hobbits and Hobbies

Tuesdays @ 6:00pm
March 3, 10 & April 7, 14

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. Starting in April we will start watching The Hobbit.



More than a Trip: A Journey of Service in Tanzania

Presented by Cathy Santanello
Tuesday, March 31 @ 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!

AARP Foundation Fridays, February 6th - April 10th

TAX-AIDE

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

Digging Deep:

The Story of Coal in Glen Carbon

Thursday | 6:30pm

April 16

Join Samantha Doolin, Museum Manager at the Glen Carbon

Heritage Museum, as we take a deep dive into the history of coal mining in Glen Carbon History.

Composting:

Why, What, and How?

Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 6:00pm

Mary Grose from Good Dirt

Composting Collective will talk about the environmental benefits of composting, what is happening inside our compost pile and how to get started using one of the most common methods of composting.

Crochet with Amy

Saturday | 10:00am

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

Plethora of Pens

1st Monday of the Month | 6:30 pm

March 2 & April 6

Facilitated by: Steve Harrick

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

In-Person Beginner Yoga

Wednesday | 9:30 am

March 4, 11, 25

Instructor: Sarah Hartwig

Saturday Morning Yoga via Zoom

Saturday | 9:30 am

March 7, 14, 21, 28

Instructor: Sarah Hartwig

Medicare Q&A

Monday | 6:00 pm

March 16 & April 20

Facilitated by: Jon & Jay Burgmann

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



Cristina Henríquez:

Voice, Culture, and Human Connection

Thursday, April 16 at 7 PM

Join critically acclaimed, bestselling author, Cristina Henríquez, for a compelling conversation about her work. Henríquez's newest book, *The Great Divide*, is a moving exploration of the people who lived, loved, and labored during the construction of the Panama Canal. Named a New York Times' Editors' Choice selection and TIME Magazine "100 Must-Read Books of 2024," *The Great Divide* explores history and adversity in a place very special to her – her father's homeland of Panama. Henríquez has also authored *The Book of Unknown Americans*, *The World in Half*, and *Come Together, Fall Apart*, all to significant acclaim. Her fiction has appeared in *The New Yorker*, *The Atlantic*, *The New York Times*, and *The Best American Short Stories 2018*, and she is a recipient of the 21st Century Award given by The Chicago Public Library Foundation. She is a graduate of Northwestern University and the Iowa Writer's Workshop, and lives in the Chicago suburbs with her family.

ALL PROGRAMS HOSTED VIA ZOOM

Future Programs:

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

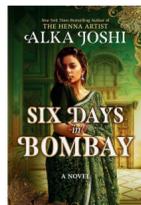
Adult Book Club

Tuesdays once a month @ 6:30 pm

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

April 14: *The Listeners* by Maggie Stiefvater

May 12: *Six Days in Bombay* by Alka Joshi



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.

March 18- Hijab Butch Blues

April 15

PROGRAMS



KIDS

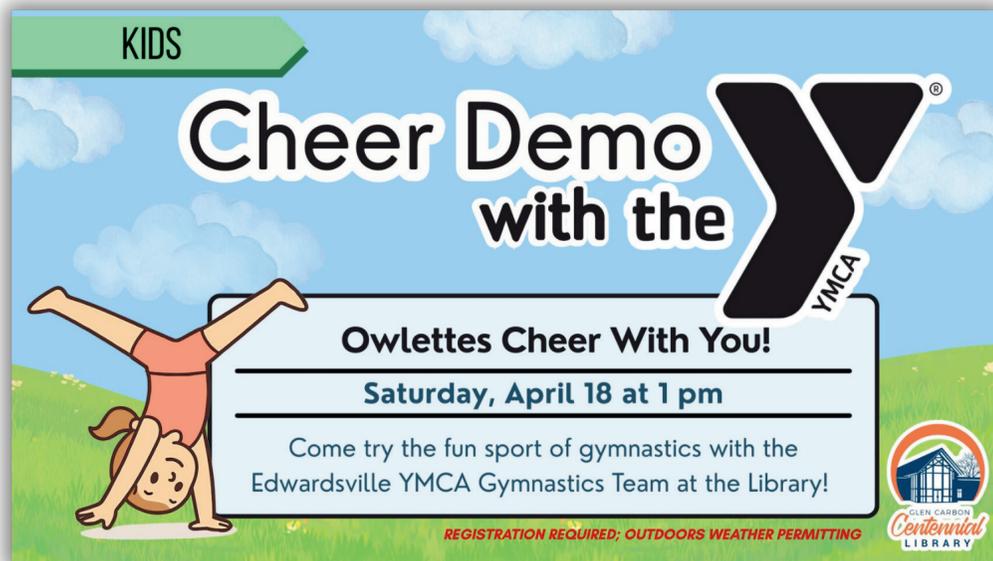
STORY TIME

at the Library

Mondays and Tuesdays every other week at 10 am

Jan. 12, 13, 26 & 27
 Feb. 9, 10, 23 & 24
 Mar. 9, 10, 23 & 24
 Apr. 6, 7, 20 & 21
 May 4, 5, 18 & 19

GLEN CARBON Centennial LIBRARY



KIDS

Cheer Demo with the Y

Owlettes Cheer With You!

Saturday, April 18 at 1 pm

Come try the fun sport of gymnastics with the Edwardsville YMCA Gymnastics Team at the Library!

REGISTRATION REQUIRED; OUTDOORS WEATHER PERMITTING

GLEN CARBON Centennial LIBRARY

Imagination Station

Tuesdays at 10:00 am

March 3, 17, 31 & April 14, 28

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

Read with a Dog!

Monday at 6:30 pm

March 9 & April 13

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

March 12, 26 & April 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.

Mama Bear Support Group

Thursdays Once a Month at 10:00 am

March 19 & April 16

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.

Tech Club

Wednesday, April 8, 22 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!

Lego Days

Saturday, @2:00 pm

March 21 & April 25

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+



KIDS

STEM ACTIVITIES

Sundays at 2 pm

For kids grades K-5

March 22: "3D" Printing

April 12: Dandelion Dissection

GLEN CARBON Centennial LIBRARY

TEEN PROGRAMS

Monthly programs for youth in grades 6 through 12.

 Registration Required

Art Unlimited

Tuesdays at 6:00 pm

March 3 & 17 & April 14 & 28

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](https://www.twitch.tv/glencarbonlibrary/about)

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Registration available online at glencarbonlibrary.org

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	6:30pm: Plethora of Pens	10:00am: Imagination Station 6:00pm: Hobbits and Hobbies 6:00pm: Art Unlimited (R)	9:30am (R) In-Person Yoga		9:00am (R) A.A.R.P. Tax Aide	9:30am Virtual Yoga (R) (V)
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	6:00pm: Medicare Q &A (R)	10:00am: Imagination Station 6:00pm: Art Unlimited (R)	1:00pm: Friends of the Library Meeting 6:00pm: Library Board Meeting 6:00pm: Metro East Rainbow Readers	10:00am: Mama Bear Support Group 7:00pm: IL (V) Library Presents: With Percival Everett	9:00am (R) A.A.R.P. Tax Aide 	9:30am Virtual Yoga (R) (V) 2:00pm: Lego Days
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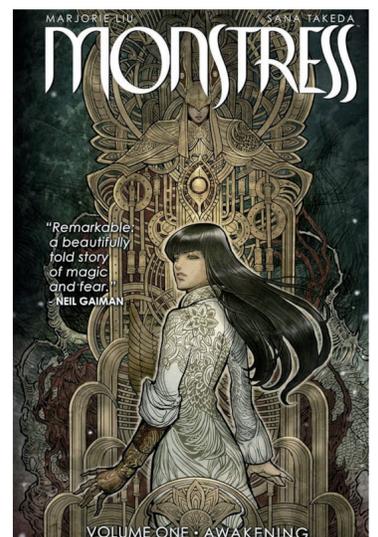
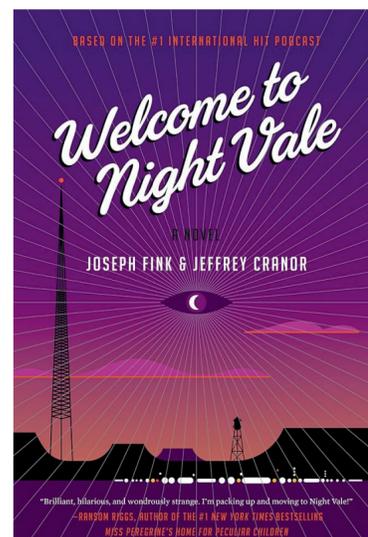
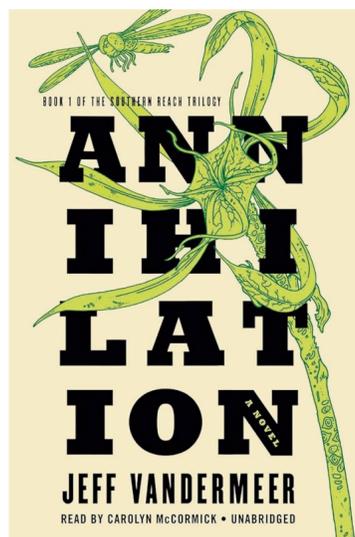
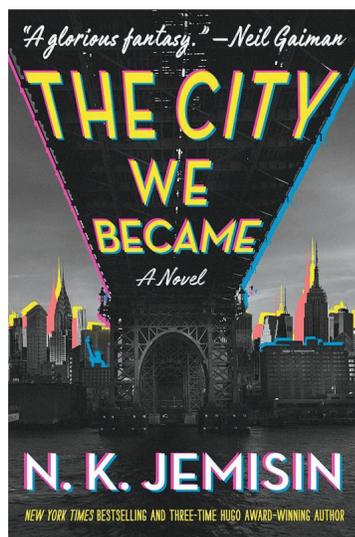
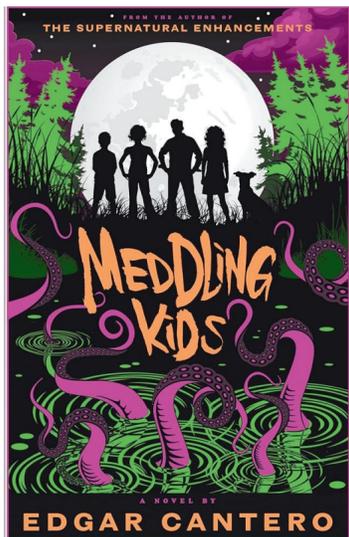
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2026 ADULT READING CHALLENGE

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 that is Counter-Lovecraft



2026 YOUTH READING CHALLENGES

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.



SPRING INTO READING

For Youth in Grades K-12

April 1-30 on Beanstack

Put some spring in your step and dive into reading! Track your reading to earn cheerful badges and Reading Dragon Cards throughout the month. Ready, set, and watch yourself blossom!