

EXCERPTS

Susan Alona Aspen Garden

On November 8, friends and family gathered to dedicate the new Susan Alona Aspen Garden, which was donated by the Takiff Family. Mrs. Aspen was a longtime resident of Glencoe and a valued trustee of the Glencoe Public Library from 1993 to 2003. As an expression of the great friendship shared by the families and in recognition of Mrs. Aspen's contributions to the beauty of the library, the Takiff Family generously donated funding to create the new garden on the front lawn.



Bobette Takiff and Marvin Aspen admiring the new garden, a gift of the Takiff family.

LIBRARY CENTENNIAL



100 YEARS

GLENCOE PUBLIC LIBRARY

On New Year's Day, 1910, the Glencoe Public Library opened its doors at the old Central School for the first time. A hundred years and three moves later, the library continues to welcome its patrons and play a central role in Glencoe life. That's worth celebrating! We're concluding our centennial programming, which began in June, with these very special events:

In December, enjoy a lecture on Glencoe's history by the eminent historian **Michael H. Ebner**. His program on Sunday, December 6, at 2:00 p.m. is titled "Glencoe's Distinctive Suburban History on Chicago's North Shore, 1869-2009." Professor Ebner is the James D. Vail III Professor of American History Emeritus at Lake Forest College and the author of *Creating Chicago's North Shore: A Suburban History* (University of Chicago Press, 1988).

On the following Sunday, December 13, at 2:00 p.m., another view of Glencoe's history will be presented by Glencoe resident **Robert Sideman**, who will discuss his recently published book, *African Americans in Glencoe: The Little Migration*. He will share his reasons for writing the book, the surprises he encountered in researching it, and his experience with the publishing process.

A 1940s-style staged radio production by the **Those Were the Days Radio Players** will entertain the whole family on Thursday, January 7, at 7:00 p.m. The show will feature the psychic crime fighter The Shadow ("Who knows what evil lurks in the hearts of men? The Shadow knows!") and Fibber McGee and Molly, the hilarious couple whose hall closet is always bursting. After the show, children are invited to try their hand at making radio sound effects.

To wrap up the centennial celebrations, all Glencoe residents are warmly invited to a **library birthday party** on Sunday, January 10, 2010, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. We'll be closing the library for regular service and gathering in the Johnson Room for birthday treats, live music, and an exhibit on the library's first century. Please join us for this once-in-a-century special event!

For more information on library programs, see page 2.

Did You Know?

SAFETY IS OUR GOAL

We love visits from children and adults of all ages. In order to ensure an enjoyable and safe visit, children under the age of eight must be in the company of a caregiver over the age of 12 at all times unless they are attending a supervised program.

While children under six years of age attend programs in the library, parents and/or caregivers should remain in the building and collect the children promptly at the program's end. Parents must pick up children by the library's posted closing time. Public Safety will be called to attend to young children left more than 15 minutes after the library is closed.




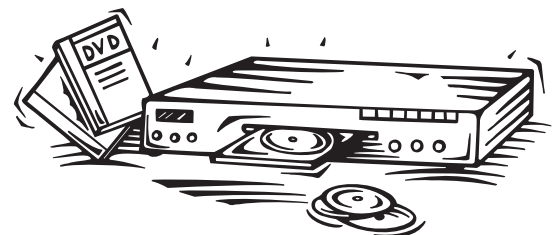
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For the past two years, Glencoe students in grades 4–12 have been using this product for one-on-one homework help from certified tutors. In addition to offering tutoring from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Tutor.com now offers a 24/7 suite of services for learners of all ages. These services include standardized test preparation (college and graduate school entrance exams, advanced placement, TOEFL, and others), help with resume writing, interviewing and job-hunting skills, and tutorials and study guides for academic subjects from elementary grades through college courses. Find the link to Tutor.com on the Ask A Librarian page of our website or ask us for help using this terrific resource.

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Library Programs for Adults

DR. LISE ELIOT ON PINK BRAIN, BLUE BRAIN: THE SCIENCE BEHIND GENDER STEREOTYPES

Thursday, February 25, at 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Lise Eliot, author of *Pink Brain, Blue Brain: How Small Differences Grow into Troublesome Gaps – And What We Can Do About It*, will speak on the differences between boys' and girls' brains and explain the harmful nature of gender stereotypes. Dr. Eliot's book has been lauded by *The New Yorker* ("lively, marvelously clear and readable"), *Newsweek* ("You'll never view the sex-differences debate the same way again"), and *The Washington Post* ("Masterful... made me see my kids and their world differently"). Dr. Eliot is an Associate Professor in the Department of Neuroscience at the Chicago Medical School, Rosalind Franklin University. All parents, caregivers, teachers, and those interested in the development of children are invited to attend.

SHOUT HALLELUJAH, COME ON, GET HAPPY! AMERICA'S MUSICAL THEATER LEGENDS

Susan Benjamin returns with this very popular series of programs featuring the lives of the composers, lyricists, and performers who shaped American musical theatre in the 20th century, illustrated with samples of their most important and unforgettable work.

Monday, December 14, at 1:00 p.m. – *Fred Astaire, Part 2*

Monday, January 11, at 1:00 p.m. – *Donald O'Connor*

Monday, February 8, at 1:00 p.m. – *Vincente Minnelli, Part 1*

TALKING PICTURES: A FILM AND DISCUSSION SERIES

Enjoy an afternoon of thought-provoking cinema and discussion with Susan Benjamin. The film showing starts promptly at 1:00 p.m. and will be followed immediately by a discussion period.

These film screenings and discussions take place in the Glencoe Public Library's Hammond Room (on the mezzanine level).

Friday, December 11, at 1:00 p.m. – *The Holiday*

Monday, February 22, at 1:00 p.m. – *The Reader*

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Occasionally it is necessary to change the date of a discussion. Please check with the Readers' Services desk if you have questions. Copies of the books are available for checkout; ask at the Readers' Services desk.

NONFICTION BOOK DISCUSSIONS

This is the perfect group for avid nonfiction readers. Book selections cover a wide range of topics (including history, biography, arts and culture, and the sciences) designed to promote the well-informed exchange of ideas and opinion. If you like nonfiction, give this Thursday evening group a try. Discussions are led by Judy Levin.

December 10 at 7:30 p.m. – *Hot, Flat, and Crowded: Why We Need a Green Revolution – And How It Can Renew America* by Thomas L. Friedman

January 21 at 7:30 p.m. – *Under the Banner of Heaven: A Story of Violent Faith* by Jon Krakauer

February 18 at 7:30 p.m. – *Zeitoun* by Dave Eggers

WINTER READING CLUB FOR ADULTS AND YOUNG ADULTS: BOOKS FOR A LONG WINTER'S NIGHT...

Saturday, December 12, 2009 – Sunday, February 28, 2010

Looking for a respite from the cold? Need some good books to curl up with by the fire? This year's winter reading club theme is Books for a Long Winter's Night and we'll have plenty of booklists to help you escape the cold. Sign-up begins December 12 at 9:30 a.m. with our traditional cider and doughnuts in the YA Media Room (just beyond the Readers' Services Desk). As always, the club rules are easy to follow and the prizes are easy to take. Please join us!

CARAVAGGIO: BAROQUE MASTER

Wednesday, December 2, at 7:00 p.m.

Since October, visitors to the Art Institute of Chicago have had the chance to experience Caravaggio's spectacular painting *The Supper at Emmaus* (1601) on loan from The National Gallery in London. Art historian Dr. Michelle Paluch-Mishur returns to the Glencoe library to discuss the painting, Caravaggio's drama-filled life, and his important contributions to Baroque art.

U.S. CITIZENSHIP: THE NEXT STEP AFTER THE GREEN CARD

Tuesday, January 12, at 6:00 p.m.

Join Northbrook immigration lawyer (and Glencoe resident) Melissa Chavin for this informative program on the issues facing those applying for U.S. citizenship. Whether you're a green card holder looking to take the next step or just interested in the process by which a person applies for citizenship, this program is for you. Among other topics, Ms. Chavin will discuss the following:

- How urgent is it to take the next step?
- What is the procedure to apply?
- Would a divorce affect the process?
- How much time can I spend outside the U.S.?

THE POTAWATOMI: CULTURE AND HISTORY

Sunday, January 31, at 2:00 p.m.

Lisa Davis, director of the Mitchell Museum of the American Indian, will talk about the culture and history of the Potawatomi Indians. The presentation is designed for all ages and includes artifacts from the museum touching table for children to explore.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Judy Levin leads these discussions of contemporary fiction, classics and occasional nonfiction choices. Whatever the title, these lively discussions emphasize the exchange of ideas and viewpoints.

December 9 at 1:00 p.m. – *The Shadow Catcher* by Marianne Wiggins

January 13 at 1:00 p.m. – *Lush Life* by Richard Price

February 10 at 1:00 p.m. – *Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Strout

MONDAY EVENING BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Michelle Wilson leads these discussions featuring thought-provoking recent fiction.

December 28 at 7:30 p.m. – *The Ginseng Hunter* by Jeff Talarigo

January 25 at 7:30 p.m. – *The Song of Names* by Norman Lebrecht

February 22 at 7:30 p.m. – *City of Thieves* by David Benioff

GUYS' BOOK GROUP

Glencoe resident Louis Harrison leads the discussion in this new group. Although it is called the Guy's Book Club, both men and women are encouraged to attend.

Wednesday, January 27, at 7:30 p.m. – Title to be determined

Kids' News

Unless otherwise noted, children's programs do not require registration.

Winter Break Programs & Activities

Visit the library during winter break for activities and events. Do you have visitors from other parts of the country? Please bring them in to see our library! Grandchildren in town? Please come up to the second floor for books, videos, audiobooks, programs, and fun. We look forward to seeing old friends and making new acquaintances. All are invited to join in the fun.

Family Storytimes

Mondays at 10:30 a.m., December 21 and December 28

Thursdays at 10:30 a.m., December 24 and December 31

Nothing brightens and warms a cold winter day like stories and songs and rhymes! Children ages 3 and up are invited to family storytimes during winter break for seasonal tales and festive fun. (Children under the age of 4 must be accompanied by an adult; children ages 4 and up may attend independently while an adult remains in the library.)

Ups & Downs with the Yo-Yo Man

Wednesday, December 23

10:30 a.m. – Yo-yo show for children ages 4 and up

1:30 p.m. – Hands-on yo-yo lesson and demonstration for kids 8 and up
(REGISTRATION REQUIRED to ensure sufficient yo-yos)



Animals in the Winter

Tuesday, December 29, at 1:30 p.m.

Gather fun facts and hear fascinating stories about animals in winter. Interact with live and “formerly live” (pelts, etc.) animals. Learn more about those animals that stay and others that migrate, those that sleep and others that stay on the prowl. For children ages 4 and older; children under age 6 must be accompanied by an adult.

Drop-in Activities

You can find fun on your own timetable at the library during winter break. Drop in for a variety of activities from board games and puzzles to word search sheets and mini-scavenger hunts. Games and activities will be available during library hours between December 19 and January 3.

Storytimes

BIG KIDS' BOOK BUNCH *Tuesdays at 4:15 p.m., January 5 – February 23*

More sophisticated themes and activities as well as longer stories are the focus of this storytime, which is designed for children 4 to 6 years old.

TALES FOR TOTS *Thursdays at 10:30 a.m., January 7 – February 25*

Lots of fun rhythm and rhyme designed to help pre-readers work on their early literacy skills. With shorter stories and simple songs, this program is targeted to children ages 2 to 3 years.

BOOK BABIES *Fridays at 10:30 a.m., January 8 – February 26*

Mostly music and fingerplays with one or two simple stories. This program introduces children to the concept of storytime and offers opportunity for play and socialization. Developed for children ages 0 to 23 months.

Winter Reading Clubs!

Kids enjoy our reading clubs so much that we're offering two this winter season!

READ AROUND ... DURING WINTER BREAK

December 14 through January 11

Books are super portable and easy to share! Entertain yourselves and others wherever you go during winter break by reading books together. Whether you're in the doctor's waiting room or the Denver airport ... at Gran's house or in Grand Foods, you can whip out a book. Read around your family, your house, Glencoe, and beyond and you'll reap the rewards of a great story and some fun prizes. The program is open to families with children ages 3 (pre-K) through 5th grade. The whole family – or just a few – can get in on the fun. Sign up and start reading the week before District 35 winter break begins and finish up the week after break.

READ TO SUCCEED WITH THE CHICAGO WOLVES

February 1 through February 28

Score a hat trick this February with the Chicago Wolves Read to Succeed program. Participants will 1) read great stories, 2) receive a special Chicago Wolves reading log, and 3) qualify to win exciting Wolves prizes, including t-shirts and tickets. The program is open to all children in grades K through 5 during the month of February.

HOCKEY PLAYERS READ TO SUCCEED!

February, Date To Be Announced

Local hockey players stop by the library to show off their smarts. Boy and girl players will demonstrate the safety features of their equipment and offer a story or two. Open to all kids – hockey fans and non-fans – ages 5 and up.

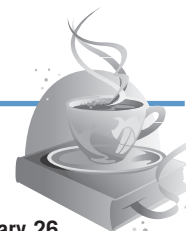
Book Discussions

READ OUTSIDE THE BOX...

EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION FOR KIDS

Fridays at 7:00 p.m., December 18, January 29, and February 26

Join other Glencoe kids and adults for a library book discussion group *outside of the library!* Read books written at the 3rd-5th grade levels and share your opinions and ideas. Sponsored and led by the library, the discussions will be held at Glencoe Roast Coffee at the corner of Park and Vernon Avenues. Children must be accompanied by an adult. The December book is *The Seven Wonders of Sassafraz Springs*. Future titles to be determined. **(REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED to ensure sufficient materials.)**



CENTENNIAL BOOK DISCUSSIONS

How much do you have in common with kids from 100 years ago? Maybe more than you think! Continuing the library's Centennial Book Discussion series about children's lives in 1910, these programs are open to anyone who is able to and interested in reading the book and discussing it at the appropriate age level. **(REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED to ensure sufficient materials.)**

Thursday, December 3, at 4:15 p.m.: *Counting on Grace* by Elizabeth Winthrop

Imagine working long hours in a factory at the age of 12. Grace and her friend Arthur face this challenge in a textile factory in Vermont. Based on historical facts, this book highlights the hard conditions under which children worked during the Industrial Revolution. 4th-6th grade level.

Programs and Activities



DROP-IN HOLIDAY CARD SHOPS

Saturday, December 5, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. *Winter Holiday Cards*

Saturday, February 6, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. *Valentine's Day Cards*

Children 3 and older can stop by the library with an adult caregiver to make seasonal cards. The library supplies paper, cut-outs, glue, markers, and other artistic tools. You supply the creativity and imagination at this do-it-yourself event.

2ND ANNUAL FAMILY READING NIGHT / BE PROUD, READ ALOUD

Wednesday, December 9, at 7:00 p.m.

Join Glencoe families in celebrating the rewards of reading together. Families are invited to participate – along with local celebrity readers – in an open mic/read-aloud program. Anyone who can read aloud comfortably is invited to participate. And those who just want to listen are encouraged to attend, too. Every family will leave with a special family reading kit.

(REGISTRATION REQUIRED to participate in the reading aloud/open mic activity.)

STORIES & CRAFTS WITH MISS LESLEY

**Friday afternoons at 4:15 p.m.,
December 18, January 15, and February 19**

Children ages 4-6 years listen to thematic stories and make a related craft. Children attend independently while adult caregivers remain in the library.

(REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED to ensure sufficient materials.)



DIARY OF A NIFTY KID

Sunday, December 20, 2:00 – 3:15 p.m.

Follow the example of Greg Heffley and Ellie “McDoodle” and record your memories in your own journal (or diary, or scrapbook – whatever term you prefer!). Each session will begin with brief journaling followed by time and materials to get creative. For children in grades 1-5. **(REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED)**

PUPPET THEATER PERFORMANCE: HANS, MY HEDGEHOG

Monday, January 18, at 1:30 p.m.

Creative and innovative *Seabeast Puppetry* presents the folk tale, *Hans, My Hedgehog*. This retelling of the Brothers Grimm story chronicles the challenges and victories of a little boy who is very different. Told through the art of shadow puppetry, this enchanting fairy tale will capture the imagination of families and children ages 4 and up.



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Information located under Library Programs for Adults on page 2.

Always Available

Books Just 4Me: Custom Book Lists Created Just for You!

Books Just4 Me offers customized book lists for children in **grades K through 5**. Each list is as unique and individual as each child. Children or parents fill out an interest form and children's staff create a list of 10 books. The list can be updated any time with new/additional books. Stop by the Children's Desk to ask about **Books Just4Me!**

KIDS' COLLECTION DISPLAYS:

Display cases – The following Glencoe children recently shared their collections with the community.



Bella's Dogs



Caroline's Ponies



Clay's Cars



Emma's Caps & Sand Art



Grace & Andrew's Beasties



Jonathan's Cars



Justine's glass animals



Katherine's 101 Dalmatians



Lizzie's WackyPacks



Rachel's Hama Beads



Rachel's Snowglobes



Sam's State Quarters

Monday Night at the Movies

Sponsored by the Friends of the Glencoe Public Library, all films in this series are screened at the Woman's Library Club, 325 Tudor Court.

LEMON TREE

Monday, December 21, at 1:00 & 7:00 p.m.
106 minutes. Unrated.

Lemon Tree tells the story of Salma, a 45-year-old widow from a small Palestinian village. She finds herself at war with the Israeli Minister of Defense when his new home is built on the green line between Israel and the occupied territories and her grove of lemon trees is deemed a safety threat to him. In trying to save her lemon trees, Salma embarks on a journey that will take her to the Israeli Supreme Court. Along the way, there is a complicated love affair with a younger lawyer and an unlikely bond that develops with the wife of the Israeli minister.



THE ENGLISH SURGEON

Monday, January 18, at 1:00 & 7:00 p.m.
94 minutes. Unrated.

Dr. Henry Marsh is one of England's foremost brain surgeons, a pioneer in his field and respected throughout the world. Surprisingly modest despite all his achievements, he still rides an old bicycle to work and worries constantly about his patients. When Marsh brings his skills to less-developed countries such as Russia, Azerbaijan, Sudan, and—as documented in *The English Surgeon*—Ukraine, the conflict between promise and failure becomes wrenchingly sharp. This screening is a collaboration with the award-winning television documentary series *P.O.V.* (www.pbs.org/pov).

SUMMER HOURS

Monday, February 15, at 1:00 & 7:00 p.m.
102 minutes. Unrated.

Helene has just turned 75 and is increasingly concerned about the particulars of her estate. Unfortunately, when the time comes, her three children cannot agree to keep her house and valuable collection of art and objects intact. A reflection on the transience of art and other objects, family tradition, and of time itself, *Summer Hours* "...brims with life and loveliness even as it meditates on the loss of childhood." — Lisa Schwarzbaum, *Entertainment Weekly*.



Technology Tuesdays

We will be rerunning our popular **Facebook** and **Twitter** programs in the next series of Technology Tuesday classes. The programs will be updated with new information and will give an overview of these social networking sites. We also will present a program on **Blogs and Blogging**. If you have ever considered creating a basic personal or organizational website, a blog is a free and easy option. If you are interested in finding information on subjects of interest, blogs may be for you as well, as there are millions of blogs on a wide variety of topics.

Technology Tuesdays is open to all ages and skills, although a basic knowledge of computers (how to use a mouse and keyboard, how to get on the Internet) is required. These one-hour classes are taught by Adult Services librarian Mike Gershbein.

Tuesday, December 15, at 7:00 p.m.: Facebook

Tuesday, January 19, at 7:00 p.m.: Twitter

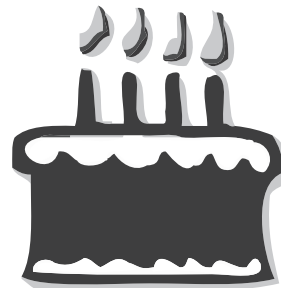
Tuesday, February 16, at 7:00 p.m.: Blogs and Blogging 

Just for Young Adults

YA STUDY BREAK LOUNGE IS BACK!!

Saturday, January 9, and Monday – Thursday, January 11 - 14

Looking to take a break while studying for finals? Stop by our Study Break Lounge for FREE snacks and socializing. The Lounge will be in the Hammond Room from 10:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on Saturday and in the YA/Media Room (on the first floor) from 10:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m. Monday – Wednesday and 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. on Thursday. Sorry—there will be no Study Break Lounge on Sunday, January 10, but please come help us celebrate our 100th birthday that day! Good luck with exams!



Friends' Corner

FALL BOOK SALE

The October book sale was a definite success, raising nearly \$6,700 over four days. We're so grateful to the generous donors who make it possible for us to offer thousands of great books, videos, and other materials—and to the enthusiastic shoppers who buy them. Our next sale is February 27-March 1, 2010.



BOOK DONATIONS WELCOME

When you're sorting through your shelves of books and movies, please keep us in mind. We gratefully accept donations of paperback and hardcover books, videos, audiotapes, CDs, and DVDs. (Sorry, but we do not accept textbooks, encyclopedias, magazines, or mildewed/water-damaged books.) Please place your donations in the bins just inside the front door. A tax receipt for your donations is available at the Check-Out Desk.



OUR NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

If you have any questions or ideas for the Friends, you may now reach us at friends@glencoepubliclibrary.org



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LIBRARY HOURS

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Saturday 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
Sunday 1 p.m.–5 p.m.

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Meet The Staff

LIZ McCLAIN, ADULT SERVICES LIBRARIAN



Liz McClain

Hi. My name is Liz McClain. I was born in Chicago and except for four years of college, I have lived my entire life on the North Shore. I started college as a pre-med major until I was defeated by organic chemistry. I switched to pre-law, went to law school and practiced for many years. When I decided to take some time off and raise my kids and the dog, I went to part-time practice. Once my boys were grown and the last one off to college, I decided to switch careers and do something I truly loved – I went to library school and completed my master's.

I have been working at the Glencoe Public Library for more than a year as a Reference Librarian. I could not be happier. This is a wonderful library. The collection is broad and well furnished, the people I work with are friendly and

knowledgeable, and the patrons are the best! I work on Monday nights where we have started the "Monday night treats" tradition.

In my spare time, I like to read (of course), travel, watch my kids play hockey, and work in my garden.



Donations to the Library

Contributions made to the library are not only a generous way to honor a friend or relative, they also purchase materials that will serve the entire community. The library is always appreciative of donations made in honor or in memory of a loved one, or to commemorate a special event. A gift bookplate may be placed inside the selected material to note the donation and an acknowledgment will be sent to the honoree(s) designated by the donor. Recent donations include:

Glenn & Patti Sugiyama in memory of Susan Aspen

Mary Alice Molloy in memory of Dorothy Glassberg

Matt O'Hare in memory of Dorothy Glassberg

Emiko Kakiuchi & Bob Geller in memory of David Morton Stein

Betty Ray in honor of the 50th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Love


Julie Aronson in support of kids' reading programs

Bobette Cohen Takiff to further develop the art collection

Barry J. Wolk

Library Calendar

The library will be closed in observance of the following holidays:

- The library will close at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 24, and remain closed through Friday, December 25, in observance of the Christmas holiday.
- The library will close at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 31, and remain closed through Friday, January 1, in observance of the New Year's holiday. 

The Glencoe Public Library is subject to the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Any individual who plans to attend any program at the library and who requires a special accommodation, or anyone who has questions regarding accessibility to the library, is requested to phone the library at (847) 835-5056.