

EXCERPTS

Spotlight on Library Programs

TECHNOLOGY TUESDAYS

Looking for fun gadgets to put under the Christmas tree? Or maybe your spouse would like some cool new apps on his or her iPhone for Hanukkah? At our **2nd Annual Holiday Technology Spectacular** we'll take a peek at the new products, apps and websites that people are buzzing about this year. Bring some of your own ideas to share!

Next, do you know that you can now check out ebooks to your Kindle (as well as other ereaders and mobile devices) from the library? We'll demonstrate this and talk about all the popular new eReaders, including the Nook tablet, the Kindle Fire and the latest Sony Reader at our **Ereader and Ebook Update**.

Finally, it's hard for Facebook users to keep up with all the changes that Facebook has made to its layout, privacy settings and functionality. Come to our **What's New With Facebook?** class and learn everything you need to know to be a Facebook master.

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. Each class is taught by Mike Gershbein and will last one hour.

Tuesday, December 13, at 1:00 p.m. – 2nd Annual Holiday Technology Spectacular

Tuesday, January 17, at 1:00 p.m. – Ereader and Ebook Update

Tuesday, February 21, at 1:00 p.m. – What's New With Facebook?

GLENCOE'S GREENEST HOME

Tuesday, January 24, at 7:30 p.m.

The new home on Washington Avenue perfectly complements its traditional neighborhood, but inside it's anything but conventional. A significant lesson in sustainable design, the Slotnick residence is one of the state's first LEED Platinum homes. Learn all about it from the architect, Nathan Kipnis, who also will provide an overview of green concepts that may be used in both new and renovation projects. Homeowners Natalie and Barry Slotnick will be present to speak about what it's like to live in their green home. Mr. Kipnis is the principal of Kipnis Architecture + Planning, an Evanston firm that specializes in green and sustainable architectural practices.



Did You Know?

E-PAY IS UP AND RUNNING!

It is now possible to pay for both overdue fines and lost items with your credit card. Log into the library catalog from home, go into your account, and you should see a button that reads "Pay Fine Online" if you have outstanding fees. If you're in the library, you can also pay for your fees online by using one of our public computers. First select the library's home page and log into the catalog and your account from there.

To pay for lost items with your credit card, (in person or by phone at 847-835-5056) notify one of the assistants at the Checkout Desk. We will make the necessary adjustment to your account.

If you have any questions about E-Pay, please contact Danny Burdett at the Checkout Desk.

THE LIBRARY OFFERS FREE MUSIC DOWNLOADS!

Glencoe patrons can download songs from Sony Music Entertainment's immense catalog at no charge through the library's subscription to Freegal Music. Up to three tracks in MP3 format per week may be downloaded via the library website. Sony's catalog includes over 400,000 songs from major record labels in all varieties of music, including pop, jazz, classical, country, rap and folk. You're sure to find music you like!

To use Freegal, simply click on "Books, Movies and Music" on the library's website, then select "Download Music."

THE LIBRARY HAS DVD AND CD CLEANERS

We can help keep your DVD and CD players running smoothly. We have just purchased a new batch of cleaning discs that are ready for checkout. You can find the DVD cleaners just above the new feature DVDs; the CD cleaners can be found in the new music section, beneath the pop/rock CDs.

GLENCOE GOES (WENT) GREEN AT TAKIFF CENTER

On November 12, 2011, the library participated in the first communitywide "Glencoe Goes Green" event at the Takiff Center. We welcomed the chance to share how the library—and the very concept of libraries!—is green and how the library can help residents learn about eco-friendly practices. 

Book Discussions

Thanks to the Friends of the Glencoe Public Library for their generous support of our discussion programs.

Please note: 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

The Thursday night group is perfect for avid nonfiction readers interested in a wide range of subjects. We hope you will find something to pique your interest. Discussions are led by Judy Levin.

December 1 at 7:30 p.m. – *The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration*
by Isabel Wilkerson

February 2 at 7:30 p.m. – *Appetite for America: How Visionary Businessman Fred Harvey Built a Railroad Hospitality Empire that Civilized the Wild West*
by Stephen Fried

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Thanks to the Friends of the Glencoe Public Library for their generous support of this program!

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 14 at 1:00 p.m. – *The Tiger's Wife*
by Téa Obreht

January 11 at 1:00 p.m. – *The Thousand Autumns of Jacob de Zoet*
by David Mitchell

February 8 at 1:00 p.m. – *Into the Beautiful North*
by Luis Alberto Urrea

WEDNESDAY EVENING BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Nancy Buehler, Readers' Services associate and experienced book discussion leader, leads these evening discussions featuring contemporary titles.

January 11 at 7:00 p.m. – *Rebecca*
by Daphne du Maurier

March 14 at 7:00 p.m. – *The Story of Beautiful Girl*
by Rachel Simon

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.

December 8 at 1:00 p.m. – *Everyone Says I Love You*

January 18 at 1:00 p.m. – *In a Better World*

February 3 at 1:00 p.m. – *Midnight in Paris*

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

Library Programs for Adults

WINTER READING CLUB

Thanks to the Friends of the Glencoe Public Library for their generous support of our reading clubs.

THE BEST OF EVERYTHING! WINTER READING CLUB FOR ADULTS

Saturday, December 17, 2011–Saturday, March 3, 2012

What better way to ward off the winter blues than by celebrating a few of our favorite things? That's why we've decided to make this year's Winter Reading Club theme the Best of Everything! Join in the fun beginning Saturday, December 17, as we kick off the club with cider and doughnuts. We'll have sign-up prizes, weekly prizes and prizes when you finish the program. Also on hand will be lots of "Best of..." booklists to satisfy every reader. Stop by the Readers' Services desk to join our Best Winter Reading Club ever!

MICHELANGELO'S PAINTINGS: PROCESS, PATRONAGE AND SUBJECTS

Monday, December 5, at 7:00 p.m.

As the second part to the popular Michelangelo Sculpture program, art historian Jeff Mishur will discuss the paintings of this Renaissance master. He will talk about the iconography of the works as well as patronage. Mishur will discuss works including the Temptation of St. Anthony, the Sistine Chapel, The Last Judgment and others.

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Tuesday, December 6, at 7:30 p.m.

The application landscape has changed dramatically since today's parents went to college. Hanna Stotland, an admissions consultant, will offer parents and high schoolers an overview of the college admissions process and how students can find the right path. The program will present the latest advice on standardized testing, essays, campus visits, and how to choose once you've got your acceptance letters in hand. Bring your questions!

GETTING PERSONAL THROUGH FICTION AND NON-FICTION

Thursday, December 15, at 7:30 p.m.

Area authors and popular teachers Bob Boone and John O'Connor will read from their latest books and discuss the relationship between the author and the real world. Learn more about successful educational practices from the teacher's perspective. Copies of Boone's *Forest High Short Stories* and O'Connor's *This Time It's Personal* will be available for sale.

SOCIAL SECURITY: HOW AND WHEN TO TAKE IT TO MAXIMIZE YOUR BENEFITS

Tuesday, January 31, at 7:30 p.m.

When and how you take Social Security may seem like a straightforward decision. It is not. The wrong decision may cost you tens of thousands of dollars. Even if you've made a decision, you may still be able to receive more money. Adam Stock will teach you the ins and outs of your Social Security, including how one Wilmette resident received an additional \$45,120. Adam Stock is a CFP and principal of The Next Level Planning Group, an affiliate of Lincoln Financial Advisors.

7 QUESTIONS TO ASK (AND 1 QUESTION NOT TO ASK) YOUR FINANCIAL ADVISOR

Tuesday, February 7, at 7:30 p.m.

What tools do you have to assess the quality of your advisor's work? How do you know what questions to ask as you begin to interview advisors? Today there are many resources available to help you compare financial products. Unfortunately, the same is not true for financial advisors. Adam Stock will pull back the curtain and share wisdom from his 12 years of experience. Adam Stock is a CFP and principal of The Next Level Planning Group, an affiliate of Lincoln Financial Advisors.

FRESH IDEAS FOR YOUR GARDEN

Thursday, February 16, at 7:30 p.m.

Do you want to update your yard but don't know how to begin? Get a head start on the 2012 growing season with landscaping professional Phyllis Cheskin. She will discuss how to set your garden objectives and needs, the benefits of soil testing, new plants on the market, and tips on design, installation and maintenance—whether you do it yourself or hire a contractor. A Glencoe resident, Ms. Cheskin is the proprietor of PGC Ideas, LLC, a landscape design and installation firm. She is familiar to many locals through her work at the Glencoe Park District's greenhouse sale.

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Kids' News

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

Family Storytimes @ Your Library

WINTER BREAK SPECIAL *Family Storytimes*

Tuesday, December 20; Wednesday, December 28; Friday, December 30
—all at 10:30 a.m.

Stories, songs, and rhymes celebrate this season of friends and family, frost and fun. While the stories and activities are targeted for children **ages 3 – 6 years old**, younger children may attend. We extend a special invitation to grandparents, aunts and uncles, and special friends who might be visiting during the winter break.

Big Kids' Book Bunch

Tuesdays at 4:15 p.m. January 10 – February 21

Enjoy 30 minutes of stories, songs and rhymes especially designed for children **ages 4 – 6 years old**. More advanced themes, activities and narrative help continue the development of early literacy skills.



Tales for Tots

Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. January 12 – February 23

Participate in 30 minutes of stories, songs and rhymes especially designed for children **ages 2 – 3 years old** and their caregivers. Shorter narrative and simple songs along with fun rhymes help young readers develop early literacy skills.

Book Babies

Fridays at 10:30 a.m. January 13 – February 24

Join us for 20-30 minutes of stories, songs, and active play especially developed to help children **ages 0 to 23 months** learn to love books, libraries, and learning.



Night Time Story Time @ Your Library

Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.

December 22, January 26 (**SPECIAL!** See below), February 23

Visit the library on your way to bed and we'll read the stories. Stories are selected for children **between 3 and 6 years** along with moms, dads, or other special grown-up companions.

Stories and Signs! The January 26 *Night Time Story Time* will feature a special presenter: Cathy Silvern, certified *BabySigns* instructor. All are welcome to attend this special signed *Night Time Story Time*.



Special Events

WINTER BREAK SPECIAL BUILD IT BY YOURSELF

Tuesday, December 27th 9:30 a.m. for 4–6 year olds
10:45 a.m. for 7–9 year olds

Why does the delicate-looking Eiffel Tower stand up so sturdily? Why don't pyramids stand on their pointy ends? Join local teachers Kerri Ringel and Kim Bloomberg in exploring this topic through fact and fiction as well as hands-on activities. **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.** Space is limited and we're sure to have a waiting list!

WINTER BREAK SPECIAL MAGIC AND LAUGHS WITH DENNIS DEBONDT

Tuesday, December 29 at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Dennis is one of the funniest – and tallest! – magicians around. While the program is designed for **school age children**, younger children may attend; children age 8 and up may attend independently. Please attend one of the two sessions (FYI: AM session is usually *very* crowded and PM session is less crowded).



MAKE A MASK (NO-SCHOOL SPECIAL EVENT)

Monday, January 16 at 10:00 a.m. ages 4-6 / 11:30 a.m. ages 7-10

Master mask maker Jeff Semmerling shares his expertise and enthusiasm for masks and their creation. Using a variety of media each child will produce a mask that is a unique creation. **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.**

Bird Mask. Children **ages 4-6** fashion fun and functional masks.

Self-Portrait Mask. Children **ages 7-10** highlight their outer and inner characteristics.

FAMILY FILM – *INSIDE HANA'S SUITCASE*

Sunday, January 22, 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

If you've read the book, you'll want to see the movie about this real-life mystery. This docu-drama moves from Tokyo to Theresienstadt, from the 21st century to the 1940s, through reenactments and interviews with the individuals behind the history. *Inside Hana's Suitcase* focuses on a very difficult and painful experience in a powerful and hopeful way. This program is for **families with children ages 9 and up**, accompanied by an adult. After the movie (90 minutes), there will be time for discussion and refreshments



OPEN HOUSE FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Sunday, January 29, 12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m.

Wondering what resources might be available for your family? Not sure how your child will respond to the library? Visit the Glencoe Public Library and take a low-key tour with other families with children with special needs at our January Open House. The library invites families to come to the library one-hour before our official opening time to learn more about what we offer to all children in Glencoe. There's something for everyone at the library!

Book Bash

Celebrate your favorite friends from the books of Mo Willems and Dan Gutman. Join other kids in games and activities focusing on the themes of these popular series. While no advance reading is required to attend the party, you might want to be familiar with the series before joining the fun. Come into the library and check out a few! **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.**

Elephant & Piggie – Silly stuff with funny friends.
(for children ages 4-6)

Saturday, February 4, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

My Weird School – Dizzy, daffy, loopy laughs!
(for children ages 7-9)

Monday, February 20, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.



Book Clubs for Kids

WINTER BREAK SPECIAL BOOK BINGO

Stop by the library on December 19 to sign-up for **Book Bingo**, our winter reading club for **students K–6th grade**.

WINTER BREAK SPECIAL BAGELS & BOOKS

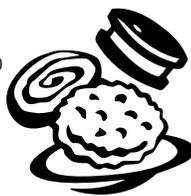
Wednesday, December 21, 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

This program is just like *Chat & Chew*, only earlier and with different snacks. You provide ideas and opinions, we'll provide beverages and bagels (no need to bring any food to our morning gathering). Geared to children entering **grades 2 and 3**, who may attend independently or invite a special adult to join them. Please contact the Children's Department to register and get a copy of the book. **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.**

CHAT & CHEW

Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. January 25, February 22

If you like to read books and have fun with other kids, *Chat & Chew* book club is for you! Bring a light dinner and your thoughts on a book we all have read on our own. We'll provide drinks and sweets. Books and activities geared to children entering **grades 2 and 3**. Children may attend independently or invite a special adult to join them. Please contact the Children's Department to register and get a copy of the book. **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.**



READ OUTSIDE THE BOX EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION FOR KIDS

Fridays at 7:00 p.m. December 16, January 20, February 17

Join other kids and adults for a library book discussion group *outside of the library!* Read books written at the **3rd-6th grade** levels and share your opinions and ideas. Sponsored and led by the library, the discussions will be held at Glencoe Roast Coffee shop at the corner of Park and Vernon Avenues. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please contact the Children's Department to register and get a copy of the book. **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.**



KIDS' COLLECTION DISPLAYS:

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



Brandes's bunny collection



Brandon's Bionicles



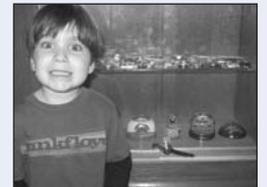
Caroline's snowglobes & erasers



Dow's sea glass



Miles's key chains & autographed baseballs



Ollie's keychains & snowglobes



Romy's coins & bands



Ryan and Jenna's collections

Library Programs for Adults

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

Thanks to the Friends of the Glencoe Public Library for their generous support of this program!

Susan Benjamin presents three programs in this very popular series featuring the lives and unforgettable work of the composers, lyricists and performers who shaped American musical theatre in the 20th century.

Monday, December 12, at 1:00 p.m. – Bing Crosby

Monday, January 9, at 1:00 p.m. – Johnny Mercer

Monday, February 13, at 1:00 p.m. – Jimmy Durante

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.

BEGINNERS

Monday, December 19, at 1:00 & 7:00 p.m.

104 minutes. Rated R.

Featuring a great performance from Christopher Plummer, *Beginners* is a bittersweet account of a man navigating a new romance while reflecting on the recent death of his father, who came out of the closet at the age of 75 after the death of his wife. A surprisingly lyrical film about life, death and love.

THE INTERRUPTERS

Monday, January 16, at 1:00 & 7:00 p.m.

122 minutes. Not rated.

An inspiring account of three "Interrupters" who work on the streets of Chicago to stop violent confrontations before they begin, this unforgettable documentary is the latest effort from Chicago filmmaker Steve James (*Hoop Dreams*).

HIGHER GROUND

Monday, February 20, at 1:00 & 7:00 p.m.

109 minutes. Rated R.

Actress Vera Farmiga (*Up in the Air*) stars in and directs this story of a woman who seeks the sort of spiritual presence in her life that others around her have and accept without question.

OSCAR PREVIEW WITH MICHAEL PHILLIPS

Thursday, February 9, at 7:00 p.m.

Join Chicago Tribune film critic Michael Phillips at the Woman's Library Club for a lively discussion of the 2012 Academy Award nominations and a review of the past year in film. 

Just for YAs

YA STUDY BREAK LOUNGE: TAKE A BREAK WITH FRIENDS

Saturday, January 14–Thursday, January 19

Looking to take a break while studying for finals? Stop by our legendary Study Break Lounge for FREE snacks and socializing. The Lounge is located on the mezzanine level of the library in the Hammond Room or in the YA/Media Room on the first floor; check with library staff for the Lounge location. Hours are 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m. on Saturday; 1:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m. on Sunday; 10 a.m.–8:30 p.m. on Monday; 5 p.m.–8:30 p.m. on Tuesday and 10 a.m.–8:30 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday. Help keep your stress level down and your energy up. Good luck with finals!

YA WINTER READING: THE BEST OF EVERYTHING

Thanks to the Friends of the Glencoe Public Library for their generous support of our reading clubs.

Saturday, December 17, 2011–Saturday, March 4, 2012

Please refer to *THE BEST OF EVERYTHING: WINTER READING CLUB FOR ADULTS* on page 2 for more details. 

Friends' Corner

USED BOOK SALES

Thanks to our enthusiastic shoppers and generous donors, the October sale was a big success. Let's do it again! The next book sale is **February 25–27, 2012**. Sale hours will be Saturday, February 25, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.; Sunday, February 26, 1:00–5:00 p.m. (everything half price); and Monday, February 27, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon (\$3/bag sale).

Members of the Friends are invited to shop on Friday night, February 24, from 6:00–8:00 p.m. If you are a Glencoe resident, you may join at the door that evening.



CONCERT ANNOUNCEMENTS

In an effort to be more green, save money and spend less time stuffing envelopes, the Friends will no longer be mailing paper copies of concert flyers. If you would like to be notified via email about future concerts at the library, please email your name, street address and email address to friends@glencoepubliclibrary.org. Thank you!

BOOK DONATIONS WELCOME

When you're sorting through your shelves of books and movies, please keep the Friends in mind. We gratefully accept donations of paperback and hardcover books, DVDs, audiobooks, CDs and DVDs. (Please note that we cannot accept VHS tapes, music cassette tapes, textbooks, encyclopedias, magazines or mildewed/water-damaged books.) Place your donations in the bins just inside the library's front door. A tax receipt for your donations is available at the Checkout Desk.

Children's books are particularly needed. When you're clearing out your children's bookshelves, please think of donating to the Friends.

REACHING US

The best way to contact the Friends is to email us at friends@glencoepubliclibrary.org. If you'd like to become a member of the Friends, you can do so by mailing a check for at least \$20 to Friends of the Glencoe Public Library, c/o Glencoe Public Library, 320 Park Ave., Glencoe, IL 60022. Members who are also Glencoe residents are invited to the Friday Night Preview sale for first dibs on book sale goodies.



A NEW WAY TO GET FRIENDS NEWS

For quick information on upcoming book sales and concerts (as well as general information about the Friends), click on the "Friends of the Library" link on the library's home page.



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LIBRARY HOURS

Monday–Thursday 9:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.
Friday 9:00 a.m.–5:30 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Sunday 1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.

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Meet the Staff

KIMBERLY WARGIN



I am a Circulation Assistant, baker, proud aunt, and avid reader. The last book I read was *The Keep* by Jennifer Egan. Don't let the title fool you. You'll laugh, you'll cry and then something will grab you from behind. I loved it! My favorite author is Sue Grafton. I met her years ago at a signing of her book, *'K' is for Killer*. Kinsey Millhone never fails to disappoint in her pursuit of the bad guy.

When I'm not working, I'm taking care of my loving, energetic niece or watching my gracious, talented nephew play soccer. And if I have a few extra minutes, I'll bake a batch of chocolate chip cookies. I have the best recipe.

Other hats I've worn in the past: Customer Service Associate with Neiman Marcus, copy editor with the Society of Actuaries, bookseller with Barnes and Noble. I'm most happy when I am surrounded by books, talking with others about books.

The one accomplishment I am most proud of: playing the piano. I began at age seven and continued through my high school years. I wasn't half bad.

Life-changing moment: adopting my first cat. Nutmeg happily shares a one bedroom condo with me in the northwest suburbs. He has taught me that the heart always makes room for another stray.

What makes me happiest these days: knowing that when I wake up in the morning, I am heading off to work at one of my most favorite places with a cracker-jack staff and the friendliest of patrons.



Donations to the Library

The library is most appreciative of donations made in honor or in memory of a loved one or to commemorate a special event. Special bookplates are placed inside the materials and notes are sent to honorees and their families. The library has recently received a donation from Ronee Rich and Bobette Cohen Takiff.

Library Calendar

- The library will close at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 24, and remain closed through Monday, December 26, in observance of the Christmas holiday.
- The library will close at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 31, and remain closed through Monday, January 2, in observance of the New Year's holiday. 