Londinium: A Digger’s Eye View of Roman London

In 43 AD, the Romans founded the city of Londinium in the marshy Thames Valley. The city survived fire and rebellion and grew from a small trading port to the provincial capitol of Britain with up to 60,000 residents.

Former Glencoe resident Ellen Green returns to explore what day-to-day life would have been like in Londinium and how archaeologists are able to reconstruct the urban landscape from what was left behind. In particular she will discuss discoveries made on recent digs she participated in, including the Harper Road sarcophagus (the first of its kind found in 18 years and one of only three ever found in London) and a series of Roman workshops unearthed next to the city wall.

Ms. Green has worked as an archaeologist in Transylvania, York, Durham, and London. Currently a field archaeologist for Pre-Construct Archaeology, she has a BA in archaeology and ancient civilizations and a MSc in paleopathology from the University of Durham, and specializes in human remains. She is firmly of the belief that nothing is better than a day spent down a hole, covered in mud, looking for interesting things.

Wednesday
September 26
at 7:00 p.m.

FROM PAGE TO STAGE:
POPULAR MUSIC’S ROLE IN DRAMA
Sunday, September 9, at 2:00 p.m.

From Mamma Mia! to Jersey Boys to Hamilton, theater productions that incorporate contemporary music have surged in recent years. In Qui Nguyen’s Vietgone, the characters express themselves using rap, a music genre that is itself a respected form of storytelling. At this event, cosponsored with Writers Theatre, we’ll examine the role of popular music in theatre and the theatricality inherent in rap and hip-hop. Vietgone runs at Writers Theatre through September 23. If you’d like to receive an emailed reminder of this event, RSVP to http://my.writerstheatre.org/single/selectseating.aspx?p=4897.
Adult Programs

Fall Programs

WRITERS’ OPEN MIC NIGHT

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.
September 12, October 10, and November 14

Writers of any age working in all forms and genres are invited to share their work at these community literary evenings. If you want to read your work, please email the moderator, Bob Boone, in advance at ycagsc@gmail.com so he can coordinate the evening’s roster. Everyone is welcome to participate by reading or just by being an appreciative audience for the many talented writers in our community.

BOOKNEWS

Monday, September 17, at 10:30 a.m.

Join library staff for a discussion of new and forthcoming fiction and nonfiction. Refreshments will start at 10:00 and the presentation will start promptly at 10:30.

DEVICE ADVICE

Tuesdays, 6:00–7:00 p.m.: September 4, October 2, and November 6
Saturdays, 10:00–11:00 a.m.: September 15, October 20, and November 17

Got a new device and need help setting it up? Have questions regarding special features or a new app? Visit our drop-in Device Advice sessions and feel free to bring in your laptop, tablet, or mobile device so we can help you learn its ins and outs. Hosted by the library’s Athens Moreno in the lower-level Hamil Room.

FREE ONLINE PHOTO EDITING

Monday, October 1, at 7:00 p.m.

Want to edit photos with Photoshop but don’t have the software? Attend this hands-on session and learn how to use Pixlr, a free online photo-editing tool to enhance, rotate, crop, touch up, and transform your photos. Registration is required and starts September 4. For adults and teens.

COMPOSTING BASICS

Tuesday, October 2, at 7:30 p.m.

Compost is more than the key to a lovely, productive garden. It also can divert up to 30% of your household waste from the landfill and offers a natural alternative to chemical fertilizers. Glencoe resident Fred Miller, who initiated the Glencoe Community Garden’s composting system, will lead an informal program to help you get started. Experienced composters are encouraged to come by, too. Cosponsored with the Glencoe Sustainability Task Force.

AUTHOR MARC RINGEL ON DIGITAL HEALING

Wednesday, October 3, at 7:30 p.m.

Family physician and writer Marc Ringel grew up in Glencoe. His book, Digital Healing, distills lessons learned, over decades of practicing and teaching medicine, about what it is that humans do uniquely well when we take care of each other, what machines do better, and how to apportion electronic technology in ways that are best for patients and for providers. Copies of Digital Healing (Routledge Press) will be available for sale at the event.
POCKET VIDEOGRAPHY: VIDEO WITH YOUR CAMERA PHONE
Tuesday, October 16, at 7:00 p.m.
Learn to shoot high-quality video with your smart phone! Join reference librarian Justin Franklin for an evening of tips, techniques, apps, and more.

EXOTIC REVIVAL STYLES IN CHICAGO ARCHITECTURE
Sunday, October 21, at 2:00 p.m.
Did you know that the Wrigley Building’s tower is modeled on a cathedral in Seville? Have you ever noticed that a building on Clark Street sports hieroglyphics and statues of pharaohs? Laurie Petersen, a Winnetka-based architectural historian, will give a slide presentation on Chicago buildings with delightfully different design inspirations. Ms. Petersen is the editor of the AIA Guide to Chicago, which features over 1800 buildings in the city.

VISITING PROFESSOR: JAMES MARQUARDT ON THE MIDTERM ELECTIONS
Wednesday, October 24, at 7:30 p.m.
It’s a safe bet that by October 24, the media and the nation will be awash in speculation about the November 6 midterm elections. Take a break from the talking heads on tv and enjoy an academic’s perspective with James Marquardt, associate professor of politics at Lake Forest College. He’ll discuss the effects of the likely return to divided government on the domestic and foreign fronts and provide a historical view of consequential midterm elections.

AUTHOR MICHAEL DUFFY ON VIETNAM
Sunday, November 11, at 2:00 p.m.
Both gritty and intimate, From Chicago to Vietnam: A Memoir of War tells the powerful story of the Tet Offensive through the eyes of a young American artillery officer. Author Michael Duffy will visit the library on Veteran’s Day to share the story of his battlefield education.

BIG BOOKS: BLEAK HOUSE
Thursdays at 7:00 p.m., September 13–November 8
Critics widely praised Charles Dickens’s complex novel, Bleak House, which at its core dramatizes basic human conflicts that people throughout history encounter. The story centers around the monumental, never-ending, and literally life-consuming court case of Jarndyce vs. Jarndyce, which gives Dickens license to satirize the convoluted English legal system. A huge cast of distinctive characters—Esther Summerson, a ward of court, whose parentage is a source of deepening mystery; the menacing lawyer Tulkinghorn; the determined sleuth Inspector Bucket; Jo, the destitute little crossing-sweeper; the tragic Lady Dedlock—populate the fierce yet often comic novel from the London slums to the grand country estates. Join us for a nine-week dive into what many consider Dickens’s greatest novel! Leading this fall’s Big Books discussion will be Holly Marihugh, who has guided discussions of literary fiction for seven years. In 2014–15, she blogged about people living and working in Winnetka and published a book of those posts under the title Winnetka60093. The Big Books discussion series is sponsored by the Friends of the Glencoe Public Library. Registration is required, and space is limited. Glencoe residents will get priority if the class fills up. Registration opens September 1; visit the library’s website or call to register.

DONATIONS TO THE LIBRARY
The library deeply appreciates donations made in honor of a loved one or special event. Donations were recently received from:
  • Marti Wick
  • Cal Saravis
  • Gerry and Chuck Kriser in honor of Richard Marcus’s special birthday
  • Bruce and Janice Bernstein in honor of Scott and Susan Feldman’s 50th anniversary
  • Julie Crandall in honor of Miss Mia Burton’s bat mitzvah
  • Jay Edelston in honor of reference librarian Justin Franklin

ADDITIONAL NOVEMBER PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS ARE LISTED ON BACK PAGE.
Theater & Film

AMERICA’S MUSICAL THEATER LEGENDS
Susan Benjamin presents the lives and work of the performers, composers, and lyricists of the Golden Age of American musical theater.

Monday, September 24, at 1:00 p.m.
Johnny Mercer

Monday, October 8, at 1:00 p.m.
Gene Kelly, Part 1

Monday, November 12, at 1:00 p.m.
Gene Kelly, Part 2

TALKING PICTURES
Enjoy an afternoon of thought-provoking cinema and discussion with Susan Benjamin. A discussion immediately follows film screenings.

Friday, September 14, at 1:00 p.m.
A Better Life

Friday, October 19, at 1:00 p.m.
Class Rank

Friday, November 16, at 1:00 p.m.
The Founder

Arts Programs

Monday Night at the Movies

RBG
Monday, September 17, at 1:00 & 7:00 p.m.
Supreme Court justice, author of an amazing legal legacy, surprising pop culture icon: Ruth Bader Ginsburg is all of these things and more. And yet there was no definitive biography on this exceptional woman until filmmakers Julie Cohen and Betsy West took up the story of the 84-year-old justice in their acclaimed documentary.
96 minutes. PG.

THE RIDER
Monday, October 15, at 1:00 & 7:00 p.m.
Based on a true story, The Rider is a genuine 21st-century western. Back in South Dakota after a fateful accident, a former rodeo rider must determine how to proceed with his life without the work by which he has defined himself. Director Chloe Zhao’s masterful use of untrained actors only adds to the authenticity and emotional impact of The Rider, a recipient of universally high marks from critics.
104 minutes. Rated R.

LEAVE NO TRACE
Monday, November 19, at 1:00 & 7:00 p.m.
Director Debra Granik (Winter’s Bone) delivers one of the year’s best films in a story about a father and daughter living on the margins of society in the Pacific Northwest. The parent and child exist peacefully in forested public lands outside Portland until they are captured by authorities. If they are to stay together, they must adapt to a more conventional way of living, a situation with which the child may be better prepared than the parent. Ben Foster is typically compelling as the father, while relative newcomer Thomasin Harcourt McKenzie is a wonder as the singular, bright-eyed daughter.
109 minutes. PG.

GUSTAV KLIMT: A CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION
Tuesday, September 11, at 7:00 p.m.
2018 marks the centennial of the death of Austrian artist Gustav Klimt. Dr. Michelle Mishur returns to discuss important examples of Klimt’s work including The Kiss and The Portrait of Adele Bloch-Bauer (“The Woman in Gold”). She also will place Klimt within the art historical context of late nineteenth century French painting, including the Impressionist, Post-Impressionist, and Symbolist movements.
Just for Young Adults

YA COFFEE CLUB AT STARBUCKS
Wednesday, September 5, at 4:00 p.m.
Find out about the latest teen books out for fall and enjoy a drink and treat on us! Michelle Wilson, Reader’s Services associate, will give you a heads up on all the newest books you’ll want to read. Meet at the Reader’s Services desk by 4:00 p.m. and we’ll walk over to Starbucks together. One lucky participant will receive a Starbucks gift card. For grades 6th–12th only.

SCARY MOVIE NIGHT AND PIZZA PARTY
Monday, October 29, 5:30–7:00 p.m.
Do you love a good scary movie? So do we! Join us for pizza and a screening of the thriller A Quiet Place. One moviegoer will win a movie gift card. Please note: the movie is rated PG-13 and is for those in grades 6–12.

SAVE THE DATE!!
Study Break Lounge will take place January 19–23 with free food for those studying for finals.
YA Winter Reading Club begins December 19. Details in the next issue of Excerpts.

Meet the Staff

JULIAN WOLFE
Hello everyone! I’m originally from Canada. I grew up in Calgary, a city that is just east of the Rocky Mountains. I started working here at the Glencoe Public Library last fall and have been enjoying my time getting to know the staff and patrons.

Here’s some history. After graduating from high school, I took the opportunity to do some traveling in Israel, Turkey, and Thailand. Afterward, I spent a season planting trees back in Canada until I had enough money to travel back to Asia. I ended up living in Thailand for about 13 years. Somehow I managed to learn only a little Thai! The highlight of my time there was being exposed to some of the meditation and contemplative practices found in that part of the world. I continue to have an interest in meditation, consciousness, and the psychological value and healing potential of non-ordinary states of awareness. Presently I am going to Oakton Community College with the thought of eventually getting a degree in psychology and becoming a therapist.

Except in the winter, I like leisurely bike rides up and down Old Green Bay Road. I try not to be busy in my life, a skill I have yet to perfect. I am not very knowledgeable about titles and authors, but I like people so that’s why I’m at the front desk!
Early Childhood Drop-In

All classes are drop-in with no registration required. Space may be limited due to room capacity.

**ROCK AND READ**  
**Mondays, 10:00–10:30 a.m.**  
**September 10 – November 12**  
**Ages 18 months–3 years with adult**  
Settle into Monday with books, move to the beat, and more during this active storytime.

**STAY AND PLAY**  
**Mondays, 10:30–11:00 a.m.**  
**September 10 – November 12**  
**Ages 0–3 with adult**  
Hang out between classes with puppets, toys, music, and more.

**BOOK BABIES**  
**Mondays, 11:00–11:30 a.m.**  
**September 10 – November 12**  
**Ages 0–18 months with adult**  
Introduce your baby to the library with stories, songs, and active play. Older siblings are welcome.

**TALES FOR TOTS**  
**Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10:30–11:15 a.m.**  
**September 11 – November 15**  
**All ages**  
Read, sing, talk, and play to build early literacy skills! Join us for stories, songs, and more, followed by time for socialization and play.

**INCHWORMS**  
**Fridays, 11:00–11:30 a.m.**  
**September 14 – November 16**  
**Ages birth–crawlers**  
Join us at this class for the littlest listeners! Get on the floor for stories, rhymes, songs, and bounces that build early literacy skills. Older siblings are welcome to attend.

**FAMILY STORYTIME**  
**Saturdays, 10:30–11:00 a.m.**  
**September 8, October 13, & November 10**  
**All ages with adult**  
Join us for books, songs, and activities with a different seasonal theme each month. Perfect for preschoolers, but all ages are welcome.

Children’s Classes & Events

**BARK TO SCHOOL**  
**Thursday, September 6, 4:15–5:30 p.m.**  
**Grades 1–5**  
Join the K9 Reading Buddies of the North Shore in a Bark to School celebration! Drop by to meet friendly, trained therapy dogs and see if you might like to sign up to read to one.

**MINDFULNESS FOR KIDS**  
**Tuesdays, 4:15–4:45 p.m.**  
**September 11, October 9, & November 6**  
**Grades K–5**  
Find your zen with Miss Lani from Banner Day Camp, who will teach students some fun, simple, kid-friendly techniques for mindfulness, the practice of being present in the moment. Registration required.

**SLIME LAB**  
**Tuesday, October 2, 4:15–5:00 p.m.**  
**Grades K–3**  
It’s ooey; it’s gooey; it’s everyone’s favorite simple science project. Make your own slime from a variety of formulas and discover which one you like the best. Registration required.

**MINDFULNESS FOR KIDS**  
**Tuesdays, 4:15–4:45 p.m.**  
**September 11, October 9, & November 6**  
**Grades K–5**  
Find your zen with Miss Lani from Banner Day Camp, who will teach students some fun, simple, kid-friendly techniques for mindfulness, the practice of being present in the moment. Registration required.

**K9 READING BUDDIES**  
**Thursdays, 4:15–5:30 p.m.**  
**October 4, November 1, & December 6**  
**Grades 1–5**  
Share some of your favorite books with a four-legged furry friend! Practice your reading skills by signing up for a 15-minute slot to read to a trained therapy dog. Registration required.

**ESCAPE ROOM**  
**Saturday, October 20, 2:00–2:30 p.m.**  
**Grades 3–5**  
Join us for an afternoon Escape Room adventure. Work together to solve puzzles and escape a sticky situation. Registration required.

**TOILET PAPER FASHION**  
**Tuesday, October 23, 4:15–5:00 p.m.**  
**Grades K–3**  
Inspired by Halloween mummies and high fashion, create your own designer looks using a common household material...toilet paper! Registration required.

**PUMPKIN DECORATING PARTY**  
**Tuesday, October 30, 4:15–5:00 p.m.**  
**Grades K–3**  
Get in the Halloween spirit by beautifying your very own pumpkin using paints, stickers, Sharpies, and more! Registration required.

**CULTURE SHOCK**  
**Saturday, September 22, 2:00 p.m.**  
**Grades 5 and up (under 8 must be with adult)**  
Join Culture Shock Chicago for a mind-blowing hip-hop performance, followed by dance demonstrations and audience participation, connecting the ideas and history of hip-hop to the ways we can make positive choices in our lives. This event will take place in the Johnson Room. Tickets are NOT required.
BOOM! POW! SMASH!
WITH MARK ANDERSON
Tuesday, November 13
4:15–5:15 p.m.
Grades K–3
It’s a bird! It’s a plane! It’s cartoonist Mark Anderson, returning to the library to teach one of his popular drawing classes, this time on the most “super” subject matter around: superheroes!
Registration required.

SUPER STOLIE
HALLOWEEN DAYDREAM
Saturday, October 27
10:00–10:45 a.m.
Get into the Halloween spirit with this fun, spooky concert! Performing on acoustic guitar and with her magical looping pedal, Super Stolie serves up a dynamic batch of fun, original kids’ songs, nursery rhymes, and popular cover tunes.

WENDY & DB
Friday, November 9
10:00–10:45 a.m.
Wendy and DB return to the library with old favorites and new songs. Children will be engaged with melodic, interactive, and contagious songs that adults will like, too!

FAMILY READING NIGHT
Thursday, November 15
6:30–7:30 p.m.
All ages with adult
All over Illinois, November 15 is Family Reading Night! Join us for cocoa, stories, and a craft as we celebrate reading together.

DIY HOLIDAY GIFTS
Tuesday, December 4
4:15–5:00 p.m.
Grades K–3
Not sure what to give that special someone? Why not make a gift yourself? We’ll offer a variety of crafts that you can make and give as holiday presents for friends or family. Registration required.

Junior High

ANIME CLUB
Thursdays, 7:00–8:30 p.m.
September 13 & November 8
Grades 5–8
Do you love everything Anime? Hang out and watch Anime, talk about Manga, and eat Japanese treats!

ANIME CLUB AND COSPLAY
Thursday, October 11, 7:00–8:30 p.m.
Grades 5–8
Anime Club fun plus a chance to work on your costume for Halloween!

FRIDAY FORTNITE
Friday, October 12, 3:45–5:30 p.m.
Grades 5 and up
Play Fortnite: Battle Royal on the library’s gaming computers or on your own device. Registration is encouraged; if you register, you are guaranteed a library computer.

ESCAPE ROOM
Saturday, October 20, 3:15–4:00 p.m.
Grades 6–8
Join us for an afternoon Escape Room adventure. Work together to solve puzzles and escape a sticky situation. Registration required.

GHOST HUNTERS
Tuesday, October 30, 7:00–8:00 p.m.
Grades 5-8
Ever wondered if the Glencoe Library is haunted? Find out as you search for spooky spirits at the library. Registration required.

Classes marked with this symbol require advance registration. Register in person, by phone, or online at glencoepl.org. Registration for fall classes begins on Monday, August 27.
Library will be closed September 2–3, September 28, November 21 (after 5:00 p.m.), and November 22.

Highlight on Fall Adult Programs

**MOTOWN: THE MUSIC THAT MOVED THE WORLD**

**Thursday, November 15, at 7:30 p.m.**

In Detroit in the 1960s, Motown Records produced hits as efficiently as the Ford Motor Company produced automobiles: 110 top ten hits by performers such as The Supremes, The Temptations, Marvin Gaye, and Stevie Wonder. Gary Wenstrup will trace the musical journey from the power soul of “Dancing in the Streets” and “I Heard It Through the Grapevine” to the psychedelic soul of “Cloud Nine” and “What’s Going On” to the pop soul of The Jackson 5. Mr. Wenstrup is an adjunct professor at College of DuPage.

**ELEANOR ROOSEVELT: A LIVING HISTORY PORTRAYAL**

**Friday, November 30, at 1:00 p.m.**

Born into wealth during the Gilded Age, Eleanor Roosevelt grew from a shy, homely girl into a confident, driven woman who championed progressive causes and the rights of man. Drawn from Eleanor’s own letters, diaries, and newspaper columns, this engaging performance by award-winning actress Leslie Goddard captures this fascinating and influential public figure. Ms. Goddard holds a doctorate in American studies and U.S. history and a master’s degree in theater and is the author of two books on Chicago history.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Now available for checkout: Google Cardboard VR headsets! Used with your smartphone, these headmounts enable you to “explore” ancient ruins, travel around the world, visit outer space, and more. Can’t get enough VR? Soon we’ll announce library-based virtual field trips in which we’ll take the whole family on 3D expeditions.

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. The library reserves the right to take photographs and video of program participants. Photos and videos are for library use and may be used in library publicity materials. Patrons who do not wish to be part of photographs or videos should notify library staff.

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