Library Wins Parade Grand Prize

In honor of the library’s upcoming centennial (January 1, 2010), the library marched in Glencoe’s 4th of July parade for the first time. Library trustees, staff, Friends, and family members enjoyed a damp but fun afternoon and were delighted when parade judges awarded the library the grand prize!

Spotlight on Library Programs

**100 YEARS**

**GLENCOE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION PROGRAMS**

Did you know the library will celebrate its 100th birthday on January 1, 2010? In honor of that rather special occasion, the library has planned the following programs:

**Sunday, Sept. 20, at 2:00 p.m.: Glencoe Then & Now.** We are so pleased to present this special program by Ellen Paseltiner and Scott Javore of the Glencoe Historical Society. Created as part of Glencoe’s school curriculum, this slide lecture on our village’s fascinating past will be reinterpreted here for an adult audience.

**Sunday, October 18, at 2:00 p.m.: Meet Me in St. Louis.** Set in 1904, this film is considered one of the best films of its genre. Starring Judy Garland, it’s enjoyable for all ages and conveys the tenor of family life at the turn of the century.

**Sunday, November 22, at 2:00 p.m.: 100 Years of Tin Pan Alley.** Join Susan Benjamin for a musical program on Tin Pan Alley and Irving Berlin, whose career took off in 1911 with “Alexander’s Ragtime Band.”

In December, enjoy a lecture on Glencoe’s history by the eminent Lake Forest College historian Michael Ebner (Sunday, December 6, at 2:00 p.m.) titled “Glencoe’s Distinctive Suburban History on Chicago’s North Shore, 1869-2009” and a 1940s-style staged radio production by the Those Were the Days Radio Players (date to be announced).

On January 10, 2010, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., all Glencoe residents are warmly invited to a birthday party/reception in the Johnson Room. More information is available at the library and in the December 2009 issue of Excerpts.

Ongoing through the end of December is a photopanel display on Daniel Burnham’s 1909 Plan of Chicago, curated by The Newberry Library. The display may be viewed in the Hammond Room any time the room is not being used for other purposes.

For more information on library programs, see page 2.

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Did You Know?

**IPod-compatible audiobooks are here!**

We have over 700 titles (and growing) available for your iPod as well as many titles for Windows Media-compatible players. These come with a new, easy-to-download Media Center.

**You can check out an Amazon Kindle!**

We have 2 Kindles available for checkout by Glencoe residents age 18 and up. If you’ve wondered whether you’d like using an e-book reader, here’s the way to find out. Call the reference desk to reserve a Kindle.

**There’s one more way to get your questions answered**

You can use your favorite IM client by adding our screen name: AIM: glencoref; Google Chat: gckref; Yahoo Messenger: gckref. Or go to our Ask a Librarian page and IM us using Meebo.

**We’re looking for library history**

Do you have any old photographs or other memorabilia pertaining to the Glencoe Public Library? We are putting together an exhibit on our history and would appreciate taking a look at any materials you may have. Please contact Peggy Hamil or Grace Hayek at (847) 835-5056. Thank you!

**Banned books week is Sept. 26 – Oct. 3**

“Banned Books Week: Celebrating the Freedom to Read” is observed during the last week of September each year. Observed since 1982, this annual American Library Association event reminds Americans not to take their precious democratic freedom for granted. Look for our display of titles that have been challenged or banned in recent years, pick up bookmarks and informative booklets about Banned Books Week, and enter a drawing to win a Banned Books Week tote bag.

**You can visit the library and check out a museum!**

In partnership with area Macy’s stores, public libraries, and arts and cultural organizations, the Glencoe Public Library will begin offering the Museum Adventure Pass free of charge to our cardholders. As of September 1, Glencoe Public Library cardholders can receive up to four complimentary passes to 17 local organizations, including: Bronzeville Children’s Museum, Brookfield Zoo, Chicago Botanic Garden, Kohl Children’s Museum, Mitchell Museum of the American Indian, Oriental Institute Museum, and more.
**The Lincoln's: Portrait of a Marriage**
On October 6, the Glencoe Historical Society will present a special program in honor of the bicentennial of Abraham Lincoln's birthday. In a presentation based on Mark David Epstein’s popular book of the same name, Brooks Davis will provide insight on the relationship of Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln.

**Tuesday, October 6, at 7:30 p.m.**

**From Page to Stage Kick-Off Event**
This fall, Writers' Theatre will stage Tom Stoppard’s 1966 absurdist classic *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead*. At the “From Page to Stage” kick-off event on Tuesday, September 15, director Michael Halberstam and actors Timothy Edward Kane and Sean Fortunato will discuss how Stoppard turned Shakespeare’s *Hamlet* inside-out to create the world of its two most minor characters. Stay after the discussion to enjoy coffee and dessert in celebration of this annual literary event. Other “From Page to Stage” programs related to this play will be presented at neighboring public libraries through October 20.

**Tuesday, September 15 at 7:00 p.m.**

*This event is hosted by the Glencoe Public Library but will take place at Writers’ Theatre, 325 Tudor Court, Glencoe*

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**Library Programs for Adults**

**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, September 14, at 1:00 p.m.** – Jerry Herman
- **Monday, October 12, at 1:00 p.m.** – Jerome Robbins
- **Monday, November 9, at 1:00 p.m.** – Fred Astaire, Part 1
- **Monday, December 14, at 1:00 p.m.** – Fred Astaire, Part 2

**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.

- **Wednesday, September 16, at 1:00 p.m.** – *The History Boys*
- **Wednesday, October 21, at 1:00 p.m.** – *Good Night and Good Luck*
- **Wednesday, November 18, at 1:00 p.m.** – *Defiance*

**Piano's Forte: Examining the New Modern Wing at the Art Institute of Chicago**
Join art historians Jeff Mishur and Dr. Michelle Paluch-Mishur for a slide lecture on the spectacular, recently-opened Modern Wing of the Art Institute of Chicago. Designed by Italian architect Renzo Piano, the Modern Wing constitutes the largest expansion project in the museum’s history, providing nearly a third more gallery space along with newly created environments for education, dining and events.

**Tuesday, September 29 at 7:00 p.m.**

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**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 group a try. Discussions are led by Judy Levin.

- **Thursday, October 1, at 7:30 p.m.** – *The Soloist: A Lost Dream, an Unlikely Friendship, and the Redemptive Power of Music* by Steve Lopez
- **Thursday, November 5, at 7:30 p.m.** – *Losing Mum and Mum: A Memoir* by Christopher Buckley
- **Thursday, 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 Friedman

**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.

- **Wednesday, September 9, at 1:00 p.m.** – *A Pigeon and a Boy* by Meir Shalev
- **Wednesday, October 14, at 1:00 p.m.** – *The Elegance of the Hedgehog* by Muriel Barbery
- **Wednesday, November 11, at 1:00 p.m.** – *The White Tiger* by Aravind Adiga

**Monday Evening Book Discussions**
Michelle Wilson leads these discussions featuring thought-provoking recent fiction.

- **Monday, September 28 at 7:30 p.m.** – *The Rest of Her Life* by Laura Moriarty
- **Monday, October 26 at 7:30 p.m.** – *Now You See Him* by Eli Gottlieb
- **Monday, November 23 at 7:30 p.m.** – *Signed, Mata Hari* by Yannick Murphy

**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. The group will meet again on October 29 and November 19. The titles will be announced soon—they’ll be good!

- **Thursday, September 24, at 7:30 p.m.** – *The Places In Between* by Rory Stewart
CELEBRATE GRANDPARENTS  
DURING SEPTEMBER  
In recognition of Grandparents’ Day on September 13, children are invited to share information and memories about their grandparents’ favorite books — or perhaps a favorite book received from the grandparents. Kids can also include photos of their grandparent or someone who has been like a grandparent to them. All items will be put on display on the mezzanine wall. Stop by the children’s desk during the month of September for information about participating.

Fall Programs for Kids

Storytimes

BIG KIDS’ BOOK BUNCH — More sophisticated themes and activities as well as longer stories are the focus of this storytime, which is designed for children ages 4 to 6 years old.

Tuesday afternoons at 4:15 p.m.
September 22 – November 24

TALES FOR TOTS — 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 old.

Thursday mornings at 10:30 a.m.
September 24 – November 19

Book Babies — 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.

Friday mornings at 10:30 a.m.
October 2 – November 27

Book Discussions

READING OUTSIDE THE BOX…  
EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION FOR KIDS

Join other Glencoe kids & 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. While sponsored and conducted 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. Please register with the Children’s Department staff at the library. Book titles to be determined.

Fridays at 7:00 p.m.
September 11, October 9, November 13, and December 18

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 with a fiction and a non-fiction title 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. Please register at the library.

Thursday, October 22, at 4:15 p.m.: At Ellis Island: A History in Many Voices by Louise Peacock. Relive the experiences of people coming to the United States through the words of a girl who immigrated around 1910, as well as in the observations of today’s immigrants and visitors to Ellis Island. 3rd-5th grade level.

Thursday, December 3, at 4:15 p.m.: Counting on Grace by Elizabeth Winthrop. Inspired by a haunting photo of a child worker in 1910, this book highlights the hard conditions under which people of all ages worked during the Industrial Revolution. 4th-5th grade level.

Programs and Activities

DIARY OF A “NIFTY” KID

Follow in the footsteps of Greg Heffley and Ellie “McDoodle” and record your memories and thoughts in your own journal (or diary or scrapbook — whatever term you prefer!). Each session will begin with brief journal-writing guidance and “prompts.” Kids will then be given time and materials to explore and create. Please note: this is NOT a drop-in activity; registration is required. For children in grades 1-5.

Sundays at 2:00-3:30 p.m.
September 20, October 11, November 15, and December 20

DROP-IN CARD AND CRAFT SHOP

Card Shops: Children 3 and older can stop by the library with an adult caregiver to make seasonal cards. We supply the paper, cut-outs, glue, markers, and other “tools” and you supply the imagination at this do-it-yourself event.

Saturday, October 24, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Halloween cards
Saturday, December 5, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Winter holiday cards

Thanksgiving Craft Shop: Have a bit of time during Thanksgiving holiday? Stop in the library to make a seasonal craft. All are welcome! Grandparents and grandchildren. Cousins, aunts, and uncles. Geared toward children ages 3 and up; children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

Wednesday, November 25, 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Friday, November 27, 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
SECOND ANNUAL “BE PROUD TO READ ALOUD”
FAMILY READING NIGHT
Join other Glencoe families in celebrating the rewards of reading together. Families are invited to participate in this popular open mic/read-aloud program. Anyone who can read aloud fluently is invited to participate; paired stories (You read to me, I’ll read to you) are especially welcome. Those who just want to listen are encouraged to attend, too. Registration is required if you would like to be one of the readers.
Thursday, November 12, 7:00 p.m.-8:15 p.m.

READER’S THEATER
Calling all actors—or those who want to try acting in a low-key environment. Bring books to life by reading aloud scenes from popular stories. No memorization required! There are three rehearsal sessions, the last of which will be followed by the performance. PLEASE NOTE: Registration is required and participants must attend all three sessions in order to perform. Children need to be able to read fluently at or near grade level. For children in grades 2-5. Stories are determined by the number of children registering.
Rehearsals
Mondays at 4:30 p.m.
November 30, December 7, and December 14
Performance
Monday, December 14, at 5:30 p.m. All are invited to the performance!

STORIES & CRAFTS WITH MISS LESLEY
Children ages 4-6 years (kindergartners welcome!) listen to thematic stories and make a related craft. Children attend independently while adult caregivers remain in the library. Registration is required.
Fridays at 4:15 p.m.
September 11, October 9, November 13, and December 18

Always Available

Books Just 4Me:
Custom Book Lists Created Just for You!
Books Just 4 Me is a special service offering 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!

Board Games and Puzzles
Rainy day? Don’t know what to do? Stop by the library to play a game of chess, Parcheesi, Connect 4, and many more. Games are always available; just set up at one of the tables and play!
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.

GOODBYE SOLO
Monday, September 21, at 1:00 & 7:00 p.m.
91 Minutes, Rated R
Solo (Souleymane Sy Savane) is a Senegalese taxi driver whose latest fare, a weathered and despondent old Southerner named William (Red West), offers him big money to drive to a mountain peak, where it appears that William is going to commit suicide. A good-natured and kind-spirited man, Solo is disturbed by this revelation. Out of a deep sense of purpose, he embarks on a mission to save William.
“The story told in Goodbye Solo, Ramin Bahrani’s wonderful third feature, is moving and mysterious, and you may find yourself pondering its implications for a long time after the film’s simple and haunting final images have faded.” – A.O. Scott, The New York Times.

SUGAR
Monday, October 19, at 1:00 & 7:00 p.m.
108 Minutes, Rated PG
Sugar follows the story of Miguel Santos, a.k.a. Sugar, a young Dominican pitcher struggling to make it to the big leagues. Ultimately, Sugar’s unlikely odyssey is less a baseball tale than a very American story of a person coming to this country hoping for a better life and all the clashes of culture, hopes and realities that go with that quest. “Algenis Perez Soto plays the character so openly, so naturally, that an interesting thing happens: Baseball is only the backdrop, not the subject. This is a wonderful film.” – Roger Ebert.

EVERY LITTLE STEP
Monday, November 16, at 1:00 & 7:00 p.m.
96 Minutes, Rated PG-13
A documentary that follows hopefuls through the audition process for the 2005 revival of A Chorus Line, Every Little Step also looks back on the inspiration for the original landmark production. “It’s impossible not to get caught up in their struggles. This is the real “American Idol,” except there’s no packaged tour, no People cover, no guaranteed record-deal on the end — just the chance to do eight shows a week.” – Stephen Whitty, Newark Star-Ledger.

***Join film scholar Bob Coscarelli after the evening screening for a lively discussion of Every Little Step and the history of A Chorus Line***

Technology Tuesdays

We continue our popular Technology Tuesdays series with three exciting and useful classes. First we’ll take a look at the various options available in e-book readers, including the Kindle and Sony Reader, while also considering the future of e-books. Next will be a class on finding and watching video on the Internet, using everything from YouTube to Hulu to iTunes. Finally, we will glance through some of the products that Google offers, including Mail, Calendars, Word Processing, and more.

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 will last one hour.

Tuesday, September 15, at 7:00 p.m.: E-book Readers: Kindle and Beyond
Tuesday, October 20, at 7:00 p.m.: Finding and Watching Video on the Web
Tuesday, November 17, at 7:00 p.m.: The World of Google

Fall Means Fines For Food!

As a variation on the popular “Food for Fines” program, the Glencoe Library will apply all fines paid between September 21 and October 4 to a donation to local food pantries.

A monetary donation to food pantries, as opposed to donations of food, allows them to more efficiently address their needs. So please pay your overdue fines during the two weeks beginning September 21 and know that the money is doing twice the good. Fines for Food does not apply for the payment for lost items.

Friends’ Corner

FALL BOOK SALE
The Friends’ Fall Used Book Sale will be held October 17–19. Members joining the Friends at $20 or more will receive an invitation to our members’ preview sale at 6:30–9:00 p.m. October 16. [Yes, you may join at the door.] There will be thousands of items in excellent condition, thanks to the very generous donations of books, DVDs, and other materials from our supporters in the community.

The June book sale raised over $5,500 to benefit library programs. Thank you to our terrific sale shoppers, donors, and volunteers!

WINTER CLASSICAL MUSIC CONCERT
Mark your calendar now: the next Friends classical music concert is scheduled for Sunday, November 15, at 5:00 p.m.

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, or leave a message at (847) 835-7467.
Meet The Staff

MILDRED SHEPHERD, SHELVER

My name is Mildred (Mapp) Shepherd. I was born in Madison, Morgan County, Georgia. During my formative years, I wanted to be a pediatric nurse. Knowing now that our lives are predestined before we are born, I became a stay at home wife, mom, nurse, chauffeur, cook, maid, laundry maid, seamstress, homemaker and a number of other family-related professions.

Our family moved to Glencoe four decades ago. We found Glencoe to be a very serene, peaceful and wonderful place to live. Our sons and daughter attended South School, Central School and New Trier. We were very fortunate that we were able to move to Glencoe at that particular time.

Over the past several years I wanted to find something meaningful to fill my extra time. I began working with Glencoe Public Safety, and later the Glencoe Public Library. It has been everything I thought it would be. I don’t consider this time as work. It is love for children and books. In my spare time I attend music classes at the Music Institute and play 2nd/3rd cornet with the New Horizon Band. I also sing soprano with the St. Paul AME Choir. Whatever I’m doing, whether it’s repairing hurricane-damaged homes, caring for children, manual labor with Habitat for Humanity, or alphabetizing books, I set high standards for myself and perform everything as near to perfect as possible…always striving to make my best better.

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. Special memorial donations made this summer include:

- John, Jane, and James Hebden in memory of David Morton Stein
- Janet Edelberg in memory of Dorothy Glassberg
- Harold and Leona Swirsky in memory of Susan Aspen
- Nancy and Ray Powers in memory of Lois Silver
- The Zisook Family in memory of David Morton Stein
- The Zisook Family in honor of Sharon and Fred Benjamin

Library Calendar

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

- Labor Day, September 7
- Friday, September 25 for staff training day
- From 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 25, through Thursday, November 26 for the Thanksgiving holiday

Sunday hours (1:00-5:00 p.m.) resume September 13.