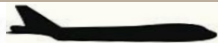


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SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS

LIBRARY PASSPORT ADVENTURE

Tuesday, May 26 - Saturday, September 5



Visit 35 participating public libraries across the Chicago Suburbs and see what each one has to offer - unique collections, programs, spaces, and more! Pick up your Passport at your home library and get it stamped when you visit a new library. **For every 5 different libraries you visit, you'll earn one raffle entry.** Keep exploring all summer long - the more libraries you visit, the more chances to win!

PEN PALS ACROSS THE USA



This summer, the library is connecting teens and youth with pen pals from libraries all over the United States—part of a growing network with 40+ libraries and hundreds of participants! **Stop by on or before June 15 to fill out a quick questionnaire and get matched.** You'll exchange letters through your pen pal's library, building connections, sharing stories, and discovering new places—one envelope at a time.

HOUSIN' ON THE PRAIRIE

Friday, June 26 | 6 PM - 9 PM



Get ready to dance the night away! Live DJ sets, Food & drinks for purchase, & Dancing Under the Stars! **Bring your lawn chairs, wear your best festival fit, and let's party Chicago-style!**



BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE

Drop-off: July 13 - July 31 | During Library Hours

Pick-up: Friday, August 7 | 10 AM

(while supplies last!)

Shop and donate gently used school uniforms for free! Help students get ready for the school year while supporting local families. **All sizes welcome, please make sure ALL donations are clean!**

JAZZ ON THE LAWN

Friday, August 21 | 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM



Bring a chair or blanket and enjoy live jazz music in a relaxed, outdoor setting. Whether you're a longtime jazz lover or just looking for a peaceful night out, this event offers the perfect blend of music, atmosphere, and community. **Food and Drink will be available for purchase. Ages 21+**

SUMMER FUN 2026 PASSPORT TO POSSIBILITIES

Help us celebrate this year's theme by exploring activities both inside and outside the Library for a season full of fun! Getting started is easy:

- **Play Bingo:** Pick up your Bingo Sheet starting **June 8**. New sheets will be available each month and for each age group. July sheets will be available starting **July 1**.
- **Earn Raffle Tickets:** Attend Library programs and/or complete activities to earn BINGO (see your Bingo sheet for details). Earn your first raffle ticket and take home a special prize!
- **Enter Prize Drawings:** Return your completed Bingo sheets to the Library by **August 1** for a chance to win exciting prizes!

Each time you get BINGO, you increase your chances of winning! Youth participants are eligible for youth prizes, and adults for adult prizes. Be sure to follow us on Facebook or stop by the Library display case to preview the prizes you could win!



PROGRAM REGISTRATION UPDATE FAIR & EQUITABLE ACCESS

This early access window gives our cardholders the first opportunity to register for two-thirds of the available spots in popular adult and senior programs before registration opens to all patrons.

How it Works:

- **15th - 22nd of each month:** Registration is **in-person only** for *Glenwood-Lynwood* cardholders in good standing.
- **After the 22nd:** Registration opens online and by phone for everyone, regardless of residency.
- **Youth and teen programs are not affected.**

Upcoming Registration Dates:

- **June Programs:**
 - May 15 - May 22 (in person, cardholders only)
 - Opens to all May 26
- **July Programs:**
 - June 15 - June 22 (in person, cardholders only)
 - Opens to all June 26
- **August Programs:**
 - July 15–July 22 (in person, cardholders only)
 - Opens to all July 23

We appreciate your support as we work to make program access more balanced and welcoming for all!

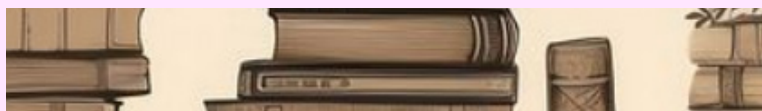
LOVE TO READ? JOIN THE CLUB!

BROWN BAG BOOK DISCUSSION

Second Tuesday of each month | 1 PM - 3 PM

Each month we dive into a different genre—from mystery and memoir to sci-fi, historical fiction, and beyond. **Limit 12.**

- Jun. 9:** *The Change* by Kirsten Miller
- Jul. 14:** *So Old, So Young* by Grant Ginder
- Aug. 11:** *This Book Made Me Think of You* by Libby Page



FAITH & FRIENDS BOOK DISCUSSION

Thursdays each month | 10:30 AM - 12 PM

Start the new year with inspiration, conversation, and community! Join us as we read and discuss faith-based or faith-inspired books in a warm and welcoming setting. Light refreshments will be served. **Limit 12.**

- Jun. 11:** *American Queen* by Vanessa Miller
- Jul. 9:** *The Other Side of Dare* by Vanessa Griggs
- Aug. 13:** *Lights on Halsey Street* by Vanessa Miller



SUMMER OF SCI-FI BOOK CLUB

Thursdays each month | 6 PM - 7:30 PM

Join us as we read and discuss three exciting sci-fi novels over the summer. Whether you're a longtime fan of science fiction or just curious about the genre, this is a great opportunity to explore new worlds and share your thoughts with fellow readers. **Limit 12.**

- Jun. 4:** *The Left Hand of Darkness* by Ursula K LeGuin
- Jul. 9:** *Ancillary Justice* by Ann Leckie
- Aug. 13:** *All Systems Red* by Martha Wells

INDIGO BOOK DISCUSSION

Fourth Saturday of each month | 11 AM - 12:45 PM

A welcoming space for African American women who share a love of literature. Enjoy lively, positive conversations while exploring thought-provoking titles each month. All are welcome to join the conversation! **Limit 12.**

- Jun. 27:** *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig
- Jul. 25:** *Guide Me Home* by Attica Locke
- Aug. 22:** *Keeper of Lost Children* by Sadeqa Johnson



KIDS' COMIC CLUB

Third Saturdays of each month | 11 AM - 12 PM

Kids can build reading comprehension skills this summer while diving into a fun new graphic novel each month! Join fellow young comic lovers for lively, engaging discussions in a welcoming environment. **Limit 12.**

- Jun. 20:** *The Cartoonists Club* by Raina Telgemeier
- Jul. 18:** *Alyte* by Jérémie Moreau
- Aug. 15:** *Witch Hat Atelier, Vol. 1* by Kamome Shirahama (Brunch Provided)



COMPUTER CLASSES

Keyboard and Mouse Proficiency Required.

Saturday Tech Classes

Saturdays | 10 AM - 11:30 AM

Quick, focused sessions to sharpen your digital skills.

Jun. 6: Windows 11 Basics with Kayla

Learn how to navigate Windows 11, manage files, and customize your computer for easier use.

Jun. 20: Internet Basics with Kayla

Build confidence online - learn browsing tips, safety basics, and how to find what you need faster.



Northstar Digital Literacy Series

Tuesdays | 6 PM - 7:30 PM

Wednesdays | 10 AM - 11:30 AM

Learn about the Northstar Digital Literacy program and how it can help you build essential tech skills for everyday life.

June 9 & 10: Introduction to Northstar

June 16 & 17: Computer Basics

June 23 & 24 Internet Basics



NORTHSTAR
DIGITAL LITERACY

Can't wait for a class and need help now?
Schedule a one-on-one session with our Computer Lab staff. Call 708-758-0090 for more details.

Tech Help: Apple & Android Drop-Ins

Two Drop-in Sessions

Have a quick question about your iphone, ipad, or android device? Drop in for these 1-hour sessions to get brief assistance with common tasks, settings, apps, and basic troubleshooting.

Tuesday, June 30: 6 PM - 7:30 PM

Monday, July 13: 10 AM - 11:30 AM

AI Series with Marcus

Mondays & Thursdays | 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Explore how AI can make everyday life easier.

Monday, Jul. 13: Income Engine Lab

Learn how to use AI tools to generate side income, explore freelance opportunities, and turn your ideas into extra cash streams.

Thursday, Jun. 30: Prompt Gym

A fun, interactive session designed to sharpen your AI prompting skills.

Monday, Aug. 10 : Story to System Lab

Learn how to turn personal stories and ideas into digital content like blogs, videos, or social posts. Your voice, amplified by AI.

Thursday, Aug. 27: Bills Hack Lab

Use AI to make sense of bills, applications, and everyday systems that feel way too complicated.

Excel Series

Tuesdays: July 14, 21, & 28 | 6 PM - 7:30 PM

Learn the basics of Excel, including formatting, organizing data, and simple formulas to make your work easier.

Canva Design Series

Tuesdays: Aug. 4, 18, & 25 | 6 PM - 7:30 PM

Learn your way around Canva and start creating simple, polished designs. Go deeper with tools, layouts, and features to elevate your designs and finally create your perfect flyer.

ADULT PROGRAMMING

Learn to Grow

June 10 & 24, July 8 & 22, August 5 & 19 | 2 PM - 3 PM

Get involved in hands-on gardening at our Community Garden! Join us for this seasonal series and learn practical gardening skills in a fun, supportive environment. **Limit 24.**

Craftermath Creations

Thursdays: June 11 & August 4 | 10 AM - 11:30 AM

Oops! We bought too much! Come create and give new life to leftover and unused craft supplies. A perfect opportunity to get creative and reduce waste while having fun. **While supplies last.**

Homewood Brewing Co. Tour

Saturday, June 13 | 2 PM - 3:30 PM

GLPLD men! Join us for a behind the scenes tour of the brewing process, a history of craft beer and a guided tasting of signature brews just in time for Fathers Day. **Registration Required. Ages 21+. Limit 14.** Tickets provided by Homewood Brewing Company and coordinated by GLPLD.

HOMEWOOD BREWING CO.

Pokeno Night at the Library

Mondays: June 15, July 13, & August 10 | 5:30 PM - 7 PM

It's game night with a twist! Join us for a fun-filled evening of Pokeno—a mix of poker and bingo—with light refreshments and plenty of laughs. Bring your game face and a friend (or two)! **Limit 20.**

Reverso

Thursday, June 18 | 2 PM - 3 PM

Unwind and explore your creativity with reverse coloring. Start with beautifully blended watercolor-style backgrounds and add your own doodles, patterns, or outlines. **Limit 15.**



Sip & Sing

Mondays: June 22, July 27, & August 24 | 6 PM - 7 PM

Sip a little wine and sing your worries away at our library karaoke night! A fun, relaxed evening of music, laughter, and good company. **Ages 21+. Limit 15.**

Game Night Collective

Thursdays: June 25, July 23, & August 27 | 5:30 PM - 7 PM

Games, snacks, and zero-proof sips. Come laugh and enjoy a little friendly competition. Bring a friend or join a table! Roll in, sip up, and let the games begin! **MOCKTAILS** and snacks will be served.

Ages 18+. Limit 20.

Marie's Sewing Circle Fashion Show

Saturday, July 18 | 10 AM - 12 PM

This event will showcase the sewing skills and fashions created by Marie's Sewing Circle's program participants. This group meets each Monday morning at the library to fellowship and assist each other in completing various sewing/craft projects. **Light refreshments will be served. Ages 21+.**

Whiskey Night: Japanese Edition

Tuesday, July 28 | 6 PM - 7 PM

An evening just for the guys—explore the world of Japanese whiskey through guided tastings and conversation. Learn about its history, craftsmanship, and unique distillation process while sampling a selection of refined pours. **Ages 21+. Limit 15.**

Uncork and Crunch

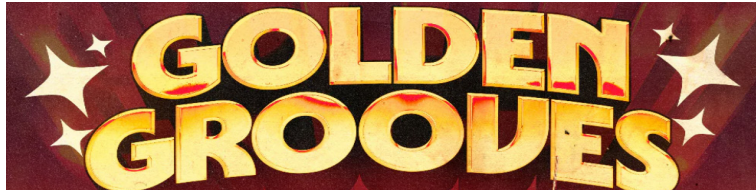
Wednesday, August 5 | 6 PM - 7 PM

Unwind with a casual night of wine and chips! Relax, socialize, and sample a variety of wines paired with fun chip flavors. Discover new favorites and enjoy a tasty evening at the library. **Ages 21+. Limit 20.**

Golden Grooves Dance Party

Wednesdays: June 3 - 24 | 12 PM - 1 PM

Enjoy an upbeat, music-driven class that combines simple aerobics with dance-inspired movement at a comfortable, lively pace. Participants benefit from improved balance, mobility, and energy while engaging in full-body, low- to medium-impact exercise in a supportive environment. No dance experience is needed—just come ready to move, have fun, and stay active. **Limit 25.**



Crochet Corner

Saturdays: June 13, July 11, & August 8 | 10 AM - 12 PM

Join us at the library for a welcoming crochet class led by Blanca. Open to all skill levels. Enjoy instruction, helpful tips, and a chance to share ideas while connecting with fellow makers. **Limit 25.**



Memory Café at the Library

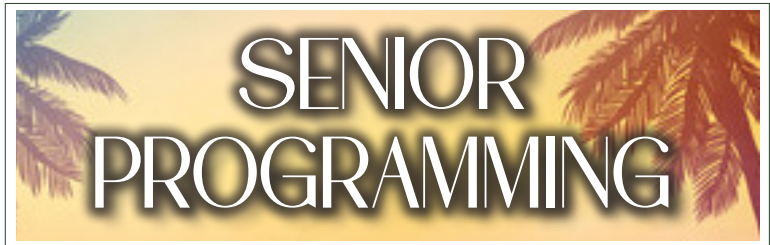
Tuesdays: June 23, July 28, & August 25 | 12 PM - 1:30 PM

Join us for a supportive, judgment-free space designed for individuals experiencing memory loss and their caregivers. Enjoy light activities, conversation, and connection.

Senior Learn & Connect: Breast Cancer Education

Thursday, June 25 | 10 AM - 12 PM

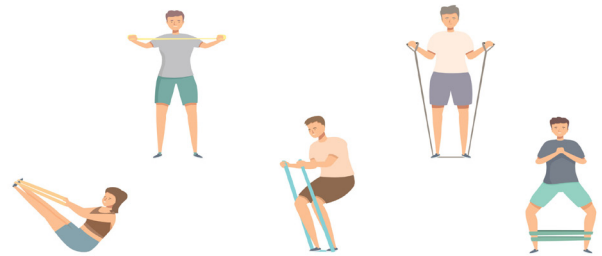
Presented by *Sisters Working It Out*, this session will cover essential information about Breast Cancer, including risk factors, early warning signs, and steps you can take to maintain your health. There will also be time for questions and discussion. Healthy snack provided. **Limit 40.**



Resistance Band Fitness

Wednesdays: July 1 - 29 | 12 PM - 1 PM

Build strength safely with gentle, low-impact resistance band exercises designed to improve muscle strength, balance, and flexibility without heavy weights. These joint-friendly bands are suitable for all fitness levels and can be used seated, standing, or with chair support for added accessibility. **Limit 25.**



Make It Monday

Mondays: July 6 & July 27 | 11 AM - 12:30 PM

Get hands-on with creativity! In this session, you'll learn how to make your own lip balms and bath bombs from scratch. A fun and relaxing way to socialize and create something special. **Limit 12.**



Senior Learn & Connect

Thursday, July 23 | 10 AM - 12 PM

This session focuses on GLP-1 receptor agonists—what they are, who may benefit from them, and why they're gaining popularity. Led by a community liaison from *Powers Health*, the program includes time to share experiences, ask questions, and learn together in a supportive setting. Healthy snack provided. **Limit 40.**

Kids & Crafts

Wednesdays: June 3 & July 1 | 1 PM - 2 PM

Get creative at the library with hands-on fun designed just for kids! **Ages 7+. Limit 12.**

June 3: **Paint & Sip (Kids Edition)**

Enjoy a relaxed painting session while sipping on a tasty juice or treat.

July 1: **Clay Craft**

Mold, shape, and design your own clay masterpiece to take home.

Juneteenth Celebration

Thursday, June 11 | 6 PM - 7 PM

Kids will celebrate Juneteenth through engaging activities that highlight the Colors of Our Story, Rhythms of Freedom, and Heroes of Hope. Join us for an evening of learning, culture, and celebration.

Ages 6 - 11.



STEAM Power Hour!

Thursdays: June 18 & July 9 | 11 AM - 12 PM

Join us for an hour of fun, led by a local teacher who specializes in everything STEAM! Bring your imagination and get ready to discover! **Ages 5 - 10.**

PAWS TO READ

Saturday, June 27 | 10 AM - 11 AM

Reading to a friendly, non-judgmental dog is a wonderful way for kids to build confidence and enjoy reading. This relaxed program creates a fun and supportive environment where young readers can practice their skills and develop a love for books.

Ages 5 - 12.

Kids STEAM/STEM Learning

Tuesday, June 30 | 3 PM - 4:30 PM

Kids will explore the exciting world of STEAM through hands-on activities that encourage creativity, critical thinking, and problem-solving. Join us for an engaging and educational experience filled with discovery and fun! **Grades K - 3rd.**



KIDSPACE LIBRARY OF THINGS

- WhaZoodle Speakers
- Decodable Readers
- Tonieboxes and Figurines
- ...and Much More!

Available for Checkout!
Stop by our Circulation Desk
for more information!



Paint Your Own Plant Pot

Tuesday, July 7 | 6 PM - 7:30 PM

Give your plants a colorful makeover! Design and paint your own ceramic pot to take home—perfect for brightening any space. **Ages 5+. Limit 12.**



Create Your Own Happy

Thursday, July 16 | 6 PM - 7 PM

Explore your unique creativity through art in this uplifting, hands-on program. Discover new ways to express yourself while enjoying a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere. **Ages 6 - 11.**

SLIP, SLIDE, AND SPLASH!

Tuesday, July 21 | 11 AM - 2 PM

Bring your swimsuit and come out for a wet and wild day at the library! Enjoy water slides, squirters, and splash-filled fun designed to keep everyone cool and active. **All ages welcome. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.**

Passport to Possibilities: BACK TO SCHOOL

Thursday, August 6 | 6 PM - 7 PM

Kids will receive a "passport" and travel through themed stations preparing for the new school year in a fun and interactive way. **Ages 6 - 11.**

MULTIGENERATIONAL PROGRAMMING

Run/Walk club

Mondays & Wednesdays: Jun 1 - Aug. 26 | 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Get moving with a supportive morning walking group. Boost your fitness and enjoy the fresh air for the perfect way to start your day. All ages and fitness levels welcome!

Tie-Dye Tees

Tuesday, June 2 | 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

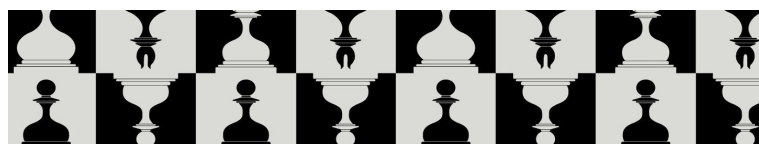
Show your GLPLD pride with a colorful, custom T-shirt! Get creative and design your own tie-dye masterpiece. **Limit 10.**



Chess and Chill

Tuesdays: June 2, July 7, & August 4 | 5 PM - 7 PM

Join us for a fun and relaxed chess session! Whether you're a beginner or an experienced player, come sharpen your skills, challenge opponents, and enjoy a great game. All skill levels are welcome!



World Cup Kickoff Party

Thursday, June 11 | 1:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Kick things off with a fun opening party, then stick around as we stream World Cup games in the Teen Room throughout the tournament. Cheer on your favorite teams with friends!

Movies on the Lawn

Thursdays each month | Movies start at Dusk (8 PM)

Join us for a fun-filled evening under the stars with free movies on the lawn! **Bring your blankets, chairs, and snacks for the perfect summer night out!**

Jun. 18: Goat

Jul. 16: AVATAR 2

Aug. 20: The Super Mario Galaxy Movie

Capoeira & African Diaspora Martial Arts Workshop

Tuesday, June 23 | 5 PM - 7 PM

Join *Dr. Kamau Rashid* for a lively, hands-on introduction to Capoeira and Calinda. Experience the history, music, and movement of these dynamic traditions through demonstrations and guided participation.

Family Bingo Night

Wednesday, June 24 | 6 PM - 7 PM

All ages are welcome to enjoy friendly competition, win small prizes, and spend quality time together. Bring the whole family for a night of laughter and excitement!

Red, White & Yum!

Wednesday, July 1 | 6 PM – 7 PM

Celebrate the 250th birthday of the United States with a sweet treat! Cool off at the library and create your own patriotic dessert at our festive sprinkle bar.

Mobile Museum of Tolerance

Wednesday, July 22 - Friday, July 24 | 11 AM - 7 PM

Experience this powerful, interactive museum on wheels. Featuring immersive lessons on the Holocaust, the Civil Rights Movement, and more, this program encourages empathy, understanding, and respect. Guided by trained educators, it's an impactful experience for young people and adults alike.

Family Campout

Friday, July 31 - Saturday, August 1 | 6 PM - 8 AM

Enjoy a night of games and activities, a movie under the stars, campfire dinner and stories, stargazing, and a light breakfast in the morning!

Tents and chairs are not provided - please bring your own! Restrooms will be available all night and staff will remain on-site for safety. **Limit 85.**

No pets allowed. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration required (by phone or in person only).



SERVICES & RESOURCES

PASSPORT APPLICATIONS

For required documentation and fees, please visit our website at glpld.org and click "US Passport". A bilingual Acceptance Agent is available upon request. **Contact the Library at 708-758-0090 for more details or to schedule your appointment today!**

HOME DELIVERY SERVICE

The Glenwood-Lynwood Library Home Delivery Service is free to those who live in Glenwood or Lynwood and are not physically able to visit the library. If you have a short-term injury or illness, a permanent condition or physical disability that confines you to your home, we will deliver your choice of library materials to you and pick them up every 3 weeks. **Contact Sheila Adams, Circulation Manager at 708-758-0090 for details.**

LICENSE PLATE STICKERS

You can renew your license plate sticker and registration at the library. Credit/Debit card accepted for payment. **There is a \$10 service fee.**

LIBRARY OF THINGS

We are more than just books!

All you need is a Glenwood-Lynwood Library card in good standing!

Items can be checked out for 1 week (except bikes), no renewals!

Highlights of our Collection:

Nintendo Switch Lite, WiFi Hotspots, Roku Streaming Sticks, Silverspot Tablets for Seniors, Portable CD Players, Lighted Magnifying Glasses and much MORE!



Save money this Spring and enjoy some of the best venues the Chicagoland area has to offer with discount passes available at the library.

See the Services tab on our website for details.

Explore More Illinois - Provides discounts at museums, performing arts centers, park districts and more state-wide.

Museum Adventure Pass - Get free or reduced-price admission at participating Chicagoland museums.

Museums for All - Get free or reduced-price admission to museums across the country to anyone receiving SNAP benefits.

Our FREE Little Food Pantry is Open!

Located near the front doors, the pantry is stocked with non-perishable food items—feel free to take what you need. **We kindly ask that you be mindful of others in need and take only what you truly require.** If you'd like to donate, **only unexpired non-perishable food items or toiletries are accepted.** Please place items inside the pantry—**do not leave anything on the ground.** Thank you for helping support our community!



Don't get caught without your library card!
Download the Mobile App & Login.

The SWAN Libraries + app is free to all patrons and available for iOS and Android. If you have your phone, you'll have your library card at your fingertips to use the public computers, library databases and to checkout at any of the SWAN libraries. Contact library staff if you need assistance downloading the app.



DIGITAL LIBRARY CARDS

Apply for your Digital Library Card Online!*

You must have an active email address and access to that email!
Physical cards are still available at the Circulation Desk.

***NEW APPLICANTS ONLY**

How to Register Online:

- Go to GLPLD.org and click the "Services" tab.
 - Scroll down to "Library Cards & Borrowing" and click "Digital Library Card" to fill out the application.
- You can also scan the following QR code on your phone to access the form.





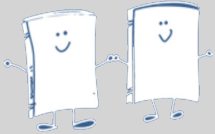
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SUMMER GREETINGS FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

We invite you to join the Friends of the Glenwood Lynwood Library. If you're interested, you'll find membership forms on the bookshelf near the coffee area. **Our next gathering will take place in the library's meeting room on Wednesday, July 8 at 1PM.** Feel free to drop in—there's no obligation to become a member; just come meet us, share your ideas and suggestions for fundraising events! Take a look at the Friends bulletin board for news about upcoming activities. Remember to check out the library calendar and sign up for summer programs.

Celebrate the arrival of summer with the Friends!
 -- Freda Comer, President
 Friends of the Glenwood-Lynwood Library



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Library Board Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6pm in the Michael Bell Meeting Room.

Angela Dixon, President
 Eugeneia White, Vice President
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The Glenwood-Lynwood Public Library District is a proud member of the Homewood Area Chamber of Commerce and the Lynwood Chamber of Commerce.

The Glenwood-Lynwood Public Library District is subject to the requirements of the American with Disabilities Act of 1990. Any individual who plans to attend any program at the Library and requires a special accommodation, or anyone who has questions regarding accessibility to the Library, is requested to phone the library at 708-758-0090 at least five working days prior to the program.



The Library will be CLOSED the following days:

Friday, June 19th --- Juneteenth
 Fri., July 3rd & Sat., July 4th --- Independence Day
 Friday, August 7th --- Staff Day

LIBRARY HOURS

9AM - 8PM Mon. thru Thurs.
 9AM - 5PM Friday
 9AM - 1PM Saturday
 CLOSED Sunday

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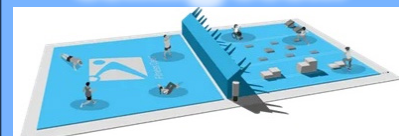
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