

CHILDREN'S AND TEEN PROGRAMS



Sign up for Storytime classes and grow with us!

Little Seeds*
Fridays | 9:30 am
 We help you plant the seeds for lifelong learning. Designed for children aged 6 - 23 months, the Little Seeds Storytime class consists of books, music, finger plays, rhymes, and

movement. Children and caregivers participate in a curriculum that encourages vocabulary, social skills and confidence in movement.

* No registration required for Little Seeds. Classes are filled on a first come, first served basis each week. The class will close once that day's capacity is filled. Open to Glen Ridge residents only.

Sprouting Up Thursdays | 9:30 am** For children age 2, with a caregiver. Your little one is growing up fast. Building on the foundation set of skills in Little Seeds, toddlers and caregivers will engage in weekly activities that encourage language development, body awareness, sharing and social interactions, and following directions.

Branching Out Wednesdays | 1:30 pm**
 It's time to explore the world! Your 3-5 year old is ready to Branch Out and participate in this "on-my-own" storytime class. Science, art, math, and stories come together to encourage language and literacy skills, sharing and making friends, and learning many vital school readiness skills.

** Registration is required for Sprouting Up and Branching Out. To enroll your child, go to glenridgelibrary.org/storytimes. Open to Glen Ridge residents only.

Play Group Tuesdays | 9 am - 11 am
 This drop-in play group encourages socialization among children up to 4 years old. The library will provide age appropriate toys and books to play with while here. Caregivers are required to stay with their children, and help clean up while participating in the group. **No registration required. Open to everyone.**

March

Branching Out: Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18, 25 | 1:30 pm

Sprouting Up: Thursdays, March 5, 12, 19, 26 | 9:30 am

Little Seeds: Fridays, March 6, 13, 20 | 9:30 am

World Book Day: Visit the Library!
 Thursday, March 5

Dr. Seuss Character Rhyming Game and Character ID
 Saturday, March 7 | 10 am - 4 pm

Table Top Gaming (grades 3-8)
 Wednesday, March 11 | 3 pm - 4 pm

Panda Craft
 Saturday, March 14 | 10 am - 2 pm

National Panda Day
 Monday, March 16 | 1 pm
 Bring your lunch and watch Kung Fu Panda 1 & 2

Family Evening Storytime "Yoga Stories"
 Tuesday, March 17 | 6:30 pm

5th Annual Family LEGO Night!
 Friday, March 20 | 6 pm
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Saturday Play Group
 Saturday, March 21 | 9 am - 11 am

Family LEGO Day
 Saturday, March 21 | 10 am - 4 pm

Dungeons & Dragons Info Session, Grades 5-12
 Wednesday, March 25 | 3 pm - 4 pm

Block Buddies
 Friday, March 27 | 9 am - 12 pm

National Scrabble Day!
 Friday, March 27 | 3 pm - 4:30 pm
 Challenge a friend to a game of Scrabble!

Gardening with Kids
 Saturday, March 28 | 10 am - 12 pm

Drop-In Alphabet Stamp Book
 Create an alphabet book using rubber stamps. Each week focuses on a different group of letters.

Monday, March 30 - Saturday, April 4 Letters: A - I

Monday, April 6 - Saturday, April 11 Letters: J - R

Monday, April 13 - Saturday, April 18 Letters: S - Z

April

Preschool Readiness Skills (ages 3-5)
Hopping Fun: Wednesday, April 1 | 1:30 pm
Patterns: Wednesday, April 8 | 1:30 pm
Color: Wednesday, April 15 | 1:30 pm

Toddler Readiness Skills (age 2)
Pom-Poms: Thursday, April 2 | 9:30 am
Patterns: Thursday, April 9 | 9:30 am
Shapes Matching: Thursday, April 16 | 9:30 am

Block Buddies: Fridays, April 3, 17 | 9 am - 12 pm

Branching Out: Wednesdays, April 22, 29 | 1:30 pm

Sprouting Up: Thursdays, April 23, 30 | 9:30 am

Little Seeds: Friday, April 24 | 9:30 am

Table Top Gaming (grades 3-8)
 Wednesday, April 8 | 3 pm - 4 pm

LEGO Day
 Monday, April 13 | 10 am - 4 pm

Matisse: Papercutting
 Tuesday, April 14 | 2 pm - 6 pm

Mondrian: Color Blocks
 Wednesday, April 15 | 2 pm - 6 pm

Kandinsky: Circles
 Thursday, April 16 | 1 pm - 4 pm

Pollock: Splatters
 Friday, April 17 | 1 pm - 4 pm

Saturday Play Group
 Saturday, April 18 | 9 am - 11 am

Family LEGO Day
 Saturday, April 18 | 10 am - 4 pm

Family Evening Storytime "Earth Stories"
 Tuesday, April 21 | 6:30 pm

Dungeons & Dragons Play, Grades 5-12
 Wednesday, April 22 | 3 pm - 4 pm
REGISTER ONLINE

Backyard Birds
 Saturday, April 25 10 am - 12 pm
 Make an easy bird feeder!

Stress Balls, Grades 6-12
 Wednesday, April 29 | 2:50 pm - 3:50 pm

May

Branching Out: Wednesdays, May 6, 13, 20 | 1:30 pm

Sprouting Up: Thursdays, May 7, 14, 21 | 9:30 am

Little Seeds: Fridays, May 1, 8, 15, 22 | 9:30 am

Teen Craft Night
 Friday, May 1 | 6 pm - 8 pm
REGISTER ONLINE

Ride Your Bike to the Library Day
 Saturday, May 2

Drop-in Mother's Day Craft All Week
 Monday, May 4 - Saturday, May 9

Star Wars Scavenger Hunt
 Monday, May 4

International Day of Families Craft
 Friday, May 15 | 1 pm - 4pm

Saturday Play Group
 Saturday, May 16 | 9 am - 11 am

Family LEGO Day
 Saturday, May 16 | 10 am - 4 pm

Family Evening Storytime "Puddle Stories"
 Tuesday, May 19 | 6:30 pm

Table Top Gaming, Grades 3-8
 Wednesday, May 20 | 3 pm - 4 pm

Teen Game Tournament, Grades 9 -12
 Wednesday, May 27 | 6 pm - 8 pm
REGISTER ONLINE

Block Buddies
 Friday, May 29 | 9:30 am

Therapy Dog Visit
 Saturday, May 30 | 10 am - 11 am

American Red Cross Babysitters Training
 Saturday, March 28
 9:30 am - 4:30 pm, ages 11-16
 Class fee \$97.00 - Register and pay at redcross.org
 This training will help participants to develop leadership skills; learn how to develop a babysitting business; keep themselves and others safe; help children behave; and learn about basic child care and basic first aid.

ONGOING ADULT PROGRAMS

NEW! HeritageQuest Online Database Workshops
Tuesdays, March 24, April 28, and May 12
7 pm - 8 pm

Want to learn more about your roots? Now it is even easier with HeritageQuest Online. Reference Librarian Helen Beckert will provide an overview of all this new library database and teach you how you can pursue your genealogical quest from home.

Spring Craft Nights (REGISTER ONLINE)

Mondays, March 9 & April 20

6:30 pm - 8 pm

Join staffer and fellow crafter Gretchen Allin for a night of creativity and conversation. We'll provide all the materials you need to go home with a homemade gift for yourself or another!

March 9: Body Scrubs

April 20: Mother's Day Cards

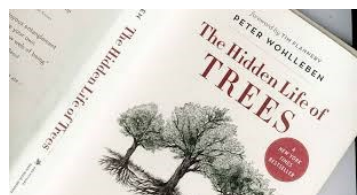
AARP Safe Driving Class (REGISTER ONLINE)

Saturday, March 21 | 10 am - 4 pm

\$15.00 for AARP members \$20.00 for non-members
Classes are paid day-of to the course instructor, checks made payable to "AARP Driver Safety".

NEW! Synchronicity Journaling
Tuesdays, March 31, April 7, and May 5
7 pm - 8 pm

Books speak to us in unexpected ways. See what they have to say to you! Skim a selection of books, chosen by Reference Librarian Helen Beckert and then see what captures your attention – a sentence perhaps, the book's dedication, even a single word. Come away with a new appreciation for the power of books and words to surprise and transform us. *Bring a notebook for journaling.*



Environmental Book Club

Saturday, April 4
9 am - 10 am

April Selection: *Hidden Life of Trees: What They Feel,*

How They Communicate – Discoveries from a Secret World by Peter Wohlleben. Greet Arbor Day with a whole new appreciation of trees – especially our “street kids.” This international bestseller is “awesome” in the truest sense of the word. Prepare to be amazed.

Cookbook Club

Mondays, March 30, April 27, May 18
6:30 pm - 8 pm

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Nights

Mondays | 6 pm - 7:45 pm

Local History Database Workshops

Tuesdays, March 10, and April 21
7 pm - 8 pm

Library Art Tour

Saturdays, March 28, April 11, and May 9
11 am - 12 pm

Special tour for The Golden Circle:
Thursday, April 23, 11 am

Montclair Knitting Circle

Every Wednesday | 1 pm - 3 pm

Beginner's Guitar Meetup

Monday, March 16, April 13, and May 11
6:15 pm - 8 pm



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Keep Less, Toss More

Monday, March 2 | 6:30 pm - 8 pm

If you have too much stuff and not enough time, this program is for you! Join author and de-cluttering humorist Jamie Novak as she shares her tips for clearing clutter, with a laugh. She'll help you craft a plan for getting things done: what to keep, what to toss, what to sell, what to share. If clutter is taking over your life, this program is for you!

Tiny Texts: Flash Fiction, Short Poems, Micro Diaries and One-Minute Plays

Tuesday, March 17 | 6:30 pm - 8 pm

Join writer, poet and Glen Ridge resident, Nicole Cooley as she introduces us to the world of “tiny texts”. In this hand-on workshop, learn how to play with language in wonderful, fun ways that at the same time ask us to rethink our ideas about reading and writing. Gaston Bachelard famously said, “The minuscule, a narrow gate, opens up an entire world.”



5th Annual Family LEGO Night!

Friday, March 20 | 6 pm
REGISTER ONLINE

Blast off! 50th Anniversary of Apollo 13

Saturday, April 25 | 2 pm - 3:30 pm

Space Program Historian Joe Lennox takes us on a fascinating journey of this historic mission, through interviews with the actual crew and mission control staff, detailed scale models, actual spacecraft hardware, and authentic flight documentation. “Houston. We have a problem” comes to life unlike you’ve ever seen it before – bring the whole family!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! SHREDDING DAY

Saturday, April 25 | 9 am - 1 pm

Glen Ridge High School parking lot – 200 Ridgewood Avenue. Suggested donation \$5.00 per box. All proceeds support library programs and services.

NEW! Health Talks with Kessler Rehabilitation

Preventing Running Injuries

Saturday, March 7 | 1 pm - 2 pm

Nearly 60 million Americans are runners. Overuse injuries are common, usually affecting the hip, knee, ankle and foot. Therapists from Kessler Rehab will discuss important risk factors and improper training techniques that may increase your risk of injury. Become knowledgeable in evidenced-based injury prevention strategies to improve your running mechanics and maintain a healthy and safe running routine. Appropriate for runners of all levels.

Safe Gardening Tips

Saturday, April 4 | 1 pm - 2 pm

Gardening can be a great form of physical activity, but has an associated risk of musculoskeletal injuries. These can include back pain, spinal fractures, rotator cuff injuries, and wrist and finger tendinitis to name a few. Join physical therapists from Kessler Rehab, as they discuss safe movement patterns and injury prevention strategies to minimize the risk of injury so that you can continue to enjoy your love of gardening.

Osteoporosis Awareness and Prevention

Saturday, May 2 | 1 pm - 2 pm

May is National Osteoporosis Awareness and Prevention Month. Learn about how your bones develop and change over time, lifestyle habits that can negatively impact skeletal health, and what you can do to maximize bone health at any age.

“Relatively Speaking”

Tuesday, May 19 | 6:30 pm - 8 pm

Donna Atkins, "The Life Story Lady", presents 12 excellent reasons for documenting YOUR LIFE STORY. This interactive evening, filled with humor and music, is designed to help you move past writing roadblocks and apprehensions. Leave with helpful how-to handouts and new – found inspiration!

Friday Afternoon Movies 12:30 pm

March

3/6: Knives Out (PG 13)

3/13: Western Stars (PG)

3/20: Bombshell (R)

3/27: Dark Waters (PG 13)

April

4/3: Judy (PG 13)

4/10: LIBRARY CLOSED NO MOVIE

4/17: Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood (PG)

4/24: Good Liar (R)

May

5/1: Richard Jewell (R)

5/8: Harriet (PG 13)

5/15: Jexi (R)

5/22: Charlie's Angels (PG 13)

5/29: Gemini Man (PG 13)