

Discoveries

Downers Grove Public Library

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Motivational chalk art created by some local DGPL fans!

Library Hours

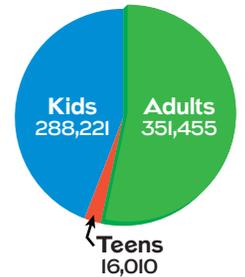
- Monday – Friday 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.
- Saturday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Sunday 1 – 5 p.m.

Library Closings

- Sunday, May 30 Sunday before Memorial Day
- Monday, May 31 Memorial Day

DGPL 2020 Annual Report

Over **655,000** physical materials borrowed



Our busiest day: 320 cars • 35.5 cars per hour • (1.7 cars every minute!)

While the building was closed (April – June, December):

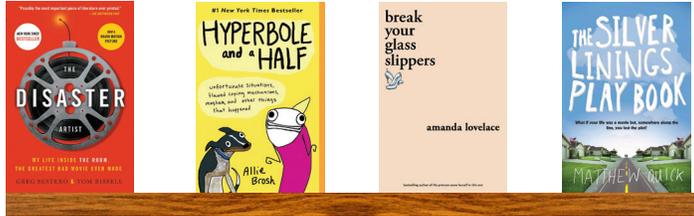
108,478 physical materials checked out
54,561 eMaterials checked out

2,692 Program attendees
70 programs

STAFF PICKS

Find your next title with the library's Staff Picks collection. Staff members from all departments share their favorite books, movies, music, and video games. Look for Staff Picks on their shelf on the second floor or in the stacks marked by a special "Staff Picks" sign. Check online each Wednesday for recommendations: dglibrary.org/staff-picks, Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Follow and use the hashtag #DGPLreads to keep up with the freshest picks.

May: Mental Health Awareness



June: Pride!



Organization of the Month

May

Hephzibah Children's Association



Hephzibah Children's Association provides a wide range of services to children and families in the Chicagoland area, including Downers Grove. These services include intact family support, foster care, a therapeutic residential program, and after-school programs. May is Foster Care Awareness Month; they are highlighting their foster care program. Hephzibah Children's Association licenses local families to become foster families and supports these individuals as they care for children who have been removed from biological family members. Hephzibah Children's Association works with all the supports in a child's life to achieve permanency for that child, whether that means returning to their home of origin or being adopted by a family. To learn more about becoming a foster parent or supporting their mission, visit hephzibahhome.org.

June

Downers Legacy Seed Library



The Downers Legacy Seed Library serves the community-at-large as it protects the diversity, security, and quality of future food supply. They do this by preserving rare and in-peril heritage food crops whose seeds hold valuable genetic material. 95% of seed diversity that the world had 100 years ago is now lost. Downers Legacy Seed Library offers heirloom seeds in the seed library catalog, located on the second floor of the library. Over 117 varieties of tomatoes are in the seed library! Those who join the Downers Legacy Seed Library in this process are given seeds, education, and encouragement. To get involved, visit dglibrary.org/seed-library.

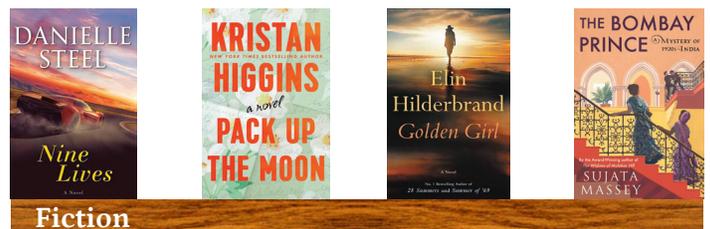
Do you know an organization that should be featured? Fill out an application to let us know! dgl.fyi/orgofthemoth

Future Bestsellers

These titles are sure to be hot when they arrive! Contact the Ask Us Desk to place a hold.



Nonfiction



Fiction



Fiction



Fiction



Programming Highlights

Registration opens two weeks prior to event date.

P Prerequisite required.

R Advance registration required.

Visit dglibrary.org/events for a full list of virtual and pickup programs.

For Adults:

Fireside Chat with Alex Kotlowitz (DGPL only) **R**

Thursday, May 6, 7 p.m.

Join us for a virtual fireside chat with award-winning journalist, author, and filmmaker Alex Kotlowitz, author of **There Are No Children Here** and **An American Summer: Love and Death in Chicago**.

Harnessing Instagram as a Marketing Tool **R**

Thursday, May 13, 1:30 p.m.

Small business coach Julie Kittredge discusses marketing strategies for small business owners using the popular social media platform, Instagram.

Senior Housing 101 **R**

Wednesday, May 19, 6:30 p.m.

Rick Graffagna presents information for seniors and adult children on how to select senior housing, options to consider, and funding.

Internet Archive: The Amazing **R**

Genealogical Resource You're Not Using!

Thursday, May 20, 6:30 p.m.

Learn about Internet Archive's amazing collection of city directories, county histories, gazetteers, yearbooks, and family genealogies.

Pronouns Matter: Beyond He and She **R**

Wednesday, June 2, 6:30 p.m.

Learn about different pronouns, when and how to use them, and how to be an ally.

Literary Gardens **R**

Tuesday, June 8, 6:30 p.m.

Master gardener and natural history writer Cindy Crosby reveals how gardens and garden imagery figure in literature and help shape the books we love.

Pre-Civil War Quilts: Secret Codes to Freedom on the Underground Railroad™ **R**

Wednesday, June 16, 6:30 p.m.

Through family stories, Connie Martin reveals the hidden codes and secret messages in the patterns and stitching of 18 colorful, beautifully hand-crafted replica quilts.

Discover Your Library's Business Databases **R**

Thursday, June 17, 1:30 p.m.

Learn how to use the library's business databases to help your business succeed.

The Long Shadow Documentary

June 21 to June 28, all-day streaming

Two white Southern filmmakers travel the roads of oppression and suppression to reveal the connections of slavery and strong-arm Southern politics to the current racial strife in America.

The Long Shadow Discussion **R**

Thursday, June 24, 7 p.m.

Join us for a special Q&A with Frances Causey, director of *The Long Shadow*.

Virtual Cooking with Chef Michael Nicsic

Learn a new recipe each month from the world famous Food Mercenary. Classes will include a streaming video and printed recipe. See dglibrary.org/virtual-programs for classes.

Writers Workshop

Join with partner Friends of DG Library on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month.

Novice to professional writers meet to read, discuss, and enjoy one another's work.

Score Business Roundtable

Tuesday, May 4, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, June 1, 7 p.m.

Job Workshops:

With partner People's Resource Center

Interview/Perspective from Across the Desk **R**

Thursday, May 6, 10 a.m.

Repetition Leads to Success: Mock Interviews **R**

Thursday, May 20, 10 a.m.

Phone and Virtual Interviews **R**

Thursday, June 3, 10 a.m.

Cool Tools for Your Job Search **R**

Thursday, June 17, 10 a.m.



Virtual Computer Classes:

Excel 2016 Intro **R**

Friday, May 7, 2 p.m.

Getting Started with Zoom **R**

Tuesday, May 11, 1 p.m.

Password Managers **R**

Wednesday, May 12, 2 p.m.

Word 2016 Intro **R**

Tuesday, May 18, 11 a.m.

Navigating Social Media **R**

Wednesday, May 26, 2 p.m.

Surfing Basics & **R**

Navigating the DGPL Website

Thursday, May 27, 10:30 a.m.

Zoom Intermediate **R P**

Thursday, May 27, 1 p.m.

Zoom Advanced **R P**

Monday, June 7, 1 p.m.

Pages Basics **R**

Wednesday, June 9, 2 p.m.

Excel 2016 Intermediate **R P**

Friday, June 11, 2 p.m.

Google Slides **R**

Monday, June 21, 1 p.m.

Google Basics **R**

Wednesday, June 23, and
Thursday, June 24
(two, one-hour sessions), 1 p.m.

DGPL Databases: **R P**

An Overview

Thursday, June 24, 10:30 a.m.

Numbers Basics **R**

Wednesday, June 30, 2 p.m.

For Teens:

Maker Mondays 2 Go

Grades 7–12. Stop in every Monday for a new activity! Check the events calendar to see upcoming projects. Can't make it on Mondays? Extra bags will be available on Saturdays! Available while supplies last. Upcoming projects include: Pom Pom Cactuses, No-Sew Pop Tart Pillow, Origami Stars, and more!

Pickup Programs

Grades 7–12. Register for a program kit on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month. Participants will receive a bag with supplies and instructions to complete the activity. Check out the events calendar for specific programs each month. Upcoming projects include: How to Make Boba Tea, Melted Crayon art, and more!

For more programs, check out the events calendar at dglibrary.org/events/!



Vidcode

Kids, teens, and adults are invited to learn to code independently with Vidcode. Vidcode is a self-paced curriculum and no coding experience is required. The fun tutorials will have you creating games, memes, and other activities. Vidcode teaches Javascript, digital citizenship, and game development, as well as HTML and CSS. Log in to Vidcode using your DG Library card through the Education and Learning tab of the Research section on our website.



Director's Note

What does equity, diversity, and inclusion have to do with the library? Why is the library making anti-racist statements and working with a consultant on an equity strategic plan? The Downers Grove Public Library is a place for everyone to discover, grow, play, and learn. That's our purpose statement—but it's not always true. To truly be a place for

everyone, where all are welcome, we must broaden our view to see the community of Downers Grove in all of its diverse aspects.

By openly condemning hate and violence, the library demonstrates that it is a safe place for people of color and people who look, think, or act differently. By standing up for all people, we push our doors open a little wider to welcome everyone.

By working with a consultant on equity, diversity, and inclusion, we learn to use a different lens. This different way of seeing things helps to identify where we are falling short. Some patrons just need a bestseller and a tax form. Some need help using a computer. Others need a book for their child with a main character that looks like them. None of those needs are more important than the others and each requires a different approach to service by the library. Viewing our work through a lens of equity helps us to see them all.

The concept of the public library as the "great equalizer," the "people's university," the "last bastion of democracy," may be true in spirit, but has not been historically true in practice. Public libraries, like other institutions, traditionally and intentionally marginalized some people groups. DGPL is committed to changing that. By learning to view our community in all of its glorious diversity, we also learn to address the library needs of all of our community.

Computer Guest Passes

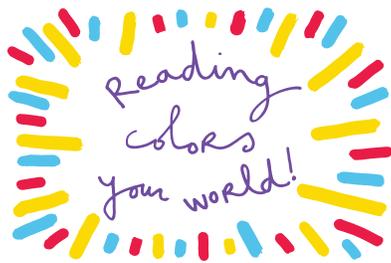
The Computer Help Desk is now offering annual guest passes. Guest passes allow non-cardholders to utilize the library's computers, printers, and scanner without a library card. Guest passes are available by simply registering at the Computer Help Desk with an ID. There are no residency requirements to obtain a guest pass. The Downers Grove Public Library hopes that moving to the annual pass will increase equitable access to computers for all patrons.

COVID-19 Resources

Wondering about the COVID-19 vaccine? Not sure what information to trust? Visit dglibrary.org/covid19 to find information about the virus and vaccine.

Learn Something New

Lynda.com is now LinkedIn Learning! Find video tutorials on everything from coding to character design with LinkedIn Learning at dglibrary.org/research.



Color Your World with Summer Reading

May 23 - August 1

Sign-up begins May 23

Be creative, try new things, and find beauty in diversity this summer through books, eBooks, graphic novels, or audiobooks! Join the community in the library's Summer Reading Club by reading for prizes!

Track your reading:

- On paper: Pick up physical forms at the library's Kids Room or Ask Us desks or print out forms from the website

OR

- Online: Use the new ReadSquared app  or website

Forms and information about online tracking can be found at dglibrary.org/src.

Kids

Pick up forms at the Kids Room Desk
Kids of all ages can join the Summer Reading Club! With two programs, Read-to-Me and Readers, everyone can earn prizes.

Teens

Pick up forms at the Ask Us Desk
Read three books or six hours to win prizes. Prizes include mood cups, screen cleaners, pop sockets, and a tote bag/book. Read more for entries into a raffle drawing for gift cards and a prize basket.

Adults

Pick up forms at the Ask Us Desk
Earn prizes by reading three books or eighteen hours. Prizes include a "Reading Colors My World" tote bag and entries for a variety of raffle prizes. Read more for additional raffle entries.



Virtual Book

and Movie Discussions:

Titles are available for digital and print checkout four weeks prior to discussion.



RBG

Film Documentary

Thursday, May 13, 6:30 p.m.

The Midnight Library by Matt Haig

Thursday, June 10, 6:30 p.m.



Register: dglibrary.org/events

 Advance registration required.

Garden Walk Brick Program: A Gift to Last a Lifetime

Searching for a Mother's Day, Father's Day, graduation, or wedding gift to last a lifetime? The Downers Grove Public Library Foundation can help: commemorate your celebrations and honor loved ones and legacies with a Garden Walk brick.

Thanks to your donations and the Garden Walk Brick Program, the library's newest art acquisitions include *Aqua Melt*, *Flores y Conejos* by Melissa Leandro, and *Rumi Session Series; Love and Reborn* by Sarvin Haghghi.

Visit dgpfoundations.org to order your personalized Garden Walk brick and make a lasting impact on the library you love.



Artist's rendering of the lockers at DGPL

Coming Soon...

Later this summer, the library will be installing self-service hold lockers. These lockers allow patrons to check out items they have placed on hold in a convenient, contact-free method, with 24/7 access. Stay tuned!



New Cover to Cover Podcasts

May – Significant Albums: *The Essential Dolly Parton*, *The Masterplan* by Oasis, and *Hang On Little Tomato* by Pink Martini

June – Book Review: *An American Marriage* by Tayari Jones

Available in the library, Libby by Overdrive, cloudLibrary, and hoopla.

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