

## Leslie Goddard portrays Grace Kelly at Lisle Library District



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When thinking about a fairy tale, prince or even a princess, usually what comes to mind is a make believe story someone once told us at a young age.

For someone such as Grace Kelly, that is all but true.

Kelly was a multitalented American film actress who also became Princess of Monaco after her marriage to Prince Rainier III in April of 1956.

"It's kind of set up today as a biography to give people an idea of her entire life," said actress and historian Leslie Goddard.

Goddard performed at the Lisle Library District, emulating and performing how Kelly carried herself when she was alive.

Born in Philadelphia in 1929, Kelly rose to fame as a leading Hollywood actress following her prominent role in "High Noon".

Along with her Academy Award-winning performances in "The Country Girl", she starred in the Alfred Hitchcock films "Rear Window", "Dial M for Murder" and "To Catch a Thief".

Kelly left Hollywood behind after marrying Prince Rainier III of Monaco in 1956, thereby becoming known as Princess Grace.



In what has been labeled as the “Golden Age of Television”, Kelly appeared in more than 40 episodes of live drama productions broadcast during the early 1950’s.

When portraying someone with such high charisma and charm, Goddard said that even though she was very talented, her exterior was a large reason why she became so popular so quickly.

“She was just so beautiful,” Goddard said. “She was so compelling on the screen, I was always amazed she was in Hollywood for less than four years and people still consider her as one of the greatest actresses of all time.”

Following her successful career in the acting industry at just the age of 26, Kelly began her duties as Princess of Monaco.

The 16-minute civil ceremony that took place in the Palace Throne Room of Monaco on April 18, 1956, and a reception later in the day was attended by 3,000 Monégasque citizens which one part of the two ceremonies they needed to become married.

In total for the wedding, it was estimated that more than 30 million viewers on live television saw the ceremony.

“I think that there is something really intriguing about someone who was such a talented actress and then becomes a princess,” Goddard said. “To me, it really sounds like a true fairy tale.”

Unfortunately, as most fairy tales come to an end, Grace Kelly’s did as well.

On September 13, 1982, Kelly was driving back to Monaco from her country home in Roc Agel when she had a stroke.

As a result, she lost control of her 1971 Rover P6 3500 and drove off the steep, winding road and down a 120-foot mountainside.

As Goddard said that Kelly’s whole existence was that she wanted the fairy tale experience, it was her human qualities that make her fun to emulate, and tell people the real story about her life.

“It’s hard to remember that once you had the fairy tale, that this was an actual human being,” Goddard said. “I’m always interested in those things that make someone human like her having faults or flaws that every single one of us do.

“I think that even from the 1950’s until now, the whole idea of being a princess is still really deeply embedded in our culture and will always be the ultimate dream.”

## Glen Ellyn repertory troupe from COD to take inspiring show on road



July 3 2019 | GLEN ELLYN – College of DuPage Summer Repertory Theater will present “Can You See Me” on the Glen Ellyn campus and at area locations this summer.

Scripted through improvisation, “Can You See Me” focuses on a group of young children at day camp who create fantasy worlds to express their true feelings, Amelia Barrett, director and theater professor, said in a news release. The annual collaboration between director, designers and cast begins with a general theme, with the script evolving from improvisation.

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“When we develop the show each year, we start with the basic foundation – what’s the lesson we want our characters to learn,” Barrett said. “These kids all go on a journey to explore how they can experience love and acceptance in the real world. They learn just how important it is to feel included.”

Campus performances begin at 5 p.m. July 13 and 14 in the MAC’s outdoor Lakeside Pavilion at 425 Fawell Blvd. Guests are invited to bring a blanket, chair and picnic. Concessions will be available.

Remaining community performances include July 6 at Cantigny Park in Wheaton, July 10 at the Lisle Library, and July 13 at the Glen Ellyn Public Library.

The cast includes Brian Egerton (Glen Ellyn), Mark Kinzler (Naperville), Rylan Johnson (Lisle), Philip Laricchia (Oswego), Kailey Nelson (Darien), Emile Pesce (Bolingbrook), Alez Radisavljevic (Bensenville), Ann Sieg (Carol Stream), A.J. Stahnke (Western Springs) and Christina Verges (Brookfield).

Admission is free for all performances. For information, call the MAC box office at 630-942-4000 or visit [www.atthemac.org](http://www.atthemac.org).

## Mystery author coming to Lisle



Best-selling author Hank Phillippi Ryan will visit the Lisle Library District's Murder Among Friends mystery book group on June 20. The acclaimed writer and investigative reporter has been a regular guest and a favorite visitor of the mystery-and-crime discussion group since she first visited in 2013.

The group will discuss her recent Agatha Award-nominated novel "Trust Me" at 7 p.m., and the author will join the discussion at 7:30. There is no registration required.

Discussion topics will include her recent and upcoming writing projects, as well as her work as an investigative reporter for NBC in Boston.

For details, call the library at (630) 971-1675 or visit [lislelibrary.org](http://lislelibrary.org).



## From the community: Lisle Library District Provides Summer Lunches for Children

Community Contributor Josh Hepler | June 6, 2019



The Lisle Library District is partnering with the Northern Illinois Food Bank and the West Suburban Community Pantry over the summer to provide a safe, community-centric location for kids to have a meal. Every

Monday from June 10th to August 5th, any child up to the age of 18 can receive a free lunch at the Library. Each meal begins at noon and ends at 1:30 PM. There is no registration requirement for the program, and family members are welcome to attend.

The summer can be a difficult time for children and families who depend on school lunches and food programs as a source of nutritional stability. Programs like this one help bridge the gap between the incoming and outgoing school year.

This year, the service will be expanded to include fun and educational activities before each meal, including STEAM activities, interactive music, and a visit from firefighters from the Lisle-Woodridge Fire District. These activities will begin at 11:30 AM each Monday, thirty minutes before the meal begins.

The goal of this partnership to provide one more tool in the battle against child hunger, as well as fulfill the Library's ongoing goals of providing excellent community service, communicating its diverse resources, and encouraging cooperative relationships and partnerships with community organizations.

Lisle Library District is located at 777 Front St. and can be reached by phone at (630) 971-1675, or reached online at [lislelibrary.org](http://lislelibrary.org).

## 'Book a Librarian' service comes to Lisle Library

June 7, 2019



Cardholders at the Lisle Library District can schedule a 30-minute appointment for help covering a variety of topics and skills. The topics include using an e-reader (or a smart device as an e-reader), accessing library resources and databases, using Microsoft Office programs, email, social media,

internet search basics, and others.

Patrons can schedule up to two appointments a month with a staff librarian and either bring their own device or use library computers. Interested patrons can find more information at [www.lislelibrary.org/book-librarian](http://www.lislelibrary.org/book-librarian), or schedule an appointment by filling out an online form at [www.lislelibrary.org/book-librarian-request-form](http://www.lislelibrary.org/book-librarian-request-form). Patrons also can visit the Connection Desk or Reference Desk on the library's main floor to schedule an appointment or ask more questions. Patrons also can call the library at (630) 971-1675 or email Gail Graziani at [grazianig@lislelibrary.org](mailto:grazianig@lislelibrary.org).

Residents from outside Lisle who are in good standing at their home libraries also can take advantage of the service by becoming reciprocal borrowers at the Lisle Library District. Reciprocal borrowing allows users to connect their cards to multiple libraries.

For patrons who prefer to learn in a group setting, the library also offers a wide range of technology classes. In June and July, topics for classes include introductions to Google Drive, learning new languages with the Transparent Language Online database, advanced tips for Facebook, part two in a series on Microsoft Excel, and many more.

For more information on the Lisle Library District, or to see a calendar of library events, visit [www.lislelibrary.org](http://www.lislelibrary.org).



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From the community: Turtle Walks Coming to the Lisle Library District



**Community Contributor Josh Hepler | May 31, 2019**

This summer, Lisle Library District is bringing two of the Youth Services Department's most cherished members out to meet the public. Every Friday at noon in June and July, Librarians will conduct Turtle Walks so patrons can join the beloved reptiles Jack and Jill for their weekly exercise sessions. Patrons are encouraged to bring lunch or snacks along with them, which can be enjoyed in the Library's butterfly garden. Jack and Jill have been with the Library for over twenty years, so many parents may remember them from when they were children. Turtle Walks will last for thirty minutes, and only be held if the weather permits, so please call the Library ahead of time in case of inclement weather.



From the community: Summer Read Kick-Off at Lisle Library District



**Community Contributor Josh Hepler | May 13, 2019**

Lisle Library District is celebrating the beginning of Summer Read with a special Kick-off Party! The festivities happen Saturday, June 1 from 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM. This all-ages event will feature an obstacle course, crafts, trivia, live music, and a variety of other activities for all ages. A cupcake-themed food truck will be on site providing snacks (one per patron, while supplies last). We've designed this event to be drop-in friendly, so you can stay for the whole event, or just a little while.

The LLD Summer Read starts June 1st, with reading programs and prizes for kids, teens, and adults! Sign up and track your summer reading at [lislelibrary.readsquared.com](http://lislelibrary.readsquared.com).

# Chicago Tribune NAPERVILLE SUN

From the community: Lisle Library District Celebrates Founders and Leaders



Community Contributor Josh Hepler | May 1, 2019

**Members of the Lisle Woman's Club, which was instrumental in founding the Lisle Library District, gather to celebrate their history at an LLD event.**



# Chicago Tribune NAPERVILLE SUN

From the community: Storytime with the Taco Dragon



**Community Contributor Josh Hepler | April 23, 2019**

**Will Savage, Youth Services Director at Lisle Library District, hosts a storytime with help from one of the dragons from 'Dragons Love Tacos' by Adam Rubin.**

# Chicago Tribune **NAPERVILLE** SUN

From the community: Lisle Library District's Gallery 777  
April Reception



**Community Contributor Josh Hepler | April 9, 2019**

**Photographer and featured artist Robert J. Flores poses with his mother at the latest Gallery 777 opening, 'Spring Ahead'.**



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From the community: Celebrating Library Leaders for National Library Week



**Community Contributor Josh Hepler | April 5, 2019**

In partnership with the Lisle Woman's Club (LWC), the Lisle Library District (LLD) will present a tribute recognizing the distinguished relationship between the LLD and the LWC on Saturday, April 13th from 2:00-4:00 PM in the Library's meeting room.

The Bel Sonore Chamber Ensemble will provide music for the event. Their unique blend of flute, oboe and bassoon with soprano voice covers a wide repertoire ranging from the early Baroque to Jazz standards. Light refreshments will be served.

The community has lost three outstanding Library leaders within the past five years: Barbara Roake, Marilyn Cawiezel, and Robin Sprietsma. This program will celebrate these women, and all the women who've contributed their time, energy, and love to make the LLD what it is today. Celebrate National Library Week and help us honor and toast the women who built the Lisle Library District!

# Chicago Tribune NAPERVILLE SUN

From the community: Family STEAM Night at Lisle Library District



Community Contributor Josh Hepler | March 29, 2019

**Library patrons build projects together during the latest Lisle Library Family STEAM Night. A STEAM project incorporates elements of science, technology, engineering, arts, and math into one activity.**



## From the community: Spring Read Begins at Lisle Library District



**Community Contributor Josh Hepler | March 26, 2019**

The annual Spring Reading Program has begun at Lisle Library District. This year's selected books are 'Dragons Love Tacos 2: The Sequel' and 'Knights VS Dinosaurs'. Young library patrons will be able to read the books (or have the books read to them), then choose a team: Knight or Dinosaur! The final show-down between the two sides will be decided at our Spring Read Wrap-up party on Thursday, May 9th from 4:00 - 5:00 PM. Visit the Lisle Library Youth Services Department to sign up.



# Chicago Tribune **NAPERVILLE** SUN

From the community: Harry Potter Day at Lisle Library District



Community Contributor Josh Hepler | March 19, 2019

**Patrons celebrate Harry Potter Day at the Lisle Library District.**

# Chicago Tribune NAPERVILLE SUN

From the community: Harry Potter Day Returns to Lisle Library District



**Community Contributor Josh Hepler | February 20, 2019**

Lisle Library District would like to invite you to its second annual Harry Potter Day! This book-inspired celebration of all things magical is back by popular demand, and will come to the Library on Saturday, March 9th, from 1:00-3:00 PM.

Join us for games, crafts, snacks, and activities to celebrate our favorite literary wizarding world. All ages are welcome! Sort yourself into a Hogwarts house, visit Diagon Alley, try out our new scavenger hunt and photobooth, and play a game of remote-controlled Quidditch! Costumes are encouraged! This year's attendees will also be able to venture into the 'Forbidden Forest' and come face-to-face with a variety of awesome creatures and fantastic beasts (like lizards, snakes, and spiders) provided by Crosstown Exotics.



# Chicago Tribune **NAPERVILLE** SUN

From the community: Lisle Library District's Gallery 777  
February Reception



**Community Contributor Josh Hepler | February 12, 2019**

**Artist Sara S. Sadat poses with her work at the opening of her show at Lisle Library District's Gallery 777.**

## **Presentation looks at secret messages of Civil War-era quilts**



**February 2, 2019**

The story of quilting in America is as diverse as the patterns, fabrics and individuals who create the art.

Besides providing warmth, quilts can tell a story, display creativity and uncover history.

In a multimedia presentation, quilt specialist Connie Martin will come to the Lisle Public Library, 777 Front St., at 7 p.m. Feb. 12 to showcase her family's historic quilts.

A classroom teacher for 32 years, Martin trained under the guidance of her mother, a talented quilter and retired educator, Dr. Clarice Boswell, to share with audiences the hidden codes and secret messages within their family's 18 handcrafted quilts.

The stories are all tied to the family's oral testimony that predates the Civil War.

Both mother and daughter use quilt replicas, meticulously made over the years by Boswell for the presentation. Through research, codes and symbols were found that helped slaves secretly navigate the Underground Railroad system to reach freedom. Special hidden stitching techniques also communicated details.

"The unique stories tell about the secret codes and hidden messages inside the patterns of the pre-Civil War quilts that aided abolitionists to guide slaves to freedom in the North through several historical safe routes and Safe Houses on the Underground Railroad," Martin said.

In addition to the quilts, a family Bible makes the presentation unique. "Our Bible, copyrighted 1898, had documents, photos and information in it that dated back to 1850," Martin said. "It was found by my great aunt in Kentucky and passed on to Lizzie (Martin's great grandmother)."

Leah, a purchased slave, passed on secrets of the patterns to Delcy, who was Lizzie's mother. The line of succession then goes to Martin's grandfather Frank, and on to her mother, Clarice. The secret quilt code was passed from one generation to the next.

"Each decorative pattern that I show the audience, I have the original," said Martin. "They date back to Pearly in Leesburg, Kentucky, 1850."

The code was a way to warn a person or give directions without others knowing what was happening.

Some of the designs are universal, but the codes themselves were only known on an as-needed basis. For instance, the "Wagon Wheel" quilt design meant that the blacksmith would take one or more slaves off the plantation in a hidden, secret compartment on the hay wagon.

The quilt square "Bow Ties" and "Britches" meant that the safe house would have a change of clothing for the escaping slave or for the children. "Northern Star," which was also called "Evening Star," pointed the direction to the North for travel.

The design of a "Ring of Roses" or "Rose Wreath" was not a code, but rather was given to the traveler as a gift upon arriving in Canada and obtaining freedom.

Other codes included the design "Bear's Claw" that meant you would find water nearby, because bears often are near water. The design "Log Cabin" with a black center square meant it was safe to come into the designated Safe House. A red middle square, indicated possible trouble, and you should not stop at the house. A yellow center square meant to proceed with caution.

A "Boat" pattern meant you were going to go by boat as a way to travel to the next Safe House in the Underground Railroad system.

"The quilt codes were only privy to certain plantations and certain slaves," said Martin. "Not everyone was privy to this information. My family was one of those chosen and it's documented in our Bible."

Quilt research relies on oral anecdotes and written memory that Martin and her mother developed into their unique presentation.

"Sometimes a quilt is just a quilt," Martin said. "Other times, it is a secret message offering a safe route to freedom."

To register for the program, call the library at (630) 971-1675. The program is presented in partnership with the Lisle Heritage Society.



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From the community: Storytime Fun at Lisle Library District



**Community Contributor Josh Hepler | January 24, 2019**

**Some of the Library's youngest patrons learn about colors and counting during one of Lisle Library District's many storytimes.**



# Chicago Tribune **NAPERVILLE** SUN

From the community: Busyboard Fun at Lisle Library District



**Community Contributor Josh Hepler | January 23, 2019**

**Young Lisle Library patrons interact with a new "busyboard", a interactive learning tool created by Librarians at LLD.**



# Chicago Tribune NAPERVILLE SUN

From the community: Author Victoria Thompson Visits  
Lisle Library District



Community Contributor Josh Hepler | January 18, 2019

**Writer Victoria Thompson visits the Lisle Library District book group Murder Among Friends to discuss her new novel City of Lies.**