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MARY BETH KEANE



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WELCOME!

Welcome! I am so pleased you have joined us to celebrate the Glen Ellyn Children's Resource Center and the impact it has on our community. GECRC provides important reading and math support to our community's most under-resourced students. Equally important, GECRC creates connections as our students form relationships with staff and volunteer tutors. Each of us who directly connects in the work of GECRC is positively impacted.

Tonight, we celebrate literacy and reading with this year's featured author, Mary Beth Keane, and her latest book, *The Half Moon*. The New York Times contributor and 'The Piano Teacher' author Janice Y.K. Lee describes Mary Beth's prose: "Her recordings of the small, significant moments of life have a way of standing for something larger. Reading them is like slipping into a comfy chair with a blanket and a steaming hot cup of tea and discussing last night's party with your best friend." The review also states that Mary Beth "manages to find the extraordinary grace in our achingly ordinary world."

Whether you are here tonight to hear from Mary Beth Keane, or to support the work of GECRC, or both, we are delighted. Funds raised through tonight's event help fund GECRC's after-school and summer school literacy programs, now spanning school sites in District 41 and District 89. GECRC serves a growing number of students living in our community who sometimes lack the resources needed to achieve. We know that when all of our children succeed, we as a community succeed. And, as you listen to Mary Beth tonight, know that you are helping ensure the academic and life success of some of our most vulnerable citizens. AND, you support the very importance of reading!

Thank you for being here and for your support of GECRC!

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Core literacy services are supplemented through collaborations with community service providers to offer children a variety of enrichment and socio-emotional learning opportunities. GECRC strives to help parents and caregivers support their children's educational and social development.

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Mary Beth Keane's fourth novel, *The Half Moon*, was just released in paperback on April 2. Named one of the most anticipated books of 2023 by Vogue and Entertainment Weekly, *The Half Moon*

is a compelling read that explores relationships, small town familiarity, and life changing choices, as told by a master storyteller.

Mary Beth attended Barnard College and the University of Virginia, where she received an MFA. She was awarded a John S. Guggenheim fellowship for fiction writing, and has received citations from the National Book Foundation, PEN America, and the Hemingway Society. She is the author of *The Walking People*, *Fever*, and *Ask Again, Yes*, which spent eight weeks on the *New York Times* Best Seller List. To date, *Ask Again, Yes* has been translated into twenty-two languages.



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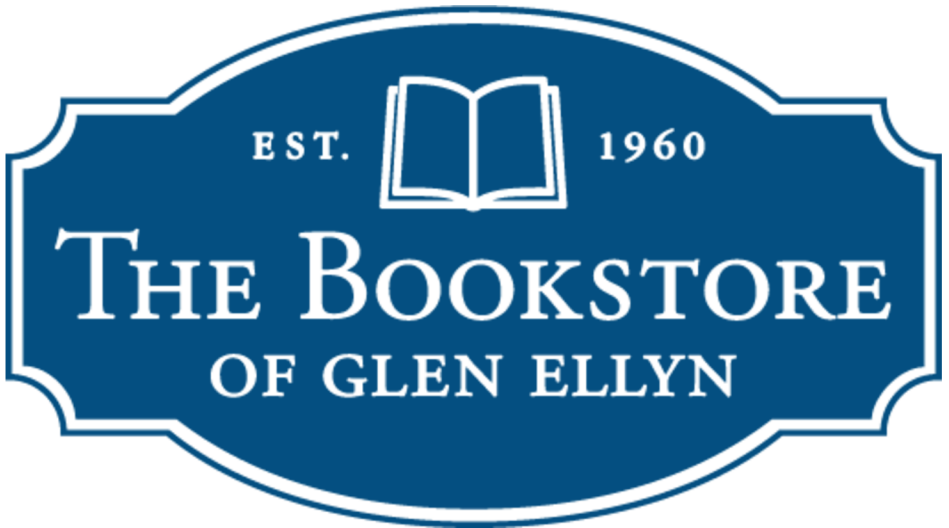
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Eligibility

We welcome and actively seek adults, college students and high school students to tutor during the after-school and summer programs. Regular commitments from volunteers are important, whether it is once a month, once a week or a few days a week. We can be flexible with your schedule. Find current and future volunteer opportunities on the GECRC website or by scanning the code at right:



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