



(Left photo) Members of the the Foundation Board present a check for \$100,000 to Library Director Dawn Bussey to help fund The Workshop, the library's new community makerspace. The funds were raised at The Silver Ball in April 2023. (Right photo) Some members of The Silver Ball Planning Committee.

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## The Silver Ball in 2023 Marked 25 Years of Support

The Glen Ellyn Library Foundation celebrated its 25th Anniversary in 2023, and reflected on a quarter-century of meaningful impact and dedicated service to the Library. The Foundation kicked off its silver anniversary by hosting The Silver Ball on April 28, 2023 at The Morton Arboretum. The Foundation raised an impressive \$270,000 to grow the Foundation's endowment as well as help fund the Library's new makerspace, a place where people can learn, create, and collaborate while using shared resources and technology. The Glen Ellyn community came together to support The Silver Ball with the following:

210 guests  
250 raffle ticket purchases  
57 live and silent auction purchases  
90 live and silent auction donors  
34 individual and corporate sponsors  
40 committee chairs and volunteers

As the Foundation looks forward to another 25 years of continued growth, innovation, and service, it looks to the community for support. The Library continues to be a community beyond books by serving residents, businesses, and groups within Glen Ellyn and beyond.



(Left photo) Foundation past President, Joli Murphy, honors Dan Anderson, longtime Library supporter at The Silver Ball. (Right photo) Mistress of Ceremony, Diana Martinez, announces the winner of Taylor Swift concert tickets.



## 2023 Foundation Library Contributions

**\$100,000 for the new makerspace**

**\$10,000 for the Outreach Van**

**\$1,000 to the Glen House Food Pantry for 2023 Summer Reading**

### SOMEONE YOU SHOULD KNOW: PETER COOPER



Peter Cooper and his wife, Celia Rodee, moved to Glen Ellyn in 1993 to raise their family and became active in the community. Peter served as a Village Trustee and is currently a member of the Village Plan Commission. Peter joined the Foundation in 2020 and now serves as its Vice President.

Peter loves reading and is committed to expanding literacy. He believes that the Library serves as a source of information

and respite for neighbors, a safe haven for kids, and a gathering place for older adults who want to stay engaged in a digital world. Peter recently retired from his litigation practice, Lawrence Kamin, LLC, where he was a partner for twenty-five years.

### BOARD CHANGES

The Foundation thanked President Joli Murphy and Board Members Kelli Christensen, Tony DeCesare, and Marlene Slansky for their time and service and inducted new President Gina Meyers and Board Members Diana Foth, Molly McGinnis Knapke, and Keith Mote.

### ENDOWMENT DEFINED

An endowment is created when money is donated and then invested in equities and fixed income to increase the size of the endowment. The Foundation endowment fund provides yearly support of Library projects, technologies, and services and establishes an ongoing investment for generations to come. You can help the Foundation secure funding for the future by donating today.



### WAYS TO DONATE

Donations may be made by/through:

Check payable to the Glen Ellyn Library Foundation mailed to Glen Ellyn Library Foundation, 400 Duane Street, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

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