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The Historical Chicago Tribune—every article between 1849 and 1985

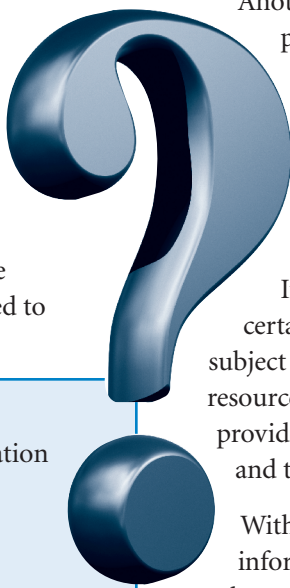
Opposing Viewpoints Reference Center—information on the hottest social and political topics

World Book Reference Center—the entire encyclopedia and yearbooks back to the 1920s

Search all of these resources or select any combination of them. You can also filter your search results by publication date, title, author, or source.

Another new feature on the Research & Reference page is **E-Journal**. This tool can help you determine if an online resource includes a specific journal, magazine, or newspaper title. For example, a search for the *New York Times* will result in a list of resources where it can be retrieved (*General OneFile* and *LexisNexis*) and the dates of coverage. If you are not sure which publications cover certain topics, you can use **E-Journal** to select a subject area and get a list of the relevant titles and the resources in which they are located. **E-Journal** also provides an alphabetical list of all the available titles and the online resources in which they are indexed.

With the exponential growth of online information, these tools assist you in navigating the wealth of resources available from the Library. If you have any questions about how to use these tools, please contact the Reference Desk by visiting the Library, calling the Desk (847/590-4050), e-mailing a librarian (reference@mppl.org), or sending an IM. We are here to help you.



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Foundation Delivers Rewards in More Ways Than One

Summer is winding down. The kids are back in school, and suddenly it seems the nice days are numbered for a round of golf or for a swim at the lake. As the seasons shift, you may also find yourself asking, "Now what?" If so, the timing may be spot-on for getting involved in your community by exploring a new volunteer opportunity with the Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation.

Just ask Foundation board member Jeff Pullen. The Mount Prospect resident discovered the Foundation in 2003 when he and his wife Liza moved to the suburbs after several years of living in Chicago's Wrigleyville neighborhood.

"We had just moved out to the burbs, and I was looking for a way to become more involved in the community," says Pullen, a senior advisor with Exequity, a consulting firm specializing in executive compensation. "I wanted to feel connected to where

we were now living. I read about the Foundation and its mission, and it felt like a good match."

And a good match it was and continues to be. Established in 1997, the Foundation is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization whose goal is to raise funds to sponsor programming and services for the Library that otherwise would not be available through taxpayer's money. In addition to Pullen, the Foundation Board comprises nine other volunteers whose members range from a retired airline executive to an attorney, accountants, and a former engineer. They all share



Katy Rossi and Jeff Pullen

a passion for the Library and a commitment to maintaining its role as the cornerstone of the community. They meet on the fourth Monday of the month in the evening.

When the Foundation began, one of its goals was to build an endowment fund of \$200,000. The endowment fund currently stands at \$194,000. The Foundation holds several fundraisers a year including two signature

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De Filippis Great Course Collection

Watching the kids (and grandkids) head back to school is always fun—and possibly even a relief! Many of us wish we were heading back to school, too. Maybe there's a topic you're really interested in exploring further or a class you wish you'd taken. Do you wish you knew more about art or music or even superstring physics? Can't get enough of Civil War history? Still have some questions about Einstein's Theory of Relativity? Where can you really delve into a topic at your own pace and have it fit into your schedule and your budget?

Well, the Mount Prospect Public Library offers you the chance to "go back to school" with its De Filippis Great Course DVD and CD Collection. Thanks to the generosity of Mount Prospect residents Gail and Willard De Filippis, the Library holds one of the most complete collections of Great Courses in the nation.

The Great Course program has as its mission "to ignite the passion for lifelong learning by offering great courses taught by great professors." Courses are taught by professors renowned for their passion for the subject and their inspiring teaching style—no boring lectures here! A rigorous selection process narrows the field to less than 1% of university professors in America—the cream of the crop! You'll be taught by professors from Harvard, Stanford, and

other top schools without that big-ticket tuition price tag.

The De Filippis Collection contains over 300 Great Course offerings. From "A" (*The Aeneid of Virgil*) to "Z" (*Zero to Infinity: A History of Numbers*), the collection covers a vast array of topics.

Whet your appetite with a general overview of areas such as Philosophy, Religion, Psychology, History, Literature, Economics, and Science. Then, further expand your knowledge by delving into the topics that interest you, like *Existentialism*, *Hinduism*, *Human Behavior*, *World War II*, *Capitalism*, or the aforementioned *Einstein's Relativity*.

Take a stroll through some of the great museums of the world (*Museum Masterpieces* featuring the Louvre, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and the National Gallery.) Develop a greater appreciation for works of art, music, and literature (*Art Across the Ages*, *How to Listen to and Understand Great Music/Opera*, *Elements*



of Jazz, *The Art of Reading*, *How to Read and Understand Poetry*.)

Use your heightened appreciation and listen to works by the *Great Masters* (Beethoven, Brahms, Mozart, Stravinsky, and others) and learn how their lives and times influenced their compositions. Sample *Great American Bestsellers*, *Classics of Russian Literature*, *Dante's Divine Comedy*, or any number of other literature courses.

Maybe math wasn't your thing, but now you have the time to take another look.

From *Algebra 1* through *Geometry* all the way to *Change and Motion: Calculus Made Clear*, you can brush up with a real expert. Similarly, you can get an overview of the sciences (*Great Scientific Ideas That Changed the World*) or take an in-depth look at many topics (*Biology*, *Chemistry*, *Particle Physics for Non-Physics Majors*, *Game Theory*, *Science Wars*, etc.)

If you love to learn about the people who make things happen, there are Courses for every period in history. Learn about the *Great Minds of Western Civilization*, *Great Presidents*, and *Great Pharaohs*. Follow the history of medicine through the biographies of the *Doctors* who were instrumental in its scientific development. Check out those damsels in distress in *Medieval Heroines in History and Legend*.

Oh, and did we mention that there are NO exams?! What more could you ask? The Gail and Willard De Filippis Great Course Collection is housed on the second floor of the Library.

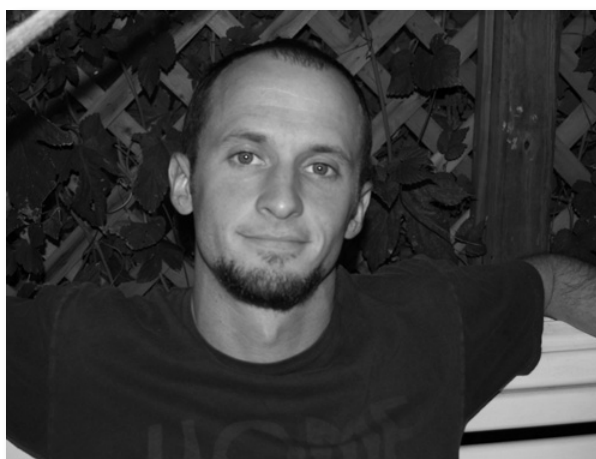
A Chat With Author Glenn Taylor

The Marrowbone Marble Company by Glenn Taylor is about Loyal Ledford's journey from orphan to whiskey-drenched WWII vet to proprietor of an egalitarian marble factory in an era of violent racial unrest. The Marrowbone Marble Company is founded by Ledford, his half-Indian cousins—the Bonecutter Brothers—a wide-eyed, philosophical preacher, and Mack Wells, an African-American man well aware of the civil strife associated with skin color. Equality becomes a battle, and Ledford finds himself fighting for the future of the Marrowbone, its workers, and his family.

MPPL chatted with author Glenn Taylor about *The Marrowbone Marble Company* and more.

MPPL: What sparked the idea for *The Marrowbone Marble Company*, and how long has it been stewing around on your desk?

GLENN TAYLOR: I had been reading a good bit about World War II after having picked up a copy of Donald E. Miller's *The Story of World War II*. It really got to me, reading of what young men endured, and I began to recognize how young enlisted men and women are still enduring it today. I teach several sections of required Freshman Composition each semester, and, inevitably, I always have a few students who have recently returned from Iraq or Afghanistan. Once, when I asked a particularly bright and thoughtful young man (who had served three tours) how he had come to be in the military, he told me, "I enlisted on September 12, 2001." That kind of answer sticks with you. I had Ledford in mind, and I knew that after Pearl Harbor, Ledford was the type to do the same thing my student did. Beyond this little spark of instigation, I was very drawn to glassmaking.



Glenn Taylor

And, like always, I feel compelled to write of folks who struggle against oppression.

MPPL: Some writers can't, or don't, write about a certain setting until they have lived there and left. For example, Joyce wrote all his best work set in Ireland after he'd left his home country. *The Marrowbone Marble Company* is set in West Virginia as was your first novel, *The Ballad of Trenchmouth Taggart*, how tied to place are you as a writer?

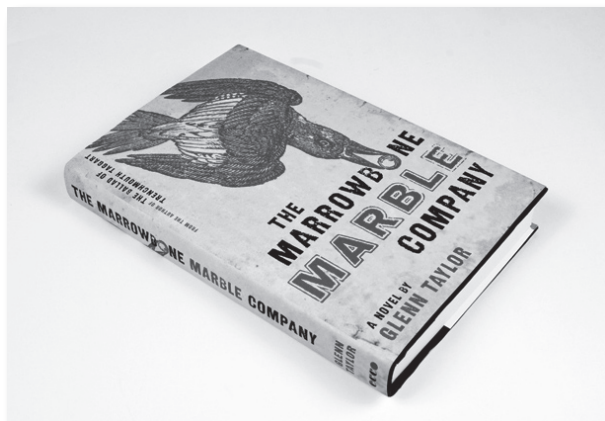
GT: I am very tied to place. The question here is so insightful that it reveals its own answer. For me, it took leaving home to discover how to write about it. I spent the first eighteen years of my life in West Virginia, and during that time I was not drawn to investigate its history. Only upon moving to Texas did I fully develop the pride that leads to digging up the past. And what a past it is. Only upon moving to Illinois did I fully develop an appreciation for hilly terrain. And what hills they are.

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Missed a Library Class?

Each month the Library is pleased to offer a variety of instructional classes highlighting different online resources and teaching you how to navigate them. If you are interested in one of the topics we have covered, but were unable to attend a scheduled session, don't despair. We have made the content available on our Research & Reference Web page. The Training Materials link includes copies of our presentations from a wide range of programs, including job search techniques, lead generation for small businesses, investment strategies, computer skills, homework help, consumer issues, and ancestry searches. If, after reviewing the materials, you have additional questions, please contact the Reference Desk and one of our librarians would be happy to help you.





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MPPL: What kind of research did you wrestle through to nail down the setting in *The Marrowbone Marble Company*?

GT: The book takes place in Huntington, my hometown, and in Wayne County, my neighboring county, so I had that advantage. Time was more of a stumbling block than place. And the spot where I envisioned Marrowbone Cut itself is now covered over by a 1200 acre, man-made lake, so that was a challenge. I suppose it was a combination of reading and talking to older folks. I read books like Huey Perry's *They'll Cut Off Your Project*, and I talked to

people like C. Michael Gray, who was active in the Civil Rights Movement in Huntington and elsewhere.

MPPL: Do you have a favorite bookstore around Chicagoland?

GT: I must admit my lack of experience here. Where we live, the chains are easiest to visit. Beyond those, I've visited a decent range of city and suburban stores, yet I haven't scratched the surface. I've been to Quimby's, which I found very unique and interesting. I like the other style too, the old "stacked to the ceiling" kind, like Jack's Used Books on Northwest Highway used to be. I got a signed first edition of a Harry Crews book there once upon a time. And I look forward to doing a reading at Book Table in Oak Park in June. I hear it's a great one.

MPPL: What about favorite libraries you've visited while winding around on book tours?

I did a reading once at Barnes & Noble Georgetown, and it was embarrassingly sparsely attended. But the trip was worth it in the end, as I spent a day at the Library of Congress. It was incredible. I filled out the paperwork, got my researcher card, and had at it. I could've spent a year inside those rooms. Little staircases connected little alcoves of book-lined treasure chests, room after room after room. A couple was getting married in the main hall. Hell of a library.

Bonus Round:

MPPL: In a bout of drag-down, knock-out literary fisticuffs, who would win in a cage match?
Flannery O'Connor vs. Carson McCullers

GT: O'Connor. She'd throw mud in the eyes if she had to.

William Faulkner vs. William Gay

GT: Tough one to call. I suppose Gay might triumph, even if it wasn't in a totally "fair" manner.

Mark Twain vs. Harper Lee

GT: Twain would go down by decision and claim later he let her win, but that would be a bald-faced lie.

Stephen King vs. James Patterson

GT: I'll go with King here. I heard Patterson has other writers do some of his legwork, which leads me to believe he'd slack on training.

Dorothy Parker vs. Shirley Jackson

GT: A draw. Neither would manage to do much more than pull a few loose stands of hair out.

Stop by the Fiction/AV/Teen Desk to borrow a copy of *The Marrowbone Marble Company* or Taylor's first novel, *The Ballad of Trenchmouth Taggart* – a finalist for the 2009 National Book Critics Circle Award.

YOUTH SPOTLIGHT: Bring the Library Into Your Home

Can't make it into the Library? Going to the **Kids page** of our website is the next best thing!

Get tips on great books from our staff and other kids.

Read along with an animated storybook on Tumblebooks.

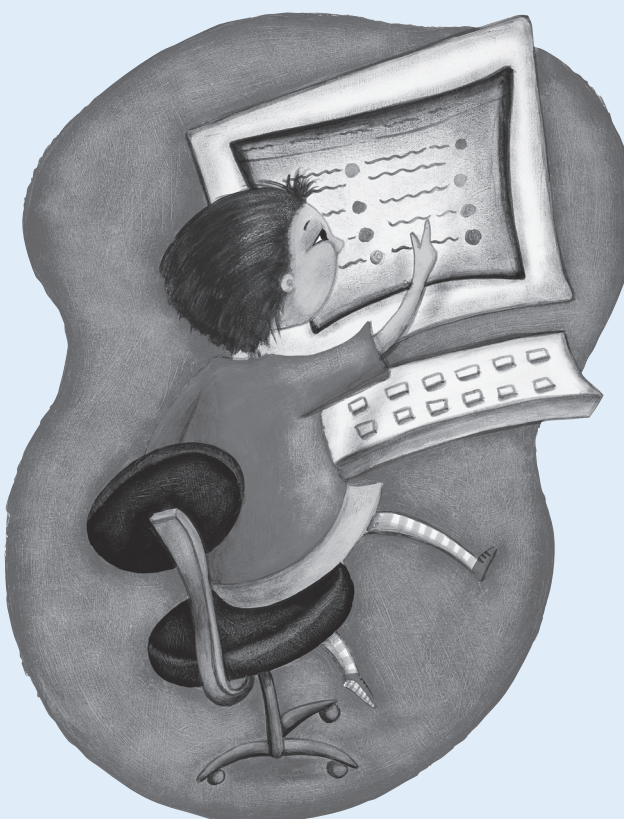
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Use encyclopedias and online reference books to write stellar reports.

Solve a time-travel mystery.

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levels, from kindergarten to high school, entry-level college, and adult learners!

Got Homework? We've got teacher-approved answers! While it may be true that almost everything is on the Internet, there are parts of the Internet that cannot be accessed using a Google search. If you are working on research for a homework assignment, a wealth of information is available only to MPPL cardholders on our **"Got Homework?"** page. These full-text e-books and online resources—including the *World Book Encyclopedia*—are keyword-searchable, and the articles include citations so they can easily be included in reports. A printout of a page from these e-resources is exactly the same as a photocopy from the same page in the print book—except that you can access it from home at 10 p.m. on the Sunday night before your report is due! Not only that, but many articles feature incredible, zoomable graphics, sound files, and videos.

Learning more about our online resources is as easy as playing a video game—in fact, if you click the flying clock, you will launch a video game called "Time Trials, the Adventures of Judicious Winnowing." Help our time-traveling robot return home and you can win a prize. Along the way, you'll discover some great resources that could help you with your next homework assignment.

So what are you waiting for? There are so many great services available at your Library—including some exciting ones you can take advantage of without even leaving home!

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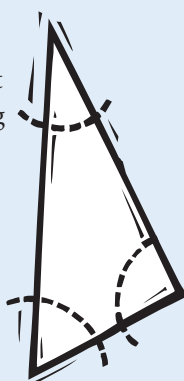
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events, the Fall Classic Raffle and the Unbelievable Chocolate Raffle, traditionally held in February. The results of the Foundation's fundraising efforts play out in a wide array of programming offered at the Library, ranging from a concert series for adults to fun, interactive programs for children.

"It's refreshing to be involved with an organization such as the Library whose mission is to serve every segment of the community," says Pullen. "So often in the corporate world, we are targeting merely one segment, so the Foundation is rewarding in that it truly strives to serve all demographics and give back to the whole community."

It was this same motivation of "giving back" that inspired another Foundation member, Katy Rossi, to join ranks. Originally from Oak Park, IL, the young mother first discovered MPPL in 2004 when she started attending the children's programs after her son Ethan was born.

"We started coming to the Library for the Bibs to Books program and the Open Storytimes," says Rossi. "Before long it was a regular thing. We came to the Library at least twice a week to meet our friends. We'd read books, and Ethan would have a ball jumping on Clifford."

At about this same time, Rossi's next door neighbor—who just happens to be Jeff Pullen—mentioned the

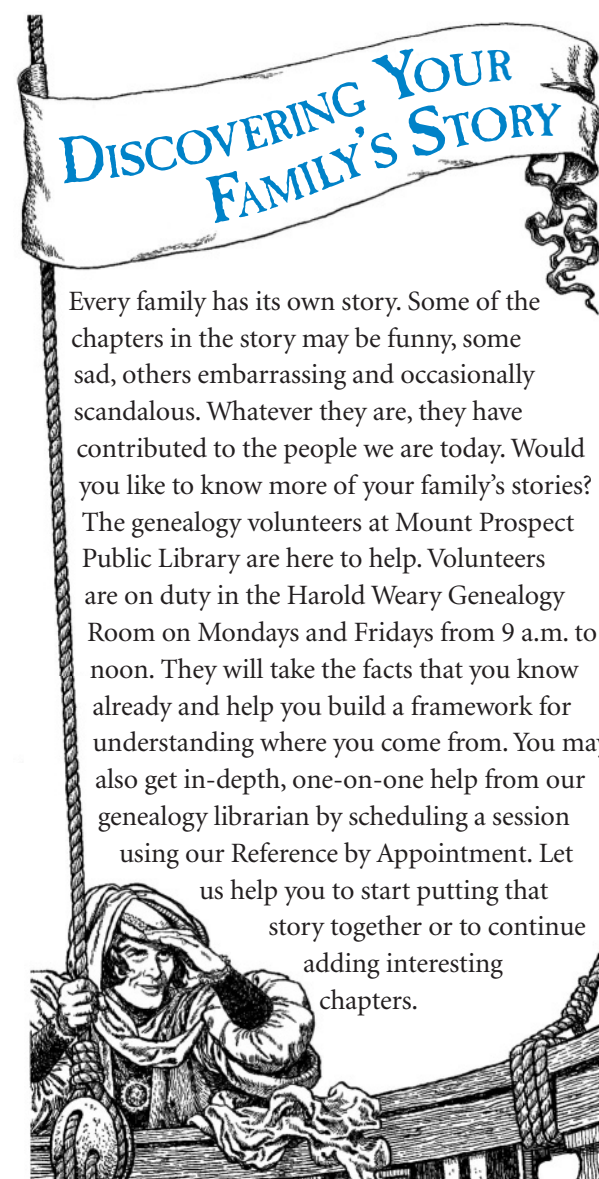
Library Foundation. He shared his experiences serving as a board member. Rossi was intrigued. Having worked for several years as an outreach coordinator at a domestic violence shelter and with a master's degree in elementary education, Rossi was looking for a way to share her professional skills and become involved with her community while staying home to raise her family.

"I knew I wanted to do something to keep myself involved and my mind crisp," says Rossi, who joined the Foundation board in 2005. "The Library is a good fit for me since it is the keystone of the community and provides so many special services and vital tools for learning, things that have always been important to me."

Rossi currently serves as Foundation president. She is proud to provide this leadership role. She believes the wide range of interests, hobbies, and professional experiences that the Foundation board members bring to the organization only serve to enhance its mission. She is optimistic about the future.

"As the Foundation grows it will allow us to support and provide even more programming and services that otherwise might not ever happen," says Rossi. "For me personally, to be a part of that, it's a feel-good. It really is a good feeling to be able to do that."

If you are interested in learning more about the Foundation, visit www.mpplfoundation.org or contact Pat Aichele at the Library at 847/253-5675.



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