

GREAT LAKES TIMES

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85TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

GLCU will celebrate 85 years of financially empowering our members and communities in 2023. We invite you to join us for a birthday celebration in all of our branches on March 2. Join us for treats, giveaways, and raffles throughout the day at your local branch. March 2 will also kick off our book drive in honor of **Read Across America** in March in partnership with United Way. We hope you stop by to help us celebrate and bring a new book to be donated to schools in your area in need.

UNITED WAY PARTNERSHIP: LYON MAGNET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL READING NIGHT

GLCU was happy to kick off their 2023 United Way of Lake County partnership with a family reading night at Lyon Magnet Elementary School in Waukegan, IL. The GLCU team volunteered to help with reading rooms and reading/writing centered activities where families rotated through different classrooms to support their students in their love of reading and writing. GLCU will partner with United Way of Lake County throughout 2023 so stay tuned for additional updates in the future.



ARGYLE LUNAR NEW YEAR

GLCU was a proud sponsor of this year's annual Argyle Lunar New Year Parade that took place January 28 in Uptown Chicago. This event gathered the Uptown Chicago community for a day of celebration to bring in all the joy of the new year. Argyle Lunar New Year is a wonderful event that brings local businesses and the community together in a meaningful celebration.



OFFICES AND BRANCH CLOSURES

Our offices will be closed, Monday, February 20, for President's Day. We will still be available via 24/7 Chat within online or mobile banking. If you need to check your balance, please log in to online or mobile banking, or use an ATM closest to you.



ONE THING MEMBERS LOVE ABOUT GLCU - FREE CHECKING!

GLCU is proud to offer one of the best checking accounts in the region—with an interest rate of 2.50% APY1 on up to \$10,000. That means you can earn up to \$20.84 per month, plus up to \$10 a month in ATM reimbursements! FREE Checking is easy to fall in love with and once you give it a try, we're sure you'll understand why! To learn more about how to open your GLCU FREE Checking Account, visit [our website](#), call our Contact Center at (800) 982-7850 or stop by one of our 13 branches to talk with a representative.

[LEARN MORE](#)



HELP THE YOUNG PEOPLE IN YOUR LIFE BUILD A BRIGHT FINANCIAL FUTURE WITH OUR AWARD-WINNING YOUTH SAVINGS PROGRAM

Are you wondering how to help your child:

- Understand the value of money – how money works, that it needs to be earned, and how far it will go?
- Realize that saving and budgeting can be a family activity?
- Save money by teaching patience and how to set goals?

With our Money Mammals savings program you can do this and much more!

Money Mammals® (Ages 0-11)

Stop by any branch to open a new Money Mammals Kids Club savings account with \$5 and enjoy:

- A savings account that earns dividends
- Interactive games, apps, and videos for fun at-home learning
- Parental access to child's account
- Quarterly newsletter
- Punch card to earn prizes

[HOW TO OPEN AN ACCOUNT](#)



GLCU RECEIVES CREDIT UNION INDUSTRY AWARDS

Great Lakes Credit Union is dedicated to helping our members achieve their financial goals and contribute meaningfully to their communities. Over the past few months, GLCU has received special notice of our efforts from our peers and partners.

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FINANCIAL FITNESS

FEBRUARY WEBINAR: Housing Counseling at GLCU Online Webinar, presented by Great Lakes Credit Union, Saturday, February 11, from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM CT. This is an online event.

Learn about the services provided by our HUD certified counselors:

- Financial assessment
- How to improve your credit score
- How to deal with debt issues
- Budget creation and management
- Finding an affordable rental
- Navigating the home buying process
- Avoiding eviction and foreclosure

[REGISTER HERE](#)

FEBRUARY WEBINAR: Dealing with Debt: Online Webinar, presented by Great Lakes Credit Union, Saturday, February 25, from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM CT. This is an online event.

Learn all about debt and how to handle it:

- What is Debt
- Methods for Handling Debt
- Financial Products
- Getting Out of a Credit Crunch

[REGISTER HERE](#)

FRAUD TIP

Looking for a job? Scammers might be looking for you!

Fraudsters have started to learn who are to target individuals who are in need. They are now targeting individuals who are on the hunt for a job, and with recent layoffs by major corporations, GLCU wants to make sure that you are aware of current scams that may come up in your employment hunt. To learn more about how to tell if your next opportunity is too good to be true [here](#).

PODCAST RECOMMENDATION



PLANET MONEY NPR

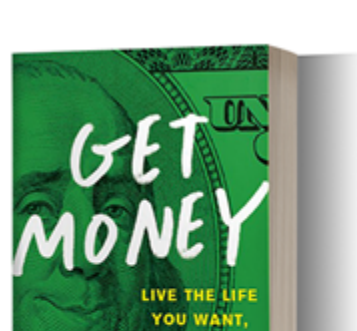
A podcast by the National Public Radio, "Planet Money" hosts a variety of speakers and contributors to explain what's going on in the economy. The podcast addresses and clarifies the evolving economy in 30-minute (or less) episodes.

Recent topics:
--How the U.S. influenced Russia's economy
--What's in store for student loan borrowers?
--Two Indicators: The 2% inflation target

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[LISTEN](#)

BOOK RECOMMENDATION



GET MONEY by Kristin Wong

Managing your money is like going to the DMV. Nobody wants to do it, but at some point, it's inevitable: you need to clean your teeth, renew your license, and manage your personal finances like a grown-up.

In **Get Money**, personal finance expert Kristin Wong shows you the exact steps you need to take to get more money in your pocket without letting it rule your life.

Learn to:
--Build a budget that actually works
--Super-charge a debt payoff plan
--Strategically hack your credit score
--Negotiate like a shark
--Side-hustle to speed up your money goals
--Start a lazy investment portfolio...and many more!

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BLOG RECOMMENDATION

Budgets are \$exy.

This blog's posts are down-to-earth and straightforward. Lose the wealth of knowledge contained in articles such as "Would You Rather Lose Your Phone, Wallet or Car Keys?", you'll also find resources such as downloadable Excel budget worksheets.

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