



INFORMER

Official Newsletter for the Innovation DuPage Community

Stay in the loop with Innovation DuPage's Informer! We're bringing you the latest events, resources, and opportunities to help your business grow - all in one easy-to-read newsletter.

Opportunities



Clean Energy Incubator Program

Seeking Clean Tech Companies!

Innovation DuPage is actively looking for startups and small businesses working in the clean energy or clean technology industry - or referrals to companies that could benefit from our targeted support.

To Learn More

Let us help you share your success with the ID community!

Share a recent win – big or small. It could be featured in our next letter! Email your accomplishment to [Hannah Macey](#).

Coming Up

Help "Rhymes with Duck" Win a TAGIE Award!

Long-time Innovation DuPage member company Gray Matters Games is a TAGIE Awards finalist for their game "Rhymes with Duck"!

You can find them in Category #4: Adult/Family Game Innovator.

Vote here!



MEMBER MEETUP

Join biweekly Member Meetups at Innovation DuPage! Network, enjoy bagels & coffee, and learn from spotlight members & resource experts.

October 15th from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Member Spotlight: Rob Glaser of Virtual Time Capsule
Member Resource: Leslee Cohen of All Rise Legal Counsel

If you can't make it in person, attend virtually through our [Zoom Link](#)

[Sign up](#) to present at a future Member Meetup



Top 10 Tax Strategies for Entrepreneurs



Presenter: Sean O'Connell

- Maximize deductions & depreciation
- Simplify accounting & mileage tracking
- Plan smarter with retirement & §529 options
- Navigate sales, marketing & QBI strategies

Wednesday October 22, 2025

🕒 5:30 - 7 p.m.

📍 535 Duane St. Glen Ellyn, IL 60137



To Learn More and Register

WGN Radio, Your Money Matters: City Tree Delivery, People of Play, and Gray Matters Games

Don't miss this month's "Your Money Matters" on WGN 720 AM on Tuesday, October 21st at 6:30 p.m. Host Jon Hansen will welcome Innovation DuPage member companies City Tree Delivery, Gray Matters Games, and People of Play alongside ID Managing Director Dan Facchini. They'll highlight City Tree's convenient Christmas tree delivery service and the upcoming Toy and Game fair.

YOUR MONEY MATTERS

WITH JON HANSEN

WGN RADIO 720

TUESDAY
OCTOBER 21ST, 2025
6:30PM

FEATURING:





NaperLaunch Academy: Growing a Business

Join Naperville Public Library for a four-week series focused on helping you grow your business.

To get the most out of the program, participants should attend all sessions and complete homework assignments outside of class.

NaperLaunch Academy

Growing a Business

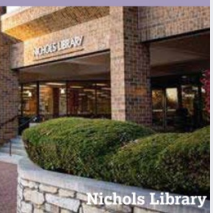
During this four-week series, attendees will:

- Learn how to write a business and strategic marketing plan
- Explore library resources for entrepreneurs
- Master six key professional sales skills

NAPERVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

OCT 22 2025

6:30 - 8:30pm



Nichols Library

To Learn More and Register

Join the Celebration: Member Book Launch

Come celebrate Innovation DuPage member Heidy LaFleur, CEO of Heidy With a Why, Inc., as she launches her new book "Better the Ball Leadership" on October 23rd from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Innovation DuPage.

"Better the Ball Leadership" highlights becoming unselfishly aware, solution-seeking, and fiercely determined to make a difference in the lives of others. The book features a foreword by NFL placekicker Robbie Gould.

Appetizers and drinks will be served. We hope to see you there!

Better the Ball LEADERSHIP



A journey to be unselfishly aware, solution seeking & fiercely determined to be the difference in the lives of others.

Heidy LaFleur, M.Ed.
Foreword by Robbie Gould, NFL Placekicker

Explore Global Markets: Illinois Export Roadshow

The International Trade Center at the College of DuPage invites you to the Illinois Export Roadshow on **October 28th from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m** at the Business Development Center, 535 Duane Street, Training Room 301, Glen Ellyn.

Connect with trade specialists to learn about export strategies, the Illinois State Trade and Export Promotion (ISTEP) program, and state resources to help your business expand internationally.



To Learn More and Register

Thank You



Thank you to Hamed Heidari, CEO of C+Up, for his Member Spotlight presentation. Hamed shared how C+Up's technology converts CO₂ into propane, turning carbon emissions into a usable resource that helps industries reduce their carbon footprint while creating economic value.



Thank you to Joshua O'Shea from the Glen Ellyn Public Library for his Member Resource presentation on the resources and services available to Innovation DuPage members through the library.

Resources

Clean Energy Incubator Program

Member Portal Login Page

Member Meetup Signup Sheet



Reminder: Innovation DuPage is open for members as a coworking space 24 hours a day, 7 days a week!

Keep up with Innovation DuPage on social media!



