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Chill Out and Read at Elmhurst Public Library

ELMHURST, IL — It's that time of year again. Your children are restless. It's too cold and dreary to go outside and they are bored with everything in the house. What can you do to ease cabin fever?

For starters, the Kids' Winter Reading Program at the Elmhurst Public Library! The program invites two-year-olds through eighth graders to defrost their imaginations and curl up with a book as part of the "Chill Out and Read!" Winter Reading Program. Though the program officially began in December, there is still plenty of time for kids to join for the chance to reach their reading goals and earn prizes. Readers can register at the Help Desk with their Elmhurst Public Library card until February 28, 2010.

Participants who reach their reading goal will earn stickers for their booklog, prizes (including a Pizza Palace coupon), a reading certificate, and a raffle ticket for the chance to win a gift card from More than Mocha (the library's coffee shop) and a bucketful of prizes. Participants' names will also appear on the Winter Wall of Winners in the Kids' Library.

The goals for the program vary by age. For two-year-olds through kindergarteners, the program goal is to listen to 40 books, while the goal for first through third graders is to read ten books. Fourth through eighth graders need to read five books to reach their goal.

The Elmhurst Public Library strives to enrich life in Elmhurst by providing opportunities to explore, learn and grow. EPL offers the support and resources for Elmhurst residents to develop a love of reading; access information for work and learning; pursue interests that will enrich their lives; understand changes in technology, society and culture; and gather and interact with each other. Elmhurst Public Library is a place for discovery at the heart of the community.

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