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ELMHURST READS: *Shadow Divers*

ELMHURST, IL — Heads are turning and groups are gathering in the Elmhurst Public Library's main lobby where an imaginative window display offers a few rabbit holes into famous 20th century experiences. The display boasts a number of dioramas, such as the children of the Titanic and the insides of the German U-boats, to highlight this year's ELMHURST READS book selection—Robert Kurson's *Shadow Divers*. Chosen for its compelling subject matter and wide-appeal, *Shadow Divers* is a true tale submerged in adventure, risk, mystery, and obsession.

This year's ELMHURST READS runs through the middle of March and will hold an array of book-related events for adults, teens, and kids to inspire conversation within the community about the book and its broader context. Scheduled events include film screenings and book discussions for adults and teens, and a book discussion and theme-related adventures for kids. The ELMHURST READS program culminates on March 18th when author Robert Kurson visits Elmhurst to discuss his book *Shadow Divers*.

Shadow Divers recounts the true adventure of two American "weekend" scuba divers who risk everything to solve one of World War II's lingering mysteries. The work has received praise from the likes of Scott Turow, Senator John McCain, Hampton Sides, and Clive Cusslers. In addition to his two books, Kurson's work has been published in the *Sun-Times*, *Chicago* magazine, *Rolling Stone*, *New York Times*, and *Esquire*, where Kurson is a contributing editor.

See the detailed list below for program events. Check www.elmhurstpubliclibrary.org or call the Information Desk at 630-279-8696 for program updates. Copies of *Shadow Divers* are located at the second-floor Information Desk at the Elmhurst Public Library.

ELMHURST READS: *Shadow Divers* 2010 Events

All events held in Meeting Room 2 at the Elmhurst Public Library unless otherwise noted.

Saturday, February 13, 2010 @ Noon-4:00PM

Film Screening: *Das Boot* (Adults)

Das Boot is the story of a German U-boat mission and the crew's struggle for survival. You may bring snacks. Rated R.

Thursday, February 18, 2010 @ 7:30PM

Book Discussion: *The Invention of Curried Sausage* (Adults and Teens)

Uwe Timm's revealing tale of the end of World War II from a German's point of view.

Thursday, February 25, 2010 @ 6:30PM

Film Screening: *Hitler's Lost Sub* (Adults and Teens)

Showing of the movie *Hitler's Lost Sub*, based on the true story and events chronicled in *Shadow Divers*.

Thursday, March 4, 2010 @ 7:00PM

Ghost Ships: Shipwrecks of the Great Lakes (Adults and Teens)

Chris Winters presents a treasure trove of maritime history hidden beneath the surface of the five Great Lakes.

Tuesday, March 9, 2010 @ 4:00PM

Children of the Titanic (Kids)

Join a roleplay adventure based on the doomed ship.

Thursday, March 11, 2010 @ 1:00PM & 7:30PM

Book Discussion: *Shadow Divers* (Adults and Teens)

A discussion of the 2010 ELMHURST READS book.

Saturday, March 13, 2010 @ 1:00PM

Deep Ocean Adventure (Kids)

Explore the ocean from the perspective of Alvin, the submarine that helped find the Titanic.

Monday, March 15, 2010 @ 7:00PM

Book Discussion: *White Star: A Dog on the Titanic* (Kids)

Marty Crisp's story of a heroic canine onboard the Titanic. Location: Storytime Room.

Thursday, March 18, 2010 @ 7:30PM

Robert Kurson In Person! (Adults and Teens)

Author Robert Kurson visits Elmhurst to talk about *Shadow Divers*. Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Location: Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church.

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.