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### **Elmhurst Public Library Launches New Web Site**

ELMHURST, IL — It's 3:00 AM and you've got a presentation in five hours. You need just one more fact to support your research. What do you do? Elmhurst residents will find it easier to use the library from their homes and offices day or night when the Library's new web site goes "live" March 2. Staff have been working for the past year to improve the appearance of the library's web site and make it more user-friendly.

The new site features an "EPL 24/7" section on the homepage that offers direct access to the library catalog, research databases, magazine and newspaper articles, online reference books on everything from arts to technology, and downloadable audiobooks and e-books. You can also get live homework help or ask a librarian a question with a click of a mouse. A glance at the calendar of events on the homepage tells you what is going on at the library that day, and a pull-down menu will take you straight to your library card account, a job application or a meeting room reservation form. The rest of the site will offer the same wide range of information as the old site, from reading suggestions to library policies and information about the building.

Creating a dynamic, informative web site that serves as a portal to library services is one of the objectives in the Library's Strategic Plan, both to help residents make better use of the Library and to help the Library communicate better with the community. Library staff will continue to add information and develop the site.

Comments and suggestions may be emailed to [librarywebmaster@elmhurst.org](mailto:librarywebmaster@elmhurst.org).

The connection at [www.elmhurstpubliclibrary.org](http://www.elmhurstpubliclibrary.org) may be interrupted sporadically during the transition from the old site to the new one during the weekend of February 28-March 1.

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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