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Elmhurst Public Library Celebrating Fifth Birthday of New Building

ELMHURST, IL — The Elmhurst Public Library is celebrating the fifth anniversary of the grand opening of its current home Saturday, October 4, 2008.

The building, at 125 S. Prospect, was opened to the citizens of Elmhurst October 4, 2003. Five years later, the library is celebrating with several programs in the Kids' Library.

Children's author Laurie Lawlor (*Addie Across the Prairie*, *He Will Go Fearless*, *Helen Keller: Rebellious Spirit*) headlines the celebration with a visit to the library 1:00 – 2:00 PM Saturday, October 4, 2008 in Meeting Room 2. Lawlor has written more than 30 exciting books for children and young adults. Tickets are available free of charge with a valid EPL card from the Kids' Library Help Desk.

Other programs will be held Tuesday, September 30, 2008. At 1:30 pm in the Storytime Room, the Home School Club will hold its very own birthday celebration, and the program will be repeated at 3:30 as an After School Special. There will be crafts galore, entertaining games, and birthday treats, too! Please contact the Kids' Library at (630)279-8696 for more information.

The new building almost doubled the size of the old library and houses a collection of nearly 350,000 items plus public computers, meeting rooms, a drive-up window, and a coffee shop. Patrons can enjoy beautiful views of Wilder Park from the building, which was constructed of rough cut Wisconsin Lannon stone and Indiana limestone to blend with its natural setting.

Library Director Marilyn Boria says, "The community's response to the new building has been overwhelming. Check-out of library materials has increased more than 40% since the move. Last year, the library had over 500,000 visitors. We are grateful to the community for their continued interest in and support of the library."

The Elmhurst Public Library strives to enrich life in Elmhurst by providing opportunities to explore, learn and grow. The Library provides the support and resources for Elmhurst residents to develop a love of reading; access information for work and learning; pursue the 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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