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FINE FREE

Great news! Elmhurst Public Library no longer charges fines on overdue items checked out at our Library. The “Fine Free” movement is growing in the library world and has been adopted by many local libraries. EPL is excited to break down this access barrier and more equitably serve our community. We hope to welcome back anyone who felt discouraged about using the Library due to a fine on their account.

Here’s how things work with overdue items:

- Items still have due dates.
- You will get due date updates via text and/or email. Sign up at elmlib.org/textalerts or elmlib.org/account.
- When an item is two weeks overdue, your account will be blocked until you return the item.

For more details visit elmlib.org/finefree

Meeting Rooms

Our Meeting Rooms are once again available to reserve by community groups! Reservations can be made up to three months in advance. Find room details and the Meeting Room Application online.

elmlib.org/meetings

Lobby Exhibits

Are you part of a non-profit organization that would like to be showcased? Is there a hobby, club, or collection you’d like to show off? Applications are now open to reserve our Lobby display case in 2022.

elmlib.org/display

Attending Programs

Event Key:

 In-person  Virtual  Hybrid

- **Hybrid:** These events are offered both in-person at the Library and online. Register at elmlib.org/events for the format of your choice to reserve your seat or receive the link to join from home.
- **YouTube:** No registration required. Just visit elmlib.org/youtube to watch.
- **Zoom:** Register at elmlib.org/events or call us to receive an email and link to the live video. *Note: Not online? Call us to learn how you can listen to Zoom programs via phone.*
- **Minecraft, Discord, or Roll20:** Register at elmlib.org/events to receive information to join.

ADA Accommodations

Available for programs and Library visits. Call (630) 279-8696 or email reference@elmlib.org.

Photo Policy

Visitors may be photographed. These photos are for Library use and may be published in Library publicity materials. Notify staff if you do not wish to be photographed.

Expanded WiFi

Our WiFi signal is strong enough that it’s available in our parking lot. Take a conference call, shoot some quick emails, or just savor the silence. No password required and no need to come inside the Library.

elmlib.org/wifi

A Look Behind Orson Welles' "War of the Worlds" Broadcast

Tuesday, Oct. 5 • 7-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults + Grades 6-12

On the eve of Halloween 1938, a young Orson Welles broadcast a radio drama based on the novel *The War of the Worlds*. While the original broadcast had a relatively small audience, the impact it had—and continues to have—on American culture is staggering. But how much of that impact was reality, and how much has been exaggerated over the years? Were there really riots in the streets from panicked listeners? Did Orson Welles know he would frighten people, or was this an accident? **Register at elmlib.org/events.**

Makery Craft: Halloween + Día de los Muertos

Reservations open Tuesday, Oct. 12-24
The Makery • Adults + Grades 6-12

Book a reservation during Makery hours to create a Halloween and Día de los Muertos-inspired craft. All materials provided. Limit 1 per EPL card. **Contact makery@elmlib.org or (630) 279-8696 to book your session.**

Culture Club:

Chicago's Spooky Secrets

Thursday, Oct. 14 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom • Adults

Think you know Chicago? Join author Jessica Mlinaric for an hour of weird Chicago trivia from the city's spookiest secret places. Jessica's book, *Secret Chicago: A Guide to the Weird, Wonderful, and Obscure*, details 90 unique and unusual places, like a grave in a junkyard and an energy vortex in an alley. Test your knowledge and learn about some of Chicago's most obscure surprises! **Register at elmlib.org/events.**

Tarot 101

Wednesday, Oct. 20 • 7-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults + Grades 9-12

Demystify the tarot with cartomancer Morgan Sedano and learn the basics to reading for fun, divination, and self-betterment. Participants will tap into their intuition and discover a wonderful, magical new hobby. **Register at elmlib.org/events.**

GreenMan Theatre Presents: Spooky Stories

Available starting Saturday, Oct. 23
Adults + Grades 6-12

Hear a collection of spine-chilling stories from the GreenMan Theatre storytellers. **No registration required.**
View at elmlib.org/youtube.

Weird Science: It's Electric!

Saturday, Oct. 23 • 2-3 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • Families

Join us for some spooky science full of electricity! See your hair stand on end, make a ghost float, stick pumpkins to the walls, and more. **Register at elmlib.org/events to reserve a time slot.**

Short and Scary Contest

Winners Read Their Stories

Sunday, Oct. 24 • Families (Best for K+)
Be prepared to get scared! Student winners of the Short and Scary Writing Contest share their spooky tales. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. **No registration required.**
View at elmlib.org/youtube.

■ See page 7 for info on how to enter the Short and Scary Writing Contest.

Trick or Treat: A Cultural History of Hallowe'en

Tuesday, Oct. 26 • 7-8:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults + Grades 9-12

Halloween, as we know it, is a surprisingly modern holiday. Learn about the true origins of the spookiest night of the year, some of the wildest ways people have celebrated, and the legends that surround this holiday. **Register at elmlib.org/events.**

The Zombie Zone: Terrors and Treats

Thursday, Oct. 28 • 4-5 p.m.
Kids' Program Room • Grades 3-5

Revel in tales of the undead, create edible brains, and more. This program is not for the faint of heart. **Register at elmlib.org/events.**

Celebrate Day of the Dead

Available starting Monday, Nov. 1 • Families
Learn the culture surrounding Day of the Dead and how to create your own tiny ofrenda and sugar skulls. **No registration required.**
View at elmlib.org/youtube.

Murder Mystery Party

Friday, Nov. 5 • 6:30-9 p.m.
Teen Space • Grades 9-12

Join us for an evening of role-playing and murder! Our party will be interrupted by a death. Will it be the perfect murder? Or can the guests and detectives solve the mystery? Costumes are encouraged. Refreshments will be served. You must register with your email address so we can send your character information. **Register at elmlib.org/events.**



COMMUNITY CONNECTION



Elmhurst StoryWalk® Project

Autumn 2021 • Offsite: Eldridge Park

This installation promotes early literacy, physical activity, and family time together in nature.
See back cover for more information.



Family Book Haunt

Oct. 1-31 • For Families

Haunt your home by reading creepy stories in kooky places and earn a spooky surprise!
More info at elmlib.org/community.



One Book, One Community: Author Visit with Douglas Tallamy

Wednesday, Nov. 17 • 7-8:30 p.m.

Join us for an evening with the author of Elmhurst's 2021 One Book, One Community title,
Nature's Best Hope: A New Approach to Conservation That Starts in Your Yard.
For more information about the book and other OBOC events, see page 15.

🖥️ Grandparents' Treasury of Stories*

Available starting Thursday, Sept. 9
Families

Learn how to make a book that your grandparent or elder relative can fill with stories from their childhood. @Home Kits are available at the Drive-up while supplies last. No registration required.

View at elmlib.org/youtube.

📍 Music Factory

Monday, Sept. 27 • 1:30-2 p.m.

Kids' Program Room • Families (best for 1-5)

Have fun exploring musical instruments and making sounds. A great start for young listeners, singers, strummers, and drummers. Register at elmlib.org/events.

🖥️ Outdoor Explore: Clouds*

Available starting Thursday, Oct. 7
Families

Share cool activities, rhymes, and books about science and nature, perfect for your preschool naturalist at home. @Home Kits are available at the Drive-up while supplies last. No registration required.

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More details at elmlib.org/kits.

Note: Kits are not required to participate in programs.

🖥️ Family Minecraft: Ocean Adventures

Monday, Nov. 15 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Live on Minecraft and Discord • Families

Ahoy mateys! Meet on the EPL Minecraft server and Discord voice chat for a night of swashbuckling challenges.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

🖥️ Family Gratitude Jar

Available starting Thursday, Nov. 18

Grades K-8

Start a family tradition with this activity. A gratitude jar is a wonderful place to put notes about what you're grateful for to pull out on a hard day. @Home Kits are available at the Drive-up while supplies last.

No registration required.

View at elmlib.org/youtube.

🖥️ What is Hanukkah?

Available starting Monday, Nov. 29

Families

Learn about the Jewish holiday of Hanukkah in this family-friendly program. Find out about the culture and traditions surrounding this special time of year.

No registration required.

View at elmlib.org/youtube.

🏠 Parenting: Helping Your Kids Ease the Tease

Tuesday, Nov. 30 • 7-8 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • Live on Zoom
Parents

This program for parents outlines ways to help your young child gain self assurance when faced with teasing. Author Mimi Black and social worker Tracey Orick present ideas and take your questions.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

LEARNING LINKS

Enrichment materials are available for parents, teachers, and students.

Located in the Kids' Library near the Help Desk.



Kids ages 2-11 are required to wear masks at in-person events.



📍 Songs and Stories

Every Saturday • 9:30-10 a.m.

Kids' Program Room • Ages 1-2 w/ adult

Come for stories, rhymes, and music that keep toddlers and their grownups moving and smiling. Register for each month at elmlib.org/events.

📍 Saturday Stories

Every Saturday (no session Sept. 11)

10:30-11 a.m. • Kids' Program Room

Families

Join us for stories, music, and movement, just right for families to share together.

Register for each individual session at elmlib.org/events.

Little Wigglers Storytime

Join us for stories, nursery rhymes, and music to keep little ones gleefully engaged.

📺 **Virtual • Every Tuesday • 9:30-10 a.m.**

Live on Zoom • Families (best for 1-5)

Register at elmlib.org/events.

📍 **In Person**

10:15-10:45 a.m. • Kids' Program Room

Families (best for 1-5)

Register for one of the series below at elmlib.org/events.

■ **Tuesdays, Sept. 7-28**

■ **Tuesdays, Oct. 5-26**

■ **Tuesdays, Nov. 2-30**

📍 Wonderful Ones and Twos

9:30-10 a.m. • Kids' Program Room

Ages 1-2 w/ adult

Join in rhymes, books, and musical activities to engage emerging language skills for ones and twos. Register for one of the series below at elmlib.org/events.

■ **Wednesdays, Sept. 8-29**

■ **Wednesdays, Oct. 6-27**

■ **Wednesdays, Nov. 3-24**

📺 Zoom in Your Jammies

Wednesday, Sept. 8 • 6:15-6:45 p.m.

Live on Zoom • Families (best for 1-5)

Enjoy a round of stories and songs with your Library friends before bedtime.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

Fun for 3s, 4s, and 5s

Tales packed with rhyme and vocabulary, storytelling, and lively musical activities make it an exciting morning.

📺 **Virtual • Every Thursday**

9:30-10 a.m. • Live on Zoom

Ages 3-5 w/ adult

Register at elmlib.org/events.

📍 **In Person**

10:15-10:45 a.m. • Kids' Program Room

Ages 3-5 w/ adult

Register for one of the series below at elmlib.org/events.

■ **Thursday, Sept. 9-30**

■ **Thursday, Oct. 7-28**

■ **Thursday, Nov. 4-18**

📍 Free to Be Three Storytime

9:30-10 a.m. • Kids' Program Room

Age 3 w/ adult

Stories, songs, active rhymes, and more are just right for your three-year-old's emerging literacy skills! Register for one of the series below at elmlib.org/events.

■ **Fridays, Sept. 10-Oct. 1**

■ **Fridays, Oct. 8-29**

■ **Fridays, Nov. 5-26**

📺 Grandparents Are Great!

Zoom Storytime

Saturday, Sept. 11 • 10:30-11 a.m.

Live on Zoom • Families

Celebrate grandparents with us! Zoom in for stories, rhymes, and songs about the wonders of grandparents. Register for the Zoom link to this program, then tell your grandparents to register as well, so you can enjoy together! Register at elmlib.org/events.

📍 Mother Goose and Me

9:30-10 a.m. • Kids' Program Room

Newborn to 11 months w/ adult

Enjoy meeting other parents of newborns to share rhymes, activities, and resources. Register for one of the series below at elmlib.org/events.

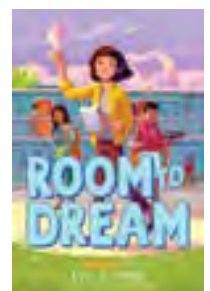
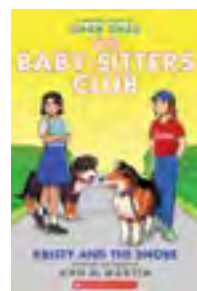
■ **Mondays, Sept. 13-Oct. 4**

■ **Mondays, Oct. 11-Nov. 1**

■ **Mondays, Nov. 8-29**

Coming Attractions

Reserve your copy online:
elmlib.org/kidsnewbooks



📍 Unicorn Book Party

Monday, Sept. 13 • 4-4:45 p.m.
Kids' Program Room • Grades K-2

We love unicorns! Share favorite unicorn books, activities, and crafts.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

🖥️ Celebrate Día! YouTube Reviews for Diverse Books

Available starting Fridays, Sept. 17, Oct. 15, and Nov. 26 • Grades 2-8

Celebrate a year of Día (Diversity in Action) by reading books featuring kids from many backgrounds. On each program date, we share suggestions for new titles to read. Choose your favorites, then get started on making your own book review!

No registration required.

View at elmlib.org/youtube.

🖥️ Kids' Online Chess

Sundays, Sept. 19, Oct. 24, and Nov. 21
3-4 p.m. • Live on Zoom • Grades K-8

Chessmaster Jeff DiOrio teaches winning strategies to improve your game. Players must know all of the basic rules to join.

Register at elmlib.org/events.



📍 Kids' Conservation: Native Plants and Insects

Tuesday, Sept. 21 • 4-5 p.m.
Meet in Kids' Program Room • Grades 3-5

Help save the earth, starting in your own backyard. Learn about some of the amazing wildlife in our community, explore nature's plant and insect interconnections, and learn how helping them also helps us. Conservationist Emily Kenny leads the program. Dress for the outdoors!

Register at elmlib.org/events.

🖥️ Straw Rockets*

Available starting Thursday, Sept. 23
Grades K-8

Learn how to make a simple rocket from a straw! @Home Kits are available at the Drive-up while supplies last.

No registration required.

View at elmlib.org/youtube.

🖥️ Online LEGO Club

Wednesdays, Sept. 29 and Nov. 24
4-4:45 p.m. • Live on Zoom • Grades K-2

Pour out your LEGO bin at home and join us on Zoom for some exciting LEGO building challenges. See your friends, accept the challenges, and share what you create at home with your own LEGOs.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

■ Want to participate but don't have LEGOs at home? Contact us at kids@elmlib.org and we will supply you!

📍 Book Party:

Judy Moody Saves the World

Tuesday, Oct. 5 • 4-4:45 p.m.
Kids' Program Room • Grades 2-3

Judy Moody wants to save the world, and you can too! Join us for activities featuring that lively book character and ways you can help save the world. Register at elmlib.org/events.

🖥️ A Gathering of Native American Tales

Available starting Monday, Oct. 11
Grades K-8

Celebrate Indigenous People's Day, Oct 11. Ojibwa elder Kim Sigafus shares her native culture through a family program of Native American storytelling. Gather together for an Ojibwa creation story and a tale about the Dreamcatcher. No registration required.

View at elmlib.org/youtube.

🖥️ Short and Scary Writing Contest

Deadline: Oct. 11 • 9 p.m. • Grades K-8

Quick! Scare us with your own original super-short story or poem. Create a scary work that's 15 sentences or less. Winners get a Barnes & Noble gift certificate, a spot in our *Kid's Ink* magazine, and an opportunity to read their entry for a video on the Library's YouTube page. Entry info at elmlib.org/scary.

■ See page 5 for info on the Short and Scary Winning Writers Read Their Stories event.

📍 The Zombie Zone: Terrors and Treats

Thursday, Oct. 28 • 4-5 p.m.
Kids' Program Room • Grades 3-5

Revel in tales of the undead, create edible brains, and more. This program is not for the faint of heart.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

🖥️ Make a Spectroscope*

Available starting Thursday, Nov. 4
Grades 1-5

Make a homemade spectroscope with a few simple materials and explore the light spectrum with this science activity. You'll see all kinds of rainbows! @Home Kits are available at the Drive-up while supplies last.

No registration required.

View at elmlib.org/youtube.

📍 Dog Man Trivia

Wednesday, Nov. 10 • 4-4:45 p.m.
Kids' Program Room • Grades 1-5

If you enjoy *Dog Man* by Dav Pilkey, join us for an afternoon of trivia.

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🕹️ Minecraft Mondays

Every Monday • 4-5 p.m.

Live on Minecraft + Discord • Grades 6-12

This is a fun, relaxing time to visit with other players, gain skills, show off your builds, or just share your enthusiasm for the Minecraft world. **Register at elmlib.org/events.**

🕹️ Minecraft UHC

Every Monday • 5-6 p.m.

Live on Minecraft + Discord • Grades 6-12

This fun, weekly contest is a last-player-standing survival game where the world shrinks as the timer ticks on. The winner receives an in-game prize and a chance to be recognized on the leaderboard.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

📍 C2IA: Community Change in Action

Fridays, Sept. 24 and Nov. 5 • 6-7 p.m.

Middle School Hangout • Grades 6-8

Want to talk with other middle schoolers about things that need changing in our world? Be a part of the solution—think, talk, act! **Register at elmlib.org/events.**

👨‍🍳 Middle School Cooks:

Dinner and a Movie

Available starting Friday, Oct. 8

Grades 6-8

Chef Kristyn Slick presents a virtual feast that you can make! She prepares the perfect dish with some great Friday night movies.

No registration required.

View at elmlib.org/youtube.

🕹️ Jean Jacket Shrinky Dinks*

Available starting Thursday, Oct. 21

Grades 6-8

Learn how to create Shrinky Dink pins to adorn your jean jacket. @Home Kits are available at the Drive-up while supplies last.

No registration required.

View at elmlib.org/youtube.

📍 Golden Shovel Poetry

Friday, Nov. 19 • 4-5 p.m.

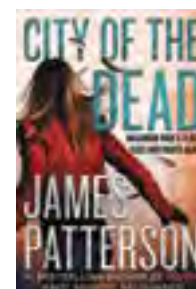
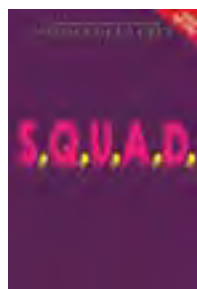
Kids' Program Room • Grades 6-8

Learn how to write "Golden Shovel" poetry. This program brings the power of poetry to life, using poems from the past to create new poems in your own voice.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

Coming Attractions

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elmlib.org/msnewbooks



BANNED BOOKS WEEK

Sept. 26 - Oct. 2



Censorship Divides Us

Win a York Theatre or City Centre gift card! Check out the 2nd Floor display for details. Additional banned teen books and comics quiz available in the Teen Space. Win extra prizes!

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🖥️ Teen Advisors

Every Wednesday • 6:30-7 p.m.
Live on Discord • Grades 9-12
 Help plan programs for teens at the Library, voice your opinion, and make new friends. **Register at elmlib.org/events.**

📍 Video Game Tourney Night

Every Wednesday • 7-8:30 p.m.
Kossmann Room • Grades 9-12
 We're mixing up the Smash Bros. Tournament by adding alternative games and tournaments. Spectators welcome! **Register at elmlib.org/events.**

📍 Spill!

Every Thursday, starting Sept. 9 • 4-5 p.m.
(No sessions when District 205 is off)
Teen Space • Grades 9-12
 A chance for teens to share thoughts and explore current topics with EPL's social worker. **No registration required.**

🖥️ Dungeons & Dragons

Tuesdays, Sept. 14, Oct. 12, and Nov. 9
6-9 p.m. • Live on Roll20 + Discord
Grades 9-12
 The adventure continues ... Upon the eclipse of the full moon, an ancient portal has opened in the ruins of Ar-Dranor. King Lewelian is calling on the brave and strong to discover what lies beyond the mysterious gate. Will you venture into the unknown, before the gateway closes? Join our thriving D&D online community on Roll20 for an original campaign led by internationally acclaimed DM Thomas Lewis. **First timers must create an account before playing.**
More information at elmlib.org/events.

📍 Teen Crafternoon

Friday, Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19
4-5:30 p.m. • Teen Space • Grades 9-12
 Feeling crafty? Come hang in the Teen Space and make something! Each month we provide materials and ideas. You get to take home a new skill and a finished project!
Register at elmlib.org/events.

📍 GarageBand Basics

Saturday, Sept. 18 • 2-3:30 p.m.
2nd Floor Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12
 GarageBand is Apple's free music creation software used for recording and creating audio projects with vocals, instruments, and loops. **Register at elmlib.org/events.**

📍 Teen Culinary Adventure

Friday, Sept. 24 • 6-9 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • Grades 9-12
 Learn how to decorate sugar cookies using royal icing and other delicious ingredients. This is a hands-on class that covers baking basics, recipes, and a variety of design techniques to create beautifully-iced cookies. **Register at elmlib.org/events.**

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📍 Intro to Logic Pro X

Saturday, Nov. 20 • 2-3:30 p.m.
2nd Floor Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12
 Logic Pro X is Apple's professional music creation software available in our Creative Studios. Take a step up from GarageBand and learn more about Logic Pro X.
Register at elmlib.org/events.

High School Students

You are welcome at most adult programs!
 Check out pages 11-25.

H How to Begin Your College Search

Tuesday, Sept. 21 • 7-8 p.m.

Meeting Room A + Live on Zoom • Grades 9-12 and Parents

Finding the right college for you does not mean just choosing where a college-bound student will live for the next four years. It means finding the best academic, social, and financial fit for them. In this presentation, Thomas Jaworski of Quest College Consulting provides high school families with tips and advice on how to break down the stressful college search process, including how to virtually interact with colleges.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

H College Major and Career Planning

Thursday, Oct. 14 • 7-8 p.m.

Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom • Grades 9-12 and Parents

Entering college with a career direction and choosing the right major contributes to students' happiness, success, and likelihood of graduating on time. Presented by Career Vision.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

H Understanding the Sticker Price of Higher Education

Tuesday, Oct. 19 • 7-8:30 p.m.

Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom • Grades 9-12 and Parents

Each year the price of college tuition rises higher than the yearly rate of inflation. How can college-bound families afford to pay for college with these annual increases? Thomas Jaworski of Quest College Consulting shares his expertise on breaking down the cost of college, including changes to the financial aid process and how to find scholarships. Register at elmlib.org/events.

H College Financial Aid Process

Tuesday, Nov. 2 • 7-8 p.m.

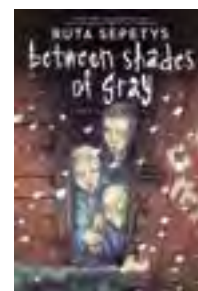
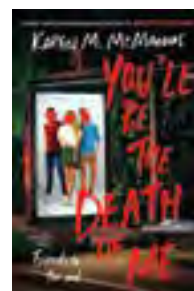
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom • Grades 9-12 and Parents

This session outlines the general financial aid process and provides insight on how financial aid works, how to apply for it, student eligibility, and how it can be used to help pay for college. We introduce the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), along with summarizing state and federal aid programs, among other topics. Presented by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC). Register at elmlib.org/events.



Coming Attractions

Reserve your copy online:
elmlib.org/hsnewbooks



📍 Google Docs, Sheets, and Slides

Friday, Sept. 3 • 2-3:30 p.m.
2nd Floor Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12

Learn how to create, save, and share documents and files with your Google account. Bring your Gmail username and password. [Register at elmlib.org/events](https://elmlib.org/events).

📍 Excel Basics

Wednesday, Sept. 8 • 10-11:30 a.m.
2nd Floor Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12

Get started creating spreadsheet projects using basic formulas and functions. [Register at elmlib.org/events](https://elmlib.org/events).

📍 Apple/Mac Basics

Tuesday, Sept. 14 • 10-11:30 a.m.
2nd Floor Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12

Great for beginners, this class introduces users to the Mac computer and operating system. [Register at elmlib.org/events](https://elmlib.org/events).

📍 GarageBand Basics

Saturday, Sept. 18 • 2-3:30 p.m.
2nd Floor Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12

GarageBand is Apple's free music creation software used for recording and creating audio projects with vocals, instruments, and loops. [Register at elmlib.org/events](https://elmlib.org/events).

📍 Video Subscription Services and Technology

Wednesday, Sept. 22 • 6:30-8 p.m.
2nd Floor Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12

Learn about subscription services and what you need to watch video on your TV or mobile devices. Review apps, platforms, and equipment for streaming video. [Register at elmlib.org/events](https://elmlib.org/events).

📍 Skills You Need to Work From Home

Monday, Oct. 4 • 5-6:30 p.m.
2nd Floor Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12

Working from home has gained popularity. Familiarize yourself with some helpful apps to improve your focus, organization, and productivity. [Register at elmlib.org/events](https://elmlib.org/events).

📍 Digitize Cassettes, Records, and Film

Thursday, Oct. 7 • 2-3:30 p.m.
2nd Floor Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12

Learn about the equipment available at the Library to digitize your memories so they can be enjoyed easily with modern technology. [Register at elmlib.org/events](https://elmlib.org/events).

📍 Intro to TikTok

Tuesday, Oct. 12 • 6-7:30 p.m.
2nd Floor Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12

Join millions of people editing and sharing videos on TikTok, a popular app in the world of social media. [Register at elmlib.org/events](https://elmlib.org/events).

📍 Exploring Video Games

Friday, Oct. 22 • 2-3:30 p.m.
2nd Floor Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12

Video games can be fun, but getting started may seem complex and overwhelming. We share the easiest and most accessible ways to begin your video game journey. [Register at elmlib.org/events](https://elmlib.org/events).

📍 Excel Intermediate

Wednesday, Oct. 27 • 2-3:30 p.m.
2nd Floor Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12

Go further in Excel with formulas, functions, and formatting options. [Register at elmlib.org/events](https://elmlib.org/events).

📍 Advanced Excel: Pivot Tables

Wednesday, Nov. 3 • 6:30-8 p.m.
2nd Floor Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12

Improve your spreadsheets with pivot tables to sort, summarize, and analyze data. [Register at elmlib.org/events](https://elmlib.org/events).

📍 Cricut Design Space

Tuesday, Nov. 9 • 6-7:30 p.m.
2nd Floor Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12

Learn how to create projects for the Cricut cutting machine. Design t-shirts, paper crafts, mugs, and more. [Register at elmlib.org/events](https://elmlib.org/events).

📍 Microsoft Office Overview

Wednesday, Nov. 10 • 10-11:30 a.m.
2nd Floor Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12

Get introduced to apps that can be essential for both personal and business projects. [Register at elmlib.org/events](https://elmlib.org/events).

📍 iPhone iOS

Friday, Nov. 19 • 2-3:30 p.m.
2nd Floor Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12

Learn about the useful features included in iOS and ask questions about your iPhone. [Register at elmlib.org/events](https://elmlib.org/events).

📍 Intro to Logic Pro X

Saturday, Nov. 20 • 2-3:30 p.m.
2nd Floor Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12

Logic Pro X is Apple's professional music creation software available in our Creative Studio. It's used for recording and creating audio projects with vocals, instruments, and loops. [Register at elmlib.org/events](https://elmlib.org/events).



Drop-in Tech Help

Find solutions to your tech questions by stopping by the 2nd Floor or remotely, through our Virtual Information Desk at elmlib.org/videochat.



Business Librarian Cheryl Fortman can answer your job search and business-related questions or help with one-on-one research.

Phone: (630) 279-8696 Email: Cheryl.Fortman@elmlib.org

Career Services Resources

Available through the Library

Career Center from Tutor.com

Get career help in real time in a secure, anonymous, online classroom.

elmlib.org/tutor

LinkedIn Learning

Learn new skills to gain a competitive edge and increase your employability.

elmlib.org/linkedinlearning

Reference Solutions by Data Axle

Find jobs and internships, research companies, and attend free webinars on career search strategies.

elmlib.org/dataaxle

Local Organizations

People's Resource Center

Connect with personalized job coaches. DuPage residency required.

peoplesrc.org

WorkNet DuPage

Job seeker workshops, resume reviews, and assistance for Certificate Programs.

worknetdupage.org

Goodwill Workforce Connection Center

Provides convenient access, tools and technology, and support to job seekers.

goodwillchicago.com/help-for-the-job-seeker/workforce-connection-centers

Elmhurst Business Connection

Thursdays, Sept. 16, Oct. 21, and Nov. 18
8-10 a.m. • Live on Zoom • Adults

Join Fox Valley SCORE mentors for a roundtable discussion on new topics each month. Meet with business owners in the Elmhurst community to get advice, network, and share experiences with peers.

View topics and register at elmlib.org/events.

Plan and Prepare for a Successful Career Transition

Monday, Sept. 20 • 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • Live on Zoom

Adults

Use your applicable work experience and skills to assist you in finding a job in a new industry. Understand how to plan and prepare for a career change, review tools to assist in the process, and gain confidence in your journey. Presented with People's Resource Center.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

Interview Perspectives from Across the Desk

Monday, Oct. 18 • 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • Live on Zoom

Adults + Grades 9-12

Gain real-world interview advice from the viewpoint of a human resources manager. Learn to identify and understand areas of concern, stand out during an interview, and answer difficult questions concerning job gaps, firings, and more. Presented with People's Resource Center.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

Repetition Leads to Success! Mock Interviews

Monday, Nov. 15 • 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • Live on Zoom

Adults + Grades 9-12

Improve interview skills and receive real-time feedback from job coaches through a series of mock interviews. Learn how to set a positive tone for the interview and answer difficult questions, including the dreaded "tell me about yourself." Presented with People's Resource Center.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

Expert librarians stock our Travel Center with the best materials to help you plan your trip, no matter the destination. Browse these items near the fireplace on the 2nd Floor.

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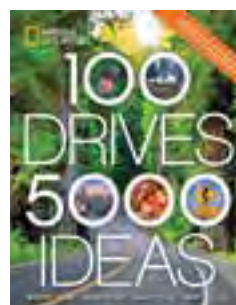
National Parks

423 parks.
85 million acres.
Commune with nature
and use our guides
to focus your trip.



Be Culture Smart!

Have a richer and
more meaningful
experience abroad
through a better
understanding of the
local culture.



Road Trips

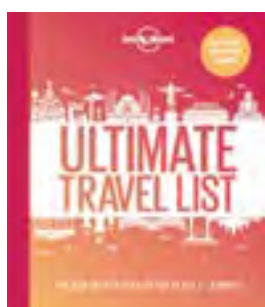
Fill up the gas tank
and head out on the
open road. Check out
the Library's books
about sights to see
while traveling by car.



Learn a Language

Phrasebooks help you
get versed in your
destination.

Try the Transparent
Language app at
elmlib.org/languages



Bucket List

Make a list and check
off the world's must-see
travel spots.



Atlases

Find your way with
atlases and folding maps
to use during your trip.



Moon Guides

Authentic and diverse
authors prioritize local
businesses, outdoor
recreation, and
sustainable traveling.



Travel Magazines

Get inspired by the most
up-to-date info about
travel and destinations.

Read magazines online
at elmlib.org/digital



Foodies

Plan your trip
around your
tastebuds.



Antarctica

Go where you never
thought possible.



Disney

Know before you go:
Get the inside scoop
on hotels, restaurants,
and attractions.



Travelogues

Transport yourself
to a new place
through travelogues
and memoirs.

 In-person event

 Virtual event

 Hybrid event

Programs marked **20s/30s Adults** are limited to ages 18-40.



Connect • Engage • Thrive

Connect with others in the community,
while navigating all the challenges that come with adulthood.

Board Game Night

Friday, Sept. 3 • 7-8:30 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • 20s/30s Adults

Join us for a night of open gaming with other board game fans. Bring your own game to share or play one of ours.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

20s/30s Book Discussions

Wisdom from a Humble Jellyfish

by Rani Shah

Friday, Sept. 10 • 7-8:15 p.m.

Gathering Room • 20s/30s Adults

From the resting habits of jellyfish to the pearl-producing immune response of oysters, nature has a lot of lessons to teach us about dealing with adversity if you know where to look. This charmingly illustrated book will guide and delight you with self-care tips and interesting plant and animal trivia to help the lessons stick.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

The Midnight Library by Matt Haig

Thursday, Nov. 11 • 7-8:15 p.m.

Gathering Room • 20s/30s Adults

Who hasn't imagined how their life would be different if they made other choices? In this bestselling novel, Nora Seed is an unhappy woman at a personal crossroads who finds herself in a mystical library of infinite books, each representing a life she could have lived, and an enigmatic librarian who gives her the opportunity to exchange her life for a different one. Nora's excursions into different lives and her eventual decisions deliver intriguing philosophical lessons on fulfillment and regret. Register at elmlib.org/events.

Cake & Canvas

Friday, Sept. 17 • 7-8:45 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • 20s/30s Adults

We may not be able to have a paint and sip with alcohol, but we can have the next best thing: cake! Enjoy a sweet treat while learning how to create a masterpiece using acrylic paint. All supplies provided.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

DIY Dry Erase Board

Friday, Oct. 1 • 7-8:30 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • 20s/30s Adults

Create a personalized dry erase board to organize your life with this crafty picture frame hack. Make a calendar, meal plan, fantasy football bracket, message board, or whatever else you can imagine. All materials provided. Register at elmlib.org/events.

A Deeper Dive into Car Ownership and Maintenance

Friday, Oct. 15 • 7-8:30 p.m.

**Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults + Grades 9-12**

Are you ready to really understand what's happening under the hood of your car? Chaya Milchtein, the Mechanic Shop Femme, provides a comprehensive view of your vehicle's needs—including cleaning, fuel systems, brakes, and transmission fluid. Never live in fear of that pesky check engine light again.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

Tarot 101

Wednesday, Oct. 20 • 7-8 p.m.

**Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults + Grades 9-12**

Demystify the tarot with cartomancer Morgan Sedano and learn the basics of reading for fun, divination, and self-betterment. Participants tap into their intuition and discover a wonderful, magical new hobby. Register at elmlib.org/events.

Grownup Storytime

Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark

Friday, Oct. 29 • 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Outside: Reading Garden • 20s/30s Adults

Relive the fear and excitement of sharing spooky stories as a kid with this after-dark storytime for grownups featuring the *Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark* collections by Alvin Schwartz. Register at elmlib.org/events.

Art Therapy Night

Friday, Nov. 19 • 7-8:30 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • 20s/30s Adults

Come unwind with adult coloring books and other forms of art therapy while enjoying friendly conversation and soothing music. Bring your own materials or use ours.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

Brooklyn Nine-Nine Trivia

Tuesday, Nov. 23 • 7-8 p.m.

Live on YouTube • Adults + Grades 9-12

Test your knowledge and compete for prizes online. For the best experience, use a computer to access the YouTube Live presentation while using a smartphone to submit your answers. **Live on YouTube:** Register at elmlib.org/events.



About the Program

One Book, One Community is an opportunity for the entire Elmhurst community to read and engage with the same book title. The Library offers discussions and programming around the book's topics. We encourage book clubs, families, and workplaces to consider using the title as a basis for discussion.

Join the Discussion

Nature's Best Hope by Douglas W. Tallamy

 **Thursday, Sept. 16 • 1-2:15 p.m. • Gathering Room**

 **Thursday, Sept. 16 • 7-8:15 p.m. • Live on Zoom**

With 95% of the USA developed, 3 billion birds lost in the last 50 years, and insect species declining and endangered, Professor Douglas W. Tallamy's solution is to set up functional ecosystems in our yards; in effect, to create the Homegrown National Park, with an estimated 20 million acres of conservation corridors. "The quality of our lives depends on the quality of our local ecosystems," he says, urging us to take part in his plan in order to preserve wildlife. **Register at elmlib.org/events.**

How Do I Get a Copy?

Nature's Best Hope is available through EPL's catalog in book, audio, and digital formats. Discover all your reading options at elmlib.org/hope.

 **Rachel Carson: *Silent Spring* and the Birth of the Modern Ecology Movement**

Tuesday, Sept. 7 • 7-8 p.m.

Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom

Adults + Grades 9-12

Biologist and author Rachel Carson warned the world of the potentially dire environmental impact of chemical pesticides in her best-selling 1962 book, *Silent Spring*. In this living-history program set in 1963, actress and historian Leslie Goddard portrays Carson as she discusses her childhood love for the living world, her passion for writing, and her work to awaken the world to the beauty and fragility of nature.

Register at elmlib.org/events.


 **Growing Greens Indoors**

Tuesday, Sept. 14 • 7-8:15 p.m.

Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom

Adults + Grades 6-12

Uncover the basics for growing greens year-round inside your home. We discuss tools and practices. Find inspiration in a variety of set-ups and possibilities for a green garden indoors! **Register at elmlib.org/events.**

 **Kids' Conservation: Native Plants and Insects**

Tuesday, Sept. 21 • 4-5 p.m.

Meet in Kids' Program Room • Grades 3-5

Help save the earth, starting in your own backyard. Learn about some of the amazing wildlife in our community, explore nature's plant and insect interconnections, and learn how helping them also helps us. Conservationist Emily Kenny leads the program. Dress for the outdoors!

Register at elmlib.org/events.

 **Beneficial Bugs**


Tuesday, Sept. 28 • 7-8 p.m.

Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom

Adults + Grades 6-12

Not all bugs are bad; some of them help us defend against harmful insects. Horticulturist Sharon Yiesla teaches how to identify common beneficial organisms, how they benefit gardeners, and how to get the good guys into our gardens and keep them there.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

 **Composting: Building Your Garden from the Ground Up**

Tuesday, Oct. 12 • 7-8 p.m.

Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom

Adults + Grades 6-12

Learn the benefits of composting to improve the health and vitality of your garden by using the organic matter generated in your home and yard. Presented by the University of Illinois Extension.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

 **Native Plants and Pollinators for Our Local Landscapes**

Monday, Nov. 8 • 7-8 p.m.

Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom

Adults + Grades 6-12

Dig into native plants best suited for your landscape. Discover the benefits of native plants at home, including less maintenance, water conservation, and improved soil condition. Then, get tips for planting natives to attract pollinators, including butterflies, bees, and hummingbirds, and support other wildlife. **Register at elmlib.org/events.**



H One Book, One Community: Author Visit with Douglas Tallamy

Wednesday, Nov. 17 • 7-8:30 p.m.

Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom • Adults + Grades 9-12

Join us for an evening with Douglas Tallamy, author of our 2021 One Book, One Community read, *Nature's Best Hope: A New Approach to Conservation That Starts in Your Yard*. Tallamy speaks about his book, the dangerous decline of plant and animal populations, and how we can help solve the problem, starting in our own backyard. Q&A to follow. Presented with the Elmhurst Cool Cities Coalition. Sponsored by the Friends of the Elmhurst Public Library. Register at elmlib.org/events.

One Book, One Community is sponsored by the Friends of the Elmhurst Public Library.

Since 1941, the Friends have enhanced the Library's resources and supported EPL programs through funds from their dues and various fundraising ventures. Working separately but alongside the Library, the Friends further the mission of EPL by securing materials beyond the scope of the ordinary budget to add further enrichment opportunities to the citizens of Elmhurst.

Join at elmlib.org/friends.

📺 The Color of Law & Reversing Segregation: Author Visit with Richard Rothstein

Wednesday, Oct. 13

7-8 p.m.

Live on Zoom • Adults

Author of *The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America*, Richard Rothstein presents on the policies that led to racial segregation in American communities, and what can be done to reverse these practices and work towards racial equity. Rothstein is a Distinguished Fellow of the Economic Policy Institute and a Senior Fellow (emeritus) at the Thurgood Marshall Institute of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund. In partnership with Racial Awareness in the North Shore (RAIN) and Together is Better Alliance (TiBA). Co-sponsored with area libraries. Register at elmlib.org/author.

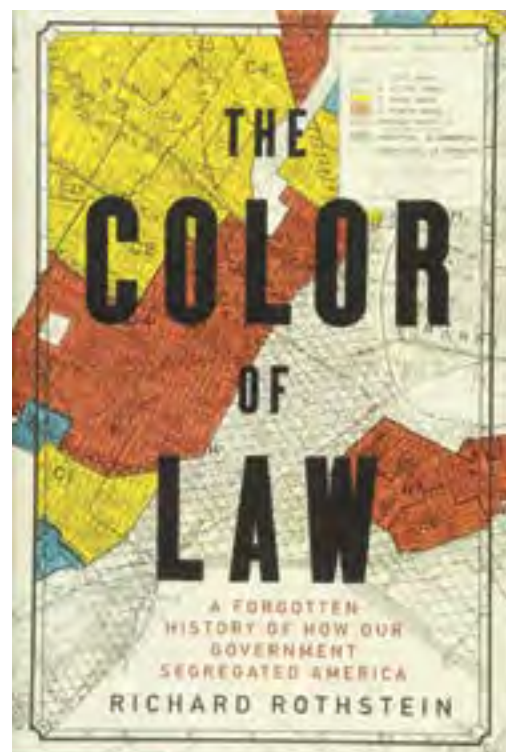


📺 Social Issues Learning Group

How Cities Were Built On Segregation

Thursday, Oct. 7 • 7-8:30 p.m. • Live on Zoom • Adults

Read *The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America* by Richard Rothstein. Then, join us for discussion on the racial segregation of neighborhoods. Register at elmlib.org/events.



The Common Connection is a series of programs using lectures, discussion, and critical thinking to identify topics that influence the world today – no matter who we are. Coming together with the Library to learn and discuss these complex issues is the first step towards forging a deeper understanding of the world around us and the unique individuals who comprise our community.

This issue's topic is **Remember.**

The Library invites you to revisit the past to more closely examine our collective history. The past is the framework that lends its shape to the present. Asking questions, seeking new perspectives, and discussing what came before will paint a clearer picture of how we got to where we are today—and how to move forward.

elmlib.org/common



Driving Forces: 100+ Years of Women Influencing, Buying, Designing, and Driving Automobiles

Thursday, Sept. 9 • 7-8:30 p.m. • Live on Zoom

Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom • Adults + Grades 6-12

From the very start, women have been right there next to men in the history of automobiles: influencing, buying, designing, driving, and racing! Beginning in 1888 with Bertha Benz's historic long-distance outing in a horseless carriage, explore a host of female automotive pioneers including the first woman to drive across the United States, the first female auto designers at General Motors, the need for speed women of auto racing, the first female CEO at GM, and a number of other notables. **Register at elmlib.org/events.**

A Date We Will Always Remember: September 11, 2001

Monday, Sept. 13 • 7-8:30 p.m.

Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom • Adults + Grades 6-12

On September 11, 2001, the world seemed to stop. To this day, it is a powerful tragedy that Americans remember vividly, a day when innocent lives were tragically lost. Heroes were made of the firefighters, police, first responders, and everyday Americans who sacrificed and risked their lives to help save others during and after the attacks. Historian Jim Gibbons explains the events that took place before, during, and after the attacks. **Register at elmlib.org/events.**

H Retro Cooking

Wednesday, Sept. 22 • 7-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults

Rev up your time machines—we're taking your kitchen back in time! Chef Kristyn Slick demos some favorite recipes of decades past. History has never been so tasty!

Register at elmlib.org/events.

☐ Genealogy Club: Dig Into Your Research

Monday, Oct. 4 • 7-8 p.m.
Live on Zoom • Adults + Grades 9-12

Join other genealogy enthusiasts for a virtual meeting. Bring your questions and share your knowledge. Staff is available to talk about online Library genealogy resources.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

H A Look Behind Orson Welles' "War of the Worlds" Broadcast

Tuesday, Oct. 5 • 7-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults + Grades 6-12

On the eve of Halloween 1938, a young Orson Welles broadcast a radio drama based on the novel *The War of the Worlds*. While the original broadcast had a relatively low audience, the impact it had—and continues to have—on American culture is staggering. But how much of that impact was reality, and how much has been exaggerated over the years? Were there really riots in the streets from panicked listeners? Did Orson Welles know he would frighten people, or was this an unintended accident?

Register at elmlib.org/events.

H The Great Chicago Fire

Wednesday, Oct. 6 • 7-8:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults + Grades 6-12

150 years ago, the Great Chicago Fire started on October 8, 1871, near DeKoven Street in Chicago. Approximately 300 people died in the fire, over 100,000 residents were left homeless, and over three miles of the city were destroyed. Historian Jim Gibbons discusses the events that took place before, during, and after the Great Chicago Fire and the role it played in Chicago's history. Learn the theories on how the fire began, its impact on the area and its residents, and how fire prevention and building codes were affected and updated after the fire.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

H After You're Gone: Preserving Your Genealogy Research

Monday, Oct. 11 • 7-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults

Have you ever considered what will happen to your years of genealogy research once you're gone? Learn how to ensure that your hard work is saved. Through a combination of planning, common sense, and new technologies, create an action plan for your genealogy research.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

H The Flickering Empire: Silent Film in Chicago

Wednesday, Oct. 20 • 1-2 p.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults + Grades 9-12

Hear tales from the early 20th Century, when Chicago was the unlikely capital of American film production before Hollywood. Learn about the rise and fall of Chicago movie studios in the Silent Film Era and the larger-than-life historical figures that played a role, including Thomas Edison, Charlie Chaplin, and Orson Welles. Presented by Adam Selzer, co-author of *Flickering Empire: How Chicago Invented the US Film Industry*.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

H Trick or Treat: A Cultural History of Halloween

Tuesday, Oct. 26 • 7-8:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults + Grades 9-12

Halloween, as we know it, is a surprisingly modern holiday. Learn about the true origins of the spookiest night of the year, some of the wildest ways people have celebrated, and the legends that surround this holiday.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

H Movie Melodies: The Music of Cole Porter

Thursday, Oct. 28 • 7-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults

Many beloved classic Hollywood films were made all the more memorable by the musical talents of American songwriter and composer Cole Porter. Join film historian Dr. Annette Bochenek as she presents on the influence of Cole Porter in classic film, some of his most popular songs, and his continuing legacy. Register at elmlib.org/events.

H 160 Minutes:

The Race to Save the Titanic
Wednesday, Nov. 3 • 7-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults + Grades 9-12

One hundred and sixty minutes: that is all the time rescuers had before the largest ship in the world slipped beneath the icy Atlantic. Hear tales of amazing heroism and astounding incompetence surrounding the sinking of the *Titanic* in 1912. Learn about the 28 ships involved in the rescue and the two telegraph operators who made any hope of rescue possible.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

H The Happy Invention: The History and Significance of Picture Postcards

Monday, Nov. 29 • 7-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults + Grades 9-12

In America, the first picture postcards were printed for the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago—making Illinois the birthplace of the American picture postcard. In 2016, the world's largest public collection of postcards and related materials, the Curt Teich Postcard Archives, was given to the Newberry Library. Katherine Hamilton-Smith, the founding curator of the Teich Archives, presents a look at the power and significance of picture postcards and the role Illinois played in their history.

Register at elmlib.org/events.



Write your own story with home access to Fold3 and HeritageQuest Library Edition. Research military records, search for ancestors, and look for living relatives!

Access through elmlib.org/genealogy



Social Issues Learning Group

Meet with other community members to discuss social issues, both locally and nationally. Learn more about issues of race, gender, education, poverty, and other topics by reading books and articles, listening to podcasts, or watching films, then discussing together in a respectful manner.

📍 **The U.S. Labor Market**
Thursday, Sept. 2 • 7-8:30 p.m. • Large Meeting Room
Adults

Listen to the podcast episode, “Labor Market Mysteries” from NPR’s *It’s Been a Minute with Sam Sanders*, then join us for a discussion of the 2021 U.S. labor shortage. Register at elmlib.org/events.

🖥️ **How Cities Were Built on Segregation**
Thursday, Oct. 7 • 7-8:30 p.m. • Live on Zoom • Adults

Read *The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America* by Richard Rothstein. Then, join us for discussion on the racial segregation of neighborhoods. Register at elmlib.org/events.

■ **Meet the author at a virtual program on Oct. 13.**
More info on page 16.

📍 **The Flint Water Crisis**
Thursday, Nov. 4 • 7-8:30 p.m. • Large Meeting Room
Adults

During the program, watch and discuss the PBS Frontline documentary *Flint’s Deadly Water*. Register at elmlib.org/events.



📍 Lyric Opera Lectures

Large Meeting Room • Adults

Hear the story, learn about the composer, and listen to music.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

- **Macbeth**
Sunday, Sept. 12 • 3-4 p.m.
- **Elixir of Love**
Sunday, Sept. 19 • 2:30-3:30 p.m.
- **The Magic Flute**
Sunday, Oct. 17 • 2:30-3:30 p.m.
- **Florenca en el Amazonas**
Sunday, Oct. 31 • 2:30-3:30 p.m.

📍 Ciao Italia!

Mondays, Sept. 20, Oct. 18, and Nov. 15
7-8:30 p.m. • Kossmann Room • Adults

Interested in the language and customs of Italy? Improve your Italian language skills (all skill levels welcome) and pick up travel tips to aid in your adventures.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

📍 Great Decisions

1:30-3 p.m. • Large Meeting Room • Adults

Learn about critical issues facing America with professor Gary Midkiff.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

- **The Two Koreas**
Tuesday, Sept. 28
- **The World Health Organization’s Response to Covid-19**
Tuesday, Oct. 26
- **The End of Globalization?**
Tuesday, Nov. 23

🏠 Culture Club:

Awesome Australia

Thursday, Sept. 9 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults

With his tapestry of original photographs and deep well of stories, world traveler Brian Michalski illuminates ten months of backpacking and working in the Land Down Under, including exotic destinations like the Australian Outback, Great Barrier Reef, and Tasmania. Learn about the country’s fascinating history, grand traditions, chic urban life, charming slang, deadly animals, and Aboriginal influences. This is one adventure you won’t want to miss!

Register at elmlib.org/events.

🏠 Classical Music 101

1-2:30 p.m. • Adults
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom

Classical music has produced some of humankind’s most magnificent creations, but it can be hard to get into. In five 90-minute presentations, Elmhurst music teacher Uli Widmaier opens up classical music for you and boosts your appreciation. Register at elmlib.org/events.

- **Sunday, Sept. 12**
From the Beginnings to Bach
- **Sunday, Sept. 26**
The Heart of Classical Music: Mozart, Beethoven, and Schubert
- **Sunday, Oct. 10**
Big Sounds and Big Emotions: Romantic Music
- **Sunday, Oct. 24**
Ridiculous Plots and Even Bigger Emotions: Opera
- **Sunday, Nov. 7**
Maestros and Virtuosos: The Great Performers

🏠 Culture Club:

Chicago’s Spooky Secrets

Thursday, Oct. 14 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults

Think you know Chicago? Join author Jessica Mlinaric for an hour of weird Chicago trivia from the city’s spookiest secret places. Jessica’s book, *Secret Chicago: A Guide to the Weird, Wonderful, and Obscure*, details 90 unique and unusual places, like a grave in a junkyard and an energy vortex in an alley. Test your knowledge and learn about some of Chicago’s most obscure surprises!

Register at elmlib.org/events.

H A Deeper Dive into Car Ownership and Maintenance

Friday, Oct. 15 • 7-8:30 p.m.

Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults + Grades 9-12

Are you ready to really understand what's happening under the hood of your car? Chaya Milchtein, the Mechanic Shop Femme, provides a comprehensive view of your vehicle's needs—including cleaning, fuel systems, brakes, and transmission fluid. Never live in fear of that pesky check engine light again. Register at elmlib.org/events.

H Tarot 101

Wednesday, Oct. 20 • 7-8 p.m.

Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults + Grades 9-12

Demystify the tarot with cartomancer Morgan Sedano and learn the basics of reading for fun, divination, and self-betterment. Participants tap into their intuition and discover a wonderful, magical new hobby. Register at elmlib.org/events.

H Fake News, Real News, and How to Tell the Difference

Friday, Oct. 22 • 7-8:30 p.m.

Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults + Grades 9-12

Whether you call it propaganda, urban legend, misinformation, disinformation, or alternative facts, fake news is nothing new. Learn how to identify fake news, evaluate the potential biases of the real news you're consuming, and even flex your fake news spotting skills so that you can encounter the news with more confidence.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

H Culture Club:

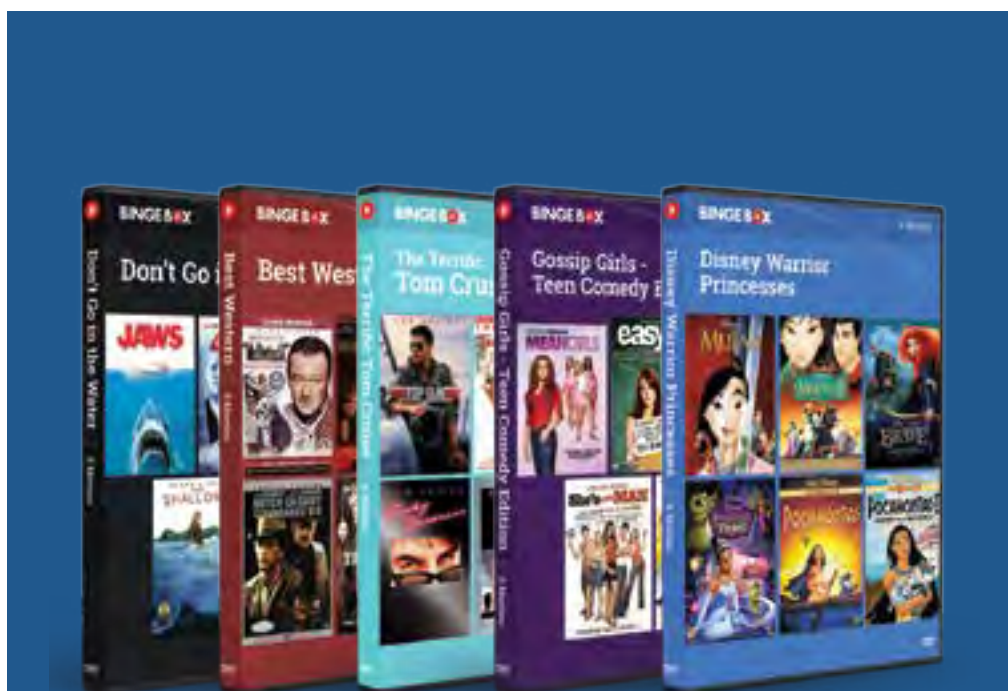
Uncover Ancient Egypt

Thursday, Nov. 11 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults

Join Nancy McCully on a trip to discover the secrets of the Pyramids of Giza, the Valley of the Kings, and the temples near Luxor and Abu Simbel. We will cruise the Nile, examine tomb paintings and reliefs, and explore Ancient Egypt's remarkable culture.

Register at elmlib.org/events.



BINGE BOX

Check out these themed sets of DVDs for a spectacular movie night!

elmlib.org/bingebox

H How Elmhurst City Government Works

Tuesday, Nov. 16 • 7-8:30 p.m.

Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults + Grades 9-12

Join Ward 1 Elmhurst City Alderman Marti Deuter for a discussion about understanding and interacting with Elmhurst local city government. Whether you're new to Elmhurst or lived here all your life, you're bound to learn something new about our community. Register at elmlib.org/events.

📺 Brooklyn Nine-Nine Trivia

Tuesday, Nov. 23 • 7-8 p.m.

Live on YouTube • Adults + Grades 9-12

Test your knowledge and compete for prizes online. For the best experience, use a computer to access the YouTube Live presentation while using a smartphone to submit your answers. Live on YouTube: Register at elmlib.org/events.

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Check out knitting needles and crochet hooks from the Library of Extraordinary Things to make these cute and cozy gifts for the winter season and beyond.

elmlib.org/knitting



Easiest Garter Stitch Slippers



Eat Your Fruits & Veggies Crochet-Along



Gaga for Granny Squares



Learn to Knit: Fingerless Gloves

Watercolor Cloth Napkins

Wednesday, Sept. 8 • 6:30-8:30 p.m. • The Makery • Adults + Grades 9-12

This easy DIY project adds a pretty splash of color to your next gathering. All materials provided. Register at elmlib.org/events.

Makery Craft: Embroidered Handkerchief

Tuesday, Sept. 14-26 • The Makery • Adults + Grades 6-12

Book a reservation during Makery hours to work on an embroidered handkerchief using the embroidery machine. All materials provided. Limit 1 per EPL card.

Contact makery@elmlib.org or (630) 279-8696 to book your session. Reservations start Tuesday, Sept. 14

Paper Bead Making

Learn how to create your own paper beads that are great for jewelry making. Repurpose old magazines or paper into beautiful beads.

■ **In Person • Monday, Sept. 27 • 6:30-8 p.m.**

The Makery • Adults + Grades 9-12

All materials provided. Register at elmlib.org/events.

■ **Virtual • Available starting Monday, Sept. 27**

@Home Kits are available at the Drive-up while supplies last.

No registration required. View at elmlib.org/youtube.

Makery Craft: Halloween + Día de los Muertos

Tuesday, Oct. 12-24 • The Makery • Adults + Grades 6-12

Book a reservation during Makery hours to create a Halloween and Día de los Muertos-inspired craft. All materials provided. Limit 1 per EPL card.

Contact makery@elmlib.org or (630) 279-8696 to book your session. Reservations start Tuesday, Sept. 14

Intro to Hand Lettering

Learn the basics of hand lettering to create beautiful custom cards, signs, and gifts. We review a variety of techniques for modern and classic styles, and demonstrate the tools of the trade and DIY methods to get the same effect with everyday pens.

■ **In Person • Monday, Oct. 25 • 7-8 p.m. • Large Meeting Room • Adults**

All materials provided. Register at elmlib.org/events.

■ **Virtual • Monday, Oct. 25 • 7-8 p.m. • Live on Zoom • Adults**

@Home Kits are available at the Drive-up starting Oct. 25, while supplies last.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

Makery Craft: Custom Apron

Reservations open Tuesday, Nov. 9-21 • The Makery • Adults + Grades 6-12

Book a reservation during Makery hours to create a custom apron using the new sublimation printer. All materials provided. Limit 1 per EPL card.

Contact makery@elmlib.org or (630) 279-8696 to book your session.

Abstract Painting with Karen Exiner

Friday, Nov. 12 • Adults + Grades 6-12

Learn from local artist Karen Exiner how to create abstract art using acrylic paint.

No registration required. View at elmlib.org/youtube.

Himmeli Wreath

Himmeli is a traditional Scandinavian art using geometric designs. Create a complicated-looking wreath with surprising ease.

■ **In Person • Monday, Nov. 22 • 7-9 p.m. • Large Meeting Room • Adults**

All materials provided. Register at elmlib.org/events.

■ **Virtual • Starting Monday, Nov. 22**

@Home Kits are available at the Drive-up while supplies last.

No registration required. View at elmlib.org/youtube.

Plan Ahead for Holiday Gift-Giving

The Makery is a popular spot in December. Plan ahead to ensure enough time to finish your projects in time for the holidays.

Makery Hours

Sunday: 1-4:30 p.m.
Monday: Closed
Tuesday: 12-8:30 p.m.
Wednesday: 12-5 p.m.
Thursday: 12-8:30 p.m.
Friday: 12-8:30 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Reserve Makery Equipment: elmlib.org/reserve

Submit a 3D Print: elmlib.org/3d

All these items can be made using equipment in the Makery: elmlib.org/holidaymakery

Some equipment available for checkout: elmlib.org/craftequipment



Laser Cutter



Pom Pom Maker



Silhouette Cameo



Sewing Machine



Cricut Explore Air



Cricut Maker



Button Maker



Embroidery Machine



Laser Cutter



3D Printer



Sublimation Printer



Library Resources for Caregivers

The task of caregiving can seem daunting and unfamiliar. We all want to provide care with compassion and dignity, but often don't know how. The Library is an excellent resource for all types of caregivers.

Caregivers' Corner Highlights

- Companion Pets:
Orange Tabby Cat, Golden Pup
- Therapy Doll
- Aquapaint Natural World Kit
- *Good Old Days* and *Reminisce* magazines
- Memory Kits:
Poland, Spain, and Bird Tales
- Sing-alongs and other musical DVDs
- Percussion sets
- Magnatiles
- LED activity tablet
- Puzzles, pattern activities, and games
- Conversation Cards

Collections of Interest

- Music CDs
- Travel Center books, magazines, and DVDs
- Nonfiction books on American history, vintage fashion, gardening, and other interests
- DVDs: Musicals, documentaries, period films, etc.
- Picture and nonfiction books with simple text and pictures in the Kids' Library
- Stream classic films with the Kanopy app
- Stream music through Naxos Music Library at elmlib.org/digital

Library Activities

- Use the Makery to turn a favorite family photo into a piece of art.
- Attend Inclusive programs together. (next page)

Our Staff

Ask Adult Services staff to help you locate other resources on caregiving.

Caregivers' Corner is located on the 2nd floor next to the magazines and the large type collection. Contact reference@elmlib.org for more info.

Caregiver Collection: Activity Ideas



Calm + Comfort

- Interact in a distraction-free setting. Call ahead to find a good time.
- Brush hair, apply hand lotion, give a scalp massage, or hold hands.
- Support your loved one through hard times. Offer them something soft to squeeze.



Reminisce + Learn

- Find nonfiction books with eye-catching pictures to go through together.
- Gather five facts about a travel destination, musician, or historical event.
- Bring themed sensory items to smell, touch, taste, feel, and hear.



Music + Memory

- Engage and stimulate your loved one's mind by exploring different types of music.
- Reduce anxiety, ease the mood, and fill uncomfortable silences by listening together.
- Show videos of performers they listened to throughout their lifetime.



Brain Games + Puzzles

- Connect brain exercises to meaningful tasks, such as sorting and counting.
- Bring puzzles/games ranging in difficulty to find the right fit.
- Start an activity like pattern block exercises or simple crafts. Invite them to participate.



Connect

- Have kids and adults read a picture book aloud or go through family photos.
- Observe the environment around you – go for a walk and discuss the sights.
- Reintroduce yourself. Be understanding if your loved one doesn't recognize you.

 In-person event  Virtual event  Hybrid event

Staying Mentally Fit

Tuesdays, Sept. 7, Oct. 5, and Nov. 2
1:30-2:30 p.m. • Kossmann Room • Seniors

Join us for fun mental enrichment. Programs vary each month and may include games, puzzles, and other activities that boost memory, reasoning, and cognitive abilities. Register at elmlib.org/events.

Addiction: Choice or Disease?

Friday, Sept. 10 • 10-11 a.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults + Grades 9-12

Is addiction a choice or is it a disease? Addiction is something that has touched almost every person's life. In honor of National Recovery Month, learn more about addiction and ask questions with Tracey, EPL's Social Services Specialist, who is also a Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor. Register at elmlib.org/events.

Protecting Seniors from Scams

Wednesday, Sept. 15 • 1-2 p.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Seniors

Learn how to protect yourself against consumer fraud. Hear about new scams and find out how to recognize and report consumer fraud and different types of scams such as impostor, home repair, and health care scams. Presented by the Office of the Illinois Attorney General. Register at elmlib.org/events.

Medicare Solutions

Thursday, Sept. 23 • 7-8 p.m.
Live on Zoom • Adults

Medicare can be confusing. Learn what it covers, what it doesn't, and your potential out-of-pocket expenses, including Supplement and Advantage plans; Part D prescription coverage; and cost-saving strategies. Register at elmlib.org/events.

Chair Yoga

Fridays, Sept. 24, Oct. 22, and Nov. 26
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • Seniors

Join certified yoga instructor Ann Rinderer for a series of simple movements to strengthen and stretch your whole body while comfortably seated in a chair. No prior yoga experience required. Register at elmlib.org/events.

NAMI Friends and Family

Friday, Oct. 8 • 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults + Grades 9-12

Join representatives from the National Alliance on Mental Health (NAMI) to understand diagnoses, treatment and recovery options, effective communication, self-care, crisis preparation, and community resources. Trained representatives share their own experiences of supporting a family member with a mental health condition. Register at elmlib.org/events.

Is It Alzheimer's or Dementia?

Wednesday, Nov. 17 • 1-2 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • Seniors

Alzheimer's disease and dementia are often used interchangeably. Learn how the two diagnoses, while related, are remarkably different. Joan and Mike O'Brien from Independence-4-Seniors Home Care review causes and warning signs of both disorders as well as how to receive a diagnosis and treatment. Register at elmlib.org/events.

Library Insiders

We welcome all Elmhurst patrons to take part in Library activities, regardless of physical or mental ability. Library Insiders are programs specially designed for adults with intellectual disabilities.

Karaoke Night

Wednesday, Sept. 1 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • Adults

Join us for a karaoke celebration. Eat pizza, sing karaoke, and celebrate the beginning of autumn! Register at elmlib.org/events.

Next Chapter Book Club

Wednesdays, Sept. 15, 29, Oct. 13, 27, and Nov. 10
6:30-7:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • Adults

The Next Chapter Book Club (NCBC) is a literacy program for adults with intellectual disabilities. The goal of this book club is to read an entire novel by taking turns reading aloud. Anyone can join NCBC, regardless of reading ability. Register at elmlib.org/events.

Social Services Specialist

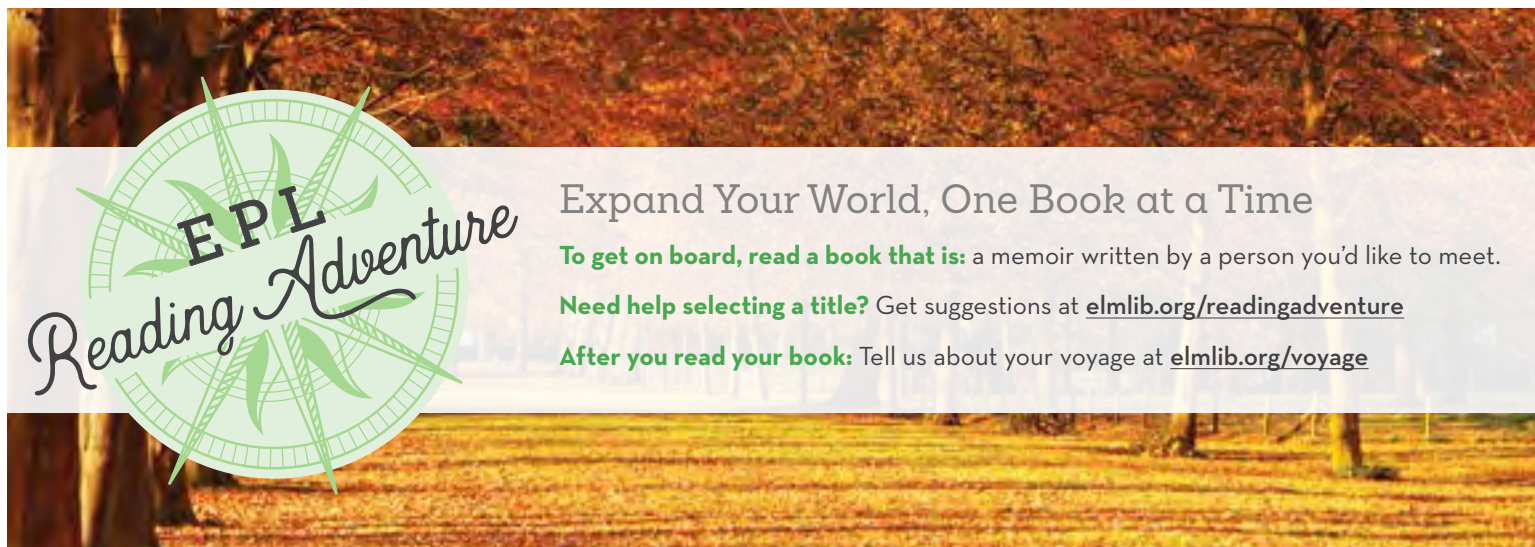
Tracey Orick is available via phone, email, or by appointment. She can help with referrals for housing, food, employment services, and mental health needs.

Phone: (630) 279-8696
Email: Tracey.Orick@elmlib.org



BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Books available at the Library for EPL cardholders. Find digital books at elmlib.org/ebooks

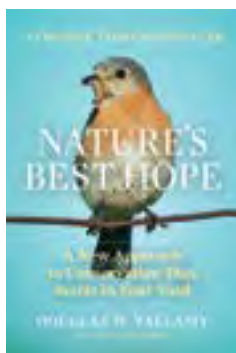


Expand Your World, One Book at a Time

To get on board, read a book that is: a memoir written by a person you'd like to meet.

Need help selecting a title? Get suggestions at elmlib.org/readingadventure

After you read your book: Tell us about your voyage at elmlib.org/voyage



One Book, One Community

Nature's Best Hope by Douglas W. Tallamy

📍 **Thursday, Sept. 16 • 1-2:15 p.m. • Gathering Room • Adults**

📺 **Thursday, Sept. 16 • 7-8:15 p.m. • Live on Zoom • Adults**

With 95% of the USA developed, 3 billion birds lost in the last 50 years, and insect species declining and endangered, Professor Douglas W. Tallamy's solution is to set up functional ecosystems in our yards; in effect, to create the Homegrown National Park, with an estimated 20 million acres of conservation corridors. "The quality of our lives depends on the quality of our local ecosystems," he says, urging us to take part in his plan to preserve wildlife.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

■ See page 16 for author visit information.



Halloween Book Discussion

The Haunting of Hill House by Shirley Jackson

📍 **Friday, Oct. 29 • 1-2:15 p.m. • Gathering Room • Adults**

📺 **Friday, Oct. 29 • 7-8:15 p.m. • Live on Zoom • Adults**

In this classic novel, a National Book Award nominee, Dr. John Montague invites people involved in "abnormal events" to spend the summer with him at a notoriously haunted mansion known as Hill House, to assist in recording any evidence of psychic phenomena. Three people arrive, including the heir of the old house, and begin to experience spooky occurrences that defy explanation and cause the guests to wonder if the house is targeting one of them.

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They Called Us Enemy

📍 **Thursday, Nov. 18 • 1-2:15 p.m. • Gathering Room • Adults**

📺 **Thursday, Nov. 18 • 7-8:15 p.m. • Live on Zoom • Adults**

Star Trek actor Takei shares memories of childhood years spent with his family in an internment camp for Japanese Americans during World War II. This graphic novel depicts the family's forced selling of their house in Los Angeles, their move into a horse stable, and finally their travel to the isolated barracks of a federal work facility under armed guard and behind barbed wire. Throughout, the family faces difficult choices and Takei's father teaches him about his faith in American democracy—lessons that inspire his future.

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20s/30s Book Discussions

📍 **Wisdom from a Humble Jellyfish**

by Rani Shah

📍 **Friday, Sept. 10 • 7-8:15 p.m.**

Gathering Room • 20s/30s Adults

From the resting habits of jellyfish to the pearl-producing immune response of oysters, nature has a lot of lessons to teach us about dealing with adversity if you know where to look. This charmingly illustrated book will guide and delight you with self-care tips and interesting plant and animal trivia to help the lessons stick.

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📍 **The Midnight Library** by Matt Haig

📍 **Thursday, Nov. 11 • 7-8:15 p.m.**

Gathering Room • 20s/30s Adults

Who hasn't imagined how their life would be different if they made other choices? In this bestselling novel, Nora Seed is an unhappy woman at a personal crossroads who finds herself in a mystical library of infinite books, each representing a life she could have lived, and an enigmatic librarian who gives her the opportunity to exchange her life for a different one. Nora's excursions into different lives and her eventual decisions deliver intriguing philosophical lessons on fulfillment and regret.

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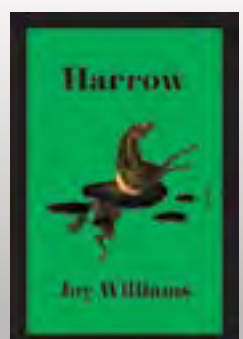
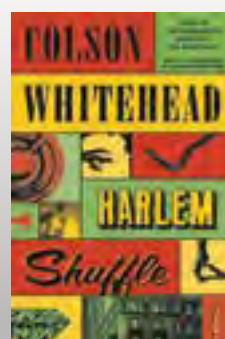
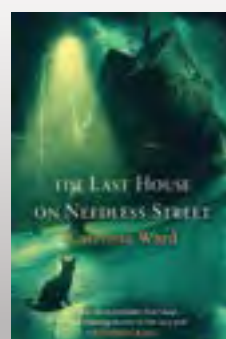
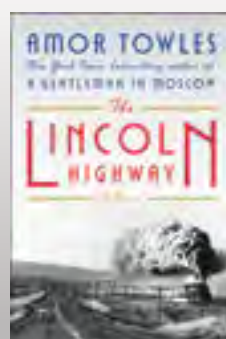
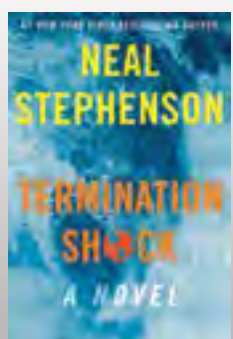
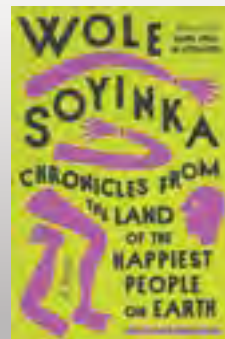
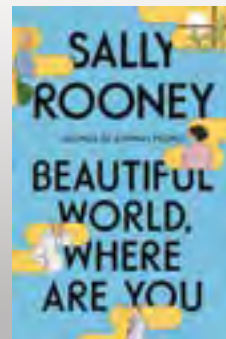
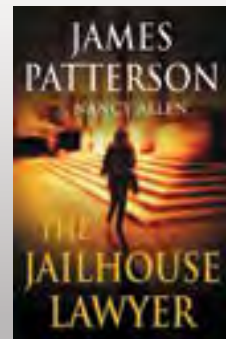
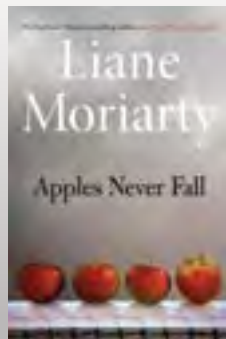
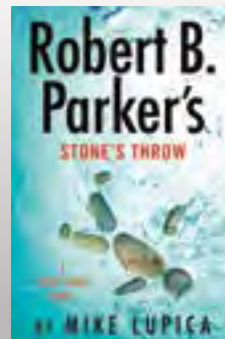
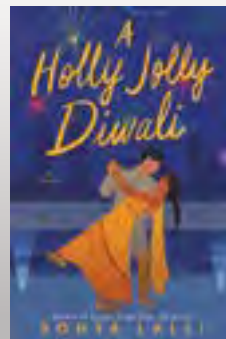
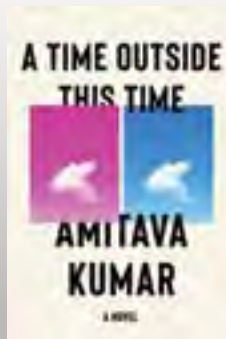
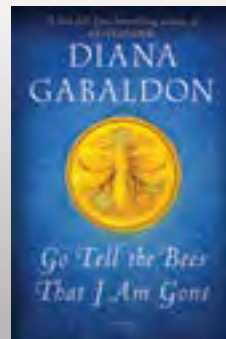
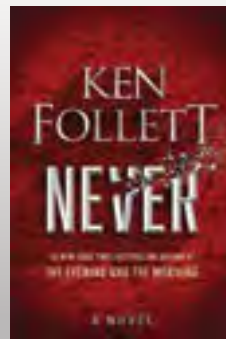
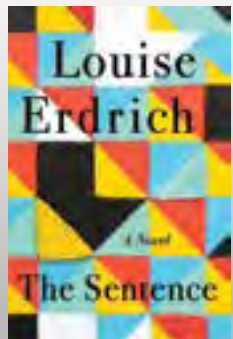
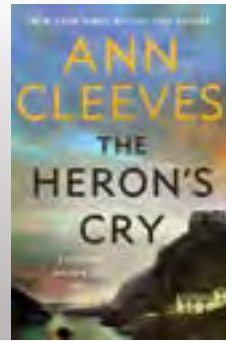
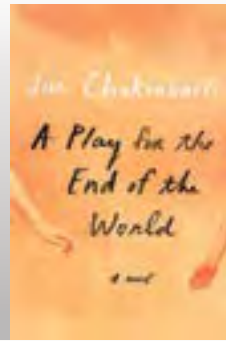
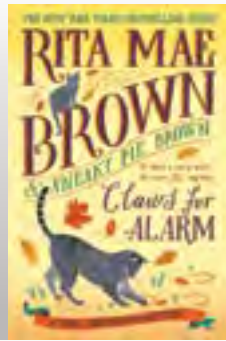
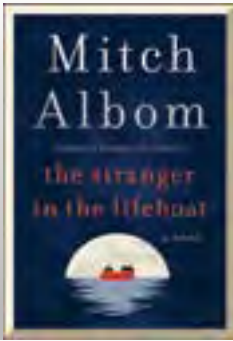
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ECRWSS POSTAL CUSTOMER



In collaboration with the Elmhurst Park District and local Eagle Scout candidate, Tyler Janiak, the Library is excited to debut Elmhurst's community StoryWalk® Project this Fall.

Tyler conceived the idea of providing his community with a StoryWalk® after learning about its mission to promote early literacy, physical activity, and family time together in nature. This matched up perfectly with Tyler's interests and is in line with both the Park District's and Library's outreach efforts, too. Additionally, Tyler prototyped the display panels, coordinated with stakeholders, raised funds, and built the stands for the StoryWalk® as part of his project.

The Elmhurst community StoryWalk® is located in Eldridge Park. The first panel can be found near the playground and follows the path that goes west, between the soccer fields.

Tomorrow I'll Be Kind by Jessica Hische is the debut StoryWalk® title. We invite the whole community to participate!

The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Storywalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.

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LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS

Third Tuesday of each month
7 p.m. at the Library

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LIBRARY CLOSED

Monday, Sept. 6 • Labor Day
Thursday, Nov. 25 • Thanksgiving

For COVID-19 related updates,
visit elmlib.org/covid-19

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M-F: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Sat: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
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