Inside

Common Connection: A Symphony of Stories
Holidays with EPL
One Book, One Elmhurst: American Like Me edited by America Ferrera

Prepare To Be Amazed
Spooky Season
Have a frightfully good time with stories and crafts for all ages to get you in the Halloween spirit.

Technology
Stretch your skill set by using our high-end equipment and software for your projects.

Common Connection: A Symphony of Stories
These programs and performances will be music to your ears.

One Book, One Elmhurst
Real stories of real people growing up between cultures in the U.S.

Holidays with EPL
The small, personal touches can mean the most. Make the season brighter by using the Library.

Language Support
Foreign language collections, learning tools, and staff assistance when you need it.

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More Than Books

September is Library Card Sign-up Month! EPL is well-used by our community, but people are often surprised by the variety of resources available to cardholders.

Here are some things we've found people are delighted to find out the Library offers:

- **Special Collections**: Magazines, wifi hotspots, board games, crafting tools, baking pans, kitchen gadgets, streaming services, and more!
- **Culture Passes**: Find free or discounted admission to fun and educational places throughout the state!
- **Creative Spaces**: The Makery, located in the basement, and the Creative Studio, located on the 2nd Floor, offer tools and software to innovate and execute projects that may not be possible from home.
- **Services**: Homebound Delivery, MediaMatch, Library FactCheck, Career Help, and Business Research are just a few of the ways Library staff offer assistance.
- **Meeting Rooms**: The Library offers a variety of spaces for people to meet, work, and study.
- **Events**: Programs are held in-person, virtually, or hybrid, for all ages throughout the year!

We like to think of library cards as the smartest card in your wallet, and we hope you do, too! If you don’t already have an EPL card, come on in to get one today.

Verify Information

With elections coming up this fall, the Library is here to help find accurate information on candidate positions and news reports. When you’re not sure what to believe, here are some of the ways the Library can support your information gathering:

- **Election Binder**: Librarians collect information on every candidate for each election cycle. Look through the information before filling out your ballot! Available on the 2nd Floor at least one week prior to the election.
- **Library FactCheck**: Our expert researchers can help you separate fact from fiction with our extensive collections. [elmlib.org/FactCheck](http://elmlib.org/FactCheck)
- **NewsGuard Browser Extension**: This tool combats misinformation by showing a trust rating for more than 7,500 news and information websites. Ratings are based on apolitical criteria that are the foundation of reliable journalism. Now available on the 2nd Floor computers.

Attending Programs

Registration is required for programs unless otherwise noted.

Event Key:

- ![In-person](https://example.com/in-person.png)
- ![Virtual](https://example.com/virtual.png)
- ![Hybrid](https://example.com/hybrid.png)

- **Hybrid**: These events are offered both in-person at the Library and online. Register at [elmlib.org/events](http://elmlib.org/events) for the format of your choice to reserve your seat or receive the link to join from home. Note: If a presenter is virtual, it will be included in the event description.
- **YouTube**: No registration required. Just visit [elmlib.org/YouTube](http://elmlib.org/YouTube) to watch.
- **Zoom**: Register at [elmlib.org/events](http://elmlib.org/events) or call us to receive an email and link to the live stream. Note: Not online? Call us to learn how you can listen to Zoom programs via phone.
- **Discord or Roll20**: Register at [elmlib.org/events](http://elmlib.org/events) to receive the information to join.

ADA Accommodations

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

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[elmlib.org/card](http://elmlib.org/card)
Follow @AskElmhurst on Instagram to keep up with your library community.
Find more info at elmlib.org/community.

Of Thee I Sing Exhibit
September-November • 2nd Floor
Of Thee I Sing explores the intersection of entertainment, politics, and patriotism in Broadway musicals, from George and Ira Gershwin’s Of Thee I Sing to Lin-Manuel Miranda’s megahit, Hamilton. This exhibit is on loan from The Great American Songbook Foundation.

Spooky Selfies
Month of October • All Ages • Lobby
Get ready for Halloween at the Library by taking a picture at our spooktacular selfie station in the Lobby. Share your frightful poses by using #ElmhurstPublicLibrary.

#BookstagramEPL
Ongoing • All Ages • Online
This fall’s programming theme is A Symphony of Stories. Share your favorite books and movies about music with us! While you’re at it, show us your favorite albums too. Use #BookstagramEPL to let us know and keep the playlist going strong.
JOIN US AT ROCK THE BLOCK!
Saturday, Sept. 10 • 11 a.m.-5 p.m.
Offsite: Elmhurst City Centre
See us at the Family Fun Area, play a game, and make a take-home library craft.

Music Factory
Mondays, Sept. 12, 19, and 26 • 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.

Getting Started with T-Trak
Model Trains
Saturday, Sept. 17 • 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Kids’ Library • Families
See model trains built with T-Trak and learn how to get started with this hobby for all ages. Members of the Elmhurst T-Trak Club will be available to answer questions.

MiniMakers: Tot and a Grown-up T-shirt Time
Wednesday, Sept. 21 • 6:15-7:15 p.m.
The Makery • Ages 3-5 w/adult
Preschoolers and their grown-ups will learn to make a unique t-shirt with a little creativity and a heat press.

School of Rock Instrument Petting Zoo
Saturday, Sept. 24 • 2-3 p.m.
Outside: Kids’ Patio • All Ages
Join Elmhurst School of Rock staff to try out instruments on the Kids’ Library Patio. Try your skills at electric guitar, drums, and more.
No registration required.

Book Haunt
Month of October • Kids’ Library • All Ages
Haunt your home by reading stories in kooky places and earn a spooky surprise! Pick up a Book Haunt sheet at the Kids’ Help Desk or print a copy out from our website. When you’ve completed your sheet, bring it in for a small prize.
No registration required.

Indigenous Art: Learn and Make
Monday, Oct. 10 • 10:30-11:15 a.m.
Large Meeting Room • Families
Enjoy Native American tales, learn about some traditions of indigenous arts, and create your own art to take home.

Diwali Party
Saturday, Oct. 22 • 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • Families
Celebrate the holiday of Diwali with stories and music. Learn some traditional dance moves with the Meher Dance Company.
Tickets are available starting at 9 a.m. the morning of the program.

Kids Vote
Nov. 4-8 • Kids’ Library • Families
Use your voice! Cast your ballot in the Kids’ Library for Robots vs. Dinosaurs, Pancakes vs. Waffles, and more. On Wednesday, Nov. 9, see if you voted for the winners.
No registration required.

Make and Take Ornament
Friday, Nov. 4 • 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Kids’ Program Room • Grades K-8
Make two ornaments, one to take home and one to add to the Library’s holiday tree in Wilder Park!
No registration required.

Guess the Mystery Character
Tuesdays in November
Kids’ Library • Families
Can you guess the mystery character? Each week, look for clues in the Kids’ Library. If you solve the mystery, you can earn a small prize!
No registration required.

STEM Drop-in
Nov. 21, 22, 23, 25, and 26 • 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Kids’ Library • Grades K-8
Drop in to the Kids’ Library for fun STEM projects this week. Enjoy a different activity each day, while supplies last.
No registration required.

STREAM kits offer kids the chance to discover and learn all year long. Inspired by STEM learning, we’ve added Art and Reading to the mix to offer kids a great foundation to learn and grow upon. Each bag offers an engaging hands-on activity.

More info at elmlib.org/stream
**Coming Attractions**

Reserve your copy online: elmlib.org/KidsNewBooks
Register for programs at elmlib.org/events unless otherwise noted.

**Homeschool Explorers**
Tuesdays, Sept. 13, Oct. 11, and Nov. 8
1-3 p.m. • Kids’ Program Room • Grades K-8
Join us for hands-on activities each month. From STEM, to art, to creative writing, we have lots for homeschool families to explore.

For topic and registration information, visit elmlib.org/HomeschoolEvents.

**Letter Bug Crafting**
Wednesday, Sept. 7 • 6-7 p.m.
Kids’ Program Room • Grades 3-5
Create a buggy work of art by writing or printing your name! Learn to make letter bugs, and share them with family and friends.

**Migration: Animals on the Move**
Friday, Sept. 16 • 4-4:45 p.m.
Kids’ Program Room • Grades K-2
Where do all those birds and bugs go in the fall? Learn about animal migration, and enjoy cool science and art activities on the topic.

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Kids’ Program Room • Grades 2-8
Join us for some video game fun on the big TV in the Kids’ Program Room.

**Aaron Reynolds Creepy Capers**
Friday, Sept. 30 • 4-5 p.m.
Kids’ Program Room • Grades K-2
Enjoy lots of fun activities celebrating Aaron Reynolds and his books, including the release of his newest book, Creepy Crayon!

**Read to the Dogs**
Saturdays, Oct. 8 and Nov. 12 • 2-3:30 p.m.
Kids’ Program Room • Grades K-8
Bring a book or choose one of ours, and read aloud to one of our visiting therapy dogs.

**Who Would Win? Animals Edition**
Friday, Oct. 14 • 4-5 p.m.
Kids’ Program Room • Grades 2-4
Choose which animals you think would win in these battles royale. Learn their strengths and weaknesses, then cast your vote!

**Code Ninjas**
Monday, Oct. 17 • 4-5 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • Grades K-8
If you like computers, you’ll love Code Ninjas! Build video games, learn to code, do STEM activities, and have a blast!

**Chameleon Color Science**
Tuesday, Oct. 25 • 4-4:45 p.m.
Kids’ Program Room • Grades K-2
Explore the science of colors and those amazing color-changing animals, chameleons.

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DIY Terrarium Workshop  
**Monday, Sept. 19 • 6-7 p.m.**  
The Makery • Grades 6-8  
Join us for this fun and educational DIY program. Design your terrarium with decorative stones, moss, sand, plants, and more. We’ll also discuss how to keep your terrarium from drying out.

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Grades 2-8  
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Nerf Battle  
**Friday, Oct. 14 • 6-7:30 p.m.**  
Kids’ Program Room • Grades 6-8  
Join us for a friendly Nerf battle! Build your very own fortress to protect yourself from the opposing team. Do you have the skills to survive this battle?

The Science of Sound—WITH LASERS!  
**Friday, Nov. 18 • 4:30-5:30 p.m.**  
Large Meeting Room • Grades 6-8  
Learn about the physics of sound using the coolest science equipment we have: lasers! We’ll experiment with sound vibrations to create a spectacular show.

Middle School  
Coming Attractions  
Reserve your copy online:  
elmlib.org/MSNewBooks
Spill!  
Every Thursday  
(No sessions on school holidays)  
4-5 p.m. • Teen Space • Grades 9-12  
A chance for teens to share thoughts and explore current topics with EPL’s on staff social worker.  
No registration required.

Teen Video Game Tourney  
Every Wednesday • 7-8:30 p.m.  
Kossmann Room • Grades 9-12  
Put your skills to the test to be the ultimate victor in our tournaments for Smash Bros. and other games.

Game Hangout  
Every other Monday • 5-6 p.m.  
Live on Discord • Grades 9-12  
Chat and play your favorite games, such as Minecraft, Stellaris, Genshin Impact, Jackbox Party Pack, or anything else you can think of!

Dungeons & Dragons  
Tuesdays, Sept. 13, Oct. 11, and Nov. 8  
6-9 p.m. • Live on Roll20 and Discord  
Grades 6-12  
Join us for an original campaign led by internationally acclaimed DM Thomas Lewis.

School of Rock Jam Session  
Monday, Sept. 19 • 5:30-7 p.m.  
Teen Space • Grades 9-12  
Join School of Rock for an interactive workshop where teens will learn to play popular rock songs on real instruments!

High School Crafternoon  
Tuesdays, Sept. 27, Oct. 25, and Nov. 22  
4-5:30 p.m. • Teen Space • Grades 9-12  
Each month we provide materials and ideas. Take home a new skill and a finished project!

Teen Advisors  
Grades 9-12  
Plan Library programs for teens, voice your opinion, and make new friends.  
Please email eplteen@elmlib.org for more info.

Teen Showcase Gallery  
Grades 9-12  
High Schoolers: submit your work at elmlib.org/EntryShowcase for consideration.  
All mediums welcome! This includes art, industrial design, crafts, culinary creations, music recordings, videos, and more.

College Prep

Begin Your College Search  
Monday, Sept. 12 • 7-8 p.m. • Kossmann Room • Live on Zoom • Grades 9-12 • Parents  
Finding the right college does not just mean choosing where your child will live for the next four years. It means finding the best academic, social, and financial fit for them.

Understanding the Sticker Price of Higher Education  
Thursday, Sept. 29 • 7-8 p.m. • Kossmann Room • Live on Zoom • Grades 9-12 • Parents  
Each year the price of college tuition rises higher than the rate of inflation. 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.

College Financial Aid Process  
Monday, Nov. 7 • 7-8 p.m. • Kossmann Room • Live on Zoom • Grades 9-12 • Parents  
This session outlines the general financial aid process and insight on how financial aid works, how to apply for it, eligibility, and how it can be used to help pay for college.

Financial Aid Application Completion Workshop  
Monday, Nov. 14 • 7-8:30 p.m. • Computer Lab • Grades 9-12 • Parents  
Get help completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid (Alternative Application).
HALLOWEEN FOR ALL AGES

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Spooky Selfies
Month of October • All Ages • Lobby
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SPOOKY SEASON

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Scary Writing Contest Winners Read Their Stories
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Large Meeting Room • Families
Be prepared to get scared! Student winners of the Short and Scary Writing Contest share their spooky tales.

ADULTS

Creative Card Making
Monday, Oct. 3 • 2-3 p.m. • The Makery
Join us for step-by-step instruction to create cards for Halloween. All supplies provided.

Braided Pumpkin
Wednesday, Oct. 19 • 2-3 p.m.
Meeting Room A • Adults
This yarn-covered pumpkin is soft and cozy—perfect for fall! All supplies provided.

If the Broom Fits: Halloween and the History of Witches
Monday, Oct. 24 • 7-8 p.m. • Live on Zoom
Adults + Grades 9-12
Have you ever wondered, especially on Halloween, why witches are depicted as riding on brooms through the nighttime sky? How did the benevolent image of a wise woman transform into the malevolent figure of the witch we know today?

GreenMan Theatre Presents: Spooky Stories
Thursday, Oct. 27 • 7-8:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • Live on Zoom
Adults + Grades 6-12
Hear a collection of spine-chilling stories in a reader’s theater performance from GreenMan Theatre.

Halloween Nostalgia
Friday, Oct. 28 • 7-8:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • 20s/30s Adults
Relive the fun you had at Halloween parties as a kid. We’re bringing back all of your old favorites, from toilet paper mummies to pumpkin decorating, plus spooky treats. It’ll be a graveyard smash! Costumes encouraged.
Register for programs at elmlib.org/events unless otherwise noted.

Digital Media Spaces and Resources
Located on the 2nd Floor, the Creative Studio offers access to high-end equipment and software needed to complete digital, audio, visual, and graphic design projects. We aim to provide useful tools for professional, personal, and school-related projects.

Find details at elmlib.org/creative

Creating Holiday Cards Online
Wednesday, Sept. 7 • 3-4 p.m.
Computer Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12
Learn to easily design and create eye-catching greeting cards using online tools.

Canva Basics
Thursday, Sept. 8 • 3-4 p.m.
Computer Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12
Get an introduction to Canva, an online graphic design tool. Canva can be used to create social media graphics, presentations, posters, invitations, and other visual content.

Zoom Virtual Events for Everyone
Monday, Sept. 12 • 5-6 p.m.
Computer Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12
Events, discussions, meetings, and more are taking place on Zoom. Learn how you can access this platform to attend or host events.

Analog to Digital Conversion
Tuesday, Sept. 13 • 6-7:30 p.m.
Computer Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12
Get to know equipment that will convert your cassettes, records, film, and VHS tapes into a digital format.

Senior Tech Series
Computer Lab • Seniors
Smartphones & Tablets
Thursday, Sept. 15 • 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
How to Download eMaterials
Thursday, Oct. 27 • 2-3 p.m.
Introduction to Social Media Platforms
Thursday, Nov. 17 • 2-3 p.m.

LinkedIn Profile Portraits
Gathering Room • Adults + Grades 9-12
Tuesday, Sept. 27 • 12:15-1:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 27 • 6-7:30 p.m.
Receive a digital headshot to use on LinkedIn or any other personal or professional applications. Bring a USB flash drive to get your pictures.
No registration required.

Microsoft Office
Thursday, Sept. 29 • 2-3 p.m.
Computer Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12
We’ll give you an overview of Word, PowerPoint, and Excel, and provide examples of projects you may use with each.

Windows 11 Essentials
Monday, Oct. 10 • 5-6 p.m. • Computer Lab Adults + Grades 9-12
Find out about the new Windows 11 features.

Android OS
Tuesday, Oct. 11 • 3-4 p.m. • Computer Lab Adults + Grades 9-12
Learn more about your Android device and gain new skills. We’ll show you some useful apps and answer your questions.

PowerPoint Essentials
Thursday, Oct. 13 • 3-4 p.m.
Computer Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12
Learn the basics and features of PowerPoint to create slideshows and presentations.

Excel Intermediate
Wednesday, Oct. 19 • 6-7:30 p.m.
Computer Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12
Learn additional Excel functions and formulas that are often used in the program.

Cloud Storage Services
Thursday, Oct. 20 • 2-3 p.m.
Computer Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12
Navigate popular cloud storage options including Google Drive, iCloud, OneDrive, and Dropbox.

Video Editing 101
Tuesday, Nov. 8 • 6-7:30 p.m.
Computer Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12
Using Premiere Elements software, we’ll show you the basics of editing video content.

Excel Advanced Topics
Wednesday, Nov. 9 • 6-7:30 p.m.
Computer Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12
Learn advanced features of Excel including PMT, vlookup, and more.

iPhone iOS
Thursday, Nov. 10 • 2-3 p.m.
Computer Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12
Discover the latest features of the iPhone and its operating system.

Google Drive
Tuesday, Nov. 29 • 2-3 p.m.
Computer Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12
Learn about Google Drive and applications included like Docs, Sheets, and Slides.

Drop-in Tech Help
Find solutions to your tech questions by stopping by the 2nd Floor or remotely, through our Virtual Info Desk.
elmlib.org/virtual
Elmhurst Business Connection
Thursdays, Sept. 15, Oct. 20, and Nov. 17
8-9:30 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.

Resumes vs. Robots
Monday, Sept. 19 • 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Kossmann Room • Adults
When you submit an online job application, computers determine if you are a qualified candidate. Get tips on how to get your resume past the bots and into the hands of a human being. Presented with People’s Resource Center.

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Receive a digital headshot portrait that you can use for your LinkedIn profile or any other personal or professional applications. Dress for success! Bring a USB flash drive to get your pictures.
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Etsy for Business
Thursday, Oct. 6 • 6-7:30 p.m.
Computer Lab • Adults • Grades 9-12
Learn about selling on Etsy, an online marketplace for handmade, vintage, custom, and unique gifts.

Multi-Generational & Multicultural U.S. Workplace
Monday, Oct. 17 • 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Kossmann Room • Adults
The U.S. workforce is more generationally and culturally diverse than ever before. Communicating and working with different generations and cultures requires patience and understanding. Learn how to value new ideas and embrace the change that each individual brings. Presented with People’s Resource Center.

Job Prep Week: September 19-25
Did you know that September is the busiest month for job hunting? During Job Prep Week, watch classes on your own schedule to help you in your job search whether you are unemployed, underemployed, or looking to change careers.

Resume Workshop
Discover how to create a document unique to your skills, experience, and goals, as well as how to avoid common mistakes and overcome issues like work gaps or age discrimination.

Cover Letters Made Simple
Follow along with our step-by-step explanation to help create a cover letter unique to you that complements your resume and highlights your skills.

No-Stress Phone and Video Interviews
Learn the difference between types of interviews and how to prepare for them, as well as tips on presenting your best self when you’re not actually in the room.

Ace Your In-Person Interview
Wow an employer at your interview! A job coach explains how to prepare, research a company, dress the part, answer questions with ease, sell yourself, and follow up afterwards.
The Common Connection is a series of programs using lectures, discussion, and critical thinking to identify topics that influence the world today. This issue’s topic is A Symphony of Stories.

Music weaves our stories together. Certain songs can transport us to a time we fell in love—or help mend a broken heart. Music evokes times in history, shapes cultures, and inspires political movements. Your Library has an entire playlist of programs designed to get you examining, discussing, and enjoying the soundtrack of our lives.

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Pub Trivia
Offsite: Fitz’s Pub, 172 N. Addison • Adults
Test how well you know your music with a pub quiz, and compete for prizes! Bring a group of up to six people, or let us match you up with other individuals to play as a team.
- Music Trivia: General Knowledge
  Thursday, Sept. 1 • 7-8:30 p.m.
- Music Trivia: The 90s!
  Thursday, Oct. 6 • 7-8:30 p.m.

Music Crash Course
Large Meeting Room • Live on Zoom
Adults + Grades 6-12
Enhance your understanding and enjoyment of music by learning about the creation process.
- Conducting 101
  Tuesday, Sept. 13 • 7-8 p.m.
- Songwriting 101
  Tuesday, Oct. 18 • 7-8 p.m.
- Music Recording 101
  Tuesday, Nov. 22 • 7-8 p.m.

Lyric Opera Lectures
Kossmann Room • Adults + Grades 9-12
- Ernani
  Sunday, Sept. 18 • 2:30-3:30 p.m.
- Le Comte Ory
  Sunday, Oct. 30 • 2:30-3:30 p.m.
- Don Carlos
  Sunday, Nov. 6 • 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Music Coasters
Tuesday, Sept. 20 • 7-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • Adults + Grades 9-12
Make a unique set of drink coasters using vintage sheet music and a little creativity.

Old-Time Radio and the Great American Songbook
Wednesday, Sept. 21 • 2-3 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • Live on Zoom
Adults
Listen to recordings of some of the greatest songwriters as they were heard on the radio, including Johnny Mercer, Irving Berlin, Cole Porter, and George Gershwin.

Ukulele Circle
Thursdays, Sept. 22 and Oct. 27 • 7-8 p.m.
Gathering Room • Adults + Grades 6-12
It takes less than a minute to learn a few chords on the ukulele, and you’re ready to tell your story through song! Jam along or listen to music ranging from folk to rock.
Concerts
Large Meeting Room • Adults + Grades 6-12
Join us for a series of live performances from local musicians.
Andrew Estrada Plays The Beatles
Friday, Sept. 23 • 7-8 p.m.
The Throwbacks
Sunday, Sept. 25 • 2-3 p.m.
Bird & Butterfly
Friday, Oct. 14 • 7-8 p.m.

Latinos in Illinois and the U.S.A.: Music as a Cultural History
Monday, Sept. 26 • 7-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom Adults + Grades 6-12
Journalist and Illinois Humanities Road Scholar Catalina Maria Johnson, Ph.D., highlights milestones of the last 75 years of music in the Latino U.S. as a way of understanding the history and concerns of Latinos.

American Stories Through Song
Monday, Oct. 3 • 7-8 p.m.
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Dance instructor Denita Inez demonstrates basic steps and movements of salsa dancing. While you practice the footwork, learn about the history of salsa dancing and how styles vary throughout the world.

The History of the Hollywood Musical
Thursday, Nov. 10 • 7-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom Adults + Grades 9-12
Follow the evolution of the Hollywood musical through the years with film historian Dr. Annette Bochenek. Sing and dance along as we rediscover some of the hit films, biggest stars, and popular songs.

One Book, One Elmhurst: Author Visit with Frank Waln
Monday, Nov. 28 • 7-8:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom Adults + Grades 6-12
Join us for an evening with Frank Waln, one of the authors featured in our 2022 One Book, One Elmhurst read, American Like Me. With the aid of his guitar and Native flutes, Waln shares his experiences and reflections through powerful storytelling. See page 16 for more information.

The History of James Taylor and Carly Simon
Wednesday, Nov. 30 • 7-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom Adults
In the early 1970s, singer/songwriters ruled the radio, and the ultimate power couple was James Taylor and Carly Simon. Music historian Gary Wenstrup traces the arc of their careers from “Fire and Rain” to “Shower the People” to “Coming Around Again.” Plus, learn about Carly’s #1 hit, “You’re So Vain,” just in time for its 50th anniversary. The marriage didn’t last, but the hits sure have!

Exhibit: Of Thee I Sing: Politics on Stage
September-November • 2nd Floor
Of Thee I Sing explores the intersection of entertainment, politics, and patriotism in Broadway musicals, from George and Ira Gershwin’s Of Thee I Sing to Lin-Manuel Miranda’s megahit, Hamilton. This exhibit is on loan from The Great American Songbook Foundation.
One Book, One Elmhurst

About the Program

One Book, One Elmhurst 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

American Like Me: Reflections on Life Between Cultures edited by America Ferrera

- Thursday, Nov. 17 • 1-2:15 p.m.
  Gathering Room + Live on Zoom • Adults
- Tuesday, Nov. 29 • 7-8:15 p.m.
  Elmhurst History Museum • Adults

Prominent Americans from diverse backgrounds and occupations share short, personal essays about their experiences growing up between cultures and their efforts to find a way to belong and to feel seen.

How Do I Get a Copy?

American Like Me is available through EPL’s catalog in book, audio, and digital formats. Discover all your reading options, find discussion questions, and sign up for featured events at elmlib.org/OneBook.

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, like sponsoring the Frank Waln author visit, to add further enrichment opportunities to the citizens of Elmhurst.

Join at elmlib.org/friends

Not Quite: Asian Americans and the “Other” in the Era of the Pandemic and the Uprising

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

Ada Cheng, professor-turned-storyteller, shares personal stories that explore themes of racial profiling, the image of the perpetual foreigner, and anti-Asian racism in the U.S. Her performance will be followed by a facilitated discussion.

Documentary Screening: Meet the Patels

Thursday, Sept. 22 • 7-8:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • Adults + Grades 9-12

Join us for a viewing of the 2014 documentary Meet the Patels. The film follows an Indian-American man who is about to turn 30 as he gets help from his parents and extended family to start looking for a wife in the traditional Indian way. Ravi Patel, the star and co-director of the documentary, discusses the film and its impact on the Indian-American community in his chapter in American Like Me.

No registration required.

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60 Minutes Around the World with Nestor Gomez
Friday, Nov. 11 • 7:30-8:15 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • Live on Zoom • Adults • Grades 6-12
Join us for a storytelling showcase featuring immigrants, refugees, and their descendants and allies, who explore issues surrounding U.S. immigration, including national identity, culture, family, and borders. Hosted by Nestor Gomez—author, podcast host, and more than 60-time winner of the Moth StorySLAM—this event examines the historical, political, and personal experiences that have forged our national identity, community, and sense of belonging in America. Other storytellers include Jitesh Jaggi, a recent immigrant and two-time Moth StorySLAM winner; Imran Mohammad Fazal Hoque, a stateless Rohingya refugee from Myanmar; and Jasmin Cardenaas, daughter of Colombian immigrants. Presented with the Elmhurst History Museum.

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Celebrate LGBTQ+ History Month: A Conversation for Youth and Families
Tuesday, Oct. 25 • 7-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • Live on Zoom • Adults • Grades 9-12
Join staff from Youth Outlook to learn more about LGBTQ+ leaders from the history of our state and country, including Harvey Milk, Bayard Rustin, Marsha P. Johnson, and more.

Learn & Grow Book Discussion
Conditional Citizens: On Belonging in America by Laila Lalami
Thursday, Nov. 10 • 7-8:15 p.m.
Gathering Room • Live on Zoom • Adults
Lalami, an immigrant from Morocco, examines the concept of “conditional citizenship,” in which one’s faith, gender, and race affect how easily a person will be accepted and integrated into American society.

Related: In Pursuit of Happiness: Immigrants in Our Communities exhibit at Elmhurst History Museum. ElmhurstHistory.org
**Stock and Bond Investing**

**Tuesday, Sept. 6 • 7-8 p.m.**
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults

Adults

Learn the basics of investing in stocks and bonds.

**Book Challenges and the First Amendment**

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

A representative from the Freedom to Read Foundation will explain what the First Amendment does and does not cover and how libraries across the country are responding to the rise in book challenges.

**Culture Club: The Netherlands and Belgium**

**Thursday, Sept. 8 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.**
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults

Traveler Eugene Flynn recounts his 2019 river cruise through the Netherlands and Belgium. Learn the history and geography of these countries, plus explore windmills, the art of Rubens and Rembrandt, and vendors of tasty chocolate.

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**Genealogy Club: Deciphering Other Languages**

**Thursday, Sept. 15 • 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.**
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults

Overseas documents are becoming easier to find, but what if you don’t speak the language? Genealogist Jacquie Schattner shares tips and tricks for deciphering documents in most European languages, plus ideas to help read old German script.

**What Your Library Can Do for You**

**Wednesday, Sept. 21 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.**
Large Meeting Room • Adults + Grades 6-12

Get the super user’s guide to the Library. Discover new services, save money, enrich your life, and get an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour after the presentation.

**Suicide Prevention**

**Saturday, Sept. 24 • 2-3 p.m.**
Large Meeting Room + Adults + Grades 9-12

Participants will learn common risk factors and warning signs associated with suicide and how to keep themselves and others safe. Presented by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

**Wills, Trusts, and Estate Planning Basics**

**Tuesday, Sept. 27 • 7-8 p.m.**
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults

Learn about wills, trusts, power of attorney, probate, and guardianship. Take the first step to create or update a plan that is appropriate for you and your personal circumstances.

**The Unimaginable Journey of Peter Ertel: Documentary and Q&A**

**Thursday, Sept. 29 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.**
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults + Grades 6-12

Join us for a screening of the multiple award-winning documentary, *The Unimaginable Journey of Peter Ertel*, followed by a Q&A session with the film’s director, Joe Cahn. Follow the extraordinary odyssey of a German amateur violinist who becomes a reluctant soldier in Hitler’s army, survives World War II, and becomes a U.S. government agent. Then, after immigrating to America, he begins a 25-year career with a small company owned by Orthodox Jews. Peter Ertel, 95 at the time of filming, tells his own incredible and inspiring life story.

**How Elmhurst City Government Works**

**Tuesday, Oct. 4 • 7-8:15 p.m.**
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults + Grades 9-12

Join Ward 6 Elmhurst City Alderman Emily Bastedo for a discussion about understanding and interacting with Elmhurst local city government.

**Medicare 101**

**Wednesday, Oct. 5 • 6:30-8 p.m.**
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults

Medicare can be confusing. Learn what Medicare 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.

**Understanding Inflation**

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

We hear a lot about inflation, but what is it, really? Financial Advisor Tyler Braun breaks down the contributing factors, how inflation is managed, and how it affects our economy and daily lives.
Culture Club: Wales
Thursday, Oct. 13 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults
Traveler John Lynn recounts his 250-mile walk through scenic and historic Wales, from Cardiff to Conwy. Explore the Brecon Beacons, the Black Mountains, the Wye Valley, the Pembrokeshire Coast, Cardigan Bay, Snowdonia, and more. Learn about the storied hills, green valleys, friendly villages, and cultural traditions of the Welsh.

Library Insiders
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Next Chapter Book Club
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Large Meeting Room • Adults
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Monday, Sept. 19 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.
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Join us for a fun night of music trivia and compete for prizes!

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Wednesday, Nov. 16 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.
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GreenMan Theatre Presents: Spooky Stories
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Adults + Grades 6-12
Hear a collection of spine-chilling stories in a reader’s theater performance from GreenMan Theatre.

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Wednesday, Oct. 19 • 7-8:30 p.m.
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NaNoWriMo Write-in
Wednesdays in November • 5:30-8:30 p.m.
Gathering Room • Live on Zoom
Adults + Grades 6-12
National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) is an annual challenge for writers across the globe to write a 50,000 word novel in 30 days. Join us for a weekly write-in where you can write in the company of others and participate in challenges to help boost your word count.

30 Things to Do in Chicago Under $30
Tuesday, Nov. 8 • 7-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • Live on Zoom
Adults + Grades 9-12
From big museums to little-known attractions, learn to take advantage of everything our city has to offer—without breaking the bank.

Budgeting for the Holidays
Wednesday, Nov. 2 • 7-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • Live on Zoom
Adults
Learn to fill your holiday stockings without emptying your pockets. A representative from the Illinois Consumer Credit Counseling Service shares tried and true techniques for saving and planning for your holiday purchases and sticking to your budget.

Culture Club: Jordan
Thursday, Nov. 10 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Large Meeting Room • Live on Zoom
Adults
Jordan is a progressive, Middle Eastern country with dramatic desert scenery and layers of history. Petra is a hot tourist destination, but there is so much more to be explored: Mount Nebo; Roman architecture in the hills of Gilead; Wadi Rum, where Lawrence of Arabia adventured; Amman, Jordan’s capital; and the Dead Sea, where you can’t keep from floating in its mineral-rich waters.

The Power of Meditation and Gratitude
Monday, Nov. 14 • 7-8 p.m.
Live on Zoom
Adults + Grades 6-12
Meditation provides many life-transforming benefits, including relaxation, inner peace, and well-being. Gratitude can also help create calm and a sense of mindfulness. Learn how to combine the two to find calm in stressful times.

Too Soon to Forget:
The Effect of Early Onset Alzheimer’s Documentary
Wednesday, Nov. 16 • 2-3:15 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • Live on Zoom
Adults + Grades 6-12
Living with Alzheimer’s disease is a challenge for both the person with the disease and their loved ones. But what if someone was diagnosed in their early 60s, 50s, or even 30s? Very little information and support is available for those facing younger onset Alzheimer’s, leaving families feeling misunderstood or disregarded. Join Susan Frick of the Rush Alzheimer’s Disease Center for a screening of the documentary Too Soon to Forget and a discussion about younger onset Alzheimer’s disease.

Genealogy Club: How to Choose the Right Genealogical Software Program
Thursday, Nov. 17 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Large Meeting Room • Live on Zoom
Adults + Grades 6-12
Genealogist Jenny Warner explains the differences between some of the most popular genealogical software programs and highlights the pros and cons of each to help you find the right program for you.

The Shakespeare Project of Chicago Presents:
The Comedy of Errors
Thursday, Nov. 17 • 6:15-8:45 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • Adults + Grades 6-12
One of Shakespeare’s earliest (and shortest) plays, The Comedy of Errors, is a fun-fest that tells the story of two sets of identical twins accidentally separated at birth, setting the stage for a whirlwind of mistaken identities, mishaps, near-seduction, apparent madness, and possible demonic possession.

An Evening with Marlee Matlin:
From Oscar to West Wing and Beyond
Thursday, Nov. 17 • 7-8 p.m. • Live on Zoom • Adults + Grades 6-12
In celebration of Deaf Awareness Month, Marlee Matlin shares the highs and lows of her life as an actress and activist. Matlin’s 2021 film, CODA, won 3 Academy Awards, including Best Picture. A longtime advocate for deaf rights, she works to break down barriers through acting, awareness, and writing. As she has so aptly stated, “The only thing I can’t do is hear. The rest is there for the taking.” This program will be offered in ASL and translated through an interpreter. Presented with Illinois Libraries Presents.

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

20s/30s Book Discussions

- **Every Heart a Doorway** by Seanan McGuire
  
  **Thursday, Sept. 1 • 7-8:15 p.m.**
  
  **Gathering Room • Live on Zoom**
  
  **20s/30s Adults**
  
  What happens to the chosen ones when their quests in fantasy lands are over? They go to Eleanor West’s Home for Wayward Children. When tragedy strikes, it’s up to these kids to uncover a mystery.

- **Solutions and Other Problems** by Allie Brosh
  
  **Thursday, Oct. 6 • 7-8:15 p.m.**
  
  **Gathering Room • Live on Zoom**
  
  **20s/30s Adults**
  
  Allie Brosh shares various life experiences. Her stories are hilarious and bittersweet, covering mental health, divorce, pets, and the absurdity of modern life.

- **Please Don’t Sit on My Bed in Your Outside Clothes: Essays** by Phoebe Robinson
  
  **Thursday, Nov. 3 • 7-8:15 p.m.**
  
  **Gathering Room • Live on Zoom**
  
  **20s/30s Adults**
  
  Phoebe Robinson returns with a new collection to make you laugh, scream, and rethink the world around you.

- **Writers and Lovers** by Lily King
  
  **Thursday, Dec. 1 • 7-8:15 p.m.**
  
  **Gathering Room • Live on Zoom**
  
  **20s/30s Adults**
  
  Casey arrives in Massachusetts with no plan following her mom’s death and a breakup. Her determination to live a creative life is at odds with the concerns of the world and that fight for balance will push her to the brink.

Felt Succulents

**Friday, Sept. 16 • 7-8 p.m.**

**Large Meeting Room • 20s/30s Adults**

Create verdant succulents that even the worst gardener can’t kill.

What Your Library Can Do for You

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Art Therapy Night

**Friday, Sept. 30 • 7-8:30 p.m.**

**Large Meeting Room • 20s/30s Adults**

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

Pub Trivia

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  **Thursday, Oct. 6 • 7-8:30 p.m.**

Name That Tune

**Friday, Oct. 7 • 7-8 p.m.**

**Large Meeting Room • 20s/30s Adults**

How well do you remember music from the last 20 years? Can you recognize a song by only the first few seconds? Join us to find out!

Board Game Night

**Friday, Oct. 21 • 6:30-8:30 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.

Halloween Nostalgia

**Friday, Oct. 28 • 7-8:30 p.m.**

**Large Meeting Room • 20s/30s Adults**

Relive the fun you had at Halloween parties as a kid. We’re bringing back all of your old favorites, from toilet paper mummies to pumpkin decorating, plus spooky treats. It’ll be a graveyard smash! Costumes encouraged.

Karaoke

**Friday, Nov. 4 • 7-8:30 p.m.**

**Large Meeting Room • 20s/30s Adults**

Whether you belt out your favorite song or just sing along, it’s time for karaoke!

The Science of Sound—WITH LASERS!

**Friday, Nov. 18 • 7-8 p.m.**

**Large Meeting Room • 20s/30s Adults**

Learn about the physics of sound using the coolest science equipment we have: lasers! We’ll experiment with sound vibrations to create a spectacular light show.
THE FALL AND WINTER HOLIDAYS ARE QUICKLY APPROACHING!

As plans are made to gather with the people we care about, make note of the various ways the Library can make your celebrations extra special.

The Library is here to make your holiday season even better! If you have an idea on how to make your holiday extra special, ask how we can support your efforts.

Use our collections to help pass on traditions and create new ones.

- Cookbooks - elmlib.org/cookbook
- Cookie press kit and pizzelle press - elmlib.org/cookies
- Seasonal bundt cake pans - elmlib.org/cakepans
- Premade musical playlists on Freegal - elmlib.org/freegal
- Turntable to play old records - elmlib.org/tunes
Create **gifts** that inspire and amaze.

- Sewing machines to make stockings and card making kits to reach out and say “hello.” [elmlib.org/CraftEquipment](http://elmlib.org/CraftEquipment)
- Embroidery machine to customize linens and laser cutter to create ornaments. Available in the Makery. [elmlib.org/makery](http://elmlib.org/makery)
- Scan Grandma’s recipe box for the next generation. [elmlib.org/equipment](http://elmlib.org/equipment)
- Convert old movies from tape to digital to relive classic family moments. [elmlib.org/convert](http://elmlib.org/convert)

Prepare **activities** to host guests.

- Board games - [elmlib.org/BoardGames](http://elmlib.org/BoardGames)
- Binge box movies and holiday classics - [elmlib.org/BingeBox](http://elmlib.org/BingeBox)
- Creativebug art and craft videos - [elmlib.org/creativebug](http://elmlib.org/creativebug)
Friday Features
Every Friday • 2-4 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • Adults
Enjoy an afternoon at the movies. Find each week’s featured film at elmlib.org/friday.
No registration required.

Bridge & Pinochle Club
Every Tuesday • 1-3 p.m.
Kossmann Room • Adults
Enjoy an afternoon of card games every week. Prior experience is required.
No registration required.

Staying Mentally Fit
Tuesdays, Sept. 6, Oct. 4, and Nov. 1
1:30-2:30 p.m. • Meeting Room B • Seniors
Join us for fun mental enrichment including games, puzzles, and other activities that boost memory, reasoning, and other cognitive abilities.

American Mah Jongg: Open Play
Every Wednesday • 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Kossmann Room • Adults
Gather for this game of skill, strategy, calculation, and a certain amount of chance.
No registration required.

Chess Club
Mondays, Sept. 12, 26, Oct. 10, 24, Nov. 14, and 28 • 1-3 p.m. • Kossmann Room
Adults • Grades 6-12
Join us for a friendly game of chess on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month.
No registration required.

Scrabble Club
Mondays, Sept. 12, Oct. 3, and Nov. 7
10 a.m.-12 p.m. • Kossmann Room • Adults
Play a friendly game of Scrabble. All skill levels welcome.
No registration required.

In Stitches Needleworkers
Tuesdays, Sept. 13, Oct. 11, and Nov. 8
12-2 p.m. • Gathering Room • Adults
Knitters, crocheters, and needleworkers of all levels: bring a project on which to work, share knowledge with others, and have fun!
No registration required.

Ciao Italia!
Mondays, Sept. 19, Oct. 17, and Nov. 21
7-8:30 p.m.
Kossmann Room • Live on Zoom • Adults
Interested in the language and customs of Italy? Improve your Italian language skills while exploring a different aspect of Italian culture each month. All skill levels welcome.

Coloring for Mindfulness
Tuesdays, Sept. 20, Oct. 18, and Nov. 15
2-3 p.m. • The Makery • Adults
Choose from beautiful designs and become absorbed in the joy of coloring.
No registration required.

Ukulele Circle
Thursdays, Sept. 22 and Oct. 27 • 7-8 p.m.
Gathering Room • Adults • Grades 6-12
It takes less than a minute to learn a few chords on the ukulele, and you’re ready to tell your story through song! Jam along or listen to music ranging from folk to rock.

Chair Yoga
Fridays, Sept. 23 and Oct. 28
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. • Large Meeting Room
Adults
Join a certified yoga instructor for a series of simple movements to strengthen and stretch your whole body while comfortably seated in a chair. No prior yoga experience required.

Great Decisions
Large Meeting Room • Adults
Learn about critical issues facing America with professor Gary Midkiff and other community members.

The End of Globalization?
Tuesday, Sept. 27 • 1:30-3 p.m.
Foreign Policy Roundtable
Tuesday, Oct. 25 • 1:30-3 p.m.
Foreign Policy Roundtable
Tuesday, Nov. 22 • 1:30-3 p.m.
Soap Making  
Wednesday, Sept. 7 • 6:30-8 p.m.  
The Makery • Adults + Grades 9-12  
Create various homemade soaps, perfect for holiday gifting.

Makery 101: Laser Cutter Basics  
Wednesday, Sept. 14 • 6:30-8 p.m.  
The Makery • Adults + Grades 6-12  
Learn the basics of the laser cutter, how to prepare designs for etching and cutting, and watch a live demonstration. Receive a laserable item to personalize at a later date.

Music Coasters  
Tuesday, Sept. 20 • 7-8 p.m.  
Large Meeting Room • Adults + Grades 9-12  
Make a unique set of drink coasters using vintage sheet music and a little creativity.

Creative Card Making  
Monday, Oct. 3 • 2-3 p.m.  
The Makery • Adults  
Join us for step-by-step instruction to create cards for Halloween.

Makery 101: 3D Printing  
Wednesday, Oct. 12 • 6:30-8 p.m.  
The Makery • Adults + Grades 6-12  
Learn 3D printing basics, including how to find free designs or make your own. Then, submit a 3D print, free of charge.

Braided Pumpkin  
Wednesday, Oct. 19 • 2-3 p.m.  
Meeting Room A • Adults  
This yarn-covered pumpkin is soft and cozy—perfect for fall!

Laser Cut Earrings  
Thursday, Oct. 20 • 6:30-8 p.m.  
The Makery • Adults  
Learn how to make your own earrings using the laser cutter. Laser cut earrings make for a unique gift and stylish addition to any wardrobe.

Fall Watercolors  
Wednesday, Oct. 26 • 7-8 p.m.  
The Makery • Adults + Grades 9-12  
Learn watercolor techniques to create a beautiful work of art inspired by fall leaves.

Fingerknitting  
Monday, Nov. 7 • 7-8 p.m.  
Large Meeting Room • Adults + Grades 6-12  
Make a scarf with nothing but your fingers and yarn! No needles or experience necessary here—anyone can learn.

Wood Riser Tray  
Monday, Nov. 21 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
The Makery • Adults + Grades 9-12  
Create a wooden riser tray to elevate your next dinner party.

If you like our craft classes, try:  
creativebug  
Keep your hands active and your mind engaged with unlimited access to 1,000+ online classes in painting, knitting, crafting, sewing, cake decorating, and more.  
For adults and kids.  
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Expand Your World, One Book at a Time

To get on board, read a book that is: About music or musicians.

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.

Klara and the Sun by Kazuo Ishiguro
Gathering Room • Live on Zoom • Adults
- Thursday, Sept. 15 • 1-2:15 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 15 • 7-8:15 p.m.
In the not-too-distant future, an uncommonly curious solar-powered Artificial Friend on display in a store carefully observes human passersby and those browsing for an AF for their child. We view our rapidly changing world through Klara’s eyes, as she hopes to be chosen by the right customer. From the Nobel Prize in Literature laureate and author of Never Let Me Go and The Remains of the Day.

Halloween Book Discussion
The Sun Down Motel by Simone St. James
Gathering Room • Live on Zoom • Adults
- Thursday, Oct. 20 • 1-2:15 p.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 20 • 7-8:15 p.m.
Part ghost story, part murder mystery, 20-year-old Carly Kirk sets out from her Illinois hometown to investigate the unsolved case involving her aunt Viv Delaney, who disappeared 35 years earlier while working the night shift at a roadside motel in upstate New York. Carly discovers the motel is apparently much the same as it was in 1982, and that she may be caught up in a much bigger mystery than she originally thought.

One Book, One Elmhurst Book Discussions
American Like Me: Reflections on Life Between Cultures edited by America Ferrera
- Thursday, Nov. 17 • 1-2:15 p.m.
- Gathering Room • Live on Zoom • Adults
- Tuesday, Nov. 29 • 7-8:30 p.m.
- Off-site: Elmhurst History Museum • Adults
Prominent Americans from diverse backgrounds and occupations share short, personal essays about their experiences growing up between cultures in the United States and their efforts to find a way to belong and to feel seen.

Learn & Grow Book Discussions
Every Song Ever: Twenty Ways to Listen in an Age of Musical Plenty by Ben Ratliff
Gathering Room • Live on Zoom • Adults
Thursday, Sept. 8 • 7-8:15 p.m.
With streaming music, a love ballad, rock anthem, and jazz riff might all be on the same playlist. Dig into the unexpected connections between different types of music that come to light when you can listen to everything all at once, and learn from The New York Times music critic and author how to appreciate music in a broad, open-minded way.

How to Keep House While Drowning: A Gentle Approach to Cleaning and Organizing by K.C. Davis
Gathering Room • Live on Zoom • Adults
Thursday, Oct. 13 • 7-8:15 p.m.
The author, a licensed professional therapist and TikTok creator, shares her accessible approach to housekeeping, complete with shortcuts.

Conditional Citizens: On Belonging in America by Laila Lalami
Gathering Room • Live on Zoom • Adults
Thursday, Nov. 10 • 7-8:15 p.m.
Lalami, an immigrant from Morocco, examines the concept of “conditional citizenship,” in which one’s faith, gender, and race affect how easily a person will be accepted and integrated into American society.

For information and additional One Book, One Elmhurst programs, see page 15.
COMING ATTRACTIONS

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Language Support

The Library welcomes every member of the community. Staff continually review collections and services to be as accessible as possible. All staff can assist visitors whose primary language is not English by accessing different translation services. Be on the lookout for staff wearing our new language pins, too.

In-house staff members are available to help patrons in a number of languages, including:

- French
- Gujarati
- Hindi
- Italian
- Mandarin Chinese
- Polish
- Spanish
- Urdu

Support for other languages is also available.

Additionally, the Library offers foreign language collections and an online language learning tool called Transparent Language Online. Find details at elmlib.org/language.

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Monday, Sept. 5 • Labor Day
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Hours
M-F: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
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