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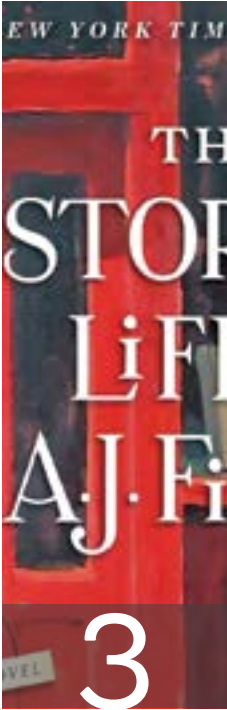
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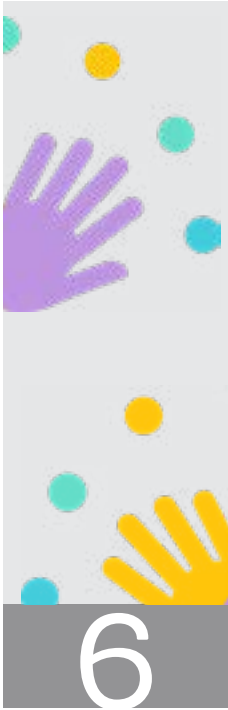
Prepare To Be Amazed

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One Book, One Elmhurst
Celebrate the power of literature, community, and second chances with this unforgettable story.



Sensory Playgroups at EPL
Connect with others in a supportive and engaging environment with developmental toys and crafts.



Spooky Season Is Here!
Halloween isn't just for the littles! These bone-chilling events will give adults and older kids a case of the heebie-jeebies.



NYT All Access
Paywalls are no match for your library card! *The New York Times* is at your fingertips with 24-hour access codes you can use from anywhere.



Meet the Fox!
EPL's bestie is ready for her big debut! Elmhurst voted, and she can't wait to reveal the name you chose for her!



New Library Merch Added!
We have new in-house designs! Declare your bookish library love with unique styles you won't get anywhere else.

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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.

Services for Seniors:

We provide services to seniors throughout the community! When aging adults are unable to get to the Library, EPL meets them where they are with visits to independent living and healthcare facilities in Elmhurst.

Our knowledgeable staff provide book discussions, crafts, tech help, and memory care programming.

The Library cares about our community. Within and beyond our walls, EPL strives to make entertainment, engaging stories, and reliable educational materials readily accessible to all.

EPL IN THE COMMUNITY

■ **Tech Help:** Older adults can get assistance setting up email accounts or managing passwords on their personal devices. Librarians also demonstrate online resources available through EPL like databases and library apps for reading eBooks or eAudiobooks, and streaming entertainment like movies and music.

■ **Avoiding Scams:** At in-person visits or via phone or chat, librarians can help older adults avoid scams by identifying suspicious phone calls or dubious emails.

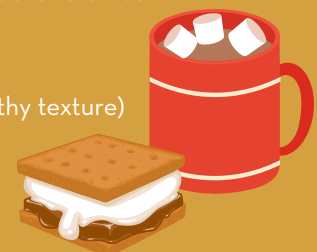
■ **Disabilities or Homebound:** Any person who is temporarily or permanently unable to come to the Library because of illness, disability, or other factors who lives within the City of Elmhurst (and has an EPL card in good standing) is eligible for home delivery service. Librarians also help qualifying adults get set up with the Illinois Talking Book and Braille Service, which provides Braille and audio devices or an app.

■ **Collections:** EPL provides traveling library collections to some facilities, supplying residents with an array of large print books to borrow.

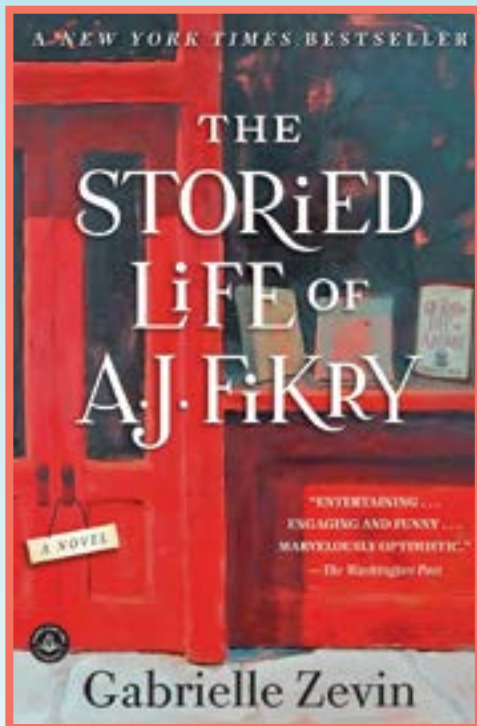


GET COZY AROUND THE FIRE WITH THIS S'MORES LATTE RECIPE!

- Dip the rim of a mug into chocolate syrup and follow with graham cracker crumbs
- Add 1 Tbsp of chocolate syrup to the mug
- Brew coffee and pour 1 cup into the mug
- Steam 1/4 cup of milk in a small sauce pan (whisk warm milk for a frothy texture)
- Stir in milk and spoon foam into the coffee drink
- Toast marshmallows over a campfire or by using a culinary torch
- Top the latte with toasted marshmallows and enjoy!



ONE BOOK, ONE ELMHURST







READ. DISCUSS. CONNECT.

One Book, One Elmhurst

The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry by Gabrielle Zevin is a heartwarming and thoughtful novel that invites readers to immerse themselves in the charming, book-filled world of A.J., a bookstore owner whose life takes an unexpected turn. Set on a small island, the story is filled with memorable characters, quiet humor, and a deep love of literature. As A.J.'s world expands in surprising and meaningful ways, you will find yourself drawn into a tale that celebrates the power of community, connection, and second chances. It's the perfect choice for a community-wide reading event that will inspire conversation, reflection, and a shared love of storytelling.

As you follow A.J.'s journey, you'll have the chance to step into his world by visiting a re-created version of his bookstore at the Library, participate in a self-guided bookstore crawl featuring Chicago-area independent bookstores, and come together to celebrate the power of stories and community at our culmination party at Wilder Mansion. Don't miss these unforgettable experiences that bring this book to life!

One Book, One Elmhurst is made possible by the Friends of the Elmhurst Public Library. Join at elmlib.org/friends.

-  Kick off the season with activities in the Lobby Sept. 8-12.
-  Discuss the book at a Library-sponsored book discussion. See p. 21 for details.
-  Host your own lively book discussion with a Book Discussion Kit supplied by the Library. Pick up your kit at the Checkout Desk while supplies last.
-  Embark on a self-guided bookstore crawl. Pick up your map at the Library or visit elmlib.org/OneBook.



OUR COMMUNITY READ

Register for programs at elmlib.org/events unless otherwise noted.

Visit A.J.'s Bookstore at EPL!

Immerse yourself in A.J.'s world — at the Library! Visit Adult Services and the Kids' Library throughout autumn to step inside re-creations of A.J.'s bookstore. EPL staff has curated a collection of titles mentioned in the book for you to check out!



"We are not quite novels,
We are not quite short stories,
In the end, we are collected works."

— A.J. Fikry

Wrap it Up! One Book, One Elmhurst Culmination Party

Wednesday, Nov. 19 • 6-8:30 p.m.

Wilder Mansion • Adults

Join us for a celebration of books and the stories that connect us in honor of our One Book pick, *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry*. Enjoy refreshments, play games, make crafts, hear stories, and share your favorite books and literary memories. Attendees are encouraged to come dressed as their favorite literary character to be entered in a costume contest!



Participate in a community-wide scavenger hunt. For more details visit elmlib.org/OneBook.

For Kids: Stop by the Kids' Library to participate in an assortment of activities to celebrate the stories we love, inspired by the book.

Pick up a "Chief's Choice" list of book recommendations at the Library from Elmhurst's very own Chief McLean.

Attend a program related to the book. Look for the red door graphic for OBOE-themed events.

Look for copies of the book staff has distributed in Little Free Libraries around town.



Tickets available with an EPL card starting at 9 a.m. the morning of the program.



Autumn Weekly Storytimes

SEPT. 2 – NOV. 29

Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays	Saturdays
Mother Goose & Me Newborn-11 months w/ adult 9:30-10 a.m. Kids' Program Room <i>*EPL card not required</i>	Little Wiggles Families (best for ages 1-5) 9:30-10 a.m. Large Meeting Room	Romp & Rhyme Infants-age 2 w/ adult 9:30-10 a.m. Kids' Program Room	Fun for 3s, 4s, and 5s Ages 3-5 9:30-10:15 a.m. Kids' Program Room <i>*No session Nov. 27</i>	Little Wiggles Families (best for ages 1-5) 9:30-10 a.m. Large Meeting Room	Romp & Rhyme Infants-age 2 w/ adult 9:30-10 a.m. Kids' Program Room

Ticketed Programs

Tickets available with an EPL card starting at 9 a.m. the morning of the program.

Baby Play Date

Saturdays, Sept. 6, Oct. 4, and Nov. 1
 11-11:30 a.m. • Kids' Program Room
Families

Meet other parents and caregivers of newborns as we share rhymes, read a story, and play together.

Grand Time at the Library!

Saturday, Sept. 20 • 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Large Meeting Room • Ages 0-5 w/ adult

Come celebrate grandparents with a special storytime! We will read a story, enjoy a snack, make a craft, and have fun spending time together. Grandparents or a special someone are welcome.

Don't Let the Pigeon Take Over Storytime!

Large Meeting Room • Families

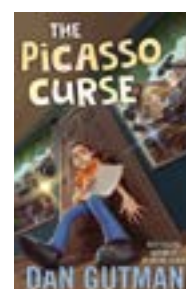
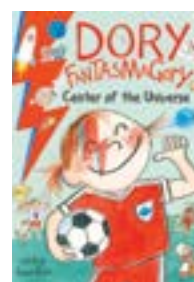
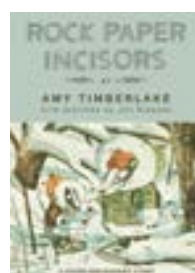
Celebrate all things Pigeon with books, dancing, and a craft. Will the Pigeon behave or will chaos ensue? Photos and surprise Pigeon sightings will be available after the storytime. Tickets available with an EPL card starting 60 minutes before program begins.

■ **Thursday, Oct. 9 • 4-4:45 p.m.**

■ **Monday, Oct. 13 • 10:30-11:15 a.m.**

Coming Attractions

Reserve your copy online:
elmlib.org/KidsNewBooks



What Your Library Can Do For You: Kids' Edition

Thursday, Sept. 11 • 4-5 p.m.

Kids' Library • Families

Get the super user's guide to the Kids' Library. Discover services, save money, enrich your life, and get an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of the Kids' Library.

Getting Started with T-Trak Model Trains

Saturday, Sept. 13 • 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Kids' Library • Families

See model trains built with T-Trak and learn how to get started with members of the Elmhurst T-Trak Club.

Meet a Firefighter!

Tuesday, Sept. 23 • 10-11 a.m.

Outside: West Drive • Families

See a vehicle from the Fire Department up close and talk to an Elmhurst firefighter.

No registration required.

Family Diwali Party

Saturday, Sept. 27 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Large Meeting Room • Families

Celebrate Diwali, the festival of lights, with stories and music. Learn some traditional dance moves with the Meher Dance Company.

Dig in to Play:

Toddler Sensory Time

Saturday, Oct. 18 • 11-11:45 a.m.

Meeting Room A • Ages 1-3 w/ adult

Dress for some messy fun at the Library! Drop in to explore a variety of sensory stations with your toddler. Siblings welcome. **No registration required.**

Starr Chief Eagle Hoop Dance

Saturday, Nov. 1 • 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Large Meeting Room • Families

Join us for a very special program as Starr Chief Eagle provides an interactive and educational dive into Lakota Culture that will explore the language, art, and knowledge of Lakota people. Starr Chief Eagle will perform the rare tradition of Hoop Dancing in which she uses up to 22 hoops to create designs, shapes, and creatures to tell a story.

Tickets available with an EPL card starting at 9 a.m. the morning of the program.

Parents: see p. 15 for discussions about *The Anxious Generation*.

Baby Clothes Swap

Monday, Nov. 3 • 10-11 a.m.

Kids' Program Room • Families

Bring your clean, gently used baby clothes for ages 0-24 months and pick out some new pieces for your little one.

Visit elmlib.org/swap for info.

No registration required.

Mini Makers: Clay Treasure Dish

The Makery • Ages 3-5 w/ adult

Mold your own marbled clay dish to hold your tiny treasures. This is a one-on-one class for grown-up and child. Additional children cannot be accommodated.

Register for one session only.

■ **Wednesday, Nov. 5 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

■ **Monday, Nov. 10 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

Ornaments for the Wilder Park Tree

Nov. 25-30 • Kids' Library • Families

Stop by the craft table in the Kids' Library the week of Nov. 25 and make two ornaments, one to add to the Library's holiday tree in Wilder Park and one to take home!

No session Nov. 27.

No registration required.

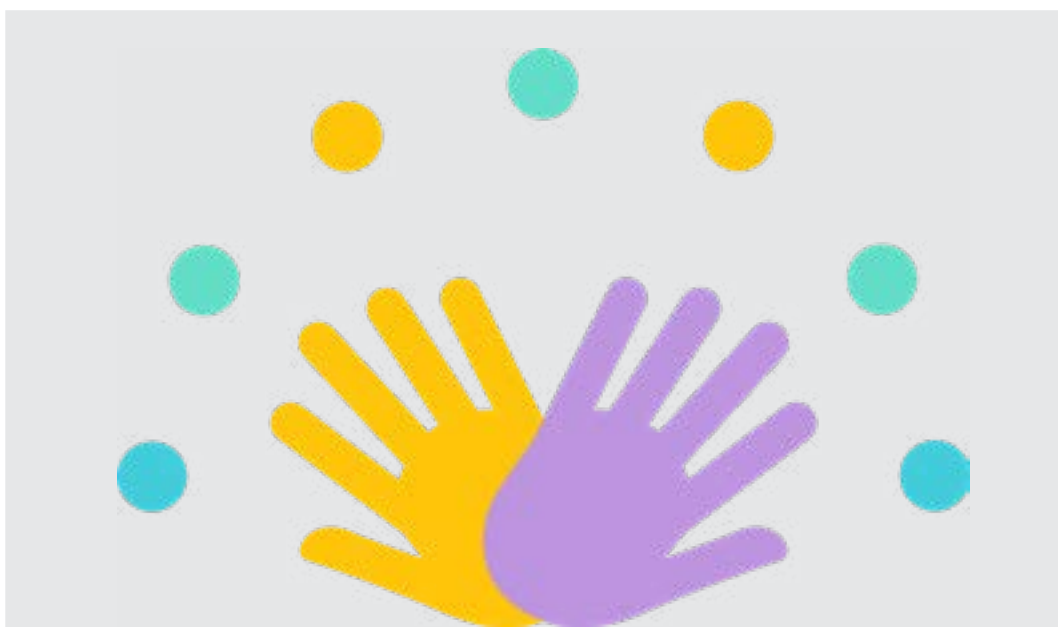
Paint Party

Wednesday, Nov. 26 • 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Large Meeting Room • Ages 0-5 w/ adult

Drop in for a paint party! Dress for a mess and create a masterpiece using the Library's art supplies. Explore stations with painting options for all abilities.

No registration required.



Sensory Playgroups at EPL

C.I.T.Y. of Support Playgroup

Tuesdays, Sept. 9, Oct. 14, and Nov. 11

4-5 p.m. • Kids' Program Room • Families

This inclusive playgroup is for children who receive or are considering therapy services. Children play with various developmental toys and crafts while families meet and find support. Siblings welcome. Presented in partnership with C.I.T.Y. of Support. Facilitated by Amy Mishima, C.I.T.Y. of Support, and Ellen Karalis, MA, BCBA.

No registration required.

Family Sensory Hour

Sundays, Sept. 21, Oct. 19, and Nov. 16

12-1 p.m. • Kids' Library • Families

The Family Sensory Hour offers the opportunity for children with special needs to use the Kids' Library in a safe and welcoming environment before the Library opens to others.

EARLY ELEMENTARY (GRADES K-2)

Register for programs at elmlib.org/events unless otherwise noted.

For All Grades

Show Us Your Library Card

Month of September
Kids' Library • Families

Show us your Library card and get your photo taken. We'll post your photo in the Kids' Library. You'll be a star!

No registration required.

Homeschool Explorers

Tuesdays, Sept. 9, Oct. 14, and Nov. 11
1-2:30 p.m. • Grades K-12

Join us for a variety of hands-on activities each month. For topics and locations, visit elmlib.org/homeschool.

What Your Library Can Do For You: Kids' Edition

Thursday, Sept. 11 • 4-5 p.m.
Kids' Library • Grades K-8

Get the super user's guide to the Kids' Library. Discover services, enrich your life, and get an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of the Kids' Library.

Read to the Dogs

Saturdays, Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8
2-3:30 p.m. • Kids' Program Room
Grades K-8

Bring a book or choose one of ours, and read aloud to a visiting therapy dog.

Register with your EPL card to reserve one 15-minute spot.

Kids' Chess Club

Sundays, Sept. 21, Oct. 19, and Nov. 16
1:30-2:30 p.m. • Kids' Program Room
Grades K-5

Learn the basics of chess with an instructor and use your skills with other players. Beginners welcome.

Tickets available with an EPL card starting at 1 p.m. the day of the program.

Book Haunt

Month of October
Kids' Library • Families

Haunt your home by reading stories in kooky places throughout the month and earn a surprise! Pick up a Book Haunt sheet at the Kids' Help Desk or print out a copy. When you've completed your sheet, bring it in for a prize. elmlib.org/haunt

Scary Writing Contest

Winners Read Their Stories

Saturday, Oct. 25 • 2-3 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • Grades K-8

Be prepared to get scared! Winners of the Short and Scary Writing Contest share their spooky tales.

No registration required.

Paint Party

Wednesday, Nov. 26 • 2-3 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • Grades K-5

Drop in for a paint party! Dress for a mess and create a masterpiece using the Library's art supplies. Explore stations with painting options for all abilities.

No registration required.

Make with Me: Make a Fall Garland

The Makery • Grades K-2 w/ adult

Use fun elements in the Makery to create a garland for fall! This is a one-on-one class for grown-up and child. Additional children cannot be accommodated.

Register for one session only.

■ **Wednesday, Sept. 3 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

■ **Wednesday, Sept. 10 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

Skyscraper Celebration!

Thursday, Sept. 25 • 4-4:45 p.m.

Kids' Program Room • Grades K-2

From the first skyscraper completed in Chicago in 1885 to what we see today, skyscrapers are marvelous feats of engineering. Learn about these incredible structures and build your own tallest tower.

Make Your Own Worry Doll

Tuesday, Oct. 7 • 4-4:45 p.m.

Kids' Program Room • Grades K-2

Celebrate World Mental Health Day by reading *Take a Breath* by Sujean Rim and creating a doll out of popsicle sticks and yarn. Tell your doll all your worries and be ready to take on the day!

Real-Life Minecraft Building

Thursday, Oct. 16 • 4-4:45 p.m.

Kids' Program Room • Grades K-2

Join us and build your Minecraft world in real life with our magnetic building blocks which feature all kinds of blocks: stone, dirt, grass, wood, bricks, lava, and more!

Reptile Awareness Day

Tuesday, Oct. 21 • 4-4:45 p.m.

Kids' Program Room • Grades K-2

It's a scaly celebration! Join us for a fun and educational program exploring the wild world of snakes, turtles, lizards, and more through stories, games, and hands-on activities. Learn cool facts about these fascinating creatures and how to help protect them.

Animal Superheroes

Thursday, Nov. 6 • 4-4:45 p.m.

Kids' Program Room • Grades K-2

The Lakeview Nature Center will be here with some of their animal residents. Have fun interacting with animals while learning about their natural superpowers.

Track the fox's paw prints throughout this issue of *Fine Print*!

OLDER ELEMENTARY (GRADES 3-5)

Register for programs at elmlib.org/events unless otherwise noted.

 A One Book, One Elmhurst-themed program.

Spooktacular Designs: Fall Digital Art

2nd Floor Computer Lab • Grades 3-5

Get into the fall spirit with a digital art workshop! Using Canva, create your own Halloween-themed poster or autumn scene collages. Explore fun design tools like stickers, shapes, and fonts while learning basic graphic design skills.

Register for one session only.

■ **Thursday, Sept. 4 • 4:30-5:30 p.m.**

■ **Monday, Oct. 27 • 4:30-5:30 p.m.**

Optical Illusions

Wednesday, Sept. 17 • 4-4:45 p.m.

Kids' Program Room • Grades 3-5

Learn about Dutch artist M. C. Escher, known for his optical illusions, then use a Cricut cutting machine and your creativity to make artwork inspired by his style.

Fun with Cubelets Robots

Monday, Sept. 22 • 4-4:45 p.m.

Kids' Program Room • Grades 3-5

Discover the fun of Cubelets — no programming required! Cubelets are magnetic robot blocks that snap together to form simple, functional robots.



Maker Kids: Bookstore Diorama

The Makery • Grades 3-5

How would you like to design your own tiny bookshop? We will provide miniatures so that you can make your own shop full of your favorite books and tiny objects.

Register for one session only.

■ **Wednesday, Oct. 1 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

■ **Wednesday, Oct. 22 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

Spy School Party

Tuesday, Nov. 4 • 4-4:45 p.m.

Kids' Program Room • Grades 3-5

Join us for an interactive celebration with games, snacks, and activities based on the *Spy School* series by Stuart Gibbs. We'll unbox some of the latest graphic novels that participants can be the first to check out.

Choose Your Own Adventure!

Thursday, Nov. 13 • 4-4:45 p.m.

Kids' Program Room • Grades 3-5

You decide what happens next during this interactive program featuring *Choose Your Own Adventure* stories, games, and technology.



SHORT AND SCARY WRITING CONTEST

Submit Your Story

Sept. 1-Oct. 6 • Grades K-8

Scare us with an original super short story or poem. Create a spooky work that's 15 sentences or less. Winners get a Barnes & Noble gift card, a spot in our *Kids' Ink* magazine, and an opportunity to read their entry live in the Library on Saturday, Oct. 25. Deadline for entries is Monday, Oct. 6. Submit online at elmlib.org/scary.

Scary Writing Contest Winners Read Their Stories

Saturday, Oct. 25 • 2-3 p.m. • Large Meeting Room • Families (best for Grades K+)

Be prepared to get scared! Winners of the Short and Scary Writing Contest share their spooky tales.

No registration required.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Elmhurst Public Library.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Register for programs at elmlib.org/events unless otherwise noted.

Middle School Influencers

Mondays, Sept. 8, Oct. 6, and Nov. 3

6-7 p.m. • Middle School Hangout

Grades 6-8

Middle School Influencers is a group for middle school students to become more involved in the Library. Join us for snacks, games, crafts, and more! Service hours are awarded for each meeting.

Trivia Takeover: Quest for the Best

Thursday, Sept. 18 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • Grades 6-8

Embark on the ultimate quest for trivia glory. Join us for an epic adventure where teams compete through multiple themed trivia rounds that highlight a variety of topics.

Middle School Makers:

Candy Charcuterie

Monday, Sept. 22 • 6-7 p.m.

The Makery • Grades 6-8

Design and engrave a charcuterie board with the Makery laser engraver. Decorate your board with your favorite candy!

Mystery in the Library

Friday, Oct. 24 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Kids' Program Room • Grades 6-8

Work together to crack clues, solve puzzles, and uncover the chilling truth behind the haunted happenings at the Library. Join us for snacks, drinks, and a frighteningly good time!

Spooky Halloween Creations

Tuesday, Oct. 28 • 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Kids' Program Room • Grades 6-8

Learn how to make edible Halloween treats that are spooky and delicious.



Yoga Chill

Wednesday, Nov. 12 • 4-5 p.m.

Kossmann Room • Grades 6-12

Join us for an afternoon yoga flow featuring poses, breathing exercises, and meditation, all centered around the theme of gratitude. Enjoy relaxing movement, playful games, and creative meditation crafts to celebrate mindfulness and thankfulness.

Flipbook Frenzy: Animation with Every Flip

Thursday, Nov. 20 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Kids' Program Room • Grades 6-8

Get ready to bring your drawings to life! Create your own flipbook and learn the basics of hand-drawn animation. No tech – just paper, pencils, and pure imagination!

Middle School Coming Attractions

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elmlib.org/MSNewBooks





College for Neurodivergent Students

Saturday, Sept. 13 • 10-11 a.m.

Meeting Room B • Adults + Grades 9-12

Explore the support systems available to neurodivergent students, including guidance on accommodations, navigating campus life, and developing self-advocacy skills for a successful transition to college.

Anime and Manga Drawing

Tuesday, Sept. 16 • 7-8 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • Grades 6-12

Local artist Addie Afafe presents a step-by-step drawing tutorial of character design in the Japanese anime and manga style.

Blind Taste Test

Teen Space • Grades 9-12

Challenge your taste buds and participate in a blind taste test!

No registration required.

■ Gummy Candy

Wednesday, Sept. 17 • 4-5 p.m.

■ Pumpkin Spice Treats

Wednesday, Oct. 8 • 4-5 p.m.

■ Donuts

Wednesday, Nov. 5 • 4-5 p.m.

Teen Crafternoon

Teen Space • Grades 9-12

We provide materials and ideas; you take home a new skill and a finished project!

No registration required.

■ Hanging Cloud Lamp

Monday, Sept. 29 • 4-5 p.m.

■ Vintage Ghost Painting

Monday, Oct. 20 • 4-5 p.m.

■ Wooden Photo Transfer

Monday, Nov. 17 • 4-5 p.m.

For more fun craft programs, turn to p. 20!



FAFSA and the Financial Aid Overview

Saturday, Oct. 4 • 10-11 a.m.

Meeting Room B • Adults + Grades 9-12

The FAFSA Simplification Act changed the college financial aid process. In this program, Thomas J. Jaworski of Quest College Consulting will share his expertise on the new Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and how changes might impact your student's college financial aid while breaking down the cost of college.

Volunteer at EPL

Middle School Volunteer Program

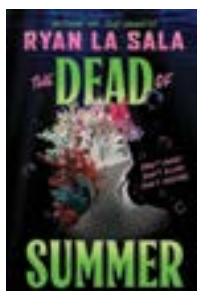
The winter volunteer program runs from Jan. 12-Feb. 22 with a commitment of one hour each week. Assist with programs, crafts, and organizing the Kids' Library. Apply Dec. 1-21 at elmlib.org/volunteer.

Teen Volunteer Program

The Teen Volunteer Program is designed for High Schoolers to learn real-world skills that can be applied in the future. Teens will receive service hour credits for school or other extracurricular activities. Email eplteen@elmlib.org for more information.

Teen Advisory Group

Teen Advisory Group (TAG) meets monthly during the school year to discuss popular and trending topics, help plan programs, and work on service projects. For more information about joining, email eplteen@elmlib.org.



High School Coming Attractions

Reserve your copy online:
elmlib.org/HSNewBooks

TECHNOLOGY

Register for programs at elmlib.org/events unless otherwise noted.



Intro to the Creative Studio

Monday, Sept. 15 • 6-7:30 p.m.

Computer Lab • Adults • Grades 9-12

Take a tour and see demonstrations of audio, photography, and video equipment offered in the Creative Studio.

Getting Started with Streaming Services

Wednesday, Sept. 17 • 10-11:30 a.m.

Computer Lab • Adults

Learn about available streaming platforms and how to access them.

Intro to 3D Printing

Thursday, Oct. 2 • 6-7:30 p.m.

Computer Lab • Adults • Grades 9-12

Design a keychain to be printed with Tinkercad, and picked up at a later date.

Android Basics

Tuesday, Oct. 7 • 3-4:30 p.m.

Computer Lab • Adults

Gain new skills as we share useful apps and answer questions about your Android device.

iPhone iOS

Monday, Oct. 20 • 1:30-3 p.m.

Computer Lab • Adults

Learn the latest features of iOS and get helpful information about your iPhone.

Excel Intermediate

Wednesday, Nov. 5 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Computer Lab • Adults

Explore Excel functions and formulas that are often used in the program.

A.I. Discussion

Thursday, Nov. 13 • 2-3:30 p.m.

Computer Lab • Adults • Grades 9-12

Together, watch a LinkedIn Learning video about A.I., and then discuss.

Excel Advanced

Monday, Nov. 17 • 6-7:30 p.m.

Computer Lab • Adults

Discover advanced features of Excel, including PMT, XLOOKUP, Pivot Tables, and more.

Can't Find the Tech Class You're Looking For?

Fill out a quick online form to let us know, and we'll point you to the resources and services you need:



elmlib.org/tech

Another option is using your library card to access thousands of online courses to learn in-demand skills from industry experts:

elmlib.org/LinkedInLearning



Need Tech Help?

Ask us! Adult Services staff is happy to help you with your tech questions. Drop by the 2nd Floor Information Desk or reach us from home:

elmlib.org/AskUs

I want to say thanks for having a technology person like Alyssa to help me. Her patient guidance in helping me digitize old color slides was really appreciated. She was very knowledgeable and cheerful. — Terry

Wills, Trusts, and Estate Planning

Thursday, Sept. 11 • 7-8:30 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • Live on Zoom Adults

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

Memory Cafe

Large Meeting Room • Adults

Individuals experiencing memory loss, along with their caregivers, are welcome to join us each month for themed activities that encourage reminiscing and spark memories.

■ Your Five Senses

Monday, Sept. 15 • 1:30-3 p.m.

Discover how sensory stimulation can benefit your memory and communication. Play in sensory bins, test your sense of taste, and make a kit to take home.

■ Halloween

Monday, Oct. 20 • 1:30-3 p.m.

Let's reminisce about childhood Halloween memories, including favorite costumes and candies.

■ Jobs and Careers

Monday, Nov. 17 • 1:30-3 p.m.

Share memories about what you wanted to be when you grew up.

Ageless Grace®

Wednesday, Sept. 17 • 2-3 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • Adults

Ageless Grace® is a cutting-edge brain fitness program based on neuroplasticity that focuses on the healthy longevity of the body, mind, and spirit. All of the exercises are designed to be practiced in a chair and people of all ability levels are welcome!

Is It Alzheimer's or Dementia?

Wednesday, Sept. 24 • 6:30-8 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • Live on Zoom Adults

Alzheimer's disease and dementia are often used interchangeably, but the two diagnoses, while related, are remarkably different. Learn the causes and warning signs of each, as well as how to receive a diagnosis and treatment.

Senior Housing 101

Thursday, Sept. 25 • 7-8:30 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • Live on Zoom Adults

Rick Graffagna of Senior Solutions discusses types of housing available, things to consider, funding, and how to choose a property. This informative program is designed for both seniors and their adult children to help start the process of discovering the best and most suitable living and/or care arrangement.

What Your Library Can Do: Senior Services

Tuesday, Sept. 30 • 2-3 p.m.

Gathering Room • Adults

Get the super user's guide to the Library. Discover services, save money, enrich your life, and get an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of the Adult Services Department.

Medicare Tools with Weiss Financial Ratings

Monday, Oct. 6 • 2-3 p.m.

Kossmann Room • Adults

Navigate your Medicare supplement options, prescription drug coverage, and other financial tools to make a decision that is right for you.

Medicare 101

Thursday, Oct. 9 • 7-8:30 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • Live on Zoom Adults

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.



When the Bears Were Really Good: The 1963 Chicago Bears

Tuesday, Sept. 2 • 7-8:30 p.m.

Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom

Adults + Grades 9-12

Sports historian Charles N. Billington discusses his book, *The 1963 Bears: George Halas and the Road to the NFL*. Hear an in-depth analysis of this fantastic pre-Super Bowl team and the economic, legal, and social challenges an aging George Halas faced at this critical juncture in NFL history.

Adult Spelling Bee

Friday, Sept. 5 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • Adults

Are you a master speller? Former school spelling bee champ? Test your skills against other adults and compete for prizes! Spectators welcome.

Lyric Opera Fall 2025 Series Preview

Sunday, Sept. 7 • 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Kossmann Room • Adults

Learn about upcoming shows at the Lyric Opera, each show's history, and then listen to excerpts of featured arias.

It's the Little Things

Monday, Sept. 8 • 7-8:30 p.m.

Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom

Adults + Grades 9-12

Join us for a cooking demonstration, featuring Chef Tony and Abbey Cannon, followed by a community discussion on mental health. This local couple owns three food companies: Aunt Tina's Kitchen (Elmhurst), Aunt Tina's Sound Bites Food Truck, and That Rub Seasoning Company. Chef Tony shares how to create exquisite flavor combinations, and demonstrates how to make three different appetizers. Samples available for in-person attendees.

Chasing Mother Nature

Wednesday, Sept. 10 • 7-8 p.m.

Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom

Adults + Grades 6-12

Nick Bartholomew from Storm Science takes us on an electrifying journey through the thrilling world of storm chasing. Led by an experienced storm chaser, we'll delve into the science behind severe weather phenomena while sharing awe-inspiring footage and personal anecdotes of close encounters with nature's most powerful storms.



Culture Club

Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults

Explore the world without leaving your chair.

- **To the Top of the World: Skiing and Dogsledding to the North Pole**
Thursday, Sept. 11 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.
- **Family Gap Year in Brazil**
Thursday, Oct. 9 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.
- **A Spin Around the Globe: Left Split**
Thursday, Nov. 13 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.
- **A Spin Around the Globe: Right Split**
Thursday, Dec. 11 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Ciao Italia

Mondays, Sept. 15, Oct. 20, and Nov. 17
7-8:30 p.m.

Kossmann Room + Live on Zoom
Adults + Grades 9-12

Improve your Italian language skills while exploring a different aspect of Italian culture each month. All skill levels welcome.



Spooky Season Is Here!



Edgar Allan Poe: To Tell a Tale

Tuesday, Oct. 7 • 7-8 p.m.

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

Literary chills abound in this spine-tingling program as Edgar Allan Poe gives a brief biographical sketch of his life and shares some of his greatest works.

It's Alive: The Birth of the Universal Monsters

Monday, Oct. 13 • 7-8 p.m.

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

Universal Pictures released a series of horror films between 1913-1956. When Universal discovered audiences wanted thrills, the studio turned its energies to the horror genre. What connected most of Universal's classic monsters was their roles as outsiders, inspiring sympathy and terror. Anchored by some of the most iconic movie monsters, the classic Universal Monster films have continued to resonate with horror fans for nearly a hundred years. This is the story of their creation and legacy.

GreenMan Theatre Presents: Spooky Stories

Tuesday, Oct. 14 • 7-8:30 p.m.

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

Hear a collection of spine-chilling stories from GreenMan Theatre.

An Elmhurst Haunting

Tuesday, Oct. 21 • 7-8:30 p.m.

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

In 1865, Seth Wadhams built his Whitebirch estate in Cottage Hill. Learn the tragic story of the Wadhams family and possible explanation for the alleged paranormal activity, and why 160 years later, stories of hauntings still exist to this day.

Framing Ted Bundy: How a Media-Made Myth Became a Legend

Monday, Oct. 27 • 7-8 p.m.

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

In news stories, serial killer Ted Bundy developed the persona of an intelligent, handsome man who charmed women into following him to their deaths. In reality, Bundy struggled with school and employment and unnerved most women he met. The myth of Bundy as a charming killer has come at his victims' expense. How did this legend develop? And why has it persisted?

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Fold3 for Genealogy Research

Thursday, Sept. 18 • 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Meeting Room A + Live on Zoom • Adults

Genealogist Caron Primas Brennan provides an in-depth look at Fold3, a genealogical database. Review available documents and resources not previously available online, many military and governmental, digitized from the National Archives, Library of Congress, and other institutions. Learn about the tools and resources available with your library card.

Movie Discussion:

Strangers on a Train

Friday, Sept. 19 • 7-8:30 p.m.

Gathering Room • Adults

Watch *Strangers on a Train* (1951) directed by Alfred Hitchcock at home on Kanopy, EPL's streaming service, then meet to discuss the film with others.



What Your Library Can Do

Get the super user's guide to the Library. Discover services, save money, and get an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour.

- **Kids' Library**
Thursday, Sept. 11 • 4-5 p.m.
- **The Creative Studio**
Monday, Sept. 15 • 6-7:30 p.m.
- **The Makery**
Wednesday, Sept. 17 • 7-8 p.m.
- **Adult Services**
Monday, Sept. 22 • 7-8 p.m.
- **Senior Services**
Tuesday, Sept. 30 • 2-3 p.m.

Great Decisions

Large Meeting Room • Adults

Discuss critical issues facing America with Professor Gary Midkiff and other community members.

- **The Future of NATO and European Security**
Tuesday, Sept. 23 • 1:30-3 p.m.
- **A.I. and American National Security**
Tuesday, Oct. 28 • 1:30-3 p.m.
- **American Policy in the Middle East**
Tuesday, Nov. 25 • 1:30-3 p.m.



Book Discussion:

The Anxious Generation
by Jonathan Haidt

Tuesday, Sept. 23 • 7-8 p.m.

Gathering Room + Live on Zoom
Adults

Join us for a discussion of the *New York Times* bestseller *The Anxious Generation*, which discusses the impact of smartphone use and social media on young people's mental health. This event is co-sponsored by the Elmhurst Commission on Youth.

Panel Discussion:

The Anxious Generation
by Jonathan Haidt

Tuesday, Sept. 30 • 7-8:15 p.m.

Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults

Our panel of experts share practical tips and answer questions about how to help your children navigate smartphone use and social media while protecting their mental health. Join us as we examine the overwhelming epidemic of youth anxiety and depression as outlined in the book. This event is co-sponsored by the Elmhurst Commission on Youth.

Fall Garden Cleanup

Monday, Sept. 29 • 7-8 p.m.

Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults

Fall marks a transition period in our gardens when most perennials, trees, and shrubs enter dormancy for the winter. There is often the urge to tidy up after the first frost by immediately cutting back and removing plant debris, but this can be counterproductive to both the aesthetic and ecological value of your garden. The Conservation Foundation shares a more sustainable approach on how to put your garden to bed for the winter, including healthy fall maintenance, protecting overwintering insects, and caring for our local waterways, with some easy tips that you can do at home.



Chamber Concerts

Fridays, Oct. 3 and Nov. 14 • 7-8:30 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • Adults + Grades 6-12

Hear live music performed by musicians from the Performing Arts Department of York High School.

No registration required.

Traditional Churros with Spicy Chocolate and Vanilla Dip

Wednesday, Oct. 8 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom

Adults + Grades 9-12

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with Chef Violeta Trujeque, originally from Veracruz, Mexico, and owner of Violet Velvet Cooking Classes. She demonstrates how to prepare traditional churros with a spicy chocolate and vanilla dip. Samples provided to in-person attendees.

LinkedIn Profile Portraits

Gathering Room • Adults

Receive a digital headshot to use on LinkedIn or any other professional platforms. Bring a USB flash drive to get your pictures.

No registration required.

 **Thursday, Oct. 9 • 1-2:30 p.m.**

 **Thursday, Oct. 9 • 6-7:30 p.m.**

Central European Genealogy Made Easy

Thursday, Oct. 16 • 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Meeting Room A + Live on Zoom • Adults

Genealogist Jacquie Schattner explores both European and American websites, to locate family in the countries where Napoleon ruled (France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Northern Italy, Germany, and surrounding areas). Learn how to find church, census, military, and civil records, plus how to use over forty websites for your genealogy research.

Bird Migration Has No Boundaries

Wednesday, Oct. 22 • 7-8 p.m.

Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom

Adults + Grades 6-12

Learn about the mysteries of migration and get a bird's eye view of the avian world. How do they navigate? What are the triggers? What are the obstacles they face?



Ray Bradbury Stories

Thursday, Oct. 23 • 7-8 p.m.

Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom

Adults + Grades 6-12

Join storyteller Megan Wells, Artistic Director of the Ray Bradbury Storytelling Festival, for a performance of some of Bradbury's best stories.



Memoir Writing

Monday, Nov. 3 • 7-8 p.m.

Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom

Adults

Award-winning author and teacher Donna Urbikas leads an introductory workshop on how to start writing from reflection. Based on the author's memoir, *My Sister's Mother: A Memoir of War, Exile, and Stalin's Siberia*, Urbikas addresses issues of how to pick relevant anecdotal stories and expand them into meaningful content, deal with sensitive revelations involving others, making revisions, and more.

Trading Travels

Thursday, Nov. 6 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Gathering Room • Adults

Love traveling? Love to talk about your travels? Love to hear about others' travels? Bring some of your travel stories to this discussion! Registrants will have the opportunity to send in a few pictures of their traveling adventures to share with the group.

Leslie Goddard as Lucille Ball

Thursday, Nov. 6 • 7-8 p.m.

Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom

Adults + Grades 6-12

In the 1950s, comedienne Lucille Ball captured the hearts of television audiences across the nation. Her wacky hijinks and fearless enthusiasm kept thousands laughing. Offscreen, she and her real-life husband Desi Arnaz launched their own television studio and pioneered new technologies. But what does it mean when an onscreen legend clashes with her offscreen reality? In this historical portrayal, historian and actress Leslie Goddard brings Lucy to life, paying tribute to both the true comic legend and the real woman behind the myth.

LIBRARY INSIDERS



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

Next Chapter Book Club

Wednesdays, Sept. 3, 17, Oct. 1, 15, 29, and Nov. 12 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Meeting Room B • Adults

The goal of this book club is to read an entire novel by taking turns reading aloud. Anyone can join, regardless of reading ability.

Ta Dah! Theatre Games

Monday, Sept. 8 • 6-7 p.m.

Kossmann Room • Adults

Use your body and voice to express yourself while discovering characters, creating stories, and having fun.

No Shush Movie

Tuesdays, Sept. 23 and Oct. 28

10-11:45 a.m. • Kossmann Room • Adults

Enjoy a movie with us! A craft will also be provided.

Pet Rocks!

Monday, Oct. 6 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.

The Makery • Adults

Want a new pet? Join us in the Makery to make your own pet rock!

Cards and Coloring

Monday, Nov. 3 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Kossmann Room • Adults

Make a nice card for someone special. Join us for a relaxing and color-filled evening.



Register for programs at elmlib.org/events unless otherwise noted.

 A One Book, One Elmhurst-themed program.

An American Celebration

Monday, Nov. 10 • 2-3 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • Adults

Celebrate Veteran's Day with patriotic songs from the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, and the performers of the USO. Reminisce with Larry Bergnach with stories of WWII and the USO.

Behind the Scenes of the Publishing Industry with Sourcebooks

Thursday, Nov. 13 • 7-8 p.m.

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

Have you ever wondered how your favorite books came to be? What happens after the author writes their final sentence? Join representatives from Sourcebooks, a large independent publisher located in Naperville, to learn more about the publishing process, how books and authors are chosen, the printing process, and how the books reach our shelves.

Organizing for the Holidays

Monday, Nov. 17 • 7-8 p.m.

**Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults**

Does the thought of the holidays make you feel stressed? Would you like to start the holiday season on a good note — feeling more organized and in control? Jennifer Barnes provides practical ways to decrease the stress and increase your organization during this hectic time of year.

The Making of *I Love Lucy*

Wednesday, Nov. 19 • 2-3 p.m.

**Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults**

Journey back to the golden age of television to learn how *I Love Lucy* was created. Discover how it grew out of Lucy's radio program, *My Favorite Husband*. Explore production techniques pioneered by Desi Arnaz, including the three-camera concept, and delve into the life stories of Lucy, Desi, and cast members Vivian Vance and William Frawley (who were not the original choices for Ethel and Fred Mertz). Remember the candy factory? Stomping grapes? Vitameatavegamin? These episodes all have fascinating backstories.

Seems Phishy: Protecting Yourself and Your Genealogy Online

Thursday, Nov. 20 • 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Meeting Room A + Live on Zoom • Adults

Too often scammers, hackers, and other nefarious actors trick us into revealing personal and financial data online. Genealogist Tina Beaird walks us through how to protect your privacy, secure your research, and search for your ancestors with less stress.

I Love the 90s Party

Friday, Nov. 21 • 7-8:30 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • Adults

Celebrate the 30th anniversary of *Toy Story* with a screening of the film, snacks, and fun crafts and activities, inspired by the 1990s.

Knife Skills II

Monday, Nov. 24 • 7-8 p.m.

**Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults**

Chef Susan Maddox returns for an advanced knife skills demonstration focusing on poultry and seafood. Learn essential deboning and various cuts to enhance your culinary expertise.

Literary Trivia

Tuesday, Nov. 25 • 7-8:30 p.m.

**Large Meeting Room
Adults + Grades 9-12**

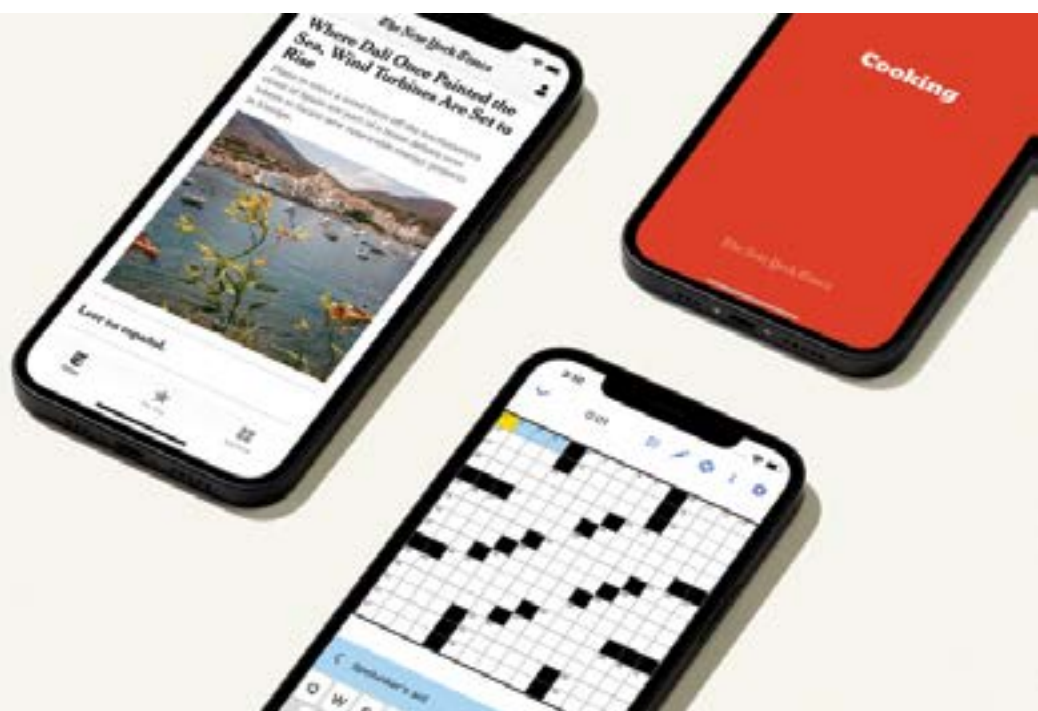
Test your knowledge of literature, from the classics to modern masterpieces. Register as a team of up to six people and compete to win prizes.

NYT All Access

EPL patrons can now enjoy *The New York Times* All Access feature to explore news, games, cooking, *Wirecutter*, and *The Athletic* from anywhere!

Whether you are at the Library or at home, you can access the full world of *The New York Times* with 24-hour access codes. Redeem online, then register for a free account or log in to your existing account. After receiving confirmation, you will have 24 hours of access. Once the code expires, simply repeat the process for another 24-hour code.

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Bridge & Pinochle

Every Tuesday • 1-3 p.m.

Kossmann Room • Adults

Enjoy an afternoon of card games every week. Prior experience is required.

No registration required.

American Mah Jongg

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. Prior experience is required.

No registration required.

Friday Features

Every Friday • 2-4:30 p.m.

Meeting Room A • Adults

Enjoy an afternoon at the movies. Find each week's featured film at elmlib.org/friday.

No registration required.

Canasta

Every Saturday • 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Kossmann Room • Adults

Join us for a friendly game of Canasta every week. Prior experience is required.

No registration required.

Staying Mentally Fit

Tuesdays, Sept. 2, Oct. 7, and Nov. 4

1:30-2:30 p.m. • Meeting Room B • Adults

Join us for fun mental enrichment including games, puzzles, and other activities that boost memory, reasoning, and other cognitive abilities.

In Stitches Needleworkers

Tuesdays, Sept. 9, Oct. 14, and Nov. 11

12-2 p.m. • Gathering Room • Adults

Knitters, crocheters, and needleworkers of all skill levels: bring a project, share knowledge with others, and have fun!

No registration required.

Bingo

Tuesdays, Sept. 9, Oct. 14, and Nov. 11

**3:30-4:30 p.m. • Large Meeting Room
Adults**

Join us for a few rounds of Bingo and compete for prizes!



Chair Yoga

Fridays, Sept. 12, 26, Oct. 10, 24, Nov. 14, and 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.

Scrabble

**Mondays, Sept. 15, Oct. 6, 20, Nov. 3, 17
10 a.m.-12 p.m. • Kossmann Room • Adults**

Play a friendly game of Scrabble. All skill levels welcome.

No registration required.

Coloring and Conversation

**Tuesdays, Sept. 16, Oct. 21, and Nov. 18
2-3 p.m. • Gathering Room**

Adults + Grades 9-12

Choose from beautiful designs and become absorbed in the joy of coloring.

No registration required.

Pinochle Tournament

Thursday, Oct. 2 • 6-7:30 p.m.

Meeting Room A • Adults

Join us for a night of pinochle! Play a few games and enjoy time with other card game enthusiasts. Best score wins a \$20 City Centre gift card! Light refreshments will be provided.

Art Therapy Night

Friday, Oct. 10 • 7-8:30 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • 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.

Board Game Night

Friday, Oct. 17 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • 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.

Learn to Play American Mah Jongg

Thursday, Oct. 30 • 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Meeting Room A • Adults

Learn how to play American Mah Jongg, the increasingly popular tile-based game. Learn the rules, then practice together.

Registration starts Oct. 16.

Bad Art Night

Friday, Nov. 7 • 7-8:30 p.m.

The Makery • Adults + Grades 9-12

Shake off your inner critic by competing to create the worst artwork. No art skills necessary! All materials provided.





MEET THE FOX!

Prepare to be aMazey!

Over 600 votes came in to choose the name of EPL's fox! Celebrate the Library's new bestie, **Mazey the Fox**, by joining in on all sorts of fun fox-themed activities throughout the Library. Keep up with all things Mazey by visiting elmlib.org/fox and by following her on social media:

#MazeytheFox.

Fox Hunt!

Sept. 15-21 • Kids' Library

Follow the clues and paw prints throughout the Kids' Library to find Mazey's hiding spot! Your detective work will enter you to win a prize!

No registration required.

Makery Drop-in: Sublimation Mug

Sept. 16-21 • The Makery

Drop in during Makery hours to make your very own Mazey mug using the Makery sublimation printer. All materials provided.

Limit one mug per person.

No registration required.

Celebrate Mazey's Birthday!

Wednesday, Sept. 17 • All Day • All Ages

Celebrate National Fox Day and Mazey's first birthday! There will be crafts and activities in the Makery, the Lobby, and the Kids' Library. Take a photo with her at the selfie station, make a Mazey bookmark, button, or cup cozy, and join us for all sorts of fun fox-themed activities throughout the day!

No registration required.

Mazey Merch!

Show your love for the Library and for your new bestie, Mazey! Check out the EPL gift shop for fun fox-themed merch you can sport around town. See back cover for more info.

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Fox Hunt! WORD SEARCH

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Watercolor Painting

The Makery • Adults • Grades 9-12

Use watercolor paints to create a beautiful work of art.

Watercolor Sunset

■ Monday, Sept. 8 • 2-3:30 p.m.

■ Monday, Sept. 8 • 7-8:30 p.m.

Registration starts Aug. 25.

Register for one session only.

Watercolor World's Fair

■ Monday, Nov. 3 • 2-3:30 p.m.

■ Monday, Nov. 3 • 7-8:30 p.m.

Registration starts Oct. 20.

Register for one session only.

Zentangle

Thursday, Sept. 11 • 2-3 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • Adults • Grades 9-12

Relax with Zentangle, an abstract art form using simple, repetitive patterns to create beautiful designs.

Registration starts Aug. 28.

Makery 101

The Makery • Adults • Grades 9-12

Learn the basics of the Makery equipment to make custom projects.

Machine Embroidery

■ Monday, Sept. 15 • 10-11:30 a.m.

Registration starts Sept. 1.

Sublimation Patch

■ Monday, Oct. 27 • 6-7:30 p.m.

Registration starts Oct. 13.

Cricut Thanksgiving Sign

■ Friday, Nov. 7 • 10-11:30 a.m.

Registration starts Oct. 24.

Anime and Manga Drawing

Tuesday, Sept. 16 • 7-8 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • Adults • Grades 6-12

Local artist Addie Afable presents a step-by-step drawing tutorial of character design in the Japanese anime and manga style.

Colors of Elmhurst

Offsite: Elmhurst History Museum

(120 E. Park Ave.) • Adults • Grades 9-12

Sketch notable sites of Elmhurst. For these sessions, we meet at the Elmhurst History Museum. Paper and colored pencils provided, or bring your own watercolor materials! Bring a chair.

■ Thursday, Sept. 18 • 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Registration starts Sept. 4.

■ Thursday, Oct. 16 • 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Registration starts Oct. 2.

■ Thursday, Nov. 13 • 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Registration starts Oct. 30.

Makery 101: Sewing Basics

The Makery • Adults • Grades 9-12

Learn the basics of the Makery sewing machines as we sew a project together.

Sew a Drawstring Bag

■ Friday, Sept. 19 • 6-8 p.m.

Registration starts Sept. 5.

Hem Jeans

■ Wednesday, Sept. 24 • 5:30-7 p.m.

■ Friday, Sept. 26 • 6-7:30 p.m.

Registration starts Sept. 10.

Register for one session only.

Sew a Zipper

■ Wednesday, Oct. 8 • 6-7:30 p.m.

Registration starts Sept. 24.



Book Wreath

The Makery • Adults • Grades 9-12

Create a wreath using pages from old books.

■ Monday, Sept. 29 • 2-3:30 p.m.

■ Monday, Sept. 29 • 7-8:30 p.m.

Registration starts Sept. 15.

Register for one session only.



Collage Characters with Donna Castellanos

Saturday, Oct. 4 • 1-3 p.m. • Lobby • All Ages

Join local artist Donna Castellanos to collage and create your own Renaissance-inspired costumed figure art piece. Use salvaged book covers, vintage illustrations, and more.

No registration required.

Creative Cardmaking:

New Baby

The Makery • Adults

Join us for step-by-step instruction to create a unique card.

■ Monday, Oct. 6 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.

■ Monday, Oct. 6 • 1-2 p.m.

Registration starts Sept. 22.

Register for one session only.

Apothecary Jars

The Makery • Adults • Grades 9-12

Create spooky apothecary jars to use as fun Halloween decorations.

■ Monday, Oct. 13 • 2-3:30 p.m.

■ Monday, Oct. 13 • 7-8:30 p.m.

Registration starts Sept. 29.

Register for one session only.

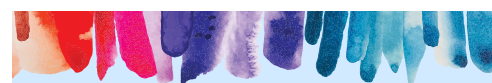
Pastels with Karen Exiner

Wednesday, Oct. 15 • 2-3:30 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • Adults • Grades 9-12

Create an art piece using pastels.

Registration starts Oct. 1.



Makery Crafts

Book a reservation during Makery hours to learn a new skill. One reservation per library card, one kit per reservation, while supplies last. Book your session online at elmlib.org/MakeryCraft.

Sublimation Towel

Sept. 9-30 • The Makery
Adults • Grades 9-12

Print a towel inspired by pioneering abstract artist Wassily Kandinsky.

Registration starts Sept. 8.

Embroidered Patch

Oct. 14-31 • The Makery
Adults • Grades 9-12

Create your own colorful patch using the embroidery machine.

Registration starts Oct. 13.

Floral Painting

Nov. 11-30 • The Makery
Adults • Grades 9-12

Paint a vibrant flower canvas inspired by the large-scale floral paintings of Georgia O'Keeffe.

Registration starts Nov. 10.



Polymer Clay Miniature Pumpkins

Wednesday, Oct. 29 • 7-8:30 p.m.

The Makery • Adults • Grades 9-12

Use polymer clay to create adorable mini pumpkins.

Registration starts Oct. 15.

Needlefelted Gnomes

Meeting Room A • Adults • Grades 9-12

Learn needlefelting techniques to create a gnome that can be used as an ornament or other decoration.

■ Wednesday, Nov. 12 • 5-6:30 p.m.

■ Wednesday, Nov. 12 • 7-8:30 p.m.

Registration starts Oct. 29.

Register for one session only.



Take a guided tour
of the Makery!
See p. 15 for more info.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

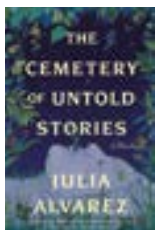
Register for programs at elmlib.org/events unless otherwise noted.

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

The Cemetery of Untold Stories by Julia Alvarez

Gathering Room + Live on Zoom • Adults

Alma is an aging author who creates a special resting place for her unfinished stories, hoping to free herself of their burden, but the stories begin to come alive with their own voices. This novel explores creativity, legacies, storytelling, and what it means to write and to let go. This book discussion is part of the Neighbors Together series, with local libraries collaborating to highlight Literacy DuPage, a local organization that provides free English tutoring for adults.



■ **Thursday, Sept. 18 • 1-2:15 p.m.**

■ **Thursday, Sept. 18 • 7-8:15 p.m.**

For Mystery Lovers: *The Mysterious Affair at Styles* by Agatha Christie

Monday, Sept. 29 • 7-8:15 p.m.

Gathering Room + Live on Zoom • Adults

Join us for a chat about a classic mystery book! Read the first Hercule Poirot mystery, the author's debut novel, featuring the famous eccentric Belgian detective, and talk about the book with other mystery lovers in the group.



Silent Book Club

Thursday, Oct. 2 • 7-8:30 p.m.

Gathering Room • Adults

Read with friends at Silent Book Club in quiet camaraderie. All readers and types of reading are welcome – eBooks or audiobooks (with your own earbuds or headphones), poetry or prose, fiction or nonfiction. BYOBook (and blanket and pillow, if desired) but we will have extra books on hand. Enjoy cozy seating, hot beverages, and chocolates. Arrive any time during the program.

The Great Outdoors Book Discussion Series

A Walk in the Park by Kevin Fedarko

Wednesday, Oct. 8 • 1-2:15 p.m.

Gathering Room • Adults

This 4-part series features one book each quarter focusing on tales of survival, discovery, and our connection to the environment and nature. Whether you're an avid hiker, a casual camper, or someone who simply enjoys a good story set under the open skies, read with us and explore the great outdoors – one page at a time.

Future titles include:

■ **A Walk in the Woods by Bill Bryson**

■ **In a Sunburned Country by Bill Bryson**

■ **Death Comes for the Archbishop by Willa Cather**



Clues & Brews

Tuesday, Oct. 28 • 7-8:15 p.m.

Offsite: Bottle Theory (542 Spring Rd.)

Adults

Join us at Bottle Theory for a mystery book chat! Read a mystery of your choice to talk about with other mystery lovers in the group. Beverages and food available for purchase.



Emma by Jane Austen

Gathering Room + Live on Zoom • Adults

An intelligent, wealthy young woman enjoys matchmaking for others but feels little interest in romance for herself. She's confident about her own judgment and social influence, but meddling in others' relationships leads to complications and misunderstandings in their lives and hers. The novel addresses themes of love, self-discovery, and social class with the author's signature insight. Whether you've never read this classic comedy of manners or you've read it numerous times, join us for a chat in honor of the 250th anniversary of Jane Austen's birth.

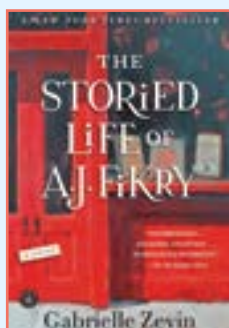


■ **Thursday, Nov. 20 • 1-2:15 p.m.**

■ **Thursday, Nov. 20 • 7-8:15 p.m.**

See p. 15 for programs and discussions about *The Anxious Generation*.

ONE BOOK, ONE ELMHURST



This year's One Book, One Elmhurst pick is *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin. This heartwarming and thoughtful novel invites readers to immerse themselves in the charming, book-filled world of A.J., a bookstore owner whose life takes an unexpected turn. Set on a small island, the story is filled with memorable characters, quiet humor, and a deep love of literature. For more information, see p. 3.

Walk & Talk Adult Book Discussion: *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin

Thursday, Sept. 25 • 1-2 p.m.

Outdoors: Wilder Park • Adults

Let's get together to walk around Wilder Park while we talk about the book! Meet in the Lobby near the west entrance.

Adult Book Discussion: *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin

Gathering Room + Live on Zoom • Adults

■ **Thursday, Oct. 16 • 1-2:15 p.m.**

■ **Thursday, Oct. 16 • 7-8:15 p.m.**

■ **Thursday, Nov. 6 • 7-8:15 p.m.**

One Book and a Brew

Monday, Nov. 10 • 7-8:15 p.m.

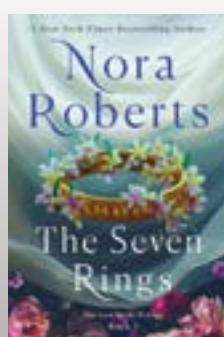
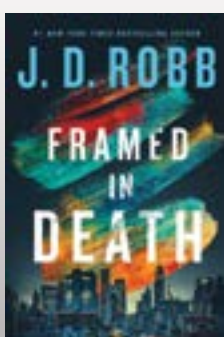
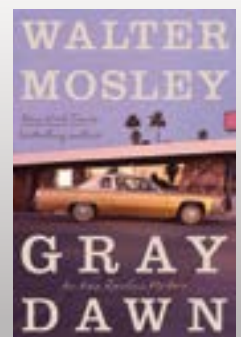
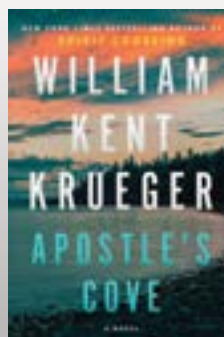
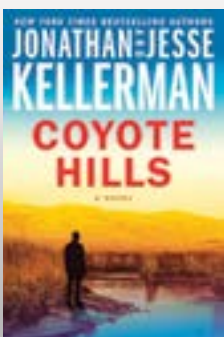
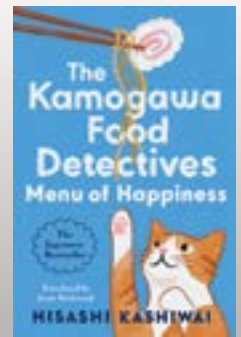
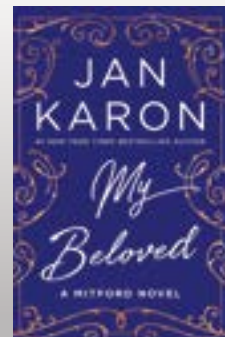
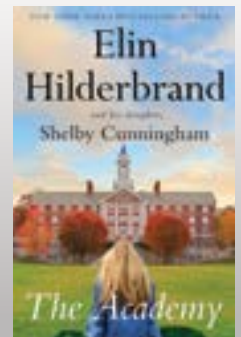
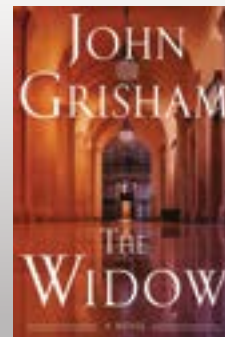
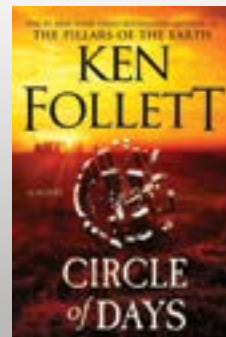
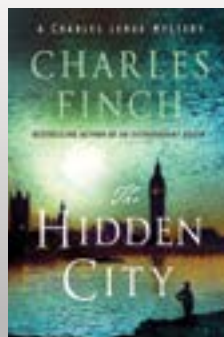
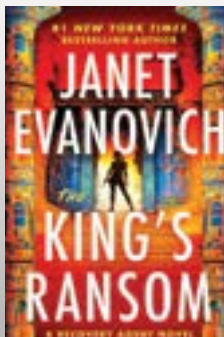
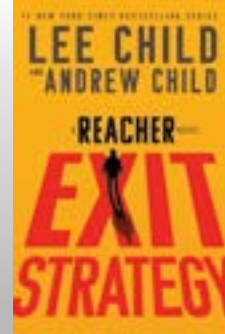
Offsite: Beer on the Wall (105 N. York St.) • Adults

Join us at Beer on the Wall to chat about our One Book, One Elmhurst pick, *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin. Beverages available for purchase.

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