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ELMHURST PUBLIC LIBRARY STAFF NEWSLETTER

Marketing Calendar: January

Programming: Common Connection

Winter's Common Connection theme is **Change**. We are offering a variety of events to help members of the Elmhurst community embrace and adapt to the only thing any of us can count on in life - Change. Topics include: immigration, dating, moving, parenting, and death.

Collection: Weiss Ratings Online

One of our newest online business tools that helps guide people toward the best investment, banking, and insurance options. Offers accurate and unbiased ratings.

elmlib.org/weiss

Service: Social Services at the Library

[Tracey O.](#) is the Library's full time Social Services Specialist. [Emily B.](#) is our Social Work Intern. Please read the article on page 2 of [Fine Print](#) and our recent [Press Release](#), as well as the reported [Suburban Life](#) story, for more details. Social Work hours and *Quick Guide* can be found on the [Bookmark](#) page under Social Work Information.

Amenity: Order Online, Pick up at Drive-Up

Patrons can skip the parking lot and [text us](#), [chat us](#), or [call us](#) to pick-up **most** materials within an hour.

New eMagazine Service: Flipster

Starting January 7th, EPL will offer Flipster as part of the newest tool of our eMagazines services. If you're inside the building, no need to login, just click on the logo to access from our webpage: elmlib.org/magazines. If you are accessing remotely, a valid EPL card number is required. Apps are available for iOS, Android, and Kindle Fire devices.

Features include:

- **Online and offline viewing**
- **Search and browse**
- **Current and back issue availability**
- **Printing**

Why are we getting a second eMagazine service? Flipster provides EPL cardholders access to many exclusive, popular titles we can no longer subscribe to through our RBdigital eMagazines service. Full title list includes:

- *Allrecipes*
- *The Atlantic*
- *Better Homes and Gardens*
- *Do It Yourself*
- *Eating Well*
- *Martha Stewart Living*
- *Midwest Living*
- *Mindful*
- *Rachael Ray Every Day*
- *Shape*

[Check it out prior to January 7th here.](#)

Social Services Week of Workshops: January 27-31

Social Services Specialist Tracey Orick, along with Social Work Intern Emily Becker, and other staff members, present a series programs for staff on social services topics.

There are four book discussion sessions on the book *Dopesick* by Beth Macy. Copies are available in Marcy's office: Stop by to pick up a copy. [Click here for audiobook, eBook, and eAudiobook copies.](#)

User Story: Quiet Workspace

Ali, an Elmhurst cardholder and law student, shared his enthusiasm about EPL: “Elmhurst Public Library is a fantastic library with tons of resources. I can always count on the Library for a quiet workspace or a great read! The staff are some of the friendliest and nicest people around!”

Do you have an idea for a user story? [Contact Anne S.](#)

Library of Extraordinary Staff



Laura Carollo Page, Technical Services

Three Christmases ago, Laura’s husband designed and built her a [Little Free Library](#) after she discovered the charming little free-standing structures on vacation in Michigan. She was surprised to discover there are more than 90,000 registered Little Free Library book-sharing boxes in 91 countries across the world.

Every day, commuters, schoolkids, and neighbors visit the little library in front of her house. Working on the honor system (Take a book, leave a book), Laura says the turnover rate is high, and she rarely has to restock the shelves.

Since Laura is a social person and loves connecting people, her Little Free Library has created a strong connection between her neighbors. “We’ll be out gardening and people will stop and tell us they love it,” she says.

Once, when the Little Free Library was vandalized, the neighborhood rallied, bringing her hundreds of books to replace the stolen ones. “Even when bad things like that happen, it’s not bad,” she says. “Everybody comes together.”

Active in the community, Laura is president of the Newcomer’s Club, a social group for

women, and serves on the PTA. More recently, inspired by the [SCARCE](#) exhibit at the Library, Laura began volunteering for the organization committed to recycling and environmental education in DuPage County.

Laura processes a lot of interesting non-book items in Tech Services, like CDs, DVDs, audiobooks, and playaways. She finds the board games interesting, with their many pieces and intricate instructions. She's also handled stress balls, fidget spinners, and other sensory objects for the Library's adaptive collection. "Each day is different," she says.

After 20 years working in the financial services industry, Laura appreciates the less stressful atmosphere at EPL. "I like Elmhurst and the short commute. I love the Library, books, and people. It's a natural fit," she says.

EPL Positions available

ADS Inclusive Services Coordinator

ADS Technology Assistant

Job Info

Staff Favorites: Resolutions for 2020

Start drinking a healthy amount of water everyday. I did for the last 2 years, but I've become really bad at it in the past couple months.

I have a giant list of specific goals with time tables and due dates, but most of them pertain to living a healthy life and keeping a well ordered house.

Get healthy!

I resolve not to make any unrealistic resolutions for 2020.

For next time: *What's your Word of the Year for 2020?*

Answer Here!



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