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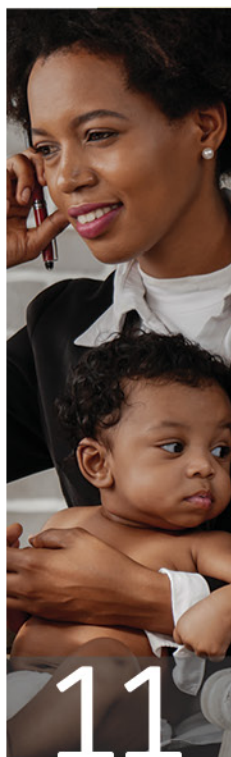
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Winter Reading

Warm up to a good book during the coldest months. We have Winter Reading programs for all ages!



Career Center from Tutor.com

There's no such thing as too much preparation for a new job. Get one-on-one career help.



Creative Studio

Discover this gem of a space where you can lose yourself in a creative project using high-end equipment and software.



Common Connection: Masterpieces

Brush up on your knowledge of art and artists with our series of programs.



Winter Author Events

Mark your calendars for virtual visits from Midwestern cookbook author Shauna Sever and essayist and poet Ross Gay.



Book Club Resources

Gathering together keeps getting easier. The Library can help your book club by offering tips and services.

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Text Message Alerts Available

Opt in to receive hold pickup notices, courtesy messages, and overdue alerts on your mobile device.

Text "SIGNUP" to (833) 201-7760 and respond to the prompts with your library card number and PIN.

For more information, including a complete list of commands and online form options, visit elmlib.org/TextAlerts.

Text messaging rates apply.



Self-check Machines

The Library recently upgraded the self-check machines, which are now available in the Kids' Library, Adult Services (on the 2nd Floor), and in the Lobby. These easy-to-use self-service stations have some cool new features.

Here are some pro tips on how to best use them:

- **Always have your card on hand!** Save your library card information on the Library app to use with the self-checks. Search Elmhurst Public Library in the App Store or Google Play.
- **Save time!** Place your stack of library items on the self-check scanning platform. They will all check out! No need for single-item scanning anymore.
- **Discover eBooks!** Take note of the recommended eBook titles that pop up at the top of the screen during checkout. You can choose to check out, print, or email the recommendations. Download eBooks through the CloudLibrary app, available in either the App Store or Google Play.

Attending Programs

Registration is required for programs unless otherwise noted.

Event Key:

📍 In-person 🖥️ Virtual 📺 Hybrid

- **Hybrid:** These events are offered both in person at the Library and online. Register at elmlib.org/events for the format of your choice to reserve your seat or receive the link to join from home. *Note: If a presenter is virtual, it will be included in the event description.*
- **YouTube:** No registration required. Just visit elmlib.org/YouTube to watch.
- **Zoom:** Register at elmlib.org/events or call us to receive an email and link to the live 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 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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Follow @AskElmhurst to keep up with your library community.
Find more info at elmlib.org/community.



HELPING HANDS KITS

Community Drive:

Month of December • Lobby • All Ages

Help our community stay warm and healthy this winter by donating items that will be assembled into care kits for the Elmhurst Walk-in Assistance Network. Wish List Items: socks, toothbrush/toothpaste, deodorant, bar soap, washcloths, snacks, gum, mints, anti-bacterial gel, and tissues.

Care Kit Assembly:

Monday, Jan. 16 • 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. • All Ages

Assist in putting together care kits for the Elmhurst Walk-in Assistance Network as part of MLK's Day of Service. Activities available for all ages. Space is limited; reserve your spot at elmlib.org/events.



Self Portraits Selfie Station

December and January • All Ages • Lobby

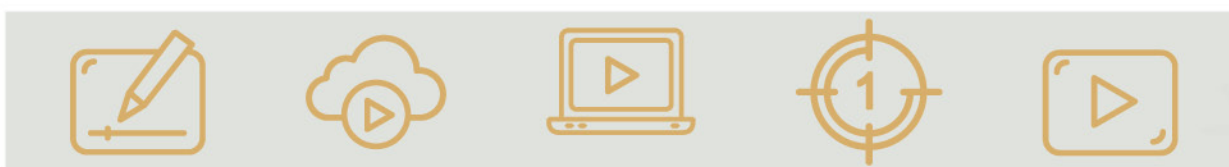
Picture yourself as a work of art. Help us celebrate our Masterpieces programming theme by posing in our portrait gallery. Strike a pose with us and share your likeness at Elmhurst Public Library.



#BookstagramEPL

Ongoing • All Ages • Online

Art often inspires other art! Share your favorite books, movies, TV shows, or music inspired by a masterpiece at #BookstagramEPL.



EPL Highlights Videos

Ongoing • All Ages • Online

We've been creating videos to introduce the community to the amazing things the Library offers. Each video highlights things Library staff thinks you should know about.

Winter Reading

Dec. 19-Feb. 28
elmlib.org/winter

FOR ADULTS + TEENS

Winter Reading Challenge:
Expand Your Reading Comfort Zone

How to Participate:

1. Complete the form at elmlib.org/challenge.
2. Librarians choose a book just for you.
3. Read the book! Tell us what you thought at elmlib.org/ChallengeReview.

By completing steps 1-3, you are entered into our Winter Reading Challenge prize drawing. Repeat as often as you wish, but submit only one request at a time. The last day to submit a request is February 21. Readers may win one of three \$50 Elmhurst City Centre gift cards. EPL card required.

FOR KIDS NEWBORN-GRADE 8

Winter Reading:
Chill With a Good Book

How to Participate:

Print a log from elmlib.org/winter to track days read. At 20 days of reading, bring your log to the Library to earn a swag bag and prize entry. After 40 days of reading, come to the Library to receive your final prize. Logs must be received by February 28 to collect prizes. Each child may only complete one log for the winter.

See page 2 for info: In-person event Virtual event Hybrid event

📍 In-person storytime tickets are available starting at 9 a.m. the morning of the program unless otherwise noted. All tickets require an EPL card.

Registration is required for virtual storytimes. More information at elmlib.org/storytime.

Winter Weekly Storytimes

DECEMBER 1 – FEBRUARY 28 *No storytimes Dec. 24, 26, and Jan. 2

Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays	Saturdays
 Mother Goose & Me Newborn-11 months w/ adult 9:30-10 a.m. Kids' Program Room	 Little Wiggles Families (best for 1-5) 9:30-10 a.m. Large Meeting Room	 Wonderful Wednesday Storytime Starts Jan. 4 Families (best for 1-3) 9:30-10 a.m. Kids' Program Room	 Fun for 3s, 4s, and 5s Starts Jan. 5 Ages 3-5 9:30-10:15 a.m. Kids' Program Room	 Little Wiggles Virtual Families (best for 1-5) 9:30-10 a.m. Live on Zoom	 Songs and Stories Ages 1-2 w/ adult 9:30-10 a.m. Kids' Program Room  Explore a Story Ages 3-5 10:30-11:15 a.m. Kids' Program Room <i>*no session Dec. 31</i>

📍 Festivals of Light Storytime
Thursdays in December • 9:30-10:15 a.m.

Kids' Program Room • Age 3-5 w/ adult

Join us for stories, rhymes, and activities celebrating the season of lights for many cultures. Each week we'll highlight a different winter holiday.

 Cozy Fort Storytime

Wednesday, Jan. 11 • 6:15-6:45 p.m.

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

Create a cozy fort at home and Zoom in for storytime with your EPL friends. Share bedtime stories, rhymes, and songs. Bring a flashlight!

📍 Mandarin/English Bilingual
Storytime

Wednesday, Jan. 18 • 10:15-10:45 a.m.

Kids' Program Room

Families (best for 1-5)

Share stories, rhymes, and songs in English and Mandarin. It's a great way to get ready for the Year of the Rabbit.

📍 Spanish/English Bilingual
Storytime

Wednesday, Feb. 15 • 10:15-10:45 a.m.

Kids' Program Room

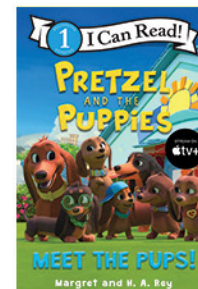
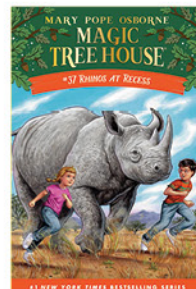
Families (best for 1-5)

Join us for a bilingual storytime. Share stories, rhymes, and songs in English and Spanish.

Coming Attractions

Reserve your copy online:

elmlib.org/KidsNewBooks



📍 Polar Express T-Trak Model Railroad

Large Meeting Room • Families

■ **Saturday, Dec. 10 • 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.**

■ **Sunday, Dec. 11 • 1-4 p.m.**

Experience model trains depicting the famous Polar Express with Chicago T-Trak, a group of railroad modelers that run N scale trains on modular layouts.

No registration required.

📍 Penguins and Snow Globes

Friday, Jan. 20 • 10:30-11:15 a.m.

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

Celebrate National Penguin Day and have fun getting messy with art. Create a paper snow globe and make a decorative penguin! Dress for a mess.

📍 Puzzle Speed Challenge

Saturday, Jan. 21 • 1-4 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • All Ages

How quickly can you and your team complete a 500-piece puzzle? Work together to race against the clock—and other teams—to compete for prizes. Participants of all ages are welcome, and teams can be a mix of adults and kids with up to four people on a team.

📍 Celebrate Chinese New Year

Saturday, Jan. 21 • 2-3 p.m. • Kids' Library Families

Listen to a traditional Chinese folktale about the New Year, and make a lantern with help from York High School's Chinese Club.

No registration required.

📍 James Webb Telescope: What's Up?

Tuesday, Jan. 24 • 7-8 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • Families

Learn about this amazing piece of equipment and what it's currently finding in the universe.

📍 Penguin Practice

Monday, Feb. 6 • 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Kids' Program Room • Age 3-5 w/ adult

Learn about penguins! Then dive in and practice your penguin skills with activities.

📍 Widen the Lens: Hidden Forces That Shape Kids

Wednesday, Feb. 22 • 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • Live on Zoom Parents

Unique circumstances influence each child's foundation, ability to connect, growth trajectory, and resilience under stress. This workshop digs into these factors.

Drop-in Programs

No registration required.

📍 Open LEGO Building

Saturdays, Dec. 17 and Feb. 18

2-3:30 p.m. • Kids' Program Room

All Ages

Drop in and build something awesome with our many LEGO bricks.

📍 Holiday Highlight Craft

Thursdays in December • 2-6 p.m.

Kids' Library • All Ages

Each week, create a craft highlighting a different winter holiday.

📍 Winter Sensory Bingo

Month of January • All Ages

Use your five senses and check off activities on your bingo card.

📍 Snow Fun Activities

Tuesdays in January • 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Kids' Library • All Ages

Stop in and create a new project each week. Available while supplies last.

📍 International LEGO Day

Saturday, Jan. 28 • 2-3:30 p.m.

Kids' Program Room • All Ages

Try our building challenges or think up your own.

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

This self-paced and ongoing program is a great way to ensure that children get critical reading time with a grown-up in their life. Every 100 books, kids get to fill out a new sheet. Once a sheet is completed, come to the Library to celebrate your milestone and get the next sheet! Kids that get to 1,000 books participate in an annual graduation ceremony.



Learn more at elmlib.org/1000Books



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

See page 2 for info:  In-person event  Virtual event  Hybrid event

Marble Art: Snowflakes!

Tuesday, Dec. 6 • 4-5 p.m.

Kids' Program Room • Grades K-2

Decorate paper snowflakes to create amazing works of art with a marbling technique.

Learn to Code

Monday, Dec. 12 • 4-5:30 p.m.

Kids' Program Room • Grades 3-5

Learn the basics of coding, and discover what you can do. We'll use Scratch to make fun games, animations, and control our LEGO WeDo robots.

Homeschool Explorers

Tuesdays, Dec. 13, Jan. 10, and Feb. 14

1-3 p.m. • Kids' Program Room • Grades K-8

Join us for an exciting variety of hands-on activities each month. For topic and registration information, visit elmlib.org/HomeschoolEvents.

Art Camp

Tuesday, Dec. 27-Thursday, Dec. 29

1-1:45 p.m. • Kids' Program Room

Grades K-2

In this three-day camp, learn about different kinds of art and artists, and create your own masterpieces inspired by their styles.

School's Out Movies

Kids' Program Room • Grades K-8

Come watch a movie on our big screen on your day off from school. All movies are rated PG.

No registration required.

■ **Happy Feet**

Tuesday, Dec. 27 • 2:30-4 p.m.

■ **Night at the Museum**

Wednesday, Dec. 28 • 2:30-4 p.m.

■ **The Bad Guys**

Thursday, Dec. 29 • 2:30-4 p.m.

■ **Mr. Popper's Penguins**

Friday, Dec. 30 • 2:30-4 p.m.

■ **The Princess and the Frog**

Monday, Feb. 20 • 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Play Switch!

Wednesdays, Dec. 28 and Feb. 15 • 4-5 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • Grades 2-8

Join us for some video game fun on the Library's big screens. You don't need to bring controllers, or even know how to play!

NYE Science Spectacular

Large Meeting Room • Families

■ **Saturday, Dec. 31 • 10-10:45 a.m.**

■ **Saturday, Dec. 31 • 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.**

Start your New Year's Eve off with amazing science demonstrations. This interactive show will thrill the whole family! Tickets available starting at 9 a.m. the day of the program.

Learn to 3D Print!

The Makery • Grades 3-5

Learn how to design 3D objects and get them printed on the Makery's 3D printer. We'll learn how to make some fun winter-themed projects.

■ **Monday, Jan. 9 • 4-5 p.m.**

■ **Monday, Feb. 20 • 4-5 p.m.**

Globe Trekker: Kids Around the World

Tuesday, Jan. 17 • 4-5 p.m.

Kids' Program Room • Grades 3-5

Expand your world! Learn cool facts about kids from across the globe. We'll hear music, create crafts, and find out that we are more similar than different.

Kids' Chess Club

Sundays, Jan. 22 and Feb. 26

1:30-2:30 p.m. • Kids' Program Room

Grades 1-5

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

Super Snow Science

Tuesday, Jan. 24 • 4-5 p.m.

Kids' Program Room • Grades K-2

Snow is COOL! Learn about the science of snow, and create your own samples of "snow" with different materials. Test your creations to see which ones are closest to the real thing.



CHILL
WITH A
GOOD
BOOK

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Dec. 19-Feb. 28

More info on page 4 and at
elmlib.org/winter

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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📍 Parent/Child Makers:

Create Your Own Stickers

**Monday, Jan. 30 • 4-5 p.m. • The Makery
Grades K-2 w/adult**

Learn how to use the Makery's Xyron machine. Please note, this class is limited to pairs of one child and one adult.

📍 Black History Month Highlights

**Tuesdays in February • 2-6 p.m.
Kids' Library • Grades K-8**

Join us each week as we highlight famous Black American artists, scientists, activists, athletes, and authors. Activities to make and take are available while supplies last.
No registration required.

📍 Maker Kids: Chocolate Heart Molds

**Wednesday, Feb. 8 • 6:15-7:15 p.m.
The Makery • Grades 3-5**

Learn to use the Makery's MayKu machine to create your own chocolate mold, so you can bring it home and make a sweet treat.

📍 Ice-capades!

**Friday, Feb. 17 • 4-5 p.m.
Kids' Program Room • Grades K-2**

Come chill with us and hear a cool winter story followed by fun, ice-inspired crafts.

📍 Junior Chefs

**Monday, Feb. 27 • 4-5 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • Grades 3-5**

Learn some cooking basics, and create a tasty recipe to take home and share.



Animal Antics

- 📍 **Animal Yoga**
Friday, Jan. 6 • 4-4:45 p.m.
Kids' Program Room • Grades K-2
De-stress with this animal-based yoga program. Stretch, move, relax, and have fun making animal shapes.
- 📍 **Crafting for Canines**
Saturday, Jan. 28 • 1:30-3 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • Grades 2-5
Make dog toys to donate to a shelter. Elsa, a therapy dog, will be there to test the dog toys. Presented with Paws 4 Kids 4 Paws.
- 📍 **Read to the Dogs**
Saturdays, Jan. 14 and Feb. 11
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.
Register for a 15-minute reading session.
- 📍 **Groundhog Day!**
Thursday, Feb. 2 • 4-5 p.m.
Kids' Program Room • Grades K-2
It's Groundhog Day! Celebrate with a silly story, games, and a take-home craft.

Virtual Author Visit: Shannon Hale & LeUyen Pham



**Saturday, February 11
3-4 p.m.
via Zoom!
Registration Required.**

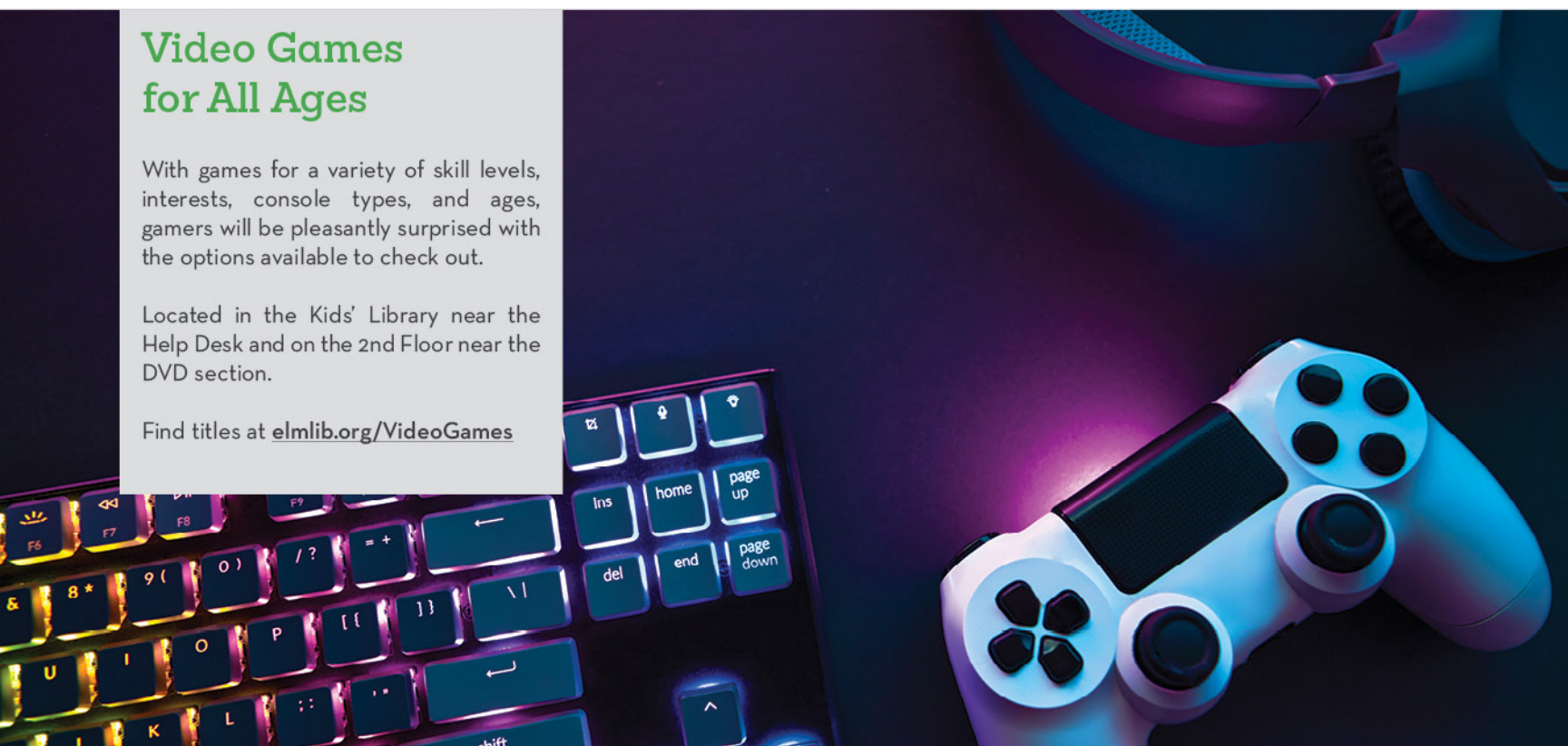
Join us for a virtual author visit with writer Shannon Hale and illustrator LeUyen Pham! They will talk about their books, answer your questions, and share an engaging activity!

Video Games for All Ages

With games for a variety of skill levels, interests, console types, and ages, gamers will be pleasantly surprised with the options available to check out.

Located in the Kids' Library near the Help Desk and on the 2nd Floor near the DVD section.

Find titles at elmlib.org/VideoGames



Dungeons & Dragons Tuesdays, Dec. 13, Jan. 10, and Feb. 14 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.

Book vs. Movie: This Time It's Personal

Friday, Dec. 16 • 6-7 p.m.
Kids' Program Room • Grades 6-8

Are books better than movies? Are movies better than books? Let's settle this age-old debate once and for all!

Hot Chocolate and Chat

Monday, Dec. 19 • 4-5 p.m.
Middle School Hangout • Grades 6-8

Come and get some hot cocoa while we chit-chat about fun topics.
No registration required.

Diamond Painting Friday, Jan. 13 • 4-5 p.m.

Middle School Hangout • Grades 6-8

Diamond painting is similar to painting by numbers, except instead of using paint, you are applying tiny diamonds to a sticky design. Try out this stress-relieving and oh-so-satisfying craft.
No registration required.

Makery: Beeswax Candles Monday, Jan. 23 • 6-8 p.m. • The Makery Grades 6-8

Learn how to make hand-rolled beeswax candles. They make a great gift or a treat for yourself.

Graffiti Art

Monday, Feb. 13 • 4-5 p.m.
Middle School Hangout • Grades 6-8

Try your hand at this popular street art style.
No registration required.

Can You Survive? An Interactive Survival Adventure

Friday, Feb. 24 • 7-8:30 p.m.
Kids' Program Room • Grades 6-8

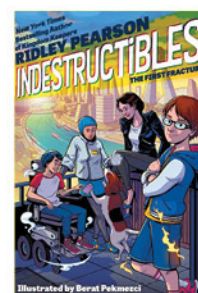
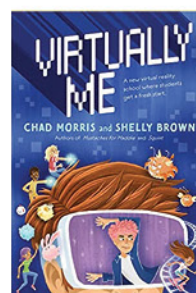
You're flying over Mount Everest when your plane malfunctions and crashes. Now, you and your team must find a way to survive the harsh weather and get yourselves off the mountain. This team challenge will be one wild ride.

Pop-up Crafts

Be on the look out for fun and spontaneous activities to appear in the Hangout, a space in the Kids' Library reserved for Middle Schoolers.
Hint: Clues will be left in the space to help figure out dates and times.

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 their thoughts and explore current topics with EPL's 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.

📍 High School Crafternoon

Tuesdays, Dec. 6, Jan. 24, and Feb. 28

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!

📍 Snack Testers

Mondays, Dec. 12, Jan. 16, and Feb. 20

4-5 p.m. • Kossmann Room • Grades 9-12

Test a variety of snacks and treats from around the world, then vote for your favorites. If you have a food allergy, email eplteen@elmlib.org at least 1 week in advance and the Library will make an effort to make the event safer for you.

📍 Dungeons & Dragons

Tuesdays, Dec. 13, Jan. 10, and Feb. 14

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.

📍 Intro to Drawing

Tuesday, Jan. 31 • 6:30-8 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • Adults + Grades 6-12

After an overview of traditional pencil techniques and basic drawing materials, try your hand at drawing a still life, and get feedback on your masterpiece.

Get Involved

Teen Advisors

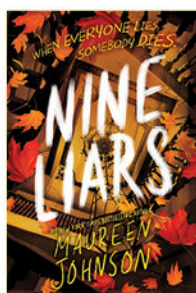
Grades 9-12

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!



High School Coming Attractions

Reserve your copy online:
elmlib.org/HSNewBooks

Work Perks

Individuals who work in Elmhurst have access to additional borrowing privileges if they register their home library card with EPL's Work Perks.

To enroll, just bring your library card and an official employer-issued photo ID or payroll stub to the Checkout Desk.

Perks include access to the Makery, remote access to select databases, and the ability to place holds on Elmhurst materials.

Learn more at elmlib.org/WorkPerks



Career Change: Plan and Prepare for a Successful Transition

Monday, Jan. 16 • 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Kossmann Room • Adults

Whether you're pursuing a new job, changing industries, or relocating, career transitions are rewarding, but difficult. Learn how to properly plan and prepare for a change. Presented with People's Resource Center.

Charging Your Worth With Confidence

Wednesday, Jan. 18 • 12-1:30 p.m.

Live on Zoom • Adults

One of the most challenging aspects of running a business is setting your price. Brand designer Chelsie Tamms covers common pricing mistakes and how to fix them so you can overcome nerves and ensure you do not short-change yourself.

Elmhurst Business Connection

Thursdays, Jan. 26 and Feb. 23

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.

Skill Up DuPage

Thursday, Jan. 26 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.

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

From entry to executive levels, learn how workNet DuPage Career Center can help (re)start your career through training and job search support. Presented with workNet DuPage.

LinkedIn Profile Portraits

Gathering Room • Adults + Grades 9-12

■ **Monday, Feb. 6 • 12-1:30 p.m.**

■ **Monday, Feb. 6 • 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.

Job Search in the 21st Century

Monday, Feb. 20 • 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Kossmann Room • Adults

Identify the three parts of a job search plan and learn strategic job search activities. Presented with People's Resource Center.

Career Center from Tutor.com

Work one-on-one with online career specialists to get help with writing a resume or cover letter, searching for a job, or preparing for an interview. Available every day.

elmlib.org/tutor



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/videochat



iPhone iOS

Computer Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12

■ **Monday, Dec. 5 • 2-3 p.m.**

■ **Monday, Feb. 13 • 4-5 p.m.**

Discover the latest features of the iPhone and its operating system.

Meditation & Self-care Apps

Monday, Dec. 12 • 3-4 p.m. • Computer Lab Adults + Grades 9-12

Find popular and useful apps for meditation and self-care that are available on smartphones and tablets.

Google Photos

Tuesday, Dec. 13 • 3-4 p.m. • Computer Lab Adults + Grades 9-12

Explore the Google Photos application and learn how to save photos from your device to the cloud.

Intro to Webex Meeting

Monday, Dec. 19 • 3-4:30 p.m.

Computer Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12

Learn about joining and creating Webex Meetings, Cisco's cloud-based web and video conferencing service.

eMedia

Friday, Jan. 6 • 2-3 p.m. • Computer Lab Adults + Grades 9-12

Access thousands of eBooks, eAudiobooks, eVideos, and eMusic! Learn about the different applications and ways to access these collections with your EPL card.

Drop-in Device Help

Wednesday, Jan. 11 • 6-7:30 p.m.

Computer Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12

Library staff will be available to assist with your newly acquired electronics. Bring your devices and technology questions!

Organizing Digital Files

Saturday, Jan. 14 • 10-11 a.m.

Computer Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12

January is National Clean Up Your Computer Month. Get tips on properly backing up and organizing your files.

Excel Intermediate

Monday, Jan. 16 • 3-4:30 p.m.

Computer Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12

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

Analog to Digital Conversion

Tuesday, Jan. 17 • 3-4:30 p.m.

Computer Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12

Get to know equipment that converts cassettes, vinyl records, film, and VHS tapes into a digital format.

Android OS

Monday, Feb. 6 • 2-3 p.m. • Computer Lab Adults + Grades 9-12

Learn more about your Android device and gain new skills. We'll share useful apps and answer questions.

Excel Advanced Topics

Wednesday, Feb. 22 • 6-7:30 p.m.

Computer Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12

Tap into the advanced features of Excel, including PMT, VLOOKUP, and more.

Cutting the Cable Cord

Tuesday, Feb. 28 • 6-7 p.m. • Computer Lab Adults + Grades 9-12

Explore the different avenues available to bring video content into your home, including services like Netflix, Apple TV+, Hulu, YouTube TV, and more.

Creative Studio Tour

Scan the QR code below to watch a video highlighting the Creative Studio, located on the 2nd Floor. This hidden gem is the place to use the Library's high-end equipment and software to complete digital audio, visual, and graphic design projects. For professional, personal, or school-related projects, we have the equipment you need!

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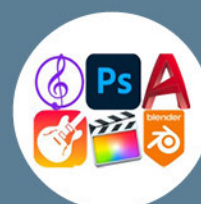
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MASTERPIECES

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 Masterpieces.

What would this world be without the bold color and visionary shapes seen through an artist's eye? How else could social commentary exist without a single word? With talent, carefully honed technique, and a dash of rebellion, artists challenge commonly-held perceptions. Masterpieces push emotions—joy, discomfort, fear—to the surface and have the power to spark discussions that continue beyond the artist's lifetime. Join us for these inspiring programs!

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H Impressionist Paris

Monday, Dec. 5 • 7-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • Live on Zoom
Adults • Grades 9-12

In the 1850s, modernization transformed Paris, leading to the stately buildings and broad boulevards that characterize the city today. Impressionist painters, committed to painting the world around them, rendered the dynamism of 19th-century Paris in their many views of its streets, cafés, and entertainment venues. See how Monet, Renoir, Degas, Cassatt, and others created works that were as modern and captivating as the scenes they depicted.

H Intro to Art Appreciation

Thursday, Dec. 8 • 7-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • Live on Zoom
Adults • Grades 9-12

Delve into art history and appreciation, where we will study eras, materials, vocabulary, and how to put these elements together to better understand art.

📍 Printmaking

Monday, Dec. 12 • 6:30-8 p.m. • The Makery
Adults • Grades 6-12

Learn about the tools and techniques of printmaking with artist Kara DeCarlo and make a unique relief print by carving and inking linoleum blocks.

H The Art of Ferris Bueller

Tuesday, Jan. 17 • 7-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • Live on Zoom
Adults • Grades 9-12

Join tour guide Kelli Marshall for a look at the paintings in the Art Institute of Chicago featured in one of the most memorable scenes in *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*.

📍 Monet-inspired Haystacks

The Makery • Adults • Grades 9-12
■ Wednesday, Jan. 25 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.
■ Thursday, Feb. 9 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Using pastels, mimic the painting techniques used by Monet in his *Stacks* at Giverny series to create your own artwork.

H Georgia O'Keeffe: The Inspiration of Nature

Wednesday, Jan. 25 • 7-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • Live on Zoom
Adults • Grades 6-12

In this living-history performance, historian Leslie Goddard, PhD., portrays Georgia O'Keeffe, the legendary artist and modernist. As O'Keeffe reflects on her life, she discusses her intense closeness to flowers, nature, and the landscape around her homes in New Mexico. What emerges is a complex person whose mythmaking encompassed both her art and her life.

📍 Intro to Drawing

Tuesday, Jan. 31 • 6:30-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • Adults • Grades 6-12

Jumpstart your art! After an overview of traditional pencil techniques and basic materials, try your hand at drawing a still life and get feedback on your masterpiece.

📍 Cloth Portraits

Saturday, Feb. 4 • 10 a.m.-2 p.m. • Lobby
All Ages

See the magic behind the exhibits under the stairs and ask questions of the artist, Donna Castellanos. Then, get in on the fun and make your own portrait out of upcycled cloth and craft materials!

No registration required.

H Andy Warhol in the 21st Century

Monday, Feb. 27 • 7-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • Live on Zoom
Adults • Grades 6-12

Andy Warhol's version of pop art has become increasingly famous over the decades. Learn about the lasting legacy of Warhol's effortlessly accessible and yet intellectually provocative art.

Featured Events

Mini Art Show

All Ages

Celebrate creativity by participating in the Library's Mini Art Show! Pick up your 4"x4" canvas and supply kit at the Library starting Monday, Dec. 19. Use your imagination and a little paint to fit our theme: Connect, Create, Explore. Return your finished canvas to the Library by Wednesday, Jan. 25. While supplies last. Limit one per person.

Artwork will be displayed at the Elmhurst Art Museum in an upcoming art show. Local artists will judge the submissions and award prizes. All ages are encouraged to participate and the contest will be split into three categories: 12 & Under, 13-18, and Adult. Presented with Elmhurst Art Museum.

📍 Craft Swap

Saturday, Feb. 25 • 12-3 p.m.
Large Meeting Room
Adults • Grades 6-12

Bring your lightly-used craft supplies and swap them out for new ones! Drop off supplies in the Lobby from Feb. 20-24. Items must be in good condition.

No registration required.

📱 Online Common Connection Challenge

Ongoing • Online

Join the online events challenge. Earn badges for participating.



Culture Club

Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults

Explore the world without leaving your chair.

- **Christmas Markets in Prague and Germany**
Thursday, Dec. 8 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.
- **Southeast Asian and Indian Cuisine**
Thursday, Jan. 12 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.
- **Polish Churches of Chicago**
Thursday, Feb. 9 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.

GreenMan Theatre

Presents: Seasonal Stories

Tuesday, Dec. 13 • 7-8:30 p.m.

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

Get in the holiday spirit as storytellers from GreenMan Theatre perform.

Families and Politics with Braver Angels

Wednesday, Dec. 14 • 6-8:30 p.m.

Live on Zoom • Adults + Grades 9-12

Conversations with family about politics can be very fraught and tense, especially around the holidays. If you want to preserve important family bonds while still being true to your values and political beliefs, this workshop is for you. Presented with Braver Angels and the Peru Public Library.

Genealogy Club

Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults

Join us each month for a new genealogy topic and discussion to help you fill out your family tree.

- **Family Research in Illinois & Wisconsin**
Thursday, Dec. 15 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.
- **Using Marriage Records as Genealogical Resources**
Thursday, Jan. 19 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.
- **No Vitals? No Problem: Building a Family Through Circumstantial Evidence**
Thursday, Feb. 16 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Great Decisions

Large Meeting Room • Adults

Learn about critical issues facing America with professor Gary Midkiff and other community members.

- **Foreign Policy Roundtable**
Tuesday, Dec. 27 • 1:30-3 p.m.
- **Foreign Policy Roundtable**
Tuesday, Jan. 24 • 1:30-3 p.m.
- **Chapter 1: Energy Geopolitics**
Tuesday, Feb. 28 • 1:30-3 p.m.



Reducing Holiday Stress Through Meditation

Wednesday, Dec. 28 • 7-8 p.m.

Live on Zoom • Adults + Grades 6-12

Join meditator Zelma Chamberlain, M.Ed., as she discusses the effect of meditation to reduce stress-related responses, improve concentration, enhance clarity of thought, and promote mental equilibrium.

The Power of Forgiveness

Thursday, Jan. 5 • 10-11 a.m.

Large Meeting Room • Adults

Learn the importance of forgiving others by gaining a new understanding of what it means to forgive and how it can free us to move forward in our lives. Presented with Thought Stepping.

Join the Winter Reading Challenge

for Adults and Teens

Dec. 19-Feb. 28

More info on page 4 and at elmlib.org/winter

H Clean Energy and Solar Power with C.U.B.

Tuesday, Jan. 10 • 7-8:30 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • Live on Zoom
Adults

Explore solar power and other clean sources of energy to make your home greener and lower your energy costs. Presented in-person with a virtual presenter.

🕒 Puzzle Speed Challenge

Saturday, Jan. 21 • 1-4 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • All Ages

How quickly can you and your team complete a 500-piece puzzle? Work together to race against the clock—and other teams—to compete for prizes. Participants of all ages are welcome, and teams can be a mix of adults and kids with up to four people on a team.

H Fisher-Price: Celebrating Over 80 Years of Fun

Monday, Jan. 30 • 7-8 p.m.

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

Discover the history of Fisher-Price from its start in 1931, and learn how the business evolved to stay successful and remain one of the top toy companies today.

H President Who?: Lesser-known Presidents in American History

Tuesday, Feb. 7 • 7-8:30 p.m.

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

Most Americans know the names Washington, Jefferson, and Lincoln, but do you know Fillmore, Arthur, or Harrison? Learn about these and other lesser-known presidents throughout our nation's history. Discover who these men were, how they became President, what they did once they reached the Oval Office, and what they did after leaving it.

H Buy Your First Home

Wednesday, Feb. 8 • 7-8:30 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • Live on Zoom
Adults

A mortgage lender, a real estate agent, and a home inspector walk you through the steps of buying a house. Q&A session follows.

H Life Lessons From the Happiest People on Earth

Monday, Jan. 9 • 7-8 p.m.

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

Each year, the World Happiness Report is dominated by Denmark, Iceland, Finland, Sweden, and Norway. What is it about these countries that makes living there so pleasant? Learn to improve your life by embracing the practices of hygge, lagom, and more.

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 disabilities.

🕒 Winter Card Making

Wednesday, Dec. 7 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • Adults

Make a winter-themed card. All materials provided.

🕒 Next Chapter Book Club

Wednesdays, Dec. 21; Jan. 4, 18; and Feb. 1 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • Adults

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

🕒 Insiders' Trivia Night

Wednesday, Feb. 15 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • Adults

Join us for a fun night of winter-themed trivia and compete for prizes!

🕒 Makery Drop-in

Ongoing • The Makery • All Ages

Drop in any time during Makery hours to make a low-tech, all ages craft. There's a new one each month! While supplies last.

🕒 Chamber Music Concert

Friday, Feb. 10 • 7-8:30 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • Adults

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

🕒 Strictly Self-defense

Saturdays, Feb. 11 and 18 • 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • Adults

Learn key areas of self-defense: mindset, skill, and planning. This two-part training will cover techniques to defend yourself, as well as bystander intervention, how to maintain control and awareness, and the importance of consent and healthy relationships.

Decluttering Our Hearts and Homes: The Emotional Connection to Stuff

Monday, Feb. 13 • 7-8 p.m.

Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults

Learn about emotional connections to items we own and steps to effectively declutter the spaces in which we live and work.

Freedom of Information Act

Thursday, Feb. 16 • 7-8:30 p.m.

Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom

Adults

Join Jackson Paller, J.D., from the Citizen Advocacy Center to learn about the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Learn what kind of government information can be requested, how to make requests, and the role of FOIA in keeping our citizenry informed.

Ann Bradford Stokes: African American Civil War Nurse

Tuesday, Feb. 21 • 7-8:30 p.m.

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

Marlene Rivero reenacts how Stokes escaped slavery, began volunteering as a nurse, and aided Civil War soldiers.

Vegan Cooking

Tuesday, Feb. 28 • 7-8 p.m.

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

Join Chef Susan Maddox for a cooking demo of three recipes, perfect for any vegan diet!

Getting Older

Advance Directives: Empowering Your End-of-life Wishes

Wednesday, Jan. 11 • 7-8 p.m.

Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults

Discussing your end-of-life choices is difficult, but necessary. Learn about your options and available resources for these decisions, then practice how to share your wishes with loved ones.

Assisted Living & Elder Law

Friday, Jan. 13 • 10-11 a.m.

Large Meeting Room • Adults

In this program, The National Aging in Place Council (NAIPC) will focus on Assisted Living and Elder Law.

A Matter of Balance

Wednesday, Jan. 18 • 2-3 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • Seniors

Learn to identify and address the root causes of falls in older adults to build confidence and decrease worries of living alone.

Creating Dementia Friendly Neighborhoods

Wednesday, Feb. 15 • 2-3 p.m.

Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults

Living with dementia is a lonely experience for both the person and their loved ones. Neighbors can aid in reducing the stigma of dementia in the greater community. This session discusses the Dementia Friendly and Dementia Friends movements in Illinois and how you can join these growing grassroots initiatives.

In-home Care & Home Modifications

Friday, Feb. 17 • 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Kossmann Room • Adults

In this program, The National Aging in Place Council will discuss in-home care and home modifications that allow seniors to continue to live at home.

VIRTUAL WINTER

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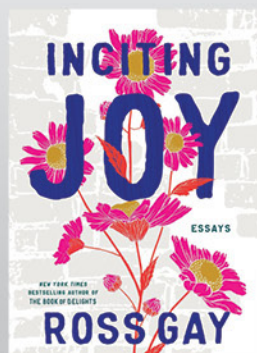


December 13

Presented with Illinois Libraries Present

 7-8 p.m. • Live on Zoom • Adults

Food Network and TODAY Show contributor Shauna Sever shares insights on baking, writing, and preparing for holiday cooking. Sever, a Chicagoan, celebrates Midwestern cuisine in her cookbook, *Midwest Made: Big, Bold Baking from the Heartland*, named one of the best cookbooks of 2019 by the New York Times.



ROSS
GAY



January 11

Presented with Illinois Libraries Present

 7-8 p.m. • Live on Zoom • Adults

Award-winning poet and author Ross Gay is interested in and wants to understand joy. His second collection of essays, *Inciting Joy*, released in October, explores the concept of joy and how to achieve it. Join us for a virtual visit with Gay as he discusses his poetry and essays and how to find a little more happiness in our lives.

20 + 30 SOMETHINGS

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

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



Connect • Engage • Thrive

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

📍 Board Game Night

Fridays, Dec. 2 and Feb. 3 • 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.

📍 Art Therapy Night

Friday, Dec. 16 • 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

Thursdays, Jan. 5 and Feb. 2 • 7-8:30 p.m.
Offsite: Fitz's Pub (172 N Addison Ave)
Adults Age 21+

Test how much you know with a pub quiz and compete for prizes! Bring a group of up to six people or let us match you up with a team.

📍 Plug In & Play

Friday, Jan. 6 • 7-8:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • 20s/30s Adults

Join us for a night of video games, old and new. Bring your favorite to share or play one of ours.

📍 Cookie Decorating

Friday, Jan. 20 • 7-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • 20s/30s Adults

Make art you can eat! Learn how to use baking tools to create different designs on cookies. All supplies provided.

📍 Buy Your First Home

Wednesday, Feb. 8 • 7-8:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults

A mortgage lender, a real estate agent, and a home inspector walk you through the steps of buying your first house. Q&A session follows.

📖 20s/30s Book Discussions

■ *Writers & Lovers*

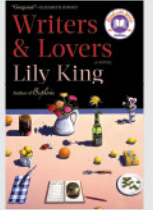
by Lily King

Thursday, Dec. 1 • 7-8:15 p.m.

Gathering Room + Live on Zoom

20s/30s Adults

It's the summer of 1997 when Casey arrives in Massachusetts with no plan following a breakup and her mom's death. 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.



■ *The Feather Thief: Beauty, Obsession, and the Natural History Heist of the Century*

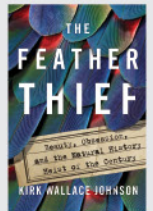
by Kirk Wallace Johnson

Thursday, Feb. 2 • 7-8:15 p.m.

Gathering Room + Live on Zoom

20s/30s Adults

In 2009, Edwin Rist stole hundreds of rare bird skins belonging to the British Museum of Natural History. In this true crime account that reads like a gripping thriller, the author gets to the bottom of this bizarre crime and explores the limits of human obsession and the desire to possess the natural world. Shortlisted for the Gold Dagger and Edgar Awards.



■ *Broken (in the Best Possible Way)*

by Jenny Lawson

Thursday, March 2 • 7-8:15 p.m.

Gathering Room + Live on Zoom

20s/30s Adults

Lawson brings readers along as she describes her experiences with depression and anxiety in a hilarious stream-of-consciousness style.



📍 Blanket Fort Movie Night

Friday, Feb. 17 • 7-8:45 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • 20s/30s Adults

Bring pillows and blankets to help us build an epic fort, then settle in for hot chocolate and a movie. Pajamas encouraged!



Scrabble Club

Mondays, Dec. 5, Jan. 9, and Feb. 6
10 a.m.-12 p.m. • Kossmann Room • Adults

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

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, Dec. 6, Jan. 3, and Feb. 7
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. Prior experience is required.

No registration required.

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.

Chess Club

Mondays, Dec. 12, Jan. 9, 23, Feb. 13, and 27
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.

Pub Trivia

Thursdays, Jan. 5 and Feb. 2 • 7-8:30 p.m.
Offsite: Fitz's Pub (172 N Addison Ave)
Adults Age 21+

Test how much you know with a pub quiz and compete for prizes! Bring a group of up to six people or let us match you up with a team.

In Stitches Needleworkers

Tuesdays, Dec. 13, Jan. 10, and Feb. 14
12-2 p.m. • Gathering Room • Adults

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

No registration required.

Ciao Italia!

Mondays, Dec. 19, Jan. 16, and Feb. 20
7-8:30 p.m.

Kossmann Room • Live on Zoom • Adults

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

Coloring for Mindfulness

Tuesdays, Dec. 20, Jan. 17, and Feb. 21
2-3 p.m. • The Makery • Adults

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

No registration required.

Lyric Opera Lecture:

Hansel and Gretel

Sunday, Jan. 22 • 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Kossmann Room • Adults

Hear the story, learn about the composer, and listen to music. This riveting modern view of Grimm's fairytale features an eye-popping production that does full justice to Humperdinck's glorious score.

Chair Yoga

Fridays, Jan. 27 and Feb. 24

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.

Meet the Artist!

🕒 Cloth Portraits Drop-in

Saturday, Feb. 4 • 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Lobby • All Ages

See the magic behind the exhibits under the stairs and ask questions of the artist, Donna Castellanos. Then, get in on the fun and make your own portrait out of upcycled cloth and craft materials!

No registration required.



🕒 Makery Drop-in

Ongoing in January and February

The Makery • All Ages

Drop in any time during Makery hours to make a low-tech, all ages craft. There's a new one each month! While supplies last.

No registration required.

🕒 Creative Card Making: Winter Holidays

The Makery • Adults

■ **Monday, Dec. 5 • 12-1:30 p.m.**

■ **Monday, Dec. 5 • 2-3:30 p.m.**

Join us for step-by-step instruction to create cards for the winter holidays.

🕒 DIY Self-care Spa

Wednesday, Dec. 7 • 7-8:30 p.m.

The Makery • Adults

Treat yourself to a night of self-care without breaking the bank. Create a variety of sugar scrubs, facials, and bath bombs while learning important self-care tips to pamper yourself inside and out.

🕒 Printmaking

Monday, Dec. 12 • 6:30-8 p.m. • The Makery Adults + Grades 6-12

Learn about the tools and techniques of printmaking with artist Kara DeCarlo, and make a unique relief print by carving and inking linoleum blocks.

🕒 Winter Decorations

Wednesday, Dec. 14 • 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • Adults

Create large paper bag snowflakes and a variety of wintry Perler bead designs.

🕒 Makery 101: Laser Cutter Basics

Monday, Jan. 16 • 6:30-8 p.m.

The Makery • Adults + Grades 6-12

Learn to prepare designs for etching and cutting, and see a live demonstration.

🕒 Basket Weaving

Monday, Jan. 23 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • Adults + Grades 9-12

Weave a basket with us!

🕒 Creative Card Making: Valentine's Day

The Makery • Adults

■ **Monday, Jan. 23 • 12-1:30 p.m.**

■ **Monday, Jan. 23 • 2-3:30 p.m.**

Join us for step-by-step instruction to create cards for Valentine's Day.

🕒 Monet-inspired Haystacks

The Makery • Adults + Grades 9-12

■ **Wednesday, Jan. 25 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

■ **Thursday, Feb. 9 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.**

Using pastels, mimic the painting techniques used by Monet in his Stacks at Giverny series to create your own artwork.

🕒 Intro to Drawing

Tuesday, Jan. 31 • 6:30-8 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • Adults + Grades 6-12

Try your hand at drawing a still life, and get feedback on your masterpiece.

🕒 Disco Ball Planter

The Makery • Adults + Grades 9-12

■ **Wednesday, Feb. 1 • 5:30-6:30 p.m.**

■ **Wednesday, Feb. 1 • 7-8 p.m.**

Repurpose a disco ball into a fun planter.

🕒 Makery 101: Sewing Basics

Wednesday, Feb. 15 • 6-8 p.m.

The Makery Adults + Grades 6-12

We will start a simple project together. All experience levels welcome.

🕒 Craft Swap

Saturday, Feb. 25 • 12-3 p.m.

Large Meeting Room

Adults + Grades 6-12

Bring your lightly-used craft supplies and swap them out for new ones! Drop off supplies in the Lobby from Feb. 20-24. Items must be in good condition. **No registration required.**

See page 14 for more art-related programs.

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.

🕒 Embroidered Skyline Sign

Jan. 10-31 • The Makery Adults + Grades 6-12

Practice with the embroidery machine by making a decorative hanging sign of the Chicago skyline. Make your reservation starting Monday, Jan. 9.

🕒 Aromatherapy Neck Pillow

Feb. 7-28 • The Makery Adults + Grades 6-12

Sew a neck pillow filled with rice and scented oils. Warm it in the microwave or chill it in the freezer for soothing aromatherapy. Make your reservation starting Monday, Feb. 6.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

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

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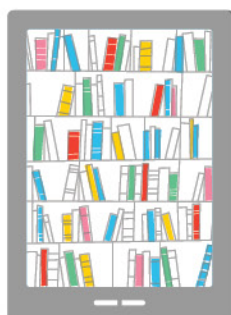


Expand Your World, One Book at a Time

To get on board, read a book that is: a literary masterpiece.

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.



H Trading Titles

Gathering Room • Adults

■ Thursday, Dec. 15 • 1-2:15 p.m.

■ Thursday, Dec. 15 • 7-8:15 p.m.

Love books? Love to talk about books? Love to hear about new books? This is the group for you! How it works: read whatever you want, then attend the event to share your thoughts about it.



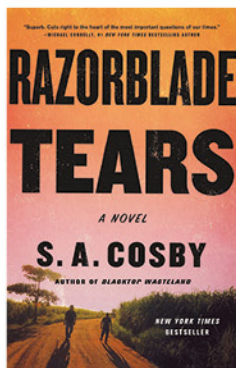
H Hamnet by Maggie O'Farrell

Gathering Room • Live on Zoom • Adults

■ Thursday, Jan. 19 • 1-2:15 p.m.

■ Thursday, Jan. 19 • 7-8:15 p.m.

In this historical fiction novel set in 16th century Stratford-upon-Avon, the author speculates on the origin of William Shakespeare's masterpiece *Hamlet*. A young Latin tutor, ill-treated by his cruel father, marries Agnes, a healer who keeps a bird of prey. She becomes a strong influence on her husband and their three children, but the family is left to deal with the aftermath when their son dies of a sudden fever. Winner of the National Book Critics Circle Award for Fiction and the Women's Prize for Fiction.



H Razorblade Tears by S. A. Cosby

Gathering Room • Live on Zoom • Adults

■ Thursday, Feb. 16 • 1-2:15 p.m.

■ Thursday, Feb. 16 • 7-8:15 p.m.

Two fathers, of different races, both ex-cons, reject their sons who are married to each other. When the couple is murdered on their anniversary, their vengeful dads team up to find the killers and possibly redeem themselves. Set in small-town Virginia, this fast-paced, suspenseful, gritty crime novel is a Thriller Award winner by the author of *Blacktop Wasteland*.

H Learn & Grow Book Discussions

■ Joyful: The Surprising Power of Ordinary Things to Create Extraordinary Happiness by Ingrid Fetell Lee

Thursday, Dec. 8 • 7-8:15 p.m.

Gathering Room • Live on Zoom • Adults

Why are we so captivated by colorful, lively sights such as flowers in a garden, baby animals, and fireworks? Find out why some places and things might increase anxiety while others can cause delight and help us to live more joyfully.

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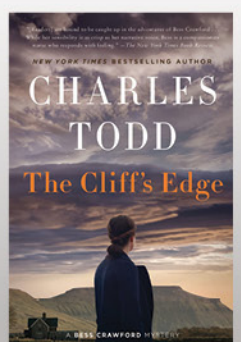
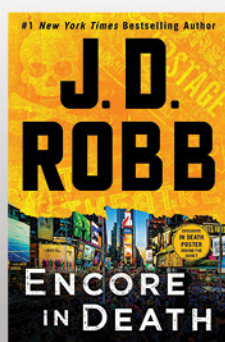
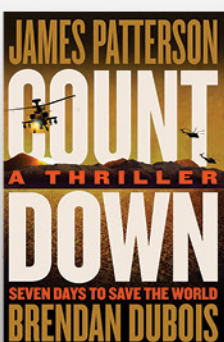
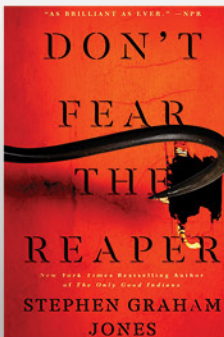
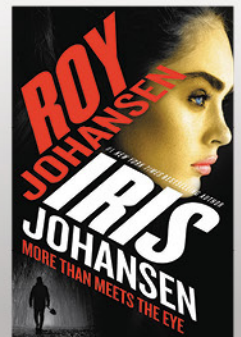
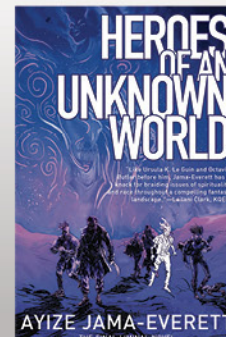
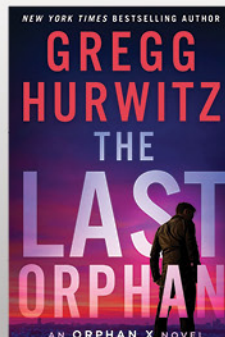
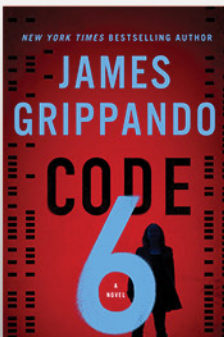
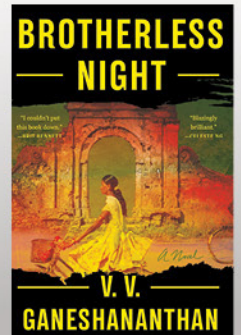
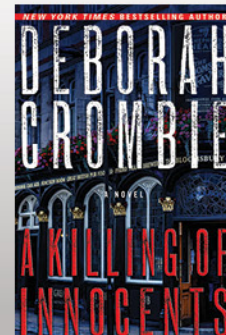
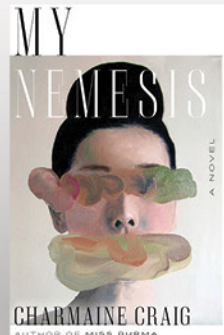
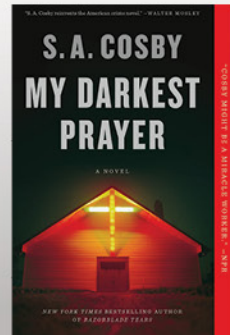
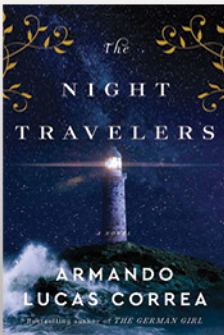
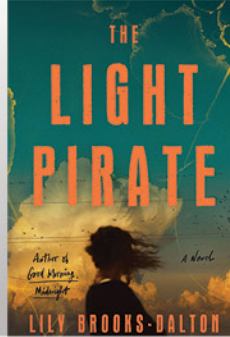
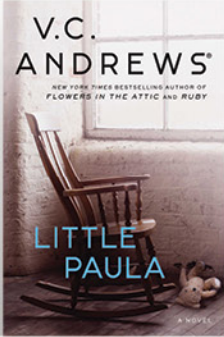
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