Dig into some great reads this summer as Elmhurst Public Library burrows deep underground with cavernous programs, buried prizes, subterranean storytimes, and more! Spelunk over to EPL starting June 1 and…

**Kick-off Day**
Saturday, June 1

### Children
Register at *The Excavation Station* in the Kids’ Library and you’ll receive a booklog, a bookmark, and a book bag. Beginning June 8, pick up prizes as they are earned or all at once when you complete the program. (Page 2-4)

### Middle School
Register at *The Excavation Station* in the Kids’ Library and you’ll receive a booklog, a bookmark, and a book bag. Beginning June 8, pick up prizes as they are earned or all at once when you complete the program. (Page 5)

### Teens
Summer Reading is ONLINE!
You can win an iPad Mini! (page 6)

### Adults
Track reading online or on paper.
Prizes include eReaders, books, and more awesome stuff! (page 7)

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An Elmhurst Public Library card OR an Elmhurst school ID OR an Elmhurst school report card must be presented to register for the Kids’ Summer Reading Program.
Why Sign Up For Summer Reading?

Summer is a chance for families to spend more time together, share new experiences, rest and relax after a busy school year. Given all these positives, is it really so important that your child be part of Elmhurst Public Library's Summer Reading Program?

The answer from education experts is a resounding “YES!” U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan says, “We know that for far too many children, reading achievement slows when schoolwork stops for the summer.” For decades researchers have documented what is called “summer slide,” the learning losses incurred by students following the long summer break.

According to the Education Resources Information Center, “Students who take a holiday from reading during the summer score lower on tests at the end of their vacation than they did on the same reading tests at the beginning of the summer.”

This summer, in addition to allowing your child hours of sunshine, new experiences, and free time, sign them up for EPL’s summer reading program. Guarantee good times now and in the future!

Remember, children read more when they see other people reading. Be a role model—participate in EPL’s Adult Summer Reading Program (page 7).

Reading is good for everyone!

Saturday Family Specials

Great programs like these Saturday Specials bring the whole family together at the Library. There’s something for everyone from age 1 to 101 at EPL this summer!

For ticketed programs: Bring your valid Elmhurst Public Library card to the Kids’ Help Desk starting at 9 a.m. on the day of the event.

The Spoon Man’s Magical Music
For Families
Saturday, June 8 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Large Meeting Room
What? Spoons that make music? The Spoon Man has the wackiest musical instruments ever, and you will love them! Tickets available the morning of the program.

Illinois Jones and the Raiders of the Lost Books
For Families
Saturday, June 15 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Large Meeting Room
State history has never been so much fun! Meet a mud monster named “Squatch,” the world’s largest mole, and even honest Abe. Tickets available the morning of the program.

Asia FantAsia: Folk Tales from Afar
For Families
Saturday, June 22 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Large Meeting Room
Robert Kikuchi-Yngojo’s world of imagination will bring you to the edge of your seat. Tickets available the morning of the program.

Dig into the World of Reptiles
For Families
Saturday, June 29 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Large Meeting Room
See lizards, snakes, and more up close and personal when Dave DiNaso brings amazing live reptiles to EPL in this hands-on show. Tickets available the morning of the program.

Celebrating International Mud Day!
For Families
Saturday, June 29 • 2-3:30 p.m.
Kids’ Library Patio
Play games in the mud, get closer to Mudder Nature, and even win some prizes! Be sure to wear old clothes to this program. Tickets available the morning of the program.

Visit Nemo’s Home: The Great Barrier Reef
For Families
Saturday, July 13 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Large Meeting Room
Explore the largest living organism on earth, the Australian Great Barrier Reef, home to Disney’s Nemo. See an 8-foot inflatable coral, and get up close to real diving gear! Tickets available the morning of the program.

Melikin Puppets Present: Fractured Fairy Tales
For Families
Saturday, July 20 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Large Meeting Room
You’ll love digging into the wacky side of classic fairy tales like Chicken Little, Red Riding Hood, and Goldilocks. Melikin’s extraordinary puppets will give you a lot to laugh about! Tickets available the morning of the program.

Dig into Dancing! with Courts Plus
For Families (Best for Ages 3+)
Saturday, July 27 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Large Meeting Room
Twist, twirl, and groove as you learn easy dance moves during a morning of exercise with Courts Plus instructors. Tickets available the morning of the program.

Very Funny Magic with Dennis DeBondt
For Families
Saturday, Aug. 10 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Large Meeting Room
Magician and comedian Dennis DeBondt will keep you laughing and amazed by his dynamic performance and mysterious tricks at our big “Dig Into Reading” finale. Tickets available the morning of the program.
For ticketed programs: Bring your valid EPL card to the Kids’ Help Desk starting at 9 a.m. on the day of the event.

Mother Goose Time Drop-in
Age 1 (w/ adult)
Mondays, June 10-July 22 • 9:30-10 a.m.
Tuesdays, June 11-July 23 • 9:30-10 a.m.
Storytime Room Tickets available the morning of the program.

Rhyme Time Drop-in Ages 1-2 (w/ adult)
Every Saturday • 9:30-10 a.m.
Storytime Room Tickets available the morning of the program.

Wiggle Worms Storytime Drop-in
Age 1-3 (w/ adult)
Wednesdays, June 12-July 24
9:30-10 a.m. • Large Meeting Room
Join us for stories, nursery rhymes, and music that will keep little ones gleefully engaged. Tickets available the morning of the program at the Welcome Desk.

Summer Sizzle Drop-in
Age 1-3 (w/ adult)
Tuesdays, Aug 6-27 OR Fridays, Aug 2-30
9:30-10 a.m. OR 10:15-10:45 a.m.
Large Meeting Room (no session Aug. 23)
Celebrate the lazy days of summer with stories, songs, and rhymes. Tickets available the morning of the program at the Welcome Desk.

Toddler Time Drop-in
Age 2 (w/ adult)
Thursdays, June 13-July 25
9:15-9:45 a.m. (no session July 4)
OR Fridays, June 14-July 26
9:30-10 a.m. OR 10:30-11 a.m.
Storytime Room Tickets available the morning of the program.

Road to Reading Drop-in Age 3-5
Wednesdays, June 12–July 24
10:30-11 a.m. OR 1-1:30 p.m.
Storytime Room Tickets available the morning of the program.

Monday Lunch Bunch Drop-in
Age 3-8 (w/ adult)
Mondays, June 10-July 22
Noon-12:45 p.m.
Southwest corner of Wilder Park
Grab a blanket and a lunch to munch and listen to stories that you’ll like a bunch!
Rain location: Large Meeting Room

Bedtime Stories Drop-in
Age 3-8 (w/ adult)
Tuesdays, June 11-July 23
7-7:30 p.m. • Storytime Room
Join us before bedtime each week for fun for the whole family. Wear pajamas if you like! Tickets available the morning of the program.

Get Ready, Get Set, Read!
Entering Kindergarten
Thursdays, June 13-July 25
10:30-11:15 a.m. OR 12:30-1:15 p.m.
OR 2-2:45 p.m. OR 3:30-4:15
Storytime Room (no session July 4)
Activities, special crafts, music, and lively stories build pre-reading skills. Register May 18 in person, by phone, or online.

Get Ready, Get Set, Read!
Entering Grade 1
Tuesdays, June 11-July 23
10:30-11:15 a.m. OR 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
OR 2-2:45 p.m. • Storytime Room
Activities, crafts, music, and lively stories strengthen early reading skills. Register May 18 in person, by phone, or online.

Dig In & Plant Something! For Families
Wednesday, June 19 • 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Kids’ Library Patio
Make something grow! We’ll supply pots to decorate, dirt, and flower seeds. Rain location: Storytime Room. Register June 15 in person or by phone.

Kids’ Book Discussions

The DIRT (Dig Into Reading Team) Read the following books, and join us for a lively discussion and fun activities. Books available at the Help Desk. Register in person, by phone, or online.

MARTY MCGUIRE DIGS WORMS! by Kate Messner
Tuesday, June 11 OR 18 • 3:30-4:30 p.m. Register May 18.

THE CAMPING TRIP THAT CHANGED AMERICA by Barb Rosenstock
Tuesday, June 25 OR July 2 • 3:30-4:30 p.m. Register June 11.

LITTLE WOLF’S BOOK OF BADNESS by Ian Whybrow
Tuesday, July 9 OR 16 • 3:30-4:30 p.m. Register June 25.

DINOSAUR TROUBLE by Dick King-Smith
Tuesday, July 23 OR 30 • 3:30-4:30 p.m. Register July 9.

THE ONE AND ONLY IVAN by Katherine Applegate
Monday, June 10 • 2-3 p.m. Register May 18.

THE LEMONADE WAR by Jacqueline Davis
Monday, June 24 • 2-3 p.m. Register June 10.

A MUTINY IN TIME by James Dashner
Monday, July 8 • 2-3 p.m. Register June 24.

RUMP: THE TRUE STORY OF RUMPPELSTILTSKIN by Liesl Shurtliff
Monday, July 22 • 2-3 p.m. Register July 8.
Kids’ Summer Programs

Learning to Sign
Entering Grades 1-6
Wednesdays, June 5-26
7:45 p.m. • Storytime Room
Professional signer Kathy Kelly teaches the alphabet, commonly-used words, and songs in sign language. Register May 18 in person, by phone, or online.

EPL/Villa Park Chess Club Ages 7-14
Fridays, June 7 & July 5 • 7-8 p.m.
Kossmann Room at EPL
Fridays, June 28 & July 19 • 7-8 p.m.
Villa Park Library (305 S. Ardmore)
Improve skills and strategy while playing chess with other kids in Elmhurst and Villa Park. Bring your library card to each session.

Kids’ Club Fun

Worms are Wonderful!
Entering Grades 2-8
Friday, June 14 • 1-2 p.m. OR 2:30-3:30 p.m. • Large Meeting Room
See worms up close and personal. Learn why worms are so awesome. Register May 18 in person, by phone, or online.

Police Dogs
Entering Grades 2-8
Friday, June 21
1-2 p.m. OR 2:30-3:30 p.m. • Large Meeting Room
Meet Elmhurst Police Officer Poli and his dog police partner, Ice. See how Officer Ice uncovers clues using his super senses. Register June 8 in person, by phone, or online.

Yo! Learn Yo-Yo Tricks
Entering Grades 2-8
Friday, June 28 • Large Meeting Room
1-2 p.m. OR 2:30-3:30 p.m.
Always wanted to learn yo-yo tricks? Learn basic tricks with Barry North, the Yo-Yo Man. Register June 15 in person, by phone, or online.

Book Buddies Entering Grades 2-3
Mondays, June 10-July 22
6:30-7:15 OR 7:30-8:15 p.m.
OR Fridays, June 14-July 26
3:45-4:30 p.m. • Storytime Room
Kids read with a young adult “book buddy” and play reading games to reinforce reading skills. During Monday sessions, children also read to a licensed therapy dog. Register May 18 in person, by phone, or online.

Open Chess/Pokémon/LEGO
Ages 4+ (under 7 w/ adult)
Fridays, June 14 & 28, July 12 & 26, and Aug. 9 • 7-8 p.m. • Storytime Room
Bring your gaming cards and we’ll supply chess materials, Pokémon mats, and LEGO bricks. No registration required.

Club Fun: BMX Freestyle Bike Tricks
Entering Grades 2-8
Friday, July 5 • 1-2 p.m.
Large Meeting Room
Matt Wilhelm won X-Games medals in the US, Brazil, and Korea. Watch as he performs amazing bike stunts! Register June 22 in person, by phone, or online.

Be a World Traveler! Entering Grades 2-8
Friday, July 12 • Large Meeting Room
1-2 p.m. OR 2:30-3:30 p.m.
Travel the world without ever leaving the Library! Play Continent Twister, Where Do I Live? and more! Register June 29 in person, by phone, or online.

LEGO Club Entering Grades 3-8
Thursday, June 20, July 18, and Aug. 15 • 6:30-7:30 p.m. OR 8-9 p.m.
Storytime Room Registration starts June 8 (for June 20), July 6 (for July 18), and Aug. 3 (for Aug. 15) in person, by phone, or online.

Meet Some Big Diggers! Touch a Truck For Families
Wednesday, July 10 • 1:30-3 p.m.
Outside the East Entrance
Meet some really big diggers when Elmhurst Public Works brings a big back hoe and front end loader to the Library. See big rigs up close! No registration required.

LEGOLand Build Picasso!
Workshop Entering Grades 2-8
Friday, July 19
1-2 p.m. OR 2:30-3:30 p.m. • Large Meeting Room
Create an amazing sculpture using the science and art of LEGO bricks and the help of LEGOland instructors. Register July 6 in person, by phone, or online.

Be an Ancient Egyptian Artist
Entering Grades 2-8
Friday, July 26
1-2 p.m. OR 2:30-3:30 p.m. • Large Meeting Room
Create your own dazzling Egyptian sarcophagus and learn about ancient Egyptian art secrets. Register July 13 in person, by phone, or online.

Join us on June 7 to celebrate National Doughnut Day!

Register May 18 in person, by phone, or online.
**Video Game Club** Entering Grades 5-9
Tuesday, June 18 & July 16
4-5:30 p.m • Large Meeting Room
Like video games? Like snacks? Take on new games and expand your skills in the Video Game Club. Register May 4 in person, by phone, or online.

**Duct Tape Creations Club**
Entering Grades 5-9
Wednesdays, June 26 & July 24
4-5 p.m. • Storytime Room
Bring your own duct tape or use our supplies to create a duct tape masterpiece. Register June 8 in person, by phone, or online.

**Drive-in Movie Classics: The Goonies**
Entering Grades 6-9
Friday, June 21 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room
Enjoy an indoor drive-in movie featuring cinemagical adventure *The Goonies*. Bring a sleeping bag or pillow, get comfy, and enjoy refreshments and snacks. Register June 8 in person, by phone, or online.

**Iron Chef: Elmhurst**
Entering Grades 6-9
Thursday, June 25 • 7-8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, July 10 • 7-8:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room
Test your culinary skills using EPL’s secret ingredient. Register June 8 (for 6-25) and June 22 (for 7-10) in person, by phone, or online.

**Duct Tape Creations Club**
Entering Grades 5-9
Wednesdays, June 26 & July 24
4-5 p.m. • Storytime Room
Bring your own duct tape or use our supplies to create a duct tape masterpiece. Register May 4 in person, by phone, or online.

**School of Rock: Drum Clinic**
Entering Grades 6-9
Friday, June 28 • 4-6 p.m.
Large Meeting Room
Explore your inner rock star during this basic instruction with the professionals from Elmhurst’s own School of Rock. Register May 18 in person, by phone, or online.

**Cupcake Wars**
Entering Grades 6-9
Tuesday, July 30 • 2-3:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room
The competition will be fierce and the food will be tasty! With a cupcake and a variety of toppings, complete different challenges. Entries judged on creativity, visual appeal, and taste; and there will be sweet prizes! Register June 6 in person, by phone, or online.
Teen Summer Reading

Registration is required for Teen programs. Register in person, by
phone (630-279-8696), or online at http://bit.ly/EPLteenSR.

Teens are welcome at some Middle School programs. See page 5 for details.

WIN AN iPAD MINI!

Anime/Manga Drawing Workshop
Grades 9-12
Wednesday, June 12 • 2-4 p.m.
Large Meeting Room
Do you love to read manga and
watch anime? Learn how to draw
your own anime and manga
characters. Artist and Anime Central
staffer Addie Afable instructs this
fun artistic session. Register in
person, by phone, or online.

Game Day Grades 6-12
Thursday, June 27 • 1-5 p.m.
1st Floor Meeting Rooms
Bring your friends and play games
on our big screens with our Wii or
X-Box & Kinect systems. There
will also be board games, snacks,
drinks, and PRIZES! Register in
person, by phone, or online.

Puppetry Workshop Grades 6-12
Mondays, July 8-22 • 2-3:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room (West)
Explore an interesting and creative type
of dramatic expression. Learn how to
make and manipulate puppets, use a
variety of voice techniques, and present
a puppet show. Register in person, by
phone, or online.

Anime Afternoon Grades 9-12
Thursday, July 11 • 1- 4 p.m.
Large Meeting Room
Watch an Anime movie and enjoy
Japanese snacks. Have a movie
suggestion? Let us know when you
register and we'll vote on the movie to
watch. We'll also play Anime/Manga
trivia for prizes! Register in person, by
phone, or online.

DFTBA! Afternoon Grades 9-12
Wednesday, July 24 • 1-3 p.m.
Large Meeting Room
Join us for an afternoon celebrating
John Green! See how much you know
about John and his books in the Ultimate
John Green Trivia Contest. There will
be awesome prizes! We'll talk about the
books, the upcoming movie, and watch
some of the Vlog Brothers work on our
big screen. We'll also have snacks and
drinks. Register in person, by phone,
or online.

Read or
listen to four
books to get
coupons for
free stuff
and an entry
in the raffle
drawings.

Tell us
about
books you
liked (or
didn't) and
get an extra
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You could
win an iPad
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other cool
prizes!

Earn an
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four books
you log, so
keep reading!
Adult Summer Reading

How to participate:
1. Starting June 1, read or listen to four books.
3. Make sure to choose a raffle # to enter!
4. REPEAT!

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7. Groundbreaking Cooking: Discover this culinary collection.

Thursday, June 13 • 1-2:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room
Love books? Love to talk about books? Love to hear about new books to read? This group is for you! Here’s how it works: ① Read whatever you want. ② On June 13, share your thoughts and recommendations. Everyone gets a chance to talk about their chosen titles. Register in person or by phone (630-279-8696).

Author Visit:
Melanie Benjamin
Thursday, June 27
7-8:15 p.m.
Large Meeting Room
Bestselling author Melanie Benjamin returns to Elmhurst to share insights into, and inspirations for her new historical novel The Aviator’s Wife, which tells the story of Anne Morrow Lindbergh. Benjamin’s other bestselling titles include Alice I Have Been and The Autobiography of Mrs. Tom Thumb. No registration required.

The Film That Changed My Life:
30 Directors’ Epiphanies in the Dark
Tuesday, July 16 • 7-8:15 p.m.
Large Meeting Room
Robert K. Elder is a journalist, author, film columnist and a regional editor of AOL’s Patch.com in Chicago. In his book The Film That Changed My Life, Elder asks 30 celebrated directors about the film that shaped their careers, and in turn, cinematic history. Join us as Elder discusses these very interesting epiphany moments and shows clips of these movies. No registration required.

Regretting Mr. Wright
Thursday, July 25 • 7-8:15 p.m.
Large Meeting Room
Mamah Borthwick Cheney and Frank Lloyd Wright fell in love, even though they were both married to other people. Flaunting all social mores of their time and abandoning their obligations, they ran off together. She lived what was left of her short life as the female head of household at Taliesin—built for her by Wright—where she died, tragically, in 1914. Ellie Carlson portrays Mamah as she returns to our world in this presentation to tell her own story. No registration required.

Harriet Beecher Stowe:
Famous American Writer
Thursday, July 11 • 7-8:15 p.m.
Large Meeting Room
Harriet Beecher Stowe is best known for her groundbreaking work Uncle Tom’s Cabin. But did you know she wrote more than 20 other books, many children’s stories, and articles for newspapers and magazines? As one of the best paid and most sought after writers of her time, Stowe and the Beecher family influenced our nation during a pivotal time in our history. Portrayed by Joyce Huggins. No registration required.

Gift from the Sea
Wednesday, June 19 • 7-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room
Anne Morrow Lindbergh’s beloved and bestselling book, Gift from the Sea, reveals her compelling, unforgettable meditations on youth and age, love and marriage, solitude, peace and contentment, as she wrote them during a vacation by the sea. Mary McClernahan dramatizes with staging and music these wise and timeless meditations. No registration required.
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POSTER CONTEST
For kids ages 5 – 14
Make an 11 x 17 poster illustrating our summer reading theme, Dig Into Reading!
The winners will win a $25 Barnes & Noble gift certificate. Pick up an application form and rules at the Kids’ Help Desk or on our website.

PHOTO CONTEST
For kids ages 5 – 14
Enter a photo you took in one of these three categories: Animals, Scenery, or People.
The winners will win a $25 Barnes & Noble gift certificate. Pick up an application form and rules at the Kids’ Help Desk or on our website.

Looking for books on your required reading list?
We have them!
Just ask at the Kids’ Help Desk or the 2nd Floor Info Desk.

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