Your Award-Winning Library!
For the seventh year in a row, Elmhurst Public Library received a national ranking in Library Journal’s annual review of public libraries, and like last year, the Library earned four out of five stars. This year 9,309 public libraries were rated and only 261 qualified as star libraries.

Library Journal reviews public library data reported to the government—visits, circulation, program attendance, and public Internet terminal use per capita—and ranks the best performing libraries within budget categories. Elmhurst Public Library placed 14th nationwide and 4th in Illinois in the $5-9.9M category, with notably high visits and circulation per capita.
For more info on EPL’s star rating, visit elmlib.org/stars

All Things ... Display
Check out the display on the 2nd floor featuring multi-format items on a specific topic. The winter topic is all about Frank Sinatra! The display contains non-fiction books, DVDs, music, and magazines, and is between Music CDs and the Public Computing Area.
View materials at elmlib.org/allthings

3M Cloud Link
Our 3M Cloud Library eBook service just got bigger! We now use the 3M CloudLink feature, which enables EPL patrons to check out eBooks owned by other libraries. At this point, we have linked our collection with St. Charles Public Library. You won’t notice a difference in how you use the 3M Cloud Library but you will notice the increased number of eBooks!
View the collection at elmlib.org/ebooks

Board Games Available for Checkout
Move over, Monopoly and Candy Land! Whether you’re solving a worldwide health crisis in Pandemic or building NYC’s first skyscrapers in New York 1901, our new collection of games will demonstrate why board game sales have skyrocketed over the past four years. Available for one week checkout. Pick up at the display near the fireplace or place an online hold.
elmlib.org/boardgames

New! Get eNewspapers on Your Mobile Devices
Get instant online access to today’s newspapers from around the world in full-color, full-page format. The ever-expanding collection includes more than 2,000 U.S. and international titles. Just like reading the print edition, you can browse articles and other key content, such as pictures, advertisements, classifieds, and more.
More information at elmlib.org/enewspapers

New! Get Free Background Checks from Check Illinois
Whether you’re looking for a babysitter, checking on neighbors, or hiring a new employee, background checks from the Check Illinois database on the EPL website can provide you with powerful insight into the activities of individuals with whom you may be seeking to trust or do business.
More information at elmlib.org/background

Friends of the Elmhurst Public Library Events
Since 1941, the Friends of the Elmhurst Public Library have enriched the Library’s resources and supported Library programs through funds from their dues and various fundraising ventures.

Annual Poetry Contest
Enter the Friends Poetry Contest from Feb. 1 through March 19. Students in grades 4-12 can submit original poetry by mail, in person, or online. A poetry reading for the winners is on Friday, April 29.
Rules and entry information: elmlib.org/friends

Photo Policy: Elmhurst Public Library may photograph Library visitors. Such photos are for Library use and may be published in Library publicity materials. Notify staff if you do not wish to be photographed.
When winter winds howl, warm up with a good book! Join the Kids’ Winter Reading Program and Read on the Wilder Side.

It’s cloudy and gray outside, but inside the Library you’ll find a winter wonderland of imagination and fun. Strap on your snowshoes and MUSH! down to the Library where programs, prizes, and more await.

Kids (newborns through grade eight) can join the Winter Reading Program. When they sign up in the Kids’ Library, they’ll receive a bookmark, a booklog to record the books read, and a reading challenge.

Kids who reach reading goals (determined by the reader’s age) by February 29 receive a sticker, a raffle ticket, coupons for free pizza and hot chocolate (and others), and their name displayed on our “Cozy Cabin” bulletin board!

Register at the Kids’ Help Desk with your valid Elmhurst Public Library card anytime from December 19 until February 29.

Look for Winter Reading programs in this issue, marked with this symbol: 🕺
Mission
Elmhurst Public Library enriches life in Elmhurst by providing opportunities to connect, create, and explore.

Vision
Elmhurst Public Library is the place for discovery at the heart of the community. The Library provides the support, resources, and environment for Elmhurst patrons to:

- Pursue a Love of Reading
- Engage with Technology
- Access Information
- Connect with Others
- Explore Interests
- Create and Innovate

Values
The Elmhurst Public Library Values:

- Exemplary Service
- Fiscal Responsibility
- Intellectual Freedom
- Lifelong Learning
- Diversity
- Priority to Elmhurst Taxpayers
- Innovation

Core Services

- **SPACES**
  - Meet
  - Relax
  - Create
  - Work
  - Play

- **PROGRAMS**
  - Experiences
  - Learning
  - Connections
  - Entertainment

- **TECHNOLOGY**
  - Hardware
  - Software
  - Instruction

- **RESOURCES**
  - Materials
  - eServices
  - People

Service Initiatives

- **PROGRAMMING**
  - Provide an array of programs and classes that entice all Elmhurst residents to visit the Library
  - Focus on the arts, culture, and bringing diverse ideas and people to the Library for the enrichment of residents’ lives
  - Create programs complementing EPL’s new spaces and technology
  - Develop programs specifically geared towards 20-30 year olds

- **COLLECTIONS**
  - Provide resources for the community that are most in demand
  - Expand digital collections
  - Actively promote collections so patrons check out items
  - Explore alternative collection ideas
A mother comes to the Library to use Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator on an iMac, away from the noise and distractions at home.

Doug B. knows that even when the Library is closed, he can check out eBooks any time of the day or night.

A patron recently discovered the advantage to listening to books on Playaways. When her husband snores at night, she can put in her earbuds and listen to an audiobook instead.

Lisa G., chair of Elmhurst Cool Cities Coalition, appreciates that the 2nd floor renovation has yielded more space for groups like hers to meet and collaborate.

Rosa S. says, “I love Elmhurst Public Library. They have excellent programs for babies to seniors.”

PROGRAMS

When Rich and Sue’s 6 year-old granddaughter visits, they bring her to storytime and check out stuffed animals to take home, too.

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After attending a program about WordPress, Dawn Y., a retired teacher, began work on her own blog. She says, “I met with the instructor of our WordPress class during tech drop-in. Together we pushed the ‘publish’ button on my blog. I wouldn’t have had the courage without her help!”

THE TECHNOLOGY

Grant M. enjoys taking a break from working on his college applications to practice drums in the Creative Studio.

A couple is learning to navigate Microsoft Word and Excel, valuable work tools. They can keep tabs on their investments through the Value Line database. They even learned the details of their car’s schematics before bringing it into the shop for repairs.

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Katie C. loves “the convenience that texting a librarian provides. I know that after sending a quick text, whatever item I need will be pulled or put on hold for me.”

MARKETING

“When we receive Fine Print, it is a mad dash to see what is happening at the Library,” say Allyson and Chuck G.

Enzo V. and Nino S. use the Creative Studio to edit video and interview artists for their entertainment company. The duo uses EPL’s video and lighting equipment to conduct interviews with local artists, and then edits the footage using the Library’s Creative Studio computers before uploading to their YouTube channel.

We want to hear your story! elmlib.org/userstories
Spanish Storytime
Fridays, Dec. 4, Jan. 8, and Feb. 5
10:15-10:45 a.m. • Large Meeting Room • Families
Join us for some storyline fun—in Spanish! Storyteller Diane from Language Stars presents a Spanish immersion storyline perfect for preschoolers and their grown-ups. Tickets available the morning of the program.

Puppets on the Wilder Side
Friday, Dec. 4 • 7-7:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • Families
EPL’s talented puppeteers present a fantastic show of tales and a hand-clapping sing-along. Tickets available the morning of the program.

Make a Holiday Card
Saturday, Dec. 12 • 2-3:30 p.m.
Storytime Room • Families
Create fabulous holiday cards to give or keep. We provide the materials; you provide the creative inspiration. Limit three cards per person. No registration required.

Cover the Windows with Snowflakes!
Monday, Dec. 21 • All Day
Storytime Room • Families (under 7 w/ adult)
Help us cover our windows with unique snowflakes! Use our supplies to create one or more snowflakes for our windows. No registration required.

Open LEGO Building
Saturdays, Dec. 26, Jan. 23, and Feb. 27
2-3:30 p.m. • Storytime Room
Families (under 7 w/ adult)
Drop in as your schedule permits and build something amazing with our many LEGOs. No registration required.

Winter Break Craft Day
Monday, Dec. 28 • 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Storytime Room • Families (under 7 w/ adult)
Stop by anytime during this drop-in session to make a fun and simple craft with our supplies. Use your imagination to create something unique and amazing. No registration required.

Movie Day: Inside Out
Tuesday, Dec. 29 • 2-4 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • Families
Relax with your family over winter break and enjoy the blockbuster Pixar movie Inside Out. Emotions run wild in the mind of a little girl when she is uprooted from her peaceful life and forced to move to San Francisco. Rated PG. Tickets available the morning of the program.

Movie Day: Make a Thank You Card
Saturday, Jan. 2 • 2-3:30 p.m.
Storytime Room • All Ages
Create a handmade card to thank someone. We provide the materials; you provide the creative inspiration. Kids not yet writing should be supervised by an adult. No registration required.

Share Your Dream for the World
Monday, Jan. 18 • 10:30-11:15 a.m.
Storytime Room • Families (under 7 w/ adult)
Do you dream of a world where all kids are friends? Learn art techniques of famous African-American artists from the Elmhurst Art Museum. Create a unique “paper person” with our art supplies. We’ll string our “world of friends” around the Library. Art supplies available until 5 p.m. No registration required.

Valentine Card-Crafting Party
Saturday, Feb. 6 • 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • Families
Come as a family to make artful Valentine cards for loved ones. We’ll supply materials, music, and treats; you provide the creative inspiration! No registration required.

Worlds of Music
Monday, Feb. 15 • 10-11 a.m.
Large Meeting Room • Families
Known throughout the country for his performances, Guy Louis’s musical show is explosive with interaction, exotic instruments, and fun! Toddlers to grandparents will be tapping and dancing along. Tickets available the morning of the program.

Library Read-a-thon
Saturday, Jan. 23 • 1-4 p.m. • All Ages
Take time to read! Stop by the Kids’ Help Desk or 2nd Floor Information Desk to sign in as a reader or reading family. We’ll supply treats and comfy seating while you read for as long as you like. When finished, return to the desk for a certificate. No registration required.

Leaping for Leap Year
Monday, Feb. 29 • 9:30-10 a.m.
Large Meeting Room • Families (best for 1-3)
Jump, bounce, hop, and leap into our Leap Day storyline full of active stories, bouncy songs, and hopping good rhymes. Tickets available the morning of the program.
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Behavior cue cards on a ring you can wear during your Library visit. Behaviors include:
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- Hands To Self
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- Clean Up
- Pick One
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**Storytime Schedule**

Highlighted programs require registration. Register starting January 23 online, in person, or by phone. For drop-in storytimes, bring your valid EPL card the morning of the program to get tickets (quantities limited). More information on each storytime at [elmlib.org/storytime](http://elmlib.org/storytime).

*Indicates a Spanish storytime on some dates; see page 5 for more information.

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| **FEBRUARY 1 - MARCH 19**|                            |                      |                                |                             |                               |
| Fun for Ones            | Rise & Shine               | Road to Reading      | Chicka Chicka Baby             | Chicka Chicka Baby          |                                 |
| Age 1 w/ adult          | Families (best for 1-5)    | Ages 3-5             | Newborn-11 months             | Newborn-11 months           |                                 |
| 9:30-10 a.m.            | 9:30-10 a.m.               | 9:30-9:50 a.m.       | 9:30-9:50 a.m.                 | 9:30-9:50 a.m.              |                               |
| Time for Twos           | Time for Twos              | Free to be Three     | Chicka Chicka Baby             | Chicka Chicka Baby          |                                 |
| Age 2 w/ adult          | Age 2 w/ adult             | Age 3 w/ adult       | Newborn-11 months             | Newborn-11 months           |                                 |
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| We Love Reading!        | Pajama Party               | Road to Reading      | Rise & Shine*                 | Family Storytime            |                                 |
| Grades K-1              | Families (best for 3-7)    | Ages 3-5             | Families (best for 1-5)        | All ages (best for 3-7)     |                                 |
| 3:45-4:30 p.m.          | 6:15-6:45 p.m.             | 2-2:30 p.m.          | 10:15-10:45 a.m.               | 10:30-11 a.m.               |                               |

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Storytime Room • Grades 2-8
Unleash your creativity and get in the holiday spirit! Make festive ornaments for the Library’s holiday tree in Wilder Park. You can also make an ornament to take home. Register starting Nov. 21 online, in person, or by phone.

Kids’ Chess Club
Friday, Dec. 4, 11, and Feb. 5-26 • 6-7 p.m.
Storytime Room • Ages 7-14
Rule the board! Have fun playing chess, and improve your skills and strategies with an instructor. Note: no instructor at Dec. 11 session. Register online, in person, or by phone.

Cursive Writing Workshop
Wednesdays, Dec. 9-Jan. 27
4:5 p.m. • Storytime Room • Grades 3-5
Writing in cursive improves letter recognition, spelling, reading, and composition, and it’s so much faster than printing! In this eight-week series, students learn the basics of cursive. Those who already know cursive work on improving quality and speed of writing. Register online, in person, or by phone.

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Read to the Dogs
Saturdays, Dec. 19, Jan. 16, and Feb. 20
2-3:30 p.m. • Storytime Room • 1st Grade
Bring a book or choose one of ours and read aloud to one of our therapy dogs. Register to read for one 15-minute session and get a sticker when you’re done. Register starting Dec. 5 (for 12/19), Dec 19 (for 1/16), and Jan 16 (for 2/20) in person or by phone.

Agario Frenzy!
Tuesday, Dec. 22 • 2-3 p.m. • Lab • Grades 1-5
Join in the multiplayer game Agario! The game is simple: name your circle, steer it around, gobble dots, and grow larger. The strategy lies in surviving when others are doing the same thing. Register starting Dec. 5 online, in person, or by phone.

Make a Movie
Tuesdays, Jan. 5-26 • 4-5 p.m.
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Learn movie-making techniques and create your own short film to share with a real audience during this four-week series. Register starting Dec. 12 in person or by phone.

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Vote for Your Favorite Star Wars Character
Monday, Dec. 14-Saturday, Dec. 19
Kids’ Library • All Day • All Ages
Vote for your favorite Star Wars character as we wait for the latest movie release on Dec. 18. While you’re here, take your picture with our Star Wars characters! No registration required.
All About Crystals
Do hands-on experiments to learn about the amazing world of science. See crystals up close, learn the science behind them, and get your own crystal kit to take home. Register starting Dec. 26 online, in person, or by phone.

Junior Scientists
Thursday, Jan. 14 • 4-4:45 p.m.
Storytime Room • Grades K-2

Science Friday
Friday, Jan. 15 • 4-4:45 p.m.
Storytime Room • Grades 3-5

The Return of LEGO Club
Thursday, Jan. 21 • 4-5 p.m.
Storytime Room • Grades 3-8
It’s back! Come build amazing creations on a theme, and get yourself Photoshopped into your creation. Your LEGO masterpiece will be displayed on our shelves. Register starting Jan. 9 online, in person, or by phone.

We Love Reading!
Mondays, Feb. 1-March 14 • 3:45-4:30 p.m.
Storytime Room • Grades K-1
This storytime supports the skills kids need to master reading through specially chosen stories, crafts, and fun-filled activities. Register starting Jan. 23 online, in person, or by phone.

Learn to Use a 3D Printer
Tuesdays, Feb. 2-23 • 4-5 p.m. • Lab • Grades 3-5
Learn the basics of 3D printing and computer-aided design (CAD). Using TinkerCAD, design and print items like backpack tags, pencil toppers, and models of the Willis Tower. Turn your dreams into a 3D reality! Register starting Jan. 9 online, in person, or by phone.

Wild About Winter Animals
Friday, Feb. 5 • 4-5 p.m.
Storytime Room • Grades 1-3
Learn about animals in winter, play games, and make cool animal stuff to take home. Don’t miss it! Register starting Jan. 23 online, in person, or by phone.

Celebrate Chinese New Year
Monday, Feb. 8 • 4-5 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • Grades K-5
Ring in the Year of the Monkey as we celebrate the Chinese New Year! Play games, try Chinese treats, and learn about Chinese culture. Register starting Jan. 23 online, in person, or by phone.

Valentine Card-Crafting Party
Thursday, Feb. 11 • 4-5 p.m.
Storytime Room • Grades 4-8
Make artful Valentine cards to give and keep. We’ll supply the materials and show you advanced techniques; you supply the creative inspiration! Limit three cards per person. Register starting Jan. 30 online, in person, or by phone.

Exciting Kids’ Winter Book Releases

Dec. 8 2015
The Adventures of Sophie Mouse: Winter’s No Time to Sleep!
by Poppy Green

Dec. 18 2015
I Funny TV: A Middle School Story
by James Patterson

Jan. 5 2016
Mr. Lemoncello’s Library Olympics
by Chris Grabenstein

Jan. 5 2016
Amulet #7: Firelight
by Kazu Kibuishi

Feb. 23, 2016
I Survived (#13) the Hindenburg Disaster
by Lauren Tarshis

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HOLIDAY EVENTS

Fifth-Annual Middle School Holiday Extravaganza
Thursday, Dec. 10 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Storytime Room • Grades 6-8
Create your own gingerbread house just in time for Christmas. We will make these sweet decorations while watching the Christmas classic, Elf. Register starting Nov. 21 online, in person, or by phone.

A Very Merry Winter Extravaganza
Sunday, Dec. 20 • 1-4:30 p.m.
Teen Space • Grades 7-12
Winter break is here! Celebrate in the Teen Space. We’ll have drinks, food, movies, crafts, and more. No registration required.

Teen Trends: Makeup & Hair
Tuesday, Dec. 1 • 7-8 p.m.
Meeting Room A • Grades 8-12
Learn the latest trends with makeup and hair just in time for the holidays! Register starting Nov. 14 online, in person, or by phone.

Iron Chef Holiday Edition
Tuesday, Dec. 22 • 7-8:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • Grades 6-9
Recreate the Iron Chef experience. Test your skills using the Library’s secret ingredient or sign up to be a judge. Register starting Dec. 5 online, in person, or by phone.

Let’s Play: Agario
■ Tuesday, Dec. 29 • 3-4 p.m.
■ Monday, Jan. 18 • 7-8 p.m.
■ Monday, Feb. 15 • 7-8 p.m.
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Monday Warm Ups
Mondays, Jan. 4-Feb. 29 • 3-5 p.m.
Teen Space • Grades 9-12
Get in out of the cold and join us in the Teen Space for hot chocolate and cider. We’ll have crafts and games set up so that you can shake off the chill and relax with a hot drink. No registration required.

Night at the Improv
Mondays, Jan. 11-Feb. 29 • 7-9 p.m.
Teen Space • Grades 9-12
Meet like-minded players at this improv evening. Brainstorm, write, and play. No registration required.

Cutthroat Kitchen
Friday, Jan. 15 • 7-8:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • Grades 6-9
Play EPL’s version of Cutthroat Kitchen for a chance to win prizes. Each team has 2,500 Library “dollars” and a chance to spend those dollars on themselves, or to sabotage the other teams—all while attempting to create a masterpiece. Register starting Dec. 19 online, in person, or by phone.

Anime/Manga Drawing
Saturday, Jan. 16 • 1-3 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • Grades 6-9
Do you like to watch anime and read manga? Learn how to draw your own characters! Addie Afable, freelance comic book artist and Anime Central staff member, will instruct you in the art of drawing manga and anime. Register starting Dec. 18 online, in person, or by phone.

Perler Bead Crafting
Tuesday, Jan. 19 • 7-8:30 p.m.
Storytime Room • Grades 6-9
Create a cool pixel picture with Perler beads to decorate your room or locker, or just to show off! Register starting Dec. 29 online, in person, or by phone.
Night at the Movies
6:30-8:30 p.m. • Meeting Room A • Grades 7-12
Enjoy a night at the movies with your friends, popcorn, and refreshments.
- **Jurassic World**
  - Friday, Jan. 29
  - Rated PG-13. Register starting Jan. 2 online, in person, or by phone.
- **Avengers: Age of Ultron**
  - Friday, Feb. 19
  - Rated PG-13. Register starting Feb. 6 online, in person, or by phone.

Creative Writing Club
Wednesday, Feb. 3 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Kossmann Room • Grades 8-12
Looking for some help with your creative writing? Join the group! We'll discuss finding inspiration, writing methods, and have time for writing and sharing your work. Register starting Jan. 4 online, in person, or by phone.

Sewing Club
Wednesdays, Feb. 3-24 • 4:15-5:45 p.m.
Kossmann Room • Grades 6-12
Come for a creative afternoon of sewing! Bring two yards of cotton fabric, stuffing, and your creative imagination. Register starting Jan. 16 online, in person, or by phone.

Anti-Valentine’s Day Party
Sunday, Feb. 7 • 2-4 p.m.
Teen Space • Grades 7-12
Romance got you down? Tired of that mushy, gushy love stuff? Join us for food, fun, and games while we celebrate all things not Valentine's Day. No registration required.

Middle School 3D Printing
Monday, Feb. 8 • 3:30-5 p.m. • Lab • Grades 6-8
Explore 3D printing to turn your ideas into real objects. Go through the steps of finding, downloading, and printing 3D designs from Thingiverse. Register starting Jan. 23 online, in person, or by phone.

International Pancake Day
Tuesday, Feb. 9 • 7-8:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • Grades 6-9
Celebrate International Pancake Day by creating pancake art! Register starting Jan. 19 online, in person, or by phone.

Jewelry Creations
Monday, Feb. 15 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • Grades 6-9
Learn from a jeweler how to construct a bracelet or necklace. We'll provide all you need to make a work of art to wear home; just bring your creativity! Register starting Jan. 19 online, in person, or by phone.

Life-Size Game Afternoon
Sunday, Feb. 21 • 1-5 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • Grades 9-12
Join us for an afternoon of life-size games! We'll play giant Jenga and other supersized games. Jump inside some of your favorite childhood board games, jumbo-ified! Register starting Jan. 19 online, in person, or by phone.

Study for Finals
Saturday Dec. 12-Wednesday, Dec. 16
1st Floor Meeting Rooms • Grades 9-12
A few more tests and you’re free for winter break! But first you have to study hard for those finals—and EPL is the perfect place to crack the books. Teachers are on hand to help with the hard stuff. You can bring along snacks and drinks to keep your mind sharp.

This program is for Elmhurst high school students who are studying for finals. No registration required.

Check the website for the exact schedule, including when subjects will be covered and teacher availability: [elmlib.org/teenprograms](http://elmlib.org/teenprograms)

Need a study break? Come to the 2nd Floor Teen Space! You can hang out, play games, draw and color, do puzzles, or just relax.

College Central
Register online, in person, or by phone for these popular programs. Space is limited!

Practice Exams
Practice ACT
- Saturday, Jan. 9 • 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
  - Large Meeting Room • Grades 9-12
  - More info: [elmlib.org/practicetest](http://elmlib.org/practicetest)
- Saturday, Feb. 27 • 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
  - Large Meeting Room • Grades 9-12
  - More info: [elmlib.org/practicetest](http://elmlib.org/practicetest)

Technical / Vocational Education Pathway to a Great Career
Wednesday, Feb. 24 • 7-8:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • Grades 9-12 & Adults
Are you looking for a great-paying job that doesn’t require a four-year degree? Want to get into a fast-growing industry? A technical or vocational pathway may be the right fit for you. Learn more about these in-demand careers and the education and training needed to enter those fields. Register starting Jan. 25 online, in person, or by phone.

Online Homework Help
Students of all ages can work with a live tutor. Whether you have a math problem, research paper, or tough science assignment, Live Homework Help® can assist you.

Access from the Library or your home from 2 p.m.-midnight everyday.

Visit [elmlib.org/tutor](http://elmlib.org/tutor)
Technology

Get Tech Help!
Remember, you have three ways to get FREE technology help at the Library:

■ In-Person Classes listed on these pages
■ Online Tech Classes available from home at elmlib.org/lynda
■ Drop-in Tech Help Get answers to quick questions anytime at the 2nd Floor Info Desks. Extra staff is available for more intricate issues on:
  Thursdays • 5-8:30 p.m.
  Saturdays • 1-4:30 p.m.

Registration is required for all Technology Classes elmlib.org/techclass

Start Using Computers, Tablets, and Internet

Computers for Beginners
Saturday, Jan. 9 • 10 a.m.-12 p.m. • Lab
Interested in learning about computers, but unsure how to begin? Get started using computers with this course.

Computer Safety for Beginners
Friday, Dec. 11 • 10-11:30 a.m. • Lab
While the Internet, email, and computers have a lot to offer, many people do not protect themselves online. Course covers scams, viruses, hackers, and spam.

Online Banking for Beginners
Wednesday, Feb. 17 • 7-8:30 p.m. • Lab
Interested in banking online but not sure if it’s worth the risks? Learn the benefits of online banking, the many safety features, ways to monitor your spending, and more in this class.

Digitization for Beginners
Monday, Dec. 7 • 10-11:30 a.m. • Lab
Have a closet full of records, cassettes, and/or VHS and want to bring them into the 21st century? EPL’s Creative Studio is the perfect place to digitize your analog collection. Learn what the Library has to offer and the steps to digitize your records, cassettes, and tapes.

iPhone for Beginners
Tuesday, Jan. 12 • 7-8:30 p.m.
Kossmann Room
Uncover the features of your iPhone. Topics include connecting to Wi-Fi, downloading and closing apps, and more. Covers the latest operating system, but all iPhone users may attend.

iPad for Beginners
Tuesday, Jan. 26 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Kossmann Room
Learn how to use your iPad’s settings, apps, web browser, and much more. Bring your iPad with you to class. Must know Apple ID and password.

eBooks on iPad
Thursday, Feb. 18 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Kossmann Room
Explore the free eBooks you can borrow from EPL and download to your iPad. We'll look at MyMediaMall (Overdrive), 3M Cloud Library, and Hoopla. Class members should already know how to use iPad, or have taken the “iPad for Beginners” class prior to this class. Must know Apple ID and password.

Downloading Photos for Beginners
Monday, Jan. 18 • 10 a.m.-12 p.m. • Lab
A great introduction to learn how to move your digital photos from camera to computer.

Classes are free and open to those who have a valid Elmhurst Public Library card. Register for Technology Classes online, by phone, or in person at any time.

Non-EPL cardholders may register by phone or in person seven days prior if the class is not full. EPL reserves the right to cancel class if fewer than five people sign up.
Senior Technology Series

These monthly classes are a great way to get familiar with technology and develop your tech skills. Ages 55+

Cell Phone Basics
Monday, Dec. 14 • 10-11 a.m. • Lab
Have a cell phone and want to learn more about it? Interested in buying a cell phone for the first time? Planning to upgrade to a new phone? Learn about different types of cell phones, expected prices, and senior-friendly phones available for purchase.

Digitization for Seniors
Monday, Jan. 11 • 10-11 a.m. • Lab
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Online Banking
Monday, Feb. 8 • 10-11 a.m. • Lab
Online banking has become the normal method of keeping tabs on your accounts—but how do you keep your private information safe? Learn the benefits of online banking, the many safety features, ways to monitor your spending, and more.

Learn Everyday Essentials

What’s New With Windows 10
Thursday, Dec. 3 • 7-8 p.m. • Lab
Find out about the new features in Windows 10 and how to upgrade for little or no cost.

Advanced Excel: Pivot Tables
Wednesday, Dec. 9 • 7-9 p.m. • Lab
One of the most useful tools in Excel, pivot tables can automatically sort, summarize, and analyze data. Excellent knowledge of Excel required.

Word Basics
Tuesday, Dec. 15 • 10-11:45 a.m. • Lab
Create, edit, save, and print documents.

iCloud Basics
Thursday, Dec. 17 • 7-8:30 p.m. • Lab
iCloud allows iPhone and iPad users to sync photos, notes, contacts and more to the cloud. This class covers the basics of syncing, managing, and deleting information in iCloud.

Mac Basics
Monday, Dec. 21 • 7-9 p.m. • Lab
Interested in using a Mac? Great for beginners, this class covers the newest Mac operating system, OS X Yosemite.

Poster Printing Studio
Wednesday, Dec. 30 • 7-8:30 p.m. • Lab
Want to start using EPL’s large-scale printer, or start poster printing on your own? This class walks you through the basics of how to correctly save files, check image resolution, and use EPL’s poster printing workflow. EPL cardholders only.

Intermediate Excel
Thursday, Jan. 7 • 7-9 p.m. • Lab
Learn how to use formulas, manipulate data, and create charts and graphs.

Saving to the Cloud Basics
Friday, Jan. 22 • 3-4:30 p.m. • Lab
Tuesday, Feb. 23 • 7-8:30 p.m. • Lab
What’s the cloud? Where is my information actually being saved? What service should I use? Get answers to these questions and more in this class, including comparing Dropbox, Google Drive, and OneDrive.

PowerPoint Tips & Tricks
Wednesday, Jan. 27 • 7-8:30 p.m.
Kossmann Room
Creating a PowerPoint is easy, but presenting with confidence can be difficult. Learn what mistakes to avoid with PowerPoint so you can start presenting more professionally.

Intermediate iPhone
Friday, Feb. 5 • 3-4:30 p.m.
Kossmann Room
Take your iPhone skills to the next level. We’ll show you many of the hidden or detailed features of the iPhone including texting tips, Siri, the camera, and more.

Excel Basics
Saturday, Feb. 6 • 10-11:45 a.m. • Lab
Learn how to format, save, and print worksheets.

Copy & Paste Clinic
Friday, Feb. 12 • 3-4:30 p.m.
Kossmann Room
Get first aid on one of the most important but often neglected computer skills: copying and pasting. Hone your basic computer skills and learn tips and tricks to make copying and pasting easier.

Back Up Your Information: External Hard Drives
Friday, Feb. 19 • 3-4:30 p.m.
Kossmann Room
What’s the safest way to store your information? How much does an external hard drive cost? Is the cloud secure? We’ll help you wade through the options to back up and save your information safely.

Looking for a class we don’t offer? Want to bring back a past class? Let us know!
programming@elmhurst.org
Online Technology Classes

One of EPL’s resources is **Lynda**, an online collection of instructional video courses on topics as wide-ranging as Excel, marketing, Google Analytics, photography, and much more.

With **Lynda** you can learn on your own, at your own speed, on your own schedule. View the video courses at home, at work, or wherever you have access to the online site. Get tips on the Adobe Creative Suite, learn how to motivate employees with Monday productivity pointers, or explore Office 2013 products like Word, Excel, and PowerPoint.

That’s just a small sample of the many courses ready and waiting for you to explore—all of which you can access with your Library card.

Take a look today: [elmlib.org/lynda](elmlib.org/lynda)

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Business Center

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**Social Media 101: Business Edition**

*Thursday, Jan. 14 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.*

*Meeting Room B*

Most small businesses use social media to promote their business. This class is a beginner’s look at how your business or non-profit can start thinking about using social media marketing. Learn why it’s important, how engagement marketing factors into your business, and basic information on each channel.

**LinkedIn Profile Portraits**

*Thursday, Jan. 28 • 5:30-7:30 p.m.*

*Gathering Room*

LinkedIn is a major player in today’s networking world. Put your best face forward with a business headshot on your profile page. Free! **No registration required.**

**Cutting the Cable Cord**

- **Wednesday, Jan. 13 • 7-8:30 p.m.**
  *Meeting Room A*

- **Wednesday, Feb. 24 • 7-8:30 p.m.**
  *Kossmann Room*

Learn to watch TV without a cable company! Class explains streaming services using an Internet connection and compares all major services/devices.

**All About Apps**

*Friday, Jan. 15 • 3-4:30 p.m.*

Want to get the most out of your tablet or smartphone? We’ll give an overview of popular apps and explain their uses.

Registration is required for all Technology Classes

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**Explore Social Media, Apps, and More**

**Understanding of Internet and email account required**

**Ancestry.com**

*Library Edition* Basics

*Wednesday, Dec. 2 • 7-9 p.m. • Lab*

Learn basic features of the genealogical research database including searching techniques, accessing documents, and plotting your family tree.

**Codecademy Basics**

*Friday, Dec. 4 • 7-9 p.m. • Lab*

Codecademy is a free online learning platform that is a fun and easy way to start learning coding in HTML, Python, Java, and more. We’ll show you how to create a Codecademy account, start using modules, and share extra hints.

**eBay Basics**

*Monday, Dec. 28 • 10-11:30 a.m. • Lab*

Start buying and selling online through eBay. Learn the key parts of an eBay auction, how to create an account, and buy and sell.

**Get Fit with Technology**

*Tuesday, Jan. 5 • 7-8 p.m. • Lab*

Learn how to use technology like your smartphone and computer to help keep your New Year’s resolution. You’ll get an overview of free and low-cost fitness technology, apps, and more.

**Blogging Basics**

*Tuesday, Jan. 19 • 7-8:30 p.m.*

*Meeting Room A*

Learn the concepts of blogging, best practices, and information about blog platforms. You’ll leave class with the knowledge to develop your own blog.

**Facebook Basics**

*Wednesday, Jan. 20 • 7-8:30 p.m. • Lab*

A great way to reconnect with old friends, plan events, and share news. Set up an account and learn about privacy features.

**Streaming Video Basics**

*Tuesday, Feb. 2 • 7-8:30 p.m. • Lab*

Watch feature films, independent shorts, or TV shows through EPL’s streaming video collections. Learn how to use different streaming platforms.

**Instagram Basics**

*Tuesday, Feb. 9 • 7-8:30 p.m. • Lab*

Join millions of people editing and sharing photos on Instagram. You’ll even learn what the heck a #hashtag means. **Smartphone required.**

**WordPress Basics Lab**

*Thursday, Feb. 25 • 6:30-8 p.m. • Lab*

Get some online experience with basic tasks in WordPress. Using a practice site, create posts, update pages, and work with the media library. **Register with the email address you intend to use during the program.**

**Social Media for Beginners**

*Monday, Feb. 29 • 10-11:30 a.m. • Lab*

Want to use social media but not sure where to start? This class will provide an overview of the most popular social media sites like Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Instagram, and more.

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New Technology: 3D Printing

Thanks to a generous grant from Elmhurst Toyota, Elmhurst Public Library continues its effort to provide access to new and emerging technologies with a 3D printer!

Using the 3D printer is easy. Fill out an online form and Library staff will take care of printing the item for you. Once completed, you’ll receive an email notification.

The 3D Printer is located on the north side of the 2nd Floor. The room’s glass walls allow you to see the printer in action.

To learn more about 3D printing, we offer several technology classes (see Create, Make, and Build below) to help get you started with this exciting tool.

Details:
- 8-hour print limit
- Maximum size: 9.9 L x 7.8 W x 5.9 H (inches)
- 10¢ per gram, with a $1 minimum

Complete information at elmlib.org/3D

Create, Make, and Build

For frequent technology users

All About the Creative Studio
Saturday, Dec. 19 • 10-11 a.m. • Lab
Want to use the new Creative Studio for audio, video, photography or something else? We’ll get you started by providing an overview of equipment, project ideas, and great ways to start your next big project. EPL cardholders only.

Photoshop Basics
Tuesday, Dec. 8 • 7-9 p.m. • Lab
Wednesday, Jan. 6 • 7-9 p.m. • Lab
This class covers basic photo editing including importing images into Photoshop Elements, cropping, image adjustments, and more.

Intermediate Photoshop
Thursday, Feb. 4 • 7-8:30 p.m. • Lab
Take your Photoshop skills to the next level! Learn how to combine two images together by selecting, cutting, pasting, blending, and much more. This class is for those already familiar with the basics of using Photoshop and will move at a faster pace than our basic courses.

3D Printing Basics
Thursday, Jan. 14 • 7-9 p.m. • Lab
3D printing has hit Elmhurst! Explore this revolutionary technology to turn your ideas into physical objects. Get an overview of 3D printing and walk through the steps of finding, downloading, and printing 3D designs from Thingiverse.

Intermediate 3D Printing: Sculptris
Thursday, Dec. 10 • 7-9 p.m. • Lab
Sculptris is a free sculpting software used to design free form shapes and models, perfect for creative figures, statues, and more. We’ll go through the basics of Sculptris including how to create and export 3D designs.

How to Mix a Song
Tuesday, Feb. 16 • 7-8:30 p.m. • Lab
Learn the basics of EQ and compression along with tips and tricks on how to clean up the quality of your recorded music using Logic Pro X.

iMovie Basics
Tuesday, Dec. 1 • 7-9 p.m. • Lab
iMovie is a great way to start editing your home movies. Class covers how to create, edit, and save an iMovie project.

Awesome Electronics:
Arduino Basics
Thursday, Jan. 21 • 7-9 p.m. • Lab
Explore the amazing world of electronics programming. Arduino is a micro-controller capable of powering robots, sensors, and more. In this introductory class, you’ll learn the basics of Arduino and complete a simple programming project.

Movie Making Studio
Thursday, Feb. 11 • 7-8:30 p.m. • Lab
Don’t have a big budget, expensive equipment, or a ton of time? No problem! Learn how to become a filmmaker with this hands-on lesson. Class covers EPL’s film equipment, low-cost lighting, and a plethora of tips for independent film making. EPL cardholders only.
Navigating Your Financial World: Annuities
Wednesday, Dec. 9 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Meeting Room A

Annuities are one of the more complex and confusing investment vehicles out there. What are they, exactly? What’s the difference between fixed, variable, immediate, and indexed annuities? Presented by Kevin Kost, Financial Advisor for Edward Jones. Register online, in person, or by phone.

Internet Marketing for Your Business
Thursday, Dec. 10 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Meeting Room B

Internet marketing is more than just having a website. Learn how to convert visitors to customers, move your company to the top of Google and Yahoo search results, and put Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter to work for your business. Presented by SCORE. Register online, in person, or by phone.

Free Career Counseling
Monday, Dec. 14, Jan. 11, and Feb. 8
9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. • 2nd Floor Study Rooms

Need input on your job-search strategy or a review of your resume? Book a free 30-minute session to get one-on-one job search help from JVS Career Moves. Register by contacting Joyce Bogolub at joycebogolub@jvschicago.org.

Navigating Your Financial World: Investing Basics
Wednesday, Jan. 6 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Meeting Room A

Why are some people more successful investors than others? Do they know a “secret?” Definitely not—there are no real secrets to investing. Learn rules to follow when working toward your investing goals. Register online, in person, or by phone.

Navigating Your Financial World: Social Security
Wednesday, Feb. 10 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Meeting Room A

It seems like the number one question that arises with retirement planning is “When should I file for Social Security?” Many factors come into play in making this important decision. Come learn more about Social Security to be able to make the best decision possible for you. Register online, in person, or by phone.

How to Give a Perfect Elevator Pitch
Thursday, Feb. 11 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Meeting Room B

Have you ever had to give an elevator pitch about your business to an investor, banker, or potential partner? While presenting an elevator pitch sounds easy—after all, you’re just talking, right?—it’s actually quite an art. Learn how to give that perfect elevator pitch! Presented by SCORE. Register online, in person, or by phone.

Technical / Vocational Education Pathway to a Great Career
Wednesday, Feb. 24 • 7-8:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • Adults & Grades 9-12

Are you looking for a great-paying job that doesn’t require a four-year degree? Want to get into a fast-growing industry? A technical or vocational pathway may be the right fit for you. Learn more about these in-demand careers and the education and training needed to enter those fields. Register starting Jan. 25 online, in person, or by phone.
Hand-Painted Holiday Cards
Tuesday, Dec. 8 • 2-4 p.m.
Kossmann Room • Age 55+
Join artist Karen Exiner as she leads the class in creating hand-painted holiday cards with watercolors. Register online, in person, or by phone.

Holiday Friday Feature:
White Christmas
Friday, Dec. 18 • 2-4 p.m.
Kossmann Room
Join us for a special Friday Features holiday movie. We’ll provide the popcorn! No registration required.

January Wellness Series
Meeting Room A • Age 55+
Register online, in person, or by phone.
- YMCA Fitness Sampler
  Monday, Jan. 18 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.
- Your Health: Elmhurst Hospital
  Wednesday, Jan. 20 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.
- 10 Tips for a Nutritious New Year
  Monday, Jan. 25 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.
- Ageless Grace
  Tuesday, Jan. 26 • 1-2 p.m.
- Dental Health: the Senior Years
  Wednesday, Jan. 27 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.
- Intro to Mindfulness for Seniors
  Thursday, Jan. 28 • 2-3 p.m.
  Kossmann Room

Culture Club
Large Meeting Room • Age 55+
Learn about the culture and customs of the featured country through film, music, guest speakers, and sampling the country’s cuisine.
- Mexico
  Thursday, Jan. 14 • 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.
  Register starting Dec. 15 online, in person, or by phone.
- Czech Republic
  Thursday, Feb. 11 • 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.
  Register starting Jan. 12 online, in person, or by phone.

Great Decisions Series
Administration Conference Room • Age 55+
Each month, learn about critical global issues facing America. When you register, get a copy of the briefing book, then come to the meeting to watch a video and discuss the topic.
- The Middle East
  Wednesday, Jan. 20 • 2 p.m.
  Register starting Jan. 6 online, in person, or by phone.
- The Rise of ISIS
  Wednesday, Feb. 17 • 2 p.m.
  Register starting Jan. 20 online, in person, or by phone.

Mindfulness for Seniors
Thursdays, Jan. 28 and Feb. 25
2-3 p.m. • Meeting Room B • Age 55+
Each session focuses on an activity that promotes relaxation or being in the present. Register online, in person, or by phone.

Italian Americans Series
Fridays, Feb. 5, 12, 19, and 26 • 1-3 p.m.
Meeting Room A • All Ages
Watch the critically-acclaimed four-part PBS documentary Italian Americans and join in a discussion led by local Italian culture expert Ilio Andreuccetti. Register starting Jan. 8 online, in person, or by phone.

A Beginner’s Guide to the Golden Age of Radio
Wednesday, Feb. 24 • 2-3 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • Age 55+
Learn about some of the biggest shows and stars to emerge from the early years of radio, including Jack Benny, Bob Hope, Amos & Andy, and The Shadow. Hear sound clips and stories about how radio became America’s first mass medium, and transformed the U.S. into a national listening community. Presented by Steve Darnell, host of WDCB’s weekly radio show, Those Were the Days. Register online, in person, or by phone.

BRING YOUR GRANDKIDS
to programs (page 5-8).
Laura Ingalls Wilder: The Real Story  
**Tuesday, Feb. 2 • 6:30-8 p.m.**  
**Large Meeting Room**  
Have you met Laura Ingalls Wilder? Not the girl from the books, and not the woman from television; this is the real Laura Wilder. Discover the times, places, and people who inspired her wonderful books. This program explores the real life of Laura Ingalls Wilder with all its hardships and tragedies. **Register starting Jan. 2 online, in person, or by phone.**

Justice Perverted  
**Monday, Feb. 15 • 7-8 p.m. • Meeting Room A**  
How badly can good intentions go wrong? As seen in the tragic case of Alstory Simon, very badly. Pulitzer Prize-winning Chicago Tribune reporter William B. Crawford tells the story behind his new book, *Justice Perverted: How the Innocence Project at Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism Sent an Innocent Man to Prison.* **Register starting Jan. 2 online, in person, or by phone.**

An Evening with Ben Franklin  
**Monday, Feb. 22 • 7-8 p.m. • Large Meeting Room**  
Inventor, statesman, and founding father—Benjamin Franklin seemed to do it all! Learn about the man who harnessed electricity, helped shape the country that would become the United States of America, and also entertained people with his satirical writing and adages. **Register online, in person, or by phone.**

Disaster of the S.S. Eastland  
**Tuesday, Feb. 23 • 7-8 p.m.**  
**Large Meeting Room**  
Commemorate the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the *Eastland*, Chicago’s greatest loss-of-life tragedy with photographs, a first-hand narrative by descendants of a survivor, and animations. **Register starting Feb. 6 online, in person, or by phone.**

Antiques Appraisal  
**Sunday, Feb. 28 • 2-4 p.m. • Large Meeting Room**  
We’re not the only ones who tell stories. Our things speak volumes. Have you ever wondered if that family keepsake passed down from your ancestors is worth more than sentimental value? Renowned local appraiser Karl Gates presents an overview of the world of antiques appraisal. The first 60 registrants may bring one item for appraisal. (No stamps, coins, or firearms) **Register starting Feb. 1 online, in person, or by phone.**

Lyric Opera Lectures  
**Sundays • Kossmann Room**  
Hear the story, learn about the composer, and listen to the music. **No registration required.**

- **Bel Canto by López**  
  **Sunday, Dec. 6 • 2:30-3:45 p.m.**

- **Nabucco by Verdi**  
  **Sunday, Jan. 17 • 2:30-3:45 p.m.**

- **Der Rosenkavalier by Strauss**  
  **Sunday, Jan. 31 • 2:30-3:45 p.m.**

- **Romeo & Juliet by Gounod**  
  **Sunday, Feb. 7 • 2:30-3:45 p.m.**

Serial Podcast Discussion  
**Tuesdays, Dec. 15 and Jan. 12 • 7-8:15 p.m. • Gathering Room**  
Join us to talk about this radio phenomenon! Once the second season begins, listen to episodes as they are released from WBEZ (91.5 FM) or online at [serialpodcast.org](http://serialpodcast.org). **Register online, in person, or by phone.**

If These Walls Could Talk: Stories of the Chicago Bulls  
**Thursday, Jan. 28 • 7-8 p.m. • Meeting Room A**  
Author and Bulls reporter Kent McDill shares stories of traveling with the Bulls and being the only beat writer to cover all six Bulls championship teams. His book, *If These Walls Could Talk: Chicago Bulls: Stories from the Sideline, Locker Room, and Press Box of the Chicago Bulls Dynasty* will be available for purchase and signing. **Register starting Jan. 2 online, in person, or by phone.**

If These Walls Could Talk: The Real Story  
**Tuesday, Feb. 2 • 6:30-8 p.m. • Large Meeting Room**  
Have you met Laura Ingalls Wilder? Not the girl from the books, and not the woman from television; this is the real Laura Wilder. Discover the times, places, and people who inspired her wonderful books. This program explores the real life of Laura Ingalls Wilder with all its hardships and tragedies. **Register starting Jan. 2 online, in person, or by phone.**
Adults

Great Decisions Series
7-8:30 p.m. • Admin. Conference Room
Each month, learn about critical global issues facing America. When you register, get a copy of the briefing book, then come to the meeting to watch a video and discuss the topic.
- The Middle East • Wednesday, Jan. 20
  Register starting Jan. 6 online, in person, or by phone.
- The Rise of ISIS • Wednesday, Feb. 17
  Register starting Jan. 20 online, in person, or by phone.

Holistic Healthcare 101: How Do I Choose?
Monday, Feb. 1 • 7-8 p.m. • Meeting Room A
Want to take a more natural approach to improve health, but unsure how? Questions arise about effectiveness, research, cost, and credibility. Learn about holistic basics to make an informed choice. Register starting Jan. 4 online, in person, or by phone.

An Organized Family
Thursday, Feb. 11 • 6:30-8 p.m. • Kossmann Room
Help your kids establish skills now that will help at home, in school, and the rest of their lives. Your own world will run more smoothly after we discuss age-appropriate household responsibilities and the whole family benefits by learning how to allocate resources like time and money. Register starting Jan. 23 online, in person, or by phone.

Mini Reiki Sessions
Thursday, Feb. 18 • 6:30-8:30 p.m. • Meeting Room A
Reiki is a Japanese stress-reduction practice of “laying on hands,” based on the idea that life force energy flows through us. Register starting Jan. 23 online, in person, or by phone.

Free Range Parenting: A Comedy in Two Acts
Friday, Feb. 26 • 7-8 p.m. • Meeting Room A
Join librarian and free range parent Sarah Burnside as she shares her experience with “sloth parenting.” Next, Clark Pavlik (a generally well-rounded, free range-parented teen) shares his perspective. Expect lots of laughs, questions, and more. Register starting Jan. 30 online, in person, or by phone.

Home Buying Workshops
7:30-8:30 p.m. • Meeting Room A
Whether you’re a first-time buyer, looking to downsize from your empty nest, or anywhere in between, get tips, tricks, and guidance to make smart decisions with one of your most valuable assets. Register starting Dec. 19 online, in person, or by phone.
- Buying Your First Home
  Monday, Jan. 11
- Moving On Up: Home Buying & Selling
  Thursday, Jan. 21

Staying Positive in a Negative World
Tuesday, Jan. 12 • 7-8 p.m. • Meeting Room A
Science shows that the average person thinks more than 45,000 negative thoughts each day. Learn ways to maintain a positive attitude despite the odds. Register starting Dec. 19 online, in person, or by phone.

Taoist Tai Chi®
Wednesdays, Jan. 13-Feb. 17
6:30-7:30 p.m. • Meeting Room B
Practicing Taoist Tai Chi® arts can help the mind return to stillness, clarity, and wisdom and return the body to a balanced, relaxed, and healthy state. Register starting Dec. 19 online, in person, or by phone.

Adult Improv
Mondays, Jan. 18 and Feb. 22 • 7-9 p.m. • Storytime Room
Looking for a way to let your inner comedian run free? Want to improve your quick-thinking skills? Join us for a night of spontaneous comedy. All skill levels welcome. Warning: hilarity will ensue! No registration required.

Primal Eating & the Paleo Diet
Monday, Jan. 18 • 7-8 p.m. • Large Meeting Room
How can the Paleo diet and primal lifestyle improve your well-being? Registered dietitian and proponent of the Paleo and primal lifestyle movement, Kelly O. Schmidt explains this emerging diet trend, which she found while searching for a way to manage her type 1 diabetes. Register starting Dec. 19 online, in person, or by phone.

Detox: What’s In It For You?
Tuesday, Jan. 19 • 7-8 p.m. • Meeting Room B
Completing a detox program can be a powerful tool in dealing with mystery symptoms, ranging from headaches to food cravings. Learn the benefits of completing a detox, how it works, and more. Register starting Jan. 2 online, in person, or by phone.
Sip ‘n’ Stitch @ Brewpoint
Thursdays, Dec. 3, Jan. 7, and Feb. 4
6:30-8:30 p.m.
Off-site: Brewpoint Coffee (124 W. Park Ave.)
Are you a knitter/crocheter who likes tea and coffee? Warm up with a hot drink, kick back with your latest project, and chat with other crafty folks. No registration required.

Craft Lab: Re-Make Edition
Thursdays, Dec. 10, Jan. 14, and Feb. 11
6-8 p.m. • Admin. Conference Room
Turn trash into treasure! We’ll provide projects to do, but you can also bring in your old favorites that might need a face lift, while sharing your ideas and expertise. We provide a comfortable and encouraging atmosphere to explore and develop creative skills. Provided winter crafts:
- Dec. 10 • Vintage Teacup Crafts
- Jan. 14 • Give Your Old T-Shirt a New Life
- Feb. 11 • Upcycled Neckties
Register starting Nov. 10 (for 12/10), Dec. 15 (for 1/14), and Jan. 12 (for 2/11) online, in person, or by phone.

Sewing Holiday Stockings
Monday, Dec. 7 • 1-3 p.m. • Large Meeting Room
Create a beautiful holiday stocking for Santa to stuff with goodies. Bring two yards of festive holiday fabric. Must have some sewing experience. Register starting Nov. 21 online, in person, or by phone.

The Zentangle Method
This relaxing, easy-to-learn method of drawing combines smaller doodles into larger drawings, creating whimsical art.
- Intro to Zentangle
  Thursday, Dec. 10 • 10 a.m.-12 p.m. or 1-3 p.m.
  Kossmann Room
  Register online, in person, or by phone.
- Beyond the Basics
  Thursday, Jan. 21 • 10 a.m.-12 p.m. or 1-3 p.m.
  Admin. Conference Room
  Prerequisite: Intro to Zentangle. Register online, in person, or by phone.

Library Clubs

Sewing Club
Mondays, Jan. 11, 25, Feb. 1, 15, March 7, 21
1-3 p.m. • Large Meeting Room
Enjoy a creative afternoon of sewing! Bring two yards of cotton fabric, stuffing, and your imagination. Register starting Dec. 12 online, in person, or by phone.

In Stitches Needleworkers
- Tuesdays, Dec. 1, Jan. 5, and Feb. 2
  6:30-8:30 p.m. • Gathering Room
- Tuesdays, Dec. 8, Jan. 12, and Feb. 9
  12-2 p.m. • Gathering Room
- Wednesdays, Dec. 16, Jan. 20, Feb. 17
  12-2 p.m. • Gathering Room
Knitters, crocheters, and needlework enthusiasts of all levels: bring a project to work on, get answers to your questions, and have fun! No registration required.

Coloring for Grown-Ups
Tuesday, Jan. 5 • 2-3 p.m. • Kossmann Room
Transform your mind and spirit with the new trend in relaxation: coloring! Choose from beautifully detailed designs, colored pencils or markers, and become totally absorbed in the joy of coloring. No registration required.

DIY Crop Day at EPL
Saturday, Jan. 23 • 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Large Meeting Room
Do you enjoy paper crafts? Join us for an all-day scrapbooking (and more) event at EPL. Bring your supplies and spread out at your own table all day! We’ll bring EPL’s in-house equipment. Space is limited. Register starting Jan. 2 online, in person, or by phone.

Creative Card Making
Tuesday, Feb. 2 • 10 a.m.-12 p.m. or 1-3 p.m.
Kossmann Room
Join us for crafty creativity. We’ll supply the materials for this class. No experience necessary. Register starting Dec. 1 online, in person, or by phone.

DIY Bath Bombs
Thursday, Feb. 4 • 6:30-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room
Come and learn to make your own spectacular bath bombs! Use colors and confetti to add a little fizz-boom to your baths! Register starting Jan. 16 online, in person, or by phone.

Jewelry Creations
Monday, Feb. 8 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Meeting Room A
Jeweler Amanda Bleatman teaches how to construct a bracelet or necklace. We’ll provide all you need to make a work of art to wear home; all you need to bring is your creativity! No experience necessary. Register starting Jan. 16 online, in person, or by phone.

Colorful Gardening
Wednesday, Feb. 17 • 7-8 p.m.
Meeting Room A
Great landscaping lies in the eyes of the gardener. Learn about basic landscape design, including incorporating plants, color, and texture in your garden using the color wheel. Register starting Jan. 30 online, in person, or by phone.
Adults

Dish! Club for Cooks
Wednesdays, Dec. 9, Jan. 13, and Feb. 10
12-1 p.m. • Admin. Conference Room
Exchange recipes, sample foods, and indulge in delicious discussions about everything from appetizers to zeppoli. No registration required.

Wine Club
Fridays, Dec. 4, Jan. 8, and Feb. 5
12-1 p.m. • Kossmann Room • Age 21+
Learn about and discuss wine with other aficionados. No registration required.

But, First!
A Word from Our Sponsors
Sunday, Jan. 24 • 2-3 p.m. • Meeting Room A
They’re the talk of every Super Bowl. They provide popular catch phrases. Sometimes, they are even more memorable than the regularly scheduled programming! TV commercials, or “spots,” are the subject of this entertaining presentation. Register starting Jan. 2 online, in person, or by phone.

Dynamic Duos: Favorite Screen Couples
Thursday, Feb. 25 • 7-8 p.m. • Meeting Room A
Tracy & Hepburn, Newman & Redford, Laurel & Hardy. You know them well: They are “Dynamic Duos,” popular pairs who shared top billing in numerous films. Join us to relive memorable scenes featuring all kinds of Hollywood screen teams and learn about these box office dynamos. Register starting Feb. 1 online, in person, or by phone.

Great Eats

Holiday Cookie Decorating
Wednesday, Dec. 2 • 7-8:30 p.m. • Large Meeting Room
Spruce up your cookies with festive holiday decorations! Learn the tips and tricks of icing a delightful cookie. No experience necessary. Register online, in person, or by phone.

The Science of Beer & Beer-Making Demonstration
Tuesday, Dec. 8 • 7-8 p.m. • Large Meeting Room
How can there be so many different-tasting beers when there are only four basic ingredients? Learn from an experienced home brewer. Join us afterwards at Pints to enjoy a beer sampling. Register online, in person, or by phone.

Vintage Cookies & Candy
Tuesday, Feb. 16 • 7-8 p.m. • Large Meeting Room
Just in time for Valentine’s Day, travel back in time as you enjoy samples of vintage cookies and candies during this presentation from librarian and cookbook collector Amy Alessio. Register starting Jan. 8 online, in person, or by phone.

Brewing Basics: Making Coffee at Home
Monday, Feb. 29 • 7-8 p.m. • Large Meeting Room
Brewpoint Coffee presents basic ways to brew a great cup of coffee at home. Methods covered include: pour over, French press, and AeroPress. Register starting Feb. 2 online, in person, or by phone.

Cozy Comfort Foods with Chef Michael Maddox
Monday, Jan. 25 • 7-8 p.m. • Large Meeting Room
Spend an evening with Chef Maddox learning about great wintry comfort foods ranging from soups to stews and pastries. A program not to be missed. Register starting Jan. 7 online, in person, or by phone.

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12-1 p.m. • Kossmann Room • Age 21+
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Beer Club
Tuesday, Jan. 12 and Feb. 9 • 7-8 p.m.
Off-site: Pints (112 S. York St.) • Age 21+
Learn about, taste, and discuss great beer at a local Elmhurst bar. Register online, in person, or by phone.

The Holidays, Hollywood-Style
Thursday, Dec. 3 • 7-8 p.m. • Large Meeting Room
Hollywood has always capitalized on Christmas. In many homes, seeing Jimmy Stewart thrill at returning to Bedford Falls is as much a holiday tradition as decorating a tree. Take a break from your holiday preparations to enjoy this video recap of some of the best holiday-themed cinematic films. Register online, in person, or by phone.

Stars Wars VII: The Force Awakens Screening
Tuesday, Dec. 22 • Afternoon (Showtime TBD) • Offsite: York Theatre • Adults and Grades 9+
Take a field trip to the York Theatre to see the newest installment of the Star Wars series. Meet in the theater lobby prior to the showing and bring $3 for your ticket. Space is limited! This film is not yet rated. Register starting Dec. 5 online, in person, or by phone.

Friday Features
Fridays, Jan. 8-22 • 2-4:30 p.m. • Meeting Room A
Enjoy an afternoon at the movies every Friday watching the latest and greatest DVD releases. Find each week’s featured film at elmil.org/friday. No registration required.
Book Discussions

Trading Titles

- **Station Eleven**
  by Emily St. John Mandel
  Tuesday, Feb. 2 • 7 p.m.
  Off-site: Flight 112 Wine House

One snowy night, a famous Hollywood actor slumps over and dies during a stage production of *King Lear*. Hours later, the world as we know it begins to dissolve. This novel, a National Book Award finalist, will take you on a journey. Register starting Jan. 4 in person or by phone.

- **Lowland**
  by Jhumpa Lahiri
  ■ Wednesday, Feb. 17 • 1 p.m. or
  ■ Thursday, Feb. 18 • 7 p.m.
  Meeting Room B at Elmhurst Public Library

Join us to discuss Pulitzer Prize-winning author Jhumpa Lahiri’s latest book: A tale of two continents in an era of political tumult; reviewers consistently refer to this family saga as haunting. Register starting Jan. 4 in person or by phone.

- **Trading Titles**
  ■ Thursday, Dec. 3 • 1 p.m.
  ■ Tuesday, Dec. 8 • 7 p.m.
  Meeting Room B at EPL
  Off-site: Flight 112 Wine House

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, and then come share your thoughts about it. You’ll be sure to hear about some great reads. More info at elmlib.org/trading. Register in person, by phone, or online.

Special Events

Read to Me!

**A Storytime for Grown-Ups**

Fridays, Dec. 18, Jan. 15, and Feb. 19
12:15-12:45 p.m. • Kossmann Room

Being read to is a rare pleasure. It not only stimulates the mind, it invigorates the imagination. Bring a bag lunch, sit back, and enjoy a short intriguing story read aloud to you. Doors open at noon. Story starts at 12:15 and lasts 30 minutes. No registration required.

Go Set a Watchman

**by Harper Lee**

Friday, Jan. 22 • 6:30 p.m.
Off-site: Elmhurst Art Museum

Lee’s earliest known work follows Scout, now an adult, as she confronts the social and cultural biases of those she loves. EPL and Elmhurst Art Museum partner for a special book discussion connected to the museum’s Chicagoland Biennial 2015-2016 exhibit. Books available at the Library for EPL patrons. Call Elmhurst Art Museum to register at (630) 834-0202.

Readers’ Corner

On September 29, EPL hosted its second-annual local book club party. The event, at Elmhurst Art Museum, drew a crowd of local book clubbers to sip wine, win prizes, and discuss our favorite topic: BOOKS! Attendees shared their favorite book selections. Below are the most popular:

View the entire list: elmlib.org/clubreads
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Death of a Nurse
A Hamish Macbeth Mystery
by M. C. Beaton

No Shred of Evidence
An Inspector Ian Rutledge Mystery
by Charles Todd

Reserve your copy online at elm.lib.org/newbooks or call (630) 279-8696
May We Suggest...

The Library of Tomorrow: it’s here. We’re branching out from tried-and-true Library standards to include Alternative Collections of board games, kitchen gadgets, and more! Here are just a few of the neat items you can use:

- **THERMAL LEAK DETECTOR**: Don’t lose your cool (or your heat). Test for air leaks with this handy device.
- **PHONE CHARGERS**: Never say die: Give your Apple or Android device a boost with these onsite-use-only chargers.
- **SEWING MACHINE**: Use these machines while at EPL to prep the garment for your Project Runway audition (Tim Gunn not included).
- **BABY DOLL**: Attention toddlers: Borrow a baby doll while you’re visiting the Kids’ Library. Stroller included.
- **BOOMBOX**: Kick it old school with this cassette and CD player.
- **LAPTOP**: Untether yourself from a desktop with a laptop that can be used anywhere in the building.
- **BOARD GAMES**: You get a week to play and WIN. Try to be a good sport.
- **KILOWATT METER**: You get a week to find out which of your appliances are the biggest power vampires.
- **KNITTING NEEDLES**: Try your hand at creating your own scarf, blanket, or wall-mount taxidermy art.
- **COLORING BOOKS**: Meet the latest de-stressing trend. Calm yourself at coloring stations throughout the building.
- **PROJECTOR**: Convert your home into a movie theater with a screen as big as your wall, literally.
- **CULINARY CUPBOARD COLLECTION**: Ice Cream Maker Crepe Maker Pastry Tip Sets Pasta Maker Cookie Press w/ Discs ...and more!