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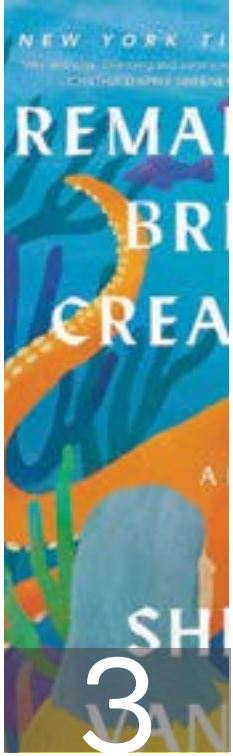
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The Nest
Try the new calming space in the Kids' Library designed to give you and your child a little privacy or a quiet moment.



Star Wars Reads Celebration
Test your Star Wars knowledge and celebrate your love of reading at our all-ages event. Costumes encouraged!



Human Services
In times of difficulty, our referral service connects you to the resources you need.



User Stories
The walls of the Library contain many stories! Community members share some of the ways EPL impacts them.



My EPL
Give the gift of EPL! Our online gift shop has new merch that will delight the Library lover in your life.

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Attending Programs

Registration is required for programs unless otherwise noted.

Event Key:

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- **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.
- **Zoom:** Register at elmlib.org/events or call us to receive an email and link to the live stream. Not online? Call us to learn how you can listen to Zoom programs via phone.

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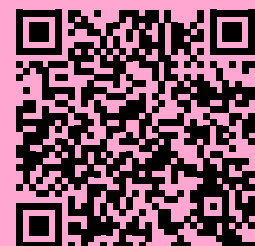
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Media Match Jr. is EPL's recommendation service for the youngest members of our community up to Grade 6!

Play is essential.

Recently, the concept of **play** is getting attention in early literacy circles. Since the advent of the digital age, kids are sometimes missing out on this very important learning and social growth opportunity. EPL's Media Match Jr. service includes recommendations not only for books, but for board games, STREAM kits, and more. Playing improves the emotional well-being of children by allowing them to create and explore.



Start by filling out our kids' form at elmlib.org/MediaMatch.



Fill out the form at elmlib.org/MediaMatch.

"Lori has been instrumental – time and time again – in helping my son find nonfiction history and fiction series to keep up with his interest and reading pace. Her knowledge of authors and their books is astounding and she's great at providing recommendations for related genres of potential interest, too."
–Emily

ONE BOOK, ONE ELMHURST

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



ONE BOOK, ONE ELMHURST

About the Program

One Book, One Elmhurst is a partnership of Elmhurst Public Library, the Friends of the Library, and Elmhurst University, providing the opportunity for the entire community to read and engage with the same book title. Attend our discussions and programming around the book's topics, or share your thoughts in conversations of your own. This year's book is *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt.

About the Book

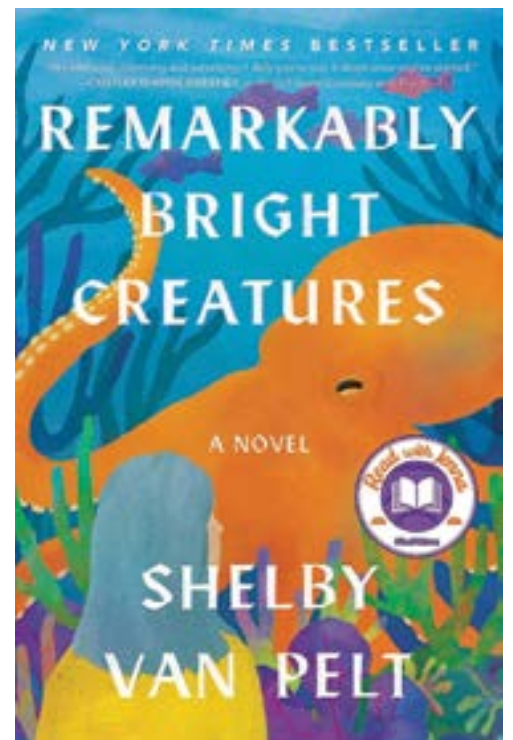
In this novel, the lives of a widowed woman, a young man, and a giant Pacific octopus intertwine, with elements of mystery, humor, and poignancy, while illustrating the power of empathy and unlikely friendships.

How Do I Get a Copy?


Remarkably Bright Creatures is available through EPL's catalog in book, audio, and digital formats. Discover all your reading options, find discussion questions, and sign up for featured events at elmlib.org/OneBook.

Friends of the Elmhurst Public Library


Since 1941, the Friends have enhanced the Library's resources and supported EPL programs like One Book, One Elmhurst through funds from their dues and various fundraising ventures. Working separately but alongside the Library, the Friends further the mission of EPL by securing materials beyond the scope of the ordinary budget. Join at elmlib.org/friends.




Join the Discussion

 Walk & Talk Discussion of *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt
Thursday, Sept. 26 • 1-2:15 p.m.
Meet in Lobby • Adults

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

 Adult Book Discussion: *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt
Gathering Room + Live on Zoom • Adults
■ **Thursday, Oct. 17 • 1-2:15 p.m.**
■ **Thursday, Oct. 17 • 7-8:15 p.m.**
■ **Thursday, Nov. 7 • 7-8:15 p.m.**

 One Book and a Brew
Tuesday, Oct. 22 • 7-8:15 p.m.
Off-site: Bottle Theory (542 Spring Road)
Adults
Join us at Bottle Theory to chat about our One Book, One Elmhurst pick, *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt. Beverages and food available for purchase.

📍 Remarkably Cozy Reading Room

Sunday, Sept. 22 • 2-4 p.m.
Gathering Room • Adults

Settle in for some silent reading of our One Book, One Elmhurst title, *Remarkably Bright Creatures* (copies provided), or bring your own book in any format. If listening to an audiobook, bring your own headphones. Optional: bring along a pillow and blanket for extra coziness. At 3:45, choose to chat with others about your reading or just continue with your book!

📍 An American Version of Swedish Death Cleaning

Monday, Sept. 30 • 7-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults

Loved ones wish to inherit nice things, but not all things. Give your family the gift of a clean, organized, and simple life. Learn to downsize in a memorable and joyful way with fun projects that can be started at any age.

📍 Learn & Grow Book Discussion: *The Soul of an Octopus: A Surprising Exploration into the Wonder of Consciousness* by Sy Montgomery

Thursday, Oct. 3 • 7-8:15 p.m.
Gathering Room + Live on Zoom • Adults

An introduction to the emotions, intelligence, and personalities of octopuses, this book relates the author's interactions with several octopuses at the New England Aquarium, delving into the science of these remarkable creatures, with a look at their inner lives and the impactful relationships that can form between species.

📍 Documentary Screening: *My Octopus Teacher*

Wednesday, Oct. 9 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • Adults + Grades 6-12

In 2018, Craig Foster began free-diving near Cape Town, South Africa. He documented his experience and formed a bond with a young octopus as he learned how she slept, lived, ate, and defended herself with incredible creativity and resilience. Foster describes the effect of this relationship and what he learned about the fragility of life and humanity's connection with nature.

📍 Culture Club: Olympic Peninsula

Thursday, Oct. 10 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults

Faye Levin-O'Leary recounts her trip to the temperate rainforest of the Olympic Peninsula. Learn about the unique ecosystem and enjoy photos of this Northwestern gem. **Hybrid program with virtual presenter.**

📍 Watercolor Octopus

The Makery • Adults
Use watercolor paints to create an underwater scene with an octopus.
Registration starts Oct. 7.
Register for one session only.
■ **Monday, Oct. 21 • 5:30-6:30 p.m.**
■ **Monday, Oct. 21 • 7-8 p.m.**

📍 Octopus Fieldwork: Behavior to Bacteria

Thursday, Oct. 24 • 7-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults + Grades 6-12

Dr. Chelsea Bennice shares her research on cephalopod behavioral ecology and octopus microbiology, using underwater photography and videography. This is a screening of a pre-recorded presentation and interview.

📍 Finishing 3D Printed Objects: Dala Horses

Monday, Nov. 18 • 7-8:30 p.m.
The Makery • Adults + Grades 9-12

In honor of Tova's collection, we're making our own dala horses! Learn how to finish a 3D printed horse, then paint in traditional Swedish designs.

Registration starts Nov. 4.

Companion Reads

Do you find yourself loving our One Book, One Elmhurst title and wanting more? Get the whole family in on the fun! Look for displays of Companion Reads in the Kids, Teen, and Adult areas of the Library this fall. Companion Reads displays feature titles with topics and themes similar to our One Book, One Elmhurst selection, *Remarkably Bright Creatures*. Find even more suggestions at elmlib.org/OneBook.



📍 One Book, One Elmhurst Author Visit: Shelby Van Pelt

Wednesday, Nov. 20 • 7-8 p.m. • Off-site: Elmhurst University Frick Center, 190 S. Prospect Ave. + Live on Zoom • Adults + Grades 6-12
Join us for an evening with local author Shelby Van Pelt, author of *Remarkably Bright Creatures*. This debut novel became an instant *New York Times* bestseller and was chosen as a pick for *The Today Show's* Read with Jenna book club. Van Pelt discusses her writing process, characters, loss, hope, and the giant Pacific octopus. Presented with Elmhurst University and the Friends of the Elmhurst Public Library. Book signing to follow. Books will be available for purchase.

STORYTIME

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



Autumn Weekly Storytimes

SEPT. 3 – NOV. 30

Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays	Saturdays
Mother Goose & Me Newborn-11 months w/ adult 9:30-10 a.m. Kids' Program Room *EPL card not required	Little Wiggles Families (best for ages 1-5) 9:30-10 a.m. Large Meeting Room	Romp and Rhyme Infants-age 2 w/ adult 9:30-10 a.m. Kids' Program Room	Fun for 3s, 4s, and 5s Ages 3-5 9:30-10:15 a.m. Kids' Program Room *No session Nov. 28	Little Wiggles Families (best for ages 1-5) 9:30-10 a.m. Large Meeting Room	Romp and Rhyme Ages 1-2 w/ adult 9:30-10 a.m. Kids' Program Room

Storytime tickets are available starting at 9 a.m. the morning of the program and require an EPL card unless otherwise noted.

Baby Play Date

Saturdays, Sept. 7, Oct. 12, and Nov. 2

11-11:30 a.m. • Kids' Program Room • Families

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

Baby Gives a Hand

Monday, Sept. 9 • 10-10:30 a.m.

Kids' Program Room • 0-11 months w/ adult

Following a special grandparent-themed Mother Goose and Me storytime, make a baby handprint keepsake to share with a loved one.

Saturday STEM

Saturdays, Sept. 21 and Nov. 16

11-11:30 a.m. • Kids' Program Room

Ages 3-5 w/ adult

Join us for a story and rhymes just right for families. Stay to explore simple STEM activities to share together.

Spanish/English Storytime

Wednesday, Oct. 9 • 10:30-11 a.m.

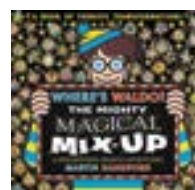
Kids' Program Room • Families

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



Coming Attractions

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elmlib.org/KidsNewBooks



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

📍 C.I.T.Y. of Support Play Group

Tuesdays, Sept. 10, Oct. 8, and Nov. 12

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

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

No registration required.

📍 Family Sensory Hour

Sundays, Sept. 15, Oct. 20, and Nov. 17

12-1 p.m. • Kids' Library • Families

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

📍 Meet a Firefighter!

Tuesday, Sept. 17 • 10-11 a.m.

Outside: West Drive • Families

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

No registration required.

📍 Fall Fun with T-Trak

Model Trains

Saturday, Sept. 21 • 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Kids' Library • Families

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

No registration required.

📍 Dig in to Play: Toddler Sensory Time

Saturday, Sept. 28 • 11-11:45 a.m.

Kids' Program Room • Ages 1-3 w/ adult

Dress for some messy fun in the Kids' Library and explore a variety of sensory stations with your toddler. Siblings welcome.

No registration required.

📍 Star Wars Reads Celebration

Saturday, Oct. 5 • 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Library Wide • All Ages

Journey to a galaxy far, far away to celebrate Star Wars Reads Month! Design a droid, and celebrate your love of reading through crafts, games, and activities. Costumes encouraged!

No registration required.

📍 Family Diwali Party

Saturday, Oct. 19 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Large Meeting Room • Families

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

📍 Strategies for Picky Eating

Tuesday, Oct. 22 • 7:30-8:30 p.m.

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

Speech-language pathologist Morgan Holubetz, an experienced feeding therapist, discusses the differences between picky and problem eaters, and teaches strategies that parents of all types of picky eaters can use to help their child explore a wider variety of foods.

📍 Mini Makers: A Blanket for Bear

The Makery • Ages 3-5 w/ adult

Learn about the Makery's sublimation machine and make a tiny blanket for your favorite stuffed animal. This is a one-on-one class for grownup and child. Additional children cannot be accommodated.

Register for one session only.

■ **Wednesday, Oct. 23 • 6:15-7:15 p.m.**

■ **Wednesday, Oct. 30 • 6:15-7:15 p.m.**

📍 Ornaments for the Wilder Park Tree

Friday, Nov. 29 • 1-2:30 p.m.

Kids' Program Room • Families

Make two ornaments, one to add to the Library's holiday tree in Wilder Park, and one to take home!

No registration required.

The Nest

Try the Nest, a newly-designed space in the Kids' Library for those who need a quieter, calming space or privacy to nurse. The room contains a comfortable chair, a beanbag, subdued lighting, and a variety of sensory-friendly items such as a weighted blanket, fidgets, visual timers, and a pair of noise-canceling headphones.



EARLY ELEMENTARY (GRADES K-2)

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

For All Grades

Show Us Your Library Card Month of September Kids' Library • Families

Show us your library card and get your photo taken. We'll post your photo in our department, and you'll be a star! No registration required.

Homeschool Explorers Tuesdays, Sept. 10, Oct. 8, and Nov. 12 • 1-2:30 p.m. • Grades K-12

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

Art Club Thursdays, Sept. 12, Oct. 10, and Nov. 14 • 4-5 p.m. • Kids' Program Room Grades K-5

Create your own art masterpiece after school with friends. No registration required.

Read to the Dogs Saturdays, Sept. 14, Oct. 12, and Nov. 9 2-3:30 p.m. • Kids' Program Room Grades K-8

Bring a book or choose one of ours and read aloud to a visiting therapy dog. Register with your EPL card to reserve a 15-minute time slot.

Kids' Chess Club Sundays, Sept. 15, Oct. 20, and Nov. 17 1:30-2:30 p.m. • Kids' Program Room Grades K-5

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

Book Haunt Month of October Kids' Library • Families

Haunt your home by reading stories in kooky places throughout the month and earn a surprise! Pick up a Book Haunt sheet at the Kids' Help Desk or print out a copy. When you've completed your sheet, bring it in for a prize. No registration required.

Scary Writing Contest Winners Read Their Stories Saturday, Oct. 26 • 2-3 p.m. Large Meeting Room • Families (best for Grades K+)

Be prepared to get scared! Winners of the Short and Scary Writing Contest share their spooky tales. No registration required.

Kids Vote! Nov. 1-5 • Kids' Library • Families

Cast your ballot in the Kids' Library on important topics like snacks, sports, and favorite characters. Check back on Wednesday, Nov. 6 for the election results!

LEGO Club Friday, Sept. 20 • 4-4:45 p.m. Kids' Program Room • Grades K-2

If you love LEGO, this is where you want to be! Build with friends using the Library's huge LEGO collection.

Use Your Noodle! Noodle Day Story and Craft Thursday, Oct. 3 • 4-4:45 p.m. Kids' Program Room • Grades K-2

We will read the book, *I Want to Be Spaghetti*, and make a craft with colorful noodles. The pasta-bilities are endless. Get ready to use your noodle!

Reading Clubhouse: Fall Edition Thursday, Oct. 17 • 3:30-4:15 p.m. Kids' Program Room • Grades K-2

Join us for book-themed games and activities as we explore great book suggestions and talk about books we love!

Make with Me: Make Your Own Fossil The Makery • Grades K-2 w/ adult

It's DINOvember at the Library, so come and make your very own fossil in the Makery. This is a one-on-one class for grownup and child. Additional children cannot be accommodated.

Register for one session only.
■ Wednesday, Nov. 6 • 6:15-7:15 p.m.
■ Monday, Nov. 11 • 6:15-7:15 p.m.



Virtual Author Visit: Jason Reynolds Tuesday, Oct. 22 • 7-8 p.m. • Live on Zoom • Grades • K-12

Join us for a conversation with Jason Reynolds, *New York Times* bestselling author and 2020-2022 National Ambassador for Young People's Literature. Reynolds' beloved and award-winning titles include *Stamped* (with Ibram X. Kendi), *Stuntboy*, the *Track* series, *Miles Morales*, *All American Boys* (with Brendan Kiely), and more.

Reynolds is the subject of the short documentary, *Dear, Dreamer*, a portrait of Reynolds' life and work as a rising literary star, as well as a testament to shared experiences and the power of seeing yourself in books.

Register at elmlib.org/author.

This event is made possible by Illinois Libraries Present (ILP), a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering premier events.

OLDER ELEMENTARY (GRADES 3-5)

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

📍 Minecraft Redstone Circuits

Wednesday, Sept. 11 • 4-5 p.m.

2nd Floor Computer Lab • Grades 3-5

Learn the basics of how to use Redstone in Minecraft to control pistons, make TNT cannons, create automatic farms, and more! No Minecraft account necessary.

📍 Graphic Novel Club

Thursday, Sept. 26 • 4-4:45 p.m.

Kids' Program Room • Grades 3-5

Join us to discuss *Art Club* by Rashad Doucet and enjoy activities. Pick up your book at the Kids' Help Desk.

📍 3D Printing

2nd Floor Computer Lab • Grades 3-5

Learn the basics of 3D printing and create your own design. Items will be printed after the program and picked up at a later date.

Register for one session only.

■ **Monday, Sept. 30 • 5-6 p.m.**

■ **Monday, Oct. 21 • 5-6 p.m.**

📍 Create Star Wars Vehicles

Tuesday, Oct. 1 • 4-5 p.m.

Kids' Program Room • Grades 3-5

Making a Star Wars vehicle isn't difficult to do with materials you can find around your house. We provide the templates and materials to create a vehicle for far, far, away!

📍 Amulet Trivia and Craft

Wednesday, Oct. 16 • 4-4:45 p.m.

Kids' Program Room • Grades 3-5

Test your knowledge of the graphic novel series *Amulet* by Kazu Kibuishi, then create your own unique magical stone amulet.

📍 Rube Goldberg Machines

Thursday, Nov. 21 • 4-4:45 p.m.

Kids' Program Room • Grades 3-5

Calling future engineers! If you like to build things, this program is for you. A Rube Goldberg machine consists of multiple complex parts to achieve a simple goal.

SHORT AND SCARY WRITING CONTEST

Submit Your Story

Sept. 1-Oct. 7 • Grades K-8

Scare us with an original super short story or poem. Create a spooky work that's 15 sentences or less. Winners get a Barnes & Noble gift card, a spot in our *Kids' Ink* magazine, and an opportunity to read their entry live in the Library on Saturday, Oct. 26. Deadline for entries is Monday, Oct. 7. Submit online at elmlib.org/scary.

Scary Writing Contest Winners Read Their Stories

Saturday, Oct. 26 • 2-3 p.m. • Large Meeting Room • Families (best for Grades K+)

Be prepared to get scared! Winners of the Short and Scary Writing Contest share their spooky tales. No registration required.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Elmhurst Public Library.



MIDDLE SCHOOL

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

Middle School Makers: Sublimation

Monday, Sept. 23 • 6-7 p.m.
The Makery • Grades 6-8

Learn how to use the sublimation printer in the Makery. In this program, you will be making your own sublimation pop sockets.

Middle School Influencers

Mondays, Oct. 7 and Nov. 4 • 6-7 p.m.
Middle School Hangout • Grades 6-8

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

Cozy Spooky Movie Night

Friday, Oct. 18 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Kossmann Room • Grades 6-12

Join us for a cozy spooky movie night featuring a classic horror film and snacks.

Middle School Makers: Laser Engraver

Monday, Oct. 28 • 6-7 p.m.
The Makery • Grades 6-8

Learn how to use the laser engraver in the Makery. In this program, you will be making your own keychains.

Middle School Makers: Music in the Creative Studio

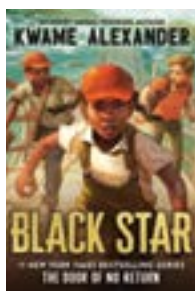
Monday, Nov. 18 • 6-7 p.m.
The Creative Studio • Grades 6-12

Learn about music production, audio engineering, mixing and mastering, and recording techniques – all using equipment we have here at the Library!



Middle School Coming Attractions

Reserve your copy online:
elmlib.org/MSNewBooks





📍 Teen Take & Make

Teen Space • Grades 9-12

Pick up a craft kit in the Teen Space each month. While supplies last.

No registration required.

■ **Tiny Crochet Octopus**
Sept. 4-30

■ **Spector Sarcophagus**
Oct. 2-31

■ **Mini Dreamcatchers**
Nov. 6-30

📍 Blind Taste Test

Teen Space • Grades 9-12

Participate in a blind taste test!

No registration required.

■ **Craft Sodas**
Wednesday, Sept. 18 • 4-5 p.m.

■ **Potato Chips**
Wednesday, Nov. 13 • 4-5 p.m.

📍 Teen Crafternoon

Teen Space • Grades 9-12

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

No registration required.

■ **Tiny Canvas Painting**
Monday, Sept. 30 • 4-5 p.m.

■ **Faux Insect Taxidermy**
Monday, Oct. 28 • 4-5 p.m.

■ **Pumpkin Spice Candle**
Monday, Nov. 25 • 4-5 p.m.

📍 College Admission Process: From Start to Finish

Saturday, Oct. 12 • 10-11 a.m.

Meeting Room B • Adults + Grades 9-12

The college admission process has changed in recent years. Which application deadline is best? How many college applications should a student complete? How does test-optional work? Thomas J. Jaworski of Quest College Consulting shares his expertise to help families navigate and understand the college admission process.

See p. 14 for info on our Star Wars program.



Teen Volunteer Program

The Teen Volunteer Program is designed to establish connections with High School teens in the community to learn real-world skills that can be applied in the future. Teens will also receive service hour credits for school or other extracurricular activities.

Teen Advisory Group (TAG)

Teen Advisory Group (TAG) meets monthly during the school year to discuss popular and trending topics, help plan programs, and work on service projects.

For more information about the Teen Volunteer Program and the Teen Advisory Group, please email: eplteen@elmlib.org.



📍 Cozy Spooky Movie Night

Friday, Oct. 18 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Kossmann Room • Grades 6-12

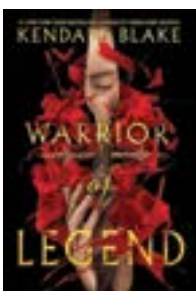
Join us for a cozy spooky movie night featuring a classic horror film and some snacks.

📍 The Sticker Price of Higher Education

Saturday, Nov. 2 • 10-11 a.m.

Meeting Room B • Adults + Grades 9-12

How can college-bound families afford to pay for college with annual increases? Thomas J. Jaworski of Quest College Consulting will share his expertise on breaking down the cost of college.



High School Coming Attractions

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Resume Review Series with People's Resource Center

Adult Services • Adults

Meet with a career expert for help with your resume. Register for a 30-minute time slot.

■ **Thursday, Sept. 12 • 10-11:30 a.m.**

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

■ **Thursday, Nov. 7 • 10-11:30 a.m.**

Cover Letters Made Simple

Tuesday, Sept. 24 • 7-8 p.m.

Meeting Room A + Live on Zoom • Adults

Learn how to write a standout cover letter employers will want to read. Follow along as we break down the process step-by-step to help you create a cover letter unique to you that complements your resume and highlights your skills.

Economic Equity for Women in Illinois

Wednesday, Oct. 2 • 7-8:30 p.m.

Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom

Adults + Grades 9-12

Illinois Comptroller Susana Mendoza speaks about programs related to equity for women in Illinois. Presented with the American Association of University Women.

Cybersecurity for Small Business

Tuesday, Oct. 8 • 7-8 p.m.

Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom

Adults

Learn about cybersecurity practices for small businesses. Ed Sehr of Sehr Consulting covers common threats, password security, network practices, employee training, data backup strategies, and incident response planning. Empower your organization with actionable steps to enhance security and maintain customer trust.

Acing the Interview

Thursday, Oct. 17 • 7-8 p.m.

Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom

Adults

Learn interview techniques to brand yourself and demonstrate you are a qualified candidate. During the workshop, you will learn the STAR approach to telling a story, dos and don'ts, what questions to ask, and more.

LinkedIn Profile Portraits

Gathering Room • Adults

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

No registration required.

■ **Wednesday, Nov. 13 • 12-1:30 p.m.**

■ **Wednesday, Nov. 13 • 6-7:30 p.m.**

Trends in AI for Business

Thursday, Nov. 14 • 7-8:30 p.m.

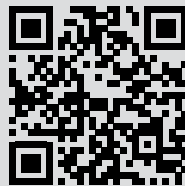
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom

Adults

Jim Kulich, Elmhurst University Computer Science Department Chair discusses opportunities for using artificial intelligence (AI) in your small business and where AI is going in the future.

Niche Academy

Niche Academy is an online collection of video tutorials to help you get the most out of your Library! Learn how to use our databases, watch tutorials for Makery crafts, and learn how to use some of the amazing tech equipment available in our collection.



📍 iPhone iOS

Monday, Sept. 9 • 1:30-3 p.m.

Computer Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12

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

📍 Android Basics

Tuesday, Sept. 24 • 3:30-4:30 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.

📍 Intro to Microsoft Office

Tuesday, Oct. 15 • 2-3:30 p.m.

Computer Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12

Get a brief introduction to Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint.

📍 Getting Started with Streaming Services

Thursday, Oct. 24 • 10-11:30 a.m.

Computer Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12

Learn how to navigate the fast-changing world of streaming services. We will teach you about available streaming platforms and how to access them.

📍 Excel Intermediate

Thursday, Nov. 7 • 6-7:30 p.m.

Computer Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12

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

📍 Excel Advanced

Monday, Nov. 18 • 6-7:30 p.m.

Computer Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12

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

Library of Extraordinary Things: Tech Devices & Accessories

Transform your everyday tasks with tech devices! But why spend big bucks and clutter your home for occasional use? Discover the Library's collection of tech devices and accessories, available for use both at EPL and at home.

Some items include:

- Cricut Explore Air 2 with Accessories
- Film Digitizer
- Cassette to MP3 Converter
- Jumbo Super 8 Slides & Negative Scanner
- Cassette Adaptor
- Projector and Screen
- DVD Writer
- Phone Chargers, Laptops, & Laptop Chargers



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Want to gain a specific skill? Tell us what you're looking to learn. elmlib.org/tech

Virtual Author Visits

Live on Zoom • Adults

Presented with Illinois Libraries Present.

■ Erika Sánchez

Wednesday, Oct. 9 • 7-8 p.m.

■ Chef Art Smith

Wednesday, Nov. 20 • 7-8 p.m.

Meditation for Stress Reduction

Tuesday, Sept. 3 • 7-8 p.m.

Live on Zoom • Adults

Arlene Samsel offers a simple, effective meditation technique and demonstrates practical methods of controlling and calming the mind. There will also be a short meditation session.

Lyric Opera Lectures

Kossmann Room • Adults

Hear the story, learn about the composer, and listen to music.

No registration required.

■ Rigoletto

Sunday, Sept. 8 • 2:30-3:30 p.m.

■ Fidelio

Sunday, Sept. 22 • 2:30-3:30 p.m.

■ The Marriage of Figaro

Sunday, Oct. 27 • 2:30-3:30 p.m.

■ Blue

Sunday, Nov. 10 • 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Medicare 101

Monday, Sept. 9 • 7-8:30 p.m.

Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults

Learn what Medicare covers, what it doesn't, and your potential out-of-pocket expenses, including Supplement and Advantage Plans, Part D Prescription Coverage, and cost-saving strategies.

Culture Club

Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults

Explore the world without leaving your chair.

■ Fall Colors

Thursday, Sept. 12 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.

■ Washington's Olympic Peninsula

Thursday, Oct. 10 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Hybrid program with a virtual presenter.

■ Wild West Africa

Thursday, Nov. 14 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Hybrid program with a virtual presenter.

Ciao Italia

Mondays, Sept. 16, Oct. 21, and Nov. 18

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 are welcome.

What Your Library Can Do for You

Tuesday, Sept. 17 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • Adults + Grades 9-12

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

Hearing Testing

Wednesday, Sept. 18 • 2-4 p.m.

Meeting Room B • Adults

Stop in for a free hearing test with audiologist Lisa Gumina.

No registration required.

Managing Money: A Caregiver's Guide to Finances

Wednesday, Sept. 18 • 2-3 p.m.

Meeting Room A + Live on Zoom • Adults

Learn about the costs of caregiving and the benefits of early planning and how to avoid financial abuse and fraud, start a conversation about finances, assess financial and legal needs, and find support.

How to Safely Manage DNA Genealogy Kits

Thursday, Sept. 19 • 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Meeting Room A + Live on Zoom • Adults

DNA kits can really help with your genealogy research, but how can you keep your information safe? Genealogist Suz Bates discusses and shares management tools in AncestryDNA, MyHeritageDNA, 23andMe, and FTDNA kits.

Plug In & Play

Friday, Sept. 20 • 7-8:30 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • Adults

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

Memory Cafe

Large Meeting Room • Adults

Individuals with Alzheimer's Disease, dementia, or other cognitive or memory impairment disorders, along with their caregivers, are welcome to join us each month for themed activities that encourage reminiscing and spark memories.

■ Toys of Yesteryear

Monday, Sept. 23 • 1:30-3 p.m.

■ Halloween

Monday, Oct. 28 • 1:30-3 p.m.

■ Family Gatherings

Monday, Nov. 25 • 1:30-3 p.m.

Wills, Trusts, and Estate Planning

Monday, Sept. 23 • 7-8 p.m.

Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults

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

Great Decisions

Large Meeting Room • Adults

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

■ Chapter 5: NATO's Future

Tuesday, Sept. 24 • 1:30-3 p.m.

■ Chapter 6: Understanding Indonesia

Tuesday, Oct. 22 • 1:30-3 p.m.

■ Chapter 7: High Seas Treaty

Tuesday, Nov. 26 • 1:30-3 p.m.

An American Version of Swedish Death Cleaning

Monday, Sept. 30 • 7-8 p.m.

Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults

Loved ones wish to inherit nice things, but not all things. Give your family the gift of a clean, organized, and simple life. Learn to downsize in a memorable and joyful way with fun projects that can be started at any age.

Consuming and Discussing Political News

Wednesday, Oct. 2 • 2-3:30 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • Adults + Grades 9-12

Professor Gary Midkiff provides suggestions and shares examples for how to consume political news from a variety of trusted sources as the 2024 elections approach. Learn to discuss political news in a way that promotes communication and understanding.

Ⓜ Economic Equity for Women in Illinois

Wednesday, Oct. 2 • 7-8:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults + Grades 9-12

Illinois Comptroller Susana Mendoza speaks about programs relating to equity for women in Illinois. Presented with the American Association of University Women.

📍 Karaoke

Friday, Oct. 4 • 7-8:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • Adults

Whether you belt out your favorite ballad or just sing along, it's time for karaoke!

📍 I-Cash Lobby Drop-in

Monday, Oct. 7 • 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Lobby • Adults

Did you know the Illinois State Treasurer is holding \$2.5 billion in unclaimed funds for Illinoisans? The State holds these lost funds until they are claimed by either the original owner or their heirs. Stop by the Lobby to find out if you are owed any money and get assistance on starting the claims process.

No registration required.

Ⓜ Good Giving: How to Donate and Volunteer Effectively

Thursday, Oct. 10 • 7-8:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults + Grades 9-12

Learn how Library resources can help you decide where to donate your time or money this holiday season.

Ⓜ GreenMan Theatre Presents Spooky Stories

Tuesday, Oct. 15 • 7-8:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults + Grades 6-12

Hear a collection of spine-chilling stories in a reader's theater performance from GreenMan Theatre.

Ⓜ A Look Into Lesser-Known Genealogy Apps & Sites

Tuesday, Oct. 17 • 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.
Meeting Room A + Live on Zoom • Adults

Genealogist Laura Street Chaplin highlights specific but under-used apps, sites, and helpful tools for family history research.

📍 Gardening Can Be Murder

Monday, Oct. 21 • 7-8 p.m.
Live on Zoom • Adults

Join Marta McDowell, a writer, gardener, and avid mystery reader, in exploring the many ways in which writers have found inspiration in the sinister side of gardening. McDowell's latest book, *Gardening Can Be Murder*, is about the horticultural connections to crime fiction. Presented with area libraries.

Ⓜ Fall Prevention

Wednesday, Oct. 23 • 3-4 p.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults

Meet with a physical therapist to learn ways to prevent dangerous falls and improve balance, and get tips for improving your quality of life.

Ⓜ Be an Informed Voter

Wednesday, Oct. 23 • 7-8:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults + Grades 9-12

Looking to learn how to vote, decide among candidates for the November 5, 2024 general election, or just become a more engaged American? Learn various strategies and resources to help you do your civic duty.

Ⓜ All Things Pumpkins & Apples

Monday, Oct. 28 • 7-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults + Grades 9-12

As it gets chilly outside, it's cozy and comfy in the kitchen with aromas of apples, pumpkins, cinnamon, and vanilla in the air. This live cooking demonstration from Chef Susan Maddox includes both savory and sweet recipes to assist in making a complete meal.

STAR WARS READS CELEBRATION

Saturday, Oct. 5 • 11 a.m.-3 p.m. • Library Wide • All Ages

Journey to a galaxy far, far away to celebrate Star Wars Reads Month! Test your knowledge of the Force, design a droid, and celebrate your love of reading through crafts, games, and activities.

Costumes encouraged!

No registration required.



Through the Decades: 1960s, 1970s, & 1980s

The Beatles: Their History in One Hour

Tuesday, Sept. 10 • 7-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults + Grades 9-12

The Beatles remain one of the world's most popular and iconic bands and their story, personalities, and most importantly, their music, continue to fascinate and resonate. With performance and interview clips, Gary Wenstrup traces the Beatles from development, through Beatlemania, into their psychedelic phase, and finally their dissolution.

Building the Magic: Disney's EPCOT Center

Wednesday, Sept. 11 • 7-8:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults + Grades 6-12

In the 1960s, Walt Disney dreamed of building a futuristic utopian city that would act as a living laboratory for urban planning developments. After his death, Disney World would change this idea into what would become EPCOT. Learn about the history of EPCOT Center and its most popular attractions and take a virtual tour of the park.

Julia Child

Wednesday, Sept. 25 • 7-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults + Grades 9-12

In the 1960s, thousands tuned in every week to watch Julia Child demonstrate the art of French cooking on television. Actress and scholar Leslie Goddard, Ph.D., brings the iconic French Chef to life in this portrayal, where Child discusses everything from her relationship with her husband to the mishaps of cooking on television. Bon appétit!

Fashion of the 1980s

Thursday, Sept. 26 • 7-8:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults + Grades 9-12

Some of the most influential fashion designers and fashion movements emerged during the 1980s, thanks to MTV music videos and televised fashion runways. Nelson Cantada, fashion studies educator, leads us through the trendy decade of shoulder pads, big hair, neon, and the chic, casual look inspired by *Miami Vice*.

Six Degrees of Separation: The Twilight Zone's Lasting Impact

Tuesday, Oct. 1 • 7-8:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults + Grades 9-12

Take a deep dive into the programs, writers, directors, films, and more from the 1960s to today that were inspired by *The Twilight Zone* and Rod Serling. Through videos, audio clips, and research, Mike Lynn explores the lasting impact on film and literature.

Serial Killer Era: Why 1970-2000 Saw So Many Murders

Tuesday, Oct. 29 • 7-8:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults + Grades 9-12

From sociological changes, to biology, to technology, to culture wars – why were there so many serial killers during this brief period? And where did they go? Social-political scientist Katharine Korte Andrew answers these questions and highlights some of the most infamous cases of the era, including the Golden State Killer, John Wayne Gacy, Ted Bundy, and more.

Toys of the 80s and 90s

Thursday, Nov. 7 • 7-8:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults + Grades 9-12

Relive the joy of the 80s and 90s through their most popular toys. Cheryl Brown takes us from Cabbage Patch Kids, My Little Pony, and Rubik's Cubes to Furbies, Tickle Me Elmo, and the Beanie Baby craze.

Echoes of Freedom: The Rise and Fall of the Berlin Wall

Tuesday, Nov. 12 • 7-8:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults + Grades 9-12

With the rise of the Berlin Wall in 1961, Germany's history took a tragic turn. It would take 28 years to tear down this symbol of division, giving birth to another period in the nation's evolution. German historian Anette Isaacs shares an overview of this period in Berlin's history, just in time for the 35th anniversary of its fall.

Hybrid program with a virtual speaker.

Alfred Hitchcock: Master of Suspense

Wednesday, Nov. 20 • 2-3 p.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults

Relive the nail-biting fun and artistry of Alfred Hitchcock through videos of the filmmaker and his finest works.





New in the Makery!

The Thermal Book Binder can be used to glue loose sheets of paper or sewn signatures into soft- or hard-cover books with a neat, professional look. The ThermoBind TB500 is ideal for binding reports and other documents. Maximum spine width of 2" or approximately 500 pages. Maximum book height is 12". Works with a variety of thermal book binding covers. Patrons may purchase different sizes online or at office supply stores. Bring your own, or purchase covers from the Makery. The covers for sale are a maximum of 30 pages.

Soft Covers: \$1 (8.5 x 11") Hard Covers: \$10 (8.5 x 11")

📍 Making Change: LGBTQ Activism Since the 1950s

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

Since the 1950s, massive change has occurred in the lives of LGBTQ people in the United States and in the social and institutional responses to them. Trace the history of LGBTQ activism from the 1950s to the early 21st century with John D'Emilio, professor emeritus in History and Gender and Women's Studies at the University of Illinois Chicago. Explore the impact of the 1960s and the Stonewall Uprising, the dramatic increase in mobilization sparked by the AIDS epidemic of the 1980s, and the growing presence in popular culture that emerged in the 1990s.

📍 Retirement Tax Planning

Monday, Nov. 4 • 7-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults

Understand how taxes impact your retirement income, including ways to harvest your income sources, whether they are Social Security, 401(k)/IRA, other sources, or a combination.

📍 Fun, Healthy Living for People with Disabilities

Monday, Nov. 11 • 2-3 p.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults

Would you like to manage your disability and health using lifestyle changes and making positive choices? Nutrition advocate, Tracy Williams, presents the Mediterranean Diet, hydration, and adaptive physical activity. Improve your health and quality of life by reducing the risk of secondary complications.

📍 Genealogy: Looking for European Roots

Thursday, Nov. 21 • 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.
Meeting Room A + Live on Zoom • Adults

Cross the pond with genealogist Caron Primas Brennan to learn how best to find records for European ancestors, including sites like FamilySearch and Find My Past, as well as lesser-known sources.

LIBRARY INSIDERS



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

📍 Next Chapter Book Club

Wednesdays, Sept. 4, 18, Oct. 2, 16, 30, and Nov. 13 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Meeting Room B • Adults

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

📍 Video Games

Wednesday, Sept. 25 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Kossmann Room • Adults

Gather around our big screen and take turns playing or learning how to play classic video games. Everyone will get a turn!

📍 Make a Halloween T-shirt

Monday, Oct. 7 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.
The Makery • Adults

Make your own spooky t-shirt with one of our heat presses in the Makery. Designs will be prepared ahead of time.

📍 Cookie Decorating

Monday, Nov. 18 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • Adults

Use frosting and a variety of decorating tools to create an edible masterpiece.

📍 The Historical Wizard of Oz

Tuesday, Nov. 26 • 7-8:15 p.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults + Grades 9-12

Just hearing the name Oz conjures up fantastic images, adventures, and heartfelt memories. So many of us can recite the plot of the famous story, but how many of us really know what went into creating it? Librarian Laura Keyes separates fact from fiction as she shares the fantastic story of the amazing L. Frank Baum, who created *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*.

Human Services at EPL: Connecting You to a World of Resources

Facing life's challenges? EPL can help.

Libraries are community hubs where people come together. Our librarians are experts at researching and curating information and making it accessible to all. At EPL, our Human Services Specialist is dedicated to connecting you to the support you need. While we do not perform clinical services like therapy, or form client relationships, we are here to refer you to resources and assist you when dealing with the complexity of finding the right resources to fit your unique circumstances.

Bibliotherapy, because sometimes a good book helps.

Library staff can connect you to books and other resources in our collection tailored to your situation. We all face challenges from time to time – engaging in reading, listening, or watching can help gain new perspectives, find comfort in shared experiences, and ultimately gain greater self-awareness and resilience.

elmlib.org/HumanServices



I wanted to explore the sober curious movement during Dry January. I went to EPL and found memoirs, documentaries, and even fiction and movies that gave me insights into this new way of living.
—Alex

When we lost our dog a couple years ago, my husband called the Library to see if they had a book on losing a pet to help our boys with a very sad time. When we showed up to see what they had, the librarian had a bunch of books pulled and were so very kind and helpful. Thank you Elmhurst Library!
—Shannon

When my long-term relationship ended, EPL staff helped me find books about break-ups and even suggested a few movies to distract me from my worries. One book really hit home and helped me see things in a new light.
—Jennifer



📍 Bridge & Pinochle

Every Tuesday • 1-3 p.m.

Kossmann Room • Adults

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

No registration required.

📍 American Mah Jongg

Every Wednesday • 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Kossmann Room • Adults

Gather for this game of skill, strategy, calculation, and a certain amount of chance. Prior experience is required.

No registration required.

📍 Friday Features

Every Friday • 2-4 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.

📍 Canasta

Every Saturday • 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Kossmann Room • Adults

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

No registration required.

📍 Staying Mentally Fit

Tuesdays, Sept. 3, Oct. 1, and Nov. 5

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

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

📍 Ukulele Circle

Thursdays, Sept. 5, Oct. 3, and Nov. 7

7-8 p.m. • Kossmann Room

Adults + Grades 6-12

Jam along or listen to music ranging from folk to rock.

📍 In Stitches Needleworkers

Tuesdays, Sept. 10, Oct. 8, and Nov. 12

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.



📍 Bingo

Tuesdays, Sept. 10, Oct. 8, and Nov. 12

3:30-4:30 p.m. • Large Meeting Room

Adults

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

📍 Chair Yoga

Fridays, Sept. 13, 27, Oct. 11, 25, Nov. 8

and 22 • 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • Adults

Join a certified yoga instructor for a series of simple movements to strengthen and stretch your whole body while comfortably seated in a chair. No prior yoga experience required.

📍 Scrabble

Mondays, Sept 16, Oct. 7, 21, Nov. 4, and 18

10 a.m.-12 p.m. • Kossmann Room • Adults

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

No registration required.

📍 Coloring for Mindfulness

Tuesdays, Sept. 17, Oct. 15, and Nov. 19

2-3 p.m. • Gathering Room

Adults + Grades 9-12

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

No registration required.

📍 Chamber Concerts

Fridays, Oct. 11 and Nov. 15

7-8:30 p.m. • Large Meeting Room

Adults + Grades 9-12

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

No registration required.

📍 Board Game Night

Friday, Oct. 18 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • Adults

Join us for a night of open gaming with other board game fans. Bring your own game to share or play one of ours.

📍 Retro Video Games

Friday, Nov. 1 • 7-8:30 p.m.

Computer Lab • Adults

Revisit the computer games of the 80s and 90s with some friendly competition.

📍 The Writing Journey

Wednesdays, Nov. 6, 13, 20, and 27

5:30-8:30 p.m.

Kossmann Room + Live on Zoom

Adults + Grades 6-12

Join us for a weekly write-in where you can write in the company of others and participate in challenges to help boost your word count.

USER STORIES

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

"We're beyond lucky to have such an amazing resource in our town!"

—Tim, citing EPL's books, audiobooks, Blu-Rays, DVDs, video games, cooking appliances, tech gadgets, and free museum passes.

"Elmhurst Public Library is our community's biggest asset."
—Julie

"I had legal papers that I had to have printed, my computer and printer went to computer heaven, and the Library staff helped me get the forms located, filled out, and printed. All the workers in the Library are so helpful and patient."
—Kathy

"Thank you to Kelsey for assisting me with airplane ticket printing. You were very helpful!"
—anonymous

"Rachael was amazing helping me on the computer with how to get information on Medicare. She was patient, kind, and uber smart. She is why I love this Library so much!"
—Beth

"The motto Prepare to Be Amazed ... it is true."
—JoAnne

"I luv my epl. It's a gr8 place."
—Kris

"That was the BEST PROGRAM EVER."
—Carolyn, after attending "What the Library Can Do For You"

"Ms. Amanda helped us find the Goddess Girls series. Our beginning reader was ready for the next step and loves everything princess. Now we go straight to the correct shelf for the next book when we visit the Library!"
—Amanda



Share your EPL stories with us!
elmlib.org/ShareYourStory

Celebrate National Sewing Month

September is National Sewing Month! Let's celebrate by learning the basics of the Makery sewing machines.

Buttons & Buttonholes

Friday, Sept. 6 • 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

The Makery • Adults + Grades 9-12

Learn the best ways to sew buttonholes and attach buttons.

Registration starts Aug. 23

Zippers

Wednesday, Sept. 11 • 10-11:30 a.m.

The Makery • Adults + Grades 9-12

Learn how to put in a zipper.

Registration starts Aug. 28.

Hemming Jeans

Wednesday, Sept. 18 • 5:30-7 p.m.

The Makery • Adults + Grades 9-12

Learn how to hem jeans and pants.

Registration starts Sept. 4.

Makery 101: Laser Engrave a Glass

The Makery • Adults + Grades 9-12

Learn the basics of the laser cutter, including preparing your design, as we engrave a glass.

Register for one session only.

■ **Friday, Sept. 13 • 10-11:30 a.m.**

Registration starts Aug. 30.

■ **Friday, Nov. 8 • 10-11:30 a.m.**

Registration starts Oct. 25.

Polymer Clay Miniatures

The Makery • Adults + Grades 9-12

Create a tiny bird using polymer clay.

Registration starts Sept. 3.

Register for one session only.

■ **Monday, Sept. 16 • 5-6:30 p.m.**

■ **Monday, Sept. 16 • 7-8:30 p.m.**

Makery 101:

Sublimation Basics

The Makery • Adults + Grades 9-12

Learn the basics of the sublimation printer and sublimate your own custom project.

Register for one session only.

■ **Friday, Sept. 20 • 10-11:30 a.m.**

Registration starts Sept. 6.

■ **Wednesday, Nov. 13 • 10-11:30 a.m.**

Registration starts Oct. 30.

Makery 101: Sewing Basics

The Makery • Adults + Grades 9-12

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

Register for one session only.

■ **Friday, Oct. 4 • 10 a.m.-12 p.m.**

Registration starts Sept. 20.

■ **Friday, Oct. 18 • 10 a.m.-12 p.m.**

Registration starts Oct. 4.

■ **Friday, Nov. 1 • 10 a.m.-12 p.m.**

Registration starts Oct. 18.

■ **Friday, Nov. 15 • 10 a.m.-12 p.m.**

Registration starts Nov. 1.

Creative Cardmaking

The Makery • Adults

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

Registration starts Sept. 23.

Register for one session only.

■ **Monday, Oct. 7 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.**

■ **Monday, Oct. 7 • 1-2 p.m.**

Fall Watercolors

with Karen Exiner

Wednesday, Oct. 16 • 2-4 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • Adults

Local artist Karen Exiner teaches how to paint a beautiful autumn scene with watercolors.

Registration starts Oct. 2.

Painted Pinecones

The Makery • Adults + Grades 9-12

Create colorful, ombre fall decorations by painting pinecones.

Registration starts Oct. 2.

Register for one session only.

■ **Wednesday, Oct. 16 • 5-6:30 p.m.**

■ **Wednesday, Oct. 16 • 7-8:30 p.m.**

Watercolor Octopus

The Makery • Adults

Use watercolor paints to create an underwater scene with an octopus.

Registration starts Oct. 7.

Register for one session only.

■ **Monday, Oct. 21 • 5:30-6:30 p.m.**

■ **Monday, Oct. 21 • 7-8 p.m.**

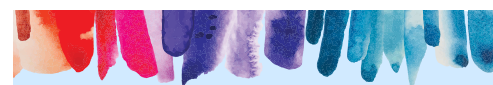
Makery 101: Laser Cut a Coaster

Friday, Oct. 25 • 10-11:30 a.m.

The Makery • Adults + Grades 9-12

Learn the basics of the laser cutter and cut your own custom coaster.

Registration starts Oct. 11.



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.

Watercolor on Wood

Sept. 10-30 • The Makery

Adults + Grades 6-12

Registration starts Sept. 9.

Halloween Candle

Oct. 8-31 • The Makery

Adults + Grades 6-12

Registration starts Oct. 7.

Leaf Bowl

Nov. 12-30 • The Makery

Adults + Grades 6-12

Registration starts Nov. 11.



Makery 101: Cricut Basics

Wednesday, Oct. 30 • 10-11:30 a.m.

The Makery • Adults + Grades 9-12

Create and cut a simple iron-on design for you to take home.

Registration starts Oct. 16.

Sticker Swap

Friday, Nov. 15 • 7-8 p.m.

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Learn how to use the Makery's sublimation printer to create vinyl stickers. Bring your stickers from home to swap with others!

Registration starts Nov. 1.

Finishing 3D-Printed

Objects: Dala Horses

Monday, Nov. 18 • 7-8:30 p.m. • The Makery

Adults + Grades 9-12

Learn to prepare an object for painting, then practice with 3D-printed dala horses.

Registration starts Nov. 4.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

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

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



Expand Your World, One Book at a Time

To get on board, register for the EPL Reading Adventure in Beanstack at elmlib.org/beanstack and read a book set in the 1960s, 1970s, or 1980s.

Find book title suggestions in the Beanstack challenge. After you read your book, you can tell us about your voyage by writing a review.

By completing the challenge, you will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 Elmhurst City Centre gift card.



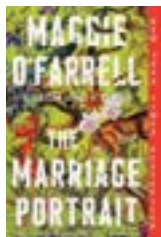
H Happiness Falls by Angie Kim

Gathering Room + Live on Zoom • Adults

When Adam Parson disappears while out on a walk, his wife, Hannah, and their three children desperately try to figure out what happened to him.

■ **Thursday, Sept. 12 • 1-2:15 p.m.**

■ **Thursday, Sept. 12 • 7-8:15 p.m.**



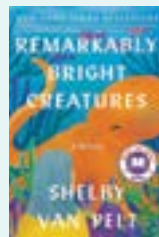
H The Marriage Portrait by Maggie O'Farrell

Gathering Room + Live on Zoom • Adults

In Renaissance Italy, the young Lucrezia de' Medici, daughter of a duke, marries the ruler of Ferrara, Modena, and Reggio, and must navigate the dangerous court that she joins, discovering that her grand position comes with one expectation: to produce an heir.

■ **Thursday, Nov. 14 • 1-2:15 p.m.**

■ **Thursday, Nov. 14 • 7-8:15 p.m.**



W Walk & Talk Discussion of *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt

Thursday, Sept. 26 • 1-2:15 p.m.

Meet in Lobby • Adults

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

H Adult Book Discussion: *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt

Gathering Room + Live on Zoom • Adults

■ **Thursday, Oct. 17 • 1-2:15 p.m.**

■ **Thursday, Oct. 17 • 7-8:15 p.m.**

■ **Thursday, Nov. 7 • 7-8:15 p.m.**

W One Book and a Brew

Tuesday, Oct. 22 • 7-8:15 p.m. • Off-site:

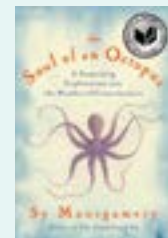
Bottle Theory (542 Spring Road) • Adults

Join us at Bottle Theory to chat about our One Book, One Elmhurst pick, *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt. Beverages and food available for purchase.



ONE BOOK, ONE ELMHURST

One Book, One Elmhurst is a partnership of Elmhurst Public Library, the Friends of the Library, and Elmhurst University, providing the opportunity for the entire community to read and engage with the same book title. Attend our discussions and programming around the book's topics, or share your thoughts in conversations of your own. This year's book is *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt. In this novel, the lives of a widowed young woman, a young man, and a giant Pacific octopus intertwine, with elements of mystery, humor, and poignancy, while illustrating the power of empathy and unlikely friendships. For more One Book, One Elmhurst programs, including a visit from the author, see p. 3.



H The Soul of an Octopus: A Surprising Exploration Into the Wonder of Consciousness by Sy Montgomery

Thursday, Oct. 3 • 7-8:15 p.m.

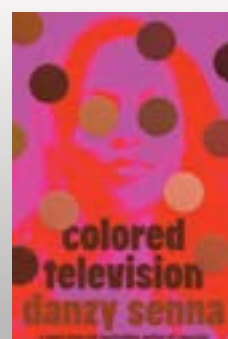
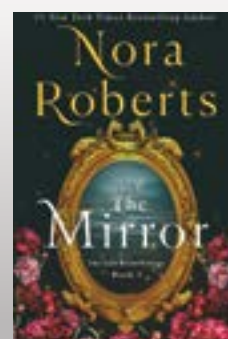
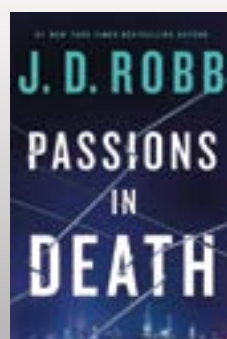
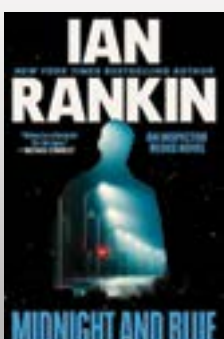
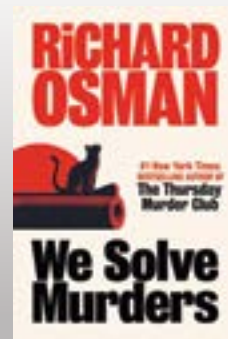
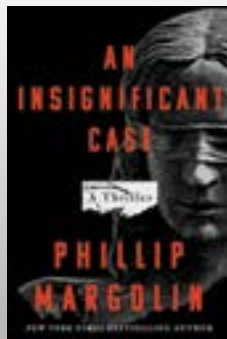
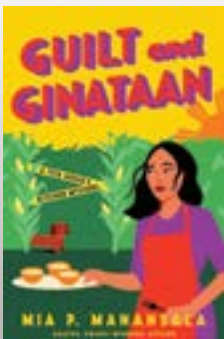
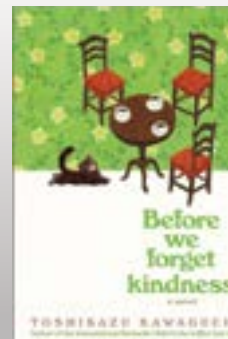
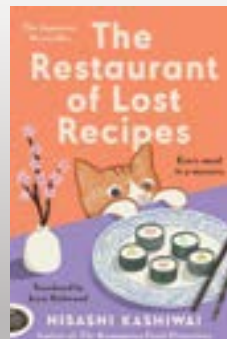
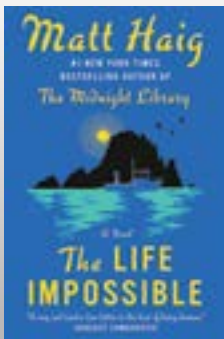
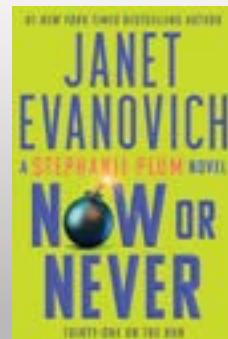
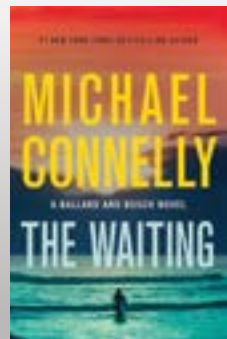
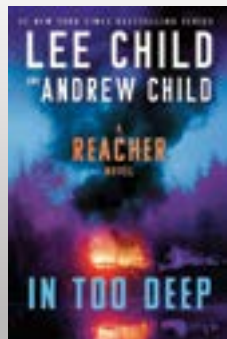
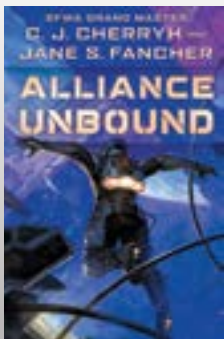
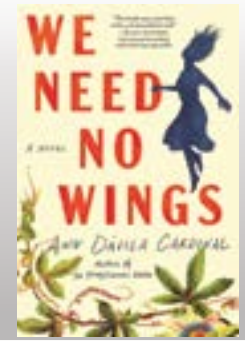
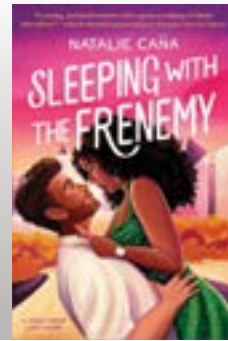
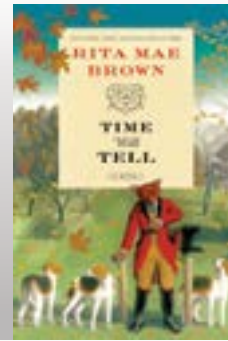
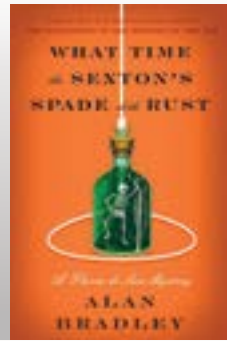
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This book relates the author's interactions with several octopuses at the New England Aquarium, delving into the science of these remarkable creatures, with a look at their inner lives and the impactful relationships that can form between species.

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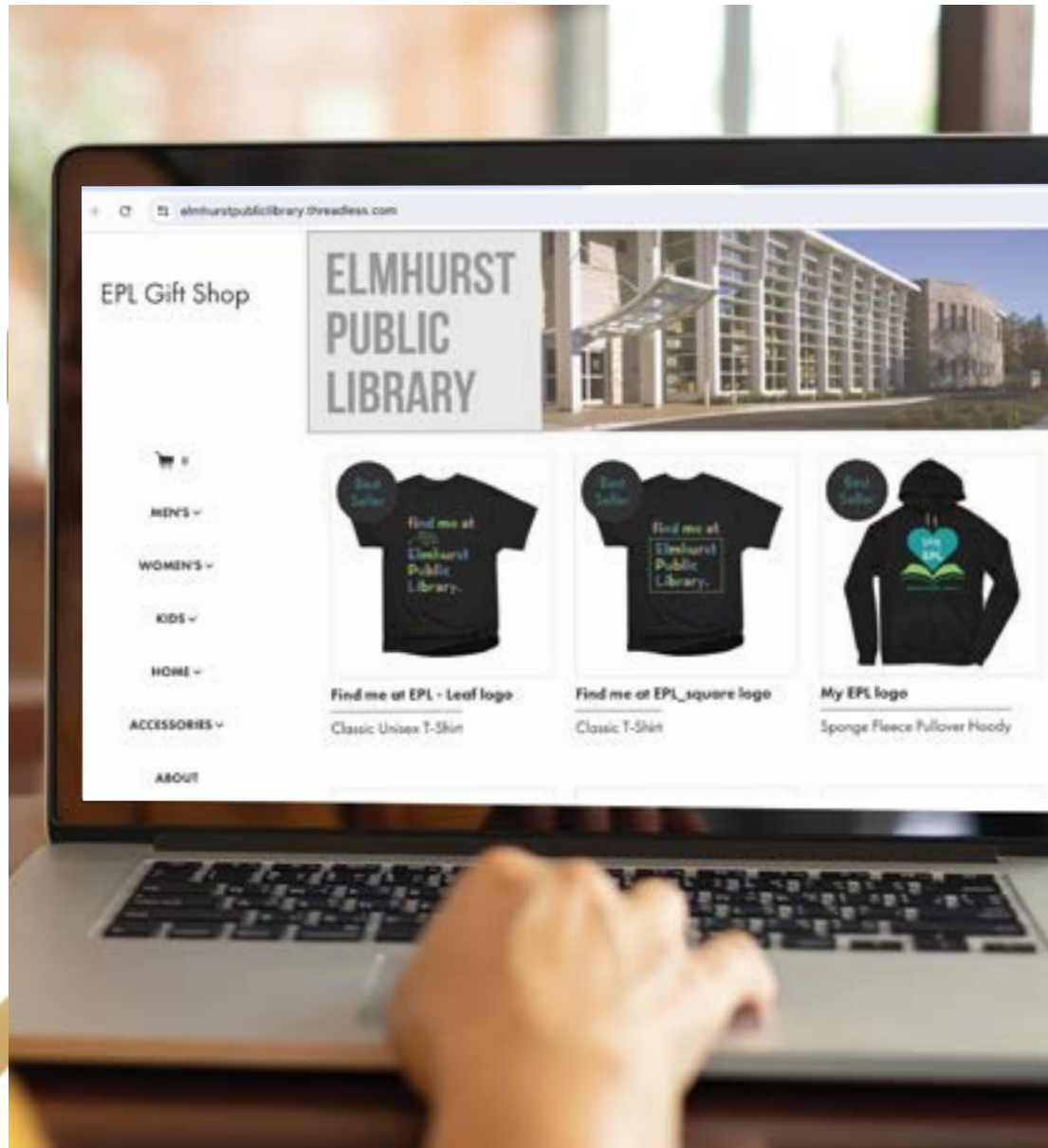
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Monday, Sept. 2 • Labor Day
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