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The Library strives to be a central part of the community, where ideas are explored and discussed.

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Common Connection programs are marked with this symbol throughout the issue.
Registration Guidelines
The following programs are reserved for Elmhurst Public Library cardholders:
- VIP
- Storytime
- Elementary School
- Family
- High School
- Middle School

Cardholders from other libraries may register in person or by phone for adult programs (excluding VIP) one week prior to the event if space is available. An EPL card is not required to attend adult programs marked “No registration required.” Any additional requirements for registration are noted in individual program descriptions.

Photo Policy
We 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.

New! Spot Check
We know our lot can fill.
Get a feel for how busy we are before your next visit to Elmhurst Public Library.
Check out elmlib.org/spotcheck.

Parking
Skip the internet—check out our extensive Travel Center. Expert librarians stock the shelves with the best materials to help you plan your trip, no matter the destination. Browse these items near the fireplace on the 2nd floor.

**elmlib.org/travel**

### Guidebooks
Find travel guidebooks that can help plan where to stay, eat, and visit on your upcoming vacation. Includes guidebooks for regions, countries, and cities.

### Be Culture Smart!
Once you’ve decided where to travel, familiarize yourself with the destination. These pocket-size guides give you a glimpse into local traditions.

### Learn a Language
Get a quick lesson on your smartphone with the Transparent Language app.  
**elmlib.org/languages**

Phrasebooks are located in the Foreign Language section.

### Road Trip
Fill up the gas tank and head out on the open road. Check out the Library’s books about sights to see while traveling by car.

### DVDs
Travel DVDs are shelved among travel books to make browsing convenient.

### Staycation
Sticking around Chicagoland during your time off? Make the most of vacationing in place.

### Maps
Folding maps and atlases are available for checkout.

### Volunteer Vacations
Want to utilize your free time helping others? Get ideas on how to offer your time.

### Insiders’ Guides
Get intel from locals in Insiders’ Guides and Rough Guides.

### Armchair Travel
Get away without having to leave the comfort of home.

### Bucket List
Check out books that feature must-see travel spots.

### Cruises
Find resources for your cruise so you can enjoy your time on the water.
Your Suitcase Wants You to Pack These Items

Travel even smarter with the Library of Extraordinary Things

Stop squinting at landmarks: Binoculars are available for sightseeing. [elmlib.org/binoculars]

Capture your memories on video and film with a compact and waterproof GoPro camera. [elmlib.org/gopro]

Check out a pre-loaded eReader to lighten your load. [elmlib.org/bookanook]

Keep connected with a WiFi hotspot even while on the road. [elmlib.org/hotspot]

Avoid “are we there yet?” with Launchpads pre-loaded with games for all ages. [elmlib.org/launchpad]

Go On an Adventure

COMING SOON! Adventure Backpacks
Created as part of an Eagle Scout service project, Adventure Backpacks offer guidance and tools to explore the outdoors. These materials provide people of all ages a jumping off point to spark curiosity about nature. Themes to explore include:

- Geocaching
- Aquatics
- Animals
- Rocks + Minerals
- Elmhurst History
- Plants

Adventure + discovery await at elmlib.org/adventure
Learning Through Play

There are many ways your child begins building literacy skills. Picture books are displayed in face-out shelving to attract your little one’s eye, and we have other items available to encourage learning.

- **PUZZLES** build visual skills like color recognition and spatial reasoning.

- **PLAY STATIONS** spaced around the Learning Garden promote interactivity with colors, shapes, letters, and numbers. A play kitchen, building blocks, and train tables encourage make-believe and imagination.

- **PUPPETS** encourage storytelling skills. They are available for use in the puppet theater or for check out.

- **“MY FIRST” BAGS TO GO** are geared toward babies and toddlers and include a copy of Dr. Dana Suskind’s *Thirty Million Words: Building a Child’s Brain* for parents.

- **ADAPTIVE ITEMS** are available to make your child’s visit more enjoyable. Includes weighted blanket, fidget toys, noise-canceling headphones and adaptive story maps.

Thank you

Winter Reading Sponsors

- Brewpoint Coffee
- LEGOland
- Meatheads
- SkyZone
Feature Event

St. Patrick’s Day Parade Drop-In Craft
Tuesday, March 5 + Thursday, March 7
10 a.m.-12 p.m. and 3-5 p.m.
Kids’ Program Room • All Ages
Come to EPL and create your own streamer to bring to Elmhurst’s St. Patrick’s Day Parade on Saturday, March 9.
No registration required.

Mayer School of Irish Dance
Sunday, March 10 • 2-2:45 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • All Ages
Celebrate St. Patrick’s Day with an Irish dance performance by local dancers.
Registration required.

Culture Craft Drop-in
10 a.m.-12 p.m. or 3-4:30 p.m.
Kids’ Program Room • All Ages
Make a craft that celebrates the culture of the month. Take a tour of the region’s unique features with our Google Cardboard virtual reality viewers.
No registration required.

Uganda • Wednesday, March 13
Uruguay • Wednesday, April 10

Homeschool Hangout
Kids’ Program Room • All Ages
Join us for hands-on activities each month. Visit elmlib.org/homeschool for topic and registration information.
Thursday, March 14 • 1-2 p.m.
Thursday, April 11 • 1-2:30 p.m.

Spring Break Challenge Drop-in
Monday, March 25–Friday, March 29
9:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m. • Kids’ Library • All Ages
Visit the Library during spring break to challenge your mind, body, and creativity. Each day offers a different fun and engaging challenge.
No registration required.

Art Day Drop-in
Wednesday, March 27 • 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Kids’ Program Room • For Families
Drop in throughout this program to create an art project. Children under 7 must be directly supervised by an adult.
No registration required.

Exoplanets: Planets Outside our Solar System
Tuesday, April 30 • 7-7:45 p.m.
Kids’ Program Room • Best for Grades 2+
Scientists have been investigating exoplanets for years, and have found out some amazing things about these very distant neighbors. Astronomer Allan Fenske presents. Register starting April 6.

May the 4th Be With You
Saturday, May 4 • 1-4 p.m. • All Ages
In a Library not so far, far away ... we’re celebrating Star Wars Day! Drop in for an afternoon of free activities and a film screening of Star Wars: Episode IV - A New Hope. Costumes highly encouraged.
No registration required.

Puppet Show!
Puppets on the Wilder Side
Friday, May 10 • 7-7:30 p.m.
Kids’ Program Room • For Families
EPL’s talented teen puppeteers present a fantastic puppet show and a hand-clapping sing-along. Tickets available the morning of the program.
Spring Drop-in Storytime Schedule

For these drop-in storytimes, bring your valid EPL card the morning of the program to get tickets. Quantities are limited.

More information on each storytime at elmlib.org/storytime.

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**Storytimes in the Neighborhood**

- Fridays, March 1-15 • 1:30-2 p.m.  
  For Families • Off-site: See below
  Join your neighbors for special storytimes throughout the community. Register starting Feb. 23.
  - March 1 • Elmhurst Firehouse 2  
    (605 S. York St.)
  - March 8 • Elmhurst History Museum  
    (120 E. Park Ave.)
  - March 15 • Elmhurst Memorial Hospital  
    (155 E. Brush Hill Road)

**Inclusive Storytime**

- Wednesday, March 20 • 1:30-2 p.m.  
  Kids’ Program Room • For Families
  Join us for a storytime designed for children with differing abilities or sensory needs. Enjoy interactive stories, songs, and activities designed with inclusion in mind. Siblings and friends welcome! Registration required.

**Spanish Storytime**

- Wednesdays, April 10 and May 8 • 10:15-10:45 a.m.  
  Kids’ Program Room • Ages 1-5 w/ adult
  Join us for a half hour of fun stories, rhymes, and music, in Spanish and English. Tickets available the morning of the program.

**Literacy Alive! Early Literacy Fair**

- Saturday, April 13 • 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.  
  Large Meeting Room • Ages 2-7 w/ Adult
  Elmhurst College’s Kappa Delta Pi educational honor society members lead interactive literacy and pre-literacy activities for families. Tickets available the morning of the program.

**Meet Mother Goose + Friends**

- Friday, May 3 • 9:15-9:45 a.m. or 10:15-10:45 a.m.  
  Large Meeting Room
  For Families (best for 1-5)
  Meet Mother Goose and her nursery rhyme friends. Mother Goose brings stories, rhymes, and songs that are just right for toddlers and preschoolers. Tickets available the morning of the program.

**Family Star Wars Storytime**

- Saturday, May 4 • 10:45-11:15 a.m.  
  Kids’ Program Room • All ages (best for 3-7)
  Join us, young Padawans, for an exciting storytime filled with wookies, ewoks and droids! Tickets available the morning of the program.
Parenting Book Discussion
Wednesday, April 24 • 7-8 p.m. • Kids’ Program Room
A must-read guide for anyone who lives or works with young kids. Read How to Talk So Little Kids Will Listen by Joanna Farber and Julie King, then join us for a discussion with other parents. Register starting March 23.

Yoga and Self-Care for Busy People
Monday, May 6 • 7-8 p.m. • Large Meeting Room
In an era of mounting stress and anxiety from competing demands, it’s common for self-care to fall off your to-do list. Learn self-care practices, including seated yoga stretches, simple meditations, and breathing exercises. Registration required.

Money Smart Week
Build good money habits for you and your family with Money Smart Week programs.

Money Matters
Tuesday, April 2 • 6:30-8:30 p.m. • Meeting Room B
Learn how to manage your money by preparing a personal spending plan. Registration required.

To Your Credit
Thursday, April 4 • 6:30-8:30 p.m. • Meeting Room B
Learn to read a credit report and how to build and/or repair your credit history. Registration required.

Wills, Trusts, and Estate Planning Basics
Saturday, April 6 • 10-11:30 a.m. • Large Meeting Room
Take the first step to create or update a plan that is appropriate for you. Registration required.

The Library is not just for kids!
Check out pages 21-29 for adult programs including self-care, movies, crafts, and more.
**Read to the Dogs**
**Kids’ Program Room • Grades K-8**
Read aloud to one of our visiting therapy dogs. Register for a one-on-one 15-minute session by phone or in person.
- **Saturday, March 9** • 2-3:30 p.m.
  Register starting Feb. 9.
- **Saturday, May 11** • 2-3:30 p.m.
  Register starting April 27.

**Junior LEGO Club**
**Kids’ Program Room • Grades K-2**
Use our LEGOs to create your masterpiece.
- **Tuesday, March 12** • 4-4:45 p.m.
  Register starting Feb. 23.
- **Tuesday, April 16** • 4-4:45 p.m.
  Register starting March 16.
- **Tuesday, May 14** • 4-4:45 p.m.
  Register starting April 27.

**Kids’ Makery Craft Lab**
**The Makery • Grades 3-5**
Learn how to use Makery equipment for your own future projects.
- **Wednesday, March 13** • 5-6 p.m.
  Register starting Feb. 23.
- **Wednesday, April 17** • 5-6 p.m.
  Register starting April 6.

**NOTE:** Kids younger than middle school must be directly supervised while in the Makery outside of this class.

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**Coming Attractions**
Reserve your copy online: [elmlib.org/kidsnewbooks](http://elmlib.org/kidsnewbooks)
Homeschool Hangout
Kids’ Program Room • All Ages
Join us for hands-on activities each month. Visit elmlib.org/homeschool for topic and registration information.
- Thursday, March 14 • 1-2 p.m.
- Thursday, April 11 • 1-2:30 p.m.

3D Printing: Advanced
Thursday, March 14 • 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Kids’ Lab • Grades 4-8
Work on further developing your 3D design skills. Recommended for students who have previously taken our 3D Printing classes. Register starting Feb. 23.

Code with ScratchJr
4:40 p.m. or 5:30 p.m.
Kids’ Program Room • Grades K-2
Learn the basics of computer coding by designing a game and story using the ScratchJr app on the Library’s iPads.
- Tuesday, March 19
  Register starting March 2.
- Tuesday, May 21
  Register starting May 4.

Way Cool Adventures
4-5 p.m. • Kids’ Program Room • Grades K-1
Be a part of a cool club where you learn new things, play games, and enjoy books.
- Weather Watchers • Thursday, March 21
  Register starting March 9.
- Animals in Spring • Thursday, April 18
  Register starting April 6.

Spring Break Challenge
Drop-in
Monday, March 25-Friday, March 29
9:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m. • All Ages
Visit the Kids’ Library during spring break to challenge your mind, body, and creativity. Each day offers a different fun and engaging challenge. No registration required.

Chopped, Jr.
4-5 p.m. • Meeting Room A • Grades 3-5
Calling all junior chefs! Learn basic cooking skills and create an edible masterpiece to eat or take home.
- Monday, March 25
  Register starting March 9.
- Monday, April 22
  Register starting April 6.

Learn to Use a 3D Printer
4:30-5:30 p.m. • Kids’ Lab • Grades 3-5
Learn the basics of 3D printing. Design and print a cool mystery creation.
- Thursday, March 28
  Register starting March 2.
- Thursday, April 25
  Register starting April 6.
- Thursday, May 23
  Register starting May 4.

Basic Keyboarding Skills
Wednesdays, April 3-24 • Kids’ Lab
Learn the basics of keyboarding to help you on your laptop or desktop computers using TypingClub online software. Register for this 4-week series starting March 16.
- Grades 2-3 • 4:40 p.m.
- Grades 4-5 • 5:45 p.m.

LEGO Robotics Club
Tuesday, April 9 • 4:15-5:15 p.m.
Kids’ Program Room • Grades 3-5
Builders and brick enthusiasts assemble! Explore the basics of robotics engineering with LEGO WeDo. Let’s take building to a new level! Register starting March 23.

Celebrate Earth Day!
Monday, April 22 • 4-5:30 p.m.
Kids’ Program Room • All Ages
Go green for your neighborhood when you make an Earth-friendly craft out of recycled materials. No registration required.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM 2019
A UNIVERSE OF STORIES
Look for us in your school this Spring!

Your Library,
Your Community
69% of Elmhurst has Library cards (the national average is 55%)
Over 5,000 kids participate in the Summer Reading program
Staff serve in local service organizations including Kiwanis, Rotary, Lions, and the Elmhurst Youth Commission, which hosts the Teen Job + Volunteer Fair (page 13)
Over 200 Middle School students volunteer during the summer at the Library (page 11)
Librarians visited Elmhurst schools 225 times in 2018.
Look for us at Art in the Park and other local events this spring. (page 6)
You take home over 1,250,000 items from the Library each year.
Check out page 22 for Common Connection: Community.
Middle School summer reading volunteers needed
Applications are online or at the Kids’ Help Desk starting April 1. Turn in your completed applications to the Kids’ Help Desk by April 30.
elmlib.org/volunteer

3D Printing: Basics
Kids’ Computer Lab • Grades 6-8
■ Thursday, April 11 • 4:30-5:30 p.m.
  Register starting March 23.
■ Thursday, May 9 • 4:30-5:30 p.m.
  Register starting April 20.

Read to the Dogs
Kids’ Program Room • Grades K-8
Read aloud to one of our visiting therapy dogs. Register for a one-on-one 15-minute session by phone or in person.
■ Saturday, March 9 • 2-3:30 p.m.
  Register starting Feb. 9.
■ Saturday, May 11 • 2-3:30 p.m.
  Register starting April 27.

3D Printing: Advanced
Thursday, March 14 • 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Kids’ Lab • Grades 4-8
Recommended for those who have taken our 3D printing classes. Register starting Feb. 23.

Snacktime Celebration
Middle School Hangout • Grades 6-8
Celebrate and eat the snack of the month. No registration required.
■ National Potato Chip Day
  Thursday March 14 • 3:45-4:30 p.m.
■ National Cheeseball Day
  Wednesday, April 17 • 3:45-4:30 p.m.
■ National Chocolate Chip Day
  Wednesday, May 15 • 3:45-4:30 p.m.

Cake Decorating
Friday, March 15 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • Grades 6-12
Learn from a professional cake decorator how to decorate cakes using modern equipment and techniques. Registration required.

Taste-Off
Large Meeting Room • Grades 6-8
■ Blind Food Taste-Off
  Friday, March 22 • 7-7:45 p.m.
  Register starting March 2.
■ Taste-Off: Crackers
  Friday, May 24 • 7-7:45 p.m.
  Register starting May 4.

Make Your Own Canvas Bag
Wednesday, March 27 • 6:30-8 p.m.
The Makery • Grades 6-8
Learn how to use the Cricut to design a custom canvas bag. Register starting March 9.

Advanced Sewing Club
Mondays, April 1-22 • 4:30-6 p.m.
The Makery • Grades 6-12
Feeling confident with the basics, but still a little shaky when it comes to tackling patterns on your own? Bring fabric, a simple pattern (3-4 pattern pieces) and prepare to have fun! Register starting March 23.
Puppets on the Wilder Side Performance Troupe

Since 1984, Puppets on the Wilder Side (POWS) has given Middle School students an opportunity to foster their love of storytelling and share puppetry with younger audiences.

Lifelong Elmhurst resident Brian Andrusyk joined POWS in the summer of 1986 with his brother, Dave. Thirty-two years later, Andrusyk coordinates the long-running puppet troupe.

“Puppetry is a great way to combat stage fright,” he says. “I’ve had many puppeteers start out very quiet and shy. They are thankful for the scrim that separates them from the audience. However, as they get older, they start coming out from behind the stage. Often it starts with playing the role of narrator. Then suddenly, they are auditioning for parts for in the school play.”

Participants do more than just puppeteering. Andrusyk says the kids are part of the entire production process, from selecting a script, writing, audio recording, prop making, staging, and performing.

The next Puppets on the Wilder Side performance is Friday, May 10 (page 6).

Be a Puppeteer!
Join the club by filling out the form at elmlib.org/pows. For grades 6-12.

Iron Chef Competition
Friday, April 19 • 7-8:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • Grades 6-9
Register starting March 30.

Celebrate Earth Day!
Monday, April 22 • 4-5:30 p.m.
Kids’ Program Room • All Ages
Go green for your neighborhood and to help the Earth when you make a craft out of recycled materials. No registration required.

Marvel Debate
Thursday, April 25 • 7-8 p.m.
Kids’ Program Room • Grades 6-9
Debate everything about the Marvel Cinematic Universe. We provide the pizza.
Register starting April 6.

Virtual Reality!
Tuesday, April 30 • 4-5 p.m.
Middle School Hangout • Grades 6-8
Try out the PlayStation VR headset. No registration required.

May the 4th Be With You
Saturday, May 4 • 1-4 p.m. • All Ages
In a Library not so far, far away ... we’re celebrating Star Wars Day! Drop in for an afternoon of free activities and a film screening of Star Wars: Episode IV - A New Hope. Costumes encouraged!
No registration required.

Crafts • 1 p.m. • Kids’ Library
Movie • 2 p.m. • Large Meeting Room

ALADDIN: FAR FROM AGRABAH
BY AISHA SAEED

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Teen Improv Team  
**Mondays, March 4-May 20 • 7-9 p.m.**  
**Teen Space • Grade 9-12**  
Is improv your thing? Join the team with Clark and Lizzy—our Improv Specialists! Meet the first few Mondays of the month to work on your sketches, then perform for the public on the last Monday! Note: Last performance is on May 20.  
**Registration required.**

Spill  
**Thursdays, March 7 and 14 • 5-6 p.m.**  
**Teen Space • Grade 9-12**  
A chance for teens to share thoughts and explore current topics with EPL’s Social Work Intern. **No registration required.**

Dear Evan Hansen Karaoke  
**Friday, March 8 • 7-8:30 p.m.**  
**Teen Space • Grade 9-12**  
Sing along to this award-winning musical! We provide the snacks. **Registration required.**

Meet a ...  
**Performing Arts Professional**  
**Friday, March 8 • 4:5 p.m.**  
**Teen Space • Grades 9-12**  
Interested in a career in performing arts? Cast and crew from Drury Lane’s Mamma Mia production share their experiences as professionals in Chicago and on Broadway. **Registration required.**

Cake Decorating  
**Friday, March 15 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.**  
**Large Meeting Room • Grades 6-12**  
Learn from a professional cake decorator how to decorate cakes using modern equipment and techniques. **Registration required.**

Get to Know the Creative Studio  
**Saturday, March 30 and Tuesday, May 7**  
Want to use our Creative Studio for audio, video, photography, or something else? Get an overview of equipment, project ideas, and great ways to start your next big project.  
**Program and registration info on page 15.**

Monday Crafternoons  
**Mondays, April 1-May 20 • 4-5 p.m.**  
**Teen Space • Grades 9-12**  
Join us for a fun, free craft break. A different craft each week. Check [elmlib.org/teen](http://elmlib.org/teen) or the signs in the Teen Space to see upcoming projects. **No registration required.**

Advanced Sewing Club  
**Mondays, April 1-22 • 4:30-6 p.m.**  
**The Makery • Grades 6-12**  
Feeling confident with the basics, but still a little shaky when it comes to tackling patterns on your own? Bring fabric, a simple pattern (3-4 pattern pieces) and prepare to have fun! **Register starting March 23.**

Explore Virtual Reality  
**Thursday, April 18 • 4-5 p.m.**  
**Teen Space • Grades 9-12**  
Play games like Beat Saber on Play Station VR, and Virtual Virtual Reality on an Oculus Go. **No registration required.**

Library Orientation for High School  
**Saturday, April 27**  
11 a.m.-12 p.m. or 12-1 p.m. or 1-2 p.m.  
**Teen Space • Grades 8-12**  
Get a head start and upgrade your Library skills! Learn how to book study rooms, instantly download digital books and music, access online tutoring, and stream world language resources. Also, check out your Teen Space, explore teen programming and meet your dedicated Teen Library staff. **Register for one session.**

May the 4th Be With You  
**Saturday, May 4 • 1-4 p.m. • All Ages**  
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Coming Attractions  
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The Bauhaus was a legendary German school that revolutionized the parameters of art, crafts, and technology.

Elmhurst Art Museum Teen Design Competition  
**Saturday, April 13 • Drop-off: 10 a.m.-12 p.m. • Reception: 3:30 p.m.**  
**Elmhurst Art Museum • Ages 13-18**  
In celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Bauhaus, teens are invited to submit their own architecture and design proposals. This juried competition will be on view at the museum, and celebrates creative design of today’s young creatives.  
More information at [elmhurstartmuseum.org](http://elmhurstartmuseum.org).

Crafternoons with Bauhaus  
**Mondays, Feb. 25-March 18 • 4-5 p.m. • Teen Space • Grades 9-12**  
Special series: Bauhaus concepts and techniques are introduced with projects. No registration required.

Teen Design Competition Workshop  
Teens tour the Makery and are introduced to methods to fabricate their creative designs for the Elmhurst Art Museum Teen Design Competition on April 13.  
**Wednesday, March 13 • 7-8:30 p.m. • The Makery • Grades 9-12**  
Registration required  
An additional workshop is offered at the Elmhurst Art Museum on Saturday, March 16: [elmhurstartmuseum.org](http://elmhurstartmuseum.org).

Mies van der Rohe Birthday Party  
**Tuesday, March 19 • 4-5 p.m. • Teen Space • Grades 9-12**  
Celebrate Mies by answering trivia related to his life and the Bauhaus movement. There will be cupcakes! No registration required.

Bauhaus Field Trip  
**Saturday, April 6 • 1-3:30 p.m. • Meet in Teen Space • Grades 9-12**  
Watch a Bauhaus documentary film, then walk to the Elmhurst Art Museum for a tour of the Bauhaus exhibit, and end with a craft project. Registration required.

High School + Beyond

**Resume + Interview Workshop**  
**Monday, March 18 • 7-8:30 p.m.**  
**2nd Floor Lab • Grades 9-12**  
Get ready for the Teen Job and Volunteer Fair on March 20 or to apply for jobs on your own. Learn on professional software. Registration required.

**Teen Job & Volunteer Fair**  
**Wednesday, March 20 • 3-6 p.m.**  
**Off-site: York High School Commons**  
Come to the fair and learn about both volunteer and paid work opportunities for local organizations. Learn how to obtain work permits if you’re under 16. Presented with Elmhurst Commission on Youth, Elmhurst District 205, Elmhurst Junior Women’s Club, Elmhurst YMCA, and Kiwanis Club of Elmhurst. No registration required.

**The Technical / Vocational Education Pathway to a Great Career**  
**Thursday, March 21 • 7 p.m.**  
**Meeting Room A • 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/training needed to enter those fields. Registration required.

**Maximize Your College Visits**  
**Monday, April 15 • 7-8 p.m. • Kossmann Room**  
**Grades 9-12 and parents**  
Visiting a college campus is an integral part of the college application process. Get tips on how to maximize your college visit while also helping to increase your college admissions chances. Registration required.

**Cram for Exams**  
**Dates in May TBD • Grades 9-12**  
It’s time to crack open the books at EPL! Meeting rooms are available for you and your classmates to review the semester’s work so you can ace those finals. Get the schedule in May at [elmlib.org/teenprograms](http://elmlib.org/teenprograms). No registration required.

Need to cram with fewer distractions? Book a study room to spread out and learn at [elmlib.org/studyrooms](http://elmlib.org/studyrooms).
The Creative Studio

Located on the 2nd floor, the Creative Studio provides access to high-end equipment and software needed to complete audio, visual, and graphics projects. Whether for professional, personal, or school projects, find the tools you need at the Creative Studio. Make a reservation by calling (630) 279-8696. Drop-ins welcome!

More information: elmlib.org/creative

Registration Guidelines

All technology programs require registration. Cardholders from other libraries may register in person or by phone for technology programs one week prior to the event if space is available. Any additional requirements for registration are noted in individual program descriptions. All classes take place in the 2nd floor Computer Lab unless otherwise noted.

TPNTECHNOLOGY

Converting VHS to DVD & Digital
Saturday, March 9 • 10-11:30 a.m.
Meeting Room B
Learn about the available equipment at the Library to convert your VHS tapes directly to DVD or digital files. Registration required.

Get to Know the Creative Studio
Creative Studio • Adults and Grades 9+
Want to use the Creative Studio for audio, video, photography, or something else? Get an overview of equipment, project ideas, and great ways to start your next big project. EPL cardholders only.
Saturday, March 30 • 10-10:45 a.m.
Registration required.
Saturday, March 30 • 11-11:45 a.m.
Registration required.
Tuesday, May 7 • 6-8 p.m.
No registration required.

Introduction to DSLRs
Friday, May 10 • 2-3:30 p.m. • Lab
In this hands-on lesson, learn about using aperture, shutter speed, and ISO to create the perfect picture. Participants should bring their own DSLR camera. Registration required.

Digitization Basics
Thursday, May 30 • 7-8:30 p.m. • Lab
Have a closet full of records, cassettes, and/or VHS tapes and want to bring them into the 21st century? Learn about the Creative Studio, the perfect place to digitize your analog collection. Registration required.
Registration Key

In Person: Stop by any Service Desk     By Phone: Call (630) 279-8696     Online: elmlib.org/registration

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Large Meeting Room
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Thursday, March 21 • 2-3:30 p.m.
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Watch TV without a cable company! Save money and avoid stress by using your internet connection to stream content using Hulu, Netflix, and Amazon Prime. EPL cardholders only. Registration required.

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Learn about popular smartphone apps you can use to de-stress, become mindful, and meditate. Registration required.

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Wednesday, April 10 • 2-3:30 p.m. • Lab
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Excel Basics: Projects
Wednesday, March 6 • 7-8:30 p.m. • Lab
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Monday, May 6 • 7-8:30 p.m. • Lab
Registration required.

Google

Google Drive Basics
Monday, April 1 • 7-8:30 p.m. • Lab
Bring your Google account login and password to class. Registration required.

For Students

3D Printing: Basics
Thursday, April 11 • 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 9 • 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Grades 6-8
Program and registration info on page 11.

3D Printing: Advanced
Thursday, March 14 • 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Grades 4-8
Program and registration info on page 11.

Code with ScratchJr
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Grades K-2
Program and registration info on page 9.

Learn to Use a 3D Printer
Thursday, March 28 • 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 25 • 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 23 • 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Grades 3-5
Program and registration info on page 10.

Basic Keyboarding Skills
Wednesdays, April 3-24 • 4-4:30 p.m.
Grades 2-3
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Grades 4-5
Program and registration info on page 10.

For Seniors

Keyboard and Mouse Skills
Monday, March 11 • 10-11 a.m.
Program and registration info on page 25

Google Maps Basics
Monday, April 8 • 10-11 a.m.
Program and registration info on page 25.

Cell Phone Basics
Monday, May 13 • 10-11 a.m.
Program and registration info on page 25.

For Free Tech Help!

Remember, you have three ways to get FREE technology help at Elmhurst Public Library:

- Drop-in Technology Help Stop by any time to find solutions to your tech questions. Our knowledgeable staff work with you to solve issues or suggest alternative support.
- Online Tech Classes available from home at elmlib.org/lynda
- In-Person Classes (pages 15-16)

Contact us if you are unsure which class is best suited for you: reference@elmlib.org or (630) 279-8696

Storage

Backing Up Your Information
Friday, April 19 • 2-3:30 p.m. • Lab
Registration required.

Cloud Storage Basics
Saturday, May 11 • 10-11:30 a.m. • Lab
Registration required.

Apple

iCloud Basics
Friday, March 8 • 7-8:30 p.m. • Lab
Bring your Apple ID and password to class. Registration required.

iPhone Basics
Wednesday, March 13 • 2-3:30 p.m. • Lab
Bring your iPhone, Apple ID, password and charger to class. Registration required.

Mac OS X Essentials
Wednesday, April 17 • 2-3:30 p.m. • Lab
Registration required.

iPhone Intermediate
Monday, April 22 • 7-8:30 p.m. • Lab
Bring your iPhone, Apple ID, password and charger to class. Registration required.

Mac Computer Basics
Wednesday, May 1 • 2-3:30 p.m. • Lab
Registration required.

iPhone Advanced
Monday, May 13 • 7-8:30 p.m. • Lab
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For frequent technology users | Adults + Grades 9+

NEW! Drop-in Makery Help
Drop in for specialized assistance with Makery equipment and software. Knowledgeable staff is available for troubleshooting.
No registration required.

Silhouette Studio
Tuesdays, March 5, April 2, and May 7
1-3 p.m. • The Makery

Carvey & Easel
Thursdays, March 14, April 11, and May 2
1-3 p.m. • The Makery

Cricut Design Space
Fridays, March 15, April 19, and May 17
1-3 p.m. • The Makery

Sensory Friendly Makery Hours
Every Thursday • 4-6 p.m.
More information on page 25.
No registration required.

3D Printing: Cookie Cutters
Tuesday, March 5 • 7-8:30 p.m. • Lab
Use the power of CookieCaster to create a custom design. Class uses hands-on experience with 3D printing software. EPL cardholders only. Registration required.

Inkscape Essentials for the Laser Cutter
Thursday, March 7 • 7-8:30 p.m. • Lab
Explore Inkscape, a free professional graphics vector editor, great for making designs to use on the Makery’s laser cutter or other graphics. Registration required.

House Etching Photoshop Clinic: Line Drawing for the Laser Cutter
Learn step-by-step how to convert a photo of your house into a line drawing, the first step to using the laser cutter. Bring a photo of your house, and we provide wood to etch on at a future Laser Cutter appointment. Registration required.

Silhouette Studio Essentials
Wednesday, April 24 • 7-8:30 p.m. • Lab
Learn the basics of Cricut's Design Space, the online design interface used with the Cricut electronic cutting machine in the Makery. Registration required.

Cricut Design Space Essentials
Wednesday, May 15 • 7-8:30 p.m. • Lab
Learn the basics of Silhouette Studio, the design software used for the Silhouette Cameo electronic cutting machines in the Makery. Registration required.

Cricut Design Space Intermediate
Wednesday, May 29 • 7-8:30 p.m. • Lab
Increase your skills with Cricut Design Space to prepare intricate designs for paper, fabric, and other craft projects! For those who have taken Cricut Design Space Essentials. Registration required.

NOTE: These classes teach skills necessary to use the Makery and its equipment. You will not leave with a finished item.
Creative Card Making
10 a.m.-12 p.m. or 1-3 p.m. • Kossmann Room
Join us for step-by-step instruction to create basic cards. No experience necessary. VIP: Each participant must register in person or by phone with their own Library card.
- Monday, March 4
  Register starting Feb. 23.
- Monday, April 1
  Register starting March 4.
- Monday, May 6
  Register starting April 1.

DIY Carving: Cheese Board
Saturday, March 9 • 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
The Makery • Adults and Grades 9+
Use a handsaw to create your very own unique cheese board. $10 materials fee due at registration. VIP: Each participant must register in person or by phone with their own Library card.

In Stitches Needleworkers
Tuesdays, March 12, April 9, and May 14
Wednesdays, March 20, April 17, and May 15
12-2 p.m. • Gathering Room
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.

Coloring for Mindfulness
Tuesdays, March 12, April 9, and May 14
2-3 p.m. • Gathering Room
Transform your mind and spirit with a new relaxation trend: coloring! Choose from beautifully detailed designs, colored pencils or markers, and become absorbed in the joy of coloring. No registration required.

CROP Day
Saturdays, March 16, April 13, and May 18
10 a.m.-4 p.m. • The Makery
Join us for an all-day scrapbooking (and more) event at the Library. Bring your supplies and spread out at your own table. The Library’s in-house paper craft equipment is also available to use. Registration required.

Indigo Shibori Dyeing
Wednesday, March 20 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.
The Makery • Adults and Grades 9+
Try this Japanese manual resist dyeing technique, similar to tie dye, which produces patterns on fabric. This process can stain your clothing. Please dress for the mess. Register starting Feb. 23.

Cross Stitch Chicago
Tuesdays, March 26, April 30, and May 28
6:30-8:30 p.m. • Adults and Grades 9+
Off-site: Brewpoint Workshop (617 N. York)
Learn how to cross stitch a modern Chicago-inspired pattern. Visit elmlib.org/xstitch for materials list. No registration required.

Tea Tin Clocks
Wednesday, April 24 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.
The Makery • Adults and Grades 9+
Create your very own clock for tea time! Using a decorative tea tin, learn how to transform it by installing a clock mechanism. All materials provided. Register starting March 20.

Date Night at the Makery
Friday, April 26 • 6-8 p.m. • The Makery
Spend a night out at EPL in the Makery. Hire a babysitter, come as a couple, and enjoy a night out! All participants must register as a pair in person or by phone with Library card.

Jewelry Making:
Earrings + Bracelet
Saturday, May 11 • 10-11:30 a.m.
The Makery • Adults and Grades 9+
Learn the basics of jewelry making, and create your own earrings and bracelet. All materials provided. Register starting April 11.

DIY Sign Painting
Wednesday, May 29 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.
The Makery • Adults and Grades 9+
Create a custom work of art with chalk paint. All materials provided. Register starting April 24.
Is a Franchise Business Right for You?  
Thursday, March 14 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
Meeting Room B  
Scott Majeski, Entrepreneur and FranNet Franchise Consultant, explains the process and different options available to find a franchise that fits your personality, skills, and finances. Learn how to be your own boss, have flexible work hours and gain the control to determine your financial stability. Presented with Fox Valley SCORE. Registration required.

The Technical / Vocational Education Pathway to a Great Career  
Thursday, March 21 • 7 p.m.  
Meeting Room A • 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/training needed to enter those fields. Registration required.

Elmhurst Business Connection  
Thursdays, March 21, April 18, and May 16  
8-10:30 a.m. • Meeting Room B  
Fox Valley SCORE mentors join business owners in the Elmhurst community for informal roundtable discussions. Get advice, network, and share experiences with your peers. Registration required.

Google, SEO, and YouTube Can Help Your Small Business  
Thursday, April 11 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
Meeting Room B  
Learn how Google, Search Engine Optimization, and Digital Marketing can help your business. Conor Cunneen, small business owner, demonstrates how one simple video can be re-purposed numerous times, how to create visible personal branding, and build brand awareness. Presented with Fox Valley SCORE. Registration required.

Maximize Your Results Using Google to Grow Your Business  
Thursday, May 9 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
Meeting Room B  
Learn how to optimize, connect, and grow your business through different Google resources and campaigns. Miriam Micu, SEO, Google & Digital Marketing Specialist, explains how to reach more customers with the right campaigns at the right time. Registration required.

Looking for Customers?  
Use EPL resources to spread awareness, learn new skills, and build your brand.

- Learn Online • elmlib.org/biz
- EPL’s Business Center • elmlib.org/business
- Career Services • elmlib.org/careers
- Business Librarian Cheryl Fortman can answer your business-related questions or help with one-on-one research. Email cheryl.fortman@elmlib.org.
Wine Club
Fridays, March 1, April 5, and May 3
3-4 p.m. • Kossmann Room • Age 21+
Learn about and discuss wine with other aficionados.
No registration required.

Beer Club
- Tuesday, March 12 • 7 p.m. • Age 21+
  off-site: Short Fuse Brewing Company
  (5000 N River Rd., Schiller Park)
  $15 tasting and tour fee collected at event.
  Registration required.
- Tuesday, April 9 • 7 p.m. • Age 21+
  off-site: Une Année Brewery
  (9082 W Golf Rd., Niles)
  $15 tasting and tour fee collected at event. Registration required.
- Tuesday, May 14 • 7 p.m. • Age 21+
  off-site: Elmhurst Brewing Company
  (171 N Addison Ave., Elmhurst)
  Bring a 6-pack to trade at this bottle share event.
  Registration required.

Dish! Club for Cooks
Wednesdays, March 13, April 10, and May 8
12-1 p.m. • Gathering Room
Exchange recipes, sample foods, and indulge in discussion. No registration required.

Journey Through India:
Indian Cooking Demonstration
Tuesday, April 16 • 7-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room
Join Akila and Sudesh Kannan as they share childhood stories of their rich, diverse Indian meals along with a demonstration of some of their favorite Indian dishes. Enjoy samples and get the recipes along with a list of great cooking resources from the Elmhurst Public Library. VIP: Each participant must register in person or by phone with their own Library card.

What Should I Eat in This Grab-and-Go World?
Thursday, April 25 • 7-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room
Becky Waller, a nutritionist from Elmhurst Hospital, shares how to best select food while out and about. Learn how to select healthier processed foods, estimate portion sizes and read food labels. Registration required.

Check out food programs for kids (page 10) and middle school students (pages 11-12).
One Earth Film Festival:
Paris to Pittsburgh
Sunday, March 3 • 1-3:30 p.m.
Off-site: Schaible Science Center at Elmhurst College
Screen and discuss the film Paris to Pittsburgh. The Paris Agreement was monumental in uniting nations in the fight against climate change. With the United States’ withdrawal from the agreement, citizens are taking matters into their own hands. This documentary explores the very real social and economic impacts of climate change-fueled disasters and features voices from local leaders and everyday Americans. Presented with Elmhurst Cool Cities Coalition. No registration required.

KonMari 101:
Tidy Your Home.
Change Your Life.
Monday, March 11 • 7-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room
Chicago’s first certified KonMari Tidying Consultant Kristyn Ivey shares home organization tips that focus on what you keep (does it “spark joy?”), rather than what or how much you discard. Learn about the revolutionary Japanese decluttering method made popular by Marie Kondo in her bestseller The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up. Registration required.

Ciao Italia!
Culture + Conversation
Wednesday, March 13, April 10, and May 8
6:30-8:30 p.m. • Gathering Room
Interested in the language and customs of Italy? Improve your Italian language skills (all skill levels welcome) in a relaxed atmosphere while exploring the lifestyle of the peninsula. No registration required.

Mindful Habits for Spring
Tuesday, March 19 • 2-3 p.m.
Meeting Room A
In autumn, we offered a course in meditating on gratitude. This course continues to explore mindful habits that help us be present and calm in our lives. While it builds on content from a previous course, all are welcome! Join Karen Augustyn from Courts Plus as she helps foster these life-changing practices. Registration required.

Health + Wellness Fair
Saturday, March 23 • 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Large Meeting Room
Check out local health care providers and organizations who want to help you live a healthy life. Vendors include: Alpine Dental, American MRI, Avid Dental, Costco, Courts Plus Fitness Center, Fruitful Yield, Hand and Stone Massage, HealthStyle Chiropractic & Wellness, Prairie Path Foot & Ankle Clinic, Next Yoga, NovaCare Rehabilitation, Vein Clinics of America. No registration required.

Great Decisions
1:30-3 p.m. • Large Meeting Room
Learn about critical issues facing America with professor Gary Midkiff. When you register, get a copy of the article, then discuss at the program.

Nuclear Negotiations: Back to the Future?
Tuesday, March 26

The Rise of Populism in Europe
Tuesday, April 23
Register starting March 26.

U.S.-China Trade
Tuesday, May 28
Register starting April 23.

Meditation for Inner Peace During Turbulent Times
Wednesday, March 27 • 7-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room
Meditation can reduce stress, improve concentration, and enhance thought clarity. Led by Renate Lanotte, MS LCSW long-time meditator. Registration required.

Yoga and Self-Care for Busy People
Monday, May 6 • 7-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room
In an era of mounting stress and anxiety from competing demands, it’s common for self-care to fall off your to-do list. Learn seated yoga stretches, simple meditations, and breathing exercises. Registration required.

Meditation As Medication: A Doctor’s Perspective
Monday, May 13 • 7-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room
In this practical workshop, Dr. Tim Fior explains the benefits of meditation and gives each participant an instructed demonstration of meditation. Registration required.

Tax Time!
EPL has resources to help you prepare your taxes. You can print forms directly from tax websites on the public computers for 10¢ per page. EPL does not have paper tax forms. Find forms and information at elmlib.org/taxes

Financial Literacy: Investing in Stocks
Tuesday, March 26 • 7-8 p.m.
Meeting Room A
Learn how the stock market works and the basics of common sense investing in stocks and bonds. Note: This course is for educational purposes only and does not endorse particular investments. Led by Tim Lambert, a blue chip stocks investor for over four decades. Registration required.

Money Matters
Tuesday, April 2 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Meeting Room B
Learn how to manage your money by preparing a personal spending plan. Registration required.

To Your Credit
Thursday, April 4 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Meeting Room B
This workshop helps you learn how to read a credit report and how to build and/or repair your credit history. Presented by Suburban Bank & Trust of Elmhurst. Registration required.

Wills, Trusts, and Estate Planning Basics
Saturday, April 6 • 10-11:30 a.m.
Large Meeting Room
Learn about wills, trusts, powers of attorney, probate, and guardianship from an experienced attorney. Take the first step to create or update a plan that is appropriate for you. Registration required.
Community

The Common Connection is a series of programs using film, discussion, and critical thinking to identify topics that influence the world today — no matter who we are. Coming together at the Library to learn and discuss these complex issues is the first step towards forging a deeper understanding of the world around us and the unique individuals who comprise our community. This issue’s topic is Community.

Community shapes our attitudes, our outlook, and our impact. Whether our neighborhood exists in square, symmetrical blocks or meandering boulevards, the nature of interconnectedness we have with our neighbors is undeniable. The Library strives to be a central part of the community, where ideas can be explored and discussed.

elmlib.org/common

One Book, One Community is an opportunity for the entire Elmhurst community to read and engage with the same book title. You and your neighbors voted, and your top pick is Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson. Look for book and program information in the next issue of Fine Print.
Common Connection: Film Series
2-4:30 p.m. • Large Meeting Room
Spend an afternoon at the movies expanding your mind with these films. We provide the popcorn. No registration required.
- **Christopher Robin** • Wednesday, March 20
  A working-class family man, Christopher Robin, encounters his childhood friend Winnie-the-Pooh.
- **Dead Poets Society** • Wednesday, April 17
  An English teacher inspires his students to look at poetry — and life — from a different perspective.
- **Julie & Julia** • Wednesday, May 15
  Julia Child’s story of her start in the cooking profession is intertwined with Julie Powell’s challenge to cook everything in *Mastering the Art of French Cooking*.

Make Public Transportation Work for You
Wednesday, March 27 • 10-11 a.m.
Large Meeting Room
This is a one-stop shop for all your public transportation needs! The Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) provides information for older adults and people with disabilities to learn how to use public transportation. Topics include: trip planning, accessibility on Pace and Metra, fare programs, and local transit options. Take advantage of the Q&A session, get printed maps, and sign up for a RTA Reduced Fare card (if eligible.) Registration required.

Mayer School of Irish Dance
Sunday, March 10 • 2-2:45 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • All Ages
Celebrate St. Patrick’s Day with an Irish dance performance by local dancers. Registration required.

TED Talk Conversations
7-8 p.m. • Meeting Room A
Each month, watch and discuss TED Talks about community. Registration required.
- **Thursday, March 14**
  *The Shared Experience of Absurdity* by Charlie Todd
  *Half A Million Secrets* by Frank Warren
- **Thursday, April 11**
  *The Why and How of Effective Altruism* by Peter Singer
  *How to Let Altruism be Your Guide* by Matthieu Ricard

Community Conversations: Food Waste in Elmhurst
Wednesday, April 10 • 7-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room
Howard Killian from Elmhurst Public Works and Kay McKee from SCARCE share their knowledge about food waste programs in Elmhurst and how food waste affects our world. Registration required.

Be Green While You Garden
Monday, April 22 • 7-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room
Gardeners are the original green people, but when was the last time you evaluated your gardening practices to see how environmentally friendly you really are? Learn about green gardening practices, including proper plant selection, water conservation, and composting. Registration required.
Good Giving: How to Donate and Volunteer Effectively
Tuesday, April 23 • 7-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room
Learn how Library resources can aid in deciding where to donate or volunteer. Registration required.

Common Connection:
Know Your Local Businesses
Wednesday, April 24
6:30-8:30 p.m. • Large Meeting Room
Local businesses contribute to the quality and character of communities, in addition to creating jobs and bolstering local economy. A panel of Elmhurst business owners representing Mostardi Platt, South Water Signs, Victoria’s on Main, and Main Street Candy & Toys discuss the history of their businesses. Registration required.

From Prairie to Tree Town:
Tales of Old Elmhurst
Monday, April 29 • 7-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room
Learn the fascinating story of how the tiny settlement of Cottage Hill grew into the thriving Elmhurst community that we know today. Explores our early pioneer heritage, the arrival of the railroad, pivotal events that shaped our community and some of the interesting people who called Elmhurst home. Presented with Elmhurst History Museum. Registration required.

Greenman Theatre Presents:
Stories About Community
Thursday, May 2 • 7-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room
Greenman Theatre proudly presents folktales, stories, and songs about living together in community. Registration required.

Bringing Light to the World:
The Life of Mother Teresa
Tuesday, May 7 • 7-8:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room
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Won’t You Be My Neighbor
Film Screening + Discussion
Friday, May 17 • 7-8:45 p.m.
Large Meeting Room
See an unforgettable film and get inspired to create more love and kindness in your community. We provide the popcorn. No registration required.

...each one of us has something valuable to bring to this world.
That’s one of the things that connects us as neighbors.

—Fred Rogers
THE MAKERY

Sensory Friendly Makery Hours
Every Thursday • 4-6 p.m.
The Makery, a makerspace located in the Library’s basement, is a place that typically hums with the sounds of creativity and collaborating, which is reflected in its mission statement: “The Makery provides a hands-on creative space for patrons to invent, collaborate, and design as they transform their ideas into reality.”

For those who may have difficulty focusing amid the typical noises and distractions, or find the hustle and bustle of the machinery overstimulating, the Makery provides quiet hours each week when noisier machines, such as the Laser Cutter and 3D printers, are off.

The more muted machines, such as the Ellison Die Cutter, embroidery machine, sewing machines, sticker maker, magnet maker, button machines, AccuQuilt, laminator, Cricut, and Silhouette are still available during Sensory Friendly Hours.

Noise canceling headphones are always available for use in the Makery.

elmlib.org/makery

Alive Inside: A Story of Music and Memory
Tuesday, March 5 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room
Join us for a screening and brief discussion of this award-winning documentary. The film is a joyous cinematic exploration of music’s capacity to reawaken our souls and uncover the deepest parts of our humanity. Filmmaker Michael Rossato-Bennett chronicles the astonishing experiences of people around the country who have been revitalized through the simple experience of listening to music. Registration required.

Present:
Dementia Activity Club
1:30-2:15 p.m. • Meeting Room B
Those with dementia or Alzheimer’s are welcome to join for activities. Caregivers are required to attend. Registration required.

Many Hats • Tuesday, March 5
Play Ball • Tuesday, April 2
May Day Baskets • Tuesday, May 7

Technology Series for Seniors
10-11 a.m. • 2nd Floor Lab
■ Keyboard and Mouse Skills
  Monday, March 11
  Hone basic computer skills and get tips and tricks to make your life easier.
  Drop-in: No registration required.
■ Google Maps Basics • Monday, April 8
  Learn the fundamentals of Google Maps, how to plan trips, use street view, and see amazing sights from a computer.
  Registration required.
■ Cell Phone Basics • Monday, May 13
  Learn about different types of cell phones, expected prices, and senior-friendly phones available for purchase.
  Registration required.

Culture Club for Seniors
10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. • Large Meeting Room
Learn about the culture and customs of the featured region through guest speakers and sample the region’s cuisine. VIP: Each participant must register in person or by phone with their own Library card.

■ Uganda • Thursday, March 14
■ Uruguay • Thursday, April 11
■ Tanzania • Thursday, May 9

CAN:
Chicago Aphasia Network
Fridays, March 15, April 12, and May 17
4-6 p.m. • Lexicon Cafe
Monthly coffee chat group for adults living with aphasia. No registration required.

Journey Through Dementia: Empowering Adults and Teens as Caregivers
Tuesday, March 19 • 6:30-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room
What is dementia and how does it impact us? Is dementia the same as Alzheimer’s? Learn the differences and find out how to make meaningful connections with someone living with this illness. Participants walk away with a greater understanding of how they can connect with this population in their family and community. Registration required.
Mindful Habits for Spring
Tuesday, March 19 • 2-3 p.m.
Meeting Room A
In autumn, we offered a course in meditating on gratitude. This course continues to explore mindful habits that help us be present and calm in our lives. While it builds on content from a previous course, all are welcome! Join Karen Augustyn from Courts Plus as she helps foster these life-changing practices. Registration required.

Make Public Transportation Work for You
Wednesday, March 27 • 10-11 a.m.
Large Meeting Room
This is a one-stop shop for all your public transportation needs! The Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) provides information for older adults and people with disabilities to learn how to use public transportation. Topics include: trip planning, accessibility on Pace and Metra, fare programs, and local transit options. Take advantage of the Q&A session, get printed maps, and sign up for a RTA Reduced Fare card (if eligible.) Registration required.

Wills, Trusts, and Estate Planning Basics
Saturday, April 6 • 10-11:30 a.m.
Large Meeting Room
Learn about wills, trusts, powers of attorney, probate, and guardianship from an experienced attorney. Take the first step to create or update a plan that is appropriate for you and your personal circumstances. Registration required.

Seniors Art Class: Sketch + Watercolor a Garden Landscape
Thursday, May 30 • 2-3 p.m.
Kossmann Room
Join artist Karen Exiner to learn or sharpen your basic sketching and watercolor skills. Using these techniques, class participants will sketch and paint the Elmhurst-famous Herb Garden in Wilder Park. Enjoy this creative class celebrating the beauty in our community. Registration required.

Library Insiders
Library Insiders is a series of programs specially designed for adults with disabilities.

Next Chapter Book Club
Wednesdays, March 6, 20, April 3, 17, May 1, 15, and 29
6:30-7:30 p.m. • Meeting Room B
The Next Chapter Book Club is a literacy program for adults with developmental disabilities. The goal of this book club is to read an entire novel by taking turns reading aloud. Anyone can join, regardless of reading ability. Registration required.

Special Events
Takes the place of Next Chapter Book Club

- Reading Cafe
  Wednesday, March 20 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.
  Meeting Room B

- Summer Kick Off and Karaoke
  Wednesday, May 29 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.
  Meeting Room B

Caregivers’ Corner
We can all be caregivers in our community, but often we don’t know how. Whether we are siblings, adult children, or just looking out for an elderly neighbor, the task can seem daunting and unfamiliar. The Library is an excellent resource for all types of caregivers, and we want to keep you in the loop on what we have to offer.

NEW! Caregiver Newsletter
Our quarterly Caregiver eNewsletter highlights programs relevant to caregivers in addition to highlighting items from our collection that help caregivers of all ages on their journey.

Sign up for this periodic digital resource to enrich and support your caregiving experiences. Never miss a caregiving event and join the movement to take care of our community!

Sign up at elmlib.org/carenews
Friday Features
Every Friday through May 17 • 2-4:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room
Enjoy an afternoon at the movies. Find each week’s featured film at elmlib.org/friday.
No registration required.

Ukulele Circle
Fridays, March 1, April 5, and May 3
7-8:30 p.m. • Large Meeting Room • All Ages
It takes less than a minute to learn a few chords on the ukulele, and you’re ready to start playing! Jam with a rhythm section or listen to music ranging from folk to rock. If you need an instrument, registration required. No registration required if you bring your own ukulele.

Bridge + Pinochle Club
Every Tuesday • 1-3 p.m. • Kossmann Room
Prior experience required. No registration required.

Board Game Club
Every Thursday • 6:30-8:30 p.m.
off-site: Brewpoint Workshop (617 N. York)
Open to all skill levels, including beginners. No registration required.

Open Bridge Club
Thursdays, March 7, 21, April 4, 18, May 2, 16 and 30 • 6:30-8:30 p.m. • Kossmann Room
Prior experience required. No registration required.

York Chamber Music Concert
Fridays, March 8 and April 12 • 7-8:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room
Hear live music performed by talented musicians from York High School’s Performing Arts Department. No registration required.

Game of Thrones Trivia
Monday, March 25 • 7-9 p.m.
off-site: Red Arrow Tap Room (111 E. 1st St.)
Test your knowledge and compete for prizes. Reserve your table at elmlib.org/trivia.

Marvel Cinematic Universe Trivia
Monday, April 22 • 7-9 p.m.
off-site: Red Arrow Tap Room (111 E. 1st St.)
Test your knowledge and compete for prizes. Kids welcome if accompanied by adults. Reserve your table at elmlib.org/trivia.

May the 4th Be With You
Saturday, May 4 • 1-4 p.m. • All Ages
In a Library not so far, far away ... we’re celebrating Star Wars Day! Drop in for an afternoon of free activities and a film screening of Star Wars: Episode IV - A New Hope. Costumes encouraged. No registration required.

Crafts • 1 p.m. • Kids’ Library
Movie • 2 p.m. • Large Meeting Room

Disney Trivia
Monday, May 20 • 7-9 p.m.
off-site: Red Arrow Tap Room (111 E. 1st St.)
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Elizabeth Barrett Browning: The Story of the Sonnets
Thursday, March 7 • 7-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room
Three years after their wedding, Elizabeth and Robert Browning welcomed the birth of their son, and mourned the death of Robert’s mother. Struggling to raise her beloved husband’s spirits and prove to him that love does not die, Elizabeth considers revealing to Robert the 44 sonnets she wrote during the course of their courtship. Portrayed by Debra Ann Miller. Presented with Elmhurst History Museum. Registration required.

From Unwanted to Indispensable: The Real Nurses of the Civil War
Wednesday, March 13 • 7-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room
Pamela Toler’s book, Heroines of Mercy Street tells of the remarkable women who worked as nurses during the Civil War. Listen as the author tells some of their stories. Thousands of women volunteered to serve their country, taught themselves how to do the job under adverse circumstances, and created a profession that did not exist before the war. Presented with Elmhurst AAUW. Registration required.

Colleen Moore’s Fairy Castle
Thursday, March 28 • 7-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room
Curator Margaret Schlesinger from the Museum of Science & Industry takes you on a tiny tour of Colleen Moore’s Fairy Castle. Go inside this incredible dollhouse to see hand-painted artwork and delicately crafted artifacts in this miniature home of fantastic proportions. Registration required.

Grace Kelly: American Princess
Monday, April 8 • 7-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room
Her life reads like a fairy tale: The talented young movie star is swept off her feet by a real-life prince. But beneath her cool, gracious smile, Grace Kelly yearned for her father’s approval and worked hard as a wife and mother. Leslie Goddard portrays the woman who transformed from a Hollywood superstar to a real-life princess. Registration required.

Prohibition: A History
Tuesday, April 30 • 7-8:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room
From 1920 to 1933, a constitutional amendment prohibited the public sale or consumption of alcohol. Join Professor Gary Midkiff for an examination of the largest social engineering experiment ever attempted. Registration required.

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Patrick and the Saints of the Emerald Isle
Monday, March 25 • 7-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • All Ages
Saint Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. Hear Patrick tell the tales of his life, as well as other Irish saints including Bridget and Columba. Portrayed by Terry Lynch. Registration required.

The Shakespeare Project of Chicago is a non-profit organization dedicated to making classics by Shakespeare and other great dramatists accessible to all demographics of the public for free through performances by professional actors. Elmhurst Public Library is one of only eight venues to present these staged readings for the 2018-19 season.

The Roaring Girl
Thursday, May 16 • 6:15-9 p.m. • Large Meeting Room
The Roaring Girl is a comedy by 17th century playwrights Thomas Dekker and Thomas Middleton. This fictionalized dramatization of Mary Frith, aka Moll Cutpurse, a notorious criminal who dressed as a man and preferred her freedom to marriage. Moll is a riddle by her very nature, being real and fictional at once, as well as a paradoxically honest cutpurse and a “brave captain, male and female.” Middleton and Dekker present a positive image of a woman of “wit and spirit.” Peter Garino directs. Registration required.
Casimir Pulaski Day Book Discussion
Rise to Rebellion: A Novel of the American Revolution
by Jeff Shaara
Monday, March 4 • 7 p.m. • Meeting Room B
More than a powerful portrait of the people and purpose of the revolution, this historical fiction novel is a vivid account of some of history's most pivotal events. The Boston Tea Party and the battles of Concord and Bunker Hill are all recreated with breathtaking detail, revealing with new immediacy how philosophers became fighters, ideas their ammunition, and how a scattered group of colonies became the United States of America. Books available when you register. Register starting Feb. 4 in person or by phone.

Mycroft Holmes by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Anna Waterhouse
Basketball star Kareem Abdul-Jabbar is also a Holmesian who used the lessons he learned from Sherlock Holmes to gain an edge on the court. He and Waterhouse craft an origin story for Mycroft Holmes, Sherlock’s older and more intelligent brother. This harrowing adventure sets the stage for the man Mycroft would become—the hidden power behind the British government. Books available when you register. Register starting Feb. 19 in person or by phone.

The Turner House by Angela Flournoy
Tuesday, April 2 • 6:30 p.m.
Off-site: Elmhurst Art Museum (150 Cottage Hill Ave)
The Turners have lived on Yarrow Street for over fifty years. But as ailing matriarch Viola finds herself forced to move out, the Turner children are called home to decide its fate and to reckon with how each of their pasts haunts—and shapes—their family’s future. EPL and EAM partner for this book discussion connected to the museum’s exhibit featuring Chicago-based artists Assaf Evron & Claudia Weber. Books available at the Library for EPL patrons. Call Elmhurst Art Museum to register: (630) 834-0202.

Spies in the Family by Eva Dillon
A riveting true-life thriller and revealing memoir from the daughter of an American intelligence officer, this book reveals the astonishing true story of two spies and their families on opposite sides of the Cold War. Books available when you register. Register starting March 19 in person or by phone.

The Billionaire’s Vinegar by Benjamin Wallace
Monday, June 10 • 7 p.m.
Off-site: Cuvée Cellars Wine Bar (545 Spring Road, Elmhurst)
A riveting story of the world’s most expensive bottle of wine, this book tells the true story of a 1787 Château Lafite Bordeaux, purportedly owned by Thomas Jefferson, that sold for $156,000 at auction. Suspenseful and thrilling, this is the vintage tale of what could be the most elaborate con since the Hitler diaries. Register starting May 13 in person or by phone.

Thank you for the tremendous response to the Winter Reading Challenge. Participation increased 34% from last year! While the official reading challenge may be over, you can receive customized recommendations via our Personal Reading Recommendations service all year long.

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For the second year in a row, Elmhurst Public Library received a five-star rating in a national ranking of Library Journal’s annual review of public libraries. EPL earned five out of five stars, one of only three libraries to earn that distinction in Illinois.

A total of 7,361 public libraries were rated nationwide and only 257 qualified as star libraries. This is the eighth year EPL secured a star rating.

“Providing resources, services, and amenities that best reflect the needs and values of our community is our priority,” says Mary Beth Harper, director. “To be recognized as a five-star Library for the second year in a row is truly an honor. The strong support we have from the Elmhurst community and the Library Board, coupled with the smart, forward-looking EPL staff is what makes the Library a destination for the entire community to create, connect, and explore.”

Read more at elmlib.org/stars