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Registration Guidelines
The following programs are reserved for Elmhurst Public Library cardholders:
- VIP
- High School
- Family
- Middle School
- Storytime
- Elementary 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.

Accessibility Assistance
For ADA special accommodations, call the Outreach and Assistive Technology Librarian at (630) 279-8696 one week prior to the event.

Need a hand while at the Library? Stop by the Checkout Desk on your way in and ask to use a wheeled hand cart or wheelchair to navigate the stacks.

Save the Date: Local Author Fair

Hear from the experts! Throughout this issue, look for the orange brackets—our staff shared ways they use the Library’s materials and resources on their path to success.

How do you use the Library?
Tell us your success story at elmlib.org/userstories

Discover new avenues for reaching success on page 20.

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.

BREWPOINT
COFFEE
LEXICON CAFE

Monday–Friday: 9 a.m.–7 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m.–2 p.m.
Sunday: 1 p.m.–4:30 p.m.

Now open at the Library
See the menu at elmlib.org/coffee
One Book, One Community

is an opportunity for the entire Elmhurst community to read and engage with the same book. The three titles on this page were singled out for their readability, quality, and potential to inspire thought-provoking discussion while introducing readers to new topics.

Vote to choose the book for 2018’s One Book, One Community. The top pick becomes the focus of our summer reading program. Voting ends January 31. We’ll announce the title in the summer issue of Fine Print. 🌐 Vote at elmilib.org/onebook or in person at the Library.

I Am Malala
by Malala Yousafzai

When the Taliban took control of the Swat Valley in Pakistan, one girl spoke out. Malala Yousafzai refused to be silenced and fought for her right to an education. On Tuesday, October 9, 2012, when she was fifteen, she almost paid the ultimate price. She was shot in the head at point-blank range while riding the bus home from school, and few expected her to survive.

Instead, Yousafzai’s miraculous recovery has taken her on an extraordinary journey. At 16, she became a global symbol of peaceful protest and at 17, was the youngest person to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

This is the remarkable tale of a family uprooted by global terrorism, of the fight for girls’ education, of a father who, himself a school owner, championed and encouraged his daughter to write and attend school, and of brave parents who have a fierce love for their daughter in a society that prizes sons. I Am Malala will make you believe in the power of one person’s voice to inspire change in the world.

A Long Way Gone
by Ishmael Beah

This is how wars are fought now: by children, hopped-up on drugs and wielding AK-47s. Children have become soldiers of choice. In the more than fifty conflicts going on worldwide, it is estimated that there are some 300,000 child soldiers. Ishmael Beah used to be one of them.

What is war like through the eyes of a child soldier? How does one become a killer? How does one stop? Child soldiers have been profiled by journalists, and novelists have struggled to imagine their lives. But until now, there has not been a first-person account from someone who came through this hell and survived.

In A Long Way Gone, Beah, at twenty-five years old, tells a riveting story: how at the age of twelve, he fled attacking rebels and wandered a land rendered unrecognizable by violence. By 13, he’d been picked up by the government army, and Beah, a gentle boy at heart, found that he was capable of truly terrible acts.

Lab Girl
by Hope Jahren

Lab Girl is about work, love, and the mountains that can be moved when those come together. It is told through Jahren’s remarkable stories: about her childhood in rural Minnesota with an uncompromising mother, and a father who encouraged hours of play in his classroom’s labs.

Jahren chronicles her journey through academia as a woman with manic-depression who finds a sanctuary in science. Along the way, she meets a cast of characters including her brilliant, wounded lab partner and best friend Bill; their sometimes rogue adventures in science take them all over the world.

Lab Girl is an eloquent demonstration of what can happen when you find the stamina, passion, and sense of sacrifice needed to make a life out of what you truly love, as you discover along the way the person you were meant to be.
CHECK OUT THE EXTRAORDINARY

1 Crochet Hooks
Try your hand at crafting; we have knitting needles, too. elmlib.org/crochethooks
elmlib.org/knittingneedles

2 Vinyl Collection
Play on your turntable or borrow ours. elmlib.org/vinyl

3 Embroidery Machine
Create customized clothing, add monograms to gifts, and decorate textiles. Available in the Makery. elmlib.org/makery

4 Culinary Cupboard
Cook up a storm with an Instant Pot, raclette grill, spiralizer, and more! elmlib.org/culinary

5 Button Maker
Create and show off your flair! Available in the Makery. elmlib.org/makery

6 Playaway Launchpad
Pre-loaded with brain teasers and games for adults and kids. elmlib.org/launchpad

7 Kids’ Board Games
You get a week to play and WIN. Try to be a good sport. elmlib.org/boardgames

8 Seasonal Cake Pans
We have special pans for most holidays, including Christmas, Hanukkah, and Thanksgiving. elmlib.org/cakepans

9 Chromebooks
Google’s version of a laptop, used by District 205 schools. elmlib.org/chromebook

10 WiFi Hotspots
Get and stay connected to the Internet, anywhere. elmlib.org/hotspots

YOUR LIBRARY
of extraordinary things

Sample our growing collection of non-traditional library items. There’s something for everyone, including games, culinary gadgets, craft tools, and new technology.

View the complete collection at elmlib.org/extraordinary
Accept the challenge and expand your reading comfort zone! Gain new knowledge and spark genius by reading a book you might not typically choose — We’ll choose it for you.

How to Participate
1. Complete the simple form at elmlib.org/challenge.
2. Librarians choose a book just for you.

NOTE: All three steps are required to be entered in the raffle.

By completing steps 1-3, you are automatically entered in our Winter Reading Challenge raffle. Repeat as you wish, but submit only one request at a time! Prize winners will be contacted after the end of the program (January 31).

Raffle Prizes
Three lucky readers win $50 Elmhurst City Center Gift Cards.

Eligibility
Adults and High School Students with a valid Elmhurst Public Library card.

Elmhurst Public Library’s Holiday Gift Guide 2017
Our gift to you: Elmhurst Public Library’s 2017 Holiday Gift Guide is filled with books, movies, and more giving suggestions for all ages. Recommended by our collection experts, you can find items for all ages and interests.

Pick up a copy at the Library or download it at the end of November. elmlib.org/giftguide

Consumer Reports is another path to finding great gifts. Compare rankings, buying guides, and reviews to find the best gifts for your loved ones this holiday season.

Access Consumer Reports for free with your EPL card at elmlib.org/consumer.
The Kids’ Library is the heart of the building, typically humming with activity as children read, learn, explore, and play with parents and caregivers nearby.

The way children’s libraries are used is changing, and that includes Elmhurst Kids’ Library. In addition to some much-needed sprucing up from heavy use, the Kids’ Library is in need of more space for pre-readers, technology instruction, and more.

Starting in November 2017, we are reconfiguring and updating the Kids’ Library to better accommodate these growing needs. Expect to see:

**An Expanded Learning Garden**
Serving our youngest patrons, the Learning Garden is fast feeling too small for all the busy activities that happen in that area. The renovation relocates the Learning Garden to the east end of the department, where natural light streams in from two directions, with views of Wilder Park. The much larger space has plenty of room for seating, playing, and exploring. A puppet stage, kitchen set, train and block table, and early literacy activities keep little hands and minds active.

The entire collection of picture books is kept in the new Learning Garden, making it easy for pre-readers and beginning readers to explore the bookshelves in their very own space.

**The Trilby Porter Eric Carle Collection**
On the wall in the new Learning Garden, you’ll find the permanent home of the Library’s unique collection of original artwork by Eric Carle, donated to the Library in 2016 from retired Elmhurst teacher Trilby Porter.

Inspired by the bright colors of Eric Carle’s artwork, the new space reflects the vivid imagination of our littlest readers, who use the Kids’ Library to learn about the world around them.

**A Kids’ Computer Lab**
As STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) becomes more integral in our changing world, the Kids’ Library is adding a Computer Lab with 11 stations so classes especially designed for kids are held right in the Kids’ Library.

**A Middle School Space**
A dedicated space for middle schoolers features comfortable seating, video gaming space, and room for group study or project-based work.

**A Better Storytime Room**
The Storytime Room stays in its current location, but gains square footage. A retractable glass wall makes the room more flexible and allows in natural light. Our programs have grown in attendance and the enlarged space accommodates more children for stories, puppets, crafts, and more.

**Other Features**
- Dedicated craft area for pop-up programs.
- New and flexible-use furniture, more seating, and most tables are wired with USB and electrical outlets.
- Increased display areas featuring new and special-interest collections.

The Kids’ Library remains open during the entire project, which is completed in phases. Portions of the first floor may be blocked off, but at no time will the whole space be closed.

Starting in November 2017, the Kids’ Library renovation proceeds in phases:

**Phase 1:** Shifting of the collection and re-carpeting those areas. Shelving for picture books and beginning readers installed in new Learning Garden space, and the space outfitted with furniture.

**Phase 2:** Continue carpeting and shifting furniture.

**Phase 3:** Construct group study rooms, computer lab, and expand Storytime Room.

**Phase 4:** Door constructed to access south lawn outside of Library. Middle school space constructed and outfitted. New Help Desk installed.

**Phase 5:** Redesign Kids’ Library entrance.

**Budget**
Due to careful budgeting over a period of years, no property tax increase is required to fund this project.

Amid technological and societal changes, we are committed to providing you with the best possible resources you need to connect, create, and explore at EPL.

One update we’ve already completed is changing the much-loved fish tank to fresh water, allowing for easier upkeep.
A new, brightly-colored entrance greets visitors to the Kids’ Library.

Shifting the Help Desk creates clear sight lines.

A semi-enclosed space provides a dedicated area for middle school students to study, create, and interact.

Retractable glass panels on the Storytime Room allow for flexible use of the space. (See open doors on page 5)
When winter winds howl, warm up with a good book! Join the Kids’ Winter Reading Program: Building for the Future!

Grab your hard hat and work boots, and come down to the Library where programs, prizes, and more await. Kids (newborns through grade eight) can join the Winter Reading Program. When they sign up in the Kids’ Library, they’ll receive a bookmark, a booklog to record the books read, and a reading challenge.

Kids who reach reading goals (determined by the reader’s age) by February 28 receive a sticker; a raffle ticket; coupons for free pizza from Pizza Palace, hot chocolate from Brewpoint Coffee, bowling at Pinstripes, and admission to LEGOLand; and their name displayed on our “Blueprint” bulletin board!

Register at the Kids’ Help Desk with your valid Elmhurst Public Library card anytime from December 26 until February 28.

Winter Reading Activity: Construction Scavenger Hunt
December 1 – February 28
We love scavenger hunts! As things move from place to place during the Kids’ Library renovation, join us on weekly hunts for book characters, materials, maybe even service desks! We’ll be staying open, and we’ll still have plenty of fun to offer, even if things are a bit crazy. Look for the latest scavenger hunt sheet at the Kids’ Help Desk each time you visit. Find the items on the sheet and earn a small weekly prize. No registration required.

Winter Book Releases for Kids
Reserve your copy online: elmlib.org/kidsnewbooks
### Winter 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](http://elmlib.org/storytime).

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Road to Reading in January is presented with Elmhurst College education students.

### Special Events

#### Hooray for Holidays!
**Tuesday, Dec. 19 or Friday, Dec. 22**
9:15-9:45 a.m. or 10:15-10:45 a.m.
Large Meeting Room • Ages 1-3 w/adult
Celebrate December holidays with festive songs and music. Tickets available the morning of the program.

#### Sensory Storytime for All Abilities
**Wednesday, Jan. 17 • 2-2:30 p.m.**
Kossmann Room • For Families
(best for preschool, siblings welcome)
Join us for a storytime especially designed for children with sensory processing issues or children who do best in a small group setting. Enjoy stories, songs, and interactive activities. Register online, in person, or by phone (recommended but not required).

#### Rhyme Time
**Wednesdays, Feb. 7-March 21 • 9:15-9:45 a.m.**
Kossmann Room • Ages 1-2 w/adult
This storytime focuses on developing language acquisition, reading readiness, and vocabulary enrichment. Register for this seven-week series starting Jan. 20 online, in person, or by phone.

### 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

This self-guided program is a fun way to start your child’s lifelong love of reading by tracking each time your child is read to by you, a teacher, or anyone else. Keep track on our handy reading logs or use the “1,000 Books Before Kindergarten” app for Android and iPhone.

After each 100 books, return to the Kids’ Library for a new log and a mini celebration: After 100 books, be buried in a stuffed animal pile up! Reached 300 books? Ring the cow bell! Up to 800 books? Take a behind-the-scenes tour of the book sorter! We want to celebrate with you each step of the way.

Go to [elmlib.org/1000books](http://elmlib.org/1000books) for more information, or ask us to tell you all about it!
Family Holiday Card-Making Workshop
Saturday, Dec. 2 • 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • For Families
Come as a family and create fabulous holiday cards. We provide all the craft materials, you provide the creative inspiration. Limit three cards per person. Tickets available the morning of the program.

“Drive-In” Family Movie
Large Meeting Room • For Families
Enjoy a family-friendly movie on the first Thursday of each month. Bring a snack or lunch and sit in one of our drive-in “cars.” All films rated G. Tickets available the morning of the program.
- Elmo in Grouchland
  Thursday, Dec. 7 • 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
- The Land Before Time
  Thursday, Jan. 4 • 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Dr. Seuss’s Green Eggs and Ham & more
  Thursday, Feb. 1 • 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Puppets on the Wilder Side
Friday, Dec. 8 • 7-7:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • For Families
EPL’s talented puppeteers present a fantastic show and a hand-clapping sing-along. Tickets available the morning of the program.

Stars of the Winter Sky
Monday, Dec. 11 • 7-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • For Families
Learn about the stars of the winter sky with astronomer Allan Fenske. We’ll start indoors with a slide presentation, and if the night sky is clear, we’ll head outside to view constellations and other night sights with a telescope. Bring warm clothes, and a telescope if you like. Register starting Nov. 25 online, in person, or by phone.

Culture Craft Drop-in
10 a.m.-12 p.m. or 3-5 p.m.
Kids’ Library • All Ages
Drop in throughout these programs to make a craft that celebrates the culture of the month. Take a tour of the region’s unique places with our Google Cardboard virtual reality viewers. No registration required.
- Belgium • Wednesday, Jan. 10
- Denmark • Wednesday, Feb. 14

Open LEGO Building
Saturdays, Dec. 30, Jan. 20, and Feb. 17
2:30-3 p.m. • Kids’ Library • For Families
Drop in throughout this program to build something awesome with our many LEGOs. No registration required.

New Year’s Eve Magic Show
Sunday, Dec. 31 • 2-3 p.m.
Large Meeting Room
For Families (best for 7+)
Nationally-acclaimed magician Jeanette Andrews has performed live for thousands across the country as well as on television. Impossible feats happen before your very eyes as Jeanette performs elegant, interactive magic. She comes to us fresh from performances for the Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago, the only magician known to have been named to an artist-in-residence position. Tickets available the day of the program.

Snowy, Blowy STEM Party
Saturday, Jan. 27 • 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
Large Meeting Room
Join us for some wintry science fun. Enjoy STEM activities for the whole family featuring a snowy, blowy theme. Tickets available the morning of the program.

Valentine Card-Making Workshop
Saturday, Feb. 3 • 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • For Families
Come as a family and create artful Valentine cards to give or keep. We provide all materials, you provide the creative inspiration. Limit three cards per person. Tickets available the morning of the program.

The Music Factory
Mondays, Feb. 5-March 19 • 1:30-2:15 p.m.
Kossmann Room • Ages 3-5 w/adult
This lively interactive program introduces basic music concepts to kids. Sing, march, clap, rattle, and bang along! Register starting Jan. 20 online, in person, or by phone.
Parents

Parents note
A valid Elmhurst Public Library card is required to attend Kids’ Library programs, including family events and storytimes.

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

Parenting Book Discussion:
No-Drama Discipline
Wednesday, Jan. 24 • 7-8 p.m.
Kossmann Room • For Parents
Start the new year with a new look at discipline. Join us for a discussion of the book No-Drama Discipline by Daniel J. Siegel. Pick up a copy of the book from the Kids’ Help Desk when you register for the discussion. This program is for parents. No accompanying children can be accommodated. Register starting Dec. 30 online, in person, or by phone.

Parent-Child Makery Classes

■ Matching T-Shirts
  Monday, Dec. 11 • 6:15-7:30 p.m.
The Makery • Grades K-2 w/ adult
Details on page 11.

■ Matching Pillows
  Monday, Jan. 15 • 6:15-7:30 p.m.
The Makery • Grades K-2 w/ adult
Details on page 11.

■ Family Window Cling
  Monday, Feb. 5 • 6:15-7:30 p.m.
The Makery • Grades K-2 w/ adult
Details on page 11.

Last-Minute Holiday Help

3-5 p.m. • Lobby (near Lexicon Cafe)
All Ages (under 7 w/ adult)
Are you rushing around for the holidays?
Have no fear, EPL is here! All week long,
drop in with your family to get creative
and finish up your holiday list. Create
simple gifts, make festive ornaments,
and fun decorations. While supplies last.
No registration required.

■ Make a Holiday Button • Monday, Dec. 18
■ Paper Snowflake Art • Tuesday, Dec. 19
■ Festive Gift Tag • Wednesday, Dec. 20
■ Marbled Ornament • Thursday, Dec. 21
■ Gift Card Tin • Friday, Dec. 22

When our baby was on the way, we used EPL’s online Consumer Reports subscription to select the best items for our registry.
-Rita, Marketing
elmlib.org/consumer

Student Loan Programs:
Before, During, and After College
Thursday, Jan. 18 • 7-8 p.m.
Kossmann Room
For High School, Adults, and Parents
Does the thought of your child applying for college financial aid keep you up at night?
Does your student loan debt cause you to hyperventilate? We can help! Learn the difference between government, public, and private programs. Understand student loan terminology, how to reduce/refinance student loan debt and qualify for the PSLF (Public Service Loan Forgiveness) program. Presented by Inland Bank. Register online, in person, or by phone.

Google Classroom for Parents
Wednesday, Jan. 31 • 7-8:30 p.m.
Meeting Room B • For Parents
Google Classroom is a tool often used by District 205 teachers for grades 3-12 to distribute and grade assignments. Come to this class to learn more about how your student uses Google Classroom in school. Register online, in person, or by phone.
Elementary School

Holiday Card Crafting
Monday, Dec. 4 • 4-5 p.m.
The Makery • Grades 4-8
Make some amazing cards for the holiday and winter season with advanced techniques in this hands-on class that uses equipment in the Makery. Take home the cards you create. 
Register starting Nov. 18 online, in person, or by phone.

Junior LEGO Club
4-4:45 p.m. • Kossmann Room • Grades K-2
Bring your friends and build something cool! Use our LEGO's to create your masterpiece.

Tuesday, Dec. 5 or Friday, Dec. 8
Register for one session starting Nov. 18 online, in person, or by phone.

Tuesday, Jan. 9 or Friday, Jan. 12
Register for one session starting Dec. 16 online, in person, or by phone.

Tuesday, Feb. 13 or Friday, Feb. 16
Register for one session starting Jan. 27 online, in person, or by phone.

Parent-Child Makery Class:
Matching T-Shirts
Monday, Dec. 11 • 6:15-7:30 p.m.
The Makery • Grades K-2 w/ adult
Enjoy a fun evening together creating textiles. Learn how to use the Makery’s sewing machines to create your own special pillows. Bring two yards of fabric and 24 oz. of poly-fill. All other materials provided. NOTE: This one-on-one adult-child class cannot accommodate additional children.
Register starting Jan. 6 online, in person, or by phone.

I impressed my son and new daughter-in-law with monogrammed towels for their first anniversary.
-Sarah, Kids’ Library elmlib.org/makery

Drop-in Art Day
Tuesdays, Dec. 19, Jan 16, and Feb. 6
10 a.m.-5 p.m. • Kids’ Library • All Ages
Stop by throughout the day to create an art project. We’ll have lots of materials out to get your creative juices flowing. No registration required.

We Love Reading!
Mondays, Feb. 5-March 19 • 3:45-4:30 p.m.
Grades K-1 • Kossmann Room
This storytime supports the skills that kids need in order to master reading through specially chosen stories, crafts, and fun-filled activities. Register starting Jan. 20 online, in person, or by phone.

Parent-Child Makery Class:
Matching Pillows
Monday, Jan. 15 • 6-7:30 p.m.
The Makery • Grades K-2 w/ adult
Enjoy a fun evening together creating textiles. Learn how to use the Makery’s sewing machines to create your own special pillows. Bring two yards of fabric and 24 oz. of poly-fill. All other materials provided. NOTE: This one-on-one adult-child class cannot accommodate additional children.
Register starting Jan. 6 online, in person, or by phone.

Read to the Dogs
2-3:30 p.m. • Meeting Room A • Grades K-8
Bring a book or choose one of ours, and read aloud to one of our visiting therapy dogs. Register for a one-on-one 15-minute session with you and a pooch.

Saturday, Jan. 13 • Register starting Dec. 16 in person or by phone.
Saturday, Feb. 10 • Register starting Jan. 13 in person or by phone.

Parent-Child Makery Class:
Family Window Cling
Monday, Feb. 5 • 6:15-7:30 p.m.
The Makery • Grades K-2 w/ adult
Learn how to create a vinyl window cling that your whole family can enjoy. Brainstorm ideas together and learn how to bring your creation to life on the Makery’s Silhouette Cameo. NOTE: This one-on-one adult-child class cannot accommodate additional children. Register starting Jan. 20 online, in person, or by phone.

Drop-in Game Day
Wednesdays, Dec. 27, Jan. 24, and Feb. 21
10 a.m.-5 p.m. • Kids’ Library • All Ages
Play classic board game favorites and try out some new games. No registration required.

Valentine Card Crafting
Wednesday, Feb. 7 • 4-5 p.m.
The Makery • Grades 4-8
Make amazing cards for Valentine’s Day with advanced techniques in this hands-on class using equipment in the Makery. Take home the cards you create. Register starting Jan. 20 online, in person, or by phone.
Design a Bookmark Contest  
**Thursday, Feb. 1-March 10 • Grades K-8**

The theme is **READING**: Design an original bookmark for Elmhurst Public Library with a reading theme. Design your bookmark in pencil or black ink (no color, please!). After the contest ends, winning bookmarks will be used throughout the Library.

Winners receive copies of their bookmark and a gift certificate for Barnes & Noble. Presented with the Friends of the Elmhurst Public Library.

Pick up an entry form in the Kids’ Library or online at [elmlib.org/designabookmark](http://elmlib.org/designabookmark)  
Or, cut the space below out to use as your bookmark template.
Middle School Craft Lab: Paper Snowflakes
Monday, Dec. 4 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.
The Makery • Grades 6-9
Create beautiful paper snowflakes to hang in your room or locker while enjoying hot chocolate and watching a holiday movie. We provide the materials; you provide the creativity! Register starting Nov. 18 online, in person, or by phone.

3D Printing: Middle School
4-5 p.m. • Lab • Grades 6-8
Explore 3D printing and turn your ideas into real objects.
- Thursday, Dec. 7 • Register starting Nov. 18 online, in person, or by phone.
- Thursday, Jan. 11 • Register starting Dec. 30 online, in person, or by phone.
- Thursday, Feb. 8 • Register starting Jan. 20 online, in person, or by phone.

7th-Annual Middle School Holiday Extravaganza
Friday, Dec. 22 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • Grades 6-8
Create your own gingerbread house while watching the holiday classic, Elf. Register starting Dec. 2 online, in person, or by phone.

Book Jeopardy!
Friday, Jan. 12 • 7-8:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • Grades 6-8
Test your knowledge of books and book-related subjects. Compete against other groups and win prizes! Register starting Dec. 30 online, in person, or by phone.

Anime & Manga Drawing Workshop
Saturday, Jan. 13 • 1-3 p.m.
Meeting Room B • Grades 6-12
Are you an anime or manga fan? Learn how to draw your own characters! Addie Afable, freelance comic book artist and Anime Central staff member will be your instructor. Register online, in person, or by phone.

Winter Book Releases for Middle School
Reserve your copy online: elmlib.org/msnnewbooks
Creative Writing Workshop  
**Thursday, Jan. 18 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.**  
**Meeting Room B • Grades 7-12**  
Join us for some fun writing exercises to spark your creativity! Find inspiration, learn new writing methods, and have time to write and share your work. **Register online, in person, or by phone.**

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

Cardboard Engineers  
**Monday, Jan. 22 • 6-7:30 p.m.**  
**Large Meeting Room • Grades 6-10**  
Design and construct buildings, vehicles, and more using Makedo Cardboard Construction Set! All materials provided. **Register starting Jan. 6 online, in person, or by phone.**

Spirograph Buttons  
**Monday, Jan. 22 • 6-7 p.m.**  
**The Makery • Grades 9-12**  
We’re bringing back a blast from the past with spirographs! Create a beautiful design and then turn it into a button to take home. **Register online, in person, or by phone.**

Shrinky Dink Crafts  
**Monday, Jan. 29 • 6-7:15 p.m.**  
**The Makery • Grades 9-12**  
Shrinky Dinks have come a long way since the 80s. Create beautiful charms that can later be turned into earrings, necklaces, keychains, and more! **Register online, in person, or by phone.**

High-Tech Valentine Cards  
**Wednesday, Jan. 31 • 4-5 p.m.**  
**Teen Space • Grades 9-12**  
Combine card making with paper circuits to make custom light-up cards for your Valentine! **Register online, in person, or by phone.**

Iron Chef: Elmhurst  
**Friday, Feb. 16 • 7-8:30 p.m.**  
**Large Meeting Room • Grades 6-9**  
Test your skills using the Library’s secret ingredient or be a judge. **Register starting Jan. 27 online, in person, or by phone.**

DIY Stickers  
**Monday, Feb. 19 • 6-7 p.m.**  
**The Makery • Grades 9-12**  
Learn how to make stickers in the Library’s makerspace and create some to take home. **Register online, in person, or by phone.**

Smartphone Projector  
**Wednesday, Feb. 21 • 5-6 p.m.**  
**The Makery • Grades 9-12**  
Turn your smartphone into a projector using a shoe box and a lens! **Register online, in person, or by phone.**

Taste-Off: Doughnuts  
**Wednesday, Feb. 27 • 7-7:45 p.m.**  
**Meeting Room A • Grades 6-9**  
Who has the best-tasting doughnuts in town? You decide! **Register starting Feb. 10 online, in person, or by phone.**

Winter Book Releases for High School  
Reserve your copy online: [elmlib.org/hsnewbooks](http://elmlib.org/hsnewbooks)

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**I use the Creative Studio a lot. I recorded some of the tracks for my EP in the recording studio.**
-Jenna, Circulation  
elmlib.org/creative
Technology

Start Using Computers, Tablets, and Internet

Cassette and Vinyl to MP3 Basics
Wednesday, Dec. 6 • 7:30 p.m. • Lab
Learn how to use the Library’s digitization equipment to convert vinyl records and cassette tapes to MP3 files. EPL cardholders only. Register online, in person, or by phone.

iPhone for Beginners
Thursday, Dec. 14 • 10-11:30 a.m. • Lab
Learn about your iPhone’s settings, apps, and more. Bring your iPhone, Apple ID, and password to class. Register online, in person, or by phone.

Mac Basics
Monday, Jan. 15 • 7-8:45 p.m. • Lab
Interested in using a Mac? Great for beginners, this class introduces users to the Mac operating system. Register online, in person, or by phone.

Drop-in: Android for Beginners
Monday, Jan. 22 • 7-8:30 p.m. • Lab
Discover the basics of your Android device with one-on-one assistance. Drop in any time during this clinic with your device. EPL cardholders only. Registration recommended but not required.

Windows 10 Basics
Tuesday, Feb. 6 • 3:45 p.m. • Lab
Learn the latest operating system from Microsoft, including the best new features included in Windows 10. Registration recommended but not required.

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

Online Tech Classes available from home at elmlib.org/lynda

Drop-in Tech Help Get answers to quick questions any time at the 2nd Floor Info Desks. Extra staff is available for more involved questions on:

Thursdays • 5-8:30 p.m.
Saturdays • 1-4:30 p.m.

In-Person Classes for all ages:
Kids (page 12), Middle School (pages 13-14), High School (pages 13-18) and Adult (pages 15-18).

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

Senior Technology Series

Assistive Chrome Extensions
Monday, Dec. 11 • 10-11:30 a.m.
Lab • Ages 55+
Assistive extensions are accessibility features that make browsing the Internet easier for those who have a hearing or visual impairment. Register online, in person, or by phone.

Computers for Beginners
Monday, Jan. 8 • 10-11:30 a.m.
Lab • Ages 55+
Interested in learning about computers, but unsure how to begin? Get started practicing fundamental skills with this beginner course. Register online, in person, or by phone.

iPad for Beginners
Monday, Feb. 12 • 10-11:30 a.m.
Meeting Room A • Ages 55+
Learn about your iPad’s settings, apps, and more. Bring your iPad, Apple ID, and password to class. Register online, in person, or by phone.

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

**Keyboarding, mouse skills, and a basic understanding of computers required.**

**Google Drive Basics**  
**Tuesday, Dec. 5 • 3-4:30 p.m. • Lab**  
Learn the basics of Google’s cloud storage service, Drive. Learn how to upload, download, and organize files, and how it works with Google Docs. Bring your Google account login and password to class.  
Register online, in person, or by phone.

**Excel Basics: Projects**  
**Thursday, Dec. 7 • 7-8:45 p.m. • Lab**  
Learn to set up and work with the most popular projects in Excel.  
Register online, in person, or by phone.

**Intermediate Word**  
**Tuesday, Dec. 19 • 7-8:30 p.m. • Lab**  
Take your Microsoft Word skills to the next level! Class covers margins, creating text boxes, columns, and more. Previous experience with Word required.  
Register online, in person, or by phone.

**Intermediate iPhone**  
**Monday, Jan. 8 • 7-8:30 p.m.**  
Kossmann Room  
Discover many of the hidden or detailed features of the iPhone including texting tips, Siri, and more. Bring your iPhone, Apple ID, and password to class.  
Register online, in person, or by phone.

**Intermediate Excel: Formulas**  
**Tuesday, Jan. 16 • 7-8:45 p.m. • Lab**  
Get comfortable using formulas. This class covers average, median, multi-operations, “if” “and” “or” and more!  
Register online, in person, or by phone.

**Google Docs, Sheets, and Slides Basics**  
**Tuesday, Jan. 16 • 3-4:45 p.m. • Lab**  
Learn the basics of Google Docs, Sheets, and Slides (free online versions of Microsoft Office) including how to share files and work collaboratively. Bring your Google account login and password to class.  
Register online, in person, or by phone.

**PowerPoint Basics**  
**Tuesday, Jan. 30 • 10-11:30 a.m. • Lab**  
Learn to create, edit, and save presentations.  
Register online, in person, or by phone.

**Advanced iPhone**  
**Thursday, Feb. 15 • 7-8:30 p.m. • Lab**  
Want to dive into the deepest nooks and crannies of your iPhone? This class goes in-depth to explore the reaches of what your smartphone can do.  
Register online, in person, or by phone.

**Advanced Excel: Pivot Tables**  
**Tuesday, Feb. 20 • 7-8:45 p.m. • Lab**  
Pivot tables sort, summarize, and analyze data. Excellent Excel knowledge required.  
Register online, in person, or by phone.

**Advanced Excel: VLookup**  
**Tuesday, Feb. 27 • 7-8:30 p.m. • Lab**  
VLookup is an Excel formula used to find values within a list or table. Learn the best way to organize data and how to use VLookup during this class. Excellent Excel knowledge required.  
Register online, in person, or by phone.

**Creative Studio**

Access high-end equipment and software needed to complete digital audio, visual, and graphics projects. Whether for professional, personal, or school-related projects, find the tools you need at the Creative Studio.

The Creative Studio is perfect for music recording, photo sessions, graphic work, movie editing, and more. All of the rooms are equipped with iMacs, Adobe Creative Cloud, iMovie, and GarageBand/Logic Pro. Other items, including photography equipment, video cameras, microphones and audio cables, are available.

Studios are available in four-hour blocks for EPL cardholders. Make a reservation by calling (630) 279-8696. Drop-ins are welcome!

More information at [elmlib.org/creative](http://elmlib.org/creative)

More Creative Digitization Equipment:
- Vinyl-to-MP3 converter
- Tape Cassette-to-CD converter
- VHS-to-DVD converter
- Negative and Slide Scanner
- Flatbed Scanner
Explore Social Media, Apps, and More

Understand the basics of creating and managing social media accounts, including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and others.

Websites
Wordpress Blogging Basics
Monday, Dec. 11 • 7-8:30 p.m. • Lab
Learn to create a simple blog or website. Register online, in person, or by phone.

Digital Storage
Google Photos Basics
Monday, Feb. 5 • 7-8:30 p.m. • Lab
Learn the basics of Google Photos, a photo sharing and storage service developed by Google. This class shows users how photos are stored and how to use features like creating a photo book. Bring your Google account login and password to class. Register online, in person, or by phone.

Google Keep
Wednesday, Feb. 21 • 7-8:30 p.m. • Lab
A note-taking service developed by Google. Keep is your key to organization. This class teaches you how to create notes and reminders accessible on all your devices. Bring your Google account login and password to class. Register online, in person, or by phone.

Genealogy
Ancestry.com
[Library Edition] Basics
Tuesday, Dec. 12 • 7-8:30 p.m. • Lab
Learn basic features of this research database including searching techniques, an overview of available collections, and more. Register online, in person, or by phone.

FamilySearch
Wednesday, Jan. 25 • 7-8:30 p.m. • Lab
Learn how to use FamilySearch, a genealogical research site that offers unique family tree experiences around the world. Register online, in person, or by phone.

Fold3 Basics
Wednesday, Jan. 17 • 7-8:30 p.m. • Lab
Learn the basics of Fold3, a genealogical research site that features U.S. military records including original historical documents, newspapers, and more from the National Archives and other institutions. Register online, in person, or by phone.

Entertainment
Amazon Basics
Thursday, Dec. 14 • 7-8:30 p.m. • Lab
Learn the full services available with Amazon.com. Covers Amazon streaming video, ebooks, and more. Register online, in person, or by phone.

Cutting the Cable Cord
Tuesday, Feb. 20 • 10-11:30 a.m. • Kossmann Room
Watch TV without cable! Learn about streaming services that use an internet connection instead of traditional cable. Register online, in person, or by phone.

Travel
Airbnb Basics
Monday, Dec. 18 • 7-8:30 p.m. • Lab
Start booking and listing accommodations on Airbnb, a marketplace that offers unique traveling experiences around the world. Register online, in person, or by phone.

Business + Career
PayPal for Business
Tuesday, Jan. 30 • 7-8:30 p.m. • Lab
PayPal is a worldwide online payment system that allows users to transfer money electronically. Learn how small businesses can use PayPal to send invoices, receive money, and give refunds. Register online, in person, or by phone.

Photography
Phone Photography Basics
Wednesday, Dec. 20 • 10-11:15 a.m. • Lab
The best camera is the one that’s with you always! Learn to take better smartphone pictures. For Apple and Android phones. Register online, in person, or by phone.

Drop-in:
Get Your Resume Ready
Monday, Feb. 5 • 4-5:30 p.m. • Lab
Receive hands-on help navigating the world of electronic resumes. Prepare a pertinent list of information prior to attending. EPL cardholders only. Registration recommended but not required.

3D Printing
3D Printing Basics:
Cookie Cutters
Tuesday, Dec. 5 • 7-8:30 p.m. • Lab
Use the power of 3D printing to create a custom design. Get an overview of the process and work hands-on. EPL cardholders only. Register online, in person, or by phone.

Intermediate 3D Printing:
Jewelry
Wednesday, Feb. 7 • 7-8:30 p.m. • Lab
Use the power of TinkerCAD to create a custom jewelry design to 3D print. Learn techniques to design size rings and chains. An understanding of TinkerCAD or similar CAD program is required. EPL cardholders only. Register online, in person, or by phone.

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Photography
Phone Photography Basics
Wednesday, Dec. 20 • 10-11:15 a.m. • Lab
The best camera is the one that’s with you always! Learn to take better smartphone pictures. For Apple and Android phones. Register online, in person, or by phone.
Create, Make, and Build

For frequent technology users.

Photoshop
Photoshop Basics:
Vintage Photo Fixes
*Friday, Dec. 15 • 10-11:30 a.m. • Lab*
Learn how to bring a vintage photo from beat-up to brand-new in this activity-based Photoshop Elements lesson. Register online, in person, or by phone.

Intermediate Photoshop
*Tuesday, Jan. 23 • 7-8:30 p.m. • Lab*
Take your Photoshop skills to the next level! Learn how to combine two images together by selecting, cutting, pasting, blending and much more. For those already familiar with the basics of using Photoshop. Register online, in person, or by phone.

Laser Cutter
Photoshop Clinic:
Line Drawing
*Tuesday, Jan. 9 • 7-8:30 p.m. • Lab*
Come to this clinic and learn to convert your color photo into the perfect line drawing! Line drawings are the first step to “printing” using the laser cutter. Bring your own photo. Register online, in person, or by phone.

Using the laser cutter, I engraved a wedding invitation on the glass of a picture frame and put the couple’s engagement photo behind it. It earned me the “most personalized gift” distinction from the groom!
-Sam, Circulation
elmlib.org/makery

Website + Coding
Codecademy Basics
*Tuesday, Feb. 6 • 7-8:30 p.m. • Lab*
Codecademy is a free online learning platform that is a fun and easy way to start learning coding in HTML, Python, Java, and more. Learn how to create a Codecademy account, start using modules, and how to get extra hints/help. Register online, in person, or by phone.

UI/UX Design Basics
*Monday, Feb. 19 • 7-8:30 p.m. • Lab*
A successful product must provide both a good User Interface (UI) and User Experience (UX). This lecture-based class discusses different methods of how UI/UX Design can be achieved. Register online, in person, or by phone.

Video
Adobe Premiere Elements Basics
*Wednesday, Feb. 28 • 7-8:30 p.m. • Lab*
Premiere Elements is a video editing software developed by Adobe. This class will cover the basic functions of using Premiere Elements, including importing video clips, trimming, and adding music. Register online, in person, or by phone.

After getting a quote for thousands of dollars from a professional stationer, I decided to make custom invitations myself in the Makery. The Silhouette Cameo cut out the intricate pattern, and the only expense was the paper.
-Cher, Marketing
elmlib.org/makery

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Paper Crafts
Design Basics:
Silhouette Studio
*Wednesday, Dec. 15 • 7-8:30 p.m. • Lab*
Learn the basics of Silhouette Studio, the design software used for the Silhouette Cameo! EPL cardholders only. Register online, in person, or by phone.

Cricut Basics
*Wednesday, Jan. 24 • 7-8:30 p.m.
The Makery*
Learn how to use the Cricut Express Air, an electronic cutting machine for creating intricate designs in material such as paper, vinyl, and more. EPL cardholders only. Register online, in person, or by phone.

Intermediale Photoshop
*Tuesday, Jan 23 • 7-8:30 p.m. • Lab*
Take your Photoshop skills to the next level! Learn how to combine two images together by selecting, cutting, pasting, blending and much more. For those already familiar with the basics of using Photoshop. Register online, in person, or by phone.

Inkscape Basics
*Thursday, Feb. 22 • 7-8:30 p.m. • Lab*
This class introduces you to Inkscape, a free professional graphics vector editor, great for making designs for the Makery’s laser cutter or other graphics. Register online, in person, or by phone.

Woodwork
Design Basics:
Easel for the Carvey
*Wednesday, Dec. 27 • 7-8:30 p.m. • Lab*
Come learn about Easel, the design software developed by Inventables for the Carvey, a wood carving machine available in the Makery. This class shows you how to import and prepare designs for your next project. EPL cardholders only. Register online, in person, or by phone.

Design Basics:
Cricut Design Space
*Thursday, Feb. 8 • 7-8:30 p.m. • Lab*
Come learn the basics of Cricut’s Design Space, the online design interface used for the Cricut electronic cutting machines in the Makery. EPL cardholders only. Register online, in person, or by phone.
NEW! Small Business Builder

Gale Small Business Builder is a step-by-step online planning tool for starting, managing, and optimizing a business or nonprofit. The software's intuitive dashboard walks users through five areas of exploration in order to develop a business plan focused on long-term success. Areas include:

- **Entrepreneur Profile**: Provides a summary of your potential.
- **Business Ideation**: Plan the high-level operational framework.
- **Break-Even Analysis**: Delivers insight regarding expenses and realizing profits.
- **Business Plans**: Creates a plan that can be presented to potential investors.
- **Financial Projections**: A robust analysis of a company’s financial future.

Try it at [elmlib.org/bizbuilder](http://elmlib.org/bizbuilder)

Marketing for Your Small Business
**Thursday, Jan. 11 • 6:30-8:30 p.m. • Meeting Room B**
Is the fear of marketing your small business holding you back? Worried about spending money without getting any traction? This workshop helps you develop and improve your marketing strategy. Learn tricks with email marketing, social media, and other methods to move your business forward. Presented by Kelly Carpenter, Spitfire, and Fox Valley SCORE. [Register online, in person, or by phone.](http://elmlib.org/business)

PayPal for Business
**Tuesday, Jan. 30 • 7-8:30 p.m. • Lab**
PayPal is a worldwide online payment system that allows users to transfer money electronically. Learn how small businesses can use PayPal to send invoices, receive money, and process refunds. [Register online, in person, or by phone.](http://elmlib.org/business)

**EPL's Wi-fi Hotspots are handy when traveling. I've also used them during presentations to market the Library's electronic business resources.** -Cheryl, Adult Services

Drop-in: Get Your Resume Ready
**Monday, Feb. 5 • 4-5:30 p.m. • Lab**
Receive hands-on help navigating the complicated world of electronic resumes. Prepare a pertinent list of information prior to attending. EPL cardholders only. Registration recommended but not required.

Can a Business Plan Be This Simple?
**Thursday, Feb. 15 • 6:30-8:30 p.m. • Meeting Room B**
A one-page document can be your business plan! Join Larry Bussow, a SCORE mentor with an extensive career in retail marketing and merchandising. Develop a one-page worksheet to discover if your business idea may be successful. This process is helpful for both new and existing businesses. Presented with Fox Valley SCORE. [Register online, in person, or by phone.](http://elmlib.org/business)
NEW!
The Common Connection

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. Despite societal shifts and changing values, the thread that connects all of us to our humanity remains strong. 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 that comprise our community. This issue’s topic is “success.”

Success is an obscure notion we all chase after, but what does it really mean to be successful? Is it more about winning, or do we define our success by examining what it means to live a good life? Ponder the possibilities at the Library and re-imagine your quest for success with these thought-provoking programs.

Common Connection: TED Talk Conversations about Success
7-8 p.m. • Admin. Conference Room
Watch and discuss two TED Talks about the ideas of success and discuss what it may look like in your life. Register online, in person, or by phone.
- Thursday, Jan. 11
- Thursday, Feb. 15
  Measuring What Makes Life Worthwhile by Chip Conley and The Difference Between Winning and Succeeding by John Wooden

Common Connection: Meditation: Keys to Success
Tuesday, Jan. 16 • 7-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room
What are the qualities that lead to success in any field? Patience and perseverance are necessary qualities in developing new habits. Controlling the mind is a key factor when learning to succeed. Join Michael Ribet, long time meditator, as he discusses meditation and presents a simple meditation technique that can help with seasonal stress. Register online, in person, or by phone.

Common Connection: Minimalism: A Documentary About the Important Things
Wednesday, Jan. 24
Examines the many facets of minimalism by going inside the lives of minimalists from all walks of life: Families, entrepreneurs, artists, scientists, and even a former Wall Street broker—all of whom are striving to live a meaningful life with less. Rated PG.

Common Connection: Success through Civility and Respectful Discourse
Wednesday, Jan. 17 • 7-8:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room
Our society is lonelier and more divided than it’s ever been. True success is about bridging the divide through civility, connection, and empathy, and learning to listen so we can truly understand rather than “win”—whether it be within our own families, our community, or our nation’s politics. Presented by Zen Parenting Radio. Register online, in person, or by phone.

Common Connection: I Am
Wednesday, Feb. 28
Director Tom Shadyac speaks with intellectual and spiritual leaders about what’s wrong with our world and how we can improve it. Not rated.

Meditation for a Stress-Free Holiday and Beyond
Wednesday, Dec. 6 • 7-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room
Meditation can reduce stress, improve concentration, enhance thought clarity and mental equilibrium. Join Michael Ribet, long time meditator, as he discusses meditation and presents a simple meditation technique that can help with seasonal stress. Register online, in person, or by phone.

What Does Success Really Mean?
Monday, Jan. 8 • 7-8:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room
Grades, college, and money tend to be the traditional definitions of success, but are we just following an old pattern? Are we focusing on what makes our kids happy, or are we pushing an outdated definition of what makes a good life? Presented by Zen Parenting Radio. Register online, in person, or by phone.
ADULT

Senior Programs

Present:

Dementia Activity Club
1:30-2:15 p.m. • Admin. Conference Room
Those with dementia or Alzheimer’s are welcome to join for activities. Caregivers are required to attend. Register online, in person, or by phone.

Holiday Cards & Music • Tuesday, Dec. 5
President’s Day Trivia • Tuesday, Feb. 6

VIP Culture Club
10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. • Age 55+
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.

Living Abroad: the Expat Experience
Thursday, Dec. 14
Belgium • Thursday, Jan. 11
Denmark • Thursday, Feb. 8

Memory Collages Inspired by Matisse and Braque
Thursday, Jan. 18 • 2-4 p.m.
Kossmann Room
Join artist Karen Exiner to learn about artists such as Matisse and Braque. Bring your own photocopies of photos of family, friends, travels and hobbies. Each participant uses stencils, stickers, and markers to create beautiful memory collages suitable for framing. Magazine pages are available to use for those who choose not to bring their own photocopies. Register online, in person, or by phone.

Dish! Club for Cooks
Wednesdays, Dec. 13, Jan. 10, and Feb. 14
12-1 p.m. • Admin. Conference Room
Exchange recipes, sample foods, and indulge in discussion. No registration required.

Valentine Cupcake Decorating
Tuesday, Feb. 6 • 7-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room
Get a hands-on lesson in how to decorate cupcakes from a professional. Register online, in person, or by phone.

Chocolate: A History
Wednesday, Feb. 14 • 1-2:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room
Follow chocolate from cocoa pods growing in tropical rain forests to processing by modern machinery in industrialized countries. Explore chocolate in the Mayan and Aztec cultures (where it originated), and follow it to Europe and the rest of the world. Learn about different kinds of chocolate and discuss health benefits. Be sure to save room for some tasty samples! Register online, in person, or by phone.

Wine Club
Fridays, Dec. 1, Jan. 5, and Feb. 2
3-4 p.m. • Admin. Conference Room • Age 21+
Learn about and discuss wine with other aficionados. No registration required.

Beer Club
Learn about, taste, and discuss great beer at local establishments. Register online, in person, or by phone.
Tuesday, Dec. 12 • 7 p.m. • Age 21+
off-site: On Tour Brewing at Red Arrow Tap Room (111 East First Street, Elmhurst)
$15 tasting fee collected at event
Tuesday, Jan. 9 • 7 p.m. • Age 21+
off-site: Elmhurst Brewing Company (171 N Addison Ave., Elmhurst)
$15 tasting fee collected at event

About Library Insiders:
At EPL, we invite all Elmhurst patrons to take part in Library activities, regardless of reading level or physical or mental abilities. Programming spans a variety of interests and we encourage adults with disabilities to participate. In order to make programs and services more accessible, EPL has created opportunities with something for everyone.

Next Chapter Book Club
Wednesdays, Dec. 13, Jan. 10, 24, Feb. 7, and 21
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. Library Insiders is a series of programs specially designed for adults with disabilities. Register online, in person, or by phone.

I used the canning equipment to can carrot cake jam and vodka tomato sauce.
-Mary Beth, Administration
elmlib.org/culinary
Guided Imagery
Monday, Feb. 12 • 7-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room
Guided Imagery is the process of using directed thoughts and suggestions to guide one’s imagination toward a relaxed, focused state. Over the past 40 years, the effectiveness of guided imagery has been increasingly established by research findings that demonstrate its positive impact on health, creativity and performance. Presented by Donald Dahlheimer, M.Div, LCSW, LMFT. Register online, in person, or by phone.

Supplements & Nutrition for Healthy Joints
Monday, Feb. 19 • 7-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room
Do you have joint pain and want to learn about natural remedies? Join Dr. Julia Afridi, Medical Director of Integrative Medicine at Elmhurst Hospital, to learn about food and supplements in order to keep your joints feeling good throughout your life. Register online, in person, or by phone.

The Facts About Protein Shakes
Monday, Feb. 26 • 7-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room
Learn how to promote a healthy lifestyle by adding protein shakes to diet the right way. Learn about different types of protein sources, health benefits and impact on blood sugar levels, weight management, and energy levels, how to incorporate them into your lifestyle, and more. Presented by Heather Bautista ND, CNS, LDN, Naturopathic Nutritionist. Register online, in person, or by phone.

Genealogy Club:
Dig Into Your Research
Tuesdays, Dec. 5, Jan. 9, and Feb. 13
7-8:30 p.m. • Admin. Conference Room
Bring your family papers, research work, and questions. Work on your own or with others interested in family history research to share tips, tools, and experiences. Register online, in person, or by phone.

Ciao Italia!
Culture + Conversation
Wednesdays, Dec. 13, Jan. 10, and Feb. 14
6:30-8:30 p.m. • Admin. Conference Room
Interested in the language, geographical areas, and customs of Italy? This group is for you! From beginners to advanced, improve your Italian language skills in a relaxed atmosphere while exploring the lifestyle of the peninsula. No registration required.

Documentary Film Series
2-4:30 p.m. • Meeting Room A
No registration required.

Citizenfour • Friday, Jan. 5
This Oscar-winning documentary follows Edward Snowden as he hands over classified documents that provide evidence of mass indiscriminate and illegal invasions of privacy by the National Security Agency. Rated R.

Life, Animated • Friday, Jan. 12
A coming-of-age story about a boy and his family who overcame great challenges by turning Disney movies into a language to express love, loss, kinship and brotherhood. Rated PG.

He Named Me Malala • Friday, Jan. 19
An intimate portrait of Malala Yousafzai, who was wounded when the Taliban opened fire on her school bus. Yousafzai has since emerged as a leading campaigner for the rights of children worldwide and in 2014, became the youngest-ever Nobel Peace Prize Laureate. Rated PG-13.

The Eagle Huntress • Friday, Jan. 26
A thirteen-year-old girl trains to become the first female in twelve generations of her Kazakh family to become an eagle huntress. Rated G.

Great Decisions: The Waning of Pax Americana?
Tuesday, Jan. 23 • 1:30-3 p.m.
Large Meeting Room
Since 1945, Pax Americana (the liberal international order established in the wake of WWII) promised peaceful international relations and an open economy, buttressed by U.S. military power. Learn about critical global issues facing America with professor Gary Midkiff. When you register, get a copy of the article, then discuss at the program. VIP: Each participant must register starting Dec. 1 in person or by phone with their own Library card.

I used the Transparent Language app to get ready for a trip abroad.
-Bryan, Adult Services elmlib.org/language

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Aphasia Network
Fridays, Jan. 26 and Feb. 23
4-6 p.m. • Cafe Area (1st Floor)
Monthly coffee chat group for adults living with aphasia. No registration required.

Great Decisions: Russia’s Foreign Policy
Tuesday, Feb. 27 • 1:30-3 p.m.
Large Meeting Room
Under President Vladimir Putin, Russia is projecting an autocratic model of governance abroad and working to undermine the influence of liberal democracies. Learn about critical global issues facing America with professor Gary Midkiff. When you register, get a copy of the article, then discuss at the program. VIP: Each participant must register starting Jan. 23 in person or by phone with their own Library card.
In Stitches Needleworkers
Knitters, crocheters, and needleworkers of all skill levels: Bring a project on which to work, get answers to your questions, and have fun! No registration required.

- Tuesdays, Dec. 5, Jan. 2, and Feb. 6, 6:30-8:30 p.m. • Gathering Room
- Tuesdays, Dec. 12, Jan. 9, and Feb. 13, 12-2 p.m. • Gathering Room
- Wednesdays, Dec. 20, Jan. 17, and Feb. 21, 12-2 p.m. • Gathering Room
- Learn How To Knit
  Tuesdays, Jan. 23 and Feb. 27, 6:30-8:30 p.m. • off-site: Brewpoint Coffee
Pick up a new skill while enjoying Brewpoint Coffee’s atmosphere. This DIY program introduces you to a new skill and how the Library can support your creativity. No registration required.

Creative Card Makery Workshop
Makery, Dec. 8 and Feb. 9, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. • The Makery
Expand your card-making skills by learning how to use the Makery’s papercrafting tools. Take home a custom card straight out of your own imagination. Register online, in person, or by phone.

Coloring for Mindfulness
Tuesdays, Dec. 12, Jan. 9, and Feb. 13, 2-3 p.m. • Admin. Conference Room
Transform your mind and spirit with the new trend in relaxation: coloring! Choose from beautifully detailed designs, colored pencils or markers, and become totally absorbed in the joy of coloring. No registration required.

Craft Lab Spa Series
VIP: Each participant must register in person or by phone with their own Library card.
- Salts & Scrubs
  Wednesday, Dec. 20, 6:30-8:30 p.m. • The Makery
  Learn how to make your own bath salts and sugar scrub for spa-like treatment at home. Registration starts Nov. 21.
- Lip Balm
  Wednesday, Jan. 31, 6:30-8:30 p.m. • The Makery
  Learn how to make your own natural lip balm to protect your lips from the cold winter. Registration starts Dec. 20.
- Aromatherapy Candles
  Wednesday, Feb. 28, 6:30-8:30 p.m. • The Makery
  Learn how to make your own aromatherapy candle to enhance your favorite space. Registration starts Jan. 31.

Tangling Club
Wednesdays, Jan. 17 and Feb. 28, 7-8 p.m. • Admin. Conference Room
Tangling is a popular form of doodling that’s fun, relaxing, and produces impressive results. A less structured form of Zentangle. No art experience required! Register online, in person, or by phone.

Painting Workshop: Winter Cardinals
Saturday, Jan. 20, 2-3:30 p.m. • Large Meeting Room
Beginners welcome! A cardinal in the snow is the inspiration for this fun, hands-on watercolor painting workshop. Register online, in person, or by phone.

Date Night at the Makery
Friday, Jan. 26, 6-8 p.m. • The Makery
Spend a night out at EPL crafting in the Makery. Hire a babysitter, grab your spouse or a friend, and enjoy a night out! In January, bring two glasses and learn how to use the laser cutter. Register online, in person, or by phone.

Winter Gardening
Thursday, Feb. 8, 7-8 p.m. • Large Meeting Room
Master Gardener Ellen Meyer teaches you how to have fabulous seedlings in the spring by sowing seeds in disposable containers outside in the winter. Register online, in person, or by phone.
Board Game Club
Every Thursday • 6:30-8:30 p.m.
off-site: Brewpoint Coffee • (124 W. Park Ave.)
Whether an avid gamer or a total newbie, join us for contemporary board games. No registration required.

Holiday Features
2-4:30 p.m. • Large Meeting Room
Enjoy your favorite holiday movies all month. No registration required.
- Holiday Inn • Friday, Dec. 1
- It’s a Wonderful Life • Friday, Dec. 8
- Miracle on 34th Street • Friday, Dec. 15
- A Christmas Story • Friday, Dec. 22
- Scrooged • Friday, Dec. 29

Laura Ingalls’ Christmas Memories
Monday, Dec. 4 • 7-8 p.m. • Large Meeting Room
Join Laura Ingalls as she reminisces with her family and fiancé, Almanzo Wilder, on Christmas Day out on the snowy prairie. Performed by Laura Keyes. Register online, in person, or by phone.

Holiday Movies Trivia
Wednesday, Dec. 6 • 7-9 p.m. • Ages 18+
off-site: Red Arrow Tap Room (111 E. 1st St.)
Test your knowledge and compete for prizes. Seating is first come, first serve. Hosted by Chicago Trivia Guys. Register for reminders and details at elmil.org/holidaytrivia.

Lyric Opera Lectures
Sundays • 2:30-3:30 p.m. • Kossmann Room
Hear the story, learn about the composer, and listen to music. No registration required.
- I Puritani • Sunday, Jan. 21
- Così fan tutte • Sunday, Feb. 11

WDCB Jazz:
Jammín’ in the Stacks
Sunday, Feb. 4 • 3-4 p.m. • Large Meeting Room
Join us for an afternoon of jazz with pianist Alexis Lombre, as she shares her personal musical mission to keep the ‘soul’ in music alive. Register online, in person, or by phone.

Friday Features
Every Friday, Feb. 2-May 18 • 2-4:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room
Enjoy an afternoon at the movies every Friday watching the latest and greatest DVD releases. Find each week’s featured film at elmil.org/friday. No registration required.

York Chamber Music Concert
Friday, Feb. 9 • 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.

Star Wars Trivia
Wednesday, Jan. 10 • 7-9 p.m. • Ages 18+
off-site: Red Arrow Tap Room (111 E. 1st St.)
Test your Star Wars knowledge while competing for prizes. The questions cover Episodes I-7 and Rogue One. Seating is first come, first serve. Hosted by Chicago Trivia Guys. Register for reminders and details at elmil.org/starwarstrivia.

Ukulele Circle
Friday, Feb 23 • 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. We’ll have ukuleles to try, or bring your own! If you need an instrument, register online, in person, or by phone. No registration required if you have your own ukulele.
BOOK DISCUSSIONS
Books available when you register

Trading Titles

Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi
■ Wednesday, Feb. 21 • 1 p.m. • Meeting Room B
■ Thursday, Feb. 22 • 7 p.m. • Meeting Room B
The author’s debut historical fiction novel delves into the lives and legacies of half-sisters Effia and Esi, from 18th century Gold Coast slave trade to the present-day U.S. The depiction of seven generations of two family branches begins with Effia’s father selling her as a bride to a slave trader and Esi taken captive to be sold into slavery. Register starting Jan. 9 in person or by phone.

The Supremes at Earl’s All-You-Can-Eat by Edward Kelsey Moore
■ Wednesday, March 21 • 1 p.m. • Meeting Room B
■ Thursday, March 22 • 7 p.m. • Meeting Room B
Three high school friends support each other through the joys and difficult times of the next four decades. They meet each Sunday at Earl’s diner for conversation, great food, laughter, and sometimes tears. This debut novel focuses on strong women facing challenges together. Register starting Feb. 21 in person or by phone.

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Gathering Room
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Read Between the Wines

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off-site at Flight 112 Wine House [112 W. Park Ave.]

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Being Mortal
by Atul Gawande
Tuesday, Feb. 6 • 7 p.m.
Modern medicine can save lives, yet medical intervention can also cause suffering and even sometimes shorten lives rather than improve their quality. The author maintains that realistic choices for end-of-life care are key, and that the ultimate goal should be a good life—all the way to the end. Register starting Jan. 9 in person or by phone.

Hillbilly Elegy:
A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis
by J.D. Vance
Tuesday, March 6 • 7 p.m.
An account of growing up in Appalachia and Middletown, OH, while facing the challenges of a new life in middle class society, this memoir explores a family and community gaining and losing traction on the American dream. Register starting Feb. 6 in person or by phone.

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Lincoln in the Bardo
by George Saunders
Thursday, Jan. 18 • 6:30 p.m.
off-site: Elmhurst History Museum
[120 E Park Ave, Elmhurst]
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- Thursday, Nov. 23 • Thanksgiving
- Sunday, Dec. 24 • Christmas Eve
- Monday, Dec. 25 • Christmas Day
- Monday, Jan. 1 • New Year’s Day