# ELMHURST PUBLIC LIBRARY WINTER 2017-2018

**INSIDE:** KIDS' LIBRARY RENOVATION ONE BOOK | ONE COMMUNITY WINTER READING

### Prepare To Be Amazed

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**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.

#### **Registration Guidelines**

The following programs are reserved for Elmhurst Public Library cardholders:

- VIPHigh School
- FamilyMiddle School
- StorytimeElementary 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

Elmhurst Public Library's Local Author's Fair is June 23, 2018. Submissions accepted starting in Spring 2018. More information at **elmlib.org/localauthorfair**.

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 pathway to success.

How do you use the Library?

Tell us your success story at <u>elmlib.org/userstories</u>

Discover new avenues for reaching success on page 20.



X 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 <u>elmlib.org/coffee</u>

### **CAST YOUR VOTE**

### **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 <u>elmlib.org/onebook</u> 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.

Hope Jahren 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

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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.

of play in his classroom's labs.

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. <u>elmlib.org/crochethooks</u> <u>elmlib.org/knittingneedles</u>

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! <u>elmlib.org/culinary</u>

**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 GamesYou get a week to play andWIN. 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 <u>elmlib.org/extraordinary</u>

### **JUST FOR YOU**

### **E** · X · P · A · N · D Your Reading Comfort Zone Winter Reading Challenge December 1, 2017 - January 31, 2018

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 <u>elmlib.org/challenge</u>.
- 2. Librarians choose a book just for you.
- 3. Read your book! Tell us what you thought at <u>elmlib.org/challengereview</u>.
- 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. <u>elmlib.org/giftguide</u>

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.

### **PREPARE TO BE AMAZED**



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.



One update we've already completed is changing the much-loved fish tank to fresh water, allowing for easier upkeep.

#### A Middle School Space

A dedicated space for middle schoolers features comfortable seating, video gaming space, and room for group study or projectbased 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.

### **KIDS' LIBRARY RENOVATION**

#### Key





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)

### **KIDS' WINTER READING**

## BUILDING FOR THE

#### Tuesday, December 26, 2017–Wednesday, February 28, 2018

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.

Are you reading 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten? Why not double-dip? Your Winter Reading books count toward your 1,000 books goal and vice versa! (see next page)

#### 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 <u>elmlib.org/storytime</u>.

Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays	Saturdays
		DECEMBER 1	– FEBRUARY 28	*Library closed Dec.	24, 25, and Jan 1
Chicka Chicka Baby Newborn-11 months 9:30-9:50 a.m.	<b>Rise &amp; Shine</b> Families (best for 1-3) 9:15-9:45 a.m.		<b>Road to Reading</b> Ages 3-5 9:15-9:45 a.m.	Rise & Shine Families (best for 1-3) 9:15-9:45 a.m.	<b>Rhyme Time</b> Ages 1-2 w/ adult 9:15-9:45 a.m.
					<b>Chicka Chicka Baby</b> Newborn-11 months 9:30-9:50 a.m.
					<b>Rhyme Time</b> <b>Ages 1-2 w/ adult</b> 9:50-10:20 a.m.
	<b>Rise &amp; Shine</b> Families (best for 1-3) 10:15-10:45 a.m.			<b>Rise &amp; Shine</b> Families (best for 1-3) 10:15-10:45 a.m.	Family Storytime All ages (best for 3-7) 10:45-11:15 a.m.

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** 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 singalong. 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

#### Homeschool Hangout Thursday, Dec. 21, Jan. 18, and Feb. 15 1-3 p.m. • Large Meeting Room • All Ages

Attention homeschool families! Join us for hands-on activities and the chance to meet other home-schoolers each month. No registration required.

#### Open LEGO Building

Saturdays, Dec. 30, Jan. 20, and Feb. 17 2-3:30 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.** 

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

### PARENTS



### 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.

> 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

#### NOTE

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

#### 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

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.**  I attended some parenting book discussions. I picked up some great parenting tips for my own family, and was able to gain continuing education credit for my job at a preschool. -Christy, Circulation <u>elmlib.org/parents</u>

#### Parenting Book Discussion: No-Drama Discipline Wednesday, Jan. 24 • 7-8 p.m. Kossmann Room • For Parents

Startthenewyearwithanewlookatdiscipline. 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.** 

#### Raising Smart Kids: Emotional Intelligence vs. IQ Score

#### Monday, Jan. 29 • 7-8:30 p.m. Large Meeting Room • For Parents

From a very early age we are taught that grades, test scores, and the right college will lead to success, but once in the real world, it's how we relate to each other that makes the difference. If parent and child are taught to focus on the importance of emotional well-being, it can lead to the development of meaningful relationships, the ability to cope with challenges, and the capacity to live a life of integrity and purpose. Presented by Zen Parenting Radio. **Register online, in person, 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 LEGOs 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, learning how to create, print your special design, and use the heat press to complete the project. Bring two white T-shirts (one for each of you). All other materials provided. NOTE: This one-onone adult-child class cannot accommodate additional children. **Register starting Nov. 18 online, in person, or by phone.** 

#### 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.

#### Kids' Makery Craft Lab 4-5 p.m. • The Makery • Grades 3-5

Learn how to use makerspace equipment for your own future projects. (Kids younger than middle school must be directly supervised while in the Makery outside of this class.)

- Monday, Dec. 18 Register starting Dec. 2 online, in person, or by phone.
- Monday, Jan. 22 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 <u>elmlib.org/makery</u>

#### 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.** 

#### 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: Matching Pillows Monday, Jan. 15 • 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.** 

#### 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: 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 adultchild class cannot accommodate additional children. **Register starting Jan. 20 online, in person, or by phone.** 

#### 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.** 

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

### **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

#### Technology Classes

#### Drop-in Science Fun Thursdays, Dec. 14, Jan. 4, and Feb. 15 10 a.m.-5 p.m. • Kids' Library • All Ages

Join us in the Kids' Library for some science fun! Drop in throughout the program and learn cool science facts and do simple hands-on science. **No registration required.** 

#### Minecraft

#### Friday, Dec. 15 • 6-7:30 p.m. Lab (2nd Floor) • Grades 1-5

Join other *Minecraft* fans and play the popular game! Use our computers or bring your own device (and charger). You need your own paid-for account to play the multiplayer version. **Register starting Nov. 25 online, in person, or by phone.** 

#### Learn to Use a 3D Printer

4-5 p.m. • Lab (2nd Floor) • Grades 3-5 Learn the basics of 3D printing. Design and print a cool mystery creation.

- Thursday, Dec. 21 Register starting
   Dec. 2 online, in person, or by phone.
- Thursday, Jan. 25 Register starting Jan. 6 online, in person, or by phone.
- Thursday, Feb. 22 Register starting
   Feb. 3 online, in person, or by phone.

#### STEM Engagement Lab: Gummi Bear Long Jump Tuesday, Jan. 16 • 4-5 p.m. Meeting Room A • Grades 3-5

Let's do science! Use a catapult to launch Gummi Bears at a target, collect accuracy data, and make adjustments based on the data. Scientist Shari Haug leads the class. **Register starting Jan. 6 online, in person, or by phone.** 

#### Code with Scratch Jr Tuesday, Jan. 30 4-4:45 p.m. or 5-5:45 p.m. Kossmann Room • Grades K-2

Learn the basics of computer coding by designing your own game and story, using the Scratch Jr app on the Library's iPads. Register starting Jan. 13 online, in person, or by phone.

#### .io Frenzy! Friday, Feb. 2 • 5-6 p.m. Lab (2nd Floor) • Grades 1-5

Do you like Agar.io and Slither.io? Learn about other ".io" games out there to play! **Register starting Jan. 20 online, in person, or by phone.** 

#### STEM Engagement Lab: Make a Mini-Lightsaber Tuesday, Feb. 6 • 4-5 p.m. Meeting Room A • Grades 3-5

Take a ball point pen and turn it into a minilightsaber using a basic LED electronic circuit that you build. Scientist Shari Haug leads the class. **Register starting Jan. 20 online, in person, or by phone.** 

#### LEGO Robotics Club Tuesday, Feb. 20 • 4:15-5:15 p.m. Kossmann Room • Grades 3-5

Builders and brick enthusiasts assemble! Explore the basics of robotics engineering with LEGO WeDo. Take building to a new level! **Register starting Feb. 3 online, in person, or by phone.** 

#### NOTE

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

#### 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 <u>elmlib.org/designabookmark</u> Or, cut the space below out to use as your bookmark template.

### MIDDLE + HIGH SCHOOL



#### 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 bookrelated subjects. Compete against other groups and win prizes! **Register starting Dec. 30 online, in person, or by phone.** 

#### **Cram for Exams**

- Sunday, Dec. 17 1-5 p.m.
- Monday, Dec 18 3-9 p.m.
- Tuesday, Dec. 19 3-9 p.m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 20 3-9 p.m.
- Thursday, Dec. 21 3-9 p.m.
- Library Meeting Rooms 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.

Need to cram with fewer distractions? Book a study room to spread out and learn at <u>elmlib.org/studyrooms</u>.

#### 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.** 

#### Anime & Manga Club

6:30-7:30 p.m. • Gathering Room • Grades 6-9 Mingle with other anime and manga fans to discover new titles to read or watch or just talk about your favorites. Each month features a different snack from Japan.

- Wednesday, Jan. 17 Register starting Dec. 30 online, in person, or by phone.
- Wednesday, Feb. 7 Register starting Jan. 20 online, in person, or by phone.

#### Winter Book Releases for Middle School Reserve your copy online: elmlib.org/msnnewbooks













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

### MIDDLE + HIGH SCHOOL

#### 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**.

#### **HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

You can participate in the Winter Reading Challenge!

Details on page 4.

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

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### TECHNOLOGY



#### 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 <u>elmlib.org/lynda</u>
- 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 <u>reference@elmhurst.org</u>.

#### 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.** 

#### Start Using Computers, Tablets, and Internet

No previous computer skills required.

### Cassette and Vinyl to MP3 Basics

#### Wednesday, Dec. 6 • 7-8:30 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 • 3-4:30 p.m. • Lab

Learn the latest operating system from Microsoft, including the best new features included in Windows 10. Registration recommended but not required.

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

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#### 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.** 

Going back to work after years of being at home with the kids, I needed to tune up my Excel skills. I took a refresher course on Lynda.com in my downtime to build my confidence. -Jennifer, Adult Services <u>elmlib.org/lynda</u>

#### 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 basic functions 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.

#### Pages, Numbers, and Keynote Basics Friday, Feb. 9 • 7-8:30 p.m. • Lab

Learn the basics of Pages, Numbers, and Keynote for your Mac computer. Pages, Numbers, and Keynote is Apple's version of Microsoft Office. **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.**  Access to Adobe software such as InDesign and Illustrator helps save my small business costs. The Creative Studio offers a lot for marketing and business-related needs. -Gerri, Adult Services <u>elmlib.org/creative</u>



#### **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 <u>elmlib.org/creative</u>

#### More Creative Digitization Equipment:

- Vinyl-to-MP3 converter
- Tape Cassette-to-CD converter
- VHS-to-DVD converter
- Negative and Slide Scanner
- Flatbed Scanner

### TECHNOLOGY

#### Explore Social Media, Apps, and More

Understanding of internet and email account required.

#### 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.

#### Build Your Own Website Basics

#### Thursday, Jan. 25 • 7-8:30 p.m. • Lab

Come learn about the different tools available to build your own website. Class is lecture-based. **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.** 

#### 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 <u>Amazon.com</u>. 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.** 

#### **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.** 

#### 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.** 

#### 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.

The 3D printer is an excellent way to keep board games going after a few pieces are lost. I've printed out replacement tokens for one of my favorite games, Settlers of Catan. -Kelsey, Circulation elmlib.org/3d

#### 3D Printing Basics: Jewelry Wednesday, Jan. 10 • 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.

#### 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.** 

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### TECHNOLOGY

#### 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

#### 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**.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### **Paper Crafts**

Design Basics: Silhouette Studio Wednesday, Dec. 13 • 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.

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

#### 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.

#### 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.** 

### **BUSINESS + CAREER**



#### Elmhurst Job Club Thursdays, Dec. 7, Jan. 4, and Feb. 1 9-11 a.m. • Gathering Room

The Goodwill Workforce Connection Center is here to help you find work! This free service helps with resume assistance, career exploration, vocational training, and more. **Register online, in person, or by phone.** 

#### Top Small Business Productivity Tips Thursday, Dec. 14 • 6:30-8:30 p.m. Meeting Room B

Learn how you can be more efficient and add value to your business in three key areas: accessing Microsoft Office apps and files from anywhere, improving efficiency and profitability as your business grows, and how to keep your data secure. Presented with Fox Valley SCORE. **Register online, in person, or by phone.** 

#### ElmhurstBusinessConnection Thursdays, Dec. 21, Jan. 18, and Feb. 15 8-9:30 a.m. • Meeting Room B

Fox Valley SCORE mentors join business owners in the Elmhurst community each month for informal roundtable discussions. Get advice, network, and share your experience with your peers. **Register online**, **in person, or by phone**.

#### Elmhurst Co-Working Connection Thursdays, Dec. 21, Jan. 18, and Feb. 15 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. • Gathering Room

Is your "office" usually at home or in the Library? Generate ideas and share tips with other work-from-home entrepreneurs at this networking event each month. **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

#### 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.** 

#### 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.** 

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 <u>elmlib.org/business</u>

#### 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.** 

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### **COMMON CONNECTION: SUCCESS**

#### **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 reimagine your quest for success with these thought-provoking programs.

#### 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.** 



#### 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

John Wooden

What Makes a Good Life? Lessons from the Longest Study on Happiness by Robert Waldinger and The New American Dream by Courtney E. Martin

Thursday, Feb. 15 Measuring What Makes Life Worthwhile by Chip Conley and The Difference Between Winning and Succeeding by

#### 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 Renate Lanotte, MS LCSW, psychotherapist, who talks about the factors needed to enhance your meditation practice and leads a short meditation sitting. **Register online, in person, or by phone.** 

#### Success through Civility and Respectful Discourse Wednesday, Jan. 17 • 7-8:30 p.m. Large Meeting Room

Our society is lonelier and more divided then 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: Film Series

#### 2-4 p.m. • Meeting Room A

Spend an afternoon at the movies each month expanding your mind watching these films. We provide the popcorn. **No registration required.** 

#### 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.

#### 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.

### ADULT



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. I used the canning equipment to can carrot cake jam and vodka tomato sauce. -Mary Beth, Administration elmlib.org/culinary

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.

#### ValentineCupcakeDecorating 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.

#### 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.** 

#### **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

#### 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
- Beigium Thursday, Jan. II
- 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.** 

#### 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.** 

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#### Edward-Elmhurst HEALTHCARE Health Series

#### Acupuncture:

**Health and Healing Through All Ages** Monday, Feb. 5 • 7-8 p.m. Large Meeting Room

A key component of traditional Chinese medicine, acupuncture is most commonly used to promote a state of optimal health and provide relief from pain, headaches, digestive disorders, sleep trouble, stress, colds and sinus congestion. Presented by Lindy Camardella, Licensed Acupuncturist L.Ac, Dipl. OM, MSTOM. **Register online, in person, or by phone.** 

#### **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.

#### We 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 <u>elmlib.org/language</u>

#### CAN: Chicago

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.

#### WP 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.

### ADULT



#### 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 Making

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.

- Wednesday, Dec. 6 Kossmann Room
   10 α.m.-12 p.m. or 1-3 p.m.
   Registration starts Nov. 25.
- Monday, Jan. 8 Meeting Room B
   10 a.m.-12 p.m. or 1-3 p.m.
   Registration starts Dec. 1.
- Friday, Feb. 16 Kossmann Room
   10 α.m.-12 p.m. or 1-3 p.m.
   Registration starts Jan. 15.

#### Creative Card Makery Workshop Fridays, 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.

#### 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 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

#### 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.

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#### 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 <u>elmlib.org/holidaytrivia</u>.** 

#### Open Bridge Club

■ NEW! Every Tuesday • 1-3 p.m. Kossmann Room

Thursdays, Dec. 14, Jan. 11, 25, Feb. 8, and 22 • 6:30-8:30 p.m. • Kossmann Room

Open to all levels. No registration required.

#### A Holiday Concert: Bel Sonore Chamber Ensemble Sunday, Dec. 17 • 3-4 p.m. Large Meeting Room

The Bel Sonore Chamber Ensemble performs an eclectic mixture of familiar and not-sofamiliar music by Handel, Haydn, Vaughan Williams, Franck and others guaranteed to get you in the holiday spirit. **Register online**, **in person, or by phone.** 

#### Pinochle Club Tuesdays, Jan. 9, 23, Feb. 6, and 20 1-2:30 p.m. • Meeting Room B

Sharpen your skills and have fun with other players. Pinochle club members should have some knowledge of the rules. **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 1-7* and *Rogue One*. Seating is first come, first serve. Hosted by Chicago Trivia Guys. **Register for reminders and details at elmlib.org/starwarstrivia**.

#### 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: Jammin' 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 <u>elmlib.org/friday</u>. 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.** 

#### Amelia Earhart: American Aviatrix

#### Wednesday, Feb. 14 • 7-8 p.m.

Large Meeting Room

Amelia Earhart's courageous exploits and spirited personality made her an international celebrity in the early twentieth century. In this lively living-history program portrayed by Leslie Goddard, meet Amelia and learn about her experiences as the first woman to cross the Atlantic by airplane and the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic. Presented with Elmhurst AAUW. **Register online, in person, or by phone.** 

#### 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

Registration Key

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#### **Trading Titles**

#### Thursday, Dec. 7 • 1 p.m. Gathering Room

Love books? Love to talk about books? Love to hear about new books? This is the group for you! How it works: read whatever you want, and then come share your thoughts about it. You'll be sure to hear about great reads. More info at <u>elmlib.org/trading</u>. Register online, in person, or by phone.



#### Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi

Wednesday, Feb. 21 • 1 p.m. • Meeting Room B
 Thursday, Feb. 22 • 1 p.m. • Gathering Room
 Thursday, Feb. 22 • 7 p.m. • Meeting Room B



• 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 1 p.m. Gathering Room
- 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.

Read Between the Wines

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



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### Atul Gawande Being Mortal

#### 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-oflife 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.** 

#### Read to Me! A Storytime for Grown-Ups Mondays, Jan. 15 and Feb. 19

7-8 p.m. • Kossmann Room

Being read to is a rare pleasure. It not only stimulates the mind, it invigorates the imagination. Bring a snack and a favorite beverage; then sit back, listen, and enjoy. **No registration required.** 

#### Storytime For Grownups Podcast

Missed a storytime or just want to listen again? Access with your EPL card at <u>elmlib.org/sfgpodcast</u> and let the tales carry you away. "I adore Hoopla! I'm entertained by audiobooks during my 30-minute commute, and I also love that Hoopla has a great selection of ebooks, movies, music, and even comic books. -Sharon, Kids' Library elmlib.org/hoopla Lincoln in the Bardo by George Saunders Thursday, Jan. 18 • 6:30 p.m. off-site: Elmhurst History Museum [120 E Park Ave, Elmhurst]



It's February 1862, the Civil War is on, and President Lincoln's son is dying. This critically acclaimed novel blends fact and fiction into a moving father-son story. After the discussion, enjoy after-hours access to the museum's exhibits. EPL and EHM partner for this book

discussion connected to the museum's Freedom: A History of US exhibit. Books available at the Library for EPL patrons. Call Elmhurst History Museum to register at (630) 530-6879.

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#### Library Board Meetings:

Third Tuesday of each month

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