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LIBRARY HOSTS LOCAL AUTHOR FAIR AUGUST 23

ELMHURST—Elmhurst Public Library will host its eighth annual Local Author Fair on Saturday, Aug. 23 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. More than 50 authors will be available to answer questions, sell, and sign copies of their books.

Authors will be spread throughout the building, and grouped by genre. The Library accepted applications from authors earlier in the summer, and participants were selected to represent a cross-section of genres and audiences. Elmhurst authors were given priority, but authors from surrounding areas are also included.

AUTHOR FAIR INSPIRES EMERGING WRITER

Making her debut at the Author Fair is Hannah Murphy, a high school sophomore who felt motivated to write more after speaking to other authors at the two previous author fairs in 2023 and 2024. Her first book, a choose-your-own adventure story for children, was published in December of 2024.

“I’m now beginning to understand the process behind publishing a book and am more confident in my abilities to put my stories into the world,” says Murphy. When asked about the advice she’d give other writers, Murphy says, “Things take longer than expected, so it’s best to just enjoy it. Not just writing the book, but editing, marketing, and creating an audience takes time.”

Authors will be representing books for children, teens, and adults, and represent genres such as mysteries, romance, science fiction, fantasy, memoirs, history, **a**nd more.

For a complete list of participating authors, visit elmlib.org/authorfair.

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[PHOTO CAPTION] In this 2023 photo, Hannah Murphy attended the Local Author Fair at Elmhurst Public Library; in 2025, she is participating as a first-time published author. (Photo courtesy of Hannah Murphy)

[PHOTO CAPTION] Audrey Wilson displays her books at Elmhurst Public Library's Local Author Fair in 2024. (Photo courtesy of Audrey Wilson)

