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Grow your connection to the community by engaging in fun activities for any age.

**Technology**
Take the mystery out of new gadgets and software programs. Library tech classes and drop-ins can help!

**Culinary Cupboard**
Are you in a cooking rut? Our collection of kitchen tools, pans, and gadgets make mealtimes the highlight of the day.

**Common Connection: Around the Table**
Relish your time together at our series of delectable programs.

**Create**
Our classes will guide your creativity and mastery of new skills.

**Library Factcheck**
Our expert researchers are in your corner: find vetted, accurate sources to get answers to your questions.

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Sign Up for News and Book Alerts

Stay up to date with local library news and reading recommendations with our email alerts! This opt-in Library service provides biweekly eNewsletters that inform subscribers about featured events and Library updates. Expect to receive programming news for all ages on Mondays to prepare for the week’s events. Updates sent on Thursdays include collection spotlights, information about the various services the Library provides, and any timely information that needs to be shared with the community.

Additionally, we offer material suggestions for all ages. Options include:

- Coming Attractions
- Must-read Books
- Audiobooks
- Bestsellers
- Genre and Special Interests Lists
- Movies and TV shows

To receive news and recommendations, just click the check box next to your interests, and click the subscribe button. An email will be sent to you with instructions to complete the subscription process.

Attending Programs

Event Key:

- In-person
- Virtual
- Hybrid

- Hybrid: These events are offered both in-person at the Library and online. Register at elmib.org/events for the format of your choice to reserve your seat or receive the link to join from home. Note: If a presenter is virtual, it will be included in the event description.

- YouTube: No registration required. Just visit elmib.org/YouTube to watch.

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

- Discord or Roll20: Register at elmib.org/events to receive the information to join.

ADA Accommodations

Available for programs and Library visits.
Call (630) 279-8696 or email reference@elmib.org.

Photo Policy

Visitors may be photographed. These photos are for Library use and may be published in Library publicity materials. Notify staff if you do not wish to be photographed.
Summer Family Bingo

Month of June • For Families
Combine bingo with a scavenger hunt for summer fun! The theme of the game is Reading Is So Delicious, just like our Kids’ Summer Reading program. Bingo cards can be found in the Kids’ Library.

#BookstagramEPL

Ongoing • All Ages • Online
This summer’s programming theme is Around the Table, so we’re looking for cookbook recommendations, chef memoirs, or anything having to do with the art of eating! What are your favorite books about food? Just snap a picture of your favorite titles and use #BookstagramEPL to let us know!

StoryWalk

Ongoing • All Ages • Off Site: Eldridge Park
This summer, enjoy Over in the Forest: A Woodland Animal Nature Book by Marianne Berkes. StoryWalk® installations promote early literacy, physical activity, and family time together in nature. The first panel is found near the playground at Eldridge Park and follows the path going west between the soccer fields.

The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. StoryWalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.
Register for programs at elmlib.org/events unless otherwise noted.

Drop-in Programs
No registration required.

Rainbow Pride Windows
• Rainbow Pride Windows
  June 3-30 • Kids’ Library • All Ages
  Celebrate Pride Month by decorating a colorful heart for our window rainbow.

Movies in Wilder Park
• Movies in Wilder Park
  Fridays, June 17, July 8, and Aug. 5
  7:30-9:30 p.m. • Wilder Park • Families
  Bring a blanket or chairs for an evening under the stars. All movies start at dusk and are rated PG. Presented with Elmhurst Park District.

Tasty Reading by the Slice
• Tasty Reading by the Slice
  Tuesday, July 5 • Kids’ Library • All Ages
  Stop in and pick up a pizza box full of books with the ingredients you like. Get yours while supplies last.

Summer Celebration
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  Saturday, July 30 • 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
  Outside: South Lawn
  Summer would not be complete without an outdoor party! Celebrate with crafts, games, and other food-themed activities.

Seek and Find
• Seek and Find
  Aug. 1-31 • Kids’ Library • All Ages
  How well do you know the Kids’ Library? Challenge yourself each week and earn a small prize.

Open LEGO
• Open LEGO
  Saturday, Aug. 20 • 2-3:30 p.m.
  Kids’ Program Room • Families
  Build something awesome with our many LEGOs.

ScribbleMonster: Play With Your Food!
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  Saturday, July 16 • 10:30-11:15 a.m.
  Outside: South Lawn • Families
  Jim from ScribbleMonster and PBS Kids show Wimee’s Words cooks up some fun with creative play and a healthy portion of songs about food.
  Tickets are available starting at 9 a.m. the morning of the program.

Family Art Printing—With Veggies!
• Family Art Printing—With Veggies!
  Wednesday, July 20 • 6:15-7:15 p.m.
  Kids’ Program Room • Families (best for 1-5)
  Create print shapes with fruits and veggies, and take home a one-of-a-kind masterpiece.

Family Vision Pre-Screening
• Family Vision Pre-Screening
  Saturday, June 18 • 9:30-10 a.m.
  Kids’ Library • Families
  Get your kids a free vision pre-screening, which detects astigmatism, near-sightedness, and far-sightedness. Presented with Elmhurst Lions Club.
  No registration required.

Community Food Drive
• Community Food Drive
  July 1-31 • Lobby • All Ages
  Support the Elmhurst-Yorkfield Food Pantry by bringing non-perishable food items to Elmhurst Public Library or Elmhurst History Museum during regular hours in July.
  No registration required.

Summer Reading Prize Pick-up
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  Join Summer Reading! Come to the Kids’ Library starting June 13 or visit one of the following off-site locations to receive your prizes.
  • Friday, June 24 • 11 a.m.-1 p.m. • Bryan Middle School
  • Friday, July 22 • 11 a.m.-1 p.m. • Emerson School
  • Thursday, July 28 • 11 a.m.-1 p.m. • Edison School
  • Thursday, August 4 • 11 a.m.-1 p.m. • Churchville Middle School
  Find details in the Summer Reading insert.
We’re heading outdoors for our weekly weekday storytimes! Bring a blanket to sit on. In the event of rain, tickets for indoor storytime are available starting at 9 a.m. the morning of the program.

All tickets require an EPL card.

Songs and Stories
Every Saturday • 9:30-10 a.m.
Kids’ Program Room • Ages 1-2 w/ adult
Come for stories, rhymes, and songs that keep toddlers and their grownups moving and smiling.
Tickets are available starting at 9 a.m. the morning of the program.

Saturday Stories
Most Saturdays • 10:30-11 a.m.
Kids’ Program Room
Families (best for 1-5)
Join us for stories, music, and movement, just right for families to share together.
Tickets are available starting at 9 a.m. the morning of the program.

Please note: Alternative programs are held on Saturdays without Saturday Stories. See details at elmlib.org/events.

Alphabet Soup
Every Sunday • Families (best for 1-5)
Grab a cup of fun with rhymes, stories, and more. Dip in whenever you need a short storytime break!
View at elmlib.org/Youtube.
No registration required.

Coming Attractions
Reserve your copy online:
elmlib.org/KidsNewBooks

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**Big Fun for K-1**
*Kids’ Program Room • Grades K-1*
If you’re going into kindergarten or first grade, join in silly games, crafts, and activities highlighting a different book each session.
- **Snack Attack!**
  - Friday, June 10 • 10:30-11:15 a.m.
- **Vegetables in Underwear**
  - Friday, June 17 • 10:30-11:15 a.m.
- **Piranhas Don’t Eat Bananas**
  - Friday, July 22 • 10:30-11:15 a.m.
- **Potato Pants**
  - Friday, July 29 • 10:30-11:15 a.m.

**Camp Kinder**
*Kids’ Program Room • Kindergarteners*
Get a head start on kindergarten! We share books and activities that build kindergarten skills and are easily practiced at home. We’ll go beyond the basics to work on social and emotional skills that all children need for school.
Register for one of the series.
- **Wednesdays, June 15-29 • 11-11:45 a.m.**
- **Wednesdays, July 13-27 • 11-11:45 a.m.**

**Pokémon Jr. Party**
*Thursday, June 16 • 2-2:45 p.m.*
*Kids’ Program Room • Grades K-2*
If you love Pokémon, join us for all kinds of fun activities celebrating this awesome game and its characters.

**Celebrate Summer Solstice**
*Tuesday, June 21 • 2-2:45 p.m.*
*Outside: South Lawn • Grades 1-5*
Learn about the science and legend of the summer solstice, the longest day of the year. Enjoy activities and a take-home craft.

**Candy Science**
*Friday, July 15 • Kids’ Program Room*
If you love science and you love candy, this is the class for you! Enjoy science experiments with candy that showcase chemistry, physics, and fun.
- 2-2:45 p.m. • Grades K-2
- 3:30-4:30 p.m. • Grades 3-5

**Art Masterworks: Prints With Food**
*Thursday, July 21 • 2-3 p.m.*
*Large Meeting Room • Grades 3-8*
Work with food and paint to make original art. Create unusual shapes and textures and take home a one-of-a-kind masterpiece.

**Read to the Dogs**
*Saturdays, June 11 and July 9 • 2:30 p.m.*
*Large Meeting Room • Grades K-8*
Bring a book or choose one of ours, and read aloud to one of our visiting therapy dogs.

**Kids’ Online Chess**
*Sundays, June 12, July 10, and Aug. 7 • 1-2 p.m. • Live on Zoom • Grades K-8*
Chessmaster Jeff DiOrio teaches winning strategies to improve your game. Players must know all of the basic rules to join.

**Page Pals**
*Kids’ Program Room • Grades 2-3*
Students entering grades 2 and 3 practice reading with a middle school book buddy, and join in fun games and activities to keep reading this summer.
Register for one of the series below.
- **Mondays, June 13-27 • 2-2:45 p.m.**
- **Mondays, July 11-25 • 2-2:45 p.m.**

**Make Candy Sushi**
*Monday, June 13 • 4-5 p.m.*
*Kids’ Program Room • Grades 3-5*
Learn about sushi, then make sushi out of candy to take home.

**Chapter Champions**
*Kids’ Program Room • Grades 2-3*
Share exciting activities, games, and crafts focusing on a book.
- **Pizza and Taco**
  - Tuesday, June 14 • 2-2:45 p.m.
- **When Pigs Fly**
  - Tuesday, June 28 • 2-2:45 p.m.
- **Once Upon a Tim**
  - Tuesday, July 12 • 2-2:45 p.m.

**Tasty Reading by the Slice**
*Tuesday, July 5 • Kids’ Library • All Ages*
Stop in and pick up a pizza box full of books with the ingredients you like. Get yours while supplies last.

**Yoga for Relaxation**
*Tuesday, Aug. 23 • 4-5 p.m.*
*Kids’ Program Room • Grades 3-8*
Relax and learn how to focus your energy in a mindful way. Yoga teacher Melissa Hansen leads simple techniques for beginners and advanced learners.

**Seek and Find**
*Aug. 1-31 • Kids’ Library • All Ages*
How well do you know the Kids’ Library? Challenge yourself each week and earn a small prize.
Game Hangout
Every Monday • 5-6 p.m.
Live on Discord • Grades 6-12
Interested in meeting other people who like the same games as you? Chat and play your favorite games such as Minecraft, Stellaris, Genshin Impact, Jackbox Party Pack, or anything else you can think of! Get recommendations for other games from people with similar tastes.

Sew It: Breakfast Plushie
Friday, June 10 • 7-8 p.m.
Kids’ Program Room • Grades 6-8
Learn how to sew your very own breakfast felt plushie to keep you company long after your morning ends. With your choice of pancake, sunny-side-up egg, or toast.

Play Switch!
Wednesdays, June 22, July 13, and Monday, Aug. 29 • 4-5 p.m.
Kids’ Program Room • Grades 2-8
Join us in-person to put your skills to the test to be the ultimate victor in our tournaments for Smash Bros. and other games.

Resin Molding: Eye Candy
Monday, June 27 • 4-5 p.m.
The Makery • Grades 6-8
Interested in learning more about designing your own resin creations? Join us and create your own “flavored” resin candy.

Tasty Reading by the Slice
Tuesday, July 5 • Kids’ Library • All Ages
Stop in and pick up a pizza box full of books with the ingredients you like. Get yours while supplies last.

Exact Instructions Challenge
Monday, July 11 • 7-8 p.m.
Kids’ Program Room • Grades 6-8
For this challenge you will write very specific directions for completing an easy task, then a librarian will follow the directions exactly. What could possibly go wrong?

Play Retro Video Games!
Friday, July 29 • 4-5 p.m.
Kids’ Program Room • Grades 6-8
Ever wonder what came before Fortnite? Or Smash Bros.? Together we explore and play awesome video games that came out before you were born.

Middle School Volunteer Opportunities
Volunteer opportunities may include assembling activity kits or assisting with programs. Volunteer applicants must be entering grades 6-9 and either live or go to school in Elmhurst.

Find details at:
elmlib.org/volunteer

Middle School Coming Attractions
Reserve your copy online:
elmlib.org/MSNewBooks
Register for programs at elmlib.org/events unless otherwise noted.

Teen Video Game Tourney
**Every Wednesday • 7-8:30 p.m.**
**Kossmann Room • Grades 9-12**
Join us in-person to put your skills to the test to be the ultimate victor in our tournaments for *Smash Bros.* and other games. Teens are also welcome to stop in to spectate or play other video games.

Game Hangout
**Every Monday • 5-6 p.m.**
**Live on Discord • Grades 9-12**
Interested in meeting other people who like the same games as you? Chat and play your favorite games such as *Minecraft*, *Stellaris*, *Genshin Impact*, *Jackbox Party Pack*, or anything else you can think of! Get recommendations for other games from people with similar tastes.

High School Crafternoon
**Thursdays, June 9 and July 7 • 2-4 p.m.**
**Teen Space • Grades 9-12**
Join us for a fun craft project. We'll supply the materials, you supply the creativity!

National Cupcake Day
**Tuesday, June 14 • 2-3 p.m.**
**Teen Space • Grades 9-12**
We're celebrating National Cupcake Day! Answer some fun trivia questions about these sweet treats, then enjoy a cupcake!

Craftivism in the Makery
**Wednesday, June 15 • 6-7:30 p.m.**
**The Makery • Adults + Grades 9-12**
Sublimation print a flag, shirt, or sign with an image that speaks to a social issue.

Teen Anime Afternoon
**Thursdays, June 30 and July 14**
**2-4:30 p.m. • Large Meeting Room**
**Grades 6-12**
Attention anime fans! Join us for a movie, trivia, and Japanese snacks.

A Space Just for You
Come and hang out in the cool (it’s air-conditioned) Teen Space this summer. Play video games, watch a movie, or, if board games are your thing, play both newer and retro games. We also have jigsaw puzzles, coloring books, and a dry erase wall to draw on. For crafty folks, we have a cart of supplies to make your own creations and Crafternoon programs in June and July. Come and have fun in your space!

High School Coming Attractions
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elmlib.org/HSNewBooks
Technology

Scanning Made Simple
Scan documents directly to email, USB, Google Drive, or fax using a touchscreen. Save as PDF, searchable PDF, Word, TIFF, or JPG. Scanners are located on the 1st and 2nd Floors, near the computer areas.
elmlib.org/equipment

Technology Tips
Wednesdays, June 1, July 13, and Aug. 10
10-11 a.m.
Computer Lab • Adults
Bring your devices and technology questions to this monthly series. We’ll share some tech tips and offer a place to discuss and try to solve issues you experience.

Analog to Digital Conversion
Saturday, June 18 • 10-11:30 a.m.
Computer Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12
Get to know equipment that will convert your cassettes, records, film, and VHS tapes into a digital format.

Introduction to Microsoft Teams
Monday, June 20 • 6-7:30 p.m.
Computer Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12
Learn about Microsoft Teams, a place for workspace chat and videoconferencing.

Cricut Design Space
Wednesday, June 22 • 6-7:30 p.m.
Computer Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12
Learn how to create projects for the Cricut cutting machine. Design t-shirts, paper crafts, mugs, and more.

eMedia
Friday, July 1 • 2-3:30 p.m.
Computer Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12
With your EPL card you have access to thousands of eBooks, eAudiobooks, eVideos, and eMusic. Learn about the different applications and ways to access these collections.

Microsoft Office
Wednesday, July 6 • 6-7:30 p.m.
Computer Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12
Want to know more about Word, PowerPoint, and Excel? We’ll give you an overview and provide examples of projects you may use to take advantage of each.

iPhone iOS
Thursday, July 14 • 2-3 p.m.
Computer Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12
Discover the latest features of the iPhone and its operating system.

Excel Intermediate
Wednesday, July 20 • 6:30-8 p.m.
Computer Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12
Learn Excel functions and formulas that are often used in the program.

Easel for Carvey
Tuesday, July 26 • 6:30-8 p.m.
Computer Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12
Get started using Easel, the design software used to create items with the Makery’s Carvey machine.

Excel Advanced Topics
Tuesday, Aug. 9 • 6:30-8 p.m.
Computer Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12
Learn advanced features of Excel including PMT, vLookup, and more.

Cutting the Cable Cord
Monday, Aug. 22 • 10-11:30 a.m.
Computer Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12
Learn about different avenues available to bring video content into your home, including services like Netflix, Hulu, and FuboTV.

Intro to Office 365
Monday, Aug. 22 • 6-7:30 p.m.
Computer Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12
We’ll give you an introduction to this suite of applications and how you can take advantage of what it has to offer. Create, collaborate, and share.

Android Essentials
Tuesday, Aug. 23 • 3-4:30 p.m.
Computer Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12
Learn more about the Android operating system, and gain some new skills.

Drop-in Tech Help
Find solutions to your tech questions by stopping by the 2nd Floor or remotely, through our Virtual Info Desk.
elmlib.org/VideoChat
Register for programs at elmlib.org/events unless otherwise noted.

How to Use LinkedIn for Job Searching
Monday, June 20 • 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • Adults
Learn how to leverage the social networking site LinkedIn in your job search. Presented with People's Resource Center.

Elmhurst Business Connection
Thursdays, June 23, July 28, and Aug. 25
8-9:30 a.m.
Live on Zoom • Adults
Join Fox Valley SCORE mentors for a round table discussion on new topics each month. Meet with business owners in the Elmhurst community to get advice, network, and share experiences with peers.

Social Media for Your Small Business
Tuesday, June 28 • 6:30-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • Adults
Social media can be scary and time-consuming for small businesses with limited time and funds. Discuss trends and tricks to get the most from your social media efforts. Presented with Kelly Carpenter, founder of Spitfire.

Master the Phone and Video Interview
Monday, July 18 • 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • Adults
Does the idea of a phone or video interview have you on edge? Identify an employer’s main objective and learn what questions are commonly asked. Develop preparation strategies to help you nail your next interview. Presented with People's Resource Center.

Repetition Leads to Success! Mock Interviews
Monday, Aug. 15 • 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • Adults
Improve interview skills and receive real-time feedback from job coaches through a series of mock interviews. Learn how to set a positive tone for the interview, and answer difficult talking points, including the dreaded “tell me about yourself.” Presented with People's Resource Center.
Connect • Engage • Thrive

Connect with others in the community, while navigating all the challenges that come with adulthood.

Plug In & Play
Friday, June 3 • 7-8:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • 20s/30s Adults
Join us for a night of video games, old and new. Bring your favorite to share or play one of ours.

Rainbow Crafts
Friday, June 17 • 7-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • 20s/30s Adults
Show your pride with some rainbow-inspired crafts! All materials provided.

Board Game Night
Friday, July 1 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • 20s/30s Adults
Join us for a night of open gaming with other board game fans. Bring your own game to share or play one of ours.

Will It Waffle?
Friday, July 15 • 7-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • 20s/30s Adults
A waffle iron can be used as a quick and easy way to cook dozens of other foods. Have fun experimenting with which foods can—and cannot—be made into a waffle.

Art Therapy Night
Friday, July 29 • 7-8:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • 20s/30s Adults
Unwind with coloring books and other forms of art therapy while enjoying conversation and soothing music.

Ted Lasso Trivia
Monday, Aug. 8 • 7-8 p.m.
Live on YouTube • Adults
Test your knowledge of Ted Lasso and compete for prizes online.

20s/30s Book Discussions

- In the Dream House
  by Carmen Maria Machado
  Thursday, June 2 • 7-8:15 p.m.
  Gathering Room • Live on Zoom
  20s/30s Adults
  Follow Carmen Maria Machado’s account of a failed relationship and a bold dissection of the mechanisms and cultural representations of psychological abuse.

- Professional Troublemaker: The Fear Fighter Manual
  by Luvvie Ajayi Jones
  Thursday, July 7 • 7-8:15 p.m.
  Gathering Room • Live on Zoom
  20s/30s Adults
  “The things we must do are more significant than the things we are afraid to do.” Learn from Luvvie Ajayi Jones how to fight your fears, find courage, and live your values.

- The City We Became
  by N. K. Jemisin
  Thursday, Aug. 4 • 7-8:15 p.m.
  Gathering Room • Live on Zoom
  20s/30s Adults
  In this high-concept fantasy novel, Jemisin imagines a New York City personified by six souls and a climactic battle of good versus evil with big stakes and a surprisingly human story.

- Every Heart a Doorway
  by Seanan McGuire
  Thursday, Sept. 1 • 7-8:15 p.m.
  Gathering Room • Live on Zoom
  20s/30s Adults
  What happens to the chosen ones when their quests in fantasy lands are over? They go to Eleanor West’s Home for Wayward Children. When tragedy strikes, it’s up to these kids to uncover a mystery.

- Sweet Science
  Friday, Aug. 19 • 7-8 p.m.
  Large Meeting Room • 20s/30s Adults
  Can you identify jellybeans blindfolded? How well do you know your candy flavors? Join us for some tasty treats, and learn about the science behind our sense of taste.

See page 2 for info: 🏡 In-person event  🌐 Virtual event  🏬 Hybrid event
Programs marked 20s/30s Adults are limited to ages 18-40.
The Library has a collection of kitchen tools and baking items to check out. These items benefit our community in a number of ways:

- **Space** No need to clutter up your cabinets with tools you use infrequently! We’ll store them for you.
- **Savings** Not sure if you want to invest in a new kitchen tool? Check one out to test before making that commitment.
- **Creativity** Try something new! From novelty cake pans and pasta makers to canning sets, our collection covers a lot of ground.

Find more info at [elmlib.org/culinary](http://elmlib.org/culinary).

Just a few examples of equipment you can check out:

- A  Tagine
- B  Ravioli Form
- C  Spiralizer
- D  Air Fryer
- E  Tortilla Press
- F  Bundt Pans
The Common Connection is a series of programs using lectures, discussion, and critical thinking to identify topics that influence the world today. This issue’s topic is Around the Table.

Delicious foods and captivating discussions are plentiful around the table, nourishing our bodies and minds. Whether it’s comforting, familiar flavors you crave, or new tastes and textures to challenge your palate, we invite you to join the conversation all summer. It’s okay to bump elbows—we’re all friends here!

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Vegetable Gardening
Tuesday, June 7 • 7-8:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom Adults
Learn the basics of vegetable gardening. Garden planning, preparing the soil, proper planting times and techniques, and caring for an established garden will be covered.

Culture Club:
Tasting Chicago
Thursday, June 9 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom Adults
Did you know the brownie was invented in Chicago or that corner vendors used to sell tamales for 15¢? Join us on a virtual tour of classic Chicago foods like deep dish pizza, Chicago hot dogs, and Italian beef. Hybrid program with a virtual presenter.

Author Event:
Chef Kwame Onwuachi
Wednesday, June 22 • 7-8 p.m.
Live on Zoom • Adults + Grades 9-12
Chef Kwame Onwuachi, author of the bestselling memoir, Notes from a Young Black Chef, will discuss his unique path to cooking, the importance of diversity in the kitchen, and his new cookbook, My America: Recipes from a Young Black Chef. Presented with Illinois Libraries Present.

Cupcake Decorating
Thursday, June 23 • 7-8:30 p.m.
Meeting Room A • Adults
Learn the delicious art of decorating cupcakes with hands-on instruction from representatives of the College of DuPage Culinary and Hospitality Center. All supplies provided.

Chicago’s Candy History
Tuesday, June 21 • 7-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom Adults
For much of its history, Chicago was a candy-making hub, producing one-third of the nation’s candy. Learn the history behind candies such as Baby Ruth, and Wrigley’s gum, and explore what made Chicago such a powerful location for candy makers. Presented by Leslie Goddard.

GreenMan Theatre Presents Food Stories
Tuesday, July 5, 2022 • 7-8:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom Adults + Grades 6-12
GreenMan Theatre Storytellers perform various folktales that involve food from around the world.

Chicago’s Sweet Bakeries Remembered
Monday, July 11 • 7-8:15 p.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom Adults
Remember your first bite of a sweet roll or the excitement of seeing your birthday cake? Relive those memories as we explore the history of Chicago’s sweet bakeries.

Family Heirloom Recipes From the Illinois State Fair
Wednesday, July 13 • 7-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom Adults
Since 2009, Catherine Lambrecht has judged Family Heirloom Recipes contests across the Midwest. Discover some of the most memorable recipes and stories shared at the Illinois State Fair.

BBQ Rubs and Sauces
Tuesday, July 26 • 7-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom Adults
Spend time with Chef Susan Maddox learning recipes for BBQ rubs and sauces. Learn the difference between wet and dry rubs and the various types of BBQ sauces found throughout the U.S., plus great methods and techniques for barbecuing.

Related: Eat Your Heart Out: Iconic Chicagoland Foods exhibit at Elmhurst History Museum. ElmhurstHistory.org
Summer Celebration
Saturday, July 30 • 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Outside: South Lawn
Summer would not be complete without an outdoor party! Celebrate with crafts, games, and other food-themed activities.

Iconic Chicago Foods
Tuesday, Aug. 2 • 7-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • Live on Zoom Adults
Chicago has a rich culinary history and a myriad of unique foods. “Chicago Style” can mean many things. Chef Susan Maddox demonstrates unique twists on three iconic foods: giardiniera, pizza fondue, and a jibarito sandwich.

Shopping, Saving, Storing: Making the Most of Your Food and Funds
Wednesday, Aug. 10 • 7-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • Live on Zoom Adults
Discover the secrets to finding the best produce, storing your food properly, lowering your grocery bills, and finding help when you need it. You’ll never throw out a new container of strawberries again!

Sweet Science
Friday, Aug. 19 • 7-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • 20s/30s Adults
Can you identify jellybeans blindfolded? How well do you know your candy flavors? Join us for some tasty treats and learn about the science behind our sense of taste.

Scones Bake-Along
Monday, Aug. 22 • 7-8 p.m.
Live on Zoom • Adults + Grades 6-12
Follow along with Bill the Baker from the comfort of your own kitchen! Make a base scone recipe, then learn how to exchange ingredients to create new flavors. A list of ingredients will be emailed one week before the program.

Fantastic Food Firsts
Wednesday, Aug. 24 • 7-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • Live on Zoom Adults + Grades 6-12
Learn culinary tidbits like where the first ice cream sundae was created and who invented the first marshmallow.

Electronic Cooking Devices
Tuesday, Aug. 30 • 7-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • Live on Zoom Adults
Learn the dos, don’ts, and the differences between the many electronic cooking devices on the market today. Hybrid program with a virtual presenter.

Large Meeting Room • Adults
Join us as we gather around the table with local organizations to discuss how to navigate conversations surrounding difficult topics with our family and friends.
■ Monday, June 27 • 7-8 p.m.
Engage in respectful conversations around LGBTQ+ topics with Elmhurst Pride Collective.
■ Tuesday, July 19 • 7-8 p.m.
Examine experiences with race in the Elmhurst community with the Backyard Caucus.
■ Tuesday, August 16 • 7-8 p.m.
Learn about various issues related to addiction with the Library’s social worker, Tracey Orick.
Culture Passes

Interested in getting free or discounted admission to local attractions like Brookfield Zoo or Cantigny Park? We have two ways for you to get culture passes from the Library.

Pick-Up In Person:
Museum Adventure Passes are distributed at the Library Checkout Desk on a first-come, first-serve basis with your Elmhurst Public Library card. Visit EPL to find out pass availability.

Download or Print from Home:
Use Explore More Illinois to find free or discounted admission to fun and educational places throughout the state.

Plan your visit from any computer, tablet, or smartphone with your EPL card and PIN.

Find details at: elmlib.org/CulturePass

Nixon and Watergate
Wednesday, June 1 • 7-8:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults + Grades 9-12
Learn about Nixon’s presidency from professor Gary Midkiff, with a special focus on the Watergate scandal, just in time for its 50th anniversary.

Meditation for Inner Peace During Turbulent Times
Monday, June 6 • 7-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults
We are living in a time that often feels confusing and stressful. Learn to incorporate meditation into your life to calm the body and mind to find peace and happiness. Hybrid program with a virtual presenter.

Culture Club: Tasting Chicago
Thursday, June 9 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults
Did you know the brownie was invented in Chicago? Or that corner vendors used to sell tamales for 15¢? Join us on a virtual tour of classic Chicago foods like deep dish pizza, Chicago hot dogs, and Italian beef. Hybrid program with a virtual presenter.

Judy Garland: A Centennial Celebration
Thursday, June 9 • 7-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults
From her early days as a child actress to becoming an iconic star, Judy Garland remains a beloved talent 100 years after her birth. Join film historian Annette Bochenek to reminisce with photos, video clips, and stories of Garland’s early years in Minnesota, her time in Hollywood, and her lasting legacy.

The Greatest Sitcoms of All Time
Monday, June 13 • 7-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults + Grades 9-12
Martin Gitlin hosts a fun and enlightening presentation based on his book, The Greatest Sitcoms of All Time. He shares funny snippets from classic shows, challenges attendees with trivia, and talks about how sitcoms have evolved over the decades. Hybrid program with a virtual presenter.

The Power of Posture
Tuesday, June 14 • 7-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults
Discover how proper posture and ergonomics can affect your health. Learn how to improve your quality of life by integrating ergonomics into everyday activities, then practice exercises and stretches to help strengthen your posture.

Genealogy Club: Digging for Clues With Cemetery Research
Thursday, June 16 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults
Genealogist Dan Niemiec has traced his family back to the mid-1600s and has over 90,000 known relatives, many of them buried in local cemeteries. Learn how to inexpensively find a relative’s final resting place, plus get tips on navigating the cemetery office, grounds, mausoleum, and weather.

Forgotten Disney: Extinct Rides and Attractions of the Florida Parks
Wednesday, June 29 • 7-8:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults + Grades 9-12
In the 50 years Walt Disney World has been in operation, many attractions have closed. Rediscover some of these attractions and their histories, and whether they are still missed or forgotten by today’s fans.

Strategies to Talk About Mental Health and Wellness in Children and Adolescents
Thursday, June 30 • 7-8:30 p.m.
Meeting Room A • Adults + Grades 9-12
Join Celia Zanayed, PsyD from Advocate Health for an important and informative talk addressing concerns around mental health and wellness in children and adolescents.

Culture Club: Namibia
Thursday, July 14 • 10:30-11:45 a.m.
Large Meeting Room • Adults
Jeff Mishur leads an armchair tour of Namibia. Visit the dunes of the Namib Desert, the fascinating landscape of Damaraland, the game drives in Etosha National Park, and the petroglyphs at the UNESCO world heritage site in Twyfelfontein. Hybrid program with a virtual presenter.
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Ten Questions Investors Should Ask Their Financial Planner
Tuesday, July 19 • 6:30-8 p.m.
Live on Zoom • Adults
Understanding which financial professional to turn to for advice can be overwhelming and confusing, especially when it comes to insurance and investing. Ed Gjertsen II, CFP®, past National Chairman of the Financial Planning Association, provides essential questions and insights to help you evaluate and vet those entrusted with your financial life. Presented with area libraries.

Genealogy Club:
African-American Genealogy
Thursday, July 21 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults
Searching for African-American ancestors can be a daunting task. Learn how to navigate Freedmen’s Bureau, census, military, and other records to begin your family’s search.

Time Machine 2022
Monday, July 25 • 7-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults + Grades 9-12
What was going on in 1922, 1822, or even 1722? Go back 100, 200, and 300 years into American and world history with William Pack in this storytelling anthology.

Stories of Race in Elmhurst Panel Discussion
Wednesday, July 27 • 7-8:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Grades 9-12 and parents
In response to the racial reckoning that swept the country after the police killing of George Floyd in May of 2020, a handful of dedicated residents decided to “think globally, act locally.” The result was a series of essays about race, personal experiences, and societal norms. Meet contributors from Stories of Race in Elmhurst and ask questions about the book, their stories, and how they are working to change Elmhurst.

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

Next Chapter Book Club
Wednesdays, June 8, 22, July 6, 20, Aug. 3, and 17 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
The Next Chapter Book Club is a literacy program for adults with intellectual 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.

Painting
Tuesday, July 12 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • Adults

Karaoke Night
Wednesday, Aug. 31 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • Adults
Ted Lasso Trivia  
**Monday, Aug. 8 • 7-8 p.m. • Live on YouTube • Adults**
Test your knowledge of *Ted Lasso* and compete for prizes online.

Know Your Civics Challenge  
**Tuesday, Aug. 9 • 7-8:30 p.m. • Large Meeting Room • Adults • Grades 6-12**
How well do you know your rights and duties of citizenship? Test your knowledge in this interactive program with a game show feel and comedic twists.

Culture Club: Summer Palaces of Russian Tsars  
**Thursday, Aug. 11 • 10:30-11:30 a.m. • Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom Adults**
Join us for a virtual tour of the Russian royal family estates. Explore the ballrooms where Catherine the Great and Grigory Rasputin danced, then visit the gardens—all without ever leaving home. Hybrid program with a virtual presenter.

Hearing Screening  
**Wednesday, Aug. 17 • 2-4 p.m. • Large Meeting Room • Seniors**
Stop by for a free hearing screening with an audiologist and learn how untreated hearing loss can lead to decreased social, psychological, and cognitive functioning.

Genealogy Club: Using Newspapers as Genealogical Resources  
**Thursday, Aug. 18 • 10:30-11:45 a.m. • Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom Adults**
Learn to find and use newspapers for information about your ancestors and the times they lived in. Genealogist Caron Primas Brennan shows how to use newspapers online, in the library, and from archives to find obituaries, marriage and engagement announcements, birth announcements, legal cases, and ship passage information.

Local Author Fair  
**Saturday, Aug. 20 • 10 a.m.-2 p.m. • Large Meeting Room • All Ages**
Meet local authors who discuss, answer questions, sell, and sign copies of their books. No registration required.

Want to participate? Applications are accepted May 21-July 22. Apply at elmlib.org/authorfair where you can also find a full list of authors and events starting August 8.

Kick Your Bad Writing Habits  
**Saturday, Aug. 20 • 11 a.m.-12 p.m. • Kossmann Room + Live on Zoom Adults • Grades 6-12**
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**Meet the Artist!**

Local artist Donna Castellanos creates the engaging and whimsical art found in EPL’s lobby (across from the elevator). Learn more about her creative process and make some art with her!

- **Body Collage Drop-in**
  - **Friday, June 3 • 2-6 p.m.** • Lobby • All Ages
  - **Saturday, June 4 • 10 a.m.-2 p.m.** • Lobby • All Ages
  - Create a figure out of illustrations from upcycled vintage encyclopedia pages. Add a second head, machine parts, wings, or any other creative twist that captures your imagination.
  - No registration required.

- **Interactive Art Exhibit**
  - **Friday, June 3 • 2-6 p.m.** • Lobby • All Ages
  - **Saturday, June 4 • 10 a.m.-2 p.m.** • Lobby • All Ages
  - See the magic behind Castellanos’ installations and ask questions of the artist. Then get involved and help create our next set of figures.
  - No registration required.
Scrabble Club
Mondays, June 6 and Aug. 1
10 a.m.-12 p.m. • Meeting Room B • Adults
Play a friendly game of Scrabble. All skill levels welcome.
No registration required.

Bridge & Pinochle Club
Every Tuesday (no session June 28)
1-3 p.m. • Kossmann Room • Adults
Enjoy an afternoon of card games every week. Prior experience is required.
No registration required.

Staying Mentally Fit
Tuesdays, June 7, July 5, and Aug. 2
1:30-2:30 p.m. • Meeting Room B • Seniors
Join us for fun mental enrichment including games, puzzles, and other activities that boost memory, reasoning, and other cognitive abilities.

American Mah Jongg:
Open Play
Every Wednesday • 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Meeting Room B • Adults
Gather for this game of skill, strategy, calculation, and a certain amount of chance. No registration required.

In Stitches Needleworkers
Tuesdays, June 14, July 12, and Aug. 9
12-2 p.m. • Gathering Room • Adults
Knitters, crocheters, and needleworkers of all skill levels: bring a project to work on, share knowledge with others, and have fun! No registration required.

Ciao Italia!
Mondays, June 20, July 18, and Aug. 15
7-8:30 p.m.
Kossmann Room • Live on Zoom • Adults
Interested in the language and customs of Italy? Improve your Italian language skills while exploring a different aspect of Italian culture each month. All skill levels welcome.

Coloring for Mindfulness
Tuesdays, June 21, July 19, and Aug. 16
2-3 p.m. • Gathering Room • Adults
Choose from beautiful designs and become absorbed in the joy of coloring. No registration required.

French Discussion Group
Thursdays, June 23, July 28, and Aug. 25
7-8:30 p.m. • Live on Zoom
Adults • Grades 9-12
This group, for beginners to intermediate learners, provides a relaxed atmosphere for improving your French language skills.

Chair Yoga
Fridays, June 24, July 22, and Aug. 26
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • Adults
Join a certified yoga instructor for a series of simple movements to strengthen and stretch your whole body while comfortably seated in a chair. No prior yoga experience required.

Great Decisions
Large Meeting Room • Adults
Learn about critical issues facing America with professor Gary Midkiff and other community members.
- Quad Alliance
  Tuesday, June 28 • 1:30-3 p.m.
- Foreign Policy Roundtable
  Tuesday, July 26 • 1:30-3 p.m.
- No meeting in August

In-person event
Virtual event
Hybrid event
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Makery Crafts

Book a reservation during Makery hours to learn a new skill. One reservation per Library card, one kit per reservation, while supplies last. Book your session online at elmlib.org/MakeryCraft.

Creative Card Making
Monday, June 6 • 1:30-2:30 p.m.
The Makery • Adults
Join us for step-by-step instruction to create cards for Father’s Day and graduations.

Marbled Wine Glasses
Wednesday, June 8 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.
The Makery • Adults
Create custom wine glasses using a paint marbling method.

Still Life With Fruit
Wednesday, June 15 • 2:30-3:30 p.m.
Kossmann Room • Adults
Learn from local artist Karen Exiner how to paint a still life using acrylic paint.

Craftivism in the Makery
Wednesday, June 15 • 6-7:30 p.m.
The Makery • Adults + Grades 9-12
Sublimation print a flag, shirt, or sign with an image that speaks to a social issue.

Needle Felted Veggies
Wednesday, July 6 • 6:30-8 p.m.
The Makery • Adults + Grades 9-12
Make veggies out of wool using basic needle felting, a simple and fun process.

Watercolor Painting
Wednesday, July 13 • 6:30-8 p.m.
The Makery • Adults + Grades 6-12
Use stencils to paint a design that can be framed or used as a greeting card.

Block Printed Napkins
Monday, July 18 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.
The Makery • Adults + Grades 9-12
Learn about the technique of block printing and create unique cloth napkins.

Makery 101: Sewing Basics
Wednesday, Aug. 3 • 6-7:30 p.m.
The Makery • Adults + Grades 6-12
Learn how to thread, operate, and troubleshoot the Makery sewing machines.

Puzzle
June 7-30 • The Makery
Adults + Grades 6-12
Use the sublimation printer to transfer a picture onto a jigsaw puzzle. Make your reservation starting Monday, June 6.

Fruit Trinket Boxes
Monday, Aug. 15 • 6-7 p.m. • The Makery
Adults + Grades 6-12
Turn a plain wooden trinket box into a colorful fruit to house your tiny treasures.

Journaling for Self-Care
Wednesday, Aug. 24 • 6-7 p.m. • The Makery
Adults + Grades 9-12
Handcraft a personal journal while talking with EPL’s Social Services Specialist about self-care and the power of writing.

THE MAKERY turns five!

Celebrate with us and create 5 crafts to mark our 5-year anniversary.
Crafts are available on a first come, first serve basis.

July 1-31: Make a Free Button

July 5-10: Decorate a Tote Bag

July 12-17: Laser Etch a Keychain

July 19-24: Sublimation Print a Coaster

July 26-31: Submit a Free 3D Print
**BOOK DISCUSSIONS**

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**The Thursday Murder Club** by Richard Osman
Gathering Room • Live on Zoom • Adults
- Thursday, June 16 • 1:215 p.m.
- Thursday, June 16 • 7:8:15 p.m.

When a local building contractor is found dead in Kent, England, four sharp-as-tacks septuagenarians who meet weekly to discuss unsolved crimes manipulate the police into assigning the case to their favorite young police constable, Donna De Freitas, who becomes the club's police source. Can Elizabeth, Ibrahim, Joyce, and Ron catch the killer?

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**The Lager Queen of Minnesota** by J. Ryan Stradal
Gathering Room • Live on Zoom • Adults
- Thursday, July 21 • 1:215 p.m.
- Thursday, July 21 • 7:8:15 p.m.

In this Midwestern family drama, sisters Edith and Helen have been estranged ever since their father left the family farm solely to Helen in 1967. Edith bakes celebrated pies at the local nursing home while Helen has a passion for brewing beer. We follow their saga through the eyes of both sisters plus Edith's granddaughter, Diana, who gets a chance to learn the beer business and possibly help her grandmother stay afloat, while maybe even bringing some resolution to this fractured family, too.

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**The Mothers** by Brit Bennett
Gathering Room • Live on Zoom • Adults
- Thursday, Aug. 18 • 1:215 p.m.
- Thursday, Aug. 18 • 7:8:15 p.m.

In this novel, written by the author of The Vanishing Half, Southern California teen Nadia Turner grieves the loss of her mother and begins a relationship with 21-year-old former football star Luke. But then Nadia has a secret ... and keeps it from everyone including best friend Aubrey. As they get older, the three find that their choices from years before continue to haunt them.

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**Learn & Grow Book Discussions**

**The Gifts of Imperfection** by Brené Brown
Thursday, June 9 • 7-8:15 p.m.
Gathering Room • Live on Zoom • Adults
Discover the compassionate, wise, and perennially bestselling Brené Brown classic that shows us how to live an imperfect life full of authenticity and beauty, on its tenth anniversary in print.

**We Crossed a Bridge and It Trembled** by Wendy Pearlman
Thursday, July 14 • 7-8:15 p.m.
Gathering Room • Live on Zoom • Adults
In this series of first-person testimonials based on over 300 interviews, the voices of displaced Syrian refugees recount stories of their lives in the midst of ongoing civil war.

**You're Not Listening: What You're Missing and Why It Matters** by Kate Murphy
Thursday, Aug. 11 • 7-8:15 p.m.
Gathering Room • Live on Zoom • Adults
Despite having a myriad of platforms for communicating, we're not really listening to each other. In this enlightening deep dive, discover why we're not listening, what it's doing to us, and how you can become a better listener to lead a richer, less isolated life.
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