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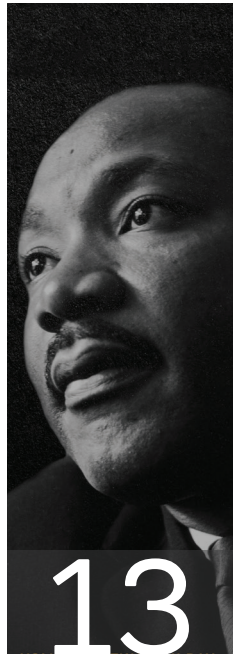
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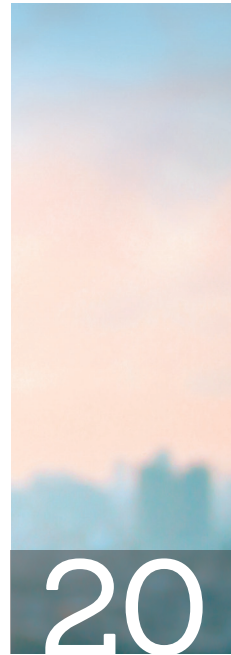
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## New!

### Book Your Meeting Room Online

1. Visit [elmlib.org/meetingrooms](http://elmlib.org/meetingrooms)
2. Click [Online Meeting Room Application]
3. Follow prompts.
4. You will receive an email confirming your request has been submitted. The room has not been booked until a second email is sent, stating your reservation has been approved.

#### Guidelines include:

- Maximum of 45 people
- Reservations available:  
Monday-Friday  
9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. and 5-8:30 p.m.  
Saturday 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
Sunday 1:30-4:30 p.m.
- Request up to 90 days in advance
- Room requests are reviewed within 24 hour on standard business days. Weekend requests are reviewed on Mondays.

Study Rooms (maximum capacity of 6) can still be booked up to seven days ahead, during any time the Library is open. [elmlib.org/studyrooms](http://elmlib.org/studyrooms)



## Social Services

### Another Way Your Library Can Help

Providing social services is a growing trend in libraries across the country. For many, the idea is long overdue—after all, public libraries are one of the few public spaces open to anyone in a community, based on a principled commitment to openness and inclusivity. As in any community, the Elmhurst Public Library provides a neutral space for community members to come in, gather information, and explore. Earlier this year, Tracey Orick, BSW, CADC became Elmhurst Public Library’s full-time Social Services Specialist after the Library spent over a year evaluating the benefits of social workers in a library setting.

Elmhurst Public Library began testing the waters of providing more direct access to social services by arranging internship opportunities for Aurora University students pursuing Social Work degrees in the spring 2018. So far, three students have completed internships at EPL. This collaboration has provided students real-world experience while allowing EPL the opportunity to gather valuable information about issues on the minds of our community members.

“The Library is a public building where anyone is welcome to come in and find information or resources to help improve or enhance their lives. Access to Social Services in the Library is a continuation of that philosophy,” says Orick.

As a result of a Social Services Needs Assessment conducted in 2018, Elmhurst community members’ survey responses revealed that individuals in our community face challenges like unemployment, food insecurity, or domestic violence.

“In my experience,” says Orick, “there has been a high percentage of senior citizens who are seeking employment assistance. In

most cases, they are looking to re-enter the workforce, usually in a part-time capacity.” Orick says the Library could be the first step in tackling an online application process. Beyond that, Orick can refer patrons to nearby centers with resources appropriate to their needs.

Orick and the social work interns can connect patrons with a variety of services for:

- Food
- Housing
- Employment
- Benefits
- Mental health
- Substance abuse
- Social Security
- Domestic issues

The Library’s referral-based model allows patrons to consult with Orick on a one-on-one basis in a neutral setting outside the stigma some may feel in a traditional social services setting. “The community can think of me as the first go-to,” she says. “Then I can refer them out.”

Anyone experiencing temporary or ongoing challenges may meet with Orick during her office hours for one-on-one consultation and referrals on the 2nd floor in Study Room 4.5.

#### Social Work Office Hours

Monday	2-4 p.m.
Tuesday	6-8 p.m.
Wednesday	6-8 p.m.
Thursday	2-4 p.m. + 6-8 p.m.
Saturday	10 a.m.-12 p.m. + 1-3 p.m.

#### Contact

call (630) 279-8696  
email [Tracey.Orick@elmlib.org](mailto:Tracey.Orick@elmlib.org)

*Appointments recommended, but not required.*

### Registration Guidelines

These programs are reserved for Elmhurst Public Library cardholders:

- VIP
- Family
- Storytime
- Elementary School
- Middle School
- High School

Cardholders from other libraries may register for adult programs one week prior to the event if space is available: An EPL card is not required to attend programs marked “No registration required.” Additional requirements are noted in individual program descriptions.

**ADA Accommodations** are provided for all programs. See page 25 for details.

### 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.

## THE SHAKESPEARE PROJECT OF CHICAGO

Celebrate the Bard at three **Shakespeare Project of Chicago** performances, including George Zahora's newly commissioned festive holiday romp *Christmas Comes But Once a Year*. (page 28)



**Winter Reading** for kids (Paws for Reading on page 5) and adults + high school students (Winter Reading Challenge on page 27) keeps you busy throughout the blustery winter months.



**OUR GIFT TO YOU:** **The Annual Elmhurst Public Library Holiday Gift Guide** is filled with books, movies, and giving suggestions. Recommended by our expert librarians, you can find items for all ages and interests.

Pick up a copy at the Library or download it at [elmlib.org/giftguide](http://elmlib.org/giftguide)

Beat the winter blues and get out of the house with our all-ages **Pop-in Activities**. No registration required. Just drop by for all kinds of activities throughout the winter. (page 6)

... for festive **PROGRAMS**

... for hand-picked **COLLECTIONS**

## CR Consumer Reports

**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 with your EPL card at [elmlib.org/consumer](http://elmlib.org/consumer)

Have you checked out **Binge Bags**, staff-curated packs of several themed items? Themes include *British Comedies*, *DC v. Marvel*, and *Movies Filmed in Chicago*, near the Checkout Desk.

Giving (or getting) a device you're not sure how to use? Stop by any time at the 2nd Floor Info Desk for **Drop-in Technology Help**. Our knowledgeable staff work with you to solve issues or suggest alternative support.

## ORDER ONLINE PICK UP AT DRIVE-UP



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Text us:  
(331) 642-0375  
Chat us:  
[elmlib.org/askus](https://www.elmlib.org/askus)  
Call us:  
(630) 279-8696



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Materials are typically ready within an hour.



3

Skip the parking lot and head straight for the drive-up window.

**Custom Checkouts** Not sure what you want? Our librarians can put together a selection of items for any subject or age. From road trip audiobooks to sleepover board games, customized checkouts are our specialty!

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**SERVICES**

... for unique  
**AMENITIES**

## creativebug®

Want to use the Makery but don't know where to start? Our **Makery+Creativebug projects** are for you! These simple projects combine the video tutorials of Creativebug with the equipment in the Makery, and you can purchase materials on site. See page 18 for this winter's project: Makes a great gift!

## THE MAKERY

The Makery is a popular spot in December! Plan ahead to ensure enough time to finish your gifts for the holidays.

### Last Chance! Makery Holiday Hours

Monday, Dec. 23 • 12-5 p.m. • Adults + Grades 6+

Haven't finished your holiday gifts? Enjoy these extended hours in the Makery to work on them. All equipment is available on a first-come, first-serve basis, with a 2-hour limit. **No registration required.**

**Hygge at Your Library ... for the holidays and beyond.**  
Learn about the Danish practice of happy living, and how the Library can help you have more hygge in your life.  
See page 26.



## Astronomy Explorers:

### The Story of a Star

Tuesday, Dec. 17 · 7-7:45 p.m.

Kids' Program Room

Families (Best for Grades 2+)

Learn all about the life of a star from astronomer Allan Fenske. Register starting Nov. 30.

## NYE Celebration: Circus Boy!

Tuesday, Dec. 31

9:30-10:15 a.m. or 10:45-11:30 a.m.

Large Meeting Room · Families

Circus Boy blends comedy and audience participation while performing circus antics. This high-powered show keeps the whole family amazed and laughing. Tickets available the morning of the program.

## Taekwondo Demonstration

Saturday, Jan. 25 · 11:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Kids' Program Room · Families

Students from Park's Champion Taekwondo Academy demonstrate taekwondo skills, introducing you to this martial art. You can try it, too! No registration required.

## The Music Factory

Mondays, Feb. 3-March 16 · 1:30-2:15 p.m.

Kids' Program Room · Ages 3-4 w/adult

This lively interactive program introduces basic music concepts to kids. Sing, march, clap, rattle, and bang along! Register starting Jan. 18.

## Valentine Card-Making Party

Saturday, Feb. 8 · 10:45 a.m.-12 p.m.

Large Meeting Room · Families

We supply the materials and music, you provide the creative inspiration! Limit three cards per person. No registration required.

## School of Rock: Little Wings

Monday, Feb. 10 · 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Kids' Program Room · Ages 3-5 w/adult

The School of Rock Little Wings program pairs classic rock songs with age-appropriate games to instill a lifelong love of music into a child's heart. Parents and children participate together. Register starting Jan. 25.

## Robin's Dog Stars

Saturday, Feb. 22 · 10:45-11:15 a.m.

Large Meeting Room · Families

See dogs perform fabulous tricks in this exciting program. Tickets available the morning of the program.

## Leap Day LEGO Building

Saturday, Feb. 29 · 2-3:30 p.m.

Kids' Program Room · Families

Leap in to the Library to build something awesome on this special day with our many LEGOs. No registration required.

# PAWS for Tales

## Kids' Winter Reading

December 21, 2019-February 29, 2020

(newborn through 8th grade)

When winter winds howl, warm up with a good book and join the Kids' Winter Reading Program.

Kids who reach their reading goals by Feb. 29 receive prizes, including coupons for Skyzone and LEGOLand!

Register at the Kids' Help Desk with your valid Elmhurst Public Library card anytime from December 21 until February 28.

[elmlib.org/winterreading](http://elmlib.org/winterreading)



## Polar Express T-Trak Train

**Saturday, Dec. 7 · 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.**

### Large Meeting Room

Check out the model trains depicting the famous Polar Express from Chicagoland T-Trak, a group of railroad modelers that run N scale trains on modular layouts.

## Culture Craft Drop-in

**10 a.m.-12 p.m. or 3-4:30 p.m.**

Make a craft that celebrates the culture of the month and take a tour of the region's unique features with our virtual reality viewers.

■ **Scotland · Wednesday, Dec. 11**

■ **India · Wednesday, Feb. 12**

## Drop-in Crafting

**Monday, Dec. 23 · 12:30-2 p.m.**

Create something fun with our craft materials! Perfect for last-minute gifting from little ones. Children under seven must be directly supervised by an adult.

## Paw Patrol Viewing Party:

### *Marshall and Chase on the Case!*

**Friday, Dec. 27 · 1-3 p.m.**

Spend some family time watching Paw Patrol with us! Bring a blanket if you'd like. Marshall, Chase, and their friends come to the rescue whenever needed in this series of Paw Patrol adventures. Not rated.

## Open LEGO Building

**Saturdays, Dec. 28 and Jan. 18 · 2-3:30 p.m.**

Drop in throughout this program to build something awesome with our many LEGOs.

## Movie Day: *Garfield the Movie*

**Thursday, Jan. 2 · 1-3 p.m.**

When Garfield's owner brings a silly dog, Odie, home to stay, Garfield's world is turned upside down. Bring a blanket if you'd like. Rated PG.

## Therapy Dog Fridays

**Fridays, Jan. 10, 17, Feb. 7, and 14 · 4-5 p.m.**

Meet a certified therapy dog during this drop-in doggy meet-and-greet.

# POP IN ACTIVITIES

Need a fun activity for you and the kids? At Elmhurst Public Library, we have drop-in events for children of all ages, located in the Kids' Library unless otherwise noted. No registration required, no EPL card needed.

## STEAM Weeks

■ **Monday, Jan. 20-Friday, Jan. 24 · 4-5:30 p.m.**

■ **Monday, Feb. 17-Friday, Feb. 21 · 4-5:30 p.m.**

Join us in the Kids' Library for hands-on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) exploration. Each day, focus on a different subject. Each week is different!

## Homeschool STEAM Weeks

■ **Monday, Jan. 20-Friday, Jan. 24 · 1-2:30 p.m.**

■ **Monday, Feb. 17-Friday, Feb. 21 · 1-2:30 p.m.**

## School of Rock

### Instrument Petting Zoo

**Saturday, Feb. 1 · 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

Unleash your inner rock star! School of Rock brings a variety of instruments to touch, try out, and play. Drop in and rock out!



## Find the Cure for Cabin Fever with a Culture Pass



Interested in getting free or discounted admission to local attractions like Brookfield Zoo, Cantigny Park, or LEGOLAND Discovery Center?

Visit EPL to find out current pass availability. The passes are distributed in person at the Library Checkout Desk on a first-come, first-serve basis with your



Use Explore More Illinois to find free or discounted admission to fun and educational places throughout the state, including the Abraham

Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, the DuSable Museum of African American History, and the Illinois Holocaust Museum.

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



Visit [elmlib.org/culturepass](http://elmlib.org/culturepass) for more info

### Sex Ed for the 21st Century

**Tuesday, Jan. 7 • 7-8:30 p.m.**

**Large Meeting Room • Adults + Grades 9-12**

It's time to bring sex education into the 21st century! This talk focuses on sex education, sexual assault, consent, and personal responsibility. This is essential information for daughters and sons; for their own self-understanding and the health of their future intimate relationships. Presented with Zen Parenting Radio. **Registration required.**

### Makery Time

for Tots + a Grown-Up

**Wednesday, Jan. 8 • 6-6:45 p.m.**

**The Makery • Age 3-5 w/ adult**

Use the Cricut machine to make a family tote bag with a painted stencil image.

NOTE: This one-on-one adult/child class cannot accommodate additional children.

Register starting Dec. 14.

### Homeschool Hangout

**Thursdays, Jan. 9 and Feb. 13 • 1-2:30 p.m.**

**Kids' Program Room**

**Grades K-8 (Parents welcome)**

Join us for hands-on activities each month.

Visit [elmlib.org/homeschool](http://elmlib.org/homeschool) for topic and registration information.

### Explore eSports:

#### Competitive Video Gaming

**Sunday, Jan. 19 • 2-4 p.m.**

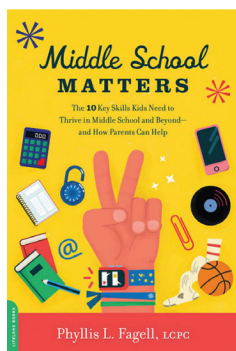
**Large Meeting Room • Adults + Grades 6-12**

Competitive team video games, otherwise known as eSports, is a rapidly growing industry that has produced multi-million dollar tournaments, university scholarships, and new career paths based on a passion over video games. Learn about college opportunities and career paths in this new field from Robert Morris University - Illinois, a leading program for eSports in the nation. **Registration required.**

### Parenting Book Discussion

**Middle School Matters by Phyllis L. Fagell**

**Thursday, Jan. 23 • 7-8 p.m. • Gathering Room**



Join other parents to discuss *Middle School Matters: The 10 Key Skills Kids Need to Survive Middle School and Beyond—and How Parents Can Help* by Phyllis L. Fagell. Pick up a copy at the Kids' Help Desk when you register.

### Raising a Confident Daughter

**Tuesday, Feb. 4 • 7-8:30 p.m.**

**Large Meeting Room • Adults + Grades 9-12**

From an early age, girls are inundated by the confusing jumble of expectations society places on women. Providing the space and permission to talk about navigating these challenges gives girls the confidence to discover who they really are. Presented with Zen Parenting Radio. **Registration required.**

### Changes After Baby:

#### What Others Won't Tell You

**Tuesday, Feb. 11 • 7-8 p.m.**

**Large Meeting Room**

New parents, join us to talk about and normalize the good, the ugly, and everything in between regarding the first year after baby. Learn what to *really* expect when it comes to role, identity, relationship, and mood changes after baby. Led by Myriam L. Sanchez, MA, LCPC. **Registration required.**

### Parent/Child Makery Class

**Wednesday, Feb. 19 • 6:15-7:30 p.m.**

**The Makery • Grades K-5 w/ adult**

Enjoy a fun evening learning how to use the Accuquilt machine to create a quilted pillow together. NOTE: This one-on-one adult/child class cannot accommodate additional children. Register starting Jan. 11.



## Winter Drop-in Storytime Schedule

For these drop-in storytimes, bring your valid EPL card the morning of the program to get tickets. Quantities are limited. More information on each storytime at [elmlib.org/storytime](http://elmlib.org/storytime).

Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays	Saturdays
<b>DECEMBER 1 – FEBRUARY 29</b> Library closed Dec. 24, 25, and Jan. 1					
	<b>Rise &amp; Shine</b> Families (best for 1-5) 9:15-9:45 a.m.		<b>Road to Reading</b> Ages 3-5 9:15-9:45 a.m.	<b>Rise &amp; Shine</b> Families (best for 1-5) 9:15-9:45 a.m.	<b>Songs + Stories</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>Chicka Chicka Baby</b> Newborn-11 months 9:30-9:50 a.m.
				<b>Rise &amp; Shine</b> Families (best for 1-5) 10:15-10:45 a.m.	<b>Songs + Stories</b> Ages 1-2 w/ adult 9:50-10:20 a.m.
	<b>Rise &amp; Shine</b> Families (best for 1-5) 11:30 a.m.-12 p.m.		<b>Road to Reading</b> Ages 3-5 11:30 a.m.-12 p.m.		<b>Family Storytime</b> All ages (best for 3-7) 10:45-11:15 a.m.

## Featured Storytimes

### Fun for Ones Storytime

**Mondays, Dec. 2-23 • 10:15-10:45 a.m.**  
**Kids' Program Room • Age 1 w/ adult**

Come with your wee one for interactive songs and rhymes that promote language skills. Register for this 4-week series starting Nov. 16.

### Holly Trolley Storytime

**Saturday, Dec. 21 • 2-2:30 p.m.**  
**Stop 1: York & Park • For Families**

Enjoy a festive storytime on the trolley while it winds its way around downtown Elmhurst. No registration required.

### Time for Twos Storytime

**Wednesdays, Jan. 8-29 • 9:15-9:45 a.m.**  
**Kids' Program Room • Age 2 w/ adult**

These stories, rhymes, and musical activities develop emerging language skills. Register for this 4-week series starting Dec. 14.

### Spanish Storytime

**Wednesday, Jan. 15 • 10:15-10:45 a.m.**  
**Kids' Program Room • Ages 3-5**

Join us for stories, rhymes, and music, in both Spanish and English. Tickets available the morning of the program.

### Inclusive Storytime

**Thursday, Jan. 16 • 4:30-5 p.m.**  
**Kids' Program Room • Families**

Join us for a storytime designed for children with disabilities or sensory needs. Enjoy interactive stories, songs, and activities designed with inclusion in mind. Siblings and friends welcome! Register starting Jan. 5.

### Free to Be Three Storytime

**Wednesdays, Feb. 5-26 • 10:15-10:45 a.m.**  
**Kids' Program Room • Age 3**

Build your child's emerging literacy skills at this "on my own" storytime experience. Parents and caregivers are welcome, but not required, to attend. Register for this 4-week series starting Jan. 18.



# ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



## Chopped, Jr.

**Monday, Dec. 2 • 4-5 p.m.**

**Meeting Room A • Grades 3-5**

Calling all junior chefs! Learn basic cooking skills and create an edible masterpiece to eat or take home. This program is not recommended for children with food allergies. Register starting Nov. 23.

## Ornament Make and Take

**Tuesday, Dec. 3 • 4-5 p.m.**

**Kids' Program Room • Grades K-8**

Add your own ornament to the Library's holiday tree in Wilder Park! Make two ornaments, one for the Wilder Park tree and one to take home. All materials provided. No registration required.

## Monarch Book Club

**4-5 p.m. • Kids' Program Room • Grade 2**

Make new friends, learn new things, play games, and enjoy Monarch Award Nominees.

■ **Baby Monkey, Private Eye**

**Thursday, Dec. 5**

Register starting Nov. 23.

■ **Rescue & Jessica:**

**A Life-Changing Friendship**

**Thursday, Feb. 6**

Register starting Jan. 18.

## Way Cool Adventures

**4-5 p.m. • Kids' Program Room • Grades K-1**

Be a part of a club where you learn new things, play games, and enjoy books.

■ **Lost in the Forest • Tuesday, Dec. 10**

Register starting Nov. 23.

■ **Paws and Claws • Tuesday, Jan. 14**

Register starting Dec. 21.

■ **Things We Love! • Tuesday, Feb. 11**

Register starting Jan. 25.

## Kids' Makery Craft Lab:

### Cool Winter Decoration

**Monday, Dec. 16 or Jan. 27 • 4-5:30 p.m.**

**The Makery • Grades 3-5**

Learn how to use makerspace equipment for your own future projects. Use the Carvey machine to create a cool winter scene to hang in your room. Register for one session starting Nov. 23.

## Code with ScratchJr

**Kids' Program Room • Grades K-1**

Learn the basics of computer coding by designing a game and story using the ScratchJr app on the Library's iPads.

■ **Tuesday, Dec. 17**

**4-4:30 p.m. or 5-5:30 p.m.**

Register starting Nov. 30.

■ **Tuesday, Feb. 18**

**4-4:30 p.m. or 5-5:30 p.m.**

Register starting Feb 1.

## Learn to Use a 3D Printer 4:30-5:30 p.m. • Kids' Lab • Grades 3-5

Learn the basics of 3D printing. Design and print a cool mystery creation.

- **Thursday, Dec. 19**  
Register starting Nov. 30.
- **Thursday, Jan. 30**  
Register starting Jan. 11.
- **Thursday, Feb. 27**  
Register starting Feb. 8.

## Celebrate *Dog Man*! Monday, Jan. 6 • 4-5 p.m.

*Dog Man* rocks! Join us for fun activities celebrating this awesome character. No registration required.

## Junior LEGO Club

**Tuesday, Jan. 7 • 4-4:45 p.m.**  
Kids' Program Room • Grades K-2

Use our LEGOs to create your masterpiece. Register starting Dec. 21.

## Basic Keyboarding Skills

**Wednesday, Jan. 8-29**  
4-4:30 p.m. or 4:45-5:15 p.m.  
Kids' Lab • Grades 2-3

Learn the basics of keyboarding using TypingClub online software. Register for one 4-week series starting Dec. 21.

## Homeschool Hangout

**Thursdays, Jan. 9 and Feb. 13 • 1-2:30 p.m.**  
Kids' Program Room  
Grades K-8 (Parents welcome)

Join us for hands-on activities each month. Visit [eplmlib.org/homeschool](http://eplmlib.org/homeschool) for topic and registration information.

## 3D Design Workshop: Engineering

**Thursday, Jan. 9 • 4:30-5:30 p.m.**  
Kids' Lab • Grades 4-8

Improve your 3D design skills. Recommended for students who have taken *Learn to Use a 3D Printer*. Register starting Dec. 21.

## Read to the Dogs

Kids' Program Room • Grades K-8

Read aloud to one of our visiting therapy dogs. Register for a one-on-one 15-minute session by phone or in person.

- **Saturday, Jan. 11 • 2-3:30 p.m.**  
Register starting Dec. 14.
- **Saturday, Feb. 15 • 2-3:30 p.m.**  
Register starting Jan. 11.

## Coding 101

**Monday, Jan. 13 • 4-5 p.m.**  
Kids' Program Room • Grades 2-8

Learn how to code by designing your very own interactive game. Presented with Code Ninjas. Register starting Dec. 28.

## Morning STEAM!

**Monday, Feb. 17 • 10 a.m.-12 p.m.**  
Kids' Library • Grades K-8

Calling all scientists, artists, engineers, mathematicians, and creators! Start your President's Day in the Kids' Library with hands-on STEAM exploration. No registration required.

## School of Rock:

### Rookie Musicians Preview

**Tuesday, Feb. 25 • 4:30-5:15 p.m.**  
Kids' Program Room • Grades K-1

Enjoy hands-on learning with guitar, bass, drums, and keyboards scaled to smaller hands and vocal instruction designed for this age group. Develop a love of music through inspiration and fun! Register starting Jan. 18.



## BOOK REVIEW CREW

**Fridays, Dec. 6 and 13 • 4-5 p.m.**  
Kids' Program Room • Grades K-8

Attention all readers: Do you have a book to recommend? Become a part of the EPL YouTube Review Crew! Learn how to write a short review and record it for our YouTube channel.

If this is your first time, use the first session to write your review and work with other kids to practice speaking. The second session is your recording session!

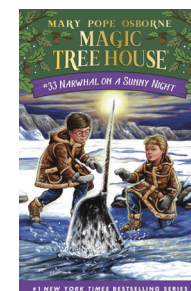
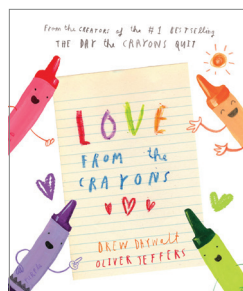
If you're already part of the YouTube Book Review Crew, bring your written review and start recording right away! This flexible program provides help to those who need assistance writing their review, and also serves as recording sessions.

Register for one or both sessions starting Nov. 16.

See the latest reviews at  
[eplmlib.org/youtube](http://eplmlib.org/youtube)

## Coming Attractions

Reserve your copy online:  
[eplmlib.org/kidsnewbooks](http://eplmlib.org/kidsnewbooks)



## THE MAKERY



### Did you know ...

## You can use the Makery!

Middle school is the gateway to use the Makery without adult supervision! Access through the elevator in the Kids' Library.

### Try these projects

- Wizard Scarf
- Decouped Jewelry Holder
- Custom Buttons
- Party Bunting

Directions for these and more projects are available in the Makery. We can help get you started, but you need to bring your own materials.

### Makery Hours

- Sunday 1-4:30 p.m.
- Monday closed
- Tuesday 12-8:30 p.m.
- Wednesday 12-5 p.m.
- Thursday 12-8:30 p.m.
- Friday 12-8:30 p.m.
- Saturday 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

### Details

- Reserve Makery equipment at [elmlib.org/reserve](http://elmlib.org/reserve)
- Submit a 3D print remotely at [elmlib.org/3D](http://elmlib.org/3D)

### Sensory Friendly Makery Hours

#### Every Thursday • 4-6 p.m.

For those who may have difficulty focusing amid typical noises and distractions, or find the hustle and bustle of the machinery to be overstimulating, the Makery provides quiet hours each week when noisier machines, such as the Laser Cutter and 3D printers, are off. Noise-canceling headphones are always available for use in the Makery.

### Ornament Make and Take

**Tuesday, Dec. 3 • 4-5 p.m.**

**Kids' Program Room • Grades K-8**

Add your own ornament to the Library's holiday tree in Wilder Park! Make two ornaments, one for the Wilder Park tree and one to take home. All materials provided. No registration required.

### Snacktime Celebration

**Middle School Hangout • Grades 6-8**

Celebrate and eat the snack of the month. No registration required.

#### ■ National Cookie Day

**Wednesday, Dec. 4 • 3:45-4:15 p.m.**

#### ■ National Bagel Day

**Wednesday, Jan. 15 • 3:45-4:15 p.m.**

#### ■ National Muffin Day

**Friday, Feb. 21 • 3:45-4:15 p.m.**

### Buzz

**Every Thursday • 3:30-4:30 p.m.**

**Middle School Hangout • Grades 6-8**

A chance for students to share thoughts and explore current topics with EPL's Social Work Intern. Snacks provided. No sessions on school holidays. No registration required.

### Middle School Holiday Extravaganza

**Friday, Dec. 13 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.**

**Kids' Program Room • Grades 6-8**

Create your own gingerbread house while watching the holiday classic, *Elf*.

Register starting Nov. 16.

### Make Your Own Snow Globe

**Monday, Dec. 16 • 7-8:30 p.m.**

**The Makery • Grades 6-8**

Create a custom snow globe while enjoying hot chocolate and watching a holiday movie.

Register starting Nov. 30.

### Hot Chocolate Bar

**Monday, Dec. 30 • 2-3 p.m.**

**Middle School Hangout • Grades 6-8**

Make your winter days a little cozier. We provide all the ingredients so you can make your own blend to take home.

No registration required.

### Virtual Reality: Roller Coaster

**Friday, Jan. 3 • 2:30-3:30 p.m.**

**Middle School Hangout • Grades 6-8**

Try out the PlayStation VR headset.

No registration required.

## 3D Design Workshop: Engineering

Thursday, Jan. 9 • 4:30-5:30 p.m.  
Kids' Lab • Grades 4-8

Improve your 3D printing skills by further developing your 3D design skills. Recommended for students who have taken *Learn to Use a 3D Printer*.

Register starting Dec. 21.

## Read to the Dogs

Kids' Program Room • Grades K-8

Read aloud to one of our visiting therapy dogs. Register for a one-on-one 15-minute session by phone or in person.

■ Saturday, Jan. 11 • 2-3:30 p.m.

Register starting Dec. 14.

■ Saturday, Feb. 15 • 2-3:30 p.m.

Register starting Jan. 11.

## Coding 101

Monday, Jan. 13 • 4-5 p.m.

Kids' Program Room • Grades 2-8

Learn how to code by designing your very own interactive game. Presented with Code Ninjas. Register starting Dec. 28.

## Explore eSports:

### Competitive Video Gaming

Sunday, Jan. 19 • 2-4 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • Adults + Grades 6-12

Competitive team video games, otherwise known as eSports, is a rapidly growing industry that has produced multi-million dollar tournaments, university scholarships, and new career paths based on a passion over video games. Learn about college opportunities and career paths in this new field from Robert Morris University - Illinois, a leading program for eSports in the nation. Registration required.

## Cutthroat Kitchen

Friday, Jan. 24 • 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 Jan. 4.

## Make Your Own Buttons

Tuesday, Jan. 28 • 4-5 p.m.

Middle School Hangout • Grades 6-8

Using our button maker, you can create unique flair! We provide the materials, but feel free to bring any pictures you would like to make into a button.

No registration required.

## School of Rock

### Instrument Petting Zoo

Saturday, Feb. 1 • 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Kids' Program Room • All Ages

Unleash your inner rock star! School of Rock brings a variety of instruments to touch, try out, and play. Drop in anytime during the program and rock out!

No registration required.

## Beginner Sewing Club

Monday, Feb. 3-24 • 4:30-6 p.m.

The Makery • Grades 6-12

Learn the basics of sewing. Bring two yards of fabric and stuffing. Beginners only. Register starting Jan. 18 for this 4-week series.

## DIY Mug and Hot Chocolate

Wednesday, Feb. 5 • 6-7:30 p.m.

The Makery • Grades 6-8

Decorate a mug while enjoying some hot chocolate. Register starting Jan. 18.

## Make Your Own Pasta

Friday, Feb. 7 • 7-8:30 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • Grades 6-12

Learn to make a simple homemade dough and use a pasta machine to cut different styles of pasta. All materials provided. Registration required.

## 3D Printing: Basics

Thursday, Feb. 13 • 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Kids' Lab • Grades 6-8

Learn how to turn your ideas into real objects. Register starting Jan. 25.

## Morning STEAM!

Monday, Feb. 17 • 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Kids' Library • Grades K-8

Calling all scientists, artists, engineers, mathematicians, and creators! Start your President's Day in the Kids' Library with hands-on STEAM exploration.

No registration required.

## Anime / Manga

### Drawing Workshops

1-3 p.m. • Meeting Room A • Grades 6-12

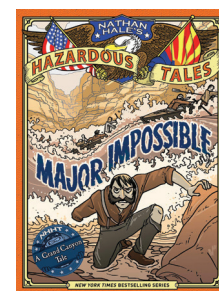
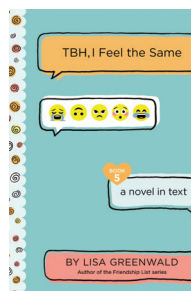
Are you an anime or manga fan? Learn how to draw your own characters! Addie Afable, freelance comic book artist and Anime Central staff member is your instructor. Registration required.

■ Beginners • Saturday, Feb. 22

■ Advanced • Saturday, Feb. 29

## Coming Attractions

Reserve your copy online:  
[elmlib.org/msnewbooks](http://elmlib.org/msnewbooks)



# MLK DAY OF SERVICE

Corporation for  
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COMMUNITY  
SERVICE

## MLK Day of Service at EPL

Monday, Jan. 20 • 1-5 p.m.

1st floor Meeting Rooms • Grades 9-12

The MLK Day of Service honors Martin Luther King, Jr. Day as a “day ON, not a day off.” Intended to empower individuals, strengthen communities, bridge barriers, and create solutions to social problems, all in order to move us closer to Dr. King’s vision of a “Beloved Community.”

Work on projects benefiting Elmhurst and surrounding communities, and learn more about volunteer opportunities in the area. **No registration required.**

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**WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR  
OTHERS?”**

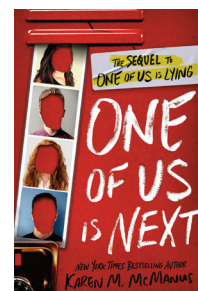
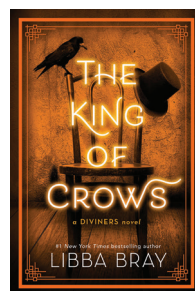
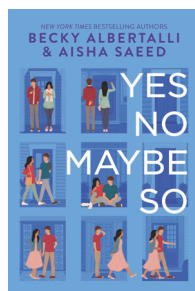
-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**VOLUNTEER THIS MLK DAY.**

**MLKDAY.GOV  
#MLKDay**

## Coming Attractions

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[elmlib.org/hsnewbooks](http://elmlib.org/hsnewbooks)



## Monday Crafternoons

Every Monday • 4-5 p.m.

(No sessions when District 205 is off)

Teen Space • Grades 9-12

Try a different craft each week. All materials provided. No registration required.

## The Hunting Ground Film and Discussion

Wednesday, Dec. 4 • 7-9 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • Adults + Grades 9-12

This documentary film explores the epidemic of sexual assault on U.S. college campuses. It follows undergraduate rape survivors pursuing both their education and justice, despite ongoing harassment, institutional cover-ups, and the devastating toll on them and their families. Presented with Zen Parenting Radio. RSVP to [elmlib.org/zen](http://elmlib.org/zen).

## Spill!

Thursdays, Dec. 5 and 12 • 5-6 p.m.

Every Wednesday starting Jan. 8 • 4-5 p.m.

(No sessions when District 205 is off)

Teen Space • Grades 9-12

A chance for teens to share thoughts and explore current topics with EPL's Social Work Intern. No registration required.

## Dungeons & Dragons Sunday

Sundays, Dec. 8, Jan. 12, and Feb. 9

1-4:30 p.m. • Teen Space • Grades 8-12

Join others to explore this classic role play game. Registration required.

## Cram for Exams

Library Meeting Rooms • Grades 9-12

It's time to crack open the books at EPL! Space is available for you and your classmates to review the semester's work so you can ace those finals.

■ Saturday, Dec. 14 • 1-5 p.m.

■ Sunday, Dec. 15 • 1-5 p.m.

■ Monday, Dec. 16 • 3-9 p.m.

■ Tuesday, Dec. 17 • 3-9 p.m.

■ Wednesday, Dec. 18 • 1-9 p.m.

■ Thursday, Dec. 19 • 1-9 p.m.

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

## Smash Bros + Board Games

Wednesdays, Jan. 8-Feb. 26 • 7-8:30 p.m.

Teen Space • Grades 9-12

Join fellow teens for a fun evening playing your favorite video games and contemporary board games. No registration required.

## York Chamber Music Concert

Fridays, Dec. 13, Jan. 17, and Feb. 14

7-8:30 p.m. • Large Meeting Room • All Ages

Hear live music performed by talented musicians from York High School's Performing Arts Department. No registration required.

## Explore eSports:

### Competitive Video Gaming

Sunday, Jan. 19 • 2-4 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • Adults + Grades 6-12

Competitive team video games, otherwise known as eSports, is a rapidly growing industry that has produced multi-million dollar tournaments, university scholarships, and new career paths based on a passion over video games. Learn about college opportunities and career paths in this new field from Robert Morris University - Illinois, a leading program for eSports in the nation. Registration required.

## Twitch 101

Friday, Jan. 31 • 7-8:30 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • Grades 9-12

Twitch is a live streaming video platform popular with millions of gamers. This overview class covers the basics of content creating, streaming, and community building. Registration required.

## Beginner Sewing Club

Monday, Feb. 3-24 • 4:30-6 p.m.

The Makery • Grades 6-12

Learn the basics of sewing. Bring two yards of fabric and stuffing. Beginners only. Register starting Jan. 18 for this 4-week series.

## Make Your Own Pasta

Friday, Feb. 7 • 7-8:30 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • Grades 6-12

Learn to make a simple homemade dough and use a pasta machine to cut different styles of pasta. All materials provided. Registration required.

## Valentine Flicks and Food

Saturday, Feb. 8 • 1-4 p.m.

Teen Space • Grades 9-12

Watch a rom-com movie, get creative with a Valentine-inspired craft, and enjoy Valentine's candy. Register starting Dec. 1.

## VR Day

Thursday, Feb. 20 • 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Teen Space • Grades 9-12

Join us in the Teen Space as we explore different Virtual Reality games and activities. Registration required.

## Anime / Manga

### Drawing Workshops

1-3 p.m. • Meeting Room A • 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 is your instructor. Registration required.

■ Beginners • Saturday, Feb. 22

■ Advanced • Saturday, Feb. 29

Blind  
Date  
with a  
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FEBRUARY 2-15



Win a City Centre  
gift card!

Pick a mystery book that's concealed in brown paper, and tagged with clues.

Will it be love at first sight? Visit the Teen Space for contest details and to enter.

## Registration Guidelines

All technology programs require registration. Cardholders from other libraries may register in person or by phone for technology programs one week prior to the event if space is available. Any additional requirements for registration are noted in individual program descriptions.

## Featured Classes

### Canva Basics: Simplified Graphic Design

**Wednesday, Dec. 11 · 12:30-2 p.m. · 2nd Floor Lab**

Canva is a free online publishing software. Learn how you can create custom posters, social media graphics, and more. **Registration required.**

### Oculus Go: Virtual Reality

■ **Wednesday, Dec. 18 · 6:30-8 p.m.**

■ **Thursday, Jan. 2 · 1-3 p.m.**

**2nd Floor Info Desk · Adults + Grades 9-12**

Experience virtual reality through Oculus Go. Play a game or explore a land far away without leaving the Library. **Registration required.**

### Cutting the Cable Cord

**Tuesday, Jan. 14 · 6:30-8 p.m. · 2nd Floor Lab**

Learn about different streaming services and what you need to stream video to your TV or mobile devices. Bring your questions to this open discussion and hear about streaming services the Library offers. **Registration required.**

### Backing Up Your Photos to PC

**Saturday, Feb. 8 · 10-11 a.m. · 2nd Floor Lab**

Learn how to back up photos taken on your smartphone to your PC and external hard drive. **Registration required.**

### Backing Up Your Photos to Mac

**Saturday, Feb. 8 · 11:15 a.m.-12 p.m. · 2nd Floor Lab**

Learn how to back up photos taken on your smartphone to your Mac and external hard drive. **Registration required.**

### Get Your Resume Ready

**Wednesday, Feb. 26 · 6-8 p.m.**

**2nd Floor Lab · Adults + Grades 9-12**

Learn about Optimal Resume, a resource available online with your EPL card. Create resumes, write cover letters, assess your skills, and more. **Registration required.**





## Android

### Android Essentials

**Wednesday, Feb. 5 • 2-3:30 p.m.**  
2nd Floor Lab

Bring your phone, Google login username, and password to class. **Registration required.**

## Apple

### iPhone Basics

**Monday, Dec. 2 • 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.**  
2nd Floor Lab

Bring your iPhone, Apple ID, password and charger to class. **Registration required.**

### Mac Basics

**Monday, Jan. 6 • 10-11:30 a.m.**  
2nd Floor Lab

Great for beginners, this class introduces users to the Mac computer and operating system. **Registration required.**

### iPhone Beyond the Basics

**Friday, Jan. 10 • 6:30-8 p.m.**  
2nd Floor Lab

Bring your iPhone, Apple ID, password and charger to class. **Registration required.**

### What's New in iOS 13?

**Tuesday, Jan. 21 • 6:30-8 p.m.**  
2nd Floor Lab

Learn about new features in Apple's latest mobile operating system. Bring your iPhone/iPad, Apple ID, password and charger to class. **Registration required.**

## Creative Studio

**NOTE:** *These classes teach software skills necessary to use the Creative Studio and its equipment. You should be comfortable using a computer before registering.*

### Podcasting Basics

**Saturday, Dec. 7 • 10-11:30 a.m.**  
2nd Floor Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12

Discover how you can get started listening to podcasts. We also introduce you to the Library's Creative Studio, which is equipped to record professional-quality podcasts of your own. **Registration required.**

### Get to Know the Creative Studio

**Monday, Dec. 16 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.**  
Creative Studio A • Adults + Grades 9-12

Want to use our Creative Studio for audio, video, photography or something else? We'll get you started by providing an overview of equipment, project ideas, and great ways to start your next big project. EPL cardholders only. **Registration required.**

### Converting VHS to DVD & Digital

**Thursday, Feb. 6 • 2-3:30 p.m.**  
2nd Floor Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12

Learn about equipment available at the Library to convert your VHS tapes directly to DVD or digital files. **Registration required.**

### Photoshop Basics

**Thursday, Feb. 27 • 6:30-8 p.m.**  
2nd Floor Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12

Learn techniques including cropping and color adjustments using Photoshop Elements. **Registration required.**

## Excel

### Excel Basics: Projects

**Wednesday, Dec. 4 • 12:30-2 p.m.**  
2nd Floor Lab

**Registration required.**

### Excel Intermediate: Formulas

**Wednesday, Jan. 22 • 12:30-2 p.m.**  
2nd Floor Lab

**Registration required.**

### Excel Advanced: Pivot Tables

**Tuesday, Feb. 11 • 6:30-8 p.m. • 2nd Floor Lab**  
**Registration required.**

## Seniors

### Downloading eBooks and eAudiobooks

**Monday, Dec. 9 • 10-11 a.m. • 2nd Floor Lab**  
This class covers the services available with your Elmhurst Public Library card. **Registration required.**

### Open Tech Support

**Monday, Jan. 13 • 10-11 a.m. • 2nd Floor Lab**  
Get a new device and have no idea how to use it? Have questions about a how to get the most of your computing power? Bring your device and power cords to find solutions to your tech questions. **No registration required.**

### All About Apps

**Monday, Feb. 17 • 10-11 a.m. • 2nd Floor Lab**  
Learn about popular and useful apps for smartphones and tablets that make life easier and more fun. **Registration required.**

## Windows

### Windows 10 Essentials

**Thursday, Dec. 12 • 2-3:30 p.m.**  
2nd Floor Lab • Adults

Learn the latest operating system from Microsoft, including the best new features included in Windows 10.

**Registration required.**

## Get Tech Help

You have three ways to get FREE technology help at EPL.

### ■ Drop-in Technology Help

Stop by any time to find solutions to your tech questions. Our knowledgeable staff work with you to solve issues or suggest alternative support.

### ■ Online Tech Classes available from home at [elmlib.org/lynda](http://elmlib.org/lynda)

### ■ In-Person Classes

In addition to this page:

- pages 9-10 (Elementary School)
- page 11-12 (Middle School)
- page 14-17 (High School)

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



Looking for Makery Technology classes? Check out page 17.

# MAKERY TECHNOLOGY



## Last Chance! Makery Holiday Hours

**Monday, Dec. 23 • 12-5 p.m. • Adults + Grades 6+**

Haven't finished your holiday gifts? Enjoy these extended hours in the Makery to work on them. All equipment is available on a first-come, first-serve basis, with a 2-hour limit. **No registration required.**

## Sensory Friendly Makery Hours

**Every Thursday • 4-6 p.m.**

More information on page 25. **No registration required.**

## Drop-in Makery Help

**1-3 p.m. • The Makery • Adults + Grades 6-12**

Stop by for specialized assistance with Makery equipment and software. Knowledgeable staff is available for troubleshooting.

■ **Silhouette Studio • Tuesdays, Dec. 3, Jan. 14, and Feb. 11**

■ **Carvey & Easel • Thursdays, Dec. 5, Jan. 9, and Feb. 6**

■ **Cricut Design Space • Fridays, Dec. 13, Jan. 17, and Feb. 21**

## Canva Basics: Simplified Graphic Design

**Wednesday, Dec. 11 • 12:30-2 p.m.**

**2nd Floor Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12**

Canva is a free online publishing software. Learn how you can create custom posters, social media graphics, and more.

**Registration required.**

## Cricut Design Space Essentials

**Wednesday, Dec. 11 • 6:30-8 p.m.**

**2nd Floor Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12**

Learn the basics of Cricut's Design Space, the online design interface used for the Cricut electronic cutting machines in the Makery.

**Registration required.**



*Monogrammed Towel made with Embroidery Machine*



*Winter Hat made with Knitting Machine + Pom Pom Maker*

**Interested in making these projects? Visit the Makery for instructions.**



## MAKERY + creativebug®

Want to use the Makery but don't know where to start? Our **Makery+Creativebug** projects are for you! These simple projects combine the video tutorials of Creativebug with the equipment in the Makery, and you can purchase materials on site.

Winter's project is a **Decoupage Jewelry Holder**: A 10-minute video and an hour of crafting result in a practical item just in time for the holidays. Makes a great gift!

Material kits are \$5 in the Makery. *While supplies last.*

### Senior Art Class: Painting Wine Bottles

**Wednesday, Dec. 4 • 2-4 p.m.**  
**Kossmann Room**

Paint wine bottles with acrylic paints guided by local artist Karen Exiner. These make great hostess gifts! Bring 1-3 unopened bottles: Darker bottles work best.

Registration required.

### Creative Card Making

**10 a.m.-12 p.m. or 1-3 p.m. • Meeting Room B**

Join us for step-by-step instruction to create basic cards. No experience necessary.

VIP: Each participant must register in person or by phone with their own Library card.

■ **Monday, Dec. 9**

Register starting Nov. 28

■ **Monday, Feb. 10**

Register starting Jan. 4.

### In Stitches Needleworkers

**Tuesdays, Dec. 10, Jan. 14, and Feb. 11**  
**Wednesdays, Dec. 18, Jan. 15, and Feb. 19**  
**12-2 p.m. • Gathering Room**

Knitters, crocheters, and needleworkers of all skill levels: Bring a project on which to work, share knowledge with others, and have fun! **No registration required.**

### Coloring for Mindfulness

**Tuesdays, Dec. 10, Jan. 14, and Feb. 11**  
**2-3 p.m. • Gathering Room**

Choose from beautiful designs, colored pencils or markers, and become absorbed in the joy of coloring. **No registration required.**

### Jewelry Making Essentials

**Friday, Jan. 10 • 7-8:30 p.m.**  
**The Makery • Adults + Grades 9-12**

Get an introduction to making jewelry. Learn how to make a pair of earrings or a bracelet. All materials provided. **Registration required.**

### Facebook Live Crafting: DIY Soapmaking

**Wednesday, Feb. 12 • 7-8:30 p.m.**  
**Adults + Grades 9-12**

Join Molly and Jeannine on Facebook Live as we craft LIVE through streaming video. Learn how to make your own colorful and creative soap perfect for your favorite gal pal for Galentine's Day!



Register and we'll send you directions on how to watch, and a materials list so you can craft along!  
**Register starting Dec. 1.**

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### Crafting with Creativebug: Embroidered Constellations

**Wednesday, Jan. 22 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.**  
**The Makery • Adults + Grades 9-12**

Bring the night sky into your home with hand-embroidered zodiac constellations. Follow along as we use Creativebug, EPL's newest crafting resource, to learn how to get started with embroidery. All materials provided. **Register starting Dec. 18.**

### State Pride Cross Stitch + Embroidery Mash-up

**Tuesdays, Jan. 28 and Feb. 25 • 7-9 p.m.**  
**off-site: Red Arrow Tap Room (111 E. 1st St.)**  
**Adults + Grades 9-12**

Learn simple embroidery techniques that pair with cross stitch basics to create a unique Illinois (or other state) design. All materials provided. Attendance at both sessions is not required.

**Registration starts Dec. 3.**

### Tangling Club

**Wednesday, Jan. 29 • 7-8 p.m.**  
**The Makery • Adults + Grades 9-12**

Tangling is a popular form of doodling that's fun, relaxing, and produces impressive results. **Registration required.**

### Date Night at the Makery

**Friday, Feb. 7 • 6-8 p.m. • The Makery**  
Spend an evening at EPL in the Makery. Hire a babysitter, come as a couple, and enjoy a night out! **All participants must register as a pair in person or by phone with their own Library card.**

## Weiss Ratings

This website gives you powerful new tools to protect your finances, invest wisely, grow your wealth, and learn more about your finances.

Sign up for a personal account, free with your Elmhurst Public Library card. Create your own watchlist, get email alerts with upgrades or downgrades, and customize your own screeners to compare companies. Sign in from anywhere, any time!

[elmlib.org/weiss](http://elmlib.org/weiss)

### Business

Forms of Business Organization: Legal and Financial Considerations  
**Thursday, Dec. 12 · 6:30-8:30 p.m.**

**Meeting Room B**

This workshop reviews the various forms of business organizations and their characteristics with an eye toward analyzing different types of business structures. The entrepreneur's goals determine what type of business classification will work for them. Financial and tax considerations of each type of business are discussed.

**Registration required.**

Elmhurst Business Connection

**Thursdays, Dec. 19, Jan. 16, and Feb. 20**  
**8-10:30 a.m. · Meeting Room B**

Join local business owners for informal roundtable discussions. Get advice, network, and share your experience with your peers. Fox Valley SCORE mentors available to answer your questions. **Registration required.**

LinkedIn for Small Business: Company Page versus Personal Profile

**Thursday, Jan. 9 · 6:30-8:30 p.m.**  
**Meeting Room B**

Like many other small business owners, you might be asking yourself, "should I create a Personal Profile or a Company Page on LinkedIn?" Well, you need both! Join us to learn to set up your profile and a company page on LinkedIn to help you grow your audience. **Registration required.**

Grow Your Business with Free Library Resources

**Thursday, Feb. 13 · 6:30-8:30 p.m.**  
**Meeting Room B**

Elmhurst Public Library subscribes to online data services that can help you grow your business. Learn how to use these tools to locate potential clients, research demographics and research industry trends. These valuable resources can be used at the Library or from your home or office using your EPL card. **Registration required.**

### Career

Career Transitions for Older Workers

**Thursday, Feb. 6 · 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.**  
**Large Meeting Room**

Older workers are having a tougher time finding jobs lately, says a recent report from the National Labor Department. Discover easy-to-implement tactics to improve your job search, including resume and cover letter tips, interview strategies, and modern job search techniques. We'll also talk openly and candidly about age discrimination, and how it can be overcome. **Registration required.**

Mastering the Phone Interview

**Tuesday, Feb. 25 · 6-8:30 p.m.**  
**Meeting Room B**

Does the idea of a phone interview have you on edge? Identify an employer's main objective of the phone interview and learn what questions are commonly asked by potential employers. Develop preparation strategies and learn how to develop answers with positive tones. Presented with People's Resource Center in Wheaton and Westmont. **Registration required.**

Get Your Resume Ready

**Wednesday, Feb. 26 · 6-8 p.m.**  
**2nd Floor Lab · Adults + Grades 9-12**

Learn about Optimal Resume, a resource available online with your Elmhurst Library card. Create resumes, write cover letters, assess your skills, and more. **Registration required.**

Resume Revamp: Tell the Story Behind the Story

**Thursday, Feb. 27 · 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.**  
**Large Meeting Room**

Everyone, not just the unemployed, should have an updated and polished resume. Walk through each component of a resume in an engaging and interactive way, using real-world examples. Learn employment industry secrets that employers and recruiters won't share. **Registration required.**

# COMMON CONNECTION: CHANGE

**Registration Key** In Person: Stop by any service desk By Phone: Call (630) 279-8696 Online: [elmlib.org/registration](http://elmlib.org/registration)

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

This issue's topic is **Change**.

Change is inevitable—whether an upcoming change is scary or exciting, equipping ourselves with information can make any transition into a new chapter a smooth one. This winter, bring on the change—attend Library events to embrace and adapt to anything life throws your way.

[elmlib.org/common](http://elmlib.org/common)

# COMMON CONNECTION: CHANGE

## *The Hunting Ground* Film and Discussion

Wednesday, Dec. 4 • 7-9 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • Adults + Grades 9-12

This documentary film explores the epidemic of sexual assault on U.S. college campuses. It follows undergraduate rape survivors pursuing both their education and justice, despite ongoing harassment, institutional cover-ups, and the devastating toll on them and their families. Presented with Zen Parenting Radio. RSVP to [elmlib.org/zen](http://elmlib.org/zen).

## Breathing Through Change

Thursday, Dec. 19 • 2-3 p.m.

Meeting Room A

Change is inevitable. Whether we experience it in our family, our workplace, or our health, it is easy to feel uncentered. This class focuses on how meditative practices can help us through times of transition. Meditation can bring clarity, helping us focus on what is within our control, and what we must surrender to. Join Karen Augustyn from Courts Plus as she teaches how to slow down and find peace within the whirlwinds of change. **Registration required.**

## Changing Worlds: The Immigration Experience

Monday, Jan. 6 • 7-8:30 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • Adults + Grades 9-12

In this reader's theater experience, members of the GreenMan Theatre portray people seeking to change their lives by leaving their homes for an opportunity at a better life in America. **Registration required.**

## TED Talk Conversations

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## Your Resolution Starts at EPL

Whether you've vowed to break a habit, learn a skill, manage stress, or decrease debt, get a kick start on your resolution at EPL. We have books, online resources, and programs to help you make the most of 2020!

[elmlib.org/newyear](http://elmlib.org/newyear)

## Does Your Vote Count? Census, Redistricting, and Gerrymandering

Monday, Jan. 13 • 7-8 p.m.

Large Meeting Room

Learn from Madeleine Doubek, Executive Director of Change Illinois, how state and federal voting districts are decided in Illinois, what other methods might be used, and what role the 2020 census plays.

**Registration required.**

## Let's Talk About It: Death + Funeral Preparation

Wednesday, Jan. 15 • 7-8 p.m.

Large Meeting Room

A lot of people would *like* to talk about death and dying but it gets put off until you *have* to talk about it. Then nobody wants to talk about it. Let's talk about it. Presented by Christine Cederborg, a licensed funeral director and embalmer in Illinois. **Registration required.**

## Adapting to Change: Tools and Resources

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Large Meeting Room

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## Great Decisions

1:30-3 p.m. • Large Meeting Room

Learn about critical issues facing America with professor Gary Midkiff. Get a copy of the article to discuss when you register.

■ Tuesday, Jan. 28 • Register starting Jan. 2.

■ Tuesday, Feb. 25 • Register starting Jan. 28.

## How to Plan for Your Post- Holiday Remodel or Refresh

Monday, Feb. 3 • 7-8 p.m.

Large Meeting Room

Looking to spruce up your home on a budget? Interior Designer Kristin Petro discusses both big and small ways to update your home without breaking the bank. **Registration required.**

## Charles Darwin and His Revolutionary Idea

Thursday, Feb. 6 • 7-8 p.m.

Large Meeting Room

Storyteller and science teacher, Brian "Fox" Ellis steps into Darwin's shoes to model the scientific process, engaging in a discussion of the facts so you can draw your own conclusions. Equal parts dramatic storytelling, stand-up comedy, and show-and-tell, become immersed in the intellectual world of one of history's greatest scientific minds. **Registration required.**

## Changes After Baby: What Others Won't Tell You

**Tuesday, Feb. 11 • 7-8 p.m.**  
**Large Meeting Room**

New parents, join us to talk about and normalize the good, the ugly, and everything in between regarding the first year after baby. Learn what to REALLY expect when it comes to role, identity, relationship, and mood changes. Led by Myriam L. Sanchez, MA, LCPC. **Registration required.**

## Dating Over 50: Online and Beyond

**Saturday, Feb. 15 • 1-3 p.m.**  
**Large Meeting Room**

What's online dating all about and what are the differences among popular sites? Learn what makes a good profile and get safety tips. If you are over 50, join Tina Williams, Outreach Manager of the White Oak Library District, to begin navigating the world of online dating. **Registration required.**

## Make My Retirement Days Special

**Tuesday, Feb. 18 • 7-8:30 p.m.**  
**Large Meeting Room**

Developing a positive retirement attitude involves taking the time to enjoy and reflect on everyday moments. Learn how to use tools and formulate a plan to utilize the various moments you have each day to make your retirement days special. Presented by Russ Fahrner and Bruce Bohrer. **Registration required.**

## Senior Housing 101

**Monday, Feb. 24 • 1-2 p.m.**  
**Large Meeting Room**

Get planning advice from an expert! Rick Graffagna from Senior Solutions discusses the variety of housing types available to senior citizens, what to look for when touring a potential residence, and how to pay for it. Great for seniors, their caregivers, and anyone looking ahead to their retirement years. **Registration required.**

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## Save the date

### WBEZ's Sound Opinions: Should We Separate Art From the Artist ?

**Tuesday, March 10 • 7-8:30 p.m. • Frick Center Founders Lounge**

Join Jim DeRogatis and Greg Kot, from WBEZ's Sound Opinions, as they examine the music world through a lens of #MeToo. Since 2017, #MeToo has shined a spotlight on sexual harassment and assault in many aspects of American culture, including Hollywood, media, and politics, where powerful men have fallen rapidly. However, the music world has lagged behind.

As journalists and members of academia, DeRogatis and Kot are free-speech absolutists, yet they examine the issue with an even bigger question. What is our responsibility if we enjoy—or fail to speak out about—the troubling themes in an artist's work? If we sing along to Michael Jackson's or R.Kelly's music, are we muting the women who have told harrowing tales about these men? As fans and critics, can we really separate the art from the artist? And, perhaps more importantly: Should we?

Presented with Elmhurst College. **Registration required: [elmlib.org/wbez](http://elmlib.org/wbez)**



# #ADULTING

That moment when you're looking for an adult but then you realize you ARE an adult.  
So you look around for an older adult, someone successfully adulting. An adultier adult.

Don't panic. The Library is here for you.



## Canva Basics: Simplified Graphic Design

**Wednesday, Dec. 11 · 12:30-2 p.m.**  
**2nd Floor Lab**

Canva is a free online publishing software. Learn how you can create custom posters, social media graphics, and more.  
**Registration required.**

## Star Wars Trivia

**Wednesday, Dec. 30 · 7-9 p.m.**  
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**Adults + Grades 9-12**

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## Get Your Resume Ready

**Wednesday, Feb. 26 · 6-8 p.m.**  
**2nd Floor Lab · Adults + Grades 9-12**

Learn about Optimal Resume, a resource available online with your EPL card. Create resumes, write cover letters, assess your skills, and more. **Registration required.**

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## May We Suggest ...

*Am I There Yet? The Loop-de-Loop, Zigzagging Journey to Adulthood* by Mari Andrew

*101 Questions You Need to Ask in Your Twenties (and Let's be Honest, Your Thirties Too)* by Paul Angone

*Welcome to Adulting: Navigating Faith, Friendship, Finances, and the Future* by Jonathan Pokluda

*...And Then You Die of Dysentery: Lessons in Adulting From The Oregon Trail* by Lauren Reeves

Find these books and more at  
**[elmlib.org/adulting](http://elmlib.org/adulting)**



## Wine Club

**Fridays, Dec. 6 and Feb. 7 • 3-4 p.m.**  
**Admin. Conference Room • Age 21+**

Learn about and discuss wine with other aficionados. **No registration required.**

## Beer Club

■ **Tuesday, Dec. 10 • 7 p.m. • Age 21+**  
**Off-site: Pints (112 S. York, Elmhurst)**

\$15 fee collected at event for flight of winter seasonals and locals. **Registration required.**

■ **Tuesday, Jan. 14 • 7 p.m. • Age 21+**  
**Off-site: Elmhurst Brewing Company (171 N. Addison, Elmhurst)**

\$15 tasting fee collected at event for “Beer Styles: Then & Now” tasting and talk. **Registration required.**

■ **Tuesday, Feb. 11 • 7 p.m. • Age 21+**  
**Off-site: Red Arrow Tap Room (111 E. 1st St., Elmhurst)**

\$10 tasting fee collected at event for tasting and talk by Prairie Krafts Brewing. **Registration required.**

## Dish! Club for Cooks

**Wednesdays, Dec. 11 and Feb. 12**  
**12-1 p.m. • Admin. Conference Room**

Exchange recipes, sample foods, and indulge in discussion.

**No registration required.**

**VIP** **Holiday Fruit-Filled Cookies with Mary Krystinak**  
**Monday, Dec. 9 • 7-8:30 p.m.**  
**Large Meeting Room**

Do you love making cookies with the kids for Christmas? Have you always wanted to go the neighborhood Cookie Exchange but didn't feel your cookies were worthy? An easy option is the Kolacky! These flaky fruit-filled cookies are made with cream cheese and butter which makes for a very rich holiday treat. Mary demonstrates making the dough from scratch, rolling and cutting, and filling with jams. Everyone takes home an assortment of cookies and the recipes. **VIP: Each participant must register in person or by phone with their own Library card.**

**VIP** **Blue Zone Recipes with Chef Maddox**

**Monday, Jan. 27 • 7-8:30 p.m.**  
**Large Meeting Room**

Blue Zones are regions of the world where people tend to live much longer than average. Chef Maddox returns with some recipes highlighting foods from the Blue Zones of the world. Recipes and samples provided.

**VIP: Each participant must register in person or by phone with their own Library card.**

**VIP** **History of Chocolate**  
**Monday, Feb. 17 • 7-8:30 p.m.**  
**Large Meeting Room**

Lilett Candies in La Grange treats us to the fascinating history of America's favorite flavor! Join us in learning what makes chocolate so easy to love by tracing its history from its past to present. Judge for yourself with a sampling activity and goody bags to take home. **VIP: Each participant must register in person or by phone with their own Library card.**

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# INCLUSIVE

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## LIBRARY INSIDERS



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

We welcome all Elmhurst patrons to take part in Library activities, regardless of physical or mental ability. Elmhurst Public Library is a fully accessible building outfitted with assistive equipment and technology.

For questions about attending programs or for ADA accommodations, contact the Outreach Specialist at (630) 279-8696 or [reference@elmlib.org](mailto:reference@elmlib.org) at least five days prior to the event.



### Next Chapter Book Club

**Wednesdays, Dec. 11, Jan. 8, 22, Feb. 5, and 19**  
**6:30-7:30 p.m. • Meeting Room B**

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. **Registration required.**

### Holiday Gift Workshop

**Wednesday, Dec. 18 • 6:30-7:30 p.m. • The Makery**

Join us in the Makery to make a holiday gift for someone special. Meet at the Welcome Desk and we'll head down to the Makery together. **Registration required.**

### Library Insiders Karaoke Night and Winter Celebration

**Wednesday, Feb. 12 • 6-7:30 p.m. • Large Meeting Room**

Join us for an end of quarter celebration. Eat pizza, sing karaoke, and celebrate all that we've accomplished this winter! **Registration required.**

### Sensory Friendly Makery Hours

**Every Thursday • 4-6 p.m.**

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

### Sensory Friendly Makery Craft

**Thursday, Jan. 2 • 4-6 p.m. • The Makery**

Drop in during the Makery's Sensory Friendly Hours for a craft. All materials provided. Loud machines are turned off for a quiet and comfortable atmosphere. **EPL cardholders only. No registration required.**

Present:

### Dementia Activity Club

**1:30-2:15 p.m. • Meeting Room B**

Those with dementia or Alzheimer's join together for activities. Caregivers required to attend. **Registration required.**

#### ■ **Holiday Tunes Traditions**

**Tuesday, Dec. 3**

#### ■ **Give our Regards to Broadway**

**Tuesday, Jan. 7**

#### ■ **Artist Study: Norman Rockwell**

**Tuesday, Feb. 4**

## Caregivers' Corner

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

### Caregiver Newsletter

The quarterly Caregiver email highlights programs relevant to caregivers, in addition to highlighting items from our collection that help caregivers of all ages on their journey. Sign up to enrich and support your caregiving experiences. Never miss an event and join the movement to take care of our community!

Sign up at [elmlib.org/carenews](http://elmlib.org/carenews)



## Hygge at Your Library

Inspired by *The Little Book of Hygge: Danish Secrets to Happy Living* by Meik Wiking

**HYGGE** • *hyg·ge* [pronounced HOO-GAH] / *noun*

A quality of coziness and comfortable conviviality that engenders a feeling of contentment or well-being.

### ATMOSPHERE

The 2nd Floor fireplace casts a soft flickering light, perfect to slow down your day. Or perhaps you like a study room tucked away in the corner. Whatever your preference, stamp off the slush and shake off the snow. The Library has spaces for every taste.



### PRESENCE

Be here now. Set aside your screens and attend library programs with your friends or borrow board games to continue the good times at home. ([elmlib.org/boardgames](http://elmlib.org/boardgames)).



### COMFORT

Check out our vast array of cookbooks. Revisit a comfortable, safe feeling from your childhood by taking one home and testing new recipes. Need special tools? The Library of Extraordinary Things has a pizzelle press, pasta maker, cake pans, apple peeler, and more. ([elmlib.org/culinary](http://elmlib.org/culinary)).



### GRATITUDE

Settle in a comfy chair and let the silence around you to heighten your senses. Get lost in a story by your favorite author; read for pleasure! These simple activities add up to contentment, peace, and harmony.



### PLEASURE

Stop by the newly refurbished Brewpoint Lexicon Cafe in the Lobby and wrap your hands around a warm cup of your favorite beverage ... adding a pastry makes it even sweeter. Be kind to yourself and each other.



### TOGETHERNESS

One of the most practiced forms of Hygge is enjoying the company of others throughout the dark winter months. Take a break from hibernating in your home and head to the Library. Spend time with friends or meet new ones at our varied events.

See the entire calendar at [elmlib.org/events](http://elmlib.org/events).



### SHELTER

Detach from the elements at the Library. You can sit nearly anywhere and watch the weather change outside the many windows throughout the building.



## May We Suggest ...

*Hygge & West Home: Design for a Cozy Life*  
by Christiana Coop and Aimee Lagos

*Cozy: The Art of Arranging Yourself in the World*  
by Isabel Gillies

*Making Winter: A Hygge-inspired Guide for Surviving the Winter Months*  
by Emma Mitchell

*American Cozy*  
by Stephanie Pedersen

*Tasting Hygge: Joyful Recipes for Cozy Days and Nights*  
by Leela Cyd

Find these books and more at [elmlib.org/hygge](http://elmlib.org/hygge)

# WINTER READING CHALLENGE

## E · X · P · A · N · D

### Your Reading Comfort Zone

**December 1, 2019 - January 31, 2020**

Accept the challenge and spark your curiosity by reading a book you might not typically choose – we choose it for you.

#### **How to Participate**

1. Complete the form at [elmlib.org/challenge](http://elmlib.org/challenge).
2. Librarians choose a book just for you.
3. Read the book! Tell us what you thought at [elmlib.org/challengereview](http://elmlib.org/challengereview).

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

By completing steps 1-3, you are automatically entered into our Winter Reading Challenge prize drawing. Repeat as you wish, but submit only one request at a time. The last day to submit a request is January 24. Prize winners will be contacted after the end of the program (January 31).

#### **Prize Drawing**

Three lucky readers win \$50 Elmhurst City Centre Gift Cards.

#### **Eligibility**

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

*\*Includes outreach patrons.*

## Open Bridge + Pinochle Club

**Every Tuesday • 1-3 p.m. • Kossmann Room**

Prior experience required.

No registration required.

## American Mah Jongg:

### Open Play

**Every Wednesday**

**(No meeting Jan. 8 and Feb. 12)**

**10 a.m.-1 p.m. • 1st Floor Meeting Rooms**

Gather for a game of skill, strategy, calculation, and a certain amount of chance and luck. No registration required.

## Scrabble Club

**Mondays, Dec. 2, Jan. 6, and Feb. 3**

**1-2:30 p.m. • Meeting Room B**

Play a friendly game of Scrabble. All skill levels welcome. No registration required.

## Holiday Features

**2-4:30 p.m. • Large Meeting Room**

Enjoy your favorite holiday movies all month. No registration required.

■ **The Family Stone**

**Friday, Dec. 6**

■ **The Man Who Invented Christmas**

**Friday, Dec. 13**

■ **The Holiday**

**Friday, Dec. 20**

■ **I'll Be Home For Christmas**

**Friday, Dec. 27**

## Ciao Italia!

### Culture and Conversation

**Wednesdays, Dec. 11, Jan. 8, and Feb. 12**

**6:30-8:30 p.m. • Admin. Conference Room**

Interested in the language and customs of Italy? Improve your Italian language skills (all skill levels welcome) in a relaxed atmosphere while exploring the lifestyle of the peninsula. No registration required.

## Culture Club for Seniors

**10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. • Large Meeting Room**

Explore the world without leaving your chair.

VIP: Each participant must register in person or by phone with their own Library card.

■ **Scotland**

**Thursday, Dec. 12**

■ **India**

**Thursday, Feb. 13**

## York Chamber Music Concert

**Friday, Dec. 13, Jan. 17, and Feb. 14**

**7-8:30 p.m. • Large Meeting Room**

Hear live music performed by talented musicians from the Performing Arts Department at York High School.

No registration required.

## Star Wars Trivia

**Wednesday, Dec. 30 • 7-9 p.m.**

**Off-site: Red Arrow Tap Room (111 E. 1st St.)**

**Adults + Grades 9-12**

Test your knowledge and compete for prizes. Kids welcome if accompanied by adults.

Reserve your table: [elmlib.org/trivia](http://elmlib.org/trivia).

## Genealogy Club:

### Dig Into Your Research

**Tuesday, Jan. 14 • 7-8:30 p.m.**

**Board Room**

Bring your family papers, research, and questions. Work on your own or with others interested in family history research to share tips and experiences. Registration required.

## Lyric Opera Lectures

**2:30-3:30 p.m. • Kossmann Room**

Hear the story, learn about the composer, and listen to music. No registration required.

■ **Madama Butterfly**

**Sunday, Jan. 19**

■ **The Queen of Spades**

**Sunday, Feb. 9**

## Friday Features

**Every Friday, starting Feb. 7**

**2-4:30 p.m. • Large Meeting Room**

Enjoy an afternoon at the movies. Find each week's featured film at [elmlib.org/friday](http://elmlib.org/friday).

No registration required.

# THE SHAKESPEARE PROJECT OF CHICAGO

## Christmas Comes

### But Once a Year

**Tuesday, Dec. 10 • 6:30 p.m.-9 p.m.**

**Large Meeting Room**

Current day: A trio of squabbling academics attempt to unlock an ancient puzzle box containing the script for a long-lost holiday extravaganza penned by a quartet of Shakespeare's contemporaries. Past and present collide messily in this rollicking world-premiere original holiday comedy, written by longtime Shakespeare Project sound designer George Zahora. Directed by Peter Garino. The performance is preceded by a program of holiday music performed by award-winning vocalist Danni Smith, accompanied by Martin Monahan.

Registration required.

## Richard III

**Thursday, Jan. 16 • 6:15-9 p.m.**

**Large Meeting Room**

Celebrate the Shakespeare Project of Chicago's 25th anniversary season with Shakespeare's greatest villain. Fueled by relentless ambition and savage wit, Richard, Duke of Gloucester, ruthlessly seduces and murders his way to the English crown, in a treacherous tale that has captivated audiences for centuries.

Show starts at 6:30. Come at 6:15 p.m. for a short 15-minute lecture on the play. Directed by J.R. Sullivan. Registration required.

## Romeo and Juliet

**Thursday, Feb. 27 • 6:15-9 p.m.**

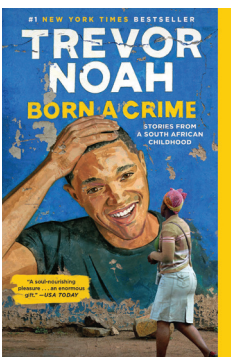
**Large Meeting Room**

Celebrate the Shakespeare Project of Chicago's 25th anniversary season with one of the Bard's most beloved plays—both during his time and ours. The dramatic action is rife with teenage antics, a fabulous party, and one of the most poetic love scenes in all literature. Join us for this timeless story of love, hate, and tragedy.

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# BOOK DISCUSSIONS

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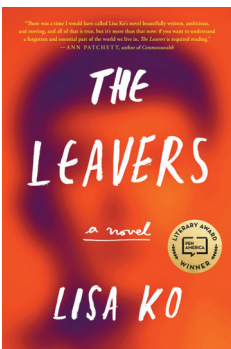


## ***Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah**

The author was “born a crime” because his conception, by a black South African Xhosa woman and a white Swiss-German man, was illegal under apartheid. Join us during Black History month to read Noah’s story of survival, written with insight and wit, as the stand-up comedian and host of *The Daily Show* exposes the damage and legacy of apartheid.

Register starting Jan. 20 in person or by phone.

- **Tuesday, Feb. 18 • 10-11:15 a.m. • Gathering Room**
- **Thursday, Feb. 20 • 1-2:15 p.m. • Gathering Room**
- **Thursday, Feb. 20 • 7-8:15 p.m. • Gathering Room**



## ***The Leavers* by Lisa Ko**

No one can find Polly, an undocumented immigrant from China, after she fails to come home from work one day. Eventually, a pair of well-intentioned white professors adopts her young son, moves him from the Bronx to their upstate community, and gives him a new name. This novel tells the stories of Polly and her son, from both of their perspectives, as it examines borders, belonging, and access to privilege.

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- **Tuesday, March 17 • 10-11:15 a.m. • Gathering Room**
- **Thursday, March 19 • 1-2:15 p.m. • Gathering Room**
- **Thursday, March 19 • 7-8:15 p.m. • Gathering Room**

## Trading Titles

**Thursday, Dec. 5 • 1-2:15 p.m. or 7-8:15 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. Registration required.

## Additional Winter Book Discussions:

### Parenting Book Discussion

***Middle School Matters* by Phyllis L. Fagell**  
See page 7 for details.

### Library Insiders

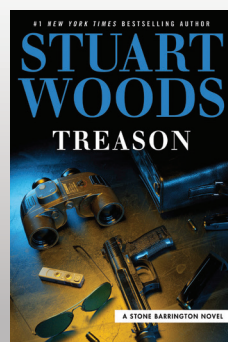
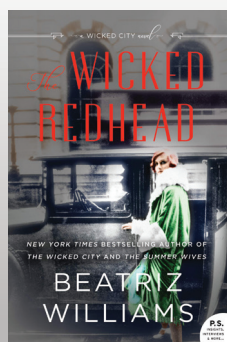
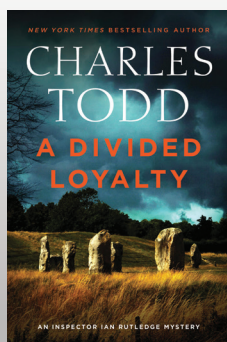
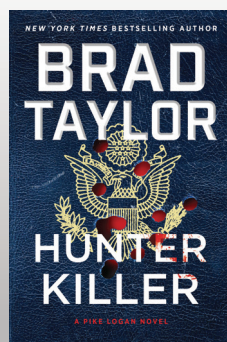
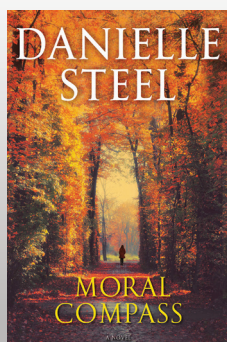
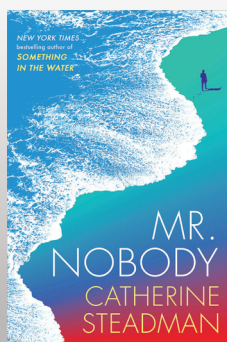
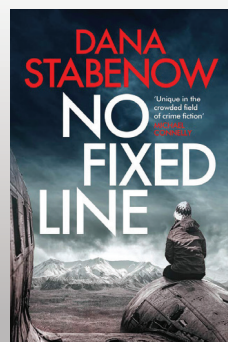
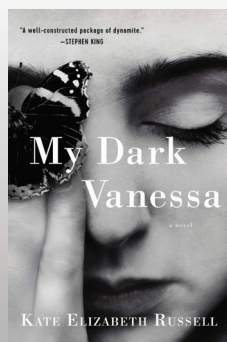
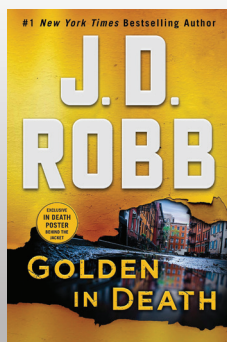
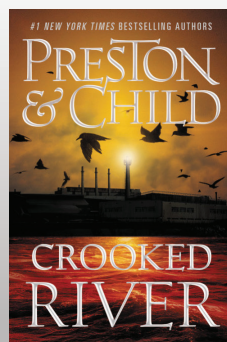
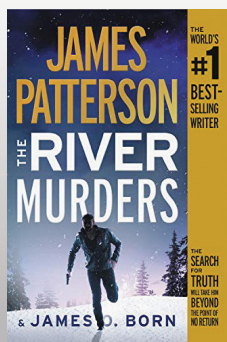
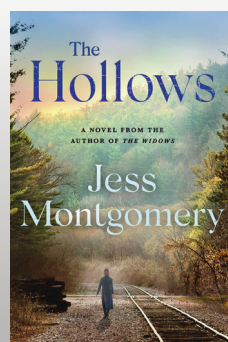
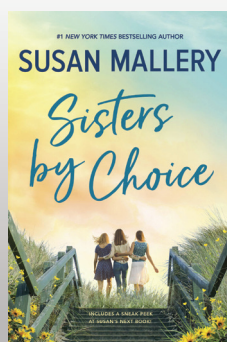
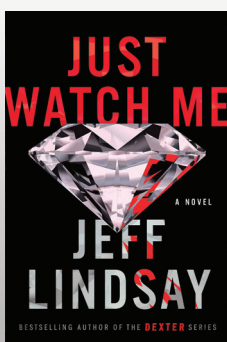
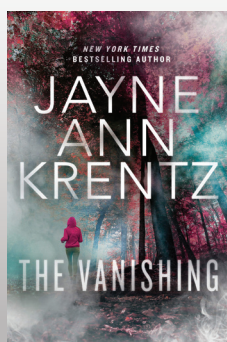
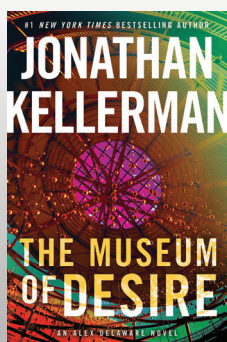
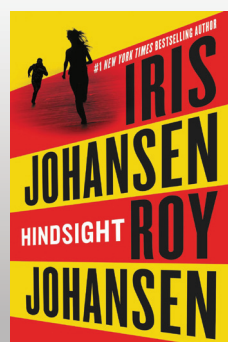
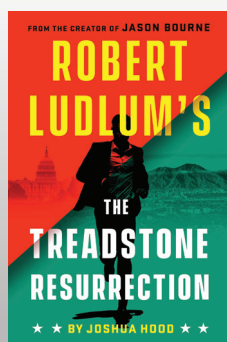
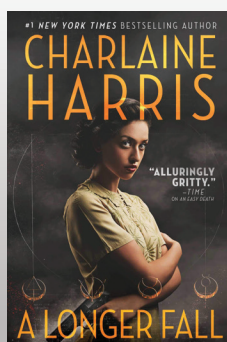
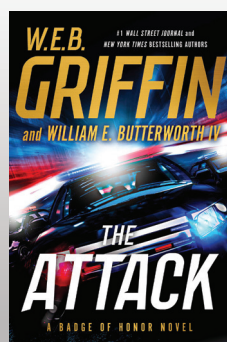
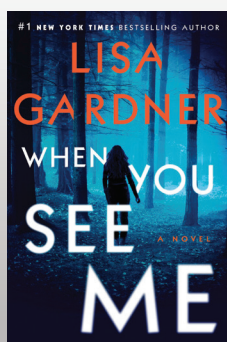
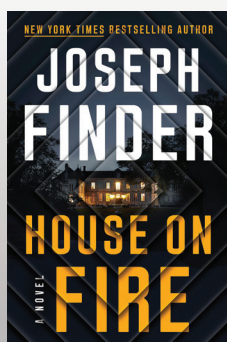
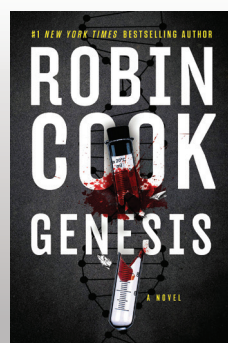
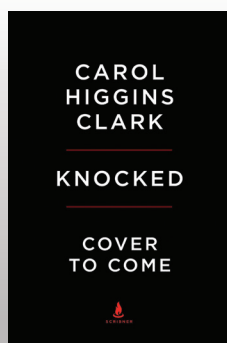
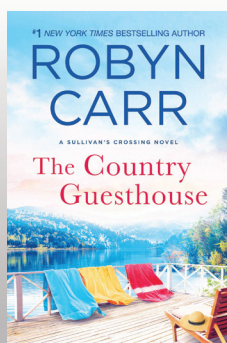
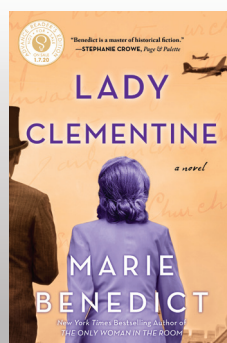
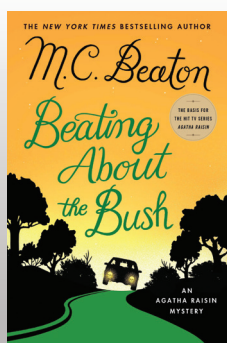
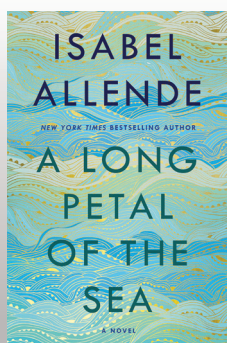
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