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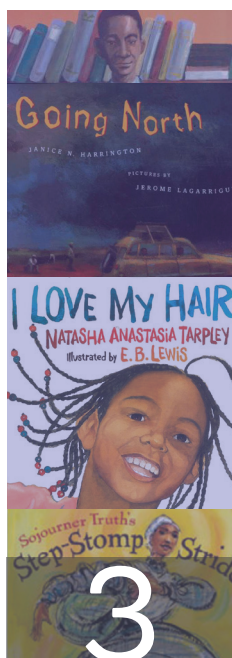
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The annual Holiday Gift Guide is here!



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Expand your reading comfort zone. For adults and high school students.



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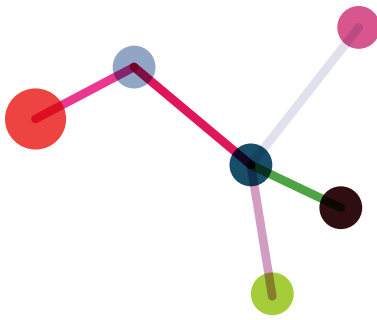
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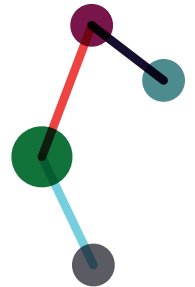
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media match



New Service!

At Elmhurst Public Library, we pride ourselves on matching you to the perfect Library materials. Media Match is a new and modern way to provide a classic Library service of reading recommendations.

Fill out our short online questionnaire to start the custom suggestions process. Based on your likes and dislikes, we pair you with one of our expert selectors to find your next item to read, watch, or listen to. We look forward to sharing our expertise with you!

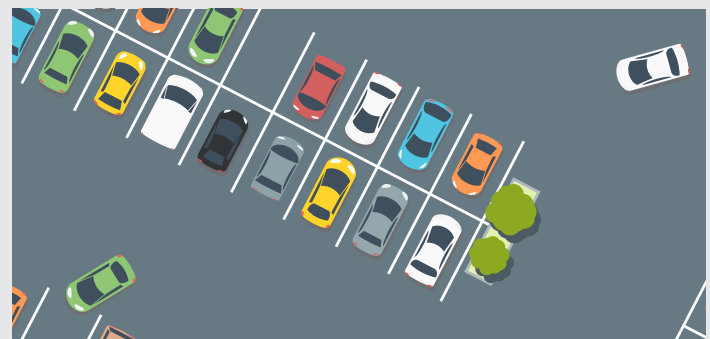
Note: This service is for middle school, high school teens, and adults. Contact kids@elmlib.org for children's suggestions. Media Match, Jr. is in the works!

elmlib.org/mediamatch

Expanded WiFi

In light of the pandemic, one of the ways the Library has responded to public need is by boosting the WiFi signal so that it's available in our parking lot. We like to think of it as a mobile office opportunity for the community. Take a conference call, shoot some quick emails, or just savor the silence. No need to come inside the Library or register.

elmlib.org/wifi



ADA Accommodations are available
For details, call (630) 279-8696 or email reference@elmlib.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.

How Do You Attend Online Programs?

For more information, view the program calendar at elmlib.org/athome.

- **YouTube:** No registration required, just visit elmlib.org/youtube to watch the video.
- **Zoom:** Register at elmlib.org/athome or call us to receive an email and link to the live video.
Note: Not online? Call us to learn how you can listen to Zoom programs via phone.
- **Minecraft, Discord, or Challenge:** Register at elmlib.org/athome to receive the information to join.

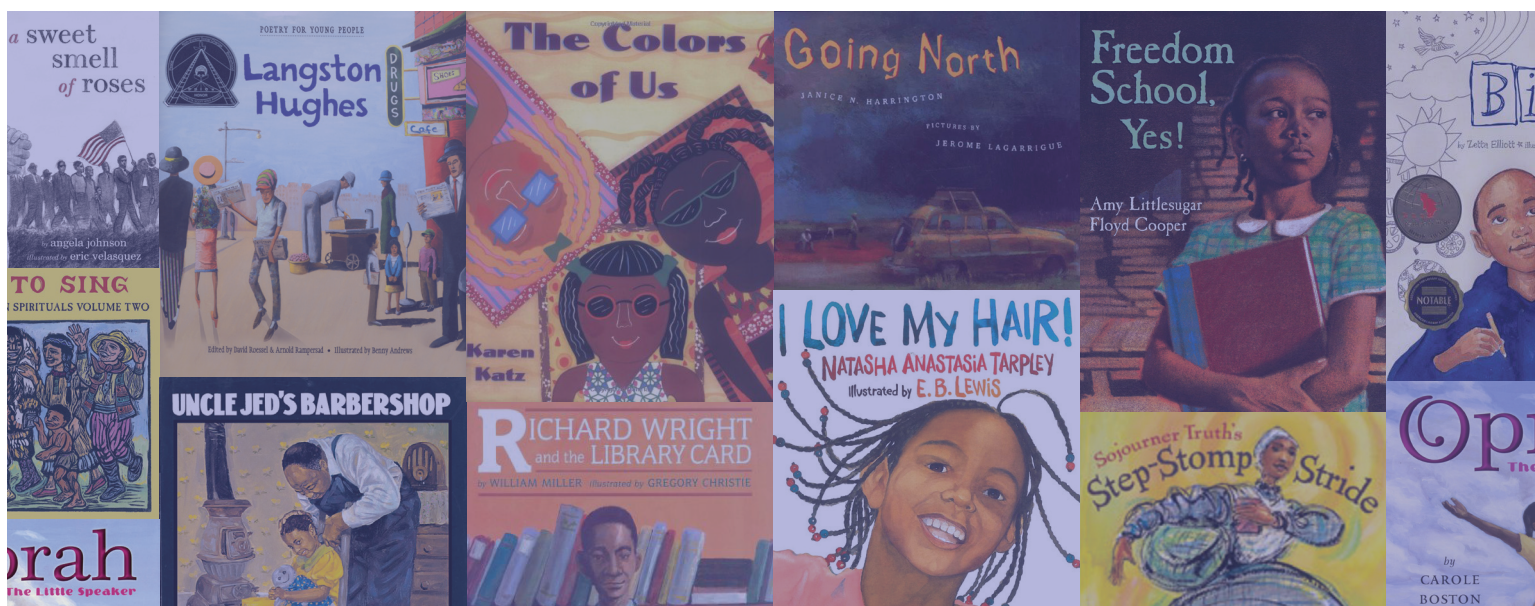
TELLING A PEOPLE'S STORY: AFRICAN- AMERICAN CHILDREN'S ILLUSTRATED LITERATURE

NOV. 16, 2020 - JAN. 24, 2021

African-American children's illustrated literature is the focus of this exhibition, featuring art produced for book illustrations. The presentation of this genre offers a lens into the cultural, historical, and social makeup of African-American cultural identity, while also shedding light on the long-neglected world of African-American authors and illustrators in the pantheon of children's literature.

Elmhurst Public Library is proud to showcase this captivating exhibit organized by the Miami University Art Museum through a grant from the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation. Check it out on the 2nd floor at EPL.

Meet one of the illustrators! See page 9.





Our Gift to You

The **Annual EPL Holiday Gift Guide** is filled with books, movies, and gift suggestions. Find just the right items for all ages and interests, recommended by our expert staff.

View it at elmlib.org/giftguide or pick up a copy at the Library.



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



Consumers' Checkbook provides consumer ratings for Chicagoland businesses. Ratings cover health service, mechanics, repair shops, stores of all kinds, and much more.

Access both with your EPL card at elmlib.org/consumer

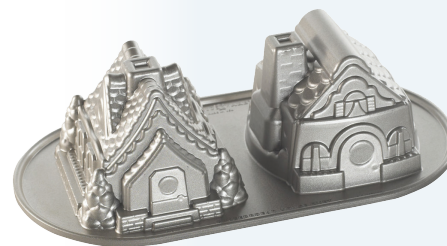
Make it Special

Enhance your holidays by checking out items from the Library of Extraordinary Things.

elmlib.org/extraordinary

MELTED CHEESE? YES, PLEASE!

Try something new and get social with food. The fondue set and raclette party grill are available to spice up any holiday gathering.



BAKE OFF

These pans make it look like you spent all day perfecting a complicated dessert, but most bundt cake recipes take less than 30 minutes to prep.

MAKE IT

NEW! Check out Makery equipment (including button makers, a Cricut, and pom pom makers) to create gifts and more for an unforgettable holiday season.



KNOT JUST KNITS

Check out knitting needles and crochet hooks to create cozy accessories. Also, check out Creativebug (page 14) for tutorials and project ideas.



PLAY AWHILE

Settle in for some old-fashioned fun with board games and puzzles for adults, kids, and families.

PUZZLE SWAP @ EPL

Tired of completing the same puzzle over and over again? Trade in your gently used puzzles at the Library and leave with new-to-you puzzles. More information on page 19.



EXPAND

YOUR

READING

COMFORT

ZONE

December 18, 2020 - February 28, 2021

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.
2. Librarians choose a book just for you.
3. Read the book! Tell us what you thought at 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 often as you wish, but submit only one request at a time. The last day to submit a request is February 21. Prize winners will be contacted after the end of the program (February 28).

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.*

BE A SMART COOKIE

Kids' Winter Reading

December 18, 2020 - February 28, 2021
(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 goal by Feb. 28 receive prizes, including a color-changing pencil, a prize drawing entry, a scratch 'n sniff cookie bookmark, and a coupon for a free cookie from Courageous Bakery.

Register anytime from Dec. 18 until Feb. 28 at elmlib.org/winterreading.

Community Connection:
Cookie Cookbook

Dec. 1-31 • Families

Submit a family cookie recipe* to be part of our digital Cookie Cookbook. Pre-readers may submit pictures of cookies to use for illustrations.

elmlib.org/cookiebook

**Recipes should be your own. Recipes from published cookbooks cannot be included due to copyright.*

Outdoor Explore

Families (best for 1-5)

Share cool activities about science and nature, perfect for your preschool naturalist.

No registration required:

View at elmlib.org/youtube.

■ **Birds in Winter**

Available starting Wednesday, Dec. 16

■ **Ice!**

Available starting Wednesday, Jan. 20

Family Minecraft Challenge

■ **Tunnel Cities**

Monday, Dec. 28 • 2-3 p.m.

Live on Minecraft and Discord • Families

Join us on Discord for a Minecraft building challenge. Create your own Minecraft tunnel city on our EPL Minecraft server before the program date, and we will connect all the tunnels when we meet.

Live on Minecraft and Discord:

Register at elmlib.org/athome.

■ **13-Story Treehouse**

Tuesday, Feb. 2 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Live on Minecraft and Discord • Families

Create a Minecraft version of your own 13-Story Treehouse on our EPL Minecraft server before the program date, and we will view and judge them all when we meet. Live on Minecraft and Discord:

Register at elmlib.org/athome.

Family Kitchen Jam Session

Wednesday, Dec. 30 • 6:30-7 p.m.

Live on Zoom • Families

Get ready to bang in the New Year with instruments all around the kitchen. Grab a pot and spoon, make a recycled bottle into a shaker, and join in a Zoom festival of sound.

Live on Zoom: Register at elmlib.org/athome.

PARENTS + STORYTIME

Organizing Solutions to Pandemic Problems

Monday, Jan. 11 • 7-8:30 p.m.

Live on Zoom • Adults + Grades 6-12

We are in a new normal with new difficulties. How do we best organize our homes to provide healthy and efficient work spaces for adults and kids? Through discussion of how to organize our space and our time, we learn practical ways to be organized and responsible—and teach kids to do the same. **Live on Zoom: Register at elmlib.org/athome.**

Learn About FAFSA: College Financial Aid Form

Tuesday, Jan. 12 • 7-8:30 p.m.

Live on Zoom • Grades 9-12 and parents

A representative from the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) provides information on the FAFSA, a form required for college financial aid. Learn how to complete the process correctly and ask your financial aid questions in order to help ensure the aid your student needs. **Live on Zoom: Register at elmlib.org/athome.**

Parent-to-Parent: Support Student Learning

Thursday, Feb. 11 • 7-8 p.m. • Live on Zoom • Parents

Join us on Zoom to share your successes and challenges as you support your students this school year. **Live on Zoom: Register at elmlib.org/athome.**



Spanish/English Bilingual Storytime

Available starting Friday, Dec. 4 • Families (best for 1-5)

Join us for a storytime adventure in both Spanish and English!

No registration required: View at elmlib.org/anytime.

Why Kids Need Diverse Picture Books

Monday, Jan. 18 • 10-10:45 a.m. • Live on Zoom • Families (best for 1-5)

This storytime features picture books that celebrate us all. Hear why it's important to share diverse books with young listeners. Perfect for preschoolers and their caregivers.

Live on Zoom: Register at elmlib.org/athome.

Anytime Storytime

Every Sunday • Families (best for 1-5)

Join our Kids' Library staff for fun songs, stories, and activities—available anytime! New videos are uploaded every Sunday.

No registration required: View at elmlib.org/anytime.

Little Wiggles Storytime

Every Tuesday • 9:30-9:50 a.m. • Live on Zoom • Families (best for 1-5)

Our stories, nursery rhymes, and music keep little ones gleefully engaged. **Live on Zoom: Register at elmlib.org/athome.**

New!

Learning Links

Enrichment materials are available for parents, teachers, and students.

Located in the Kids' Library near the Help Desk.



Fun for 3s, 4s, and 5s

Every Thursday • 9:30-9:50 a.m. • Live on Zoom • Ages 3-5

Tales packed with rhyme and vocabulary, storytelling, and lively musical activities make it an exciting morning.

Live on Zoom: Register at elmlib.org/athome.

Songs and Stories

Every Saturday • 11:15-11:35 a.m. • Live on Zoom • Families (best for 1-5)

Enjoy music, movement, songs, and stories just right for little ones. See friends and sing and clap along.

Live on Zoom: Register at elmlib.org/athome.

Discovery Kits @ Home

Discovery Kits are available for pickup inside the Kids' Library, while supplies last. Be sure to visit EPL to see our other pop-up Discovery Kits throughout the winter.

Note: Kits are not required to participate in the programs on this page.

Ornament Take and Make

Available starting Thursday, Dec. 10 • Grades K-8

Add your own handmade ornament to the Library's Wilder Park holiday tree! Take and make two ornament kits, one for the Wilder Park tree and one to keep. Pick up materials starting Dec. 10.

No registration required: View at elmlib.org/youtube.

Holiday Origami

Available starting Friday, Dec. 11 • Grades 6-8

Learn how to make origami holiday crafts. Pick up materials starting Dec. 11. **No registration required: View at elmlib.org/youtube.**

Celebrate the Winter Solstice

Available starting Monday, Dec. 21 • Families

Celebrate the Winter Solstice, the shortest day of the year, with stories, interesting facts, and a craft. Pick up materials starting Dec. 21. **No registration required: View at elmlib.org/youtube.**

Phases of the Moon Wall Hanging

Available starting Tuesday, Dec. 22 • Grades 6-8

Add a fresh DIY decoration to your room! Pick up materials starting Dec. 22. **No registration required: View at elmlib.org/youtube.**

Bullet Journaling

Available starting Friday, Jan. 8 • Grades 6-8

Need help getting organized? Start 2021 by learning the helpful skill of bullet journaling. Pick up materials starting Jan. 8.

No registration required: View at elmlib.org/youtube.

Community Connection:

Valentine's Day Card Project

Available starting Monday, Jan. 18 • Families

Create a Valentine's card for seniors, hospitals, veterans, Ronald McDonald House, and Elmhurst Hospital. Pick up materials or download a card template on our website starting Jan. 18.

No registration required: Info at elmlib.org/community.

Science Makers: What's Inside of Me?

Available starting Friday, Jan. 29 • Grades 3-8

Create a science project that you can wear! Learn the mysteries of the organs inside of you and make an apron that lets you walk around with your insides on the outside. Pick up materials starting Jan. 29. **No registration required: View at elmlib.org/youtube.**

DIY Valentine Hand Sanitizer

Available starting Friday, Feb. 5 • Grades 3-8

Learn to make your own Valentine-themed hand sanitizer and find out the science behind it. Pick up materials starting Feb. 5.

No registration required: View at elmlib.org/youtube.

Kids Travel & Create: Norway

Available starting Monday, Feb. 8 • Grades K-5 w/ adult

Discover this faraway place and learn how to make a cool craft to remember your "travels." Pick up materials starting Feb. 8.

No registration required: View at elmlib.org/youtube.

Comic Chat and Craft

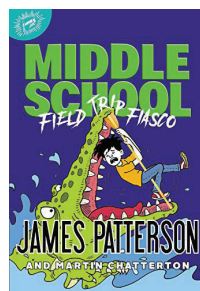
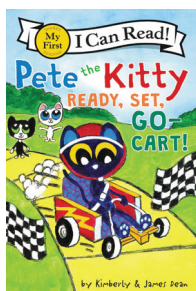
Friday, Feb. 26 • 6-7 p.m. • Live on Zoom • Grades 6-8

Read the graphic novel *Class Act* by Jerry Craft on your own before we meet to discuss it and work on a zine project based on the story. Pick up materials starting Feb. 19.

Live on Zoom: Register at elmlib.org/athome.

Coming Attractions

Reserve your copy online:
elmlib.org/kidsnewbooks



Featured:

Meet Author/Illustrator Don Tate

Thursday, Jan. 7 • 4-4:40 p.m.

Live on Zoom • Grades K-8

Don Tate has been illustrating and writing books for a long time. His unique and recognizable style is featured in the Library's exhibit *Telling a People's Story: African American Children's Book Illustrators* (See page 3). Meet him, hear about his experiences, and ask questions!

Live on Zoom: Register at elmlib.org/athome.



Henry and Mudge Party

Wednesday, Dec. 2 • 4-4:30 p.m.

Live on Zoom • Grades K-2

Zoom in to share some favorite *Henry and Mudge* adventures and some wintry activities featuring these favorite book characters.

Live on Zoom: Register at elmlib.org/athome.

Kids' Online Chess

Sunday, Dec. 13, Jan. 17, and Feb. 21

3-4 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.

Live on Zoom: Register at elmlib.org/athome.

YouTube Book Review Crew

Starting Saturday, Jan. 2 • All Ages

Attention all readers: Do you have a book to recommend? Become a part of the EPL YouTube Review Crew! Submit a video to EPL of you reviewing a book you love. Download the form and directions for video submission at elmlib.org/youtubereview.

■ See the latest reviews at elmlib.org/youtube.

Create Your Own Comics

Wednesday, Jan. 13 • 4-5 p.m.

Live on Zoom • Grades 2-5

Learn to create your own awesome comic strips. Join us on Zoom to get started as a comic writer! **Live on Zoom: Register at elmlib.org/athome.**

Owl Diaries Party

Thursday, Jan. 14 • 4-4:30 p.m.

Live on Zoom • Grades 2-3

If you love the *Owl Diaries* series by Rebecca Elliott, join us to share your favorite titles with friends. Enjoy interactive activities all featuring this popular series.

Live on Zoom: Register at elmlib.org/athome.

Homeschool Events

Friday, Jan 15. and Thursday, Feb. 11

Grades K-8

Join us for creative writing activities this winter. **Sign up for more information at elmlib.org/homeschool.**

Book Trivia Night

Monday, Jan. 25 • 6-6:40 p.m.

Live on Zoom • Grades 3-5

Test your knowledge of some popular books and series. Get ready for questions about *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*, *The Lunch Lady*, *13-Story Treehouse*, and more.

Live on Zoom: Register at elmlib.org/athome.

Learn to Use a 3D Printer

Available starting Wednesday, Jan. 27

Grades 3-5

Learn the basics of 3D printing and design a mystery project. **No registration required: View at elmlib.org/youtube.**

A Visit from President Lincoln

Monday, Feb. 15 • 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Live on Zoom • Grades K-8

No school? Cool! Meet and talk with Abraham Lincoln this President's Day. He tells you about his life and you can ask him questions. **Live on Zoom:**

Register at elmlib.org/athome.

Cool Cookie Decorations

Available starting Friday, Feb. 19

Grades K-8

Learn how to decorate cookies with pizzazz! Based on the book *Smart Cookie: Designing Creative Cookies* by Dana Meachen Rau.

No registration required:

View at elmlib.org/youtube.

Code with ScratchJr

Available starting Wednesday, Feb. 24

Grades K-1

Learn the basics of computer coding by designing a game and story using the ScratchJr app. Download on iPad, Android, or Chromebook. **No registration required: View at elmlib.org/youtube.**

Warriors Book Party

Thursday, Feb. 25 • 4-4:40 p.m.

Live on Zoom • Grades 4-5

If you love the *Warriors* book series by Erin Hunter, join us on Zoom to share your favorite titles. Enjoy interactive activities all featuring this popular series. **Live on Zoom: Register at elmlib.org/athome.**

Virtual Field Trip: The Uncensored Library

Monday, Feb. 8 • 7-8 p.m.

Live on Zoom • Adults + Grades 6-12

Join us for a trip to the Uncensored Library, a beautiful 3D library in the virtual world of Minecraft. The Uncensored Library is a project by Reporters Without Borders that makes available works from countries all over the world in a place they cannot be censored. This has allowed important articles to be accessed in places where even sharing the news could lead to harassment, imprisonment, or death. **No Minecraft experience required.** Live on Zoom: Register at elmlib.org/athome.



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Minecraft UHC

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Live on Minecraft and Discord • Grades 6-12

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Who Would Win?

Friday, Jan. 22 • 6-7 p.m.

Live on Zoom • Grades 6-8

Metaphorically pit two animals against each other. Come and make your guesses as to who has what it takes to win!

Live on Zoom: Register at elmlib.org/athome.

Creative Writing

Friday, Jan. 29 • 6-8 p.m.

Live on Zoom • Grades 7-12

Looking for some help with your creative writing? Discuss finding inspiration, writing methods, and have time for writing and sharing your work.

Live on Zoom: Register at elmlib.org/athome.

Anime / Manga Drawing

1-2:30 p.m. • Live on Zoom • 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.

Live on Zoom: Register at elmlib.org/athome.

■ **Beginners • Saturday, Jan. 30**

■ **Advanced • Saturday, Feb. 6**

Virtual Escape Room

Friday, Feb. 12 • 6-8 p.m.

Live on Zoom • Grades 6-8

There are dozens of virtual escape rooms. Pick one and see if we can find our way out.

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Meet a 3D Artist & Sculptor

Saturday, Feb. 27 • 1-3 p.m.

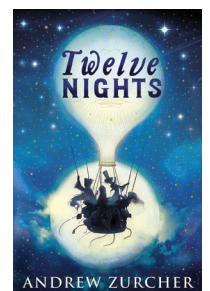
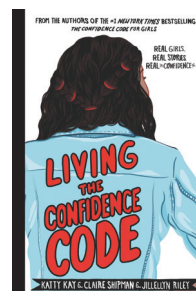
Live on Zoom • Grades 6-12

Tom Most began his career with a sculpture degree from UIUC. He has worked as a sculptor, mold maker, and prosthetist, among other jobs utilizing 3D printing technology. Meet him online, see some of his creations, and learn about the pendant he designed that appears in *The Mandalorian*.

Live on Zoom: Register at elmlib.org/athome.

Coming Attractions

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elmlib.org/msnewbooks





Featured: Minecraft Events

Minecraft Mondays

Every Monday • 4-5 p.m. • Grades 9-12
Live on Minecraft and Discord

Meet on the EPL Minecraft server and Discord voice chat for events. This is a fun, relaxing time to visit with other players and gain skills, show off your builds, or just share your enthusiasm for the Minecraft world. **Live on Minecraft and Discord: Register at elmlib.org/athome.**

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Teen Advisors

Every Wednesday • 6:30-7 p.m.

Live on Discord • Grades 9-12

Meet to talk about books, movies, and more; help plan programs and events for teens at the Library; voice your opinion; and make new friends. **Live on Discord:**

Register at elmlib.org/athome.

Smash Bros. Tournament

Every Wednesday • 7-9 p.m.

Live on Challenge and Discord • Grades 9-12

Join us for an evening of fun competing in a Smash Bros. tournament against other teens. Spectators welcome! **Live on Challenge and Discord: Register at elmlib.org/athome.**

Take and Make Crafts

Grades 9-12

Pick up Craft Kits at the Drive-up on the dates listed below, while supplies last.

No registration required:

View each tutorial at elmlib.org/youtube.

■ **Holiday Ornament • Video tutorial**

available Tuesday, Dec. 1 and craft kits available starting Monday, Nov. 30.

■ **Brighten Up Your Winter Decoration**

Video tutorial and craft kits available starting Monday, Jan. 11.

■ **Valentine's Day • Video tutorial and craft kits available starting Monday, Feb. 1**

First Thursdays

Thursday, Dec. 3, Jan. 7, and Feb. 4

4-5 p.m. • Live on Discord • Grades 9-12

Join us after school to learn how people use their talents in their careers. **Live on Discord:**

Register at elmlib.org/athome.

Winter Stitch-Along

Every Saturday, Dec. 5-Feb. 6

Adults + Grades 6-12

Join us for a stitch-along inspired by fairytales and folklore! A stitch-along is a mystery cross-stitch pattern where new parts of the design are released each week. Every Saturday, we send you the next piece until you have a completed pattern. This is an asynchronous program where everyone stitches at their own pace. **Register at elmlib.org/athome to get the pattern each week.**

■ **Monthly Stitch-Along Check-in**

Thursday, Dec. 10 and Jan. 14 • 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 23 • 7 p.m.

Live on Zoom • Adults + Grades 6-12

Socialize, ask questions, and share your progress with others. **Live on Zoom:**

Register at elmlib.org/athome.

Dungeons & Dragons Sundays

Sundays, Dec. 6, 20, Jan. 3, 17, 31, and Feb. 14 and 28

1-4:30 p.m. • Live on Roll20 • Grades 9-12

Join our thriving D&D online community. **Live on Roll20: First timers must create an account before playing.**

More information at elmlib.org/athome.

Yardzee Dice

Available starting Monday, Dec. 7

Adults + Grades 9-12

Learn how to make giant yard dice to transform your game night! Craft kits are available for pickup at the Drive-up starting Dec. 7, while supplies last.

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Live on Zoom • Grades 9-12 and parents

A representative from the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) provides information on the FAFSA, a form required for college financial aid. Learn how to complete the process correctly and ask your financial aid questions in order to help ensure the aid your student needs.

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View at elmlib.org/youtube.

Creative Writing

Friday, Jan. 29 • 6-8 p.m.

Live on Zoom • Grades 7-12

Looking for some help with your creative writing? Discuss finding inspiration, writing methods, and have time for writing and sharing your work. Instructor Crystal studied under published authors and holds a MA in Creative Writing.

Live on Zoom: Register at elmlib.org/athome.

Anime / Manga Drawing

1-2:30 p.m. • Live on Zoom • 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.

Live on Zoom: Register at elmlib.org/athome.

■ **Beginners • Saturday, Jan. 30**

■ **Advanced • Saturday, Feb. 6**

Learning Tinkercad to 3D

Print Minecraft Figures

Saturday, Feb. 20 • 2-3 p.m.

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Meet a 3D Artist & Sculptor

Saturday, Feb. 27 • 1-3 p.m.

Live on Zoom • Grades 6-12

Tom Most began his career with a sculpture degree from UIUC. He has worked as a sculptor, mold maker, and prosthetist, among other jobs utilizing 3D printing technology. Meet him online, see some of his creations, and learn about the pendant he designed that appears in *The Mandalorian*. **Live on Zoom: Register at elmlib.org/athome.**

GRAND OPENING

Tuesday, Dec. 1 • 4-5 p.m.

Live on Zoom • All Ages

Teen Showcase Virtual Gallery

Join us for an introduction to this virtual space and witness the creativity of our high school students.

Live on Zoom:

Register at elmlib.org/athome.

**Can't make the opening?
Visit the gallery after Dec. 1
at elmlib.org/showcase.**

Grades 9-12: Continue to submit your work at elmlib.org/entryshowcase for consideration.

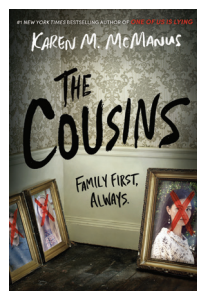
All mediums welcome!

This can include: art, industrial design, crafts, culinary creations, music recordings, performance videos, and more.

Coming Attractions

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YouTube Content Creation Tips

Monday, Dec. 14 • 7-8 p.m.

Live on Zoom • Adults + Grades 9-12

Grow your YouTube channel. Learn the secrets of making viral videos, increasing your subscriber count, and getting more video views.

Register at elmlib.org/athome and get the link to a video class. Watch it first, then attend the live Zoom session for Q&A.

Producing Podcasts

Saturday, Dec. 19 • 2-3 p.m.

Live on Zoom • Adults + Grades 9-12

Start your own podcast. Learn the basics of setting up, recording, and producing a podcast with inexpensive equipment and software.

Register at elmlib.org/athome and get the link to a video class. Watch it first, then attend the live Zoom session for Q&A.

Health and Fitness with Technology

Available starting Monday, Jan. 4

Adults + Grades 9-12

Learn about the latest apps and devices to help you achieve your fitness goals.

No registration required:

View at elmlib.org/youtube.

Music Theory for Songwriters

Friday, Jan. 15 • 2-3 p.m.

Live on Zoom • Adults + Grades 9-12

Professional musician Julian Velard covers the basics of music theory through the lens of songwriting. Explore intervals, chord progressions, voice leading, song forms, and more. Register at elmlib.org/athome and get the link to a video class. Watch it first, then attend the live Zoom session for Q&A.

Audacity Audio Production

Wednesday, Feb. 10 • 2-3 p.m.

Live on Zoom • Adults + Grades 9-12

Get up and running in Audacity. Learn how to use the program to record and edit audio files, remove background noise, work with multitracks, split clips, automate volume, and more. Register at elmlib.org/athome and get the link to a video class. Watch it first, then attend the live Zoom session for Q&A.

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Brush Up on the Basics

Find additional classes at elmlib.org/lynda



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Winter Stitch-Along

Every Saturday, Dec. 5-Feb. 6
Adults + Grades 6-12

Join us for a stitch-along inspired by fairytales and folklore! A stitch-along is a mystery cross-stitch pattern where new parts of the design are released each week. Every Saturday, we send you the next piece of the puzzle until you have a completed pattern. This is an asynchronous program where everyone stitches at their own pace, but we also have a monthly check-in on Zoom to socialize with other participants and share progress. Register at elmlib.org/athome to get the pattern each week.

■ **Monthly Stitch-Along Check-in**
Thursday, Dec. 10 and Jan. 14 • 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 23 • 7 p.m.
Live on Zoom • Adults + Grades 6-12

Socialize, ask questions, and share your progress with others.

Live on Zoom:

Register at elmlib.org/athome.

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Learn how to make giant yard dice to transform your game night! Craft kits are available for pickup at the Drive-up starting Dec. 7, while supplies last.

No registration required:

View at elmlib.org/youtube.

Craft Club

Tuesday, Dec. 8, Jan. 12, and Feb. 9
2-3:30 p.m. • Live on Zoom • Adults

Join us each month for friendly conversation as you work on the craft of your choice. All types of crafters are welcome, whether you're a needleworker, paper crafter, beader, painter, or you just want to color.

Live on Zoom: Register at elmlib.org/athome.

Art @ Home

Craft kits are available for pickup at the Drive-up Window, while supplies last. Classes include those marked with * on this page, along with many more! More info at elmlib.org/craftkit.

Tangling

Available starting Monday, Jan. 4
Adults + Grades 9-12

Tangling is a popular form of doodling that's fun, relaxing, and produces creative results. No experience necessary!

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Cozy Cottage Painting*

Tuesday, Jan. 26 • 7 p.m. • Adults
Recording available until Feb. 2

Artist Christine Thornton teaches fun and easy watercolor techniques. This online class includes an instructional video and a chance to connect with the teacher and classmates on a dedicated Facebook page. Craft kits are available for pickup at the Drive-up starting Jan. 25, while supplies last. Register at elmlib.org/athome.

Craft Night from the Makery*

Available starting Friday, Feb. 12 • Adults

Spend an evening crafting, courtesy of Makery staff. Craft kits are available for pickup starting Feb. 8, while supplies last.

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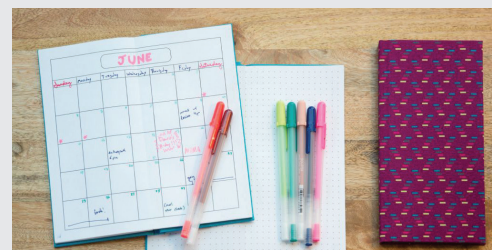
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How to Make a Pie Crust



DIY New Year Planner



Valentine's Day Yarn-Wrapped Wire Words



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20 + 30 SOMETHINGS

Programs marked **20s/30s Adults** are limited to ages 18-40.

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Make connections with others in your community, especially when changing jobs, moving to new cities, starting or ending relationships, and navigating all the challenges that come with adulthood.

Check out all your events at elmlib.org/20s30s



20s/30s Grownup Storytime

Friday, Dec. 4 • 7-8 p.m.

Live on Zoom • 20s/30s Adults

You're never too old for storytime! Grab some teddy grahams, pour yourself a drink, and settle in for a story, a sing-along of 90s classics, and a craft you won't want to share with the kids.

Live on Zoom: Register at elmlib.org/athome.

Murder Mystery Party

Friday, Jan. 15 • 7-9 p.m.

Live on Zoom • 20s/30s Adults

Love solving mysteries? Join us for this interactive murder mystery party. Participants play as a character during the evening and work together to uncover the murderer.

Live on Zoom: Register at elmlib.org/athome.

20s/30s Book Discussion

Read a Memoir!

Tuesday, Jan. 19 • 7-8:15 p.m.

Live on Zoom • 20s/30s Adults

Memoirs provide a fascinating window into another person's lived experiences and can often help us find our own voice. Read a memoir of your choice and come together with the group to swap titles and share your favorites. If you are into graphic novel memoirs, visit elmlib.org/readingadventure for some suggested titles.

Live on Zoom: Register at elmlib.org/athome.

Zoom Party Games

Friday, Feb. 5 • 7-8:30 p.m.

Live on Zoom • 20s/30s Adults

We can still play party games while social distancing. Join our video chat to play new or classic party games.

Live on Zoom: Register at elmlib.org/athome.

Galentine's Day

Saturday, Feb. 13 • 12-1:30 p.m.

Live on Zoom • 20s/30s Adults

Just ladies celebrating ladies. Join us for a virtual brunch as we celebrate each other the Pawnee way. You provide the food, we provide the activities and showers of compliments.

Live on Zoom: Register at elmlib.org/athome.

Zodiac Mini-Signs*

Friday, Feb. 19 • 7-8:30 p.m.

Live on Zoom • 20s/30s Adults

Show off your astrological pride with these creative signs. Follow along as we do this activity together. Craft kits are available for pickup at the Drive-up starting Feb. 15, while supplies last.

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Grief is a process and can resurface during the holidays. Join us for an explanation of the stages of grief and how to process these feelings in a healthy way.

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Anxiety and Depression:

The Difference Between a Feeling and a Disorder

Monday, Feb. 22 • 6-7 p.m. • Live on Zoom • Adults + Grades 9-12

Mental illness affects 1 in 5 individuals during their lifetime. The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) DuPage shares information about the signs and symptoms of anxiety and depression, how and when to seek treatment and assistance, and how NAMI DuPage provides support, advocacy, and education to people with mental illness and their families in our area. **Live on Zoom: Register at elmlib.org/athome.**

LIBRARY INSIDERS



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

Next Chapter Book Club

Wednesdays, Dec. 9, Jan. 6, 20, Feb. 3, and 17

6:30-7:30 p.m. • Live on Zoom

The Next Chapter Book Club (NCBC) 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 NCBC, regardless of reading ability.

Live on Zoom: Register at elmlib.org/athome.



Social Services

A Social Services phone line is available Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Voicemail picks up calls outside of these hours. All calls are returned as soon as possible.

Phone: (331) 642-0814
Email: Tracey.Orick@elmlib.org

We can help connect you with resources for:

- Housing
- Unemployment benefits
- Food insecurity
- Emergency SNAP benefits
- Free Wi-Fi locations

More info at elmlib.org/socialservices

COMMON CONNECTION: FIND YOUR VOICE

The Common Connection is a series of programs using lectures, discussion, and critical thinking to identify topics that influence the world today – no matter who we are. Coming together with 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 **Find Your Voice**.

What makes your voice sing? Whether your voice is quiet or loud, it helps you tell your own story or amplifies someone else's. Get to know yourself, to understand the circumstances that brought you to this day. The world is listening.

elmlib.org/common

What Had Happened Was ...

Wednesday, Dec. 2 • 7-8 p.m.

Live on Zoom • Adults + Grades 6-12

Folk and fairy tales were not originally meant for small children; they were meant as cautionary tales. Join storyteller Kelly Campos as she performs the classic tales you thought you knew. During her show, Kelly writes a brand-new story or song using a mini drum and input from the audience.

Live on Zoom: Register at elmlib.org/athome.

A History of Popular Christmas Carols and Songs

Monday, Dec. 7 • 1-2:30 p.m.

Live on Zoom • Adults

We've enjoyed countless Christmas carols and songs for as long as we can remember, yet most of us know very little about the history and meaning of this music. Learn about the lyrics and melodies, their creators, and how these songs have been used for worship, education, entertainment, protest, marketing gimmicks, and political commentary.

Live on Zoom: Register at elmlib.org/athome.

How to Write Your Memoir

Monday, Dec. 7 • 7-8 p.m.

Live on Zoom • Adults + Grades 9-12

Turn your life experiences into a story. William Hazelgrove, author of one memoir and seven novels, teaches techniques for researching, plotting, writing, and getting published, taking you from first draft to final draft.

Live on Zoom: Register at elmlib.org/athome.

GreenMan Theatre Presents: Holiday Stories

Available starting Tuesday, Dec. 8

Adults + Grades 9-12

Storytellers from GreenMan Theatre regale us with a spoken word performance of winter tales. This is the perfect thing to get you in the holiday spirit. **No registration required: View at elmlib.org/youtube.**

Legends & Folklore of Winter

Wednesday, Dec. 16 • 7-8:30 p.m.

Live on Zoom • Adults + Grades 9-12

Winter may seem like a quiet time, but it is actually filled with bizarre tales and stories of spirits, werewolves, witches, and numerous other holiday traditions for the darkest days of the year.

Live on Zoom: Register at elmlib.org/athome.

The Shakespeare Project of Chicago Presents:

■ **Plague Pamphlets of 1603**

Thursday, Jan. 21 • 7-8 p.m.

Live on Zoom • Adults + Grades 6-12

In 1603, a plague caused the theaters to close and dramatists Thomas Dekker and Thomas Middleton focused their artistic efforts on writing pamphlets chronicling world events they witnessed. Regina Buccola—professor, author, and scholar in residence at Chicago Shakespeare Theatre—walks us through the pamphlets and their lasting significance. **Live on Zoom: Register at elmlib.org/athome.**

■ **Macbeth and the Gunpowder Plot of 1606**

Thursday, Feb. 25 • 7-8:30 p.m.

Live on Zoom • Adults + Grades 6-12

An in-depth look at why modern performances of *Macbeth* seem lost on 21st century theatergoers. With the help of Garry Wills' book *Witches and Jesuits*, and James Shapiro's book *1606: The Year of Lear*, Erin Sloan explores how the real life events of the Gunpowder Plot of 1606 wove their way into Shakespeare's bloodiest tragedy. **Live on Zoom: Register at elmlib.org/athome.**

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*Words mean more than what is set down on paper.
It takes the human voice to infuse them with deeper meaning.*
—Maya Angelou

The Immigrant Experience on Film

Wednesday, Jan. 27 • 7-8:30 p.m.

Live on Zoom • Adults + Grades 9-12

Learn how our brave ancestors who came to this country with little more than their hopes and dreams have been honored and immortalized in film. Watch scenes that vividly recreate both classic and modern immigration stories, including *The Godfather, Part II*; *In America*; *West Side Story*; and many more!

Live on Zoom: Register at elmlib.org/athome.

Pre-Civil War Quilts: The Secret Codes to Freedom on the Underground Railroad

Tuesday, Feb. 16 • 7-8:30 p.m.

Live on Zoom • Adults

Discover the hidden codes and secret messages within family stories of colorful, beautifully handcrafted quilts that tell the significance of helping slaves escape on the Underground Railroad in this historical presentation.

Live on Zoom: Register at elmlib.org/athome.

Virtual Field Trip: The Uncensored Library

Monday, Feb. 8 • 7-8 p.m.

Live on Zoom • Adults + Grades 6-12

Join us for a trip to the Uncensored Library, a beautiful 3D library in the virtual world of Minecraft. The Uncensored Library is a project by Reporters Without Borders that makes available works from countries all over the world in a place they cannot be censored. This has allowed important articles to be accessed in places where even sharing the news could lead to harassment, imprisonment, or death. **No Minecraft experience required.** **Live on Zoom: Register at elmlib.org/athome.**



Social Issues Learning Group

Meet with other community members to discuss social issues, both locally and nationally. Learn more about issues of race, gender, education, poverty, and other topics by reading books and articles, listening to podcasts, or watching films, then discussing together in a respectful manner.

How to Have Difficult Conversations with Family

Thursday, Dec. 3 • 7-9 p.m. • Live on Zoom

Is there someone in your life with whom you disagree? Has something gone unspoken for a long time that you would like to address? This holiday season, open up and have that conversation. **Live on Zoom: Register at elmlib.org/athome.**

Asian Americans, Racism, and Antiracism in the COVID Era

Thursday, Jan. 7 • 7-9 p.m. • Live on Zoom

The xenophobic framing of the COVID-19 crisis has sparked a fresh wave of anti-Asian American bigotry. This conversation is about how “COVID-19 racism” is reshaping political sensibilities: both within the Asian American community and between it and other communities of color.

Live on Zoom: Register at elmlib.org/athome.

The 13th: A Netflix Original Documentary Thursday, Feb. 4 • 6:30-9 p.m. • Live on Zoom

This 2016 documentary explores the intersection of race, justice, and mass incarceration in the United States. Filmmaker Ava DuVernay examines the history of racial inequality in the US, focusing on the fact that the nation’s prisons are disproportionately filled with African-Americans. Watch the film together, followed by a discussion.

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Community Connection: Puzzle Swap

Dec. 1- Feb. 28 • Library Lobby • All Ages

Tired of completing the same puzzle over and over again? Trade in your gently used puzzles at the Library and leave with new-to-you puzzles. All ages, levels, and piece counts welcome. Spread the word so you have more to choose from! Puzzles must be in good condition with all pieces.

International Puzzle Day is January 29!

Holiday Table Setting

Available starting Tuesday, Dec. 8

From preferred color palettes to centerpiece placement, learn tips for setting the perfect table. This is where your guests spend most of their time, so you want to strike the right tone, whether hosting a formal affair or casual family get-together, no matter the budget! **No registration required.** View at elmlib.org/youtube.

Culture Club

10:30-11:30 a.m. • Live on Zoom • Adults

Live on Zoom: Register at elmlib.org/athome.

■ Portugal

Thursday, Dec. 10

Stroll the streets of Lisbon, visit royal castles, see Roman ruins and medieval villages, and cruise the famous Tagus river.

■ Mediterranean Music Cruise

Thursday, Jan. 14

Relax as the sounds transport you to faraway lands. Musicians George & Eve Lawler share folk melodies handed down through generations.

Ciao Italia!

Culture and Conversation

Mondays, Dec. 21, Jan. 18, and Feb. 15

7-8 p.m. • Live on Zoom • Adults

Interested in the language and customs of Italy? Improve your Italian language skills (all skill levels welcome) while exploring a different Italian city each month.

Live on Zoom: Register at elmlib.org/athome.

Great Decisions

Tuesday, Dec. 22, Jan. 26, and Feb. 23

1:30-3 p.m. • Live on Zoom • Adults

Learn about critical issues facing America with professor Gary Midkiff.

Live on Zoom: Register at elmlib.org/athome.

Genealogy Club:

Dig Into Your Research

Tuesday, Jan. 5 • 7-8 p.m.

Live on Zoom • Adults + Grades 9-12

Join other genealogy enthusiasts for a virtual meeting. Bring your questions and share your knowledge.

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Roving the Red Planet

Monday, Feb. 1 • 7-8 p.m.

Live on Zoom • Adults + Grades 6-12

There are currently six U.S. spacecraft either on or orbiting Mars, and, if all goes well, the new Perseverance rover will land on Mars in February 2021. What have we learned about the Red Planet with this robotic fleet? Plenty! This presentation from Michelle Nichols, Director of Public Observing at Adler Planetarium, covers the past, present, and future of Martian exploration.

Live on Zoom: Register at elmlib.org/athome.

Virtual Marvel Trivia

Wednesday, Feb. 24 • 7-8 p.m.

Live on YouTube • Adults + Grades 9-12

Test your Marvel Cinematic Universe knowledge and compete for prizes online. For the best experience, use a laptop to access the YouTube Live presentation while using a smartphone to submit your answers. Live on YouTube: Get the event link by registering at elmlib.org/athome.



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 2021!

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Writing the Winning Resume

Wednesday, Dec. 9 • 10-11 a.m.

Live on Zoom • Adults + Grades 9-12

Learn how to write a resume that represents your accomplishments and skills and gets past the applicant tracking system. Learn about the appropriate formatting, buzzwords, how to read a job description, and more.

Live on Zoom: Register at elmlib.org/athome.

Understanding Behavioral Interview Questions

Wednesday, Jan. 20 • 10-11 a.m.

Live on Zoom • Adults + Grades 9-12

Learn how to respond and better brand your skills, accomplishments, and experience and hear about the future of job interviewing.

Live on Zoom: Register at elmlib.org/athome.

Interviews: A Perspective from Across the Desk

Monday, Jan. 25 • 11 a.m.-1 p.m. • Live on Zoom

Whether you are a job seeker or a hiring manager, this program is for you! Job seekers gain real-world interview advice from the viewpoint of a human resource manager. Interviewers learn to identify and understand areas of concern for a HR manager, distinguish the qualities that make a job candidate stand out during the interview, and learn how to answer difficult questions concerning job gaps, firings, etc.

Live on Zoom: Register at elmlib.org/athome.

The First 90 Days

Wednesday, Feb. 17 • 10 a.m.-11 p.m.

Live on Zoom • Adults + Grades 9-12

The first 90 days at a new job is a crucial time. In order to begin well, one must build relationships, learn about team dynamics, and more.

Live on Zoom: Register at elmlib.org/athome.

Cool Tools to Use During Your Job Search

Monday, Feb. 22 • 11 a.m.-1 p.m. • Live on Zoom

Looking for work is hard work that requires organization. Luckily, there are resources to make it more manageable. Explore online tools that can help with your job search, such as My Next Move, LinkedIn, and Kenexa skill assessments, with a People's Resource Center job coach.

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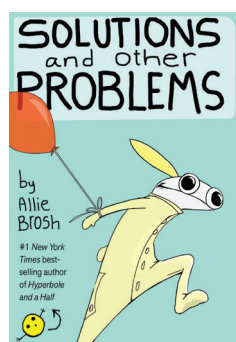
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Contact her at (630) 279-8696 or Cheryl.Fortman@elmlib.org



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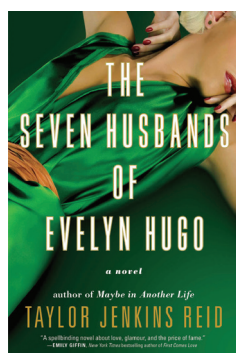
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Read a Memoir!

Tuesday, Jan. 19 • 7-8:15 p.m. • Live on Zoom • 20s/30s Adults

Memoirs provide a fascinating window into another person's lived experiences and can often help us find our own voice. Read a memoir of your choice and come together with the group to swap titles and share your favorites. If you are into graphic novel memoirs, visit elmlib.org/readingadventure for some suggested titles.

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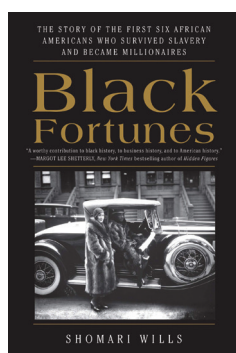
The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo by Taylor Jenkins Reid

■ **Thursday, Jan. 28 • 1-2:15 p.m. • Live on Zoom • Adults**

■ **Thursday, Jan. 28 • 7-8:15 p.m. • Live on Zoom • Adults**

Glamorous Hollywood icon Evelyn Hugo decides to tell her life story—scandals and all—and asks unknown magazine reporter Monique Grant to perform the task. Monique decides this is her career jumpstart and delves into the job, listening with amazement in Evelyn's beautiful home, about her start in 1950s Los Angeles, her ambition, friendships, seven husbands, and one true, forbidden love. But why did the great actress choose Monique to write this story?

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Black Fortunes: The Story of the First Six African Americans who Escaped Slavery and Became Millionaires by Shomari Wills

■ **Thursday, Feb. 18 • 1-2:15 p.m. • Live on Zoom • Adults**

■ **Thursday, Feb. 18 • 7-8:15 p.m. • Live on Zoom • Adults**

A number of daring, resourceful, and determined Black people, either born into slavery or the children of slaves, rose from poverty to become millionaires. They developed neighborhoods and towns, became entrepreneurs, and funded abolitionist causes, yet despite their success, faced adversities such as attempted lynchings, false criminal charges, and frivolous lawsuits. This nonfiction book tells the stories of America's first Black millionaires, including Mary Ellen Pleasant, O.W. Gurley, and Annie Minerva Turnbo.

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Trading Titles

■ **Thursday, Dec. 17 • 1-2:15 p.m.**

■ **Thursday, Dec. 17 • 7-8:15 p.m.**

Live on Zoom • Adults

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, then attend the online event to share your thoughts about it.

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Check out the Winter Reading Challenge on page 3.



Expand Your World,
One Book at a Time

To get on board, read a book that is ...
A memoir in a graphic novel format.

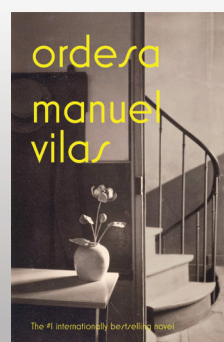
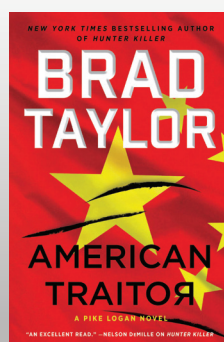
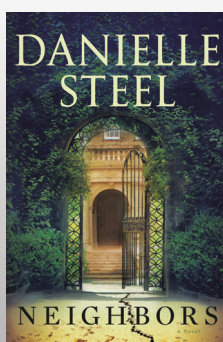
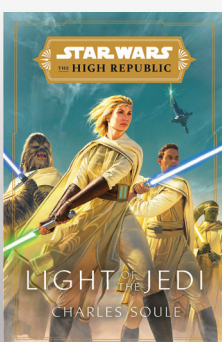
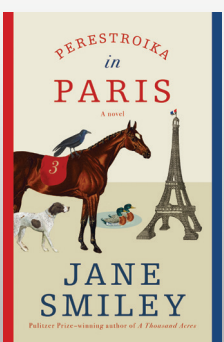
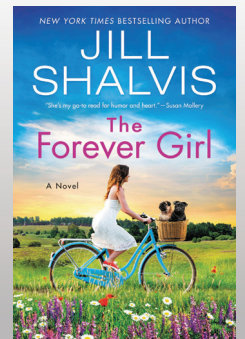
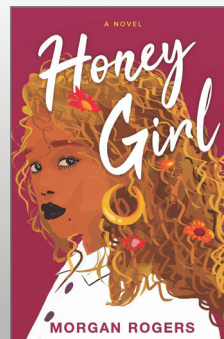
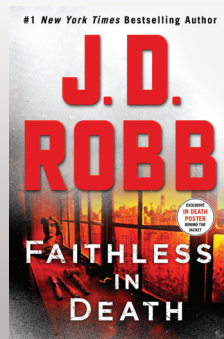
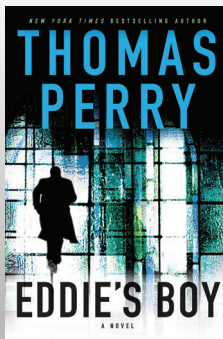
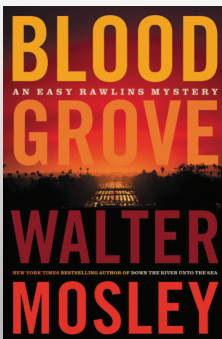
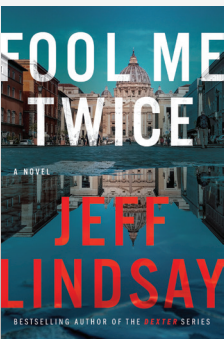
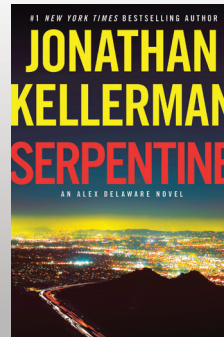
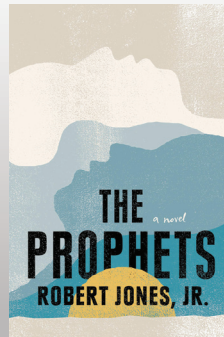
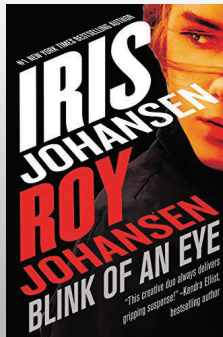
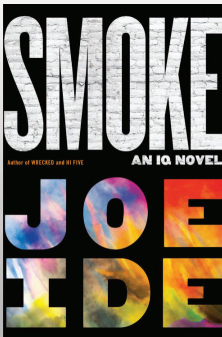
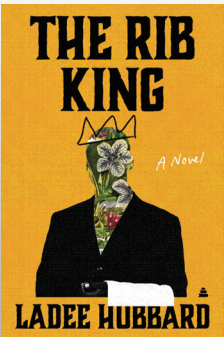
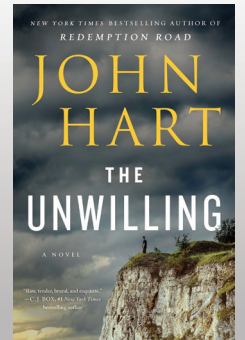
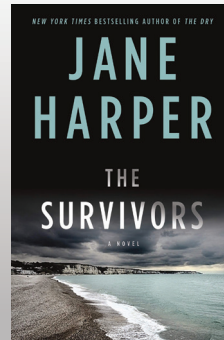
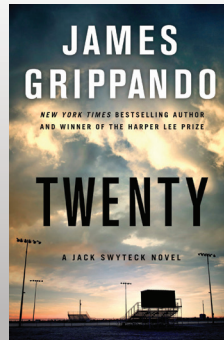
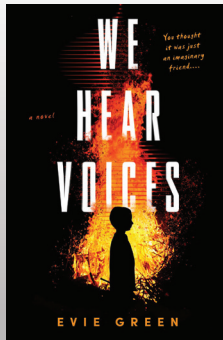
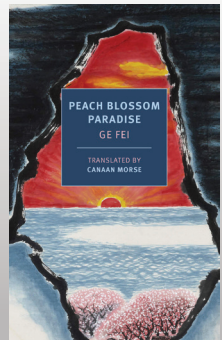
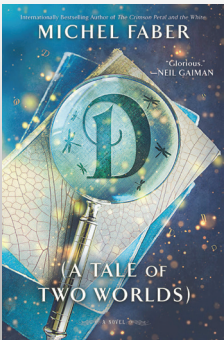
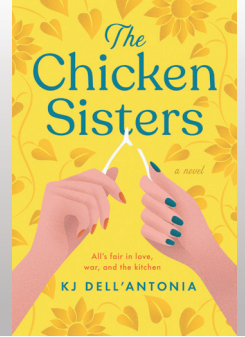
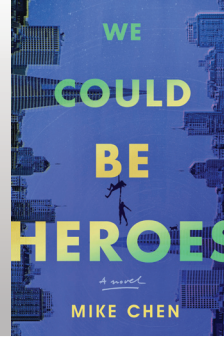
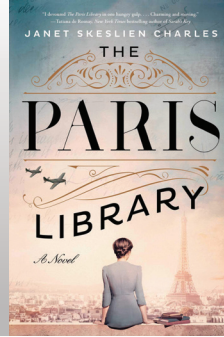
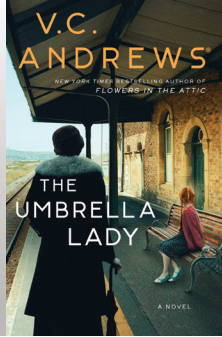
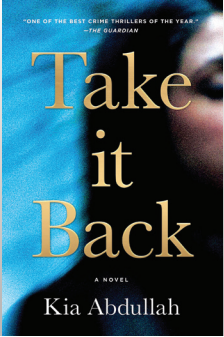
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