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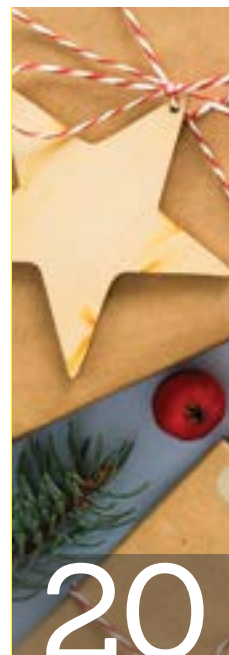
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You won't want to miss best-selling authors Kiley Reid and Madeline Miller.

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Digital Directory

As one of the first things seen upon entering the Library, the digital directory is a great first stop for all visitors. In addition to showcasing the Library's latest news, it provides answers to some of the most commonly asked visitor questions.

At the top of the touch screen, there is a menu of easy-to-use options to explore:

Building Map:

Find where you need to be! All three floors are available to view.

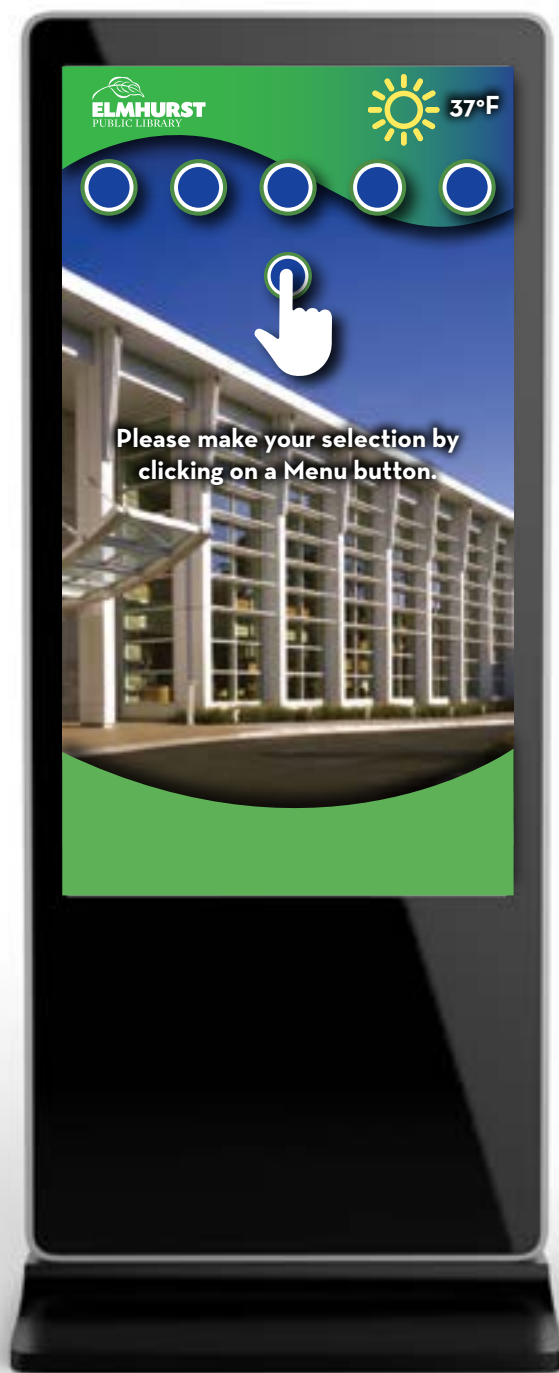
Library Events:

This option lists upcoming programs. Each listing includes a description and registration information, as well as the exact location of the event.

Not sure where a room is located? No problem. Touch the room name and a map will pop up to help you navigate.

Meeting Room Reservations:

Outside groups reserving spaces in the Library often wonder where they are meeting within the building. That location information is now easily accessible through the directory!



Attending Programs

Event Key:

📍 In-person 🖥️ Virtual 📺 Hybrid

- **Hybrid:** These events are offered both in-person at the Library and online. Register at elmlib.org/events for the format of your choice to reserve your seat or receive the link to join from home.
- **YouTube:** No registration required. Just visit elmlib.org/youtube to watch.
- **Zoom:** Register at elmlib.org/events 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.*
- **Discord or Roll20:** Register at elmlib.org/events to receive information to join.

ADA Accommodations

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

See page 11 for some examples of ADA options the Library provides.

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.

Try our new app!

Using EPL remotely is now easier than ever! Search for books, reserve rooms, access the online collection, and check your account through our newest platform. Just search for "Elmhurst Public Library" in the App Store or Google Play.



COMMUNITY CONNECTION

See page 2 for info:  In-person event  Virtual event  Hybrid event



Follow @AskElmhurst on Instagram to keep up with your library community.
Find more info at elmlib.org/community.



Build It! From Anywhere

Begins Dec. 1 • All Ages

Playing off our Winter Common Connection theme of Build, the Library invites the whole community to build from anywhere throughout the month of December! Stack LEGO, assemble gingerbread houses, or show off your Minecraft creation and share with #BuildItEPL.



Elephant and Piggie Celebrate You!

Begins Jan. 3 • For Families

Get inspired by your family's unique traditions and, with the help of Elephant and Piggie, create your own special day. Download a celebration sheet and share your ideas with #MoWillems and #ElmhurstPublicLibrary.



Bookstagram with EPL

Begins Feb. 1 • Ongoing • All Ages

February is National Library Lover's Month! Share your love of books with us. Snap a photo of the book you're currently reading or one of your favorites and use #BookstagramEPL.

📍 Polar Express T-Trak Model Railroad

Large Meeting Room • Families

■ **Saturday, Dec. 4 • 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.**

■ **Sunday, Dec. 5 • 1-4 p.m.**

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

No registration required.

📍 Winter Holiday Crafts Around the World

Friday, Dec. 17 • 4-5 p.m.

Kids' Program Room • Grades K-8

Join us to learn about winter holidays around the world and create cool crafts for each.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

📍 Build It! Drop-in Week of Building

Dec. 27-31 • 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Kids' Program Room • All Ages

Join us to build creations in the Kids' Library. Each day we'll supply different building materials, from LEGO to Magnatiles to KEVA Planks and more. Become a builder during your winter break!

No registration required.

📍 Mama Edie: Let All Things Be Joyful and New!

Friday, Dec. 31 • 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Large Meeting Room

Families (best for ages 8+)

Storyteller and musician Mama Edie celebrates the light inside us. Besides the sparkling lights all around at this time, the light we all have inside of ourselves can come in many forms and manifest in wonderful ways. Bring an instrument if you wish.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

📍 Dino Day Drop-in

Mondays, Jan. 3-24 • 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Kids' Library • All Ages (best for 3-7)

Celebrate dinosaurs each week with a different activity to explore or make.

No registration required.

📍 Read to the Dogs

Saturdays, Jan. 8 and Feb. 12 • 2-3:30 p.m.

Kids' Program Room • Grades K-8

Bring a book or choose one of ours, and read aloud to one of the visiting therapy dogs.

Register to reserve a 15-minute time slot at elmlib.org/events.

📍 Wendy & DB Music for All

Monday, Jan. 17 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Large Meeting Room • Families

Get up and move to the uplifting music of Wendy & DB. Dance along to songs celebrating diversity, the arts, and nature. Fun for the whole family.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

📍 Winter STEM Fun

Saturday, Jan. 22 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Kids' Program Room • Families

Enjoy some indoor wintry hands-on science. Go ice fishing with string, melt an iceberg with vinegar, and more. Dress for a mess.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

📍 National LEGO Day: Open Build

Friday, Jan. 28 • 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Kids' Program Room • Families

It's National LEGO Day! Play and build with our Library LEGO bricks to help us celebrate.

No registration required.

📍 Family Valentine Card-making Party

Saturday, Feb. 5 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Large Meeting Room • Families

Enjoy a morning of card-making! We'll supply the materials, you supply the creativity.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

📍 Family Fort Fun

Wednesday, Feb. 9 • 6:15-7:15 p.m.

Kids' Library • Families

Build a fort with a blanket from home and our Kids' Library chairs. Create a cozy space to read together or chat as a family. Bring a blanket and flashlight.

No registration required.

📍 Parental Control Settings

Saturday, Feb. 12 • 10-11:30 a.m.

Computer Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12

Get an introduction to the many available options and settings to prevent your children from accessing unsuitable content.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

📍 Zen Parenting Book Launch Party

Tuesday, Feb. 22 • 7-8:30 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • Live on Zoom Adults

Help us celebrate the publication of the new book, *Zen Parenting*, by Cathy Cassani Adams, LCSW. Hear from the author and podcast host about how to stay mindful as a parent and connect with your kids on difficult topics like peer pressure, emotional intelligence, gender and sexuality, and more. Q&A and book signing to follow.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

📍 What Your Library Can Do for You

Wednesday, Feb. 23 • 7-8:30 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • Adults + Grades 6-12

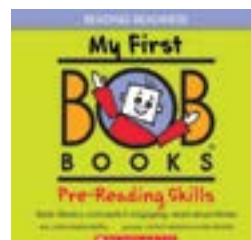
Get the super user's guide to the Library. Discover new services, save money, enrich your life, and get an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour after the presentation.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

Reading support for any age!

From board books to chapter books, and everything in between, talk to our Kids' Library staff to find the perfect book for your young readers!

Pre-readers



Readalongs



Beginning Readers



Storytime registration begins approximately 2 weeks before each monthly session. Visit elmlib.org/events for more information.

Wonderful Ones and Twos

9:30-10 a.m. • Kids' Program Room

Ages 1-2 w/ adult

Join in rhymes, books, and musical activities to engage emerging language skills for ones and twos.

Register for one of the series below at elmlib.org/events.

■ **Wednesdays, Dec. 1-22**

■ **Wednesdays, Jan. 5-26**

■ **Wednesdays, Feb. 2-23**

Songs and Stories

Every Saturday • 9:30-10 a.m.

(No session Dec. 25 and Jan. 1)

Kids' Program Room • Ages 1-2 w/ adult

Come for stories, rhymes, and music that keep toddlers and their grownups moving and smiling.

Register for each month at elmlib.org/events.

Saturday Stories

Every Saturday

(No session Dec. 25, Jan. 1, 22, and Feb. 5)

10:30-11 a.m. • Kids' Program Room

Families

Join us for stories, music, and movement, just right for families to share together.

Register for each month at elmlib.org/events.

Fun for 3s, 4s, and 5s

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

 **Virtual**

Every Thursday • 9:30-10 a.m.

Live on Zoom • Ages 3-5 w/ adult

Register at elmlib.org/events.

 **In-Person**

10:15-10:45 a.m. • Kids' Program Room

Ages 3-5 w/ adult

Register for one of the series below at elmlib.org/events.

■ **Thursdays, Dec. 2-23**

■ **Thursdays, Jan. 6-27**

■ **Thursdays, Feb. 3-24**

Free to Be Three

9:30-10 a.m. • Kids' Program Room

Age 3 w/ adult

Stories, songs, active rhymes, and more are just right for your three-year-old's emerging literacy skills!

Register for one of the series below at elmlib.org/events.

■ **Fridays, Dec. 3-17**

■ **Fridays, Jan. 7-28**

■ **Fridays, Feb. 4-25**

Mother Goose and Me

Mondays, Dec. 6-Feb. 21

(No session Dec. 27 and Feb. 28)

9:30-10 a.m. • Kids' Program Room

Newborn to 11 months w/ adult

Enjoy meeting other parents of newborns to share rhymes, activities, and resources.

Register for this 3-month long series at elmlib.org/events.

Little Wigglers

Join us for stories, nursery rhymes, and music to keep little ones gleefully engaged.

 **Virtual**

Every Tuesday • 9:30-10 a.m.

Live on Zoom • Families (best for 1-5)

Register at elmlib.org/events.

 **In-Person**

10:15-10:45 a.m. • Kids' Program Room

Families (best for 1-5)

Register for one of the series below at elmlib.org/events.

■ **Tuesdays, Dec. 7-21**

■ **Tuesdays, Jan. 4-25**

■ **Tuesdays, Feb. 1-22**

Zoom in Your Jammies

Wednesdays, Jan. 12 and Feb. 16

6:15-6:45 p.m. • Zoom

Families (best for 1-5)

Enjoy a round of stories and songs with your Library friends before bedtime.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

Coming Attractions

Reserve your copy online:

elmlib.org/kidsnewbooks



COMMON CONNECTION: BUILD

📍 Polar Express T-Trak Model Railroad

Large Meeting Room • Families

■ Saturday, Dec. 4 • 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

■ Sunday, Dec. 5 • 1-4 p.m.

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

No registration required.

📍 Design Your Dream

Sunday, Jan. 16 • 2-3 p.m.

Kids' Program Room • Grades K-8

Using magazine clippings, create a collage that celebrates the goals and dreams you have for yourself and the world.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

📍 National LEGO Day:

Open Build

Friday, Jan. 28 • 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Kids' Program Room • Families

It's National LEGO Day! Play and build with our Library LEGO bricks to help us celebrate.

No registration required.

📍 LEGO WeDo Robotics

Monday, Feb. 7 • 4-5 p.m.

Kids' Program Room • Grades 3-5

Learn how to program with LEGO WeDo! Make your own amazing robotic creation with our LEGO WeDo kits.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

📍 Brick-o-saurus!

Monday, Feb. 21

10-10:45 a.m. or 11:15 a.m.-12 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • Grades 1-5

Bricks4Kidz presents a hands-on dino-building experience. Learn facts about dinosaurs and engineering.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

📍 Ornament Make and Take

Friday, Dec. 3 • 4-5 p.m.

Kids' Program Room • Grades K-8

Add your own ornament to the Library's Wilder Park holiday tree! Make two ornaments: one for the Wilder Park tree and one to take home. We'll supply the materials.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

📍 Play Switch!

Wednesday, Dec. 8 • 4-5 p.m.

Kids' Program Room • Grades 2-8

Join us for some fun playing *Smash Bros.* on the big TV in the Kids' Program Room. You don't need to bring controllers, or even have to know how to play!

Register at elmlib.org/events.

📍 T-Rexplorers: Dig It!

Monday, Dec. 13 • 4-4:45 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • Grades K-8

See dinosaur bones up close and experience what it's like to go on a paleontological dig with authentic dinosaur fossils from species like Triceratops and Tyrannosaurus rex.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

📍 Winter Holiday Crafts

Around the World

Friday, Dec. 17 • 4-5 p.m.

Kids' Program Room • Grades K-8

Join us to learn about winter holidays around the world and create cool crafts for each.

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📍 Read to the Dogs

Saturdays, Jan. 8 and Feb. 12 • 2-3:30 p.m.

Kids' Program Room • Grades K-8

Bring a book or choose one of ours, and read aloud to one of the visiting therapy dogs.

Register for a 15-minute time slot at

elmlib.org/events.

📍 Fascinating Fossils

Thursday, Jan. 13 • 4-4:50 p.m.

Kids' Program Room • Grades 3-5

Fossils are an amazing way to learn about the past! Make your own fossil using clay and shells, practice digging for fossils, and more. A fun, hands-on program for budding paleontologists.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

📍 Jurassic Party

Wednesday, Jan. 19 • 4-4:45 p.m.

Kids' Program Room • Grades K-2

Dinosaurs rock! Join us for a roaring good time as we make fossils, run dinosaur races, share our best dinosaur facts, and more.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

📍 Bad Guys Academy

Tuesday, Jan. 25 • 4-5 p.m.

Kids' Program Room • Grades 2-3

If you love the *Bad Guys* book series by Aaron Blabey, join us for an afternoon at Bad Guys Academy! Create your own villainous name, design your outfit, and test your skills as a Bad Guy.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

📍 Black Inventors Drop-in

Tuesdays, Feb. 1-22 • 3-5 p.m.

Kids' Library • Grades K-8

Stop into the Kids' Library to learn about a different Black inventor each Tuesday in February, and enjoy a craft or activity.

No registration required.

📍 Who Would Win?

EPL Dinosaur Edition

Friday, Feb. 18 • 4-4:45 p.m.

Kids' Program Room • Grades 1-5

Learn what makes different dinosaurs fierce competitors, and vote to see "who would win?" in different prehistoric match-ups.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

YOU'VE GOT HOMEWORK. WE'VE GOT HELP.

Online, on-demand tutoring,
homework help, and test prep.

elmlib.org/homework



MIDDLE + HIGH SCHOOL

See page 2 for info:  In-person event  Virtual event  Hybrid event

Middle Schoolers: Just for You!

Resin Keychains

Tuesday, Dec. 21 • 6-7 p.m.

Kids' Program Room • Grades 6-8

Make a personalized keychain for when you finally get those car keys. Together, we'll write a word in wire, decorate our resin, and set it—all in one night.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

Psychedelic Art

Friday, Jan. 7 • 6-7 p.m.

Kids' Program Room • Grades 6-8

Create out-of-this-world artwork. Expand your imagination by designing your very own art piece while using distorted visuals, bright colors, and weird animations.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

Quilted Pennant Banners

Friday, Feb. 4 • 4-5:30 p.m.

Kids' Program Room • Grades 6-8

Create a personalized wall-hanging using funky fabrics. No sewing experience required.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

Once Upon a Potion

Friday, Feb. 25 • 7-8 p.m.

Kids' Program Room • Grades 6-8

A group of fairy tale characters were at a soirée, then discovered a drink was replaced with a 100-year sleeping potion. Use clues to determine who among them replaced the drink and which bottle is actually the potion.

Register at elmlib.org/events.



Video Game Tourney Night

Every Wednesday • 7-8:30 p.m.

Kossmann Room • Grades 9-12

(Jan. 5 and Feb. 2 will be in the Teen Space)

We're mixing up the *Smash Bros.* Tournament by adding alternate games and tournaments. Spectators welcome!

Register at elmlib.org/events.

Spill!

Every Thursday • 4-5 p.m. • Teen Space

Grades 9-12

(No sessions when District 205 is off)

A chance for teens to share thoughts and explore current topics with Tracey, EPL's social worker.

No registration required.

Old School Games & Trivia

**Friday, Dec. 3 • 4-6 p.m. • Teen Space
Grades 9-12**

Join us for an afternoon of old school board games and trivia. Try some of our oversized games, too. There will be refreshments.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

High School Crafternoons: Holiday Edition

Teen Space • Grades 9-12

Make a holiday decoration or a gift!

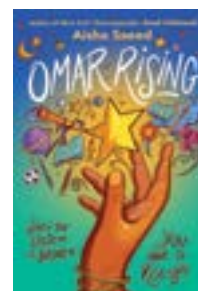
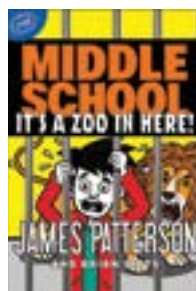
■ **Tuesday, Dec. 7 • 4-6 p.m.**

■ **Friday, Dec. 10 • 4-6 p.m.**

Register at elmlib.org/events.

Middle School Coming Attractions

Reserve your copy online:
elmlib.org/msnewbooks



MIDDLE + HIGH SCHOOL



🎮 Dungeons & Dragons Tuesdays, Dec. 14, Jan. 11, and Feb. 8 6-8:45 p.m. • Live on Roll20 + Discord Grades 9-12

Join us on Roll20 for an original campaign led by internationally acclaimed DM Thomas Lewis. Live on Roll20 and Discord.
Register at elmlib.org/events.

📖 Cram for Exams Saturday, Dec. 18 – Tuesday, Dec. 21 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. Need to cram with fewer distractions? Book a study room to spread out and learn at elmlib.org/studyrooms. Check elmlib.org/events in December for locations and times.

🎤 New Year's Eve Karaoke Friday, Dec. 31 • 2-4:30 p.m. Teen Space • Grades 9-12

Get an early start on your New Year's Eve celebration. Be prepared to show off your vocal skills and dance moves! There will be party hats, photo props, food, and drink. Win a prize in a guessing game or drawing.
Register at elmlib.org/events.

🎬 Winter Night's Movie Friday, Jan. 7 • 6:30-8:45 p.m. Teen Space • Grades 9-12

Join us for a movie night. Vote for the movie you want to watch—the ballot box will be in the Teen Space. There will be snacks.
Register at elmlib.org/events.

🔨 High School Crafternoons Fridays, Jan. 21 and Feb. 18 • 4-6 p.m. Teen Space • Grades 9-12

Each month we provide materials and ideas. Take home a new skill and a finished project!
Register at elmlib.org/events.

🎨 Draw Comics and More with Gene Ha Saturday, Jan. 29 • 1-2:30 p.m. Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom Grades 6-12

Award-winning comic illustrator and graphic novelist Gene Ha is back for another drawing program! Gene shows you how to draw comics, and also takes requests for drawings! Want to learn how to draw something specific? Email: eplteen@elmlib.org.
Register at elmlib.org/events.

🎌 Anime / Manga Drawing Workshop Saturday, Feb. 5 • 1-3 p.m. Large Meeting Room • Grades 6-12

Learn how to draw your own characters with Addie Atable, freelance comic book artist and Anime Central staff member.
Register at elmlib.org/events.

🎬 Valentine's Day Movie Friday, Feb. 11 • 6:30-8:45 p.m. Teen Space • Grades 9-12

Celebrate Valentine's Day a few days early with a movie! Vote for the movie you want to watch—the ballot box will be in the Teen Space. There will be snacks.
Register at elmlib.org/events.

High Schoolers: Just for You!

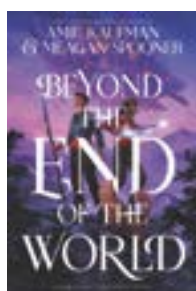
Teen Advisors Grades 9-12

Plan Library programs for teens, voice your opinion, and make new friends.
Please email eplteen@elmlib.org for more info.

🖼️ Teen Showcase Gallery Grades 9-12

High Schoolers: Submit your work at elmlib.org/entryshowcase for consideration. All mediums are welcome! This can include: art, industrial design, crafts, culinary creations, music recordings, performance videos, and more.

See last year's creative work at elmlib.org/showcase.



High School Coming Attractions

Reserve your copy online:
elmlib.org/hsnewbooks

Analog to Digital

Convert your film and VHS tapes to digital with the following devices:

- Elgato Video Capture device
- Film & slide to digital converter
- Super 8 & 8mm film to MP4

Request equipment at elmlib.org/convert

Photoshop Elements

Thursday, Dec. 9 • 6:30-8 p.m.

Computer Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12

Learn to use Photoshop Elements, Adobe's consumer level program for editing and organizing photographs.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

Intro to Excel

Computer Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12

■ **Tuesday, Dec. 14 • 1-2:30 p.m.**

■ **Thursday, Dec. 16 • 6:30-8 p.m.**

Get introduced to Microsoft Excel, a powerful spreadsheet application that can organize and analyze data. You do not have to attend both sessions.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

YouTube Creator Starter Kit

Thursday, Jan. 6 • 6:30-8 p.m.

Computer Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12

YouTube is the go-to place for consuming and creating video content. Get started creating and uploading content to share on this platform.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

Newly Acquired Tech Help

Thursday, Jan. 13 • 6-8:30 p.m.

Computer Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12

Were you gifted a new electronic device that you don't know how to use? One of our technology assistants will guide you through and answer questions.

Register for an appointment at elmlib.org/events.

Excel Intermediate

Computer Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12

■ **Tuesday, Jan. 18 • 1-2:30 p.m.**

■ **Thursday, Jan. 20 • 6:30-8 p.m.**

Go further in Excel with formulas, functions, and formatting options. You do not have to attend both sessions.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

Streaming Video with Your Library Card

Friday, Jan. 21 • 2-3 p.m.

Computer Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12

Get introduced to video streaming services accessed through your Library card. Learn how to access them using your TV or smart devices. Kanopy, Hoopla, and Libby are a few of the available applications.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

Apple Watch

Saturday, Jan. 22 • 10-11:30 a.m.

Computer Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12

Whether you're a new owner or learning more before purchasing, we'll teach you about Apple Watch, one of the leading smartwatches available.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

Using Goodreads

Wednesday, Jan. 26 • 2-3 p.m.

Computer Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12

Get started using Goodreads. We'll show you how to get started using this social cataloging website to rate, review, and keep track of your reading list.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

Canva Basics

Tuesday, Feb. 8 • 1-2:30 p.m.

Computer Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12

Get an introduction to Canva, an online graphic design tool. Canva can be used to create social media graphics, presentations, posters, documents, and other visual content. Register at elmlib.org/events.

Parental Control Settings

Saturday, Feb. 12 • 10-11:30 a.m.

Computer Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12

Get an introduction to the many available options and settings to prevent your children from accessing unsuitable content.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

Digital Personal Assistants

Monday, Feb. 14 • 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Computer Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12

Learn about personal assistants, Alexa, Cortana, Google, and Siri, that are built into smartphones, computers, and a growing number of smart devices.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

Excel Advanced

Computer Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12

■ **Tuesday, Feb. 15 • 1-2:30 p.m.**

■ **Thursday, Feb. 24 • 6:30-8 p.m.**

Review formulas and functions and go a step further with more advanced functions, including PMT and VLookup. You do not have to attend both sessions.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

Silhouette Studio

Thursday, Feb. 17 • 6:30-8 p.m.

Computer Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12

Get an introduction to Silhouette Studio. This software is used to create projects with the Makery's Silhouette Cameo, an electronic cutting and drawing machine.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

eBooks, eAudiobooks, eMagazines

Friday, Feb. 18 • 2-3:30 p.m.

Computer Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12

Learn to access and download electronic versions of books, audiobooks, and magazines, free with your Library card.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

Drop-in Tech Help

Find solutions to your tech questions by stopping by the 2nd Floor or remotely, through our Virtual Information Desk at elmlib.org/videochat.



BUSINESS RESOURCES

Find tools to make your business run smoothly and grow with our subscription-based databases.

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H Prepare for a Successful Job Search

Monday, Jan. 10 • 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom • Adults

Follow along as People's Resource Center job coaches help you answer the question, "Why do you want this job and how are you qualified for it?" Learn to: create a self-assessment; identify skills and accomplishments; match your skills to a job description; and use social media during your job search.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

📍 LinkedIn Profile Portraits

Thursday, Feb. 3 • Gathering Room • Adults + Grades 9-12

■ 12-1:30 p.m.

■ 6-7:30 p.m.

Receive a digital headshot portrait that you can use for your LinkedIn profile or any other personal or professional applications. Dress for success! Bring a USB flash drive to get your pictures.

No registration required.

H Career Fair 101

Monday, Feb. 14 • 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom • Adults

Career fairs are great opportunities to network with hiring employers and showcase your experience, skills, and qualifications. Learn ways to maximize your time at career fairs, including how to prepare before the event and how to effectively navigate it once you get there. Gain the confidence needed to sell your strengths to employers and land the job interview! Presented by People's Resource Center.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

Regroup for the new year!

Business Librarian Cheryl Fortman can answer your job search and business-related questions, or help with one-on-one research.

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See page 2 for info:  In-person event  Virtual event  Hybrid event

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



Connect • Engage • Thrive

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

Sharpie Mugs

Friday, Dec. 3 • 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Kossmann Room • 20s/30s Adults

Decorate a mug with a custom design, plus try some delicious combinations at our hot chocolate bar.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

Accessorizing Your Home

Monday, Dec. 6 • 7-8:15 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • Live on Zoom Adults

Put your own personal stamp on your space with help from interior stylist Julea Joseph. Learn the essentials every room needs, plus get tips and tricks for shopping for great new pieces, breathing new life into your existing treasures, and pulling them all together.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

Plug In & Play

Friday, Jan. 7 • 7-8:30 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • 20s/30s Adults

Join us for a fun night of video games, old and new.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

Kawaii Clay Creatures

Friday, Jan. 21 • 7-8 p.m.

Kossmann Room • 20s/30s Adults

Create creatures out of polymer clay!

Register at elmlib.org/events.

Buy Your First Home

Wednesday, Jan. 26 • 7-8:30 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • Live on Zoom Adults

A mortgage lender, a real estate agent, and a home inspector walk you through buying your first home. Q&A session follows.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

Board Game Night

Friday, Feb. 4 • 7-8:30 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • 20s/30s Adults

Join us for a night of open gaming with other board game fans. Bring your own game to share or play one of ours.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

Art Therapy Night

Friday, Feb. 18 • 7-8:30 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • 20s/30s Adults

Come unwind with adult coloring books and other forms of art therapy while enjoying friendly conversation and soothing music. Bring your own materials or use ours.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

What Your Library Can Do for You

Wednesday, Feb. 23 • 7-8:30 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • Adults

Get the super user's guide to the Library. Discover new services, save money, enrich your life, and get an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour after the presentation.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

20s/30s Book Discussions

■ ***When No One is Watching***
by Alyssa Cole

Thursday, Jan. 6 • 7-8:15 p.m.

Gathering Room • Live on Zoom 20s/30s Adults

Sydney Green is fed up with watching gentrification pervade the Brooklyn community where she grew up and, with the unwelcome help of her new neighbor Theo, works on putting together a walking tour to honor the neighborhood's roots. Things turn sinister as their research begins to suggest that the people who have left the neighborhood haven't simply moved away, but disappeared. This thriller has it all: conspiracy, romance, psychological intrigue, and real social issues viewed through an askew *Rear Window* lens.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

■ ***Oona Out of Order***
by Margarita Montimore

Thursday, Feb. 3 • 7-8:15 p.m.

Kossmann Room • Live on Zoom 20s/30s Adults

In 1982 at the stroke of midnight and on the verge of a life-altering decision, 19-year-old Oona Lockhart wakes up 32 years in the future in her 51-year-old body, with no memories of the intervening years, and learns to her dismay that this will happen to her every year. Through a whirlwind of pop culture, music, and the wonders of smartphones, Oona must learn to live in the moment and find joy in her anachronistic, upside-down life.

Register at elmlib.org/events.



COMMON CONNECTION: **BUILD**

The Common Connection is a series of programs using lectures, discussion, and critical thinking to identify topics that influence the world today. This issue's topic is **Build**.

Whether constructing elements of a structure, the legacy of a life, or the groundwork for the future, building is a measured and intentional process riddled with trial and error. Join us as we ponder the methods by which foundations are laid and how design and function are reconciled.

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Puzzle Swap

Book Sale Area • All Ages • Ongoing

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.

The Library has puzzles available for checkout, too! Find them in the Board Game sections of the Kids' Library and Adult Services.

International Puzzle Day is January 29!

H Accessorizing Your Home

Monday, Dec. 6 • 7-8:15 p.m.

Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults

Put your own personal stamp on your space with help from interior stylist Julea Joseph. Learn the essential elements every room needs, plus get tips and tricks for shopping for great new pieces, breathing new life into your existing treasures, and pulling them all together.

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H Chicago Architecture: Burnham, Mies, Gang, and Their Legacies

Tuesday, Dec. 7 • 7-8:15 p.m.

Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults + Grades 9-12

The cradle of modern architecture, Chicago holds many stories and secrets behind the buildings and builders. From the beginning of the First School to the most recent innovations and masterpieces, it's all here in the Windy City. Join historian Clarence Goodman for a look back at some of our most influential architects and their legacies.

Stick around after the lecture and view a short video on a local architectural gem, McCormick House by Mies van der Rohe, now part of Elmhurst Art Museum.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

H Senior Housing 101

Monday, Jan. 10 • 7-8 p.m.

Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults

Rick Graffagna of 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 retirement.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

H Building the Magic: Walt Disney World's Magic Kingdom

Tuesday, Jan. 11 • 7-8:30 p.m.

Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults + Grades 9-12

In the 1960s, Disney acquired 25,000 acres of swampland in Florida. Over the next two years, part of the land was transformed into the world's leading theme park resort. Learn the secrets behind the construction of the Magic Kingdom and its most popular rides and attractions.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

H Digging Deeper: The Foundations of Chicago Architecture

Tuesday, Jan. 18 • 7-8 p.m.

Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults + Grades 9-12

Chicago is known for its skyscrapers, but did you know pioneering Chicago architects first had to figure out how to build on a swamp? Uncover stories of old and new buildings in the Windy City and the giants of design and engineering who built them.

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H Buy Your First Home

Wednesday, Jan. 26 • 7-8:30 p.m.

Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults

A mortgage lender, a real estate agent, and a home inspector walk you through buying your first home. Q&A session follows.

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H Houses of Tomorrow

Monday, Feb. 7 • 7-8 p.m.

Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults + Grades 9-12

Get a sneak peek at Elmhurst Art Museum's newest exhibit: "The Houses of Tomorrow." Discover how the original glass-walled House of Tomorrow at the 1933 Chicago World's Fair led to breakthroughs in architecture and solar power and consider the possibilities and limitations of "green" buildings.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

Check out related Kids' Common Connection programs on page 6.



One Pot Meals

Wednesday, Dec. 1 • 7-8 p.m.

**Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults + Grades 9-12**

Chef Susan Maddox demonstrates three tasty one-pot meals. Enjoy these recipes during the winter months with minimal cleanup, so prep time is a breeze. Ingredients utilized are seasonal and easy to use.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

Chicago Genealogy

Thursday, Dec. 2 • 7-8 p.m.

**Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults + Grades 9-12**

Sweet home, Chicago! Explore the top resources for finding your Chicago and Cook County ancestors, with an emphasis on available record sets, research strategies, important repositories, and more.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

Friday Features

Every Friday • 2-4 p.m.

(There is no movie on Dec. 24 and 31)

Large Meeting Room • Adults

Enjoy an afternoon at the movies. Find each week's featured film at elmlib.org/friday. No registration required.

Culture Club: Greece

Thursday, Dec. 9 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.

**Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults**

Follow travelers Barb and Ron through Greece. See classic monuments and hear stories of history and myth. Marvel at the temples on Athens' Acropolis. Cruise through the Corinth Canal and around the Peloponnese, stopping to visit archaeological sites, including Delphi, home of the ancient Oracle, and Olympia, birthplace of the Olympic games. Then, ferry through the Aegean Sea to Santorini, famous for its blue domes, and Naxos, with its traditional villages and green farmland.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

GreenMan Theatre

Presents: Seasonal Stories

Monday, Dec. 13 • 7-8:30 p.m.

**Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults + Grades 9-12**

Storytellers from GreenMan Theatre regale us with spoken word performances of winter tales. This is the perfect thing to get you in the holiday spirit.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

Chicago, Christmas Movies, & Class Stereotypes

Tuesday, Dec. 14 • 7-8 p.m.

**Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults + Grades 6-12**

National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation (1989), *Home Alone* (1990), and *While You Were Sleeping* (1995) sit among some of the most beloved American Christmas movies. Set in Chicago, these three mainstream Hollywood comedies have entertained audiences for decades.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

Holiday Nostalgia

Wednesday, Dec. 15 • 2-3 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • Seniors + Adults

Relive Christmases past with Larry Bergnach while listening to classic songs by Burl Ives, Perry Como, Nat King Cole, and more.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

Finding Inner Peace This Holiday Season

Wednesday, Dec. 29 • 7-8 p.m.

**Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults + Grades 6-12**

Join Dr. Frank Pawlowski, long-time meditator, to reduce your seasonal stress with the extraordinary effects of meditation. Practice a simple technique to enrich your life during the holidays and beyond.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

Senior Housing 101

Monday, Jan. 10 • 7-8 p.m.

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Adults**

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Culture Club: St. Petersburg

Thursday, Jan. 13 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.

**Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults**

This is the perfect opportunity to see all the highlights of a gorgeous city of glorious royalty, majestic canal views, and onion-shaped domes. Licensed tour guide Olga Cardamone will lead us on a virtual tour of St. Petersburg while sharing stories and facts about Russia's cultural capital.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

How to Travel on Public Transportation with RTA

Wednesday, Jan. 19 • 1-2 p.m.

Meeting Room A + Live on Zoom • Seniors

Find the best way to get around town and throughout the RTA region with advice from the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA). Learn how to plan public transportation trips, local transit options, use Ventra, and take advantage of reduced or free rides.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

Houseplants 101

Monday, Jan. 24 • 7-8 p.m.

**Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults + Grades 9-12**

Learn how to keep your plants alive and happy whether they live indoors year-round or are just staying with you for the winter.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

Reduce Your Phone, Cable, and Internet Bills with CUB

Tuesday, Jan. 25 • 7-8:30 p.m.

**Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults**

Learn ways to cut your cable costs and options when it comes to your phone and internet from the Citizens Utility Board. Also, learn about ways to keep your data safe online and how to deal with pesky robocalls!

Register at elmlib.org/events.

Lincoln on Slavery, Emancipation, and Equality

Wednesday, Feb. 9 • 7-8 p.m.

**Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults + Grades 6-12**

This historical reenactment by Kevin Wood shares President Lincoln's perspectives on the subjects of slavery, emancipation, and equality, including the relationship between the White and Black races during his time.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

Culture Club: Zambia

Thursday, Feb. 10 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.

**Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults**

Jeff Mishur and Michelle Paluch-Mishur recount their tour of the Zambia side of Victoria Falls. Learn about an elephant-back safari, Zambezi river rafting, game drives in Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park, and flying over Victoria Falls in a vintage biplane.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

🕒 RomCom Bingo

Monday, Feb. 14 • 2-3:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • Adults

Join us for a screening of the 2019 film, *Isn't It Romantic?* starring Rebel Wilson and play along to check off as many of the romantic comedy tropes from your bingo card as you can to compete for prizes!

Register at elmlib.org/events.

📖 Zen Parenting Book Launch Party

Tuesday, Feb. 22 • 7-8:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults

Celebrate the publication of the new book, *Zen Parenting* by Cathy Cassani Adams, LCSW. Hear from the author and podcast host about how to stay mindful as a parent and connect with your kids on difficult topics like peer pressure, emotional intelligence, gender and sexuality, and more. Q&A and book signing to follow.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

🕒 What Your Library Can Do for You

Wednesday, Feb. 23 • 7-8:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • Adults + Grades 6-12

Get the super user's guide to the Library. Discover new services, save money, enrich your life, and get an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour after the presentation.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY



For Adults + Teens:

📖 The Great War and the Great Migration

Tuesday, Feb. 1 • 7-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults + Grades 9-12

Historian Clarence Goodman talks about how World War I brought about the Great Migration and permanently changed the American landscape by encouraging six million African-Americans to move from the rural south to the more urban north.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

📖 Fiftyleven Things to Say

Tuesday, Feb. 15 • 7-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults + Grades 9-12

Folk tales, jazz melodies, and true life experience all coexist in this performance from storyteller Kelly Campos. Discover the multiplicity of African American culture through this powerful mix of story and song.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

For Kids:

🕒 Black Inventors Drop-in

Tuesdays, Feb. 1-22 • 3-5 p.m.
Kids' Library • Grades K-8

Stop into the Kids' Library to learn about a different Black inventor each Tuesday in February, and enjoy a craft or activity.

No registration required.

**CHECK OUT HOLIDAY
DISPLAYS AND THE
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📍 Bridge & Pinochle Club

Every Tuesday • 1-3 p.m. • Kossman Room Adults

Enjoy an afternoon of card games every week. Prior experience is required.

No registration required.

📍 American Mah Jongg: Open Play

Every Wednesday • 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Meeting Room B • Adults

Gather every Wednesday for American Mah Jongg, a game of skill, strategy, calculation, and a certain amount of chance and luck. All skill levels welcome.

No registration required.

📍 Scrabble Club

Mondays, Dec. 6, Jan. 3, and Feb. 7 10 a.m.-2 p.m. • Meeting Room B • Adults

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

📍 Staying Mentally Fit

Tuesdays, Dec. 7, Jan. 4, and Feb. 1 1:30-2:30 p.m. • Meeting Room B • Seniors

Join us for fun mental enrichment. Programs will vary month to month and include games, puzzles, and activities that boost memory, reasoning, and other cognitive abilities.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

📍 Ciao Italia!

Mondays, Dec. 20, Jan. 17, and Feb. 21 7-8:30 p.m.

Gathering Room + 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.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

📍 Great Decisions

Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom Adults

Discuss critical issues facing America in a respectful environment with Professor Gary Midkiff and other community members.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

■ **Foreign Policy round table**

Tuesday, Jan. 25 • 1:30-3 p.m.

■ **Outer Space**

Tuesday, Feb. 22 • 1:30-3 p.m.

📍 French Discussion Group

Thursdays, Jan. 27 and Feb. 24 7-8:30 p.m. • Kossman Room • Adults

This group, for beginners to intermediate learners, provides a relaxed atmosphere for improving your French language skills.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

📍 Chair Yoga

Fridays, Jan. 28 and Feb. 25 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. • Large Meeting Room Adults

Join a certified yoga instructor for a series of simple movements to strengthen and stretch your whole body while comfortably seated in a chair. No prior yoga experience required. **Register at elmlib.org/events.**

Library Insiders

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

📍 Next Chapter Book Club

Wednesdays, Dec. 8, Jan. 5, 19, Feb. 2, and 16 • 6:30-7:30 p.m. Large Meeting Room • Adults

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. **Register at elmlib.org/events.**

Homebound Delivery

Library staff and volunteers will deliver any type of circulating Library material to homebound residents.

For more information, or to apply, email reference@elmlib.org or call (630) 279-8696 and ask for the 2nd Floor Information Desk.



Ornament Painting with Karen Exiner

Thursday, Dec. 2 • Adults

Paint along with local artist Karen Exiner as we decorate clear ornaments with wintry holiday scenes.

No registration required.

View at elmlib.org/youtube.

Winter Stitch-Along

Sundays, Dec. 5-Feb. 6

Adults + Grades 6-12

Join us for a Winter on Main Street stitch-along, inspired by our Common Connection theme: Build. A stitch-along is a mystery cross-stitch pattern where new parts of the design are released each week. Every Sunday, 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/events.

In Stitches Needleworkers

Tuesdays, Dec. 14, Jan. 11, and Feb. 8

12-2 p.m. • Gathering Room • Adults

Knitters, crocheters, and needleworkers of all skill levels: Bring a project to work on, share knowledge with others, and have fun!

No registration required.

Galaxy Chicago Paintings

Thursday, Dec. 9 • 7-8 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • Adults

Use watercolor paints to create a galaxy of stars behind the Chicago skyline.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

DIY Ideabook

Wednesday, Jan. 12 • 6:30-8 p.m.

The Makery • Adults + Grades 9-12

An ideabook is a place to organize your thoughts, save family recipes, or store whatever inspires you! Create a work of art for your ideas and inspirations.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

Coloring for Mindfulness

Tuesdays, Jan. 18 and Feb. 15

2-3 p.m. • Gathering Room • Adults

Choose from beautiful designs and become absorbed in the joy of coloring.

No registration required.

Metal Stamped Pendant

Monday, Jan. 31 • 7-8 p.m.

The Makery • Adults + Grades 9-12

Create a pendant out of copper or brass using the Makery's new stamped letter set.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

Canva Basics

Tuesday, Feb. 8 • 1-2:30 p.m.

Computer Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12

Get an introduction to Canva, an online graphic design tool. Canva can be used to create social media graphics, presentations, posters, and other visual content.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

Silhouette Studio

Thursday, Feb. 17 • 6:30-8 p.m.

Computer Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12

Get an introduction to Silhouette Studio. This software is used to create projects with our Makery's Silhouette Cameo, an electronic cutting and drawing machine.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

Craft Night at the Makery

Friday, Feb. 25 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.

The Makery • Adults

Spend an evening crafting at EPL, courtesy of the Makery staff.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

Bargello Needlepoint Sunglasses Case

Monday, Feb. 28 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.

The Makery • Adults + Grades 9-12

Try your hand at Bargello needlecraft. It consists of upright flat stitches laid in a mathematical pattern to create motifs and patterns. We will create a sunglasses case.

Register at elmlib.org/events.



HOLIDAY CRAFT

Drop-in Programs

Join us for a week of crafting!

Dec. 6-10 • Lobby • All Ages • No registration required

📍 Scandinavian Woven Hearts

Monday, Dec. 6 • 4-6 p.m.

Create a traditional Scandinavian woven heart.

📍 Gift Tags

Tuesday, Dec. 7 • 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Add some flair to your holiday gift wrapping with these custom gift tags.

📍 Perler Bead Snowflakes

Wednesday, Dec. 8 • 1-3 p.m.

Make a unique snowflake that won't melt when you bring it home.

📍 Cork Gnome Ornaments

Thursday, Dec. 9 • 2-4 p.m.

Upcycle old wine corks into wintertime friends.

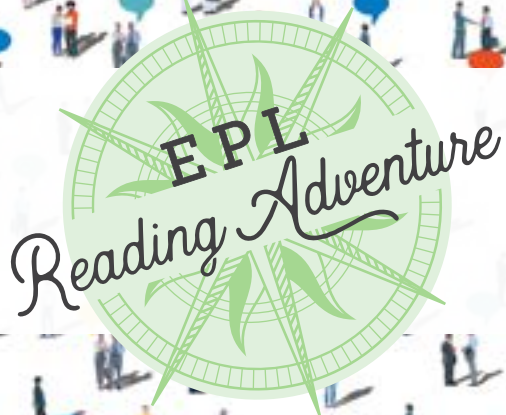
📍 3D Paper Trees

Friday, Dec. 10 • 6-8 p.m.

Create a unique 3D paper tree.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Books available at the Library for EPL cardholders. Find digital books at elmlib.org/ebooks

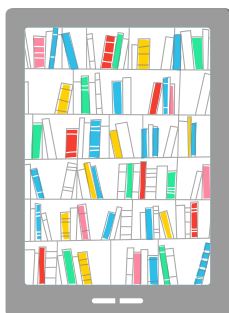


Expand Your World, One Book at a Time

To get on board, read a book that is: Fiction about building relationships.

Need help selecting a title? Get suggestions at elmlib.org/readingadventure

After you read your book: Tell us about your voyage at elmlib.org/voyage



H Trading Titles

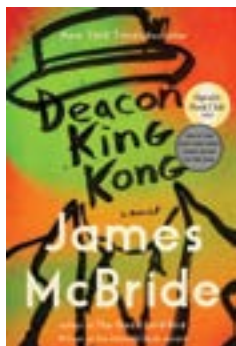
Gathering Room + Live on Zoom • Adults

■ **Thursday, Dec. 16 • 1-2:15 p.m.**

■ **Thursday, Dec. 16 • 7-8:15 p.m.**

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 event to share your thoughts about it.

Register at elmlib.org/events.



H Deacon King Kong by James McBride

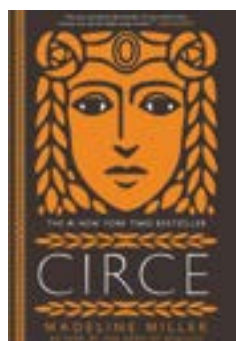
Gathering Room + Live on Zoom • Adults

■ **Thursday, Jan. 20 • 1-2:15 p.m.**

■ **Thursday, Jan. 20 • 7-8:15 p.m.**

In 1969, the deacon nicknamed Sportcoat, of Five Ends Baptist Church, shoots former youth baseball star and current local drug dealer Deems Clemens in front of a crowd in broad daylight, but why? Learn about new relationships that build among the witnesses, church members, neighbors, mobsters, and police involved in the case. The National Book Award-winning author tells their story with compassion, and wit in this Oprah's Book Club pick.

Register at elmlib.org/events.



H Circe by Madeline Miller

Gathering Room + Live on Zoom • Adults

■ **Thursday, Feb. 17 • 1-2:15 p.m.**

■ **Thursday, Feb. 17 • 7-8:15 p.m.**

In the splendid house of Helios, god of the sun, Circe is born a nymph who experiences fraught relationships with other divinities and later discovers she has magical powers to transform others through spells. The mighty Zeus senses a threat and banishes her to a deserted island where she encounters mortals who endanger her, as well as the famous hero Odysseus. The author's second novel brings to life conflicts among gods, goddesses, and monsters, and a choice that Circe must make: to choose the life of an immortal or a mere mortal. Save the date: Author visit on March 3.

Register at elmlib.org/events.

H New! Learn & Grow Book Discussions

■ **Range: Why Generalists Triumph in a Specialized World by David Epstein**
Thursday, Jan. 13 • 7-8:15 p.m.

Kossmann Room + Live on Zoom
Adults + Grades 9-12

Is it better to concentrate intensely on practicing one skill from a young age or try many pursuits and find your focus later in life? Epstein makes the case for the generalist's method through many readable anecdotes which, in true generalist fashion, are pulled from sources as disparate as tennis player Roger Federer and physicist Andre Geim. Check out the book that made Malcolm Gladwell "thoroughly enjoy the experience of being told that everything I thought about something was wrong."

Register at elmlib.org/events.

■ **Vesper Flights by Helen Macdonald**
Thursday, Feb. 10 • 7-8:15 p.m.

Gathering Room + Live on Zoom
Adults + Grades 9-12

"Animals don't exist in order to teach us things, but that is what they have always done." Using beautiful, poetic language, this collection of well-loved essays by naturalist Helen Macdonald illuminates humanity's relationship with the natural world and serves as a worthy follow-up to her award-winning, best-selling book *H is for Hawk*.

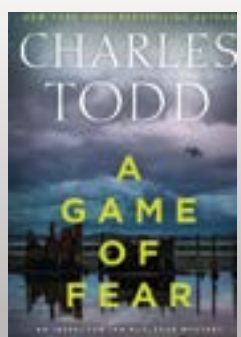
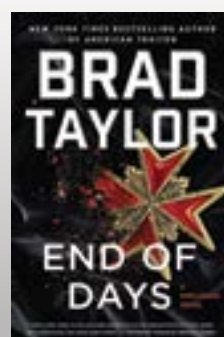
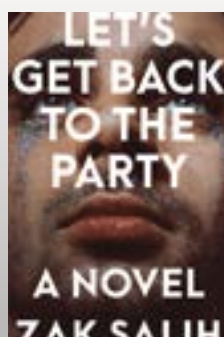
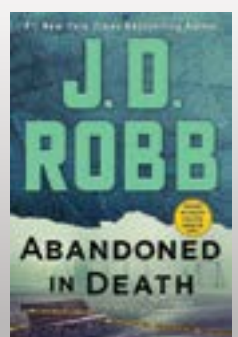
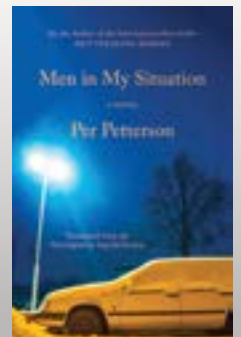
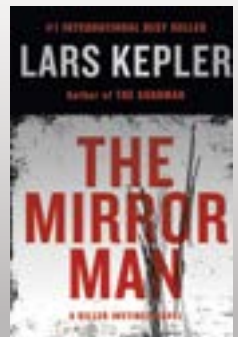
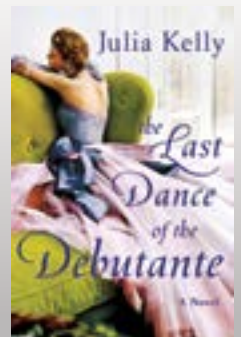
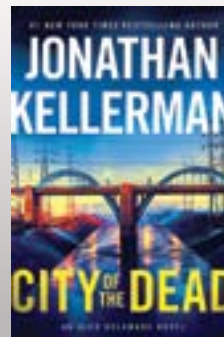
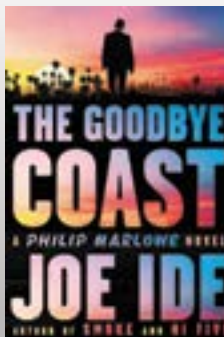
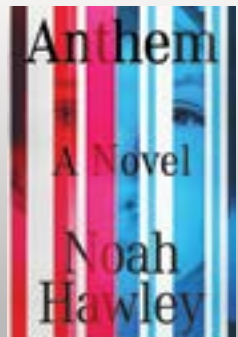
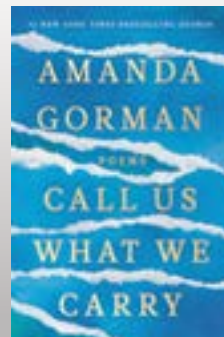
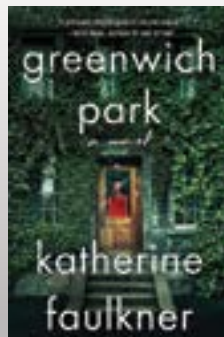
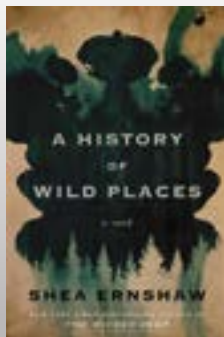
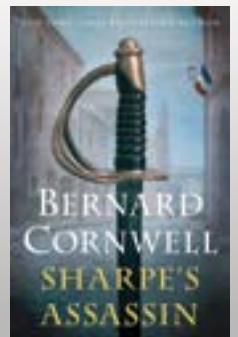
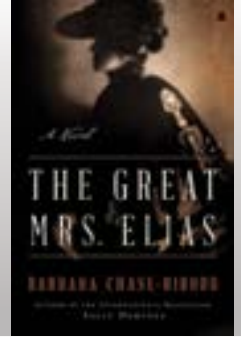
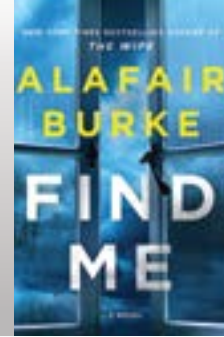
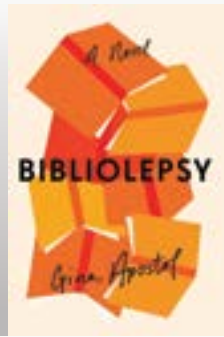
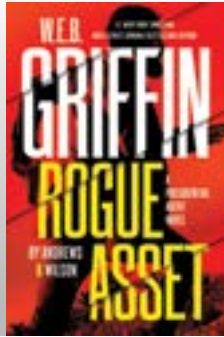
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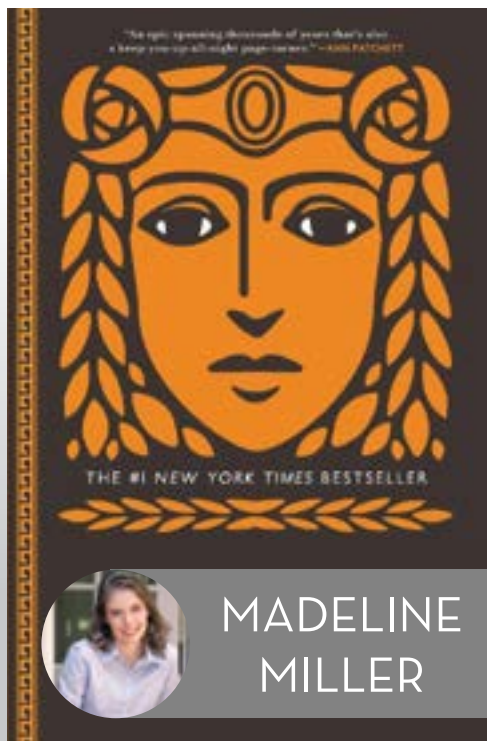
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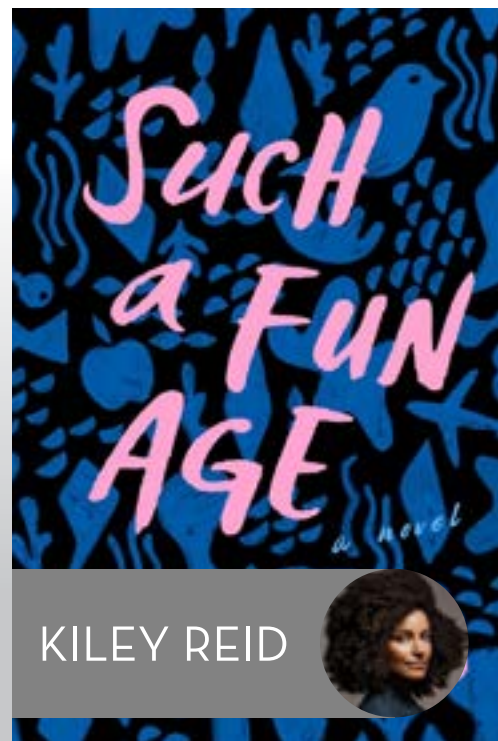
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