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**Technology**  
Don't let tech questions get in your way. We can help.



**Learn to Play**  
Get familiar with basic rules of play before attending weekly game programs.



**Library of Extraordinary Things: Create**  
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## EPL Year in Review

Libraries are for everyone, and we have so much to offer! See why your fellow community members are singing the praises of EPL:

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Another 5-star recognition! Congrats to the entire staff of EPL for your continuing efforts in accomplishing and maintaining this rating. Your kindness and expertise are very much appreciated. So keep up the great work! P.S. I especially like the Puzzle Swap, ebooks, and interlibrary loan. —Ann

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My son wanted his 7th birthday to be *Hamilton*-themed, so I made him some shoes for the day! Thanks to EPL and the Makery for the support on my first time doing something like this. It was a journey, but we got it done. —Michael

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“

I cannot praise the Library enough. There are many fine things in the city of Elmhurst, but the Library is #1 in my opinion. ... The service Tuesday & Thursday for pick up and drop off of books is a godsend for homebound elderly (as am I). I appreciate all you do and *thank you*, all. —Olivia

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“

I saw EPL subscribed to the Trib, and was able to search the article and obtain the info I needed with no paywall—thanks to my EPL card! —Sue

”



## WFH @ EPL

EPL can be your home away from home when working remotely. The quiet, distraction-free atmosphere on the south side of the 2nd Floor and consistently reliable Wi-Fi make EPL an appealing work-from-home or co-working option. Additionally, book a study room at [elmlib.org/StudyRooms](https://elmlib.org/StudyRooms).

“I enjoy working at EPL,” says Maggie, a long-time patron. “I make it a point to reserve dedicated study rooms to take client calls. When answering emails or planning presentations, I love to sit in the armchairs facing a beautiful view of Wilder Park. Having Brewpoint in the lobby is a great perk.”

## Attending Programs

Registration is required for programs unless otherwise noted.

### Event Key:

📍 In-person 🖥️ Virtual 📺 Hybrid

- **Hybrid:** These events are offered both in-person at the Library and online. Register at [elmlib.org/events](https://elmlib.org/events) for the format of your choice to reserve your seat or receive the link to join from home. Note: if a presenter is virtual, it will be included in the event description.
- **Zoom:** Register at [elmlib.org/events](https://elmlib.org/events) or call us to receive an email and link to the live stream. Not online? Call us to learn how you can listen to Zoom programs via phone.

## ADA Accommodations

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



## media match

matching you with your next favorite

### WHAT IS MEDIA MATCH?

Get a customized list of suggestions to read, watch, or listen to—chosen by one of our expert selectors.

### WHO CAN USE MEDIA MATCH?

Media Match is available to EPL cardholders.

### WHY USE MEDIA MATCH?

Save time and take the guesswork out of searching for your next book, movie, or audiobook. We're here to help.

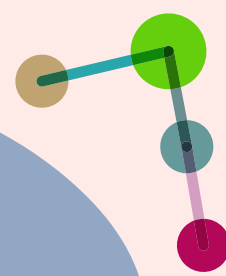


### HOW CAN I TRY MEDIA MATCH?

Fill out the form: [elmlib.org/MediaMatch](http://elmlib.org/MediaMatch)







Hi, I'm Carmen. I'm looking for a new book to bring on vacation with me, so I submitted a Media Match request.

**Books I like:**

*Year of Wonders* by Geraldine Brooks

*The Lions of Fifth Avenue* by Fiona Davis

**A book I dislike:**

*The Jane Austen Society* by Natalie Jenner

**EPL recommended:**

*The Bookseller's Secret* by Michelle Gable

*Possession* by A.S. Byatt

*The Paris Library* by Janet Skeslien Charles

**My name is Anthony, and I'm in search of a movie to watch—I feel like I've seen them all.**

**Movies/TV I like:**

*Little Women*

*Game Night*

*Fleabag*

**A movie I dislike:**

*Vicky Cristina Barcelona*

**EPL recommended:**

*Wild Rose*

*Crazy Ex-Girlfriend*



Alex here, local teenager looking for my next great read.

**Books I like:**

*Lovely War* by Julie Berry

*Woven in Moonlight* by Isabel Ibanez

**A book I dislike:**


*The Dark Days Club* by Alison Goodman

**EPL recommended:**

*Beasts Made of Night* by Tochi Onyebuchi

*The Fountains of Silence* by Ruta Sepetys







*The Blossom and the Firefly* by Sherri L. Smith

 Storytime tickets are available starting at 9 a.m. the morning of the program and require an EPL card unless otherwise noted.

## Winter Weekly Storytimes

DEC. 1 – FEB. 29

\*NO STORYTIMES DEC. 20, 25, 26, 27; JAN. 1 AND 2.

Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays	Saturdays
 <b>Mother Goose &amp; Me</b> Newborn-11 months w/ adult 9:30-10 a.m. Kids' Program Room  *EPL card not required	 <b>Little Wiggles Families</b> (best for ages 1-5) 9:30-10 a.m. Large Meeting Room	 <b>Romp and Rhyme</b> Infants-age 2 w/ adult 9:30-10 a.m. Kids' Program Room	 <b>Fun for 3s, 4s, and 5s</b> Ages 3-5 9:30-10:15 a.m. Kids' Program Room  *No sessions in December	 <b>Little Wiggles Families</b> (best for ages 1-5) 9:30-10 a.m. Large Meeting Room	 <b>Romp and Rhyme</b> Infants-age 2 w/ adult 9:30-10 a.m. Kids' Program Room

## Ticketed Programs

### Celebrate December Holidays

**9:30-10:15 a.m. • Kids' Program Room**  
**Ages 3-5 w/adult**

Enjoy stories and songs featuring a December holiday and make a craft to take home.

- **Hanukkah**  
Thursday, Dec. 7
- **Las Posadas**  
Thursday, Dec. 14
- **Christmas**  
Thursday, Dec. 21
- **Kwanzaa**  
Friday, Dec. 28

### Baby Play Date

**Saturdays, Jan. 6 and Feb. 3 • 11-11:30 a.m.**  
**Kids' Program Room**  
**Newborn to 11 months w/adult**

Meet other parents and caregivers as we share rhymes, read a story, and play together.  
**No EPL card required.**

### Saturday STEM

**Saturdays, Jan. 20 and Feb. 17 • 11-11:45 a.m.**  
**Kids' Program Room • Ages 3-5 w/adult**

Join us for a story and rhymes just right for families, and explore simple STEM activities to share together.

### Spanish/English Bilingual Storytime

**Wednesdays, Jan. 31 and Feb. 14**  
**10:30-11 a.m. • Kids' Program Room**  
**Ages 3-5 w/adult**

Join us for a bilingual storytime. Share stories, rhymes, and songs in English and Spanish.

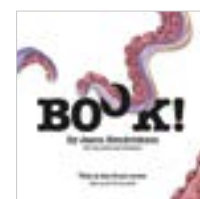
### Mandarin/English Bilingual Storytime

**Wednesday, Feb. 7 • 10:30-11 a.m.**  
**Kids' Program Room • Ages 3-5 w/adult**

Celebrate the Lunar New Year. Share stories and rhymes in English and Mandarin.

## Coming Attractions

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



## 📍 Helping Hands Kits

**Dec. 1-31 • Lobby**

Throughout December, donate new items to help our community stay warm and healthy. Needed items are listed on the Lobby donation box and at [elmlib.org/HelpingHands](http://elmlib.org/HelpingHands).  
No registration required.

## 📍 Care Kit Assembly

**Monday, Jan. 15 • 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.**

**Large Meeting Room • Families**

Assemble care kits for the Elmhurst Walk-in Assistance Network on the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service.  
Registration required.

## 📍 Polar Express T-Trak Model Railroad

**Large Meeting Room • Families**

Experience model trains depicting the famous *Polar Express* from Chicago T-Trak, a group of railroad modelers.

No registration required.

■ **Saturday, Dec. 2 • 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.**

■ **Sunday, Dec. 3 • 1-4 p.m.**

## 📍 Enchanted Forest Storytime

**Thursday, Dec. 7 • 11-11:45 a.m.**

**Kids' Program Room • Ages 3-5 w/adult**

Listen to an enchanting story and make your own magic wand to take home. Come dressed in costume, if you like.

Registration required.

## 📍 Winter Fun Scavenger Hunt

**Tuesday, Dec. 26-Sunday, Jan. 7**

**Kids' Library • Families**

Look for items on our Winter Scavenger Hunt during winter break. Find everything on the list each week to earn a sticker.

No registration required.

## 📍 Building Toward a New Year

**10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. • Kids' Program Room Families**

Drop in and build.

No registration required.

■ **MAGNA-TILE Day**

**Tuesday, Dec. 26**

■ **KEVA Plank Day**

**Wednesday, Dec. 27**

■ **Giant Tinker Toy Day**

**Thursday, Dec. 28**

■ **LEGO Day**

**Friday, Dec. 29**

## 📍 New Year's Eve Eve Dance Party

**Saturday, Dec. 30 • 11-11:45 a.m.**

**Large Meeting Room • Families**

Learn about New Year's traditions around the world, make a craft, and dance!

Tickets available starting at 9 a.m. the morning of the program.

## 📍 Winter Break Movies

**Kids' Program Room • Families**

Enjoy a movie on our big screen. Bring a blanket to sit on if you like.

No registration required.

■ **Snow Buddies (Rated G)**

**Tuesday, Jan. 2 • 1-3 p.m.**

■ **Balto (Rated G)**

**Wednesday, Jan. 3 • 1-3 p.m.**

■ **Gnomeo and Juliet (Rated G)**

**Thursday, Jan. 4 • 1-3 p.m.**

## 📍 Family Chess Open Play

**Friday, Jan. 5 • 11 a.m.-7 p.m.**

**Kids' Program Room • Families**

Enjoy a day of chess with your family or with friends. We'll have many chess boards out and ready for play.

No registration required.

## 📍 MiniMakers: Tot and a Grownup Metal Stamping

**Wednesdays, Jan. 10 or Jan. 17**

**6:15-7:15 p.m. • The Makery**

**Ages 3-5 w/adult**

Have fun using our metal stamping kits and create something cool. This is a one-on-one class for grownup and child. Additional children cannot be accommodated.

Registration required.

## 📍 Puzzle Speed Challenge

**Saturday, Jan. 27 • 12:30-2:30 p.m.**

**Large Meeting Room • All Ages**

How quickly can you and your team complete a 500-piece puzzle? Work together as you race against the clock—and other teams—to compete for prizes. Participants of all ages are welcome and teams can be a mix of adults and kids with up to four people on each team.

Registration starts Jan. 6.

## 📍 Treats for Tweets

**Tuesday, Feb. 6 • 11-11:45 a.m.**

**Large Meeting Room • Ages 3-5**

Learn about winter birds in your backyard and make a simple bird feeder.

Registration required.

## 📍 Positive Parenting

**Tuesday, Feb. 6 • 7:30-8:30 p.m.**

**Live on Zoom • Adults**

Join us for this virtual presentation by Dr. Michael Zakalik, a seasoned psychologist specializing in parenting. Dr. Zakalik delves into effective communication techniques, fostering emotional intelligence, and setting empathetic boundaries.

Registration required.

## 📍 Bluey Drop-in Fun

**Friday, Feb. 16 • 10 a.m.-12 p.m.**

**Kids' Program Room • Families**

Join us for all sorts of *Bluey*-related fun: musical statues, long dogs, and more wackadoo!

No registration required.

## 📍 Music With Wendy & DB

**Monday, Feb. 19 • 11-11:45 a.m.**

**Large Meeting Room • Families**

Grammy-nominated musicians Wendy & DB bring their interactive and original kids' music for all to enjoy on this day off of school. Bring the family and be a part of the fun!

Tickets available with an EPL card starting at 9 a.m. the morning of the program.

## Coming Soon! More Picture Book Categories in the Learning Garden

We are making it easier for you and your children to find your favorite story! All our picture books will be grouped together by topics like All About Me, People and Places, Characters, and Nature. Look forward to signs in the Learning Garden and for the vibrant new labels!



# EARLY ELEMENTARY (GRADES K-2)

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

## A Fairy Enchanting Afternoon

Thursday, Dec. 7 • 4-4:45 p.m.  
Kids' Program Room • Grades K-2

Be enchanted by stories and activities, and make your own wand to take home.

## LEGO Club

Thursdays, Dec. 14, Jan. 11, and Feb. 8  
4-4:45 p.m. • Kids' Program Room  
Grades K-2

If you love LEGO, this is where you want to be! Build with friends using the Library's huge LEGO collection.

## Celebrate Winter Solstice!

Thursday, Dec. 21 • 4-4:45 p.m.  
Kids' Program Room • Grades K-2

Learn about the winter solstice—the shortest day of the year—and enjoy fun activities about this special day.

## Bridge Builder's Challenge

Tuesday, Jan. 16 • 4-5 p.m.  
Kids' Program Room • Grades K-2

Engineer bridges using different materials and see if your bridge will hold the weight of our enchanted forest creatures.

## Owl Diaries Party

Tuesday, Jan. 30 • 4-4:45 p.m.  
Kids' Program Room • Grades K-2

If you love the *Owl Diaries* series, join us for book sharing, activities, and crafts all about Eva and her forest friends.

## Make With Me: Design Hot Chocolate Mugs

Wednesdays, Feb. 21 or Feb. 28  
6:15-7:15 p.m. • The Makery • Grades K-2

Learn how to use the Makery's sublimation printer to create your own mug for a cozy hot chocolate treat. You'll also make your own hot chocolate dry mix to take home. Please note, this is a one-on-one class for grownup and child. Additional children cannot be accommodated.

Register for one session only.

## For All Grades

### Homeschool Explorers

Tuesdays, Dec. 12, Jan. 9, and Feb. 13  
1-2:30 p.m. • Grades K-5

Join us for a variety of hands-on activities each month. For topics, visit [elmlib.org/HomeschoolEvents](http://elmlib.org/HomeschoolEvents)

### Read to the Dogs

Saturdays, Jan. 13 and Feb. 10  
2-3:30 p.m. • Kids' Program Room  
Grades K-8

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

Register with your EPL card to reserve a 15-minute time slot.

### Kids' Chess Club

Sundays, Jan. 21 and Feb. 11  
1:30-2:30 p.m. • Kids' Program Room  
Grades K-5

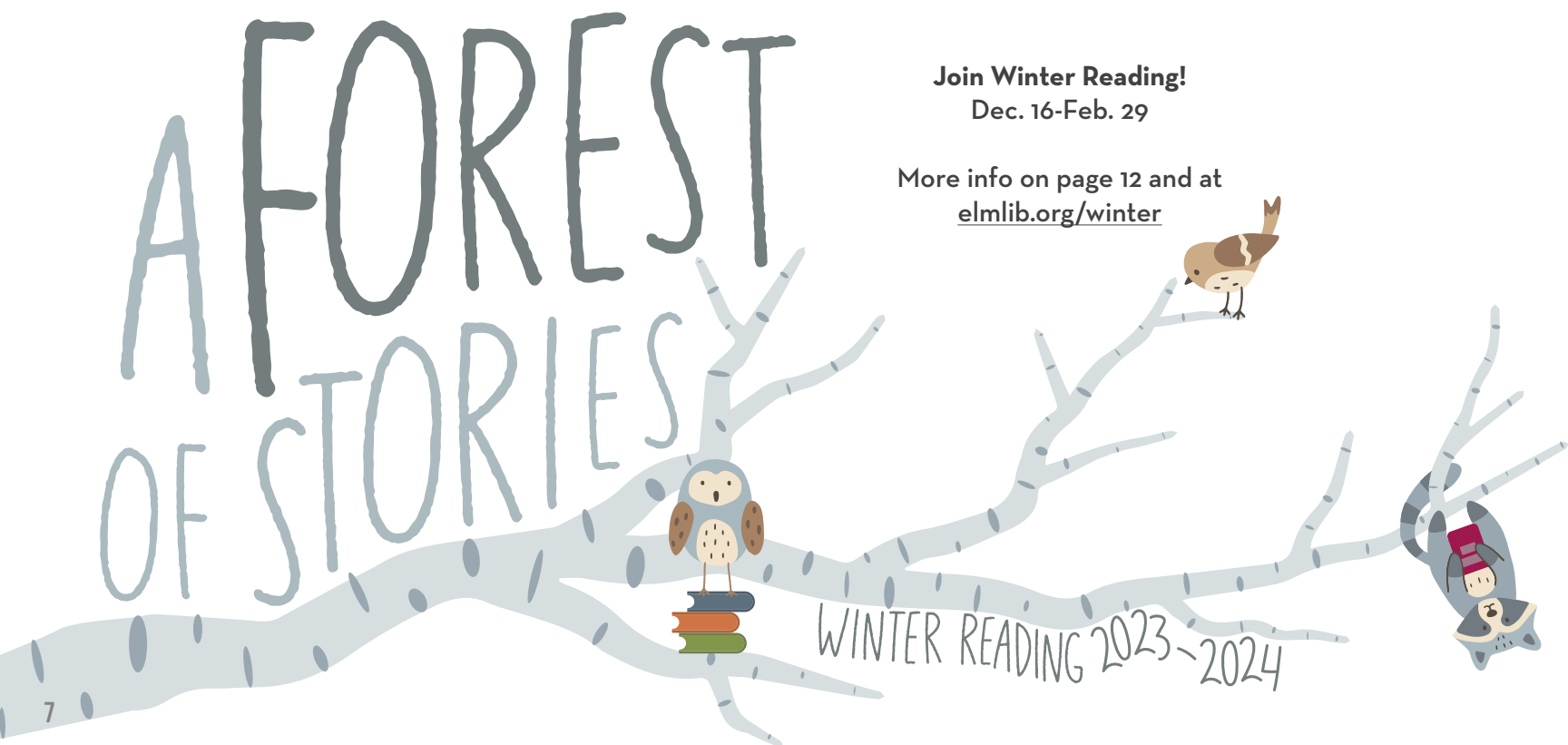
Learn the basics of chess with an instructor and use your skills with other players. Beginners welcome.  
Registration required.

## Join Winter Reading!

Dec. 16-Feb. 29

More info on page 12 and at  
[elmlib.org/winter](http://elmlib.org/winter)

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# OLDER ELEMENTARY (GRADES 3-5)

Register for programs at [elmlib.org/events](http://elmlib.org/events) unless otherwise noted.

## 📍 3D Printing

**Wednesday, Dec. 6 • 4:30-5:30 p.m.**

**The Makery • Grades 3-5**

Learn the basics of 3D printing and create a design to be printed after the program.

## 📍 Junior Chefs: Enchanted Gingerbread Forest

**Monday, Dec. 11 • 4-5 p.m.**

**Large Meeting Room • Grades 3-5**

Create a gingerbread forest with kitchen supplies and treats. Please inform us of any allergies.

## 📍 Fiero Coding Club

**Mondays, Jan. 8 and Feb. 12 • 4-5 p.m.**

**Kids' Computer Lab • Grades 3-5**

Gain coding skills to build video games, animations, apps, and more. Each month we'll try a different project. Beginners welcome.

## 📍 Graphic Novel Club

**Kids' Program Room • Grades 4-5**

Join us each month to discuss the chosen graphic novel and enjoy activities.

■ ***Nell of Gumbing: My Extremely Normal Fairy-Tale Life* by Emma Steinkellner**

**Thursday, Jan. 18 • 4-5 p.m.**

■ ***Lo & Behold* by Wendy Mass**

**Thursday, Feb. 15 • 4-5 p.m.**

## 📍 Maker Kids: Laser-Cut Pendants

**Mondays, Jan. 22 or Jan. 29 • 6:15-7:15 p.m.**

**The Makery • Grades 3-5**

Learn to use the Makery's laser cutter as you design a metal pendant or dog tag to engrave and take home.

**Register for one session only.**

## 📍 LEGO Engineering

**Thursday, Jan. 25 • 4-5 p.m.**

**Kids' Program Room • Grades 3-5**

Use our LEGO bricks and WeDo robots to perform engineering feats.

## 📍 Enchanted Art

**Tuesday, Feb. 20 • 4-5 p.m.**

**Kids' Program Room • Grades 3-5**

Create an enchanted landscape that is full of creatures from folklore.

## 📍 Kid Publishers

**Monday, Feb. 26 • 4-5 p.m.**

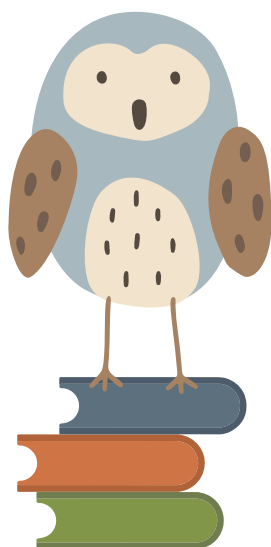
**Kids' Program Room • Grades 3-5**

We'll take you through the publishing process from start to finish and you'll get to see your completed book displayed in the Library.



# MIDDLE SCHOOL

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



For info about Kids' Winter Reading, see page 12.

## Middle School

### Library Influencers

**Mondays, Dec. 4, Jan. 8, and Feb. 5**  
6-7 p.m. • Middle School Hangout  
Grades 6-8

Middle School Library Influencers is a club for middle school students to become more involved in the Library. Take the opportunity to plan programs, help with storytimes, decorate the Middle School Hangout, discuss books, and hang out. Each meeting will consist of an icebreaker, a discussion, and an activity.

### Middle School Painting

**Tuesday, Dec. 12 • 4-5 p.m. • The Makery**  
Grades 6-8

Join us for an enchanted evening of creative painting and fun.

### Chess Tournament

**Sunday, Dec. 17 • 1:30-2:30 p.m.**  
Kids' Program Room • Grades 6-8

Compete in a chess tournament. It doesn't matter if you are a beginner or expert; all middle schoolers are welcome to join.

## Homeschool Explorers

Grades 6-8

Join us for a variety of hands-on activities each month. For more information, visit [elmlib.org/HomeschoolEvents](http://elmlib.org/HomeschoolEvents).

- **Cooking**  
Tuesday, Dec. 12 • 1-2:30 p.m.  
Large Meeting Room
- **LEGO Challenge**  
Tuesday, Jan. 9 • 1-2:30 p.m.  
Large Meeting Room
- **Sewing**  
Tuesday, Feb. 13 • 1-2:30 p.m.  
The Makery

## Project: Trashion

**Monday, Jan. 15 • 6-7 p.m.**  
Kids' Program Room • Grades 6-8

Designers, you will have one hour to complete a one-of-a-kind look made entirely of trash. Once finished, prepare to show off your creation to the other designers.

## Middle School Mini Golf Night

**Friday, Jan. 26 • 7-8 p.m.**  
Large Meeting Room • Grades 6-8

Join us for a library-themed mini golf course. Take turns putting through books, kits, and other obstacles.

## Super Smash Bros. Tournament

**Friday, Feb. 2 • 6-7 p.m.**  
Large Meeting Room • Grades 6-8

Put your video game skills to the test. Join in a Super Smash Bros. Tournament. Participants and winners will receive prizes to take home.

## Lunar New Year Celebration

**Friday, Feb. 9 • 6-7 p.m.**  
Kids' Program Room • Grades 6-8

Join EPL and Elmhurst University's Asian Club in celebrating the Lunar New Year with crafts and a presentation.



## THE ERAS CELEBRATION

**Friday, Feb. 23 • 6-9 p.m. • All Ages**

Spend a night celebrating all things Taylor Swift! Travel through the eras with games, trivia, crafts, snacks, and, of course, music! More info on page 16.

No registration required.

## Middle School Volunteer Program

The winter volunteer program will run from Jan. 8-Feb. 16 with a commitment of one hour each week. Assist with programs, crafts, and organizing the Kids' Library. Apply Dec. 1-29 at [elmlib.org/volunteer](http://elmlib.org/volunteer).



## Middle School Coming Attractions

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



## ❶ Snowball '84 Selfie Station Month of December • Teen Space Grades 9-12

Visit our *Stranger Things* Snowball '84 selfie station throughout the month of December for a chance to win a Demogorgon Special Edition Funko Pop.

## ❷ Exam Anti-Stress Kits Dec. 4-22 • Teen Space • Grades 9-12

Take a moment to relax and reset before diving back into your notes by picking up an anti-stress kit in the Teen Space while supplies last.

## ❸ Teen BYOB (Bring Your Own Book)

Gathering Room • Grades 9-12

Share your favorite reads based on the genre or topic of the month.

- **Fantasy**  
Thursday, Dec. 7 • 4-5 p.m.
- **Anthologies**  
Thursday, Jan. 11 • 4-5 p.m.
- **Frenemies**  
Thursday, Feb. 8 • 4-5 p.m.

## ❹ Teen Crafternoon Teen Space • Grades 9-12

We provide materials and ideas, you take home a new skill and a finished project!

No registration required.

- **Pom Pom Wreath**  
Monday, Dec. 18 • 4-5 p.m.
- **Teacup Candle**  
Monday, Jan. 29 • 4-5 p.m.
- **Junk Box Jewelry**  
Monday, Feb. 26 • 4-5 p.m.

## ❺ Homeschool Explorers Kids' Program Room • Grades 9-12

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- **Cooking**  
Tuesday, Dec. 12 • 1-2:30 p.m.  
Large Meeting Room
- **LEGO Challenge**  
Tuesday, Jan. 9 • 1-2:30 p.m.  
Large Meeting Room
- **Sewing**  
Tuesday, Feb. 13 • 1-2:30 p.m.  
The Makery

## FASHION WEEK

### ❶ Teen Clothing Exchange Monday, Feb. 19 • 3:30-5 p.m.

Teen Space • Grades 9-12

Bring 3-5 pieces of clean, gently used clothing to exchange with other teens to refresh your wardrobe. Any items left in the Library will be donated.

No registration required.

### ❷ Repurposed Tees Wednesday, Feb. 21 • 4-5 p.m.

Teen Space • Grades 9-12

Have an awesome T-shirt that doesn't quite fit right? Repurpose that tee into an awesome wall frame or throw pillow! Don't have a tee? No worries, pick one from our donated pile.

No registration required.

For info about High School Winter Reading, see page 12.

## Volunteer Opportunities

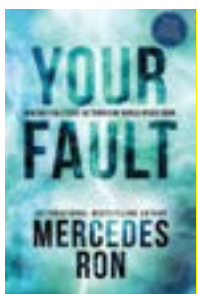
[elmlib.org/volunteer](http://elmlib.org/volunteer)

### Teen Volunteer Program

The Teen Volunteer Program is designed to establish connections with High School teens in the community to learn real-world skills that can be applied in the future. Teens will also receive service hour credits for school or other extracurricular activities.

### Teen Advisory Group (TAG)

TAG meets monthly during the school year to discuss popular and trending topics, help plan programs, provide feedback, and work on service projects.



## High School Coming Attractions

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



## Social Media for Small Businesses and Entrepreneurs

**Thursday, Dec. 14 • 7-8 p.m.**

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

There's no shortage of social media sites to promote your business, but which ones are the best for you? This class will give you the basics of Facebook, Instagram, and more, and show you what you need to know to get started.

## Restarting Your Job Search

**Thursday, Jan. 25 • 2-4 p.m.**

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

Start the year and your job search fresh. Learn about your transferable skills and competencies and how to leverage them as you rejoin the workforce. Presented with Goodwill Workforce.

## Career Counseling

**Thursday, Feb. 1 • 10 a.m.-12 p.m.**

**Adult Services • Adults**

Meet with a career expert from the People's Resource Center for help with resumes, cover letters, interview prep, job searching, or career goals.

Register with your EPL card to reserve a 30-minute time slot.

How can the Makery help your small business? Find out by watching our YouTube video:



## AI for Business

**Thursday, Feb. 1 • 7-8 p.m.**

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

Learn the basics of how to use Artificial Intelligence technologies, how they will make your life easier, and what the benefits are to you and your business. See some real examples of how to use ChatGPT, Bard, and other platforms that now use AI.

## Skill Up DuPage for Job Search Success

**Wednesday, Feb. 7 • 10 a.m.-12 p.m.**

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

Discover how the job search process has changed. Learn about free resources throughout DuPage County, including job search workshops, job training opportunities, one-on-one coaching, career planning, resume reviews, and more. Presented with Worknet DuPage.

## Applying for Jobs in Today's Workforce

**Thursday, Feb. 15 • 2-4 p.m.**

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

Learn about new interviewing platforms, online interviewing etiquette, and modern skills for being successful on the job. Presented with Goodwill Workforce.

## 2nd Floor Fireplace

For ultimate enjoyment, escape to the Library and enjoy the warmth of the fireplace on the 2nd Floor to get some work done or thumb through a magazine.





# WINTER READING

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## Winter Reading

Dec. 16-Feb. 29  
[elmlib.org/winter](http://elmlib.org/winter)

### FOR ADULTS

#### Winter Reading Challenge: Expand Your Reading Comfort Zone

Spark your curiosity by reading a book you might not typically choose—we choose it for you.

##### How to Participate:

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

By completing steps 1-3, you are 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 22. Readers may win one of three \$50 Elmhurst City Centre gift cards. Prize winners will be contacted after the program ends. **EPL card required.**

### FOR HIGH SCHOOLERS GRADES 9-12

#### Winter Reading

##### How to Participate:

Read or listen to a book in your preferred format: print, ebook, audiobook, graphic novel, or manga. Any book counts! Each book logged counts toward one prize entry. Readers may win their choice of a Classic Cinemas gift card, Brewpoint gift card, Owl Crate, or Universal Yums box. Prize winners will be contacted after the program ends. **EPL card required.**

- Receive an extra prize entry when you sign up for Media Match.
- Return your book log to any Info Desk on the 2nd Floor.

### FOR KIDS NEWBORN-GRADE 8

#### Winter Reading: A Forest of Stories

##### How to Participate:

Pick up a log at the Kids' Help Desk or print a log from [elmlib.org/winter](http://elmlib.org/winter) to track days of reading. At 20 days of reading or listening, bring your log to the Library to earn a prize. After 40 days of reading or listening, come to the Library to receive your final prize. Logs must be received by Feb. 29 to collect prizes.


Want to learn more about using computers, devices, software, or the internet? Whether you're a novice or a pro, the Library can help get you on the right track.


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 Excel Intermediate  
Thursday, Jan. 11 • 5:30-7 p.m.  
Computer Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12

 Streaming Video  
Monday, Jan. 22 • 6-7:30 p.m.  
Computer Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12

 Drop-in Device Help  
Wednesday, Jan. 31 • 5:30-7 p.m.  
Computer Lab • Adults  
No registration required.

 Excel Advanced  
Tuesday, Feb. 6 • 6-7:30 p.m.  
Computer Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12

 iPhone iOS  
Monday, Feb. 26 • 10-11 a.m.  
Computer Lab • Adults

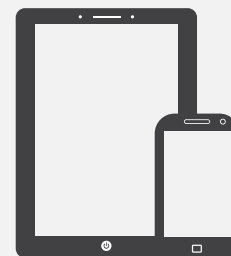
 Android Basics  
Tuesday, Feb. 27 • 3-4 p.m.  
Computer Lab • Adults

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Still have questions?  
Attend a tech class at the Library:  
[elmlib.org/TechClass](http://elmlib.org/TechClass)

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Still stumped? Just ask us! Adult Services staff are happy to help you get started.  
[elmlib.org/AskUs](http://elmlib.org/AskUs)



4

Still need more help? Tell us what you're looking to learn.  
[elmlib.org/tech](http://elmlib.org/tech)



## H Shooting Shipwrecks: The Stories Behind the Photos

**Monday, Dec. 4 • 7-8 p.m.**

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

Underwater photographer Cal Kothrade uses dozens of shipwreck images to tell stories of high seas adventure, danger, and the drama he has experienced over more than a decade of photographing some of the world's most haunting shipwrecks. Kothrade discusses how he got into diving; the type of equipment needed to dive 200 feet down in the dark, icy waters of the Great Lakes; and the camera gear he uses.

**Hybrid program with a virtual presenter.**

## H The Life Cycle of Clothing in the 19th Century

**Tuesday, Dec. 5 • 7-8 p.m.**

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

Erika Holst, Curator of History for the Illinois State Museum, walks us through the life cycle of clothing in the 1800s, from creation and mending to washing and recycling, while highlighting artifacts from the museum's collection.

## H Ciao Italia!

**Mondays, Dec. 18, Jan. 15, and Feb. 19  
7-8:30 p.m.**

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

Improve your Italian language skills while exploring a different aspect of Italian culture each month. All skill levels welcome.

## H GreenMan Theatre Presents: Seasonal Stories

**Monday, Dec. 11 • 7-8:30 p.m.**

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

Get in the holiday spirit as storytellers from GreenMan Theatre perform.

## H Financial Wellness for Mental Health

**Tuesday, Dec. 12 • 7-8 p.m.**

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

The holidays can be stressful for you and your wallet. Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Northern Illinois will discuss the connections between finances and mental wellness.

## H Culture Club

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

Explore the world without leaving your chair.

### ■ Christmas in Williamsburg

**Thursday, Dec. 14 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.**

### ■ Legendary London

**Thursday, Jan. 11 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.**

### ■ American Vacation

**Thursday, Feb. 8 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.**

## H What is Elder Law?

**Tuesday, Dec. 19 • 2-3 p.m.**

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

Aging adults have different legal needs than younger adults. Health care, caregiving costs, retirement, disability, guardianship, and long-term care must be considered. Learn how an elder law attorney can help make a plan to address issues as you age.

## H Great Decisions

**Large Meeting Room • Adults**

Learn about critical issues facing America with professor Gary Midkiff and other community members.

### ■ No meeting in December

### ■ Foreign Policy Roundtable

**Tuesday, Jan. 23 • 1:30-3 p.m.**

### ■ Chapter 1: Mideast Realignment

**Tuesday, Feb. 27 • 1:30-3 p.m.**

## H Take a Break From Stress With Meditation

**Wednesday, Dec. 27 • 7-8 p.m.**

**Live on Zoom • Adults + Grades 9-12**

Discover how to use meditation to help you take a step back, release tension, and find peace from life's stressors.

## H Lyric Opera Lectures

**Kossmann Room • Adults**

### ■ La Cenerentola (Cinderella)

**Sunday, Jan. 7 • 2:30-3:30 p.m.**

### ■ Champion

**Sunday, Jan. 14 • 2:30-3:30 p.m.**

## H Houseplant Propagation

**Monday, Jan. 8 • 7-8 p.m.**

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

Are your houseplants overgrown and leggy? Would you like more of your favorites or to share with a friend? Join a Master Gardener to learn how to propagate houseplants using a number of different techniques including leaf or stem cuttings, division, and air layering.

## Programs for 20s/30s Adults

### H DIY Lapel Pins

**Friday, Dec. 1 • 7-8 p.m. • The Makery  
20s/30s Adults**

Learn how to create your own lapel pins to add some flair to your wardrobe.

### H Board Game Night

**Fridays, Dec. 8 and Feb. 16  
6:30-8:30 p.m. • Large Meeting Room  
20s/30s Adults**

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

### H Plug In & Play

**Friday, Jan. 5 • 7-8:30 p.m.  
Large Meeting Room • 20s/30s Adults**

Join us for a night of video games, old and new. Bring your favorite to share or play one of ours.

### H LEGO Open Play

**Friday, Jan. 19 • 7-8:30 p.m.  
Large Meeting Room • 20s/30s Adults**

Let your imagination run wild and build something new with the Library's LEGO collection.

### H Art Therapy Night

**Friday, Feb. 2 • 7-8:30 p.m.  
The Makery • 20s/30s Adults**

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

## H Emotional Intelligence: What It Is and Why It Matters

**Tuesday, Jan. 9 • 7-8 p.m.**

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

Emotional Intelligence is the ability to perceive, use, understand, and manage emotions. Using it can help with both work and personal lives, reduce stress, help to build meaningful relationships, and is considered a key leadership quality.



## Download and Stream

The Library offers an impressive lineup of digital books, audiobooks, magazines, music, newspapers, and videos you can access with your Library card at home or on your mobile device!

### Orchestra 101

**Wednesday, Jan. 10 • 7-8 p.m.**

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

Discover the fascinating instruments of the DuPage Symphony Orchestra with music historian Amber Broderick. Learn orchestra basics like concert etiquette, followed by demonstrations by DSO musicians.

### Rita's Quilt

**Tuesday, Jan. 16 • 7-8:15 p.m.**

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

When craftivist Shannon Downey stumbled upon an unfinished quilt at an estate sale, she knew she had to finish it in honor of the original artist, who had passed on. She also knew she could not do it alone. Hear the story of what happened when 150 artists from across the country worked together to finish Rita's Quilt.

### Genealogy

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

Join us each month for a new genealogy topic and discussion to help you fill out your family tree.

■ **No meeting in December**

■ **135 Years of Genealogy Gems at the Newberry Library**

**Thursday, Jan. 18 • 10:30-11:45 a.m.**

■ **Genealogy and Artificial Intelligence**  
**Thursday, Feb. 15 • 10:30-11:45 a.m.**

### Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia

**Thursday, Jan. 18 • 2-3 p.m.**

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

Learn the basic information on the difference between Alzheimer's and dementia, as well as stages, risk factors, research, and FDA-approved treatments. Presented by the Alzheimer's Association.

### Buy Your First Home

**Monday, Jan. 22 • 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 the steps of buying a house. Q&A session follows.

### Can You Afford to Retire?

**Tuesday, Jan. 23 • 7-8 p.m.**

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

Learn about the ten critical questions every retiree must answer before embarking on a successful retirement. Explore the nuances of Social Security, benefits, taxes, and the need for an estate or financial plan.

### Avoiding Home Repair Scams

**Wednesday, Jan. 24 • 1-2 p.m.**

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

Often, your home is your most valuable financial asset. Join a representative from the Attorney General's community outreach team to learn how to make informed choices when hiring contractors and protect yourself from common home repair scams.

### Puzzle Speed Challenge

**Saturday, Jan. 27 • 12:30-2:30 p.m.**

**Large Meeting Room • All Ages**

How quickly can you and your team complete a 500-piece puzzle? Work together as you race against the clock—and other teams—to compete for prizes. Participants of all ages are welcome and teams can be a mix of adults and kids with up to four people on a team. All teams will be able to take home the puzzle used during the challenge.

**Registration starts Jan. 6.**

### Exploring Experimental Fashion

**Tuesday, Jan. 30 • 7-8 p.m.**

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

Hear how designers are using unconventional materials and processes like virtual design, laser cutting, and 3D printing, and how they are influencing the future of fashion.

### Save Money on Gas & Electric Bills

**Monday, Feb. 5 • 1-2 p.m.**

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

Join the Citizens Utility Board for a presentation on energy savings. Learn about consumer protections, the latest Illinois policies and how they will impact you, and how to decode your gas and electric bills.

### More Than a Color: The Marginalization of African Beauty Through History

**Monday, Feb. 5 • 7-8 p.m.**

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

Hear about women of color who have redefined beauty, from women in 1760s French America to women like Sarah Breedlove and Ann Malone, who changed the way women of African descent view themselves.



## ☺ Positive Parenting Tuesday, Feb. 6 • 7:30-8:30 p.m. Live on Zoom • Adults

Join us for this virtual presentation by Dr. Michael Zakalik, a seasoned psychologist specializing in parenting. Dr. Zakalik delves into effective communication techniques, fostering emotional intelligence, and setting empathetic boundaries.

## 📖 Lilly Pulitzer Wednesday, Feb. 7 • 7-8 p.m. Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom Adults + Grades 9-12

Historian Leslie Goddard brings to life the entrepreneur and fashion designer who launched a design revolution. Learn what inspired this free-spirited young socialite to start a line of lightweight tropical dresses and how they became synonymous with resort living.

## 📖 The History of Voting in DuPage County Thursday, Feb. 8 • 7-8:30 p.m. Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom Adults

Learn all about voting in DuPage County, with a focus on history and voting patterns over time.

## 📖 Meet Arc of Illinois Tuesday, Feb. 13 • 2-3 p.m. Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom Adults

A representative from Arc of Illinois discusses services for adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities.

## 📖 The Rich and Romantic History of Valentines Tuesday, Feb. 13 • 7-8 p.m. Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom Adults + Grades 9-12

Who was St. Valentine? What is the oldest valentine in existence? How did sending paper valentine cards become so popular? Learn the answers to these questions and more, then browse a collection of vintage valentines. In-person attendees will be able to make their own valentine to take home.

## 📖 Be an Informed Voter Tuesday, Feb. 20 • 7-8:30 p.m. Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom Adults

Looking to learn how to vote, decide among candidates for the March primary election, or just become a more engaged American? This is the program for you to learn about various strategies and resources to help you do your civic duty.

## LIBRARY INSIDERS



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

### 📖 Next Chapter Book Club Wednesdays, Dec. 6, 20; Jan. 3, 17, 31; Feb. 14, and 28 • 6:30-7:30 p.m. Large Meeting Room • Adults

The goal of this book club is to read an entire novel by taking turns reading a page aloud. Anyone can join, regardless of reading ability.

### 🎭 "Ta Dah!" Theatre Games Monday, Dec. 11 • 6:30-7:30 p.m. Kossmann Room • Adults

Use your body and voice to express yourself, while discovering characters, creating stories, and having fun.

### 🧶 Yarn Snowball Craft Tuesday, Jan. 23 • 6:30-7:30 p.m. Kossmann Room • Adults

Test your snowball making skill with the help of one of our yarn crafting tools.

### 🎲 Inclusive Board Game Night Wednesday, Feb. 21 • 6:30-7:30 p.m. Gathering Room • Adults

Join us for a night of fun games!

# THE ERAS CELEBRATION

Friday, Feb. 23 • 6-9 p.m. • All Ages

Spend a night celebrating all things Taylor Swift! Travel through the eras with games, trivia, crafts, snacks, and, of course, music!

Let the games begin with Taylor-themed challenges. Can you recognize songs from the first note played? Are you enough of a mastermind to beat our brain teasers?

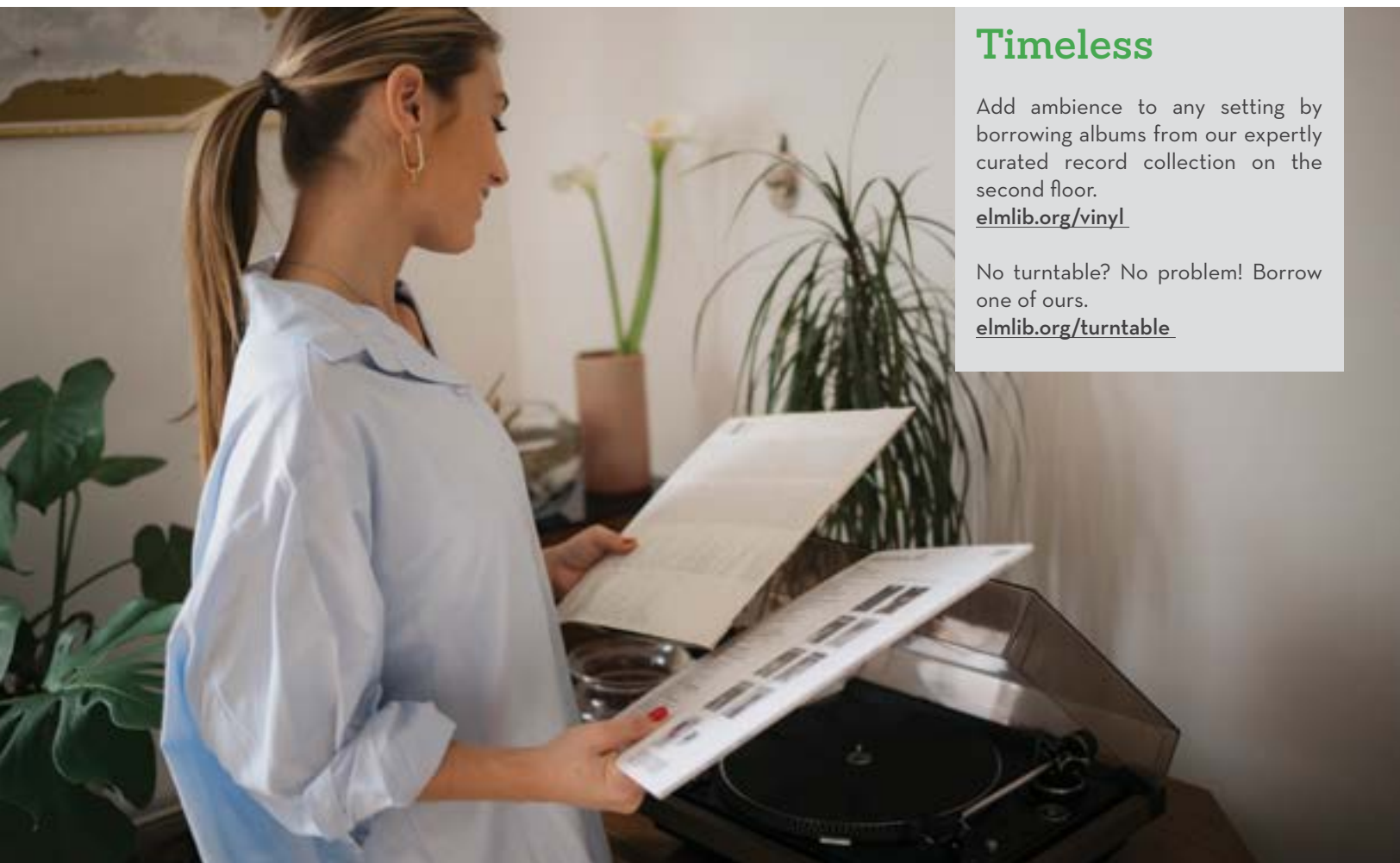
Make the friendship bracelets, the paper rings, and mosaic hearts, or set up a paint set and use the best colors for Taylor's portrait.

Dress up in your best Swiftie-inspired clothes, whether it's high heels or sneakers, a white t-shirt or your favorite dress, or something more elaborate. Plus, enter our costume contest for a chance at prizes!

Make sure to step into our photobooth before you leave to hold on to the memories from the night!

**No registration required.**





## Timeless

Add ambience to any setting by borrowing albums from our expertly curated record collection on the second floor.

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

No turntable? No problem! Borrow one of ours.

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

### Planning Accessible Travel

**Wednesday, Feb. 21 • 2-3 p.m.**

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

A representative from the Regional Transit Authority shares information on accessibility options for seniors and people with disabilities. Plus, hear tips on how to travel more safely throughout the RTA region.

### Hollywood Style: Icons of Fashion

**Wednesday, Feb. 21 • 7-8 p.m.**

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

Join Film Historian Dr. Annette Bochenek as she presents the daring wardrobe choices and revolutionary makeup innovations of classic Hollywood stars, as well as their legacies today.

### A Taste for Poison

**Thursday, Feb. 22 • 7-8 p.m.**

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

Through science, true crime, and murder mysteries, Dr. Neil Bradbury explores the effects of poisons on the body, and examines the motives of killers in plotting murder.

### Everything Dope in America Comes From Chicago

**Monday, Feb. 26 • 7-8 p.m.**

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

Discover the impact Chicago has had on American culture with historian and TikTok star Shermann “Dilla” Thomas. Thomas explores how Chicago played a major role in some of the biggest innovations in the country. Dilla was named 2022’s Chicago Tourism Ambassador of the Year by *Choose Chicago*, and was voted 2021’s best Chicago Twitter and best Chicago TikTok accounts by *Chicago Reader Magazine*.

**Hybrid program with a virtual presenter.**

### Suffragettes in

**Corselettes: The Evolution of Undergarments and the 19th Amendment**

**Thursday, Feb. 29 • 7-8 p.m.**

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

Take an offbeat look at the history of women’s undergarments and what it reveals about women’s changing roles in society. What was the connection between the shifting fashion norms of the early 1900s and the women’s suffrage movement?

**Hybrid program with a virtual presenter.**

## 📍 Bridge & Pinochle

**Every Tuesday • 1-3 p.m.**

**Kossmann Room • Adults**

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

**No registration required.**

## 📍 American Mah Jongg

**Every Wednesday • 10 a.m.-1 p.m.**

**Kossmann Room • Adults**

Gather for this game of skill, strategy, calculation, and a certain amount of chance. Prior experience is required.

**No registration required.**

## 📍 Friday Features

**Every Friday • 2-4 p.m.**

**Large Meeting Room • Adults**

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

**No registration required.**

## 📍 Canasta

**Every Saturday • 10 a.m.-12 p.m.**

**Kossmann Room • Adults**

Join us for a friendly game of Canasta every week. Prior experience is required.

**No registration required.**

## 📍 Ukulele Circle

**Thursdays, Jan. 4 and Feb. 1**

**7-8 p.m. • Kossmann Room**

**Adults + Grades 6-12**

It takes less than a minute to learn a few chords on the ukulele, and you're ready to tell your story through song! Jam along or listen to music ranging from folk to rock.

## 📍 Scrabble

**Mondays, Dec. 4 and Feb. 5**

**10 a.m.-12 p.m.**

**Kossmann Room • Adults**

Play a friendly game of Scrabble. All skill levels welcome.

**No registration required.**

## 📍 Staying Mentally Fit

**Tuesdays, Dec. 5, Jan. 2, and Feb. 6**

**1:30-2:30 p.m. • Meeting Room B • Adults**

Join us for fun mental enrichment including games, puzzles, and activities that boost memory, reasoning, and cognitive abilities.

## 📍 Chair Yoga

**Fridays, Dec. 8, 22; Jan. 12, 26; and Feb. 9, 23 • 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.

## 📍 In Stitches Needleworkers

**Tuesdays, Dec. 12, Jan. 9, and Feb. 13**

**12-2 p.m. • Gathering Room • Adults**

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

**No registration required.**

## 📍 Coloring for Mindfulness

**Tuesdays, Dec. 19, Jan. 16, and Feb. 20**

**2-3 p.m. • Gathering Room**

**Adults + Grades 9-12**

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

**No registration required.**

## 📍 Bingo

**Wednesday, Dec. 20 • 2-3 p.m.**

**Large Meeting Room • Adults**

Join us for a few rounds of Bingo and compete for prizes!

## 📍 Chamber Concert

**Fridays, Jan. 12 and Feb. 9 • 7-8:45 p.m.**

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

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

## Learn to Play

Thinking of coming to one of our weekly game programs? Attend a Learn to Play session first! We'll bring you up to speed by teaching you the basic rules of the game.

### 📍 Learn to Play Canasta

**Monday, Jan. 8 • 2-4 p.m. • Kossmann Room • Adults**

Learn how to play the classic card game Canasta, then practice together.

### 📍 Learn to Play American Mah Jongg

**Monday, Jan. 15 • 2-3 p.m. • Kossmann Room • Adults**

Learn how to play American Mah Jongg, the increasingly popular tile-based game. Learn the rules, then practice together.

### 📍 Learn to Play Bridge

**Monday, Jan. 22 • 2-4 p.m. • Kossmann Room • Adults**

Learn to play the trick-based card game, Bridge, followed by a few practice hands.

### 📍 Learn to Play Pickleball

**Monday, Jan. 29 • 7-8 p.m. • Large Meeting Room • Adults + Grades 9-12**

Learn to play Pickleball, the increasingly popular game for fun and fitness.





# LIBRARY OF EXTRAORDINARY THINGS: CREATE

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

Combine items from the Library of Extraordinary Things with your creativity, and who knows where it might lead? Our collection of unique items to check out allows you to try them at home without committing to a big purchase. Use your imagination and discover new possibilities! Find more info at [elmlib.org/extraordinary](https://elmlib.org/extraordinary).



Just a few examples of equipment you can check out:

**A** Cutting Mat, part of the Quilter's Bundle

**B** Soap Mold

**C** Knitting Needles

**D** PomPom Maker

**E** Sewing Machine

**F** Metal Stamping Set



## ☑ Winter Stitch-Along

**Weekly on Sundays • Adults + Grades 6-12**

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. More info at [elmlib.org/StitchAlong](http://elmlib.org/StitchAlong).

## ☑ Creative Cardmaking

**The Makery • Adults**

Join us for step-by-step instruction to create a unique card.

**Winter Holidays**

■ Monday, Dec. 4 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.

■ Monday, Dec. 4 • 1-2 p.m.

Registration starts Nov. 18.

**Valentine's Day**

■ Monday, Feb. 5 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.

■ Monday, Feb. 5 • 1-2 p.m.

Registration starts Jan. 22.

## ☑ Macramé Gnomes

**The Makery • Adults + Grades 9-12**

Learn how to make a gnome decoration using macramé, a textile created by tying different kinds of knots.

■ Monday, Dec. 11 • 2-3 p.m.

■ Monday, Dec. 11 • 7-8 p.m.

Registration starts Nov. 27.

## ☑ DIY Crop Day

**Saturdays, Dec. 16, Jan. 20, and Feb. 17**

**9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. • The Makery**

**Adults + Grades 9-12**

Join us for a morning of scrapbooking, cardmaking, and more. Bring your supplies and spread out at our craft tables. The Makery's in-house paper craft equipment is available to use.

**No registration required.**

## ☑ Mason Jar Snow Globe

**The Makery • Adults + Grades 9-12**

Design a wintry scene with miniatures and lights to create a unique snow globe.

■ Monday, Jan. 15 • 3-4 p.m.

■ Monday, Jan. 15 • 7-8 p.m.

Registration starts Jan. 2.

## ☑ Abstract Painting with Karen Exiner

**Wednesday, Jan. 17 • 2-3:30 p.m.**

**Large Meeting Room • Adults**

Local artist Karen Exiner teaches how to paint like Marc Chagall using watercolors and free flowing movements. Paint the story of your life with luxurious jewel tones in the style of Abstract Expressionism.

**Registration starts Jan. 2.**

## ☑ Tile Coasters

**Thursday, Jan. 25 • 5:30-6:30 p.m.**

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

Using minimal materials and maximum creativity, learn to make coasters using tiles and napkins.

**Registration starts Jan. 11.**

## ☑ Makery 101: Sewing Basics

**Monday, Feb. 19 • 1-3 p.m. • The Makery**

**Adults + Grades 9-12**

Learn the basics of the Makery sewing machines as we start sewing a simple project together. All experience levels welcome.

**Registration starts Feb. 5.**

## ☑ Aromatherapy Earrings

**The Makery • Adults + Grades 9-12**

Create your own mini oasis of serenity while designing a pair of earrings using essential oils and lava beads.

■ Monday, Feb. 12 • 5:30-6:30 p.m.

■ Monday, Feb. 12 • 7-8 p.m.

Registration starts Jan. 29.

## ☑ Makery Craft: Raccoon Coffee Cozy

**Feb. 13-29 • Adults + Grades 9-12**

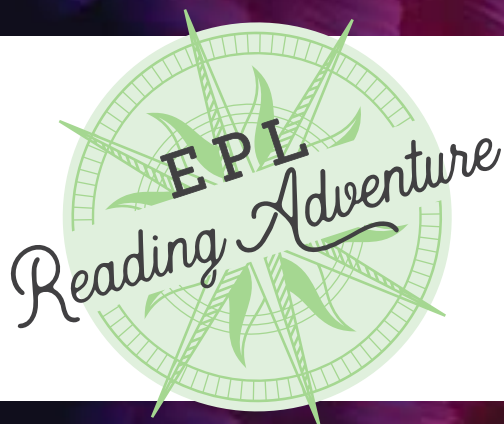
Snuggle in with a hot beverage and a forest friend you create yourself from felt. One reservation per Library card, one kit per reservation, while supplies last. Registration starts Feb. 12 at [elmlib.org/MakeryCraft](http://elmlib.org/MakeryCraft).



# BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Books available at the Library for EPL cardholders. Find digital books at [elmlib.org/ebooks](http://elmlib.org/ebooks).

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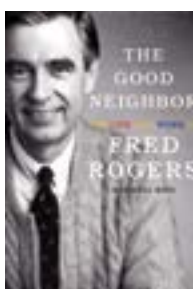


## Expand Your World, One Book at a Time

**To get on board**, register for the EPL Reading Adventure in Beanstack at [elmlib.org/beanstack](http://elmlib.org/beanstack) and read a book featuring a stylish character.

**Find book title suggestions** in the Beanstack challenge. After you read your book, you can tell us about your voyage by writing a review.

**By completing the challenge**, you will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 Elmhurst City Centre gift card.

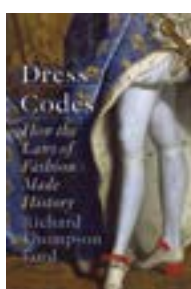


### H The Good Neighbor: The Life and Work of Fred Rogers by Maxwell King

Thursday, Dec. 7 • 7-8:15 p.m.

Gathering Room + Live on Zoom • Adults

Through archival documents, interviews, and oral histories, former *Philadelphia Inquirer* editor Maxwell King writes of the iconic children's TV program host of *Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood*.



### G Learn & Grow Book Discussion: Dress Codes: How the Laws of Fashion Made History by Richard Thompson Ford

Thursday, Jan. 11 • 7-8:15 p.m.

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Explore fashion through the ages and discover what clothing choices say about us and our society.

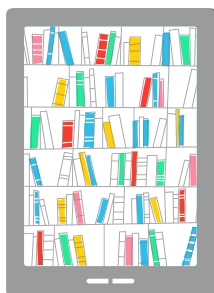


### H Romance Book Discussion: If the Shoe Fits: A Meant to Be Novel by Julie Murphy

Thursday, Feb. 1 • 7-8:15 p.m.

Gathering Room + Live on Zoom • Adults

Cindy, a recent design school graduate, aspires to create fabulous shoes but accepts the chance to fill in for a no-show on a dating reality show. She goes viral for her body-positivity, but will she find true love?



### H Trading Titles

Gathering Room + Live on Zoom • Adults

Love books? Love to talk about books? Love to hear about new books? This is the book discussion for you! How it works: read whatever you want, then attend the event to share your thoughts about it.

■ Thursday, Dec. 21 • 1-2:15 p.m.

■ Thursday, Dec. 21 • 7-8:15 p.m.



### H The Last House on the Street: A Novel by Diane Chamberlain

Gathering Room + Live on Zoom • Adults

In 1965, Ellie volunteers to register Black voters, despite others' objections. Jump to 2010 when widowed architect Kayla Carter moves to a new home in Round Hill, where she faces threatening messages and vandalism, and begins to wonder if neighbor Ellie's past is connected to her current troubles.

■ Thursday, Jan. 18 • 1-2:15 p.m.

■ Thursday, Jan. 18 • 7-8:15 p.m.



### H Who Killed Jane Stanford? A Gilded Age Tale of Murder, Deceit, Spirits, and the Birth of a University by Richard White

Gathering Room + Live on Zoom • Adults

This true crime book and Pulitzer Prize finalist delves into the corruption, cover-up, and mystery surrounding the poisoning death of a Stanford University founder.

■ Thursday, Feb. 15 • 1-2:15 p.m.

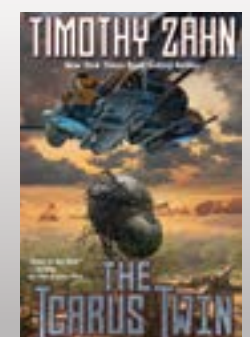
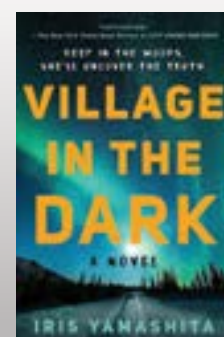
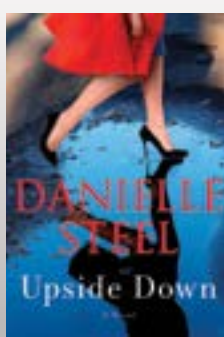
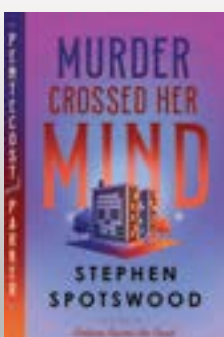
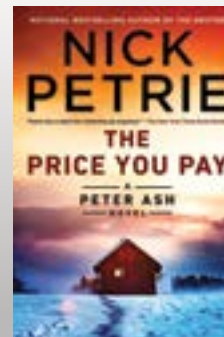
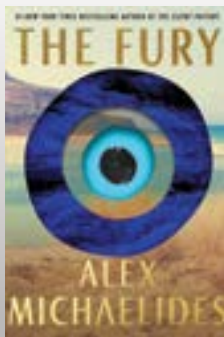
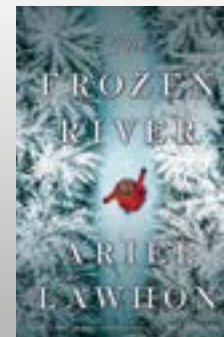
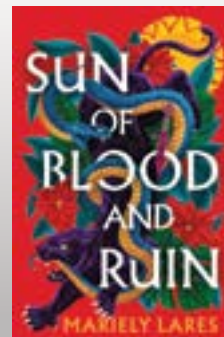
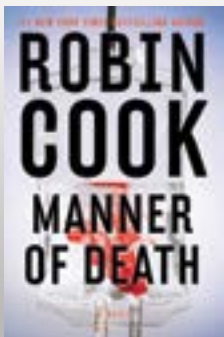
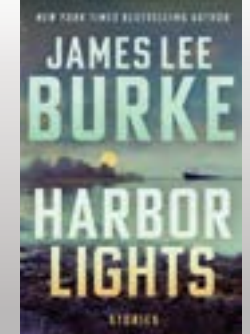
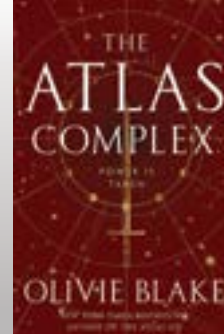
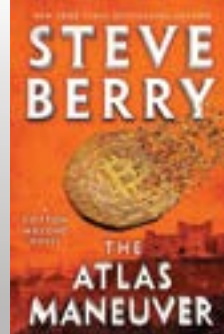
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