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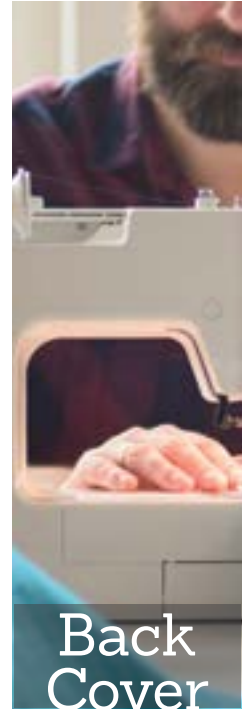
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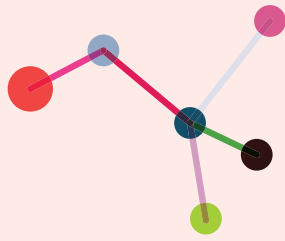
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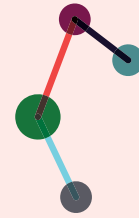
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media match

matching you with your next favorite



What sets Media Match apart is our highly personalized service. We connect you with one of our expert staff members, who carefully curates a selection of items in your preferred format: books, films, board games, video games, or even items from our Extraordinary Things collection. It's the perfect way to uncover new authors, genres, or hidden gems in the Library's collection that you might not have discovered on your own. Here is what some of our patrons say about Media Match:

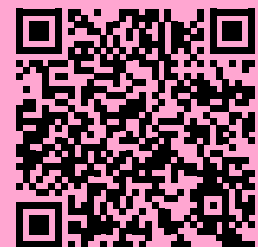
"Each month, I discover at least a couple of books to devour."

"My kids were excited to review the list of recommendations ... you picked books that they are drawn to."

"These choices all look AMAZING. And, bonus, they are all new to me!! Thank you, I can't wait to get started."

"I like the luxury of having this thoughtful person select books for me and the convenience of being able to drive up for pickups and returns."

"Thank you for your time and effort. Our little girl loves the books and really enjoyed all the variety!"



Fill out the form at elmlib.org/MediaMatch.



MY EPL

As we wrap up another busy and fulfilling year at the Library, we reflect on the countless memories made together – whether through storytimes, community events, or quiet hours of discovery. We appreciate all the moments you share with us, big and small. We look forward to creating many more!

elmlib.org/ShareYourStory



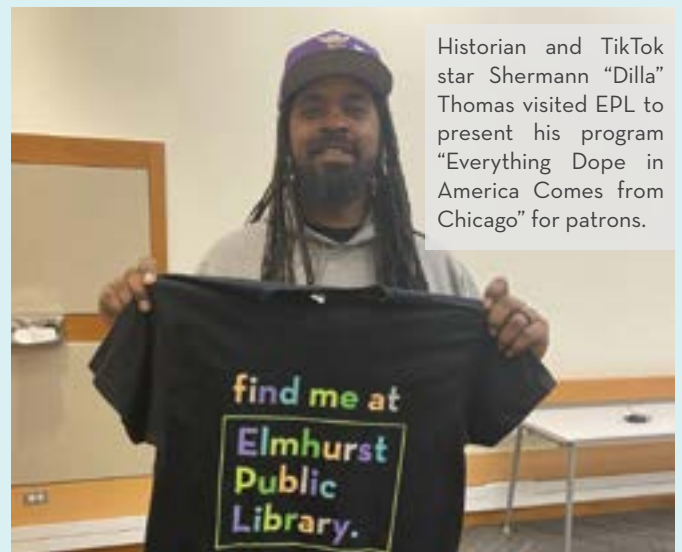
Staff added a display in the Lobby featuring their favorite books and movies!



Rick "Elvis" Saucedo performed for patrons on a beautiful summer night in Wilder Park.



This year's Local Author Fair was our biggest ever!



Historian and TikTok star Shermann "Dilla" Thomas visited EPL to present his program "Everything Dope in America Comes from Chicago" for patrons.



This year's StoryWalk in Eldridge Park was *Emile and the Field* by Kevin Young.

Hundreds of you came out to partake in all of the fun and activities at the Solar Eclipse Viewing Party! Presented with Elmhurst Park District.



2024 YEAR IN REVIEW



The Picture Book Parade through the Learning Garden was a celebration of some of our favorite book characters!



The 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten grad party this year was a blast!



The Kids' Library added The Nest, a newly-designed space for those who need a quieter, calming place or privacy to nurse.



Regular patrons Maddie and her Grandpa spotted in our MyEPL swag!



This local high school student's pre-prom photo was taken in Reader Central right here at EPL! Her mom told us: "She is just a lover of books ... an avid reader ... and Elmhurst Public Library is, was, and always will be her happy place."



One of our young patrons sharing what he loves about EPL at our interactive Lobby display.

STORYTIME



Winter Weekly Storytimes

DEC. 2 – FEB. 28 • NO STORYTIMES DEC. 24, 25, 26, 27; JAN 1, 2; FEB. 14

| Mondays | Tuesdays | Wednesdays | Thursdays | Fridays | Saturdays |
|--|---|---|--|---|---|
| Mother Goose & Me Newborn-11 months w/ adult 9:30-10 a.m. Kids' Program Room *EPL card not required | Little Wiggles Families (best for ages 1-5) 9:30-10 a.m. Large Meeting Room | Romp and Rhyme Infants-age 2 w/ adult 9:30-10 a.m. Kids' Program Room *No sessions in December | Fun for 3s, 4s, and 5s Ages 3-5 9:30-10:15 a.m. Kids' Program Room *No sessions in December | Little Wiggles Families (best for ages 1-5) 9:30-10 a.m. Large Meeting Room *No storytime on Feb. 14 | Romp and Rhyme Infants-age 2 w/ adult 9:30-10 a.m. Kids' Program Room |

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

Ticketed Programs

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

Sweet Street Storytime

Thursdays, Dec. 5, 12, and 19
9:30-10:15 a.m. • Kids' Program Room
Ages 3-5 w/ caregiver

Take a bite out of some delicious picture books and make a sweet craft to take home.

Baby Play Date

Saturdays, Dec. 7, Jan. 4, and Feb. 1
11-11:30 a.m. • Kids' Program Room • Families
 Meet other parents and caregivers of newborns as we share rhymes, read a story, and play together.
EPL card not required.

Spanish/English Storytime

Wednesday, Dec. 11 • 10-10:30 a.m.
Kids' Program Room • Families

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

Polar Express Storytime

Saturday, Dec. 14 • 11-11:30 a.m.
Kids' Program Room • Families

Listen to the story, *The Polar Express*, and then stay at the Library to view T-Trak's Polar Express exhibit.

Saturday STEM

Saturdays, Dec. 21, Jan. 18, and Feb. 15
11-11:30 a.m. • Kids' Program Room
Ages 3-5 w/ adult

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

Mandarin/English Storytime

Wednesday, Jan. 29 • 11-11:30 a.m.
Kids' Program Room • Families

Get ready for the Lunar New Year! Enjoy stories and more in Mandarin and English with storytellers from The Language Labs.

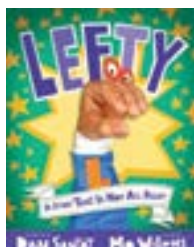
ASL Storytime with Language Labs

Wednesday, Feb. 12 • 10:30-11 a.m.
Kids' Program Room • Families

Storytellers from the Language Labs will present a storytime in ASL along with teaching ASL basics and a craft.

Coming Attractions

Reserve your copy online:
elmlib.org/KidsNewBooks



C.I.T.Y. of Support Playgroup

**Tuesdays, Dec. 10, Jan. 14, and Feb. 11
4-5 p.m. • Kids' Program Room • Families**

This inclusive playgroup is for children who receive or are considering therapy services. Children play with various developmental toys and crafts while families meet and find support. Siblings welcome. Presented in partnership with C.I.T.Y. of Support. Facilitated by Amy Mishima, C.I.T.Y. of Support and Ellen Karalis MA, BCBA.

No 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 that run N-scale trains on modular layouts.

No registration required.

■ **Saturday, Dec. 14 • 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.**

■ **Sunday, Dec. 15 • 1-4 p.m.**

Family Sensory Hour

**Sundays, Dec. 15, Jan. 19, and Feb. 16
12-1 p.m. • Kids' Library • Families**

Family Sensory Hour offers the opportunity for children with special needs to use the Kids' Library in a safe and welcoming environment before the Library opens.

Nanny Nikki Winter Musical Show

**Wednesday, Dec. 18 • 10-10:30 a.m.
Large Meeting Room • Families**

Chase away those winter blues with a musical show as we dance and sing along with Grammy-nominated artist, Nanny Nikki! Tickets available with an EPL card starting at 9 a.m. the morning of the program.

Winter Break Movies

1-3 p.m. • Kids' Program Room • Families

Bring a blanket to sit on and enjoy a winter break movie on our big screen.

No registration required.

■ **Wonka**

Friday, Dec. 27

■ **Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs**

Monday, Dec. 30

New Year's Eve Dance Party

Saturday, Dec. 28 • 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 with an EPL card starting at 9 a.m. the morning of the program.

Drop-in Craft

Kids' Program Room • Families

Repurpose leftover craft materials and make something beautiful. No experience necessary, just bring your imagination!

No registration required.

■ **Thursday, Jan. 2 • 12-3 p.m.**

■ **Friday, Jan. 3 • 12-3 p.m.**

Dig in to Play: Toddler Sensory Time

Saturday, Jan. 11 • 11-11:45 a.m.

Meeting Room A • Ages 1-3 w/ adult

Dress for some messy fun at the Library! Drop in anytime between 11 and 11:45 a.m. to explore a variety of sensory stations with your toddler. Siblings welcome.

No registration required.

Puzzle-Palooza

**Saturday, Jan. 25 • 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
Kids' Library • Families**

Puzzles are fun for the whole family! Drop in to the Kids' Library and try out some puzzles from the Library's collection that are perfect for kids and families.

No registration required.

Mini Makers: Sublimation Mugs

The Makery • Ages 3-5 w/ adult

Learn about the Makery's sublimation printer and color a design to make your own mug to bring home. This is a one-on-one class for grownup and child. Additional children cannot be accommodated.

Register for one session only.

■ **Wednesday, Feb. 5 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

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

Valentine's Day Tea

Large Meeting Room • Families

Join us for a Valentine's Day tea party. We will enjoy sweet snacks, play fun games, and make a simple craft.

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

■ **Friday, Feb. 14 • 9:30-10:15 a.m.**

■ **Friday, Feb. 14 • 11-11:45 a.m.**

Total-T Magic Show

**Monday, Feb. 17 • 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • Families**

Get ready for some amazing, interactive, and fun magic. The Total-T Magic show is filled with audience participation, lots of laughs, and lots of magic.

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

Hoopla

Hoopla is for kids, too! Hoopla Kids Mode helps parents and their children discover kid-friendly digital content. When you turn on Kids Mode, you'll only see content recommended for kids 12 and younger. You can feel confident letting kids explore and discover their favorite characters, stories, and songs on their own.

eplib.org/hoopla



EARLY ELEMENTARY (GRADES K-2)

Register for programs at elmlib.org/events unless otherwise noted.

For All Grades

Homeschool Explorers

Tuesdays, Dec. 10, Jan. 14, and Feb. 11
1-2:30 p.m. • Grades K-12

Join us for a variety of hands-on activities each month. For topics and locations, visit elmlib.org/HomeSchoolEvents.

After School Gaming

Thursdays, Dec. 12, Jan. 9, and Feb. 6
4-5 p.m. • Kids' Program Room
Grades K-5

Drop in to the Kids' Program Room for some gaming fun after school. Try out the Library's Nintendo Switch, PS5, and more! No skills necessary, just bring your sense of fun!

No registration required.

Read to the Dogs

Saturdays, Jan. 11 and Feb. 8
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 spot.

Kids' Chess Club

Sundays, Jan. 12 and Feb. 9
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.

Seating is limited and tickets will be available starting at 1 p.m. the day of the program and require an EPL card.

Shelter Pet Pals

Friday, Feb. 7 • 4-4:45 p.m.
Kids' Library • Grades K-5

Laura Winnie will tell us how DuPage County Animal Services cares for their animals, then we will make toys for shelter pets to enjoy. A shelter pet will attend the program.

LEGO Engineering, Jr.

Kids' Program Room • Grades K-2

Use our LEGOs and your brainpower to perform engineering feats.

Register for one session only.

■ **Monday, Dec. 2 • 4-4:45 p.m.**

■ **Monday, Dec. 16 • 4-4:45 p.m.**

Make with Me: Ice Painting

The Makery • Grades K-2 w/ adult

Learn how to paint colorful pictures using ice tinted with food coloring. We will also explore the Makery's 3D printing pens. This is a one-on-one class for grownup and child. Additional children cannot be accommodated.

Register for one session only.

■ **Wednesday, Jan. 15 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

■ **Wednesday, Jan. 29 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

Awesome Axolotls

Thursday, Jan. 30 • 4-4:45 p.m.

Kids' Program Room • Grades K-2

Get ready for the National Day of the Mexican Axolotl (Feb. 1) by learning about and celebrating this amazing aquatic salamander native to Mexico.

Reading Clubhouse: *Who Would Win?*

Thursday, Feb. 27 • 4-4:45 p.m.

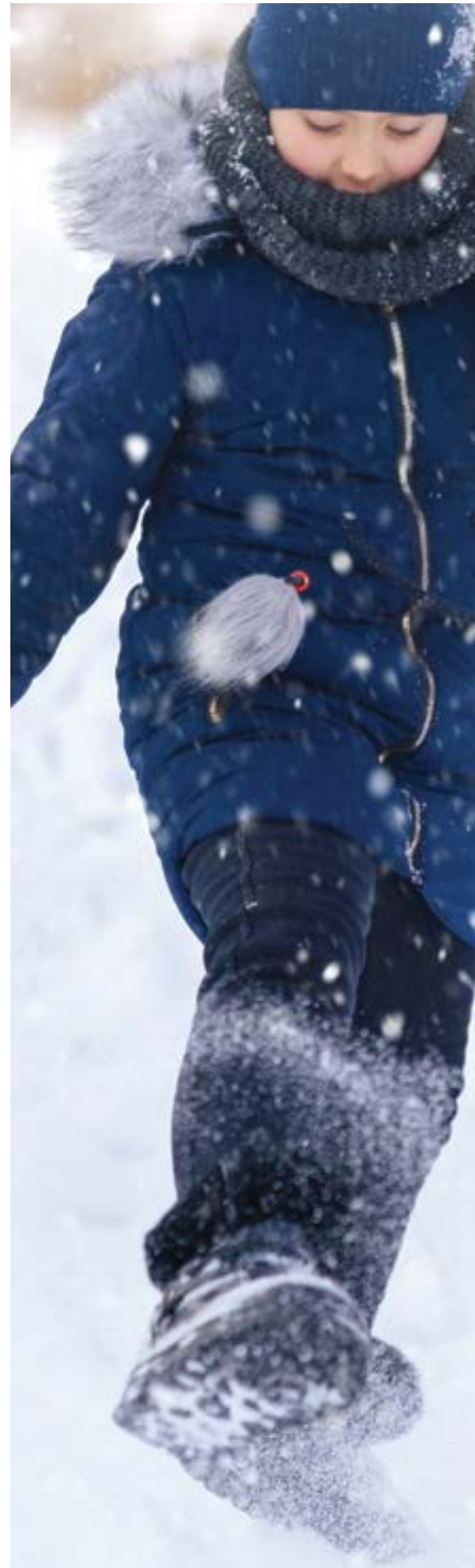
Kids' Program Room • Grades K-2

Join us as we talk about the book series, *Who Would Win?*, and create our own creatures ready to battle!

MLK Day of Service

Participate in service projects in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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OLDER ELEMENTARY (GRADES 3-5)

Register for programs at elmlib.org/events unless otherwise noted.

Ultimate Mad Libs

Monday, Jan. 13 • 4-4:45 p.m.

Kids' Program Room • Grades 3-5

Create hilarious and wacky stories together to read aloud. Don't forget to bring your vocabulary!

3D Printing

2nd Floor Computer Lab • Grades 3-5

Learn the basics of 3D printing and create your own design. Items will be printed after the program and picked up at a later date.

Register for one session only.

EPL card required.

■ **Thursday, Jan. 16 • 4:30-5:30 p.m.**

■ **Monday, Feb. 10 • 4:30-5:30 p.m.**

Graphic Novel Club

Thursday, Feb. 13 • 4-4:45 p.m.

Kids' Program Room • Grades 3-5

Join us to discuss *Gamerville* by Johnnie Christmas and enjoy activities. Pick up your book at the Kids' Help Desk.

STEM Explorers: Candy Science

Thursday, Feb. 20 • 4-4:45 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • Grades 3-5

Do you like candy and science? Come to this exciting program as we experiment with our favorite candies.

Make an Origami Yoda

Thursday, Jan. 23 • 4-4:45 p.m.

Kids' Program Room • Grades 3-5

If you like Yoda and folding paper, this is the program for you! We will use instructions from the book, *The Strange Case of Origami Yoda* by Tom Angleberger to make our own Origami Yoda.



Reading
is



Join Winter Reading!

Dec. 21-Feb. 28

Follow the trail of sweets and treats to page 11 for more info or visit elmlib.org/winter.



MIDDLE SCHOOL

Register for programs at elmlib.org/events unless otherwise noted.

Middle School Volunteers

The winter volunteer program will run from Jan. 6-Feb. 16 with a commitment of one hour each week. Assist with programs, crafts, and organizing the Kids' Library. Apply Dec. 2-27 at elmlib.org/volunteer.

Middle School Influencers Mondays, Dec. 2, Jan. 6, and Feb. 3 6-7 p.m. • Middle School Hangout Grades 6-8

This is a group for middle school students to become more involved in the Library. Join us for snacks, games, crafts, and more! Service hours are awarded for each meeting.

Celebrate and Play PlayStation

Tuesday, Dec. 3 • 4-5 p.m.
Middle School Hangout • Grades 6-8

Celebrate PlayStation's 30th anniversary by playing some games at the Library.

Homeschool Explorers

Tuesdays, Dec. 10, Jan. 14, and Feb. 11
1-2:30 p.m. • Grades 6-12

Join us for a variety of hands-on activities each month for homeschooled families. Visit elmlib.org/HomeSchoolEvents for topics and locations.

Middle School Coming Attractions

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elmlib.org/MSNewBooks

Middle School Makers: Spiral Pictures

Friday, Dec. 13 • 7:15-8 p.m.
The Makery • Grades 6-8

Find a picture and get ready to see the magic unfold as you reveal your photo through a spiral! Bring in a photo or email one to kids@elmlib.org.

Middle School Movie Night

Friday, Jan. 3 • 7-8:30 p.m.
Kids' Program Room • Grades 6-8

Join us for popcorn and hot chocolate while we watch *The Super Mario Bros. Movie*.
No registration required.

Cake and Canvas

Monday, Jan. 27 • 6-7 p.m.
Kids' Program Room • Grades 6-8

Enjoy some delicious cake while you learn to paint!

The Ultimate Quest

Friday, Feb. 21 • 6-7 p.m.
Kids' Program Room • Grades 6-8

Team up and test your decoding, navigating, and physical skills in this ultimate puzzle challenge. Be the first team to solve all the clues and win a prize!



See page 11 for info about
Kids' Winter Reading.



Homeschool Explorers

Tuesdays, Dec. 10, Jan. 14, and Feb. 11
1-2:30 p.m. • Grades 6-12

Join us for a variety of hands-on activities each month for homeschooled families. Visit elmlib.org/HomeSchoolEvents for topics and locations.

DIY Journals

Wednesday, Dec. 11 • 4-5 p.m.
Teen Space • Grades 9-12

Create and decorate your own journal from scratch.
No registration required.

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.

■ Perler Bead Magnetic Frames

Monday, Dec. 16 • 4-5 p.m.

■ Shrinky Dink Flair Pins

Monday, Jan. 27 • 4-5 p.m.

■ Clay Diffuser Stones

Monday, Feb. 24 • 4-5 p.m.

New Year, New Me: Vision Board

Wednesday, Jan. 8 • 4-5 p.m.
Teen Space • Grades 9-12

Create a vision board to manifest your goals for the new year.
No registration required.

V-Day Cards

Feb. 10-13 • All Day
Teen Space • Grades 9-12

Make a Valentine's Day card for a friend or a loved one.
No registration required.

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)

Teen Advisory Group (TAG) meets monthly during the school year to discuss popular and trending topics, help plan programs, and work on service projects. Email eplteen@elmlib.org for more information about joining.

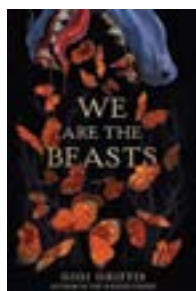


MLK Day of Service



Give back to your community and earn service hours! EPL will have hands-on service projects in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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High School Coming Attractions

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WINTER READING

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Winter Reading

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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.
2. Librarians choose a book just for you.
3. Read the book! Tell us what you thought at 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 21. Readers may win one of three \$50 Elmhurst City Centre gift cards. Prize winners will be contacted after the program ends. **EPL card required.**

Winter Reading with Beanstack: Choose Your Own Books

How to Participate:

1. Read or listen to a book in your preferred format: print, ebook, audiobook, graphic novel, or manga.
2. Go to elmlib.org/winter and click on the link for Beanstack, our book-logging app.
3. For each book you log through February 28, you will automatically be entered into our Winter Reading prize drawing. Readers may win one of three \$50 Elmhurst City Centre gift cards. Prize winners will be contacted after the program ends. **EPL card required.**

If you are participating in Winter Reading for Adults and High Schoolers, stop at the 2nd Floor Information Desk to request a prize voucher for one free item from the Lobby Book Sale shelves.

FOR HIGH SCHOOLERS GRADES 9-12

Winter Reading

How to Participate:

Read or listen to a book to be entered into a prize drawing. Choose your preferred format: print, ebook, audiobook, graphic novel, or manga. Every book read equals an entry to the Teen Winter Reading prize drawing. All participants must live or attend a high school in Elmhurst, Grades 9-12.

- Read and earn prize entries for a grand prize
- Any book counts
- 1 book equals 1 entry
- Prize: \$50 Elmhurst City Centre gift card

FOR KIDS NEWBORN-GRADE 8

Winter Reading: Reading Is Sweet

How to Participate:

Pick up a log at the Kids' Help Desk or print a log from 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. 28 to collect prizes.





Job Hunting Resources

Looking for a new job? Your library card gives you access to online resources that are helpful when searching for employment.

Career Center from Tutor.com:
Work one-on-one with career specialists to get help writing a resume or cover letter, searching for a job, or preparing for an interview.
elmlib.org/tutor

Reference Solutions by DataAxe:
Locate information on 81 million U.S. businesses on this database. Search using a number of criteria including company name, executive title, sales volume, employee size, and more.
elmlib.org/DataAxe

Resume Review

Adult Services • Adults

Meet with a career expert for help with your resume.

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

- **Thursday, Dec. 5 • 10-11:30 a.m.**
- **Thursday, Jan. 9 • 10-11:30 a.m.**
- **Thursday, Feb. 6 • 10-11:30 a.m.**

Interview Anxiety: What It Is and How to Manage It

Friday, Jan. 17 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Kossmann Room + Live on Zoom • Adults

Learn techniques to manage anxiety before, during, and after a job interview. Gain insight into what triggers interview anxiety and develop effective coping strategies to enhance your performance and boost your confidence.

Introduction to QuickBooks Online for Business

Thursday, Jan. 30 • 7-8:30 p.m.

Computer Lab • Adults

In this brief interactive introduction with Rich Kraybill, Certified QuickBooks ProAdvisor, you will get an overview of the software and a chance to try some of the basic QuickBooks Online features.

Full-Time Employment to Entrepreneurship: How to Thrive

Tuesday, Feb. 4 • 7-8:30 p.m.

Kossmann Room • Adults

Feeling ready to transition from full-time employment to entrepreneurship? Join us as Kyle Bennett, Founder and Financial Coach with Prosperity Launch, discusses assessing your readiness, developing a transition plan, setting clear goals, addressing financial challenges, and managing the emotional side of career change.

New Skills of the Workforce

Monday, Feb. 24 • 7-8 p.m.

Live on Zoom • Adults

Employers look for candidates with strong power skills in today's workforce. Discover the top power skills in demand, and learn how to showcase your strengths on a resume, build a personal brand, and improve your in-person and virtual interview techniques.

Ask the Great Lakes ADA Center

Thursday, Dec. 5 • 1-2 p.m.

Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults

Understand your rights under the Americans with Disabilities Act and what you can and should expect in terms of accessibility in public spaces and the type of accommodations you may request. Learn more about when you need to disclose a disability and what type of documentation may be needed. Q&A session follows.

It's Christmastime in the City: Chicago and Its Yule Contributions and Traditions

Monday, Dec. 9 • 7-8 p.m.

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

Chicago has long been a trailblazer in shaping beloved holiday traditions, especially during the Yuletide season. From its pioneering role in manufacturing and music to its influence on mass marketing, our city's contributions to the holiday spirit have always been vitally important.

GreenMan Theatre Presents: Seasonal Stories

Wednesday, Dec. 11 • 7-8:30 p.m.

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

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

Culture Club

Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults

Explore the world without leaving your chair.

- **Chicago in Winter**
Thursday, Dec. 12 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.
- **Mississippi River Adventures**
Thursday, Jan. 9 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.
- **From Merlin to Doc Martin: The Best of England's Dramatic Cornwall**
Thursday, Feb. 13 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Hybrid program with a virtual presenter.

Memory Cafe

Large Meeting Room • Adults

Individuals with Alzheimer's Disease, dementia, or other cognitive or memory impairment disorders, along with their caregivers, are welcome to join us each month for themed activities that encourage reminiscing and spark memories.

- **No meeting in December**
- **Winter Wonderland**
Monday, Jan. 27 • 1:30-3 p.m.
- **Golden Age of Hollywood**
Monday, Feb. 17 • 1:30-3 p.m.

Ciao Italia

Mondays, Dec. 16, Jan. 20, and Feb. 17
7-8:30 p.m.

Kossmann Room + Live on Zoom • Adults

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

Behind the Scenes: *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation*

Tuesday, Dec. 17 • 7-8 p.m.

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

Set in the Chicago suburbs, *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation* (1989) follows the Griswold family as they attempt to create the perfect traditional celebration. Get a behind-the-scenes look at this classic holiday film to discover fun facts and learn about its Chicago connections.

Holiday Traditions from Radio's Golden Age

Wednesday, Dec. 18 • 2-3 p.m.

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

For many people, the holidays are a time of traditions – and there were plenty of entertaining traditions during the Golden Age of Radio, from Jack Benny's annual shopping trips to Lionel Barrymore's portrayal of Ebenezer Scrooge. Relive the classic seasonal sounds from radio's past, designed to spur the imagination and share a bit of Yuletide spirit.

Start the New Year with Meditation

Monday, Dec. 30 • 7-8 p.m.

Live on Zoom • Adults + Grades 9-12

The New Year is a time to start with a clean slate. Through meditation one can benefit in all aspects of life – mentally, emotionally, physically, and spiritually. Join Bruce Faithwick for this lively and enjoyable workshop.

Death Cafe

Monday, Jan. 6 • 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Gathering Room • Adults

For many, death can be taboo and an uncomfortable topic. A Death Cafe is a group-directed discussion of death in a safe, confidential setting where you can share experiences, ideas on fears about end-of-life issues. Its objective is to increase awareness of death and help people make the most of their finite lives. Please note this is not a grief support group or counseling session. Beverages and snacks are provided.

Cash in on Decluttering

Tuesday, Jan. 14 • 7-8 p.m.

Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults

Join expert organizer Jamie Novak to learn about appraising items and what to sell where.

Family History 101: Beginning Your Investigation

Thursday, Jan. 16 • 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Meeting Room A + Live on Zoom • Adults

Join professional genealogist, author, and local historian Ray Johnson for a look at how to start investigating your family history. Learn about census records, naturalization and immigration, vital records, newspapers, and cemetery research, as well as how to get organized and stay on track.

Chocolate Desserts

Thursday, Jan. 23 • 7-8:30 p.m.

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

Spend an evening with Chef Susan Maddox as she demonstrates some of her favorite recipes for chocolatey desserts and pastries.

Art Therapy Night

Friday, Jan. 24 • 7-8:30 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • Adults

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

Puzzle Speed Challenge

Saturday, Jan. 25 • 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 January 11.

LEGO Remembered: History and Values

Monday, Jan. 27 • 7-8:30 p.m.

Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom

All Ages

The LEGO Company, now the world's largest toy company, started over 90 years ago in Denmark. Cheryl Brown explains how it grew and evolved into the hugely successful company that it is today. Discover the new, ever-evolving themes being introduced including castles, Star Wars, Harry Potter, space, superheroes, and more. There are even LEGO clubs, movies, discovery centers, and theme parks! Plus, learn what your vintage LEGO sets may be worth today, as you reminisce and view Cheryl's amazing display of LEGO memorabilia.

Great Decisions

Large Meeting Room • Adults

Learn about critical issues facing America with Professor Gary Midkiff.

■ **No meeting in December**

■ **Foreign Policy Roundtable**

Tuesday, Jan. 28 • 1:30-3 p.m.

■ **American Foreign Policy at a Crossroads**

Tuesday, Feb. 25 • 1:30-3 p.m.

Identity Theft: Scams and Tips

Tuesday, Jan. 28 • 7-8:30 p.m.

Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom

Adults

Everyday actions can leave anyone open to identity theft. The Illinois Attorney General's Office presents tips to prevent identity theft and ways to restore your financial profile if it happens to you.

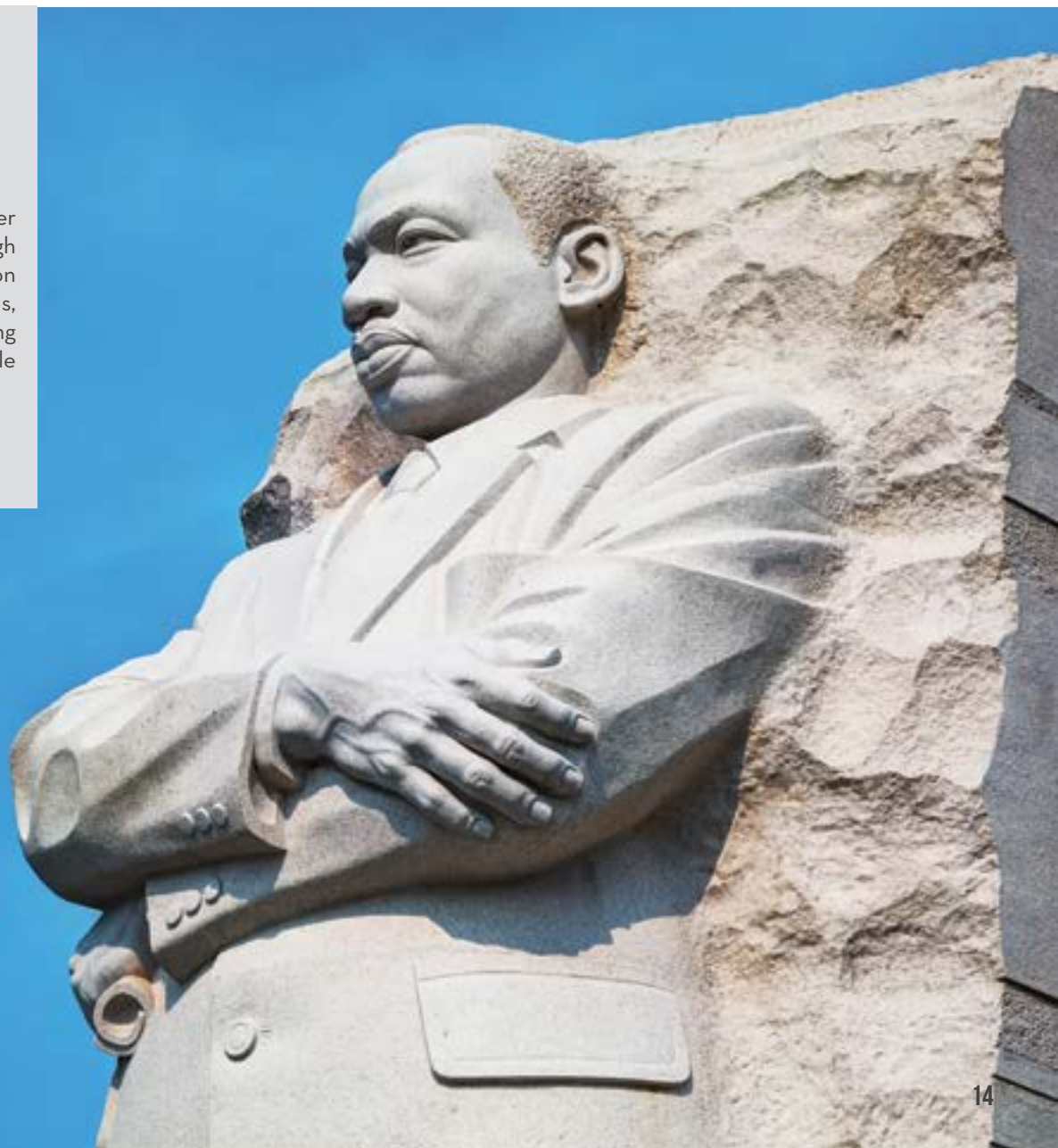
MLK Day of Service

Monday, Jan. 20 • 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • All Ages

Honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by building community through service projects. We will have hands-on activities for all ages and ability levels, focused around the theme of creating warmth. Service hours will be available for students.

No registration required.





Through the Decades: 1990s, 2000s, & 2010s

The Ultimate Presentation for Cubs Nation

Monday, Dec. 2 • 7-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults + Grades 6-12

Martin Gitlin, author of *The Ultimate Chicago Cubs Time Machine Book* and former sports journalist, takes us through Chicago Cubs history from Albert Spalding to Ernie Banks to the 2016 championship win and beyond. Enjoy videos and photographs of their greatest players, teams, and moments, plus play a little Cubs trivia.

Hybrid program with a virtual presenter.

The History of PC Video Games

Tuesday, Jan. 7 • 7-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults + Grades 6-12

The PC market has always had an interesting relationship with video games. While computers were not originally built for games, that didn't stop developers from turning to the platform or building massive rigs. Despite calls for the PC's death in the mid-'00s, it bounced back to change how video games are made and sold.

Hybrid program with a virtual presenter.

Through the Eyes of the Hubble Telescope

Tuesday, Jan. 21 • 7-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults + Grades 6-12

The Hubble Space Telescope has had more impact on astronomy and the public's awareness of astronomy than any other telescope in history. Michelle Nichols, Director of Public Observing at Adler Planetarium, shares highlights from some of the well-known – and not-so-well-known – images and science from the last 30+ years of Hubble's mission, plus a look at what's next for space telescopes.

Retro Video Games

Friday, Jan. 3 • 7-8:30 p.m.
Computer Lab • Adults

Revisit some of the best PC video games from the '90s and early 2000s! Battle space invaders, search for Carmen Sandiego, and more, then compete against other players on the Oregon Trail.

Music of the 1990s

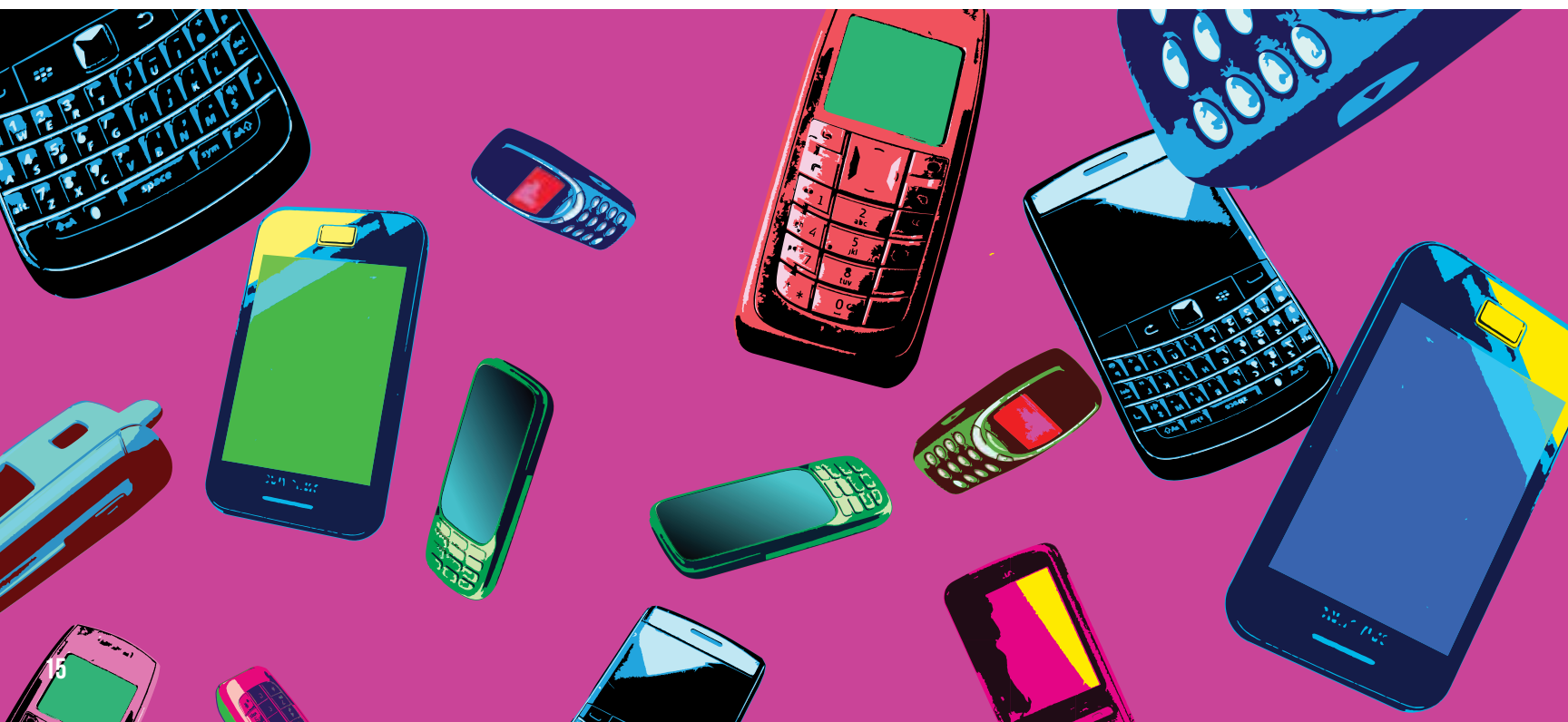
Wednesday, Jan. 15 • 7-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults + Grades 9-12

Musician Tim Wilsey takes us on a trip to the '90s to explore grunge and alternative music, how bands like Nirvana, Pearl Jam, and Soundgarden became so popular, and how this era impacted pop culture. Plus, learn about Lollapalooza's traveling history before it settled in Chicago.

Diana: The Reluctant Princess

Tuesday, Feb. 18 • 7-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults + Grades 9-12

Iconic and charismatic, Princess Diana of Wales was an unforgettable personality. Join storyteller Megan Wells as she brings "the people's princess" to life. This warm, honest portrayal is a trip to Buckingham Palace you will not soon forget.



Oscar Ballot Voting

During February, visit the 2nd Floor to participate in the Academy Awards Ballot Contest. Vote for what you believe will be the award winners in each category.

Submit your ballot by Sunday, March 2, before the broadcast of the 97th annual Academy Awards. The contestant with the largest number of correct predictions wins a \$40 gift card to Classic Cinemas.

Celebrate International Puzzle Day

Wednesday, Jan. 29 • 2-3:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • Adults

Join us in a celebration of all kinds of puzzles! Work together on a classic jigsaw puzzle, challenge yourself with brainteasers and word games, or put your skills to the test with some sudoku. We'll also reveal the secret language of crossword clues to help you solve puzzles faster. Plus, learn how to access digital puzzle games for free with your Library card.

No registration required.

Celebrate the Lunar New Year

Wednesday, Jan. 29 • 7-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults + Grades 6-12

The Lunar New Year season lasts from January 29 to February 3. It is a holiday observed by 20% of the world's population, yet many are unfamiliar with how it is celebrated. Yvonne Wolf teaches about the Chinese calendar: the rites, activities, symbols, and foods associated with it, and how you can participate in your own home. Whether it is your first time celebrating this cross-cultural festival or part of your annual routine, join us as we prepare for the Year of the Snake.

Buy Your First Home

Tuesday, Feb. 4 • 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.

Enhancing Parent-Child Communication

Thursday, Feb. 13 • 7:30-8:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults

Join Julie Roubal, LPC and Emily Wegenke, LSW, from Patchwork Therapy for a presentation on strategies to enhance parent-child communication. They will cover responding to kids while they are dysregulated, building children's problem-solving skills, and encouraging independence.

Genealogy: Germans to America's Midwest (1848-1900)

Thursday, Feb. 20 • 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.
Meeting Room A + Live on Zoom • Adults

Over 46 million Americans have some German ancestry. The largest German immigration wave to America occurred during 1848-1900, and the majority of those immigrants settled in the Midwest. Genealogist Scott Norrick explores this period, including ports of departure and arrival, cultural influences, and the best sites to research your German ancestry.

Winter Reading Retreat

Saturday, Feb. 22 • 10 a.m.-4 p.m. • Adults

Join us for a cozy getaway to celebrate all things reading! Stay for a while and read a few chapters while enjoying comfy seating and hot beverages. Then, share with others what you've been reading!

No registration required.

- **Reading Retreat**
10 a.m.-4 p.m. • Gathering Room
- **Book-Themed Crafts**
10 a.m.-4 p.m. • Lobby
- **Trading Titles Session**
11:30 a.m.-12 p.m. • Gathering Room
2:30-3 p.m. • Gathering Room

Civics and Artificial Intelligence

Tuesday, Feb. 25 • 7-8:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • Adults + Grades 6-12
Learn a little more about how AI technology works, how to spot AI usage, how it impacts civics and the news, and how you can navigate this new information landscape.

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

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

Library Tour

Wednesday, Dec. 18 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Kossmann Room • Adults

How well do you know the Library? Come for an exclusive tour around the building with staff.

Chair Yoga

Tuesday, Jan. 14 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Kossmann Room • Adults

Learn how to strengthen and stretch your body from a yoga instructor. No prior experience required.

Daytime Movie

Tuesdays, Jan. 28 and Feb. 25
10-11:45 a.m. • Gathering Room • Adults

Enjoy a movie with us! There will also be a craft provided.

Design a 3D Print

Monday, Feb. 24 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Computer Lab • Adults

Learn how to design a 3D printed item and send it to the Makery to be printed.

Cook-Along: Pierogis and Kolaczki

Wednesday, Feb. 26 • 7-8 p.m.
Live on Zoom • Adults + Grades 6-12

Get ready for Fat Tuesday with tried and true recipes for Polish classics. Chef Kristyn Slick will guide you through the steps of making pierogis and kolaczki as you follow along at home. An ingredients list will be provided before the event.

TECHNOLOGY

Register for programs at elmlib.org/events unless otherwise noted.

Analog to Digital Conversion

Thursday, Dec. 5 • 10-11:30 a.m.

Computer Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12

Get to know equipment that will convert your cassettes, records, and VHS tapes into a digital format.

Photoshop Elements

Monday, Jan. 13 • 7-8 p.m.

Computer Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12

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

iPhone iOS

Tuesday, Jan. 14 • 1:30-3 p.m.

Computer Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12

Learn the latest features of iOS and get helpful information about your iPhone.

Android Basics

Tuesday, Jan. 28 • 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Computer Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12

Learn more about your Android device and gain new skills. We'll share useful apps and answer questions.

Getting Started with Streaming Services

Wednesday, Jan. 29 • 10-11:30 a.m.

Computer Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12

Learn how to navigate the fast-changing world of streaming services. We'll teach you about available streaming platforms and how to access them.

Excel Intermediate

Wednesday, Feb. 5 • 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Computer Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12

Learn Excel functions and formulas that are often used in the program.

Excel Advanced

Wednesday, Feb. 12 • 6-7:30 p.m.

Computer Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12

Learn advanced features of Excel, including PMT, XLOOKUP, Pivot Tables, and more.

Canva Basics

Tuesday, Feb. 18 • 2-3:30 p.m.

Computer Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12

Learn about the different projects you can create in Canva and learn some beginner skills.



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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 • 2-4:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • Adults

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

Canasta

Every Saturday • 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Kossmann Room • Adults

Join us for a friendly game of Canasta every week. Prior experience is required.
No registration required.

Staying Mentally Fit

Tuesdays, Dec. 3, Jan. 7, and Feb. 4
1:30-2:30 p.m. • Meeting Room B • Adults

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

Scrabble

Mondays, Dec. 2, 16, Jan. 6, 20, Feb. 3, and 17 • 10 a.m.-12 p.m. • Kossmann Room
Adults

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

Ukulele Circle

Thursdays, Jan. 2 and Feb. 6
7-8 p.m. • Kossmann Room
Adults + Grades 6-12

Play popular tunes with others in a group setting. Bring your ukulele or borrow one of ours. Some ukulele experience required.

Board Game Night

Fridays, Dec. 6 and Feb. 21 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • 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.

In Stitches Needleworkers

Tuesdays, Dec. 10, Jan. 14, and Feb. 11
12-2 p.m. • Gathering Room • Adults

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

Bingo

Tuesdays, Dec. 10, Jan. 14, and Feb. 11
3:30-4:30 p.m. • Large Meeting Room
Adults

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

Chair Yoga

Fridays, Dec. 13, 27, Jan. 10, 24, Feb. 14, and 28 • 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • Adults

Join a certified yoga instructor to strengthen and stretch your whole body while seated in a chair. No prior yoga experience required.

Coloring for Mindfulness

Tuesdays, Dec. 17, Jan. 21, and Feb. 18
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.

Retro Video Games

Friday, Jan. 3 • 7-8:30 p.m.
Computer Lab • Adults

Revisit some of the best PC video games from the '90s and early 2000s, then compete against other players on the Oregon Trail.

Chamber Concert

Fridays, Jan. 17 and Feb. 28 • 7-8:45 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • All Ages

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

Bad Art Night

Friday, Feb. 7 • 7-8:30 p.m.
The Makery • Adults

Shake off your inner critic by competing to create the worst artwork. No art skills necessary! All materials provided.

Learn to Play

Thinking of coming to one of our weekly game groups? 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 American Mah Jongg

Monday, Jan. 13 • 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Meeting Room A • Adults

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

Registration starts December 30.

Learn to Play Canasta

Monday, Jan. 27 • 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Kossmann Room • Adults

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

Registration starts January 13.

Learn to Play Pinochle

Monday, Feb. 10 • 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • Adults

Learn how to play the popular card game Pinochle, then practice together.

Registration starts January 27.

Learn to Play Bridge

Monday, Feb. 24 • 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Meeting Room A • Adults

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

Registration starts February 10.



LIBRARY OF EXTRAORDINARY THINGS: CREATIVE STUDIO

The Creative Studio, located on the 2nd Floor, gives you access to high-end equipment and software needed to complete digital audio, visual, and graphic projects. Need to work somewhere other than the Creative Studio? Our collection offers technology items you can borrow and take home for your professional, personal, or school-related project.



Canon Rebel EOS T3i: Try out a DSLR camera for professional level photos.



Wolverine MovieMaker: Convert old 8 mm or Super 8 film to digital.



VHS to DVD Converter: Convert old home videos on VHS to digital or DVD.



Film & Slides Scanner: Convert your film and slides to digital.



Vinyl LP Record Player: Listen to your records or convert them to digital.



Ring Light: Use to help light your videos for vlogs and social media.

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. This year's theme is astrology. More info at elmlib.org/StitchAlong.

Creative Cardmaking

Adults

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

Winter Holidays

Large Meeting Room

■ **Monday, Dec. 2 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.**

■ **Monday, Dec. 2 • 1-2 p.m.**

Registration starts Nov. 16.

Register for one session only.

Valentine's Day

The Makery

■ **Monday, Feb. 3 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.**

■ **Monday, Feb. 3 • 1-2 p.m.**

Registration starts Jan. 20.

Register for one session only.

Beginning Cross-Stitch

Meeting Room A • Adults + Grades 6-12

Learn how to get started with cross-stitching and make a cute design to hang in your home or give as a gift.

■ **Wednesday, Dec. 4 • 2-3:30 p.m.**

■ **Wednesday, Dec. 4 • 7-8:30 p.m.**

Registration starts November 16.

Register for one session only.

Honeycomb Ornaments

Thursday, Dec. 5 • 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Lobby • All Ages

Stop by the Lobby to create a 3D ornament with beautiful scrapbook paper.

No registration required.

Beaded Snowflakes

Monday, Dec. 9 • 2-4 p.m. • Lobby • All Ages

Stop by the Lobby to craft a snowflake out of colorful beads.

No registration required.

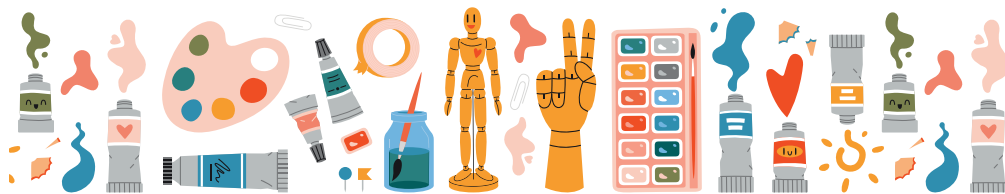
Upcycled Gift Tags

Wednesday, Dec. 11 • 2-4 p.m.

Lobby • All Ages

Use recycled paper and other decorations to make unique gift tags.

No registration required.



Needlefelted Ornaments

Tuesday, Dec. 17 • 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Lobby • All Ages

Use a special needle to create fun shapes out of felt to display in your home.

No registration required.

Button Trees

Thursday, Dec. 19 • 3-5 p.m.

Lobby • All Ages

Create a fun, colorful tree out of buttons.

No registration required.

Sensory Self Care

The Makery • Adults + Grades 6-12

Learn a variety of different types of self care to beat the winter blues, then create your own sensory kit, including cuticle oil, lavender pillow spray, and a lip scrub. All materials provided.

■ **Wednesday, Jan. 8 • 5:30-6:30 p.m.**

■ **Wednesday, Jan. 8 • 7-8 p.m.**

Registration starts Dec. 18.

Register for one session only.

Snowman Pepakura

Meeting Room A • Adults

Build a snowman using pepakura, a style of 3D papercrafting.

■ **Thursday, Jan. 16 • 2-4 p.m.**

■ **Thursday, Jan. 16 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.**

Registration starts Jan. 2.

Register for one session only.

Art Therapy Night

Friday, Jan. 24 • 7-8:30 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • Adults

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

Craft Swap

Saturday, Feb. 1 • 12-3 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • All Ages

Bring your lightly-used craft supplies and swap them out for new ones! Drop off supplies in the Lobby starting Jan. 27. All items must be in good condition.

No registration required.

Bad Art Night

Friday, Feb. 7 • 7-8:30 p.m.

The Makery • Adults

Shake off your inner critic by competing to create the worst artwork. No art skills necessary! All materials provided.

Mocktails and Masterpieces

The Makery • Adults + Grades 6-12

Follow along with instructions to create a beautiful piece of art with acrylic paint while sipping on tasty mocktails.

■ **Monday, Feb. 10 • 2-3:30 p.m.**

■ **Monday, Feb. 10 • 7-8:30 p.m.**

Registration starts January 27.

Register for one session only.

Makery Craft: Book Fan

Feb. 11-28 • The Makery

Adults + Grades 6-12

One reservation per Library card, one kit per reservation, while supplies last. Registration starts Feb. 10 at elmlib.org/MakeryCraft.

Makery 101: Cricut Basics

**Monday, Feb. 17 • 2-3:30 p.m. • The Makery
Adults + Grades 9-12**

Learn the basics of the Makery Cricut machines as we create and cut a simple design for you to take home. All experience levels welcome.

Registration starts Feb. 3.

Painting Flowers with Karen Exiner

Wednesday, Feb. 19 • 2-4 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • Adults

Artist Karen Exiner demonstrates how to create beautiful flowers with watercolors and markers to make your own greeting cards.

Registration starts Feb. 5.

Makery 101: Laser Cut a Coaster

Wednesday, Feb. 26 • 6-7:30 p.m.

The Makery • Adults + Grades 9-12

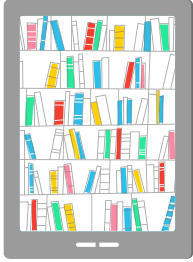
Learn the basics of the laser cutter and engrave your own custom coaster. All experience levels welcome.

Registration starts Feb. 12.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Register for programs at elmlib.org/events unless otherwise noted.

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



Trading Titles

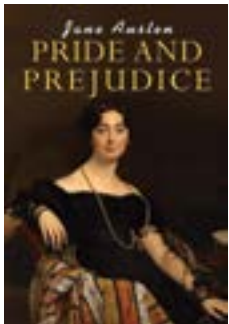
Gathering Room + Live on Zoom • Adults

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. 12 • 1-2:15 p.m.**

■ **Thursday, Dec. 12 • 7-8:15 p.m.**



Pride and Prejudice

by Jane Austen

Thursday, Jan. 9

7-8:15 p.m.

Gathering Room + Live on Zoom Adults

Whether you have never read this classic comedy of manners or you have read it numerous times, join us for a chat to kick off 2025, the 250th anniversary year of author Jane Austen's birth.



The First Ladies:

A Novel by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray

Gathering Room + Live on Zoom • Adults

This historical fiction novel explores the lives of two prominent women: First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt and civil rights activist Mary McLeod Bethune. The book alternates between their perspectives, highlighting their personal and political struggles, achievements, and impact on American history.

■ **Thursday, Jan. 23 • 1-2:15 p.m.**

■ **Thursday, Jan. 23 • 7-8:15 p.m.**



American Spy:

A Novel by Lauren Wilkinson

Gathering Room + Live on Zoom • Adults

During the Cold War years, Marie Mitchell is a young FBI intelligence officer navigating espionage in New York when she receives an offer to join a task force with the goal to undermine the president of Burkina Faso. Taking part in the mission will require her to reconsider her identity, courage, and what it means to be a good American.

■ **Thursday, Feb. 13 • 1-2:15 p.m.**

■ **Thursday, Feb. 13 • 7-8:15 p.m.**



For Mystery Lovers

Monday, Feb. 24

7-8:15 p.m.

Gathering Room + Live on Zoom Adults

Join us for a mystery book chat! Read a mystery of your choice to talk

about with other mystery lovers in the group.

Winter Reading Retreat

Saturday, Feb. 22 • 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Adults

Join us for a cozy getaway to celebrate all things reading! Stay for a while and read a few chapters while enjoying comfy seating and hot beverages. Then, share with others what you've been reading!

No registration required.

■ **Reading Retreat**

10 a.m.-4 p.m. • Gathering Room

■ **Book-Themed Crafts**

10 a.m.-4 p.m. • Lobby

■ **Trading Titles Session**

11:30 a.m.-12 p.m. • Gathering Room

2:30-3 p.m. • Gathering Room



Did you know the Library can support your book club by offering multiple copies of titles in a variety of formats? You can focus on the snacks and drinks – leave the rest to us!

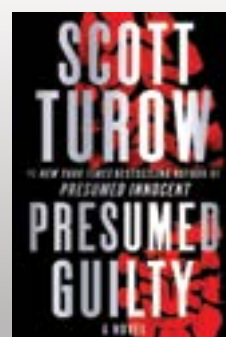
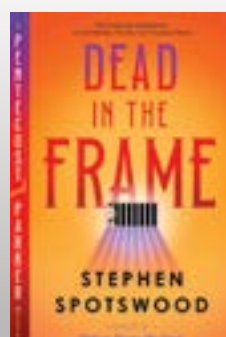
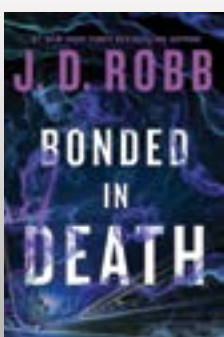
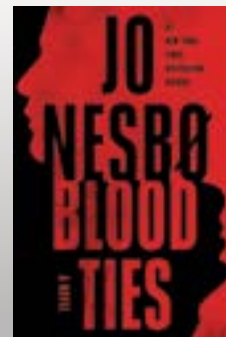
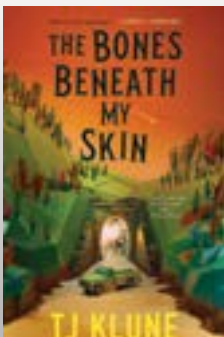
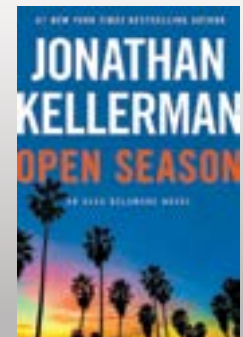
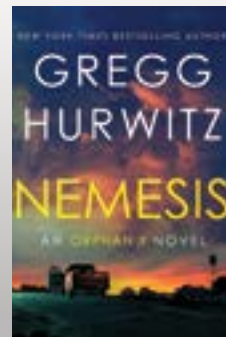
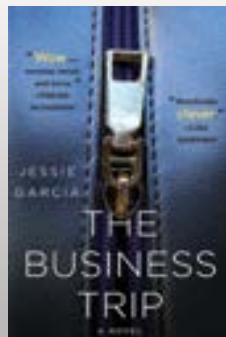
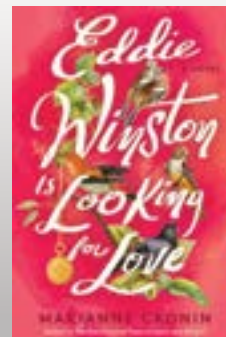
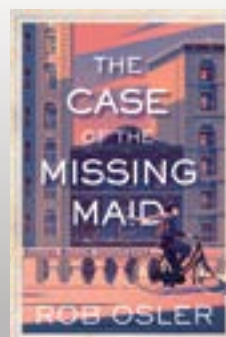
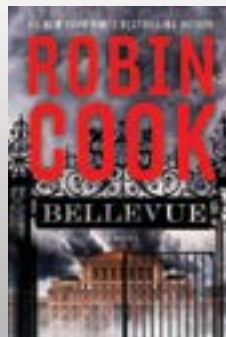
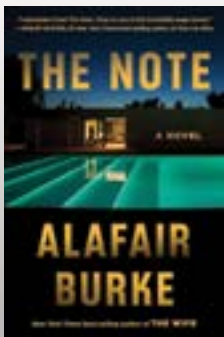
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DIY at EPL: New Year, New Endeavors

Each turn of the calendar feels like the right time to tackle the projects that have been on the back burner: digitizing analog home movies, trying a hobby you've been curious about, or getting around to fixing something in the house. The Library can be your partner when it comes to DIY projects. We have tools and digital equipment to use in the Library or to take home with you. Creativebug offers online video of arts and crafts workshops and techniques that you can watch at your own pace. Plus, the Library offers space – a place to spread out, apart from the distractions at home, to take stock of your project and get things done.



The Makery is amazing. I had some long Ikea curtains that I needed to shorten. The Makery had long tables to lay them out for measuring. They had cutting mats and rotary cutters to cut them to length, and the sewing machine to sew the hems. I had a brown dog and a black cat at the time. It was nice to not have to worry about getting pet hair on my project, or having to measure and cut on the floor at home (not enough table space at home). —Jeanne



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