

# Elmhurst Public Library Annual Report

Fiscal Year May 2011-April 2012

## actual visitor comments

[Elmhurst Public Library is] a great place to stay focused on my studies. The library staff are wonderful.  
-Facebook

Our library is über modern and I love it!  
-Twitter

SO MANY BOOKS, so little time.  
-Yelp

I use EPL more than netflix  
-Facebook

I love Elmhurst library!!!  
-Facebook

Traditional books are the most popular items, accounting for 59% of all loaned materials. DVDs claim the #2 spot at 22%

The "Book a Nook" program loans Nook eReaders to EPL cardholders. In just the first five months, EPL's 40 Nooks were checked out 326 times!

Each EPL cardholder saved approximately \$610.50 last year by checking out library materials.

97% of mobile visitors use an iPhone to visit [elmhurstpubliclibrary.org](http://elmhurstpubliclibrary.org)

Seven out of 10 Elmhurst residents have Library Cards! Each EPL cardholder checks out an average of 49 items per year.

The most popular books of 2011-2012 were:

*Fifty Shades of Grey*, *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Cabin Fever*, *Out of My Mind*, *The Hunger Games*, *Life As We Knew It*, *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*, and *V is for Vengeance*

## 2011-2012 FISCAL YEAR AT A GLANCE

- 553,965 people visited EPL.
- 585,396 visits to the library website.
- 1,478,076 materials checked out.
- Library computers were used 134,886 times.
- Summer Reading started June 4, 2011. More than 1,000 kids signed up during opening weekend.
- 28,545 people attended 1,087 Library programs.
- Local groups gathered at EPL for 305 meetings.
- June 2011 was the busiest month at EPL.
- 354,659 items in collection.

## 2011-2012 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ✓ Upgraded RFID system for easier check-in and check-out of materials.
- ✓ New *Magazines To Go* Collection
- ✓ New Freegal Music Database
- ✓ New EPL Director Mary Beth Campe
- ✓ New Assistant Directors Marcy Rodriguez & Catherine E. Ingram

## 2012-2013 PROJECTS

- ✓ Online Summer Reading Program (Launched June 2, 2012)
- Increase digital book collections
- New Middle School Area in Kids' Library
- New phone system

## THANK YOU

to the many local businesses, organizations, and individuals who donated more than \$28,000 to EPL, and to the Friends of the Library, who donated \$14,400.

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## 2011-2012 BUDGET

\*unaudited figures

