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Book Returned 78 Years Later

This little book, *Biblical and Oriental Series: Tutankhamen and Egyptology* (Mercer, copyright 1923) was checked out from Elmhurst Public Library in 1945 by a Library patron in his teens. In the summer of 2023, 78 years later, the book was returned in an envelope with a handwritten note from the patron's daughter:

This book was recently discovered in my late father's bookcase. With regrets for its long overdue status.

At the time, late fees at the Library were 1 cent per day. There's no need to calculate late charges, though—the Library has been Fine Free since 2021! Thank you to the family for sending us this long-lost book. It's a sweet reminder of how long EPL has been part of this community.

Greeting Card Swap

Greeting cards are the perfect way to let someone know that you're thinking of them! Participate in the ongoing Greeting Card Exchange, located near the Puzzle Swap and Book Sale area, on top of the flag recycling box. Share like-new greeting cards you don't need anymore, and take home some new-to-you cards. Help spread the word so you have more to choose from!

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 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.
- **YouTube:** No registration required. Just visit elmlib.org/YouTube to watch.
- **Zoom:** Register at elmlib.org/events or call us to receive an email and link to the live stream. Note: 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.

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20 YEARS AT 125 S. PROSPECT

We can hardly believe the “new” Library building is 20 years old this year!

Since its beginnings in 1916, Elmhurst Public Library was first housed in the rear of the old Glos Building at York and Park Ave., then moved to the Wilder Mansion in 1922, where it stayed for the next 80 years. As the town grew, the Library grew along with it. In 2003, the Library moved up the street to our current address: 125 S. Prospect Ave. This year, we take a look back on the last 20 years in this extraordinary building, built specifically to be a place in the community to connect, create, and explore.



May 10, 2002

A groundbreaking ceremony kicked off Elmhurst Public Library's building project with the Library Board of Trustees, Mayor Thomas Marcucci, and Architect Dirk Lohan in attendance.

November 2003

EPL offered a new service to patrons: a coffee shop selling gourmet coffee, pastries, and more in the Lobby of the new building.

November 2012

For the first time, the Library earned four out of five stars in a national ranking in *Library Journal's* annual review of public libraries. ★★★★★



October 4, 2003

The community said goodbye to the Wilder Mansion, home to EPL for more than 80 years. More than three miles of library books, materials, furniture, and equipment were moved to the new building at 125 S. Prospect Avenue. Hundreds of Elmhurst residents gathered to celebrate the opening of the new Elmhurst Public Library. A “book brigade,” made up of dozens of Elmhurst residents lined up along Prospect Avenue, passed the last book from the Wilder Mansion to EPL's new building.

★★★★★

October 2010

EPL received a three-star rating in the *Library Journal* annual review of public libraries.





2015

The Creative Studio opened on the 2nd Floor, offering patrons audio, video, and photo equipment, as well as design software.



June 2016

A collection of original artwork and handwritten letters by Eric Carle, author and illustrator of the modern children's classic, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, was donated by Elmhurst resident and kindergarten teacher, Trilby Porter.



December 2017

EPL achieved a five-star rating from *Library Journal*! We've maintained our top ranking for six consecutive years and strive to continue providing five-star service to the community.

2017-2018

A renovation of the Kids' Library adds a computer lab, a larger program room, and the Middle School Hangout.

2014-2015

A renovation of the 2nd Floor added more study rooms, display shelves designed for easier browsing, a Creative Studio, and a dedicated Teen Space.




July 8, 2017

The Makery, a makerspace with tools, equipment, and flexible workspace opened in the basement of the Library.










2021-2022

The refurbished Reader Central area contains past popular book discussion titles. It was updated with a new readers' advisory station with suggested titles, handouts, discussion tools, and an interactive touch screen.

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

Autumn Weekly Storytimes

SEPT. 2 – NOV. 30

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 *Outside as weather permits	 Romp and Rhyme Infants-age 2 w/ adult 9:30-10 a.m. Kids' Program Room	 Fun for 3s, 4s, and 5s Ages 3-5 9:30-10:15 a.m. Kids' Program Room	 Little Wiggles Families (best for ages 1-5) 9:30-10 a.m. Large Meeting Room *Outside as weather permits	 Romp and Rhyme Infants-age 2 w/ adult 9:30-10 a.m. Kids' Program Room  Explore a Story Ages 3-5 w/ adult 10:30-11:15 a.m. Kids' Program Room

Librarian for a Day Storytime

Monday, Sept. 11 • 10:30-11:15 a.m.

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

What's it like to work in a library? Join us for some library stories and imaginative play, plus take a special behind-the-scenes tour of the Library. Children with a parent or guardian will also have the opportunity to get their very first library card!

Spanish/English Bilingual Storytime

Wednesday, Sept. 27 • 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.

Polish/English Bilingual Storytime

Wednesday, Nov. 15 • 10:30-11 a.m.

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

Share stories, rhymes, and songs in English and Polish.

Arabic/English Bilingual Storytime

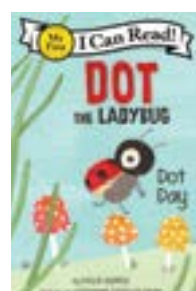
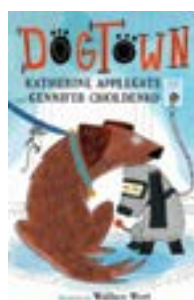
Wednesday, Oct. 11 • 10:30-11 a.m.

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

Enjoy stories and more in English and Arabic with storytellers from The Language Labs.

Coming Attractions

Reserve your copy online:
elmlib.org/KidsNewBooks



Drop-in Programs

No registration required.

📍 Show Us Your Library Card!

Month of September

Kids' Library • Families

Stop by the Kids' Help Desk to show us your EPL library card and get your picture taken. We'll post your photo in our department, and you'll be a library star!

📍 Grandparents' Day with T-Trak Model Trains

Sunday, Sept. 10 • 1-4:30 p.m.

Kids' Library • Families

Enjoy Grandparents' Day with model trains built using T-Trak and learn how to get started with model trains.

📍 Open LEGO Building

Saturdays, Sept. 16, Oct. 7, and Nov. 25

2-3:30 p.m. • Kids' Program Room • Families

Build something awesome with our many LEGO bricks.

📍 Meet a Firefighter!

Tuesday, Sept. 19 • 10-11 a.m.

Outside: West Drive • Families

See a vehicle from the Fire Department up close, and talk to an Elmhurst firefighter.

📍 School of Rock Instrument Petting Zoo

Saturday, Sept. 30 • 2-3 p.m.

Outside: Kids' Patio • Families

Join Elmhurst School of Rock staff to test out instruments on the Kids' Patio. Try your skills at electric guitar, drums, and more.

📍 Book Haunt

Month of October • Families

Haunt your home by reading stories in kooky places throughout the month and earn a surprise! Pick up a Book Haunt sheet at the Kids' Help Desk or print out a copy. When you've completed your sheet, bring it in for a prize.

📍 Halloween Movie in Berens Park: *Hocus Pocus*

Friday, Oct. 13 • 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Off-site: Berens Park (493 N. Oaklawn)

Bring a blanket or chairs for an evening under the stars and watch *Hocus Pocus* (rated PG). Presented with Elmhurst Park District. Movie begins at sunset.

📍 Family Diwali Party

Saturday, Nov. 11 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Large Meeting Room • Families

Celebrate the holiday of Diwali with stories and music. Learn some traditional dance moves with the Meher Dance Company.

📍 Ornaments for the Wilder Park Tree

Friday, Nov. 24 • 1-2:30 p.m.

Kids' Program Room • Families

Make two ornaments, one to add to the Library's holiday tree in Wilder Park, and one to take home!

Registered Programs

📍 Family Moon Watch

Thursday, Sept. 21 • 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Kids' Program Room • Families

We'll meet inside for an intro to using telescopes, then we'll move outdoors for viewing, weather permitting. If you have a telescope, you are welcome to bring it.

📍 Puzzle Speed Challenge

Saturday, Sept. 23 • 12:30-2:15 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 per team.

📍 MiniMakers: Tot and a Grownup Autumn Totes

Wednesdays, Oct. 11 or Oct. 18

6:15-7:15 p.m. • The Makery

Ages 3-5 w/ adult

Learn basic sewing skills while making a tote bag together. This is a one-on-one class for grownup and child. Additional children cannot be accommodated.

📍 Pumpkin Painting

Saturday, Oct. 21 • 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Outside: Reading Garden • Families

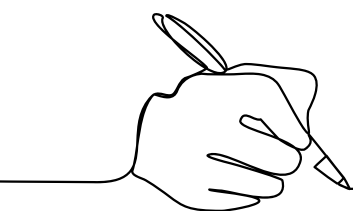
Paint a pumpkin at EPL! We'll provide pumpkins, or you can bring your own.

📍 Potty Training: Preparation, Practices, and Pitfalls

Tuesday, Nov. 7 • 7-8:15 p.m.

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

Teri Kmak, M.Ed. DT. and Pediatric Sleep and Potty-Training Consultant, shares what parents can do to prepare for potty training. Learn the signs that your child may be ready to be potty-trained, recommended methods and how to implement them, and some common mistakes to avoid.



Kids' Virtual Author Visit

📍 Grace Lin

Tuesday, Oct. 17 • 7-8 p.m. • Live on Zoom • Families

Children's book author and illustrator Grace Lin discusses food, family, and folktales, along with a drawing demonstration.



EARLY ELEMENTARY (GRADES K-2)

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



Make Buttons!

Friday, Sept. 15 • 4-4:45 p.m.

Kids' Program Room • Grades K-2

Use our Badge-a-Minit machine to make buttons that you can wear or share. We'll provide the supplies, you provide the imagination!

Make With Me:

Metal Stamp Wearables

Wednesdays, Sept. 13 or Sept. 20

6:15-7:15 p.m. • The Makery

Grades K-2 w/ adult

Use our metal stamping equipment to create a personalized pendant. This is a one-on-one class for grownup and child. Additional children cannot be accommodated.

LEGO Club

Mondays, Sept. 25 and Nov. 6

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.

Pokémon Mania

Tuesday, Oct. 10 • 4-4:45 p.m.

Kids' Program Room • Grades K-2

Pokémon fans unite! Join us for fun Pokémon-themed games and crafts.

Octopus Day!

Thursday, Oct. 19 • 4-4:45 p.m.

Kids' Program Room • Grades K-2

Learn about the octopus, one of the most amazing creatures under the sea.

For All Grades

Art Is Elementary

Wednesdays, Sept. 6, Oct. 11, and Nov. 22 • 4-5 p.m.

Kids' Program Room • Grades K-5

Create your own art masterpiece after school with friends.

No registration required.

Homeschool Explorers

Tuesdays, Sept. 12, Oct. 10, and Nov. 14

1-2:30 p.m. • Kids' Program Room

Grades K-8

Join us for a variety of hands-on activities each month. For topics, visit

elmlib.org/HomeschoolEvents.

Kids' Chess Club

Sundays, Sept. 17, Oct. 15, and Nov. 12

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.

Kids Explore Native American Culture

Monday, Oct. 9 • 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Large Meeting Room • Grades K-5

Hear stories, learn a song, and play Native American instruments. Parents welcome. Tickets available starting at 9 a.m. the morning of the program.

Read to the Dogs

Saturdays, Oct. 14 and Nov. 11

2-3:30 p.m. • Kids' Program Room

Grades K-8

Bring a book or choose one of ours, and read aloud to one of our visiting therapy dogs. Register with your EPL card to reserve a 15-minute time slot.

Learn to Code

Thursday, Nov. 30 • 4-5 p.m.

Kids' Program Room • Grades K-2

Discover what you can do with some coding basics. We'll make some games, control robotics, and more!

OLDER ELEMENTARY (GRADES 3-5)

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

📍 Explore American Sign Language

Tuesday, Sept. 12-Thursdays, Sept. 14

4-5 p.m. • Kids' Program Room • Grades 3-5

September is Deaf Awareness Month. Learn basic ASL words and grammar in this 3-day program. No experience needed.

📍 Make a Hobbit House

Wednesday, Sept. 27 • 4-5 p.m.

Kids' Program Room • Grades 3-5

Celebrate hobbits young and old by creating your own hobbit house.

📍 Incredible Bats

Wednesday, Oct. 4 • 6:30-7:15 p.m.

Kids' Program Room • Grades 3-5

Are you batty about bats? Join us to hear cool bat facts, create bat art, and do bat science. No live bats will be at the program.

📍 Experimenting With Circuits

Friday, Oct. 13 • 4-5 p.m.

Kids' Program Room • Grades 3-5

Learn how to make circuits, and explore the world of electricity.

📍 Make a Scare-arium

Monday, Oct. 23 • 4-5 p.m.

Kids' Program Room • Grades 3-5

Get into a spooky holiday mood by making a scary terrarium for Halloween.

📍 Maker Kids:

Día de los Muertos

The Makery • Grades 3-5

Learn about Día de los Muertos and make colorful crafts to help celebrate this holiday.

■ **Wednesday, Nov. 1 • 4:30-5:30 p.m.**

■ **Wednesday, Nov. 1 • 6-7 p.m.**

📍 3D Printing

Friday, Nov. 17 • 4-5 p.m.

Computer Lab • Grades 3-5

Learn the basics of 3D printing, and create your own design. Items will be printed after the program.

SHORT AND SCARY WRITING CONTEST

📍 Submit Your Story

Sept. 1-Oct. 9 • Grades K-8

Scare us with an original super short story or poem. Create a spooky work that's 15 sentences or less. Winners get a Barnes & Noble gift card, a spot in our *Kids' Ink* magazine, and an opportunity to read their entry live in the Library on Saturday, Oct. 28.

Deadline for entries is Monday, Oct. 9. Submit online at elmlib.org/scary.

📍 Scary Writing Contest Winners Read Their Stories

Saturday, Oct. 28 • 2-3 p.m. • Large Meeting Room • Families

Be prepared to get scared! Winners of the Short and Scary Writing Contest share their spooky tales. No registration required.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Elmhurst Public Library.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

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

Stuffed Animal Taxidermy

Monday, Sept. 11 • 4-5 p.m.
The Makery • Grades 6-8

Have an old stuffed animal that you want to repurpose? Bring it in or get a stuffed animal at the Library to turn into your very own taxidermy plaque for the wall.

What's Cooking in the Shire?

Friday, Sept. 22 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Kids' Program Room • Grades 6-8

Learn about different types of Medieval and *Lord of the Rings*-inspired food. Bring home a small dish and recipes.

Explore American Sign Language

Monday, Sept. 25 • 6-7 p.m.
Kids' Program Room • Grades 6-8

September is Deaf Awareness Month. Learn basic ASL words and grammar. No experience needed.

Inktober

Month of October
Middle School Hangout • Grades 6-8

Throughout the month of October, join us in celebrating Inktober. Each day there will be a new drawing prompt. Complete your drawing and add it to the wall of art!

No registration required.

Make a Scare-arium

Monday, Oct. 16 • 4-5 p.m.
Kids' Program Room • Grades 6-8

Get into a spooky holiday mood. Make a scary terrarium for Halloween.

Can You Survive a Haunted House?

Monday, Oct. 30 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Kids' Program Room • Grades 6-8

Can you survive the most chilling and terrifying haunted house yet? Team up to see if you can win!

Cartoon Drawing

Monday, Nov. 13 • 6-7 p.m.
Kids' Program Room • Grades 6-8

Enjoy graphic novels? Learn how to write and draw your own cartoons with cartoonist Mark Anderson.

Disney Trivia

Tuesday, Nov. 28 • 4-5 p.m.
Kids' Program Room • Grades 6-8

Join us for a fun-filled Disney trivia night. Test your knowledge on classic Disney movies from *Snow White and the Seven Dwarves* to *Moana*. Creating a team is recommended but not required!



Middle School Library Influencers

Mondays, Sept. 18, Oct. 2, and Nov. 6 • 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 their Library. Take the opportunity to plan programs, help with storytimes, decorate the Middle School Hangout, discuss books, and hang out.

Middle School Volunteer Program

The fall volunteer program will run for six weeks with a commitment of one hour each week. Assist with programs, crafts, and organizing the Kids' Library.



Middle School Coming Attractions

Reserve your copy online:
elmlib.org/MSNewBooks



📍 Teen Services Open House

Tuesday, Sept. 5 • 7-8 p.m.

Teen Space • Grades 9-12

Tour the Teen Space and collections while learning about Library services with the Teen Engagement Librarian.

📍 Teen BYOB (Bring Your Own Book)

Gathering Room • Grades 9-12

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

■ Time Travel

Thursday, Sept. 7 • 4-5 p.m.

■ Horror

Thursday, Oct. 5 • 4-5 p.m.

■ Dystopia

Thursday, Nov. 2 • 4-5 p.m.

📍 Teen Video Game Tourney

2nd and 4th Wednesdays • 7-8:30 p.m.

Kossmann Room • Grades 9-12

Put your skills to the test to be the ultimate victor in *Smash Bros.* and other games. Teens can also watch or play other games.

📍 The Financial Aid Process

Tuesday, Sept. 26 • 7-8 p.m.

Kossmann Room • Adults + Grades 9-12

This session outlines the financial aid process and provides insight on how financial aid works, how to apply for it, student eligibility, and how it can be used to help pay for college. It introduces the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid, along with summarizing state and federal aid programs.

📍 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.

■ Watercolor Art

Monday, Sept. 25 • 4-5 p.m.

■ Mini Coffin Bookshelf

Monday, Oct. 30 • 4-5 p.m.

■ Metal Stamped Pendants

Monday, Nov. 27 • 4-5 p.m.

📍 Art Switch Challenge

Thursday, Oct. 19 • 4-5 p.m.

Teen Space • Grades 9-12

Try TikTok's popular Art Switch Challenge by starting an art piece and switching every five minutes with a partner to create unique art.

📍 Boba Tea Keychain Kit

Monday, Nov. 20 • All day

Teen Space • Grades 9-12

Pick up a craft kit to create mini boba tea keychains.

No registration required.

📍 Managing the Costs of College

Tuesday, Nov. 28 • 7-8 p.m.

Kossmann Room • Adults + Grades 9-12

Hear the facts about college value, types of colleges and degrees, college visits, financial aid basics, making a budget, tips on managing money in college, and other common concerns.

Volunteer Opportunities

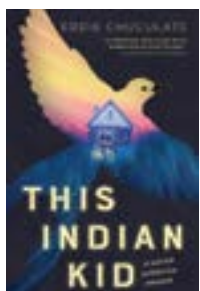
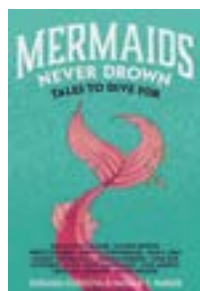
elmlib.org/volunteer

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 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

HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS

SPOOKY SEASON

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Month of October • Families

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No registration required.

📍 Halloween Movie in Berens Park: *Hocus Pocus*

Friday, Oct. 13 • 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Off-site: Berens Park (493 N. Oaklawn)

Bring a blanket or chairs for an evening under the stars and watch *Hocus Pocus* (rated PG). Presented with Elmhurst Park District. Movie begins at sunset.

📍 GreenMan Theatre

Presents: Spooky Stories

Wednesday, Oct. 18 • 7-8:30 p.m.

Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom

Adults + Grades 9-12

Hear a collection of spine-chilling stories in a reader's theater performance from GreenMan Theatre.

📍 Make a Scare-arium

4-5 p.m. • Kids' Program Room

Get into a spooky holiday mood by making a scary terrarium for Halloween.

■ **Monday, Oct. 16 • Grades 3-5**

■ **Monday, Oct. 23 • Grades 6-8**

📍 Scary Writing Contest Winners Read Their Stories

Saturday, Oct. 28 • 2-3 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • Families

Be prepared to get scared! Student winners of the Short and Scary Writing Contest share their spooky tales.

No registration required.

📍 Spirits and Séances

Monday, Oct. 30 • 7-8 p.m.

Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom

Adults + Grades 9-12

Victorian Spiritualism was fueled by people looking for comfort after over 600,000 soldiers died in the Civil War. Rebecca Tulloch traces the origins of the American Spiritualist movement through the story of Maggie Fox and her sisters. Learn how mediums talked to the spirits, see photos taken by spirit photographers, and hear about those who discredited them as charlatans.

20 + 30 SOMETHINGS

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

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



Connect • Engage • Thrive

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

📍 Escape Room

Friday, Sept. 8 • 7-8 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • 20s/30s Adults

Solve puzzles and crack clues to retrieve the tools to protect your intellectual freedom.

📍 Friendship Bracelets

Friday, Sept. 15 • 7-8 p.m.

The Makery • 20s/30s Adults

Learn different styles of braids and knots to make a friendship bracelet for your bestie!

📍 What Your Library Can Do for You

Wednesday, Sept. 20 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • Adults + Grades 6-12

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

📍 Lotería

Wednesday, Oct. 4 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • Adults + Grades 9-12

Join us for a few rounds of Lotería, a traditional Mexican card game similar to Bingo. Learn how to play, then try your luck at this game of chance!

📍 Board Game Night

Friday, Oct. 6 • 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.

📍 Art Therapy Night

Friday, Oct. 20 • 7-8:30 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • 20s/30s Adults

Unwind with coloring books and other forms of art therapy.

📖 20s/30s Book

Discussions

■ ***The Devil in the White City: Murder, Magic, and Madness at the Fair That Changed America***
by Erik Larson

Thursday, Sept. 7 • 7-8:15 p.m.

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

Read about the grandeur of the Gilded Age on display at the 1893 World's Fair, as well as the darkness that lurked in the background.

■ ***Mexican Gothic***
by Silvia Moreno-Garcia

Thursday, Oct. 5 • 7-8:15 p.m.

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

The family of a young woman in 1950s Mexico sends her to help her cousin, who believes her husband is trying to kill her.

■ ***The Anthropocene Reviewed: Essays on a Human-Centered Planet*** by John Green

Thursday, Nov. 2 • 7-8:15 p.m.

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

John Green considers our current geological age, analyzing Canadian geese, Indianapolis, and the QWERTY keyboard.

■ ***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
20s/30s Adults

Through archival documents, interviews, and oral histories, a former *Philadelphia Inquirer* editor writes of the iconic Mister Rogers.

📍 Plug In & Play

Friday, Nov. 3 • 7-8:30 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • 20s/30s Adults

Join us for a night of video games with fellow gamers.

📍 Beaded Critters

Friday, Nov. 17 • 7-8 p.m.

Meeting Room A • 20s/30s Adults

It's time for a throwback: create critter keychains with pony beads.
Registration starts November 3.



Share a Cozy Meal

- Warm up your menus with a panini press, pressure cooker, tagine, or a fondue pot from our Culinary Cupboard. elmlib.org/culinary
- Try new recipes and flavors. elmlib.org/cookbook

GET COZY WITH EPL

Treat yourself with care this season! The Library invites you to capture a bit of happiness by wrapping yourself in coziness. Whether you're spending time in the Library or at home, we have ideas to bring soothing warmth to all your big and small moments.

Try Something New!

- Watch online arts and crafts tutorials and techniques elmlib.org/creativebug

Stay In

- Pick a theme for movie night.
elmlib.org/BingeBox
- Host game night.
elmlib.org/BoardGames
- Watch cozy films on the couch.
elmlib.org/kanopy
- Work on a knit or crochet project.
elmlib.org/knitting

Get Together

- Grab a hot beverage and catch up with a friend.
elmlib.org/BrewpointOrdering
- Warm yourself by the fireplace on the 2nd Floor.
- Attend a cozy Library event, like Friday Features, DIY Crop Day, Reading Retreat, or In Stitches Needleworkers. elmlib.org/events

Make a Gift for Someone

- Quilt a warm blanket with Accu-Quilt, the embroidery machine, and the sewing machine
- Personalize a mug with a photo of a favorite pet with the sublimation printer and mug press
- Make a unique greeting card using cardmaking supplies, the Cricut, and Ellison die cuts. elmlib.org/makery

Laser Cut Name Tags for Your Business

Monday, Sept. 18 • 1:30-3 p.m.

The Makery • Adults

Learn how to make custom wood name tags for your employees using the laser cutter.

Registration starts Sept. 4.

Resume Workshop

Monday, Sept. 25 • 7-8 p.m.

Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom

Adults + Grades 9-12

Discover how to write an eye-catching and informative resume that will help you land the job you desire.

Elmhurst Business Connection

Live on Zoom • Adults

Join Fox Valley SCORE mentors for a monthly roundtable discussion on new topics. Meet with business owners in Elmhurst and surrounding communities to get advice, network, and share experiences with peers.

■ **How Artificial Intelligence Can Benefit Your Business**

Thursday, Sept. 28 • 8-9:30 a.m.

■ **40 Blog Post Ideas for Your Social Media Content**

Thursday, Oct. 26 • 8-9:30 a.m.

■ **5 Reasons Your Startup Needs a Business Plan**

Thursday, Nov. 16 • 8-9:30 a.m.

Cover Letters Made Simple

Thursday, Sept. 28 • 7-8 p.m.

Gathering Room • Adults + Grades 9-12

Create a unique cover letter that complements your resume and highlights your skills.

LinkedIn Profile Portraits

Gathering Room • Adults

Receive a digital headshot to use on LinkedIn and other professional platforms. Bring a USB flash drive to get your pictures.

No registration required.

■ **Monday, Oct. 2 • 12-1:30 p.m.**

■ **Monday, Oct. 2 • 6-7:30 p.m.**

Financial Fitness

Live on Zoom • Adults

Financial Fitness 2023 is a series of virtual programs presented by the Business Interest Group, a group of business librarians in the Chicago suburbs.

■ **Investing Made Simple**

Tuesday, Oct. 3 • 7-8:30 p.m.

■ **Retirement Income Strategies for Today's Markets**

Wednesday, Oct. 11 • 7-8:30 p.m.

■ **Terry Savage Talks Money**

Wednesday, Oct. 18 • 7-8:30 p.m.

Starting & Growing Your Small Business in Elmhurst

Thursday, Oct. 12 • 6-8 p.m.

Off-site: Elmhurst History Museum (120 E. Park Ave.) • Adults

Hear from a panel of experts in licensing, building, financing, and more. Stick around for networking after the panel and enjoy a tour of the Elmhurst History Museum's new exhibit: *Lost Chicago Department Stores*.

Organizing 101: Office Organizing Tips and Tricks

Tuesday, Oct. 24 • 7-8 p.m. • Live on Zoom

Jennifer Barnes shares the five organizing principles key to bringing order to any space and gives tips for making your office an efficient and pleasant space to work.

Career and Job Counseling **Adults**

Meet with a career expert for help with resumes, cover letters, interviews, job searching, or LinkedIn.

Register to reserve a 30-minute time slot.

 **Tuesday, Oct. 2 • 1-3 p.m.**

Study Room 4.5

 **Wednesday, Oct. 25 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.**

Live on Zoom

Business Book Discussion

Trust & Inspire: How Truly Great Leaders Unleash Greatness in Others

by Stephen M. R. Covey

Thursday, Nov. 9 • 7-8:15 p.m.

Gathering Room + Live on Zoom • Adults

This book outlines a positive leadership style that will encourage employees' creativity and development.

Design a Business Card With Canva

Monday, Nov. 13 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Computer Lab • Adults

Use Canva, a free design software program, to create a unique and professional business card, and learn about affordable printing options.

Job Hunting Resources

Get help from the Library when you're looking for a new job. Access these online resources by using your library card:

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.

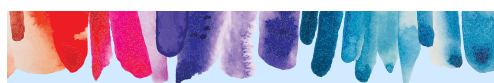
elmlib.org/tutor

Reference Solutions by Data Axle:

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/DataAxle





Makery Crafts

Book a reservation during Makery hours to learn a new skill. One reservation per Library card, one kit per reservation, while supplies last. Book your session online at elmlib.org/MakeryCraft.

Acrylic Pour Painting

Sept. 12-30 • The Makery Adults + Grades 6-12

Try this fun abstract art technique to create a one-of-a-kind mini painting. Registration starts Sept. 11.

DIY Gift Bag

Oct. 10-31 • The Makery Adults + Grades 6-12

Craft a paper gift bag and let the packaging be as beautiful as the gift! Registration starts Oct. 9.

Laser Cut Peace Ornament

Nov. 7-30 • The Makery Adults + Grades 6-12

Share the message of peace this season by cutting a wood ornament. Registration starts Nov. 6.



Makery 101: Laser Basics

Monday, Sept. 11 • 6:30-8 p.m. The Makery • Adults + Grades 6-12

Learn the basics of the laser cutter, including how to prepare designs for etching and cutting, and participate in a demonstration. Registration starts Aug. 28.

DIY Crop Day

Saturdays, Sept. 16, Oct. 21, and Nov. 18 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. • The Makery • Adults

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 for use.

No registration required.

Beaded Phone Charms

Monday, September 18 • The Makery Adults + Grades 9-12

Join in on the latest social media trend and create a fun phone charm!

Registration starts Sept. 5.

■ **Monday, September 18 • 6-7 p.m.**

■ **Monday, September 18 • 7:30-8:30 p.m.**

Pointillism with Karen Exiner

Wednesday, Sept. 20 • 2-3:30 p.m. Large Meeting Room • Adults

Join local artist Karen Exiner to create a painting using pointillism, a technique made popular by Georges Seurat, using hundreds of tiny dots to create a single image. Registration starts Sept. 5.

Felted Porcu-pin Cushion

The Makery • Adults

In honor of National Sewing Month, use needle felting to create a fun porcu-pin cushion to keep you organized as you sew. Needles are used to create this project.

Registration starts Sept. 11.

■ **Monday, Sept. 25 • 5-6:30 p.m.**

■ **Monday, Sept. 25 • 7-8:30 p.m.**

Picasso in Pastel

The Makery • Adults

Learn about Picasso's *Child with a Dove*, and use pastels to create your own.

Registration starts Sept. 11.

■ **Wednesday, Sept. 27 • 5-6:30 p.m.**

■ **Wednesday, Sept. 27 • 7-8:30 p.m.**

Autumn Flower Arrangement

The Makery • Adults + Grades 9-12

Create a unique floral arrangement using a mini pumpkin and seasonal flowers.

Registration starts Sept. 18.

■ **Monday, Oct. 2 • 5-6:30 p.m.**

■ **Monday, Oct. 2 • 7-8:30 p.m.**

Creative Cardmaking

The Makery • Adults

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

Registration starts Sept. 25.

■ **Monday, Oct. 9 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.**

■ **Monday, Oct. 9 • 1-2 p.m.**

Autumn Watercolor

The Makery • Adults + Grades 9-12

Celebrate fall by painting a pumpkin still-life and learn some fun watercolor techniques.

Registration starts Oct. 11.

■ **Wednesday, Oct. 25 • 5-6:30 p.m.**

■ **Wednesday, Oct. 25 • 7-8:30 p.m.**

Makery 101: Sewing Basics

Monday, Oct. 30 • 6-8 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 Oct. 16.

Butterfly Wing Earrings

Monday, Nov. 20 • 6-8 p.m.

The Makery • Adults + Grades 9-12

Paint your own pollinator-inspired earrings on laser cut wooden wings.

Registration starts Nov. 6.

Mini Bookcases

The Makery • Adults + Grades 9-12

Create the book shelves of your dreams on a tiny scale—small enough to fit in a candy tin!

Registration starts Nov. 13.

■ **Monday, Nov. 27 • 1:30-2:30 p.m.**

■ **Monday, Nov. 27 • 7-8 p.m.**

How Can the Makery Help My Small Business?

Use equipment like the heat press, 3D printer, mug press, laser cutter, and more to create branded products for your business. The Makery also comes in handy as a workspace for creating prototypes of branded items as samples before you commit to large orders with a manufacturer.

elmlib.org/Makery



Neighbors Together



Participate in a series of events hosted by area libraries to promote Literacy DuPage and highlight the diversity of DuPage County.

Being From In-Between: Storytelling

Wednesday, Sept. 13 • 7-8 p.m. • Live on Zoom • Adults + Grades 9-12

Join us as we welcome back award-winning storyteller Jasmin Cardenas, who will share personal tales of being bicultural and bilingual.

Learn & Grow Book Discussion

***Funny in Farsi: A Memoir of Growing Up Iranian in America* by Firoozeh Dumas**

Thursday, Sept. 14 • 7-8:15 p.m. • Gathering Room + Live on Zoom • Adults

When Firoozeh Dumas's father loses his engineering job in 1972 during the Iranian Revolution, her family moves from Iran to California. With humorous anecdotes, Dumas relates challenges encountered while attempting to assimilate into American culture.

Literacy DuPage Drop-in

Tuesday, Sept. 19 • 4:30-6:30 p.m. • Lobby • Adults

Drop by the Lobby to learn how to volunteer or join a discussion group with Literacy DuPage.

No registration required.

Be a Good Neighbor

Tuesday, Sept. 26 • 7-8 p.m. • Live on Zoom • Adults

Representatives from Literacy DuPage, World Relief, People's Resource Center, and the Illinois Coalition of Immigrant and Refugee Rights will discuss services provided by their organizations and how community members can help and get involved.

In Pursuit of Happiness: Immigrants in Our Communities Exhibit Retrospective

Thursday, Sept. 28 • 7-8 p.m. • Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom • Adults

Dave Oberg, director of the Elmhurst History Museum, provides an overview of immigration history and patterns in Elmhurst and the western suburbs, with a strong focus on the period after World War II.

Sourcebooks Book Buzz

Tuesday, Sept. 5 • 7-8 p.m.

Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom

Adults + Grades 9-12

Sourcebooks is a local, women-led company and one of the biggest publishers in the U.S. Join us to hear about their biggest fall releases, plus some hidden gems to add to your list of books to read!

Strictly Self-Defense

Saturdays, Sept. 9 and 16 • 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • Adults

This two-part training will cover techniques to defend yourself, bystander intervention, how to maintain control and awareness, and the importance of consent and healthy relationships.

The Science of Jurassic Park

Monday, Sept. 11 • 7-8 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • Adults + Grades 6-12

For the film's 30th anniversary, join us for an exploration of the science behind *Jurassic Park*. Stick around after the presentation for the chance to purchase real fossils.

Culture Club

Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom

Adults

Explore the world without leaving your chair.

■ **Along the 606: Chicago's Hippest Neighborhoods**

Thursday, Sept. 14 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.

■ **Slovenia & Croatia**

Thursday, Oct. 12 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.

■ **Svalbard & Norway's Arctic Archipelago**

Thursday, Nov. 9 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Lyric Opera Lectures

Kossmann Room • Adults

■ ***The Flying Dutchman***

Sunday, Sept. 17 • 2:30-3:30 p.m.

■ ***The Daughter of the Regiment***

Sunday, Oct. 22 • 2:30-3:30 p.m.

■ ***Jenůfa***

Sunday, Nov. 5 • 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Patient Advocacy 101

Monday, Sept. 18 • 2-3 p.m.

Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom

Adults

Representatives from the National Aging in Place Council explain what a care manager is and why they are necessary.

H Medicare 101

Tuesday, Sept. 19 • 6:30-8 p.m.

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

Learn what Medicare covers, what it doesn't, and your potential out-of-pocket expenses, including Supplement and Advantage Plans, Part D Prescription Coverage, and cost-saving strategies.

What Your Library Can Do for You

Wednesday, Sept. 20 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • Adults • Grades 6-12

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

Genealogy

Adults

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

H The Internet Archive

Thursday, Sept. 21 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Large Meeting Room • Live on Zoom

Research Lab

Thursday, Oct. 12 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Computer Lab

H A Guide to Overseas Genealogy

Thursday, Oct. 19 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Large Meeting Room • Live on Zoom

H Organizing for Genealogists

Thursday, Nov. 16 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Large Meeting Room • Live on Zoom

Chamber Concert

Fridays, Sept. 22 and Oct. 27

7-8:45 p.m. • Large Meeting Room

Adults • Grades 6-12

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

Puzzle Speed Challenge

Saturday, Sept. 23 • 12:30-2:30

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 welcome and teams can be a mix of adults and kids with up to four people on a team.

Great Decisions

Large Meeting Room • Adults

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

Global Famine

Tuesday, Sept. 26 • 1:30-3 p.m.

Iran at a Crossroads

Tuesday, Oct. 24 • 1:30-3 p.m.

Climate Migration

Tuesday, Nov. 28 • 1:30-3 p.m.

H So You Want to Buy an Electric Car?

Tuesday, Sept. 26 • 7-8 p.m.

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

Go on a deep dive into the pros and cons of electric vehicles and how to purchase and maintain one. Presented with Cool Cities. Hybrid program with a virtual presenter.

H Picasso's Women

Tuesday, Oct. 3 • 7-8 p.m.

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

Pablo Picasso fearlessly worked across a variety of media and depicted a wide range of subjects. Perhaps his most ongoing artistic preoccupation was with the women in his life. Learn about seven of these women and how Picasso translated his passion for them into lasting artworks that transcend the traits of the individuals.

H Wills, Trusts, and Estate Planning Basics

Thursday, Oct. 5 • 7-8 p.m.

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

Learn about wills, trusts, powers of attorney, probate, and guardianship. Take the first step to create or update a plan that is appropriate for you.

Reading Retreat

Saturday, Oct. 7 • 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Gathering Room • Adults • Grades 6-12

Treat yourself to a special day for all things reading! Find your reading personality, enjoy a cozy reading room, and participate in Book Buzz. For a full list of events visit elmlib.org/events.

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, Sept. 13, 27; Oct. 11, 25;

and Nov. 8 • 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 aloud. Anyone can join, regardless of reading ability.

Beginner Yoga

Thursday, Sept. 21 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • Adults

Join us for an introduction to yoga and a 30-minute practice session to help connect our minds and bodies.

Mini Pumpkin Decorating

Monday, Oct. 16 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.

The Makery • Adults

We supply the mini pumpkins and decorations, you supply the creativity! Dress for a mess.

Inclusive Game Night

Tuesday, Nov. 14 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Kossmann Room • Adults

Join us for a night of fun games!

H Fall Garden Clean-Up

Monday, Oct. 9 • 7-8 p.m.

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

A master gardener teaches how to organize fall tasks into an easy month by month to do list and provides a printable checklist.

H Reducing Robocalls with CUB

Monday, Oct. 9 • 1:30-2:30 p.m.

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

A representative from the Citizens Utility Board (CUB) discusses call-blocking services, federal legislation to help reduce robocalls, and how to avoid common scams.

Illinois Talking Book and Braille Service

Tuesday, Oct. 17 • 12-3 p.m. • Lobby • Adults

Stop in to hear about services available through the Illinois Talking Book and Braille Service, which provides audio and braille library services via mail or digital download.

No registration required.

A Matter of Balance

Wednesday, Oct. 18 • 2-3 p.m.

Large Meeting Room • Adults

Dr. Jill Pickens presents tips and exercises to improve balance and posture to avoid complications as we age.

Sears Homes of Chicagoland

Monday, Oct. 23 • 7-8 p.m.

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

From 1908 to 1942, Sears Roebuck and Company sold ready-to-build kit homes. Join us to learn what a Sears home is, how to authenticate one, and where to find some of the surviving houses around Chicagoland.

Turkey 101

Wednesday, Nov. 1 • 7-8 p.m.

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

Get ready for Thanksgiving with Chef Susan Maddox. Learn tips on how to prepare the perfect turkey dinner.

How Elmhurst City Government Works

Thursday, Nov. 2 • 7-8:30 p.m.

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

Join Ward 2 Aldermen Jacob Hill and Karen Sienko for a presentation about understanding and interacting with Elmhurst local city government.

Potty Training: Preparation, Practices, and Pitfalls

Tuesday, Nov. 7 • 7-8:15 p.m.

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

Teri Kmak, M.Ed. DT. and Pediatric Sleep and Potty-Training Consultant, shares what parents can do to prepare for potty training. Learn the signs that your child may be ready to be potty-trained, recommended methods and how to implement them, and some common mistakes to avoid.

Niche Academy

These expertly crafted tutorials on our website will help you get the most out of your Library! Learn how to use our databases, get step-by-step instructions for Makery crafts, and learn how to use some of the amazing tech equipment available in our collection.

elmlib.org/niche





Transition to Senior Living 101

Monday, Nov. 13 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults

Explore what assisted living and memory care communities offer and why it might be the best idea for your future safety.

Democracy Diagnostic

Monday, Nov. 13 • 7-8:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults + Grades 9-12

Learn about the state of our democracy and discover what makes a democracy healthy.

Intro to Jazz Appreciation

Tuesday, Nov. 14 • 7-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults + Grades 6-12

Gain insight into the lives and music of jazz musicians through performances by the York High School Jazz Ensemble.

Self-Care for Caregivers

Wednesday, Nov. 15 • 2-3 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • Adults

Karen Hall shares ways caregivers can take care of themselves, manage stress, and create boundaries.

Lincoln and Thanksgiving

Wednesday, Nov. 15 • 7-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults + Grades 6-12

In this portrayal, President Lincoln shares the story of how our national observance of Thanksgiving came to be established during his presidency.

Stock and Bond Investing

Monday, Nov. 20 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults

Learn the basics of stock and bond investing from an investor with over 40 years of stock and bond investing experience.

Managing the Costs of College

Tuesday, Nov. 28 • 7-8 p.m.
Kossmann Room • Adults

Hear the facts about college value, types of colleges and degrees, college visits, financial aid basics, teaching your student to budget, tips on managing money in college, and common concerns.

Common Connection: 1893 World's Fair

Art and Architecture at the 1893 World's Fair

Wednesday, Sept. 6 • 7-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults + Grades 9-12

Join art historian Jeff Mishur for a presentation on the history of the Chicago World's Fair, the design of the fairgrounds, and the important buildings and artworks displayed within them.

Hybrid program with a virtual presenter.

H.H. Holmes in Chicago

Tuesday, Oct. 10 • 7-8 p.m.
Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults + Grades 9-12

Historian Ray Johnson reveals connections between H.H. Holmes and Chicago, including newly discovered links to heavyweights Thomas B. Bryan and Daniel Burnham.

Spirits and Séances

Monday, Oct. 30 • 7-8 p.m. • Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom • Adults + Grades 9-12

Victorian Spiritualism was fueled by people looking for comfort after over 600,000 soldiers died in the Civil War. Rebecca Tulloch traces the origins of the American Spiritualist movement through the story of Maggie Fox and her sisters. Learn how mediums talked to the spirits, see photos taken by spirit photographers, and hear about those who discredited them as charlatans.

The Essential Houdini

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

Magician William Pack goes beyond the myths and brings to life the true story of Harry Houdini. Experience the baffling magic and spectacular escapes of this master magician and even hear the only known recording of his voice. Learn about the world-class entertainer who dares us all to dream the impossible.

A Day at the Fair With Daniel Burnham

Thursday, Nov. 9 • 7-8 p.m. • Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults + Grades 6-12

Experience the majesty of the 1893 Columbian Exposition with Chicago architect and the fair's Director of Works Daniel Burnham in this historical portrayal. Learn about the origins of the Fair as well as its exhibits, people, and the politics involved with the creation of the White City.

1893 Cold Storage Fire at the World's Fair

Thursday, Nov. 30 • 7-8 p.m. • Large Meeting Room + Live on Zoom
Adults + Grades 6-12

On July 10, 1893, the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago was rocked by a devastating fire at the Cold Storage Building. It was the largest single loss of firefighters in Chicago's history up to that point. Learn about the tragedy, heroism, and surprising discovery surrounding this event.



📍 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.

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, Sept. 7, Oct. 5, and Nov. 2
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.

📍 Chair Yoga

Fridays, Sept. 8, 22; Oct. 6, 20; and Nov. 10
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.

📍 Plant Swaps

Sundays, Sept. 17 and Oct. 15 • 1-3 p.m.
Parking Lot • All ages

Plant lovers of all ages are invited to meet at the Library to trade pest-free plants, including houseplants, potted plants, cuttings, succulents, and more.

No registration required.

📍 Staying Mentally Fit

Tuesdays, Sept. 5, Oct. 3, and Nov. 7
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.

📍 Scrabble

Mondays, Sept. 11, 18; Oct. 2, 16;
Nov. 6, and 20 • 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Kossmann Room • Adults

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

No registration required.

📍 In Stitches Needleworkers

Tuesdays, Sept. 12, Oct. 10, and Nov. 14
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.

📍 Ciao Italia!

Mondays, Sept. 18, Oct. 16, and Nov. 20
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 welcome.

📍 Coloring for Mindfulness

Tuesdays, Sept. 19, Oct. 17, and Nov. 21
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.

📍 Lotería

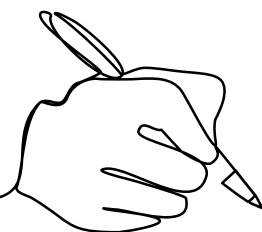
Wednesday, Oct. 4 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Large Meeting Room • Adults + Grades 9-12

Join us for a few rounds of Lotería, a traditional Mexican card game similar to Bingo. Learn how to play, then try your luck at this game of chance!

📍 NaNoWriMo Write-In

Wednesdays in November • 5:30-8:30 p.m.
Gathering Room + Live on Zoom
Adults + Grades 9-12

National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) is an annual challenge for people across the globe to write a 50,000 word novel in 30 days. Join us for a weekly write-in where you can write in the company of others and participate in challenges to help boost your word count.



Virtual Author Visits



📍 Colson Whitehead

Wednesday, Sept. 6 • 7-8 p.m.
Live on Zoom • Adults

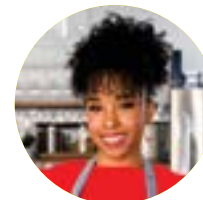
Join Colson Whitehead, the *New York Times* bestselling author of novels including *The Underground Railroad*, *Harlem Shuffle*, and *Crook Manifesto*.



📍 Stephen Graham Jones

Wednesday, Oct. 4 • 7-8 p.m.
Live on Zoom • Adults

Blackfoot Native American author Stephen Graham Jones discusses horror fiction.






📍 Maya-Camille Broussard

Wednesday, Nov. 8 • 7-8 p.m.
Live on Zoom • Adults

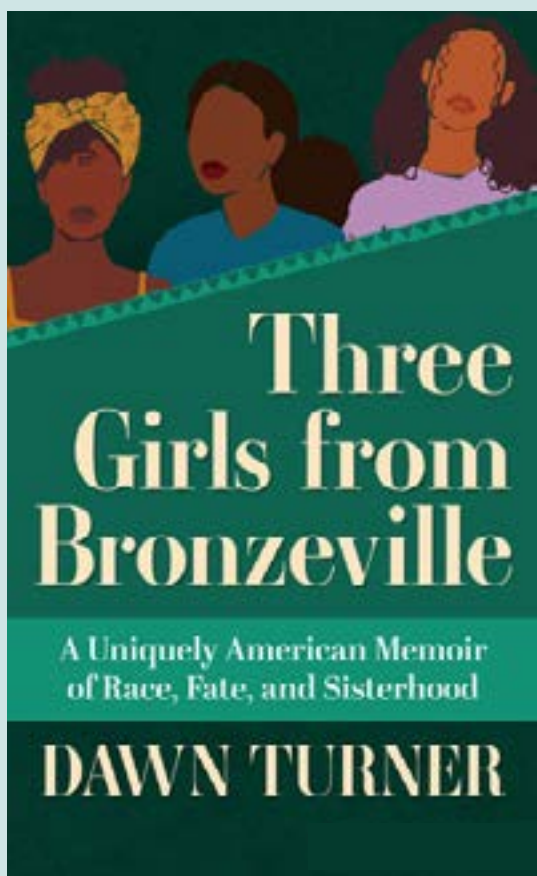
Star of Netflix's *Bake Squad* and owner of the Chicago bakery Justice of the Pies, Maya-Camille Broussard shows us how to bake with love.

ONE BOOK, ONE ELMHURST

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




ONE BOOK, ONE ELMHURST



About the Program

One Book, One Elmhurst is an opportunity for the entire Elmhurst community to read and engage with the same book title. The Library offers discussions and programming around the book's topics. We encourage book clubs, families, and workplaces to consider using the title as a basis for discussion.

Join the Discussion

 One Book, One Elmhurst Book Discussion
Three Girls from Bronzeville: A Uniquely American Memoir of Race, Fate, and Sisterhood by Dawn Turner

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■ Thursday, Oct. 19 • 1-2:15 p.m.

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This fast-paced, redemptive memoir by a Chicago journalist and novelist depicts her coming-of-age along with that of her younger sister, Kim, and best friend, Debra, in their historic Bronzeville neighborhood of Chicago. Read about their joys, dreams for future careers, and vows of forever friendship. Yet their paths veer in dramatically different directions, facing heartbreak, loss, and even a murder charge. How do the choices they make and the choices that are made for them affect their futures?

How Do I Get a Copy?

Three Girls from Bronzeville is available through EPL's catalog in book, audio, and digital formats. Discover all your reading options, find discussion questions, and sign up for featured events at elmlib.org/OneBook.

Emancipation to Inauguration: Chicago's Black Experience

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

African American History in Chicago is deep and rich. Clarence Goodman takes us on a trip through Chicago history to learn more about everything from DuSable to Obama.

One Book, One Elmhurst: Author Visit With Dawn Turner

Thursday, Oct. 26 • 7-8 p.m.

Off-site: Elmhurst University Frick Center (190 S. Prospect Ave) + Live on Zoom • Adults + Grades 9-12

Join us for an evening with Dawn Turner, author of *Three Girls from Bronzeville: A Uniquely American Memoir of Race, Fate, and Sisterhood*. Dawn Turner is an award-winning author and journalist who has spent over a decade writing about race, politics, and people whose stories are often dismissed and ignored. Turner will speak about her book, her journalism past, and growing up in Chicago. Book signing to follow. Presented with Elmhurst University and the Friends of the Elmhurst Public Library.



Drop-in Tech Help

Find solutions to your tech questions by stopping by the 2nd Floor or remotely through our Virtual Info Desk.

elmlib.org/VideoChat

📍 Online Safety

Thursday, Sept. 7 • 3-4 p.m.

Computer Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12

Get tips you can use to stay safe online. Learn how to spot phishing and other malicious threats while navigating online.

📍 Google Photos

Monday, Sept. 25 • 3-4 p.m.

Computer Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12

Learn about the Google Photos application and how to save photos from your device to the cloud.

📍 eMedia

Thursday, Sept. 28 • 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Computer Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12

With your EPL card you have access to thousands of eBooks, eAudiobooks, eVideos, and eMusic. Learn about the different applications and ways to access these collections.

📍 iPhone iOS

Thursday, Oct. 5 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Computer Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12

Discover the latest features of the iPhone and its operating system.

📍 Streaming Video

Tuesday, Oct. 10 • 6-7:30 p.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.

📍 Analog to Digital Conversions

Saturday, Oct. 14 • 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Computer Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12

We'll show you the equipment available at the Library you can use to digitize your records, tapes, and film.

📍 Excel Intermediate

Thursday, Oct. 26 • 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Computer Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12

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

📍 Android OS

Monday, Nov. 6 • 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Computer Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12

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

📍 Photoshop Elements

Wednesday, Nov. 8 • 6-7:30 p.m.

Computer Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12

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

📍 Design a Business Card with Canva

Monday, Nov. 13 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Computer Lab • Adults

Use Canva, a free design software program, to create a unique and professional business card, and learn about affordable printing options.

📍 Excel Advanced

Wednesday, Nov. 15 • 6-7:30 p.m.

Computer Lab • Adults + Grades 9-12

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



Streaming Video

Paying too much for streaming? Use your Library card instead!

- **Kanopy:** stream films, TV series, documentaries, and instructional materials, including the Great Courses collection.
- **Hoopla:** Download or stream popular movies, TV series, and music.
- **Freegal** and **Naxos:** Stream music and create playlists.
- Borrow a **Roku** or an **antenna** from the Library of Extraordinary Things to expand your TV viewing options.

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BOOK DISCUSSIONS

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

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



Expand Your World, One Book at a Time

To get on board, register for the EPL Reading Adventure in Beanstack at elmlib.org/beanstack and read a book with a Chicagoland connection.

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.



📍 Wilder Mansion Book Discussion *The Woman in the Library: A Novel* by Sulari Gentill

Off-site: Wilder Mansion • Adults

■ **Thursday, Sept. 21 • 1-2:15 p.m.**

■ **Thursday, Sept. 21 • 7-8:15 p.m.**

In this novel within a novel, Hannah, who lives in Australia, writes a mystery set in Boston where four strangers sit in the magnificent public library reading room. When they hear a scream, security guards lock down the area, and the four begin to chat and form a complicated friendship—even as they begin to suspect that one of them could be a murderer.

📍 One Book, One Elmhurst Book Discussion *Three Girls from Bronzeville: A Uniquely American Memoir of Race, Fate, and Sisterhood* by Dawn Turner

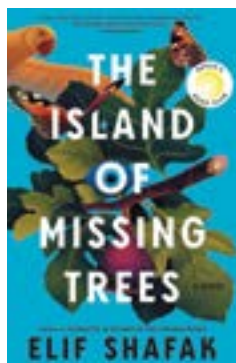
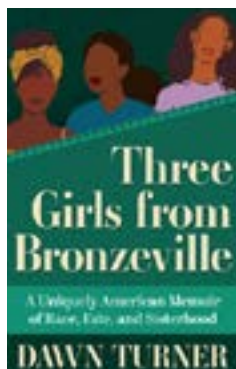
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See p. 23 for an author visit with Dawn Turner.



📍 *The Island of Missing Trees: A Novel* by Elif Shafak

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■ **Thursday, Nov. 16 • 1-2:15 p.m.**

■ **Thursday, Nov. 16 • 7-8:15 p.m.**

A fig tree on the island of Cyprus witnesses a forbidden love between two teens—one Greek, the other Turkish—amidst a civil war in 1974. In this novel, the tree narrates parts of the book, telling of the love, trauma, renewal, and endangered natural world surrounding them.

📍 Learn & Grow Book Discussion

■ *Funny in Farsi: A Memoir of Growing Up Iranian in America* by Firoozeh Dumas

Thursday, Sept. 14 • 7-8:15 p.m.

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When Firoozeh's father loses his job in 1972 during the Iranian Revolution, her family moves from Iran to California. With humorous anecdotes, Dumas relates challenges encountered while attempting to assimilate into American culture.

📍 Reading Retreat

Saturday, Oct. 7 • 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

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Treat yourself to a special day for all things reading! Find your reading personality, enjoy a cozy reading room, and participate in Book Buzz. For a full list of events visit elmlib.org/events.

📍 Business Book Discussion

■ *Trust & Inspire: How Truly Great Leaders Unleash Greatness in Others* by Stephen M. R. Covey

Thursday, Nov. 9 • 7-8:15 p.m.

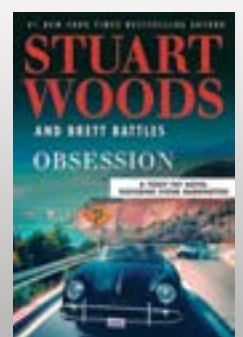
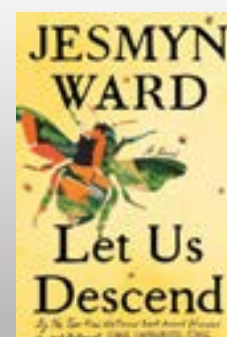
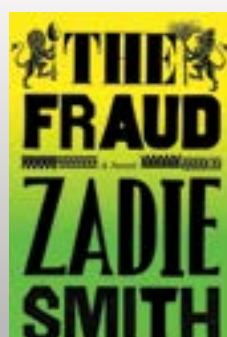
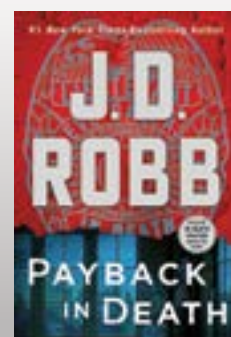
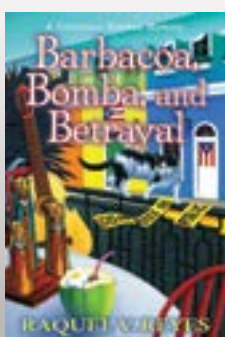
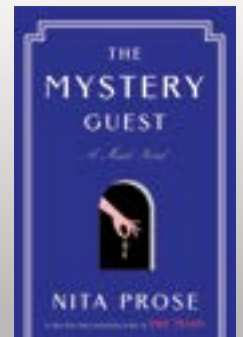
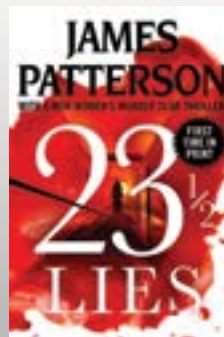
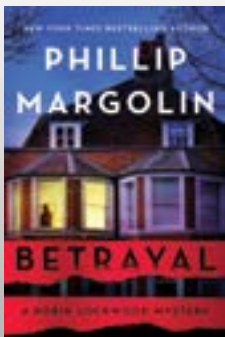
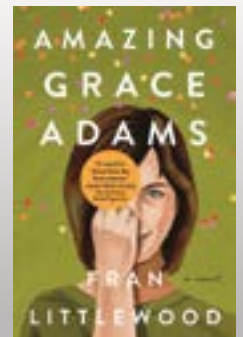
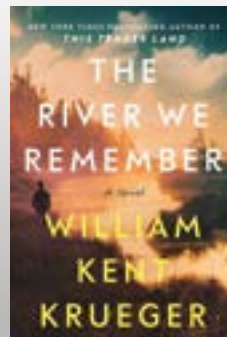
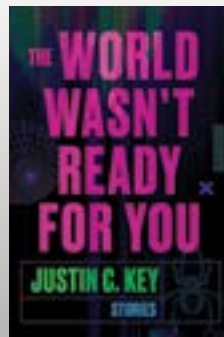
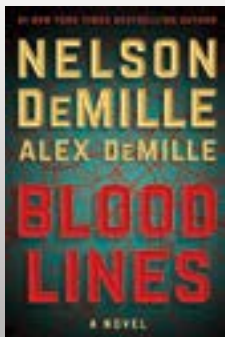
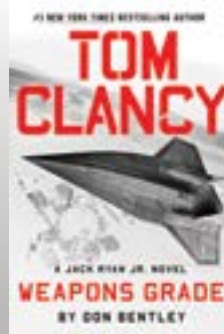
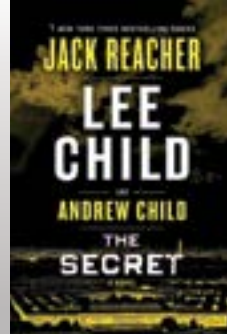
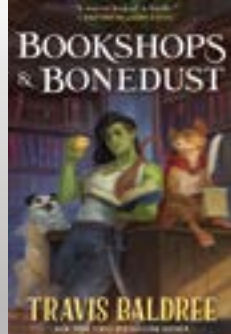
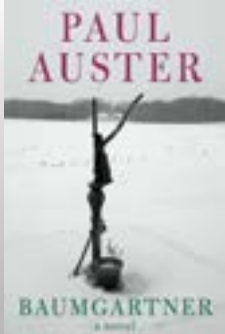
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This book outlines a positive leadership style that will encourage employees' creativity and development.

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Third Tuesday of each month
7 p.m. at the Library

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LIBRARY CLOSED

Monday, Sept. 4 • Labor Day
Thursday, Nov. 23 • Thanksgiving

HOURS

M-F: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Sat: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sun: 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

