What’s Happening
Elmwood Park Public Library

Books, movies, music, computers, programs & so much more! - Fall 2015

New @ Your Library

The Library is developing a three-year plan with new goals for services, programs, collections, and space. While excited about the future, we’re very proud of recent accomplishments, including the first installment of this mailed newsletter slated for twice a year. In between these Fall and Spring mailers, check our website, in-house and Village newsletters for the latest. If you have not visited recently, here’s an update:

- **New Website**: 24/7 access to databases, program calendar, new book lists, and more. Visit us at [www.elmwoodparklibrary.org](http://www.elmwoodparklibrary.org)
- **Study Rooms**: Reserve private study space in Adult or Youth Services for individuals or small groups. Drop in or call ahead to reserve a time.
- **Color Copies/Prints**: The price of color copying and printing at the Library has been reduced to $0.25 a page. Scanning is free.
- **Homebound Delivery Service**: Are you or someone you know temporarily or permanently homebound due to illness, disability, or age? Call to sign up for home delivery (up to twice per month).
- **New SWAN Online Catalog**: Our catalog has been updated, including eBook checkout directly from the catalog, easier limiting of search results, text message notifications, and more. Try it out at catalog.swanlibraries.net/eps
- **Skateboard Racks**: You can now lock up your skateboard or scooter while visiting the Library. Don’t have a lock? Check one out with a library card or school ID.
- **eNewsletter**: Visit our website to sign up for the latest Library news and book/movie releases, delivered twice a month to your inbox.
- **Technology**: The Library has a 3D printer, green screen, and vinyl cutter for use in classes for all ages.
- **Youth Services Redesign**: The second floor is undergoing a makeover to improve access and provide space for distinct age groups and needs. Over the next few months you’ll be seeing:
  - **August**: A new shelving and seating arrangement, wallpaper removal, and new paint colors.
  - **September**: New enrichment activities for young children, including a puppet theater.
  - **October**: New furniture for teen and elementary age areas, new balcony raling for improved safety that will also include engaging and interactive art pieces.

Please look for in-house signs or check our website for updates as areas temporarily close for the remodeling.

**Funding for this project was provided from the Illinois State Library, a department of the Office of the Secretary of State, using Live & Learn Construction Grant Funds.**

September is National Library Card Signup Month

Show your Library pride and take part in all the fun and adventure a Library card brings:

- When you register for or renew a card in September, you will be entered into a raffle for prizes, and spin our prize wheel for a small gift or an additional raffle entry. There is no age restriction, so get a card for your little one, too.
- During September, bring your Library card to Seph’s Sweets for some extra treats! Flash your Elmwood Park Public Library card with a $5.00 purchase and get a free cookie or small coffee, or with a $10.00 purchase get a free brownie or large coffee. (Limit one per card for the month)
- Show your Elmwood Park Public Library card to staff at the Adult & Youth Services Desks on any Friday in September to get a small prize.
- Check us out on social media during September as we celebrate great uses for your Library card.

Spanish- & Polish-Speaking Staff

The Library now has staff who speak Spanish and Polish. If you are more comfortable communicating in one of these languages, ask for assistance in the Adult Services or Youth Services Departments.

**Zapraszamy!**

**¡Bienvenidos!**
La biblioteca es un lugar para la comunidad y la familia y estamos aquí para apoyar sus necesidades. Si estás más cómodo comunicándose en español, no importa su edad, pída hablar con Omar. Lamentablemente él no está aquí todas las horas que la Biblioteca está abierta, así que por favor pregunte en el departamento de Juventud para un horario en cual puedas hablar con él.
Adult Literacy with Triton

Would you like to read better or teach others to read better? A representative from Triton College’s Access to Literacy Program will be visiting the Library with information about available tutoring services.

**Triton Literacy Tutor Information Session (DI)**

*Wednesday, October 7 • 7:00-8:00 p.m.*

Sherry McDonald, Program Coordinator of Triton’s Access to Literacy, will be presenting information on becoming a volunteer tutor for someone who is just learning English or who needs to improve their reading skills. Volunteer tutors are needed to work with adult learners, 16 and older, who read, write, or compute below the 8th grade level. No experience is necessary. Training is provided to you. All you need is a High School Diploma or equivalent and the desire to make a difference in someone’s life.

**Triton ESL & Adult Literacy Information (DI)**

*Wednesday, October 21 • 7:00-8:30 p.m.*

Triton’s Access to Literacy will be in the Library’s lobby with information about the services available to adults, 16 and older, who could benefit from literacy tutoring. ESL, Adult Basic Education and Math instruction are available to adult learners who read, write, or do math below the 8th grade level.

Crafting, Food & Drink

**Adult Coloring Club (DI)**

*Tuesdays • Sept. 11 / Oct. 6 / Nov. 3 • 7:00-8:00 p.m.*

Saturdays • Sept. 12 / Oct. 17 / Nov. 14 • 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Coloring isn’t just for kids! Join us for a relaxing and fun adults only coloring session. We’ll provide the coloring sheets and colors, but feel free to bring your own, as well!

**DIY 101 (RR)**

*7:00-8:30 p.m.*

Join us for evenings of do-it-yourself fun.

Tuesday, September 8: Yarn Wreaths

*Monday, October 5:* Homemade Natural Beauty Products

*Monday, November 16:* Clay Leaf Bowls

**Eat & Make (RR)**

*Saturdays • Sept. 19 / Oct. 24 / Nov. 28 • 2:00-4:00 p.m.*

Join us for afternoons of cooking and crafting.

All supplies will be provided. For adults & kids ages 12 & up.

*Sept. 19:* Flavored Butters and Utensil Holders

*Oct. 24:* Pumpkin Mac & Cheese and Painted Pumpkins

*Nov. 28:* Pie and Punched Pie Tins

**Homebrewing Club (RR)**

*You must be 21 or older to attend.*

**Bottling:** *Monday, September 14 • 6:00-7:00 p.m.*

**Brew:** *Saturday, October 10 • 10:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.*

**Bottling:** *Monday, November 9 • 6:00-7:00 p.m.*

The Homebrewing Club brews and bottles their very own beer at the Library. Come learn basic techniques and tips. You must attend an entire brew session to attend the next month’s bottling.

**Antique Night (RR)**

*Thursday, September 24 • 7:00-8:45 p.m.*

Wonder if some of those old things lying around your house are worth anything? Antique dealer Tom Krenek from Krenek Antiques in Forest Park will be at the Library to inspect your treasures and let you know! You may bring up to two items for valuation. *This program is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Elmwood Park Public Library. Thank you!*

**Trivia & Gaming**

**Trivia Night (RR)**

*September 29 / October 27 / November 24 • 7:00-9:00 p.m.*

Bring a team of up to four people to Baciami Restaurant for a night of fun, challenging trivia and prizes. Bring your Library card in September for a Library Card Signup Month surprise!

**CRAG: Open Gaming (DI)**

*Sept. 12 / Oct. 10 / Nov. 14 • 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.*

Drop in one Saturday a month to play a variety of tabletop games! Run by the Chicago Regional Alliance of Gamers.

**Chair Yoga (RR)**

*Mondays • 1:00-2:00 p.m.*

*Sept. 14, 28 / Oct. 12, 26 / Nov. 9, 23*

Chair yoga is gentle exercise done entirely in the chair or standing next to the chair, and is great for those with limited mobility. Learn about body and breathing while focusing on flexibility and the relaxation of body and mind.

Arlene Capron is certified in Kriya Yoga and has been teaching for over 35 years, including at Gottlieb Health & Fitness. *Bring a yoga mat or towel with you to the class.*

**Family Events**

**Family Bingo for Books (RR)**

*Tuesday, September 22 • 7:00-8:00 p.m.*

Adults and kids are invited to enjoy games and snacks in a fun, friendly atmosphere. Come socialize with your neighbors at this lively, interactive event. Winners get a book off our prize table.

**Batman Day Party (DI)**

*Saturday, September 26 • 1:00-3:00 p.m.*

Holy Library party, Batman! Come fight crime with games, crafts, trivia and other activities all celebrating the Dark Knight.

**Family Gaming Day (DI)**

*Saturday, November 21 • 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.*

Celebrate National Gaming Day with us! We will have a wide variety of live board gaming, tabletop board games and video games to satisfy every gamer in your family.
Computers & Technology

Word 2010 Basics (RR)
Thursday, September 10 • 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Learn the basics of Word, including formatting your document, changing the look of your text and inserting pictures.

Powerpoint 2010 Basics (RR)
Wednesday, September 16 • 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Learn the basics of Powerpoint, including creating slides, inserting pictures, and adding transitions and animations.

Social Media Monday: Facebook (RR)
Monday, September 21 • 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Learn how to get set up on Facebook, add photos, edit your profile, write posts, find friends, follow interests, customize your newsfeed, and more.

Excel 2010 Basics (RR)
Thursday, October 8 • 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Improve your knowledge of Excel 2010 in this class. Learn the basics of Excel, including navigating spreadsheets, using simple functions, and creating simple formulas.

Basic Computer Skills (RR)
Tuesday, October 13 • 7:00-8:30 p.m.
This class offers beginning and hands-on training on the basic components of computers such as using the keyboard and mouse, navigating in Windows and Internet browsing.

Social Media Monday: Twitter (RR)
Monday, October 26 • 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Get started using Twitter with this beginner-level class. Writing posts, using hashtags, tweeting at someone, sending a private message, following interests, and attracting followers will be covered.

Introduction to the Internet (RR)
Wednesday, November 4 • 7:00-8:30 p.m.
This class will introduce you to the Internet and explain the basic elements of navigating around online. Learn about Web browsers, how to use links, the forward and back buttons, and how to perform a simple search. Must possess basic computer skills to register.

Excel 2010 Advanced Features (RR)
Tuesday, November 10 • 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Build on your skills in Excel with more advanced features like pivot tables, charts, and 3D sums.

Social Media Monday: Pinterest (RR)
Monday, November 23 • 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Learn to create your own photo boards on Pinterest, follow your interests, pin images from the web, from your photo collection, and more.

Movie Matinees (DI)

Wednesday Matinees • 1:30 p.m.
Join us every Wednesday to watch popular new releases on the big screen. Delicious popcorn provided.

Film Lover’s Friday • 1:30 p.m.
Come enjoy a Friday matinee featuring a classic, documentary, or foreign film.

Matinees are shown every week in the Ferrentino Meeting Room. For information about upcoming movies, please call us, visit our website, or get a monthly schedule at the Adult Services Desk.

Phonographic Memory (RR)

Wednesday, November 18 • 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Join us for an exchange of recollections through records. Guests will be given 8 minutes to present a record, share a personal story or memory, then play a song from the album.

Book Discussions (DI)

Wolf in White Van - by John Darnielle
Tuesday, September 15 • 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Isolated by a disfiguring injury since the age of 17, Sean Phillips crafts imaginary worlds for strangers to play in via a text-based, roleplaying game through the mail. Disaster strikes when two high school students take their play into the real world, and Sean is called to account for it. In the process, he is pulled back through time, tunneling toward the moment of his own self-inflicted departure from the world.

The Picture of Dorian Gray - by Oscar Wilde
Tuesday, October 20 • 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Enthralled by his own exquisite portrait, Dorian Gray exchanges his soul for eternal youth and beauty. Influenced by his friend, he is drawn into a corrupt double life; indulging his desires in secret while remaining a gentleman in the eyes of polite society. Only his portrait bears the traces of his decadence.

The Vision of Emma Blau - by Ursula Hegi
Tuesday, November 17 • 7:00-8:00 p.m.
A novel of immigration and love follows a German man who flees to the U.S. at the start of the century and makes a life for himself, spawning four generations of descendants.

Registration for adult programs begins one month prior to the program’s date.

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Cooking Programs

Cupcake Decorating Class (RR)
*Monday, October 19 • 7:00-8:00 p.m. • Grades 6-12*
Sign up to learn the art of cupcake (and cake) decorating at this class led by a professional designer! We’ll provide the supplies.

I Want to Cook (RR)
*Mondays • 6:30-8:30 p.m. • Ages 10-18*
Have you always wanted to learn how to cook? Come to these classes and learn how! Bring an apron, it might get messy.
- *October 26*: Chicken Parmesan
- *November 30*: Thanksgiving Dinner

Young Adult Council

*September 10 / October 8 / November 12 • 7:00-8:30 p.m.*
Want a say in what the Library does for teens? Want to make a difference in your community and get volunteer hours for it? Join YAC! Grades 7-12.

Radio EP: Spooky Stories (RR)

*October 5-16 • Grades 6-12*
Sign up beginning October 1 to help with Radio EP’s Halloween Show.
We’ll help you pick a scary story, and make an appointment for you to come read and record it on the radio!
Then, listen in on October 30 for all the spooky fun!

Gaming Programs

Friday Free Play (DI)
*September 11, 25 / October 9, 23 / November 6, 20 • 3:00-5:00 p.m. • Grades 7-12*
Bring some friends and play a game of your choice!

Dungeons & Dragons (DI)
*September 17 / October 15 / November 19 • 5:30-8:30 p.m. • Grades 7-12*
Play a casual game of D&D with us. New players welcome!

Magic the Gathering & Yu-Gi-Oh! (DI)
*Wednesdays • 4:00-6:00 p.m. • Ages 10-18*
Play the popular trading card games Yu-Gi-Oh and Magic the Gathering. Don’t know how to play? We’ll be happy to teach you! Every week is casual, open play.

Wood Block Silhouettes (RR)

*Monday, September 28 & Thursday, October 1 (two-part class) • 4:00-4:45 p.m. • Grades 6-12*
Join us for a fall themed project with our Vinyl Cutter. This two-class project will involve creating a fall inspired vinyl that we’ll then put on a block of wood that we will stain ourselves.
Young Adult Programs & Events

Project Next Generation Technology Classes

Our Project Next Generation classes teach kids in Grades 6 & up a variety of technology skills in a fun and relaxed classroom atmosphere.

Choose from many different themed sessions:

**PNG: Geography (RR)**
*Tuesday, September 1 • 4:00-5:00 p.m. • Grades 6 & up*
Test your geography skills with an hour of playing Smarty Pins. Smarty Pins is a Google Maps game that tests your geography knowledge with trivia questions. Let’s see who can get the high score!

**PNG: Silhouettes & Photography (RR, two-part class)**
*September 8 & 10 • 4:00-5:00 p.m. • Grades 6 & up*
Learn how to compose a photograph, and how to use Photoshop along with our awesome Silhouette Cameo electronic cutting machine to add a really unique and artistic presentation to your photos!

**PNG: Hour of Code (RR)**
*Tuesday, September 29 • 4:00-5:00 p.m. • Grades 6 & up -or-
Tuesday, October 27 • 4:00-5:00 p.m. • Grades 6 & up -or-
Tuesday, November 24 • 4:00-5:00 p.m. • Grades 6 & up*
Not only is coding massively important to the fabric of your digital world, coding can also be pretty fun! Sign up for any one of these three quick introductions to activities on Code.com and play fun games while learning the fundamentals of basic coding.

**PNG: Soldering (RR, four-part class)**
*September 15, 17, 22 & 24 • 4:00-5:00 p.m. • Grades 6 & up*
Join this Project Next Generation class if you want to learn how to solder! We’ve got cool electronic kits that light up, drive and scurry. When you’re finished you can take your creation home with you and you’ll be an expert in circuitry and soldering!

**PNG: Makey Makey Music (RR, four-part class)**
*October 6, 8, 13 & 15 • 4:00-5:00 p.m. • Grades 6 & up*
Let’s use Makey Makey sensors to create our own beat machine out of stuff we have lying around and then build a song around our creations!

**PNG: LED Ghosts (RR)**
*Thursday, October 29 • 4:00-5:00 p.m. • Grades 6 & up*
Let’s make some spooky D.I.Y. “ghosts” using ordinary items and some simple L.E.D.s (light emitting diodes), batteries, and magnets!

**PNG: TinkerCAD (RR, four-part class)**
*November 3, 5, 10 & 12 • 4:00-5:00 p.m. • Grades 6 & up -or-
November 17 & 19 • 4:00-5:00 p.m. • Grades 6 & up*
Let’s use the computer to create 3D models and then print them out on the Makerbot Replicator! This 4-part class will teach you the basics of 3D design and how to use Tinkercad.com to create 3D objects that can be printed on any 3D printer!

**PNG: Vinyl Cut Thanksgiving Tablescapes (RR, two-part class)**
*November 17 & 19 • 4:00-5:00 p.m. • Grades 6 & up*
Need decorations for your Thanksgiving table? Don’t go to the store! Let’s design them ourselves and make them using our Silhouette Cameo electronic cutting machine.

Sign up online or in person. For more information visit our blog: png-eppl.blogspot.com

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Back to School: Textbooks, Study Rooms, Brainfuse

School is back in session, but don’t forget the Library this fall. We’ve got the tools to help you succeed and the staff to show you how!

**Textbooks** - The public school textbooks are available at the Library. Use them at the Library or make copies of what you need.

**Study Rooms** - Reserve a Study Room for a quiet place to study or for space to work on a group project! Just bring your student ID and use the room for up to two hours. You can also reserve a room up to two weeks in advance.

**Online Tutoring** - Brainfuse is an online tutoring program offered free at the Library! Connect from home via our website, through the computers at the Library, or download the app to your phone or tablet. Just select your grade and subject and be connected to a tutor who will help you using chat and whiteboard technology. Skills building, practice tests, flashcards, and a writing lab area also available.

Registration for teen programs begins at the beginning of the month that program takes place.

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October 6, Tuesday story time returns to the library.

Summer is ending and so is Story Time in the Park. Beginning Tuesdays • Oct. 6

- September 29 • Bambi Park (Diversey & 74th Avenues)
- September 22 • Central Park (Fullerton & 75th Avenues)
- September 15 • Kathy Torpe Park (Fullerton & 76th Avenues)

It's still warm out, so story time is outside for a little bit longer. Enjoy Tuesdays, September 15, 22, & 29 • 11:00

Story Time in the Park  (DI)
Moms & Tots (DI)
Drop

Miss Carol’s Story Times
Preschool Story Time  (RR, Choose Session 1 or 2)
Session 1:  Wednesdays • Sept. 16 - Dec. 9 • 10:00-10:45 a.m. • Ages 2-5

Session 2:  Thursdays • Sept. 17 - Dec. 10 • 11:00-11:45 a.m.  Stories, songs & activities for preschoolers.  Ages 3-5

Stuffed Animal Sleepover (RR)
Wednesday, September 16 • 7:00-7:45 p.m. • Ages 4-8
Bring your favorite stuffed friend for a pajama story time, and then leave your stuffed animal overnight at the library. Pick them up in the afternoon and get a special little book detailing their adventures!

Cuentos en Español (RR)
Cuentos de Falda
Jueves (septiembre 17 - diciembre 10) • 9:30-10:00 a.m. • Edades 0-2

Cuentame un Cuento
Jueves (septiembre 17 - diciembre 10) • 10:00-10:45 a.m. • Edades 3-5
Disfrute de historias dichas en español y diviértete haciendo manualidades simples.

Historie Polski (DI)
Przeczytaj Mnie
poniedziałki: 21 września | 19 października | 23 listopada
10:00-10:30 a.m. • w wieku 2-5
opowiadania, piosenki i gry Polski!
Pre-Teen Programs & Events

Family Movie Showings
First Thursday of Each Month • 7:00 p.m. (unless noted) • All ages
Join us for some Family Movies. Popcorn will be served!
September 3 • Home
October 1 • Cinderella (2015)
November 5 • Disney Short Films (including Frozen Fever)

Family Literacy Night (RR)
Wednesday, September 30 • 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Join us for a parent workshop on getting your child ready to read. This event is open to families with children under 5 and their siblings. *Parents will attend the workshop while the children enjoy story time and a craft.

Unase a nosotros para un taller para padres preparando a sus niños a leer. Este evento esta abierto para familias con niños menores de 5 años y su hermanos. *Los padres participaran en el taller, mientras los niños disfrutan una hora de cuentos y manualidades.

Book Clubs for Pre-Teens
Pick up a copy from Youth Services a month prior.

Tweens Read: Book Club (RR)
Masterminds - by Gordon Korman
Wednesday, October 28 • 4:00-4:45 p.m. • Grades 3-6

Ophelia and the Marvelous Boy - by Karen Foxlee
Wednesday, November 18 • 4:00-4:45 p.m. • Grades 3-6

Panels: Comic Book Club (RR)
Flight Explorer -and- Mystery Boxes
Tuesday, October 27 • 4:00-5:00 p.m. • Grades 3-6

Dragons Beware -and- The Return of Zita the Spacegirl
Tuesday, November 17 • 4:00-5:00 p.m. • Grades 3-6

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Craft Crazy (RR)
Come do crafts with us all fall! Sign up for each program separately.

Tuesday, September 8 • 4:00-4:45 p.m. • Washi Wooden Bracelets
Thursday, September 24 • 7:00-7:45 p.m. • L.E.D. Constellations
Monday, October 12 • 7:00-7:45 p.m. • 8-Bit Art
Monday, October 19 • 4:00-4:45 p.m. • Nail Polish Art
Monday, November 16 • 7:00-7:45 p.m. • Lego Picture Frames
Monday, November 23 • 7:00-8:00 p.m. • Chip Bag Shrinkies
Wednesday, November 25 • 3:00-3:45 p.m. • Stained Glass Art

Pre-Teen Advisory Council
September 14 / October 5 / November 9
7:00-8:00 p.m. • Grades 4-6
Are you in grades 4-6? Join our Pre-Teen Advisory Council (PTAC) to share your thoughts and ideas about what the Library should do, have fun, and earn volunteer hours for it!
Our events and classes are photographed and/or recorded for promotional purposes. Please let us know if you prefer not to be photographed or videotaped. Your name will not be used without your written consent.

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Hours
Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Closures
Sunday, September 6: Labor Day weekend
Monday, September 7: Labor Day
TBA: Staff Development Day
Thursday, November 26: Thanksgiving Day

Board Meetings
Thursday, September 17 • 8:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 15 • 8:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 19 • 8:00 p.m.

Library Director & Board
Tiffany Verzani, Library Director
Chris Pesko, President
Jonathan Rivera, Vice President
Carole Bilbo, Treasurer
Marisa Santangelo, Secretary
Terri Sorrentino, Trustee
Joe Bertolli, Trustee
Elsa Volpe, Trustee

Friends of the Library
Who are the Friends and what do they do?
We are a group of local folks who care about helping our community’s library be an outstanding resource for the residents of Elmwood Park. Our primary purpose is to raise money to enhance library programs and resources.

How do I support the Friends or become a member?
All it takes to become a Friend is a $5.00 annual donation. As a Friend, you are welcome to join our monthly meetings and volunteer to help with special projects and events. To join, please contact the Adult Services Desk for more information at 708.395.1217 or leave a voicemail directly for the Friends at 708.395.1298.

You can also support the Friends by buying or donating books to be sold in the Main Lobby. Proceeds from these book sales go towards Library programs and resources.

Upcoming Meetings: September 14 | October 12 | November 9 • 7:00-9:00 p.m.

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