What’s Happening
Elmwood Park Public Library

Winter 2015 - Program Schedule & Library News

Nomination for Medal

We are proud to announce that the Elmwood Park Public Library was recently nominated by Congressman Mike Quigley for the 2015 Medal from the Institute of Museum & Library Services. It is a great honor to be considered for this award, and we were excited to complete the application process, which included letters of support from you, our patrons. The letters were so touching and made us feel even more proud to serve Elmwood Park, so we wanted to share a few snippets:

One family’s decision to move to Elmwood Park was made by a visit to the Library: “Our visit in large part clinched our decision to make the move that we have never once regretted since. The library that day was, and has been for the past 10 years, a place that immediately made us feel welcome.”

Another family said “My children are avid readers in part because they have always felt at home in our library and have been encouraged to excel by the librarians and staff there. I cannot stress enough the quality of the library and its staff, and our family is grateful for all that has been done for us over the years.”

“I can go on and on about all the great services and programs that are available to our community because of our wonderful library, but it is the friendly staff and their hard work that brings all these special events to us. I may be just one patron, but I represent many when I thank the Elmwood Park Library and its staff for all they do for our community,” said another resident.

Thank you so much for your warm comments and thoughts. We are proud to serve you and look forward to many more years of helping make Elmwood Park a wonderful community. The IMLS award winners will be announced in Spring of 2015, and we will keep you posted!

Drive Up Library Return

The weather is turning wintery, and you don’t want to get out of your car! It’s time to take advantage of our Drive Up Library Return box that is located behind the Library. Just turn in to our parking lot from the Avenue of the Flags, return your books, movies and music, then exit onto Grand Avenue. Easy and warm!

New Library Catalog Coming in Spring 2015

Members who enjoy using the library catalog to find and order books will have a lot more to like, starting this spring. Elmwood Park Public Library, in connection with other public libraries in the SWAN library consortium, will switch over to a new software system in April 2015. The catalog will be easier to search and will offer many new features, including full eBook and database integration, allowing you to checkout and download your eBook straight from the catalog. Our newsletter and other member communications will provide more details as they become available. Using your library is about to get even better!

Holiday Gift for You

Do you have lingering Library fines? If you stop by the Library anytime on December 17, we will have a possible gift for you! Spin our wheel of fortune for a chance to get up to $19.14 (in honor of the Centennial) taken off of your account when you pay your fines in full.

Always open: www.elmwoodparklibrary.org
Adult Programs & Events

Crafting, Food & Drink

The Repurposed Library (RR)
Each month help us repurpose some of our discarded materials into fun housewares and accessories. Supplies will be provided.

Thursday, December 11 • 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Turn old magazines, newspapers and books into gift wrapping supplies for the holidays. Ages 10 and up.

Thursday, January 15 • 7:00-8:30 p.m.
This month we will be turning old books into personalized journals. Ages 12 and up.

Wednesday, February 11 • 7:00-8:30 p.m.
For February we will be turning old magazines into placemats and coasters. Ages 10 and up.

Homebrewing Club (RR)
Bottle: Monday, December 8 • 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Brew: Saturday, January 10 • 10:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Bottle: Monday, February 9 • 6:00-7:00 p.m.
The Homebrewing Club brews and bottles their very own beer at the Library. You must attend a brew to attend the bottle. You must be 21 or older to attend.

Minis and Models (DI)
Thursday, January 22 • 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Join us for a 2-hour session to learn basic techniques for painting fantasy or war-gaming minis and crafting model terrain. We’ll provide tools and paints, but feel free to bring your own.

Eat & Make: Scones & Tea Towels (RR)
Saturday, January 31 • 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Join us for an afternoon of cooking and crafting. This month we’ll be hosting our own informal tea party where we’ll be making lemon blueberry scones and decorating tea towels. All supplies will be provided. Ages 10 and up.

Vinyl Cutting and Crafting (RR)
Thursday, February 19 • 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Join Garrett for some beginning lessons on Elmwood Park Library's new vinyl cutter. We'll go over the basics and patrons can walk home with creations of their own!

Tabletop Gaming

Pathfinder Society Organized Play (RR)
Wednesdays • 5:00-9:00 p.m.
December 3 / January 7 / February 4
Do you like role playing games? Have you ever played Dungeons & Dragons? Then you should come give the role playing game Pathfinder a try! Run by staff member Garrett.

CRAG: Pathfinder Group (DI)
Thursdays • 5:00-9:00 p.m.
December 4 & 18 / January 8 & 22 / February 5 & 19
This Pathfinder group meets to play twice a month and is run by the head of the Chicago Regional Alliance of Gamers.

CRAG: Open Gaming (DI)
Saturdays • 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
December 13 / January 17 / February 14
Drop in one Saturday a month to play a variety of tabletop games! Run by the head of the Chicago Regional Alliance of Gamers.

Fitness & Health (RR)

Introduction to Zumba
Thursday, January 8 • 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Join local instructor RoseMary Spizzirri as she leads a fun, entry level Zumba class. Zumba is a dance fitness craze that evolved in the 90s and incorporates hip-hop, samba, salsa, merengue and mambo. All ages welcome.

Yoga for All
Tuesday, January 13 • 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Enjoy a healthy and relaxing session of yoga for all ages with Mindful Practices instructor Brian Coglianese. Participants are encouraged to bring their own mats if they have them, but it is not required.

Introduction to Pilates/Yoga
Thursday, February 12 • 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Join local instructor RoseMary Spizzirri as she leads an introduction to pilates and yoga. All ages welcome. Participants are encouraged to bring their own mats if they have them, but it is not required.

Ins & Outs of Food Co-ops (RR)

Wednesday, January 14 • 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Cheryl Muñoz, founder of The Sugar Beet Co-op in Oak Park, joins us to increase awareness about the power of food co-ops and inspire you to rethink your relationship to food from seed to plate.

Trivia Night

Trivia Night at Baciami Restaurant (RR)
Tuesday, December 30 • 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Tuesday, January 27 • 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 24 • 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Trivia Night is back! Bring a team of up to 4 people for a night of fun and challenging trivia. We’ll have prizes for the winners.

(C) - Drop-in | (RR) - Registration Required | Sign up online, in person, or by phone.
Based on the play by Victorien Sardou, Tosca features music by Giacomo Puccini and libretto by Luigi Illica and Giuseppe Giacosa.

Lecture: Tuesday, January 13 • 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Film: Saturday, January 17 • 2:00-5:00 p.m.
Based on the play by Victorien Sardou, Tosca features music by Giacomo Puccini and libretto by Luigi Illica and Giuseppe Giacosa.

Jitterbug Perfume - by Tom Robbins
Tuesday, February 17 • 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Both an epic and a saga, this story begins in the forests of ancient Bohemia and concludes at nine o'clock tonight [Paris time]. The hero is a janitor with a missing bottle. If the liquid in the bottle is actually the secret essence of the universe, as some folks seem to think, it had better be discovered soon because it is leaking and there is only a drop or two left.

If on a Winter’s Night a Traveler - by Italo Calvino
Tuesday, December 16 • 7:00-8:30 p.m.
This book turns out to be not one novel, but ten different novels, each interrupted at a moment of suspense. Together they form a labyrinth through which two readers, a male and a female, pursue both the story lines that intrigue them and one another.

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Film: Saturday, January 17 • 2:00-5:00 p.m.
Based on the play by Victorien Sardou, Tosca features music by Giacomo Puccini and libretto by Luigi Illica and Giuseppe Giacosa.

Lyric Opera (DI)
Join us for our Lecture & Film series by the Lyrica Opera. We will have a lecture and spirited discussion of the featured opera on Tuesday, then watch the film on Saturday.

Opera: Anna Bolena
Lecture: Tuesday, December 2 • 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Film: Saturday, December 6 • 2:00-5:00 p.m.
This opera recounts the life of Anne Boleyn and features music by Gaetano Donizetti and libretto by Felice Romani.

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 visit the Adult Services Desk for a monthly schedule.

Adult Programs & Events

Computers & Technology

eBay Buying and Selling Basics (RR)
Wednesday, December 10 • 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Learn to search and create listings on eBay, and get tips on digital photography and the use of PayPal. Basic to intermediate levels of computer skills are highly preferred.

BYOD (Bring Your Own Device)
eBooks and eAudiobooks (RR)
Wednesday, January 7 • 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Monday, January 12 • 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Tuesday, January 27 • 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Bring Your Own Device and learn about the downloadable eBook and eAudiobook options available with your library card. Elmwood Park residents only.

Zinio Drop-In Hours (DI)
Thursday, January 15 • 3:00-4:30 p.m.
Monday, January 26 • 3:00-4:30 p.m.
Stop by and chat with an Adult Services librarian about Zinio, our downloadable magazine service. Bring Your Own Device to get started. Elmwood Park residents only.

Basic Computer Skills (RR)
Tuesday, December 2 • 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Thursday, February 5 • 7:00-8:30 p.m.
This class offers beginning, hands-on training on the basic components of computers, like using the keyboard and mouse, navigating in Windows, and Internet browsing.

Introduction to the Internet (RR)
Tuesday, February 10 • 7:00-8:30 p.m.
This class will explain the basic elements of navigating online. Learn about Web browsers, how to use links, and how to perform a simple search. Must possess basic computer skills to register.

Excel 2010 Basics (RR)
Monday, February 23 • 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Learn to navigate spreadsheets, use simple functions, and create simple formulas in Excel 2010.

Adult Programs & Events

Book Discussions (DI)
Pick up a copy of the book at the Adult Services Desk a month ahead! Discussions will be held in the Korbel Room.

If on a Winter’s Night a Traveler - by Italo Calvino
Tuesday, December 16 • 7:00-8:00 p.m.
This book turns out to be not one novel, but ten different novels, each interrupted at a moment of suspense. Together they form a labyrinth through which two readers, a male and a female, pursue both the story lines that intrigue them and one another.

Motherless Brooklyn - by Jonathan Lethem
Tuesday, January 20 • 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Lionel Essrog is an orphan whose Touretic impulses drive him to bark, count, and rip apart our language in startling and original ways. He works for a small-time mobster named Frank, aka the charismatic King of Brooklyn. When Frank is killed, Lionel’s world is suddenly topsy-turvy, and he attempts to untangle the threads of the case while trying to keep the words straight in his head.

Jitterbug Perfume - by Tom Robbins
Tuesday, February 17 • 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Both an epic and a saga, this story begins in the forests of ancient Bohemia and concludes at nine o’clock tonight [Paris time]. The hero is a janitor with a missing bottle. If the liquid in the bottle is actually the secret essence of the universe, as some folks seem to think, it had better be discovered soon because it is leaking and there is only a drop or two left.
Young Adult Programs & Events

Craft Programs

Gingerbread Cookie in a Jar (RR)
Wednesday, December 10 • 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Make and decorate a recipe in a jar for yourself or a loved one to help ring in the holiday season! Grades 6-12.

Beaded Snowflakes (RR)
Wednesday, December 17 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Do you love the snow and hate to see it go? Create a beaded snowflake with us and take home a piece of winter. Grades 6-12.

Be Mine, Valentine! (RR)
Wednesday, February 11 • 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Join us in making your loved ones a valentine they can eat: Fruit Roll-Up fortune cookies. Grades 6-12.

Young Adult Council

Thursday • 7:00-8:30 p.m.
December 11 / January 8 / February 12
Do you 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.

Hot Chocolate for Charity!
Friday, December 19 • 3:00-6:00 p.m.
Stop by, listen to some Christmas carols, and purchase a cup of Hot Chocolate for $1.00 to benefit Teen Living Program, a charity devoted to helping homeless teenagers get off the streets. All proceeds go to charity.
This event is sponsored by the Library’s Young Adult Council.

Charity Flower Sale

Thursday, February 12 • 4:00-9:00 p.m.
Friday, February 13 • 4:00-6:00 p.m.
Come support a wonderful cause, The Animal Care League (Oak Park), by buying some valentine roses! Roses are $2.00 each, half dozen for $10.00, and a dozen for $20.00. All proceeds go to charity.
This event is sponsored by the Library’s Young Adult Council.

I Want to Cook (RR)

Have you always wanted to learn how to cook?
Come to these classes and learn how! Bring an apron, it might get messy. Ages 10-18.

Mondays • 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Chili & Bread; January 26
Party Food: February 23

Gaming Programs

Dungeons & Dragons (DI)
Thursday • 5:30-8:30 p.m.
December 18 / January 15 / February 19
Play a casual game of D&D with us. New players welcome! Grades 7-12.

Magic the Gathering & Yu-Gi-Oh! (DI)
Wednesday • 4:00-6:00 p.m.
(No Class on December 24 and 31)
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. Come to the program to find out what extra events & tournaments we’ll have. Ages 10-18.

Minecraft with Omar and Ahren (RR)
Monday, December 22 • 3:00-4:30 p.m.
Come play Minecraft with us! Grades 6-12.

Other Teen Fun

YA Movie: Guardians of the Galaxy (DI)
Wednesday, December 30 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Join Star Lord and company to protect the universe! (Rated PG-13) Grades 6-12.

Breakfast Club (RR)
Wednesday, January 21 • 6:30-8:30 p.m. (Grades 6-8)
Wednesday, January 28 • 6:30-8:30 p.m. (Grades 9-12)
Trix may be for kids, but breakfast is for everyone. Sample our cereal and breakfast buffet, then dine in style underneath a blanket fort designed and constructed by you. We’ll provide the supplies; you bring your hunger and imagination.

Life-Sized Foosball (RR)
Wednesday, February 18 • 7:00-8:00 p.m.
We’re taking the game off the table and bringing it to life in this lifesized game of foosball. Grades 6-12.
Holiday Vinyl Silhouettes (RR)
Monday, December 1 • 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Join us for a fun-filled hour creating holiday/winter themed items with the library’s new silhouette cutter. Grades 6-12.

Tech Talk with Omar and Ahren (DI)
Monday, January 12 • 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Bring your phones and gadgets and chat with Omar and Ahren about new technology and what the Library should have! Grades 6-12.

Vinyl Superheroes (RR)
Monday, February 9 • 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Superheroes are popular right now. Pick your favorite and make a cool superhero vinyl to decorate your stuff! Grades 6-12.

Valentine Vinyls (RR)
Monday, February 16 • 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Love is in the air and we have the machine to prove it. Join us for a fun class where we will make Valentine’s inspired crafts. Grades 6-12.

Final Exam Study Room
Tuesday-Thursday, December 16-18 • 4:00-10:00 p.m.
Finals are coming! Do you have a place to study?
Grab your books and notes and hunker down at the Library to get some quality studying in!
The Ferrentino Meeting Room will be a dedicated group study room for three days. We’ll also provide the snacks!
No need to sign-up, just bring your notes and stop on by! Grades 9-12.

Teen Chat Café (DI)
Thursday, January 22 • 4:00-6:00 p.m.
Come inside, enjoy the warmth, and figuratively kick your shoes off as we hang out, play video games, listen to music, and enjoy snacks in each other’s company. Grades 6-12.

PNG: Valentine’s Locket (RR)
Make your own stickers and decals using our vinyl cutter!

PNG: Valentine Vinyls (RR)
February 10 & 12 • 4:00-5:00 p.m.
It’s almost time for Valentine’s Day! Let’s make a locket or pendant with a 3D relief of your picture for your special valentine.

Funding for this grant project was awarded from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services to the Secretary of State/Illinois State Library under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA).
Kid’s Programs & Events

Special Outdoor Story Time (DI)
Tuesday, December 2 • 11:00-11:30 a.m.
Bundle up for a special outdoor story time among all the holiday decorations in Central Park (Fullerton & 75th Ave.). Ages 2-5.

Drop-in Story Times (DI)
Moms & Tots
Wednesdays, January 7 - February 11 • 9:30-10:00 a.m.
Stories, songs, and movement for the very young. Ages 0-2.
No class February 4.

Drop-in Story Time
Mondays, January 5 - February 9 • 11:00-11:30 a.m.
Enjoy a half hour of your favorite stories & songs! Ages 2-5.

Drop-in Story Time
Wednesdays, January 7 - February 11 • 10:00-10:45 a.m.
Stories, songs, and movement for the very young. Ages 0-2.

Frozen Sing-Along (DI)
Monday, December 29 • 2:00-3:45 p.m.
We CAN’T Let It Go! We LOVE Frozen! Come Sing Along with us! Popcorn will be served. All Ages.

Themed Story Times (RR)
Join us afternoons or evenings for these specially themed story times. Ages 4-8.

- Mermaid Story Time
  Tuesday, January 13 • 4:00-4:45 p.m.

- Doggie Story Time
  Thursday, January 15 • 4:00-4:45 p.m.

- Owl Story Time
  Thursday, January 22 • 4:00-4:45 p.m.

- Fishy Fishy Swimming in the Sea Story Time
  Tuesday, January 27 • 4:00-4:45 p.m.

- Super Bowl Story Time
  Thursday, February 5 • 4:00-4:45 p.m.

- Pajama Story Time
  Thursday, February 5 • 7:00-7:45 p.m.

- Hello Mr. President! Story Time
  Tuesday, February 10 • 4:00-4:45 p.m.

- Mardi Gras Story Time
  Tuesday, February 17 • 4:00-4:45 p.m.

- Kitty Story Time
  Thursday, February 19 • 4:00-4:45 p.m.

Cuentos en Español (DI)
Cuentos de Falda
Jueves (Enero 8 - Febrero 12) • 10:15-10:45 a.m.
Cuentos, canciones, y movimientos para los más pequeños.
Drop-in for a lapsit story time for babies in Spanish! Edades 0-2.

Miss Carol’s Story Times
This session runs January-February, with no classes February 4 & 5.

Preschool Story Time (RR, Choose Session 1 or 2)
Session 1: Wednesdays, January 7 - February 11 • 10:00-10:45 a.m.
Session 2: Thursdays, January 8 - February 12 • 11:00-11:45 a.m.
Stories, songs & activities for preschoolers. Ages 3-5.

T-Rexplorers (RR)
Tuesday, January 20 • 7:00-8:00 p.m.
The T-Rexplorers are back to share more amazing dinosaur stories and secrets with us. They’ll even bring real dinosaur bones with them! Ages 5-12.

General Programs

Ride the Horse (DI)
Wednesdays • 4:00-4:30 p.m.
December 3 | January 7 | February 4
Come ride Spirit, the Library’s mechanical horse! All ages.

Special Holiday Club Fold ’Em (RR)
Monday, December 8 • 4:00-5:30 p.m.
Fold all kinds of special holiday paper things! Grades 2 & up.

Dave Herzog’s Marionettes (RR)
Tuesday, December 9 • 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Dave Herzog and his Holiday Hijinks will be here to celebrate with a special puppet show! All ages.

Board Game Fun with Miss Irene (RR)
Thursday, December 11 • 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Come play some board games with Miss Irene! Ages 5-10.

National Puzzle Day with Miss Irene (RR)
Thursday, January 29 • 4:00-4:45 p.m.
Join Miss Irene in testing your skills with a host of puzzles. Ages 5-10.

Super Stolie Valentine’s Show! (RR)
Thursday, February 12 • 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Musician Super Stolie returns to give us another rockin’ Valentine’s show! Sing and dance your heart out! All ages.
Bella Angel Music presents: A Musical Workshop

*Monday, February 9 • 7:00-8:00 p.m.*

Bella Angel Music Studios will be on hand to present a workshop on music lessons and music in general. There will be demonstrations of different instruments, history, some class participation with singing exercises or playing of rhythm instruments and a Questions & Answers session to answer any questions about music study and lessons. Ages 5 and up. Adults welcome!

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Christmas Party (RR)

*Monday, December 22 • 7:00-8:30 p.m.*

Join us to celebrate Christmas fun and you just might get a very special visit from a certain “you-know-who!” Ages 3-8.

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Chicago Wolves Reading Program

*January 2–February 27*

Sign up and read 3 books in January and 3 books in February and be entered to win awesome Chicago Wolves prizes! Stop by the Library to sign up. Grades K-8.

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Pre-Teen Programs & Events

**For Pre-Teens in Grades 3-6**

**Glass Ornaments (RR)**

*Thursday, December 4 • 7:00-8:00 p.m.*

Make a beautiful glass ornament to display or give away as a gift! Grades 3-6.

**Post-It: Holidays (RR)**

*Monday, December 9 • 4:00-4:45 p.m.*

Help us decorate our windows with Post-Its as we prepare for the holidays! Grades 3-6.

**Gaming Tournament/Open Gaming (RR)**

*Tuesday, December 23 • 3:00-5:00 p.m.*

Join us for a gaming tournament, sponsored by the Pre-Teen Advisory Council. Test your skills against others and see who comes out the winner. Prefer a more casual game play? Then join us for open gaming. Grades 3-6.

**Iron Chef (RR)**

*Monday, January 12 • 7:00-8:30 p.m.*

Do you fancy yourself a cook? Always wanted to be on a reality cooking show? Here’s your chance. Form teams of three and register for this Pre-Teen Advisory Council sponsored program. Grades 3-6.

**Zentangles (RR)**

*Wednesday, January 21 • 4:00-4:45 p.m.*

Come for crafty fun and make your name into a work of art. Grades 3-6.

**Tissue Flowers (RR)**

*Wednesday, February 11 • 4:00-4:45 p.m.*

Make beautiful tissue papers flowers. Grades 3-6.

**Valentine Vinyls (RR)**

*Wednesday, February 16 • 4:00-5:00 p.m.*

Love is in the air and we have the machine to prove it. Join us for a fun class where we will make Valentine’s inspired craft. Grades 3-6.

**Cracked Marble Pendants (RR)**

*Wednesday, February 18 • 4:00-5:00 p.m.*

Make a beautiful pendant necklace that looks like diamonds! Grades 3-6.

**Pre-Teen Dungeons and Dragons (RR, must attend both sessions)**

*Thursday, January 8 • 4:00-6:00 p.m. AND Thursday, February 5 • 4:00-6:00 p.m.*

Ever wanted to play Dungeons and Dragons? Join us to become an adventurer, solve puzzles, and fight monsters to become the hero! Grades 4-6.

**Book Clubs for Pre-Teens (Grades 3-6)**

Pick up a copy from Youth Services a month before the program date.

**Tweens Read: Book Club (RR)**

*Wednesday, January 28 • 4:00-5:00 p.m.*

_The Screaming Staircase (Lockwood & Co.)_ - by Jonathan Stroud

*Wednesday, February 25 • 4:00-5:00 p.m.*

_Rain Reign_ by Ann M. Martin

**Panels: Comic Book Club (RR)**

*Tuesday, December 30 • 4:00-5:00 p.m.*

*Monday, January 26 • 4:00-5:00 p.m.*

*Tuesday, February 18 • 4:00-5:00 p.m.*

Love comics? Chat about them with other pre-teens who do, too!

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**Pre-Teen Advisory Council**

*Monday, December 8 • 7:00-8:00 p.m.*

Monday, January 12 • 6:30-7:00 p.m. (Then come to Iron Chef!)

*Monday, February 9 • 7:00-8:00 p.m.*

Are you in grades 4-6? Join our Pre-Teen Advisory Council (PTAC) and share your thoughts and ideas about what the Library should do, have fun and earn volunteer hours for it! Grades 4-6.

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Registration for children’s programs begins at the beginning of the month that program takes place.
Friends of the Library

Who are the Friends and what do they do?
We are a group of local folks just like you, who care about helping our community’s library continue to be the outstanding resource for the residents of Elmwood Park and their children. Our primary purpose is to raise money to enhance library programs and resources. Since 2002 we have raised close to $27,000 through membership fees and bookcase sales.

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: January 12 | February 9 | March 9 • 7:00-9:00 p.m.

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www.elmwoodparklibrary.org

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
Wednesday, December 24: Christmas Eve
Thursday, December 25: Christmas Day
Wednesday, December 31: New Year’s Eve
Thursday, January 1: New Year’s Day
Monday, January 19: Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Triton College Visit
Monday, December 1 • 6:00-7:30 p.m. / Wednesday, January 7 • 12:30-1:30 p.m.
Triton College will be setting up a table in our lobby to give adults and teens information about classes and other opportunities available to you. Stop by and find out what Triton College can do for you!

Salvation Army Angel Tree
Want to make a difference this holiday season? Stop by the 2nd Floor Christmas Tree and take an Angel Tree gift tag describing the holiday wish of a needy boy or girl. Bring back the tag and purchased item by December 16, and the Salvation Army will deliver the gifts in time for the holidays! Thank you and Happy Holidays!

Want to be put on hold for any of these upcoming releases? Give us a call at 708.453.7645 and we’ll be happy to help you. Or visit our online catalog at http://catalog.swanlibraries.net and login to your account to place the holds yourself.

Upcoming Releases in Books & DVDs

December Books
The Assassination Option - by W.E.B. Griffin
Pretty Little Liars #16: Vicious
- by Sara Shepard
Tom Clancy’s Full Force & Effect
- by Mark Greaney

December DVDs
Dawn of the Planet of the Apes
Dolphin Tale 2
Guardians of the Galaxy
The Maze Runner
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles

January Books
Insatiable Appetites - by Stuart Woods
Saint Odd - by Dean Koontz
I Totally Funniest - by James Patterson
Private Vegas - by James Patterson
I Was Here - by Gayle Forman

January DVDs
Dinosaur 13
Girls: season 3
Fury
The Judge

February Books
Unwanteds #5: Island of Shipwrecks - by Lisa McMann
Motive - by Jonathan Kellerman
Obsession in Death - by J.D. Robb
(Prodigal Son - by Danielle Steel

February DVDs
Alexander & the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day
Game of Thrones: season 4
Lucy

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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
Wednesday, December 24: Christmas Eve
Thursday, December 25: Christmas Day
Wednesday, December 31: New Year’s Eve
Thursday, January 1: New Year’s Day
Monday, January 19: Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Board Meetings
Thursday, January 16 @ 8:00 p.m.
Thursday, February 20 @ 8:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 20 @ 8:00 p.m.

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