Elmwood Park Works

Whether you’re looking to advance in your current job, change career paths, rejoin the workforce, or find your very first job, the Library has programs and tools to help you reach your career goals.

This fall we’ll be highlighting these within the Library, on our website, and in social media. Check out the Elmwood Park Works section on the next page for upcoming classes and programs.

New for Kids @ the Library

Explore-to-Go Kits
These kits contain exploratory activities for kids and families on a variety of topics, including Astronomy, Electricity, Knitting, and Road Trips, with more to come. A big thanks to the Friends of the Library for sponsoring this collection!

Leveling System for Early Reader Books
Color-coded stickers on our Early Reader books help kids and parents more easily choose the titles that match appropriate reading levels. Our new system coincides with the Fountas-Pinnell system used in Elmwood Park School District 401.

Book & CD Kits
Like being read to? With our new collection, kids can listen and follow along in the book at the same time. It’s not only fun, but is a great literacy tool that creates links between the written and spoken word.

Hooked on Phonics Kits & BOB Books
These collections focus on learning to read. The Hooked on Phonics Kits include a DVD, books, workbooks, and guide. The BOB Books are a series focused on the alphabet, pre-reading skills, and sight words.

September is National Library Card Signup Month!

What’s cooler than being cool? Having a Library card!
You can, of course, check out the usual books, graphic novels, eBooks, audiobooks, movies, music, and video games.

But did you know that you can also check out free suburban Museum Passes, Kindle eReaders, bike locks, portable DVD players, and a Nintendo DS?

With your card you can also use our free public computers and access all of our online databases and resources, including Consumer Reports, Mango Languages, car repair, online tutoring, Ancestry.com, and more.

Get or renew a card in September
If you don’t have an Elmwood Park library card, or if your card is expiring soon, stop by the Library during September (or any time) to get or renew your card. There is no age restriction, so get a card for your little one, too.

All month we will be having a raffle for new card holders and patrons who renew expiring cards. Prizes will include gift cards to local restaurants and stores, and a gift basket for kids. Items will be on display in the 1st floor display case.

Kick off the month with coffee and treats
On the morning of September 1, we’ll kick off Library Card Signup Month with some coffee and snacks in the main lobby. So what are you waiting for? Stop in, grab a treat, and get your card today!

Patron Corner - What You’re Reading

John K. recently reread one of his favorites, 1984, by George Orwell. He loves this book because, though it was written in 1949, its themes of government, power, and Big Brother watching us are still applicable today, especially with the growth of technology.

Thalia, age 9, just read and enjoyed Sticks & Stones (Upside-Down Magic #2) by Sarah Mlynowski, where everyone has magic powers, but Nory and her friends have powers that are extra wonky. Thalia’s verdict: “I think that this book is really funny.”

Surveys for New Services & Collections
We want to hear your opinion! As we work on our 2016-2019 Strategic Plan, we will conduct periodic surveys to get your input about current and new library services, collections, and space. Check out the Share Your Ideas link under the About EPPL section of our website to see available surveys, and share your ideas with us!

Always open: www.elmwoodparklibrary.org
Crafting, Food & Drink

**Adult Coloring Club (DI)**
- Tuesdays • Sept. 13 | Oct. 4 | Nov. 22 • 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- Saturdays • Sept. 3 | Oct. 22 | Nov. 5 • 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**Eat & Make (RR, registration ends 3 days before program)**
- Saturdays • Sept. 24 | Oct. 29 | Nov. 26 • 2:00-4:00 p.m.
  - Sept. 24: Apple Pie Bites & Tote Bags
  - Oct. 29: Curried Lentil & Squash Stew & Fabric Scrap Wreaths
  - Nov. 26: Cream Cheese Cranberry Bread & Autumn Leaf Mason Jar Candle Holders

**Homebrewing Club (RR, must be 21 or older to attend)**
- Bottling: Monday, September 12 • 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- Brew: Saturday, October 8 • 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
- Bottling: Monday, November 7 • 6:00-7:30 p.m.

**Adventures in Pickling (RR)**
- Monday, October 3 • 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- Bring in your favorite vegetables and make them even tastier by pickling them. Jars, vinegar, and spices will be provided.

**3D Printing: Jewelry (RR, two-part class)**
- Wednesdays, October 5 & 12 • 7:00-8:30 p.m.

**DIY 101 (RR, registration ends 3 days before program)**
- Thursday, November 10 • 7:00-8:30 p.m. • Holiday Ornaments

**Understanding Social Security (RR)**
- Tuesday, September 6 • 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- Learn how to maximize your Social Security benefits with Jim Flanagan of Bentron Financial Group, Inc.

**Chair Yoga (RR)**
- Mondays • 1:00-2:00 p.m. • Sept. 12, 26 | Oct. 10, 24 | Nov. 14, 28
- Chair yoga is gentle exercise done entirely in the chair or standing next to the chair. Learn about body and breathing while focusing on flexibility and the relaxation of body and mind. Bring a yoga mat or towel with you to the class.

**Movie Matinees (DI)**
- **Wednesday Matinees** • 1:30 p.m.
  - Watch popular new releases. Delicious popcorn provided.
- **Film Lovers’ Friday** • 1:30 p.m.
  - Enjoy a classic, documentary, or foreign film.
  - For info about upcoming movies, please call us, visit our website, or get a monthly schedule at the Adult Services Desk.

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**Resume Workshop (RR)**
- Wednesday, September 7 • 6:00-8:30 p.m.

**LibraryU: Introduction to Project Management (RR)**
- Thursdays, Sept. 8, 15, 22, 29 & Oct. 6, 13 • 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- This is a free, six-week, self-paced, online class facilitated by a librarian. Learn the steps, communication, and leadership skills necessary to complete a project.

**Interview Skills Workshop (RR)**
- Wednesday, September 14 • 6:00-8:30 p.m.

**Excel 2010 Basics (RR)**
- Monday, September 19 • 7:00-8:30 p.m.

**Excel 2010 Advanced Features (RR)**
- Wednesday, September 21 • 7:00-8:30 p.m.

**LibraryU: Resume, Networking, & Interview Skills (RR)**
- Tuesdays, Nov. 1, 8, 15, & 22 • 2:00-3:30 p.m.
- This is a free, four-week, self-paced, online class facilitated by a librarian.

**Excel 2010 Advanced Features (RR)**
- Thursday, November 17 • 7:00-8:30 p.m.

**Elmwood Park Works**

**Trivia @ Baciami (DI)**
- Tuesdays • Sept. 27 | Oct. 25 | Nov. 29 • 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.

**Tuesday Night Book Discussions (DI)**
- Tuesdays • 7:00-8:00 p.m.
- Pick up a copy of the book at the Adult Services Desk.
- September 20 • Foreign Gods, Inc. - by Okey Ndibe
- October 18 • Prayers for the Stolen - by Jennifer Clement
- November 15 • Travels with Charley - by John Steinbeck

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Teen Programs & Events (Grades 6-12)

Teen Gaming & Maker Mondays (DI)
Mondays • 4:00-5:00 p.m. • Grades 6-12
Looking for a place to hang out with friends and eat some snacks? Join us each Monday in the Lower Level.
We’ll have games available to play, along with craft supplies for you to get creative. So stop by and have some fun!

Young Adult Council (RR)
Sept. 8 / Oct. 13 / Nov. 10 • 7:00-8:30 p.m. • Grades 7-12
Want a say in what the Library does for teens? Want to make a difference in your community and get volunteer hours for it? Come join YAC and have some fun!

Project Next Generation Tech Classes (Grades 6-12)
Hour of Code (RR)
Thursdays • Sept. 8 / Oct. 6 / Nov. 3 • 6:00-7:00 p.m.
A hands-on coding experience introducing you to real-world coding.

TinkerCAD 3D Design & Printing (RR, four-part class)
September 13, 15, 20, & 22 • 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Create digital 3D models & print them on our Makerbot Replicator!

Glass Silhouettes (RR, two-part class)
September 27 & 29 • 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Use our Vinyl Cutter machine and Photoshop to create vinyl clings.

Papercraft & Photography (RR, four-part class)
October 11, 13, 18, & 20 • 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Create a unique papercraft figure, print it, assemble it, photograph it, and then Photoshop it!

Insta-Ghosts Photoshop (RR, two-part class)
October 25 & 27 • 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Take some goofy photos with your friends and spookify them for Halloween using Adobe Photoshop.

TinkerCAD 3D Design & Printing (RR, four-part class)
November 8, 10, 15, & 17 • 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Create digital 3D models & print them on our Makerbot Replicator!

Stop-Motion Animation (RR, two-part class)
November 22 & 29 • 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Learn how stop-motion animation works and create your own short stop-motion movie.

DIY Crafts (RR)
Spooky Holiday Hairbows
Thursday, October 27 • 4:00-4:45 p.m. • Grades 6-12

Photo Cube
Monday, November 21 • 6:00-6:30 p.m. • Grades 6-12

Let’s Cook (RR)
7:00-8:00 p.m. • Ages 10-18
Have you always wanted to learn how to cook? Come to these classes and learn how!
September 21: Create Your Own Pasta
November 30: Mashed Potatoes

Minecraft for Teens (RR)
Tuesday, Sept. 6 • 4:00-5:15 p.m. • Grades 6-12
Tuesday, Oct. 4 • 4:00-5:15 p.m. • Grades 6-12
Tuesday, Nov. 1 • 4:00-5:15 p.m. • Grades 6-12

Pokéwalks (DI) • Grades 4-12
Thursdays • all of September & October • 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Join us for a walk around the Circle to visit Pokéstops and see what Pokémon we can catch!

Teen Movie: The Boy (DI)
Wednesday, October 26 • 7:00-8:45 p.m.
Grades 6-12 • Popcorn will be served

School Resources
Brainfuse - Online Tutoring & Skills Building
Connect for free 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 can help. Skills building, practice tests, flashcards, and a writing lab are also available.

Textbooks for District 401
Use at the Library, or make copies of what you need to take home.

Study Rooms
Rooms are available for group projects or quiet study. Reserve up to two weeks ahead of time.

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MidKids Read: Book Club (RR)
Pick up a copy of the book from the Kids & Teens Desk a month ahead of time.

- **September 28**
  Save Me a Seat - by Sarah Weeks
- **October 26**
  Ghosts - by Raina Telgemeier
- **November 30**
  The Wild Robot - by Peter Brown

Craft Corner (RR)
Come do crafts with us! Sign up for each program separately.
- **Monday, Sept. 12** • 6:30-8:30 p.m. • Perler Bead Party
- **Wednesday, Sept. 14** • 4:00-5:00 p.m. • Weaving
- **Wednesday, Sept. 21** • 4:00-5:00 p.m. • Marbled Paper
- **Friday, Sept. 30** • 4:00-5:15 p.m. • Paper Airplanes
- **Monday, Oct. 3** • 6:30-8:30 p.m. • Perler Bead Party
- **Wednesday, Oct. 5** • 4:00-5:00 p.m. • Fall Tree Luminaries
- **Wednesday, Oct. 12** • 4:00-5:00 p.m. • Masquerade Masks
- **Tuesday, Oct. 25** • 4:00-5:00 p.m. • Spooky Holiday Hairbows
- **Friday, Oct. 28** • 4:00-5:15 p.m. • Horroregami
- **Monday, Nov. 7** • 6:30-8:30 p.m. • Perler Bead Party
- **Wednesday, Nov. 9** • 4:00-5:00 p.m. • Papel Picado Paper
- **Monday, Nov. 14** • 7:00-7:30 p.m. • DIY: Photo Cubes
- **Wednesday, Nov. 16** • 4:00-5:00 p.m. • Animal Keychains

Mighty Makers: Angry Birds (RR)
Saturday, October 15 • 1:30-2:30 p.m.
We’ll build towers and catapults to send those birds flying. Can you build a great structure that no one else will be able to knock down?

Gaming Programs
Come play games with us. If you don’t know how to play, we will happily teach you!

- **Minecraft for MidKids (RR)**
  Tuesdays • Sept. 20 | Oct. 18 | Nov. 15 • 4:00-5:15 p.m.

- **Chess Club (RR)**
  Fridays • Sept. 16 | Oct. 7 | Nov. 11 • 4:00-5:15 p.m.

- **Play Pokémon Trading Card Game (RR)**
  Mondays • Sept. 26 | Oct. 24 | Nov. 28 • 4:00-6:00 p.m.

- **Pokéwalks (DI) • Grades 4-12**
  Thursdays • all of September & October • 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Join us for a walk around the Circle to visit Pokéstops and see what Pokémon we can catch!

Meet the Artist (RR)
Thursdays • 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Join us for explorations of different artists and make your own work of art.
- **September 22** • Pablo Picasso
- **October 20** • Wassily Kandinsky
- **November 17** • Mark Rothko

Project Next Generation Tech Classes (Grades 4-6)

- **Hour of Code (RR)**
  Tuesdays • Sept. 6 | Oct. 4 | Nov. 1 • 6:00-7:00 p.m.
A hands-on coding experience introducing you to real-world coding.

- **Movie Making (RR, six-part class)**
  September 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, & 29 • 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Lights, Camera, Action! Let’s write a script, shoot some footage, and edit it into a movie!

- **TinkerCAD 3D Design & Printing (RR, two-part class)**
  October 11 & 13 • 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Create digital 3D models & print them on our Makerbot Replicator!

- **Paint Your Face (RR, two-part class)**
  October 18 & 20 • 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Join this Project Next Generation class if you want to learn Adobe Photoshop basics. We’ll use a combination of cameras, tracing on paper, and Photoshop to produce a one-of-a-kind self portrait!

- **L.E.D. Ghosts (RR, two-part class)**
  October 25 & 27 • 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Learn to make some spooky D.I.Y. "ghosts" using ordinary items and some simple L.E.D.’s (light emitting diodes), batteries, and magnets!

- **Mixcraft (RR, four-part class)**
  November 8, 10, 15 & 17 • 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Learn how to use the digital audio creation software Mixcraft and make your own song.

- **Kahoot Trivia (RR)**
  Tuesday, November 29 • 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Join us for a fun interactive trivia game using the Kahoot! framework. Learn how to create your own and quiz your friends!

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).
Kids Programs & Events

Story Times

Moms, Pops & Tots (DI) • Ages 0-2
Session 1: Wednesdays • September 7 - October 12 • 9:30-10:00 a.m.
Session 2: Wednesdays • November 2 - December 7 • 9:30-10:00 a.m.
Stories, songs, and playtime designed with little ones in mind.

Drop-in Story Time - Mondays (DI) • Ages 2-5
Session 1: Mondays • September 12 - October 10 • 11:00-11:30 a.m.
Session 2: Mondays • October 31 - December 5 • 11:00-11:30 a.m.
Join us for stories, songs, and imaginative play. Puppets, parachute, music, bubbles - you never know what fun awaits!

Session 1:
• Preschool Story Time (RR)
• Drop-in Story Time - Tuesdays (DI)
• September 27
• September 20
• September 13 & October 4
• September 6 & October 11

Session 2:
• Story Time in the Park - Tuesdays (DI)
• Drop-in Story Time - Mondays (DI)

Preschool Story Time (RR) • Ages 3-5
Session 1: Wednesdays • September 7 - October 12 • 10:00-10:30 a.m.
Session 1: Thursdays • September 8 - October 13 • 11:00-11:30 a.m.
Session 2: Wednesdays • November 2 - December 7 • 10:00-10:30 a.m.
Session 2: Thursdays • November 3 - December 8 • 11:00-11:30 a.m.
Join us for stories, songs, & fun. After 30 minutes of stories, stay for 15 minutes of "Stay & Play" with puppets, parachute, bubbles - you never know what awaits! (For each session, choose either Wednesday or Thursday.)

Stories & Crafts (RR)
Join us for these specially themed story times that include fun crafts.

• Back to School Story Time • Sept. 8 • 4:00-4:45 p.m. • Grades K-2
• Pirate Story Time • September 13 • 4:00-4:45 p.m. • Ages 4-8
• Stories of the Sea • September 27 • 4:00-4:45 p.m. • Grades K-2
• Black Cat Story Time • October 4 • 4:00-4:45 p.m. • Ages 4-8
• Fire Safety Story Time • October 6 • 4:00-4:45 p.m. • Ages 4-8
• Scary Stories • October 11 • 4:00-4:45 p.m. • Grades K-2
• Pajama Story Time • October 12 • 7:00-7:45 p.m. • Ages 3-8
• Sign Language Story Time • Nov. 10 • 4:00-4:45 p.m. • Ages 4-8
• Turkey Story Time • November 23 • 4:00-4:45 p.m. • Ages 4-8

More Fun Programs

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Saturday, October 15 • 10:30-11:30 a.m. • Grades K-2
We’ll build towers and catapults to send those birds flying. Can you build a great structure that no one else will be able to knock down?

Featured Guest Performers

Juggling Hijinks with Chris Fascione (RR)
Monday, September 19 • 7:00-8:00 p.m. • Ages 3-10
You’ll be laughing out loud as nationally-known family entertainer Chris Fascione brings children’s stories to life with his high-spirited and innovative performances.

Dave Herzog’s Marionettes (RR)
Monday, October 10 • 7:00-8:00 p.m. • Ages 3-10
Dave Herzog and those merry marionettes are back at the Library for a super Halloween show.

Family Events

Fall Fest (DI) • All ages
Saturday, September 24 • 12:00-5:00 p.m.
Sunday, September 25 • 12:00-5:00 p.m.
Stop by our booth at Elmwood Park’s Fall Fest for some games and crafts.

Family Bingo (RR) • All ages
Wednesday, September 28 • 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Harry Potter Party (RR) • All ages
Monday, October 17 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Come celebrate Harry Potter with magical games and crafts.

Trick-or-Treating at the Library (DI) • All ages
Monday, October 31 • 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

International Games Day (RR) • All ages
Saturday, November 19 • 1:00-3:00 p.m.
Join us for International Games Day by playing your favorite games at the Library.

Family Movie Showings (DI) • All ages
Join us for some movie magic. Popcorn will be served.
September 26 • 7:00-8:45 p.m. • Zootopia
October 24 • 7:00-8:45 p.m. • Angry Birds
November 28 • 6:45-8:45 p.m. • Alice Through the Looking Glass

Ride the Horse (DI) • All ages
Wednesdays • Sept. 7 / Oct. 5 / Nov. 2 • 4:00-4:30 p.m.

Football Fun (RR)
Thursday, September 15 • 4:00-4:45 p.m. • Grades K-2

Stuffed Animal Sleepover (RR)
Thursday, September 22 • 4:00-4:30 p.m. • Grades K-2

Board Game Fun with Miss Irene (DI)
Thursday, September 29 • 4:00-4:45 p.m. • Ages 5-10

Puzzle Fun with Miss Irene (DI)
Thursday, October 13 • 4:00-4:45 p.m. • Ages 5-10

Pumpkin Carving (RR)
Thursday, Oct. 27 • 7:00-8:30 p.m. • Ages 5-10 w/parent

Let’s Talk Pilgrims (RR)
Tuesday, November 22 • 4:00-4:45 p.m. • Grades K-2

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Banned Books Week: Sept. 25 - Oct. 1
Banned Books Week is an annual celebration of the freedom to read in the face of ongoing book censorship. Stop by the Library to check out book displays and other ways we are celebrating this important week.

Upcoming Releases in Books
Want to be put on hold for any of these upcoming releases? Give us a call at 708.453.7645 or visit our online catalog, login, and place the holds yourself.

You can also sign up to be a part of our Bestsellers Club, where you automatically get put on hold for the newest releases from the authors on our list. Never miss your favorite author's books again! Sign up online or in Adult Services.

September Books
Home - Harlan Coben
Razor Girl - Carl Hiaasen
Commonwealth - Ann Patchett
Apprentice in Death - J.D. Robb
The Kept Woman - Karin Slaughter

October Books
Order to Kill - Vince Flynn
Trespasser - Tana French
The Whistler - John Grisham
Small Great Things - Jodi Picoult
Two by Two - Nicholas Sparks

November Books
This Was a Man - Jeffrey Archer
Night School - Lee Child
The Wrong Side of Goodbye - Michael Connelly
Turbo Twenty-Three - Janet Evanovich
Cross the Line - James Patterson
The Award - Danielle Steel

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

Closures
Sunday, September 4: Labor Day Weekend
Monday, September 5: Labor Day
Monday, October 31: Halloween - Close at 5:00 p.m.
Friday, November 4: Staff Development Day
Wednesday, November 23: Close at 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 24: Thanksgiving Day

Board Meetings
Thursday, September 15 • 8:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 20 • 8:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 17 • 8:00 p.m.

Library Director & Board
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Jonathan Rivera, Vice President
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Who are the Friends and what do they do?
The Friends of the Elmwood Park Public Library is a group of local folks who care about helping the Library and raise money to enhance library programs, collections, and services.

Be a Friend - Buy a Book!
The Friends organize and maintain an ongoing book sale in the Library’s lobby. Prices range from $0.25 for kids books to $1.00 for adult books, with occasional specialty items. Browse the paperbacks, kids books, cookbooks, DVDs, and more, and simply pay at the donation box. You may also donate books to the Library at the dropbox in the lobby.

Thank you for your support!

For accommodations at an event or class, please contact us, allowing seven days’ notice to best serve you.

Library events and classes may be 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.