Laptop Checkout

We now have five Chromebooks and one Macbook available for two-hour checkout periods (plus two renewals) within the Library. Bring your Elmwood Park library card and ID to the Adult Services Desk to try one today.

September is National Library Card Signup Month

The Teen Titans encourage you to unleash your superpowers by getting a library card!

What powers does a library card give you? With it you can: check out books, movies, music, video games, and magazines; download digital eBooks, eAudiobooks, and eMagazines; and access online resources to search for articles, learn languages, or get homework help.

Also, stop by Massa Café Italiano (7434 North Ave.) during September, show them your Elmwood Park library card, and receive a free small gelato! (Monday-Thursday only. Limit one per card during promotional period. Cannot be used with other discounts.)

How do you get one of these powerful library cards? It’s easy. All you need is your IL Driver’s License or State ID with your current Elmwood Park address.

You can register for a new card or renew an expired card by either coming in to the Library or finding us around town at our pop-up registration table. Once a week during September we will be at different locations in town. Check the Library’s website, Facebook, and Twitter pages for locations and times.

When you get or renew a card during National Library Card Signup Month, you will be entered into a raffle to win some fabulous prizes. The only thing more powerful than a Teen Titan? Your library card!

Homework 911

Tuesdays & Thursdays • Sept. 5 - Dec. 14 • 4:00-6:00 p.m.

We are excited to announce our brand new homework help center, Homework 911!

Students in grades K-6 can come talk to certified teachers who will be on hand to help them with their homework questions and needs. Teachers will work with students in groups or one-on-one as time and space allow.

Elmwood Park Public Library’s Club Conti Presents:

A Gatsby Gala

Saturday, September 30 • 8:00-11:00 p.m.

For one night, Elmwood Park Public Library transforms into a 1920’s underground nightclub, complete with signature drinks, jazz music, dancing, light refreshments, and lots of glamour.

So, put on your best dress or pinstriped suit and enjoy an Adults Only evening. It’ll be the cat’s pajamas!

Event tickets are $20.00* and are on sale now at the Circulation Desk and through our website. Each ticket includes two drinks, hors d’oeuvres, and photo booth picture.

During the Gala, there will also be fun prize drawings for gift baskets.

Other activities will include stations for beer tasting, making accessories to spruce up your outfit, and more.

*The Gatsby Gala is a fundraising event. All proceeds will help fund the last phase of the Library’s major improvements, which include a lobby redesign with snack space and a modernized Story Room. We hope you have fun and thank you for your contributions!

(This is a 21 & over event. IDs will be checked at the door.)

Always open: www.elmwoodparklibrary.org
Super Couponing with Jill Cataldo (RR)
Thursday, September 28 • 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Learn how to maximize your grocery savings and purchase hundreds of dollars worth of groceries for just pennies! Learn couponing secrets of the pros, which stores will let you stack multiple coupons, how to track sales and discounts online, and best of all - how to get the store to pay YOU to shop.
This event is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Yoga Classes (RR)
For both programs, please bring a yoga mat and water bottle.
Chair Yoga
Mondays • Sept. 11, 25 / Oct. 9, 23 / Nov. 13, 27 • 1:00-2:00 p.m.
Floor Yoga
Mondays • Sept. 18 / Oct. 16 / Nov. 20 • 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Kevin Coval Reads from A People’s History of Chicago (RR)
Thursday, October 19 • 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Chicago poet, author, and founder of the Louder Than a Bomb youth poetry festival will read from his new book, A People’s History of Chicago.
Named Best Chicago Poet by The Chicago Reader, Kevin Coval channels Howard Zinn to celebrate the history of this great American city from the perspective of those on the margins, whose stories often go untold.

Computers & Technology
Download Digital Magazines & eBooks (DI)
Sept. 12, 20, or 28 • 3:30-5:00 p.m.
Basic Computer Skills (RR)
Tuesday, Sept. 12 • 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Introduction to the Internet (RR, basic skills required)
Thursday, Sept. 21 • 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Social Media Monday: Facebook (RR)
Monday, Sept. 25 • 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Excel 2010 Classes (RR)
Basics: Tuesday, Oct. 3 • 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Intermediate: Tuesday, Oct. 10 • 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Advanced: Thursday, Nov. 9 • 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Social Media Monday: Twitter (RR)
Monday, Oct. 23 • 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Create a Holiday Newsletter in Word (RR)
Wednesday, Nov. 15 • 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Social Media Monday: Instagram (RR)
Monday, Nov. 27 • 7:00-8:30 p.m.

For more information visit elmwoodparklibrary.org | (DI) = Drop-in | (RR) = Registration Required | Sign up online, in person, or by phone.
Teen Programs & Events (Grades 6-12)

Young Adult Council (RR)
Sept. 14 / Oct. 12 / Nov. 9 • 7:00-8:30 p.m. • Grades 7-12
Teens are invited to join the Library's volunteer group and have some fun. Gain service hours and help raise money for local charities.

Teen Movies (DI)
**Kong: Skull Island** (Rated PG-13)
Thursday, Sept. 7 • 6:30-8:30 p.m. • Grades 6-12
**Killer Klowns from Outer Space** (Rated PG-13)
Thursday, Oct. 5 • 6:30-8:30 p.m. • Grades 6-12
**Ghost in the Shell** (Rated PG-13)
Thursday, Nov. 2 • 6:30-8:30 p.m. • Grades 6-12

Craft & Food Programs

LED Paracord Bracelets (RR)
Monday, October 16 • 7:00-8:00 p.m. • Grades 7-12
Parachute cord, or paracord, is a lightweight survival tool used by the U.S. Military. We’re combining paracord bracelets with LED lights. Join us for a lesson in circuitry and parachute cord tying.

I Want to Cook (RR)
Mondays • 6:30-8:30 p.m. • Grades 7-12
Put on your chef hat and join us for a class meant for chefs-in-training as we cook up dinner!

Project Next Generation Tech Classes (Grades 6-12)

Robot Club (RR)
Thursdays • September 7 / October 5 / November 2 • 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Interested in robotics? Join our monthly robot club to learn how to use our Vex Robotics kit and form our very own Library Robotics Team!

Hour of Code (RR)
Thursdays • September 7 / October 5 / November 2 • 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Not only is coding massively important, but it can also be pretty fun! Sign up for this quick introduction to activities on Code.org and play fun games while learning the fundamentals of basic coding. Then try your hand on some of our programmable robots!

Movie Making (RR, six-part class)
September 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, & 28 • 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Lights, Camera, Action! Write a script, shoot footage, and edit it into a movie.

Harry Potter Book Page Art (RR, two-part class)
October 10 & 12 • 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Create an awesome piece of art out of pages from an old discarded copy of Harry Potter using our Silhouette Cameo vinyl cutter and your own creativity.

TinkerCAD (RR, four-part class)
October 17, 19, 24, & 26 • 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Create 3D models and print them out on the Makerbot Replicator! This 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.

Maker Skills: Soldering (RR, four-part class)
November 7, 9, 14, & 16 • 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Learn how to solder! We'll teach you how to handle a soldering iron and soldering safety, how to assemble components on a circuit board, and everything else you need to know to bring electronics to life!

Thanksgiving Table Place Cards (RR)
November 21 • 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Need decorations for your Thanksgiving table? Don't go to the store, let's design them ourselves and make them real using our Silhouette Cameo electronic cutting machine!

Negative Space Art (RR, two-part class)
November 28 & 30 • 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Combine creativity and technology in this fun program that utilizes vinyl cutting technology and natural artistry to create cool art!
Homework 911

Tuesdays & Thursdays • Sept. 5 - Dec. 14 • 4:00-6:00 p.m.

We are excited to announce our brand new homework help center, Homework 911! Beginning after Labor Day, Homework 911 will be an after-school program at the Elmwood Park Public Library on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Students in grades K-6 can come talk to certified teachers who will be on hand to help them with their homework questions and needs. Teachers will work with students in groups or one-on-one as time and space allow.

Craft Corner (RR)

Come do crafts with us! Sign up for each program separately.

- Tuesday, September 5 • 4:00-5:00 p.m. • Friendship Bracelets
- Tuesday, September 12 • 7:00-8:00 p.m. • Glitter Luminaries
- Tuesday, October 3 • 4:00-5:00 p.m. • Collage Art
- Tuesday, October 17 • 4:00-5:00 p.m. • Tie Dye Art
- Monday, October 30 • 7:00-8:00 p.m. • LED Paracord Bracelets
- Tuesday, November 14 • 4:00-5:00 p.m. • Galaxy Watercolors
- Tuesday, November 28 • 7:00-8:00 p.m. • Self Portraits

MidKid Yoga (RR, five-part class)

Nov. 27, 28, 29, 30 & Dec. 1 • 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Join us for a week of fun & invigorating yoga!

Gaming Programs

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

Minecraft for MidKids (RR)

Mondays • Sept. 18 / Oct. 2 / Nov. 6 • 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Chess Club (RR)

Mondays • Sept. 11 / Oct. 9 / Nov. 13 • 4:00-5:15 p.m.

Play Pokémon Trading Card Game (RR)

Mondays • Sept. 25 / Oct. 16 / Nov. 27 • 4:00-5:30 p.m.

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 28 • Claude Monet
- October 26 • Jose Guadalupe Posada
- November 9 • Rene Magritte

MidKid Programs & Events (Grades 3-6)

Hour of Code (RR)

Thursdays • September 7 / October 5 / November 2 • 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Not only is coding massively important, but it can also be pretty fun! Sign up for this quick introduction to activities on Code.org and play fun games while learning the fundamentals of basic coding. Then try your hand on some of our programmable robots!

Live Action Comic Books (RR, four-part class)

September 12, 14, 19, & 21 • 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Convert digital photos of real people and objects into cartoons, add captions, and create your own comic.

Negative Space Art (RR, two-part class)

September 26 & 28 • 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Combine creativity and technology in this fun program that utilizes vinyl cutting technology and natural artistry to create cool art!

MidKid Read: Book Club (RR)

Pick up a copy of the book at the Kids & Teens Desk.

- 4:00-5:00 p.m.
- Sept. 26 • Hello, Universe - Erin Entrada Kelly
- Oct. 25 • Matilda - Roald Dahl
- Nov. 21 • The War That Saved My Life - Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

Project Next Generation Tech Classes (Grades 4-6)

Ozobot Obstacle Course Challenge (RR, two-part class)

October 10 & 12 • 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Use coding techniques you’ve picked up from our Hour of Code sessions to program our cute Ozobot robots to run an obstacle course! (no previous coding experience necessary)

PNG Radio: Scary Stories (RR, four-part class)

October 17, 19, 24 & 26 • 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Read and record scary stories and then edit them into a riveting radio hour!

Maker Skills: Video Game Development (RR, four-part class)

November 7, 9, 14 & 16 • 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Try your hand at making a simple video game using Flowlab!

Thanksgiving Table Place Cards (RR)

November 21 • 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Need decorations for your Thanksgiving table? Don’t go to the store, let’s design them ourselves and make them real using our Silhouette Cameo electronic cutting machine!

Drawn to Life (RR, two-part class)

November 28 & 30 • 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Learn Adobe Photoshop basics and combine cameras, tracing on paper, and Photoshop to produce a one-of-a-kind self portrait!

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).

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Story, Craft, & Play Times

Story sessions are followed by open play time designed to stimulate and support your child’s early development, motor skills, problem-solving, and socialization.

Little Explorers Story Time (RR) • Ages 6-24 months with caregiver
**Session 1:** Mondays • September 11 - October 9 • 9:30-10:15 a.m.
**Session 2:** Mondays • October 30 - December 4 • 9:30-10:15 a.m.
Explore the wonder of books, puppets, bounces, and rhymes.

Tiny Tots (DI) • Ages 0-24 months with caregiver
**Session 1:** Wednesdays • September 6 - October 11 • 9:30-10:00 a.m.
**Session 2:** Wednesdays • November 1 - December 6 • 9:30-10:00 a.m.
Discover story time with books, songs, puppets, and more.

Elmwood Park Neighborhood Play Date (DI) • Ages 0-10 with caregiver
**Saturday, September 9 • 9:30-11:30 a.m.**
Calling all kids! Bring your whole family and join us for a neighborhood-wide play date at Central Park!

Elmwood Park Play Group (DI) • Ages 0-5 with caregiver
**Fridays • October 13 / November 10 • 9:30-11:30 a.m.**
Connect, create, and play in our pop-up play space.

Wiggles & Giggles Story Time (DI) • Ages 2-5 with caregiver
**Session 1:** Mondays • September 11 - October 9 • 11:00-11:45 a.m.
**Session 2:** Mondays • October 30 - December 4 • 11:00-11:45 a.m.
Wake up your week with books, songs, movement, and dance.

Park Adventures (DI) • Ages 2-5 with caregiver
**Tuesdays • 11:00-11:45 a.m.**
Go to the park and tackle Tuesday with books, songs, movement, and dance.
- **September 5** - Triangle Park
- **September 12** - Kathy Torpe Park
- **September 19** - John Mills Park
- **September 26** - Central Park
- **October 3** - Kathy Torpe Park
- **October 10** - Triangle Park

Giggles & Grins Story Time (DI) • Ages 2-5 with caregiver
**Session 1:** Tuesdays • November 7 - December 5 • 11:00-11:45 a.m.
Tackle Tuesday with books, songs, movement, and dance at the Library.

Rockin’ Reads - Wednesdays (RR) • Ages 3-5
**Session 1:** Wednesdays, September 6 - October 11 • 10:00-10:45 a.m.
**Session 2:** Wednesdays, November 1 - December 6 • 10:00-10:45 a.m.
Get ready to rock with books, songs, puppets, and more.

Rockin’ Reads - Thursdays (RR) • Ages 3-5
**Session 1:** Thursdays, September 7 - October 12 • 11:00-11:45 a.m.
**Session 2:** Thursdays, November 2 - December 7 • 11:00-11:45 a.m.
Get ready to rock with books, songs, puppets, and more.

Stories & Crafts (RR)
Join us for these specially themed story times that include fun crafts.
- **Back-to-School Story Time** • September 7 • 4:00-4:45 p.m. • Grades K-2
- **Football Fun** • September 14 • 4:00-4:45 p.m. • Grades K-2
- **Owl Story Time** • September 25 • 4:00-4:45 p.m. • Ages 4-8
- **PJ Story Time** • October 4 • 7:00-7:45 p.m. • Ages 3-8
- **Fire Safety Story Time** • October 5 • 4:00-4:45 p.m. • Ages 4-8
- **Black Cat Story Time** • October 30 • 4:00-4:45 p.m. • Ages 4-8
- **Hug a Bear Day** • November 7 • 4:00-4:45 p.m. • Grades K-2
- **Who’s There? Owl Adventure** • Nov. 16 • 4:00-4:45 p.m. • Grades K-2
- **Thankful Story Time** • Nov. 20 • 4:00-4:45 p.m. • Ages 4-8
- **Thomas the Tank Engine Story Time** • Nov. 22 • 4:00-4:45 p.m. • Ages 3-8

Italian Story Time w/Special Guest Maryann Pisano (RR)
**Tuesday, September 19 • 4:00-5:00 p.m. • Ages 4-8**
Listen to Maryann Pisano read her book about her grandparents coming to America.

Stuffed Animal Sleepover
**September 27 • 7:00-7:45 p.m. • Ages 3-8**
Bring a favorite stuffed animal for bedtime stories & craft. Then the animals stay at the Library for a sleepover! Pick them up Friday along with a photo book of their night.

Family Events

**Family Bingo (DI) • All ages**
**Tuesday, September 5 • 7:00-8:00 p.m.**

**Family Movie Showings (DI) • All ages**
Join us for some movie magic. Popcorn will be served.
**October 2 • 7:00-8:45 p.m. • Smurfs: The Lost Village**
**November 6 • 7:00-8:45 p.m. • Spark**

**Mighty Makers: Toy Test Lab (RR) • Grades K-5**
**Saturday, October 21 • 10:30-11:45 a.m.**
Make toys that flip, spin, and buzz using balloons, straws, corks and other household objects.

**Family Trivia Night (DI) • All ages**
**Tuesday, October 24 • 7:00-8:00 p.m.**

**Pumpkin Carving (RR) • Ages 5-10 w/parent**
**Wednesday, October 25 • 7:00-8:30 p.m.**

**Family LEGO Night (DI) • All ages**
**Tuesday, November 7 • 7:00-8:00 p.m.**

More Fun Programs

**Ride the Horse (DI) • All ages**
**Wednesdays • Sept. 6 / Oct. 4 / Nov. 1 • 4:00-4:30 p.m.**

**Mad Science Club (RR)**
**Sept. 6 / Oct. 24 / Nov. 8 • 4:00-5:00 p.m. • Grades K-2**

**Mermaid Adventure (RR)**
**Tuesday, September 12 • 4:00-5:00 p.m. • Grades K-2**

**Puzzle Fun (RR)**
**Thursday, September 21 • 4:00-5:00 p.m. • Ages 5-10**

**Board Game Fun (RR)**
**Monday, October 23 • 4:00-5:00 p.m. • Ages 5-10**

**Super Stolie Halloween Show (RR)**
**Tuesday, Oct. 31 • 11:00-11:45 a.m. • Ages 1-5**
Dress up and join the creative and vibrant Super Stolie for a spectacular, musical Halloween show with dancing and fun.

After the show, trick-or-treat throughout the Library!

*This program is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Elmwood Park Public Library.*

Child’s Play - Learning Through Play (Class for Parents, Gateway Certified, RR)

**Saturday, October 7 • 10:00 a.m. • 12:00 p.m.**
**or** **Monday, October 9 • 7:00-9:00 p.m.**

Child development experts agree that play is essential for learning for healthy development. Join us as we explore ways to advocate, design, and facilitate high quality play experiences for our youngest learners.

This class is presented by Mary Sue Reese, Early Childhood Education Specialist; with Carly Schneider, Developmental Therapist and Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor.
Upcoming Book Releases

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, log in, 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**
- Don’t Let Go - Harlan Coben
- The Cuban Affair - Nelson DeMille
- To Be Where You Are - Jan Karon
- Sleeping Beauties - Stephen King & Owen King

**October Books**
- Origin - Dan Brown
- Two Kinds of Truth - Michael Connelly
- Mind Game - Iris Johansen
- Deep Freeze - John Sandford

**November Books**
- The True Story of Arthur Truluv - Elizabeth Berg
- Midnight Line - Lee Child
- The House of Unexpected Sisters - Alexander McCall Smith

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eBook & eMagazine Apps

This summer two of our popular apps used for eBooks and eMagazines added new names and new apps:

**Overdrive adds new app Libby**
Overdrive has created a bright, modern update to reading eBooks with the new Libby app. It is designed to be easier to use, including requiring only your library card and PIN to log in. But if you don’t want to switch, don’t worry. The current OverDrive app is not going away. Libby is just a friendlier new option.

**Zinio for Libraries is now RBdigital**
The Zinio brand, owned by Recorded Books, is going away. But the digital magazines that the Library subscribes to are not. They have been rolled into the new RBdigital app, where you can continue to use your former Zinio account to checkout and download magazines. Just be aware that the old Zinio for Libraries app will stop working on September 8.

For more details on either Libby or RBdigital, please visit our website for instruction guides, schedule a one-on-one, or come to one of the drop-in classes below.

**Download Digital Magazines & eBooks (DI)**
*September 12, 20, or 28 • 3:30-5:00 p.m.*
Drop-in for help downloading magazines with the new RBdigital app. Learn about the new easy-to-use Libby app for eBooks and audiobooks from OverDrive.

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Help Us Make Summer Reading Better!

We are always striving to improve the Library. While Summer Reading is great, we want to make it even better. Visit the Surveys or Summer Reading pages of our website to take a quick survey about your Summer Reading experience and tell us what we can do to make it better next year!

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Friends of the Elmwood Park Public Library

**Who are the Friends and what do they do?**
The Friends of the Elmwood Park Public Library raise money through membership and book sales to support the Library. Recent donations include the usual support of programs, plus an outside bench near our butterfly garden, an interactive play piece on the upstairs balcony fence, new Explore-to-Go Kits, and more.

Thank you for your support!

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**Friends Membership**
Membership is a $5.00 annual donation. Whether you choose to be an active volunteer or not, every membership helps. Find the membership form on our website, as well as meeting info.

**Be a Friend - Buy a Book!**
The Friends organize and maintain an ongoing book sale in the Library’s lobby. Browse 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.

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

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