Charger Cords for Checkout

Have you ever been hanging out at the Library and found your phone or tablet was out of juice? And then the panic sets in...

Don't worry! You can now check out a charger cord from the Library.

With your library card, you can check out one of six Micro USB Cable Chargers (compatible with Android devices) or one of six Lightning Cable Chargers (compatible with iOS devices). They are limited to in-house use only, and only one per card.

Just ask at the Circulation Desk.

Prom Dress Extravaganza

Prom is an important, but expensive, event for high schoolers. That’s why this spring we will host a Prom Dress giveaway to provide free dresses to our resident teens.

In order to make this giveaway possible, we need dresses! So between now and March 15, please donate your gently used dresses to the Kids & Teens Desk. We will have more details about the giveaway in our Spring Newsletter.

Drive & Dash Book Drop

It’s getting cold out, and sometimes you just don’t want to get out of the car to return those books. You don’t have to!

Use our Drive & Dash Book Drop located in our back parking lot. Just turn in to the driveway right after the Library on the Avenue of the Flags, and you’ll see the Book Drop at the exit back onto Grand Ave.

Letters to Santa

Not sure how you’re going to get that important letter to Santa Claus this year? Let the Library help!

Drop off your letter to Santa in our special box at the Kids & Teens Desk by December 17, and we’ll get that letter to the North Pole for you! Make sure to include your full name and address, and we’ll make sure the big guy himself sends you a response.

The Jingle Bell Express by American Eagle Productions (RR)

Monday, December 12 • 7:00-8:00 p.m. • All ages

’Tis the season for love and laughter, cookies and cocoa, and giving. Get in the spirit with this fast-paced review of 20 of your favorite holiday songs.

This program is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Elmwood Park Public Library.
Crafting, Food & Drink

Adult Coloring Club (DI)
Saturdays • Dec. 3 / Jan. 7 / Feb. 18 • 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Tuesdays • Dec. 13 / Jan. 24 / Feb. 7 • 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Eat & Make (RR, registration ends 3 days before program)
Saturdays • Dec. 17 / Jan. 28 / Feb. 25 • 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Dec. 17: Peppermint Marshmallows & Winter Window Clings
Jan. 28: Buffalo Chicken or Tofu Tortilla Rolls & Felt Coffee Cozies
Feb. 25: Red Wine Velvet Cake & Woven Wall Murals

Homebrewing Club (RR, must be 21 or older to attend)
Brew: Saturday, December 10 • 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Bottling: Monday, January 9 • 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Brew: Saturday, February 11 • 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

DIY Vinyl Cutter - Coffee Mugs (RR, registration ends 3 days before program)
Tuesday, December 6 • 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Design a decal for a coffee mug to keep or to give as a gift.

Computers & Technology

Basic Computer Skills (RR)
Wednesday, December 7 • 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Intro to the Internet (RR, basic skills required)
Thursday, December 15 • 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Cyber Safety (RR, basic computer skills required)
Monday, December 19 • 7:00-8:30 p.m.

BYOD: Bring Your Own Device (RR)
Wednesday, January 11 • 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Bring your own smartphone, tablet, or laptop and learn to download eBooks and audiobooks with your library card. Elmwood Park residents only.

Excel 2010 Basics (RR)
Thursday, January 19 • 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Excel 2010 Advanced Features (RR)
Thursday, January 26 • 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Learn advanced features like pivot tables, 3D sums, conditional formatting, and IF formulas.

Appy Hour (RR)
Wednesday, February 8 • 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Join us for a fun overview of free apps for Apple and Android devices. Productivity, music streaming, photo editing, reading, and more are included.

Word 2010 Basics (RR)
Thursday, February 16 • 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Powerpoint 2010 Basics (RR)
Monday, February 20 • 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Chair Yoga (RR)
Mondays • 1:00-2:00 p.m. • Dec. 12, 26 / Jan. 9, 23 / Feb. 13, 27
Chair yoga is gentle exercise done entirely in a chair or standing next to a 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.

Games in the Afternoon (RR)
Mondays • 2:00-3:30 p.m. • Jan. 30 / Feb. 6 / Feb. 20
January 30: Canasta
February 6: Mahjong
February 20: Gin Rummy

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.

Tuesday Night Book Discussions (DI)

Tuesdays • 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Pick up a copy of the book at the Adult Services Desk.
Jan. 17 • Big Little Lies - by Liane Moriarty
Feb. 21 • The Book of Unknown Americans - by Cristina Henriquez

Trivia @ Baciami (DI)

Tuesdays • January 31 / February 28 • 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Trivia Night will be held at Baciami. Bring a team of up to four people for a night of fun, challenging trivia and prizes.

Valentine’s Day Movie Marathons

Rom-Com Movie Marathon
Monday, February 13 • 3:00-8:00 p.m.
Watch some romantic comedies and enjoy some popcorn.

Anti-Valentine’s Day Horror Movie Marathon
Tuesday, February 14 • 4:00-8:30 p.m.
Watch some horror films and enjoy some popcorn.

A-Theme Chili & Chowder (RR)
Thursday, February 23 • 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Step out of the cold and warm up with A-theme’s soup making program sponsored by the Friends of the Library. This program will feature chili and chowder.

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)

Teen Gaming & Maker Mondays (DI)
Mondays • Jan. 9, 23 / Feb. 6, 20 • 4:00-5:00 p.m. • Grades 6-12
Looking for a place to hang out with friends and eat some snacks? Join us Mondays 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!

Trading Card Games: Magic the Gathering & Yu-Gi-Oh! (DI)
Wednesdays • 4:00-6:00 p.m. • Ages 10-18

Minecraft for Teens (RR)
Wednesday, Dec. 28 • 2:00-3:30 p.m. • Grades 6-12
Wednesday, Jan. 25 • 7:00-8:30 p.m. • Grades 6-12
Wednesday, Feb. 15 • 7:00-8:30 p.m. • Grades 6-12

Young Adult Council (RR)
Dec. 8 / Jan. 12 / Feb. 9 • 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 • Dec. 8 / Jan. 12 / Feb. 16 • 6:00-7:00 p.m.
A hands-on coding experience introducing you to real-world coding.

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

Ozobots (RR, two-part class)
January 10 & 12 • 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Have fun using your own robot to explore hands-on coding and learn about command coding.

Mixcraft (RR, four-part class)
January 17, 19, 24, & 26 • 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Learn how to use the digital audio creation software Mixcraft and make your own song.

Kahoot Trivia (RR)
Tuesday, January 31 • 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Join us for a fun interactive trivia game using the Kahoot! framework. Learn how to create your own and quiz your friends!

Movie Making (RR, six-part class)
February 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, & 23 • 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Lights, Camera, Action! Let’s write a script, shoot some footage, and edit it into a movie!

DIY Crafts (RR)
Come do crafts with us! Sign up for each program separately.

Jewel Case Photo Cubes
Wednesday, December 14 • 4:00-4:45 p.m. • Grades 6-12

Pattern Tape Wall Art
Monday, January 9 • 7:00-8:00 p.m. • Grades 6-12

Winter Hairbows
Monday, January 30 • 7:00-7:45 p.m. • Grades 6-12

Glitter Mugs
Monday, February 20 • 7:00-7:45 p.m. • Grades 6-12

Spring Hairbows
Monday, February 27 • 7:00-7:45 p.m. • Grades 6-12

Teens Read: Book Club (RR)
Pick up a copy of the book from the Kids & Teens Desk a month ahead of time.
Thursdays • 7:00-7:45 p.m. • Grades 7-12
• January 26
   The Other Side of the Wall - by Simon Schwartz
• February 23
   Challenger Deep - by Neal Shusterman

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Gaming Programs

Dungeons & Dragons (DI)
Dec. 15 | Jan. 19 | Feb. 16 • 5:00-8:30 p.m. • Grades 7-12

Trading Card Games: Magic the Gathering & Yu-Gi-Oh! (DI)
Wednesdays • 4:00-6:00 p.m. • Ages 10-18

Minecraft for Teens (RR)
Wednesday, Dec. 28 • 2:00-3:30 p.m. • Grades 6-12
Wednesday, Jan. 25 • 7:00-8:30 p.m. • Grades 6-12
Wednesday, Feb. 15 • 7:00-8:30 p.m. • Grades 6-12

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Pattern Tape Wall Art
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Monday, January 30 • 7:00-7:45 p.m. • Grades 6-12

Glitter Mugs
Monday, February 20 • 7:00-7:45 p.m. • Grades 6-12

Spring Hairbows
Monday, February 27 • 7:00-7:45 p.m. • Grades 6-12

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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MidKid Programs & Events (Grades 3-6)

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

Pick up a copy of the book from the Kids & Teens Desk a month ahead of time.

- **January 25**
  The Little Prince by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry
- **February 22**
  The Mighty Odds by Amy Ignatow

**Mighty Makers: Annual LEGO Race (RR)**

Saturday, January 21 • 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Take your building skills to the next level as you participate in challenges from tallest tower to fastest build to making your name in LEGO.

Final creations will be put on display in the Library. Special prizes await all participants.

**Craft Corner (RR)**

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

- **Wednesday, Dec. 7** • 4:00-5:00 p.m. • Pom Pom Ornaments
- **Monday, Dec. 12** • 4:00-4:45 p.m. • Jewel Case Photo Cubes
- **Wednesday, Dec. 21** • 4:00-5:00 p.m. • DIY: Snowglobes
- **Monday, Jan. 9** • 4:00-5:00 p.m. • Pattern Tape Wall Art
- **Thursday, Jan. 12** • 4:00-5:00 p.m. • Dreamcatchers
- **Wednesday, Jan. 18** • 4:00-5:00 p.m. • Paper Mosaics
- **Monday, Jan. 23** • 6:30-8:30 p.m. • Perler Bead Party
- **Monday, Jan. 30** • 4:00-4:45 p.m. • Winter Hairbows
- **Wednesday, Feb. 1** • 4:00-4:45 p.m. • Zentangles
- **Thursday, Feb. 9** • 4:00-5:00 p.m. • Pom Pom Monsters
- **Wednesday, Feb. 15** • 4:00-5:00 p.m. • Watercolor Crayon Art
- **Tuesday, Feb. 21** • 4:00-4:45 p.m. • Glitter Mugs
- **Monday, Feb. 27** • 4:00-4:45 p.m. • Spring Hairbows

**Gaming Programs**

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

**Minecraft for MidKids (RR)**

Tuesday, December 27 • 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Tuesdays • Jan. 11 | Feb. 8 • 4:00-5:30 p.m.

**Chess Club (RR)**

Fridays • Dec. 2 | Jan. 6 | Feb. 3 • 4:00-5:15 p.m.

**Play Pokémon Trading Card Game (RR)**

Fridays • Dec. 16 | Jan. 20 | Feb. 17 • 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.

- **January 19** • Georges Seurat
- **February 23** • Henri Matisse

**Project Next Generation Tech Classes (Grades 4-6)**

**Hour of Code (RR)**

Tuesdays • Dec. 6 | Jan. 10 | Feb. 14 • 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Not only is coding massively important to the fabric of our digital world, 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.

**TinkerCAD 3D Design & Printing: Snowflakes (RR, two-part class)**

December 13 & 15 • 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Learn to use the computer to create 3D models of snowflakes and print them out on the Makerbot Replicator! This 2-part class will teach you some basics of 3D design and how to use Tinkercad.com to create 3D objects that can be printed on any 3D printer.

**TinkerCAD 3D Design & Printing (RR, four-part class)**

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

Create digital 3D models & print them on our Makerbot Replicator!

**Negative Space Valentine (RR, two-part class)**

February 7 & 9 • 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Combine art and technology in this fun program that utilizes vinyl cutting technology and natural artistry to create an awesome negative space Valentine!

**Bristlebots (RR)**

February 28 • 6:00-7:00 p.m.

What happens when you combine a toothbrush, a tiny motor and an electric current? Bristle Bots! Sign up to construct your very own Bristle Bot and then race them against your classmates!

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, Craft, & Play Times

Little Explorers Story Time (RR) • Ages 6-24 months
Session: Mondays • Jan. 9 - Feb. 13 • 9:30-10:15 a.m. (No class Jan. 16)
Explore the wonder of books, puppets, bounces, & rhymes. Stories are followed by open play time to hone fine and gross motor skills. Child with caregiver.

Tiny Tots (DI) • Ages 0-24 months
Session: Wednesdays • January 11 - February 15 • 9:30-10:00 a.m.
Discover story time with books, songs, puppets, and more. Stories are followed by open play time to hone fine and gross motor skills. Child with caregiver.

Elmwood Park Play Group (DI) • Ages 0-5 years old
Fridays • January 13 / February 10 • 10:00-11:00 a.m.
Connect, create, and play in our pop-up play space designed specially for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers. Child with caregiver.

Wiggles & Giggles Story Time (DI) • Ages 2-5
Session: Mondays • Jan. 9 - Feb. 13 • 11:00-11:45 a.m. (No class Jan. 16)
Wake up your week with books, songs, movement, and dance. Stories are followed by open play time designed to build your child's early developmental skills. Child with caregiver.

Giggles & Grins Story Time - Tuesdays (DI) • Ages 2-5
Session: Tuesdays • January 10 - February 14 • 11:00-11:45 a.m.
Tackle Tuesday with books, songs, movement, and dance. Stories are followed by open play time designed to build your child's early developmental skills. Child with caregiver.

Rockin’ Reads (RR) • Ages 3-5
Session 1: Wednesdays • January 11 - February 15 • 10:00-10:45 a.m.
Session 2: Thursdays • January 12 - February 16 • 11:00-11:45 a.m.
Get ready to rock with books, songs, movement, and dance. Stories are followed by open play time designed to build your child's early developmental skills. Child with caregiver.

Stories & Crafts (RR)
Join us for these specially themed story times that include fun crafts.
- Holiday Outdoor Story Time • Dec. 6 • 4:00-4:30 p.m. • All ages
- Pajama Story Time • December 7 • 7:00-7:45 p.m. • Ages 3-8
- Snowmen Stories • December 20 • 4:00-5:00 p.m. • Grades K-2
- Dinosaur Story Time • January 10 • 4:00-4:45 p.m. • Ages 4-8
- Racecar Story Time • January 23 • 4:00-4:45 p.m. • Ages 4-8
- Super Bowl Story Time • February 2 • 4:00-4:45 p.m. • Ages 4-8
- We Love Mo Willems • February 14 • 4:00-5:00 p.m. • Ages 3-8
- Love Story Time • February 20 • 4:00-4:45 p.m. • Ages 4-8
- Pajama Story Time • February 22 • 7:00-7:45 p.m. • Ages 3-8
- Mardi Gras Story Time • February 28 • 4:00-4:45 p.m. • Ages 4-8

Cuentos Bilingües (RR)
December 15 | February 21 • 7:00-7:45 a.m. • All ages
Join us for stories and fun for the whole family in a mix of English and Spanish. Acompañenos para cuentos y diversión para toda la familia en Inglés y Español.

Read to a Dog (RR)
Dec. 8 / Jan. 12 / Feb. 9 • 7:00-8:15 p.m. • Ages 4-7
This program improves children's reading and communication skills through short reading sessions with trained therapy dog, Woody, who will be here to listen to you. Call the Kids & Teens Desk or stop in to book a 15-minute spot.

Family Events

Cookie Decorating (RR) • All ages
Thursday, December 1 • 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Note: Cookie Decorating sign-up begins November 1

Family Bingo (RR) • All ages
Tuesday, January 10 • 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Family Trivia Night (RR) • All ages
Thursday, February 2 • 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Family Movie Showings (DI) • All ages
Join us for some movie magic. Popcorn will be served.
Dec. 5 • 7:00-8:45 p.m. • Finding Dory
Dec. 29 • 1:00-3:45 p.m. • Kubo & the Two Strings
Jan. 2 • 7:00-8:45 p.m. • Pete’s Dragon
Feb. 6 • 7:00-8:45 p.m. • The Secret Life of Pets

Featured Guest Performers

The Jingle Bell Express by American Eagle Productions (RR) - Sponsored by the Friends
Monday, December 12 • 7:00-8:00 p.m. • All ages
A fast-paced review of your favorite holiday songs.

Dave Herzog's Marionette Pirate Show (RR)
Tuesday, January 17 • 7:00-8:00 p.m. • Ages 3-10
Dave Herzog, Captain Kranky, and his jolly pirate crew of marionettes are back at the Library for a rollicking show.

Jeanie B! Rockin’ Valentine Show (RR)
Tuesday, February 14 • 7:00-8:00 p.m. • All ages
Join us for a show full of music and fun when Jeanie B! brings her magical musical self to Elmwood Park for a Valentine's Day Show!

More Fun Programs

Ride the Horse (DI) • All ages
Wednesday • Dec. 7 / Jan. 4 / Feb. 1 • 4:00-4:30 p.m.

MLK Birthday (RR)
Tuesday, January 17 • 4:00-5:00 p.m. • Grades K-2

Mighty Makers: Annual LEGO Races (RR)
Saturday, January 21 • 10:00-11:00 a.m. • Grades K-2

National Puzzle Day (RR)
Thursday, January 26 • 4:00-5:00 p.m. • Ages 3-10

Culture Club: Italy (RR)
Tuesday, January 31 • 4:00-5:00 p.m. • Grades K-2

Mad Science Club (RR)
Monday, February 13 • 4:00-4:45 p.m. • Grades K-2

Clean Those Chompers (RR)
Thursday, February 16 • 4:00-4:45 p.m. • Grades K-2

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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, 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.

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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 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!

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Hours
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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
Saturday, December 24: Christmas Eve
Sunday, December 25: Christmas Day
Saturday, December 31: New Year’s Eve
Sunday, January 1: New Year’s Day
Monday, January 16: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Board Meetings
Thursday, December 15 • 8:00 p.m.
Thursday, January 19 • 8:00 p.m.
Thursday, February 16 • 8:00 p.m.

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

Notice: There are Library Board openings for the April 2017 election. If you are interested, please pick up an application packet at the Circulation Desk. The filing period to be considered on the April ballot is December 12-19.