New Spaces, New Opportunities

The Library’s interior renovation projects are underway. From mid-August to mid-September part of our Story Room will be transformed into a bright and cheerful suburban house complete with a tree, picket fence, and built-in puppet theater. The renovation process will have minimal impact to public spaces. This update is possible due to generous donors to our Gift Fund over the years, including the 2017 Gatsby Gala sponsors and attendees, as well as private staff donations.

The Lobby redesign is in the initial planning stages with construction expected in early 2019. We look forward to providing a new snack space, healthy vending options, an improved service desk, a digital calendar of events, and some needed soundproofing. We’re pleased to have been awarded a matching grant for the second time in four years. 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.

For more details on both projects, including a survey about snack space ideas and needs, click on the Library News article on our website. You can also join us for Snack & Chat sessions to provide input on all library programs, materials, and services, or to share any new ideas you have. This fall’s Snack & Chat sessions will be Sept. 25 from 11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m., Oct. 18 from 6-7:15 p.m., and Nov. 14 from 2:30-3:45 p.m.

This fall, we invite you to EXPLORE...

- **eBooks & eAudiobooks**
- **Library Card Sign-up Month**
- **Beyond Books Collection**

See inside for details.

Upcoming Book Releases

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Computers & Technology

Introduction to Social Media: Facebook*  
Thurs., Sept. 6 • 1-2:30 p.m.  
Do you have a Facebook account, but are unsure how it works? Learn the basics, like how to upload pictures and send messages. Please have your login information ready when class begins.

Excel 2010*  
Basics: Tues., Sept. 11 • 7-8:30 p.m.  
Intermediate: Mon., Oct. 15 • 7-8:30 p.m.  
Advanced: Mon., Oct. 29 • 7-8:30 p.m.

The Librarian Is In: Mobile Devices  
Mon., Sept. 24 • 7-8:30 p.m.  
Have a general question about your mobile device? Stop in and ask a Librarian.

VHS to Digital Converter Demonstration  
Thurs., Oct. 11 • 7-8:30 p.m.  
Drop in to see how our new VHS to digital converter kit works. This converter is available for check out to Elmwood Park card holders age 18+ as part of the new Beyond Books Collection.

Introduction to Consumer Reports Online*  
Tues., Nov. 6 • 7-8:30 p.m.  
Did you know the Library has a subscription to Consumer Reports online? Learn the basics on how to search and compare reviews.

Organizing Your Family Tree with Family Search*  
Mon., Nov. 12 • 7-8:30 p.m.  
Learn to use FamilySearch.org to map out your family tree. Family Search requires users to create a free account, so please bring your email address and password.

Movie Matinees

Wednesday Matinees • 1:30 p.m.  
Watch popular new releases. Delicious popcorn provided.

Film Lovers’ Friday • 1:30 p.m.  
Enjoy older movies based on a monthly theme.

For info about upcoming movies, please call, visit our website, or get a monthly list at the Adult Services desk.

Language & Literature

Hora de Conversación | Godzina Rozmowy English Conversation Hour  
Wed. • 7-8 p.m.  
Sept. 5, 12, 19 | Oct. 3, 10, 17 | Nov. 7 & 14  

Tuesday Book Discussions

Copies of each book will be available at the Adult Services desk approximately four weeks before the discussion date.

Afternoon Sessions: 1:30-3 p.m.  
Evening Sessions: 7-8:30 p.m.

Featured Speakers and Events

Research Your Family History Using the Internet*  
Mon., Sept. 17 • 7-8 p.m.  
Join professional genealogist Caron Primas Brennan as she presents online resources to research your family’s past, including major sites like Ancestry.com, as well as lesser-known sites.

American Red Cross Blood Drive  
Mon., Oct. 1 • 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Help save a life by donating blood to the American Red Cross. To make an appointment, just call the Adult Services desk, or visit redcrossblood.org and find the Library’s blood drive by zip code. Drop-ins are also welcome.

Alzheimer’s Awareness - Early Detection Matters*  
Tues., Oct. 9 • 7-8:30 p.m.  
Join Mayra Ligeza from the Alzheimer’s Association to find out how to recognize the warning signs in yourself and others, and learn why early detection matters.

Flowers of Paradise*  
Wed., Oct. 17 • 7-8 p.m.  
Join local business Flowers of Paradise for a presentation about flowers and flower arranging. This program is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Travel Tales*  
Adults & Teens Grades 7-12 • Thurs., Oct. 25 • 7-8 p.m.

Holiday Green Screen  
Thurs., Nov. 29 • 7-8:30 p.m.  
Take a holiday photo using the Library’s green screen! Choose one of our festive backgrounds, strike a pose, and we’ll email your digital picture to you. Come on your own, or bring your friends or family, and have fun!

Food, Drink, and Crafts

Eat & Make* - Registration ends 3 days before program -  
Sat. • Sept. 22 | Oct. 27 | Nov. 24 • 2-4 p.m.  
Sept. 22: Olive Cheese Bread and Glitter Paper Roll Pumpkins  
Oct. 27: Flourless Mexican Chocolate Cake and Mini Macramé Plant Hangers  
Nov. 24: Sweet Potato Hash and Ombre Pinecones

Adventures in Pickling*  
Wed., Sept. 26 • 7-8 p.m.  
Bring your favorite veggies and explore ways to pickle them. We will provide the brine, jars, and spices.

Make Your Own Mulled Wine*  
Wed., Nov. 28 • 7-8 p.m.  
Make your own mulled wine, and decorate a bottle to take it home in.

Games and Fitness

Chair Yoga* - Please bring a yoga mat and water bottle. -  
Mon. • Sept. 10, 24 | Oct. 8, 22 | Nov. 12, 26 • 1-2 p.m.

Trivia Night  
Tues. • Sept. 25 | Oct. 30 | Nov. 27 • 7-9 p.m.  
Bring a team of up to four people to Russell’s Barbecue for a night of fun, challenging trivia, and prizes. Check our Facebook page the day of the program to see the bonus question!
Teen Programs & Events (Grades 6-12, unless otherwise noted)

Teen Movies
Popcorn will be served.

Truth or Dare
Thurs., Sept. 6 • 7-8:45 p.m.

A Quiet Place
Thurs., Oct. 4 • 7-8:45 p.m.

Ready Player One
Thurs., Nov. 1 • 6:30-8:45 p.m.

Pendulum Art*
Grades 7-12 • Mon., Sept. 17 • 7-8 p.m.
Create art that can swing freely from a fixed point due to the force of gravity in this creative and unique program.

Teens Eat & Make*
Wed., Sept. 19 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Join us for a snack and a craft as we make pumpkin patch dirt cups and fall-themed luminaries.

Spinning Art*
Grades 7-12 • Mon., Oct. 22 • 7-7:45 p.m.
We’ll use the spin art machine to create fantastical circular masterpieces.

Tissue Paper Art*
Grades 7-12 • Thurs., Nov. 29 • 4-5 p.m.
Cut tissue paper into beautiful and elaborate designs to make a decorative craft.

Fun & Games

Magic the Gathering & Yu-Gi-Oh!
Ages 10-18 • Every Wed. (except Oct. 31 & Nov. 21) • 4-6 p.m.

Fortnite Club
Grades 4-12 • Sept. 10 & 24 | Oct. 8 & 22 | Nov. 12 & 26 • 4-5:30 p.m.

Dungeons & Dragons
Grades 7-12 • Sept. 20 | Oct. 18 | Nov. 15 • 5:30-8:30 p.m.

MidKid Programs & Events (Grades 3-6, unless otherwise noted)

Hogwarts Adventure
Grades 2-6 • Wed. • Sept. 12 • 7-8:30 p.m.
It’s the 20th anniversary of Harry Potter being released in the U.S! Come get sorted into your House and celebrate our favorite wizarding world with magical games, crafts, trivia, and snacks.

Clay Sculptures*
Wed., Sept. 5 • 4-5 p.m.

Pendulum Art*
Wed., Sept. 12 • 4-5 p.m.
Create art that can swing freely from a fixed point due to the force of gravity in this unique and creative program.

Spinning Art*
Tues., Oct. 16 • 7-7:45 p.m.
We’ll use the spin art machine to create fantastical circular masterpieces.

Pumpkins!*  
Ages 5-10 (with Adult) • Wed., Oct. 24 • 7-8:30 p.m.
We provide the pumpkins, supplies, and Halloween stories!

Tissue Paper Art*
Wed., Nov. 7 • 4-5 p.m.
Cut tissue paper into beautiful and elaborate designs to make a decorative craft.

Meet the Artist*
Wed. • 4-5:30 p.m.
Explore different artists and make your own version of the artist’s masterpiece.

MidKids Read: Book Club*
Pick up a copy at the Kids & Teens desk.
Wed. • 4-4:45 p.m.

Sept. 26 • The First Rule of Punk by Celia C. Pérez
Oct. 24 • Coraline by Neil Gaiman
Nov. 28 • The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate

Fun & Games

Fortnite Club*
Grades 4-12 • Sept. 10 & 24 | Oct. 8 & 22 | Nov. 12 & 26 • 4-5:30 p.m.

Pokémon League*
Grades 1-6 • Thurs. • Sept. 27 | Oct. 11 | Nov. 15 • 4-6 p.m.

Chess Club*
Mon. • Sept. 17 | Oct. 22 | Nov. 19 • 4-5:15 p.m.

Yoga for MidKids*
Tues. • Sept. 11, 25 | Oct. 9, 23 | Nov 13, 27 • 4-5 p.m.

For more program information visit elmwoodparklibrary.org

* Registration Required | Sign up online, in person, or by phone.
Elvis Is in the Building*
Sat., Sept. 8 • 1-2 p.m. • All ages
Teen Elvis impersonator Hugo Colin will perform the King’s iconic songs and performances. Kids and adults of all ages will enjoy this fun, lively show. This event is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Family Movie Showings
Popcorn will be served.
*Sherlock Gnomes*
Mon., Oct. 1 • 7-8:45 p.m.
*The Incredibles 2*
Mon., Nov. 5 • 6:45-8:45 p.m.

Day of Service
Mon., Oct. 8 • 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. • All ages (Kids under 10 must be accompanied by an adult)
Drop in and help us put together small tote bags for the foster kids at Hepzibah House! Each bag will contain travel-size toiletries, a paperback book, and a small stuffed animal. These small creature comforts mean a lot to kids going through a difficult time.

We are now accepting donations at the Kids & Teens desk:
- unused travel-size toiletries (soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, deodorant, etc.)
- new paperback books for children ages 1-12
- small, brand new stuffed animals (smaller than a hardcover novel)

Family Bingo Night*
Tues., Oct. 23 • 7-8 p.m.
Join us for a fun night of Bingo! Winners will get to pick a prize from the prize table.

Family Reading Night*
Mon., Nov. 19 • 7-8:30 p.m.
Bring the whole family to pick some books, listen to stories, and take home a reading kit.

Beyond Books Collection
Adults age 18+ with an Elmwood Park library card can now borrow these unique items. Please limit one item per person at a time. This collection may change over time, with items being added or removed based on demand.
- bike repair kit
- camp chair
- cornhole/beanbag game
- croquet set
- dominoes
- ear bud translator
- ice cream maker
- instant-film camera
- learn-to-juggle kit
- oximeter
- Ping Pong kit
- portable DVD player
- learn-to-play-ukulele kit
- VHS to digital converter
- video projector
- Wi-Fi hotspot

This fall, we invite you to EXPLORE all the incredible things you can get with your Elmwood Park library card, including eBooks and audiobooks on your tablet, phone, or eReader, as well as our new Beyond Books collection for adults, which includes games, technology, appliances, outdoor equipment, and more! See the full list below.

September is National Library Card Signup Month! Sign up for a new library card that month, and you’ll be entered in a drawing for a gift card of your choice from a local business or restaurant. Already have a library card? You can still enter the drawing by checking out something from the Beyond Books collection for adults or Explore-to-Go Kits for kids in September.

It’s easy to get an Elmwood Park library card. If you are 18 or older, just bring in a valid photo ID with your current Elmwood Park address. If you are under 18, just come in with your parent or legal guardian.

With your Elmwood Park library card, you can access free eBooks and eAudiobooks through the Libby app by Overdrive or the Axis360 app. Stop by the Adult Services desk to learn more.

Robot Club*
Grades 6-12 • Tues. • Sept. 4 | Oct. 2 | Nov. 6 • 4-5 p.m.
Join our Library Robotics Team and learn to use our VEX Robotics kit.

Hour of Code*
Grades 4-12 • Thurs. • Sept. 6 | Oct. 4 | Nov. 8 • 4-5 p.m.
Play fun games while learning basic coding through Code.org, then try your hand on some of our programmable robots!

Electric Origami* (2-part class)
Grades 4-12 • Sept. 11 & 13 • 4-5 p.m.
Learn to fold origami and make your creation glow with an embedded LED.

TinkerCAD 3D Design & Printing* (4-part class)
Grades 4-12 • Sept. 18, 20, 25, & 27 • 4-5 p.m.
Learn to create 3D models and print them on the Makerbot Replicator!

Vinyl Cutter* (2-part class)
Grades 4-12 • Oct. 9 & 11 • 4-5 p.m.
Design a cool vinyl cling using our Silhouette Cameo vinyl cutter.

Soldering* (4-part class)
Grades 4-12 • Oct. 16, 18, 23, 25 • 4-5 p.m.
Learn how to solder electronics safely and bring them to life!

Create a Ghost
Grades 4-12 • Tues. • Oct. 30 • 4-5 p.m.
Make a ghost using everyday materials, like cling wrap and LEDs.

Tensegrity Structures (2-part class)
Grades 4-12 • Nov. 13 & 15 • 4-5 p.m.
Create a tensegrity structure out of rubber bands and straws. Add a motor and power to see it move! Add markers to make a scribblebot!

Ozobot Obstacle Course Challenge (2-part class)
Grades 4-12 • Nov. 27 & 29 • 4-5 p.m.
Use coding to program our cute Ozobot robots to run an obstacle course. No previous coding experience necessary!

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).

For more program information visit elmwoodparklibrary.org
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.

Tiny Tots
Ages 0-35 months with caregiver
Wed. • Sept. 26 - Dec. 5 (except Oct. 31) • 9:30-10 a.m.
Discover stories through books, songs, puppets, and more.

Little Explorers Story Time*
Ages 6-24 months with caregiver
Mon. • Sept. 24 - Dec. 3 (except Oct. 29) • 9:30-10:15 a.m.
Explore the wonder of books, puppets, bounces, and rhymes.

Wiggles & Giggles Story Time
Ages 2-5 with caregiver
Mon. • Sept. 24 - Dec. 3 (except Oct. 29) • 11-11:45 a.m.
Wake up your week with books, songs, movement, and dance.

Wiggle & Grins Story Time
Ages 2-5 with caregiver
Tues. • Sept. 25 - Dec. 4 (except Oct. 30) • 11-11:45 a.m.
Tackle Tuesday with books, songs, movement, and dance.

More Fun Programs
Lego Club*
Grades K-3 • Tues., Sept. 4 • 4-5 p.m.

Ride the Horse
All Ages • Sept. 5 | Oct. 3 | Nov. 7 • 4-4:30 p.m.

Outdoor Adventure*
Grades 1-3 • Thurs., Sept. 13 • 4-4:45 p.m.
Explore nature as we walk around the Circle and area parks.

Elmwood Park Neighborhood Playdate
Ages 0-10 • Sat., Sept. 8 • 9:30-11:30 a.m.
Bring your whole family and join us for a neighborhood-wide play date at Central Park! Build forts, roll tires, and do cartwheels as we celebrate our community through the joy of play. Come prepared to get a little messy!

Elmwood Park Play Group
Ages 0-5 with caregiver
Fri. • Oct. 12 | Nov. 9 • 9:30-11:30 a.m.
Connect, create, and play in our pop-up play space specially designed for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers.

Travel Tales for Kids*
Grades K-5 • Thurs., Oct. 25 • 4-5 p.m.
Take a trip around the world in this interactive workshop to explore new places, learn about traditions, and help others.

Super Stolie Halloween Show*
Ages 3-6 • Wed., Oct. 31 • 11-11:45 a.m.
Celebrate all the fun things about Halloween in this very musical (and not-so-spooky) Halloween show!

Circus Boy*
Ages 4-8 • Tues., Nov. 13 • 7-8 p.m.
Join us for this action-packed comedy and magic show!

Special Holiday Crafts & Story Times
Argh Matey’s*
Ages 4-8 • Tues., Sept. 18 • 4-4:45 p.m.
Enjoy pirate-themed stories and crafts to get ready for National Talk Like a Pirate Day on Sept. 19.

Stuffed Animal Sleepover*
Ages 4-8 • Wed., Sept. 19 • 7-8 p.m.
Come for bedtime stories, and then leave your stuffed animal at the Library to have a sleepover of their own! Come back the next day to pick up your animal friend and receive a short book about their sleepover adventure!

Welcome Fall*
Ages 4-8 • Thurs., Sept. 20 • 4-4:45 p.m.
Celebrate fall with stories, songs, and a craft!

It’s a Pete the Cat Party!*
Grades K-3 • Mon., Oct. 15 • 4-4:45 p.m.

Fire Safety*
Ages 4-8 • Thurs., Oct. 18 • 4-4:45 p.m.
Learn about fire safety through stories and a craft.

Monster Mash*
Grades K-3 • Mon., Oct. 29 • 4-4:45 p.m.

Hey, It’s Your Birthday*
Ages 4-8 • Tues., Nov. 20 • 1-1:45 p.m.
Let’s celebrate EVERYONE’S birthday with stories, songs, and cake!

Gross Out!* Grades K-3 • Tues., Nov. 27 • 4-4:45 p.m.
Eww, that’s gross! Come for stories, songs, and a craft about gross things.

For more program information visit elmwoodparklibrary.org

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**Holiday Giving**

The Library will be a holiday gift collection site for Adopt-a-Kid, Inc. An announcement of the recipient organization and gift tags will be available in mid-November. Thanks to your generosity, last year we collected over 200 gifts for kids and teens at the Cheyenne River Reservation.

**Save the Date: Kiwanis Holiday Bazaar**

Mark your calendars for holiday fun and local shopping at the Kiwanis Holiday Bazaar on **Saturday, Dec. 1**. We’ve added a new location this year so vendors will have more room to spread out and shoppers will have more room to browse!

Head to the Village Parks & Recreation Center to find one-of-a-kind gifts from local vendors. Before or after shopping, stop by the Library for a free hot chocolate, a charity bake sale, book-related gifts to purchase, holiday story time, and entertainment for your little ones. Look for an announcement of the exact times closer to Dec. 1.

**Library Board Elections**

Interested in helping to shape the future of Elmwood Park Public Library? The Library is governed by an elected seven-member volunteer Board of Trustees who serve four-year terms. Three trustee terms expire in April 2019. To be on the ballot, you must circulate nomination petitions beginning in September and file all paperwork to the Village Clerk by mid-December. For petition requirements and deadlines, please check the Illinois Board of Elections website (elections.il.gov) or contact the Village Clerk. Information about the Board can be found on our website/About EPPL or you can contact the Library Director.

**Friends of the Elmwood Park Public Library**

We’re excited to announce a new volunteer scholarship offered by the Friends! Eligible students must be Elmwood Park residents and have completed volunteer service hours for the Library and Friends group. An application and details about how to apply can be found on the Library’s website under About EPPL.

The Friends of the Elmwood Park Public Library raise money through membership and book sales to support the Library. They provide funding for kid and adult programs throughout the year, and donate important items—such as furniture and interactive play equipment—to help keep our Library a comfortable and engaging place to explore, connect, and create.

Membership is $5 per year. Whether or not you choose to be an active volunteer, every membership helps. Find the membership form and meeting information on our website under About EPPL/General/Friends.