Elmwood Park Public Library
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A place where life, work, and play unite. | March - May 2018

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Nuestro boletín informativo está disponible en español en línea.

Second Annual
EDIBLE BOOK FESTIVAL

Sunday, April 15, 2-3 p.m.

Make an edible literary creation and bring it to the Library for viewing, voting, and eating! Your creation could be inspired by a book character, a book cover, or a book title. We’ll vote for winners in four categories: Kids, Teens, Families, and Adults. Then we’ll eat it all!

Everyone is welcome to vote & eat. Contestants should arrive at 1:30 p.m., and bring the related book, if possible.
Voting starts at 2 p.m. • Eating starts at 2:15 p.m.

Snack & Chat
with the Library Director and Assistant Director

Tues., Mar. 20 • 2:30-4 p.m.
Wed., Apr. 18 • 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Thurs., May 17 • 6-7:30 p.m.

Come chat with Tiffany and Jason about what you want and need in your community Library. Enjoy some snacks while you discuss anything from technology classes to the upcoming lobby redesign. Connect with us, explore new ideas, and help create our Library’s future.

EP Dress Salon Opens March 1!

Does your teen or pre-teen need a dress for prom, graduation, a wedding, or another special occasion?

Try the Library’s EP Dress Salon, where the dresses are free! We currently have over 80 gently-used dresses in a variety of sizes, styles, and colors that were generously donated by patrons like you.
The salon is open by appointment only. Just contact the Kids & Teens desk to schedule a time.

Celebrate National Library Week: April 8-14

National Library Week is an annual celebration of the life-changing work of libraries. Join us each morning for coffee and snacks in the lobby. While you’re there, write a quick note for our message board – what do you love about the Library, what do you wish for the Library, or how has the Library helped you or your family?

Upcoming Book Releases

March

April

May

Nora Roberts
Shelter in Place

Chuck Palahniuk
Adjustment Day

Michael Ondaatje
Warlight
Adult Programs & Events

Featured Speakers and Events

**Finding the Right College and How to Pay for It**
Wed., Mar. 28 • 7-8:30 p.m.
Join us for this informative session on how to choose the right college and how to realistically pay for it. This free seminar is presented by My College Planning Team. To sign up, please see the event details on our online calendar.

**Consumer Fraud Protection**
Thurs., Mar. 29 • 7-8:30 p.m.
Learn to protect yourself from consumer fraud with Berenice Martinez, a representative from the Office of the Illinois Attorney General. Berenice will cover topics such as home repair fraud, IRS scams, data breaches, and identity theft. This program is generously brought to you by the Friends of the Library.

**Antiques Appraisal**
Mon., May, 21 • 7-8:30 p.m.
Tom Krenek of Krenek's Antiques in Forest Park will be here to appraise your antiques. Bring in two items for appraisal. No stamps please. This program is generously brought to you by the Friends of the Library.

Food, Drink, and Crafts

**Adult Coloring Club**
Tues. • Mar. 13 | Apr. 10 | May 22 • 7-8:30 p.m.

**Homebrewing Club**
- Must be 21 or older to attend -
Brew: Sat., Apr. 14 • 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Bottling: Mon., May 14 • 6-7:30 p.m.

**Eat & Make**
- Registration ends 3 days before program -
Priority given to Elmwood Park residents -
Sat. • Mar. 31 | Apr. 28 | May 26 • 2-4 p.m.
- Mar. 31: Jalapeño Poppers and Magazine Silhouettes
  Apr. 28: Banana Drop Cookies and Felt Bookmarks
  May 26: Tortilla Pizzas and Coffee Filter Water Color Flowers

**Yoga Classes**
For both programs, please bring a yoga mat and water bottle. This program is sponsored in part by the Friends of the Library.

**Chair Yoga**
Mon. • Mar. 12, 26 | Apr. 9, 23 | May 14, 21 • 1-2 p.m.

**Floor Yoga**
Mon. • Mar. 5 | Apr. 2 | May 7 • 7-8 p.m.

Games

**Adult Bingo Night**
Thurs. • Mar. 8 | Apr. 5 | May 10 • 7-8 p.m.

**Trivia Night**
Tues. • Mar. 27 | Apr. 24 | May 29 • 7-9 p.m.
Bring a team of up to four people for a night of fun, challenging trivia and prizes. Check our Facebook page the day of the program for our restaurant location, as well as to see the bonus question!

Language & Literature

**Hora de Conversación | Godzina Rozmowy**
**English Conversation Hour**
Wed. • 7-8 p.m.
Mar. 7, 14, 21 | Apr. 4, 11, 18 | May 2, 9, 16

**Book Discussion**
**American Red Cross Blood Drive**
Mon., Apr. 2 • 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Help save a life by donating blood to the American Red Cross. To make an appointment at the Library’s blood drive, just call the Adult Services desk, or visit www.redcrossblood.org and find the Library’s blood drive by zip code. Drop-ins are also welcome.

**Composting for an Urban Environment**
Thurs., Apr. 12 • 7-8 p.m.
Composting is an organic way to fertilize your plants and lower your carbon footprint. Learn to compost without bothering you or your neighbors at this presentation by an Illinois Master Gardener. This program is co-sponsored by the Elmwood Park Garden Club.

**Computers & Technology**

**Basic Computer Skills**
Tues., Mar. 6 • 7-8:30 p.m.

**Introduction to the Internet**
- Basic skills required -
Thurs., Mar. 15 • 7-8:30 p.m.

**Photo Editing with Photoshop Elements**
Mon., Mar. 26 • 7-8:30 p.m.

**Excel 2010**
Basics: Tues., Apr. 3 • 7-8:30 p.m.
Intermediate: Mon., Apr. 9 • 7-8:30 p.m.
Advanced: Tues., May 8 • 7-8:30 p.m.

**Word Basics**
Wed., Apr. 25 • 7-8:30 p.m.

**Ancestry.com Library Edition**
Thurs., May 17 • 7-8:30 p.m.
Elmwood Park residents only -
Learn to navigate Ancestry’s genealogical and historical records to dig into your family history.

**Job Search Tools**
Wed., May 23 • 7-8:30 p.m.
Discover online tools to help you with your job search, résumé, and cover letter.

**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 schedule at the Adult Services desk.

**Tuesday Night**

**Book Discussion**
7-8:30 p.m.
Pick up a copy of the book at the Adult Services desk.
Mar. 20 • *The Nix* - Nathan Hill
Apr. 17 • *My Favorite Thing is Monsters* - Emil Ferris
May 15 • *A Visit From the Goon Squad* - Jennifer Egan

For more program information visit elmwoodparklibrary.org

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Family/All Ages Programs & Events

Teen Programs & Events (Grades 6-12, unless otherwise noted)

Young Adult Council*
Grades 7-12 • Mar. 8 | Apr. 12 | May 10 • 7-8:30 p.m.
Join the Library’s volunteer group to gain service hours, help raise money for local charities, and have some fun.

Teen Movies
Everything, Everything
Thurs., Mar. 1 • 7-8:45 p.m.
Justice League
Thurs., May 3 • 7-8:45 p.m.

Teen Book Club*
Thurs., Apr. 26 • 1-1:45 p.m.
Join us to discuss Let’s Talk About Love by Claire Kann. Pick up a copy at the Kids & Teens desk.

Craft & Food Programs

Cupcake Decorating*
Ages 10-18 • Mon., Mar. 26 • 7-8 p.m.
Join us for a cupcake decorating class with professional cake decorator Jennifer Knippen. All supplies will be provided.

Make a Button*
Mon., Apr. 9 • 4-5 p.m.
Bring a 1-inch picture you’d like to use, or choose from the images we have on hand.

School’s Out!

Dappers Game Truck • Grades 4-12
Thurs., May 24 • 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Dappers Game Truck is back! Celebrate the end of the school year and kick off the summer with games and fun!
The Dappers Game Zone Truck will be stationed outside of the Library for two hours on the last day of school. The truck includes several big screen TVs and popular game systems for up to 28 kids to play at the same time.

Escape Room: Churchill’s Office*
Grades 4-8 • Wed., May 30 • 4-5 p.m. | Thurs., May 31 • 7-8 p.m.
Grades 9-12 • Wed., May 30 • 7-8 p.m. | Thurs., May 31 • 4-5 p.m.
Winston Churchill has hidden some important war documents in his office. You need to bring them to him - but can you figure out the clues to escape Churchill’s Office before it’s too late?

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

Homework 911 • Grades K-6
Tues. & Thurs. • Mar. 1-22 | Apr. 10-26 • 4-6 p.m.
Homework got you confused and a little frustrated? Bring your assignment to the Library and get help from a certified teacher. Teachers will work with students in groups or one-on-one as time and space allow.

MidKids Read: Book Club*
Pick up a copy at the Kids & Teens desk.
Wed. • 4-5 p.m.
Mar. 28 • Under the Egg by Laura Marx Fitzgerald
Apr. 25 • Wishtree by Katherine Applegate
May 30 • My Brigadista Year by Katherine Paterson

Dinosaur Hunters Science* • Ages 8-11
Mon., Apr. 23 • 7-8 p.m.
Learn what dinosaur hunters do to find fossils.

Gaming Programs

Minecraft for MidKids*
Mar. 5 | Apr. 2 | May 7 • 4:5-30 p.m.

Chess Club*
Mar. 12 | Apr. 16 | May 14 • 4:5-15 p.m.

Play Pokémon Trading Card Game*
Mar. 26 | Apr. 30 | May 21 • 4:5-30 p.m.

Robot Club*
Grades 6-12 • Mar. 1 & 22 | Apr. 5 & 19 | May 1 & 24 • 4-5 p.m.
Join our Library Robotics Team and learn to use our VEX Robotics kit.

Hour of Code*
Grades 4-12 • Mar. 1 | Apr. 5 | May 1 • 6-7 p.m.
Play fun games while learning basic coding through Code.org, then try your hand on some of our programmable robots!

Teen Tech Week: Ozobots*
Grades 6-12 • Mar. 5 • 4-5 p.m.
Use coding to program our cute Ozobot robots to do all kinds of things! (no previous coding experience necessary)

Stop Motion Animation* (4-part class)
Grades 6-12 • Mar. 6, 8, 13, 15 • 4-5 p.m.
Grades 4-12 • Apr. 17, 19, 24, 26 • 4-5 p.m.
Learn to create your own short stop-motion movie.

Tinkercad* (4-part class)
Grades 4-12 • Mar. 6, 8, 13, 15 • 6-7 p.m.
Grades 4-12 • May 22, 24, 29, 31 • 6-7 p.m.
Learn to create 3D models and print them on the Makerbot Replicator!

Teen Tech Week: Kano Computer Kits*
Grades 6-12 • Mar. 7 • 4-5 p.m.
Use Kano kits to assemble a computer from scratch and learn basic coding skills.

Teen Tech Week: Makey Makey*
Grades 6-12 • Mar. 9 • 4-5 p.m.
Learn to use Makey Makey kits to hook up everyday objects to computers as input devices.

MidKid Yoga* • Ages 7-12
Sat., Mar. 10, 17, 24 • 10-11 a.m.
Sat., May 5 & 12 • 10-11 a.m.
Join us for a yoga class with instructor Jodi Fedoruk. Sign up for each class separately.

Arts & Crafts

Acrylic Painting*
Wed., Mar. 7 • 4-5 p.m.

Paint a Flower Pot*
Wed., Apr. 11 • 4-5 p.m.

Clay Sculptures*
Wed., May 9 • 4-5 p.m.

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

Animal Keychains*
Wed., Mar. 14 • 4-5 p.m.

Friendship Bracelets*
Tues., Apr. 24 • 7-8 p.m.

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Grades 4-12 • May 22, 24, 29, 31 • 6-7 p.m.
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Grades 6-12 • Mar. 9 • 4-5 p.m.
Learn to use Makey Makey kits to hook up everyday objects to computers as input devices.

Funding for this grant project was awarded from the U.S. Institute of Museum and 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.

Tiny Tots
Ages 0-24 months with caregiver
Wed. • Mar. 28 - May 2 • 9:30-10 a.m.
Discover stories through books, songs, puppets, and more.

Little Explorers Story Time*
Ages 6-24 months with caregiver
Mon. • Mar. 26 - Apr. 30 • 9:30-10:15 a.m.
Explore the wonder of books, puppets, bounces, and rhymes.

Wiggles & Giggles Story Time
Ages 2-5 with caregiver
Tues. • Mar. 27 - May 1 • 11-11:45 a.m.
Tackle Tuesday with books, songs, movement, and dance.

Wiggle & Giggle Story Time
Ages 2-5 with caregiver
Thurs., Apr. 5 • 4:45 p.m.
Get ready to move with music, movement, and dance.

Giggles & Grins Story Time
Ages 2-5 with caregiver
Mon. • Mar. 19 • 9:30-11:30 a.m.
Explore the wonder of books, puppets, bounces, and rhymes.

Wiggles & Giggles Story Time
Ages 2-5 with caregiver
Thurs., May 3 • 9-9:30 a.m.
Explore the wonder of books, puppets, bounces, and rhymes.

Wiggle & Giggle Story Time
Ages 2-5 with caregiver
Mon. • Apr. 23 • 4:45 p.m.
Get ready to rock with books, songs, movement, and dance.

More Fun Programs

Ride the Horse • All Ages
Wed. • Apr. 4 • 9:30-10 a.m.

Puzzle Fun Day* • Ages 5-10
Thurs. • May 3 • 4:45-5 p.m.

Mad Science Club* • Grades K-2
Mar. 29 • May 17 • 4:45 p.m.
Do a fascinating new experiment each time.

Game Night* • Ages 5-10
Thurs. • May 7 • 7-8 p.m.
Come play fun card games & board games.

Board Game Day* • Ages 5-10
Thurs. • April 5 • 4-4:45 p.m.
Come play your favorite board games with us!

Dinosaur Hunters Science* • Ages 5-8
Mon. • April 23 • 4-5 p.m.
Learn what dinosaur hunters do to find fossils!

National Flower Month • All Ages
Thurs. • May 3 • 4-6 p.m.
Stop by and make some paper flowers!

Lego Club* • Grades K-2
Tues. • May 29 • 4:45 p.m.

Special Guests

Chris Fascione - Bringing Literature to Life*
Ages 4-8 • Mon., Mar. 19 • 7-8 p.m.
Get your kids excited to read! Watch as Chris acts out stories from children’s literature with a high-energy, fun-filled mix of storytelling and physical comedy. This event is co-sponsored by the Elmwood Park Youth Commission.

Once Upon a Story* (registration begins March 1)
Ages 4-8 • Sat., Apr. 7 • 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Celebrate fairy tales with a variety of games, activities, snacks, and entertainment centered around The Three Billy Goats Gruff Creventive Studios will put on a puppet show at 11:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. This program is co-sponsored by Mont Clare-Elmwood Park Kiwanis.

Water Safety for Kids*
Ages 4-8 with caregiver • Wed., May 23 • 4-4:45 p.m.
It’s so important to be safe in the water this summer - and always! Learn about water safety through stories and crafts. Parents will have a chance to ask the experts their water safety questions. This event is presented in conjunction with Foss Swim School of Elmwood Park.

Elmwood Park Play Group
Ages 0-5 with caregiver
Fri. • Mar. 9 | Apr. 13 | May 11 • 9:30-11:30 a.m.
Connect, create, and play in our pop-up play space specially designed for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers.

Pajama Story Time*
Ages 3-8
Wed., Apr. 25 • 7-7:45 p.m.
Join us for stories & songs in your PJ’s! Don’t forget to bring your favorite stuffed animals, too.

Birdie Story Time*
Ages 4-8 • Thurs., May 10 • 4-4:45 p.m.

If You Give a... Story Time*
Ages 4-8 • Tues., May 15 • 4-4:45 p.m.
Join us for If You Give a Mouse a Cookie and other great stories about taking care of animals, all written by author Laura Numeroff.

Homework 911
Grades K-6 • Tues. & Thurs. • Mar. 1-22 | Apr. 10-26 • 4-6 p.m.
Homework got you confused and a little frustrated? Bring your assignment to the Library and get help from a certified teacher. Teachers will work with students in groups or one-on-one as time and space allow.
Get Ready for Summer Reading: Reading Takes You Everywhere

This summer we encourage you to explore exciting new worlds and make amazing discoveries through the magic of reading! Our program has goals - and prizes! - for adults and kids of all ages, including infants and toddlers whose caregivers read to them.

Stop by the summer reading kick-off party on Sunday, June 3 to sign up, get your reading log, and enjoy some food, fun, and games. After that, you can sign up at the Kids & Teens desk or the Adult Services desk throughout the summer.

Summer is a great time to get lost in books and discover what's new at the Library.

Library Volunteers Awarded Youth Service Medal of Honor

Congratulations to Abdo Timejardine and Christian Caballero, two of our Young Adult Council members, for receiving the Cook County Sheriff’s Youth Service Medal of Honor for the third year in a row! These dedicated young men each volunteered over 100 hours in service to the Library and our community in the past year. We are thankful for their hard work and contributions.

Adopt-a-Book

The Library's Adopt-a-Book program provides a meaningful way to honor a loved one or celebrate a milestone while giving back to the community. Share the interests of loved ones by dedicating books that celebrate their personalities, honor milestones, or commemorate their lives. In addition to placing a book plate on the inside cover, each title will be listed on our website. For more information, pick up a donations guide at the Circulation Desk, or visit our website and look under How Do I? for the link to Make a Donation or Memorial.

Friends of the Elmwood Park Public Library

The Friends of the Elmwood Park Public Library raise money through membership and book sales to support the Library. They provide funding for kids’ and adults’ 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 $5.00 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.

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.