Letter from the Director

"A place where life, work, and play unite" is not a slogan or the answer to a trivia question. It’s the Library’s promise. It’s at the heart of the programs, services, and collections that we provide to you, your family, friends, and neighbors, and to our schools, businesses, and community groups. The Library staff is dedicated to assisting everyone equally, and creating opportunities for learning, personal growth, and just plain fun.

In the final year of our three-year strategic plan, we are proud to reflect on successful initiatives: after-school homework help, the Friends book sale, an after-hours fundraiser. Pictures and info about these and other achievements are on our website (About EPPL).

As we look ahead, we invite you to share your opinions and ideas at Snack & Chat events on June 12 from 2-3:30 p.m., July 19 from 6-7:30 p.m., and August 22 from 10-11:30 a.m.

This summer look for innovative new items for checkout. Want to test a new gadget, like a VHS converter? Need a camping chair for EP’s outdoor concerts? We’ll have these items and more in a flexible and growing collection, just like our Explore-to-Go kits and vacation bags. In addition to the Taste of Elmwood Park and the Fourth of July Parade, you may also see us at local events on a “book bike.”

Finally, the staff and board are reviewing plans for final building updates, including a snack space, and an engaging Story Room with a built-in puppet stage. These small-scale projects will have a positive impact on our service to the community and will be supported by savings, grants, and donations. Thank you for your continued support.

Our doors are open. Come explore, connect, and create with us. Tiffany Verzani, Library Director, and Jason Stuhlmann, Assistant Director

Friends of the Library Book Sale

Preview Sale: Fri., June 15 • 4-8 p.m.
Sat., June 16 • 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Find great deals on hardcover and paperback books, as well as DVDs, CDs, and more! All proceeds from the sale benefit the Friends of the Library, which supports Library programs, collections, and projects.

Come to the preview sale to get first dibs on your favorites. Entry is free to members of the Friends, or $5 for non-members. Admission is free on Saturday.

Summer Reading

Read throughout the summer for the chance to win prizes! This year’s theme is Reading Takes You Everywhere, so get ready for programs that explore the globe as well as the world around us.

Look for your friendly librarians around town, too! We’ll be popping up at various parks and businesses, so keep an eye on our website & Facebook page for details.

Summer Reading Kick-off Party
All Ages • Sun., June 3 • 1-4 p.m.

Bring the whole family to pick up your reading logs and enjoy food, fun, and games! Kids can have extra fun at exploratory tables set up by Mad Science of Chicago, co-sponsored by the Elmwood Park Youth Commission. Stop by each table to learn about fantastic flyers, movie effects, and life in the sea!

Reading logs will also be available at the Adult or Kids & Teens desks until the end of Summer Reading, Aug. 11.

Upcoming Book Releases

June

July

Aug.
Adult Programs & Events

For more program information visit elmwoodparklibrary.org or get a monthly schedule at the Adult Services desk.

For info about upcoming movies, please call, visit our website, or enjoy older movies based on a monthly theme.

Film Lovers’ Friday
Delicious popcorn provided.

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

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3D Printer - Mini Planter*
Mon., Aug. 13 • 7-8:30 p.m.
Learn to design your own mini planter on the computer and print it out on our 3D Printer!

Email Organization*
Thurs., Aug. 16 • 1-2:30 p.m.
Learn how to organize your inbox by creating folders, deleting emails, and marking them as spam. Please have your email address and password ready to log in when class begins.

Photo Editing with Photoshop: Basics*
Mon., Aug. 20 • 7-8:30 p.m.
Learn about free downloadable eBook and audiobook options available with your Elmwood Park library card, including the Libby and Axis 360 apps.

Movie Matinees

Language & Literature

Hora de Conversación | Godzina Rozmowy
English Conversation Hour
Wed. • 7-8 p.m. | June 6, 13, 20 | July 11 & 18 | Aug. 1, 8, 15

Acompañenos para una hora de conversación guiada en inglés. Dołącz do nas za godzinę rozmowy po angielsku. Join us for an hour of guided conversation in English.

Games and Fitness

Chair Yoga*
- Please bring a yoga mat and water bottle.
- Mon. • June 11, 25 | July 9, 23 | Aug 13, 27 • 1-2 p.m.

Trivia Night
Tues. • June 26 | July 31 | Aug 28 • 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 evening discussion.

Featured Speakers and Events

Christmas Markets River Cruising in Germany*
Mon., June 11 • 7-8 p.m.
Join world traveler Joan Monego as she shares her experience cruising along the Danube during the Christmas market season. Joan will offer tips on what to expect, and will be happy to answer any questions you have.

How to Talk to Your Kids About Sex*
Wed., June 20 • 7-8 p.m.
This informational session from Erie Family Health Center will help you approach this important conversation with your kids. To register, please contact Erie Health: 312-432-4588

Food for Thought - Greater Chicago Food Depository
Mon., June 25 • 7-8:30 p.m.
Join Bob Chimis as he shares heartwarming stories about the Greater Chicago Food Depository’s work, and find out how you can get involved.

This event kicks off our food drive, which runs through June 30.

Vagabonding Around the World*
Adults & Teens Grades 7-12 • Thurs., June 28 • 7-8 p.m.

Adult Step-by-Step Painting*
Thurs., July 26 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Join local artist Andrea Reyes for a fun painting class. All skill levels welcome!

Food, Drink, and Crafts

Homebrewing Club* - Must be 21 or older to attend
Brew: Sat., June 9 • 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. | Bottle: Mon., July 9 • 6-7:30 p.m.
Brew: Sat., Aug. 11 • 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Make Your Own Mocktails*
Mon., June 18 • 7-8 p.m.
A mocktail is a cocktail or mixed drink with no alcohol. Come sample a few delicious mocktails and learn to make them for your summer holiday!

Eat & Make* - Registration ends 3 days before program
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Teen Programs & Events (Grades 6-12, unless otherwise noted)

Erie Health Youth Leadership Council
Ages 13-18 • Mon., June 4 • 4-6 p.m.
Learn about, and educate your peers about, teen health topics such as healthy relationships, self-esteem and body positivity, sexual & reproductive health. It’s a great resume builder and food is provided at every meeting. This is a safe space for youth of all identities.

For more information, call Lauren at Erie Health: 773.824.5998

Vagabonding Around the World*
Grades 7-12 & Adults • Thurs., June 28 • 7-8 p.m.
Join Brian Michalski and learn about his 22-month solo backpacking trip, working and volunteering his way through 20 countries. Get practical tips and take-home resources for planning such a journey. Gain insight about the risks, while also opening your mind to the life-changing rewards of working and volunteering internationally.

Teen Movies
Batman Ninja
Thurs., June 7 • 7-8:45 p.m.

Winchester
Thurs., July 5 • 6:30-8:45 p.m.

Craft & Food Programs

Fairy Jars*
Mon., June 11 • 7-8 p.m.

Explore: Terrariums*
Wed., June 20 • 4-5 p.m.

Explore: Ice Cream*
Thurs., July 12 • 3-4 p.m.

Explore: Bath Bombs*
Wed., Aug. 8 • 4-5 p.m.

Explore: Still-Life Painting*
Wed., June 13 • 3-5 p.m.

Explore: Outside Art with Salt*
Wed., July 11 • 4-5 p.m.

Explore: Friendship Bracelets*
Wed., July 18 • 4-5 p.m.

Explore: Embroidery*
Tues., Aug. 21 • 4-5:30 p.m.

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**Indoor Fun**

**Family Movie Showings**
Popcorn will be served.
Mon., June 4 • 7-8:45 p.m. • Paddington 2
Mon., July 2 • 7-8:45 p.m. • Early Man
Thurs., Aug. 2 • 7-8:45 p.m. • The Breadwinner
Mon., Aug. 6 • 7-8:45 p.m. • A Wrinkle in Time

**Family Bingo**
Tues., June 5 • 7-8 p.m.
Join us for a fun night of Bingo! Winners will get to pick a prize from the prize table.

**Dumpling Festival**
Sat., July 7 • 12-1:30 p.m.
Nearly every culture has some variation of the dumpling. Join us for our 2nd festival as we celebrate our similarities and eat delicious food. Everyone is welcome to bring a dish to share.

**Family Ice Cream Party**
Thurs., July 12 • 7-8 p.m.

**Jim Nesci’s Cold Blooded Creatures, Starring Bubba the Gator**
Ages 4-12 • Mon., July 30 • 7-8 p.m.
Join us as Jim shares information about reptiles, discusses the relationship between reptiles and dinosaurs, and introduces us to his friend Bubba the alligator, who is over 8 feet long and weighs over 200 pounds! 
*Co-sponsored by the Elmwood Park Youth Commission*

**Smarty Pants: The Big Balloon Show**
Sat., Aug. 11 • 3-4 p.m.
Celebrate the end of Summer Reading with this all-ages show featuring comedy, magic, and of course, eye-popping balloon props. 
*Co-sponsored by the Elmwood Park Youth Commission*

**Help us prepare for the Day of Service on Oct. 8!**
This year we will be creating small care packages for the foster children of Hephzibah Children’s Association.

**Robot Club**
Grades 6-12 • June 5 | July 3 | Aug. 2 • 2-3 p.m.
Join our Library Robotics Team and learn to use our VEX Robotics kit.

**Hour of Code**
Grades 4-12 • June 7 | July 5 | Aug. 7 • 2-3 p.m.
Play fun games while learning basic coding through Code.org, then try your hand on some of our programmable robots!

**Movie Making** (4-part class)
Grades 4-12 • June 12, 14, 19, 21 • 2-3 p.m.
Let’s write a script, shoot some footage, and edit it into a movie.

**Live Action Comic Book (2-part class)**
Grades 4-12 • June 26 & 28 • 2-3 p.m.
Convert digital photos of real people and objects into cartoons, then add captions to create your own comic.

**Outdoor Fun**

**Explore: Outdoor Art**
All Ages • Tues., June 19 • 2-3 p.m.
Let’s use chalk, paint, bubbles, and more to make some fun outdoor art!

**Bubbles for All!**
All Ages • Tues., July 3 • 2-3 p.m.
Join us outside to play with bubbles!

**Chalk for All!**
All Ages • Thurs., July 5 • 2-3 p.m.
Join us outside to play with chalk!

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**End of Summer Ice Cream Party**
All Ages • Sat., Aug. 11 • 4-5 p.m.
Celebrate the end of summer reading with a sweet treat out in front of the Library!

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**Beginning Aug. 1, we will be accepting donations** of travel-sized toiletries (including soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, etc.), paperback books for kids ages 1-12, and small stuffed animals (smaller than a hardcover novel). **All items must be new.** Used items will not be accepted. Please bring your donations to the Kids & Teens desk. We will have more information about volunteering at Day of Service in the Fall Newsletter.

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**Live Action Comic Book (2-part class)**
Grades 4-12 • June 26 & 28 • 2-3 p.m.
Convert digital photos of real people and objects into cartoons, then add captions to create your own comic.

**TinkerCAD 3D Design & Printing** (4-part class)
Grades 4-12 • July 10, 12, 17, 19 • 2-3 p.m.
Learn to create 3D models and print them on the Makerbot Replicator!

**Photoshop Poster Design** (3-part class)
Grades 4-12 • July 24, 26, 31 • 2-3 p.m.
Learn to use Adobe Photoshop to design and print your own poster.

**Computer Skills & Online Safety**
Grades 4-12 • Aug. 9 • 2-3 p.m.
Learn how to operate a Windows computer and how to be a safe and courteous Internet citizen.

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Kid Programs & Events

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. • June 6 - Aug. 8 (except July 4 & 11) • 9:30-10 a.m.
Discover stories through books, songs, puppets, and more.

Little Explorers Story Time*
Ages 6-35 months with caregiver
Mon. • June 4 - Aug. 6 (except July 2 & 9) • 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. • June 4 - Aug. 6 (except July 2 & 9) • 11-11:45 a.m.
Wake up your week with books, songs, movement, and dance.

More Fun Programs

Ride the Horse • All Ages
Wed. • June 6 | Aug. 1 • 4-4:30 p.m.

Plant the Butterfly Garden* • Grades K-3
Tues., June 12 • 4-5 p.m.
Join us to plant our beautiful garden located behind the Library.

Let’s Get Messy* • Ages 2-4 with caregiver
Wed., July 11 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Wed., Aug. 15 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Children and parents are invited to join us outside to create fun and messy art! We will have paint so please dress accordingly.

Explore: Ice Cream* • Grades K-2
Thurs., July 12 • 1-2 p.m.
Join us for this fun adventure as we make our own sweet treats to stay cool on a hot day.

Butterfly Adventure*
Ages 4-8 • Tues., June 12 • 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Happy Birthday, Crush!*  
Ages 4-8 • Thurs., June 14 • 7-8 p.m.
Celebrate the birthday of our resident tortoise, Crush!

Explore Storytimes* (sign up for each date separately)
Grades K-3 • Tues. • 4-5 p.m.
June 19 - Japan     June 26 - Honduras     July 10 - South Africa
July 24 - Lost Cities July 31 - Svalbard     Aug. 14 - South Pacific

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Club Conti Presents:

Savor the '70s

September 29, 2018 from 7:00-10:00 p.m.
Elmwood Park Public Library

Are you a disco queen, metal head, or hippie rocker? It doesn’t matter which, just come get your groove on at Club Conti - the Library’s 2nd annual adults-only (21 & over), after-hours fundraising event. This year we Savor the '70s, so come dressed in your bellbottoms, platform shoes, tie-dyes, and other nostalgic clothing and show us what the '70s mean to you.

Can you dig it? Enjoy dancing, food and drink, a costume contest, and dueling DJs. Snag a deal with prize drawings, silent auction, and 50/50 raffle. Learn the Hustle and other line dances, make a pet rock, join "David Bowie" for karaoke, and much more!

Tickets go on sale on June 1 & can be purchased at the Circulation Desk or through our website.

Tickets cost $20 (or $25 at the door) and include:
• Free food: hors d’oeuvres and desserts
• 1 free drink (or 2 free drinks if you purchase your tickets before August 15)
  w/additional drink tickets available for purchase at event
• Photo booth picture to commemorate the event
• Lots of music, dancing, and fun!

Additionally, purchase a group of 8 tickets before August 15 and we’ll do you a solid & reserve a special VIP table for your group at the event.

Far out! Funds raised by this event will help the continuing efforts to enhance Library spaces, including growing our outdoor garden with a community mural & mosaic.

So don’t be a chump! Book it on down to the Library and get your tickets today!

Catch you on the flip side!

Food Drive at the Library: June 25-30

Help us make a difference in the fight against hunger! The last week of June, we will be accepting donations of non-perishable food items to help the Greater Chicago Food Depository. You can also donate online to our virtual food drive. Just visit myfooddrive.org and find our food drive to donate. Join the Food for Thought program on June 25 to learn more about this local nonprofit.

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 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.

And soon they will be unveiling a new scholarship award for volunteers.

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.

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 at the drop-box in the lobby.

19 New Libraries Join SWAN

Enjoy more of what you love! At the beginning of May, 19 new libraries from Cook, DuPage, and Kane counties joined SWAN, bringing almost 2 million books, movies, and more with them. With their addition, you now have access to over 9.8 million items by placing holds through the SWAN Online Catalog.