Grab a bandana and mosey on down to Club Conti Corral, the Library's 3rd annual adults-only (21 & over), after-hours fundraising event. This year's highlights include: tasty BBQ grub and fixins, dessert by Culver's, a dance instructor and DJ, raffles for the risk takers (big ticket items valued at $250 or more), split the pot, costume contest, and Snakebite signature drink.

Buy your tickets at the Circulation Desk or through our website. All tickets include food, one free drink ticket, and a photo booth picture. Tickets are $25 each if purchased before the event, or $30 at the door.

Funds raised by this event will help continuing efforts to enhance Library spaces. Special thanks to our sponsors: Friends of the Library, Montclare-Elmwood Park Kiwanis, Culvers, Burger MooVment, Russell's Barbecue, and Arcada Theatre. (There's still time to be a sponsor, too. Just call 708.395.1230.)
Computers & Technology

The Librarian Is In: Mobile Devices*  
Thurs., Sept. 5 • 10-11:30 a.m.  
Drop in and ask about your device.

Excel 2010*  
Basics: Tues., Sept. 10 • 7-8:30 p.m.  
Intermediate: Tues., Oct. 8 • 7-8:30 p.m.  
Advanced: Tues., Nov. 12 • 7-8:30 p.m.

Organizing Your Family Tree with Family Search*  
Thurs., Sept. 19 • 7-8:30 p.m.  
Learn to navigate the Family Search site and record your findings. Bring your email address and password to create your free account.

Ancestry.com Library Edition*  
Tues., Oct. 1 • 7-8:30 p.m.

Intro. to Consumer Reports Online*  
Thurs., Oct. 24 • 10-11:30 a.m.

Holiday Cards with MS Publisher*  
Tues., Nov. 5 • 7-8:30 p.m.

Introduction to Facebook*  
Thurs., Nov. 21 • 7-8:30 p.m.  
Please have your email address and password ready to log in when class begins.

Games & Fitness

Game Night!*  
Thurs. • Sept. 5 | Oct. 3 | Nov. 7 • 6-8:30 p.m.  
Come play popular board & card games, such as Unstable Unicorns, Ticket to Ride, Web of Spies, San Juan, Lanterns, Bears vs. Babies, Sagrada, Takenoko, and much more! Don't worry, if you don't know how to play, we'll teach you.

Chair Yoga*  
Mon. • Sept. 9, 23, 30 | Oct. 14, 28 | Nov. 11, 25 • 1-2 p.m.  
Please bring a yoga mat and water bottle for this gentle exercise session. Sponsored by AgeOptions

Tai Chi*  
Mon. • Sept. 16 | Oct. 21 | Nov. 18 • 1-2 p.m.  
This gentle exercise is adaptable for people of all ages and abilities, and helps with circulation, flexibility, and balance. Sponsored by AgeOptions

Trivia Night  
Tues. • Sept. 24 | Oct. 29 | Nov. 26 • 7-9 p.m.  
Bring a team of up to five people to Russell's Barbecue for a night of fun, challenging trivia, and prizes for the winning team. Check our Facebook page the day of the program to see the bonus question!

Movie Matinees

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

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.  

Connect to interactive language-learning with the Mango Languages app! This app is free with your Elmwood Park library card, and offers courses in over 70 languages using conversational learning.

Special Guests and Events

Savvy Caregiver Workshop*  
Wed. • Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25 | Oct. 2, 9 • 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
This 6-week evidence-based training program is designed for family members caring for someone who has Alzheimer’s or shows signs of dementia. Learn about managing behaviors and the daily life of the person you are caring for, as well as resources for your own well-being.

Mon., Sept. 9 • 7-8:30 p.m.  
Join GRNE Solar for an educational session that will dive into everything you need to know about installing solar on your home or business. These solar experts will cover everything from Solar 101, to myth busting, to reviewing the current Federal and State incentives.

Friends of the Library Book Sale  
Fri., Sept. 13 • 4-7 p.m. | Sat., Sept. 14 • 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Find great deals on books, movies, and music for all ages. Proceeds from this sale go to the Friends of the Elmwood Park Public Library.

Blood Drive with Versiti Blood Center*  
Tues., Sept. 17 • 2-7 p.m.  
To sign up online, visit versiti.org/il and search for Elmwood Park.

Club Conti Presents: Wild Wild West  
Sat., Sept. 21 • 7:30-10:30 p.m.  
Buy your tickets now for this after-hours, adults-only Library fundraiser! See the front page for more details.

Traditional Chinese Music: The Music of Shen Yun*  
Sat., Oct. 12 • 10-11 a.m.  
Shen Yun is a world-renowned music and dance performance that is dedicated to reviving traditional Chinese culture. Learn about the origins of Chinese music and how it connects to nature and people.

Holiday Photo Green Screen  
Mon., Nov. 11 • 7-8:30 p.m.  
Drop in and take a photo for the holidays using the Library’s green screen! Choose a background, strike a pose, and we’ll email you a digital copy of your photo. Come for a solo picture, or bring your friends or family, and have fun!

Food and Crafts

Coffee & Crochet*  
Tues. • Sept. 10 | Oct. 8 | Nov. 12 • 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Enjoy coffee and treats while you crochet—or knit—and socialize. Bring your own supplies or use ours. Staff will be there to help. Sponsored by AgeOptions

Afternoon Tea*  
Thurs., Sept. 26 • 1-2 p.m.  
Enjoy some tea, treats, and friendly conversation. Sponsored by AgeOptions

Eat & Make*  
Registration ends 3 days before program  
Sat. • Sept. 28 | Oct. 26 | Nov. 30 • 2-4 p.m.  
Sept. 28: Apple Slaw and Origami Flowers  
Oct. 26: Pumpkin Pie Dip and Stuffed Pumpkin Plushies  
Nov. 30: Stuffing Egg Cups and DIY Wrapping Paper

Cocoa and Cookies*  
Registration ends 2 days before program  
Mon. • Oct. 7 | Nov. 4 • 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Warm up with hot chocolate and cookies. Sponsored by AgeOptions

Tuesday Night Book Discussions  
7-8:30 p.m.  
Each book will be available at the Adult Services desk approximately four weeks before the discussion.

* Registration Required  |  Sign up online, in person, or by phone.
Teen Programs & Events (Grades 6-12, unless otherwise noted)

**Fun & Games**

**Gaming**
Mon. • Sept. 9, 23 | Oct. 7, 21 | Nov. 4, 18 • 4-5:30 p.m.
Join us for gaming - Roblox, Minecraft, Fortnite, etc.

**Magic the Gathering & Yu-Gi-Oh!**
Ages 10-18 • Every Wed. (except Nov. 27) • 4-6 p.m.

**Dungeons & Dragons**
Grades 7-12 • Thurs. • Sept. 19, 26 | Oct. 17 | Nov. 21 • 5:30-8:30 p.m.

**Perler Beads**
Grades 7-12 • Thurs., Sept. 26 • 7-8 p.m.
Choose one of our designs or make your own perler bead creation.

**Teen Movies**

**Shazam!**
Thurs., Sept. 5 • 6-8:15 p.m.

**Down a Dark Hall**
Thurs., Oct. 3 • 7-8:30 p.m.

**Pokémon Detective Pikachu**
Thurs., Nov. 7 • 6:30-8:45 p.m.

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

**Food & Crafts**

**DIY Wind Spirals**
Mon., Sept. 9 • 7-7:45 p.m.
Make beautiful recycled plastic spirals that will sparkle and spin in the wind.

**Meet the Artist**
Explore different artists and make your own version of the artist's masterpiece.
- Banksy: Wed., Sept. 18 • 4-5:30 p.m.
- Louise Bourgeois: Wed., Oct. 23 • 4-5:30 p.m.
- Frida Kahlo: Wed., Nov. 20 • 4-5:30 p.m.

**Embroidery Club**
Tues., Sept. 24 • 4-5 p.m.

**DIY Pencil Holders**
Wed., Oct. 16 • 4-4:45 p.m.

**No Bake Novelties**
Mon., Oct. 28 • 7-8:30 p.m.

**DIY No Sew Scarves**
Wed., Nov. 13 • 4-5 p.m.

**Mosaics**
Tues., Nov. 26 • 4-5:30 p.m.

**Homework 911**
Grades K-6 • Tues. & Thurs. • Sept. 10 - Oct. 24 | Nov. 5-21 • 4-6 p.m.
Homework got you confused and a little frustrated? Bring your assignment to the Library! Certified 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. • 4-4:45 p.m.

- Sept. 25: *See You in the Cosmos* by Jack Cheng
- Oct. 30: *Front Desk* by Kelly Yang
- Nov. 27: *The Unicorn in the Barn* by Jacqueline Ogburn

**MidKid Gaming**

**Pokémon League**
Grades 1-6 • Mon. • Sept. 23 | Oct. 21 | Nov. 18 • 4-6 p.m.

**Chess Club**
Mon. • Sept. 30 | Oct. 28 • 4-5 p.m.
Special Guests & Events

T-Rexplorers Dinosaur Adventure*
Ages 3-12 • Mon., Sept. 16 • 4-5 p.m.
Come get hands-on with authentic dinosaur fossils and see some of the T-Rexplorers latest finds! Come a few minutes early and meet Ranger the T-Rex in front of the Library!

Pumpkin Carving*
Ages 5-10 with parent • Wed., Oct. 23 • 7-8:30 p.m.
Bring your design ideas and tools if you have them. We will supply the pumpkins! Elmwood Park residents may sign up beginning Oct. 1. Non-residents may call to reserve a spot (708.395.1237).

Dave Herzog’s Marionettes Halloween Show*
Ages 2 & up • Tues., Oct. 29 • 7 p.m.
Join mad scientist Boris von Puppenspiel and his pal Frankie Monster as they invite all of their kooky—but not too spooky—Halloween friends to join them in this fun marionette puppet show for the entire family!

More Fun Programs

Puzzlemania Game Day
Ages 5-10 • Thurs., Sept. 5 • 4-4:45 p.m.

The “Bobblers” are Coming!*
Ages 5
Grades K-2 • Thurs., Sept. 26 • 4-5:30 p.m.
Go from Autumn to Halloween with the simple turn of this clever 2-sided container. Fill one side with natural fall materials, and the other side with a Halloween “Bobble” character and other creepy critters.

Homework 911
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Special Crafts & Story Times

Dinosaur Story Time*
Ages 3-8
Tues., Sept. 10 • 4-4:45 p.m.

Back to School Story Time*
Ages 3-8
Thurs., Sept. 12 • 4-4:45 p.m.

Pirate Adventures*
Grades K-2
Tues., Sept. 17 • 4-4:45 p.m.

Welcome Fall Story Time*
Ages 3-8
Thurs., Sept. 19 • 4-4:45 p.m.

Pumpkin Story Time*
Ages 3-8
Tues., Oct. 8 • 4-4:45 p.m.

Fire Safety Story Time*
Ages 4-8
Thurs., Oct. 10 • 4-4:45 p.m.

Black Cat Story Time*
Ages 4-8
Tues., Oct. 15 • 4-4:45 p.m.

Pajama Story Time*
Ages 3-8
Thurs., Oct. 17 • 7-7:45 p.m.

Let’s Hear It for the Spider*
Grades K-2
Tues., Oct. 22 • 4-4:45 p.m.

Owl Story Time*
Ages 4-8
Tues., Nov. 19 • 4-4:45 p.m.

Elephant Adventure*
Grades K-2
Tues., Nov. 26 • 4-4:45 p.m.

Turkey Story Time*
Ages 4-8
Tues., Nov. 26 • 4-4:45 p.m.

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. 4 - Dec. 4 (except Oct. 30) • 9:30-10 a.m.
Discover stories through books, songs, puppets, and more.

Elmwood Park Play Group (new day!)
Ages 0-5
Thurs. • Sept. 5 | Oct. 3 | Nov. 7 • 9:30-11:30 a.m.
Connect, create, and play in our pop-up play space designed specially for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers.

Little Explorers Story Time*
Ages 6-36 months with caregiver
Mon. • Sept. 9 - Dec. 2 (except Oct. 28) • 9:30-10:15 a.m.
Explore the wonder of books, puppets, bounces, and rhymes. Rhythm and parachute play included.

Outdoor Adventures
Ages 2-5 with caregiver
Mon. • Sept. 9 - Oct. 21 • 11-11:45 a.m.
Tackle Monday with books, songs, movement, and dance, followed by open play designed to build early developmental skills. Call the Library for each week's outdoor location.

Wiggles & Giggles Story Time
Ages 2-5 with caregiver
Mon. • Nov. 4 - Dec. 2 • 11-11:45 a.m.
Wake up your week with books, songs, movement, and dance, followed by open play designed to build early developmental skills.

Rockin’ Reads*
Ages 3-5
Wed. • Sept. 4 - Dec. 4 (except Oct. 30) • 10-10:45 a.m.
Get ready to rock with books, songs, puppets, and more.

Homework 911
Grades K-6 • Tues. & Thurs. • 4-6 p.m.
Sept. 10 - Oct. 24 | Nov. 5-21
Homework got you confused? Bring your assignment to the Library! Certified teachers will work with students in groups or one-on-one as time and space allow.
Special Guests & Featured Events

Chicago Puppetry Guild Presents: A Fun Family Event*
All ages • Tues., Sept. 24 • 7-8 p.m.
Folks from the Chicago Puppetry Guild will show you how to make your very own pool noodle puppets! Use the tabletop stage to put on a show.

Public Art & You* (choose one session)
Ages 8 and up • Oct. 19 • 2-3:30 p.m. | Nov. 19 • 7-8:30 p.m.
The Library is proud to be coordinating the installation of a public art piece with the You Are Beautiful cooperative (you-are-beautiful.com), along with SD401, EPNCO, Youth Commission, Dominican University, and you! Join us to discuss ideas, our community values, and what inspires us to be ourselves and to be kind. Participants will also create their own works of art!

Family Bingo*
All ages • Tues., Oct. 22 • 7-8 p.m.
Bring the whole family for a night of Bingo!

Game Night!* 
Ages 7 and up • Thurs., Nov. 7 • 6-8:30 p.m.
Come celebrate International Games Week by joining us for a family-friendly game night! We will have a variety of popular and familiar board and card games, as well as some new games to try. As always, if you don’t know how to play a game, we’ll teach you!

Action Scene Photography (choose one session)
All ages • Sat., Nov. 23 • 10-12 p.m. & 2-4 p.m. | Sun., Nov. 24 • 2-4 p.m.
Bring your camera and take pictures of your babies and kids in adorable action scenes all laid out on the ground. Pictures taken from above bring these photos to life just in time for the holidays.

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month
Get a new Elmwood Park library card in September and be entered into a drawing for a prize of your choice. Pick from a variety of gift cards, or a kids’ basket of fun stuff from Toy Story.
It is easy to get an Elmwood Park library card. If you are 18 or older, bring in a valid photo ID with your current Elmwood Park address: a current Driver’s License or State ID. If you are under 18, come in with your parent or legal guardian.

A library card is your ticket to fun and learning! From borrowing DVDs, museum passes, and even a telescope from our Beyond Books Collection, there’s no end to the exciting activities you can access with a library card.

Use your library card to Connect to useful online resources like Novelist, which provides book recommendations for readers in all age groups. Search your favorite books or authors to find read-alikes, or search by appeal terms, like “funny and quirky,” or “moody and brooding.” To access Novelist, just visit our website, then go to Research/Learning > Literature & Reading. Connect to your next great read!

Library Book Bike

Library Buttons
All ages • Sat., Sept. 7 • 1-2 p.m.
Find the Library Book Bike at Bambi Park and pick up a button in honor of Library Card Sign Up Month! Buttons will be distributed while supplies last.

DIY Bird Feeders
All ages • Sat., Oct. 5 • 1-2 p.m.
Join the Library Book Bike at Mills Park and make a bird feeder! We will provide the materials and bird seed while supplies last.

Family Movie Showings
Popcorn & lemonade will be served.

Aladdin (2019)
Mon., Oct. 7
6:30-8:45 p.m.

Toy Story 4
Mon., Nov. 4
7-8:45 p.m.

Teen & MidKid Tech Classes: Project Next Generation

Robot Club*
Grades 6-12 • Tues. • Sept. 3 | Oct. 1 | Nov. 12 • 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. 5 | Oct. 3 • 4-5 p.m.
Play fun games while learning basic coding through Code.org, then try your hand on some of our programmable robots!

Photoshop Poster Design* (3-part class)
Grades 4-12 • Sept. 10, 12, & 17 • 4-5 p.m.
Learn to use Adobe Photoshop to create and print a poster of your very own design.

Video Game Creator* (3-part class)
Grades 4-12 • Sept. 19, 24, & 28 • 4-5 p.m.
Try your hand at making a simple video game using Flowlab.io!

Soldering* (4-part class)
Grades 6-12 • Oct. 8, 10, 15, 17 • 4-5 p.m.
We’ll teach you how to handle a soldering iron safely, how to assemble components on a circuit board, and everything else you need to know to bring electronics to life!

TinkerCAD 3D Design & Printing* (4-part class)
Grades 4-12 • Oct. 24, 29 | Nov. 5, 7 • 4-5 p.m.
Learn to create 3D models and print them on the Makerbot Replicator!

Create-a-Ghost*
Grades 4-12 • Oct. 31 • 4-5 p.m.
Create a ghost at the Library using everyday materials like packing tape, cling wrap, and LEDs.

Paper Signals with Google (4-part class)
Grades 6-12 • Nov. 14, 19, 21, 26 • 4-5 p.m.
Paper Signals are build-it-yourself objects that you control with your voice. You can build a paper signal to tell you when you need an umbrella, or how much time is left on a countdown, or you can code it to do something completely new!

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For more program information visit elmwoodparklibrary.org

* Registration Required | Sign up online, in person, or by phone.
**Beyond Books Collection - New Items!**
Check out our new metal detector to find hidden treasures at the beach, the park, or your own backyard. Connect with nature by checking out our new binoculars, explore the night sky with our new telescope, or bring small objects into focus with our new LED magnifying glass. If you’re an adult with an Elmwood Park library card, you can check out these new items and more from our Beyond Books Collection!

Thanks to the grant from AgeOptions, we also have a wheelchair, a walker, and several pairs of reading glasses that visitors can use while they are in the Library. Just visit the Circulation desk to ask for the wheelchair or walker. Reading glasses are available to borrow at the Adult Services desk. We are pleased to offer these as a courtesy to our visitors.

**Explore More Illinois**
We are excited to begin offering Elmwood Park library cardholders more options for discounted tickets to a variety of Illinois cultural attractions through Explore More Illinois! Some of the participating attractions include the Chicago Children’s Museum (Navy Pier), the Illinois Holocaust Museum (Skokie), the Ernest Hemingway Foundation (Oak Park), and the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum (Springfield). To reserve tickets and find more information, visit our website, then go to How Do I? > Special Collections > Museum Passes. Click the link for Explore More Illinois, then log in with your library card number and PIN.

**Get the New SWAN Libraries App!**
Available for Apple and Android devices, download the new app and keep the Library in your pocket wherever you go! Just log in with your library card number and PIN to access the SWAN Catalog and My Account features.

- **My Account:**
  - View checkouts and renew eligible items.
  - View, cancel, and suspend holds.
  - View and pay fines.

- **Virtual Library Card:**
  - Once logged in, the app can display your library card number so you’re never without it.
  - If you want to keep track of multiple library cards in your family, you can link other cards in the app.

- **Searching:**
  - Search the SWAN catalog and view items.
  - Place holds quickly and easily.
  - Check out, download, and access an eBook or eAudio book right from the app.

For more information, visit elmwoodparklibrary.org, then go to How Do I? > My Library Account > SWAN Libraries App.

**Holiday Giving**

**Holiday Bazaar**
Mark your calendars for holiday fun and local shopping at the Kiwanis Holiday Bazaar on Sat., Nov. 16 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Elmwood Park Parks & Rec Center. The Library’s Young Adult Council will be on hand with drinks, snacks, and lunch items for sale.

**Gifts for Adopt-a-Kid, Inc.**
The Library is an annual collection site for Adopt-a-Kid, Inc., a local organization that collects gifts for families in need. Please look for our lobby display in late November for information and instructions on how to help. Thanks for helping us spread the joy of the season.

**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. Each year they offer one or two $500 scholarships for teen volunteers who live in Elmwood Park and will be attending their first year of college or trade school. For application details, visit our website and go to About EPPL > Friends Scholarship.

Want to be a Friend? 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 > Friends of the Elmwood Park Public Library.