New for You @ Your Library

Lobby & Circulation Services
Thank you for your patience and flexibility as we completed our lobby redesign project. The updated space features a Snack Space with new furniture, outlets for charging, and a vending machine, as well as a new display for community information, canvas bags for checkout (if you have too much to carry), artwork, and more efficient and ergonomic space for staff. We were also able to replace peeling wallpaper with paint and wood panels, and slippery and noisy tile with carpet. This project was developed based on feedback from the community for our 2016-19 Strategic Plan, and funded with Library savings and a grant which was generously provided from the Illinois State Library, a department of the Office of the Secretary of State, with Live & Learn Construction Grant Funds. **Join us in celebrating our new space on Saturday, June 8 from 1-3 p.m.** Grab some coffee, sample our new snacks, and get a free Library mug (while supplies last).

You Are Beautiful - A Kindness Project
The Library was proud to partner with Elmwood Park School District 401 this spring for a community read of *Restart* by Gordon Korman. The story, which focuses on bullying, forgiveness, and the meaning of friendship, brought people together to discuss how to spread kindness, and share our uniqueness as individuals. It made us start an #EPKIND campaign. It made us want to do more. So we’ve partnered with the You Are Beautiful project and will work with them and local students and teachers to create a custom art installation for the Library that reflects these values to the larger community. This project is expected to begin in the fall, and we will be recruiting volunteers then. If you are interested in participating, please contact Yadira (yperez@elmwoodparklibrary.org).

Summer Fun
Keep an eye out for us around town this summer. We’ll be passing out goodies during the July 4th parade, offering our annual photo booth and giveaways at the Taste, and riding to special park programs on our new Book Bike. We love the chance to connect outside the Library walls.

Finally, take a look at our Beyond Books collection to find something fun or useful to enhance your summer adventures - we have Bocce, croquet, beanbag toss, camp chairs, and more for checkout with your library card.

Upcoming Book Releases

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Adult Programs & Events

Computers & Technology

Excel 2010*
Basics: Tues., June 4 • 7-8:30 p.m.
Intermediate: Thurs., July 18 • 7-8:30 p.m.
Advanced: Thurs., Aug. 22 • 7-8:30 p.m.

Library on the Go*
Thurs., June 13 • 10-11:30 a.m.
Learn about the downloadable eBook and audiobook options available with your library card. Elmwood Park residents only.

Introduction to Social Media: Facebook Privacy Settings*
Thurs., June 20 • 7-8:30 p.m.

Introduction to Computers*
Mon., July 8 • 10-11:30 a.m.

Ancestry.com Library Edition*
Tues., July 23 • 10-11:30 a.m.

Introduction to the Internet*
Tues., Aug. 6 • 10-11:30 a.m.

3D Printing - Mini Western Accessories*
Mon., Aug. 12 • 7-8:30 p.m.
Learn to use the 3D printer to make a mini cowboy boot pencil holder, or a mini cowboy hat for your loose change, or a mini horse as a fun decoration!

Games & Fitness

Chair Yoga*
Mon. • June 10, 24 | July 8, 22, 29 | Aug. 12, 26 • 1-2 p.m.
Please bring a yoga mat and water bottle for this gentle exercise session. Sponsored by AgeOptions

Tai Chi*
Mon. • June 17 | July 15 | Aug. 19 • 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. • June 25 | July 30 | Aug. 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 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.

Tuesday Book Discussions

Each book will be available at the Adult Services desk approximately four weeks before the discussion.
Morning: 10-11:30 a.m.
Evening: 7-8:30 p.m.

For more program information visit elmwoodparklibrary.org

Adult Summer Reading Events

Summer Reading Kick-Off: June 3-8
Stop by the Adult Services desk all week to pick up your summer reading log, get a treat, and maybe even win a prize! Sponsored by AgeOptions

Books & Bagels - Summer Reading Wrap Up*
Wed. • Aug. 14 • 10-11 a.m.
Come discuss your favorite books of the summer. Find out what others enjoyed and what the most read books were. Bagels and beverages will be provided. Sponsored by AgeOptions

Featured Speakers and Events

June Diaper Drive
All month long, we will be hosting a diaper drive for Hephzibah Children’s Association. We will be collecting diapers sizes 2-6, baby wipes, and laundry soap. We greatly appreciate your donations to help this important cause!

Chicago: The First Hollywood*
Thurs., June 27 • 7-8 p.m.
Before the film industry moved west, it was firmly rooted in Chicago, with key players like Charlie Chaplin and Gloria Swanson. Join film historian Annette Bochenek to learn about the film industry’s early days in Chicago with photos, video clips, and captivating stories. Sponsored by AgeOptions

Take Charge of Your Health*
Thurs. • July 11, 18, 25 | Aug. 1, 8, 15 • 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
This interactive workshop is designed for individuals with ongoing health conditions and/or their caregivers. Get information and tools to help manage your health and lead an active lifestyle. Sponsored by AgeOptions

Country Line Dancing*
Wed., Aug. 7 • 7-8:30 p.m.
Practice your dance skills before our Wild, Wild West fundraiser in September. Refreshments will be served. Sponsored by AgeOptions

Food and Crafts

Yogurt Bar*
Mon. • June 3 | July 1 | Aug. 5 • 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Start your month off right with fruit and yogurt at the Library. Sponsored by AgeOptions

Coffee & Crochet*
Tues. • June 11 | July 9 | Aug. 13 • 10-11 a.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

Eat & Make*
Sat. • June 29 | July 27 | Aug. 31 • 2-4 p.m.
Sign up for hands-on cooking classes that you can do at home! Registration ends 3 days before program.
June 29: Cheesecake Stuffed Strawberries & Shaving Cream Marbled Paper
July 27: Southwestern Quinoa Salad & Shrink Plastic Accessories
Aug. 31: Fried Green Tomatoes & Mini Pallet Coasters with Washi Tape

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Life Skills

Resume Skills and Job-Hunting for Teens*
Ages 14-21 • Tues., June 25 • 1-2:30 p.m.
The Progress Center for Independent Living will help teens and young adults walk through writing a resume and beginning a job search.

Self-Advocacy for Teens*
Ages 14-21 • Mon., Aug. 12 • 1-2:30 p.m.
The Progress Center for Independent Living will help teens and young adults learn the art of self-advocacy, which is learning how to speak up for yourself, making your own decisions about your life, learning how to get information about things that interest you, finding out who will support you in your journey, knowing your rights and responsibilities, problem solving, listening and learning, reaching out when you need help and friendship, and learning about self-determination.

Craft Programs

Red Carpet Ready: Spa Day*
Thurs., June 27 • 7-8:30 p.m.
It's time to get Red Carpet Ready! Treat yourself to the EPPL Spa. We'll make different spa products that'll guarantee you're ready for a photo shoot.

Red Carpet Ready: Fashion Show*
Thurs., July 25 • 7-8:30 p.m.
We're putting on a wacky fashion show with a variety of fabrics, clothing pieces, and recyclables. Do you have the skills to create a style worthy of the red carpet?

Red Carpet Ready: YouTube Makeup Tutorial Challenge*
Thurs., Aug. 29 • 7-8:30 p.m.
There's a lot of YouTube tutorial challenges and we're doing one of our own. Join us if you think you have the skills. Makeup will be provided. This program is not gender specific.

Miniature Zen Cube Garden*
Grades 3-8 • Tues., Aug. 27 • 4-5 p.m.

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

Teen Gaming

Dungeons & Dragons
Grades 7-12 • Thurs.
June 20 | July 18 | Aug. 15 • 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Fun & Games

Summer Gaming
Mon. • June 3 - Aug. 5 • 2-3:30 p.m.
Join us for open gaming. Play Roblox, Minecraft, Fortnite, etc. Registration not required, but only 11 computers are available at one time.

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

Gaming Club
Mon. • Aug. 12 & 26 • 4-5:30 p.m.
With summer winding down, open gaming will return to after-school hours. There is still no signup needed, but there are only 11 computers available at a time.

MidKid/Teen Movies

Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse
Grades 3-12 • Thurs., June 13 • 6:45-8:45 p.m.

The Kid Who Would Be King
Grades 3-12 • Wed., July 10 • 6:45-8:45 p.m.

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

Arts & Crafts

Make a Terrarium*
Wed., June 12 • 2-3 p.m.

Meet the Artist*
Explore different artists and make your own version of the artist's masterpiece.
Hokusai: Wed., June 26 • 2-3:30 p.m.
Georgia O'Keeffe: Wed., July 31 • 2-3:30 p.m.
Monet: Wed., Aug. 28 • 4-5:30 p.m.

Mini Canvas Art*
Wed., July 17 • 2-3 p.m.

Clay Sculptures*
Tues., Aug. 13 • 7-8 p.m.

Miniature Zen Cube Garden*
Grades 3-8 • Tues., Aug. 27 • 4-5 p.m.

MidKid Gaming

Pokémon League*
Grades 1-6 • Thurs. • June 20 | July 18 | Aug. 15 • 4-6 p.m.

KidWorks Theater Summer Camp*
(2-part class)
Ages 6-12 • July 25 & 26 • 2-3 p.m.
In this two-day theater camp, you'll learn tips and tricks about acting, learn a part in a small production, rehearse, and perform in a 15-minute show for family and friends at the end of the second day. This program is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

KidWorks Theater Performance
All Ages • Fri., July 26 • 2:45-3 p.m.
Drop in and see a show performed by our friends who participated in this 2-day theater camp! All are welcome.

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Kid Programs & Events

Special Guests

Super Stolie Guacamole Bilingual Show*
Ages 2-8 • Sun. • June 2 • 1:30-2:30 p.m. - OR - 3-4 p.m.
Kick off Summer Reading with a performance by Super Stolie!
This fun, lively show includes familiar songs translated into Spanish, story time in English and Spanish, and a dance party.

Infinity and Beyond Presents: Music and Movement*
Ages 2-5 • Mon. • June 10 | July 8 | Aug. 12 • 12:15-1 p.m.
Join us for this exciting class of music and movement for little ones presented by Infinity and Beyond Academy.

My Gym Free Fitness Event
Ages 0-6 • Mon., July 1 • 10-10:30 a.m.
Join us for this 30 minute event that promotes physical fitness in a fun way. Activities include basic tumbling, games, relays, puppet shows, and bubbles. Parents will need to sign a My Gym waiver.

ScribbleMonster: Rock It! Science*
Ages 2-9 • Tues., July 23 • 7-8 p.m.
You're part of the crew when Jim and Jayne from Scribble-Monster break out the laser lights and guitar in a high-energy, play-along rock concert the whole family will enjoy.

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The Hilarious Musical Stylings of Duke Otherwise*
Ages 0-18 • Friday, Aug. 9 • 4-5 p.m.
Duke Otherwise is a playful wordsmith, spirited performer, skilled guitarist, and captivating tap-dancer. Using his distinct baritone, he sings his hilarious and imaginative songs that all ages will delight in together.

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 5-26 | July 17 - Aug. 7 • 9:30-10 a.m.
Discover stories through books, songs, puppets, and more.

Little Explorers Story Time*
Ages 6-36 months with caregiver
Mon. • June 3-24 | July 15 - Aug. 5 • 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
Tues. • June 4-25 | July 16 - Aug. 6 • 11-11:45 a.m.
Tackle Tuesday 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.

Rockin' Reads*
Ages 3-5
Wed. • June 5-26 | July 17 - Aug. 7 • 10-10:45 a.m.
Get ready to rock with books, songs, puppets, and more.

More Fun Programs

Wilderness Explorers
Ages 3 and up • June 3 - Aug. 31
Get in touch with nature and earn badge pins you can wear! Just grab a badge book at the Kids & Teens desk and complete challenges all summer.

Little Leonardos*
Ages 2-4 with caregiver
Thurs., June 13 • 2:15-3 p.m.
Wed., July 10 • 10:15-11 a.m.
Thurs., Aug. 8 • 2:15-3 p.m.
Kids and parents are invited to join us to create fun and messy art! Please dress accordingly.

Butterfly Bonanza*
Ages 4-8 • Tues., June 11 • 4-4:45 p.m.

Pete the Cat Party*
Ages 3-8 • Thurs., June 27 • 4-4:45 p.m.

Rock & Roll Dance Party!*
Grades K-3 • Tues., July 16 • 4-4:45 p.m.

Pajama Story Time Under the Stars*
Ages 3-8 • Wed., July 24 • 7-7:45 p.m.

Broadway Extravaganza*
Ages 4-8 • Tues., July 30 • 4-4:45 p.m.

Vacation Story Time*
Ages 4-8 • Thurs., Aug. 22 • 4-4:45 p.m.

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Howdy partner! Dust off your Stetson hat & boots, and mosey on down to Club Conti Corral, the Library’s 3rd annual adults-only (21 & over), after-hours fundraising event. Meet us at sundown for a night of food & drink, dancing, prizes, and hearty fun.

Tickets go on sale June 1 & can be purchased in person at the Circulation Desk or through our website. All tickets include food, 1 free drink ticket, and a photo booth picture to commemorate the event.

- $20 - Early Bird Tickets (June 1 - Aug. 21)
- $25 - Regular Tickets (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)
- $30 - Tickets at the Door

Additionally, purchase a group of 8 tickets before Aug. 21 and we’ll reserve a special VIP table for you and your posse.

We’re mighty thankful for your support! Funds raised by this event will help continuing efforts to enhance Library spaces. So hop on your horse and gallop on down to the Library to wrangle up some tickets today! Yee-haw!

Library Board Spotlight

The Library extends its heartfelt thanks to our outgoing Board President, Carole Bilbo, who did not seek re-election. The staff is eagerly looking ahead with newly elected Trustee SK Narayan, re-elected Trustees Chris Pesko and Marisa Santangelo, and continuing Trustees Peter Fosco, Diana M. Gordon, and Michelle Mondia. Check our website for more on the Library’s goals and accomplishments (About EPPL > Strategic Plan), and current reading recommendations from the staff and Board (Adults > Staff Reads).

Friends of the Library Scholarship Winner

Congratulations to Ian Babelonia, who received the Friends of the Library’s 2019 Volunteer Scholarship! After volunteering 100 hours for the Library and the Friends, Ian received a check for $500 at the April 18 Library Board meeting. Ian plans to apply the funds towards his textbooks at the University of Illinois at Chicago this fall.

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. Recent donations include a button maker (watch for some special giveaways at the 4th of July parade) and a water bottle filter/filler for our lobby water fountain (coming soon!). Look for their annual book sale coming in September.

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.