



Elmwood Park Public Library

explore. connect. create.

A place where life, work, and play unite. | June - August 2020

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Learning to Adapt

On behalf of the Library staff and Board of Trustees, we hope that this newsletter finds you safe and well. To say it has been an uncertain and painful time for our community, state, and nation is an understatement, and unfortunately, we may be dealing with Covid-19 for the foreseeable future. Staff are working hard to reimagine and adapt our library services to ensure the safety of patrons and staff.

We look forward to offering curbside holds pickup (Phase 1 of our reopening plan) so patrons can once again check out books, magazines, DVDs, Blu-rays, CDs, and video games. We will call or email to let you know when your holds are ready to pick up. However, delivery between libraries is suspended, so we will not be able to provide materials from other libraries. The building itself will reopen when we have a steady supply of cleaning and safety products, furniture and spaces are reorganized to support social distancing, and above all else, that staff are able to safely and effectively do their jobs to serve the community.

With your understanding and patience, and the sharing of your ideas and needs, we will meet this challenge together and keep moving forward. For now please enjoy our virtual programs, download eBooks and eAudiobooks, and join us in an online summer reading program. More details of our virtual offerings are included in this issue.

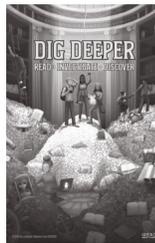
Things to Do at Home

We are compiling a list of free resources for parents, teachers, and anyone who is looking for engaging activities to do while practicing social distancing. The list includes virtual story times, virtual tours of museums and parks, fitness videos and resources, concert videos, zoo cameras, and more!

For the list of activities and links, just go to our website (elmwoodparklibrary.org) and look under **Programs/Events > Community > Things to Do at Home.**



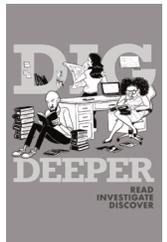
Summer Reading: Dig Deeper June 1 - July 31



This year, the Summer Reading Program is coming to you! For the first time ever, you will be able to log your summer reading through a fun new online service called Beanstack, accessible through our website and an easy-to-use app. Kids and Adults will log what they read, earn prizes, and participate in bonus prize raffles. Visit our website on June 1 for more information and to register for Summer Reading.

Do you prefer to do Summer Reading the old-fashioned way? Sign up by phone (708.453.7645) or send us an email (askref@elmwoodparklibrary.org). We'll take down your information and let you know the first goal for your age group. Let us know when you achieve your goals, and we'll update your progress and enter you for prizes!

Summer Reading might look a little bit different this year, but we hope adults and kids of all ages will have fun Digging Deeper with us to read, investigate, and discover together.



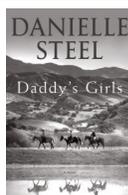
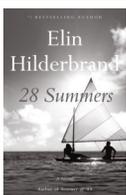
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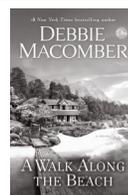
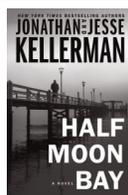
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Upcoming Book Releases

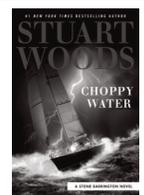
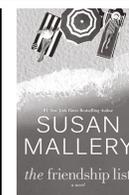
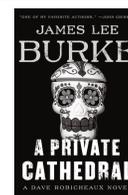
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Your Digital Library: Always Open

Because eBooks and digital resources are so important right now...

- Access won't be blocked for cards with fines under \$100.
- Cards expiring Jan. - June 2020 will be renewed until the Library reopens.
- Temporary online cards are now available for Elmwood Park residents over age 13.

For a temporary card, just go to catalog.swanlibraries.net/eps then click Sign Up.

Digital Magazines



Check out **Flipster**, our digital magazine service, free with your Elmwood Park library card! Check out magazines from your home computer, or download the app on your smartphone, tablet, or Kindle Fire, and take them wherever you go. Never worry about late fees, magazines will automatically return on the due date.

For more information, visit our website and look under **eBooks & More > Getting Started > Library Digital Collections + Instructional Guides**.

Check out popular titles including:

- Better Homes & Gardens
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- The Family Handyman
- Men's Health
- National Geographic
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- Popular Science
- Prevention
- Reader's Digest
- Real Simple
- Rolling Stone
- Us Weekly
- Vanity Fair
- Women's Health
- and more!



eBooks & Audiobooks

Take the library with you 24/7 using our downloadable eBooks and audiobooks. Read and listen at home or on the go using your smartphone, tablet, or computer.

Never worry about late fees! Checkouts will be automatically removed from your device on the due date via Wi-Fi. These apps and downloads are free to use with your Elmwood Park library card!



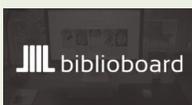
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Digital Resources

For the links to these resources and more, just go to our website, elmwoodparklibrary.org. Then go to **Research/Learning > A-to-Z Title List** to find the full list of digital resources available with your Elmwood Park library card!



Use **Ancestry Library Edition** to find out more about your background and your family's history.

Find historical records from the U. S. Census; military records; birth, death, and marriage records; directories; petitions for naturalization; passenger lists; international records; and more.

Note: Ancestry is normally limited to in-library use only, but while the Library is closed, it is available to access from home. Just be sure to use the link on our website and log in with your Elmwood Park library card number (no spaces).



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Spanish, Italian, Brazilian Portuguese, Mandarin, and more. There are also ESL courses for those who speak Spanish, Polish, French, and many other languages. Download the free app on your mobile device, or use the link on our website. You can create a free account to track your progress, or use Mango as a Guest.



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Practice with lessons based on your grade level. Study and practice for the ACT, SAT, and GED. Upload your resume and cover letter for feedback. Find information about U.S. citizenship and practice questions for the citizenship test. Download the app or use the link on our website.

Virtual Programs & Events

Note: All programs are subject to change. Please check our online calendar or call 708.453.7645 for the latest updates.

Kids & Teens

Virtual Story Time (Facebook Live)

Tues. • June 2 - July 28 • 10 a.m.

Library staff are bringing story time to your home with our weekly virtual story times. Story times are designed to support your child's early development, vocabulary building, and love of reading. Most sessions include stories, a song, and a short game or activity. Visit our Facebook Page on Tuesday mornings to watch live, or visit any time to view previous sessions.

Check our online calendar throughout the summer for updates on Kids & Teens programs including, Read-Aloud Summer Book Club, MidKids Take Home Art, and Teens Only Discord Server. Summer Reading participants will also receive Kids & Teens eNewsletters full of up-to-the-minute information about virtual programs, book recommendations, and activities to help make summer reading a blast at home. Don't delay! Sign-up for Summer Reading on our website or through the Beanstack app on June 1.

Adults

Games & Fitness

Virtual Chair Yoga (Zoom Program)*

Mon. • June 8 & 22 | July 13 & 27 | Aug. 10 & 24 • 1-2 p.m.

Join Rhonda Fentry as she guides you through a one-hour session of gentle exercise. Chair yoga is done entirely in the chair or standing next to the chair, and is great for those with limited mobility. *Sponsored by AgeOptions*

Virtual Tai Chi (Zoom Program)*

Mon. • June 15 | July 20 | Aug. 17 • 1-2 p.m.

Join us for Virtual Tai Chi with Gail Galivan. Tai Chi is adaptable for people of all ages and abilities. The coordination of breath and gentle movement acts as a moving meditation which helps circulation, flexibility, posture and balance. *Sponsored by AgeOptions*

Virtual Trivia Night (Email or Facebook Program)

Tues. • June 30 | July 28 | Aug. 25 • 7-7:30 p.m.

Trivia is now online! Sign up to receive the trivia link via email, or check our Facebook page around 7 p.m. to click the trivia link. The first person to answer the most questions correctly will win a prize! Check our online calendar or Facebook page for more details.

Chats and Discussions



Let's Chat! (Phone Program)*

Mon. • June 1 | July 6 | Aug. 3 • 10-11 a.m.

We want to hear from you! What are you up to lately? What are you reading or watching? How are you doing? Join our conference call and chat with a librarian and others in the community. The dial-in instructions will be shared with those who register.

Virtual Coffee & Crochet (Zoom Program)*

Thurs. • June 11 | July 9 | Aug. 13 • 10-11 a.m.

Love to crochet or knit? Join us virtually for an hour of creating, coffee, and conversation. Sign up with your email and we will send you a link to the virtual program.

Virtual Tuesday Night Book Discussion (Zoom Program)*

7-8:30 p.m.

These books are in the public domain. If you can't find a print copy, look for the eBook or eAudiobook through Libby/Overdrive, Axis360, or read them online through Project Gutenberg at gutenberg.org.



How Do Zoom Programs Work?

New to Zoom? You're not alone! Here's how it works: Provide your email address when you register for the program, and we will send you a link and phone number to join the virtual program before it starts. You can use the link to view it on an Internet-connected device, or just call the phone number to hear the audio. Look for the email about 30 minutes before the program starts. If you join online, just follow the prompts to enter the meeting. You will have the option to turn your camera on or leave it off. If you have any questions or problems, please call 708.453.7645 or send an email to askref@elmwoodparklibrary.org.

Featured Speakers and Events

Beyond the Genealogy Basics:

Hints to Solve Your Brick Walls (Zoom Program)*

Mon., June 8 • 7-8 p.m.

Have you hit a wall with your genealogy search? Join Steve Szabados to learn tips and techniques for overcoming problems with the spelling of names, lost records, and unknown parents. *Sponsored by AgeOptions*

Living a Healthier Life with Energy Medicine (Zoom Program)*

Thurs., July 9 • 7-8:30 p.m.

Join Diana Czekalski to learn about living a healthier life with energy healing. Diana will demonstrate ways to work with chakras, meridians, and auras to maximize health and well-being. Diana is a Healing Touch Certified Practitioner, an Eden Energy Medicine Certified Practitioner, and a Reiki Master teacher. *Sponsored by AgeOptions*

News Media in an Election Year (Zoom Program)*

Mon., July 13 • 7-8:30 p.m.

Are you in a news rut, experiencing information overload, or stuck in an echo chamber? It is possible to enjoy a balanced media diet and thrive in the heated politics of an election year. Professor Gary Midkiff will discuss media choices and ways to engage constructively in political conversation. *Sponsored by AgeOptions*

From Parlor to Politics: The Journey of Women's Suffrage (Zoom Program)*

Mon., Aug. 10 • 7-8:30 p.m.

The battle for women's right to vote is an astonishing story of vision, courage, strategic planning and tenacity. Join Annette Baldwin on this visual journey through women's suffrage. *Sponsored by AgeOptions*



Free WiFi at the Library

Even when the Library is closed, the WiFi stays on, and it reaches the sidewalk and park benches in front of the building. Depending on the signal strength, you might even be able to connect from a nearby parking spot! The Library's WiFi is public, so there is no password needed. Just connect to the network called Elmwood Park Public Library, and remember to keep a safe distance from others.

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Census 2020: Everyone Counts

It's not too late to fill out the 2020 Census! The deadline has been extended through October due to Covid-19. It only takes about 10 minutes to fill out, and it will impact our community's funding and representation for the next 10 years! Fill it out online at my2020census.gov, or call a toll-free number to answer by phone. It's even available in 13 languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Haitian Creole, Japanese, Korean, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog and Vietnamese). For more information and FAQs about the Census, visit elmwoodparklibrary.org and look under **Programs/Events > Community > 2020 Census**.



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In the 2020 CENSUS

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Keep Our Representation
Mantener Nuestra Representación
Utrzymaj Naszą Reprezentację

Keep Our Federal Funding
Mantener Nuestra Financiación Federal
Zachowaj Nasze Fundusze Federalne

Census Quick Facts

- Illinois could lose seats in the House of Representatives if we are undercounted
- Census data is used to distribute over \$675 billion of federal funding for roads, schools, libraries, healthcare, and emergency services
- By law, responses are confidential and cannot be used for any other purpose or by any other government agency
- You can complete the census by phone or online in about 10 minutes!

You Are Beautiful Installation:

be kind. be strong. be yourself. you belong.

If there was ever a time for a rallying cry, it's now. We are excited to share the final wording of the art installation coming to the Library from You Are Beautiful artist Matthew Hoffman. The Library met with over 1,200 local students to discuss positive messages that uplift us as individuals and a community, and we couldn't be more proud of their resilience, self-assurance, kindness, and creativity. While we planned for an outdoor celebration this spring, we now expect to complete the project this fall. Thank you to our local students, principals, and school librarians for their enthusiasm and participation in this project.

Friends of the Library Scholarship Winners



Eileen Rodriguez



Lily Hoveke

The Friends of the Library are thrilled to announce that this year they are awarding their second annual volunteer scholarship to two Elmwood Park High School students, Eileen Rodriguez and Lily Hoveke. Together they have volunteered over 140 hours with the Library and the Friends. Eileen and Lily helped with the Teen Advisory Board's fundraising efforts as well as assisted in the Kids & Teens department with programming and special projects. In the fall, Eileen will be attending

University of Illinois at Chicago and Lily will be attending Illinois State University.

The Library is so thankful to the Friends for sponsoring this scholarship and for all that they do to support our offerings, such as special children's performers, how-to presentations for adults, exploration kits and play areas for children, and their latest purchase—a button maker. While they cannot accept donations or host a book sale at this time, once we can ensure all needed safety and cleaning measures, they'll be back and will continue to work with the Library to develop new ways to bring programs and services to the community.

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HOURS:

For our current hours, please check our website or call 708.453.7645.

We expect that the Library's hours will fluctuate throughout the summer based on state and local safety recommendations.

HOLIDAY CLOSURES:

Fri., July 3: Independence Day
Sat., July 4: Independence Day

BOARD MEETINGS:

Thurs., June 18 • 8 p.m.
Thurs., July 16 • 8 p.m.
Thurs., Aug. 20 • 8 p.m.

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