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NEW!

Art Gallery Relocates

The Library's Art Gallery has moved to a new location on the second floor. Check it out to view works of emerging and established artists. May's featured exhibition is student art from St. Francis de Sales school.

On the Cover:

Lake Zurich residents Michelle and Reilly Meier ask for reading recommendations from librarian Natalie Ziarnik at the new Children's Service Desk..

library news



From the Director's Desk, Lauren Rosenthal

Welcome Trustee Jennie Stanonik

The Library is governed by a seven-member elected Board of Trustees, whose duties are to attend monthly meetings and special meetings of the board, establish policies and goals, levy taxes, and monitor the budget and expenses. As stewards of public resources, board members are public servants who

represent residents of the district which includes Lake Zurich, Kildeer, Hawthorn Woods, and large sections of North Barrington and Long Grove. Trustee positions are nonpartisan.

Jennie Stanonik was sworn in as Library trustee during the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees on February 21, filling the vacant seat left by former Trustee Anne Hurst who resigned in November to fill a vacancy on the Hawthorn Woods Village Board.

Jennie is a former Library trustee, having last served in 2021, and will fill the seat temporarily for the months of February, March and April 2023. Filling the trustee position temporarily is mandated by a new state law that took effect last year, requiring library districts to fill vacancies within 90 days or the State Librarian will appoint someone.

At the April 4, 2023 election, there are six candidates vying for four open seats – current Trustees Crystal Steker and Kathy Caudill are running for reelection for four-year terms; newcomers Tracy Suykerbuyk and Jeannine Nasca are also running for four-year terms; and newcomers Alicia Timm and Lisa Stankus are running for the two-year term vacated by Trustee Hurst's resignation. With multiple candidates on the ballot, the Board of Trustees chose to appoint Trustee Stanonik, who is not a candidate in the April election, and will let the voters decide who will best advocate for patrons and library services in the future.

EAPL Ranks AGAIN as the Best in the Nation

Ela Area Public Library has once again received recognition as one of the best public libraries in America according to Library Journal's Index of U.S. Public Library Service. The prestigious 5-star rating was awarded to only 10 libraries nationwide and places Ela Library in the top 1% of public libraries in the U.S. in its budget category.

Nationally, 258 libraries received star ratings based on data reported from 5,359 public libraries. This was the lowest number of libraries scored ever due to the first year of the pandemic and varying 12-month reporting periods. Nonetheless, 2022 marks the 11th year that EAPL has received a star rating. Illinois leads the nation with the most star libraries followed by Iowa.



INTERIOR RENOVATION UPDATES

Changes So Far

If you haven't seen our progress yet, please stop by and check it out!

A NEW CHAPTER BEGINS

The Children's Service Desk is now closer to the department entrance, so staff can greet everyone as they walk into the department. The new desk is colorful, fun, and inviting – you'll want to touch the rainbow tiles for yourself!

EXCITING NEWS

Phase 2 construction is underway, so you'll soon have a whole new view of our materials sorter. Future engineers will be delighted to see their returned books sent through the conveyor belts, into bins for easy return to the shelves.

ON SCHEDULE

We expect to complete Phase 2 by June, so pardon our mess as we improve service at the Library. As always, we welcome your questions and comments. Learn more about the project and see how it's coming along at eapl.org.

NEW ADDITIONS! MEETING SPACES

You asked, and we delivered! In addition to our study rooms, we now have two, NEW public meeting spaces. The Children's Department has a new meeting room available for the public, so if you're a scout troop in need of a space, this might work for you. We've also added a new 2nd Floor Conference room. This modern workspace with Zoom Room features is a collaborative meeting space experience like nothing else. For more details or to book online visit eapl.org/services/meeting-study-rooms.

CHILDREN'S CONFERENCE ROOM



- Located in the Children's Department
- Maximum Capacity: 14;
Minimum Capacity to Reserve the Room: 4
- The individual reserving this space must be at least 18 years old, an Ela cardholder and present during the meeting.
- No food or drink

2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM



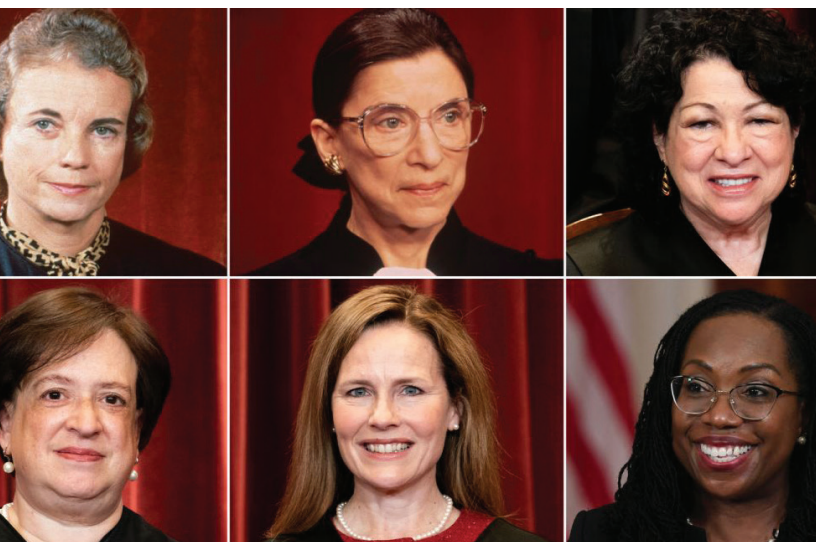
- Located on the second floor
- Maximum Capacity: 22;
Minimum Capacity to Reserve the Room: 4
- The individual reserving this space must be at least 18 years old, an Ela cardholder and present during the meeting.
- No food or drink



adult programs

Registration (R) is required for all programs, unless noted (NR).

- *Registration begins Mar. 1 (unless noted).*
- *Zoom links are sent to your email the day of the event.*
- *In-person programs are held at the Library.*



AARP Tax Preparation (In Person)

This service is provided by volunteers for seniors and qualified individuals. Please contact the Information Desk or call (224) 326-0605 for registration information.

Saturdays, Mar. 4–Apr. 15 (R)

Alzheimer's Support Group (In Person)

This monthly drop-in event provides information and support to those in a caregiving role. For further information, please contact Lisa Gaggiano at Ela Township 55+ (847) 438-9160.

7-9pm Tuesdays, Mar. 7, Apr. 4, May 2 (NR)

Literary Gardens (In Person)

Literary Gardens is a fun look at gardens in literature and poetry. There are many gardens that helped shape the books that we love, from various mystery series including Brother Cadfael's medieval herb garden to the "Secret Garden," beloved of children's literature. Presented by Cindy Crosby, an author and contributor to more than 20 books, she holds a master's degree in natural resources, and she is a master gardener. Co-sponsored by the Garden Club of Lake Zurich. Held at St. Mathews Church, HW.

7pm Tues., Mar. 7 (NR)

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH PROGRAM

6 Female Supreme Court Justices (Zoom)

Join an interactive discussion with Attorney/Adjunct Professor Richard Forst as he discusses the only six women appointed to the Supreme Court of the United States. Feel free to come and engage as he shares how the Lady Justices have impacted the bench.

7pm Wed., Mar. 8 (R)

Warm Up Lake Zurich (In Person)

Join us monthly to discuss, share and learn about yarn crafting from crocheting to knitting. Have fun and socialize as we work on projects and discuss everything yarn. All levels are welcome. Held in Forge.

4pm Thursdays, Mar. 9, Apr. 13, May 11 (R)

Ela Library Quilt Talks (In Person)

Join us monthly to discuss, share and learn about fabrics and quilt making. All skill levels are welcome. Show and tell is a fun feature. Donations of quilted items are accepted for local charities. Held in Forge.

6:30pm Thursdays, Mar. 9, Apr. 13, May 11 (R)

The Surreal World of Salvador Dali (Zoom)

Works by surrealist artist Salvador Dali are slated for exhibition in Chicago in early 2023. Learn about this important painter, filmmaker and sculptor from art historian Jeff Mishur. Mishur discusses such Dali masterpieces as "The Persistence of Memory," "Soft Construction with Boiled Beans (A Premonition of Civil War)," and "Apparition of a Face and Fruit Dish on a Beach." Dali's role within the 20th century Surrealist art movement and especially the relationship between dream imagery and the artist's best-known works will also be discussed.

7pm Mon., Mar. 13 (R)

Beginner's Guide to the Golden Age of Radio (Zoom)

Join Steve Darnall, author and host of "Those Were the Days" radio program on WDCB, in an overview of some of the biggest shows and stars to emerge from the early years of radio, including Jack Benny, Bob Hope, Amos & Andy, and The Shadow, with sound clips and stories about how radio became America's first mass medium, transforming the United States of America from 48 states into a national listening community.

6pm Thurs., Mar. 16 (R)

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

All programs/discussions are held in person, unless noted. Registration is required with a valid email address.

Young Adult for Adults Book Club (Zoom)

6-7pm Tuesdays (R)

Apr. 11 *African Town* by Irene Latham

Books & Brews (In Person)

Join us at Consume:

569 W State Rte 22, Lake Zurich.

7-8:30pm Tuesdays (R)

Mar. 21 *Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow* by Gabrielle Zevin

May 16 *The Light Pirate* by Lily Brooks-Dalton

Senior Book Discussion (Zoom)

10-11am Mondays (R)

Mar. 13 *The Age of Innocence* by Edith Wharton

Apr. 10 *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig

May 8 *Shadow Divers* by Robert Kurson

AUTHOR EVENTS

The Weird & Wonderful World with Mary Roach (Zoom)

Experience an entertaining and hilarious evening with New York Times best-selling science author, Mary Roach. She will discuss her frank approach to science, the importance of humor, and explore the weird, wonderful world in which we live. Dubbed “America’s funniest science writer” by the Washington Post, Roach has explored topics from the curious lives of human cadavers, packing to visit space, the afterlife, the alimentary canal, and more.

7pm Wed., Mar. 1 (R)



Danny Trejo Talks Tacos, Hollywood, and Redemption (Zoom)

Actor/author/restaurateur Danny Trejo has developed a prolific career in the entertainment industry with a hard-earned and atypical road to success. From years of imprisonment to helping troubled youth battle addiction, to acting, producing and now restaurant ventures, Trejo’s name, face, and achievements are well recognized in Hollywood and beyond.

7pm Tues., Apr. 4 (R)

Secrets of the Puzzle Master: A Conversation with Will Shortz (Zoom)

What’s an enigmatologist? It’s Will Shortz, the world’s only academically accredited puzzle master. Join us for a lively conversation and special, interactive surprise for our attendees.

7pm Tues., Apr. 25 (R)

Drawing Comics with Jarrett J. Krosoczka 10am Sat., May 6 (R) (Zoom)

On Being Fabulous with Jonathan Van Ness and Kristi Yamaguchi 7pm Wed., May 17 (R) (Zoom)

These events are made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering premier events. ILP is funded in part by a grant awarded by the Illinois State Library, a department of the Office of Secretary of State, using funds provided by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services, under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). ILP is committed to inclusion and accessibility. To request accommodations, please email illinoislibrariespresent@gmail.com.

Irish Cookery (Zoom)

Outside of Ireland, Irish food is often mistakenly thought to consist of nothing more than potatoes and mutton. How wrong. The food and cooking of Ireland are steeped in history and heritage. Chef Kristyn shares that there is so much more to Irish food than just potatoes.

6:30pm Thurs., Mar. 16 (R)

Memory Café (In Person)

Memory Café is designed to provide social connections for those with memory issues and their care partners. Each month features a different theme and can include music, art projects, guest presenters, animal therapy and more. Each activity is designed to be “no fail” and encourage connections with others in the group. Held in Forge. *Questions? Contact Pam Pellizzari at Barrington Area Council on Aging (BACOA) (847) 381-5030.*

10-11:30am Tuesdays, Mar. 21, Apr. 18, May 16 (R)

Great Decisions (Zoom)

Great Decisions is America’s largest discussion program on world affairs. The program model involves reading the Great Decisions Briefing Book, watching the DVD and meeting in a discussion group to discuss the topic. Visit fpa.org for topics. This group meets eight times a year. Contact Librarian Renée at rstein@eapl.org for more details.

1-2:30pm Tuesdays, Mar. 21, Apr. 18, May 16 (R)

Kentucky Derby (Zoom)

First run in 1875, the Kentucky Derby is the oldest continuously running sports event in the nation. But, that’s only one reason we love it. In this lively illustrated lecture, historian Leslie Goddard traces the history of the Kentucky Derby, looking especially at the traditions that make it so beloved. Put on your fancy hat, grab a mint julep and get ready to learn what makes the first Saturday in May so special.

7pm Mon., Apr. 10 (R)



Chair Yoga and Meditation (Zoom)

Yoga is for every body! Join instructor Isabel Raci in a gentle seated yoga and meditation session, perfect for seniors and those with limited mobility.

6pm Wed., Apr. 19 (R)

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Ain't That a Kick in the Head: The Rat Pack (Zoom)

The Rat Pack. Just the name conjures up martini glasses, sleek shark skin suits and all of the fun-loving, jet-setting, ring-a-ding-dinging years of the early 60s. Join historian Clarence Goodman to explore the story behind these five characters and the mirth and mayhem they helped to create. **6pm Wed., Apr. 26 (R)**

It's a Tree Thing (Zoom)

Join members of the Lake Zurich Tree Commission as we explore the Chicago Regional Tree Initiative (CRTI) and explain how the canopy studies have influenced ordinances in Lake Zurich. We'll show you where to find the list of trees best suited to live alongside you and your home. Find out more about resources that are available for developers and citizens. Co-Sponsored with Ancient Oaks Foundation. **7pm Thurs., Apr. 27 (R)**

Tree Giveaway – Arbor Day (In Person)

Celebrate Arbor Day and let us add some more green to your world with a free red oak seedling. Limit 1 per family, while supplies last. **3:30-5:30pm Fri., Apr. 28**

What Still Exists From the World's Columbian Exposition? (Zoom)

From May 1, 1893, to October 30, 1893, Chicago was the focal point of the entire world! Never before and arguably never since has any World's Fair been as grand. Join historian Raymond Johnson for a history of the White City and where you can still find what remains! **7pm Wed., May 3 (R)**

Green Your Routine: Shred Event & Electronics Recycling (In Person)

Shredding is limited to 3 boxes (available until truck is full) with a non-perishable food donation. Visit eapl.org for a list of acceptable recycling items. Electronics **NOT Accepted**: CRTs (TV & Monitors), TVs, Monitors, Hard Drives, Microwaves, Vacuums, Fans, Stereo Speakers. Co-sponsored with Ela Township. **8:30-11:30am Sat., May 6**

Watercolor Art Class (Zoom)

Learn to watercolor paint with watercolor artist Victoria Elizabeth. Victoria will teach you step-by-step how to paint springtime flowers, and everyone will leave with a finished painting. Perfect for all levels of painting experience, even beginners. Pick up supplies at the Information Desk beginning May 1. Ela cardholders only. Space is limited. **7pm Mon., May 8 (R)**

ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH PROGRAM

Lotus Flower Lantern Craft (Zoom)

A member of the Korean Spirit and Culture Promotion Project will demonstrate step-by-step how to make a lovely lotus flower lantern using colored paper and wire frames. This program is suitable for ages 10 and up. **You MUST register by March 20 in order to receive materials by the program date. You will be notified when materials are ready for pick up.** **7pm Wed., May 10 (R)**

Garden Club of LZ – Plant Sale (In Person)

Held in front of the Library. Come early for the best selection. **8:30am-noon Sat., May 20**

INVISIBLE WARRIORS FILM/DISCUSSION

"Invisible Warriors" shares the individual experiences of a small group of elegant ladies who represent the 600,000 Black women who fled lives as domestics and sharecroppers to work in factories and U.S. government offices during World War II. These patriotic pioneers share their wartime memories, recounting their battles against racism at home, Nazism abroad, and sexism everywhere.

Virtual Screening: Invisible Warriors (YouTube) Sunday, March 5 - Wednesday, March 15

Receive a link to stream this powerful film when you register to attend either the live introduction or closing Q&A session with producer Gregory S. Cooke.

Historian Gregory S. Cooke (Zoom)

Welcome documentary historian Gregory S. Cooke for an introduction to his film *Invisible Warriors*. **2-3pm Sun., Mar. 5 (R)**

An Evening with Documentary Historian Gregory S. Cooke (Zoom)

Join producer Gregory S. Cooke for insightful conversation and a Q&A session after viewing his film *Invisible Warriors*. **7-8pm Wed., Mar. 15 (R)**

BUSINESS

Changing Gears in Your Career (*In Person*)

Are you looking for a job or hoping to change gears in your career? Are you willing to put forth the effort to create real results? Then come learn some tips, tricks and exercises that will help you along your journey towards a satisfying career.

7pm Wed., Mar. 29 (R)

Stress Management with Aligned Health (*In Person*)

Join Aligned Modern Health as they discuss ways of managing stress to help you get through the day. A licensed acupuncturist will offer stress therapy for up to 10 attendees (optional).

7pm Wed., May 10 (R)

MONEY SMART WEEK

Created by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago in 2002, Money Smart Week® is a public awareness campaign designed to help consumers better manage their personal finances through the collaboration and coordinated effort of thousands of organizations across the country including businesses, financial institutions, schools, libraries, not-for-profits, government agencies and the media.

Identity Theft (*Zoom*)

A representative from the Illinois Attorney General's office provides tips to prevent identity theft and ways to restore your financial profile if it happens to you.

7pm Mon., Apr. 17 (R)

LinkedIn Headshots (*In Person*)

Come to the library for a professional headshot by local photographer Donald Frazier for your LinkedIn profile or other business needs.

6-8pm Wed., Apr. 19 (R)

GENEALOGY

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH PROGRAM

Loose Women: Searching for Female Felons (*Zoom*)

Is there a black sheep in your family? Female gangsters and crooks in your ancestral closet? Genealogists Janis Forté and Jane Haldeman talk about the records female felons leave behind and how to find them.

3pm Wed., Mar. 22 (R)

Preserving Family Recipes (*Zoom*)

From uncle's barbecue sauce to grandma's cobbler, family recipes fill us with nostalgia—if they have been saved and if they actually work. Learn how to preserve recipes for future generations. Program attendees will be entered into a raffle to engrave a family recipe onto a cutting board.

7pm Thurs., Apr. 20 (R)

JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH PROGRAM

Jewish Genealogy in Chicagoland (*Zoom*)

Learn how to document your Jewish roots in Chicagoland. Genealogist Mike Karsen presents an overview of Jewish history in Chicago and shares unique records and resources, including cemeteries, funeral homes, online publications and more.

7pm Thurs., May 11 (R)

12th TRY Annual Reading Program

Allow us to treat you to 12 different genres and topics to stretch your reading horizons in 2023. Participants can enjoy a book of their choice within each topic or try something from the selected reading lists curated by our librarians. Read a book within all 12 topics to complete the challenge and receive a prize. Register and log your books through the Beanstack app starting January 1.

Visit <https://www.eapl.org/events/reading-challenges> for further details and registration instructions.

January 1 – December 31, 2023. (R)

Prize pickup Wed., Mar. 1, 2023 – Fri., Jan. 5, 2024.

Myths and History of the Great Highland Bagpipes (*In Person and Zoom*)

Bagpiper Kevin Chapman introduces the rich history of bagpipes, one of the world's oldest currently played instruments. Dressed in full regalia, he gives a stirring demonstration of his piping skills. Chapman is a piper on the Great Highland Bagpipes and has been playing for almost 30 years. In June 2019, he was invited to play at the D-Day ceremonies in Normandy, France. He is a former member of the Shannon Rovers Pipe Band and a current member of the Dundee Scottish Pipe Band.

7pm Wed., May 24 (R)

Growing a Tea Garden (*In Person and Zoom*)

If you enjoy a nice cup of tea and have a flare for gardening, come learn what plants you can grow to create or enhance your very own tea blends. We will focus on a vast array of plants that can be used for making tea. We will also cover how to pick, dry, and store your tea for optimum enjoyment. This talk includes an interactive, sensory component of fresh and/or dried plants depending on the season. Comprehensive plant list provided.

7pm Thurs., Jun. 1 (R)

Blood Drive (*In Person*)

Give the gift of blood and visit Versiti's mobile unit at the Library. Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins are accepted.

11am-5pm Thurs., Jun. 8 (R)



Everyone has a story.

Sharing Memories

A Lake Zurich couple helps commemorate EAPL's 50th anniversary.



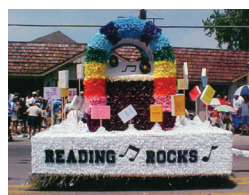
Emily and Mike Skarzynski

Mike and Emily Skarzynski

A former employee, Emily worked at the Library for over 30 years primarily managing inter-library loan (ILL) materials coming from local libraries and libraries around the country.

“At first, I would process about 200-300 books a year for ILL. By the time I retired, it was over 40,000,” she shared. “We did everything hands on. Nowadays, the sorter checks in all the items, but back then, we had to do all that manually.”

The couple often assists with many volunteer projects. Mike, a former aircraft mechanic, built whatever the Library needed from puppet stages to floats for the annual Alpine Days parade.



Library float (2002)

“We were concerned about the cost of building this jukebox for the Library’s float. Let’s face it, it is a lot of lumber. At that time, we were getting a delivery on the new Airbus, and the tooling came from France in these crates. The company was just taking these crates and throwing them in the garbage. I decided to take the lumber home, and I tore down the crates. I always enjoyed building the structure. Library staff would come over and decorate.”

Today, Mike and Emily are still active volunteers who help with the delivery and distribution of Library collections throughout the year, such as the non-perishable food collected at EAPL’s annual shred event held in May.



What is Your Favorite Library Memory?

Help us tell that story! Visit eapl.org/library-stories or register for one of the recording sessions below. You can also share your memories online using the hashtag [#LibraryStoriesProject](https://twitter.com/LibraryStoriesProject).

Library Stories Project Recording Sessions

Come tell us your library memories! Library staff will be on hand to ask you questions and record your story as an audio or video clip. Questions? Email librarystories@eapl.org.

- 10am-2pm, Tues., Mar. 7 (R)
- 3-7pm, Wed., Mar. 8 (R)
- 10am-2pm, Wed., Apr. 26 (R)
- 3-7pm, Thurs., Apr. 27 (R)

computer programs

Due to the popularity of computer classes, please do not register for classes you have already taken within the last year.

Registration (R) is required for all programs, unless noted (NR).

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OFFICE APPLICATIONS

Excel 1 (In Person)

Prerequisite: MS Word I or related experience

Learn to create basic spreadsheets with formulas and charts.

10am-12pm Tues., Mar. 28 (R)

Excel 2 (In Person)

Prerequisite: MS Excel I or related experience

Learn to create distinct types of charts, work with formulas, edit cells, sort and filter data.

10am-12pm Tues., Apr. 4 (R)

Advanced Excel 1 (Zoom)

Prerequisite: MS Excel 2 or related experience.

We will learn formulas from simple to complex, including VLOOKUP, Arrays, Financial Analysis and much more.

6:30-8pm Wed., Apr. 12 (R)

Advanced Excel 2 (Zoom)

Prerequisite: Advanced Excel 1 or related experience.

We will examine more complex tables and charts, including pivot tables.

6:30-8pm Wed., Apr. 26 (R)

Advanced Excel 3 (Zoom)

Take your Excel skills to the next level! We will review macros, data validation, stocks, forecast sheets, and advanced financial formulas.

6:30-8pm Wed., May 3 (R)

PowerPoint (In Person)

Prerequisite: MS Word I or related experience.

Learn the basic skills to create a slide show presentation.

10am-12pm Tues., May 16 (R)

ADVANCED TOPICS

Canva 101 (In Person)

Canva is a free-to-use online graphic design tool. Use it to create presentations, posters, videos, logos and more.

10-11am Thurs., Mar. 9 (R)

Google Drive (Zoom)

Upload and organize photos, videos, documents and other files to Google Drive.

6:30-8pm Wed., Mar. 15 (R)



Device Drop In (In Person)

Do you have a new phone, iPad or tablet and are unsure how to use it? Amy from Reference will show you how to use your device to download apps, use emails and more. Held on the Second Floor.

3-5pm Thursday., Mar. 16, Apr. 20, May 11 (NR)

Big 5 in Social Networking (Zoom)

Which social media sites are gaining popularity today? Join us as we learn about the top five social media platforms.

6:30-7:30pm Thurs., Mar. 30 (R)

Computer Basics (In Person)

Get comfortable using computers. Learn how to use the mouse and keyboard; the Windows operating system; and how to store and organize files.

10am-12pm Tues., Apr. 18 (R)

Convert Records and Cassettes to Digital (Zoom)

Learn how to convert your vinyl records and cassette tapes into digital format in the Digital Media Labs.

10-11:30am Thurs., Apr. 25 (R)

Great Apps and Websites for Entertainment (Zoom)

Look at free to low-cost apps for your entertainment. Includes apps for adults and children.

6:30-8pm Wed., May 10 (R)

Instagram (Zoom)

Instagram allows you to create and share your photos, stories, and videos and to connect with friends.

6:30-7:30pm Thurs., May 23 (R)

forgeprograms

Registration (R) is required for all programs, unless noted (NR).

- **Registration begins Mar. 1 (unless noted).**
- **Zoom links are sent to your email the day of the event.**
- **In-person programs are held in Forge at the Library.**

Forge Drop-in Crafts

Stop by our Forge makerspace for a fun craft to make and take home! The craft changes every month and is while supplies last.



Forge One-on-One appointments

Looking to get started on a project and not sure where to start or how to use our equipment? Book a one-on-one appointment with Forge staff to get started! Submit your appointment here: <https://www.eapl.org/form/forge-appointment-form>.



Sewing Basics (In Person)

Learn to use a sewing machine and create a project to take home. All materials and equipment provided. Due to high interest, registration is limited to one class, per person, per season.

6-8pm Mondays, Mar. 20, Apr. 17 or May 15, ages 14+ (R)

Tinkercad 3D Printing Tutorial (Zoom)

Learn how to make, edit, and submit 3D print models for printing. Registered children will need help from an adult.

5pm Thursdays, Mar. 23, Apr. 13, May 18, ages 6+ (R)

Explore Forge (In Person)

Curious to learn what you can do in the Forge? Have questions about Forge's equipment, kits, and programs? Drop-in for a spring craft and a tour.

2-7pm Thurs., Apr. 6, ages 6+ (NR)

Make-A-Difference (In Person)

Ela Public Library and Girl Scout Troop 1930 have partnered to host a book drive for CASA, a foster kids placement charity, in Forge. Troop 1930 will collect new and like new children's books from 9am - 5pm and will host a drop-in project to create custom bookmarks for CASA foster kids.

9am-5pm Sat., Apr. 15, all ages (NR)

Scrabble Tile Name Wall Art (In Person)

Learn about Forge equipment and create your own custom wood scrabble tiles that you can display on your wall. All supplies will be provided.

6pm Tuesday, Apr. 25, ages 14+ (R)



STAR WARS Day Celebration!

Visit Ela's Forge makerspace for Star Wars family fun that includes make and takes, a maker showcase, photo opportunities and a costume contest. Come to the Library dressed in your favorite Star Wars cosplay for a chance to win a wooden Millennium Falcon DIY kit made in our laser printer. If you have any Star Wars themed art, craft or handmade items you would like to feature in this event, please email us at forge@eapl.org for more details.

1-8pm Thurs., May 4, all ages (NR)

STEAM League

We challenge you to an afternoon of designing, building, tinkering and creating in the Forge Makerspace. We'll provide the tasks and materials; you bring the brains and elbow grease!

4pm Mon., May 8 or Wed., May 10, unaccompanied kids in grades 3-5. Registraton begins May 1. (R)



FORGE BEE PROGRAMMING

March Forge Drop-In Craft (In Person)

All month long come and make your own bee magnet!

Welcome to our Hive Sign (In Person)

Learn what you can make by using our Glowforge laser printer and create your very own honeycomb wooden and acrylic sign to take home. All supplies will be provided.

4pm Mon., Mar. 13 or 6:30pm Tues., Mar. 14, ages 14+ (R)

Beehive Craft (In Person)

Make and take your own Beehive to decorate for Spring! All supplies provided.

6:30pm Mon., Mar. 13 or 4pm Tues., Mar. 14, ages 18+ (R)

Native Pollinators (Zoom)

Tune in via Zoom to learn more about native pollinators in our area. University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign horticulture educator Nicole Flowers-Kimmerle will share some insight and tips on how to help many types of local bees.

7pm Wed., Mar. 15, ages 14+ (R)

DIY Bee Home (In Person)

Did you know that there has been an decrease of mason bees in Lake County? Sign up to make your own bee home to help our local mason bee population. This program was made possible through a partnership with the Lake Zurich Rotary Club. Children must register and be accompanied by a registered adult.

3pm or 6pm Thurs., Mar. 16 or 4pm Fri., Mar. 17, ages 6+ (R)





An Un-Bee-lievable Opportunity

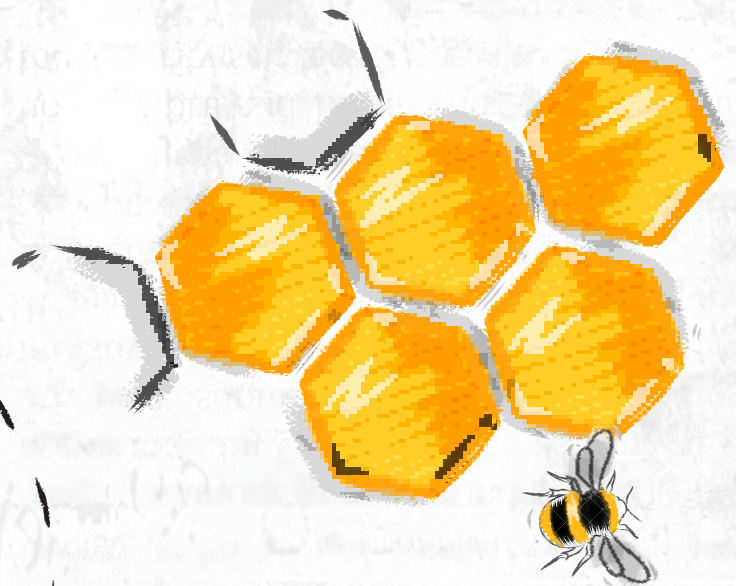
Rotary Club and the Library Partner to Protect Bees

This spring, in partnership with the Rotary Club of Lake Zurich and their new pillar of sustainability, the Library will offer programs about the importance of solitary bees. Did you know that 90% of Illinois bees are solitary (meaning they do not live in hives like honey bees and bumble bees), and the most common is the mason bee? With nearly 40% of bees facing extinction today, this partnership encourages the community to cultivate Illinois' mason bee population by building a bee house in Forge, the Library's makerspace.

Like birdhouses, bee houses are relatively simple in form, consisting of a birdhouse-like structure containing a series of exposed, reed-like tubes that bees can lay their eggs in. Using the instructions from the U of I College of Agriculture, participants can construct a DIY bee home in Forge (see page 10) using recycled and eco-friendly materials including, paper tubes, paper, natural clay, steel cans, and natural wood. In addition, each bee home will be etched with the Library's and Rotary's logos using Forge's Glowforge.

"We are proud to partner with Ela Area Public Library for this strategic initiative focused on solitary bees which marks a new beginning for the environment task force that was recently formed," shares Rotary President Subbarao Mandavilli. "We honestly believe in the saying, 'Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better.' And, as Albert Einstein said, 'If the bees disappear from the surface of the earth, man would have no more than four years to live.' Let us do our part to protect bees," Subbarao says.

Rotary Club of Lake Zurich, a non-profit 501c3 organization, has been serving the Lake Zurich community and beyond for the past 43+ years through several initiatives like the Book Give Away, youth scholarships, road-side clean up, End Polio, Alpine Fest, Operation Warm and Miracle on Main Street. The club meets at the Ela Library on the first and third Monday of every month, 6:30-8pm. New members are always welcome. Visit lakezurichrotary.org for more information.



teen **programs**

Registration begins Mar. 1. All programs are for teens in grades 6-12, unless otherwise noted. If a program has a kit, you will be notified about the pick-up date. Zoom links are emailed the day of the event. A valid email is required. If you have any questions, please contact Reader's Services at readers@eapl.org.



Teen Art Night: Decorate the Windows (In Person)

Come decorate the Teen Lounge windows for each month. Try different techniques like 8-bit post-its, paint, and more. Be

prepared to get messy and creative. All skill levels are welcome.

6-7:30pm Mondays, Mar. 13, Apr. 3, May 22 (R)



Teen Lounge Hang-out (In Person)

Do you need book recommendations or resources for a school paper, or just want to discuss the latest show you

binge-watched? The librarian is in! Stop by the Teen Lounge and say hi.

5-6pm Tuesdays, Mar. 28, Apr. 18, May 16 (NR)

Teen Tech Week: Spin Art Robot (In Person)

Art meets technology at this creative event. Create your own robot and watch it spin out a beautiful drawing.

3-4:30pm Thurs., Mar. 30 (R)

Conquer College Planning Webinar: Navigating a Strategic College Search in a Changing Landscape (Zoom)

College is an expensive purchase, and massive changes are coming in 2023 to the FAFSA form that is now a graduation requirement in Illinois. Learn everything you need to know to be prepared, including the ACT/SAT test optional landscape and many helpful process tips for success. Webinar presented by Heidi King of College Inside Track.

7-8pm Thurs., Apr. 6 (R)

Spring Flower Crowns (In Person)

Celebrate spring by creating your own decorative flower crowns. Unlike the season, these crowns will last all year round.

4-5:30pm Fri., Apr. 7 (R)

National Scrabble Day (In Person)

Before wordle, before words with friends, there was Scrabble! Stop in and play Scrabble, and try some word-themed crafts and snacks.

6-7pm Thurs., Apr. 13 (R)

Study Break Snack Time (In Person)

Take a break from your end of the school year cram session and come to the Teen Lounge for snacks and activities! Snacks will be available while they last.

6-7pm Thurs., May 11 (NR)

Teen Book Match

In a reading rut? Want a book that's like the latest show you've watched? Get a teen book recommendation and find your next favorite book. Paper copies at the library in the teen lounge or fill out online at eapl.org/teens.



100 Books Before... High School and Graduation

Continue reading all year and earn prizes for all the books you finish.

Teens grades 6-8 and 9-12, On-going (R)



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Don't miss out on Forge programming for Teens on page 10.



kids **programs**

Ela Library cardholders have priority registration. Non-Ela cardholders may be placed on the waitlist for an event and notified by email. An adult must remain in the building while their children are attending programs.

March registration begins Mar. 1 at 9am

April registration begins Apr. 1 at 9am

May registration begins May 1 at 9am



Kids Book Match

Want personalized book recommendations from a children's librarian? Fill out our online form and we'll email you a list of new favorites! For independent readers through grade 6. **(R)**



Learn to Code with Ozaria

Master the lost magic of coding and save the world of Ozaria from impending darkness in this online adventure game! Players will learn to type real code, problem solve, and make their own creative projects in this Python-based computer science program with an immersive fantasy storyline. Registration is ongoing; get started anytime at eapl.org/coding. **(R)**

Storywalk

Together with the Village of Lake Zurich Park and Recreation Department and the Ancient Oaks Foundation, the Library will feature a new story every few months for families to enjoy while walking through our beautiful parks and nature preserves! For current Storywalk locations and titles, visit eapl.org/events/storywalks. **(NR)**

Baby Playtime

Bring your little one for playtime and socialization—for baby and for you! You'll enjoy coffee and conversation while you and your child play with a variety of toys and make new friends.

9:30-10:30am Fridays, Mar. 3, 31, Apr. 28, ages 0-18 months with an adult (NR)

Exploration Stations

Drop in to let your little one explore sensory bins and art stations. Please dress for a mess and/or bring an apron or old oversized T-shirt for your child.

2-4pm Tuesdays, Mar. 7, Apr. 25, May 16, ages 1-5 with an adult (NR)

STEAM Explorers

Explore the wide world of STEAM! We'll start with an engaging story and then try some fun hands-on activities together.

10:30am Fridays, Mar. 10, Apr. 28, May 19, ages 3-5 with an adult (R)



Storytimes

Spring Storytime Session

We're back to a traditional series of weekly storytimes. Register once for your child's age group to save your spot for **all six weeks** of stories, songs, fingerplays and more! No classes March 27-31.

Baby Storytime (ages 0-18 months with an adult)
9:30am Fridays, Mar. 10, 17, 24, Apr. 7, 14, 21 (R)

Toddler Storytime (ages 18-36 months with an adult)
9:30am or 10:30am Mondays, Mar. 6, 13, 20, Apr. 3, 10, 17 (R)

Preschool Storytime (ages 3-5 years with an adult)
9:30am or 1:30pm Thursdays, Mar. 9, 16, 23, Apr. 6, 13, 20 (R)

Pajama Family Storytime

Bring the whole family on the first Monday of the month for fun and cozy stories, songs and crafts. Pajamas are encouraged but not required.

6:30pm Mondays, Mar. 6, Apr. 3, May 1, families with children of all ages (R)

Storytime in the Park

Venture out to Paulus Park (weather permitting) and join the librarians for a fresh air storytime! We will read stories, dance and sing together.

10am Thur., May 18, ages 0-5 with an adult (NR)

Bilingual Storytime

Join us for a bilingual English/Spanish storytime featuring stories, songs and crafts!

10am Fri., May 12, ages 3-6 with an adult (NR)

¡hora del cuento bilingüe!

¡Únase a nosotros para una hora de cuentos bilingüe en inglés y español que incluirá cuentos, canciones y manualidades! No es necesario registrarse.

viernes 12 de mayo a las 10 de la mañana, niños de 3-6 años con un adulto



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May registration begins May 1 at 9am

Peep-a-palooza

Create an original Peep diorama on any theme you dream up! Pick up a package of marshmallow Peeps from the Children's Desk March 13-31 (while supplies last) or supply your own. Dioramas are due by 9pm Mon., April 3. All entries will be displayed April 4-11 so viewers can vote for their favorites. Dioramas must be picked up by April 18.

Monarch Book Club

Transform your afternoon with stories and fun! Each month we will share one of the titles currently nominated for the Illinois state book award and enjoy related crafts, games and activities.

4pm Tuesdays, Mar. 14, Apr. 11, May 2, unaccompanied kids in grades K-3 (R)

Squishy Lab

Enjoy all things squishy, mushy, and gooey! We will supply the ingredients and recipes to whip up a mess of fun during this hands-on workshop. Dress for a mess.

1:30pm Wednesdays, Mar. 15 and Apr. 19, ages 3-5 with an adult (R)

Roblox Gaming Club (Zoom)

Join a community of Roblox enthusiasts to collaborate and play mini-games in a friendly, moderated environment! All clubs meet for 90 minutes and require an Internet-connected device (computer, tablet, etc.) that can run Zoom and Roblox. Sign up for one date, some, or all of them! Ages 8-13. (R)

**3:30pm Thurs., Mar. 16, 30; Apr. 13, 27; May 11, 25
5:30pm Thurs., Mar. 23; Apr. 6, 20; May 4, 18**

Chaos & Creativity

We're cleaning out our closets and your imagination can turn the clutter into a masterpiece. Stop by for an open house where we will provide all sorts of craft supplies for you to create a unique work of art. Beads, ribbon, paper shapes, stickers... who knows what you'll find!

10am-4pm Tues., Mar. 28, grades K-5 with an adult (NR)

An Enchanted Encounter with the Cast of Frozen

After winning a nationwide competition, Lake Zurich High School will be the only school in Illinois with rights to produce Disney's Frozen: The Broadway Musical. Meet the cast at the library and experience stories, scenes and songs from their upcoming performance.

4:30pm or 6:30pm, Tues., Apr. 4 (NR)

Pete the Cat Party

It's all good at this groovy party for Pete the Cat fans! Stop in with your family to play games, make crafts and snap a photo with the coolest cat in town.

10am-12pm Sat., Apr. 15 (NR)

Play & Learn at the Post Office

Invite your friend group and explore our pretend post office. Sort postcards, deliver packages, and write your own letters. Please sign up for only one time slot. Recommended for ages 3-7; for groups up to 10 people. One member of your group must have an Ela Library card. Register online at eapl.org/kids.

May 6-27 (R)

9:30am, 11am, 3:30pm, 6:30pm Mondays-Thursdays

9:30am, 11am, 3:30pm Fridays

9:30am, 2:30pm Saturdays

STEAM League

We challenge you to an afternoon of designing, building, tinkering and creating in the Forge Makerspace. We'll provide the tasks and materials; you bring the brains and elbow grease!

4pm Mon., May 8 or Wed., May 10, unaccompanied kids in grades 3-5 (R)





Arts & Crafts

Take & Make: Craft of the Month

Visit the Children's Department and pick up a simple craft project to make at home, while supplies last. **(NR)**

Take & Make: Upcycled Game Kit

Want a fun spring break project that is perfectly contained for traveling? Design your own board game with recycled materials. Kits include a previously used DVD case, a 3D-printed spinner arrow, cardstock cover, game board templates and step-by-step assembly instructions.

Pick up supplies Sat., Mar. 18 – Sun., Apr. 2 (NR)

Tween Crafternoon

We provide the supplies; you create the masterpiece.

**4pm Wednesdays, Mar. 8 and Apr. 5,
unaccompanied kids in grades 3-5 (R)**

Preschool Crafternoon

Explore hands-on arts and crafts. Dress for a mess.

**2pm Wednesdays, Mar. 22 and Apr. 12, ages 3-5
with an adult (R)**

Kiddie Crafternoon

Learn new tricks and techniques to create masterful DIY crafts. Dress for a mess.

**4pm Wednesdays, Mar. 22 and Apr. 12,
unaccompanied kids in grades K-2 (R)**



Ocean Life Pastels

Come to the library to meet artist Terri Murphy, create your favorite sea creature in oil pastels and add a simple or complex background.

**1:30pm Mon., Mar. 27,
unaccompanied kids
ages 8-13 (R)**

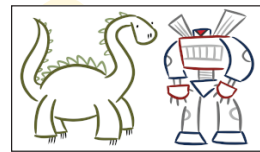
Spring Flowers in Watercolor (Zoom)

It's hard to wait until May for spring flowers, so enjoy color early while creating your own bouquet in watercolor. Artist Victoria Elizabeth will lead this workshop through Zoom. Pick up your supply kit at the Children's Desk beginning April 1.

10:30am Fri., Apr. 7, ages 8-13 (R)

Cartooning with Mark Anderson (Zoom)

Join Mark on Zoom for these live, interactive cartooning classes. All you need are paper and a pencil. The Zoom link will be sent to your email the morning of the program.



Dinosaurs vs. Robots

(In Person or Zoom date)

So you've drawn dinosaurs and robots before, have you? Well, not like this. More dangerous

dinosaurs! More ridiculous robots! More perilous pencils! (Hey, we were on a roll.)

7pm Mon., Mar. 27, ages 5 and up (R) (Zoom)

****Special, (In Person) session of Dinosaurs vs. Robots with the real, live Mark IN THE LIBRARY!**

11am Wed., Mar. 29, ages 5 and up (R) (In Person)

Wild Voices

Cheetahs chirp, elk bugle, mice scream, deer roar and walrus whistle. Doesn't sound right? Every one of those is true. Learn to draw all sorts of animals, then hear the actual sounds they make. But that's not all! We'll also add our own speech bubbles to imagine what they're saying!

7pm Tues., Apr. 25, ages 5 and up (R) (Zoom)

Martial Arts Mayhem

Get your black belt in cartooning! We'll draw characters kicking, jumping, punching, blocking, and working out their disagreements by using their words...of fury!

**7pm Mon., May 15, ages 5
and up (R) (Zoom)**



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May is National Bike Month!



It's time to get your bike ready for the season! Stop by the Library and check out our Bike Repair Station located just outside the main entrance. Flat tire? Loose chain? Slipped bolts? No problem. The Repair Station has all the tools necessary to perform basic bike repairs and maintenance, from changing a flat tire to adjusting brakes and derailleurs. Use the hanger arms so that pedals and wheels can spin freely for easier adjustments.

Along with all the tools, the station is equipped with one of the most necessary pieces of equipment, an air pump, which includes a PSI pressure gauge.

The Bike Repair Station is DIY and available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Featured Resources

eapl.org/databases



Freegal Music has a new look! Now, it's easier than ever to find music, music videos and audiobooks. Search by playlists, artist, album, new arrivals and trending. Discover this free digital music service that gives you access to 15+ million songs from 200+ genres, including Sony Music's catalog of legendary artists.



Spring is the perfect time to find your creative bliss! With Creativebug you can stream thousands of art and craft classes, get first access to new classes released every day, download patterns, templates and recipes and stay connected through community galleries and forums.



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Board meetings are open to the public and are held in person. They begin at 6pm on the third Tuesday of the month: Mar. 21, Apr. 18, May 16.

Library Hours

Monday – Thursday	9am – 9pm
Friday	9am – 6pm
Saturday	9am – 5pm
Sunday	12pm – 5pm

Currently Scheduled Library Closings

Sun., Apr. 9	Easter
Mon., May 29	Memorial Day

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Program Registration

Register online at www.eapl.org or call (847) 438-3433, (847) 438-3840 Children's Dept.

If you need an accommodation for a visual, hearing, or other disability, please let us know at least two weeks before the program you plan to attend.

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