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Exhibit Recap: Giants, Dragons and Unicorns Comes to an End

From November 16, 2024 through February 2, 2025, EAPL hosted *Giants, Dragons and Unicorns: The World of Mythic Creatures*. Thank you for making it a tremendous success. For over 12 weeks, visitors, young and old, experienced surprising similarities and differences in the ways people around the world envision and depict mythic creatures.

“The exhibit transformed our Library into an enchanted world where science and fantasy intermingled, leading visitors to imagine and become curious about past and future stories,” said EAPL’s Assistant Director Natalie Ziarnik.

Beginning with an opening week with over 1,700 guests and ending with several thousand visitors over the course of its almost three-months stay, the American Museum of Natural History exhibit enriched students’ learning and brought many audiences together for a truly cultural experience.

Read What Exhibit Attendees Had to Say!

“Such an amazing and well-thought out exhibit that is interesting to not only kids but everyone!! Would love to see more like this.”

“The Mythic Creatures exhibit was terrific. I especially enjoyed the larger statues like the unicorn, sea serpent, dragon mask and so forth. My teens liked the interactive screens. Thanks for providing this exhibit.”

“The big dragon face is very cool. I really like the kraken too.”

“Everything is so cool. So many facts.”

“I love the griffin and Quetzalcoatl cases. They’re my favorite mythical animals.”



Early Voting

The Library is an early voting location. Any eligible voter resident of Lake County may vote early at the Library.

Dates and times are set by the county and are as follows:

Mon., Mar. 17 – Sat., Mar. 29 (Monday-Friday 9am-5pm) (Saturday 9am-2pm) No Sunday hours.

Visit Us @ the Everything Expo

Stop by our booth for games, fun and custard, while supplies last! This year’s community and business expo takes place at the Foglia YMCA. Sponsored by the Lake Zurich Area Chamber of Commerce.

9am-12pm Sat., Apr. 5

Spring is Here!

The Best Ways to Enjoy the Season Using Your Ela Library Card

If you feel energized by warmer temps, more sunlight and longer days, now is the perfect time for a spring reset. Check out these free Library resources that will give your mind and body a boost this season.



Why Buy When You Can Borrow

EAPL's Library of Things collection continues to grow. From paper shredders to outdoor games, we've got something you can borrow to get organized or dive into a new interest.



Get Creative

Creativebug features thousands of award-winning, easy-to-follow videos taught by experts and artists. Nurture your creative side with online classes on topics including painting, knitting, crafting, sewing, Cricut, STEAM for kids and more.



Learn a New Language

Mango Languages is everything you need to learn a language in one place. Learn languages like Spanish, French, Japanese, Brazilian Portuguese, German, Mandarin Chinese, Greek, Italian, Russian and more. The comprehensive courses teach you vocabulary, pronunciation, grammar and culture simultaneously through interactive lessons and activities.



Enjoy a Staycation With a Museum Visit

Check out a Museum Adventure Pass or Explore More Illinois for discounted or free entry to a variety of cultural and recreational attractions in Illinois, including museums, cultural centers, zoos, aquariums, gardens, historical societies, park districts and more.



Become a Lifelong Learner

Have you learned a new skill in the first quarter of the year? No matter where you are in your career or where you want to go, LinkedIn Learning can help you keep learning. What key skills are you trying to master? Make 2025 the year of exploring new opportunities and embracing lifelong learning.

adult programs

Unless noted:

- Registration is required for all programs.
- Registration begins Mar. 1.
- In-person programs are held at the Library.



Senior Scrabble Club

Join our Scrabble Club and play against friends and members of the community. Senior adults of all skill levels are welcome. Refreshments and supplies will be provided.

10am-12:30pm Mondays, Mar. 3, Apr. 7, May 5 (R)

Bison Tales and Tall Grass Trails

Join prairie steward and natural history writer Cindy Crosby in a discovery of the fascinating stories associated with the history of bison in Illinois' "Landscape of Home." Learn how these animals influenced the plants we know and love in the Midwest and find out how preserves are inviting bison to roam in their original tall grass prairies.

Co-sponsored with the Garden Club of Lake Zurich. Space is limited.

6:30pm Tues., Mar. 4 (R)

Alzheimer's Support Group

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.

6-7pm Tuesdays, Mar. 4, Apr. 1, May 6 (NR)

Introduction to Human Design (Zoom)

Explore the fundamentals of Human Design, a unique system combining astrology, I Ching, Kabbalah and the chakra system to understand your personality, strengths and life purpose.

2-3:30pm Wed., Mar. 5 (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. Attend any or all sessions.

6pm Thursdays, Mar. 6, Apr. 3, May 1 (R)

Social Worker in the Library

Stop by to chat or find wellness, medical, or emergency resources for a family member or yourself.

3-5pm Mondays, Mar. 10, Apr. 14, May 12 (NR)

Ruth Handler: The Story Behind Her Dream Doll Creation, Barbie

Join storyteller Lynn Rymarz as she portrays Ruth Handler, the creator of Barbie. Hear not only the beginnings of Barbie, from inspiration to creation, but discover Ruth's beginnings, the last of ten children born to Polish Jewish parents. Lynn will share about Ruth's growing up in Denver, marrying, and moving to California where she and her husband founded the toy company Mattel. Lynn will share Ruth's autobiography, a vintage Barbie, photos, posters and more. Bring your own Barbie to share.

7pm Mon., Mar. 10 (R)

Neurodiverse Meetup Group

Do you identify as neurodiverse? Amy, a librarian with Autism Level 1, leads this meetup. Open to adults 18+ with Autism level 1 diagnosis, ADHD, or otherwise identify as neurodiverse are welcome to this informal hour long gathering. Come to share common experiences, play some games and connect with each other.

Held in the 2nd Floor Conference Room (R)

5:15-6:15pm Wednesdays, Mar. 12, Apr. 9, May 14



Slam Dunk Bites for March Madness

Get ready for March Madness with some tasty foods guaranteed to please any crowd! Susan Maddox returns to share her favorites. Recipes and tastings included. Space is limited.

7pm Wed., Mar. 12 (R)

Warm Up Lake Zurich

Join us monthly to discuss, share and learn about yarn crafting from crocheting to knitting. Have fun and socialize as we work on projects. Donations of crafted items are accepted for local charities. All levels are welcome. Held in Forge.

4pm Thursdays, Mar. 13, Apr. 10, May 8 (R)

Ela Library Quilt Talks

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

6:30pm Thursdays, Mar. 13, Apr. 10, May 8 (R)



BOOK DISCUSSIONS/CLUBS

Registration is required with a valid email address.

Senior Book Discussion (Zoom and In Person)

10-11am Mondays (R) 2nd Floor Conference Room

Mar. 10 *Demon of Unrest* by Erik Larson

Apr. 14 *The Henna Artist* by Alka Joshi

May 12 *I Have Some Questions for You*

by Rebecca Makkai

Books & Brews

Check website for location.

7-8:30pm Tuesdays (R)

Mar. 25 *Martyr!* by Kaveh Akbar

May 13 *The Empusium* by Olga Tokarczuk

Queer Book Club

A welcoming and safe space to explore, read and discuss LGBTQIA+ themed books, while making a themed craft.

Let's celebrate diversity, creativity and the power of storytelling together!

7pm Thursdays, ages 18+ (R)

Apr. 3 *A Psalm for the Wild-Built* by Becky Chambers

May 29 *How You Get the Girl* by Anita Kelly

Dewey Dining Book Club

Register and pick up a copy of the cookbook at the Information Desk. Select a recipe and email it to Renée at rstein@eapl.org or call 847-438-3433 ext. 217 a week before the discussion. Bring your treat to share while we discuss the cookbook. Please note the Library is not responsible for food allergies.

1:30pm Thursday (R)

Apr. 10 *Half Baked Harvest Super Simple*

by Tieghan Gerard

Nonfiction Book Club

Join us quarterly to discuss a wide range of nonfiction books.

7-8:30pm Thursday

Apr. 24 *Eden Undone: A True Story of Sex, Murder, and Utopia at the Dawn of WWII*

by Abbott Kahler



12 Genres Annual Reading Program

Allow us to treat you to 12 different genres and topics to stretch your reading horizons in 2025.

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.

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

Through Dec., 31, 2025 (R) Prize pick up starts

Mon., Mar. 3, 2025 and runs through Fri., Jan. 9, 2026.



GENEALOGY & LOCAL HISTORY

Genealogy Interest Group

Enjoy personal research time using the Library's many online resources alongside others who enjoy this popular hobby. Bring your questions and share research strategies. Newcomers welcome!

2-4pm Tuesdays, Mar. 11, Apr. 8, May 13 (R)

*Listen to Your Heirlooms

Learn the basics of material culture research with personal property appraiser, Carolyn Law. Discover strategies for investigating, preserving, and communicating the meaning of family heirlooms using 21st-century resources. Attendees are welcome to bring their own items for discussion.

6:30-8:30pm Mon., Apr. 28 (R)

*DIY Pop-Up Family History Museum

Looking for an engaging way to share family history?

Take advantage of family gatherings to create your very own pop-up family history museum! Learn how to display photos, documents and family heirlooms to help tell the unique story of your family.

7-8:30pm Thurs., May 1 (R)



Barns of Southwestern Lake County

Join photographer John Rouse on a visual tour of the barns of Southwest Lake County including Ela, Wauconda and Fremont townships. Learn about the history of famous connections to farms in Lake County. Presented in partnership with the Ela Historical Society.

10-11:30am Sat., May 24 (R)

**This event is part of American Library Association's Preservation Week, April 27-May 3.*

20/30

Lisa Frank Craft Party

Step into a world of vibrant colors and nostalgia! At this Lisa Frank-themed craft party, you'll color fun designs and

decorate your very own Lisa Frank-inspired mug. Whether you love unicorns, rainbows, or other iconic designs, it's all about unleashing your creativity and having fun with your favorite childhood memories.

6-7:30 Tues., May 27 (R)

adult programs

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Iditarod (Zoom)

Experience the thrill of the Iditarod from the comfort of your home with Iditarod competitor Josi Shelly, straight from Alaska! Join us for a virtual journey through Alaska's legendary race, featuring expert insights and behind-the-scenes stories from the trail.
7pm Thurs., Mar. 13 (R)

Memory Café

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

10-11:30am Tuesdays, Mar. 18, Apr. 15, May 20 (R)

Great Decisions Discussion Group

Great Decisions is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. Discuss the most critical global issues facing America today. Visit fpa.org for topics. Contact Librarian Renée at 847-438-3433 or rstein@eapl.org for more details.

1-2:30pm Tuesdays, Mar. 18, Apr. 15, May 20 (R)



History of Ukrainian Easter Eggs

Denise Blaszyński shares the history and symbolism behind these beautiful and elaborate eggs and demonstrates the process used to create them.

7pm Wed., Mar. 19 (R)

The Prom – Lake Zurich High School Theatre Preview

The musical comedy *The Prom*, about a group of Broadway performers looking for a “cause” to improve their image, is - at its core - about love and acceptance. The serious themes of accepting oneself and embracing others are wrapped in fun music, lively dances, engaging costumes and hilarious banter between the characters. Join us for a sampling of the show and a chance to win tickets to the April performance.

6:30pm Mon., Apr. 7, All Ages (NR)

Understanding Wills and Estate Planning

Learn about wills, trusts, powers of attorney, probate and guardianship. Attorney Jacob K. Ehrensaft explains how to ensure your final wishes can be protected. Learn how to select the correct person to make healthcare and financial decisions on your behalf when you cannot. The importance of updating existing documents to reflect changes in the law and personal circumstances will also be reviewed.

7pm Thurs., Apr. 10 (R)

Mississippi River Adventures

“Mr. Illinois” John Kokoris returns to share insider tips to help you explore the Upper Mississippi from Galena to St. Louis. Learn where to go, what to do—and all about the mighty river's storied past. We'll discuss architecture, food, events and more. Your Great River road trip starts here!

7pm Wed., Apr. 16 (R)

Watercolor Workshop (Zoom)

Join artist Victoria Elizabeth for this step-by-step class, and learn to draw and paint a beautiful spring piece to gift or enjoy for yourself. All supplies provided. Supply pick up begins Mon., April 14 at the Information Desk. **Registration begins April 1.**

7pm Thurs., Apr. 17, Ela cardholders only (R)

Monet Lives: A Portrayal of Claude Monet

Claude Monet was once so poor he watched his wife and newborn shiver in the cold because he couldn't afford coal. Yet, at the end of his life, he was rich, famous, and a French national treasure. What happened? To answer the question, actor/artist Jim Parks becomes Monet in the flesh—dishing the dirt on Impressionists like Degas and Renoir, unpacking the booming Paris of 1860, and struggling with the French art establishment to change the entire course of Western art.

7pm Wed., Apr. 23 (R)



Planning for Retirement (Zoom)

Join John Daly, CFP, for this information packed session about getting ready to retire. Learn what to consider, when to retire, how much money you will need, when to take Social Security and how to invest when you are retired.
7pm Thurs., Apr. 3 (R)

Navigating Student Loans: Understanding Your Options (Zoom)

Join Barbara Ginty, CFP® CEPA®, as she guides you through the complex landscape of student loans, emphasizing how these debts can impact long-term financial goals, including retirement savings. This program will explore strategies for managing student loan repayments while also building a secure financial future, helping borrowers balance their immediate obligations with the need to save for retirement.
7pm Mon., Apr. 7 (R)

Terry Savage Talks Money (Zoom)

Terry Savage is a nationally recognized expert on personal finance, the economy and the markets, with a presence in television, radio, newspapers, and yes, your local library shelves with several books. She'll provide a reality check on the volatile economy, financial markets and personal finance topics, and then answer your questions for 45 minutes. As a registered investment advisor, Savage has no individual clients, nor does she represent any financial products or services.
7pm Wed., Apr. 23 (R)



Debt Solutions – Tips to Manage and Eliminate 'Bad' Debt

Discover strategies to pay off credit cards and loans in the quickest, most efficient manner possible with little or no additional cash outlay. Learn about credit reports, how to build a healthy credit score, the importance of debt to income ratio and other financial concepts that will help you become financially independent. Presented by Sumeet Gupta and Suma Maliekal, representatives from Primerica Advisors.
7pm Tues., May 20 (R)

LinkedIn Headshots

Stop by the Library for a professional headshot by local photographer Donald Frazier for your LinkedIn profile or other business needs.
5-7pm Wed., May 21 (R)



ILLINOIS LIBRARIES PRESENT



Exploring Space with Coralie Adam (Zoom)

Get an inside look at the space industry with Illinois' own Coralie Adam. She'll be joined in conversation by Renae Kerrigan, Curator of Science and Director of the Dome Planetarium at Peoria Riverfront Museum.
7pm Tues., Mar. 4 (R)



9to5: The Story Of a Movement (Zoom)

Watch the award-winning documentary highlighting the creation of the 9to5 movement, established to fight for workplace equity and against wage discrepancy.
March 21-23 (R)



The Art of Foraging with Alexis Nikole Nelson (Zoom)

Celebrate all the edible plants hiding in plain sight with Alexis Nikole Nelson, a forager and an outdoor educator, in conversation with Natalie Evans, a wild food instructor.
7pm Thurs., Apr. 10 (R)



Art and Adventures with Author/Illustrator Dan Santat (Zoom)

Meet Dan Santat who is known for his children's book *The Adventures of Beekle: The Unimaginary Friend*, which won the 2015 Caldecott Medal for distinguished illustration.
2pm Sat., May 3 (R)



Poverty: A Discussion with Matthew Desmond (Zoom)

Writer and educator Matthew Desmond, a professor of sociology at Princeton University and author of the award-winning book *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City*, discusses poverty in the United States, city life, housing insecurity, public policy, racial inequality and ethnography during this discussion.
7pm Thurs., May 15 (R)

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The James Callen Jazz Trio

It's Jazz Appreciation Month! Pianist James Callen brings his trio to the Library for an evening of live music. Hear arrangements of pop and rock tunes from the 60s, 70s and 80s, including songs by The Eagles, The Beatles, Al Kooper, Bob Dylan, The Lovin' Spoonful, John Denver, Queen, Gilbert O'Sullivan, Eric Clapton and Cyndi Lauper.

This concert is made possible by a grant from the Music Performance Trust Fund.

7pm Wed., Apr. 30 (R)



Astronomy Day

Presented by the Lake County Astronomical Society, Astronomy Day features exhibits, crafts and hands-on activities for all ages including solar observing through specially equipped telescopes. See displays on topics such as astrophotography, the solar system, the planets and upcoming club events.

11am-4pm Sat., May 3 (NR)

Floral Design Demonstration

Kathi Rose presents various floral design styles with tips, techniques and direction that can be used in home, for entertaining or to enter a flower show. Rose owns Kaleidoscope of Floral Design. She has a degree in horticulture from the University of Illinois. Co-sponsored with the Garden Club of Lake Zurich. Space is limited.

6:30pm Tues., May 6 (R)

All Aboard the Amtrak Empire Builder

Join award-winning travel writer Theresa L. Goodrich as she takes you on an unforgettable journey aboard the Amtrak Empire Builder. Discover the magic of one of America's most scenic train routes, stretching from Chicago to the Pacific Northwest. Hear and see highlights from her travels, including breathtaking landscapes, the fascinating history, and practical tips for making the most of your own rail adventure. Whether you're a seasoned traveler or a dreamer seeking inspiration, this event will spark your wanderlust and provide an insider's view of life aboard one of Amtrak's most iconic trains.

7pm Wed., May 14 (R)



Fishing 101

Tournament angler Eugene Kim discusses what you need to get started. Come for tips and informative information or to expand your existing fishing knowledge. There will be plenty of time to answer questions.

7pm Wed., May 28, ages 10 through adult (R)

Migration Bird Walk With Red Hill Birding

Join an expert birder for a spring migration bird walk at Heron Creek Forest Preserve! Springtime is most birders' favorite time of year in the Chicago area, as breeding birds are singing and migrating birds are pouring through. Participants will look for a variety of migrant and resident birds, learn all about migration and the birds you see, and ask bird-related questions. Meet at the parking lot for Picnic Shelter B at Heron Creek Forest Preserve, Long Grove. Space is limited.

Registration begins May 1.

10-11:30am Thurs., May 29, Ela cardholders only (R)



Green Your Routine: Annual Shred and Recycling Event Cosponsored with Ela Township

Shredding is limited to three boxes per household with a nonperishable food donation. No businesses. A list of acceptable electronics and clothing/textiles for recycling is available on the Library's website in May.

8:30-11:30am Sat., Jun. 7

RECYCLING WASTE

Reducing waste is much more than just recycling and installing energy efficient light bulbs. At EAPL, we work together to create a sustainable community. Here are a few ways we refuse, reuse, repurpose, reduce and recycle.

Libraries are the original recyclers. Besides circulating books, movies, music and more to our community, our Library recycles batteries, paper and plastic in all staff spaces and offices and encourages a reduced printing mindset. Our Book Nook area keeps discarded material from going into landfills. Our community textile recycling bin allows residents to repurpose clothing and material. Dynamic programming helps the community learn the importance of green spaces, the environment and creating with salvaged materials. Refill your water bottle at one of our filtered water stations and opt for an e-receipt at our self-check stations.



computer programs

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

Unless noted:

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- In-person programs are held in the Library's Computer Lab.



ADVANCED TOPICS

iPhone Basics

Prerequisite: Basic computer skills

Learn everything you need to know to get started with an iPhone, from basic navigation to customization to handy tricks.

1-3pm Tues., Apr. 1 (R)

Scan Your Photos – Fast! (Zoom)

Learn how to scan photos quickly, organize scanned photos and make basic edits with the Library's new Epson FastFoto scanner.

10am Thurs., Apr. 3 (R)

Canva Basics

Prerequisite: Comfortable with computer & mouse; Canva account required for this class

Learn how to use the free graphic design website Canva to make marketing materials such as fliers or brochures, specially formatted graphics for posting to social media, and even menus and invitations.

NOTE: This class will focus on the free version of Canva. **Registration begins April 1.**

1-3pm Tues., Apr. 22 (R)

Canva Pro

Prerequisite: Basic computer skills & Canva Basics or equivalent experience

Dive into features specifically for Canva Pro accounts like Brand Kits, background remover & more.

NOTE: This class is for people who have access to the Canva Pro account (which is the paid version of Canva). **Registration begins April 1.**

1-3pm Tues., Apr. 29 (R)

Convert Video to a Digital Format (Zoom)

Learn how to easily convert your VHS or DVD into a digital format on your flashdrive using one of the digital converters in the Digital Media Lab.

10am Tues., May 6 (R)

Cut the Cable Cord (Zoom)

Learn the options available for cutting the cable cord from Netflix, YouTube TV and more.

Registration begins May 1.

2pm Wed., May 21 (R)

OFFICE APPLICATIONS



For computer programs not offered in person, we recommend using LinkedIn Learning, which you can access with your library card. Scan the QR code for more information or visit www.linkedin.com/learning-login/go/elalibrary. Here is a list of suggested classes:

Word Essential Training

PowerPoint Essential Training

Photoshop 2024 Essential Training

Microsoft Word

Learn how to create text-based documents using Microsoft Word, as well as how to complete simple actions like saving, opening, and printing documents in this class.

1-3pm Tues., Mar. 4 (R)

Microsoft Excel

Prerequisite: Microsoft Word or related experience

Learn how Microsoft Excel's cells, worksheets, and workbooks easily allow users to manipulate, calculate, and format numbers and other types of data in this class.

1-3pm Tues., Mar. 25 (R)



Library Partnership – Garden Club of LZ

Connecting Gardeners and Making an Impact in the Community

Don't have a green thumb? Think again. The Garden Club of Lake Zurich hopes you can benefit from theirs. Celebrating over 50 years in the community, the club is a labor of love for gardening, conservation and education. The organization's partnership with the Library has spanned decades. During the spring, summer and fall, the group donates their time and talents to the beautification of EAPL's gardens.

"We are grateful for their contributions," says Ela Area Public Library's Executive Director Erica Christianson. "They are a dedicated group, and we appreciate their talents to make our gardens a focal point for visitors while also offering a habitat for native pollinators." During a recent conversation, GCLZ Publicity Officer Nancy Burke answered these questions.

What gardens in Lake Zurich do you maintain?

Since 1982, the club has maintained the gardens at the Ela Library, first at its former location on Buesching Road and later, following the dedication of the current building in 2002, the club helped establish, fund, and maintain the new/existing garden beds. Additionally, in 2009, the Lake Zurich Parks and Recreation department approached the club requesting assistance in designing, planting, and maintaining the gardens at the new downtown Celebration Park. Since that time, the club has been responsible for all maintenance, plantings and new garden bed designs.

Can you describe a typical workday?

The Library garden is divided into 15 sections with different members volunteering to maintain specific sections. Members come as often as needed during the growing season and begin by walking their section, observing the plants, checking for any issues and noting any tasks that need to be done. Typical tasks include new plant installations, additional watering, weeding, pruning, fertilizing and pest control. Answering patrons' questions about their gardening challenges is also a favorite part of a typical workday. In early July, all members help to apply compost throughout the garden beds. Not only does this provide beneficial nutrients for the plants, but it also protects them throughout the growing season and into the cold, windy winter months.

What have you most enjoyed about being a member?

Our club organizes plant sales, garden tours, plant exchanges, flower design demonstrations and shows and social events that add fun and excitement to the gardening journey. Members have access to a wealth of resources, including gardening tips and professional speakers who lecture on a wide variety of topics monthly at the Library.



Become a Member

The group meets monthly at the Library, first Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm, unless noted.

<http://www.gardencluboflakezurich.org/>



Introducing New Self-Check Stations

During your next Library visit, you will notice new self-check stations. The updated, sleek look offers all of the same features and several new functions we think you'll love.

Self-Check Functions

With the self-checks, you can:

- Check out items
- Look at your library account
- Print a receipt of your current borrowing
- See how much money you saved

Accessibility and Convenience

The new self-checks also provide handy features for accessibility and ease of use, such as:

- Increase font size
- Increase contrast on the screen
- Change the screen height
- Translate the self-check text into languages other than English, including French, Spanish, Polish, Russian, Romanian, Ukrainian, Korean, Hindi and more
- Use your digital Library card

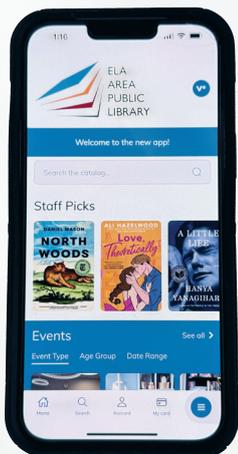
Give the self-check a try to experience the features for yourself. If you need some guidance, staff are also happy to help you get started.



New Library App Launching April 1

Get ready for a new, more robust Library app experience.

Already using the Library app? The same features will be available in the new app, such as exploring the catalog, placing holds, and viewing user account information. Available for download in your app store April 1. Search Ela Area Public Library.



What's New?

- Search the catalog, Libby and Hoopla in one location
- Check out Libby ebooks, audiobooks and magazines
- Register for Library programs
- Reserve a room and view and cancel reservations
- Schedule appointments
- Add your digital library card to your phone's wallet app and use at the new self-checks
- Connect multiple library cards to toggle between family member accounts
- Browse curated book lists
- View services offered
- Link to the full catalog of databases

Get the App & Receive a Gift

During National Library Week, April 6-12, download the NEW Library app to receive a gift, while quantities last. Present the app at Check Out.

forge programs

Unless noted:

- Registration is required for all programs.
- Registration begins Mar. 1.
- In-person programs are held in Forge at the Library.

Magical Jellyfish Décor

Come create some under-the-sea magical décor using beautiful ribbons and more!

6pm Tues., Mar. 25, ages 14+ (R)

Made in Forge Workshop – Wind Spinner



Learn about what sublimation is and make your own wind spinner using Forge equipment. All supplies provided.

11am, 1pm, 3pm, 5pm Mon., Apr. 14, ages 18+ (R)

Miniature Painting Class

Pick a miniature model, paint it and take it home. Perfect for board games or any other tabletop game.

6-8pm Wed., Apr. 21, grades 3-5 (R)



Butterfly Moss Mirrors

Join us to decorate a mirror with whimsical, nature-inspired details that capture the beauty of the spring season.

2pm Sat., Apr. 26, ages 14+ (R)

Take Home Crafty A Kits



Kits include supplies, directions and video instruction. Available for pick up in the Forge starting on the date specified. Kits available while supplies last. Ages 18+.



Pressed Flower Candle Jar

Make your own pressed flower candle jar for this quarter's craft. Kits include pressed flower, jar and twine.

Pick up begins:

9am Mon., Mar. 24 (NR)



Wired Yarn Flower Art

Create a cute potted flower using yarn and wire. A lovely gift for your loved ones.

6pm Tues., May 6, ages 14+ (R)



K-Craft Night – Hand Fan

Join and chat with fellow K-pop and K-drama fans to create your very own concert hand fan featuring your favorite idol!

3pm Sat., May 17, ages 14+ (R)

teen programs

Unless noted:

- For grades 6-12.
- Registration is required for all programs.
- Registration begins Mar. 1.
- In-person programs are held at the Library.
- Questions, contact Readers' Services at readers@eapl.org.



Mythical Mystery Quest Online

The Teen Leadership Committee presents a thrilling adventure in a digital escape room. Individuals or teams can solve puzzles, gather clues, and uncover the secrets of legendary creatures. Perfect for those who love challenges and mythical tales.

Sat., Mar. 1–Wed., Apr. 30 (NR)



Monday Night Movie Night

Stop by the Teen Lounge on occasional Monday nights and catch a flick!

6pm Mondays, Mar. 3, 10, 17, 24; Apr. 7, 14, 21, 28; May 5, 19 (NR)

Strategies For a Smarter College Search (Zoom)

Learn about the revamped ACT and SATs, FAFSA trends, and much more as we partner with national college expert Heidi King from College Inside Track.

7pm Tues., Mar. 4, geared for parents of high school students in grades 9-11 (R)



Owl Glow: Crafting with Soft Circuits

Craft an adorable owl plush with light-up eyes. Learn basic electronics and sewing techniques to bring your creation to life. All materials are provided, and no prior experience is needed.

6:30-8pm Thurs., Mar. 27 (R)

What You Need to Know When Your Child Turns 18

At 18, your child is now a legal adult. Your ability to make decisions is limited. Find out what you need to know to unlock these limitations! Presented by Shire Law Group PC.

6pm Wed., Apr. 9 (R)



VolunTeens: Earth Day

Teens can earn two service hours doing a project at this Earth Day event. Please bring any service hours paperwork you need to complete.

6-8pm Tues., Apr. 22 (R)

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 age 10 and under are attending programs.

March registration begins Mar. 1 at 9am.

April registration begins Apr. 1 at 9am.

May registration begins May 1 at 9am.

Sensory Science

Explore the wide world of science! Dress for a mess as we will share fun, hands-on activities.

10am Mondays, Mar. 3 and Apr. 28, ages 3-5 with an adult (R)

Preschool Playtime

Learn and practice through play! Preschoolers and their grownups can work on important skills for kindergarten during this drop-in workshop designed just for them.

9:30-11am Thurs., Mar. 6, ages 3-5 with an adult (NR)



Goofy Golf

Looking for a fun and family-friendly spring break activity? We challenge you to a round of our wacky indoor mini golf

course! Register your family for one time slot.

9:30am, 10:30am, 1:30pm, 2:30pm, 6:30pm

Tues., Mar. 25 or Wed., Mar. 26, kids in grades K-5 with an adult (R)

Squishy Lab

Get your hands messy at this fun workshop! We provide the recipe and ingredients for kids and their adults to make cloud slime during this hands-on class. Dress for a mess.

4:30pm Mon., Apr. 7, ages 3-8 with an adult (R)



Llama Party

Calling all llama llovers! Join us for themed games, stories and crafts in celebration of these lovable fluffballs!

4pm Wed., Apr. 9, unaccompanied kids in grades K-3 (R)

Lego Club

If you enjoy building with Lego bricks, this program is for you! Create and construct using your own ideas or try one of our challenges.

4:30-5:30pm Thurs., Apr. 17, unaccompanied kids in grades K-5 (NR)

Sonic Celebration

Do you have a need for speed? Race into the library for a fun morning of all things fast and hedgehoggy!

10am-12pm Sat., Apr. 26, all ages with an adult (NR)

Play & Learn at the Airport

Sell tickets, serve snacks, even fly the plane as you explore our pretend airport! Recommended for ages 3-7. Register for a private time slot or visit during an open play time. An adult must accompany their child(ren) in the room at all times.

May 3-18

Registered times: 9am, 11am, 4pm Monday-Friday, 9am, 3pm Saturday (R)

Open play: 5-8pm Monday-Thursday, 12-4pm Sunday (NR)



Astronomy Day (see page 8 for details)

11am-4pm Sat., May 3 (NR)

Itty Bitty Prom

It's prom season! Dress in your best to dance the morning away at this fancy formal. Imagine a classic high school prom scene—limos, corsages, the whole nine yards—but for little ones!

10am-12pm Fri., May 9, ages 0-5 with an adult (NR)



Fishing 101 (see page 8 for details)

7pm Wed., May 28, ages 10 and up (R)

BOOK CLUBS



Kids Book Club: *The Area 51 Files*

Travel to the top-secret home of aliens with Sky, her pet hedgehog, and hilarious companions as they try to find aliens who are going missing. We will design out-

of-this-world creatures as we discuss *The Area 51 Files* by Julie Buxbaum. Snacks will be provided.

Registrants can pick up their own copy of the book at the Children's Desk starting March 1.

4:30pm Mon., Mar. 31, unaccompanied kids in grades 3-5 (R)

Graphic Novel Book Club

You love graphic novels—now come talk about them!

Share what you enjoyed (or didn't) about this month's title and trade recommendations to find new favorites. Snacks will be provided. Registrants can pick up their own copy of the book at the Children's Desk beginning April 1.

4:30pm Thurs., Apr. 24, unaccompanied kids in grades 3-5 (R)



Kids Book Club:

All the Small Wonderful Things

Join Alex and his cockapoo Kevin for a tail-wagging good time as they train to win a trophy at the PAWS Dog Show. We'll learn

how to draw different dogs as we discuss *All the Small Wonderful Things* by Kate Foster. Snacks will be provided. Registrants can pick up their own copy of the book at the Children's Desk starting April 1.

4:30pm Wed., Apr. 30, unaccompanied kids in grades 3-5 (R)

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ARTS & CRAFTS

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May registration begins May 1 at 9am.

Drop-In Crafts

Stop by the Children's Department to design a unique craft project with the materials provided.

All ages with an adult (NR)

- 12:30-4pm Sun., Mar. 9 and 1-7pm Mon., Mar. 10 – rainbow pop-ups
- 1-5pm Fri., Apr. 18 and 9:30am-4pm Sat., Apr. 19 – hopping bunny

Crafternoon: Monogram Letter Art

Enjoy an afternoon of crafting with friends and create your own one-of-a-kind project. We'll have everything you need to create a custom 3D letter collage that you'll be proud to hang in your room!

4:30pm Wed., Mar. 12, unaccompanied kids in grades K-5 (R)



Mini Makers

Work on important art skills like cutting, gluing and following directions in this crafting class designed just for preschoolers! Dress for a mess.

Ages 3-5 with an adult (R)

- 10am Wed., Mar. 19 – puffy paint tulips
- 10am Wed., Apr. 23 – world book day

Squishmallow Painting Party

Bring your favorite Squishmallow friend to the library and paint their portrait!

10:30am Mon., Mar. 24, unaccompanied kids in grades 3-5 (R)

Terrific Totes

Decorate and personalize your own tote bag! We'll have a variety of bag colors to choose from and all kinds of options to make it uniquely your own.

9:30 or 11am Thurs., Mar. 27, ages 4-12 with an adult (R)

Trash Monsters

Use your imagination to create unique and silly monsters out of trash treasures that might otherwise be tossed away! At this open house we will provide a variety of materials, from cereal boxes to felt scraps to stickers, for ultimate creativity!

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

Cartooning with Mark Anderson

Join Mark for these lively, interactive cartooning classes. The library will provide your supplies.



Super Strangely Familiar Character Brawl

Sure, we like popular characters too, but unfortunately, we just can't use them. So instead, we'll be

drawing new and unfamiliar brawlers like Mustache Plumber, Kong Donkey, Peak Achoo, and Duchess Dragon Fruit! Don't miss it!

4:30pm Wed., Mar. 19, unaccompanied kids in grades K-5 (R)



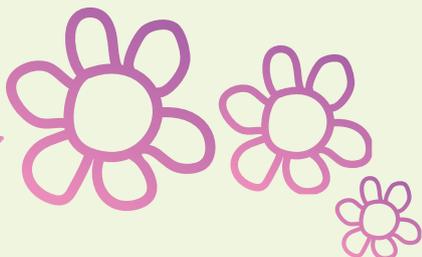
Cartoon-opoly

Roll the dice and take your chances with our cartoon board game!

You never know what, who, when, or how you'll have to draw! Even

the instructor doesn't know! There's only one way to find out...

4:30pm Tues., Apr. 22, unaccompanied kids in grades K-5 (R)





STORYTIMES

Pajama Family Storytime

Gather the whole family for fun and cozy stories, songs and a collaborative craft. Pajamas are encouraged!

new time 6pm Mondays, Mar. 3 and Apr. 14, ages 2-6 with an adult (NR)

Bilingual Storytime

Join us for bilingual English/Spanish storytimes featuring stories, songs and crafts! You do not need to know how to speak Spanish as we will learn simple vocabulary words together.

10:30am Tuesdays, Mar. 4 and Apr. 1, ages 2-6 with an adult (NR)

¡hora del cuento bilingüe!

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

Los martes 4 de marzo y 1 de abril a las 10:30 de la mañana. Para niños de 2 a 6 años con un adulto.



FOR BABIES

Baby Playdate

Stop in for a special baby playtime! You and your baby can play and explore sensory bins while visiting with other families. Dress for a mess to create a keepsake art project, while supplies last.

9:30am-11:30am Fri., Mar. 7, ages 0-17 months with an adult (NR)

Baby Storytime – Spring Class Session

So much more than stories! Join us for lots of movement and smiles as we share songs and rhymes chosen specifically for this age group. You'll go home with new tools to sing your way through diaper changes, mealtimes and anytime, making your day easier and enriching your child's language and literacy skills. Stay after storytime to chat with other caregivers as your little ones play. Register once to save your baby's spot for all six weeks of this spring session.

9:30am or 11:00am Fridays, Mar. 14, 21; Apr. 4, 11, 18, 25, ages 0-17 months with an adult (R)

Toddler Storytime – Spring Class Session

There's no sitting still in this lively storytime! Together we'll enjoy 30 minutes of stories, songs and rhymes all selected to engage your active toddler, followed by 15 minutes of play time! Register once to save your child's spot for all six weeks of this spring session.

Ages 18-35 months with an adult (R)

- 9:30am Mondays, Mar. 10, 17, 31; Apr. 7, 14, 21 or
- 9:30am Thursdays, Mar. 13, 20; Apr. 3, 10, 17, 24

Drop-In Storytimes

Stop by with your kiddo for a casual storytime experience.

All ages with an adult (NR)

- 10:30am Mondays, Mar. 10, 17, 31; Apr. 7, 14, 21
- 10:30am Tuesdays, Mar. 11, 18; Apr. 8, 15, 22

Preschool Storytime – Spring Class Session

Young children will explore the world through stories, songs and crafts specifically selected for their developmental stage. Register once to save your child's spot for all six weeks of this spring session.

10:30am Thursdays, Mar. 13, 20; Apr. 3, 10, 17, 24, ages 3-5 with an adult (R)

Storytime in the Park

Find your favorite librarians at Paulus Park for a fun outdoor storytime! We'll read books, sing songs and make a craft. Location may change for inclement weather. Check the library website for updates.

10am Thurs., May 15, all ages with an adult (NR)

Itty Bitty Prom

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10am-12pm Fri., May 9, ages 0-5 with an adult (NR)



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Ela Library Quilt Talks (ELQT) Exhibit Returns

It's back! The ELQT Quilt Show takes place in April and May at the Library. This year's theme is *Spring On!* and showcases quilts, wall hangings and lap quilts created in yellows, blues and whites.

Featuring 10-15 quilts, the display was originally organized and created by participants of the ELQT group in 2022. The event was such a success, participants decided to do it annually. The crafters meet monthly at the Library to quilt, share ideas and learn about the craft. Newcomers are always welcome. (See page 4)

"The show gives participants a chance to display their extraordinary work," says Debbie Miller, who coordinates the group. "We usually start planning for the event in early fall by picking a theme." Previous themes were *Favorite Family Quilts* and *One Panel, One Quilt*.

Check out the exhibit on the second floor of the Library April 1–May 30.

Mitten Tree Collection Benefits Local Agencies



Thank you, Residents! During our annual Mitten Tree collection, almost 200 items were collected, sorted and distributed to local nonprofit organizations in early January. Donations included socks, hats, mitten/glove sets, scarves and soap sacks with many of the donations handmade from local quilting and crafting groups. The collection was distributed to St. Francis de Sales community partners,

Northwestern Hospital's Sexual Assault Team, Joanie's Closet, EAPL Homebound patrons, Queen of Peace and Mt. St. Joseph, just to name a few.

Photo: Ela Library staff, Brenda (left) & Debbie (right), sorted and prepared the donations for delivery.



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Board meetings are open to the public and are held in person. They begin at 6pm on these Tuesdays: Mar. 18, Apr. 15, May 20.

Library Hours

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

Currently Scheduled Library Closings

Sun., Apr. 20	Easter
Mon., May 26	Memorial Day

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Register online at www.eapl.org.
For more information, call the Information Desk at (847) 438-3433 or the Children's Dept. at (847) 438-3840.

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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