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ela area public library's newsletter

June – August 2025



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Welcome, Library Trustees!

Four trustees were elected to the Library's Board of Trustees in April. Newcomers Betty Birner, Adam Gira and Karol Sucec along with re-elected trustee Cathy McCauley, serving her second term, were sworn in May 20. Each are serving a four-year term. The new trustees fill positions previously held by Eric Corzine, Mary Silcroft and Alicia Timm, who did not seek reelection.

The Ela Area Public Library extends our sincere gratitude to former Trustees Corzine, Silcroft and Timm for their dedication to the Library. Eric Corzine served three four-year terms on the Board, most recently as treasurer. Mary Silcroft and Alicia Timm were elected in 2021 and served one term. These distinguished community leaders have been a tremendous asset to EAPL and the community. We are grateful for their service. The Board approved a celebratory resolution for each former Board member. To view the resolutions, visit www.eapl.org.



Ela Library Outdoor Spaces Survey

Plans are underway for the Library to apply for an OSLAD (Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development) grant to help fund the improvement of our outdoor spaces. As part of this process, we would like to find out what you most value about the Library's grounds and which direction you'd like to see us go next.

You may access the survey through the QR code or on our website, eapl.org. Paper copies of the survey are available at the Library's Information Desk until August 1.

Thank you in advance for sharing your experiences and ideas as we consider new ways to "share the joy of discovery"—this time, outside!

Firearm Lock Distribution Event

12-4pm Fri., Jun. 20, Library Lobby

June is National Gun Violence Awareness Month. To help keep our community safe, SGA Youth and Family Services will offer free firearm safety locks in the Library's lobby, while supplies last.

These locks are essential tools designed to help gun owners secure their firearms, making it more difficult for children or unauthorized individuals to access them. In addition, there will be resources available on safe firearm storage, as well as important 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline materials in English and Spanish.

Show Your Love (and Support) for EAPL!

New merch alert! Check out our latest EAPL designs to sport around town via Threadless.

Apparel is only available through online ordering and processed entirely by Threadless. Every purchase supports the Ela Library Foundation, a 501(c)(3) library revenue source. To access the store or for more information about the Foundation, scan the QR codes or visit the websites listed.



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Shop

Donate: www.eapl.org/foundation
Shop: elafoundation.threadless.com/

Summer at the Library

Summer Kick-off

Wednesday, June 4

Justin Roberts: All I Wanna Do Is Rock (Paper, Scissors) TICKETED EVENT

Grammy-nominated children's entertainer Justin Roberts will get you on your feet! This show is for everyone who loves to sing, dance and laugh.
10:30am, all ages with an adult, Meeting Rooms A & B (see page 15 for details)

Cook's Ice Cream Scoop Bus

Celebrate the start of summer with a FREE scoop of ice cream. Cook's Ice Cream Scoop Bus returns to serve up the tastiest hand-dipped treats. Enjoy lawn games, music and stop by the Volunteer Fair (Meeting Rooms A & B) for a chance to win gift cards to local restaurants. One scoop per person, per library card, while supplies last.

4-6pm, in front of the Library (rain or shine)

Volunteer Fair

Looking for opportunities to give back to the community this summer? Visit with local non-profits and service organizations. Receive a raffle ticket from each participant for a chance to win gift cards to local restaurants.

4-6pm, Meeting Rooms A & B (see page 4 for details)

New! "All Things Crayola" Collection

Help support District 95 children in need and donate a new Crayola product at all or any of our upcoming outdoor concerts this summer. Needed items include:



- Crayola 10ct Thick Markers- Classic
- Crayola Thin Markers 10ct-Classic
- Crayola 24pk Crayons
- Crayola Colored Pencils 12ct

This collection benefits Joanie's Closet, a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) that serves under-resourced Lake Zurich Community Unit School District 95 students and their families by providing basic needs to help students achieve their full potential.

Can't make a concert? Drop off your donation to V. Stern through August 25.

Outdoor Concerts

Concerts are held outdoors on the Library's back lawn (unless noted). Please provide your own seating. In the event of bad weather, the concert will be moved indoors. Families welcome.



Hugo's Elvis Tribute

"The King of Rock 'n' Roll" kicks off our summer outdoor concert series! Chicagoland's young Elvis tribute artist Hugo performs all the legendary early television, radio, record and concert recordings of Elvis' genres from gospel, ballads, rockabilly and Hawaiian favorites to the icon's greatest rock 'n' roll hits from the 1950s and beyond!

6:30-8pm Tues., Jul. 1 (NR)



Rosie & The Rivets

Retro revivalists Rosie & The Rivets make their EAPL debut with a performance of favorite rock and soul smash hits from the 1960s and beyond!

Although their look and sound are a throwback, hear a fresh and fun setlist of hugely popular classic songs from the mid 1960s to early 2000s that appeal to multigenerational audiences. From Aretha Franklin to Amy Winehouse, there is something for everybody. Wear your dancing shoes!

7-8pm Mon., Jul. 21 (NR)



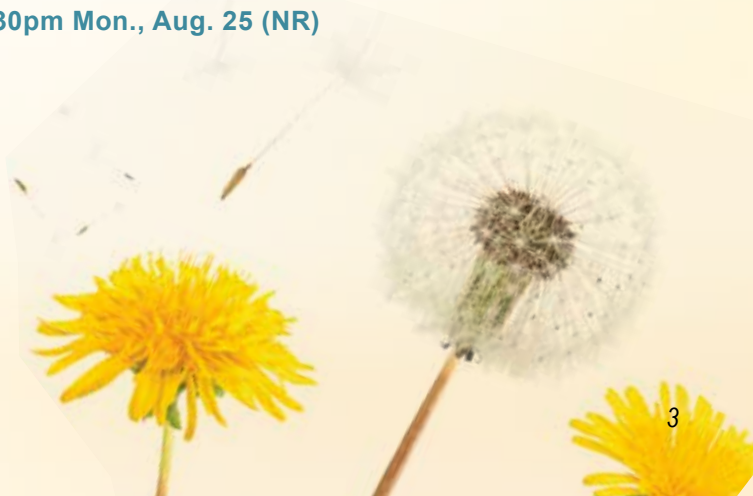
Kaleidoscope Eyes:

A Tribute to The Beatles

Capture the feel, the sound and the vocal diversity of the Fab Four at our last concert of the season. Kaleidoscope Eyes returns to perform

an electrifying concert experience celebrating the timeless music of The Beatles.

6-7:30pm Mon., Aug. 25 (NR)



adult programs

Unless noted:

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



S C R A B B L E

Senior Scrabble Club

Senior adults of all skill levels are welcome. Refreshments and supplies are provided.

10am-12:30pm Mondays, Jun. 2, Jul. 7, Aug. 4 (R)

Alzheimer's Support Group for Caregivers

For more information, please contact Lisa Gaggiano at Ela Township 55+ (847) 438-9160.

7-8pm Tuesdays, Jun. 3, Jul. 1, Aug. 5 (NR)



Volunteer Fair

Looking for opportunities to give back to the community? Join us to hear from local non-profits and service organizations looking to fill volunteer opportunities fit for a wide range of ages and abilities. Receive a raffle ticket from each participating organization. Enter your tickets in our raffle for a chance to win gift cards to local restaurants. No signup required. Held in Meeting Rooms A & B.

4-6pm Wed., Jun. 4 (NR)

Blood Drives

Give blood this summer and make a real difference to someone in need.

12-5pm Thursdays, Jun. 5, Jul. 10, Aug. 21 (R)



Green Your Routine

Annual Shred and Recycling Event

Shredding is limited to 3 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. New! PCs for People will collect old laptops to refurbish and distribute back into the community.

Cosponsored with Ela Township

8:30-11:30am Sat., Jun. 7 (NR)

ELQT Fabric Workshop Day

Drop in and join our fabric workshop. Sewing machines, cutting mats, iron and sewing notions are available for use. Held in Meeting Room A.

11am-4pm Sat., Jun. 7 (R)

Ela Township Social Worker in the Library

Stop by to chat or find wellness, medical or emergency resources for a family member or yourself. Held at the tables outside Forge.

3-5pm Mondays, Jun. 9, Jul. 14, Aug. 11 (NR)

Intro to Edible Landscaping

Learn how to turn your yard into a veritable food forest by combining fruit and nut trees, berry bushes, vegetables, herbs, and edible flowers, along with ornamental plants. Illinois Master Gardener, Carolina Schottland, will show how adding a variety of edible plants to your landscape can create an abundant and beautiful garden space in your yard.

7pm Tues., Jun. 10 (R)



Neurodiverse Meetup Group

Do you identify as neurodiverse? This informal gathering is open to adults 18+ with Autism level 1 diagnosis, ADHD, or those who otherwise identify as neurodiverse. Join us to share common experiences, play some games and connect. Located in Meeting Rooms A & B.

5:15-6:15pm Wednesdays, Jun. 11, Jul. 9, Aug. 13 (R)

Warm Up Lake Zurich

Share and learn about yarn crafting from crocheting to knitting. Open to all levels. Donations of quilted items are accepted for local charities. Held in Forge.

4-6pm Thursdays Jun. 12, Jul. 10, Aug. 14 (R)

Ela Library Quilt Talks

Share and learn about fabrics and quilt making. All skill levels are welcome. Donations of quilted items are accepted for local charities. Held in Forge.

6:30-8:30pm Thursdays, Jun. 12, Jul. 10, Aug. 14* (R) *Held in Meeting Room A



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

Jun. 9 *The Fraud* by Zadie Smith

Jul. 14 *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*
by Kate DiCamillo

Aug. 11 *My Sister the Serial Killer* by Oyinkan Braithwaite

Books & Brews

Buffalo Creek Brewing, 360 Historical Ln., Long Grove

7-8:30pm Tuesdays (R)

Jun. 10 *Stag Dance* by Torrey Peters

Aug. 12 *Rejection* by Tony Tulathimutte

Queer Book Club: Sci-Fi Summer

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)

Jun. 19 *On a Sunbeam* by Tillie Walden

Aug. 21 *Cosmoknights* by Hannah Templer

Dewey Dining Book Club

It's summer! Let's talk about salad and pie! Register and pick up 1 cookbook at the Information Desk. Pick out 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 with one another. Please note that the library cannot take responsibility for any food allergies.

1:30pm Thursday (R)

Jul. 10 *The Complete Salad Cookbook* or
The Perfect Pie America's Test Kitchen

Nonfiction Book Club

Join us quarterly to discuss a wide range of nonfiction books. Held in the 2nd Floor Conference Room.

7-8:30pm Thursday

Jul. 24 *The Friday Afternoon Club* by Griffin Dunne



12th TRY 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 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

Join us the second Tuesday of each month to enjoy personal research time and learning opportunities alongside others who enjoy this popular hobby. Bring your questions and share research strategies. Newcomers welcome! (R)

Jun. 10 – Open Research Session

Jul. 8 – Newspapers.com Library Edition

Aug. 12 – Open Research Session

DAR Genealogy Workshop

Learn about the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), how to find out if you have a Revolutionary War veteran in your family tree, and how to apply to the DAR for membership.

7-8:30pm Thurs., Jun. 26 (R)

Coming to America: The Immigrant Experience (Zoom)

Join genealogist Laura Street Chaplin to learn more about what the experience was like for your immigrant ancestors as well as the types of records you can use to find and document your ancestor's journey.

7-8pm Thurs., Jul. 17 (R)



20/30

D&D: Casual Questing

Want to try Dungeons & Dragons but not sure where to start? We've got you covered with a relaxing, light-hearted adventure! With minimal character creation and all the prep work done, dive straight into the fun, meet new people, and enjoy a laid-back quest. Perfect for first-timers or anyone looking for an easygoing D&D experience.

6-8pm Wed., Aug. 27 (R)



adult programs

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Lawyer in the Library

Attorney Bonnie Weiss from Buckley Fine Law returns to answer questions about estate planning. Register for a one-on-one 15-minute appointment. No drop-ins. Held in the 2nd Floor Conference Room. Ela cardholders only.

5-7pm Thurs., Jun. 12 (R)

☀ Summer Festivals in Chicago

Summer in Chicago is magical, and a big reason is the number of festivals that take place throughout the season. In this fun dive into Windy City summer fun, you'll not only hear about the incredible variety of events that take place, you'll also get expert tips on attending. From street fests to epic extravaganzas, you're sure to find an event—or several events—to add to your calendar.

7pm Thurs., Jun. 12 (R)



Antique Road Show: Coins and Jewelry

Dave Ekstrom, a lifelong coin collector, member of the American Numismatic Association and retired school teacher, offers a presentation on coin and currency values as well as gold jewelry and silver values. Participants have a brief opportunity to have a few coins and gold or silver items appraised for free after the presentation, first come, first served.

6:30pm Mon., Jun. 16 (R)

Memory Café

Memory Café provides 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. Questions? Contact Pam Pellizzari at Barrington Area Council on Aging (BACOA) (847) 381-5030.

10-11:30am Tuesdays, Jun. 17, Jul. 15, Aug. 19 (R)

Great Decisions

Great Decisions is a discussion program on world affairs. Come and join the discussion on the most critical global issues facing America today. Visit fpa.org for today's topic. Contact reference librarian Renée for more details rstein@eapl.org.

1-2:30pm Tues., Jun. 17



The Chicago Lighthouse

Low Vision Products Road Show

The Chicago Lighthouse is a world-renowned social service organization serving the blind, visually impaired, disabled, and Veteran communities since 1906. The Low Vision Products Road Shows are a great way to experience cutting-edge products for your everyday needs at a convenient location near you. Sponsored by The Lions Club of Illinois, their Assistive Technology team demonstrates, explains, and helps you explore a variety of products available to help with school, work and daily life.

10am-2:30pm Wed., Jun. 25 (NR)

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.

6-7pm Thursdays, Jul. 3, Aug. 7 (R)



Building the Magic: The Challenges Behind Disneyland's Creation

Explore the numerous difficulties Walt Disney and his team faced while bringing Disneyland to life in California. From financial struggles and skepticism from investors to the logistical challenges of transforming orange groves into a world-class theme park, the journey was anything but smooth. We'll also delve into construction setbacks, budget overruns, and the infamous opening day disasters. Join us to uncover the incredible perseverance and innovation that turned Disneyland from a risky dream into a global icon. Presented by Disney historian Valerie Gugala.

7pm Thurs., Jul. 10 (R)



**** Disney and Novelty Ears Collection Display
Children's Display Case July 1-31.**



Your Best Resume Yet! with Amy Rath

Your resume is your showcase; when well designed, it tells how you will contribute to an organization. Everyone, regardless of background, job level, or work history, deserves a well-crafted resume. This program, presented by resume specialist Amy Rath, walks you step-by-step through the primary sections of a resume, and provides guidelines for creating your best resume yet!

7pm Wed., Jun. 18 (R)

Job Search 101: Understanding the Basics

This 60-minute presentation helps individuals understand the current job search environment and how to prepare a great job search plan. Topics include how the internet is changing the job search process, common myths, how to create a job search plan, and organizations able to help.

6:30pm Thurs., Jul. 24 (R)



Business Networking

Networking is an art that can really help build your business, but many of us don't know where—or how—to begin. This program will help take you from beginner to master networker in no time.

6:30pm Thurs., Aug. 28 (R)

Line Dancing

Whether you are a pro or a newbie, a little bit country or a little bit rock 'n' roll, an instructor from Desueño Dance makes learning line dancing fun and memorable! No experience or partner needed.

7pm Mon., Jul. 14, ages 16 and older (R)



Ask a Master Gardener

Don't know what to plant in your yard? Need advice on the best nontoxic weed killer? Bring your gardening questions to this drop-in event located in the Library's lobby and get advice on veggies, landscape plants, insects, lawns and more. A University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener will provide resources and help you navigate the world of gardening.

10am-12pm Wed., Jul. 23 (NR)

Knife Skills



Master that chef knife! Learn classic cutting techniques as well as knife care and safety. Chef Cherise will teach you how to chiffonade, julienne, dice, mince, brunoise and more. Please bring a large cutting board and your favorite "sharpened" chef knife to class. A fresh, creamy vegetable dip will be available for sampling and you'll go home with the recipe too. Space is limited. Ela cardholders only. **Registration begins July 1.**

7pm Mon., Aug. 4 (R)



Plant & Produce Swap

Stop by and swap excess fruits, vegetables, herbs or healthy (pest-free) potted plants. Plus, expand your gardening knowledge by talking to a Garden Club of Lake Zurich master gardener. A representative from the club will be on hand to answer questions and share information about GCLZ. Held in front of the Library, weather permitting.

4-6pm Thurs., Aug. 7 (NR)



Farm to Table Appetizers

Everything tastes better fresh from the farm stand! Chef Cherise Slattery shares garden fresh appetizers that are easy to prepare and delicious to eat. We'll discuss recipes using zucchini, cucumbers, tomatoes, corn, peppers, fresh herbs and berries. Garden fresh samples of Grilled Corn Crostini and Harvest Salsa will be served. Space is limited. Ela cardholders only.

Registration begins August 1.

7pm Tues., Aug. 19 (R)

English as a Second Language (ESL)

Inglés como Segundo Idioma (In Person)

Free English classes for adults at the Library.

Registration: Tuesday/Martes, Aug. 26 from 9:15am-12pm.

Class: 9:15-12pm on Tuesday/Thursday, beginning Sep. 2.

Clases: 9:15-12pm Martes y Jueves, las clases empiezan Sep. 2.

For more information: (847) 949-2200 x1399.

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:

- **Registration is required for all programs.**
- **Registration begins Jun. 1.**
- **In-person programs are held in the Library's Computer Lab.**

Online Classes With LinkedIn Learning

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

Windows 11 Basics

This in-person workshop is for those who are new to using a PC or want to build more confidence using the Windows 11 operating system.

1-2:30pm Thurs., Jun. 12 (R)

Cybersecurity Basics

Interested in online safety? Learn to protect yourself from fraudsters and scams. Gain confidence visiting websites, creating passwords, and responding to email.

1-3pm Thurs., Jun. 19 (R)

Convert Records and Cassettes to Digital (Zoom)

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

10-11am Tues., Jun. 24 (R)

Android Basics

Android users—this class is for you! Do you have a new Android mobile device, or are you considering getting one, and want to learn more about the basic functions? Discover how to get connected, identify common apps, and build confidence in using your device safely.

1-3pm Thurs., Jun. 26 (R)



Excel Basics: Build Confidence with Formulas & Formatting

Learn how to create a simple invoice or budget while exploring key Excel skills like data entry, formatting, and basic math formulas—great for work or home use.

1-3pm Tues., Jul. 15 (R)

Excel Next Steps: Organize and Analyze with Tables & Tools

Build an event cost tracker and practice using formulas, sorting, and conditional formatting to keep your data clear, useful, and ready for real-world planning tasks. **Registration begins July 1.**

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

Google Drive Basics

Learn the many ways in which Google Drive can be used for uploading, organizing, and sharing files in the cloud. **Registration begins July 1.**

1-2:30pm Tues., Jul. 29 (R)

What is AI, Anyway?

You've heard about AI—but what is it really? Explore where it shows up in everyday life, what it can (and can't) do, and why it's sparking both excitement and concern.

6-8pm Wed., Jul. 30 (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.

10-11am Tues., Aug. 5 (R)

forge programs

Unless noted:

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

Forge June Drop-in Crafts

Stop in each week during June to create a **PRIDE** inspired craft.

Miniature Painting Class

Learn how to paint miniature figures and paint one of your own.

6pm Mon., Jun. 30, ages 14+ (R)

TCG: Magic the Gathering Lessons and DIY Tokens

Learn how to play Magic the Gathering then design and take home your own tokens.

6pm Mon., Jul. 7, 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+.



Chevron Bookmark

Make your own bookmark out of embroidery thread.

Pick up begins:

9am Mon., Aug. 4 (NR)



Please make sure to check our Forge page for updates and hours.



Sweet Summer Welcome Sign

Create a sweet and vibrant summer themed welcome sign to brighten up your doorsteps for the season.

6pm Tues., Jul. 8, ages 14+ (R)



Sewing Basics

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

6-8pm Mondays, Jul. 14 or Aug. 11, ages 14+ (R)



Sea Glass Art: Hanging Plants

Want a cozy and whimsical piece of art to decorate your home? Create an adorable canvas of hanging plants, using sea glass.

6pm Tues., Aug. 5, ages 14+ (R)



DIY Book Cover Bag

Want to show off how much you love to read? Come by and learn to create your own bag out of old book covers!

6pm Tues., Aug. 26, ages 14+ (R)

New! 3D Printed Assistive Devices Available

A variety of 3D printed assistive devices are now available for printing. All items are made to order in EAPL's makerspace Forge. Orders may take up to 2-3 weeks to print. For printing cost and more information, visit eapl.org/Forge.



Scan the QR code to place an order or contact forge@eapl.org.

Playing Card Holder	Bottle Opener	Bag Carrier	Key Turner	Button/Zipper Assist
Soda Can Opener	Tube Opener	Pen Ball	Signature Guide	Book Holder

teen **programs**

Unless noted:

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



Teen Summer Reading Challenge

Level Up this summer with the Ela Library Teen Summer Reading Challenge! Fill your Bingo card by reading books and completing challenges. Earn a prize with your first Bingo. Complete the entire card to earn an additional prize and enter into a drawing for a prize basket. Participate on Beanstack or pick up a card at the Library.

Challenges Dates: June 1 – July 31

All printed cards must be dropped off at the Library by July 31 to enter the drawing.

Teen Gamer Meetup

Kick back, chat, and chill with fellow teen gamers! Talk favorite titles, swap strategies, and vibe in a laid-back space just for you.

- 3-4:30pm Tues., Jun. 10 (R)
- 2-4pm Mon., Jul. 21 (R)



2nd Annual Duck Boat Challenge – Teens

The quack attack is back! Do you have what it takes to design the boat that holds the most rubber ducks? In order to compete in our bracket-style showdown, you must register for and attend one of the building workshops. All materials are provided.

One boat per teen. (R)

- 3-7pm Wed., Jun. 11 – building workshop
- 1-3:30pm Thurs., Jun. 12 – building workshop
- 4pm Thurs., Jun. 12 – competition (rain date 4pm Thurs., Jun. 26)



Crochet and Cookies

Beat the heat with some cookies and learn the basics of crochet at this cozy gathering. Whether you're a beginner looking to start or a seasoned crocheter bringing your current project, all are welcome.

- 2-4pm Tues., Jun. 17 (R)
- 5:30-7:30pm Thurs., Jul. 10 (R)

8-Bit Art Night

It's hip to be square! Tap into your retro side and paint pixel-style art inspired by your favorite video games, characters and more.

6-7:30pm Wed., Jun. 18 (R)

D&D Summer Campaign

Adventurers wanted! Whether you're a seasoned hero or brand new to the realm, your skills are needed for a quest like no other. Prepare for daring challenges, dangerous enemies, and legendary moments. Each session offers a self-contained story that ties into a larger quest, so you can jump in for one, two or all three.

- 4-6pm Tues., Jun. 24 (R)
- 6-8pm Tues., Jul. 15 (R)
- 4-6pm Tues., Jul. 29 (R)



Game Bites

Try a variety of snacks inspired by popular video games and challenge yourself to create your own treat based on a game.

6-7:30pm Wed., Jun. 25 (R)

Sewable Circuits: Minecraft Edition

Bring your favorite pixelated world to life—literally! Create a Minecraft-themed felt craft that lights up using simple sewing and circuitry. No hand sewing experience needed.

1-3pm Tues., Jul. 8 (R)

Silent Library: Gamer Edition

Do your best to stay silent while tackling ridiculous, game-themed challenges with your team. Can you complete a Pokéball blindfold relay without cracking up? Survive a Fortnite dance-off in total silence? Test your skills (and your self-control) in this very serious program.

4-5:30pm Thurs., Jul. 17 (R)

LEGO Robotics: Lunar Rover Challenge

Blast off into a hands-on mission of creativity and coding! Team up to build and program your own LEGO lunar rover, then put it to the test by collecting "moon rocks" and navigating challenges like a rover maze. Are you ready for launch?

6pm Thurs., Jul. 24 (R)



End of Summer Trivia Bash

Wrap up the summer with a fun-filled afternoon of trivia! Test your skills on everything from books and video games to fantasy worlds and general knowledge. See if you can name that video game tune or put the book series in order. Wrap up the end of summer with an afternoon of friendly competition.

1-3pm Wed., Jul. 30 (R)

Getting Ready for KINDERGARTEN

Whether your little one is excited about going off to kindergarten or nervous to embark on this new adventure, the library offers many resources to help prepare for this important new stage.

Early Literacy Kits

Our new early literacy kit collection is designed with your preschooler in mind! These yellow backpacks feature a variety of topics that explore literacy through play. The kits include fun, interactive activities paired with books on a shared theme. Caregivers can check them out for one week and help their little ones work on important school skills like letter and number recognition, fine motor development and social emotional learning.

Back-to-School Book Collection

Housed in the “Holiday” aisle, these stories celebrate all sorts of kids heading off to school. They can help answer questions and spark conversations by showing what a day in kindergarten entails, how to navigate teachers and new friends, and dealing with first-day jitters.

Early Literacy Wall

Each month, the felt wall next to the Lego table in the Children’s Department offers a new hands-on activity for young children. It’s a great opportunity to explore important cognitive concepts like matching, number and letter recognition, and categorization.

Scholastic Teachables



This online resource can be accessed through the library website with your Ela Library card. It provides teacher-created worksheets and lessons on many subjects, which can be used at home to reinforce concepts that kids have learned in preschool or will be introduced to in kindergarten.

Kindergarten Kickoff



The main goal of this fun event is to support families with the transition to starting school by helping to build community and promote a sense of excitement around this significant period in your child’s life. By meeting other families that will become part of your school community, you and your child will be able to start the school year with the comfort of familiar faces and new friends.

Enjoy a variety of engaging activities at this open house event:

- Create a keepsake art project to commemorate starting kindergarten
- Play games to help make new friends and practice kindergarten readiness skills
- Read books about starting school and trying new things
- Record your hopes for the upcoming school year on our community wishing wall
- Take fun photos with props at our photo booth

Incoming kindergarten students with an adult (Registration not required)

6:30-7:30pm Tues., Aug. 5 and 9:30-10:30am Wed., Aug. 6



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.

June registration begins Jun. 1 at 12pm.

July registration begins Jul. 1 at 9am.

August registration begins Aug. 1 at 9am.



Libraries Rock! Summer Reading Program

Get in the reading groove this summer! Visit the Children's Desk to learn how you can earn prizes by completing reading and activity challenges. Prizes will be available beginning Monday, June 16.

Thurs., May 29 – Thurs., Jul. 31, ages 0-12 (R)



Kids Book Match

Want personalized recommendations from our Children's Librarians? Fill out the online form and we'll email you a list of new favorites!

For independent readers through age 12 (R)

Kids Karaoke

Make some noise and put on a star-worthy performance with our karaoke machine! Sing your favorite songs solo or plan a group number with family or friends.

3:30-5:30pm Tues., Jun. 3, ages 5 and up with an adult (NR)

Science Explorers

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

10am Mon., Jun. 9 or 23, ages 6-8 with an adult (R)



2nd Annual Duck Boat Challenge

The quack attack is back! Does your family have what it takes to design the boat that holds the most rubber ducks? In order to compete in our bracket-style showdown, you must register for and attend one of the building workshops. All materials will be provided.

One boat per family. (R)

- 3-7pm Wed., Jun. 11 – building workshop
- 1-3:30pm Thurs., Jun. 12 – building workshop
- 4pm Thurs., Jun. 12 – competition
(rain date 4pm Thurs., Jun. 26)

Quest: Kids RPG Club

Tell your own stories, create fun characters, and embark on fantastical quests in this Dungeons & Dragons-style event. Each 2-hour session will be a separate adventure and everything you need to play will be provided by the library. No prior experience required!

Unaccompanied kids ages 8-11 (R)

- 1-3pm Fri., Jun. 13
- 1-3pm or 3:30-5:30pm Wed., Jun. 18
- 1-3pm Fri., Jul. 25



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.

Unaccompanied kids ages 6-11 (NR)

- 11am Fri., Jun. 20
- 3:30pm Thurs., Jul. 10

Squishy Lab

Let's get messy! We provide the recipe and ingredients for kids and their adults to make super slime during this hands-on workshop. Dress for a mess.

2pm or 4pm Wed., Jun. 25, ages 3-10 with an adult (R)



Space Lab

Enjoy an out-of-this-world experience as we blast off into space! We will share interactive activities, cosmic crafts and more!

10am Mon., Jul. 7 or 21, ages 3-6 with an adult (NR)



Bath Bomb Workshop

Join the best-smelling library program ever and learn how to make your own custom bath bombs.

3:30pm Tues., Jul. 15, unaccompanied kids ages 8-11 (R)



Stuffed Animal Summer Camp

Your stuffed animal friends will have amazing adventures at our summer camp! All plush campers must be dropped off at the Children's Desk July 21-23. Come back for an open house on Monday afternoon to pick up your camper and create a keepsake photo album of their camp experiences.

3:30-5pm Mon., Jul. 28, ages 3-10 with an adult (R)

Librarypalooza

Celebrate the end of a rockin' good summer with a festival of games, crafts, snacks and of course music! Festival fashion is encouraged for fun photo opportunities.

1-2pm or 3:30-4:30pm Thurs., Jul. 31, all ages with an adult (NR)



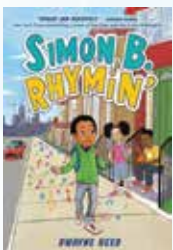
Kindergarten Kickoff

Start your school year off right—with new friends! Families are invited to mingle, play and craft with other soon-to-be kindergarteners from your community. See page 11 for more details.

Incoming kindergarten students with an adult (NR)

- **6:30-7:30pm Tues., Aug. 5**
- **9:30-10:30am Wed., Aug. 6**

BOOK CLUBS



Family Book Club: Simon B. Rhymin'

Join Simon, an 11-year-old from Chicago, as he follows his dream of becoming a rap star so he can make friends and a difference in his community. We'll listen to kid-friendly rap music, try some rhyming activities

and make a craft! Registered families can pick up their own copy of the book at the Children's Desk starting June 1.

3:30pm Mon., Jun. 30, families with kids ages 6 and up (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 July 1.

3:30pm Tues., Jul. 29, unaccompanied kids ages 8-11 (R)

Your Next Adventure Starts at the Library!

Your Library card gives you access to the **Museum Adventure Pass** and **Explore More Illinois**. Each program offers discounts at participating Chicago area destinations.



WHAT CAN YOU GET?

Special offers and discounts at unique cultural destinations throughout the Chicago area.

WHERE CAN YOU GO?

Beautiful outdoor spaces such as Brookfield Zoo, Cantigny Park, and Chicago Botanic Garden; historical facilities such as Oak Park's Pleasant Home Foundation and Naper Settlement; kid-centric museums like the Bronzeville Children's Museum and The Children's Museum in Oak Lawn.

HOW IT WORKS:

- Passes are available on a first-come, first-served basis to Elia Area Public Library cardholders only. Visit the Library Information Desk to reserve a pass.
- Borrow one pass per cardholder, per museum/location, per loan period.
- Find participating organizations at museumadventurepass.org



WHAT CAN YOU GET?

Instant online access to free and discounted tickets to museums, science centers, sporting events, zoos, park districts, theaters, and other fun and local cultural venues.

WHERE CAN YOU GO?

The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, Chicago Children's Museum, Illinois Holocaust Museum, The Museum of Science and Industry and more.

HOW IT WORKS:

- Passes are available on a first-come, first-served basis to Elia Area Public Library cardholders only. Reserve your passes online from anywhere.
- Reserve up to three attractions at one time; attractions may limit the frequency of reservations.
- Participating attractions and offers are subject to change; log in to see the most current offerings.



To see what's available, ask at the Information Desk or visit www.eapl.org/books-more/museum-passes

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.

June registration begins Jun. 1 at 12pm.

July registration begins Jul. 1 at 9am.

August registration begins Aug. 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)

- 1-7pm Mon., Jun. 9 and 9am-1pm Tues., Jun. 10 – 3D ice cream cones
- 1-7pm Mon., Jul. 7 and 9am-1pm Tues., Jul. 8 – shark portraits
- 10am-4pm Sat., Jul. 26 – tambourines

Crafternoon

Enjoy an afternoon of crafting with friends and create your own one-of-a-kind project.

Unaccompanied kids ages 6-11 (R)

- 4pm Thurs., Jun. 5 – mosaic lanterns
- 4pm Wed., Jul. 23 – beaded wind chimes



ARTS & CRAFTS

Mini Makers

Preschoolers can practice art and fine motor skills in these crafting classes made just for them! Dress for a mess.

Ages 3-5 with an adult (R)

- 10am Wed., Jun. 11 – CD snails
- 10am Wed., Jul. 9 – blueberry fingerprinting

Disco Ball Painting

Make the whole place shimmer in this guided painting class!

3:30pm Tues., Jun. 24, unaccompanied kids ages 8-11 (R)



Back-to-School Friendship Bracelets

Just in time for the start of the school year, make friendship bracelets with special messages to trade with friends new and old! At this open house, we will supply alphabet beads and pony beads in every color of the rainbow.

10am-12pm Thurs., Aug. 7, ages 5 and up with an adult (NR)

Cartooning with Mark Anderson

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



Out of Toon

Get ready for some mischievous musical machinations as we draw unique ukuleles, titanic tubas, and dynamic didgeridoos! And wait until you hear the cartoon cacophony at the end!

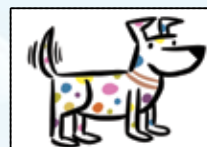
2pm Mon., Jun. 23, unaccompanied kids ages 5-11 (R)



Cartoon Escape Room

Oh no, we're trapped in this weird cartoon room! We'll have to look around for puzzles, draw some solutions, and hope that we're clever enough to escape before the end of class!

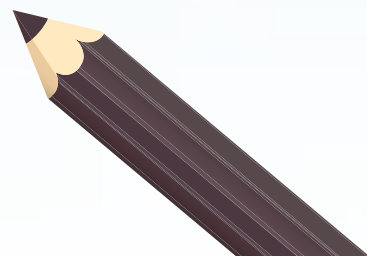
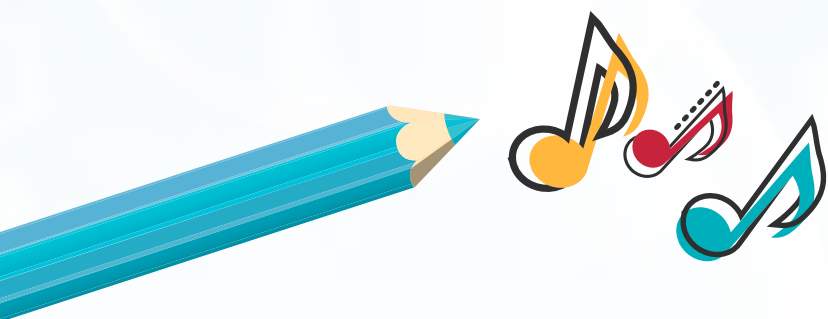
11am Fri., Jul. 18, unaccompanied kids ages 5-11 (R)



Color Me Excited

Sometimes it's hard to be plain black and white like a panda or a skunk. But don't feel blue, we cut through the red tape and got the green light to reimagine animal colors! Zebras with orange stripes? Polka dot dalmatians? They'll be tickled pink!

2pm Tues., Aug. 12, unaccompanied kids ages 5-11 (R)





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Performances are presented in the Meeting Room with a maximum capacity of 140 people. Register online, by phone or in person beginning the first day of the month to reserve your tickets. Then pick up your tickets at the Children's Desk the morning of the event.

All I Wanna Do Is Rock (Paper, Scissors)

Grammy-nominated children's entertainer Justin Roberts will get you on your feet! This show is for everyone who loves to sing, dance and laugh.

10:30am Wed., Jun. 4, all ages with an adult (R)



STORYTIMES

German Storytime

Join German Saturday School Wochenendschule der Donauschwaben for movement, music and fun! Enjoy a felt board story to learn German words for shapes, colors and animals, then get moving with dynamic parachute activities. No German knowledge is required to jump into this exciting experience.

9:30am Mon., Jun. 2, all ages with an adult (NR)

Rockin' Summer Storytimes

Stop by with your kiddo for a casual storytime experience. There will be great music for singing and dancing plus stories that rock!

9:30am Thursdays, Jun. 12, 19, 26, Jul. 10, 17, 24, all ages with an adult (NR)

Culture Shock Chicago

Enjoy this group of skilled dancers and a resident DJ as they perform and freestyle, then teach you all the coolest hip hop moves. Their highly interactive performance will have you dancing all summer long!

10:30am Wed., Jul. 16, all ages with an adult (R)

School of Rock Kids Concert

Let's rock 'n' roll with the Barrington School of Rock House Band. This high-energy performance by an all-kid band will feature music from all genres and decades, from classic rock and blues to pop, punk, and beyond!

10:30am Tues., Jul. 22, all ages with an adult (R)

Pajama Family Storytime

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

6pm Mondays, Jun. 16 and Jul. 14, ages 2-6 with an adult (NR)

Storytime in the Park

Grab your blanket and sunscreen and meet the librarians at Paulus Park for a fun outdoor storytime! Follow the arrows to the grassy area along the path to the playground for summer stories, songs and rhymes. Location may change depending on weather. Check the library website for updates.

10am Mondays, Jun. 30 and Aug. 11, all ages with an adult (NR)

FOR BABIES

Baby Storytime

So much more than stories! Drop in 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.

10am Fridays, Jun. 13 and Jul. 11, ages 0-18 months with an adult (NR)



Baby Obstacle Course

Calling on-the-go babies and toddlers!

Whether your little one is crawling, walking, running or something in between, stop in for a fun challenge that will help them develop motor and sensory skills.

9:30-11:30am Tues., Jun. 17, ages 6-24 months with an adult (NR)

Baby Sign Language

Join instructor Katy Roth as she teaches basic American Sign Language vocabulary to you and your little one. Learning ASL is a great way for babies to communicate their wants and needs with caregivers before developing the ability to speak. ASL also builds valuable skills that help with language and literacy abilities later in life. Each presentation is different.

10:30am Fridays, Jun. 27 and Jul. 25, parents/caregivers and their children ages 0-3 (R)

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 Tues., Jul. 15, ages 0-24 months with an adult (NR)



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Art Gallery and Display

The Library has a dimensional art space in addition to the Art Gallery. Works of emerging and established local artists are displayed. For more information about the art featured, visit the Information and/or Reference Desks.

Art Gallery (Second Floor)

June, July & August	Mark Pelnar	Pen & Ink, Fairytale Themes
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Display Case (Children's Department)

June	St. Francis Student Art & Duck Boat Challenge
July	Themed Mouse Ears
August	Forge Showcase



(left to right) Kristi Jalove,
Lori Schwartz, Debbie Miller
and Brenda Gornick

Made With Love

Challenge accepted! Ela Library Quilt Talks and Warm Up Lake Zurich participants made 1,200 mini hearts earlier this year for Fill a Heart 4Kids, a nonprofit based in Lake Forest that serves homeless and foster children throughout the area. WULZ participant Kristi Jalove spearheaded the collection and challenged the crafting group to create 1,000 hearts in four weeks.

"We ended up donating around 1,200 hearts in February, and we continue to add to that collection," said EAPL Acquisitions Associate Brenda Gornick. "Since February, we have made probably around another 100 or so. Many of the hearts were made with donated yarn."

Each crafted heart is attached to children's care packages as a sign of love. The packages are distributed in the community by the nonprofit group.

Ela Library Quilt Talks and Warm Up Lake Zurich meet monthly at the Library on the second Thursday of the month in the late afternoon. Newcomers are always welcome. For times and dates, visit eapl.org or see page 4.



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Board meetings are open to the public and are held in person. They begin at 6pm on these Tuesdays: Jun. 17 and Jul. 15. No Meeting in August.

Library Hours

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

Currently Scheduled Library Closings

Fri., Jul. 4	Independence Day
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(847) 438-3433

Program Registration

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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