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General Primary Election Day – March 17

Voting hours are 6am–7pm in the Library’s Meeting Room. Any registered Lake County voter can vote at the Library. The Library is NOT an early voting location. For early voting locations and more information, visit eapl.org.



Little Free Pantry – Donations Accepted the Last Week of Every Month

 EAPL’s small, free food pantry accepts nonperishable, unexpired food donations and personal care items the last week of every month. Collection bins are located in the Library’s vestibule. The pantry is open to anyone in need. For a list of preferred donations, please scan the QR code or visit www.eapl.org/little-free-pantry.



Garden Club of Lake Zurich Plant Sale

The spring plant sale is Saturday, May 16 from 8:30am-noon in front of the Library. Come early for the best selection.



Visit Us at the Everything Expo – Sat., April 11, Foglia YMCA

We are in the community! Stop by our booth between 9am-1pm for a sweet treat and a chance to learn how family history starts at the Library. Sponsored by the Lake Zurich Area Chamber of Commerce.

A New Look to the Library Catalog Coming in May

Exciting news! This spring the Library will introduce a fresh, user-friendly interface to the online catalog. Searching for items, discovering new favorites and placing holds will be easier than ever.

HVAC Renovations Nearing Completion

In April, we will finish replacing components of the Library’s HVAC system. We anticipate minimal disruption to our public areas during the final phase of the project.



Bright Moment Memories

The illuminated walkway heart may be gone, but the glow it brought to the Library and community still lingers.



Hello, Spring Hello, Library



Shake off winter and jump into a season of calm, creativity and connection.



Feeling Creative? Tiny Art Show 2026

Find your joy and show off your artistic talent in the Ela Library Tiny Art Show! Sign up to receive a mini art kit, create your masterpiece at home using the National Library Week theme “find your joy,” and turn it in for display in the Library during the month of April. For ages 12 and older, while supplies last. Details included when you register. **(R)**

Supply Pick Up: March 1-20 in Forge

Return Art to Forge: No later than March 23

Art Show: April 1-30



National Library Week – Library Card Sign Up Drive, April 19-25

Register for a library card during National Library Week, April 19-25, and receive a coupon for a free cup of custard from Culver’s of Lake Zurich, while supplies last.



Feeling Nostalgic? Vintage Typewriter Display, First Floor

Are you seeking a unique outlet for artistic expression? Typewriter Chicago will have several vintage typewriters on display in the Library April 1-30. Stop in and appreciate the history of these machines as well as the sounds and feels.



Feeling Mindful? Poetry Window Project, First Floor

Beginning in April, visit the Poetry Window Project, a seasonal poetry series located in the first-floor seating near the Adult Fiction collection. Designed as a quiet, meditative experience, this installation invites the community to pause, reflect, and reconnect with the human experience through poetry. Journal prompts and interactive activities will be available to encourage thoughtful engagement with the poem.



adult programs

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- For adults ages 18+.



Sistine Chapel, Vatican City

Senior Scrabble Club

Play against friends and members of the community. Senior adults of all skill levels are welcome. Refreshments and supplies provided.

10am-12:30pm Mondays, Mar. 2, Apr. 6, May 4 (R)

Art, Music and Words About Birds

Join prairie steward and natural history writer Cindy Crosby for a fun talk on birds and their place in cultural history. Find out why birds have influenced classical and pop music and are the focus of films, books, and works of art in textiles, painting, sculpture and more! Co-sponsored with the Garden Club of Lake Zurich.

6:30pm Tues., Mar. 3, Registration Open (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.

7-8pm Tuesdays, Mar. 3, Apr. 7, May 5 (NR)

What's It Worth: Coin, Currency, Gold/Silver Appraisals

Dave Ekstrom, a lifelong coin collector, will offer an opportunity to have your coin and currency collections as well as gold jewelry and sterling items appraised for free. Appointments are 10 minutes. Please register for only one appointment.

3-8pm Thurs., Mar. 5, 2nd Floor Conference Room, Registration Open (R)

Chair Yoga and Meditation (Zoom)

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.

6-7pm Thursdays, Mar. 5, Apr. 2, May 7 (R)



Celtic Night: An Evening of Irish & Scottish Music by a Duo from Character Fleadh

Since 2008, Character Fleadh has honored Celtic traditions. Their spirited approach to traditional Irish and Scottish folk music is exuberant, sophisticated, and full of... character. Join us for a lively performance of jigs, reels and more!

7pm Thurs., Mar. 5, Registration Open (R)

Secrets of the Sistine

Using scholarly sources, art historian Denise Laurin reveals the intrigue behind one of the greatest masterpieces in all Western art in four categories: the characters, the conspiracy, the commission, and the content. Even if you have been to the Sistine Chapel in person, this talk will illuminate your comprehension in a concise and understandable way.

7pm Mon., Mar. 9, Registration Open (R)

Get to Know Your Ela Township

Representatives from the Ela Township Community Center will be on hand to answer questions and share information about upcoming events and services for youth and seniors.

10am-12pm Mon., Mar. 9, Lobby (NR)

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, Mar. 9, May 11 (NR)

Neurodiverse Meetup Group

Do you identify as neurodiverse? Open to adults 18+ with Autism level 1 diagnosis, ADHD, or who otherwise identify as neurodiverse, this meetup is a safe place to share common experiences, play some games and enjoy light refreshments. More information on page 9.

5-6:30pm Wed., Mar. 11, Apr. 8, May 13 (R)

Warm Up Lake Zurich

Share and learn about yarn crafting from crocheting to knitting. Open to all levels. Donations of crocheted and knitted items are accepted for local charities.

4pm Thursdays, Mar. 12, Apr. 9, May 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.

6:30pm Thursdays, Mar. 12, Apr. 9, May 14 (R)

Queer & Crafty

Join us for a relaxed environment to chat and enjoy fellowship. Bring your current craft or select from available options. Coffee, tea, and baked goods are provided. Allies welcome!

1-3pm Sun., Mar. 15, ages 18+ (R)





BOOK CLUBS

Registration is required with a valid email address.
• Ages 18+

Books & Brews

Buffalo Creek Brewing, 360 Historical Ln., Long Grove
7-8:30pm Tuesdays (R)

Mar. 10 *Buckeye* by Patrick Ryan

May 12 *Vigil* by George Saunders

Senior Book Discussion (Zoom and In Person)

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

Mar. 16 *Sense and Sensibility* by Jane Austen

Apr. 13 *Lady Tan's Circle of Women* by Lisa See

May 11 *Everything is Tuberculosis* by John Green

Nonfiction Book Club

This quarterly discussion features a wide range of nonfiction books.

7-8pm Thursday (R) 2nd Floor Conference Room

Mar. 19 *Love, Queenie: Merle Oberon, Hollywood's First South Asian Star* by Mayukh Sen

May 21 *The House of My Mother: A Daughter's Quest for Freedom* by Shari Franke

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 (R)

Mar. 26 *Godkiller: A Novel* by Hannah Kaner

May 21 *Can't Spell Treason Without Tea* by Rebecca Thorne

Dewey Dining Book Club

Join us for cookbook club! Register and pick up a copy of the 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. The Library is not responsible for any food allergies.

1:30pm Thursday (R)

Apr. 16 *Good Lookin' Cookin'* by Dolly Parton



12+ TRY Annual Reading Program

Allow us to treat you to 12 different genres and topics to stretch your reading horizons in 2026. 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 December, 31 2026 (R) – Prize pickup starts Mon., Mar. 2, 2026 and runs through Fri., Jan. 8, 2027

American Library Association's (ALA) Preservation Week (April 26 – May 2)

Join us as we raise awareness of the role libraries and other cultural institutions play in preservation, by sharing information to help make informed decisions that help your collections last for the future.



GENEALOGY & LOCAL HISTORY



Genealogy Interest Group

Join us monthly for research tips and 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. 10, Apr. 14, May 12 (R)

Intro to NewspaperArchive

Learn best practices for searching the Library's subscription to *NewspaperArchive*. This robust platform features more than 17,000 distinct publication titles and 290 million pages of fully digitized newspaper content.

• 2pm Tues., Apr. 14 (R)

• 7pm Thurs., Apr. 16 (R)

Genealogy One-on-One Appointments

Looking for individualized help getting started in your research? Librarian Kristen McCallum can help you formulate a research plan, assist with online searching and using family tree software including *RootsMagic* and *Family Tree Maker*.

• 2pm Tuesdays, Mar. 3, 17, 24, 31; Apr. 7, 21, 28; May 5, 19, 26 (R)

• 7pm Thursdays, Mar. 12, May 14 (R)

ALA's Preservation Week Programs



DIY Photo Preservation Kit

Celebrate Preservation Week with this preservation starter kit including archival gloves, archival safe photo sleeves, soft lead pencils for labeling and signature pens for photos with resin. Kits available at the 2nd Floor Reference Desk.

Pick Up: 9am Mon., Apr. 27, while supplies last (NR)

Caring for Photos, Albums, and Scrapbooks (Zoom)

Do you have boxes full of old family photographs, letters, diaries, scrapbooks, and other documents from your family history research? Join American Ancestors Conservator Todd Pattison to learn the best practices for understanding and preserving these family materials.

7pm Mon., Apr. 27 (R)

Reserve to Preserve: Scan Your Photo Negatives

Schedule time with our Epson Perfection V600 Photo Scanner to save and preserve them for the next generation. Compatible with 35mm film strips and mounted slides.

• 9:30am-12:30pm Mon.–Sat., Apr. 27–May 2 (R)

• 1-4pm Mon.–Sat., Apr. 27–May 2 (R)

• 5-8pm Mon.–Thurs., Apr. 27–Apr. 30 (R)

Reserve to Preserve: Digitize Your VHS Tapes

Do you still have home videos on VHS aging in the basement? Now is the time to digitize those precious memories before they further deteriorate. Reserve time in our digital media lab and preserve your family history.

• 9:30am-12:30pm Mon.–Sat., Apr. 27–May 2 (R)

• 1-4pm Mon.–Sat., Apr. 27–May 2 (R)

• 5-8pm Mon.–Thurs., Apr. 27–Apr. 30 (R)



Need help? Scan the QR code for video tutorials or to schedule one-on-one assistance.

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R.M.S. Titanic

Memory Café

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

10-11:30am Tuesdays, Mar. 17, Apr. 21, May 19 (R)

Great Decisions

Great Decisions is Americas largest discussion program on world affairs. We meet 8 times a year to discuss the most critical global issues facing America today. Visit fpa.org for topics. Contact Librarian Renée at rstein@eapl.org for more details.

1-2:30pm Tuesdays, Mar. 17, Apr. 21, May 19 (R)

Kitchen Knife Care and Sharpening



Knife sharpener Bill answers common sharpening questions and more during this informative presentation and demo. Find out how to tell if your knife needs sharpening, learn tips and best practices and enter a raffle for a free kitchen knife. Bring your kitchen knife (one per household) for a free sharpening. You must plan to stay after the presentation to have a knife sharpened. Sharpening wait time depends on quantity of knives to be sharpened. Space is limited.

Ela cardholders only.

1-4pm or 5-8pm Tues., Mar. 31 (R)



Floral Design Demonstration

Krina Koenen, an award-winning designer with the Flower Studio, provides a floral design demonstration showcasing her artistic experience and the ease of creating floral arrangements. *Co-sponsored with the Garden Club of Lake Zurich.*

6:30pm Tues., Apr. 7 (R)

Lost Treasures of the Titanic (Zoom)

Hear stories about the valuable treasures lost when the *Titanic* sank in 1912. In addition to the incredible loss of life, a nearly incalculable amount of goods plummeted into the ocean, never to be seen again. Presented by Mallory Mortillaro an art historian and educator based in the New York area. *Co-sponsored with Cary Area Public Library.*

7pm Mon., Apr. 13 (R)

LZ High School Theatre Preview: Neil Simon's Rumors

Lake Zurich High School Presents a preview of the Neil Simon play *Rumors*, a fast-paced farce full of nonstop comedy. Come see this very talented cast bring this play to life.

7pm Mon., Apr. 13 (NR)

Ask a Master Gardener

Need planting advice? Want to learn about composting? Ask a master gardener at this drop-in event located in the Library's lobby. Presented by the University of Illinois Extension.

5-7pm Tues., Apr. 14 (NR)

BeATleJazz

with the James Callen Jazz Trio

It's Jazz Appreciation Month! James Callen and his trio return for a tribute to The Beatles. Hear all your favorite arrangements including *Can't Buy Me Love*, *Penny Lane*, *Come Together*, *Here Comes the Sun* and more! This concert is made possible by a grant from the Music Performance Trust Fund.

7pm Tues., Apr. 14 (R)

Understanding Wills and Estate Planning

Learn about wills, trusts, powers of attorney, probate, and guardianship. Attorney Jacob K. Ehrensaff explains how to ensure your final wishes can be protected as well as how to select the correct person to make healthcare and financial decisions on your behalf. The importance of updating existing documents to reflect changes in the law and personal circumstances will also be reviewed.

7pm Thurs., Apr. 16 (R)

Fabric Workshop with Ela Library Quilt Talks

Use our meeting room to work on your quilting projects. Sewing machines, cutting mats, iron and sewing notions will be available for use.

10am-4pm Sat., Apr. 18, Meeting Room A (NR)


LinkedIn Headshots

Drop by for a professional portrait perfect for LinkedIn and Handshake. Space is limited.

5pm Wed., Mar. 25 (R)

Budgeting and Savings Basics with Ryan Decker (Zoom)

Ryan Decker breaks down the basics of personal finance: budgeting, introductory saving and investment strategies. Learn which factors to consider for deciding when, where, and how to save, invest, or aggressively tackle debt.

7pm Thurs., Apr. 9 (R)

Buying A Home: The Basics (Zoom)

Buying a home is complicated. Join us for an overview of what it takes to purchase a home. This course covers what lenders look for in a loan application, credit basics, down payments, and the players in the home-buying process.

7pm Mon., Apr. 13 (R)

Retirement Reality with Jill Schlesinger (Zoom)

Are you thinking about retirement? Does it seem completely out of reach? CBS News Business Analyst Jill Schlesinger, CFP, will join us to walk through the specific steps necessary to get you where you want to go, whether you are just starting off in your career or ready to wind down.

7pm Tues., Apr. 21 (R)

Investing Fundamentals

Financial Advisors Eric and Ethan Rosenbloom offer an excellent opportunity to learn about investing fundamentals and how to help ensure your financial security and success.

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


APRIL CAREER WORKSHOPS

Presented by Lake County Job Center

(Zoom and In Person)

Future-Ready Job Search: Strategy, Tools, & Technology

This workshop focuses on building a targeted search strategy, strengthening networking efforts, and maximizing the value of job fairs and recruiting events. Simple organizational tools are introduced to help streamline applications and follow-ups. Practical ways to use AI to uncover new opportunities are also highlighted.

2-3pm Mon., Apr. 13 (R)

Resume Ready: Crafting a Career Story that Stands Out

Develop a compelling professional summary, resume, and cover letter. Learn how to use a skills-based approach and the STAR method when crafting your resume. Explore how AI tools can enhance your resume and help you highlight the future ready skills employers value today. Learn to leverage cutting edge platforms like ChatGPT while also understanding the common pitfalls to avoid throughout the application process.

2-3pm Mon., Apr. 20 (R)

Interview with Confidence: Preparation to Follow-up

Learn how to effectively prepare for interviews and discover best practices that will help you stand out as a candidate.

2-3pm Mon., Apr. 27 (R)

Job Center on the Move (In Person Only)

Meet with a Job Center representative for one-on-one support.

3-4:30pm (following each workshop)


Beyond the Page with Percival Everett in conversation with Brandis Friedman (Zoom)

Percival Everett's most recent novel, *James*, earned both the Pulitzer Prize for fiction and the National Book Award, and his 2001 novel *Erasure* inspired the film *American Fiction*, which received the Academy Award for Best Adapted Screenplay in 2024. Tune in for our conversation to get a glimpse beyond the page.

7pm Thurs., Mar. 19 (R)


Cristina Henríquez: Voice, Culture, and Human Connection (Zoom)

Join critically acclaimed, bestselling author, Cristina Henríquez for a compelling conversation about her work. Henríquez's newest book, *The Great Divide*, is a moving exploration of the people who lived, loved, and labored during the construction of the Panama Canal. It was named a *New York Times* Editors' Choice selection and *TIME Magazine* "100 Must-Read Books of 2024."

7pm Thurs., Apr. 16 (R)


Babel-On with R.F. Kuang (Zoom)

R.F. Kuang's genre-bending fiction broaches ordinarily serious topics from a satirical and fantastical perspective. Her most recent novel, *Katabasis*, follows two graduate students as they descend into hell after the death of their professor. Kuang's other bestselling titles include *Yellowface*, *Babel*, and *The Poppy War* trilogy, and she is the recipient of the Nebula Award for Best Novel, the Goodreads Choice Awards for Best Fiction, and the American Book Award.

7pm Tues., May 19 (R)



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



All events are for ages 20–39.

Pages & Prompts: A Journaling Workshop

Welcome the spring season with intention. Explore different journaling styles, from bullet and junk journaling to reflection prompts and creative exercises. Discover what works best for you. All supplies are provided, though personal notebooks are welcome.

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

Casual Questing: A Masquerade of Echoes

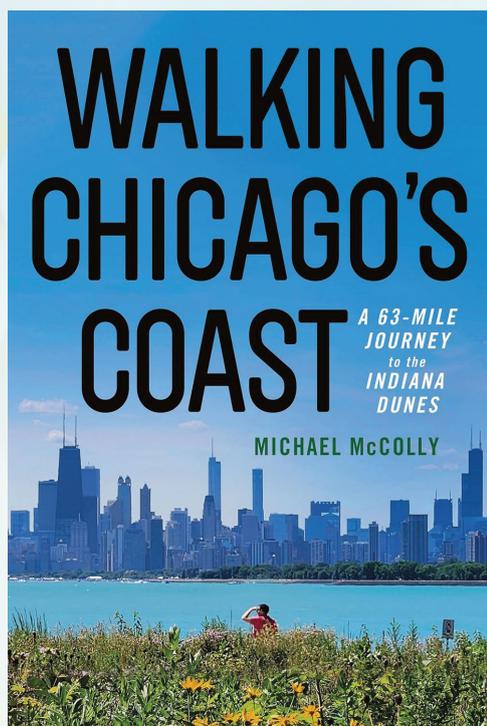
Want to try tabletop role-playing games, but not sure where to start? We've got you covered with a relaxing, light-hearted adventure! With minimal character creation and all the prep work handled, you can dive straight into the fun, meet new people, and enjoy a laid-back quest. Perfect for first-timers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

6-8pm Wed., May 13 (R)

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Walking Chicago's Coast: A 63-Mile Journey to the Indiana Dunes (Zoom)

Author Michael McColly shares stories from his walk along the shoreline, from Rogers Park to Indiana Dunes National Park, and the inspiration behind this remarkable journey. Through his stunning photography, he explores Chicago's ever-changing landscape, its layered history still present in the waters of the coast, and the challenges of environmental degradation and inequality that shape life in the metropolis. This presentation is based on his recently published book *Walking Chicago's Coast*. Co-sponsored with the Algonquin Area Public Library. **7pm Tues., Apr. 21 (R)**



The Art of Glassblowing (Demonstration)

Connor Strehl discusses the glass blowing process step-by-step, from seeing the first point pulled, to shaping, coloring, and the finished piece. This live demonstration offers a rare behind-the-scenes look at the magic of glass. Families welcome. **6-8pm Thurs., Apr. 23 (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. Meet Dr. Comet and make your own comet. See displays on topics such as astrophotography, the solar system, and the planets.

11am-4pm Sat., Apr. 25 (NR)

Medicare 101

Whether you are under 65, new to Medicare or already on Medicare, this presentation will help you get a better understanding of Medicare and upcoming changes. Medicare Basics, Medicare Supplements, Medicare Advantage, Medicare Part D and enrollment periods will all be discussed! This is an educational class and not a sales seminar.

7pm Thurs., Apr. 30 (R)



Pilsen's Painted Streets

Take a walk through Chicago's Pilsen neighborhoods' most iconic pieces of public art. Luis Tubens, co-founder of Pilsen Public Art Tours, showcases 50 years of murals that colorfully express the history, struggles, and culture of the Mexican community in Pilsen. Hear the political and socio-economic role of murals in this resilient community and how it became the neighborhood with the highest concentration of murals in the Midwest.

7pm Tues., May 12 (R)

Let's Make Vegetable Chop Suey

Chef Jen from Lean Bellas Kitchen demonstrates how to make vegetable chop suey, a vibrant and delightful Chinese-American dish that embodies a perfect harmony of flavors and textures. Samples served. Space is limited. **Ela cardholders only.**

7pm Tues., May 19, Registration begins May 1 (R)

Chapter One: Creative Writing Workshop

Join us for an introduction to creative writing! This beginner-friendly workshop is designed for adults looking to explore the fundamentals of creative writing. No experience necessary.

6:30-8:30pm Tues., May 26 (R)



Volunteer Fair

Save the date! If you are looking for volunteer opportunities in the area, plan to attend.

4-6pm Wed., Jun. 3 (NR)

A Place to Belong

Inside Our Neurodiverse Community Meetup



Librarian Amy H. talks about what inspired her to create the monthly meetup – the first of its kind at the Library dedicated to serving the growing neurodiverse population in the area.

Why develop a meetup for adults who identify as neurodiverse?

A few years ago, after some mental health struggles, I was diagnosed with Autism Level 1. After the diagnosis, I felt there was little support for adults with Autism. A therapist invited me to a group she was starting for late-diagnosed adults with Autism. This group was so helpful to me that I wanted to bring this support to the library setting.

What does “neurodiverse” mean in the context of this group?

Neurodiverse means that everyone’s brains are wired differently. Instead of conforming to what society deems as “typical,” this group is about embracing what makes us different and creating a safe space for people to connect with each other.

How has the group evolved since it started?

The first time I hosted the group, only four people attended. However, in the past year, we’ve had 10-20 people consistently come to a meetup and a handful regularly attend.

How does the group make meetups comfortable and accessible for different needs?

Feedback from attendees is important because creating a safe space is one of my main goals. I share my email address with attendees and create a Google Form for anonymous feedback. I take that feedback and integrate it into the group. For example, as the group grew, so did the noise level; it wasn’t sensory-friendly. As soon as I could, we moved to a larger meeting space in the Library to spread out and accommodate those with sensory sensitivities.

What would you say to someone who’s thinking about attending but feels nervous?

At each meeting, I have a handful of fidget toys for attendees to borrow to help calm their nerves and activities such as coloring, diamond art and puzzles. People also bring their own fidgets or stuffed animals to the meetups.

What Participants Are Saying

- *Certainly appreciate meeting fellow NDs in person, I’ve done so many online Zoom meetings - it’s nice to interact with others without screens & webcams (it’s great to feel the vibes in the room).*
- *I like having the opportunity to meet with folks, and the activities are nice.*
- *[I enjoy] Meeting other people like me.*
- *[I enjoy] Being able to socialize with people.*
- *I like being able to meet other neurodivergent people from the area.*

Next Meetups:

5-6:30pm Wednesdays,
Mar. 11, Apr. 8, May 13, Ages 18+ (R)
Meeting Rooms A & B

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 Mar. 1 at 12pm.
- 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 are a few suggested classes:



Word Essential Training
PowerPoint Essential Training
Photoshop 2024 Essential Training

OFFICE/GOOGLE APPLICATIONS

Internet Basics

This in-person workshop is for those who are new to the internet or want to build more confidence finding information online and navigating websites. Attendees will learn about web browsers and search engines, build skills to navigate the internet, and discover tips and tricks for basic and advanced searching online.
6-7pm Tues., Mar. 17 (R)

Microsoft Word

Learn the essentials of Microsoft Word to create polished documents with ease. This class covers formatting, editing tools, and tips to make your work look professional.
6-7:30pm Tues., Apr. 7 (R)

Microsoft PowerPoint

Create eye-catching presentations with Microsoft PowerPoint. This class introduces basic design tools, slide layouts, and tips to make your ideas stand out.
6-7:30pm Tues., Apr. 14 (R)

Microsoft Excel

Get started with Microsoft Excel and learn how to organize, calculate, and visualize data. We'll cover essential features like formulas, formatting, and charts, tailored to your interests.
6-7:30pm Tues., Apr. 21 (R)



ADVANCED TOPICS

Online Privacy

Learn how to protect your personal information while browsing the web. This class covers cookies, privacy settings, and practical tips to stay safe online.
6-7:30pm Tues., Mar. 24 (R)

Convert Records and Cassettes to Digital (Zoom)

Learn how to convert your vinyl records and cassette tapes into digital format using Digital Media Labs.
10-11am Thurs., Mar. 26 (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 Thurs., Apr. 30 (R)

Canva Basics

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.
6-7:30pm Tues., May 5 (R)



forge programs

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



Check our Forge page for updates and hours.



Glass Mosaic Coaster

Spend a creative evening making a mosaic tile coaster! Using colorful tiles and patterns, create a beautiful, functional piece to take home.

6pm Tuesdays, Mar. 17 or Mar. 24, ages 14+ (R)

Made in Forge

Join us to discover the incredible things you can make in Forge. Space is limited in each session.

Thursdays, 11am, 1pm, 3pm, 5pm, ages 14+ (R)

Mar. 12 – Engraved Tumblr

Apr. 30 – Stitch Markers

Miniature Painting

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

6pm Mondays, Mar. 23 or April 13, ages 6+ (R)



DIY Headphones

Build your own working headphones with a KiwiCo kit, and discover how sound travels through wires. This is an independent, self-guided build, so makers should be comfortable using basic hand tools and assembling small parts on their own.

Staff is available for support, but the making is all you.

11am or 3pm Wed., Mar. 25, grades 6-12 (R)

2pm or 5pm Wed., Apr. 15, ages 18+ (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, Apr. 20 or May 18, ages 14+ (R)

DIY Polyurethane Pleather Bag

Create a lovely leather handbag for yourself or a loved one. Perfect for beginners, this relaxed session guides you through the basics. Leave with a beautiful, handmade piece to call your own.

6pm Tuesdays, Apr. 21 or Apr. 28, ages 14+ (R)

Solar System Diorama

Paint and assemble a diorama of our solar system while learning some trivia about the planets!

6pm Wed., Apr. 22, ages 6+ (R)



Succulent Book Terrarium

Laura Garcia of Paper Perennial guides you through creating a unique display using pre-hollowed books and a variety of succulent styles, shapes and sizes.

Ela cardholders only.

6-8pm Thurs., Apr. 23, ages 18+ (R)

Galaxy Mug Sublimation

Calling all far-out galaxy fans ages 6 to 106! Celebrate May the Fourth by pressing premade designs onto a sublimation mug to take home.

3pm or 6pm Mon., May 4, ages 6+ (R)



Mother's Day Rose

Paint a laser-cut wooden rose engraved with a heartfelt message and turn it into a unique Mother's Day gift.

4pm or 6pm Thurs., May 7, ages 6+ (R)

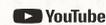


Mini Beaded Plant

Create a charming mini beaded plant using wire and a variety of green beads. No watering required.

6-8pm Tues., May 12, ages 18+ (R)

Take Home Crafty A Kits



Kits include supplies and directions (unless otherwise noted) and are available for pick up in the Forge starting on the dates specified. One kit per person. Available while supplies last.



Macrame Plant Hanger

Make your own plant hanger.

Plant is not provided.

Pick up begins:

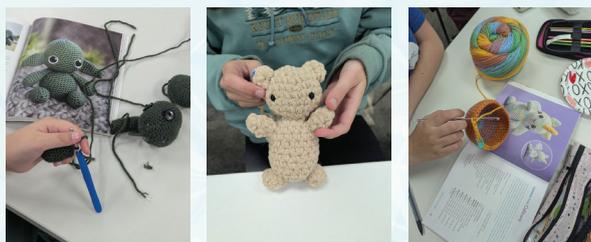
10am Mon., May 11, ages 18+ (NR)

teen programs



Unless noted:

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



Crochet Club: Camp Stitch Together

With the growing success of the crochet club and teaching teens the skills of this popular craft, we are now expanding to include knitting. Come to learn something new, get help, or just enjoy a creative, low-pressure space to work on your project.

Whether you're brand new to yarn crafts or a seasoned fiber artist with a project in hand, all teens are welcome at this cozy gathering. Learn the basics of crochet and knitting. All supplies are provided.

6:30-7:30pm Tues., Mar. 24, Apr. 7, Wed., May 6 (R)



Study Hall

Can't find a place to study? No worries!

Study Hall is a relaxed, teen-only space to work on homework, school projects, or exam prep with friends. We'll have snacks, whiteboards, chargers, and helpful tools to make studying a little less stressful.

4:30-6pm Tues., Apr. 28, Thurs., May 14 (R)



Social Media Detox

In a world of endless alerts, curated perfection, and the pressure to be connected at all times, it's easy to feel overwhelmed by digital noise. You're not alone. Join Brittany Salvador from Barrington Behavioral Health and Wellness for a supportive conversation about the impacts of social media and ways to create a healthier balance, with space for anonymous, judgment-free questions.

6:30-7:30pm Wed., Apr. 15 (R)



Woodland Creature Portraits

Celebrate Earth Day with a creative twist by making woodland creature portraits using egg cartons and recycled craft materials.

6:30-7:30pm Wed., Apr. 22 (R)

Green Scene Garden Club

Check out our new raised garden beds! Help prep them for summer by planting seeds, crafting signs, and enjoying some hands-on garden time—rain or shine. This is just the start of all the gardening fun coming your way!

6:30-7:30pm Tues., May 26 (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 12pm.

April registration begins Apr. 1 at 9am.

May registration begins May 1 at 9am.

Preschool Playtime

Learn through play! Preschoolers can build important early childhood skills with sensory and play stations designed just for them.

10am Fri., Mar. 6, ages 3-5 with an adult (NR)



Music for the Ages: A Multigenerational Music Program with Rock 'n' Kids

The Children's Department is inviting families with children ages 6 months to 6 years to join the seniors from our Memory Café in this multi-generational music program. It promises to be a joyful morning filled with songs, movement and heartwarming fun as participants of all ages are united by the power of music.

10:15am Tues., Mar. 17, ages 6 months to 6 years with an adult (R)



Life-Size Candyland

Gather your family or a few friends and travel to a magical candy world in this giant game of Candyland where YOU are the game piece! Recommended for ages 3-10. An adult must accompany their child(ren) in the room at all times. Register your group (up to 10 people) for one time slot only; one person in the group must have an Ela Library card. Sign up at www.eapl.org/kids.

March 21-28 (R)

• 9am, 11am, 1pm, 3pm, 5pm, 7pm

Monday-Thursday

• 9am, 11am, 1pm, 3pm Friday-Saturday

• 1pm, 3pm Sunday



Squishy Lab

Let's get messy! We provide the recipe and ingredients to make slime during this hands-on workshop. Adults must be prepared to help their children. Dress for a mess.

4:30pm Wed., Apr. 8, ages 3-10 with an adult (R)

Sensory STEAM Explorers

Spark curiosity and ignite your child's love for discovery! This playful, hands-on program is designed for preschoolers to explore the wonders of the world around them through interactive experiments and sensory-based learning.

10am Mon., Apr. 27, ages 3-5 with an adult (R)



Family Rock with Rock 'n' Kids

Music and movement are on the menu for this highly-engaging family event! This movement-based program uses music to facilitate learning with activities including rhythm instruments and imaginative play. Adult participation is required.

9:30am or 10:15am Wed., Apr. 29, ages 1-5 with an adult (R)



Play & Learn at the Construction Site

Design your own buildings, construct bridges and towers, and try out tools as you explore our pretend construction site! An adult must accompany their child(ren) in the room at all times. Register your group (up to 10 people) for one time slot only; one person in the group must have an Ela Library card. All are welcome to visit during an open play time. Sign up at www.eapl.org/kids.

May 2-17, ages 3-7

Registered times (R)

- 9am, 11am, 4pm Monday-Friday
- 9am, 3pm Saturday

Open play (NR)

- 5-8pm Monday-Thursday
- 12-4pm Sunday



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 8, ages 0-5 with an adult (NR)

SUPER MARIO GALAXY GALA

Let's-a go! Bring your family to enjoy screen-free, Mario-themed activities. Play Koopa shell bowling, make an out-of-this-world craft and more as you power up with this iconic video game character!
10am-12pm Sat., May 9, all ages with an adult (NR)

Space to Read: Summer Reading Challenge

Stay tuned for more details about a stellar Children's Summer Reading Challenge.

May 23 through July 31, kids ages 0-12 (R)

KIDS BOOK CLUB



The Cursed Catacombs by Nick Eliopoulos

It's time to roll the dice and decide your fate! Seth is the apprentice to a great wizard, and he needs your help with his latest mission: retrieving a rare flower that grows in the tunnels underneath a castle. Inspired by tabletop role-playing, you will roll dice, solve puzzles, and fight monsters as you choose what kind of hero you become. Registrants can pick up their copy of the book at the Children's Desk starting March 1.

4:30pm Tues., Mar. 17, unaccompanied kids in grades 3-5 (R)



The Legend of the Last Library by Frank L. Cole

Imagine a world where paper is the rarest resource of all and books are mythical treasures. Juniper Knox finds a book hidden in her house containing clues leading to the last library on Earth. It's a race against the clock as Juni and her friends try to save the library and the books inside before it's too late! Registrants can pick up their copy of the book at the Children's Desk starting April 1.

4:30pm Wed., Apr. 29, unaccompanied kids in grades 3-5 (R)

kids **programs**



ARTS & CRAFTS

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May registration begins May 1 at 9am.

Crafternoon

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

Unaccompanied kids in grades K-5 (R)

- 4pm Thurs., Mar. 5 – zentangle animals
- 4pm Wed., Apr. 22 – paper quilled Earth

Drop-In Crafts

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

All ages with an adult (NR)

- 9:30am-8pm Mon., Mar. 23 and 9:30am-8pm Tues., Mar. 24 – colorful cats
- 9:30am-5pm Fri., Apr. 3 and 9:30am-4pm Sat., Apr. 4 – silly rabbits
- 9:30am-4pm Sat., May 30 and 12:30-4pm Sun., May 31 – circle bugs

Mini Makers

Preschoolers can practice their art and fine motor skills in a crafting class made just for them! Dress for a mess as we create original art projects.

Ages 3-5 with an adult (R)

- 10am Wed., Mar. 11 – puffy paint bunnies
- 10am Wed., Apr. 15 – paint splatter puddles



Cartooning with Mark Anderson

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

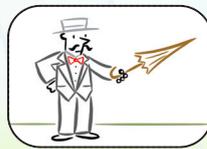


Mesmerizing Monkeys

Yep, we're drawing monkeys! Emperor Tamarins, Pygmy Marmosets, Proboscis, and the White-Faced Saki to name just a

few... So stop monkeying around and come draw! It's gonna be bananas!

4:30pm Fri., Mar. 13, unaccompanied kids in grades K-5 (R)



Really Really Weird Sports

You think Pickleball is weird?! Try Cycleball! Sepak Takraw! Bartitsu! And even... I hesitate to say it... OK, prepare yourself... Fierljeppen!

And we're drawing them all!

4:30pm Tues., Apr. 28, unaccompanied kids in grades K-5 (R)





STORYTIMES

Drop-In Storytimes

Stop by with your kiddo for a casual storytime experience.

- 10:30am Mondays, Mar. 9, 16, 30, Apr. 6, 13, 20
- 9:30am Tuesdays, Mar. 3, 10, 31, Apr. 7, 14, 21, all ages with an adult (NR)

Toddler Storytime – Spring Session

There's no sitting still in this lively storytime! Together we'll enjoy stories, songs and rhymes all selected to engage your active toddler! Register once to save your child's spot for all classes in this 6-week session.

No classes on March 23 or 26.

- 9:30am Mondays, Mar. 9, 16, 30, Apr. 6, 13, 20 or
- 9:30am Thursdays, Mar. 12, 19, Apr. 2, 9, 16, 23, ages 18-35 months with an adult (R)

Preschool Storytime – Spring 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 classes in this 6-week session.

No class on March 26.

10:30am Thursdays, Mar. 12, 19, Apr. 2, 9, 16, 23, ages 3-5 with an adult (R)

Pajama Family Storytimes

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

6pm Mondays, Mar. 16 and Apr. 27, ages 2-6 with an adult (NR)



FOR BABIES

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.

10:45am Sat., Mar. 7, parents/caregivers and their children ages 0-3 (R)

Baby Storytime

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.

10am Fri., Mar. 13, ages 0-18 months with an adult (NR)

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.

9:30-11am Fri., Apr. 10, ages 0-18 months with an adult (NR)



Baby Rock with Rock 'n' Kids

Get ready to wiggle and giggle with your tiniest dancer! Baby Rock is a unique combination of sensory experiences with stimulating music and exercises to help strengthen and stretch your baby. Activities include sing-a-longs, simple instruments, sensory props and motion exercises. Adult participation is required.

9:30am or 10:15am Fri., Apr. 17, ages 3-12 months (non-walkers) with an adult (R)



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10am-12pm Fri., May 8, ages 0-5 with an adult (NR)

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Letter Writing Campaign, May 1-30

Connect with Service Members, Veterans, and First Responders to Express Gratitude



Express your gratitude to our nation's military and first responders in May. Drop off your letters, cards and drawings in the Library's lobby. For writing tips and suggestions, scan the QR code. Do not place letters in an envelope. All collected messages will be mailed to Operation Gratitude in June.

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)

March	Jayanne Ridder	Acrylic
April - May	St. Francis de Sales Art Students	Mixed Media

Display Case (Children's Department)

March	Lake County Astronomical Society
April	Ela Library's Tiny Art Show Exhibit
May	St. Francis de Sales Art Students



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Library Hours

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

Currently Scheduled Library Closings

Sun., Apr. 5	Easter
Fri., Apr. 24	Staff Training
Mon., May 25	Memorial Day

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Program Registration

Register online at www.eapl.org.
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