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From the Director's Desk, Lauren Rosenthal

The Library Means Business

As we write this issue of Footnotes, the 2021 economy is in the news. The U.S. economy grew by 5.7 percent in 2021, the fastest rate since 1984. A record 6.4 million jobs were created in 2021. The Library is an excellent resource to help your growing business achieve its goals.

Our business librarian is happy to consult with you as you gather information to start or expand your business. Services include an analysis of market competitors in the area, or information on the demographic makeup of the Lake Zurich community, or even coaching and practice before a job interview. You are welcome to schedule a 45-minute, one-on-one session at <https://www.eapl.org/learn/business-resources>.

Maybe one of your goals in 2022 is to find a new job, and you'd like to update your profile online. The Library is taking professional headshots that you can use for your LinkedIn profile or your business website or even on social media. Drop in Monday evening, April 11, for a new, professional look provided free of charge.

Maybe your goal is to stop working in 2022! The Library can help with retirement planning - join educator Gene Flynn as he talks about how you might best live your life in retirement by focusing on physical and mental health and strong social engagement.

Award-winning Operations

Once again, the Ela Library ranks in the top 1% of public libraries in the nation, as measured by the number of visits, checkouts, program attendance and internet use. I feel lucky to lead this great organization, lucky to see so many patrons visiting and finding what they're looking for and lucky to work for this community. On the luckiest day of the year – St. Patrick's Day – we're thanking the community with my favorite way to celebrate: cookies and cake. Stop by our celebration and receive a free funnel cake, deep fried Oreos or hot chocolate provided by the My Funnel Cake food truck (while supplies last).

Pick Up Hold Materials at the Drive Up

It's easy and convenient! When placing your hold online, choose Ela Area Public Library District Drive-Up window from the drop-down box. If you would like to ALWAYS pick up in the Drive Up, check the box that reads "Always use this pick-up location."

Garden Club Spring Plant Sale

The Garden Club of Lake Zurich's spring plant sale will be held in front of the Library on Sat., May 21 from 8:30am-noon. Come early for the best selection.

EAPL RANKS IN THE TOP 1% OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES ★★★★★

Ela Library Earns Highest Honor From Industry's Leading Publication

One of the best public libraries in the nation can be found right here in Lake Zurich. For the 10th year, Ela Library has earned national recognition as a "Star Library" in *Library Journal's* annual national review of public libraries. Each year, the professional publication spotlights the "best of the best across America." A five-star library ranking was awarded to just five public libraries in Illinois and 85 nationwide. This is the second consecutive year Ela Library has received the highest recognition.

"Patrons love our stuff," said Ela Area Public Library's Executive Director Lauren Rosenthal. "On average, every resident checked out 25 items. If you figure the cost to purchase a book is approximately \$10, the library saves you \$80 per year over the average \$170 paid in property taxes. The more you check out, the more you save," Director Rosenthal said.

The prestigious rating places Ela Library in the top 1% of public libraries across the country. Findings are based on a rating system called the LJ Index of Public Library Service from 2019 per capita statistics from 5,608 libraries. The system looks at five measures of library service per capita: visits, checkouts including electronic information and eBooks, program attendance and public internet use. To compare libraries only with their peers, the ratings group them by budget range, then assign the top libraries in each category a 3- to 5-star rating based on their overall score. Ela Library placed in the top 10 nationwide and fourth in Illinois in the \$5-9.9M category.

"This recognition is a reflection of a community that values and uses their library," says Ela Area Public Library Board President Crystal Steker. "Thank you to our local communities for your support, and thank you to the entire library staff for your continued commitment to excellence in library services and to our mission 'Share the Joy of Discovery,'" Steker said.

Library Journal is the oldest and most respected publication covering the library field. Find the full list of LJ Index star-rated libraries and more information at LibraryJournal.com.

America's
5Star
Library
Winner

5-Star Celebration With My Funnel Cake (In Person)

Help us celebrate....YOU and the luckiest holiday of the year, St. Patrick's Day. Thanks to your support, Ela Library ranks in the top 1% of public libraries in the nation. Stop by our celebration and receive a free funnel cake, deep fried Oreos or hot chocolate provided by the My Funnel Cake food truck (while supplies last). Located in front of the library.

3:30-5:30pm Thurs., Mar. 17

adult programs

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

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

All in-person programs require masks to be worn, regardless of vaccination status.



AARP Tax Preparation (In Person)

This service is provided by volunteers for seniors and qualified individuals. Register directly through AARP. To book a 15-minute appointment, call (224) 326-0605. **Saturdays through Apr. 16 (R)**

Alzheimer's Support Group (In Person)

This monthly drop-in support group provides information and support for caregivers. Questions? Contact Lisa Gaggiano at Ela Township 55+ (847) 438-3433.

7-8pm Tuesdays, Mar. 1, Apr. 5, May 3 (NR)

Virtual Author Talk With Madeline Miller (Zoom)

Best-selling author Madeline Miller joins us virtually. Tune in, join the conversation, and engage with your questions in the comments. Miller is an American novelist, author of *The Song of Achilles* (2011) and *Circe* (2018). Space is limited.

7pm Thurs., Mar. 3 (R)

DIY CHEESEBOARD (Zoom)

Join us for an evening of cheese, fruit, olives, nuts and more! We will learn tips and tricks from purchasing and storing to cutting and serving that can make your board a standout for any occasion! Of course, we will taste cheese, so a shopping list will be provided prior to the class. Presented by Meredith Meder, owner of Chomp Shop Cheese.

7pm Wed., Mar. 9 (R)

Warm Up Lake Zurich (Zoom & In Person) (R)

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

4pm Thursdays, Mar. 10, Apr. 14, May 12 (Z)

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Ela Library Quilt Talks and Fabric Workshop Day (Zoom & In Person) (R)

Join us monthly to discuss, share and learn about fabrics and quilt making. All skill levels are welcome. "Show and tell" is always a fun feature! New, our Fabric Workshop Day allows participants to use the meeting room to work on quilt projects. Sewing machines, cutting mats and iron and sewing notions are available to use.

6:30-8:30pm Thurs., Mar. 10*, Apr. 14, May 12 (Z)

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(*Tour of Forge Makerspace)

10am-4pm Sat., Apr. 23 – Fabric Workshop Day (IP)

Sapphire Woodwind Quintet (In Person)

Join the Sapphire Woodwind Quintet as we explore the often overlooked and unappreciated world of female composers from the 9th century until today. Through this multimedia presentation, you will hear their beautiful music (including several original arrangements by the quintet) and understand the obstacles these women faced and how they overcame them to earn their place in history.

7pm Mon., Mar. 14 (R)

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

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

Young Adult for Adults Book Club (Zoom)

6-7pm Tuesday (R)

Mar. 8 *The Firekeeper's Daughter* by Angeline Boulley

Apr. 5 *My Fine Fellow* by Jennie Cohen

Genealogy Book Discussion (In Person)

3pm Monday (R)

Mar. 21 See Genealogy section page 5.

Books & Brews (Zoom)

7-8:30pm Tuesdays (R)

Mar. 22 *The Sentence* by Louise Erdrich

May 17 *The Maid* by Nita Prose

BUSINESS

Workstation Ergonomics and Stretching (In Person)

Join representatives from Aligned Modern Health as they show you how to stay focused and flexible throughout the day. A great class for those working from home.

7pm Wed., Mar. 9 (R)

LinkedIn Headshots (In Person)

Come to the Library for a professional headshot for your LinkedIn profile or other business needs. Drop-in.

6-8pm Mon., Apr. 11 (NR)

Planning an Active Retirement (In Person)

Join educator Gene Flynn as he talks about how you might best live your life in retirement by focusing on physical and mental health and strong social engagement.

7pm Wed., Apr. 13 (R)

Seize The Day (In Person)

Local actor Tony Castillo discusses the importance of branding and marketing yourself in the business of acting and beyond.

7pm Wed., May 11 (R)

GENEALOGY

Genealogy Book Discussion (In Person)

Meet to discuss *American Baby*, which reveals the complicated history of post-WWII adoption in the U.S. through the story of a woman and her long-lost son. You must register to receive a copy of the book.

3pm Mon., Mar. 21 (R)

Stitching Together Memories:

A Quilter's Family Story (Zoom & In Person) (R)

Deb Lindahl created a quilt made of family clothing sewed into the shape of dresses, each of which represents a story about her family's past. Lindahl will share her quilt and this creative way of preserving family history.

6:30pm Thurs., Apr. 14 (Z), Thurs., Apr. 14 (IP)

Digitizing Your Family History (Zoom)

Learn how to digitize and organize your family videos, photos, papers and slides with the Library's Digital Media Labs and technology you can use at home.

3pm Mon., Apr. 25 (R)

***Our Words, Our Truths: Storytelling as a Performative Memoir for Collective Identity and Community Engagement (Zoom)**

Dr. Ada Cheng discusses her journey as an Asian American and immigrant storyteller and delineates how her personal stories reflect and mirror urgent social concerns of our time. She will also share her experiences as a storytelling show producer who engages in community-based storytelling.

7pm Tues., May 17 (R)

**Illinois Humanities is supported in part by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and the Illinois General Assembly [through the Illinois Arts Council Agency (IACA)], as well as by contributions from individuals, foundations and corporations.*

Any views, findings, conclusions, or recommendations expressed by speakers, program participants, or audiences do not necessarily reflect those of the NEH, Illinois Humanities, IACA, our partnering organizations, or our funders.

Memory Café (In Person)

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

10-11:30am Tuesdays, Mar. 15, Apr. 19, May 17 (R)

Great Decisions (Zoom & In Person)

Great Decisions is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. The program involves reading the briefing book and meeting to watch the DVD and discuss the topic of the month. Visit fpa.org for topics. Contact Renée Stein (847) 438-3433 or rstein@eapl.org for more information.

1-2:30pm Tuesdays, Mar. 15, Apr. 19, May 17 (R)

Weather: What to Expect Next Season, Next Decade, Next 100 Years (Zoom)

Learn from NOAA Climate Scientist Tom DiLiberto about the sorts of things that affect climate and weather across the Great Lakes from current weather forecasts to climate projections in the coming 30 to 100 years. The lecture includes an explanation of natural climate phenomena like El Niño and the Polar Vortex as well as a discussion about human-caused climate change and the sorts of changes that we've already seen and could still expect to see moving forward.

7pm Wed., Mar. 16 (R)

An Evening with Author Jenny Lawson (Zoom)

Join us for an evening with award-winning humorist Jenny Lawson as she discusses her most recent bestseller, *Broken (in the best possible way)* and her brilliantly funny body of work. R. Eric Thomas will join her in conversation. Lawson is a journalist, author and blogger known for her great candor in sharing her struggle with mental illness. This event is made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering high-quality events.

7pm Wed., Mar. 30 (R)



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Virtual Tour of the Bahá'í House of Worship for North America (Zoom)

The Bahá'í Temple in Wilmette, Illinois is one of only eight continental Bahá'í Houses of Worship in the world; the only one in all of North America. It was voted one of the seven wonders of Illinois in 2009. Why was it built in Wilmette? How was it made? How long did it take to build? What are the teachings of the Bahá'í Faith? Ellen Price, a temple coordinator, answers these and other questions in this virtual presentation that includes video footage, photos and live Q&A.

7pm Thurs., Apr. 7 (R)

Home Energy Savings Workshop (Zoom & In Person)

Learn from the Citizen's Utility Board how to better understand your utility bills and find out about the free programs available to help cut your monthly costs. Learn about tips that can make your home more energy-efficient right now.

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10am-12:30pm & 6-8:30pm Tues., Apr. 19 (R)

One Hundred and Sixty Minutes: The Race to Save the RMS Titanic (Zoom)

Author William Hazelgrove talks about his new book and the incredible not told story that shows no one should have died on the night the Titanic sank. Hazelgrove is a national bestselling author of over 20 books including *Al Capone and the 1933 World's Fair* and *Wright Brothers, Wrong Story*.

7pm Wed., Apr. 20 (R)

Wills, Trusts & Estate Planning Basics (Zoom & In Person) (R)

Learn about wills, trusts, powers of attorney, probate and guardianship. Take the first step to create or update a plan that is appropriate for you. Attorney Jacob K. Ehrensaft will explain how to ensure your final wishes can be protected. This program will discuss how to select the correct person to make healthcare and financial decisions on your behalf when you cannot. The importance of updating existing documents to reflect changes in the law and personal circumstances shall also be reviewed. (R)

7pm Mon., Apr. 25 (Z), Mon., Apr. 25 (IP)

Give Native Plants a Home (Zoom & In Person) (R)

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Tree Giveaway (In Person)

Celebrate Arbor Day and let us add some more green to your world with a free red oak seedling. Limit one per family, while supplies last.

3-5:30pm Fri., Apr. 29 (NR)

Castles (Zoom & In Person)

Join avid traveler and librarian Faye Levin-O'Leary for an exploration of the castles that she has not only visited but also worked and lived in. Learn about individual castles through fascinating facts, history and symbols used. Enjoy Faye's own photos as well as those she has gathered to delve into these castles' stories and famous uses of their facades. (R)

7pm Wed., May 4 (Z), 7pm Wed., May 4 (IP)

12^{to}TRY Annual Reading Program

Allow us to treat you to 12 different genres and topics to stretch your reading horizons in 2022. Participants can enjoy a book of their choice within each topic or try something from the selected reading lists curated by our librarians. Read a book within all 12 topics to complete the challenge and receive a prize. Register and log your books through the Beanstack app. Visit <https://www.eapl.org/events/reading-challenges> for further details and registration instructions.

Through December 31, 2022. Ages 12+ (R)

Prize Pickup Mon., May 2, 2022 – Fri., Jan. 6, 2023.

12^{to}TRY Meet Up (Zoom)

The “12 to Try” meet ups are a place to talk about books you’ve read recently. The meeting focuses on a topic from the annual reading challenge and provide recommendations for your reading enjoyment. Join us for casual conversations focused on what we’re reading, and what you may want to read in the future.

7pm Tues., May 10 (R) – Summer Reads (R)

Green Your Routine:

Shred Event & Electronics Recycling

Free, secure paper shredding is provided. Limit 3 boxes per car with a non-perishable food donation. Held in front of the Library. Visit eapl.org for acceptable recycling items. No TVs. Co-sponsored with Ela Township.

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

Watercolor Painting Workshop (Zoom)

Paint along with professional watercolor artist Victoria Elizabeth and learn the basic techniques of watercolor painting including wet on wet, wet on dry, color mixing and theory, value, light and shadow, and more. This class is taught step-by-step and concludes with a finished painting. Space is limited. All materials provided. Ela cardholders only.

7pm Mon., May 9, ages 18+ (R)

Porcelain Utopia: The Historic Lustron Home (Zoom & In Person)

Designed to address the housing shortage of the late 40s, industrialist and inventor Carl Strandlund pivoted his porcelain enameled gas station and hamburger stand into a company producing small, affordable homes with a goal of longevity and low maintenance. Over 70 years later, Strandlund’s goal is still being realized today. Photographer Dirk Fletcher has traveled to 16 states, photographing over 375 of these unique porcelain enamel homes over the last four years. Develop an understanding and appreciation of these unique and peculiar homes with a deep dive into the largest collection of professionally photographed Lustron homes in existence. A must-see for lovers of history and architecture! **(R)**

7pm Mon., May 16 (Z), 7pm Mon., May 16 (IP)

Our Words, Our Truths: Storytelling as a Performative Memoir for Collective Identity and Community Engagement (Zoom)

See Genology for description, page 5.

7pm Tues., May 17 (R)

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What is an invasive plant species? How do we know which ones are invasive? Using images, live specimens and other resources, a representative from Ancient Oaks Foundation explains how to identify invasive plant species that regularly show up in our nature areas. Learn the hard facts about why these plants are so detrimental to our local ecosystems and the ways you can help rid natural areas of these invaders. May is Invasive Species Awareness Month. **(R)**

7pm Wed., May 18 (Z), 7pm Wed., May 18 (IP)

The Art of Paul Cezanne: A Preview of the Art Institute’s Exhibit Cezanne (May 15-Sep. 5) (Zoom)

Paul Cezanne was regarded as an “artist’s artist,” and indeed several of his supporters and admirers, including Claude Monet and Camille Pissarro in the 19th century and Henri Matisse and Pablo Picasso in the 20th century, referred to Cezanne as “the greatest of us all.” Learn about his approach to art making that set him apart within the Impressionist circle and his unsophisticated approaches to color, technique and materiality. Presented by Art Historian Jeff Mishur.

7pm Mon., May 23 (R)



Library Volunteers

Meet some of the amazing people changing lives in our community!



Ted & his wife Jan

As one of our volunteer lending assistants, Ted helps residents monthly with EAPL's "First Fridays" Library visit at Azpira Place of Lake Zurich. "What I enjoy most about volunteering is talking to the residents about their life experiences, concerns, interests and the books they love," says the retired construction manager. "At my last gathering at Azpira, I was introduced to Marie.

As I was trying to help her find a book, she recommended a book for me. I would have probably missed the adventure of 'West With Giraffes' if I didn't have this opportunity to volunteer." Ted enjoys beekeeping, mead making and maintaining a family farm he inherited from his grandfather on Miller Road. "Many people might remember me from the years I sold Star Christmas Trees that were harvested from 2000-2010 on the farm. Since then, I've restored the land back to prairie grasses and flowers that the bees love." Reflecting on his service, Ted shared, "I enjoy volunteering. I've found this advice from a young Jewish rabbi to be true: The pathway to blessing is in serving others."



Mike and Emily

Lake Zurich residents Mike and Emily started volunteering at the Library over 30 years ago. Back in the early 80s, Emily assisted with shelving books while her kids attended storytime. In 1982, she joined EAPL's staff and retired 25 years later. Even as an employee, Emily and her husband Mike spent many hours creating Library floats for the Lake Zurich Lions Club's

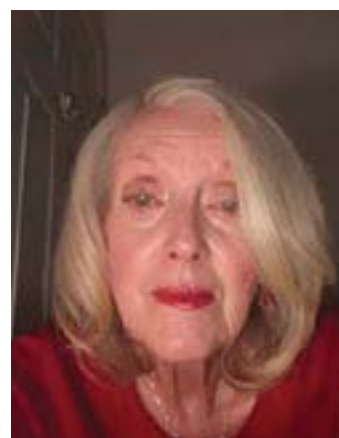
annual Alpine Fest parade. Today, the couple assists with the delivery and distribution of donated food, hats, mittens and gloves collected annually at the Library for community groups in our area. When they aren't volunteering, they keep busy. "We enjoy life traveling in our RV all over the United States and Canada, but most of all, we enjoy our six grandchildren and our sweet great grand-daughter," says Emily.



Diane

Diane enjoys the companionship she gives to Library users as a homebound delivery liaison. "I enjoy spending a few moments with these patrons, and hearing about how their day is going," says the Lake Zurich resident. When she is not delivering books and other materials, Diane assists with EAPL's Read-A-Loud at Aventara in Lake Zurich. "Knowing that I'm

able to provide a service to the people in our community who truly enjoy reading is very meaningful to me." Diane and her husband have called Lake Zurich "home" for 27 years. "We have three adult children, two sons who are married, and one daughter who is engaged to be married in May. We have four beautiful grandchildren. We also have two adorable dogs, Romeo and Bruno."



Emma

Along with Library staff, Emma helps assist with the site visit at Queen of Peace located on the campus of Mount Saint Joseph. "Probably the best part of my job is getting to know the sisters, not only what kind of books they might like to read, but more importantly, getting to know them as individuals," says the Lake Zurich resident. "Listening to them tell stories about

their work before retirement, as well as their stories about their health and recovery, if that is what is happening in their lives." A former claims analyst, Emma started volunteering in her community after she left her job at Benefit Trust Life. Her studies in art history at Barat College led her to volunteer at the Lake County Museum and the Barrington Northwest Community Associates of the Art Institute where she served on their board for many years.

National Volunteer Week – April 17-23

computerprograms

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

(R) Registration Required

(NR) Registration Not Required

***Prerequisite**

OFFICE APPLICATIONS

Microsoft Word 1 (Zoom)

Prerequisite: Comfortable using a mouse and keyboard
Learn the basic skills to create, modify and print documents.

10-11:30am Tues., Mar. 15 (R)

Microsoft Word 2 (Zoom)

Prerequisite: MS Word 1 or related experience
Learn how to create headers and footers, adjust margins, insert bullets and use mail merge.

10-11:30am Tues., Mar. 22 (R)

Microsoft Word 3 (Zoom)

Prerequisite: MS Word 2 or related experience
Learn how to combine documents, create links within documents, use heading styles, make a table of contents, create a mirrored margin and more.

10-11:30am Tues., Mar. 29 (R)

Microsoft Excel 1 (Zoom)

Prerequisite: MS Word 1 or related experience
Learn to create basic spreadsheets with formulas and charts.

10-11:30am Tues., Apr. 12 (R)

Microsoft Excel 2 (Zoom)

Prerequisite: MS Excel 1 or related experience
Learn to create different types of charts, work with formulas, edit cells, sort and filter data.

10-11:30am Tues., Apr. 19 (R)

Advanced Excel 1 (Zoom)

Prerequisite: MS Excel 2 or related experience
This class focuses on simple to complex formulas including VLOOKUP, Arrays, Financial Analysis and much more.

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

Advanced Excel 2 (Zoom)

Prerequisite: Advanced Excel 1 or related experience
Looks at more complex tables and charts including using pivot tables and charts.

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



Advanced Excel 3 (Zoom)

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

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

ADVANCED TOPICS

How to Choose a Computer (Zoom)

This class will offer an easy guide to buying a computer. We will review various computer advertisements and translate their meanings.

6:30-8pm Thurs., Mar. 24 (R)

Digital Assets (Zoom)

What happens to your digital assets once you're gone: Social media accounts, digital books, photos, music, videos, etc.? Who do you want to have access once you are gone?

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

Great Apps & Websites for Entertainment (Zoom)

Take a look at free to low-cost apps for entertainment. Includes apps for adults and children.

6:30-8pm Thurs., Apr. 7 (R)

iMovie (Zoom)

iMovie provides basic editing tools so that you can create professional-looking videos and movies.

10-11:30am Thurs., Apr. 28 (R)

Instagram (Zoom)

There's always something to see or share on Instagram. Create cool videos, share your photos, discover new trends and connect with others.

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



MAKE the WORLD a BETTER Place

Plantable Paper (In Person)

Create your own paper which you can actually plant and grow! Help support the local monarch butterflies by creating paper filled with milkweed seeds.

6-7:30pm Thurs., Mar. 17, grades 6-12 (R)

Green Thumbs (In Person)

Help beautify the teen patio and plant veggies and flowers for the year. Come ready to get dirty and make sure to wear closed-toe shoes. In case of inclement weather, we will make seed starters in the teen lounge.

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Teen Volunteer Week (In Person/Drop-in)

Learn about multiple volunteer organizations and how you can help them. Earn volunteer hours at each event, come to one or all.

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Cartooning with Mark Anderson

How Does Your Garden Grow? (Zoom)

Do you like weird plants? Monster plants? Robot plants? Crazy plants? Spooky plants? Plants that give great big comfy hugs? Then this class is for you! We promise you'll leave feeling happy!

6:30pm Wed., May 18, ages 6 & up (R)

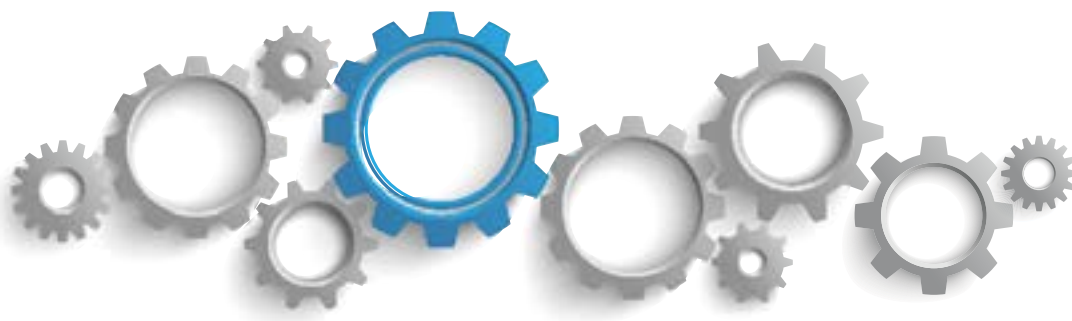
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Read. Make. Do.

Free, Fun Activity Kits for Home!



NEW! Eureka Kits (Forge)

Introduced last fall, Eureka Kits are a new activity for budding inventors. The take-home kit encourages participants to learn about an inventor and build a related project with the included supplies and directions.

“The goal for this kit program is to give children and their parents a fun activity that will spark new ideas, imagination and creativity,” says Makerspace Coordinator Yolanda Prado. “These kits come with instructions, but they also encourage kids to think outside the box! My favorite part of putting the kits together is drawing each inventor for the collectable cards and researching the amazing things they have done.”

Geared for kids ages 6-14, each kit includes an inventor card, materials and directions.

“These kits have been great at-home activities, especially during the winter months,” said Library patron Chris S. “Nothing can replicate the in-person experience of the Forge equipment and staff assistance, but these are a great temporary solution!”

Registration required.

Take Home Crafty K Kits (Forge)

A favorite for adults, Crafty K Kits are available monthly for crafters ages 18+. Kit themes vary seasonally and include supplies, detailed directions and video (posted on the Library’s YouTube page). Past projects include snow globes, decorative jars and water bottles and a macrame coaster. Registration required.

Ela cardholders only.

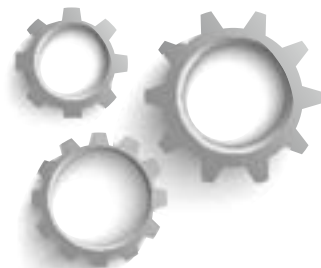
Fantasti-Kits (Children’s Department)

Sign up for this monthly kit takes place the 1st of each month with pick up starting the 14th through the end of the month. For ages 0-12, Fantasti-Kits include crafts, activities and surprises depending on the season.

Ela cardholders only. Registration required.

Crafts-To-Go (Forge & Children’s Department)

Visit the Children’s Department and Forge for to-go crafts to make at home. New crafts are available frequently, so check often. For all ages. No registration required.



forgeprograms

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

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

All in-person programs require masks to be worn, regardless of vaccination status.

Eureka! To-Go Kit

See page 14 for details.

Ages 6-14 (R) (Kit Programs)

Forge To-Go Kits

During your visit, stop by Forge and grab a Forge To-Go Craft kit to make in Forge or at home. While supplies last.

All Ages (NR)

Makerspace Drop-In (In Person)

Discover Forge, where the making is limitless. Drop in to start a project, ask questions, and learn more about what the Forge has to offer! We'll also have a creative project for you to make and take home (while supplies last).

5-7pm Wednesdays, Mar. 9, Apr. 13, May 11, all ages (NR)

Pi Day Celebration (In Person)

Celebrate Pi day in creative ways with crafts and more!

6pm Mon., Mar. 14, grades 6-12 (R)

Wooden Spring Sign (In Person)

Learn how our laser cutter works, while getting ready to welcome spring. We will use acrylic paints, wood and stains. Due to high interest, registration is limited to one session per person.

2pm or 5pm Wed., Mar. 16, ages 14+ (R)

Sewing Basics (In Person)

Learn the basics of using 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 Mon., Mar. 21, Apr. 18 or May 16, ages 12+ (R)

DIY Mini Frida Kahlo Planter (In Person)

Let's find our inner artist and paint! We will use acrylic paints, Cricut cut-outs and a mini terracotta pot.

6pm Wed., Mar. 30, ages 14+ (R)

Laser Cutting Basics (Zoom)

Discover how to create a simple engraving and cut using Inkscape. You will also learn how to submit your file to request a 2-hour "Laser Cutting Reservation" and the next steps to create your project in Forge.

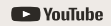
6pm Thurs., Apr. 4, ages 14+ (R)

Wooden Mason Jar Decor (In Person)

Watch and learn how to use our Forge equipment to make some amazing spring décor. We will demonstrate the Laser Cutter, Cricut Maker and Silhouette machines. Due to high interest, registration is limited to one session per person.

2pm or 5pm Wed., Apr. 6, ages 18+ (R)

Take Home Crafty K Kits



All kits are limited to Ela cardholders. Kits include supplies, directions and video instruction. Kits are available for pick up at the Information Desk. Ages 18+.



Moss Bunny Picture

Hop into spring with this adorable bunny picture.

Register Mar. 1, Kit Pick Up: Mon., Mar. 14–Fri., Mar. 18 (R)



Book Print

Upcycle for Earth Day with these beautiful prints.

Register Mar. 1, Kit Pick Up: Mon., Apr. 18–Fri., Apr. 22 (R)



Felt Flower

You know what they say, April showers bring more Felt Flowers.

Register Mar. 1, Kit Pick Up: Mon., May 9–Fri., May 13 (R)

Cricut Design Space Basics (Zoom)

Learn to create your own design in Design Space and how to save and cut out the project in our Forge Makerspace. An email address is required to make a Cricut Design Space account.

6pm Tues., Apr. 12, ages 14+ (R)

Recycled Robots (In Person)

See page 14 for details.

10am or 2pm Fri., Apr. 15, unaccompanied children in grades 3-5 (R)

May the 4th be Crafty (In Person)

Drop-in and make a Star Wars themed pompom craft using Forge's pompom makers (while supplies last)!

5-7pm Wed., May 4, ages 6+ (NR)

DIY Cloud LED Light (In Person)

Make your very own Cloud LED light using a styrofoam wreath, Poly-Fil, battery powered LED lights and some glue.

2pm Sat., May 7, grades 6-12 (R)

Color Exploration (In Person)

Come learn about colors and how they work. Experiment in painting with the darkest black in the world. Register to explore colors using our 3D printed templates made in Forge.

6:30-8pm Mon., May 9, grades 6-12 (R)

DIY Funko Buddy! (In Person)

Register to make your own Funko Pop buddy using our 3D printed templates from Forge! Dress for a mess. We will use acrylic paints and magic foam clay.

6-8pm Wed., May 18, grades 6-12 (R)

teenprograms

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

All in-person programs require masks to be worn, regardless of vaccination status.

CLUBS

Anime Club (In Person)

Come to the Library to watch and discuss anime, talk about manga and have fandom fun. There will be snacks!

4-5:45pm Fridays, grades 8 & up (R)

Mar. 11 LED Paper Lanterns

May 13 All Things Kawaii

Teen Book Club (Zoom)

Calling all teen book lovers! Let's discuss what we've been reading and add some books to our to-read lists. Also, learn about new and upcoming releases while having snacks, making crafts and discussing the theme of the month.

5:30-6:30pm Mondays (R)

Mar. 21 Women's History

May 16 Mental Health

CRAFTS AND MORE

Plantable Paper (In Person)

Create your own paper which you can actually plant and grow! Help support the local monarch butterflies by creating paper filled with milkweed seeds.

6-7:30pm Thurs., Mar. 17 (R)

Mario Break-In Bags (Kit)

Celebrate Mario Day and test your skills to see if you can solve the clues and break into a bag full of goodies.

Thurs., Mar. 10 (R)

Green Thumbs (In Person)

Help beautify the teen patio and plant veggies and flowers for the year. Come ready to get dirty and make sure to wear closed-toe shoes. In case of inclement weather, we will make seed starters in the teen lounge.

1-2:30pm Thurs., Mar. 31 (R)

Peepapalooza

See page 14 for details.

Teen Art Night: April Showers (Zoom)

Embrace rainy days by painting them! Learn a new art technique and get inspired to create your own piece of art in this relaxed setting. All skill levels welcome.

6:30-7:30pm Tues., Apr. 26 (R)

FORGE PROGRAMS

Pi Day Celebration (In Person)

See page 12 for details.

6pm Mon., Mar. 14, grades 6-12 (R)

DIY Mini Frida Kahlo Planter (In Person)

See page 12 for details.

6pm Wed., Mar. 30, ages 14+ (R)

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2pm Sat., May 7, grades 6-12 (R)

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6-8pm Wed., May 18, grades 6-12 (R)

Don't miss out on more great programs for Teen's on page 12, FORGE programs.

NEXT STEPS

College Prep: Financial Aid Award Letter

Comparison Workshop (Zoom)

High school students and their guardians can learn how to evaluate financial aid award packages at this workshop presented by ISAC (Illinois Student Assistance Commission). Learn about financial aid and how to read and evaluate financial aid award letters. Ideally, this workshop is done in the second half of senior year after a student has received their financial aid offer from the college(s) to which the student has applied.

6-7:30pm Tues., Apr. 5, grades 9-12 (R)

Teen Volunteer Week (In Person/Drop-in)

Learn about multiple volunteer organizations and how you can help them. Earn volunteer hours at each event, come to one or all.

6-7pm Mon., Apr. 18, Tues., Apr. 19, Thurs., Apr. 21

Mindfulness with the Minis (In Person)

The last week of school can be stressful, finals or not. Come pet mini horses from Soul Harbour Ranch and melt your stress away as they melt your hearts.

5-6pm Thurs., May 26, teens only

READING PROGRAMS



"100 Books Before..."

High School and Graduation"

Teens, here's your chance to earn prizes for all the books you read.

Teens grades 6-8 and 9-12, On-going

12th TRY Annual Reading Program

See page 7 for details.

January 1 – December 31, 2022. Ages 12+ (R)

Prize Pickup Mon., May 2, 2022 – Fri., Jan. 6, 2023.

kidsprograms



Programming will be in flux throughout the spring. Please check our online Events calendar and follow us on Facebook or Instagram for updates.

Parents and caregivers must remain in the building while their children are attending in-person programs.

- March registration begins Tues., Mar. 1 at 9am
- April registration begins Fri., Apr. 1 at 9am
- May registration begins Sun., May 1 at 12pm

All in-person programs require masks to be worn, regardless of vaccination status.

KIDS FORGE PROGRAMS

Eureka! To-Go Kit

Discover a new inventor and then tinker, invent and engineer something on your own! All kits include collectible inventor card, supplies and directions. Kits are available for pick up at the Forge makerspace.

Ages 6-14 (R) (Kit Programs)

Jeanne Villepreux-Power

Discover how you can be an inventor and a scientist just like Jeanne by making your own aquarium discoveries!

Register starting Mar. 1, Kit Pick Up: Mar. 14 - 31

Maria Beasley

Discover how Maria Beasley invented the life raft and create your own.

Register starting May 1, Kit Pick Up: May 14 - 31

Recycled Robots (In Person)

Listen to a robot story for inspiration and then build your own robot using a variety of makerspace tools and recycled materials.

10am or 2pm Fri., Apr. 15, unaccompanied children in grades 3-5 (R)

Crafts-To-Go

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

Scavenger Hunt

Come and see what's hiding outside in front of the Library! Hidden items will change periodically. Turn in your completed sheets for a weekly prize drawing. Each entry will remain in the drawing for the entire month unless pulled as a winner. **All ages (NR)**

Storywalk

Together with the Village of Lake Zurich Parks and Recreation Department and Ancient Oaks Foundation, the Library will feature a new story every few months for families to enjoy while walking through our beautiful parks and nature preserves! Check our website for a list of current Storywalk locations and titles. **All ages (NR)**

Fantasti-Kits

It's a kit and it's fantastic! Sign up for a monthly take home bag full of crafts, activities and surprises. Registration begins the first day of each month. Kits will be available for pick up from the 14th until the end of the month. An Ela Library card is required.

Ages 0-12 (R)

Play & Learn

Gather your family or friend pod and explore our themed play literacy room.

March: Airport (March 14–April 2)

April: Grocery Store (April 11-30)

May: School (May 9-28)

Please sign up for only one time slot each month. Each scenario provides kids with the chance to play, imagine and learn in new and creative ways, expanding their literacy skills and knowledge of the world. Recommended for ages 3-7; for groups up to 10 people. One member of your group must have an Ela Library card.

10am, 1pm or 6pm M-TH; 10am or 4pm Fridays; 10am or 2pm Saturdays (R)

Register here: <https://www.eapl.org/kids>

Panda Party!

Did you know that March 16 is National Panda Day? Join us as we celebrate these adorable, fluffy animals with themed read-alouds, games and a craft! An Ela Library card is required.

4pm Tues., Mar. 15 or 4pm Wed., Mar. 16, unaccompanied children in grades 1-3 (R)

Peepapalooza

Create an original Peep diorama on any theme you dream up! Pick up a package of marshmallow Peeps available at the Children's Desk starting March 14 (while supplies last) or supply your own. **Dioramas are due by Monday, April 4. All entries will be displayed April 5-12 so viewers can vote for their favorites. Dioramas must be picked up by April 19.**





Arts & Crafts

Cartooning with Mark Anderson zoom

Mark is back on Zoom with more live, interactive cartooning classes. Don't forget your paper and pencils. The Zoom link will be sent to your email the morning of the program.

Unlikely Animal Friends

Sure, duckies and bunnies get along just fine, but what about honey badgers and giant goliath fish? Hairy frogs and gharials? Not to mention aye-ayes and naked mole rats! Let's draw together and find out!

6:30pm Wed., Mar. 9, ages 6 & up (R)

Critter Collections

Draw your very own collectible cartoon critters. Fourteen legs? Seven tails? Three glow-in-the-dark hypnotizing laser eyes? You're the boss! Then you get to decide who would win in a cartoon critter clash!

6:30pm Mon., Apr. 18, ages 6 & up (R)

How Does Your Garden Grow?

Do you like weird plants? Monster plants? Robot plants? Crazy plants? Spooky plants? Plants that give great big comfy hugs? Then this class is for you! We promise you'll leaf feeling happy!

6:30pm Wed., May 18, ages 6 & up (R)

Watercolor with Victoria zoom

Springtime Bunny

Paint a watercolor springtime bunny using different techniques. This class will teach you to paint wet-on-wet, wet-on-dry, as well as color mixing, value, light, shadow and more. The Zoom link will be sent to your email the morning of the program. Pick up your kit with supplies beginning March 14.

10am Wed., Mar. 30, ages 8-12 (R)

Felting with Natasha Lehrer Lewis zoom

Fiber artist Natasha Lehrer Lewis leads these online Zoom classes while sharing stories about her sheep. Adults are encouraged to participate with their children and may also pick up a kit for themselves. The Zoom link will be sent to your email the morning of the program.

Felt Turtle

Create an adorable turtle! Pick up your kit with supplies beginning on April 4.

9:30am Fri., Apr. 15, ages 8-12 with an adult (R)

Felt Rose

Make a beautiful rose to celebrate the return of warm weather. Pick up your kit with supplies beginning on May 2.

6:30pm Wed., May 11, ages 8-12 (R)

Crafternoon @ the Library

Learn new tricks and techniques to create masterful DIY crafts. Please dress for a mess. Sign up for only one class each month. An Ela Library card is required for registration.

4pm Tues., Apr. 19 or Wed., Apr. 20

4pm Tues., May 17 or Wed., May 18

Unaccompanied children in grades K-5 (R)

Storytimes



Five Little Fridays

A new flannel story will be posted every Friday, starting March 4. **All ages (NR)**

Rhymes on the Run

Mondays, starting March 7, enjoy weekly videos featuring a song, rhyme, or fingerplay. **All ages (NR)**

Storytime @ Home

We'll sing, dance and read stories while you watch from the comfort of home. These videos will remain online for two weeks.

Fridays, Mar. 11 and 25, all ages (NR)

ABC Adventures

Explore the alphabet in this engaging video series. Pick up a supplemental kit to follow along as we learn a new letter with each new video. Audience participation is strongly encouraged. *Kits will be available starting March 14. Links to the videos will be sent weekly on Fridays beginning March 25. An Ela Library card is required.*

Ages 3-4 (R)

123, Count With Me

Pick up a counting kit from the library filled with fun math recipes. Kits will include a link to a short video clip containing related rhymes, songs and stories and will be available for pickup on the 14th of each month. An Ela Library card is required.

Ages 2-4 (R)

Storytime in the Park

Join us at Paulus Park (weather permitting) for fun storytimes! We will read stories, dance and sing together. Please see our website for more details.

10:30am Thurs., Apr. 14 and 10:30am Thurs., May 19, accompanied children ages 0-5 (R)

National Dance Like a Chicken Day (Bilingual Storytime)

Get ready for some cluckin' good fun as we learn how to dance like a chicken! We will read stories (in Spanish and English) and make a special chicken craft. This program will be held outdoors (weather permitting).

10:30am Sat., May 14, accompanied children ages 3 & up (R)



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Art Gallery and Display

The Library has an art gallery located on the second floor. Works of emerging and established local artists are displayed. For information about the art featured, visit the Reference or Information Desks.

Art Gallery (second floor)

March	Mark Goodmanson	Fine Artist/Printmaker
April	Deane M. Rabe	Oil
May	Sandra Lewandowski	Oil and watercolors



Meet March's Artist Mark Goodmanson

I first learned about printmaking at Lake Zurich High School. Later at Eastern Illinois University, I studied advanced printmaking techniques, mainly in etching.

Through the years I have experimented with oil-based etching inks to create monotype prints. The process is quite spontaneous. I only print when I am inspired.

Recurring themes often include: the traveler, the homeless soul, the insistence of light despite darkness and those looking for rest, help and hope.

My work has been shown at David Strawn Gallery, Jacksonville, IL; The Cooperstown Museum of Art, Cooperstown, NY; Ferguson Gallery at Concordia University, River Forest, IL; Fort Wayne Museum of Art; and Art in the Barn, Barrington Illinois.

Display Your Collection

The Library has a locked display case available to display your collection. Examples include artwork, photography, dolls, coins, model trains, Cub Scout pinewood derby cars, pins, Pez dispensers, pop-up cards, and much more. To reserve this monthly space to showcase your collection, contact the Public Information Department at pub.info.dept.staff@eapl.org.



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Library Hours

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

Currently Scheduled Library Closings

Fri., Mar. 4	Staff Training
Sun., Apr. 17	Easter
Mon., May 30	Memorial Day

Phone

(847) 438-3433 Information Desk

Program Registration

Register online at www.eapl.org
or (847) 438-3433.

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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