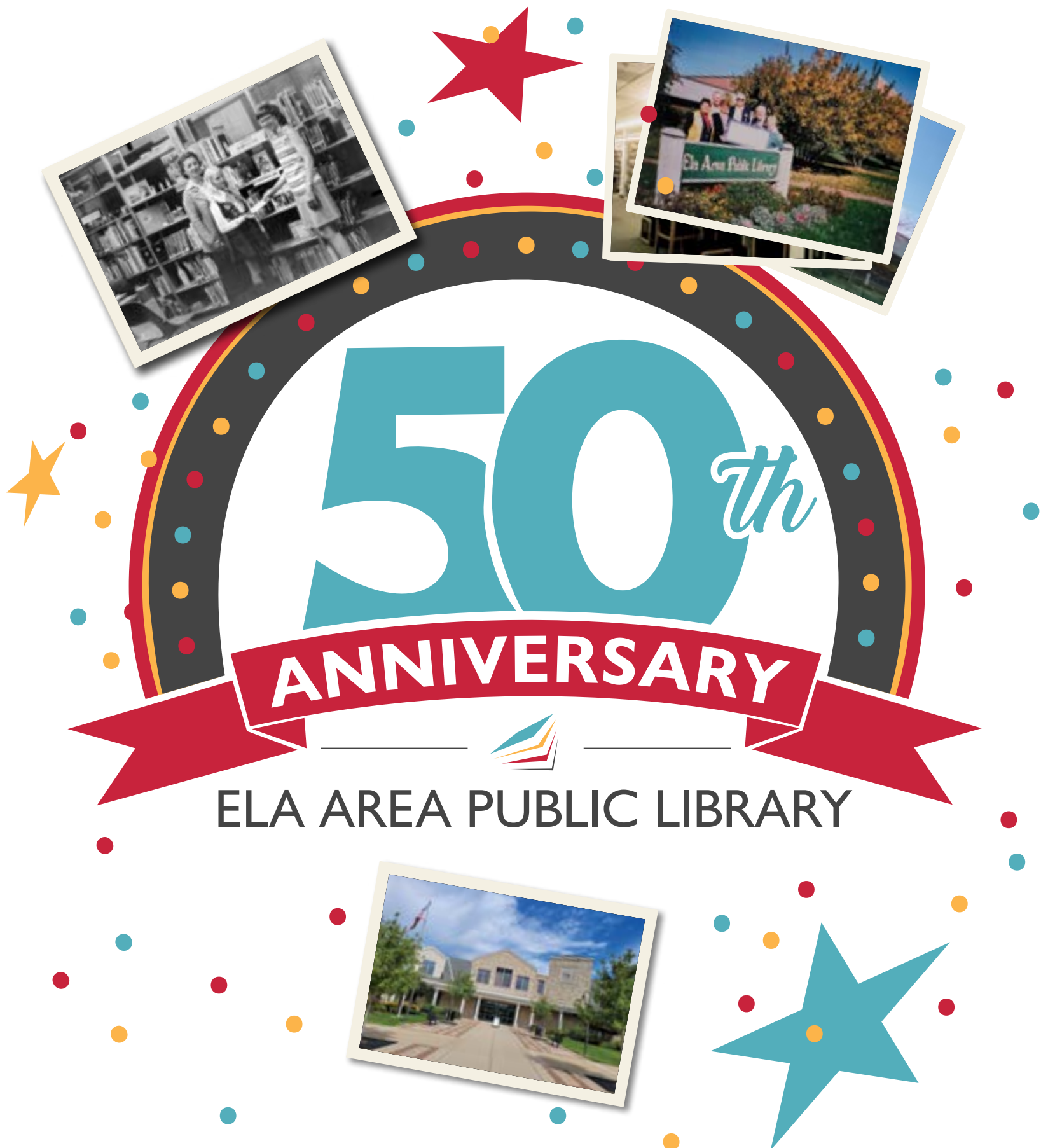


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*From the Director's Desk, Lauren Rosenthal*

### Celebrating 50 Years!

The Library is delighted to celebrate 50 years of sharing the joy of discovery! In 1972, a Project Plus grant was given by the state of Illinois to fund a referendum, and in 1973 residents voted in favor of creating the Ela Area Public Library District. The District encompasses nearly the entire villages of Lake Zurich and Kildeer, along with most of Hawthorn Woods, and good portions of both North Barrington and Long Grove. Celebrations are planned throughout the coming year, so we hope you'll join in!

### Printing & Copying Improvements

Upgrades to our printing, photocopying, and faxing system are coming this spring. One new feature of the system is that Ela card holders will be able to access their annual \$20 print card fund using their library card number. No more having to request or keep track of a sseparate card! This does mean that once the new system is in place, your old print card will no longer work.

### Library of Things, NEW Additions!

EAPL's Library of Things collection continues to expand. Recent additions include:

- Cake Decorating Kit
- Mobile Scanner
- Ukulele
- Sound Machine
- Sewing Machine and Extension Table
- Ghost Hunting Kit
- Portable Power Station

Visit [eapl.org/books-more/library-of-things](http://eapl.org/books-more/library-of-things) for more details and a complete list of items available for checkout.

### Home Delivery

Let us bring the Library to you! Home delivery of materials is available for residents who can't visit the Library due to a temporary or permanent illness or disability. Interested? Contact Kat in Outreach Services at [kkarnoscak@eapl.org](mailto:kkarnoscak@eapl.org).

### Tax-Aide Volunteers Needed

Help provide personal income tax assistance for people in the community. You don't have to be a tax professional and will gain useful knowledge and experience with the training that is provided. Visit [www.aarpfoundation.org/taxaidevolunteer](http://www.aarpfoundation.org/taxaidevolunteer) for more information.



# INTERIOR RENOVATION UPDATES

## Creating Spaces With Broader Functions

Progress continues on the Library's interior renovation. Most of the interior has remained unchanged since the building was constructed 20 years ago, so we're making some much-needed improvements.

### WHAT'S HAPPENING IN PHASE 1? CURRENTLY IN PROGRESS

**Improved Public Conference Room.** We're moving the Board Room to the second floor and opening it up for Ela cardholders needing a space for at least four attendees. The new Board Room will also be a Zoom Room, with an integrated experience for audio conferencing, wireless screen sharing and video conferencing.

**Additional Program and Meeting Room in the Children's Department.** We've noticed scout troops and medium-sized groups can struggle to find meeting spaces, so we're adding a meeting room in the Children's Department.

**Improved Children's Service Desk.** A new Children's Service Desk will be stationed closer to the entrance of the department, so staff can welcome and assist everyone who visits.

### WHAT'S HAPPENING IN PHASE 2? PROJECTED TO BEGIN THIS WINTER

**Improved Materials Return.** The material sorter that handles our close to one million returned items annually is at the end of its useful life and we are no longer able to acquire replacement parts. We've purchased a new-and-improved sorter and are rotating it 90 degrees so the intake slots are right next to Checkout, immediately visible when you walk into the building.

**Additional Work Rooms.** As we continue to expand the Library of Things collection with large objects such as snow shoes, cake pans, and a metal detector, we need more (and more functional) work spaces to store and retrieve all these wonderful items. However, while we'll have new staff spaces, any furniture or equipment that's in good condition will remain in use in the re-done areas (Meeting Room A is currently storing furniture for re-use). The Library prioritizes spending tax dollars only on what's truly needed, so if it still works, we'll keep it working.

### EXPECTED COMPLETION

This project is expected to be completed by summer of 2023. The entire renovation is funded using reserves as specified in our 10-year facilities plan – no new taxes.

As always, we welcome your questions and comments. Learn more about the project and see how it's coming along at [eapl.org](http://eapl.org).



*Ela Library Is...*

# CELEBRATING 50 YEARS



*We hope you'll celebrate with us throughout 2023!*

*Here are some upcoming events with the majority of festivities taking place this summer.*

## Library Luminaries:

### Ela Library Lighting Our Lives for 50 Years

- **Dec. 1-30, Drop In & Decorate A Luminary**  
Held in Forge. All supplies provided.
- **5-8pm Mon., Jan. 9, Luminaries on the Walkway**  
(Weather Permitting) – We'll add a warm glow to our walkway on Jan. 9 with all decorated luminaries. Stop in for a tasty Starbucks refreshment, while enjoying the festive luminary lights.

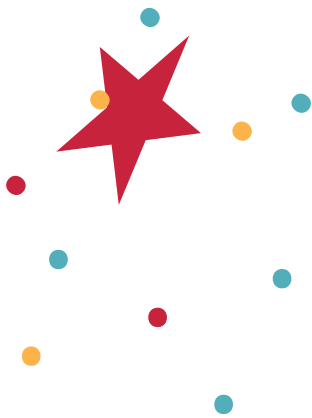
## Library Lovers' Month Feb. 1-28

Stop in and tell us why you love the Library... and you may win a prize.

## Library Stories Project

What is your favorite Library memory? As part of the 50th anniversary, we are collecting stories about Ela Library. Tell us about your favorite spot in the Library, or that time you found a book that meant something special to you. Your Library experiences are an important part of our history. Help us tell that story! Submit your memories at:

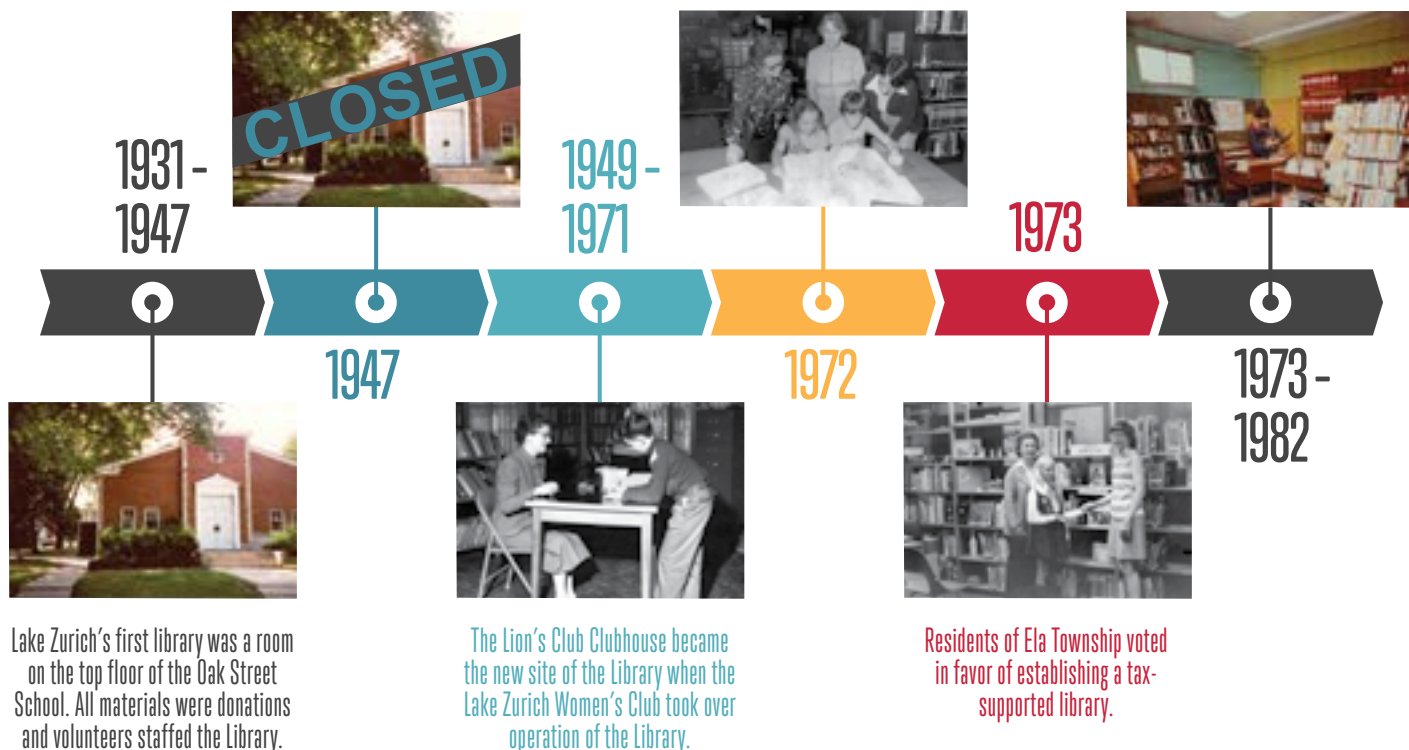
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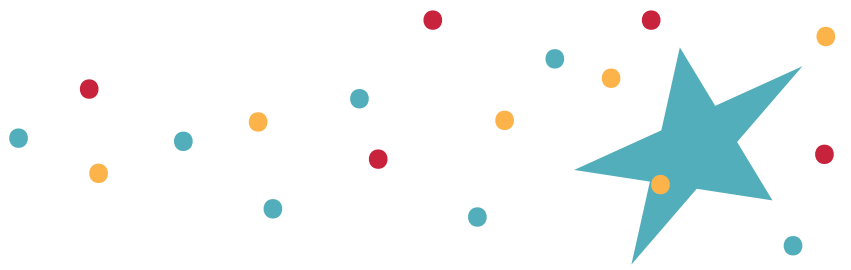
Oak St. School closed and so did the Library. All materials were put into storage.

In May, a Project Plus grant was given by the state to help launch a new, tax-based library. The Ela Area Demonstration Library opened in the basement of St. Francis de Sales Church on Buesching Rd. The Library occupied 3000 square feet and the North Suburban Library System provided a field librarian, legal counsel, basic materials, and funding to launch a referendum.

The basement of St. Francis continued to be the Library's home. Referenda to build a new building to house the Library failed in 1977 and 1978. Finally, in 1980 a referendum to build a 10,000 square foot building was passed. Construction of the new building began in February 1981 and the new Library opened its doors in January 1982.







Voters passed a referendum to expand and renovate the Library. The building project added a second floor which became the Children's Department and added more space on the first floor for the reference and nonfiction collections, public computers, and staff office space.

Referendum to build a new building is approved by the Library district voters.

The Popular Materials Department is remodeled.

1982 -  
1989



1990 -  
1999



2002



1989

1999

2009



Housed in its new building, the Ela Area Public Library served an ever-growing community.



The Library celebrated its 20th and 25th anniversary.



The Library opened its doors at 275 Mohawk Trail to the public in February 2002. This building is 71,603 square feet in size and included two computer labs, a quiet reading room, two public meeting rooms, several quiet study/computer rooms, and a drive-up window.

2012

2014 -  
2015

2022 -  
2023



The Library completes construction on two digital media lab rooms. The Library also celebrates its 40th anniversary.



The Library undergoes a remodel in the Children's Department and adds a maker space - Forge.



The Library celebrates its 50th anniversary.



# adult programs

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

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



## Holiday Mitten Tree

Place new hats, mittens, gloves, scarves and sweaters on the Library's mitten tree. The tree is located on the first floor near the Information Desk. All donations benefit local agencies in need.

**December 1-29**

## Blood Drive (In Person)

Give the gift of blood and visit Versiti's mobile unit at the Library. Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins are accepted. The antibody test is performed on all donations.

**12-5pm Thurs., Dec. 1 (R)**

## Alzheimer's Support Group (In Person)

This monthly drop-in event provides information and support to those in a caregiving role.

*Please contact Lisa Gaggiano at Ela Township 55+ (847) 438-9160 with questions.*

**7-8pm Tuesdays, Dec. 6, Jan. 3, Feb. 7 (NR)**

## Winter: The Science of Snow (Zoom)

Come learn all about how and why snow forms across the world but specifically across the Great Lakes and how our warming climate is affecting our winter season with Tom DiLiberto of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

**7pm Tues., Dec. 6 (R)**

## Stress-Less Holiday Cooking (Zoom)

Using a pressure cooker, cooking enthusiast Andrea Pracht returns to demonstrate practical uses for your Instant Pot during the busy holiday season.

**7pm Wed., Dec. 7 (R)**

## Warm Up Lake Zurich (Zoom)

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 Thurs., Dec. 8, Jan. 12, Feb. 9 (R)**

## Ela Library Quilt Talks (Zoom)

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

**6:30pm Thurs., Dec. 8, Jan. 12, Feb. 9 (R)**

## Chair Yoga and Meditation (Zoom)

Yoga is for every body! Join instructor Isabel Raci in a gentle seated yoga and meditation session, perfect for seniors and those with limited mobility. Join us for any or all of the sessions.

**6-7pm Wednesdays, Dec. 14, Jan. 11, Feb. 8 (R)**

## Colleen Moore's The Fairy Castle (Zoom)

The Fairy Castle is a one-of-a-kind treasure as well as an iconic Legacy Exhibit at the Museum of Science and Industry. Join Margaret Schlesinger, a former MSI curator who managed the cleaning and updating of this castle, on a tour of the exhibit with never before seen interior and exterior images along with fascinating narration as if you were five inches tall walking through the Castle.

**7pm Wed., Dec. 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 Tuesdays (R)**

**Dec. 6** *Reclaim the Stars* by Zoraida Córdova (editor)

**Feb. 7** *Drizzle, Dreams, and Lovestruck Things*  
by Maya Prasad

### Books & Brews (Zoom)

**7-8:30pm Tuesdays (R)**

**Dec. 13** *Thistlefoot* by GennaRose Nethercott

**Feb. 21** *Ducks: Two Years in the Oil Sands*  
by Kate Beaton

### Senior Book Discussion (Zoom)

**10-11am Mondays (R)**

**Jan. 9** *Carnegie's Maid* by Marie Benedict

**Feb. 13** *The Woman They Could Not Silence*  
by Kate Moore

## AUTHOR EVENTS

### Midwest Baking with Shauna Sever (Zoom)

Join Shauna Sever, cookbook author, TV and radio contributor, and daughter of the great Midwest, for this special holiday season event. Shauna will share her love of food, baking, and some tips to make your holiday gatherings delicious. Shauna's work is best defined by her baking-centric cookbooks. Her fourth, *Midwest Made: Big, Bold Baking from the Heartland*, was named a Best Baking Cookbooks of 2019 by The New York Times. She has appeared regularly on TODAY Show and Food Network. Shauna and her family live in Chicago, where she now bakes, writes and is always on the hunt for great old-school Midwestern bakeries.

**7pm Tues., Dec. 13 (R)**

### Inciting Joy: A Conversation with Ross Gay (Zoom)

Kick off your new year with a conversation about joy with best-selling essayist and award-winning poet Ross Gay. This discussion of his most recent collection of essays, *Inciting Joy*, will explore the joy we incite when we turn our attention to what brings us together and to what we love. Ross Gay is the author of four books of poetry. His first collection of essays, *The Book of Delights*, was released in 2019 and was a *New York Times* bestseller.

**7pm Wed., Jan. 11 (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 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](mailto:illinoislibrariespresent@gmail.com).*

### Memory Café (In Person)

The Memory Café is an opportunity for those affected by Alzheimer's disease or other memory issues and their care partners to participate in activities and socialize together. Each month a different theme is presented. *Co-sponsored by the Barrington Area Council on Aging (BACOA) and the Outreach Services department of Elia Area Public Library. Please contact Pam Pellizari at Barrington Area Council on Aging (BACOA) (847) 381-5030 with questions.*

**10-11:30am Fri., Dec. 16; Tuesdays, Jan. 17, Feb. 21 (R)**

### AARP Tax Preparation (In Person)

This service is provided by volunteers for seniors and qualified individuals. Please contact the Information Desk in January or call (224) 326-0605 for registration information. Registration opens January 2, 2023.

**Saturdays, Feb. 4—Apr. 15 (R)**

### NEW! Crime Scene Team: Case #2

Calling all detectives! A horrible crime has been committed and we need your help! Register to participate and then stop by the Information Desk to pick up the materials you need to investigate and solve the case. Participants who solve Case #2 by February 10, will enter into a prize raffle. Winners will be notified by February 15. Participation is limited, so register early.

**Materials Pick Up: Mon., Jan. 9—Mon., Jan. 16 (R)**

### Tour of Soups (Zoom)

Good soup is easy to make, but great soup requires some know-how and patience. Make the best, most comforting soups at home this winter with Chef Kristyn.

**6:30-8pm Thurs., Jan. 12 (R)**



### Puzzle Swap (In Person)

Whether you picked up jigsaw puzzles as a new hobby during the pandemic, or are a lifelong fan - this event is for you! Come refresh your jigsaw puzzle collection by swapping out one of your old ones for a new-to-you puzzle. You will be able to pick out one puzzle from the table for every one you bring to donate.

Swapped puzzles must:

- contain at least 400 pieces
- be complete, with no missing pieces
- be in the original vendor's box
- be in overall good condition

**All Day, Mon., Jan. 16 (In the Library's Lobby)**

### The Great British Baking Tour (Zoom)

Join UK travel/relocation consultant and former UK resident Claire Evans for a delightful culinary tour of the UK inspired by "The Great British Baking Show" television series, aired on PBS and Netflix. Learn about making a proper cup of tea, regional specialties, their origins, and the particular parts of the UK they hail from. She'll translate the trickiest parts of British recipes for Americans so you can try them in your own kitchen. Pick up useful travel tips as well, just in case you'd like to create your own tour!

**7pm Wed., Jan. 18 (R)**



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- Zoom links are sent to your email the day of the event.
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## NEW! Spice Club

Let us add a little spice to your life! Register and then pick up the featured spice kit at the Information Desk. Make any of the recipes included or one of your own using the provided spice. Take a photo of your dish. In February, we'll reach out and ask for your photo to share on the Library's social media accounts. Must include an email address when you register.

**Spice Kit Pick Up: Mon., Jan. 23–Fri., Jan. 27 (R)**



## Back to Mayberry: The Life of Andy Griffith (Zoom)

Historian Jim Gibbons discusses the life and career of Andy Griffith. Gibbons explores Griffith's rise to fame as a film star and discusses his great friendships with costars Don Knotts and Jim Nabors.

**2-3pm Sat., Jan. 28 (R)**

## Fight Robocalls & Cut Your TV Costs (Zoom)

Join Citizens Utility Board (CUB) for a free presentation about your cable options and reducing robocalls. During the presentation, a CUB representative will discuss: different choices in the TV market, ways to cut your cable costs, how to avoid common robocall scams, call-blocking services and what they mean for your pocket and more!

**7pm Mon., Jan. 30 (R)**

## Understanding Social Security:

### A Look at the Bigger Picture (Zoom)

Are you or someone you know ready to begin receiving social security? If you are going to collect social security benefits in the next 10 years, plan to attend. A representative from Bentron Financial group will discuss when to take benefits, working while getting benefits, taxation and social security and spousal benefits. Learn what you need to know to maximize the benefits you have earned.

**7pm Wed., Feb. 1 (R)**

## Mardi Gras Cooking Made Easy (Zoom)

Transport yourself to New Orleans! We're transforming our kitchens into the best Mardi Gras party at home complete with three traditional Creole recipes!

**7pm Thurs., Feb. 9 (R)**

## Galentine's Day Painting Class (In Person)

Happy Galentine's Day! Ladies—have some fun painting with your favorite gal pal. Held in Forge. All supplies provided. You MUST include your gal pal's name when you register. Ela cardholders only. Space is limited.

**6-8pm Mon., Feb. 13 (R) Registration begins Jan. 2.**

## 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+.



### Pinecone Tree

*Bring the outside in with this rustic tree winter decoration.*

**Register Dec. 1, Kit Pick Up: Mon., Dec. 12–Fri., Dec. 16 (R)**



### Winter Acrylic Sign

*Welcome the fresh falling winter snow with this vinyl sign.*

**Register Dec. 1, Kit Pick Up: Mon., Jan. 16–Fri., Jan. 20 (R)**



### Yarn Letter L Decor

*Celebrate the L word this Valentine's Day.*

**Register Dec. 1, Kit Pick Up: Mon., Feb. 6–Fri., Feb. 10 (R)**



## BUSINESS

### Small Business Development: Tips and Tactics (Zoom)

Have an idea for a business? Jennifer Barnes from JB Organizing will share strategies for how to write a business plan and discuss simple marketing strategies that you can implement to start the growth and continue it into the future.

7pm Wed., Feb. 8 (R)

## GENEALOGY

### My DNA Results Arrived! Now What? (Zoom)

Genealogist Mary Eberle provides practical actions you can take to understand how your DNA results can help your family history research. Learn about the different types of DNA, why ethnicity estimates are approximations and a method for finding your matches.

3pm Mon., Jan. 9 (R)

### The Untold Story of Seth Paine (Zoom)

Author Nancy Schumm shares the story of Seth Paine, the founder of the Village of Lake Zurich, and the subject of her book, *The Anointed One: The Untold Story of Seth Paine, Midwest Abolitionist*.

7pm Thurs., Jan. 26 (R)

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

### Researching African American Ancestors (Zoom)

See page 9.

7pm Thurs., Feb. 23 (R)

### Great Decisions (Zoom)

Great Decisions is a discussion group on world affairs that meets eight times throughout the year. The program model involves reading the Great Decisions briefing book, which is available Jan. 18 at the second floor Reference desk, meeting to watch a DVD provided by the Foreign Press Assoc., and to discuss. Visit [fpa.org](http://fpa.org) for topics. Contact Librarian Renée Stein [rstein@eapl.org](mailto:rstein@eapl.org) for more details.

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

## 12<sup>+</sup> TRY Annual Reading Program

Allow us to treat you to 12 different genres and topics to stretch your reading horizons in 2023. Participants can enjoy a book of their choice within each topic or try something from the selected reading lists curated by our librarians. Read a book within all 12 topics to complete the challenge and receive a prize. Register and log your books through the Beanstack app starting January 1. Visit <https://www.eapl.org/events/reading-challenges> for further details and registration instructions.

January 1–December 31, 2023. Ages 12+ (R)

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



## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

### The Art of Horace Pippin (Zoom)

Art historian Jeff Mishur returns to discuss the life and art of Pippin, a disabled veteran and a self-taught American artist who painted a range of themes, including scenes inspired by his service in World War I, landscapes, portraits and biblical subjects. See some of his best-known works that address the U.S.'s history of slavery and racial segregation.

7pm Mon., Feb. 20 (R)

### Researching African American Ancestors (Zoom)

Learn about Federal and state sources you can use to identify formerly enslaved ancestors, as well as other commonly used pre-1870 and antebellum records. This program will also highlight the legal and historical context and interpretive guidance relevant to African Americans.

7pm Thurs., Feb. 23 (R)

### Black Music's Impact on America (Zoom)

Marian Anderson, Billie Holiday, Stevie Wonder and Marvin Gaye are just a few of the African American singers who made statements with their music, their words, their rhythms, and their messages. Join Linda Gorham on a musical journey as she tells the stories behind influential songs by Black artists: songs that helped shape American music and perhaps, even more importantly, songs that helped shape American attitudes.

7pm Mon., Feb. 27 (R)

# ELA PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION

## Support Your Library!

The Library receives most of its operating revenue from local property taxes, plus some grant and state tax money, and revenue from operations such as passport processing. To best serve our residents, we look for additional revenue sources wherever possible to lessen the burden on local taxpayers. The Ela Public Library Foundation assists in this goal.

The Foundation encourages you to consider planned giving opportunities, which enable you, as the donor, to receive financial and tax benefits. There are many options you can consider with your estate planning or tax advisor. The most common way to make such a gift is through a bequest in your will or trust. Retirement assets also make a wonderful gift because they pass tax-free to the Foundation.

Those aged 70½ or older can direct their IRA administrator to make qualified charitable gifts to the Foundation which can reduce your income tax liability.

The Foundation partners with the Library. The Foundation Board of Directors is happy to work with potential donors, including those who wish for their gifts to be used for a restricted purpose.

As a 501(c)(3), the Foundation enables the Library to apply for more grants. Most grantors require that recipients be qualified 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations, or they may have a policy against funding tax-supported institutions, but will provide grants to foundations.

To learn more or to make a donation, please visit [www.eapl.org/foundation](http://www.eapl.org/foundation).

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## 3D Printed Toys for Tots 2022

The Library's makerspace Forge is once again excited to partner with the Harper College Business and Entrepreneurship Club and the IDEASHOP Makerspace and Entrepreneur Center for the 2022 toy drive.

Cheer on our 3D elves, Forge staff and printers Latias and Latios, as they attempt to meet the goal of 300 3D printed toys this year! No sweat, right?

Last year, volunteer elves in the Chicago area made and donated 18,000 toys that were distributed mostly across Ohio and Michigan. This year, with more time and distributed efforts, the overall goal is 50,000 toys donated across the nation!

Stop by Forge to cheer us on and check in on our progress.



# computer programs

*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

### Word 1 (In Person)

*Prerequisite: Comfortable using a mouse and keyboard*

Learn the basic skills to create, modify and print documents.

**10am-12pm Tues., Dec. 13 (R)**

### Word 2 (In Person)

*Prerequisite: MS Word 1 or related experience*

Learn how to create headers and footers, adjust margins, insert bullets and use mail merge.

**10am-12pm Tues., Dec. 20 (R)**

### Excel 1 (Zoom)

*Prerequisite: MS Word 1 or related experience*

Learn to create basic spreadsheets with formulas and charts.

**10-11:30am Tues., Jan. 10 (R)**

### Excel 2 (Zoom)

*Prerequisite: MS Excel 1 or related experience*

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

**10-11:30am Tues., Jan. 17 (R)**

### Advanced Excel 1 (Zoom)

*Prerequisite: MS Excel 2 or related experience*

This class will focus on simple to complex formulas including VLOOKUP, Arrays, Financial Analysis and much more.

**6:30-8pm Tues., Jan. 24 (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., Jan. 31 (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., Feb. 7 (R)**

### PowerPoint (Zoom)

*Prerequisite: MS Word 1 or related experience*

Learn the basic skills to create a slide show presentation.

**10-11:30am Tues., Feb. 21 (R)**



## ADVANCED TOPICS

### Online Garage Sale (Zoom)

Craigslist, eBay, Facebook Marketplace, and Letgo... all in one!

**6:30-8pm Thurs., Dec. 15 (R)**

### Device Drop-In (In Person)

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

**3-5pm Thurs., Jan. 12 and Thurs., Feb. 16 (NR)**

### Social Media for Business (Zoom)

Learn the benefits of using social media for your business, the best sites to use, how to create a strategy and more!

**6:30-7:30pm Thurs., Jan. 12 (R)**

### Convert Records and Cassettes to Digital (Zoom)

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

**10-11:30am Thurs., Jan. 19 (R)**

### iMovie (Zoom)

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

**10-11:30am Thurs., Feb. 9 (R)**

### Digital Assets (Zoom)

What happens to your digital assets once you are 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 Thurs., Feb. 23 (R)**



# forgeprograms

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- **Zoom links are sent to your email the day of the event.**
- **In-person programs are held in Forge at the Library.**

## Crafty K Kits

Pinecone Tree, Winter Acrylic Sign, Yarn Letter L Decor.  
See page 8 for details. Registration begins December 1.

## Forge Drop-In Craft

Drop in to make and take home a craft, while supplies last.  
New crafts offered monthly.



## 12 Days of Making (YouTube)

Visit Ela Area Public Library's Forge YouTube channel and get inspired to create some amazing last-minute gifts. All our videos highlight items and/or equipment that you can find in the Forge.

**9am Mondays–Fridays, Dec. 5-20**

## Make-A-Difference (In Person)

Stop in to "make" a difference by making cards for the Letters of Love organization. Cards made in this program will be sent and delivered to Ukrainian refugees in Europe by LOL for Ukraine, Frontier Horizon or the United Nations Refugee Agency.

**4-8pm Wed., Dec. 7 or 11am-4pm Fri., Dec. 9, ages 6+ (NR)**

## Sewing Basics (In Person)

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, Dec. 19, Jan. 16 or Feb. 20, ages 14+ (R)**

## Getting Ready for Your Laser Appointment (In Person)

Learn about how to find laser ready materials and files. We will also be going through the basics of Inkscape, a free software to create some personalized projects. At the end of the program, get a chance to schedule a one-on-one appointment for a future date.

**4pm or 6pm Thurs., Jan. 12, ages 18+ (R)**

## DIY Polymer Clay Mug (In Person)

Register to create a one of a kind Polymer Clay Mug presented by Shiny Squirrel Art Studio. All supplies will be provided.

**5:30-7:30pm Wed., Jan. 18, ages 14+ (R)**

## Snowman Wreaths (In Person)

Make a simple yarn snowman wreath to decorate your door for the season. All supplies provided.

**5pm Thurs., Jan. 19, ages 18+ (R).**

## MAKE-A-Difference Creating for the Community

Not only does the Library's makerspace inspire makers, it builds a better community.

With the help of 3D printers, donations from the Library's crafting groups (ELQT / WULZ) and resources from the non-profit Together We Rise, EAPL's first MAKE-A-Difference event made a big impact with participants looking to give back to their community.

"This was a win-win combination," said Yolanda Prado, makerspace and technology coordinator. "It was a great way for families to get creative and serve a local need in our area."

Held last summer, the community-service inspired Forge program gave participants the opportunity to decorate and pack new duffel bags for local foster kids through CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) Lake County. The decorative travel bags included hats, mittens, fidget toys, stuffed animals, art supplies and several toiletry items.

"Twenty bags were donated to CASA and distributed to local children and teens who enter the foster system," explained Prado. "Most children are given a trash bag to carry their belongings and have very little to call their own. We hope the bags brightened their day."

Join us for our next MAKE-A-Difference on December 7 and 9 to benefit Ukrainian refugees (see description under Forge programs).



# teen **programs**

Registration begins Dec 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](mailto:readers@eapl.org).



## **Teen Art Night: Decorate the Windows (In Person)**

Stop by monthly to decorate the Teen Lounge windows. Try different techniques like 8-bit post-its, paint and more. Be prepared to get messy and creative. All skill levels are welcome.

**6-7:30pm Thursdays,  
Dec. 8, Jan. 5, Feb. 2 (R)**



## **Teen Lounge Hang-out (In Person)**

Do you need book recommendations or resources for a school paper, or just want to discuss the latest show you binged-watched? The librarian is in! Stop by the Teen Lounge and say hi.

**5-6:30pm Mondays,  
Dec. 19, Jan. 9, Feb. 13 (NR)**



## **Coloring and Cocoa (In Person)**

Relax and warm up while coloring and sipping hot chocolate, and even decorate your own marshmallow. Other hot beverages will be available.

**6-7pm Tuesdays,  
Dec. 27, Jan. 24, Feb. 28 (R)**

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## **Annual Reading Program**

Register and log your books through the Beanstack app starting January 1. See page 9 for details.

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

**Jan. 1–Dec., 31 2023 (R)**

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

## **NEW! Teen Life Resource Display**

Being a teen is challenging, but the Library is here to help. Stop by the new Teen Life Resource Display in the Teen Lounge and find books and activities on handling stress and other life topics. Check back periodically for new themes and activities.



## **100 Books Before... High School and Graduation**

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

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



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# kids **programs**



*Follow us on Facebook or Instagram for updates on pop-up programs throughout the winter months.*

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

*December registration begins Dec. 1 at 9am*

*January registration begins Jan. 2 at 9am*

*February registration begins Feb. 1 at 9am*



## Kids Book Match

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



## Learn to Code with Ozaria

Master the magic of coding and save the world of Ozaria from impending darkness in this online adventure game! Players will learn to type real code, problem solve, and make their own creative projects in this Python-based computer science program with an immersive fantasy storyline. Visit [eapl.org/kids](http://eapl.org/kids) to learn more and play the first chapter, then sign up to enjoy the full game at your own pace with a renewable monthly license. No prior coding experience is required; reading and keyboarding skills are necessary. **(R)**

## Storywalk

Together with the Village of Lake Zurich Park 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 current Storywalk locations and titles. **(NR)**

## Book Club to Go

Watch for surprises on the shelves next to your favorite book series. Packets with activities related to that series will occasionally be available at the Children's Desk. Is it your lucky day? Grab one while supplies last. **(NR)**

## Winter Reading Program: Button Up and Read!

Button up your favorite sweater or jacket and enjoy a cozy winter of reading. Earn customized buttons for your lanyard as you complete reading and activity challenges. Select a book as your prize for finishing the program.

**Dec. 1–Feb. 28, ages 0-12 (R)**

## Ela Library @ Miracle on Main Street

Visit the Library's booth at the Miracle on Main Street event in downtown Lake Zurich. Listen to a story and collect a limited-edition button for your winter reading lanyard.

**3-6:30pm Sat., Dec. 3, all ages (NR)**

## Baby Playtime

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

**9:30-10:30am Mondays, Dec. 5; Jan. 16, 30; Feb. 6, 20, ages 0-18 months (R)**

## Loose Parts Playtime

As many parents know, a child's favorite toys often aren't toys at all! Drop in for open-ended play with a variety of "loose parts". Children will use their imaginations and experiment with cardboard tubes, balls, blocks and assorted odds and ends.

**9:30am-12pm Mondays, Dec. 12; Jan. 9, 23; Feb. 13, 27, ages 2-5 with an adult (NR)**

## Busy Baby Bags

Register for a take-home bag filled with activities and a board book to share with your little one. Kits also include an English-Spanish bilingual component. Pick up bags at the Children's Desk from from the 15th through the end of the month. An Ela Library card is required.

**Dec. 15, Jan. 15, Feb. 15, ages 0-2 (R)**

## STEAM League

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

**4pm Mon., Jan. 23 or 4pm Wed., Jan. 25, 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. (NR)

### Cartooning with Mark Anderson (Zoom)

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

### Robots!

Hello, carbon-based life form. BEEP! Sign up for this cartoon robot drawing class. Human children will learn to draw automatons, robots, droids, mechs and more. WHIRR! Do not worry, robots are your friends. And we are not plotting to take over your library. Sign up now. END TRANSMISSION.

7pm Wed., Dec. 14, ages 5 and up (R)

### The Secret of the Mysterious Whodunit

Help! Something bad has happened and we need your deductive drawing to solve this case! Help cartoon the clues, sketch the suspects, and puzzle out the pictures to find out... whodunit!

7pm Mon., Jan. 16, ages 5 and up (R)

### Animal Amalgams

Honestly, Mark has no idea what this class is... because you need to tell him! He'll ask for two animals and then show you how to draw them combined! Lion lizard? Sure. Turtle monkey? OK! Octopus platypus? That's a maybe.

7pm Tues., Feb. 21, ages 5 and up (R)

### Watercolor Classes with Victoria Elizabeth (Zoom)

Don't forget to pick up your supplies ahead of time and join artist Victoria Elizabeth for these engaging lessons. The Zoom link will be sent to your email before the program begins.

### Snowman

Painting snow so it shows up on white paper is a challenge for every artist. Learn new techniques while creating your own snowman with watercolor. Supplies will be available for pickup at the Children's Desk beginning Thurs., Dec. 15.

10:30am Tues., Dec. 27 (R)

### Love Birds

Did you know that many birds mate for life? Create your own lovable pair during this online workshop. Supplies will be available for pickup at the Children's Desk beginning Wed., Feb. 1.

4pm Mon., Feb. 13, ages 8-12 (R)

### Bead Mania

All you need is beads... and we've got 'em! We will provide the supplies and ideas for bracelets, keychains, and more. Design a fab creation for yourself or make a few for holiday gifts. This open house event is for kids who can handle small beads independently or can get by with a little help from their accompanying adult.

10am-4pm Thurs., Dec. 22 (NR)

### Cool Winter Crafts

There's snow better time to get creative! Let's warm up with a few winter-themed craft projects.

4pm Tues., Jan. 10, unaccompanied children in grades K-3 (R)

### DIY Valentines

Show some love for your favorite people with handmade valentines. We'll create unique cards with a variety of craft supplies.

4pm Wed., Feb. 8, unaccompanied children in grades K-3 (R)



### Storytimes



### Storytime Shorts (YouTube)

Subscribe to the Ela Kids YouTube channel so you don't miss a thing!

**Rhymes on the Run** – Enjoy a weekly rhyme, song or fingerplay every Monday. (NR)

**Five Little Fridays** – Tune in for a fun flannel story every Friday. (NR)

### Construction Storytime

Let's build a morning of storytime fun! Everyone gets a hard hat and vest while we share construction books and songs at this special, themed Storytime in the Stacks.

9:30am Thurs., Dec. 8, ages 0-4 with an adult (NR)

### Storytime in the Stacks

Drop in for storytime fun! While the library is under construction, let's read stories and sing songs together near some of our favorite books!

9:30am Thursdays, Jan. 12, 19, 26; Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23, ages 0-4 with an adult (NR)



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### Library Hours

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

### Currently Scheduled Library Closings

Sat., Dec. 24	Christmas Eve
Sun., Dec. 25	Christmas Day
Sat., Dec. 31	New Year's Eve
Sun., Jan. 1	New Year's Day

### Phone

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### Program Registration

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

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

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