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ela area public library's newsletter

September – November 2023



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Many thanks for helping us celebrate EAPL's 50th Anniversary in June! Check out more photos from the event at [eapl.org](http://eapl.org).

# library news



*From the Director's Desk, Lauren Rosenthal*

#### Excellence in Financial Reporting

I'm very pleased to share that the Ela Library has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for FY2022. The purpose of the award is to "encourage and assist local governments to go beyond the minimum requirements of generally accepted accounting

principles to prepare annual comprehensive financial reports that evidence the spirit of transparency and full disclosure and then to recognize individual governments that succeed in achieving that goal." The Ela Area Public Library District is only the second library district in Illinois to win the award.

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) awards the certificate based upon our Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) which you can read on our website at <https://www.eapl.org/media/document/934>. The ACFR for FY2022 includes our financial information as well as statistical tables for a lookback on how we've performed for the past ten years. The certificate is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting and is a visible marker in our community that the Ela Area Public Library District is committed to outstanding stewardship of your tax dollars.

The Library makes good use of your tax dollars by providing shared books, videos, and all kinds of things for the community to borrow. I think you'll be surprised how much money you save by using your library card instead of purchasing all those items outright – take a look for yourself (on the next page) and see how much you've saved.



#### NEW! Explore the Book Nook!

Located across from the Meeting Rooms, the new Book Nook is stocked with popular withdrawn library items that are available at a 'Name Your Own Price' system (the suggested donation is \$0.25). The Nook includes books, magazines and even audio books! There's something for every age!

#### NEW! Print System

Ela cardholders can now access their annual printing fund using their library card. No more keeping track of a separate print/copy card! You also have the ability to pay by cash, credit/debit card, Apple Pay, and Google Pay. Improvements have been made to the remote printing system as well. The URL <https://eaplePRINTitSaaS.com/public/upload> for remote printing is on our website at <https://www.eapl.org/services/print-copy-fax>. There is also a new remote printing app called ePRINTit SaaS.

# Lean on Your Library... And Save!

September is Library Card Sign Up Month. Discover the Money-Saving Power of Your Library Card!

Prince Harry's audiobook. Harry Styles latest album. Language-learning classes. Your Ancestry family history. A bread-making machine. Live tutoring. All free with a library card.

## What Your Card is Worth?

By borrowing instead of buying, Ela cardholders can save thousands of dollars annually.

Here's the retail value of our most popular items and services. If you used your card once a month for each item or service listed:

**\$6552 annual savings**

**\$126 weekly savings**

 Online Class Subscription \$100	 Video Games \$70	Hardback Novel \$25	 Board Game \$20	Museum Pass Admission \$25
 Sporting Gear \$100	Magazine Subscription \$30	 Monthly Music Streaming \$16	eBook Download \$15	 Monthly Streaming \$75
	<b>Year in Review 2022-2023</b> Total Circulation 740,671 Total Visits 179,069		 Tools \$45	Activity Kits \$25



**Library Card Sign Up Month Celebration/Churros Y Chocolate Food Truck (In Person)**  
 It's Library Card Sign Up Month! Receive a FREE churro with your library card, while supplies last.  
**3:30-5:30pm Thurs., Sep. 21**



# adult programs

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

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



## English as a Second Language (ESL)

### *Inglés como Segundo Idioma (In Person)*

Free English classes for adults at the Library.  
*Clases de Inglés gratuitas para adultos en la biblioteca.*

**Class: 9:15am-12:15pm and 6:00 - 8:45pm  
Tuesday and Thursday, beginning Sep. 5**

**Clases: 9:15am-12:15pm y 6:00-8:45pm Martes y  
Jueves, Las clases empiezan Sep. 5**

For more information/Para más información:  
(847) 949-2200 x1399.

## Alzheimer's Support Group (In Person)

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, Sep. 5, Oct. 3, Nov. 7 (NR)**

## Chair Yoga and Meditation (Zoom)

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

**6pm Wednesdays, Sep. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 2 (R)**

## Smartphone Photography (In Person)

Your "best camera" is the one you have on hand. So how can you make the most of that incredible tool you carry around every day? Writer and Chicago tour guide Molly Page shares mobile photography tips and tricks as well as editing options available for all phones. Participants will also discover solutions that make snapping photos more fun.

**6:30pm Mon., Sep. 11 (R)**

## Warm Up Lake Zurich (In Person)

Join us monthly to discuss, share and learn about yarn crafting from crocheting to knitting. Donations of craft items are accepted for local charities.

Open to all levels. Held in Forge.

**4-6pm Thursdays, \*\* Sep. 14, \*Oct. 12, \*\* Nov. 16**

**\*Meet in Forge, Topic: India Fabric and Stiches presentation**

**\*\*Meet in Meeting Room A**

## Ela Library Quilt Talks (In Person)

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

**6:30-8:30pm Thursdays, \*\* Sep. 14, \*Oct. 12,  
\*\* Nov. 16**

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## Tenacious Tour du Mont Blanc (Zoom)

Trek 105 miles through the Alps as Brian Michalski guides us along Europe's world-famous Tour du Mont Blanc. As we journey through France, Italy, and Switzerland, gain insight into practical planning tips, cultural tidbits, challenges along the trail, accommodation logistics and more all seen through the lens of Michalski's gorgeous original photography and entertainingly adventurous retellings.

**7pm Thurs., Sep. 14 (R)**

## Managing Money: A Caregiver's Guide to Managing Finances (In Person)

This free program by the Alzheimer's Association will help you learn about the costs of caregiving. Discover the benefits of early planning and how to avoid financial abuse and fraud. Tips for starting conversations about finances, assessing financial and legal needs, and finding support will also be covered. Refreshments provided.

**10am-12pm Mon., Sep. 18 (R)**

## 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. 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, Sep. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 21 (R)**

## Library Card Sign Up Month Celebration Churros Y Chocolate Food Truck (In Person)

Receive a FREE churro with your library card, while supplies last.

**3:30-5:30pm Thurs., Sep. 21**

## BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Registration is required with a valid email address.

### Senior Book Discussion (Zoom and In Person) 10-11am Mondays (R)

Sep. 11 *The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown

Oct. 16 *Fly Girls* by Keith O'Brien

Nov. 13 *The Good Lord Bird* by James McBride

### Books & Brews (In Person)

Join us at Consume: 569 W. State Rte. 22,  
Lake Zurich.

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

Sep. 19 *Yellowface* by R.F. Kuang

Nov. 14 *A Council of Dolls* by Mona Susan Power

### NEW! Roaming Readers Walking Group (In Person)

Combine your love of reading and the outdoors.

Join us as we discuss what we're reading and why we love it. You're guaranteed to discover some new favorites. Dress for the weather and wear comfortable walking shoes. Meet at the Information Desk.

6-6:45pm Wed., Sep. 20, Oct. 18; 4-4:45pm Nov. 15 (R)

### NEW! Tea & True Love (In Person)

Steamy beverages and steamy romance novels!

Join us in person in Meeting Room A.

6-7:30pm Tuesday (R)

Oct. 17 *Half a Soul* by Olivia Atwater



## 12<sup>th</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. (R)

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

## BOOK BUZZ

We're back to share more staff favorites! This event runs similar to a book fair. Move from table to table to hear about amazing cookbooks, hot new fiction, and delectable memoirs and non-fiction. Participants can choose up to three free books to keep! A book list will be provided so that everyone has an opportunity to check out the rest of the titles from the Library after the program.

6-7pm Wed., Nov. 8, ages 18+ (R)

## AUTHOR EVENTS



### New York Times Bestselling Author Colson Whitehead (Zoom)

Colson Whitehead's reviews, essays, and fiction have appeared in a number of publications, such as the New York Times. In 2018, New York State named him their New York State Author, and in 2020 the Library of Congress awarded him their Prize for American Fiction.

7pm Wed., Sep. 6 (R)



### National Endowment for the Arts Fellow Stephen Graham Jones Talks Horror (Zoom)

Stephen Graham Jones is the New York Times bestselling author of *The Only Good Indians*. He has been an NEA fellowship recipient and the recipient of several awards including: the Ray Bradbury Award from the Los Angeles Times, the Bram Stoker Award, and of the Shirley Jackson Award.

7pm Wed., Oct. 4 (R)



### Grace Lin, Children's Author and Illustrator (Zoom)

Join Newbery and Caldecott honoree and New York Times bestselling Grace Lin for an engaging conversation about her journey to become an award-winning author and illustrator.

7pm Tues., Oct. 17 (R)



### Netflix's Bake Squad Maya-Camille Broussard Shows Us How to Bake With Love (Zoom)

Justice of the Pies is a bakery that specializes in sweet and savory pies, quiches and tarts.

Maya-Camille Broussard established Justice of the Pies in honor of her late father who was a criminal defense attorney with a passion for baking and eating anything made with a crust!

7pm Wed., Nov. 8 (R)



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## Breast Cancer Screening and Breast Density - What You Need to Know (In Person)

Join us for a bilingual presentation and question/answer session about breast cancer screening and breast density specifically as it applies to the Hispanic community led by Patricia Linares, My Density Matters Hispanic Community Liaison. Come, learn, become informed and get resources. Light refreshments served. Hosted by My Density Matters.

### Pruebas para detectar el cáncer de mama y la densidad de los senos - Lo que usted necesita saber

Los invitamos a una presentación bilingüe de 1 hora y a una sesión de preguntas/respuestas acerca de las pruebas para detectar el cáncer de mama y la densidad de los senos, específicamente aplicable a la Comunidad Hispana. Esta presentación será dada por Patricia Linares, Enlace con la Comunidad Hispana de My Density Matters. Vengan, aprendan, infórmense, y obtengan recursos. Se servirán aperitivos. Actividad patrocinada por My Density Matters.

7pm Wed., Sep. 27 (NR); 7pm Miércoles, 27 de septiembre (En Persona) (NR)

## S, C, R, A, B, B, L, E

### Senior Scrabble Club (In Person)

Looking for a little friendly competition? Join our Scrabble Club and play against friends and members of the community. Senior adults of all skill levels are welcome. Refreshments and supplies are provided.

10am Mondays, Oct. 2, Nov. 6 (R)

### West African Kora (String Harp) (In Person)

Musician Sean Gaskell shares an educational demonstration of the West African kora, a 21 string harp. Learn about the history of the kora, how it is built, who typically plays it and the types of events it is often utilized. Gaskell will also share some of his own personal experiences while studying in The Gambia, West Africa and being hosted by the family of his teachers. All ages welcome.

7pm Wed., Oct. 4 (R)

### Resurrection Mary, Chicago's Most Beloved Spirit (Zoom)

Who is or was "Resurrection Mary" and what makes the Chicago version of this "vanishing hitchhiker" legend so special? Where did the story start? Presented by writer, historian and former police officer Ray Johnson who has been featured on television shows and documentaries on Discovery ID, History Channel, PBS, BBC and has appeared on numerous local television shows and print media.

7pm Wed., Oct. 11 (R)

### Password Safety (In Person)

The first line of defense in online safety is practicing smart password habits. Mike Gershbein from Very Smart People will show you how to create safe passwords and use password managers as well as other best practices to make your online life easier and more secure.

7pm Mon., Oct. 16 (R)

### Introduction to Tarot Cards (In Person)

Psychic entertainer Barbara Meyer shares her knowledge and history of tarot cards, the theory of tarot card reading and some common myths about the cards. Following the presentation, participate in an interactive and entertaining lesson on reading the cards. Space is limited. Handouts included.

7pm Wed., Oct. 18 (R)

### Exploring Western Ireland (In Person)

Today Dublin, Belfast, and even Cork are major cities with a lot of industry. This exploration of western Ireland will give us the opportunity to experience the rural life that once dominated almost all of the country. Join presenter Eugene Flynn to hear a blend of history and stories from current residents of magical western Ireland.

6pm Mon., Oct. 23 (R)

### Senior Coloring Club (In Person)

Do you love adult coloring books, diamond painting, or Zen doodles? Join us for an hour of socializing and artistic expression. Use our supplies or bring your own. Refreshments are provided.

10am Wed., Oct. 25 (R)



## BUSINESS

### Investing Made Simple w/ Karen Chan (Zoom)

Financial educator Karen Chan will make stocks, bonds and mutual funds crystal clear using the story of Freddie's Finest Furniture. You'll learn how to put that information into use as she explains index funds and target retirement funds, and how they can simplify your investing decisions.

7pm Tues., Oct. 3 (R)

### Developing Retirement Income Strategies for Today's Markets (Zoom)

Join us for an evening with the past National President of the Financial Planning Association, Ed Gjertsen II, CFP, as he guides you through the various strategies and challenges of successfully navigating the important financial aspects of your retirement years.

7pm Wed., Oct. 11 (R)

### Terry Savage Talks Money (Zoom)

Terry Savage is a nationally recognized expert on personal finance, the economy and the markets, with a presence in television, radio, and newspapers. She'll provide a reality check on the volatile economy, financial markets and personal finance topics, and then answer your questions for 45 minutes.

7pm Wed., Oct. 18 (R)

### LinkedIn Headshots (In Person)

Come to the library for a professionally done headshot by local photographer Donald Frazier for your LinkedIn profile or other business needs.

6-8pm Wed., Oct. 25 (R)



### NEW! 20s & 30s

If you're in your 20s & 30s, it's time to find a babysitter, petsitter, or plant sitter and enjoy yourself at these programs catered specifically for you! Meet people your age and make some new friends while trying new things. Programs for ages 20-39.

### Bad Art Night (In Person)

It's good to be bad! Use a variety of supplies to create a "bad" piece of art. Then vote on the art that is so bad, it's good. A prize will be given to the winner.

6-7:30pm Mon., Sep. 25 (R)

### Escape the Blockbuster Escape Room (In Person)

The '90s are calling for 20s & 30s! Work together in teams to decipher puzzles, find clues, and Escape the Blockbuster! Each time slot can accommodate up to 7 players. Smaller groups and individuals are welcome but may be joined by other participants. One registration per person.

10:30-11:15am, 11:45-12:30pm, 1-1:45pm, 2:15-3pm, 3:30-4:15pm Sat., Oct. 14 (R)

### Record Listening Party (In Person)

Dust off the records and share your favorites! Come relax at this listening party and even bring records to trade if you'd like. There will be refreshments and musical activities to enjoy while jamming out.

6-7pm Tues., Nov. 14 (R)

## GENEALOGY & LOCAL HISTORY



### Brick by Brick: Tracing Your Home's History (Zoom)

Was your home moved, damaged by fire, or enlarged? Tina Beaird will provide strategies for researching the history of your home by using government records, newspapers and more. Every home tells a story, what does yours say?

7pm Wed., Sep. 27 (R)

### Ela Genealogy Orientation (In Person)

Learn how Ela Library can help with your family history research. Tour our collections, spaces, and equipment, and learn about our services, subscription databases and additional resources.

1pm or 2pm Wed., Oct. 4 (R);

6pm or 7pm Tues., Oct. 24 (R)

### Rules I Learned Along The Way (In Person)

Maureen Brady will present strategies for tackling those "brick wall" problems all family history researchers face. She will demonstrate how her "Rules of Research" helped solve the puzzle of her Chicago Irish family.

2pm Thurs., Oct. 12 (R)

### When Was It Taken? (In Person)

Old family photos are often a puzzle, but fashion trends, hairstyles, and photographic methods provide helpful clues to your family history. Local historian Julia Johnas illustrates clues that may be in your family photos.

7pm Wed., Nov. 1 (R)

### Ela Township History in a Nutshell (In Person)

Ela Historical Society will present a history of Ela Township from its earliest beginnings. Starting in the early 1800s before the first settlers arrived, hear how the area gradually changed to the bustling, well-populated township it is today.

1pm Thurs., Nov. 30 (R)

## BOOK CHALLENGES ON THE RISE



### Support Your Freedom to Read (Zoom)

This Banned Books Week webinar will share how to effectively support intellectual freedom. We will examine the current state of book challenges, Illinois' legislative response, and the implications of censorship on communities with this panel of experts:

- **Alexi Giannoulis, Illinois Secretary of State and State Librarian**
- **Monica Harris, executive director, Reaching Across Illinois Library System**
- **Jasmine Warga, author of challenged books; *The Shape of Thunder and Other Words for Home***
- **Jarrett Dapier, author of *Jazz for Lunch and freedom to read advocate***

*This presentation is co-hosted by multiple Chicago-area libraries.*

7pm Mon., Oct. 2 (R)

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## Art Lecture: Caravaggio & the Italian Baroque (Zoom)

In this lecture, art historian Jeff Mishur discusses several paintings by the Italian Baroque master, including two rare loans that are on display in Chicago starting in September. In addition, he will discuss Caravaggio's exciting life as well as the important contributions he made to Baroque art.

7pm Thurs., Nov. 2 (R)

## Backyard Birds and Bird Feeding (In Person)

Professional naturalist David Brooks presents the "how to" of attracting a variety of birds to your yard with feeding stations and food plantings. The program will include identification of local birds and some of the migrants to be observed in spring and fall.

Co-sponsored with the Garden Club of Lake Zurich.

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

## Dementia Live Training (In Person)

This interactive session allows caregivers and loved ones to see the world through a person with dementia's eyes in order to better understand their experience. This program is in partnership with the Barrington Area Council on Aging.

6pm Mon., Nov. 9 (R)

## Bundle Up & Explore (In Person and Zoom)

Chicago tour guide Molly Page returns for tips on planning your next staycation in the city, ideas for a memorable night out and hidden gems to explore with the whole family. She'll also share some new holiday traditions worth checking out in and around Chicago. Copies of her books will be available for purchase.

6:30pm Mon., Nov. 13 (R)

## REMEMBERING OUR VETERANS

### Veterans Tree

Stop by Forge and decorate a picture of a veteran for the Veterans Tree. All supplies provided. All ages welcome. Presented by Salute, Inc., an organization that works with veterans to assist with housing, car, grocery and utility bills.

November 1-30

### America on the Defensive (In Person and Zoom)

In honor of Veterans Day, military author Robert Mueller returns to discuss the Second World War in the Pacific. Hear about the naval engagements of 1942 starting shortly after the Japanese attack upon Pearl Harbor through the Battles of the Coral Sea and Midway to engagements near Guadalcanal as thinly spread American warships stem the enemy's advance. Mueller performed his military service in the U.S. Army Signal Corps during the Vietnam era. He has received four national book awards including a bronze medal from the Military Writers Society of America. He holds advanced degrees in physics from the University of Illinois and in business administration from Lake Forest College.

7pm Mon., Nov. 6 (R)

### JFK Assassination Conspiracy (In Person and Zoom)

Join historian Tim Wilsey as he takes us back inside the most discussed conspiracy theory in history, the Kennedy assassination. Wilsey revisits the potential individuals, countries and organizations who had motive to kill the President and how they are connected. He will bring us inside what some of the individuals closest to the case have thought on what really happened and discuss who's deathbed confession may shed light on who really was involved in the assassination and who was aware of the plan.

7pm Wed., Nov. 15 (R)

### Chicago Bronze Handbell Ensemble (In Person)

This handbell ensemble concert features sacred, secular, classical, jazz and old favorites. A must-see for the season! Registration opens Nov. 1.

2:30pm Sun., Dec. 3 (R)

### One Pot Meals (In Person)

Chef Susan Maddox returns to present several delicious one pot meals which make for easy dining as well as clean up. Discover some tasty recipes and learn several methods and techniques in the kitchen for making cooking fun and easy!

7pm Mon., Dec. 4 (R)

### Blood Drive (In Person)

Donate the gift of blood. Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins are welcome.

11am-5pm Thurs., Dec. 7 (R)



# computer programs

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

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## Technology 1:1 Appointments (In Person)

Need help with using a library computer or your device? Sign up for a 1:1 appointment with Amy from Reference. Appointments can be for up to an hour.

## OFFICE APPLICATIONS

### Microsoft Excel 1 (In Person)

*Prerequisite: MS Word I or related experience*

Learn to create basic spreadsheets with formulas & charts.

**10am-noon Tues., Sep. 19 (R)**

### Microsoft Excel 2 (In Person)

*Prerequisite: MS Excel I or related experience*

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

**10am-noon Tues., Sep. 26 (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 Wed., Oct. 18 (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 Wed., Oct. 25 (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 Wed., Nov. 1 (R)**



## ADVANCED TOPICS

### Cut the Cable Cord (In Person)

Amazon, Apple and Netflix offer just a few of the options available for people who are interested in cutting the cable cord. Find out all the best services as well as streaming devices like Roku and Apple TV.

**6:30-8pm Wed., Sep. 27 (R)**

### Library Resources for Career Professionals (In Person)

Stuck on what to write in your cover letter? Do you struggle with job interviews? The library has resources from resume and cover letter reviews, interview tips and more. Learn what the library has to offer and how you can access these resources from home.

**1:30-3pm Tues., Oct. 10 (R)**

### Password Safety (In Person)

See page 6 for details. Held in Meeting Room A.

**7pm Mon., Oct. 16 (R)**

### iMovie (Zoom)

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

**10-11:30am Thurs., Oct. 26 (R)**

### Design Your Own Gifts Using Canva (In Person)

Learn to design your own tote bags, cards and more with Canva, a free to use online graphic design tool.

**1:30-3pm Wed., Nov. 8 (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 Tues., Nov. 14 (R)**

### Buying a Computer (In Person)

This class will tell you everything you need to know in order to buy the right computer for your needs. From Macs to PCs and laptops to desktops, we'll tell you everything you need to look for.

**6:30-8pm Wed., Nov. 15 (R)**



# forge programs

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- In-person programs are held in Forge at the Library.

## Forge Drop-in Craft

Stop by and check out what we have in Forge. Crafts change every month! **Ages 6+**

## Sewing Basics (In Person)

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

**6-8pm Mondays, Sep. 18, Oct. 16 or Nov. 20, ages 14+**



## Paint Your Own 3D Printed Alebrije (In Person)

It's Hispanic Heritage month! Learn about what Alebrijes are and paint your own Alebrijes designed using Tinkercad and printed in Forge.

**5pm Wed., Sep. 20, ages 14+ (R)**

## Tinkercad: Character Building (Zoom)

Learn how to make little characters in Tinkercad and how to submit them for 3D printing.

**6pm Thurs., Sep. 21, ages 6+ (R)**

## RPG Miniature Paint and Take (In Person)

Drop in to paint your very own RPG miniature figure! Warlocks, dragons and fairies are just a few of the many figurines we will have available to paint during this drop-in. All supplies and one miniature figure per person will be provided, while supplies last.

**4-7pm Mon., Sep. 25 and Thurs., Oct. 19, ages 6+ (NR)**

## Take Home Crafty A Kits



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



### Fall Lantern

Create your own lantern with this fall inspired craft.

**Pick up: Tues., Sep. 5 (NR)**



### Pumpkin Yarn Tassels

Learn how to make a tassel out of yarn & use it to decorate your own mini pumpkin.

**Pick up: Mon., Oct. 2 (NR)**



### Leaf Stamped Napkin

Add some flair to cloth napkins that you can put out at your Thanksgiving gathering.

**Pick up: Mon., Nov. 6 (NR)**



## Mid-Autumn Rabbit Lanterns

(In Person)

Create your own rabbit lanterns in celebrations for the Mid-Autumn festival!

**2pm Wed., Sep. 27, ages 6+ (R)**

## How To Cricut Series (YouTube)

Join us on Forge's YouTube channel the last Friday of each month for a fun lesson on using Cricut software and equipment to make t-shirts, mugs and engravings!

**Fridays, Sep. 29, Oct. 27, Nov. 24, ages 18+ (NR)**

## Teen Canvas Neon Sign (In Person)

Need cool décor for your room? Register to make your very own unique sign using a Canvas and LED rope light!

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

## Make and Take: Mini Potion Bottles (In Person)

Drop-in and create a spooky mini potion bottle and check out all the amazing things you can create in Forge! Limit of one mini potion bottle per person, while supplies last.

**4-7pm Tues., Oct. 10, ages 6+ (NR)**



## Mexican Sugar Skull Workshop

(In Person)

Come and learn about what makes Day of Dead so magical and special to many. Also, make and decorate your own sugar skull to take home.

**6pm Mon., Oct. 23, Wed., Oct. 25 or 3pm Thurs., Oct. 26, ages 6+ (R)**

## Veterans Tree

Stop by Forge and decorate a picture of a veteran for the Veterans Tree. All supplies provided. All ages welcome. Presented by Salute, Inc., an organization that works with veterans to assist with housing, car, grocery and utility bills.

**November 1-30**

## DIY Sock Monkey (In Person)

The Long Grove Sock Monkey Museum's very own Claire will show us how to make a sock monkey during this two-hour workshop. Register to make and take one of your very own! All supplies provided.

**6pm Wed., Nov. 15, ages 10+ (R)**



## Destress With Art: Watercolor Art (In Person)

Come relax and enjoy some calm music, while painting a beautiful card using a stencil and watercolors.

**5pm or 7pm Thurs., Nov. 16, ages 18+ (R)**

# teen programs

Registration begins Sep. 1. All programs are for teens in grades 6-12, unless otherwise noted. If you have any questions, please contact Reader's Services at [readers@eapl.org](mailto:readers@eapl.org).



## TEEN LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

We're looking for 12 teens to join the new Teen Leadership Committee. Earn volunteer hours by giving back to the community by helping to plan Library programs for young adults, suggesting books and resources for the Library, doing service projects, and developing your professional skills, all while eating pizza! *Applications will be accepted from September 1 until November 27. Visit [eapl.org](http://eapl.org) or stop by the Information Desk for an application.*



### Wednesday Night Movie Nights

Stop by the Teen Lounge on certain Wednesday nights this fall and catch a flick!

**6pm Wednesdays, Sep. 6, 13, 20, 27; Oct. 11, 25; Nov. 1, 15, 22, 29 (NR)**

### Readers & Writers Club

Get together and talk about what we're reading, and work on creative writing skills. Snacks provided.

**6:30-7:30pm Thursdays, Sep. 7, 21; Oct. 12; Nov. 2, 16 (R)**

### Need-to-Know Changes to the College Search (Zoom)

The college landscape has changed so much in such a short time. Join us to develop a strategy to conquer college planning and learn savvy tips! Everything from the SAT/ACT and FAFSA changes and more.

**7-8:15pm Mon., Sep. 18 (R)**



### Pumpkin Painting

Decorate mini pumpkins using paint and other materials for a scary good time.

**6:30-7:30pm Thurs., Oct. 26 (R)**

### ACT Practice Test

Take a go at the ACT at this practice exam, and get your results before you leave! Plus, you'll get the inside scoop on the library's resources to help you do your very best on the test. Does not include the writing portion of the exam. Don't forget to bring your graphing calculator and a sharp pencil. For High School students only.

**12:30-4:30pm Sun., Nov. 5, grades 9-12 (R)**



# Let's Meet Anna and Jillian, Your Early Literacy Librarians



*Pictured: Jillian (left) Anna (right) pose in front of decor they designed for the Children's Summer Reading Program.*

## **About Anna**

I grew up in Kalamazoo, Michigan. I got my MSLIS at the University of Illinois ISchool and then started here at Ela in 2018. This October marks my five-year anniversary. I am an early literacy librarian and Ela's preschool teacher liaison so most of my job duties include programming and collection development for children under five as well as working with local preschool teachers. I work on a lot of outreach projects like the Storywalk, Storytime in the Park, and participating in events like the Lake Zurich Farmers Market in the summer and Miracle on Main Street in the winter. I also love to be creative in the library! I am responsible for preschool and kiddie crafternoons and Jillian and I are in charge of the library's summer and winter reading challenge decorations. This summer, we made giant Rubik's Cubes and multicolored beaded curtains when we decorated the department like the 1970s for our Peace Love Library theme. In the past, we have papier-mached giant ice cream cones, hung 300 buttons from the ceiling, and created a treehouse and the tree it lived in out of paper.

## **Meet Jillian**

I grew up right here in Lake Zurich and went to St. Francis and graduated from Carmel High School. I live in Crystal Lake with my three kids, husband, two dogs and a cat! I got my MSLIS from University of Illinois, and I've been working at Ela Library for five years, too, as an Early Literacy Librarian specializing in programming and collections for ages 0-5. Like Anna, some job responsibilities include storytime, squishy lab, storywalk, community outreach via storytimes in the park, Farmers Markets and Miracle on Main Street. I also help with the Storytime-to-Go kits and collection development for the department. Anna and I are in charge of library reading program decorations. Our department loves coming up with fun themes to really keep the kids engaged in the program.

## ***There are so many talented authors. Do you have a favorite or a reading recommendation?***

**Anna says:** One of my very favorite authors is Grace Lin (see author events, page 5). Her picture books like *A Big Mooncake for Little Star* and the *Ugly Vegetables* make great read alouds, and her chapter books like *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* are beautifully written and super fun, especially if you love books about dragons!

**Jillian says:** My current favorite recommendation for families are the Josh Funk books about fairy tales. The titles all start with, "It's Not..." followed by a fairy tale name, for example - *It's Not Little Red Riding Hood*. They are hilarious and my kids love it when I bring one home to read aloud as a family.

## ***Do you have any tips for motivating a reluctant reader?***

**Jillian:** Don't be afraid to stop reading something that you're just not getting into. There are no rules that say you have to finish a book that you start. If you're bored reading it, it won't get better. Return it and try something new! Once you find a book that keeps you entertained, you'll really start to love reading!

## ***What do you love most about being a cheerleader and champion for books?***

**Anna:** I love watching a kid discover a new favorite book! One of my very favorite things in the world is giving a kid a book in a new series or genre and then seeing them come back for more a few days later. I am always excited to hear their opinion about what they are reading!

## ***Just for Fun...If you could only have one food with you on a desert island what would it be?***

**Anna:** Cinnamon rolls with cream cheese frosting

**Jillian:** Goldfish crackers

# 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 are attending programs.*

*September registration begins Sep. 1 at 9am.*

*October registration begins Oct. 1 at noon.*

*November registration begins Nov. 1 at 9am.*

## Dragons Love Tacos Party

Drop in for boatloads of crafts, activities and games themed around the book series, Dragons Love Tacos by Adam Rubin. No spicy salsa allowed!

**4-5pm Tues., Sep. 5, ages 3-7 with an adult (NR)**

## Quest: Kids RPG Club

Are you ready to tell your own stories, create fun characters and explore fantastical situations with friends? Join our role-playing game club and embark on exciting adventures—while boosting creativity, social skills and critical thinking. No prior experience is required and everything you'll need to play will be provided by the library. Sign up once to attend all three adventures in a session. You may only register for one fall session.

**Early Fall Session: 3:30-5:30pm Mondays, Sep. 11, 18, 25, unaccompanied kids in grades 3-5 (R)**

**Late Fall Session: 3:30-5:30pm Wednesdays, Oct. 18, 25; Nov. 1, unaccompanied kids in grades 3-5 (R)**

## Library Card Sign Up Month Celebration Churros Y Chocolate Food Truck (In Person)

Receive a FREE churro with your library card, while supplies last.

**3:30-5:30pm Thurs., Sep. 21**

## Lego Club

If you enjoy building with Lego bricks, this program is for you! Try one of our challenges or just create using our pieces and your own imagination.

**4-5pm Thurs., Sep. 28, unaccompanied kids in grades 1-3 (NR)**

**4-5pm Wed., Nov. 29, unaccompanied kids in grades 1-3 (NR)**

## Family Lotería

Calling all Bingo fans! In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, we'll be playing Lotería, a game similar to Bingo that features Spanish vocabulary and vibrant cards. Prizes for some, fun for all—no matter what language you speak! Games are ongoing, just drop in.

**1-3pm Mon., Oct. 9, grades K-5 with an adult (NR)**



## Halloween Sugar Cookie Class (Zoom)

Join us for a virtual baking class with The Kids' Table and learn how to make and decorate your own Halloween-themed sugar cookies, from start to finish. Registrants will receive a list of ingredients one week prior to the program to make sure you have everything you'll need! The Zoom link will be sent to your email the day of the program.

**4pm Wed., Oct. 25, for grades 2-4 with an adult (R)**

## Monster Bash

Get those costumes ready for a morning of Halloween fun featuring music, games, crafts and snacks! We'll wrap up the party with a costume parade through the library.

**10:30am Mon., Oct. 30, ages 2-5 with an adult (R)**

## Parachute Playtime

The sky's the limit with silly songs and games during this active playtime featuring colors, and of course, the parachute! Adult participation is required.

**9:30am Mon., Nov. 6, ages 2-4 with an adult (R)**

## Goofy Golf

Looking for a fun way to spend your afternoon off school? Reserve a time slot for your family and test your skills at our one-of-a-kind indoor mini golf course!

**2-4pm Mondays, Nov. 6 or 20, grades K-5 with an adult (R)**

## Animals Around the World

Did you know that bats live all over the world? Learn more about bats and other animals from around the globe with local animal experts Dan and Sharon Peterson.

You may even get to meet their featured animals!

**5pm or 6:15pm Wed., Nov. 15, ages 3-12 with an adult (R)**

## Spotlight on Nepal

Are you interested in experiencing different cultures? Join us as we travel to Nepal to learn about the language, dance, food and traditions of this beautiful country through pictures, stories, demonstrations and a craft.

**11am Sat., Nov. 18, recommended for ages 4-12 with an adult (NR)**



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*November registration begins Nov. 1 at 9am.*



## Arts & Crafts

### Terrific Totes

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

**4pm Thurs., Sep. 7, grades K-2 with an adult (R)**

### Youth Watercolor Club (Zoom)

Artist Victoria Elizabeth will lead these online, step-by-step watercolor classes. At each session you will create an original painting, learning new techniques as you go. Pick up your supply kit at the Children's Desk beginning September 1. You will use the same kit in future workshops. The Zoom link will be sent to your email the day of the program.

**4pm Mon., Sep. 11 – turtle, ages 8 and up (R)**

**4pm Mon., Nov. 13 – elephant, ages 8 and up (R)**

### Tween Crafternoon

We provide the supplies, you create the masterpiece!

**Unaccompanied kids in grades 3-5 (R)**

**4pm Wed., Sep. 20 – abstract geometric canvas**

**4pm Thurs., Nov. 9 – string art**



### Seed Mosaics

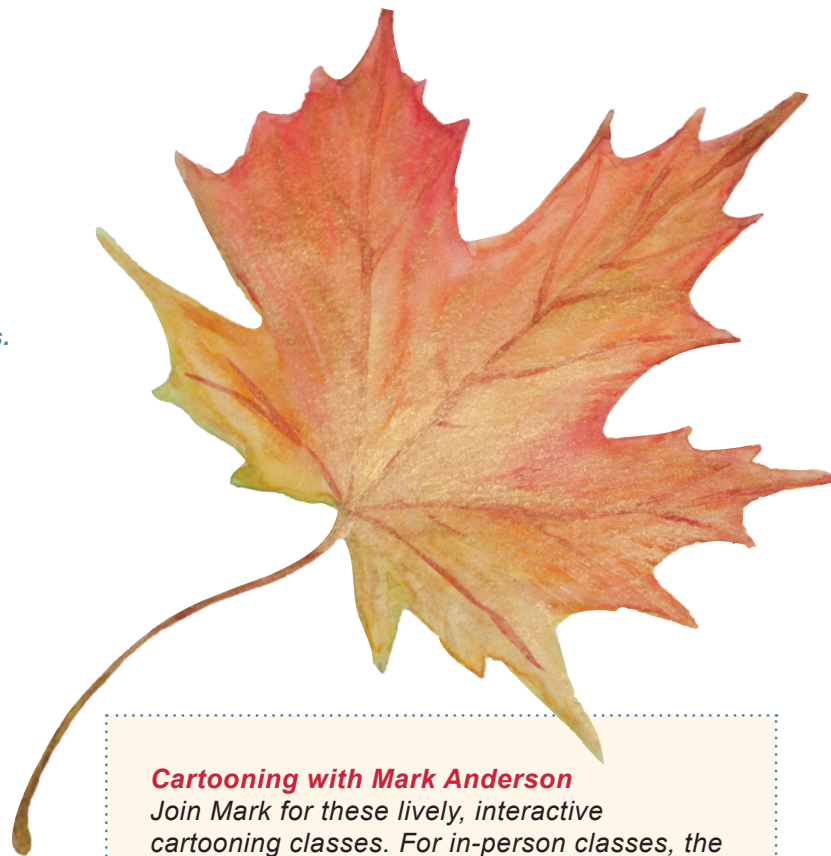
Use seeds, beans and lentils to design beautiful mosaics!

**4pm Tues., Oct. 24, unaccompanied kids in grades K-2 (R)**

### Pasta Monograms

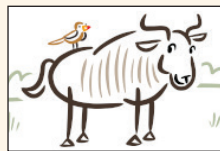
Create a unique, textured monogram decoration for your room using pasta and paint!

**4pm Tues., Nov. 21, unaccompanied kids in grades K-2 (R)**



### Cartooning with Mark Anderson

Join Mark for these lively, interactive cartooning classes. For in-person classes, the library will provide your supplies. For Zoom classes, all you need at home are paper and a pencil. The Zoom link will be sent to your email the morning of the program.



### Untamed Teamwork

Talk about terrific togetherness! We will draw and learn about pistol shrimp and gobies, woolly bats and pitcher plants, wildebeest and oxpeckers, and librarians and cartoonists! (OK, maybe not that last one.) Come see why it's just natural to work together!

**4pm Tues., Sep. 19, unaccompanied kids in grades K-5 (R)**

### Monster Maker (Zoom)

Assemble your own hilariously horrible cartoon monsters. Kids will begin by drawing just one part of a monster, and then finalize their fiend with whatever fearsome and far-out fragments they can foment!

**7pm Mon., Oct. 16, grades K-5 (R)**

### Legend of Adlez

Hear ye! We are going on a mythic cartooning quest! We'll travel o'er hill and dale! We'll cavort and caper with all manner of various whatnot! And this is definitely not a cheap rip-off where we take the name of a popular game and just spell one of the words backwards. Doth you dare draw?

**4pm Tues., Nov. 14, unaccompanied kids in grades K-5 (R)**



### Early Fall Storytime Session

Register once for your child's age group to save your spot for all four weeks of stories, songs, fingerplays and more!

**Baby Storytime – ages 0-18 months with an adult**  
9:15 or 11:15am Fridays, Sep. 8, 15, 22, 29 (R)

**Toddler Storytime – ages 18-36 months with an adult**  
9:15 or 10:15am Mondays, Sep. 11, 18, 25; Oct. 2 (R)

**Preschool Storytime – ages 3-5 years with an adult**  
9:15am Thursdays, Sep. 7, 14, 21, 28 (R)

### Late Fall Storytime Session

Register once for your child's age group to save your spot for all five weeks of stories, songs, fingerplays and more! No classes November 20-24.

**Baby Storytime – ages 0-18 months with an adult**  
9:15 or 11:15am Fridays, Nov. 10, 17; Dec. 1, 8, 15 (R)

**Toddler Storytime – ages 18-36 months with an adult**  
9:15 or 10:15am Mondays, Nov. 13, 27; Dec. 4, 11, 18 (R)

**Preschool Storytime – ages 3-5 years with an adult**  
9:15am Thursdays, Nov. 9, 16, 30; Dec. 7, 14 (R)

### Drop-In Storytimes

All are welcome to join us for a cool and casual storytime experience.

1:15pm Thursdays, Sep. 7, 14, 21, 28; Nov. 9, 16, 30; Dec. 7, all ages with an adult (NR)

### Pajama Family Storytime

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

6:30pm Tuesdays, Sep. 12 and Nov. 28, recommended for ages 2-6 with an adult (NR)

### Bilingual Storytime

Join us for a bilingual English/Spanish storytime featuring stories, songs and crafts!

10am Tuesdays, Sep. 19 and Nov. 14, recommended for ages 2-5 with an adult (NR)

### ¡hora del cuento bilingüe!

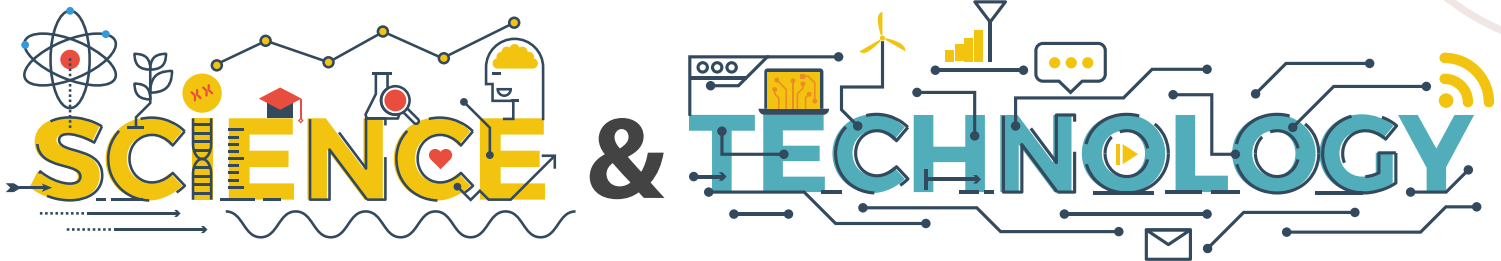
¡Únase a nosotros para una hora de cuentos bilingüe en inglés y español que incluirá cuentos, canciones y manualidades! Recomendado para niños de 2-5 años con un adulto. No es necesario registrarse.

los martes 19 de septiembre y 14 de noviembre a las 10 de la mañana

### Storytime in the Park

Venture out to Paulus Park (weather permitting) and join the librarians for a fresh air storytime! We will share fall stories, songs, rhymes and a painting craft. Dress for a mess.

10am Thurs., Oct. 12, ages 0-5 with an adult (NR)



### Learn to Code with Ozaria

Master the lost 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. Registration is ongoing; get started anytime at [eapl.org/coding](http://eapl.org/coding) (R)

### Roblox Gaming Club (Zoom)

Join a community of Roblox enthusiasts to collaborate and play mini-games in a friendly, moderated environment! All clubs meet for 90 minutes and require an Internet-connected device (computer, tablet, etc.) that can run Zoom and Roblox. The Zoom link will be sent to your email the day of the program. Sign up for one, some or all of the dates!

5:30pm Tuesdays, Sep. 5, 12, 19, 26; Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24; Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28, grades 3-5 (R)

### Squishy Lab

Get your hands dirty with all things squishy! We will supply the ingredients and recipe to make a mess of fun during this hands-on workshop. Dress for a mess.

Ages 3 and up with an adult (R)

4pm Wed., Sep. 13 or 4pm Thurs., Sep. 14 – apple dough (contains wheat flour/gluten)

4pm Mon., Oct. 2 or 11am Sat., Oct. 7 – witches' brew slime

11am Sat., Nov. 11 or 4pm Thurs., Nov. 16 – pumpkin pie dough (contains wheat flour/gluten)

### Family STEAM Night

Drop in for an evening full of fun STEAM challenges to work on together! We'll have all the materials ready for you to build, tinker, create, experiment and play.

4-7pm Tues., Sep. 26, grades 1-5 with an adult (NR)

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## Art Gallery and Display

The Library has a dimensional art display in addition to the art gallery. Works of emerging and established local artists are displayed. For information about the art featured, visit the Reference Desk.

### Art gallery (second floor)

September	Cheryl Cook	Various Mediums
October	Victoria Relarenos	Watercolor
November	Peggy Garvin	Mixed Media, Acrylic, Acrylic/Oil

## Say Hello! Meet Newly-Elected Library Board Trustee Tracy Suykerbuyk



**Tracy Suykerbuyk** loves to give back to the community by serving as a volunteer for the Cricket Theatre and the school district's PTO. She is an avid photographer and a voracious reader. "When we moved to Lake Zurich 17 years ago my husband asked me what I was most excited about. I immediately answered, 'the library!' I use the library daily, listening to and reading books through the Libby app and attending programs in person and online. I am very honored to be a trustee."

## Accolades from the State of Illinois



In recognition of Ela Area Public Library's 50th Anniversary, Rep. Nabeela Syed along with the 103rd General Assembly House of Representatives presented the Ela Area Public Library with a certificate "In Recognition of 50 Years of Devoted Service to Our Community."

The award was presented to EAPL's Executive Director Lauren Rosenthal during the Library's anniversary celebration on June 27.

*Photo Caption: Pictured from left to right: Alicia Timm, Pooja Rai, EAPL Executive Director Lauren Rosenthal, Megan Yerger, Mary Silcoft, Kathy Caudill, Cathy McCauley, Tracy Suykerbuyk, Crystal Steker and Eric Corzine.*



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Board meetings are open to the public and are held in person. They begin at 6pm on the third Tuesday of the month: Sep. 19, Oct. 17 and Nov. 14.

### Library Hours

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

### Currently Scheduled Library Closings

Mon., Sep. 4	Labor Day
Fri., Oct. 13	Staff Training
Wed., Nov. 23	Close at 5pm
Thurs., Nov. 24	Thanksgiving

### Phone

(847) 438-3433

### 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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