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ela area public library's newsletter

June – August 2024



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From the Director's Desk, Erica Christianson

Summer is one of my favorite seasons of exploration – whether it is discovering a great beach read or visiting area attractions. And, I'm using my library card to save money on both.

Your Ela Area Public Library District card gives you access to Museum Adventure Pass and Explore More Illinois. Each unique program offers special discounts at participating area cultural destinations. To see what's available and learn more, visit: www.eapl.org/books-more/museum-passes

I always set a special reading goal for the summer, and this year my goal is to participate in the Library's annual 12 to Try Challenge for adults. Participants are challenged to explore different genres and topics. You can enjoy a book of your choice or try something from the selected reading lists curated by our librarians. Follow this link for more information: www.eapl.org/events/reading-challenges

Explore more about summer reading and find out about our annual summer library programs for kids and teens on pages 11 and 12.

No matter where your explorations take you this summer, I hope that your Ela Library will be part of your adventures.

NEW! Social Worker in the Library

This summer, we have a new resource available through a partnership with Ela Township. Once a month, beginning in June, a social worker will be available for drop-in assistance. Stop by to chat, or find wellness, medical, or emergency resources for a family member or yourself.

3-5pm Mondays, June 10, July 8, August 12, Registration is Not Required



Notary Update

The Library offers free Notary Public services at the Reference Desk on the second floor. Appointments can be requested online or by calling the Reference Desk at (847) 438-3433 x502. To make an online reservation, visit www.eapl.org/services/notary.



Where Can I Register to Vote?

Registration is open all year throughout the county except during the 27 days preceding an election. For online, mail in and in person voter registration, visit www.eapl.org/services/voter-registration.



Community Expo Booth Award!

If you stopped by the Library's booth at the LZACC's Community Expo on March 9, you'll understand why we received the Best Giveaway award. Thank you for the recognition Lake Zurich Area Chamber of Commerce.

*Pictured: (from left to right)
LZACC Executive Director Claire Slattery, EAPL's Executive Director Erica Christianson,
LZACC Member Marty Jalove*

SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Remembered

We asked our staff to share their favorite memories of library programs.



Do you have a favorite memory? Share it with us.



In 2011, kids who finished the summer reading program received a special prize of a cute beach towel with the Deep Blue Read artwork on it. The community was crazy about them, and we had to keep placing additional orders for more and more towels. I recently ran into a patron who told me that her son still has his towel and took it to college with him! We brought back the towel (with new artwork) as a prize in 2020. [Katie L.](#)

Summer reading at the Library was always one of my favorite activities growing up. Since my mom is a teacher, she would take my sister, Chloe, and I to the library almost every day during summer vacation! This picture is from an outdoor scavenger hunt program in 2006 where we search for items all around the outside of the building with binoculars. Chloe was so tired that she kept holding the binoculars backwards, and it cracked me up how she wasn't spotting anything. A few years later, the summer reading theme was baseball, and the prize was a little Ela Library backpack. I would run all around the backyard with my wizarding items inside, from magical books to my wand to a cloak to change into. That backpack is a prized childhood possession, and I still have it today! [Claire E.](#)



In 2003, the theme was Lights, Camera, Read! We built giant decorations of Hollywood hills and gold pillars with huge filmstrips wrapped around them. On the first day of the summer reading program, we rented a popcorn machine so visitors could enjoy movie-theater popcorn. Staff spent the entire day cleaning bits of popcorn off the floor with an old-fashioned carpet sweeper. This was also back when Lake Zurich had an annual Alpine Fest Parade. Library staff marched with giant cardboard cutouts of movie stars. My kids decorated their bikes with gold star garland, wore cool sunglasses, and rode in the parade with us. [Rachel D.](#)

adult programs

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

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



Green Your Routine: Annual Shred and Recycling Event Cosponsored with Ela Township

Shredding is limited to three boxes per household. Please NO businesses. A list of acceptable electronics is available on the Library's website.

NEW THIS YEAR –

Riddick's Ride will be on hand to collect the following:

Clothing of all sizes; coats, shoes, scarves, handbags, wallets, fashion accessories, ties, belts, backpacks. Household textiles including bedding, comforters, blankets, sheets, towels, linen, tableclothes, curtains, and pillows. No knick-knacks or kitchen gadgets. Items can be in any condition (reusable or textile). Please make sure these items are dropped off in white or black garbage bags.

8:30-11:30am Sat., Jun. 1 with a non-perishable food donation

Senior Scrabble Club

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-12:30pm Mondays, Jun. 3, Jul. 1, Aug. 5 (R)

Cicadas: A Periodic Phenomenon (Zoom)

This summer, three periodical cicada broods emerge in Illinois! Join us to learn more about these interesting insects. Horticulture Educator Jamie Viebach will share this winged creature's history, lifecycles, and what effect they will have on plants and our lives. For those interested, a cicada recipe will be included!

7pm Mon., Jun. 3 (R)

Alzheimer's Support Group

This monthly drop-in event provides information and support to those in a caregiving role. For further information, please contact Lisa Gaggiano at Ela Township 55+ (847) 438-9160.

7-8pm Tuesdays, Jun. 4, Jul. 2, Aug. 6 (NR)

SUMMER KICK OFF: Joey's Gelato & Italian Ice Truck

Let's celebrate the season and summer reading with FREE gelato and Italian ice from Joey's. Present your library card for a treat. One cup/cone, per library card, per person, while supplies last.

4-6pm Wed., Jun. 5

Engineering Feats of the Columbian Exposition (Zoom)

The World's Fair of 1893 was an amazing event on many levels. Engineering marvels made the event possible, from dredging with large floating barns to bringing water from Wisconsin. Also, one of these feats included the design and building of the Ferris Wheel. Learn lots of fun facts and see great photos from this important time in Chicago's history.

7pm Wed., Jun. 5 (R)

Blood Drives

Donate the gift of blood. Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins are welcome. Receive a FREE Culver's Custard coupon (Lake Zurich location) with your donation.

12-5pm Thursdays, Jun. 6, Jul. 25, Aug. 22 (R)

Chair Yoga and Meditation (Zoom)

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

6-7pm Thursdays, Jun. 6, Aug. 1 (R)

Intro to the Ukulele

Learn to play the ukulele during this four-session series. You MUST attend ALL classes, no exceptions. Please bring your own ukulele. You will learn your first 4 chords and some of the many songs you can play using them! Some of your favorites are sure to be included. Ukulele is one of the easiest stringed instruments to learn and can offer a lifetime of music. Ages 18 and older. Space is limited. Register for only one session. Ela cardholders only.

Session 1: 5-6pm, Thurs., Jun. 6, 13, 20; Tues., Jul. 2

Session 2: 6:15-7:15pm, Thurs., Jun. 6, 13, 20; Tues., Jul. 2



Social Worker in the Library

See page 2 for details.

3-5pm Mon., Jun. 10, Jul. 8, Aug. 12 (NR)

The Dogs of Chernobyl: A Story of Hope & Resilience (Zoom)

Stephen Quandt shares his personal story about the dogs who descended from the pets left behind after the nuclear accident of 1986. See rare videos and photos taken by Quandt during the spay/neuter and research campaign that he worked on. It is a story of resilience, hope, life and even heroism.

7pm Mon., Jun. 10 (R)



12 or TRY Annual Reading Program

Allow us to treat you to 12 different genres and topics to stretch your reading horizons in 2024. 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 2024 (R) Prize pickup will run through Fri., Jan. 5, 2025

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Registration is required with a valid email address.

Senior Book Discussion (Zoom and In Person)

10-11am Mondays (R)

Jun. 10 *Maybe You Should Talk to Someone*
by Lori Gottlieb

Jul. 8 *Remarkably Bright Creatures*
by Sharon Van Pelt

Aug. 12 *Lost Roses* by Martha Hall Kelly

Books & Brews (In Person)

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

7-8:30pm Tuesdays (R)

Jun. 11 *The Familiar* by Leigh Bardugo

Aug. 13 *The Ministry of Time* by Kalliane Bradley

Tea & True Love

Steamy beverages and steamy romance novels! Join us in person in Meeting Room A.

6-7pm Tuesday (R)

Jun. 25 *Learned by Heart* by Emma Donoghue

Aug. 20 *Pride and Preston Lin*
by Christina Hwang Dudley

Nonfiction Book Club

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

7-8:30pm Thursday

Jul. 25 *Historic Chicago Bakeries* by Jennifer Billock

BUSINESS

Dealing With Stress with Beth Sousa

Join licensed social worker Beth Sousa to learn about the effects of stress, what burnout is, and how to practice relaxation techniques.

7pm Wed., Jun. 19 (R)

Motivation Meetup

Achieving your goals can be difficult, especially when life is hectic. Join other goal-oriented folks as we discuss the tips, tricks, books and ideas that inspire us in an environment dedicated to positivity and support.

7pm Wed., Jun. 26, Jul. 24, Aug. 21 (R)

Executive Resumes and Job Search (Zoom)

Job searching at the executive level differs from searching at earlier stages of your career. We will discuss how to uncover opportunities beyond official job postings, successfully work with recruiters and executive search firms, and how to stand out as the candidate of choice. Special topics include career changes, return to work, consulting, and more.

7pm Wed., Aug. 28 (R)

GENEALOGY & LOCAL HISTORY



Kickstart Your German Research

A large percentage of people in the United States can claim German ancestry. This lecture offers historical background, naming patterns, and guidelines for German family history research. This talk will get you started on the road to success.

1pm Wed., Jul. 17 (R)



Genealogy Basics with Gale Courses

Take a six-week genealogy course online with Gale Courses. The Genealogy Basics class will help you understand the genealogy research process and how to interpret the information you find. Scan the QR code to learn more.



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



Cozy Gamer Meetup

Chill out with fellow gamers for a night of game discussions and relaxation! Share your gaming experiences, recommendations, and strategies while enjoying a cozy atmosphere and good vibes.

6:30-8pm Thurs., Aug. 22 (R)

AUTHOR EVENTS



Dr. Temple Grandin: The Hidden Gifts of Visual Thinkers (Zoom)

Join us for a special event with Dr. Grandin, one of the world's most accomplished and well-known adults with autism. Dr.

Grandin has been at the forefront of research and activism for autism and neurodiversity for decades. Her memoir, *Emergence: Labeled Autistic*, was published in 1986, and she has continued to write about autism and neurodivergence over the decades. Her most recent book is *Visual Thinking: The Hidden Gifts of People Who Think in Pictures, Patterns, and Abstractions*.

7pm Tues., Jun. 4 (R) Rescheduled from April 3.



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Puzzle Race

We are looking for 10 teams of 2-5 players who will compete to build the same 500-piece puzzle. When you sign up, please only register your team captain. Team captains are responsible for forming the team. Team Captains – do not register if you don't have a team of at least 2-5 players. Prizes are awarded to the top finishers. The Library will supply the puzzle. Teams are welcome to bring any additional tools that will be helpful (lights for the table, magnifiers ...etc.). Families welcome.

6-8pm Wed., Jun. 12 (R)

Warm Up Lake Zurich

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 skill levels. Meet in Forge.

4pm Thursdays, Jun. 13, Jul. 11, Aug. 8 (R)

Ela Library Quilt Talks

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

6:30pm Thursdays, Jun. 13, Jul. 11, Aug. 8 (R)

Managing Money: A Caregiver's Guide to Finances

This free program by the Alzheimer's Association will help you learn about the costs of caregiving and the benefits of early planning. Presenter Daniel Briscoe will teach you how to avoid financial abuse and fraud, start a conversation about finances, assess financial and legal needs, and find support.

6pm Thurs., Jun. 13 (R)

The Buzz About Honeybees

Discover the allure of honeybees and why they're essential to our ecosystems with Tom Allen and Ralph Brindise from the Northern Illinois Beekeepers Association.

7pm Mon., Jun. 17 (R)

Memory Café

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

10-11:30am Tuesdays, Jun. 18, Jul. 16, Aug. 20 (R)

Foods for the Fourth

Chef Susan Maddox returns with recipes that'll make sparks fly this Fourth of July. During this presentation, she'll share some great sauces, salads and sides to get your patriotic on! Space is limited.

7pm Mon., Jun. 24 (R)

Southern Illinois Travel: Road Tripping in the Land of Lincoln

Illinois traveler John Kokoris will share secrets to a successful visit to the Shawnee National Forest, including landmarks, hikes off the beaten trail, lodging and food. He'll also talk about the region's fascinating history.

7pm Mon., Jul. 1 (R)

Chicago Lighthouse Low Vision Products Road Show

The Chicago Lighthouse is a world-renowned social service organization serving the blind, visually impaired, disabled and Veteran communities since 1906.

Experience cutting-edge products for your everyday needs at a convenient location near you. Sponsored by The Lions Club of Illinois, the Road Show utilizes EAPL's Assistive Technology team who will demonstrate, explain, and help you explore a variety of products available to help with school, work and daily life.

10am-2:30pm Thurs., Jul. 18 (NR)

Senior Coloring Club

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.

10-11am Wed., Jul. 24 (R)



Sushi Making Made Easy

Learn how to make these delicious rolls from scratch as well as all the tips and tricks to make them look as beautiful as they taste. Don't miss this fun and flavorful experience. For

beginners. Space is limited. Ela cardholders only. Registration opens July 1.

7pm Wed., Jul. 24 (R)



Summer Concert Series

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



Cielito Lindo

As seen on Nickelodeon's America's Most Musical Family, WGN, Univision, and Chicago Tonight, Cielito Lindo is a modern Latino mariachi formed by the Lucero family of nine. The children range in age from 7 to 18 and have performed for numerous large events including Bulls games, galas, festivals, and various television programs. With a fresh look and youthful energy, the family performs the traditional music of Mexico and is passionate about sharing their music and culture.

7pm Wed., Jul. 10 (NR)



Soda

Soda. A pop band that plays all your favorite current and classic hits including summer favorites from the likes of Jimmy Buffett and Chicago! Featuring wonderful harmonies and the world's smallest horn section.

5:30pm Wed., Aug. 28 (NR)



Chicago Cossacks: An Evening in Eastern Europe

Chicago Cossacks present a program of Ukrainian songs, dances and tunes. Narration includes translation of lyrics and overview of Ukrainian culture. The Ukrainian and international folk music and dance ensemble was created in 1993 and since then has been entertaining people of the Greater Chicago area and beyond.

6pm Wed., Sep. 4 (Held Indoors, Meeting Rooms A&B) (Registration Required and Begins Aug. 1)

Summer Vibes Watercolor Painting (Zoom)

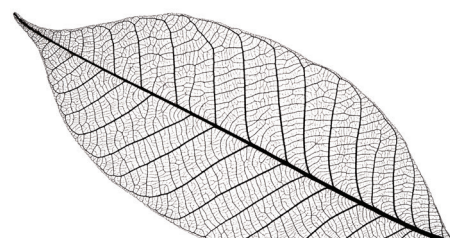
Artist Victoria Elizabeth returns to teach you step-by-step how to paint a summer-vibes piece. All supplies provided. Ela cardholders only, 18 and older. Pick up supplies beginning July 11 at the Information Desk. Registration opens July 1.

7pm Mon., Jul. 29 (R)

Forest Bathing

Learn to embrace the healing power of nature, how it calms and energizes us, holds us through hard times and rejuvenates our souls with the Japanese practice of "shinrin-yoku." Held at Lakewood Forest Preserve (Wauconda). Meet in the parking lot of the Lakewood Winter Sports Area (off of Fairfield Road). Be prepared to walk approximately one mile. Space is limited. Ela cardholders only. Weather permitting.

5-6:30pm Thurs., Aug. 1 (R)



Decoding the Mysteries of Cats (Zoom)

In this presentation, we embark on a journey to unravel the secrets behind common cat mysteries, providing insights that will deepen your understanding of your furry companion. Presented by Feline Behaviorist Stephen Quandt.

7pm Thurs., Sep. 5 (R)





New and Improved MEDIA LABS

The Ela Area Public Library is excited to announce our upgraded Media Labs! Located on the second floor in the Reference Department, our Media Labs have been redesigned to be more efficient and easier for you to use.

What's New?

- Brand-new PC computers
- A fast photo scanner
- A drawing tablet for easy sketching
- Converters for digital video and vinyl records

Updated software includes:

- The latest version of Adobe Suite
- Audacity audio recorder and editor
- Roxio creator for CD and DVD burning
- EZ vinyl converter

In addition, the Library offers these popular features:

- VHS to DVD conversion
- Cassette to MP3 conversion
- Slide and negative scanning
- Photo editing options



Experience the enhanced media creation and conversion tools at our Media Labs. Please stop by the second floor or call the Reference Department for more details.

computer programs

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

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

- *Registration begins Jun. 1 (unless noted).*
- *All classes are located in the Computer Lab unless otherwise noted.*

OFFICE/GOOGLE APPLICATIONS



For more advanced Microsoft Office classes, we recommend using LinkedIn Learning, which you can access with your Library card. Scan the QR code for more information. Below is a list of suggested classes:

Word Essential Training (Microsoft 365)
PowerPoint Essential Training (Microsoft 365)
Master Microsoft Excel (learning path)
Google Drive Essential Training
Google Workspace Hacks: Unlocking Digital Productivity

Word Basics

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

10am-12pm Tues., Jun. 11 (R)

Excel Basics

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

10am-12pm Thurs., Jun. 20 (R)

Google Docs

Learn the basics of Google Docs in this introductory class. Discover how to create, edit and collaborate on documents efficiently.

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

Google Sheets

In this introductory class, learn to create, format, and analyze data in spreadsheets for enhanced productivity and collaboration.

10-11:30am Tues., Jul. 16 (R)

ADVANCED TOPICS

Scan Your Photos – Fast! (Zoom)

Learn how to scan photos quickly, organize scanned photos and make basic edits with the Library's new Epson FastFoto scanner.

10-11:30am Thurs., Jun. 6 (R)

Plan Your Vacation Online

Mike Gershbein from Very Smart People shows you the best ways to enable your computer to help you see the world! Held in Meeting Room A.

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



Canva Basics

In this class, you will learn the basic design functions and leave knowing how to design a social media graphic, invitation and tote bag.

10-11:30am Tues., Jun. 25 (R)

Cut the Cable Cord

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. Taught by Mike Gershbein of Very Smart People. Held in Meeting Room A.

2-3:30pm Tues., Jul. 9 (R)

Build a Website

Mike Gershbein from Very Smart People teaches how to prepare and launch a website using an easy-to-use publishing platform like Weebly or Squarespace. Held in Meeting Room A.

6-7:30pm Thurs., Jul. 18 (R)

Office Hours with Amy

Do you have technology questions that aren't covered in any EAPL classes? Bring questions about Microsoft Office Products (Word, Excel & PowerPoint), Google Drive (including Google Docs, Sheets & Slides) or Canva, and Amy will answer them. Stop by anytime during office hours. Registration is for reminder purposes and to get a gauge for attendance.

10am-12pm Tues., Jul. 23 (R)

Convert Records and Cassettes to Digital (Zoom)

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

10-11:30am Tues., Aug. 6 (R)

forge **programs**

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

- **Registration begins Jun. 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.**



Forge 1-1 Appointments

Unlock your creativity with Forge 1-1 Appointments! Spend time with our knowledgeable staff learning how to use our services.

CELEBRATE PRIDE MONTH

LGBTQ+ Sticky Note Holder

Paint your own sticky note holder.

6pm Thurs., Jun. 13, ages 14+ (R)

PRIDE Bracelet Weaving

Learn how to weave your own rainbow bracelet.

6pm Thurs., Jun. 20, ages 14+(R)



Drop In-DIY Pocket Hug

Stop by to make a pocket hug that will be donated to the LGBTQ+ Center of Lake County.

1-3pm Sat., Jun. 22, ages 6+ (NR)



Be Kind Sign

Learn about revolutionary gay artists and create a colorful sign.

6pm Wed., Jun. 26, ages 14+(R)

Take Home Crafty A Kits



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



Rainbow Wall Hanging

Make your own Rainbow out of yarn & macrame cord in this month's craft.

Pick up: 9am Mon., Jun. 3 (NR)



Pinwheel Hairpin

Make your own pinwheel hairpin in this month's craft.

Pick up: 9am Mon., Jul. 1 (NR)



Coffee Filter Flowers

Design your own bouquet of flowers in this month's craft kit. Supplies for two flowers included.

Pick up: 9am Mon., Aug. 5 (NR)



Painting Freedom

Watch an inspiring documentary about Juneteenth while painting alongside fellow participants. Celebrate freedom and creativity in this unique event.

6-8pm Wed., Jun. 19, ages 14+ (R)

Cactus Rock

Create your own cactus masterpiece! Join our Cactus Rock Painting program, where you'll paint rocks to resemble charming cacti, then plant them in a planter.

5pm Mon., Jul. 8, grades 3-6

Costura para Principiantes

Descubre los fundamentos del uso de la máquina de coser de la biblioteca y crea tu propio pequeño proyecto para llevártelo a casa. Esta clase se enseñará en español.

6-8pm mié., 10 de julio, mayores de 14 años (R)

Sewing Basics

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

6-8pm Mondays, Jul. 15 or Aug. 19, ages 14+ (R)

Paint and Pot

Join us for a creative session where Wauconda's very own small business Mis Plantitas helps you paint a pot and plant a small indoor plant. All supplies provided.

6-8pm Wed., Jul. 17, ages 18+ (R)

Q/A: Forge Makerspace Services

Discover an array of equipment, kits and beyond! Whether you're seeking answers or eager to share ideas, we've set aside time for discussions and brainstorming following the presentation. Join us and delve into the wealth of offering within Ela's makerspace.

6pm Mon., Jul. 22, ages 18+ (R)

K-Pop Craft Night

Calling all K-pop fans! Join us for a fun-filled program where you can craft and mingle with fellow stans in an exciting and creative atmosphere!

6pm Tues., Jul. 23, ages 14+ (R)

DIY Stain Glass Rose

Learn to make a beautiful faux stain glass rose. Perfect decoration for the home or to give as a gift!

6pm Tues., Jul. 30, ages 18+ (R)

STEM PROGRAMS



Teen STEM

Explore, tinker, and create with us. Dive into hands-on projects, learning STEM concepts and exploring awesome creations using KiwiCo Education.

5pm Thurs., Jul. 18, grades 6-12 (R)

STEM for Grown Ups

Create an incredible item using engineering and other STEM concepts to discover the joy of lifelong STEM exploration with KiwiCo. Education.

2pm Sat., Aug. 3, ages 18+ (R)

teen **programs**

Registration begins Jun. 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.



Teen Summer Reading

Read to Imagine,
Renew Your Creativity,
Repeat the Magic
this Summer at Ela.



**elalibrary.beanstack.org/reader365
June 1–July 31 (R) Some badges
are time specific.**

Wildlife Silhouettes

Explore the beauty of wildlife through the art of silhouette creation. Use recycled materials, such as old magazines, to create stunning silhouettes of various animals.

2-3:30pm Tues., Jun. 11 (R)

Outdoor Book Club

Escape in the pages of a book with fellow avid readers as we read under the sun. Exchange book recommendations, swap stories, and revel in the pleasure of reading outdoors. In case of inclement weather, we'll read indoors in a cozy environment.

**3-4pm Wed., Jun. 12, Fri., Jun. 28, Wed., Jul. 10,
Fri., Jul. 26 (R)**

Recycled Masterpiece Showdown

Chaos ensues as teens take on the ultimate crafting challenge, navigating through a whirlwind of mystery materials and unexpected twists. With limited time and resources, who will triumph in this epic clash of creativity?

1-3 pm Thurs., Jun. 13 (R)



Flying Fox Conservation Mammals and More Presentation

Get ready to encounter a diverse array of wild animals personally, from sloths to civets to many more wonderful creatures. At this hands-on event, learn about the Flying Fox Conservation Fund's efforts to protect and preserve these incredible species and their habitats.

2-3pm Tues., Jun. 18 (R)

Citizen Science Volunteering

Calling all teen scientists! Get ready to dive into hands-on research with Zooniverse. From classifying galaxies to identifying wildlife, there's something for every teen volunteer to make an impact in the scientific community.

4-6pm Thurs., Jun. 20 (R)

Monday Night Movie Nights

Stop by the Teen Lounge on certain Monday nights and catch a flick!

6pm Mondays, Jun. 24; Jul. 1, 8, 15, 29; Aug. 19, 26 (NR)

Grass Creature Creations

Become an eco-friendly guardian by crafting whimsical creatures with grass hair! Use pantyhose and grass seed to create adorable creatures with stylish grass hair that can be trimmed and shaped into fabulous designs. Add a touch of magic to your green spaces.

4:30-6pm Tues., Jun. 25 (R)

Pottery Embellishment Workshop

Unleash your creativity with clay! Mold and shape air-dry clay to transform ordinary planting pots into unique and stylish masterpieces.

3-4:30pm Wed., Jun. 26 (R)

Fused Plastic Tote Bags

Witness the magic of transformation as you repurpose plastic bags into functional works of art! Through fusing and sewing, we'll breathe new life into discarded materials, creating fashionable tote bags that make a positive impact on the environment.

6-7:30pm Tues., Jul. 9 (R)

Quick Pickles

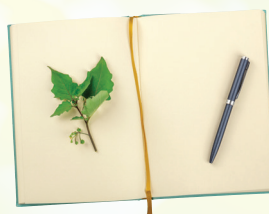
Beat the heat with homemade refrigerator pickles! Master the art of pickling as you create tangy, crunchy snacks perfect for summer munching. Get ready to impress friends and family with your dill-icious pickle-making skills!

5-6:30pm Thurs., Jul. 11 (R)

Sustainable Racers Grand Prix

Race to victory in the ultimate recycled racecar challenge! Design, build and decorate pop bottle cars using recycled materials, then unleash the power of chemical reactions for an eco-friendly race to the finish.

3-4:30pm Tues., Jul. 16 (R)



Nature Journaling

Create and decorate notebooks to take with you on your summer adventures. Through art, writing, and exploration, learn how to observe, document, and reflect on the wonders of the natural world.

6-7:30pm Thurs. Jul. 18 (R)

Teen Conservation Trek: Exploring Oak Woodlands

Embark on a journey through our community's oak woodlands with Ancient Oaks Foundation! Gain firsthand knowledge about conservation efforts and earn volunteer hours while immersing yourself in the wonders of nature and learning how you can make a difference.

1-2:30pm Tues., Jul. 23 (R) (Rain Date: Thurs., Jul. 25)

Bug Hotels

Get creative with recycled materials to create bug retreats for your garden! Learn to craft bug hotels that offer shelter and nesting spaces for beneficial insects, supporting biodiversity and promoting a healthy ecosystem.

2-3:30pm Wed., Jul. 24 (R)

Book Cover Redesign

Join us for an artistic adventure and give your favorite book a fresh new look! Use your creative talents to redesign book covers, adding flair and imaginative interpretations to familiar titles.

3:30-5pm Tues., Jul. 30 (R)

Before School Crea-Tea-vity

Enjoy an evening of relaxation before the hustle of the school year begins. Indulge in a chill atmosphere filled with soothing lo-fi beats, delicious snacks and a variety of relaxing crafts. Come sip some tea, grab a coloring sheet, and immerse yourself in pure, pre-school-year bliss!

6-7pm Thurs., Aug. 1 (R)

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A Carnival of Reading: Summer Library Program

Step right up for summer fun! Visit the Children's Desk at the library to learn how you can earn prizes by completing reading and activity challenges. Thank you to our generous sponsors: Learning Express Toys, Culver's of Lake Zurich, and Bear Family Restaurants' McDonald's on Quentin. Prizes are available beginning June 17.

June 1–July 31, ages 0-12 (R)



Kids Book Match

Want personalized book recommendations from a children's librarian? Fill out a brief form online or at the Children's Desk and we'll email you a list of new favorites!

For independent readers through grade 6. (R)

Summer Olympics Bingo

If you didn't qualify for Paris, you can still compete in the Bingo events at the library! Games are ongoing; drop by for friendly competition and a chance to win awesome prizes.

3-4:30pm Thurs., Jun. 6, ages 5 and up with an adult (NR)

Lego Club

Create your own designs or try one of our challenges; work on your own or as a team. However you like to build, we'll supply the bricks and you supply the imagination!

11am Fri., Jun. 7; 4pm Thurs., Jul. 18, unaccompanied kids ages 6-12 (NR)

Quest: Kids RPG Club

Tell your own stories, create fun characters and embark on fantastical quests in this role-playing game club. Each 2-hour session will be a separate adventure and everything you'll need to play is provided by the Library. No prior experience required. Sign up for one, some or all adventures!

2pm Thurs., Jun. 20, Jun. 27; Tues., Jul. 9; Fri., Jul. 26, unaccompanied kids ages 8-12 (R)

Cookie Decorating with Cookies by Em

Who doesn't love a cute, delicious cookie? Decorate your own carnival-themed treats! Kids can plan out their designs and then decorate three cookies with icing and sprinkles to take home and eat or share.

**1:30pm Fri., Jun. 21, ages 5-7 with an adult (R)
3pm Fri., Jun. 21, unaccompanied kids ages 8-12 (R)**

Graphic Novel Book Club

You love graphic novels—now come talk about them! Share what you enjoyed (or didn't) about *The Bright Family* by Matthew Cody, Carol Burrell and Derick Brooks. Trade recommendations to find new favorites. Snacks are provided. Registrants can pick up their copy of the book at the Children's Desk beginning June 1.

3:30pm Wed., Jun. 26, unaccompanied kids ages 8-12 (R)

Mini Carnival Party

Fun for all and all for fun at this summer celebration! Enjoy carnival-style games, prizes, crafts and more at our pint-sized party for little patrons.

1-3pm Wed., Jul. 10, ages 2-8 with an adult (NR)



Duck Boat Challenge

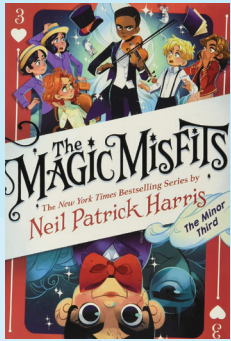
Does your family have what it takes to design the winning duck boat? We'll provide some starting materials, you'll add your own touches, and then we'll put your design to the test to see which boat can hold the most rubber ducks. Starter kits will be available for registered families beginning July 1, and the winning boat will be determined through a series of rounds on July 11. One kit per family.

4pm Thurs., Jul. 11, families (R)

Stuffed Animal Summer Camp

Your stuffed animal friends will have amazing adventures at our summer camp! All plush campers must be dropped off July 17-19. Come back for an open house on Wednesday evening to pick up your camper and create a keepsake photo album of their experiences.

5-7pm Wed., Jul. 24, ages 3-10 with an adult (R)



The Magic Misfits Book Club
Magic, riddles and mischief are all happening at the carnival! Come to discuss *The Magic Misfits* by Neil Patrick Harris and learn a magic trick of your own. Snacks will be provided. Registrants can pick up their copy of the book at the Children's Desk beginning July 1.
3:30pm Tues., Jul. 30, unaccompanied kids ages 8-12 (R)

Kindergarten Kick-Off

Start your school year off right—with new friends! Families are invited to mingle, play and craft with other soon-to-be kindergarteners from your community. Register for an Ela library card and receive a special gift. Already have a library card? Show your card at the Checkout Desk for a prize.

6:30-7:30pm Thurs., Aug. 8
9:30-10:30am Fri., Aug. 9,
incoming kindergarten students
with an adult (NR)



TICKETED EVENTS



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

The Big Balloon Show with Smarty Pants

Inflate your imagination with a show bursting with larger-than-life balloon creations, magic and slapstick comedy. After the show, kids can take photos with Smarty Pants and the big balloon sculptures!

10:30am Tues., Jun. 11, kids of all ages with an adult (R)

Pocket Circus

Come one, come all to a spectacular show by Pocket Circus! This comedic performance features acrobatics, juggling and magic the whole family will enjoy.

10:30am Tues., Jul. 9, kids of all ages with an adult (R)

Ralph's World Concert

Get your dance moves ready for a morning of silliness with Grammy-nominated children's entertainer Ralph's World! We'll rock out to fun songs and dance along!

10am Fri., Jul. 26, kids of all ages with an adult (R)

FOR BABIES

Baby Sign Language

Join instructor Katy Roth as she teaches essential American Sign Language vocabulary to you and your child. Learning ASL is a great way for babies to communicate their wants and needs with caregivers well before they've developed the ability to speak. ASL helps babies set a foundation for language and literacy that can have a lifelong impact, improves the bond between parent and child, and makes day-to-day life easier for the whole family!

10am Fridays, Jun. 21 and Jul. 19, ages 0-3 years with an adult (R)

Baby Obstacle Course

Calling on-the-go babies and toddlers! Whether your little one is crawling, walking, running or something in between, stop in for a fun challenge that will help them develop their motor and sensory skills.

2-4pm Tues., Jun. 25, ages 6-24 months with an adult (NR)

Drop-In Baby Storytimes

Save these dates to meet new friends and enjoy some cuddly, bouncy fun with your little one! We'll share some of our favorite rhymes, stories and songs.

10am Fridays, Jun. 28 and Jul. 12, ages 0-18 months with an adult (NR)

Baby Buddies

Stop in for a special baby playtime! You and your baby can play and explore sensory bins while visiting with other families. Dress for a mess to create a keepsake art project, while supplies last.

2-4pm Tues., Jul. 16, ages 0-18 months with an adult (NR)



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Drop-In Crafts

Beat the heat with a cool craft while supplies last.

All ages with an adult (NR)

- **Garden snail**
4-8pm Mon., Jun. 3 and 9am-12pm Tues., Jun. 4
- **Paper chain octopus**
4-8pm Mon., Jul. 1 and 9am-12pm Tues., Jul. 2
- **Watermelon suncatcher**
4-8pm Mon., Aug. 12 and 9am-12pm Tues., Aug. 13



ARTS & CRAFTS

Mini Makers

Preschoolers can fine-tune their art and fine motor skills to get ready for school in these crafting classes made just for them! Dress for a mess.

Ages 3-5 with an adult (R)

- **Bubble wrap process art lanterns**
1:30pm Wed., Jun. 12
- **Ice cream watercolors**
1:30pm Wed., Jul. 17

Back-to-School Friendship Bracelets

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

10am-12pm Tues., Aug. 6, ages 5 and up with an adult (NR)



Cartooning with Mark Anderson

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

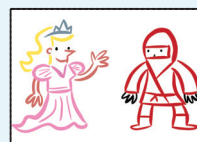


Animal Helpers

Kids will draw and learn about Illinois animals that need a little help. We're talking piping plovers, cave amphipods, and the orangefoot

pimpleback, to name just a few! We'll find out what's going on and how we can help. We might just throw in a spa day or two for good measure.

2pm Fri., Jun. 28, unaccompanied kids
ages 5-12 (R)

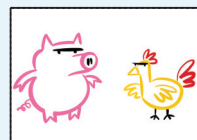


Princesses vs. Ninjas

Normally this would be a clever paragraph with silly puns and alliterative antics, but it's all right there in the title. Princesses! Ninjas!

Versus! Is it weird? Sure. Are you curious? We're assuming so. Come and see what happens!

11am Tues., Jul. 23, unaccompanied kids
ages 5-12 (R)

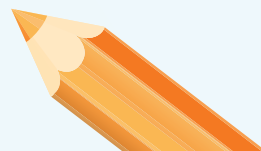
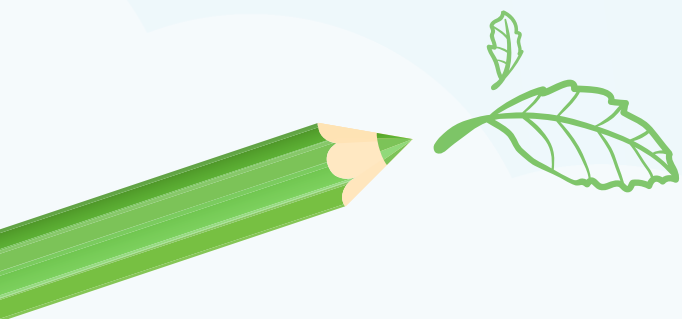


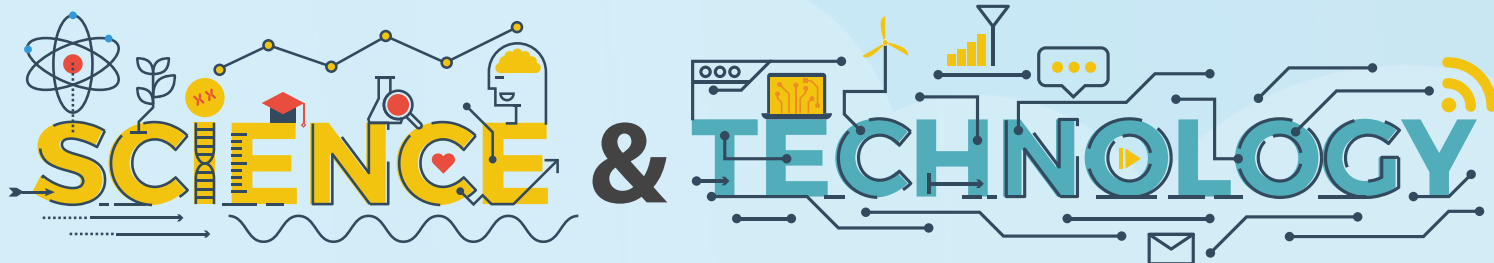
Farm Throwdown

During the day animals gently graze and languidly lay about the farm.

But at night, they meet in secret for a barnyard brawl! Cows milk it while pigs poke! Sheep scuffle and chickens are anything but! Only one can be Ruler of the Ranch! (But every match will definitely be a draw.)

11am Weds., Aug. 7, unaccompanied kids
ages 5-12 (R)





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. (R)

Science Explorers

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

10am Mondays, Jun. 3, 17; Jul. 8, 22, ages 3-5 with an adult (R)

Family STEAM Circuit

Stop by the Library for fun STEAM challenges to work on together! We'll have all the materials ready for you to build, create, experiment and play.

10am-12pm Wed., Jun. 5, ages 6-11 with an adult (NR)

Dino Lab

Stomp, romp and roar! Stop by the Library for some dino-mite activities and learn everything there is to know about dinosaurs!

10-11:30am Mon., Jun. 24 or Mon., Jul. 15, ages 3-5 with an adult (NR)



STORYTIMES

Pajama Family Storytime

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

6:30pm Mondays, Jun. 10 and Jul. 29, ages 2-6 with an adult (NR)

Storytime in the Stacks

We're back in the stacks for this exciting summer storytime session! We'll sing, dance and listen to great stories together while we beat the summer heat inside the cool library. Special guests from the community may be stopping by to join the fun!

9:30am Thursdays, Jun. 13, 20, 27, Jul. 11, 18, 25, all ages with an adult (NR)

Chain Reaction Machines with Noggin Builders

Families will work together on this fun, hands-on STEM project! Explore several types of simple machines and then put them together to design, build, and test your own chain reaction machine. Register once for your whole family; children must be accompanied by an adult.

3-4:30pm Fri., Jul. 12, families (R)

Magnet Mazes with Noggin Builders

Explore the force of magnetism with several hands-on experiments—then design and build your own magnet maze game to take home.

11am Mon., Jul. 29, unaccompanied kids ages 5-8 (R)

Wind-Powered Vehicles with Noggin Builders

Learn all about wheel and axle systems—then design, build and test your own wind-powered vehicle to take home.

2-3:30pm Weds., Jul. 31, unaccompanied kids ages 9-12 (R)

Bilingual Storytime

Join us for bilingual English/Spanish storytimes featuring stories, songs and crafts! You do not need to know how to speak Spanish, as we will learn simple vocabulary words together.

10:30am Tuesdays, Jun. 18 and Jul. 16, recommended for ages 2-6 with an adult, but all ages are welcome (NR)

¡hora del cuento bilingüe!

¡Únase a nosotros para una hora de cuentos bilingüe inglés/español con cuentos, canciones y manualidades! No es necesario registrarse.

Los martes 18 de junio y 16 de julio a las 10:30 de la mañana. Recomendado para niños de 2 a 6 años con un adulto, pero todas las edades son bienvenidas.

Storytime in the Park

Bring your blanket and sunscreen and meet us at Paulus Park for summer stories, songs and rhymes! Follow the arrows to the grassy area next to the playground. Location may change depending on weather. Check the library website for updates.

10am Mon., Jul. 1 and Thurs., Aug. 15 all ages 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 Information Desk.

Art Gallery (Second Floor)

June 1-30	Peter Thaddeus	acrylic
July 1–August 31	Kateryna Mazhuha	oil

Display Case (Children's Department)

July 1–August 31	Willow McCauley	nature collection
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See You Around Town!

Lake Zurich Farmers Market

Visit Library staff at the Farmers Market on Fridays, June 21 and July 12 at Paulus Park in Lake Zurich.

Lake County PrideFest

Stop by the Library's booth and receive a custom pride pin, while supplies last, on Saturday, June 8 from 2-6 p.m.. Held at the Round Lake Beach Cultural & Civic Center.

Unplugged Fest

Held at Paulus Park, stop by our booth to spin the prize wheel on Sun., Aug. 11 from 11am-3pm.

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Board meetings are open to the public and are held in person. They begin at 6pm on these Tuesdays: Jun. 18, Jul. 16.
No meeting in August.

Library Hours

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

Currently Scheduled Library Closings

Thurs., Jul. 4	Independence Day
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Program Registration

Register online at 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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