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ela area public library's newsletter

September-November 2025



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New For You!

- **Library of Things “Most Wanted” Collection** – The “Most Wanted” Library of Things is your go-to for last-minute needs, weekend fun, or testing something totally new. seven-day checkouts. First come, first served. Ela cardholders only.
- **Pokémon Collection** – Calling all Pokémon fans! The Children’s Department has leveled up with a new Pokémon collection! Character guides, picture books, chapter books, manga, even board books—catch ‘em all at the Library!
- **Nintendo Switch 2 Games** – From Street Fighter to Mario Kart and Hogwarts Legacy, grab a game and start your next adventure. Power up your play—check them out today!
- **Toniebox** – Do you have a Toniebox at home? Tonie figures are now available in our Curiosity Kit collection with over 50 new figures to listen to! Ela cardholders only.
- **Newspaper Archive Online Database** – NewspaperArchive is home to more than 17,000 distinct publication titles from over 3,519 cities from all over the world—big cities, small towns, and everything in between. The database is a great tool for genealogists and historians providing dates, names, and stories about individuals, communities, and the world. Free with your EAPL card—eapl.org/databases.



Library Service Disruptions Aug. 29–Sep. 2

From August 29–September 2, some online and Library card services will be temporarily paused or limited in order to integrate Vernon Area Public Library into the consortium, a “cooperative” of 32 libraries from all over the Chicagoland area. Good news – Vernon Library’s addition to the consortium will add 330,700 more items to the catalog! Visit eapl.org for details on what you should know during the integration period.

And the Award Goes to...Us!

EAPL Receives Excellence in Financial Reporting Award for Third Consecutive Year

Ela Library has received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for FY 2024. This honor was previously awarded in 2022 and 2023.

The Certificate of Achievement is given to local government bodies that go beyond the minimum requirements of generally accepted accounting principles to prepare detailed and transparent financial reports. This award illustrates our commitment to being an outstanding stewardship of taxpayers’ dollars.



*EAPL Graphic Artists,
Jennifer Nickels (left),
Brodie Wolf (right)*

Library’s Graphic Design Team Recognized

The American Library Association recently recognized Ela Library at the annual PR Xchange Awards Competition. Marketing materials created for last winter’s *Giants Dragons & Unicorns* exhibit won a national marketing award in the category of Exhibits.

The annual PR Xchange Awards Competition recognizes the very best public relations materials produced by libraries in the past year. More than 297 entries in print and electronic formats were submitted from over 100 institutions, including public, academic, school, state and special libraries. Entries were evaluated by a jury of 18 virtual judges based on the quality of content, format, design, creativity and originality.



2024-25 SNAPSHOT



354
DAYS OPEN

218,007
LIBRARY VISITS



4,593
DRIVE UP VISITS

915

HOME DELIVERY
CHECKOUTS



59,642
APP USES



436,754
WEBSITE USES



16,763

ACTIVE BORROWERS

2,068

NEW PATRONS

11,180

STUDY ROOM USES



982

PROGRAMS

40,022

ATTENDEES



1,010

3D PRINTS

572

FORGE 1-1
APPOINTMENTS



59,607

REFERENCE QUESTIONS



15,982

TECHNOLOGY ASSISTANCE

428

EXPLORE MORE
& MUSEUM PASS
CHECKOUTS



E-RESOURCES

11,020 ANCESTRY SEARCHES

32,392 HOOPLA BORROWS

87,811

MINUTES ATTENDING
GALE ONLINE COURSES

181,858

LIBBY BORROWS

583

MANGO LANGUAGE USERS
LEARNING SPANISH

DID YOU KNOW?

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

• TOP CIRCULATING ITEM

BLUEY: FOR REAL LIFE

• TOP COMIC

DOG MAN

• TOP SERIES

DIARY OF A WIMPY KID

• TOP EASY READER SERIES

(TIE) FLY GUY AND
ELEPHANT & PIGGIE

• TOP FICTION

OUT OF MY HEART
BY SHARON DRAPER

• TOP NONFICTION

HOW TO DRAW CUTE ANIMALS
BY ANGELA NGUYEN

• TOP VIDEO GAME

SUPER MARIO RPG



Let's Celebrate Library Cardholder Appreciation Month!

SEPTEMBER 1-30

We have fun events, special programs, giveaways and more happening all month long! It's our way of saying "thank you" for valuing YOUR library.

WIN PRIZES: Sign up for an EAPL library card or renew your card and receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win some awesome prizes.

FREE CHURROS: Stop by the Library on **Thurs., Sep. 18 from 3:30-5:30pm** with your library card to receive a FREE, delicious churro from Churros Y Chocolate, while supplies last. Enjoy outdoor games and music. One churro per library card.

SHOW YOUR CARD & SAVE: Show Your Card & Save during the month of September. Visit eapl.org for a list of local, participating businesses and the savings offered.

Meet Your Trustees

Did you know that the Library Board of Trustees is elected by the community? They serve on a volunteer basis and they help make policies about governing the Library. Get to know a bit more about these amazing community leaders who dedicate countless hours to ensure your library is one of the best in the nation!



Betty Birner,
Secretary
Term Expires 2029

- **Currently reading:** *Bear* by Julia Phillips, *Prequel* by Rachel Maddow, *God: An Anatomy* by Francesca Stavrakopoulou and *James* by Percival Everett
- **A favorite library resource:** Books! Also, books. Plus, books. Okay, not just books – also audiobooks.
- **Interesting fact:** I have a Ph.D., in linguistics and taught at Northern Illinois University for 24 years. I've written nine books and dozens of book chapters and articles. I was director of graduate studies in the English department at NIU for five years, coordinating curricular and budgetary needs and resolving student and personnel issues. I also spent two years as president of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Arlington Heights, directing the church council and working with planning, budgets, and vision. And I really, really like books.



Kathy Caudill,
Vice President
Term Expires 2027

- **Currently reading:** *The Things We Cannot Say* by Kelly Rimmer and *On Tyranny: Twenty Lessons from the 20th Century* by Timothy Snyder
- **A favorite library memory:** There are two examples about my parents – voracious readers who, by their example, shared their love of reading with my siblings and me. First, my mother used to read *Little Women* to my sister and me, a chapter a night. I still hear her voice if I re-read that book! Many years later, I was reading *The Chronicles of Narnia* and *Harry Potter* books aloud to my sons, a chapter a night. Second, as the only left-handed person in my family, I was delighted to find a book in my school library about famous left-handed people. I love that my Dad (who had a “southpaw” sister) took the time to read and discuss this book with me. This came in handy when, years later, a fellow student turned around to watch this lefty *write funny*. My Dad, and reading this book together, gave me the confidence I needed in that moment and many others in my life!
- **Interesting fact:** Since 2003, it has been my privilege to serve on the governing board of this award-winning Library. Our Library is a beloved community hub, a place to truly “share the joy of discovery”.



Adam Gira
Term Expires 2029

- **Currently reading:** The *Silo Saga* series by Hugh Howey and *Starry Messenger* by Neil deGrasse Tyson
- **A favorite library memory:** I was seven years old when the second floor children's section was added on to the Library, back when it was on Buesching Road. The buildup as we waited for it to be completed was extremely exciting for a young kid. When it finally opened, it felt like a wonderland. I remember all the kids my age feeling so lucky to have such a great place made just for us.
- **Interesting fact:** I have an MBA from Northwestern University and have spent more than a decade in the corporate world managing product assortments designed to fulfill customer needs. I am familiar with how to manage business for both near-term results and long-term stability. I will use this experience to help the Library govern itself as a service designed to fulfill the needs of its patrons.

- **Currently reading:** *Emergent Strategy: Shaping Change, Changing Worlds* by Adrienne Maree Brown, *Wake, The Hidden History of Women-Led Slave Revolts* by Rebecca Hal, *A Young People's History of the United States* by Howard Zinn and *The 15 Commitments of Conscious Leadership* by Jim Dethmer, Diana Chapman & Kaley Warner Klemp
- **Favorite library resources:** The Library of Things collection, the Libby app for ebooks and the printers.
- **Interesting fact:** For the past four years, I've been an Ela Area Public Library trustee, taking on increased responsibilities, first as secretary, vice president and now president. Prior to joining the library board, I volunteered with the Isaac Fox PTO, organizing events like Walk to School Day and the Fun Fair. Before moving to Lake Zurich, I volunteered in various roles for several community organizations in Chicago. Ensuring everyone has access to library books and materials is my biggest motivation for serving as a library trustee.



Cathy McCauley,
President
Term Expires 2029



Crystal Steker
Term Expires 2027

- **Currently reading:** *James* by Percival Everett
- **Favorite library resource:** The Libby app for ebooks
- **Interesting fact:** I hold a master's degree in instructional technology and a bachelor's degree in economics. I served as the director of technology for School District 95, where I worked at the intersection of education and technology for 23 years. When I retired in 2019, I started looking for ways to give back to the community. One day, I happened to drive past the Library and noticed a sign announcing open trustee positions for the upcoming election. It felt like the perfect opportunity. With many years of experience working closely with a public board, I saw a chance to put that knowledge to good use for a place I truly value. I've always been passionate about reading, adult and children's literacy, and supporting innovation in public spaces—being a library trustee allows me to advocate for all of that and more.

- **Currently reading, watching and listening to:** Right now, I'm drowning in textbooks, one of them: *School Nursing: A Comprehensive Text* by Janice A. Selekmán. I cannot wait to have the time to watch the new season of *The Gilded Age*. I am managing to still listen to the *This Week in Virology* podcast and Aaron Mahnke's *Cabinets of Curiosity*.
- **Favorite library resources:** It's hard to pick one single thing. I love the atmosphere and the pleasant faces around the place. I also appreciate the convenience of reserving books and all the different forms of materials available to borrow.
- **Favorite library memory:** As a young student, I always enjoyed spending afternoons at my local library, taking advantage of their resources. I enjoyed using the internet and flipping through magazines. Even as a nursing student, I enjoyed going to the library to study, it was sort of my Starbucks without the coffee and loud noises. Now, as a mother of a school-aged daughter, those afternoons at the Library have become even more important.



Karol Sucec
Term Expires 2029



Tracy Suykerbuyk,
Treasurer
Term Expires 2027

- **Currently reading:** *Sapiens* by Yuval Noah Harari
- **Favorite library memory:** My first time going out with my newborn child was to a library playgroup. It was a great way to meet other moms in the area.
- **Interesting fact:** I have worked on many boards and committees throughout my years as a consultant and volunteer. Within our community, I have served as the treasurer for Seth Paine Elementary School and Lake Zurich Middle School North PTOs. I was instrumental in obtaining 501c3 status for both organizations. I am also on the executive board for Cricket Theatre, which is a local nonprofit dedicated to creating a community through theatre. At Seth Paine Elementary School, I volunteered in the library for eight years, helping kids find books to check out as well as shelving books and running the checkout desk. I also chaired the book club that the PTO ran for students.

adult programs

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(Galena, IL) Ulysses S. Grant's home. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places as well as a National Historic Landmark.



The National Park Service in Our Region: Places to Experience Our Cultural History

The National Park Service has a meaningful presence in Illinois and its surrounding states.

Norman Moline, PhD., a professor Emeritus at Augustana College, shares these treasures as well as some key landmarks and National Register of Historic Places in our area. *This event is co-presented by the Illinois Humanities Road Scholars Speakers Bureau. Road Scholar speakers travel throughout Illinois sharing free, dynamic presentations about literature, philosophy, theater, local history, film, music, politics, and more, at no cost to host organizations. The program enables local nonprofit organizations to present free-admission cultural programs to their communities.*

7pm Mon., Sep. 8 (R)

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.

Registration: Tuesday/Martes, Aug. 26, 9:15am-12pm

Class: 9:15am-12pm, Tuesday/Thursday, beginning Sep. 2.

Clases: 9:15am-12pm Martes y Jueves, las clases empiezan Sep. 2. For more information/Para más información: (847) 949-2200 x1399.

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, Sep. 2, Oct. 7, Nov. 4 (NR)

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, Sep. 4, Oct. 2, Nov. 6 (R)

Ela Township Social Worker in the Library

Stop by to chat or find wellness, medical or emergency resources for a family member or yourself. Held at the tables outside Forge.

3-5pm Mondays, Sep. 8, Oct. 6, Nov. 10 (NR)

Neurodiverse Meetup Group

Do you identify as neurodiverse? This informal gathering is for adults 18+ with Autism level 1 diagnosis, ADHD, or those who otherwise identify as neurodiverse. Join us to share common experiences, play some games and connect.

5-6:30pm Wednesdays, Sep. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12 (R)

Warm Up Lake Zurich

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

4pm Thursdays, Sep. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13 (Held in Forge) (R)

Ela Library Quilt Talks

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

6:30pm Thursdays, Sep. 11 (Meeting Room A), Oct. 9 (Held in Forge), Nov. 13 (Meeting Room A) (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 and more.

Questions? Contact Pam Pellizzari at Barrington Area Council on Aging (BACOA) (847) 381-5030.

10-11:30am Tuesdays, Sep. 16, Oct. 21, Nov. 18 (R)

Sports Betting and the History of Sports (Zoom)

Dr. Jason Lopez from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, explores the historical relationship between sports betting, sports leagues and sports media. His research focuses on sports, sports media, athlete activism, and sports gaming (such as sports betting and fantasy sports).

7pm Wed., Sep. 17 (R)

Firearm Lock Distribution Event

September is Suicide Prevention Month. To help raise awareness, SGA Youth and Family Services will be on hand to offer community resources for mental health services and distribute firearm safety locks.

2-6pm Thurs., Sep. 18 (NR) (while supplies last)

Ask a Master Gardener

Bring your gardening questions to this drop-in event located in the Library's lobby. A University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener will provide resources and help you navigate the world of gardening.

3-5pm Thurs., Sep. 18 (NR)



BOOK DISCUSSIONS/CLUBS

Registration is required with a valid email address.

• Ages 18+

Senior Book Discussion (Zoom and In Person)

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

Sep. 8 *Carrie Soto is Back* by Taylor Jenkins Reid

Oct. 13 *Wise Gals* by Nathalia Holt

Nov. 10 *My Friends* by Fredrik Backman

Books & Brews

Buffalo Creek Brewing, 360 Historical Ln., Long Grove

7-8:30pm Tuesdays (R)

Sep. 23 *Culpability* by Bruce Holsinger

Nov. 11 *The Buffalo Hunter Hunter*

by Stephen Graham Jones

Queer Book Club

A welcoming and safe space to explore, read and discuss LGBTQIA+ themed books, while making a themed craft.

Let's celebrate diversity, creativity and the power of storytelling together!

7pm Thursdays (NR)

Sep. 25 *Murder in the Dressing Room* by Holly Stars

Nov. 13 *The Nightmare before Kissmas: A Royals and Romance Novel* by Sara Raasch

Dewey Dining Book Club

Fall is all about warmth and comfort food. Register and grab a copy of this quarter's cookbook at the Information Desk.

Pick out a recipe and email it to Renée at rstein@eapl.org or call 847-438-3433 ext. 217 a week before the discussion.

Bring your treat to share while we discuss the cookbook with one another. Please note that the library cannot take responsibility for any food allergies.

1:30pm Thursday (R)

Oct. 2 *One Pot Magic* by Good Housekeeping

Nonfiction Book Club

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

7-8:30pm Thursday

Oct. 23 *The Witch of New York* by C. Alexander Hortis



128TRY Annual Reading Program

Allow us to treat you to 12 different genres and topics to stretch your reading horizons in 2025.

Participants can enjoy a book of their choice within each topic or try something from the selected reading lists curated by our librarians. Read a book within all 12 topics to complete the challenge and receive a prize. Register and log your books through the Beanstack app.

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

Through Dec., 31, 2025 – Prize pick up ends

Fri., Jan. 9, 2026.



GENEALOGY & LOCAL HISTORY

Genealogy Interest Group

Enjoy personal research time and learning opportunities alongside others who love this popular hobby. Bring your questions and share research strategies.

Newcomers welcome!

2-4pm Tuesdays, Sep. 9, Oct. 14, Nov. 11 (R)

Back to School: Making the Most of School Records (Zoom)

Learn how to use yearbooks, school schedules, teacher's registers, school newspapers, alumni directories and more to discover fascinating details about your ancestors. Genealogist Tina Beaird will be presenting. This is one class you won't want to ditch!

7-8pm Thurs., Sep. 18 (R)

Genealogy Night School

Learn how to research your family history from the ground up in this four-week course designed to help you master the fundamentals of genealogical research. Each week will focus on a different record type ranging from home sources to census schedules to vital records, culminating in a hands-on research session where you will begin to apply what you have learned throughout the course.

7-8:30pm Thursdays, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23 (R)

Night Owl Genealogy

Unable to attend our afternoon Genealogy Interest Group? Join us in the evening for personal research time and learning opportunities alongside others who enjoy this popular hobby. Bring your questions and share research strategies. Newcomers welcome!

6:30-8:30pm Thurs., Nov. 13 (R)

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Runes 101

Curious about runes? Join us for a beginner-friendly, two-hour workshop led by Anna Jollymore of Mortal Path Alliance. Explore the history and meanings of ancient runes, learn how to use them for insight and reflection, and dive into the art of creating your own personalized sigils. No experience necessary, just bring an open mind and your creativity.

6-8pm Tues., Sep. 23 (R)



D&D: Casual Questing

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

6-8pm Wed., Nov. 19 (R)

adult programs

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- For adults ages 18+



Churros Y Chocolate Library Cardholder Appreciation Event

Stop by the Library with your card to receive a FREE, delicious churro from Churros Y Chocolate, while supplies last. Enjoy outdoor games and music. One churro per library card.

3:30-5:30pm Thurs., Sep. 18

Pie Dough Mastered

Join culinary instructor, cookbook author, and pie contest winner Emily Paster for a demonstration on how to make and prepare the perfect all-butter pie crust! Emily will demonstrate how to make the pie dough; how to roll it out for top and bottom crusts; and how to create a stunning lattice top for your pie. Bring your burning pie questions - like how not to burn your pie! - because Emily will demystify the entire pie-making process just in time for the holidays. Samples served. Space is limited.

7pm Thurs., Sep. 25 (R)



1993 Brown's Chicken Murders Author Patrick Wohl

Author and Attorney Patrick Wohl talks about his latest true-crime book of the Brown's Chicken massacre, a decades-long manhunt and the trails that followed. *Something Big* shares a comprehensive behind-the-scenes look at the murders where two men shot

to death seven people inside the Palatine restaurant in 1993. Copies of Wohl's book are available for purchase at the program.

7pm Mon., Sep. 29 (R)



Astronomy Under the City Lights

Members of the Lake County Astronomical Society will set up their powerful telescopes on the Library's walkway for close-up viewing of the moon as well as views of various stars. All ages welcome!

7:30-9pm Tues., Sep. 30, Rain date: Thurs., Oct. 2

Senior SCRABBLE Club

Senior adults of all skill levels are welcome. Refreshments and supplies are provided.

10-12:30pm Mondays, Oct. 6, Nov. 3 (R)



Mind Reader, Mystic & Entertainer Joe Diamond

It's Joe Diamond's job to give you goosebumps, and he's very good at his job! Dubbed "America's Greatest Mind Reader," he's also a world record holder who solved the world's largest corn maze—blindfolded! Join us for an evening of astonishing feats of mystery, where Diamond, a renowned psychic entertainer, delves into the depths of the human mind, revealing thoughts and uncovering mysteries.

7pm Mon., Oct. 6, ages 10+ (R)



Making the Most of Your Herbal Harvest

Master gardener and garden coach Mark Lyons shares his love of gardening with this dynamic talk on how to harvest and store your bumper crop of herbs as well as how to use herbs to prepare butters, vinegars, oils, teas, sachets, and other healthy, herbal delights. *Co-sponsored with the Garden Club of Lake Zurich.*

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

Starr Chief Eagle, Lakota Artist & Hoop Dance Extraordinaire

Don't miss this cultural dance performance exploring Native American history, music and storytelling featuring Starr Chief Eagle. The presentation includes a traditional Hoop Dance with 22 hoops. Families welcome!

7pm Wed., Oct. 15 (R)



Queer & Crafty

Join us for a relaxed environment to chat and create with other queer adults. Bring your current craft or select from available options. Allies welcome!

1-3pm Sun., Oct. 19, ages 18+ (R)



Sherlock Holmes: The True Story

British ex-pat John Gowing reveals how Sherlock Holmes was created and evolved over time, including the real-life places and people behind the stories.

7pm Mon., Oct. 20 (R)

★ HONORING OUR VETERANS ★☆☆

Veteran's Tree

Stop by the Library with a photo of a veteran to place on the Veteran's Tree. Decorate and embellish your photo in Forge. All supplies provided. Co-sponsored with Salute, Inc., a non-profit organization that provides assistance to military service members, veterans and their families.

November 1-30

A Day That Will Live in Infamy: The Attack on Pearl Harbor

The shocking attack and major defeat at Pearl Harbor was the catalyst for the emergence of a new and determined naval fleet. This presentation will examine events leading up to the attack, how sailors and nurses responded, as well as the aftermath and legacy of the attack that is considered the Navy's greatest defeat. Presented by a docent from the National Museum of the American Sailor.

7pm Thurs., Nov. 6 (R)



Medicare 101

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

7pm Mon., Oct. 27 (R)

Illinois' Most Storied Cemeteries

Join Illinois traveler John Kokoris for a look at the graves of great Illinoisans and notable monuments to lives well lived. We'll also look at art and literature inspired by these storied cemeteries. The perfect fall program for cemetery lovers, road trippers, and history buffs alike.

7pm Thurs., Oct. 30 (R)

Save Money Online

Michael Gershbein owner of Very Smart People shares the best options for discount shopping online, from coupons to price alerts to cost comparison sites. Held in the Computer Lab, 2nd floor.

6-7:30pm Tues., Nov. 11 (R)

Hypnotherapy-Based Self-Discovery Class (Zoom)

Discover how your subconscious beliefs shape your thoughts, emotions, and confidence. In this guided session, you will explore hidden patterns, reconnect with your inner self, and leave with simple tools to support personal growth and healing. Co-sponsored with Algonquin Area Public Library District.

7pm Thurs., Nov. 13 (R)



ILLINOIS LIBRARIES PRESENT



Finding the Clues: Then and Now with Steve Burns (Zoom)

This interview offers a closer look at Burn's journey, from the early fame of *Blue's Clues* to his personal growth and creative evolution. Arionne Nettles, a Chicago-based storyteller and cultural reporter, will join Burns in conversation.

7pm Tues., Sep. 16 (R)



Beyond the Screen: A "Wicked" Conversation with Marissa Bode (Zoom)

Join us to explore Bode's early inspirations and performances, leading up to her portrayal of Nessarose in *Wicked*. Bode will also share personal stories and insights from her time on stage, the challenges and rewards of being part of an iconic production, and what the future holds for her career.

7pm Tues., Oct. 21 (R)



Kenji López-Alt: A Journey Through Food and Science (Zoom)

Join award-winning cookbook author, *New York Times* food columnist, and *Serious Eats* director J. Kenji López-Alt for an evening of cooking insights, techniques, and foodie exploration.

7pm Tues., Nov. 18, (R)



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BUSINESS



Investing in Volatile Times: A Market Update

Join Investment Advisors Eric and Ethan Rosenbloom as they look at the current market and discuss ways you can plan to stay ahead of the curve when times get tough.

6:30pm Tues., Sep. 16 (R)

LinkedIn Headshots

Come to the Library for a professional headshot by local photographer Donald Frazier for your LinkedIn profile or other business needs.

5pm Wed., Oct. 15 (R)

Mobile Photography in the Age of AI

Join us as we discuss the possibilities AI integration can mean for you photography as well as trends and tips for stunning shots. We will focus on iPhone Photography but all device users are welcome to come and learn.

6:30pm Thurs., Nov. 20 (R)

adult programs

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Holy Cannoli Cooking Class

During the class, chef and bakery owner Tony Cannoli demonstrates how to make cannoli from start to finish. After the demonstration, each participant will have the opportunity to fill three fresh, pre-made cannoli shells with different fillings to take home and enjoy. A pastry box is included. Space is limited.

Ela cardholders only. Registration opens October 1.
6:30pm Mon., Nov. 17 (R)

Holiday Breads

One basic dough—two delicious holiday yeast breads. Chef Cherise Slattery teaches how to make a star-shaped bread studded with pistachios and a strawberry jam swirl. Participants will also learn how to make pull apart Christmas tree buns with roasted red pepper and parmesan cheese. Enjoy samples of these beautiful breads and leave with the recipes and knowledge to make them at home. Space is limited.

Registration opens October 1.
7pm Mon., Nov. 24 (R)

A Charlie Brown Christmas

Back for the second year! Experience a bit of nostalgia as The Chris White Trio performs Vince Guaraldi's complete *A Charlie Brown Christmas* soundtrack this holiday season.

Registration begins November 1.
7pm Wed., Dec. 3, all ages (R)



teen programs

Unless noted:

- For grades 6-12.
- Registration is required for all programs.
- Registration begins Sep 2.
- In-person programs are held at the Library.
- Questions, contact Readers' Services at readers@eapl.org.

Study Hall

Study rooms upstairs full? No worries! Come study with friends in a relaxed space just for teens. We'll have brain-boosting snacks to keep you fueled, plus tips and tools to make homework less stressful, so you can study smarter, not harder.

5-6:30pm Tuesdays, Sep. 9, Oct. 7, Nov. 4 (R)

Crochet Club

Whether you're a beginner looking to start or a seasoned crocheter bringing your current project, all are welcome at this cozy gathering. All supplies are provided.

6-7:30pm Thursdays, Sep. 18, Oct. 23, Nov. 20 (R)



Tarot 101

Curious about tarot? Join us for Tarot 101, a beginner-friendly, two-hour workshop led by professional tarot reader Anna Jollymore of Mortal Path Alliance. You'll dive into the history of tarot, explore the Major and Minor Arcana, practice creating spreads, and strengthen your intuitive skills. No experience necessary, just come ready to learn and have fun.

6-8pm Tues., Oct. 28 (R)

The Great Catapult Challenge

Ready, aim, engineer! Build and launch a catapult using simple materials, then put it to the test. Learn physics and engineering basics as you design. Can your catapult bring down the fortress wall?

2-4pm Mon., Nov. 10 (R)

See page 12, FORGE programs, for additional Teen Programs.



computer programs

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

Unless noted:

- *Registration is required for all programs.*
- *Registration begins Sep. 2.*
- *In-person programs are held in the Library's Computer Lab.*



Online Classes With LinkedIn Learning

For computer programs not offered in person, we recommend using LinkedIn Learning, which you can access with your library card. Scan the QR code for more information or visit:

www.linkedin.com/learning-login/go/elalibrary.

Here are a few suggested classes:



Word Essential Training
PowerPoint Essential Training
Photoshop 2024 Essential Training

Canva Basics

Canva is a versatile and user-friendly graphic design platform that empowers individuals and businesses to create stunning visual content. In this class you will learn the basic design functions.

2-3:30pm Thurs., Sep. 11 (R)

Google Docs

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

2-3:30pm Thurs., Sep. 18 (R)

Email Basics

Attendees will create a Gmail account, learn how to perform basic email functions like send, receive and reply to an email, recognize and deal with spam, organize and delete emails and search for messages.

2-4pm Thurs., Sep. 25 (R)

Mobile Device Safety

Michael Gershbein of Very Smart People will show you everything you need to know to keep the information on your Android or Apple phone or tablet safe from prying eyes. Location tracking, privacy settings, app settings and password safety will all be discussed.

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

Navigating Misinformation: Finding Truth in a Digital World (Zoom)

In a world full of headlines, hashtags, and hot takes, how do you know what to trust? Join us on Zoom to learn how to spot bias, check sources, and make sense of the info coming at you from all directions. Can't make it live? No worries—the session will be recorded and posted on YouTube!

2-3:30pm Tues., Oct. 7 (R)

Convert Video to Digital Format (Zoom)

Learn how to easily convert your VHS or DVD into a digital format on your flash drive using one of the digital converters in the Digital Media Lab.

10-11am Thurs., Oct. 9 (R)

Bridging Language Barriers: Tools for Learning and Translation

Curious about learning a new language or need help communicating across language gaps? Discover free and easy-to-use apps and tools that can help you learn, translate, and connect with others—whether you're traveling, working, or just exploring new cultures.

2-3:30pm Tues., Oct. 28 (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.

10-11am Thurs., Nov. 6 (R)

Save Money Online

Michael Gershbein owner of Very Smart People will show all the best options for discount shopping online, from coupons to price alerts to cost comparison sites.

6-7:30pm Tues., Nov. 11 (R)

forge programs



Unless noted:

- **Registration is required for all programs.**
- **Registration begins Sep. 2.**
- **In-person programs are held in Forge at the Library.**



Please make sure to check our Forge page for updates and hours.

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, Sep. 15 or Oct. 20, ages 14+ (R)

Wooden Wind Spinner

Create and decorate your very own wooden wind spinner to enjoy the crisp fall weather.

6pm Tues., Sep. 16, ages 14+ (R)



Talavera Painting

Learn the history of Mexican Talavera painting and paint your own design on a terracotta pot.

6pm Wed., Sep. 24, ages 18+ (R)

Embroidery of Mexico

Learn about the different styles of embroidery throughout Mexico and the importance of it in Mexican culture.

6pm Wed., Oct. 1, ages 14+ (R)

Made in Forge

Learn about all the incredible things you can make in Forge!

Wednesdays, 11am, 1pm, 3pm, 5pm (R)

- **Oct. 22 – Engraved Wooden Treat Box**
- **Nov. 12 – Kitchen Towel Embroidery**

Nicho Making

Learn about this Mexican folk art and its roots while making your own.

6pm Thurs., Oct. 23, ages 14+ (R)



Rope Pumpkin Display

Spooky season is coming! Come and make a cute pumpkin display out of rope to decorate your table or shelf!

6pm Tues., Oct. 28, ages 14+ (R)

Mexican Sugar Skulls

Learn the significance of Day of the Dead in Mexican culture and decorate your own sugar skull made of 100% sugar.

3pm, 5pm or 7pm Wed., Oct. 29, all ages (R)

K-Craft Night: Mugs

Learn about Forge's sublimation printing services and heat press your favorite Korean idols to your own mug while chatting with other fellow K-pop and K-drama fans.

7pm Tues., Nov. 4, ages 14+ (R)

Paint and Take

Stop in to paint a miniature and take it home. Available while supplies last.

6pm Wed., Nov. 5, ages 6+ (NR)

Decorative Fall Theme Cutting Board

Create a decorative cutting board for fall, with fall leaves, flowers and ribbon!

6pm Tues., Nov. 11, ages 14+ (R)

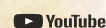


Be Thankful Pumpkin Art

Make a cute pumpkin decoration out of wooden puzzle pieces to decorate your home for the season.

6pm Tues., Nov. 18, 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+.



Green Piece Tree

Create your own tree painting using upcycled puzzle pieces for the leaves. Kits include canvas, paint, brush and puzzle pieces.

Pick up begins:

9am Mon., Sep. 8 (NR)

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DAYS OF MAKING

Our holiday crafting series is back—just in time to spark your seasonal creativity! Join us for 12 Days of Making, a festive lineup of fun and easy DIY projects perfect for gift-giving, decorating and getting into the making spirit.

Starting December 1, tune in to Forge's YouTube channel every weekday at 6pm (Monday–Friday) for a new video release.

That's 12 creative projects from December 1–16!

kids **programs**

Ela Library cardholders have priority registration. Non-Ela cardholders may be placed on the waitlist for an event and notified by email. An adult must remain in the building while their children age 10 and under are attending programs.

September registration begins Sep. 2 at 9am.

October registration begins Oct. 1 at 9am.

November registration begins Nov. 1 at 9am.



Winnie the Pooh Party

Visit the Hundred Acre Wood in the library and celebrate this timeless, hunny-loving bear. It promises to be a morning full of heartwarming fun featuring music, games and crafts!

9:30-11am Wed., Sep. 10, ages 2-5 with an adult (R)

ENCANTO Fiesta

We won't talk about Bruno, but we will have games and activities inspired by the family Madrigal!

10am-12pm Sat., Sep. 13, all ages with an adult (NR)

LEGO Club

If you enjoy building with LEGO bricks, this program is for you! Create and construct using your own ideas or try one of our challenges.

Unaccompanied kids in grades 1-5 (NR)

• **4:30pm Wed., Sep. 17**

• **11am Wed., Nov. 26**

Preschool Playtime

Learn and practice through play! Preschoolers can build important early childhood skills during these joyful workshops designed just for them.

10am Fridays, Sep. 19 and Nov. 7, ages 3-5 with an adult (NR)

Spooky Science

Explore the wide world of science with a side of spooky! Dress for a mess as we will share Halloween-themed, hands-on activities.

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



Monster Bash

Get those costumes ready for a spook-tacular afternoon of Halloween fun including music, games, crafts and snacks. We'll wrap up the party with a costume parade through the library.

1pm Thurs., Oct. 30, ages 2-5 with an adult (R)



Wings of Fire Adventure

Take flight to a world ruled by dragons! Along with fellow fans of the *Wings of Fire* book series, enjoy dragon-themed activities, trivia and crafts!

3pm Mon., Nov. 10, unaccompanied kids in grades 2-5 (R)

BOOK CLUBS

Graphic Novel Book Club

You love graphic novels—now come talk about them! Share what you enjoyed (or didn't) about this month's title and trade recommendations to find new favorites. Snacks will be provided. Registrants can pick up their copy of the book at the Children's Desk beginning September 1.

4:30pm Thurs., Sep. 25, unaccompanied kids in grades 3-5 (R)

Kids Book Club



Don't Check Out This Book!

Puns, mystery and the collective power of 10-year-olds are found in the small town of Appleton, Illinois. Let's talk about *Don't Check Out This Book!* by Kate Klise, a fast-paced novel told through letters, newspaper articles and text messages, while we celebrate the joy

of reading with a craft. Snacks will be provided. Registrants can pick up their copy of the book at the Children's Desk starting September 1.

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

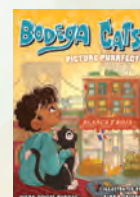


City of Ghosts

Enter the world of ghosts with Cass, as she and her best friend (who happens to be a ghost!) explore the spooky castles and passageways of Scotland. Let's discuss *City of Ghosts* by Victoria Schwab and make a mystery craft. Snacks will be provided.

Registrants can pick up their copy of the book at the Children's Desk starting October 1.

4:30pm Mon., Oct. 27, unaccompanied kids in grades 3-5 (R)



Picture Purrfect

Full of new friendships and fun adventures, *Bodega Cats: Picture Purrfect* by Hilda Eunice Burgos introduces Miguel and his newly adopted cat Lolo, as they explore Washington Heights in NYC. We'll discuss the book and make a super cat-tastic craft!

Snacks will be provided. Registrants can pick up their copy of the book at the Children's Desk starting November 1.

4:30pm Wed., Nov. 19, unaccompanied kids in grades 3-5 (R)

Family Book Club



Agnes Knows Nature

Meet local author Seth Marcus and local illustrator Janet McDonnell as they answer all our questions about their new picture book *Agnes Knows Nature!* We'll learn

about our "nature neighbors"—plants and animals native to the Midwest—and hear about how the book was made. Registered families can pick up their copy of the book (to be signed at the event!) at the Children's Desk starting October 1.

10:30am Mon., Oct. 13, families with kids in grades K-4 (R)

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October registration begins Oct. 1 at 9am.

November registration begins Nov. 1 at 9am.

Crafternoon

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

Unaccompanied kids in grades K-5 (R)

- 4pm Thurs., Sep. 4 – magazine collage silhouettes
- 4pm Tues., Nov. 18 – woodland creature portraits

Sticker Storybook

What could be more fun than stickers and stories? Let your imagination run wild as you create an original tale using funky stickers and your storytelling magic! The book will be yours to take home; share it with family and friends or read it yourself before bed for the best dreams ever.

4:30pm Thurs., Sep. 11, unaccompanied kids in grades K-2 (R)

Cartooning with Mark Anderson

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



Secret Spies, Goofy Gadgets

Meet Agent 327 and help him create secret spy gadgets for his next mission. Laser watches! Flying cars! Secret code glasses!

And anything else you can come up with!

4:30pm Wed., Sep. 24, unaccompanied kids in grades K-5 (R)



Draw Your Own Haunted House

Kids will tell the cartoonist where to go, what will happen, what to do, and draw along! Will there be werewolves? Maybe. Vampires?

Possibly. Frankensteins? Who can say...Toon in and find out. (Insert spooky laugh here.)

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



ARTS & CRAFTS

Drop-In Crafts

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

All ages with an adult (NR)

- 9:30am-4pm Sat., Sep. 20 and 12:30-4pm Sun., Sep. 21 – 3D pumpkins
- 9:30am-5pm Fri., Oct. 10 and 9:30am-4pm Sat., Oct. 11 – silly spiders
- 12-5pm Fri., Nov. 21 and 9:30am-4pm Sat., Nov. 22 – teetering toadstools

Mini Makers

Preschoolers can practice art and fine motor skills in these crafting classes made just for them! Dress for a mess as we create original yarn tree paintings.

10am Wed., Nov. 12, ages 3-5 with an adult (R)



Turkey Toons & Funny Foods

A funny feast just in time for Thanksgiving! Kids will draw their favorite foods in hilarious situations! Turkey-zilla! Stuffed stuffing! And mashed potatoes...IN SPAAAAACE!

4:30pm Thurs., Nov. 20, unaccompanied kids in grades K-5 (R)





STORYTIMES

Toddler Storytimes

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

Early Fall Session – 4 weeks

9:30am Mondays, Sep. 8, 15, 22, 29
or 9:30am Thursdays, Sep. 11, 18, 25, Oct. 2,
ages 18-35 months with an adult (R)

Late Fall Session – 5 weeks

9:30am Mondays, Nov. 3, 10, 17, Dec. 1, 8
or 9:30am Thursdays, Nov. 6, 13, 20, Dec. 4, 11,
ages 18-35 months with an adult (R)

Drop-In Storytimes

Stop by with your kiddo for a casual storytime experience.

All ages with an adult (NR)

- 10:30am Mondays, Sep. 8, 15, 22, 29;
Nov. 3, 10, 17; Dec. 1, 8
- 9:30am Tuesdays, Sep. 9, 16, 23, 30;
Nov. 4, 11, 18; Dec. 2, 9



FOR BABIES

Baby Storytimes

So much more than stories! Join us for lots of movement and smiles as we share songs and rhymes chosen specifically for this age group. You'll go home with new tools to sing your way through diaper changes, mealtimes and anytime, making your day easier and enriching your child's language and literacy skills. Stay after storytime to chat with other caregivers as your little ones play.

10am Fridays, Sep. 5, 26; Nov. 21 ages 0-18 months with an adult (NR)

Baby Playdate

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

9:30-11am Fri., Sep. 12, ages 0-18 months with an adult (NR)

Preschool Storytimes

Young children will explore the world through stories, songs and crafts specifically selected for their developmental stage. Register once to save your child's spot for all classes in a session.

Early Fall Session – 4 weeks

10:30am Thursdays, Sep. 11, 18, 25; Oct. 2,
ages 3-5 with an adult (R)

Late Fall Session – 5 weeks

10:30am Thursdays, Nov. 6, 13, 20; Dec. 4, 11,
ages 3-5 with an adult (R)

Pajama Family Storytimes

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

6pm Mondays, Sep. 29 and Nov. 24, ages 2-6 with an adult (NR)

Storytime in the Park

Find your favorite librarians at Paulus Park for a fun outdoor storytime!

10am Thurs., Oct. 9, all ages with an adult (NR)

Not-So-Spooky Storytimes

Let's get in the Halloween spirit with songs, rhymes and some not-so-spooky stories! Come in costume for a fun Halloween-themed storytime for little ones.

All ages with an adult (NR)

- 10am Tues., Oct. 28
- 6pm Wed., Oct. 29



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 motor and sensory skills.

9:30-11am Fri., Nov. 14, ages 6-24 months with an adult (NR)

Baby Sign Language

Join instructor Katy Roth as she teaches basic American Sign Language vocabulary to you and your little one. Learning ASL is a great way for babies to communicate their wants and needs with caregivers before developing the ability to speak. ASL also builds valuable skills that help with language and literacy abilities later in life.

10:45am Sat., Nov. 15, parents/caregivers and their children ages 0-3 (R)

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Art Gallery and Display

The Library has a dimensional art space in addition to the Art Gallery. Works of emerging and established local artists are displayed. For more information about the art featured, visit the Information and/or Reference Desks.

Art Gallery (Second Floor)

September	Mark Pelnar	Pen & Ink – Dantes Divine Comedy
Oct.–Nov.	Jayanne Ridder	Paintings

Display Case (Children's Department)

September	Bird Houses	Residents of Zurich Meadows
October	Diwali	Tanvee Mahadik
November	Veterans Organization	Salute, Inc.

It's Been a Knit Girl Summer

Do you think knitting season is just starting? Think again! EAPL's Warm Up Lake Zurich group has kept busy these past few months. Summer knitting meant longer days for creating in natural light, knitting outdoors with friends and a more relaxed schedule to knit at a leisurely pace. Check out a few of our "best of" projects that survived summer's sizzle.



Fall in Love With Knitting!

EAPL's Warm Up Lake Zurich group meets monthly at the Library. All levels of experience are invited to participate.
4-6pm Thursdays, Sep. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13 (Held in Forge)



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Board meetings are open to the public and are held in person. They begin at 6pm on these Tuesdays: Sep. 16, Oct. 21 and Nov. 18.

Library Hours

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

Currently Scheduled Library Closings

Mon., Sep. 1	Labor Day
Fri., Oct. 3	Staff Training
Wed., Nov. 26	Closes at 5pm
Thurs., Nov. 27	Thanksgiving Day

Phone

(847) 438-3433

Program Registration

Register online at www.eapl.org. For more information, call the Information Desk at (847) 438-3433 or the Children's Dept. at (847) 438-3840.

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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