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Art Gallery and Display

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

Art gallery (second floor)

January	Jennifer Lilliebridge	Needlework
February	Elizabeth Waddington	Watercolor
March	The Starline Factory	Photography
April	Lakes Region Watercolor Guild	Watercolor

Dimensional art display (case located on the first floor behind the stairs)

January	Bethany Geschke	Pen and Ink
February	Bonnie Daichendt	Embroidery
March	Allen Schrader	Woodturned Pens
April	Joey Marie Johnson	Ceramics

Meet February's Artist Elizabeth Waddington



©Clematis by Elizabeth Waddington

I believe flowers are the perfect vehicle for color, form and composition. I use watercolor to capture the luminescent quality of leaves and blossoms. By creating two paintings simultaneously, I can collage them together later and re-compose my scene. I use a technique called monoprint where I paint directly on a piece of glass straight from the tube—very thick, with lots of color. I thoroughly wet my 300lb paper and press the painted glass to the paper. Once I have enough paint on the glass, I press on another piece of paper. Then, the magic happens! Pigment, paper and water blend to make a lovely aura of paint that I can move and blend. I was a gardener before I was a painter and am forever fascinated by my subject. For further information, contact Elizabeth at <http://ewaddington1.wixsite.com/lizpaints>.

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Board meetings are open to the public. They begin at 6pm on the third Tuesday of the month: Jan. 16, Feb. 20, Mar. 20 and Apr. 17.

Library Hours

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

Library Closings

Sun., Dec. 31	New Year's Eve
Mon., Jan. 1	New Year's Day
Fri., Mar. 16	Staff Training
Sun., Apr. 1	Easter

Phone

(847) 438-3433 Information Desk

Program Registration

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Photo by Jennifer Nickels

library news



From the Director's Desk, Matt Womack

Share the joy of discovery.

We adopted our new strategic plan in October 2017. See page 3 for a few of the highlights, but the revised mission statement is something that we find inspiring, and we hope that you do as well. It's simple. *Share the joy of discovery.*

Starting in early January, we'll be doing some construction work in the Children's program room, which is located at the very end of the Children's area. That room didn't get much attention when we renovated in 2015 because it was used primarily as a staging and storage area. We plan to make it a brighter, more appealing and enjoyable place for storytimes, crafts and all the other programs we host there. We expect to have it ready for use again in April.

We'll launch a new catalog in the early spring. It will provide library users a more modern and responsive interface for searching, holds and account management. See page 3 for a brief description of the plans.

As always, we have several new programs and initiatives for the New Year. Read more about our new storytime in Spanish, Three Books podcast and the launch of Book Boxes for our teen readers in this issue.

Passport Services & Renewals by Mail

The busy passport season is upon us! In late December through April, passport processing is at its highest level at the Library. Evening and weekend wait times can average 1-2 hours. Please check the passport section on our website www.eapl.org/apply-passport for a list of alternative passport processing locations and detailed information about passport processing. If you have any questions, please contact the Information Desk at (847) 438-3433 x500.

Adult passport renewals are processed by mail – you do not need to come into a passport processing facility for adult renewals. If you are eligible to use the renewal form DS-82, it is a mail-in only process. Visit travel.state.gov for detailed information.



Library Board Honors Memory of Former Trustee

The Ela Area Public Library Board of Trustees recently honored the late James Dewey with a resolution in memory of his service on the Library Board. A former Library volunteer, Mr. Dewey served on the Board from 2016 until his death in May of 2017.

Planning for the Future

Ela Library Strategic Plan

2017-2020



Every three years, the Library embarks on a strategic planning process to consider current, anticipated and possible future community needs. Careful consideration is given to determine which of those needs the Library can help meet.



Working with the community, Ela Library staff, Board of Trustees and volunteers, we identified our mission, vision, core values and the pillars of our strategic plan. The full plan is available on our website, but we'd like to share the core values that we identified during this process. These values provide the foundation for the kinds of services that we develop and prioritize, and we're sure that you can see some of your own values reflected here.

Fostering Curiosity

- Joy of discovery
- Inquisitiveness

Promoting Innovation

- Risk-taking
- Continuously raise the bar

Empowerment through Inclusivity

- Access for everyone
- Welcoming
- Approachability
- Openness

Working in Collaboration

- Partners in learning
- Engagement

No matter what technological advances may arise, or what budget challenges we may face in the future, these values will shape how we respond to the inevitable shifts that occur over time. More than anything else in the strategic plan, these values define who we are, and articulate the things we think are most important. Your contributions to our library's culture – through your comments, visits, usage, questions and support – have influenced these values throughout our 45 year history. Thank you for helping us create a vibrant culture and a library that is well positioned to fulfill our mission to *share the joy of discovery*.

New Online Catalog Coming in Spring

A new public catalog is coming in April 2018. The catalog refers to the system that organizes the relationships between you (our patrons) and our collections.

Over a year ago, Ela Library along with 23 other libraries underwent a thorough review of our catalog software options to find a system that best serves the current and future needs of you, our patrons. The review compared the current system with several competing systems along 10 different categories of criteria, and a clear winner emerged – Polaris, from Innovative Interfaces, Inc. Polaris improves the public catalog by integrating third party content like ebooks, book reviews, social media and other digital content more elegantly. Features include a more modern design that works really well with all types and sizes of mobile devices.

As April approaches, watch for a preview of the new system, and discover new and better ways of connecting to the resources and staff expertise we offer.

adult programs

Registration begins Tues., Jan. 2 for all programs.

FORGE Programs-see page 9.

Alzheimer's Support Group

This monthly drop-in support group provides information and support for those in a caregiving role. For more information, call the Alzheimer's Association at (847) 272-3900.

7-8pm Tuesdays, Jan. 2, Feb. 6, Mar. 6, Apr. 3 (NR)

Writer's Support

Share a sample of your latest work-in-progress or just come and listen.

9:30am Mondays, Jan. 8, Feb. 12, Mar. 12, Apr. 9 (NR)

(ESL) English as a Second Language Inglés como Segundo Idioma

Free English classes for adults at the Library.

Clases de Ingles gratuitas para adultos en la biblioteca.

Classes: 9:15am-12:15pm & 6-8:45pm Tues., & Thurs., beginning Jan. 9 (R)

Clases: 9:15am-12:15pm y 6-8:45pm Martes y Jueves a partir del 9 de Enero (R)

Warm Up Lake Zurich

Have fun and socialize as you create your own project or make items for local charitable organizations.

4:30-6pm Thursdays, Jan. 11, Feb. 1, Mar. 1, Apr. 5, May 3 (NR)

Comfort Cooking with a Healthier Slant

Chef Carrie Schloss returns to create healthier versions of the proverbial mac and cheese and other favorites. Tastings offered. Seating is limited.

2-3pm Sat., Jan. 13 (R)

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Books are available at the Reader Services Desk.

Books & Brews

Join us in the loft at Broken Earth Winery, 219 Robert Parker Coffin Rd., Long Grove.

7-8:30pm Tuesdays (R)

Jan. 16 *The Last Ballad* by Wiley Cash

Mar. 13 *See What I Have Done* by Sarah Schmidt

May 15 *Sing, Unburied, Sing* by Jesmyn Ward

Nonfiction

10-11:30am Fridays (R)

Feb. 16 *The Long Haul* by Finn Murphy

Apr. 20 *The Stranger in the Woods* by Michael Finkel

Senior Book Discussion

Books are available in large print, audio and regular print formats. Must register to receive a book.

10-11:30am Mondays

Jan. 22 *To the Bright Edge of the World* by Eowyn Ivey

Feb. 26, Mar. 26, Apr. 23 Visit www.eapl.org for titles.



Genealogy Interest Group

Check the Library's website for specific monthly topics or guest speakers. Newcomers welcome.

3-5pm Mondays, Jan. 15, Feb. 19, Mar. 19, Apr. 16 (NR)

Virtual Reality Drop-In

Drop in for a hands-on demonstration of our Virtual Reality equipment! Take a virtual trip with Google Expeditions and sign up for a slot to try out our Samsung Gear VR headset.

6:30-8:30pm Mon., Jan. 22 or 2:30-4:30pm Sat., Feb. 3 (NR)

Beginner Meditation Workshop

Experience the art of mindfulness meditation and its benefits.

Led by meditation instructor Susan Short, this workshop covers the best sitting posture for your body as well as how to identify and stay with your breath and quiet your mind.

6-8pm Wed., Jan. 24 (R)

Making the Most of Social Security Benefits

See *Business and Finance* page 6 for more information.

2-3:30pm Mon., Jan. 29 (R)

True Crime Author

Uncover the story of Sabella Nitti, the first woman sentenced to hang in Chicago for her missing husband during the Jazz Age. Co-sponsored with Ela Township "55-Plus," this event is held at the Ela Community Center. Call (847) 438-9160 to register. Seating is limited.

11:30am-1pm Tues., Jan. 30 (R)

AARP Tax Appointments

This service is provided by volunteers for seniors and qualified individuals.

9:15am-12:15pm Saturdays, Feb. 3-Apr. 14 (R)

Mr. Lincoln's Springfield

Librarian Nancy McCully takes us on an armchair tour of the Springfield Lincoln knew. See his home, law office, the Old State Capitol and the train depot. Tour his tomb and the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum.

7-8pm Mon., Feb. 12 (R)

Hawaiian Luau

Our annual Nightclub at Noon takes a tropical twist as we enjoy culture from our 50th state. Co-sponsored with Ela Township "55-Plus," this program is held at the Library. Please register and pay at Ela "55-Plus."

Call (847) 438-9160 for more information.

noon-2pm Fri., Feb. 16 (Seating begins at 11:30am) (R)

Afro-Cuban Folkloric Rhythms and Song

The Contemporary Music Project Percussion Ensemble will showcase an interactive performance explaining the history and music of the Lucumi, the Congos, the Arara and the Carabali.
2-3pm Sun., Feb. 18 (R)

Great Decisions Discussion Group

Visit fpa.org for topics. Pick up a discussion booklet beginning Jan.15 at Reference (2nd Floor). Contact Librarian Renee Stein (847) 438-3433 or rstein@eapl.org for more details.

1-2:30pm Tuesdays, Feb. 20, Mar. 20, Apr. 17 (R)

Library League

See page 10 for more information.

2-3pm Sundays, Feb. 25, Mar. 25, Apr. 22 (NR)

Game Night @ Your Library

Spend your evening playing and learning new tabletop games! There will be different games each month to try and enjoy. Staff is available to teach the game and play along.

6:30-8:30pm Wednesdays, Feb. 28, Mar. 28, Apr. 25 for ages 12 and up (8 & up when accompanied by an adult.) (NR)

Academy Award Predictions

Film lecturer Reid Schultz returns with his 2018 Oscar predictions. Door prizes awarded.

7-8:30pm Wed., Feb. 28 (R)

Life on the Santa Fe Trail

Historian John Lynn shares his experience of a 1000-mile bicycling jaunt from Franklin, Missouri to Santa Fe, New Mexico along the route of the Santa Fe National Historic Trail.

7-8:15pm Mon., Mar. 5 (R)

Showcase of Chinese Culture

Explore the Chinese culture through traditional dances, instruments and demonstrations of various martial arts. Presented by Lake Zurich's Fenghua Chinese School.

3-4pm Sat., Mar. 10 (NR)

Georgia O'Keeffe: An American Master

Art historian Jeff Mishur discusses a full range of O'Keeffe's art, from her daring and innovative abstractions of the 1910s and 1920s to her elegant investigations of various subject matter.

7-8:15pm Mon., Mar. 12 (R)

Functional Medicine

Osteopathic Physician and Functional Medicine Practitioner Jeanene Caccopola explains the components of functional medicine to repair, restore and rebalance the body to a state of wellness.

7-8pm Wed., Mar. 14 (R)

Apas Piano Trio

This trio founded in 2010 includes pianist Jimin Yun, violinist Eleanor Bartsch and cellist Nazar Dzhurnyn. Performance includes beautiful works by Robert Schumann's Piano Trio No. 2 in F Major and Anton Arensky's Piano Trio No. 1 in D Minor.

2-3pm Sun., Mar. 18 (R)

Georgia O'Keeffe: The Art of Nature

Historian and actress Leslie Goddard presents a living history portrayal of legendary artist Georgia O'Keeffe. Gain a better understanding of her art, as well as the complex person whose myth making encompassed both her paintings and life.

7-8pm Wed., Mar. 21 (R)

Lady Churchill: On Being Winston's Mother

Historical actress Lynn Rymarz portrays Jennie Jerome, a New England socialite who married into England's high society during the reign of Queen of Victoria. Uncover how she influenced her son Winston and made her own mark in British society.

2-3pm Thurs., Mar. 22 (R)

Three Women Artists: A Drawing Workshop

Artist Christine Thornton begins with a brief slide show lecture touching upon the lives and art of Georgia O'Keeffe, Frida Kahlo and Mary Cassatt. Following, choose a reproduction of one of their paintings to copy in colored pencil under Christine's guidance.

6-7:30pm Mon., Mar. 26 for ages 12 and up (R)

Asian Tales

Professional storyteller Anne Shimojima captivates our imagination with tales sparkling with magic, wisdom and humor. Come and meet clever animals, a samurai warrior, dancing spirits, a clever judge and an ogre or two. Families welcome.

1-2:30pm Tues., Mar. 27 (R)



Creative Containers

Horticulturist Sharon Yiesla covers the basics of container gardening: how to select a container, which plants to use and proper planting and care of the containers.

7-8pm Mon., Apr. 9 (R)

The Lincoln Family Legacy in Illinois

Celebrate the Bicentennial of Illinois. Historical presenter David Clark explores the Lincoln family legacy, from Abe's arrival in 1830 to Robert Todd's departure for Washington DC in 1911.

2-3pm Tues., Apr. 10 (R)

The World's Greatest Shortcut: The Panama Canal

Authors, educators, researchers and naturalists Wayne and Karen Brown share a virtual underwater tour of their adventure documenting personal experiences and mysteries of the Panama Canal.

7-8pm Wed., Apr. 11 (R)

adult programs

Registration begins Tues., Jan. 2 for all programs.

Climate Change: What Can We Do About It?

Geologist and author Ray Wiggers presents a richly illustrated lecture describing the greatest environmental dilemma of our time.

7-8:15pm Mon., Apr. 16 (R)

What is it Worth? Antique Appraisal

See *Business and Finance* page 6 for more information.

1-4pm Sun., Apr., 22 (R)

Podcast 101

Have you heard of podcasts but don't know where to start? Learn how to find them, subscribe to them and discover the podcasts that work best for you.

7pm Mon., Apr. 23 for ages 12 and up (R)



The "Fly Girls" of WWII

Over 1,100 women served their country during World War II as members of the Women Air Force Service Pilots (WASP) flying every military aircraft flown by the American Forces. Hear Rebecca Sutera Tulloch, a certified FAA pilot, as she tells the story of the WASP as only a pilot can.

2-3pm Tues., Apr. 24 (R)

Spoon River Anthology

Join actors Paddy and Jon Lynn and folk singer Patti Ecker for a performance of Edgar Lee Masters' classic portrait of life and death in an early Illinois town. This dramatic interpretation reveals the joys, sorrows and secrets of Spoon River's unforgettable characters in story and song.

2-3pm Sun., Apr. 29 (R)

How to Understand Your Credit Score and Protect It

See *Business and Finance* page 6 for more information.

7-8pm Mon., Apr. 30 (R)

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

Making the Most of Social Security Benefits

Financial educator Karen Chan presents an update of rules and strategies for singles as well as married couples and how those changed with the budget bill of October 2015. We'll cover how other income can affect your Social Security benefits and special options available to widows and widowers.

2-3:30pm Mon., Jan. 29 (R)

Mastering the Art of Asking: How to be More Powerful and Effective in Business and Life

Discover how to rethink your ideas about asking and giving, learn the exponential benefits from the power of asking and gain tips to make asking for what you want more comfortable.

6:30-8pm Wed., Feb. 21 (R)

How to Start Your Own Etsy Business

Etsy is an online marketplace where you can have fun, make money and indulge your passion for arts, crafts, vintage finds, fashion and more. Librarian Liz Kirchhoff will show you how to set up a business on Etsy, then showcase your treasures and grow your business on websites like Pinterest.

7-8:30pm Wed., Mar. 7 (R)

MONEY SMART WEEK[®]

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What is it Worth? Antique Appraisal

Appraiser Mark Moran returns. Appraisal time is limited to one item per person and is not private. Visit eapl.org for accepted items. Contact Mark Moran at moranm1953@gmail.com for questions. Registration times: 1-1:45pm, 2:2:45pm and 3-3:45pm (max. 14 participants per session)

1-4pm Sun., Apr., 22 (R)

Adulting 101 – Managing Your Money

Need help figuring out what to do with your birthday checks from grandma? Understand the different banking accounts, learn how to digitally manage those accounts, get ideas on ways to start saving your cash and learn about how credit works.

6:30-8pm Tues., Apr. 24 for ages 12 and up (R)

When is the Right Time to Retire?

Build a better understanding of your finances, from Social Security to IRAs and investments. Presented by financial educator Karen Chan, this workshop can help you decide when retirement is an option. Co-sponsored by Ela Township "55-Plus" and held at the Ela Township Community Center. Please call (847) 438-9160 to register.

6:30-7:30pm Tues., Apr. 24 (R)

Mistakes to Avoid in Your Retirement Planning

There are six critical mistakes that can have a detrimental impact on the outcome of your retirement but are avoidable with proper planning. Discover unique and effective strategies designed to help improve your retirement outcome.

6:30-8:30pm Wed., Apr. 25 (R)

How to Understand Your Credit Score and Protect It

First American Bank VP Tracey Drake Gasparian will cover the following points: what is a credit report, credit scores, FICO score, range of scores, how to check and improve your credit score.

7-8pm Mon., Apr. 30 (R)

computerprograms

Registration begins Tues., Jan. 2 for all programs.

*Prerequisite

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

SENIOR CLASSES

Online Senior Health

Stay informed with these useful websites.

10am-noon Tues., Apr. 3 (R)

Online Senior Travel

Explore online travel resources for older adults.

10am-noon Tues., Apr. 10 (R)

OFFICE APPLICATIONS

Flash drive optional.

Microsoft Word 2013 I

* Mouse and keyboard experience

10am-noon Tues., Jan. 16 or 10am-noon Sat., Jan. 20 (R)

Microsoft Word 2013 II

*MS Word I or related experience

10am-noon Tues., Jan. 23 or 10am-noon Sat., Jan. 27 (R)

Microsoft Excel 2013 I

*MS Word I or related experience

10am-noon Tues., Feb. 6 or 10am-noon Sat., Feb. 10 (R)

Microsoft Excel 2013 II

*MS Excel I or related experience

10am-noon Tues., Feb. 13 or 10am-noon Sat., Feb. 17 (R)

Advanced Excel 1: Formulas and Functions

*MS Excel II or related experience

6:30-8:30pm Tues., Feb. 20 (R)

Advanced Excel 2: Formulas, Tables, Charts and Pivots

*Advanced Excel I or related experience

6:30-8:30pm Tues., Feb. 27 (R)

Advanced Excel 3: Data Validation/Analysis, Lists, Visualization and Macros

*Advanced Excel I and II or Excel intermediate experience

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

Microsoft PowerPoint 2013

*MS Word I or related experience

10am-noon Tues., Mar. 20 (R) or

10am-noon Sat., Mar. 24 (R)

Microsoft Publisher 2013

*MS Word I or related experience

10am-noon Tues., Mar. 27 (R)

Microsoft Access 1

Covers relational databases, including tables, input masks, data rules, integrity rules and relationships.

6:30-8:30pm Wed., Apr. 11 (R)

Microsoft Access 2

Covers forms, reports, queries, macros and exporting/importing data from Excel.

6:30-8:30pm Wed., Apr. 18 (R)

ADVANCED TOPICS

Cut the Cable!

Say goodbye to cable TV and discover some cheaper entertainment services, including what your Library has to offer.

6:30-8:30pm Mon., Jan. 29 (R)

How to use Pinterest

Learn the basics on how to sign up, create a board and pin your favorite images.

6:30-8:30pm Wed., Feb. 7 (R)

Instagram

*Please bring your mobile device

Learn about account basics, finding old friends and new, posting photos and filters and editing.

10am-noon Sat., Feb. 24 (R)

Business Facebook

Use Facebook for professional networking and business growth.

6:30-8:30pm Wed., Mar. 7 (R)

LinkedIn for Job Seekers

Learn how to research companies, network and land your next job.

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

Getting the Most from Your iDevice: Productivity

Learn the basics of top productivity apps (including those for organization and finance) and optimize your time and life.

10am-noon Sat., Mar. 10 (R)

Google Earth

Google Earth allows you to travel the world through a virtual globe and view satellite imagery, maps, terrain, 3D buildings and much more!

6:30-8:30pm Wed., Mar. 14 (R)

Google Docs

Learn about how to use Internet connected devices.

6:30-8:30pm Mon., Mar. 19 (R)

Snapchat

Learn what makes this popular messaging platform so appealing and how it works. Check out the fun filters!

6:30-8:30pm Wed., Apr. 4 (R)

Google Photos

*Please have a Google Gmail account

Google Photos is a photo and video sharing and storage service.

10am-noon Sat., Apr. 7 (R)

iMovie For iPad

Learn the basics of video editing on your iPad using iMovie, including adding music and transitions.

10am-noon Sat., Apr. 14 (R)

Twitter

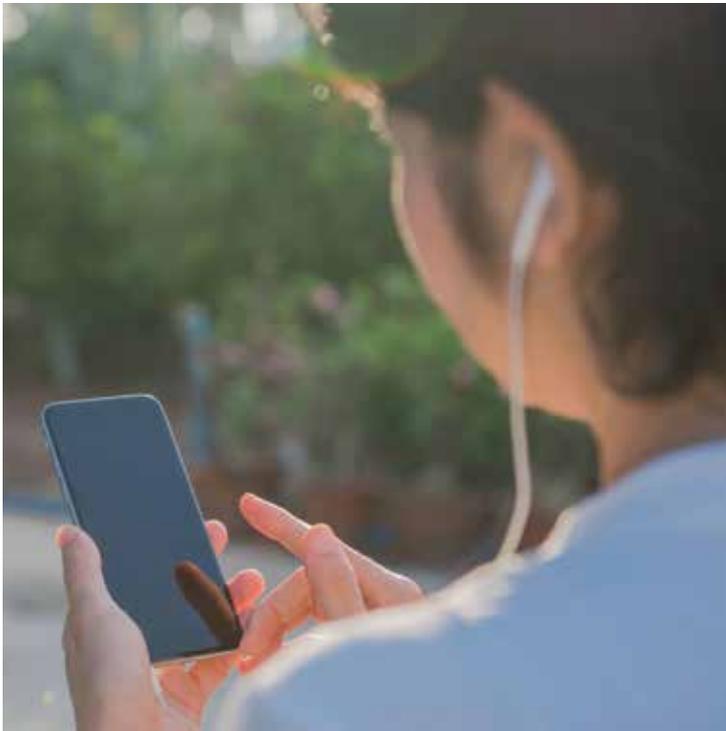
*Must have a valid and accessible email account

A social messaging tool that lets people stay connected through brief text message updates up to 280 characters in length.

6:30-8:30pm Wed., Apr. 25 (R)

Podcasts

5 Great Apps for Listening and Creating



Overcast

This powerful yet simple audio podcast player, with features such as smart speed, voice boost and smarter playlists helps you listen to more podcasts in more places, try new shows and completely control your experience.

Pocket Casts

All the podcasts you know and love. With over 300,000 unique shows, you are covered. See what's popular and find new favorites with Pocket Casts Discover. This powerful search lets you find shows by title, author, or feed.

TuneIn Radio

Stream your favorite radio stations with TuneIn and listen to the latest NFL, NCAA, MLB, NBA, NHL games live. With 100,000+ AM FM online radio stations, TuneIn offers a wide selection of radio stations, music, news, podcasts and audiobooks from around the world.

Podbean

A better way to discover and play all your favorite podcasts anywhere, anytime, the Podbean app enhances your podcast listening experience with intelligent speed, volume boost, customizable playlist and all the best features.

Speaker Podcast Radio

Discover and listen to your favorite podcasts for free or sign up to create your own! Keep your favorite podcasts, a variety of channels, curated lists, personalized playlists created by you, and more at your fingertips.

New! Three Books Podcast

Three Books is Ela Area Public Library's podcast series where our hosts, Becca and Christen, chat about three popular/favorite books. The series also features a wide variety of guests who talk about their favorite books and why. Download episodes on iTunes or visit <https://eapl.org/threebooks>.

Podcast 101

Have you heard of podcasts but don't know where to start? Learn how to find them, subscribe to them and discover podcasts that work best for you.

7pm Mon., Apr. 23 for ages 12 and up (R)

forge programs

Teens/Adults/55+

Registration begins Tues., Jan. 2 for all programs.

TEENS

Grades 5-12, unless noted.

Ozobot for Teens

Learn about programming with our Ozobots, line-following micro robots, and the Ozoblockly web-app.

6-7:30pm Mondays, Feb. 12 or Apr. 9 for grades 6-12 (R)

Stamped Metal Bracelets

Choose a word that is meaningful to you and use it to make a simple bracelet. Maybe your word is *love*, *kindness* or maybe it's *pizza*. Whatever means something to you can be made into a bracelet for you or to give a friend.

7-8pm Tues., Feb. 13 for grades 6-12 (R)

Lego Robotics: Mission One

Come and pilot your very own robot to victory in this introductory STEM course. No prior robotics or technical experience required for this program.

6-8pm Tues., Mar. 27 for grades 5-8 (R)

Let's Make: Slime!

Sticky, gooey, and all the rage, slime is an extremely popular stress relief tool made from just a few simple ingredients. In this program, you will make your very own slime to take home.

3-4pm Thurs., Mar. 29 for grades 6-8 (R)

Let's Make: Rubber Band Racers!

Harness the power of tension to create your own custom rubber band racer. We will spend time both decorating and racing.

4-5:30pm Fri., Mar. 30 for grades 3-6 (R)

Lego Robotics: Mission Two

Using LEGO Mindstorms technology, solve difficult challenges with your team while you collect fuel cells to complete your mission! Prerequisite: LEGO Robotics: Mission One or other LEGO Mindstorms experience.

2-4pm Wed., Mar. 31 for grades 5-8 (R)

Art Meets Science

Use line, color and shape to explore science in a different way. Meghan Rock, a trained science illustrator, will guide teens who are scientifically and/or artistically-inclined. Explore different media: charcoal, pencil, ink and watercolor. Be prepared to observe and create!

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

TEENS AND ADULTS

Ages 12 and up, unless noted.

Introduction to Felting

Curious about felting but not sure where to begin? Let's make felted soap! Find out how to create your own felted body scrubber with soap. We'll also learn hand needle felting and how to make a felted pin using wool roving. All materials provided by Twisted Fiber Studio.

6-7:30pm Thursdays, Feb. 1 or Feb. 8 (R)

Sewing Basics

Learn the basics of using a sewing machine to 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, Feb. 5, Mar. 19 or Apr. 2 (R)



Design a Basic House

Design a model of a house to learn basic 3D design skills in tinkercad.

7-8:30pm Wednesdays, Feb. 14, Mar. 7 or Apr. 18 (R)

3D Design the Willis Tower

Learn basic 3D design skills using Tinkercad while designing a copy of Chicago's tallest building.

7-8:30pm Mondays, Feb. 19, Mar. 12 or Apr. 23 (R)

Creative Journaling

Get those creative juices flowing with our Creative Journaling Workshop presented by Paper Source. Learn to combine your planner, diary, to-do lists and sketchpad into one visually-inspiring, customized book. All materials provided.

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

Spring Painting Workshop

Create a piece of art learning different painting techniques using acrylic paints on canvas. Artist Barb Benstein will provide a step-by-step demo. No experience necessary. All supplies included.

6-8pm Mon., Mar. 19 for ages 16 and up (R)

3D Model Paint & Take

Come in and learn the basics of painting 3D printed models!

6-8pm Wed., Mar. 21 (R)

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Introduction to Felting

Curious about felting but not sure where to start? Let's make felted soap! Come find out how to create your own felted body scrubber with the soap included. We'll also learn to hand needle felt and make a felted pin using wool roving. All materials provided by Twisted Fiber Studio.

3-4:30pm Thurs., Feb. 1 or Feb. 8 (R)

Creative Journaling

Get those creative juices flowing with our creative journaling workshop presented by Paper Source. Learn to combine your planner, diary, to-do lists and sketchpad into one visually-inspiring, customized book. All materials provided.

4-6pm Tues., Mar. 6 (R)

Spring Painting Workshop

Create a piece of art learning different painting techniques using acrylic paints on canvas. Artist Barb Benstein provides a step-by-step demo. No experience necessary. All supplies included.

1-3pm Tues., Mar. 20 (R)

teenprograms

Registration begins Tues., Jan. 2 for all programs.

FORGE Programs-see page 9.



Anime Club

Come to the library to watch and discuss anime, talk about manga and generally have fandom fun. There will be snacks!
4-5:45pm Fridays, Jan. 12, Feb. 9, Mar. 9, Apr. 13 for grades 8 and up (NR)

CRAM for Exams

It's finals time. Bring your books and we'll have supplies, snacks and space to study.
1:30-8:30pm Mon., Jan. 15 and Tues., Jan. 16 for high school students (NR)

Ela Library League

Do you want to give back? Join the Ela Library League! Philanthropists of all ages are welcome—from toddlers to adults—to work on volunteer projects that help locally and globally. Come to one or all! Have a suggestion for a future volunteer project? Send them to us at teen@eapl.org.

2-3pm Sundays

- Feb. 25 - Send Kids the World

Create postcards for kids with life-threatening illnesses.

- Mar. 25 - Project Linus

Make fleece blankets for critically ill children.

- Apr. 22 - Crayons for SCARCE

Sort crayons for SCARCE, an organization that makes "super crayons" for children with special needs.

All Ages (NR)

Harry Potter Book Club: Goblet of Fire

Head to Platform 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ and hop on the Hogwarts Express to join your favorite boy wizard for a discussion of the fourth book in the series. Whether you're reading the books for the first time or rereading, there will be much to discuss. Don't worry, the Honeydukes Express trolley will supply you with treats to fuel the discussion.

12:30-1:30pm Sun., Feb. 25 for grades 6-12 (R)

Game Night @ Your Library

Spend your evening playing and learning new tabletop games! There will be different games each month for you to try and enjoy. Staff will be available to teach you how to play and play along.

6:30-8:30pm Wednesdays, Feb. 28, Mar. 28, Apr. 25 for ages 12 & up (8 & up when accompanied by an adult) (NR)

COLLEGE/CAREER PREP

ACT Practice Test

Prepare for the ACT by taking a free practice test proctored and scored by Sylvan Learning Center. Please bring #2 sharpened pencils.

12:30-4pm Sun., Feb. 4 for grades 9-12 (R)

ACT Test Review Session

Sign up for a 15-minute time slot and have Sylvan Learning Center review your results with you. For students who took the practice test at Ela Library on Feb. 4. Limited to a 15 minute session per individual. Reference Study Rooms 3 & 4.

6-8:45pm Thurs., Feb. 8 (R)

SAT Practice Test

Take a practice test under realistic conditions and get a measurement on your performance for free! Please bring #2 sharpened pencils.

12:30-4pm Sun., Feb. 25 for grades 9-12 (R)

SAT Test Review Session

For students who took the SAT practice test at Ela Library on Feb. 25. Sylvan Learning Center will review your practice test results with you and let you know what areas of the test are your strengths and weaknesses. Limited to a 15 minute session per individual. Reference Study Rooms 3 and 4.

6-8:45pm Thurs., Mar. 1 (R)

Adulting 101: Job Interview Skills for Teens

Learn about the different kinds of interviews, the importance of appearance and punctuality, and what to do before, during and after an interview. This program is geared towards high school students seeking a summer job or a first time job.

2-4pm Sat., Apr. 14 (R)

Peep-a-Palooza

Create an original Peep diorama on any theme you dream up! We will have packages of marshmallow Peeps available (while supplies last) at the Information and Children's Reference desks to take home. Entries are due by Saturday, March 31. All entries will be displayed April 3-9 so viewers can vote for their favorites.

Mon., Mar. 12–Sat., Mar. 31 for all ages

Three Women Artists: A Drawing Workshop

Artist Christine Thornton begins with a brief slide show lecture touching upon the lives and art of Georgia O'Keeffe, Frida Kahlo and Mary Cassatt. Following, choose a reproduction of one of their paintings to copy in colored pencil under Christine's guidance.

6-7:30pm Mon., Mar. 26 for ages 12 and up (R)

Adulting 101 – Gardening

Green thumb? Black thumb? It doesn't matter! Do you know how your garden grows? Let's get growing!

10am-1pm Sat., Mar. 31 for grades 6 and up (R)

Podcast 101

Have you heard of podcasts but don't know where to start? Learn how to find them, subscribe to them and discover the podcasts that work best for you.

7pm Mon., Apr. 23 for ages 12 and up (R)

Adulting 101 – Managing Your Money

Understand different banking accounts, learn how to digitally manage those accounts, get ideas on ways to start saving your cash and learn about how credit works.

6:30-8pm Tues., Apr. 24 for ages 12 and up (R)



TEEN LIT

New Services for our Teen Community

Book Boxes

Need more great books in your life? Never fear! Ela Book Box is here! Sign up for a book box and receive a newly-released teen library book and a box full of themed goodies. Choose between contemporary, science fiction, fantasy, horror, historical fiction, romance, mystery and thriller/suspense. Keep all the treats and return your box with the book each month for your new box.

Box pick up begins on the Wednesdays listed below. Boxes are held for pick up at the Information Desk for one week. There is no charge for book boxes, but registration is required.

Themes: January - Totally Rad; February - Book Love; March – Superheroes; April - April Fools.

Wednesdays, Jan. 24, Feb. 21, Mar. 28 and Apr. 25 for grades 6-12 (R)

Teen Book Match

We are excited to announce the start of a new readers advisory service: *Ela Teen Book Match*. Looking for that next great book? Fill out the *Ela Teen Book Match* form at the Library (located in the Teen Lounge behind Forge) or online at <https://eapl.org/teens/bookmatch>, and we will develop a list curated just for you and your reading preferences. This is open to anyone who is looking for great YA/teen books. Choose if you want the list e-mailed, books put on hold or want to talk about book choices in person or on the phone. Your new favorite book is waiting.

children's programs

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NOTE: January and April will begin on the 2nd.

Weekly Activity Table

Every Monday morning we will have a different craft or activity for the week.

Scout Tours

Take a "back stage" look at the library and follow a book on its journey from delivery to the library to its home on the shelf. Troop leaders must have an Ela Library card. Contact Barb x110 or bkalchbr@eapl.org to schedule your tour.

Chill Out! at the Ela Library

Continuing through January 31, children of all ages can participate in our winter library club. Complete your goals to receive a paperback book as a prize. A separate pre-reader program is also available. (R)

Preschool Information Night

Find the best school for your child. Drop by to meet representatives and obtain information from local preschool and daycare facilities.

6:30-8pm Wed., Jan. 17 (NR)

FORGE PROGRAMS

Guys' Craft

Keep track of your papers and photos with a froggy note holder you make together.

10am Sat., Jan. 20 for accompanied children grades 3-5 (R)

WeDo Race Car

Build & program a race car using our WeDo construction sets.

- 10am or 3pm Mon., Feb. 19
for accompanied children in grades K-2 (R)
- 1pm Mon., Feb. 19 for grades 3-5 (R)

Spring Wreath

Make a wreath to celebrate the arrival of spring.

- 10am Mon., Mar. 26
for accompanied children in grades K-2 (R)
- 1pm Mon., Mar. 26 for grades 3-5 (R)

Let's Make: Slime!

Sticky, gooey, and all the rage, slime is an extremely popular stress relief tool made from just a few simple ingredients. In this program, you will make your very own slime to take home.

2-3pm Thurs., Mar. 29 for grades 3-5 (R)

Minecraft Mania

Explore the many exciting features of Minecraft in this 90-minute workshop.

10:30am Fri., Mar. 30 for grades 3-5 (R)

Let's Make: Rubber Band Racers!

Harness the power of tension to create your own custom rubber band racer. We will spend time both decorating and racing.

4-5:30pm Fri., Mar. 30 for grades 3-6 (R)



Girls' Book Club

Join other girls for snacks, crafts and fun while we discuss a great book. Titles and copies of each book will be available at the Children's Reference Desk on the first of each month.

4pm Wed., Jan. 31 & Feb. 28 for grades 4 & 5 (R)

4pm Tues., Apr. 24 for grades 4 & 5 (R)

Silly Science

- 2pm Mon., Feb. 5 for accompanied children ages 3-5 (R)

Using air pressure, learn how a whale breathes through its blowhole.

- 2pm Fri., Feb. 23 for accompanied children ages 3-5 (R)

Using friction, see how the itsy bitsy spider made it up the spout.

Storyacting with Paddy Lynn

Paddy Lynn combines storytelling with the magic and wonder of theatre. Be prepared to be part of the action while she shares some funny favorites.

10am Wed., Feb. 7 and 21 for accompanied children ages 2-5 (NR)

Meet the Bots

Stop by and try out our bots – Bee Bot, Ozobot and Code-a-pillar!

10am Tues., Feb. 13 for accompanied children ages 3-5 (NR)

Valentine's Day Party

Celebrate the day with heartwarming stories, fun games and sweet treats. We will make cards and "love bugs" for friends and family.

10am Wed., Feb. 14 for accompanied children of all ages (NR)

Afro-Cuban Folkloric Rhythms and Song

African musical traditions in Cuba are a rich and varied legacy whose songs and rhythms are doorways into the American story. The Contemporary Music Project Percussion Ensemble will showcase an interactive performance explaining the history and music of the Lucumi, the Congos, the Arara and the Carabali.

2-3pm Sun., Feb. 18 (R)

Tales of Winter Wonder

Mr. Kipley presents his hilarious, interactive magic and puppet show!

10am Wed., Feb. 28 for accompanied children of all ages (NR)

Game Night @ Your Library

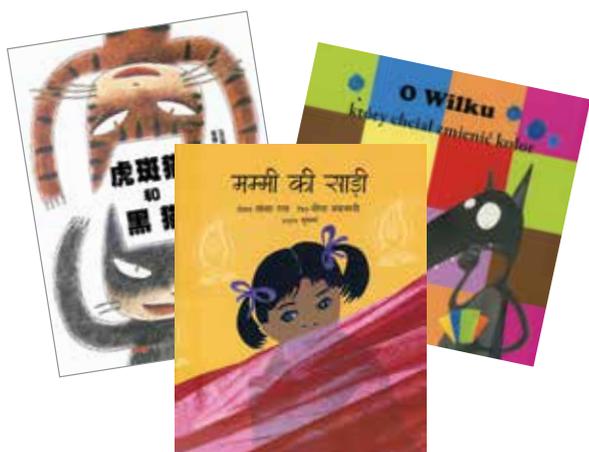
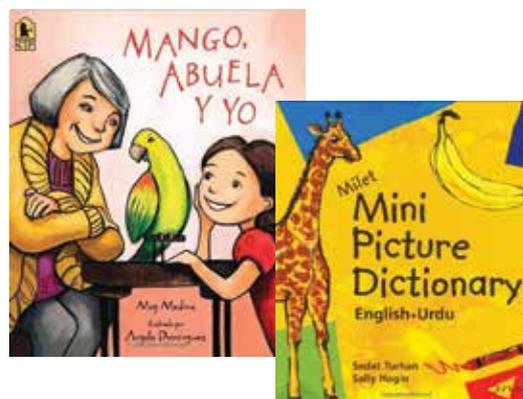
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Celebrating Our Multi-Cultural Community

Explore our World Language Collection

Residents of our community speak a wide variety of languages at home: Spanish, Polish, Russian, Chinese, Korean and many others. Find books and other materials in these languages showcased in our World Language and Language Learning collections. Whether you like to read to your children in your native language or learn a new language yourself, come and browse these collections for fiction, nonfiction, and audiovisual materials. The Library also offers a collection of literacy and English-as-a-Second Language materials.



New! Spanish Storytime

10am Thursdays, Jan. 18–Mar. 22

for ages 2-5 accompanied by an adult

Coming this winter/spring—the Children's Department will offer a storytime in Spanish. The sessions are led by a native Spanish speaker and take place weekly for children ages 2-5, accompanied by an adult. All are welcome!

Ven Y Lee Conmigo

¡Mamá! ¡Papá! ¿Te gustaría que tus hijos se diviertan y al mismo tiempo desarrollen su imaginación? Ven e introdúcelos al maravilloso mundo de las fábulas, narraciones, y lecturas de cuentos infantiles, y acompáñalos a vivir esta bonita experiencia.

10:00 am los jueves a partir del 18 de enero hasta el 22 de marzo para niños de 2-5 años, acompañados (NR)

Children's Program Room Renovation

This winter and early spring, the Children's Program Room will undergo a renovation, a project we did not have the opportunity to complete during the last construction phase. From January–April, children's programs will be held in a variety of locations—mostly in the large main meeting rooms but, sometimes, in makeshift spaces within the Children's Department. Our renovated room will feature more secure cupboards and counters as well as easier to move tables at two different heights. Additionally, one side of the room will have easy-to-clean flooring so children can have fun with paints, clay and other messy materials. We appreciate your flexibility and patience while we work to improve safety, storage and new program and space possibilities.



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Superhero Training Academy

Calling all superheroes! Attend our training academy and learn all the skills you need to save the day!
10am Fri., Mar. 9 for accompanied children ages 2-5 (R)

Showcase of Chinese Culture

Explore the Chinese culture through traditional dances, instruments and demonstrations of various martial arts. Presented by Fenghua Chinese School. Families welcome.
3-4pm Sat., Mar. 10 (NR)

Peep-a-Palooza

Create an original Peep diorama. See page 10 for details.
Mon., Mar. 12–Sat., Mar. 31 for all ages

Asian Tales

Professional storyteller Anne Shimojima captivates our imagination with tales sparkling with magic, wisdom and humor. Come and meet clever animals, a samurai warrior, dancing spirits, a clever judge and an ogre or two. Families welcome.
1-2:30pm Tues., Mar. 27 (R)

Cardboard Box Challenge

Drop in and use your imagination to construct your own cardboard creation.
10am-3pm Wed., Mar. 28 for all ages (NR)

National Library Week Drawing

Visit our activity table and make a craft in honor of National Library Week. Fill out a raffle slip for a special prize.
Sun., Apr. 8–Sat. Apr. 14 for all ages

STORYTIMES/PLAYTIMES

Saturday Storytime with Carol

Enjoy stories, songs and crafts with Carol every Saturday morning.
11am Saturdays, Jan. 6–Apr. 28 for all ages with an adult (NR)

Baby Playtime

Meet new friends and enjoy some unstructured playtime. Professional doulas Kirsten and Michelle will bring coffee and the answers to your questions about labor and delivery, the postpartum period and the changing needs of your little ones.
9:30-10:30am Mondays, Jan. 8–Apr. 30 for caregivers and children under 24 months (NR)

Rock n' Roll Storytime

Rock n' Kids presents a unique combination of music and literacy. Through songs, movements, imaginative play and musical activities, you will explore a different book each week. Get ready for a rock n' reading experience you won't forget!
9:30 or 10:30am Wednesdays, Jan. 10, 17, 24, 31 for accompanied children ages 2-5 (R)

Intergenerational Storytime

Bring your littles ones to a special family storytime at Zurich Meadows, an independent senior apartment complex across from the Library. Incorporating stories, songs, a craft and joy for all.
11am Thursdays, Jan. 11, Feb. 8, Mar. 8 for all ages (NR). Meet at Zurich Meadows, 250 Mohawk Trail, Lake Zurich.

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Sensory Playtime

Stimulate your child's sensory development through play, socialization and activities. Come dressed for a mess.
- **10am Fri., Jan. 19 for accompanied children ages 0-24 months (NR)**
- **10am Fri., Jan. 26 for accompanied children ages 2-5 (NR)**

Razzamatazz Jazz

Join us for a musical storytime in honor of Black History Month! Experience jazz through stories and the music of classic artists Ella Fitzgerald, Louis Armstrong and others!
11am Fri., Feb. 23 for accompanied children ages 3-5 (NR)

Girl Power!

This special storytime for girls and boys celebrates girl power—past and present.
10am Fri., Mar. 7 for accompanied children ages 2-5 (NR)
4pm Wed., Mar. 7 for grades K-2 (NR)

Around the World with Baby

We will highlight a variety of cultures through books, music and free play.
10am Fri., Mar. 23 and 10am Wed., Apr. 11 for accompanied babies 0-24 months (NR)

Imagination Station

Earth Day is almost here! Listen to stories and visit our pretend recycling facility. You will also make a nature collage and be able to dig through play compost bins.
10am Weds., Apr. 18 for accompanied children ages 2-5 (R)
4pm Wed., Apr. 18 for grades K-2 (R)



New Year, New You

The best time for new beginnings is now. Every new year brings with it a time of change, growth, re-birth and resolution. It's time for a fresh start, making plans, setting goals and living up to one's full potential. Live your best life by taking steps toward a better you. So, where does one start? Well, how about the Library!

Here is a sampling of some of the titles that await you:

- *12 Rules for Life: An Antidote to Chaos* by Jordan B. Peterson
- *Discipline Equals Freedom* by Jocko Willink
- *The Keto Reset Diet: Reboot Your Metabolism in 21 Days and Burn Fat Forever* by Mark Sisson
- *Lazy Perfection: The Art of Looking Great Without Really Trying* by Jenny Patinkin
- *Make Your Bed: Little Things That Can Change Your Life...And Maybe the World* by William H. McRaven
- *The RBG Workout: How She Stays Strong . . . and You Can Too!* by Bryant Johnson
- *Rising Strong: How the Ability to Reset Transforms the Way We Live, Love, Parent, and Lead* by Brené Brown
- *T Is for Transformation: Unleash the 7 Superpowers to Help You Dig Deeper, Feel Stronger, and Live Your Best Life* by Shaun T.
- *Unplug: A Simple Guide to Meditation for Busy Skeptics and Modern Soul Seekers* by Suze Yalof Schwartz
- *The Whole30 Fast & Easy Cookbook: 150 Simply Delicious Everyday Recipes for Your Whole30* by Melissa Hartwig