Art Gallery

The Library’s art gallery is located on the second floor. Each month the works of emerging and established local artists are displayed. For more information about the artist and the art featured, please visit the Reference Desk.

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Dotty Carringi, who exhibits in April, has been a visual artist for the past 26 years and only recently has focused on pastel painting. She strives to create a mood with dramatic lighting, interesting shapes and expressive colors through a variety of subjects, concentrating on composition, value and color temperature.

Dotty’s paintings have won many awards including the following: Women’s Works People’s Choice award, Real People award and the Richeson 75 Finalist award. Contact Dotty at www.dottydesigns.net.
From the Director’s Desk, Mary Beth Campe
We are very pleased with the results of our RFID Improvement Project. In just under four months, all 210,000 items in our collection were re-tagged with new RFID technology; the entire system for checking in and out materials was replaced; and improvements to our Checkout area and Drive Up were implemented to accommodate these upgrades and provide better service to you. Customer satisfaction has always been one of our top priorities. As a result, we are extremely proud that all of these improvements have made the Library so much easier to use and were accomplished without major disruption to services or programs. We thank you for your patience during this project, and we’re very happy to see you adapting well to the new system. If you haven’t viewed the materials sorter in action, just peek in the viewing window located by the Returns. It’s something to see!

Take Control of Your Hold Requests
Going on vacation? Did you request a hold but do not want it to come in while you are away? Or, have you placed multiple holds and do not want them to come in at the same time? It’s easy to suspend your holds until you are ready to pick them up. Using the Library’s online Catalog, just enter suspension start and end dates when placing holds, or on existing holds, using “My EAPL.” It’s that easy! When your requests become available, we will notify you.

Passport Services
Did you know that the Library is an official Passport Acceptance Facility? We accept passport applications every day, up to a half hour prior to closing at the Information Desk. Patrons should call the Library, visit the Library’s website www.eapl.org or refer to the U.S. State Department’s travel.state.gov site for the requirements to obtain a passport (birth certificate, naturalization papers, etc.) and current processing times for routine/expedited service. We no longer take passport photos.

Tax Forms
Federal and state tax forms and instructions are available free of charge at the Library from January through the end of April. Assistance can also be provided with printing online forms and instructions via federal and state websites.

Keeping it Green – Reuse a Shoe Project Returns
Once again, Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) and the Library have teamed up for SWALCO’s annual Reuse a Shoe program. Help the environment by dropping off athletic shoes (no cleats and please remove metal eyelets) for recycling in March and April. Last year SWALCO collected and transported nearly 30,000 shoes for recycling. Additionally, thousands of gently worn shoes were donated to local charities, including Illinois’ own Share Your Soles Foundation.
We did it! Thanks in part to your support and patience, the Library’s nearly 4-month long RFID Improvement Project recently wrapped up, ahead of schedule and under budget. Service improvements we’ve made include:

• Replacing the Library’s current RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) system for managing and organizing materials in the Library.

• Replacing radio frequency identification tags on books, DVDs and other materials that are housed in the public areas.

• Replacing outdated self-check machines with new self-checks that have more options and less restrictions.

• Reconfiguring the drive-up to allow users to bypass cars waiting at the window.

• Decreasing the size of the Checkout Desk to allow more space for additional self-check machines.

• Installation of a new 7-bin return and sorter system.

“The new system and self-checks have already exceeded our expectations and are proving to be extremely popular,” said Executive Director Mary Beth Campe. “The self-checks are very easy to use and offer new features such as the ability to pay fines, check your account and even email yourself a receipt. These are a welcome addition to our Checkout area for those who prefer more do-it-yourself options.”

Even the task of checking in items has become faster and more efficient with the installation of a new 7-bin return and sorter system. The fully automated materials handling system has dramatically increased productivity by improving the accuracy rate of items checked in and enabling staff to get items quickly back on the shelf. The Returns inductions, located inside the Library, also verify the quantity and titles of items returned. Customers also have the option to receive a printed receipt following the transaction. See for yourself next time you’re in the Library. The new system is easy to use and definitely worth a look.
Multicultural March

Spend the month with us as we explore dance and culture from around the globe.

Families welcome. Registration not required (NR), unless noted.

Ensemble Español
See and hear the rhythms, excitement and passion of authentic Spanish dance performed by Ensemble Español, a not for profit Spanish Dance Theater arts organization.
3pm Sat., Mar. 5 (NR)

Muntu Dance
The Chicago-based Muntu Dance Theatre will bring you out of your seat and into the aisles with its unique synthesis of African-American dance, rhythm and song.
3pm Sun., Mar. 6 (NR)

The Revelettes
The Revelettes are Chicago’s grooviest white-boots-n-big-hair go-go troupe. The troupe honors the moves, ‘do’s, and get-ups that distinguished the go-go scene decades ago with music from across eras and genres.
3pm Sat., Mar. 12 (NR)

McNulty Irish Dancers
Just in time for St. Pat’s day, this troupe will perform both soft and heavy shoe Irish step.
2pm Sun., Mar. 13 (NR)

Cultural Journey to Spain
See beautiful scenery and discover the culture of Spain.
7-8:15pm Mon., Mar. 14 (R)

Native American Celebration
Experience Native American dances and songs. Listen to storytelling and lore, then learn to dance to the beat of a Native drum.
6:30pm Wed., Mar. 23 (NR)

Ranjana’s Vegetarian Indian Cooking
Learn how to prepare recipes rooted in India’s age-old vegetarian culinary traditions. Tasting and recipes included.
6:30-8pm Mon., Mar. 28 (R) Fee: $3

Indian Dance
Immerse yourself in the culture and tradition of India during this presentation of classical Indian dance styles.
3:30-4pm Thurs., Mar. 31 (NR)

Henna Designs
Bring a sample of Indian culture home with you—on your skin! Free, small henna designs will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.
4-5pm Thurs., Mar. 31 (NR)
**adult programs**

(R) Registration Required  
(NR) Registration Not Required

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**Warm Up Lake Zurich**  
Knitters of all ages and levels are welcome to come knit and socialize. Questions? Call Laura Cloud at (847) 438-3433 x155.  
4:30-5:30pm Jan. 6, Feb. 3, Mar. 3 and Apr. 7 (R)

**Writers’ Support**  
9:30-11am or 6:30-8:30pm  
Mondays, Jan. 10, Feb. 14, Mar. 14, Apr. 11 and May 9 (NR)

**Solving Bladder Problems**  
Urologist Dr. Brian Keuer and physical therapist Teri Elliott-Burke discuss several approaches to bladder problems for men, women and children of all ages.  
7-8pm Mon., Jan. 10 (R)

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**BOOK DISCUSSIONS**  
Books are available at Readers’ Services

**New! Reading Roundtable Nights**  
7:30-9:30pm Tuesdays (R)  
For each session, read a book of your choice in the assigned genre and then join us to discuss. A description of the upcoming genre and a list of suggested authors is available at the Readers’ Services Desk.  
Feb. 8 Romance  
Apr. 12 Historical Fiction

**Ela AM Readers**  
10-11:30am Thursdays (R)  
Jan. 20 The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian  
by Sherman Alexie  
Feb. 17 La’s Orchestra Saves the World  
by Alexander McCall-Smith  
Mar. 17 Little Bee  
by Chris Cleave  
Apr. 21 Behind the Scenes at the Museum  
by Kate Atkinson

**Senior Book Discussion**  
10-11:30am Mondays (R)  
Jan. 24 Saving Cee Cee Honeycutt  
by Beth Hoffman  
Feb. 28 Major Pettigrew’s Last Stand  
by Helen Simonson  
Mar. 28 TBA  
Apr. 25 One Amazing Thing  
by Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni

**Non-Fiction Book Discussion**  
10-11:30am (R)  
Jan. 14 Infidel  
by Ayaan Hirsi Ali  
Mar. 11 Alive  
by Piers Paul Read or Miracle in the Andes  
by Nando Parrado  
May 13 The Professor and the Madman  
by Simon Winchester

**English as a Second Language**  
Free English classes for adults are available at the Library.  
9:15am-noon or 6:15-8:45pm  
Tues. & Thurs. January 11–May (R)

**Great Decisions Discussion Group**  
Visit www.fpa.org for 2011 Great Decisions topics. January is a planning meeting and discussions begin in February. Contact Kathleen Flatow at (847) 438-3433 x217 for reading materials.  
1-2:30pm Tues., Jan. 18, Feb. 15, Mar. 15, Apr. 19 and May 17 (R)

**IRA Money Mistakes**  
Scott Goldman of Planning Dynamics, Inc., will lead a workshop identifying common mistakes in working with Individual Retirement Accounts.  
1:30-3pm Wed., Jan. 19 (R)

**Nightclub at Noon**  
Neil Diamond tribute band Denny Diamond and the Family Jewels is our featured entertainment. Advance registration is required by calling (847) 438-9160. Co-sponsored by Ela Township “55-Plus.”  
noon-2pm Fri., Jan. 21 (R)  
Fee: $6 for lunch

**Resolve to Eat Healthier in 2011**  
Registered dietician Joan Schwaba will help you understand the new Dietary Guidelines for Americans.  
7-8pm Wed., Jan. 26 (R)

**Win the Job Interview**  
Author and career coach Dan Burns will provide techniques to make a great first impression at your job interview.  
10-11:30am Sat., Jan. 29 (R)

**All Things Chocolate**  
Join the culinary team from Whole Foods Market as we make all things chocolate. Recipes and tasting included.  
7-8:15pm Wed., Feb. 2 (R)  
Fee: $3

**Career Counseling**  
Appointments required.  
Wednesdays, Feb. 2, Mar. 2 and May 4 noon-4pm (½ hr. sessions) (R)

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**INSIDE WRITING & PUBLISHING SERIES**

**21st Century Publishing Options**  
Have you dreamed of getting published? Turn that dream into a reality. Author and publishing expert Helen Gallagher uncovers the latest methods for getting published and marketing your book.  
10-11:30am Sat., Apr. 16 (R)

**The Basics of Writing for Magazines**  
So you’d like to write for magazines, but don’t know where to start. This workshop is for you. Kelly James-Enger, author of eight books, including Six-Figure Freelancing: The Writer’s Guide to Making More Money and over 800 magazine articles, will discuss magazine terminology and cover basics like how to find markets, come up with story ideas and nail your first magazine assignment.  
1:2-30pm Sat., Apr. 16 (R)

**Demystify the Publishing Process**  
This program covers everything from how to query an agent through what an agent does to turn your manuscript into the newest book display at the bookstore. Sara Wolski is a literary agent and an editorial consultant. She has worked in literary agencies in New York, London and Chicago.  
1:2-3:30pm Sat., May 7 (R)

**AARP Free Tax Preparation**  
This service is available to seniors 60 years and older, families with incomes of $35,000 or less and individuals with incomes of $25,000 or less. Volunteer AARP tax preparers are needed. Please contact Erica Christianson at (847) 438-3433 x127 to volunteer.  
9:15am-11:30am Saturdays, February 5 – April 9 (R)

**Love Your Library Celebration**  
See page 9 for more information.  
2-4pm Sat., Feb. 12 for all ages (NR)  
“Ken Schultz’ performance – 2:30-3:15pm

**College Major & Career Planning**  
Parents will learn what they need to know before choosing a college, and how identifying a college major/ career direction can build a student’s motivation and confidence while reducing college expenses. Each family will receive a complimentary copy of Career Vision’s parent guide, Getting Started: Talking with Your Child About Career Choices.  
7-8pm Tues., Feb. 15 (R)
### GENEALOGY PROGRAMS

**Genealogy Interest Group (GIG)**
Check the Library’s website for specific monthly topics.
3-5pm Mondays, Jan. 17, Feb. 21, Mar. 21 and Apr. 18 (NR)

**Beginning Genealogy**
Have you ever wondered about your ancestors? Don’t miss this basic genealogy class for beginning researchers (no computers).
7-9pm Wed., Feb. 2 (R)

**Second Floor Conference Room**

**Genealogy Research Using the Internet**
*Prerequisite: Computer and Internet Explorer experience
Visit a variety of websites to assist with your genealogical research.
7-9pm Wed., Feb. 16 (R)

**Special Genealogical Databases**
*Prerequisite: Computer and Internet Explorer experience
Investigate these databases:
7-9pm Wed., Mar. 2 (R)

**Finding Immigrant Origins**
*Prerequisite: Computer and Internet Explorer experience
Learn how to locate information about your immigrant ancestors.
7-9pm Wed., Mar. 16 (R)

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### CAREGIVER SUPPORT SERIES

**Presented by the Greater Illinois Chapter of the Alzheimer’s Association.**

**Navigating and Advocating in the Medical Community**
This program focuses on how to be an effective advocate for your family member and how to manage some of the unique challenges dementia brings to quality health care.
7-8:30pm Wed., Apr. 13 (R)

**Navigating Family Communication and Decision Making**
Many families experience disagreement and/or conflict when decisions need to be made about a family member’s care. Discover communication and conflict resolution skills to help improve the family decision-making process.
7-8:30pm Wed., Apr. 20 (R)

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### TRAVEL SAVVY

Author/photographer Cynthia Clampitt will share tips, products, guidelines and resources guaranteed to save you money, cut risks and reduce the hassles of traveling.
7-8pm Thurs., Feb. 24 (R)

**Travel Savvy**

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### KNOW THE 10 SIGNS

This program focuses on the 10 warning signs of serious memory loss and includes a basic overview of Alzheimer’s disease.
*Presented by the Greater Illinois Chapter of the Alzheimer’s Association.*
7-8:30pm Tues., Mar. 15 (R)

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### RETIREMENT INCOME PLANNING

Vice President of Morgan Stanley Smith Barney Denise L. Schirmann and Nate Freeman of Fidelity Investments will present the financial risks of retirement and explain the benefits of creating a retirement income plan.
7-8:15pm Wed., Mar. 16 (R)

**Retirement Income Planning**

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### THE ART OF MARC CHAGALL

Chagall’s America Windows recently returned to the Art Institute of Chicago after a five year absence. Dr. Michelle Paluch-Mishur will examine the career of Chagall and discuss his distinctive style and major themes including the Four Seasons mosaic.
7-8pm Mon., Feb. 21 (R)

**The Art of Marc Chagall**

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### FAVORITE CINEMA

Catch a Hollywood classic on our large screen. Hot cocoa will be served.
1-3:30pm Tues., Feb. 22 (R)

**Classic Cinema**

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**Navigating and Advocating in the Medical Community**

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### SPRING BOOK REVIEW LUNCHEON

Book dramatist Barbara Rinella, returns with another entertaining performance. Reserve your seats and purchase tickets early. Luncheon cost includes food and entertainment. Invitations are available at the Information Desk beginning March 14. If you are interested in contributing a raffle basket donation, please contact Terri Meyer at (847) 438-3433 x171 or tmeyer@eapl.org.
11am-2pm Thurs., April 28 at Twin Orchard Country Club; $55 per person; $500 a table of 10

**Spring Book Review Luncheon**

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### CLIMATE: PAST AND PRESENT

Better understand the Earth’s immense history, concerns about global warming and to what extent our species is changing the climate in the 21st century during this informative slide lecture presented by geologist Raymond Wiggers.
7-8pm Mon., May 2 (R)

**Climate: Past and Present**

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### DOLLAR A DAY BOYS

Author Bill Jamerson will present a music and storytelling program about the (CCC) Civilian Conservation Corps. Created by President Roosevelt in the heart of the Great Depression, this federal works program put millions of young men to work on public projects during 1933-42.
1pm Thurs., May 5 (R)

**Dollar a Day Boys**

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### GREEN YOUR ROUTINE – RECYCLING EVENT

Join us for this annual event in front of the Library. Festivities include free, secure shredding, live music by Jim Green, a sunflower plant craft and a chance to meet with local recycling agencies.
8:30-10:30am Sat., May 7 (NR)

**Green Your Routine – Recycling Event**
BUSINESS/LUNCH AND LEARN
These programs are co-sponsored by the Lake Zurich Area Chamber of Commerce.
*Registration is limited to Ela Library patrons and Chamber of Commerce members.

Home Business Information and Networking Group (HBING)
Do you own a home business and want to network and share ideas with others who do too? Join the HBING for networking and valuable information. Check the Library’s website for specific monthly topics.
7-8:30pm Wednesdays, Jan. 13, Feb. 10, Mar. 10 and Apr. 14

Securing Your Computer and Data
Learn how to spot cyber threats to your data and equipment that exist through email and the Internet as well as some of the tools and methods to protect your system and personal files during this informative workshop presented by Rich Keller of Friendly Computers. Bring your questions about individual concerns involving computer and data safety and backup. Free lunch.
*noon-1:30pm Mon., Jan. 24 (R)

Get Your App On: Mobile Applications
Explore and discover the many possibilities of the mobile app market. Learn about mobile apps, advertise the app on cross platforms including Android and Microsoft Mobile and publish an app to the mobile market. Free lunch.
*noon-2pm Fri., Feb. 25 (R)

The iPhone and iPad Revolution
Sit back and enjoy this fun and interactive demonstration as tech specialist Jack Waddick shows you how the iPhone and iPad are improving the way we live. Discover these true Internet Pocket PCs with thousands of applications spanning business, education, entertainment, finance, gaming, healthcare, music, navigation, news, photography, reference, sports, travel, weather and more. You will be amazed at all these devices can do. Free lunch.
*noon-2pm Wed., Mar. 23 (R)

Link Up with LinkedIn
Discover the value of LinkedIn, a free business-oriented social site for professional networking and employment opportunities. Learn the basics of LinkedIn, including how to set up a profile, how to use LinkedIn as a tool for finding a job, and the etiquette of asking for and giving recommendations. This class is not hands-on. Free lunch.
*noon-1:30pm Wed., Apr. 13 (R)

SENIOR CLASSES
Introduction to the Mouse
Learn how to use the computer mouse. 10am-noon Thurs., Jan. 6 (R)

Introduction to the Keyboard
*Comfortable using a mouse
Learn how to use the computer keyboard. 10am-noon Thurs., Jan. 13 (R)

Internet I
*Comfortable using a mouse
Practice using a web browser and perform basic searches.
10am-noon Fri., Jan. 21 (R)

Internet II
*Internet I or equivalent experience
Advanced “surfing the web”.
10am-noon Thurs., Jan. 27 (R)

OFFICE APPLICATIONS
Introduction MS Word 2007
*Mouse and keyboarding experience
10am-noon Thurs., Feb. 17 or Sat., Feb. 19 (R)

Intermediate MS Word 2007
*Introduction to MS Word
10am-noon Thurs., Feb. 24 or Sat., Feb. 26 (R)

Introduction MS Excel 2007
*Basics of MS Word
10am-noon Thurs., Mar. 17 or Sat., Mar. 19 (R)

Intermediate MS Excel 2007
*Introduction to MS Excel
10am-noon Thurs., Mar. 24 or Sat., Mar. 26 (R)

MS PowerPoint 2007
*Basics of using MS Word
10am-noon Thurs., Apr. 7 or Sat., Apr. 9 (R)

MS Publisher 2007
*Basics of using MS Word
10am-noon Thurs., Apr. 14 or Sat., Apr. 16 (R)

ADVANCED CLASSES
Podcasts and Podcasting
*Mouse, keyboarding, Internet experience
Learn about podcasts and how to create your own podcast.
10am-noon Sat., Jan. 15 (R)

Search Engines
*Comfortable using the Internet
Discover tips and tricks to gain the most reliable search results.
10am-noon Sat., Jan. 22 (R)

eAudiobooks & eBooks
Learn how to check out and download eAudiobooks and eBooks using the Library’s Overdrive service. This is not a hands-on class.
7-8:30pm Thurs., Jan. 27 or Thurs., Apr. 14 (R)

Digital Photography Basics
Upload and manage your photos, tag and upload files to digital photography websites.
10am-noon Fri., Feb. 11 (R)

Digital Photo Editing
Remove red eye, add effects and enhance color with Google’s Picnik.com and Paint.net.
10am-noon Fri., Feb. 18 (R)

LinkedIn
*Proficient using the computer
Businesses, job seekers and entrepreneurs- learn to maximize your use of this powerful tool.
Hands-on if you have a LinkedIn account.
10am-noon Thurs., Mar. 3 (R)
Kids’ Picks
Our annual Kids’ Picks competition is coming to an end. Remember to stop by the Library and add your beads for each Kids’ Picks book you’ve read to your school’s tube. During the month of February, come into the Library to vote for your favorite book and make suggestions for the next list. At the end of the program the school with the most books read (per student enrollment) will receive a trophy and a special prize. Competition ends February 28, 2011.

For grades 3-5

Monarch Mania
Our annual Monarch Mania is ending February 28, 2011. Remember to read one of the 2011 Monarch Award nominee books and drop a bead in our special butterfly jar. During March, guess how many beads there are – the closest estimate wins a prize! For grades K-3

Winter Reading Club
Continuing through January 30, read or have someone read to you, a total of 15 hours and receive a paperback book as a prize. (R)

Preschool Fair
Find the best school for your young child by meeting representatives and obtaining information from local preschool and daycare facilities.
6:30-8pm Wed., Jan. 12 (NR)

Polar Bear Snow Globe
All snow globes are magical, but this one is especially so! Using marshmallow fondant, chocolate chip muffins and a variety of other edible materials, join Kathy Columbo of Partycakes Partycakes in creating a globe you just might find too cool to eat.
2pm Mon., Jan. 17 for grades 1-5 (R)

Mr. Barry’s Books for Boys
If you are looking for some good reads, this book club is for you. Join Spencer Loomis Librarian Barry Love for snacks and fun while you discuss some great books.
4:30pm Wednesdays, Feb. 2, Mar. 2 and Apr. 6 for boys in grades 4 and 5 (R)

Drop-in Craft
There’s no school today, so come on in and get ready for spring by making a special craft.
11am-3pm Mon., Feb. 21 for all ages (NR)

Dr. Seuss Drawing
In honor of Dr. Seuss’s birthday, enter to win a prize that’s perfect for beginning readers. Raffle slips will be available February 28. Drawing will be held March 6; winner need not be present. (R)

STORYTIMES

Winter/Spring Storytime
Storytime runs from January 4 through April 28. There is no storytime the week of March 28.

Terrific Twos & Threes (for children accompanied by an adult) Tuesdays 10am (NR)

On My Own (for unaccompanied children ages 3, 4 or 5) Wednesdays 10am (NR)

Music and Movement (for ages 2-5 accompanied by an adult) Thursdays 10am (NR)

Pajamarama Storytime
Wear your pjs and join us for stories, songs and more. This program is geared towards children ages 2-6 and their families, although all ages may attend.
6:30pm Wednesdays, Jan. 5, Feb. 2, Mar. 2 and Apr. 6 for all ages (NR)

Lap Tots
Join us Fridays from January 7 through April 29. (There will be no Lap Tots on Feb. 4 & Apr. 1.) Begin with rhymes, music and stories. Stay to play and socialize.
10-11am Fridays for children younger than 2 with a caregiver (NR)

Saturday Storytimes with Carol
Join Carol every Saturday morning for stories, songs, crafts and fun for all.
10am Saturdays beginning January 8 for all ages with an adult (NR)

New! Mandarin Chinese Storytimes
Join us as a native Mandarin-speaking instructor from Language Stars presents a storytime introducing the Mandarin Chinese language using their FunImmersion method. This is a perfect opportunity for non-native speakers to experience the language through picture books, songs and other activities.
1pm Tuesdays, Jan. 11, Feb. 8, Mar. 8 and Apr. 12 for accompanied children ages 3 and up (R)

Grab and Go Bags
Are you in a hurry to pick out library materials to keep your children occupied during spring break? Stop by the Children’s Department between March 14 and April 3 and select a Grab and Go Bag. Materials on kids’ favorite topics will be preselected and placed in a bag ready for you to grab and check out. Each bag will be labeled with a topic or age range. This service highlights the Library’s bags that are always available for check-out, always reusable and always green.

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1pm Tuesdays, Jan. 11, Feb. 8, Mar. 8 and Apr. 12 for accompanied children ages 3 and up (R)
Love Your Library Celebration

He’s a juggler. He’s a magician. He’s a comedian. Ken “the Flying Fool” Schultz has been entertaining audiences for over 20 years and promises an afternoon of non-stop fun during our annual Love Your Library Celebration. From juggling and balancing just about anything to riding a unicycle, this show promises to be a performance you won’t want to miss. Enjoy free Culver’s sundaes throughout the celebration (while supplies last) and meet Martha from the children’s book series Martha Speaks.

2-4pm Sat., Feb. 12 (*Ken Schultz performance – 2:30-3:15pm) for all ages (NR)

Pigeon Party

Get ready for tomorrow’s performance of Don’t Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus with this party for all things pigeon. You’ll hear some of Mo Willems’ pigeon stories, do a craft and have a snack.

11am Tues., Mar. 29 for grades K-2 (R)

Don’t Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!

Based on Mo Willems’ Caldecott-winning favorite, this highly interactive play by Emerald City Theatre puts the audience in the driver’s seat as everybody’s favorite pigeon asks to drive the bus, eat a hot dog, have a puppy and stay up late. It’s up to you to decide what he can do. You’ve never met a pigeon like this before!

11am Wed., Mar. 30 for all ages (NR)

Fabulous French Fun

Join us as a native French-speaking instructor from Language Stars introduces the French language using their FunImmersion method. This is a perfect opportunity for non-native speakers to experience the language through picture books, songs and other activities appropriate for elementary school students.

2:30pm Wed., Mar. 30 for accompanied children in grades 1 and up (R)

Week of the Young Child

In honor of Week of the Young Child, preschools in the Library’s District may display original classroom art projects in the Children’s Department in April. Teachers are encouraged to relate artwork to a book the class has enjoyed. Preschool teachers and directors wanting more information and to register should contact the Children’s Department. (R)

National Library Week Drawing

Win a special prize in honor of National Library Week. Raffle slips are available beginning April 10. The drawing will be held on Saturday, April 16 at 5pm. Winner need not be present. (R)

Blam! Let’s Make Comics

Professional comic-book writer Russell Lissau (The Batman Strikes, Shrek) will teach participants how to make their own comic-books using paper, rulers and basic drawing materials. All drawings will be displayed during Children’s Book Week (May 2-8).

1pm or 2:30pm Sat., Apr. 30 for grades 3 and up (R)

MULTICULTURAL PROGRAMS

See page 4 for more information.

Ensemble Español
3pm Sat., Mar. 5 for all ages (NR)

Muntu Dance
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Native American Celebration
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Indian Cooking Demonstration
6:30pm Mon., Mar. 28 for all ages (R)

Indian Dance
3:30-4pm Thurs., Mar. 31 for all ages (NR)

Henna Designs
4-5pm Thurs., Mar. 31 for all ages (NR)

Ready to Read Workshops
Parents with their 3-5 year olds are welcome to participate in a 3-week workshop to introduce pre-reading skills to their children. Together parents and children will read books and do related activities. Please plan to attend all three sessions.

6:30pm Mondays, Mar. 7, 14 and 21 (R)

Kids’ Picks Advisory Committee
We want to know what you think should be on next year’s Kids’ Picks reading list. Come for snacks and to discuss some of the books we’re considering for next year.

4:30pm Thursdays, March 10 and April 14 for grades 3-4 (R)
Book Bites
This group chooses the kind of pizza they want to eat and the book(s) they want to read for the next time at the end of each meeting. Join us for delicious pizza and a great book discussion that is different each time!
4pm Fridays, Jan. 7, Feb. 25 and Apr. 22 for grades 6-12 (R)

Ela Anime Club
Once a month the Ela Anime Club meets-up to watch and discuss anime, talk about manga, and generally have fandom-fun. Snacks included!
4pm Fridays, Jan. 14, Feb. 11, Mar. 11 and Apr. 8 for grades 6-12 (NR)

Taxes for Teens
It’s already tax time again! Have you just started earning your own money with your first job? Been working a while, but not entirely sure how to deal with your W-9 or your 1040? Not even sure what any of that means? Come (and bring your parents!) to this informative presentation by Lake Zurich CPA Brian Daly and find out what you need to know to file by April 15!
6:30pm Mon., Jan. 24 for ages 15-20 (R)

Books to Movies
Read the book? See the movie for free at the Library! We’ll provide the snack and a copy of the movie and the work it is based upon will be raffled off at the end of the showing.
4pm Fri., Feb. 18–The Last Song PG (NR)
4pm Fri., Apr. 29–Flipped PG (NR)

New Services We’re Excited About!

Free Music Downloads – Freegal Music
Download music for free! Available through the Library’s website www.eapl.org (select “Digital Content” link), Freegal Music allows you access to thousands of recordings by your favorite artists. Download up to three songs per week. Tunes are yours to keep.

Nintend0 DS & Sony PSP Games Available for Checkout
Just got a new DS or PSP? Why buy games when you can borrow them for free. We have all the favorites in this new, growing collection. Games are available for a 1 week loan. There is a limit of two games per Library card.

New Search Catalog Coming Soon
Searching for books, music, videos and other items in the Library’s collection just got even easier with our upgrade to BiblioCommons, a new searchable, online catalog system. This new platform now delivers:
• Improved search capabilities
• Expanded library account functions
• Provides users with the opportunity to keep track of everything read, watched or listened to, and to rate, comment, tag and suggest similar titles
• Allows users to explore the full range of our collections
• Provides interested users with an opportunity to find, message and receive recommendations from like-minded readers, movie buffs or hobby/subject enthusiasts
Visit www.eapl.org and click on “Catalog” to get started.
The popularity of these devices continues to grow. See what people are talking about and try one out for yourself at the Library. Barnes and Noble Nook eReaders are available for a 3-week check-out at the Information Desk. Each reader is pre-loaded with fiction and non-fiction titles and can be placed on hold, if none are available for loan.

eReader and eBook Guide
Our most frequently asked questions about the device, software and digital materials

Portable reading devices or eReaders were one of this season’s hottest gift items. They’re available everywhere, and thanks to healthy competition they are becoming very affordable. Here are some frequently asked questions that we receive at the Library about eBooks and eReaders:

Does the Library have free eBooks that I can check-out and read on a portable device?
Yes. Free eBooks are available for check-out from our OverDrive Digital Content service with a valid Ela Area Public Library card. The loan period is 14 days and most materials will not be accessible when the time is up. There are no overdues, fines or need to return items. Just delete the material when you are finished. Materials do work similarly to regular Library books in that if an item is checked out by someone else then you cannot check it out. Holds can be placed on checked out items.

Can I check out books for my Kindle?
No. Unfortunately, Amazon.com’s Kindle does not work with the Library’s free eBooks.

Which device should I purchase?
If you are interested in downloading free ebooks from the Library, there are a number of compatible devices for OverDrive downloadable eBooks including Nooks, Sony Reader products and the Kobo eReader. For a complete list of compatible devices visit: http://www.overdrive.com/resources/drc.

What type of books do you have available for eReaders?
There is everything from New York Times bestsellers to classics. eBooks are a relatively new phenomenon and our collection is growing. Visit our OverDrive website to browse our titles: http://digitalbooks.eapl.org.

How do I transfer eBooks to my eReader?
Book-a-Brick

Groundwork that’s left lasting memories

The Library’s Book-a-Brick program has given many lasting tributes to families, children, teachers and those dearly missed. The bricks have also created a wonderful way to cement a lifelong connection to the Library and the love of reading.

We’ve all walked by them and occasionally stopped to read a few. But it recently got us thinking, what do these inscriptions or memorials mean? Some are obvious, but others mean much more than we ever imagined.
Books fall open, you fall in, The Ross Family, Todd, Ann, Amy & JP – Ann Ross
This passage was on a St. Louis Public Library poster created by Mary Englebright, a famous St. Louis artist. We’re fans of her art, and I always loved the saying. The poster is an image of two young children reading a book and falling into it.

Gogo you are the best, Love Celia – Tammy Cunnion
Our babysitter Joann Mika (Gogo) has shared the love of reading and the Library with my daughter Celia since birth. They’ve come to storytimes, programs and participated in all the reading clubs. She’s been like a second mom to Celia.

In Memory of Seymour Galter, Our Dad and Grandpa, Sacre Bleu – Gail Galter
Since dad was cremated, the brick serves as our memorial for him. We don’t live in the area, so we always come to the Library on his birthday to see the brick and celebrate his life. He was an intelligent man who was so gifted. His favorite saying was “sacre bleu.”

We love to check you out! Jean, Gus, Isa, Tori and Nick Medina – Jean Medina
We love our library. We are often there checking out books and movies and participating in reading clubs and programs. We also use many of the online features such as reserving items.

Marlene Lis, Mom, teacher, inspiration – Laurie Wilhoit
Purchased as a gift for my mom, the brick celebrates her love of books, learning and teaching.

Lorraine Rose, She loved a good book! – Rick Rose
Mom enjoyed reading and instilled the pleasure of books in our family. Her favorite genre was mysteries especially Agatha Christie, Mary Higgins Clark and Lilian Jackson Braun.

Readers are leaders – Kristen Johnson
When I was a kid we used to have to make book covers for our textbooks. My mom, always the creative one, came up with different sayings for different subjects. “Readers are Leaders” stuck and was reused year after year. Whenever I needed extra encouragement to read she would use that phrase. An avid reader, she still says it to this day!

The luckiest, Jeff & Melissa Mashke, 10-18 – Jeff Mashke
I’ve been a longtime patron of the Library, and I always enjoy seeing the bricks and inscriptions when I’m there. During my engagement in 2009, I bought the brick as a pre-wedding gift for my fiancé. I consider “the luckiest” our theme. The Luckiest by Ben Folds was the first song we danced to at our wedding, I had those words engraved on a pendant for my wife, and it’s the title of a wedding album I gave her on our first anniversary.

Loving memory of my mom Ruth Matre, she taught me the love of reading – Bev Matre
I received the brick in memory of my mom. She was an avid reader. Some of my fondest memories are of her reading to me and my brothers. We are all readers because of her.
Are You Travel Savvy?

Our favorite resources and picks for discovering what you should know before you go.

**Web Resources and Blogs**

**Atlas Obscura** – atlasobscura.com – “A compendium of the world’s wonders, curiosities, and esoterica,” the Atlas Obscura is a blog and atlas that reports on oddities and attractions around the world that expand the possibilities of travel. Founded by a collaboration of science writers, travel writers and filmmakers in 2009, this site has been featured in best-of lists for prominent publications including *Time Magazine* and *The New York Times*.

**Gridskipper** – gridskipper.com – An urban travel site published by Curbed Network (http://curbednetwork.com/), Gridskipper features content such as restaurant reviews partnered with maps detailing the locations discussed in the article.

**One Bag** – www.onebag.com – A site devoted to the art of traveling light!

**Roadside America** – www.roadsideamerica.com – A blog and travel site that documents quirky roadside attractions across the U.S. The website offers a hotel finder, in addition to a Roadside America iPhone application.

**Trip Advisor** – www.tripadvisor.com – Trip Advisor offers travel advice and recommendations on hotels, restaurants, cruises, vacation rentals, among other features.

**WorldHum** – www.worldhum.com – A travel blog authored by world-renowned travel writers and adventure photographers, WorldHum makes use of audio, video, and photography to explore the possibilities of storytelling, and the site offers an extensive archive of stories, reviews of travel memoirs, and other regular feature articles.

**Functional Resources**

**Red Maps** – www.redmaps.com – Red Maps, based in New York, prints attractive, durable, yet inexpensive city maps that are easy to use and include points of interest such as hotels, restaurants and cultural attractions.

**Schmap** – www.schmap.com – Schmap is an interactive resource that integrates maps, destination reviews, and photos to allow users to design and print their own travel guides. One can also add a Schmap widget to an existing blog or website.

**Travel Guide Publishers**

**Fodors** – www.fodors.com – A major publisher of travel guides since 1964, Fodor’s offers much of the content that is published in their print guides, as well as travel blogs and an active community forum.

**Frommers** – www.frommers.com – Another publisher of travel guides, Frommers, the original publisher of Europe on $5 a Day, has been in the business since 1957.

**Lonely Planet** – www.lonelyplanet.com/us – A major publisher of travel guides, the Lonely Planet website offers articles from editors and travel writers, an interactive destination database, best-of and top-10 lists, a hotel and hostel locator, and an extensive travel services guide.

**Not For Tourists** – www.notfortourists.com – A travel guide publisher, Not For Tourists guides concentrate on American cities from a local perspective. They also include information on “secret city spots,” unique local businesses, dive bars, and cuisine that is truly native. The website includes travel guide content, neighborhood information and member forums.
Online Travel Magazines

**Brave New Traveler** – [www.bravenewtraveler.com/](http://www.bravenewtraveler.com/) – An online travel magazine, Brave New Traveler features not only travel related articles, but also commentary and insight into life, culture, food, religion, film, music, politics, and other subjects from a travel perspective.

**Conde Nast Travel** – [www.cntraveller.com/](http://www.cntraveller.com/) – A luxury travel magazine from the United Kingdom, Conde Nast Travel’s website provides information on international boutique hotels, as well as offering guides and content from their print magazine.

**National Geographic Traveler** –

**The Travel Channel** – [www.travelchannel.com/](http://www.travelchannel.com/) – The official website of The Travel Channel cable network. Available content includes articles and travel guides authored by network personalities, all searchable by location. The site includes their programming schedule, as well as an extensive archive of video clips.

Online Databases

**Global Road Warrior** – This database is the ultimate travel guide! You can find facts on population, official language(s), education and literacy, embassies/consulates, money and banking and maps on over 175 countries.

**Audiobooks, Playaways and Digital Materials**

Audiobooks on CD are perfect for traveling. The Library provides both fiction and non-fiction titles for kids, teens and adults in an audible format that you can listen to on your computer, in the car, on your morning walk or while exercising. These books on CD are available either abridged (an author-approved shortened version) or unabridged (the complete work as written).

Playaways are self-contained portable players that come pre-loaded with one book. They come in abridged and unabridged versions, for kids, teens and adults.

Digital Materials include audiobooks or ebooks you can download on your computer, transfer to a portable device (iPod, iPad, MP3 player or PDA), or burn to a CD 24/7. The collection includes new fiction and non-fiction audiobooks and ebooks for all ages. Download them from the Library’s website at [www.eapl.org](http://www.eapl.org).

**Travel Savvy**

Veteran international traveler, author and photographer Cynthia Clampitt will share travel tricks, products, guidelines and resources guaranteed to save you money, cut risks, reduce hassles and let you enjoy the road.

*7-8pm Thurs., Feb. 24 (R)*