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## 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.

January	Susanne E. Keller	oils
February	Joe Ruck	oils
March	Andria Burchett	colored pencil



©White Horse Carousel Susanne E. Keller

Susanne E. Keller, who exhibits in January, is primarily a self-taught artist. She has a doctorate in microbiology from Michigan State University. Over 10 years ago, Susanne changed her career and pursued her goal of becoming a professional artist. Since then she has received numerous awards and accolades for her work, both locally and nationally. Although the majority of her work is in oil, Susanne also creates works in a variety of other media including wood, paper, watercolor and colored pencil. For more information and to view more of her art, please visit [www.eclecticcanvas.com](http://www.eclecticcanvas.com).



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Matt Womack - Executive Director

Board meetings are open to the public. They begin at 6pm on the third Tuesday of the month: Jan. 17, Feb. 21, Mar. 20 and Apr. 17.

### Library Hours

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

### Library Closings

Sat., Dec. 31	New Year's Eve
Sun., Jan. 1	New Year's Day
Fri., Feb. 24	Staff Training
Sun., Apr. 8	Easter

### Phone

(847) 438-3433 Information Desk

### Program Registration

infodesk@eapl.org, online at [www.eapl.org](http://www.eapl.org) or (847) 438-3433. For ADA/special accommodations, please notify us no later than one week before the program.

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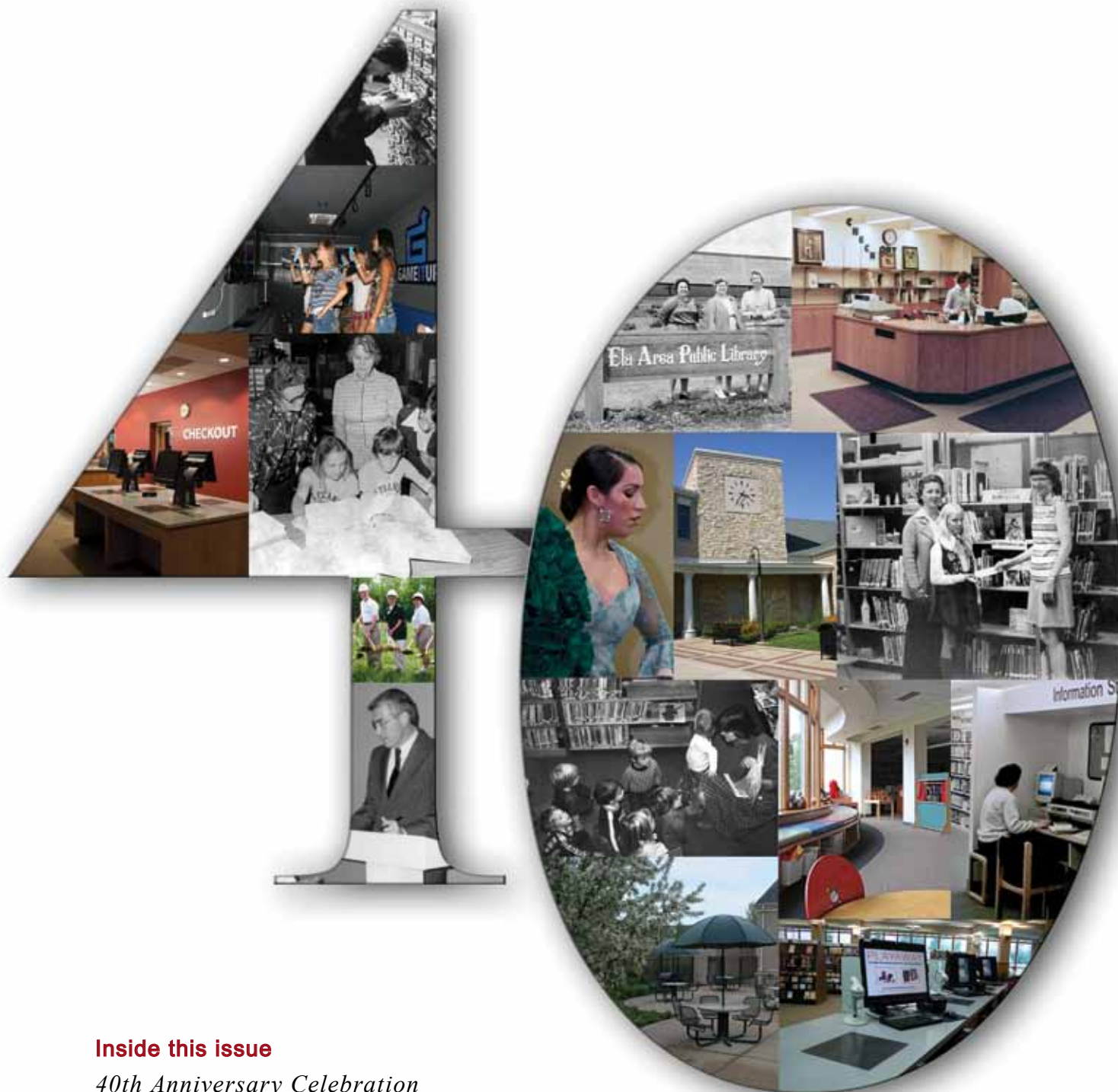
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# librarynews



#### Library Board Selects New Director

After an extensive nationwide search, the Ela Area Public Library Board is happy to announce that Matt Womack has accepted the position of executive director effective January 9, 2012.

Womack joins Ela Area Public Library from Lake Bluff Library where he served as Library Director and recently completed a major renovation project.

Womack is no stranger to our Library. He worked as the head of Technical Services for 6 years and as a computer training librarian when he was hired in 2003. Prior to that, Womack worked in the private sector designing and implementing library information systems for institutions that included Yale University, University of Illinois and the United Nations.

“I am thrilled to have the opportunity to return to the Ela Area Public Library as the new director. It's an excellent Library with terrific community support, top-notch staff and a commitment to providing area residents with the best in library services,” says Womack. “I look forward to building on Ela's great tradition.”

According to Library Board President John Shaw, “Matt will be a great leader for our EAPL team. He brings strong leadership and management skills. Additionally, Matt's passion for public libraries along with his strong vision of integrating traditional library services with new technology will be great assets, especially with our new media labs.”

Residents are invited to meet Womack on Saturday, February 4 from 1-4 p.m. during the Library's 40th Anniversary Celebration (see page 3 for more details).

#### Study Room Improvements

Need to host a small-group presentation or Skype with someone on a big screen? Two of the Library's 2nd floor Study Rooms now feature 42" HD monitors and webcams. We provide the cables and Internet connection; you provide the laptop and software (like Skype). Now you can present to a small group without huddling around a laptop. This is just part of our recent audiovisual systems upgrade. Visit [www.eapl.org](http://www.eapl.org) (Using the Library) for more details.

#### Reuse A Shoe

Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) and the Library have partnered for SWALCO's annual Reuse a Shoe program. Drop off athletic shoes for recycling during the months of March and April at the Library.

#### New! Reserve Your Favorite Video Game

Frustrated that your favorite games are always checked out? Holds can be placed on all formats including PSP, Nintendo DS, Xbox, Wii and PS3 using the Library's online catalog at [www.eapl.org](http://www.eapl.org). Checkouts are limited to 2 games per Library card.





# CELEBRATING 40 YEARS!

*Ela Library – The Heart & Soul of Our Community – 1972-2012*

*February 1-29*

The Ela Area Public Library has a long, rich history that traces back to the 1930s. Growing from a room in the top floor of the Oak Street School to a 71,000 sq. ft. building designed to inspire and foster curiosity, Ela Library has become the spot where, more than anyplace else, our whole community can meet and grow together.

A constant and steady friend, our Library has flourished through the years. In the spring of 1972, a Project Plus grant was given by the state to help launch a new, tax-based library. The Ela Area Demonstration Library opened in the basement of St. Francis de Sales Church. The following year, residents of Ela Township voted in favor of establishing a tax-supported Library.

Steady growth and support in our community allowed for the constant transformation of our Library over the last 40 years. As a community-wide investment, your Library continues to show great returns year after year. So many of you have grown with the Library and the Library has grown with you. We look forward to continuing to grow – together.



*The Library in the basement of St. Francis de Sales Church.*

## **1972 Trivia Scavenger Hunt February 3-29**

Take a blast to the past! Search for the letter clues in the Children’s and Popular Materials Departments and decode the trivia answer for the week. There will be a new puzzle each Friday in February with prizes for raffle winners.

## **Celebrate in February**

See Adult, Teen and Children’s programming pages for a complete list of 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events, and don’t miss 70s displays and trivia throughout the Library during the month of February.

## **40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration & 7Deez Dance Party Saturday, February 4 (NR)**

We kick-off our month-long celebration with live 70s music, crafts, food and fun. Kids – come dressed to impress 70s style and receive a special prize.

Family-friendly festivities include:

- **1972 Trivia Scavenger Hunt (all day)**
- **Children’s 70s Craft (1-3pm)**
- **Professional Face Painter Pam Mitchell (1-3pm)**
- **Free Culver’s Sundaes (1-4pm, while supplies last)**
- **Chicago Photo Booth Fun with free photo keepsakes (1-4pm)**
- **Meet book characters *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and *Curious George* (1-4pm)**
- **7Deez Band Dance Party & Performance (2:30-4pm)**
- **Hula Hooping with Feather Hoops (2:30-4pm)**



*The old card catalog.*

# 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.*



*Chicago Cossacks – Russian Music & Dance Troupe*

## **Postcard Promotion**

Win an eReader and other fabulous prizes by attending Multicultural March events. Pick up a postcard at any of the programs and receive a stamp for each event you attend. Drop your postcard in our raffle mailbox between March 31-April 15. Lucky winners will be announced April 16. One entry per family.



*The Barefoot Hawaiian*

### **Lajkonick Polish Song & Dance Ensemble**

Come explore and share Polish culture through song, dance and music during this highly entertaining and educational performance.

**2-3pm Sat., Mar. 3**

### **Chicago Cossacks – Russian Music & Dance Troupe**

This Russian and Ukrainian troupe will delight audiences of all nationalities with their lively mix of traditional folk music.

**3-4pm Sun., Mar. 4**

### **The Lore & Lure of Spices**

Spice House owners Patty and Tom Erd have spent their lives as spice merchants pursuing the highest-quality spices. Hear interesting historical facts, anecdotes and entertaining tales of this daring duo!

**7-8pm Mon., Mar. 5 for grades 6-12 and adults (R)**

### **Bollywood**

Hear music and songs from popular Hindi-language films performed by young, talented singers from the local non-profit organization Swar Vihar.

**2-3pm Sat., Mar. 10**

### **Japanese Arts**

The Japanese Culture Institute will showcase various Japanese arts. See page 9 for details.

**1pm Sun., Mar. 11**

### **Matchbox Louvre Pocket Craft**

See page 10 for details.

**4pm Thurs., Mar. 15 for grades 6-12 (R)**

### **Middle Eastern Dance**

The Pineapple Dance Studio will captivate you with their performance and provide a belly dance demonstration.

**3-4pm Sun., Mar. 18**

### **Ancient Roman Mosaics**

Art Excursions' Dr. Michelle Paluch-Mishur discusses the work of ancient Roman mosaics to coincide with the Field Museum's special exhibition of the Lod Mosaic – a colossal floor mosaic from an ancient Roman site.

**7-8pm Mon., Mar. 19 for grades 6-12 and adults (R)**

### **The Barefoot Hawaiian**

See dancers in traditional Hawaiian and Tahitian attire swirl on stage to the pounding beat of log drums. Hear about the history of this culture and trivia associated with various dances. A must-see!

**2-3pm Sat., Mar. 24**

### **Turkey: A Trip through Time**

Take an armchair tour of Cappadocia, Istanbul and the coast of the Aegean and Mediterranean seas.

**7-8pm Wed., Mar. 28 for grades 6-12 and adults (R)**

### **Taste of Chinese Culture**

Discover legendary dynasties and dig into China's profound history and culture during this fascinating slide lecture. Tea ceremony and tasting included.

**2-3:15pm Sat., Mar. 31 for grades 6-12 and adults**

# adult programs

**(R) Registration Required**  
**(NR) Registration Not Required**  
**\* 40th Anniversary Programs**

## Alzheimer's Support Group

This monthly support group provides information and emotional support for caregivers and family members. Questions? Contact the Alzheimer's Association at (800) 272-3900.

**7-8pm Mondays, Jan. 2, Feb. 6, Mar. 5 and Apr. 2 (NR)**

## Warm Up Lake Zurich

Knitters and crocheters of all ages and levels are welcome. Call Laura Cloud (847) 438-3433 x155 for more information.

**4:30-6:30pm Thursdays, Jan. 5, Feb. 2, Mar. 1 and Apr. 5 (R)**

## Writers' Support

**9:30-11am or 6:30-8:30pm**  
**Mondays, Jan. 9, Feb. 13, Mar. 12 and Apr. 9 (NR)**

## Mystery Writers Panel

Meet authors Jason Karlawish, Jamie Freveletti, Bryan Gruely and Julie Hyzy. Books are available for purchase through Lake Forest bookstore.

**1-2pm Sat., Jan. 14 (R)**

## Great Decisions Discussion Group

Visit [www.fpa.org](http://www.fpa.org) for 2012 topics. Contact Kathleen Flatow at (847) 438-3433 x217 for reading materials. Topic discussions begin in February.

**1-2:30pm Tues., Jan. 17 (planning meeting), Feb. 21, Mar. 20 and Apr. 17 (R)**

## BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Books are available at Readers' Services

### Ela AM Readers

**10-11:30am Thursdays (R)**

**Jan. 19** *The Widower's Tale* by Julia Glass

**Feb. 16** *Reliable Wife* by Robert Goolrick

**Mar. 15** *The Descendants* by Kauai Hart Hemmings

**Apr. 19** *Faith* by Jennifer Haigh

### Senior Book Discussion

**10-11:30am Mondays (R)**

**Jan. 23** *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen

**Feb. 27** TBA

**Mar. 26** *The Story of Beautiful Girl*  
by Rachel Simon

**Apr. 23** TBA

### Non-Fiction Book Discussion

**10-11:30am (R)**

**Feb. 10** *Packing for Mars* by Mary Roach

**Apr. 13** *Lost Dogs* by Jim Gorant

## I Got an eReader for the Holidays, Now What Do I Do With it?

See page 11 for more details.

**7pm Thurs., Jan. 19 (R)**

## Chris Lindberg Book Talk

Local author Chris Lindberg will discuss his newly-released first novel *Code of Darkness*. Books are available for purchase and signing.

**7-8pm Wed., Jan. 25 (R)**

## SAT or ACT? Which Test Should I Take?

Educational consultant and co-owner of More Than Scores and Tests, James Kim will present a seminar covering the following topics: differences between SAT & ACT, when to take which test, how to prepare, study resources and factors to consider in deciding how to study. Also, find out how test scores fit into the overall college decision plus much more.

**10-11:30am Sat., Jan. 28 (R)**



## Financial Fitness Checkup

U of I Extension Economics Educator Karen Chan, C.F.P., will discuss how to assess your financial situation using credit scores and easy to use income/expense reports.

**7-8pm Mon., Jan. 30 (R)**

## Books to Movies-Pride and Prejudice

It's back to the classics in January.

Join us for the film.

**1-3:30pm Tues., Jan. 31 (R)**

## Career Counseling

College of Lake County career counselor will be on hand. Appointments required.

**noon-4pm Wednesdays, Feb. 1, Mar. 7, Apr. 4 and May 2 (½ hr. sessions) (R)**

## Jim Proebstle Book Talk

Local author Jim Proebstle will discuss his book *Fatal Incident*. Books are available for purchase and signing.

**7-8pm Wed., Feb. 1 (R)**

## INSIDE WRITING & PUBLISHING SERIES

### Power Blogging for Authors

Helen Gallagher will provide helpful tips to master power blogging to market yourself and your books.

**11am-12:30pm Sat., Apr. 28 (R)**

### The Business Side of Writing

Linda Mickey leads an informative seminar discussing how the publishing industry works, what is a writer's place in it and what publishing options are available.

**10-11:30am Sat., May 12 (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 and should contact Erica Christianson at (847) 438-3433 x127 for more information.

**9:15-11:30am Saturdays, February 4 – April 14 (R)**

### \*Ela Library's 40th Anniversary Celebration & 70s Party

Live 70s music, photo booth fun, children's activities, face painting, book characters and free Culver's sundaes make this a birthday celebration you won't want to miss. See description on page 3 for more details.

**1-4pm Sat., Feb. 4 (NR)**

### Academy Award Predictions

Film Lecturer Reid Schultz gives his predictions on the 2012 nominees. Door prizes will be awarded.

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

### Bridget's Cookbook Club

Bring your favorite cookbook and join us as we honor our beloved friend and coworker Bridget Hennessey by discussing and sampling some delicious desserts.

**7-8pm Mon., Feb. 13 (R)**

### Gadget Garage Open House

See page 11 for more details.

**6:30-8:30pm Wed., Feb. 15 (NR)**

### Nightclub at Noon-Paris Cabaret

Following a Parisian lunch, enjoy a French cabaret-style performance featuring the sultry voice of singer Claudia Hommel. Seating is limited.

Register through Ela Township "55-Plus" at (847) 438-9160. This event is held at the Library.

**noon-2pm Fri., Feb. 17 Fee: \$8 for Ela Township 55-Plus members**



# adult programs

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## **\*Retro Craft**

Knot's away in this interactive workshop celebrating handcrafts from the 1970s. Enjoy trying or relearning to make these beloved projects. Teen librarian and author Amy Alessio presents.

**2-3:30pm Sat., Feb. 18 (R)**



## **\*Fabulous Fashions from the 70s**

Take a fashionable trip down memory lane as we share who the top designers were and what was worn. See models and displays of the decade's hippest fashions and share how they reflected the popular culture of the time. Presented by Ruth Thomas of Decades of Dresses.

**7-8pm Tues., Feb. 21 (R)**

## **\*Art of the 1970s**

Jeff Mishur will presents a slide lecture exploring Pop Art, Op Art, Earthworks and Feminism as well as a variety of responses to the abstract art of the 1950s and 1960s.

**7-8pm Mon., Feb. 27 (R)**

## **\*1972 Historic Cooking**

Museum curator and dramatist Ellie Carlson will take us on a lively trip down memory lane with recipes and tastings of fondue, hot Dr. Pepper served in a crock pot and no bake chocolate oatmeal cookies and more.

**6:30-8pm Wed., Feb. 29 (R)**

## **Walt Disney 101**

Walt Disney World veteran Karen Luster will share travel tips and ideas for those traveling to Orlando. Learn the best and worst time to visit, how to find accommodations to fit your budget, what's a FASTPASS and how to use it, where to dine and more!

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

## **GENEALOGY CLASSES**

### **Genealogy Interest Group (GIG)**

Check the Library's website for specific monthly topics. Newcomers are welcome.

**3-5pm Mondays, Jan. 16, Feb. 20, Mar. 19 and Apr. 16 (NR)**

### **Introduction to Genealogy Online**

*Prerequisite: Comfortable using computer and Internet Explorer*  
Visit a variety of recommended websites to assist with your genealogical research.

**7pm Thurs., Jan. 26 (R)**

**Adult Computer Lab**

### **Intro. to Online Genealogy Databases**

*Prerequisite: Comfortable using computer and Internet Explorer*  
Learn about Ancestry Library Edition, Fold3, Heritage Quest and Sources in U.S. History.

**7pm Thurs., Feb. 23 (R)**

**Adult Computer Lab**

### **Introduction to Non-U.S.**

#### **Genealogy Research Online**

*Prerequisite: Comfortable using computer and Internet Explorer*  
Learn how to locate information from other countries about your immigrant ancestors.

**7pm Thurs., Mar. 22 (R)**

**Adult Computer Lab**

## **Titanic Disaster 100th Anniversary The Unsinkable Molly Brown**

Discover the fighting spirit of Titanic survivor Margaret Brown. Actress Lynn Rymarz portrays this feisty character who was an American socialite, philanthropist and activist and shares historical photographs and newspapers about the Titanic disaster.

**1:30-2:30 Fri., Apr. 13 (R)**

## **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. If you are not on our mailing list, invitations are available at the Information Desk beginning March 15. If you are interested in contributing a raffle basket donation, please contact Terri Meyer at (847) 438-3433 x171 or [tmeyer@eapl.org](mailto:tmeyer@eapl.org).  
**11am-2pm Thurs., April 19 at Twin Orchard Country Club; \$55 per person; \$500 a table of 10**

## **What's It Worth? An Antique Appraisal**

*Antiques Roadshow* appraiser and author Mark Moran will be on hand to appraise individual items. Objects for appraisal may include: Fine art, furniture (small pieces), ceramics, glassware, vintage photographs, advertising, folk art, assorted toys, metalware, clocks and costume jewelry. Please DO NOT bring weapons including knives, fine jewelry, pocket and wristwatches and musical instruments. Questions about objects not covered in the list may be submitted to Mark Moran in advance – [moranm1953@gmail.com](mailto:moranm1953@gmail.com). Opinions of value are informal, and may not be used for insurance or charitable donations, which require a certified appraisal. Space is limited to 40. Contact Terri Meyer at (847) 438-3433 x171 or [tmeyer@eapl.org](mailto:tmeyer@eapl.org) to make appointment. Appraisal time is approximately 5 minutes.

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



## **Stories Aboard the Titanic**

Using period photographs, Chicago actor R.J. Lindsey tells of the building of the White Star ship, its safety features and its luxurious accommodations.

**7-8pm Wed., Apr. 25 (R)**

## **When the Great Ship Went Down**

Hammered Dulcimer musician Phil Passen will present a program of popular music from a bygone era including songs such as *The Glow Worm*, *Come Josephine in My Flying Machine* and *Alexander's Ragtime Band* as well as Irish tunes popular at the time of the Titanic disaster.

**2-3pm Sat., Apr. 28 (NR)**

## **Green Your Routine**

Join us for this annual event in front of the Library. Free, secure shredding and other activities included.

**8:30-10:30am Sat., May 12 (NR)**



# computer programs

## 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.*

### \*Trade Show Marketing

FIF Marketing will show you how to put your best foot forward by discussing pre-trade show scheduling and marketing, day of the show activity and that all important follow-up. Free lunch.

**noon-1:30pm Wed., Jan. 11 (R)**

### Home Business Information and Networking Group (HBING)

Do you own your own business and want to network and share ideas with others who do too? Join the HBING. Monthly topics are announced at [www.eapl.org](http://www.eapl.org).

**7-8:30pm Thursdays, Jan. 12, Feb. 9, Mar. 8 and Apr. 12**

### \*Limiting Beliefs

What are limiting beliefs? Where do we get them? How do we identify them? The truth is that human potential is limitless, and that it is never too late to learn how to change your thoughts to improve any area of one's life. Inspirational speaker Louie Sharp presents and shares how you can achieve anything you want to create in your life by looking beyond your limitations. Free lunch.

**noon-1:15pm Wed., Jan. 25 (R)**

### \*Using Social Media to Enhance Your Job Search

Jobs are filled over the web sometimes without ever being made public. Discover how to use free social media tools to enhance and expand your job search. Michael Yublosky presents an overview of optimizing LinkedIn profiles, using LinkedIn, being found on Google, searching Twitter for job postings as well as YouTube introduction videos. Find out how these tools and techniques can aid you in seeking a new or better job. Free lunch.

**noon-1:30pm Wed., Feb. 29 (R)**

### \*JobsNow and HelpNow Online Databases

Learn about two useful online Library resources. JobsNow offers Library users free live job coaching and resume assistance, and HelpNow provides free live homework assistance for students in grades K-12. Free lunch.

**noon-2pm Wed., Mar. 7 (R)**

### \*iPad/iPhone Revolution – Beyond the Basics

Tech specialist Jack Waddick returns to demonstrate how the iPhone and iPad are improving the way we live. Go beyond the basics and discover some advanced applications for these devices. Free lunch.

**noon-2pm Wed., Apr. 18 (R)**

## (R) Registration Required (NR) Registration Not Required

### \*Prerequisite

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

## SENIOR CLASSES

### Introduction to the Mouse

Learn how to use the computer mouse.

**10am-noon Thurs., Jan. 12 (R)**

### Keyboarding

Learn how to use the computer keyboard.

**10am-noon Thurs., Jan. 19 (R)**

### Computer Basics

Organize, delete, rename, store, retrieve and attach files. Please bring a flash drive.

**10am-noon Sat., Jan. 21 (R)**

### Introduction to the Internet

*\*Comfortable using a mouse*

Surf the Internet using a web browser.

**10am-noon Thurs., Jan. 26 (R)**

## OFFICE APPLICATIONS

*Please bring a flash drive (optional).*

### Microsoft Word 2007 I

*\*Comfortable using a mouse and keyboard*

Learn the basic skills to create, modify and print documents.

**10am-noon Sat., Jan. 28 or**

**6:30-8:30pm Tues., Feb. 7 or**

**10am-noon Thurs., Feb. 9 (R)**

### Microsoft Word 2007 II

*\*MS Word I or related experience*

Learn to create headers and footers, adjust margins, insert bullets and use mail merge.

**10am-noon Sat., Feb. 11 or**

**6:30-8:30pm Tues., Feb. 14 or**

**10am-noon Thurs., Feb. 16 (R)**

### Microsoft OneNote

*\*Comfortable using MS Word*

Learn to create digital notebooks to store and organize your notes.

**10am-noon Sat., Feb. 25 (R)**

### Microsoft Excel 2007 I

*\*MS Word I or related experience*

Learn to create basic spreadsheets with formulas and charts.

**6:30-8:30pm Tues., Mar. 6 or**

**10am-noon Thurs., Mar. 8 or**

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

### Microsoft Excel 2007 II

*\*MS Excel I or related experience*

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

**6:30-8:30pm Tues., Mar. 13 or**

**10am-noon Thurs., Mar. 15 or**

**10am-noon Sat., Mar. 17 (R)**

### Microsoft PowerPoint

*\*MS Word I or related experience*

Learn basic skills to create a slide show presentation.

**10am-noon Thurs., Apr. 12 or**

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

### Microsoft Publisher

*\*MS Word I or related experience*

Learn the basic skills to create greeting cards, fliers, and more.

**10am-noon Thurs., Apr. 19 or**

**10am-noon Sat., Apr. 21 (R)**

## ADVANCED CLASSES

### Search Engines

*\*Mouse, keyboard and Internet experience*

Maximize your search results with advanced techniques using a variety of search engines.

**10am-noon Thurs., Feb. 2 (R)**

### Facebook

*\*Mouse, keyboard and Internet experience*

Learn the basics of Facebook, including how to post on walls, send messages and personalize settings.

**6:30-8:30pm Tues., Feb. 28 (R)**

### Twitter

*\*Mouse, keyboard and Internet experience*

Learn how Twitter works and set up an account.

**9:30-11:30am Mon., Mar. 26 (R)**

### Microsoft Access 2007 I

Please bring a flash drive (optional).

*\*MS Word II and Excel II or related experience*

Learn to create databases and queries.

**6:30-8:30pm Tues., Apr. 17 (R)**

### Microsoft Access 2007 II

Please bring a flash drive (optional).

*\*MS Access I*

Learn to create databases and queries.

**6:30-8:30pm Tues., Apr. 24 (R)**

### XHTML/CSS

*\*Mouse, keyboard and Internet experience*

Change the raw content of a web page and change layout using CSS.

**10am-noon Thurs., Apr. 26 (R)**



# children's programs

**(R) Registration Required**

**(NR) Registration Not Required**

**\* 40th Anniversary Programs**

*Because of room capacity limitations, we reserve the right to limit programs to Ela Library cardholders. Please be on time. Latecomers will be admitted at the discretion of staff.*

**Please bring your Library card to all events.**

## **Reading is a Hoot! Winter Reading Club**

Continuing through January 29, our annual winter reading club is for children of all ages. Read or have someone read to you a total of 15 hours and receive a paperback book as a prize. **(R)**

## **Kids' Picks**

Our annual Kids' Picks competition is coming to an end. Remember to stop by the Library and add your beads to your school's tube for each Kids' Picks book you've read. During the month of February, come into the Library to vote for your favorite book. At the end of the program, the school with the most books read (per student enrollment) will receive a trophy, and participating students at the winning school will receive a special prize.

**Competition ends February 29, 2012. For grades 3-5**

## **Monarch Mania**

Our annual Monarch Mania is ending February 29, 2012. 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**

## **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. 11 (NR)**

## **Dinosauria**

Join Dinosaur hunters Don Pfister and Lisa Zago-Martin as they present a hands-on look at the age of dinosaurs.

**11am Mon., Jan. 16 for grades K and up (NR)**



## **\*40th Anniversary Celebration and Scavenger Hunt**

We kick-off our month-long celebration with a party you won't want to miss. Kids—come dressed to impress and receive a special prize. Family-friendly festivities include a scavenger hunt (will run Feb. 3-29), free photo keepsakes, Culver's sundaes, live music, hula hooping and more. See page 3 for more details.

**Saturday, February 4 (NR)**

## **Mr. Barry's Books for Boys**

If you are looking for some good reads, this book club is for you! Join Spencer Loomis Librarian Mr. Barry Love for snacks and fun while you discuss some great books.

**4:30pm Wednesdays, Feb. 8, Mar. 14 and Apr. 11 for boys in grades 4 and 5 (R)**

## **Madcap Puppets**

The famous Grimm brothers take the stage in one of the most popular Madcap shows of all time! The brothers have three completely different versions of *The Fisherman and his Wife* and can't decide which fishy fairy tale to choose for their book. Each outrageous version includes audience participation, a magical talking fish and a surprise ending.

**11am Mon., Feb. 20 for all ages (NR)**



## **STORYTIMES/DROP-IN CRAFTS**

### **Language Stars**

Join us as instructors from Language Stars present storytimes using their FunImmersion method. This is a perfect opportunity for non-native speakers to experience various languages through picture books, songs and other activities.

**1pm Tuesdays, Jan. 3, Feb. 7, Mar. 6 and Apr. 3 for accompanied children ages 3 and up (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. 4, Feb. 1, Mar. 7 and Apr. 4 (NR)**

### **Saturday Storytime with Carol**

Join Carol every Saturday morning for stories, songs and crafts.

**10am Saturdays, beginning Jan. 7 for all ages with an adult (NR)**

### **Winter/Spring Storytime**

Storytimes runs from January 10–February 23 and April 3-26

**Music & Movement (for ages 2-5 accompanied by an adult) Tuesdays, 10am (NR)**

**On My Own (for unaccompanied children ages 3 1/2 – 5) Wednesdays, 10am (NR)**

**Terrific Twos & Threes (for children accompanied by an adult) Thursdays, 10am (NR)**

### **Lap Tots/Play Tots**

Come to socialize and meet other parents and caregivers.

Every other week enjoy music and stories before the playtime. No program on February 24 and March 30.

**10-11am Fridays, January 13–April 27 for children younger than 2 with a caregiver (NR)**

### **\*Twist It and Stick It**

Drop in and make a 1970s style tissue paper heart door hangar.

**1-3pm Sat., Feb. 4 for all ages (NR)**

### **Preschool Crafts**

Stop in and create a special craft perfect for 2-5 year olds!

**10am Wed., Mar. 7, Tues., Mar. 13 and Thurs., Mar. 22 for accompanied children (NR)**

## PARENTING WORKSHOPS

### Baseball - Play for Life

Kate Mitchum, an ACE certified personal trainer and vice president of Go Hardball Training Academy, will discuss baseball strategies, statistics and steps to ensure your child's safety. Accompanied children ages 10 and up are also welcome to attend.

**7pm Thurs., Jan. 19 or Feb. 16 (NR)**

### Gadget Garage Open House

Come explore our new digital devices and services and enter a raffle to win an iPod Touch or Kindle Touch. We'll showcase eBook services, circulating Nooks, Playaway Views, Free Tunes by Freegal and more. Best Buy will be on hand to demonstrate the latest devices.

**6:30-8:30pm Wed., Feb. 15 (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 attend all three sessions.

**6:30pm Mondays, Mar. 5, 12 and 19 (R)**

### The Many Faces of Autism

What is autism? How is it diagnosed? Is there a cure? A recent report issued by the Center for Disease Control stated that one in every 150 children in the United States has autism or a closely related disorder—a figure higher than most recent estimates. Linda Hoeck, Autism Coordinator of Northwest Suburban Special Education Association, will discuss various aspects of this disorder and address audience questions.

**7pm Tues., Apr. 10 (R)**

### Jim Gill Family Concert

Jim strums energetic rhythms on his banjo while everyone claps, sings, dances and even sneezes along to the silly and inspiring musical games that he creates.

**10am Fri., Mar. 9 for accompanied children ages 2-5 (NR)**

### Japanese Arts (Multicultural March Event)

The Japanese Culture Institute, a non-profit corporation located in McHenry County, will present an afternoon showcasing various Japanese arts.

**Aikido**, known as the "art of peace" is a traditional martial art that focuses on development of the body, mind and spirit.

**Iaido**, another traditional martial art, involves the use of the Japanese sword. The deeper purposes of Iaido are to develop mental discipline, awareness, and mental and physical harmony.

**Shodo** or Japanese calligraphy, is one of the fine arts and is also considered a spiritual practice.

**1pm Sun., Mar. 11 (NR)**

### Active Music with Bill Hooper

Bill and his guitar will perform a variety of interactive songs – guaranteed fun for all!

**10am Wed., Mar. 14 for accompanied children ages 2-5 (NR)**

### Macaroni Soup

Called the Pied Piper of children's music, "Miss Carole" invites you to sing, dance and enjoy rhythmic movements.

**10am Wed., Mar. 21 for accompanied children ages 2-5 (NR)**



### Cupcake Celebration

Get ready for tomorrow's performance of *If You Give a Cat a Cupcake* with this celebration of cupcakes. You'll hear some sweet stories, do a craft and decorate and eat your very own cupcake.

**11am Tues., Mar. 27 for grades K-2 (R)**

### If You Give a Cat a Cupcake

What starts with just a cupcake quickly turns into a full-fledged fiasco as Cat leads an escapade from the kitchen to the beach and back again. Enjoy this Emerald City original play based on the family favorite picture book by Laura Numeroff. Tickets for these performances will be available on a first-come, first-served basis beginning at 10am Wednesday, March 21 for Ela Area Public Library cardholders. Tickets will be limited to 4 per cardholder. Non-Ela cardholders will be permitted to enter 10 minutes before each show as space allows.

**11am or 1pm Wed., Mar. 28 for all ages**

### Week of the Young Child

In honor of Week of the Young Child, preschools in the Ela Area Public Library 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 9. The drawing will be held on Saturday, April 14 at 5pm. Winner need not be present. **(R)**

### Three Pigs, One Wolf and Seven Magic Shapes

We'll read author Grace Maccaroni's twist on a favorite fairy tale and explore some tangram puzzles of our own.

**4pm Wed., Apr. 11 for grades 1-3 (R)**

### Turtle Love

Come meet some turtles and learn more about them! Turtle expert Zdena Straka of Turtle Love, Education, and Rescue will provide information on turtles and tortoises in nature and in your home.

**2pm Tues., Apr. 24 for all ages (R)**





# teen programs

**(R) Registration Required**  
**(NR) Registration Not Required**

## Finals Study Rooms

Need a place to study for your finals? Come to the Library! We'll have plenty of space, resources and snacks for when you need a study break. We'll also have some fun stuff to give away!

**3:30pm Mon., January 16 –  
Wed., January 18 for grades  
9-12 (NR)**



## Writing Workshop: Who owns this story?

What would happen if *The Three Little Pigs* was a story about a sympathetic wolf who keeps encountering these three annoying pigs as he just goes about his business? This workshop is designed to get students thinking about the point-of-view of their stories (1st, 2nd and 3rd person, and all the variations of those) and also the viewpoint of their story – who exactly is telling us the story.

**7pm Tues., Apr. 17 for grades  
7-12 (R)**



## Matchbox Louvre Pocket Craft (Multicultural March Event)

Keep artwork of the Louvre in your pocket with this fun and simple craft.

**4pm Thurs., Mar. 15 for grades  
6-12 (R)**

## LOVE YOUR LIBRARY EVENTS



## I <3 My Library YouTube Video Contest

Using the Library's new Digital Media Lab and equipment, create a 5 minute video about how and why you love Ela Library. Upload your video to YouTube with the tag ihearteapl2012 to be entered into the contest. The videos will be shown and the winner announced at an awards reception on February 29. The winner will receive a digital camera. Second and third place winners will receive gift cards. This contest is open to Ela Library card holders or District 95 students only.

**February 1-20 for grades 8-12**

## I <3 My Library Awards Reception

And the winner is – submissions for the I <3 My Library video contest will be previewed and the winners will be announced. Prizes awarded to the top three videos. Light snacks provided.

**6pm Wed., Feb. 29 for all ages (NR)**

## ALL THINGS ANIME



### Ela Anime Club

Once a month we'll meet-up to watch and discuss anime, talk about manga and generally have fandom-fun.

There will be snacks!

**4-5:45pm Fridays, Jan. 13, Feb. 10,  
Mar. 9 and Apr. 13 for grades  
6-12 (NR)**

### Manga Reading Day

Bring your favorite manga or raid the Library's collection and enjoy lots of Japanese snacks as you relax in the week after finals.

**4pm Fri., Jan. 20 for grades 6-12 (NR)**

### Anime Movie Day

Just like Anime Club but better! We'll be watching a full length feature. Film may be rated up to PG-13.

**4pm Thurs., Feb. 16 for ages 13  
and up (NR)**

### Anime and J-Pop Karaoke Day

Sing your heart out to your favorite anime theme songs and J-pop.

**4pm Fri., Mar. 23 for grades  
6-12 (NR)**

### Intro to ACen

Anime club members and fans can come to this informational session put together by the Ela Anime Board Members on what to expect the first time you go to Anime Central this May in Rosemont!

**4pm Fri., Apr. 20 for grades  
6-12 (NR)**

### Book Bites

Teens read and discuss a different book for each meeting of this book discussion. Participants decide at the end of each meeting what they'll read next. Copies of titles to be discussed are available at the Readers Services' Desk.

**4pm Fridays, Feb. 17 and  
Apr. 27 for grades 6-12 (R)**

### Book Bites featuring Suburban Mosaic Titles

For this special session of Book Bites, **choose one** of these two Suburban Mosaic titles.

***Girl in Translation*** by Jean Kwok  
(adult & high school reading level)

***A Long Walk to Water***  
by Linda Sue Park  
(grades 6-8 reading level)

Copies are available at the Readers' Services Desk.

**4pm Fri., Mar. 30 for grades 6-12**

# eBooks, eReaders & More



## Amazon Kindles

Exciting news for Kindle users! The Library's eBook collection is now compatible with the bestselling eBook reader, the Amazon® Kindle. Users can now download popular and classic eBooks to a Kindle device or any mobile device running the free Kindle app, such as an iPhone®, iPad®, Android™ and more.

To get started, visit the Library's website at [www.eapl.org](http://www.eapl.org) and click on Digital Content or <http://ela.lib.overdrive.com>. Kindle users can browse the Library's collection of bestselling and classic eBooks from a PC or Mac computer, check out titles using their Library card, and select "Get for Kindle" to deliver eBooks to their Kindle device or any device running the free Kindle app.

## New Tech Gadgets for Young Readers

Apple iPads, Barnes and Noble Nook eReaders and Playaway Views are now available for use and/or checkout at the Library.

"We are excited to add this new technology to our collection," said Natalie Ziarnik, head of the Children's Department. "The devices are perfect for engaging readers of all ages."

Currently, there are 24 color and black/white Nook eReaders and 32 Playaway Views available for checkout. Each Nook eReader comes preloaded with a selection of books ranging from popular reads to award-winning children's novels for preschoolers through middle school students.

Playaway Views are one of the Library's newest formats available for younger readers. The preloaded video device is a durable, portable and can be used with or without headphones. Each Playaway contains approximately 3 to 7 titles of educational and entertaining video from studios such as Sesame Street, PBS, Weston Woods, National Geographic and more bundled together.

Apple iPads for children are also available for use in the Children's Department. These can be borrowed from the Reference Desk for one hour. iPads come preloaded with various educational apps and games for all ages.

## eBook Usage Doubles Nationally and on the Rise

The number of Americans using an eBook reader has almost doubled during the last 12 months, according to a new survey. The Harris Poll also revealed one in six Americans who do not have an eReader intend to buy one during the next six months. Overall, 16% of Americans read between 11 and 20 books per year with 20% reading more than 21. However, a third of those who own a Kindle, Nook or other device read 11-20 books a year with 27% reading more than 21.

Ela Library statistics are showing the similar results with eBook checkouts up over 111% from last year. The Library's collection of Nooks and Simple Nooks are also very popular and in demand.

"Readers are quickly catching on to this wave," says Erica Christianson, head of Popular Materials. "Our reading habits are changing and technology continues to shape our Library and the services we offer."

### I Got an eReader for the Holidays, Now What Do I Do With it?

Did you get an iPad, Kindle or other digital device over the holidays? Want to learn more about checking out free eBooks and eAudiobooks through the Library? This class gives you the basics of the Library's digital content resources and an opportunity to ask any questions you might have. Not hands on.

**7pm Thurs., Jan. 19 (R)**

### Gadget Garage Open House

Come explore our new digital devices and services and enter a raffle to win an iPod Touch or Kindle. We'll showcase eBook services, circulating Nooks, Playaway Views, Free Tunes by Freegal and more. Best Buy will be on hand to demonstrate the latest devices.

**6:30-8:30pm Wed., Feb. 15 (NR)**

# New! Digital Media Labs Open for Business

## *Your passport to creativity*

The sky is the limit when it comes to creating and developing content, presentations, podcasts and so much more. The Library's Labs offer a wide range of equipment and applications in order to aid in reaching those goals. Here's a glimpse of what is possible with the tools we can provide to you:

- Create and edit your own videos to make movies;
- Edit your favorite photos;
- Convert your old VHS videos and print photos to digital formats;
- Explore your musical talents;
- Develop your own website or blog;
- Publish a weekly podcast;
- Manage, download, mix and burn your favorite music; and
- Create your own DVDs to share photos or movies



### **Location**

Labs are located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

### **Hours**

Labs are open during normal Library hours to Ela Library cardholders. Each Lab can be reserved for up to two hours. To reserve a Lab, call or visit the Adult Reference Desk at (847) 438-3433 x502.



### **Available Software and Equipment**

#### **Software**

- Adobe Acrobat Pro (PDF creator)
- iPhoto (Beginner's photo viewer/editor)
- Adobe Photoshop (Advanced photo viewer/editor)
- Adobe Illustrator (Advanced vector graphics viewer/editor)
- Adobe InDesign (Advanced desktop publisher)
- Garage Band (Beginner's audio recording/editing application)
- iMovie (Beginner's video editing application)
- Adobe Premiere Pro (Advanced video editing application)
- DVD Player (Movie playback application)
- iDVD (DVD burning application)

#### **Equipment**

- Mac Pro Desktop Computer
- Voice Microphone
- Instrument Microphone
- Video Camcorder
- VHS Player with DVD Recorder
- Digital Video Converter
- Film/Photo Scanner
- Tripods/Microphone Stands

### **Make the Most of Your Lab Experience**

Each Lab is equipped with books, resources and online tutorials to assist users. One-on-one assistance is available to provide guidance and basic troubleshooting. To book an appointment, contact the Adult Reference Desk at (847) 438-3433 x502. For more information, visit [www.eapl.org](http://www.eapl.org).

**Digital Media Lab Open House**  
Saturday, February 4 from noon-4:30pm



# Trustee Focus

Cindy Blank and Tim Jackson were elected to the Library's Board of Trustees in April 2011. Both are serving 4-year terms.

## Why do you think libraries are important?

**Cindy:** Libraries are one of the cornerstones of a thriving community. Libraries provide their patrons the opportunity to explore a diversity of interests and to utilize shared resources that perhaps individuals would not be able to access on their own. As a hub for the community, patrons gather at the library for many purposes including getting information, learning, having fun and discovering new experiences in various programs.

**Tim:** A well-run library plays a critical role in a community by providing diverse cultural and educational programming and resources to all its members. From pre-k storytimes to our new Digital Media Lab to our book discussion groups, our Library provides an island of intellectual resources to every member of our community – at a very low cost.

## Why did you become a Library trustee?

**Cindy:** I love our Library and my family has enjoyed using the services provided throughout the years. Since I had recently taken early retirement from Kraft Foods, I felt I had the time and the desire to give back to the community that has provided so much for us during the past 30 years. I wanted to be a part of the good things that Ela Area Public Library is doing to serve this community.

**Tim:** Our community needs the Library and the Library needs engaged board leadership. The opportunity to meet that need and serve our community is important to me. In my own small way, I know I can help the Library stay relevant and important to our community.

## What are you most proud of regarding Ela Library?

**Cindy:** Since becoming a trustee, I have gotten to know some of the staff. I am proud of the quality of people at Ela Library. I am impressed with the knowledge, talent and dedication of the staff. These Library professionals are truly focused on serving patrons in the community of all ages. The programs for children and adults are plentiful and well attended. The outreach programs serve so many that would not have access



Cindy Blank



Tim Jackson

to the Library. These are examples reflecting the staff's ideas and commitment to the community.

**Tim:** In the short time I have been on the Board, I am most proud of being part of such a first-class team. The staff are so talented and their dedication to our community is impressive. They work so hard to stay relevant – the new Digital Lab, new eReader capabilities, creative programming, excellent literary picks and the improved operations behind the scenes; our Library has so many unsung stars.

## What challenges does Ela Library face in the coming year or years?

**Cindy:** As technology continues to evolve, there will be increased demands for libraries to serve patrons of various skill levels in using digital media. This diversity of patrons will require the Library to be adaptable in addressing the needs of the community. The Library needs to go beyond being an information provider and help patrons to discern sources and confirm various data found in the world of cyberspace. We need to embrace the potential of technology and find creative ways to utilize it in providing service.

**Tim:** There is no doubt that the Library has to find new ways to sustain and grow with fewer resources. I do know that the Ela Library Board is a good steward of our tax dollars. With the talented staff and continued strong participation – the future of the Library is bright!

## I am currently reading ...

**Cindy:** *The Confession* by John Grisham

**Tim:** *11/22/63* by Stephen King (on my Kindle).

# Becoming the **PERSON** You Were Meant to Be: Where to Start

by Anne Lamott courtesy of *The Oprah Magazine*

We begin to find and become ourselves when we notice how we are already found, already truly, entirely, wildly, messily, marvelously who we were born to be. The only problem is that there is also so much other stuff, typically fixations with how people perceive us, how to get more of the things that we think will make us happy, and with keeping our weight down. So the real issue is how do we gently stop being who we aren't? How do we relieve ourselves of the false fronts of people-pleasing and affectation, the obsessive need for power and security, the backpack of old pain, and the psychic Spanx that keeps us smaller and contained?



### Meet Author Anne Lamott

Anne Lamott is the bestselling author of seven novels and five works of nonfiction including *Grace (Eventually)*, *Bird By Bird* and *Operating Instructions*. Hear her speak about her latest novel, *Some Assembly Required: A Journal of My Son's First Son*. Books are available for purchase through Lake Forest Book Store.

**1:30pm Sun., Mar. 25 (Registration Required)  
Middle School South, 435 W. Cuba Rd.,  
Lake Zurich**

Here's how I became myself: mess, failure, mistakes, disappointments, and extensive reading; limbo, indecision, setbacks, addiction, public embarrassment, and endless conversations with my best women friends; the loss of people without whom I could not live, the loss of pets that left me reeling, dizzying betrayals but much greater loyalty, and overall, choosing as my motto William Blake's line that we are here to learn to endure the beams of love. Oh, yeah, and whenever I could, for as long as I could, I threw away the scales and the sugar.

When I was a young writer, I was talking to an old painter one day about how he came to paint his canvases. He said that he never knew what the completed picture would look like, but he could usually see one quadrant. So he'd make a stab at capturing what he saw on the canvas of his mind, and when it turned out not to be even remotely what he'd imagined, he'd paint it over with white. And each time he figured out what the painting wasn't, he was one step closer to finding out what it was.

You have to make mistakes to find out who you aren't. You take the action, and the insight follows: You don't think your way into becoming yourself.

I can't tell you what your next action will be, but mine involved a full stop. I had to stop living unconsciously, as if I had all the time in the world. The love and good and the wild and the peace and creation that are you will reveal themselves, but it is harder when they have to catch up to you in roadrunner mode. So one day I did stop. I began consciously to break the rules I learned in childhood: I wasted more time, as a radical act. I stared off into space more, into the middle

distance, like a cat. This is when I have my best ideas, my deepest insights. I wasted more paper, printing out instead of reading things on the computer screen. (Then I sent off more small checks to the Sierra Club.)

Every single day I try to figure out something I no longer agree to do. You get to change your mind—your parents may have accidentally forgotten to mention this to you. I cross one thing off the list of projects I mean to get done that day. I don't know all that many things that are positively true, but I do know two things for sure: first of all, that no woman over the age of 40 should ever help anyone move, ever again, under any circumstances. You have helped enough. You can say no. No is a complete sentence. Or you might say, "I can't help you move because of certain promises I have made to myself, but I would be glad to bring sandwiches and soda to everyone on your crew at noon." Obviously, it is in many people's best interest for you not to find yourself, but it only matters that it is in yours—and your back's—and the whole world's, to proceed.

And, secondly, you are probably going to have to deal with whatever fugitive anger still needs to be examined—it may not look like anger; it may look like compulsive dieting or bingeing or exercising or shopping. But you must find a path and a person to help you deal with that anger. It will not be a Hallmark card. It is not the yellow brick road, with lovely trees on both sides, constant sunshine, birdsong, friends. It is going to be unbelievably hard some days—like the rawness of birth, all that blood and those fluids and shouting horrible terrible things—but then there will be that wonderful child right in the middle. And that wonderful child is you, with your exact mind and butt and thighs and goofy greatness.

Dealing with your rage and grief will give you life. That is both the good news and the bad news: The solution is at hand. Wherever the great dilemma exists is where the great growth is, too. It would be very nice for nervous types like me if things were black-and-white, and you could tell where one thing ended and the next thing began, but as Einstein taught us, everything in the future and the past is right here now. There's always something ending and something beginning. Yet in the very center is the truth of your spiritual identity: is you. Fabulous, hilarious, darling, screwed-up you. I hope you have gotten sufficiently tired of hitting the snooze button; I know that what you need or need to activate in yourself will appear; I pray that your awakening comes with ease and grace, and stamina when the going gets hard. To love yourself as you are is a miracle, and to seek yourself is to have found yourself, for now. And now is all we have, and love is who we are.

## Remembering Librarian Bridget Hennessey – 1955-2011



Ela Area Public Library recently lost one of our best and brightest when librarian Bridget Hennessey passed away on October 13, 2011.

A long-time Library employee with 24 years of service, Bridget worked in the Library's Adult Reference Department as a

reference librarian. She was a graduate of Rutgers University and received her master's degree from Drexel University.

"She was one of the most giving people and was always willing to help out," said Jenny Plohr, head of Adult Reference. "She had a great attitude and sense of humor. We are thankful for all she has done for this Library. Her death is a great loss to us all."

Throughout her career at Ela, Bridget was known for her professional leadership and commitment to the Library. She was a part of two building expansions and witnessed firsthand the growth of our Library and its impact in our community. Bridget was a member of numerous national and state professional associations and served on various committees, task forces and boards. Her knowledge and interest in film and music was instrumental in developing the Library's extensive audiovisual collection.

Bridget was passionate about cooking and coordinated many of the Library's "potluck" social gatherings with staff. She was most proud of her Irish roots and enjoyed researching her genealogy and traveling. Bridget's most cherished role, however, was being a devoted mother to her daughter Carrie.

The Library staff will host a public memorial for her in the late spring.