The Library’s New “Green” Branch is Underway!

On May 10, current and past library trustees firmly gripped shovels and moved the earth at the site of the new branch library. Many well wishers attended the groundbreaking ceremony at the location just west of the intersection of Bowes and Randall roads in Elgin.

The west side branch will become a reality in 2009. Voters approved a referendum in 2000 to build a west side branch. Library officials waited until there was sufficient tax revenue growth to operate the branch before moving to construction.

The $4.2 million branch library will debut at 10,000 square feet and is designed for expansion to 30,000 square feet.

Materials for checkout will be current, popular items. Many self service elements such as an outdoor 24/7 DVD kiosk will be featured.

The branch will be built with sustainable elements in mind to save the taxpayers money in the long term and to reflect responsible stewardship of the environment.

The Library Board is planning to seek LEED certification for the branch. This designation is awarded by the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Green Building Rating System™, the nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction, and operation of high performance green buildings.

Congratulations to Carole Medal, Newly Elected Illinois Library Association President

“There are many challenges facing the 21st century library today. But one thing is for certain – a library must be relevant to people’s lives if it is to be successful.”

Gail Borden Public Library Executive Director Carole Medal was recently elected to serve as Illinois Library Association President. In this leadership position, she will be the major spokesperson for Illinois libraries, setting priorities for the future. ILA is the third largest state association in North America.

“Carole has the track record as a creative and innovative leader,” said Sarah Long, executive director of the North Suburban Library System and former president of the American Library Association. “We are so proud of Carole, and look forward to having her vision and energy at the helm of the Illinois Library Association.”

Carole took the helm of the Gail Borden Public Library in August, 2004. Since that time, attendance and circulation have continued to increase, and the library has received recognition at the national, state and local levels for unique projects and programs. Carole has worked for more than 30 years in the library field. She served as executive director of Rolling Meadows Public Library and, previous to taking the position at Gail Borden Library, was a division chief at Chicago Public Library.

Carole will begin her three-year term July 1, 2008 as president-elect. She will serve as the association president in 2009.
To Register for a Youth Program:
- Visit our website at www.gailborden.info
- Call the Early Learning Center at 847-429-4595
- In person at the Early Learning Center Help Desk

**Pasatiempos con la Familia**  
2 de julio al 23 de julio  
Miércoles a las 7 p.m.  
No se requiere registración.  
¡Venga con su familia y páisala bien con 30 minutos de cuentos, música, juegos y manualidades! Este programa será presentado en español.

**Pasatiempos con la Familia (Family Pastimes)**  
July 2 – 23  
Wednesdays, 7 p.m.  
No registration required.  
Come with your family to enjoy a good time with 30 minutes of stories, music, games and crafts! This program will be presented in Spanish.

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**Teeter-Totter Tales**  
Age 2 – Kindergarten  
June 30 – July 22  
Mondays, 2 and 7 p.m.  
Tuesdays, 9:30 and 11 a.m.  
No registration required.  
Join Zack and Zelda for a fun adventure this summer! Enjoy 30 minutes of puppets, stories, movies, music and much more! There will be no 7 p.m. Teeter-Totter Tales July 7 because of the family picnic scheduled for that evening.

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**Games Galore**  
Children entering grades 1 – 2  
June 30 – July 24  
Mondays, 2 p.m.  
Thursdays, 10 a.m.  
No registration required.  
This 45-minute program celebrates games with stories, music and activities.

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**Wacky Wednesdays!**  
School-age children  
July 2 – 23  
Wednesdays, 2 – 3:30 pm  
No registration required.  
Drop in and enjoy a variety of activities including crafts, board games, Dance Dance Revolution and more. School-age children younger than eight need to bring a caregiver at least 14 years old to share the fun.

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**All-Star Stories**  
Children entering grades 3 – 4  
July 3 – 24  
Thursdays, 10 – 11 a.m.  
No registration required.  
Come to where the action is and score big with some grand slam stories, games and crafts.

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**U Got Game?**  
Children entering grades 5 – 6  
July 3 – 24  
Thursdays, 10 – 11 a.m.  
No registration required.  
Try your luck at obscure board games, compete in a mini-Olympics, test your trivia knowledge with the Wheel of Borden, and possibly be the next Borden Idol!
**Read To Rover**  
*Children entering grades K – 6*  
*Saturdays, July 5 – 26*  
10, 10:30, 11 and 11:30 a.m.  
*Registration required.*  
Cuddle up with a good book and read to one of our fully trained and certified therapy dogs.

**Family Picnics 2008**

Bring a picnic supper to the library’s west lawn at 6 p.m. Sit back, relax and enjoy the evening’s entertainment at 7 p.m. Beverage and dessert will be provided by the library. No fee or registration required. In case of inclement weather, tickets for the 7 p.m. performance will be handed out at the Greeter Desk on a first-come, first-served basis beginning at 6 p.m. on the evening of the performance.

**July 7  The Rope Warrior**  
David Fisher, The Rope Warrior, will perform spectacular jump rope routines to a kaleidoscope of music.

**August 4  Jeffrey the Great**  
Mixing magic with comedy, Jeffrey the Great creates an amazing and amusing entertainment adventure that can’t be beat.

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**FAMILY FILM**

**TMNT (Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles)**  
*Friday, July 25  2 p.m.*  
*Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.*  
*No registration required.*  
When trouble starts brewing in New York City, Master Splinter tries to reunite the Turtles and get them back in shape as a sinister villain is trying to capture ancient monsters to help him rule the world.  
*(PG, 87 minutes)*

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Two movies, *Nancy Drew* and *The Golden Compass*, originally scheduled to be shown August 8 and 15, have been canceled due to construction in the concession area. We apologize for any inconvenience.

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**Children’s Flea Market**

*Sellers entering grades 2 – 9 (all ages welcome to buy)*  
*Friday, July 11  1:30 – 3 p.m.*  
*Registration must be done in person as a signed parental permission slip is required for sellers.*

Bring your old treasures to sell earn some spending cash. Nothing will be priced over $4. The flea market will be held outside in the library’s northeast parking lot. In case of rain, it will be held Friday, July 18.

**Summer Activity Notebooks**

Looking for something fun to do with the kids this summer? The Youth Center’s Summer Activities Reference Notebooks offer ideas for day trips, museums, sports camps and events, day camps and more.

**Fall Storytime Programs**

The Youth Services Department has storytimes for kids of varying ages. Registration is required for some programs and will begin in August. Programs begin in September. For further information, visit the Early Learning Center or call 847-429-4595.

**Sports Trading Card Club**

*Age 6 and up*  
*Thursdays, July 10 and August 14*  
3 – 4:30 p.m.  
*No registration required.*

Jeff Allison will provide information about collecting and trading sports cards. Bring your own collection to show or trade. Drop in anytime.
Advance registration is required for all teen programs.

Register at www.gailborden.info, click on Calendar, then Teen Calendar; in person at the Youth Center Help Desk; or by calling 847-429-4685.

Coffee Talk
Thursday, July 10
2 – 3:15 p.m.
Learn about the history of coffee and how it’s grown, harvested, roasted and distributed. Try various roasts of coffee and learn how to taste the different flavors in each one. Teens will receive a small espresso or coffee cooler drink. Participants are responsible for obtaining transportation to/from this program at Caribou Coffee, 514 S. Randall Road in South Elgin.

IMPROV!
With GreenRoom Productions
Theatre Company
Thursday, July 17
2 – 3:30 p.m.
Learn how to think and create scenes on the spot through the use of fast-paced, high-energy performance games. Come prepared to participate and bring a bottle of water with you.

All About Chocolate
Thursday, July 24
12 – 1:30 p.m.
2 – 3:30 p.m.
If you love chocolate and sweets, then you won’t want to miss this program. We’ll have chocolate and candy trivia and we will be making a variety of chocolate confections. Best of all, we’ll get to sample the treats we’ve made!

Volunteers
Teens entering grades 7 – 10
Application required.

Volunteers work in the Youth Center preparing craft materials, scanning books, shelving materials and doing a variety of other tasks. Sign-up forms and information about dates and times will be available August 15 in the Youth Center.

Book Discussion:
Life As We Knew It
Saturday, August 9
2 – 3 p.m.
What if a meteor hit the moon and caused it to move closer to Earth, resulting in horrific natural disasters that took many lives and changed the lives of the survivors? That’s just what happens in Susan Beth Pfeffer’s Life As We Knew It. The first six teens to sign up for the discussion will receive a free paperback copy. (You must attend the discussion to receive a free copy of the book.)

Twilight Party
Thursday, August 7
2 – 3:30 p.m.
Are you a big fan of Stephenie Meyer’s Twilight series? Breaking Dawn, book four of this exciting series, comes out in August. Join us for tasty treats, games and trivia inspired by these books. If you like, come dressed as your favorite character or even as author Stephenie Meyer!
Authors & Writing Programs

Elgin author Tim Vaulato on Writing & Illustrating
Thursday, July 10  7 – 8 p.m.
Second floor Conference Room
This local author, artist and publisher discusses the ins and outs of writing, self-publishing and book illustration in a one-hour lecture. Book sales and signing of A Lifetime in Time follow the program. Please register.

St. Charles author B. R. Robb reads from his new book River Ghosts
Thursday, July 24  7 – 8 p.m.
Second floor Conference Room
This thought-provoking mystery touches on many themes including both subtle and blatant racism, loss of innocence, forgiveness and keeping hope alive despite tragedy. Book sales and signing follow the program. Please register.

Saving the Earth One Garden at a Time
Sponsored in collaboration with the Elgin Community Network with support of the Grand Victoria Foundation and the City of Elgin
Tuesday, July 15  6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Local professional landscape designer Pat Hill, author of “Design Your Natural Midwest Garden,” works exclusively with Midwest plants. She discusses the “green” reasons for using native flowers and grasses in gardens. Please register.

Brown Bag Lunch Classic Films
Bring your lunch and enjoy a short introduction of historical and artistic highlights. Coffee and tea will be served. No registration.

Yankee Doodle Dandy (1942)
July 7  SPECIAL TIME: 10 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Community Rooms
James Cagney thrills in a rare song and dance performance as composer-entertainer George M. Cohan. This nostalgic biography is told in flashbacks, covering Cohan’s formative years becoming Broadway’s brightest star and touching upon his loves, musicals, and artistic triumphs. Cagney’s dancing is as dynamic as anything else he’s ever done on screen.

The Maltese Falcon (1941)
August 4  11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Second floor Conference Room
Detective Sam Spade’s (Humphrey Bogart) search for his partner’s killer leads him to a group of determined individuals who are vying for possession of the mysterious jeweled falcon of Malta: the beautiful femme fatale Brigid O’Shaughnessey (Mary Astor), cowardly Joel Cairo (Peter Lorre), and pompously inflated Casper Gutman (Sydney Greenstreet).

Harvey (1950)
September 8  11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Community Rooms
This classic comedy stars James Stewart as Elwood P. Dowd, a good-natured man whose best friend is a six-foot tall rabbit that only he can see. When his sister tries to have him committed, a mix-up occurs and she is committed instead, leaving it up to Elwood and “Harvey” to straighten out the mess.

Paying Online is Now Available!

Now you can pay your fines and bills online from the convenience of your own home. The Gail Borden Public Library now accepts MasterCard and Visa. Simply go to www.gailborden.info, then click on “My Library Account” and enter your library card number. If you have unpaid fines, just follow the easy instructions. You don’t even need to wait in line.

Your Identity is Valuable - PINS Protect Your Library Account

Every library account now has a PIN, or Personal Identification Number, assigned to it. If you have registered for a library card recently, you selected a PIN for your account. If you have not selected a PIN, the last four digits of your phone number are your PIN.

A PIN will be required when you go online to place a reserve or renew material, view your account status or change your current PIN. In the library, a PIN is required to use the self-check machines.

If you have problems using your PIN online, call 847-429-4690 for assistance. If you are in the library and have problems, ask at the check-out desk for help.

Treat your library card as a credit card—Report lost or stolen cards immediately!
**Great Books Discussion Group**

Have you ever wanted to read some of the world’s greatest books of literature, philosophy, economics, political science and psychology but needed guidance to understand the content? Meetings are at 6:55 p.m. in the second floor conference room. For more information, contact Vony Fahrenwald at 847-931-4503.

**July 14**  
*The Theory of the Leisure Class (Chapters IX-XIV)* by Thorstein Veblen

**August 11**  
*Middlemarch* by George Eliot

**Bookletters**

Bookletters keeps readers up to date on the latest books. Sign up now for regular free e-mail newsletters with comments and recommendations. Choose from categories such as *Staff Picks, Books on the Air* and *Meet the Author*. Visit Good Reads at www.gailborden.info/goodreads/.

**The Gail Borden Public Library**  
**Online Book Club**

Do you love to read and share your insights with others but don’t have the time to attend a library book group? The Online Book Club at http://groups.google.com/group/gailborden is for you. Stop by and chat about our book of the month anytime, anywhere! For more information, contact Billie Moffett at bmoffett@gailborden.info or 847-429-4688.

**July**  
*The Loch* by Steve Alten

**August**  
*Odd Thomas* by Dean Koontz

**Reading Club in Spanish / Club de Lectura en Español**

Meetings are held every other month on the first Wednesday of the month. The next meeting is on August 6 at 7 p.m. in the Second Floor Conference Room. The title for the August discussion is *Travesuras de la Niña Mala* by Mario Vargas Llosa. For more information, call either Tish or Liliana at 847-429-4687.

On June 2, over 600 wish stones, containing people’s hopes for the branch, were placed under the foundation. The stones held many sentiments, such as “I love the branch,” “Libraries Rock,” “Gail Borden is awesome!” “Let your mind explore the Universe,” “Finally a Branch,” and “We look forward to visiting.” The number one wish was “Reading Rocks.”

Please visit www.gailborden.info to see additional renderings of the branch and to learn how you can participate in support of this facility that will welcome many visitors.

**Elgin Sports Hall of Fame**

Watch for upcoming details on a special event with the Elgin Sports Hall of Fame at www.gailborden.info
Thank you Tapestry of Freedom Partners!

A Tapestry of Freedom spotlighted the faces, expressions and histories of freedom. Its goal was to promote harmony, respect and unity among diverse ethnic, socio-economic and generational groups. The project continued from February through May, 2008 bringing people together as we focused on black history, women’s history, cultural diversity, preservation. Other features of the project were displays on the Civil War and the Veterans History Project, culminating with the traveling exhibit “Forever Free: Abraham Lincoln’s Journey to Emancipation.”

“Forever Free: Abraham Lincoln’s Journey to Emancipation” has been organized by the Huntington Library, San Marino California, and the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, New York City, in cooperation with the American Library Association Public Programs Office. This exhibition was made possible by major grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities, promoting excellence in the humanities, and the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, created by Congress and charged with planning the national celebration of Lincoln’s 200th birthday.

Organizations that partnered to strengthen the fabric of our community:


Individuals who helped by weaving their time and talents into A Tapestry of Freedom to promote harmony, unity and respect in our community:

Celebrate the Red, White & BLUES with Gail Borden Library!

This year’s Fourth of July Parade will celebrate Abraham Lincoln and the BLUES! Sponsored by the City of Elgin and Downtown Neighborhood Association, it promises to be Elgin’s best parade yet. Look for our very own Book Cart Drill Team in the parade, which starts at 9 a.m. Join us after the parade, for Honest Abe’s Rockin’ Blues Concert at 150 Dexter Court, between City Hall and the Hemmens Cultural Center. The Blooze Brothers, AC Rock and Midway Ramblers Cajun Band will perform.

The library will be closed Friday, July 4

When you are at the library’s pickup window, tune to 107.7 FM for the latest in Gail Borden Public Library news.

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