Registering for a Library Card is a Slam Dunk!

Your Gail Borden Public Library card is extremely valuable, making hundreds of thousands of books, DVDs, downloadable media, Internet access and more available to enjoy. September is National Library Card Sign-up Month and this indispensable card gets even more valuable. Everyone who signs up for their first library card in September will be eligible for a drawing to win a reading-themed gift basket that includes books, a DVD, a Travel Scrabble and more. In addition, local merchants such as Elgin Public House, Elgin Books and Coffee, and Quiznos Elgin will provide special discounts when customers show their library cards in September. Please visit “Reading is a Slam Dunk” at www.gailborden.info to see a list of all participating merchants.

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Coffee is Brewing at the Library

La Tazza Coffee Shop is opening at the library in October!

La Tazza, Italian for “The Cup”, started in 1991 by Robert DeBenedictis serving European-grown specialty coffee beverages for events at Chicago’s Merchandise Mart, Shedd Aquarium and Drake Hotel. La Tazza has since expanded to offering an array of menu items and grew to new locations in the Loop.

“We are very excited to be opening a new location inside the Gail Borden Public Library. In addition to coffee and espresso drinks, we will be offering fresh soup and chili daily, gourmet sandwiches, premium salads, homemade parfaits, a complete pasta line, fresh fruit smoothies, and a vast selection of snack items. To complement the coffee, we will receive daily deliveries of an extensive line of fresh baked pastries,” said Val Valentino, an Elgin resident and the company’s manager of Public Relations and Marketing. She added, “We plan on having a very attractive Dollar Value Menu for children and adults. In addition, we are committed to Senior Citizens. Any senior can receive a cup of fresh brewed coffee for only 59 cents—all day, seven days a week.”

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There has been a lot of growth in Elgin and we are excited for the opportunity for La Tazza to be contributing to the magnificent transformation of our downtown Elgin business area,” Valentino added.

The coffee shop will be located in the library’s concession area, on the first floor next to the community rooms. During warm weather months, the café will feature outside dining.
YOUTH PROGRAMS

Three ways to register:
• In person at the Early Learning Center Desk
• Call 847-429-4595
• Online at www.gailborden.info, Calendar, Youth Calendar

Read To Rover
Grades K – 6
Saturdays, September 13, October 11, November 15, December 13
10, 10:30, 11 and 11:30 a.m.
Registration required.
Cuddle up with a good book and read for 20 minutes to one of our fully trained and certified therapy dogs.

Sports Trading Card Club
Age 6 and up
Thursdays, September 11, October 9
3:30 – 5 p.m.
Youth South Story Room
No registration required.
Jeff Allison will provide information about collecting and trading sports trading cards. Bring your own collection to show or trade. Drop in anytime.

Celebra El Mes de la Hispanidad
Sábado, 27 de septiembre
1 a 2 p.m.
Cuartos de la Comunidad
No se requiere registración.
¡Ven y celebra con nosotros el Mes de la Hispanidad! En este programa tendremos de diferentes países del habla hispana cuentos, rimas, música y mucho más. (Este programa será presentado en español.)

Beyond Dr. Seuss:
Good Books for Kids Learning to Read
Open to adults and caregivers
September 22 – 27
Monday, Thursday 10 a.m., 4 and 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday 10 a.m., 4 p.m.
Saturday, 10 a.m.
No registration required.
Does the multitude of beginning readers boggle your mind? Want tips for locating books at your child’s level? Join library staff members in the Juvenile Beginning Reader collection of the Youth Center at these drop-in orientation sessions to learn more.

Fall Storytimes
There’s a storytime for everyone ages 9 months to 2nd grade!

Visit www.gailborden.info, click on calendar, then youth calendar.
Pick up a fall program brochure at the library.
Call the Early Learning Center at 847-429-4595.

“No School Day” Program
Grades 3 – 6
Monday, October 13
4 – 5 p.m. and 7 – 8 p.m.
Community Rooms
Registration begins September 29.
Look for information about this program on the library website in September.

Halloween with Winnie the Pooh
Ages 1 – 6 with one adult
Thursday, October 30
10 – 11:30 a.m.
Community Rooms
Registration begins October 6.
Wear your Halloween costume and join us in a parade throughout the library. After the parade, we’ll watch Pooh’s Heffalump Halloween Movie. Kids should bring only one parent so there is room for everyone!

Online Homework Help
Grades 3 – 12 and parents
Daily 3 – 11 p.m. (subject to change)
No registration fee required.
Use your Gail Borden Public Library card to get free homework help from HelpNow!™, provided by Brainfuse™. Students can get one-on-one help from live online tutors in English, math, science and social studies as well as with writing term papers, reports and essays. Other online services include skill-building lessons for those struggling in a particular area and tutoring for Spanish speakers. To access HelpNow!™, visit the library’s homepage at www.gailborden.info and look for the HelpNow!™ icon.

Love & Logic Parent Workshop
Saturday, October 4
10 – 11:30 a.m.
Community Rooms
Registration begins September 15.
Are you tired of battling with your child over eating, getting dressed, cleaning up her room or just listening to you? Christie Clarke from Out-a-Box Parenting will guide parents through the Love & Logic program, which provides simple, practical and less-stressful techniques for raising responsible kids.
Three ways to register:
• In person at the Youth Center Help Desk
• Call 847-429-4595
• Online at www.gailborden.info, Calendar, Teen Calendar

OCTOBER IS TEEN READ MONTH

Teens Readers in Grades 7 - 12 can celebrate by:
• Having up to $10 in late fines taken off your Gail Borden Library card in October (restrictions may apply). For more information, visit the Youth Center Help Desk.
• Checking out a “secret teen winner” item from young adult books, magazines, audiobooks or videogames and win a small prize.

Volunteers

Teens entering grades 7 – 10
Begins week of September 15.
Application and signed permission slip are required.

Teen volunteers spend one hour a week helping with jobs from shelving to laminating. After-school and evening timeslots are open but fill quickly, so register early! Applications are available in the Youth Center.

Congratulations to St. Laurence and Prairie View, the winners of the traveling trophies for the most students who finished the summer reading program. A big “thank you” to the adult and teen volunteers who staffed the summer reading booth and to Volunteers who helped with “behind the scenes” projects. Special thanks to the following businesses that contributed to the program:

- Big Apple Bagels * Brunswick Zone XL, Algonquin * Carol Stream Park District *
- CiCi’s Pizza, Carpentersville * Chicago Sky * Chili’s, West Dundee * Classic Cinema *
- Cold Stone Creamery, South Elgin * Colonial Ice Cream * Dairy Queen, Elgin locations * Dunkin’ Donuts, Elgin locations * DuPage Children’s Museum * Funway Entertainment Center * Hammer Marketing * Illinois Railway Museum * Jang’s National Taekwondo *
- Kane County Cougars * Kim’s Black Belt Academy * Kuipers Family Farm * Leafs Ice Centre * Lunar Mini Golf * Mainstreet USA Skate Center * Noodles and Company * Old Country Buffet * Randall Oaks Park and Barnyard Zoo * Rainforest Café *
- Schaumburg Flyers Professional Baseball Club * Sci-Tech Museum * Shedd Aquarium * Spring Hill Gymnastics * Steak ‘n Shake

2008 YOUNG ADULT AUTHOR FESTIVAL

Meet author Gordon Korman

Elementary students and teens
Monday, November 3 7 – 8 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 pm)
North Heritage Ballroom, The Centre of Elgin
No registration required.

Gordon Korman will make you laugh when he shares his experiences of becoming an author and writing more than 40 books such as No More Dead Dogs, The Sixth Grade Nickname Game, the Dive and Island series, and teen books like Son of the Mob and Born to Rock. Copies of Mr. Korman’s books will be available for purchase and he will autograph books following the event. Ask your teacher if you can earn extra credit points for attending this program. Seating is limited, so arrive early. Elementary students must be accompanied by an adult or caregiver at least 14 years old.

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CHÁ, CHÁ, CHÁ, The Key to Latin America
Nelson and Paola Sosa
Saturday, September 20  1 – 2 p.m.
Community Rooms
Experience the sounds and rhythms of Mexico, Puerto Rico, Peru, Chile, Argentina, Brazil, Venezuela, Dominican Republic and Cuba. Audience members will be invited to participate by playing percussion instruments, clapping and dancing. This father-daughter duo also touches on strengthening family communication. No registration or tickets.

CHA CHA CHA La Llave de Latinoamérica
Celebración del Mes de la Hispanidad
Sábado, 20 de Septiembre  1 – 2 p.m.
Cuartos de la Comunidad
Venga a celebrar el Mes de la Hispanidad con Paola y Nelson Sosa con música y ritmos de México, Puerto Rico, Perú, Argentina. Brasil, Venezuela, República Dominicana y Cuba. Es un show donde el público canta, toca instrumentos y baila. Además, antes de comenzar el programa padre é hija nos hablarán acerca de cómo fortalecer la comunicación en la familia.

“The Car of the Future”
A film and Fox Valley Electric Vehicle Association cars on display.
Co-sponsored by Elgin Alive and the Elgin Community Network with the support of the Grand Victoria Foundation.
Tuesday, October 21   6:30 – 9 p.m.
Brothers Tom and Ray Magliozzi take a break from NPR’s “Car Talk” to search for the car of the future in this short film followed by a discussion in the Community Rooms. Alternative fuel vehicles will be on display outside the library.  Please register.

The One-Watt-House: Reducing Home Energy Costs by Upwards of 40 percent
Tuesday, September 16   6:30 – 9 p.m.
Community Rooms
Marko Spiegel, president of Conservation Technology International, Inc., and representatives from Nicor and ComEd, will discuss how to reduce home energy use and emissions. Complimentary compact fluorescent lamps will be given out to the audience.

Community Conversations for Preserving and Enhancing Our Region
Co-hosted by Elgin Alive
Presented by Diana Torres of CMAP
Tuesday, September 30  7 – 8 p.m.
Community Rooms
Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) has launched GO TO 2040, a plan that will guide growth for Northeastern Illinois. Come to the meeting to express what you love about your community and what you want to see changed. Land use, transportation, environment, economic development, housing, education and health care will be discussed.  Please register. For more information, go to www.cmap.illinois.gov.

Conversaciones con la Comunidad para Conservar y Mejorar nuestra Región
Miércoles, 1 de Octubre  7 – 8 p.m.
Cuartos de la Comunidad
La agencia Chicago Metropolitan Planning (CMAP) ha lanzado un programa llamado GO TO 2040. Venga a este programa y háganos saber que es lo que más le gusta de su comunidad y que cambios le gustaría ver. Se hablará de Transportación, Medio Ambiente, Desarrollo Económico, Vivienda, Educación, Asistencia Médica. Necesita registrarse en el Escritorio de Información.
THREE WAYS TO REGISTER:
• In person at the Adult Services Information Desk
• Call 847-429-4680
• Online at www.gailborden.info, Calendar

Reel Women for Real Women
This new film and discussion series is co-sponsored by the American Association of University Women Elgin Area Branch and takes place in the Community Rooms.
No tickets or registration.
Real Women Have Curves (2002) PG-13
Tuesday, September 23  6 p.m.
A first-generation Latina (Ugly Betty’s America Ferrera) struggles to balance her family’s culture—working in her sister’s dress warehouse, finding a husband and having children—versus her dreams of a college education.
Tuesday, October 28  6 p.m.
This humorous, one-woman show is about Julia Sweeney’s (Saturday Night Live) story of her cervical cancer diagnosis and dealing with her brother’s battle with cancer as well as with her parents moving in with her.

Super-Couponing with the Coupon Queens Jill Cataldo and Amy Paulus
Thursday, October 2  7 – 8:30 p.m.
Community Rooms
Change the way you shop by discovering the secrets of couponing.
Find out which stores let shoppers multi-stack coupons, how to track sales and discounts online and, best of all, how to get stores to pay you to shop.  Please register.

Switching to All-Digital TV
Monday, October 20
10:30 – 11:15 a.m.
Community Rooms
An FCC representative will explain why TV stations are switching to all-digital beginning February 17, 2009, and how the transition will affect cable and satellite services, analog TV’s and accessories such as VCR’s.  A money-saving converter box coupon program will be presented.  Please register.

Brown Bag Lunch Classic Films
Bring your lunch and enjoy a short introduction of highlights as Gail Borden’s own Bob Cassinelli reveals little-known trivia about the featured film.  Coffee and tea will be served.  No registration.

Harvey (1950)
Monday, September 8  11 a.m – 1 p.m.

The Adventures of Robin Hood (1938)
Monday, October 13  11 a.m – 12:45 p.m.
Understanding Depression Through Education and Awareness
A one-day event in collaboration with Provena Saint Joseph Hospital, the Ecker Center for Mental Health and the Community Crisis Center
Wednesday, October 8  9 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Community Rooms
Depression screenings and informational sessions are free and open to the community. No registration.
Depression Screenings  9 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Depression: What it is and What to do About It 10 – 10:50 a.m. and 6 – 6:50 p.m.
Depresión: ¡Qué es y qué puede hacer! (en Espanol) 10 – 10:50 a.m. and 6 – 6:50 p.m.
Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Trauma and Depression—How Are They Related? 11 – 11:50 a.m.
The Bipolar Challenge, author John Zurn 12 – 12:45 p.m.
Alternatives to Depression: Tools to Lift Your Spirit 1 – 1:50 p.m.
Massage Therapy as a Tool for Dealing with Depression and Other Emotional Difficulties 3 – 5 p.m.
Reports from the Front, a panel discussion 7 – 8 p.m.

Two Rivers Head Start Bilingual Parenting Programs
Presenta reuniones para padres. ¡Todos están invitados!
No registration. Meets in Community Rooms.
No necesita inscribirse. La reuniones se llevarán a cabo en los Cuartos de la Comunidad.
Domestic Violence
Violencia Doméstica
Jueves, 9 de Octubre  9:30 a.m.
Substance Abuse/Drogadicción
Martes, 28 de Octubre  9:30 a.m.

Ingles Para Todo los Días para Adultos que Hablan Español
Con Betty Martínez, Especialista Bilingüe
Miércoles, 24 de Septiembre, 15 y 22 de Octubre  7 – 7:45 p.m.
Mejore su vocabulario en inglés, aprenda nuevas frases y palabras básicas de uso diario. Mientras sus niños están en el programa Pasatiempo con la Familia ustedes padres, abuelos, tio y amigos pueden disfrutar aprendiendo inglés, Habrá un premio en cada clase para el mayor alumno. Durante el programa Pasatiempo con la Familia su niño o niños deben estar acompañados de un adulto.

New Community Group—Speaking Urdu
Sunday, October 19  2 – 4 p.m.
Second Floor Conference Room
Author Razia Fasih Ahmad will lead discussions in Urdu on a variety of topics. No registration.

In Abraham Lincoln’s Footsteps:
Discovering the 16th President Through Stories and Songs
The Stories
Members of the Elgin community will reveal little-known aspects of Lincoln’s life via readings, discussions and performances in the Community Rooms. No registration is required.
Co-sponsored by the Abraham Lincoln 200th Birthday Committee.

The Early Relationships of Abraham Lincoln  October 6  7 p.m.
The Emancipation Proclamation  October 27  7 p.m.
The Gettysburg Address and the Assassination of Abraham Lincoln  November 17  7 p.m.

The Songs
Abraham Lincoln in Song by Chris Vallillo  November 6  7 – 8:30 p.m. Please register.
Illinois’ favorite son is brought to life by award-winning folksinger Chris Vallillo with historic narratives, contemporary folk music and period folk songs. Refreshments will be served and door prizes given out. This program is made possible in part by an award from the Illinois Humanities Council, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Illinois General Assembly.
**Reading Club in Spanish / Club de Lectura en Español**


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**Great Books Discussion Group**

Co-sponsored by the American Association of University Women Elgin Branch. Have you ever wanted to read some of the world’s greatest books but needed guidance to understand the content? If you answered “yes” consider joining this group. Meetings are in the 2nd floor conference room. For more information, contact Vony Fahrenwald at 847-931-4503.

- Monday, September 8  6:55 p.m.
  - Middlemarch (Books 6 to end) by George Eliot
- Monday, October 13  6:55 p.m.
  - Hippolytus by Euripides

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**Candidates Forum**

Sponsored by the League of Women Voters of the Elgin Area

Thursday, October 23  7 p.m.

Community Rooms

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**What Happens to Your Vote:**

Understanding the Electoral College

Co-sponsored by The League of Women Voters of the Elgin Area

Thursday, October 16  7 – 8:30 p.m.

Second Floor Conference Room

Learn about how the U.S. Electoral College serves democracy, how electors are determined and recent efforts for a change to a popular vote system. Presented by Dennis Bulat. Please register.

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**The Gail Borden Public Library**

**Online Book Club**

Stop by http://groups.google.com/group/gailborden and chat about our book of the month anytime, anywhere! For more information, contact Billie Moffett at bmoffett@gailborden.info or 847-429-4688.

- September  - Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams
- October    - Summer of Night by Dan Simmons

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**Contemporary Fiction Book Groups**

The group meets in the 2nd floor conference room. For more information, contact Tish at 847-429-4683.

- Tuesday, September 23    3:30 p.m.
  - The Thirteenth Tale by Diane Setterfield
- Tuesday, October 28        3:30 p.m.
  - Loving Frank by Nancy Horan

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**20’s and 30’s Book Club**

Co-sponsored by the American Association of University Women Elgin Branch.

Meets at 7 p.m. in the 2nd floor conference room.

- Saturday by Ian McEwan
- Monday, September 22
- I am Legend by Richard Matheson
- Monday, October 27
- Political Thrillers

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**Ecker Center’s 8th Annual Festival of Trees**

October 27 – November 7

More than 25 trees decorated by local businesses and individuals will be on display. The trees are later auctioned, with proceeds going toward the Ecker Center for Mental Health, which provides an array of outpatient mental health services.

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Computer Classes

These popular hands-on classes are designed to provide a basic overview of computer hardware and software in one to two hours and are held in the Computer Center Training Room. Advance registration and a valid Gail Borden Public Library card are required. Register online at www.gailborden.info, in person at the Computer Center, or by calling 847-429-4695. Because of the high demand for these lessons, you may be asked to share a PC during class.

Introduction to Computers & Windows
Thursday, September 4      2 p.m. (for Seniors)
Saturday, September 6      10 a.m.
A basic introduction to computers, Windows and using a mouse.

Introduction to Excel 2007
Tuesday, September 30      2 p.m.
Tuesday, October 21        10 a.m.
A basic introduction to Microsoft Excel for people who have never used this program. Basic mouse skills are required.

Introduction to Word 2007
Saturday, September 20      10 a.m.
Tuesday, October 7          10 a.m. (for Seniors)
Basic introduction to Microsoft Word for people who have never used this program before. Basic mouse skills are required.

Internet Express 1 – The Basics
Tuesday, September 9        10 a.m. (for Seniors)
Saturday, October 4         9:30 a.m.
Learn how to use the web and the basics of Internet terminology, and visit some fun websites. Basic mouse skills are required.

Internet Express 2 – Searching
Tuesday, September 16       10 a.m. (for Seniors)
Saturday, October 11        9:30 a.m.
Learn how to use the library’s search directory, and the search engines Google and Yahoo. Basic mouse skills are required.

Internet Express 3 – Email
Tuesday, September 23       10 a.m. (for Seniors)
Saturday October 18         9:30 a.m.
The basics of reading and sending email will be covered.

En Español
Cada clase es gratis para residentes con tarjeta válida de la biblioteca Gail Borden, es una sola sesión, y dura una o dos horas. Venga al Centro de Computadoras para registrarse o llame al 847-429-4695.

Introduction a computación Windows
Jueves 11 de Septiembre a las 7 p.m.
Miércoles 8 de Octubre a las 2 p.m.
Aprenda los principios básicos de computación y el manejo del sistema de operaciones Windows.

Introducción al Internet
Sábado 25 de Octubre a las 9:30 a.m.
Esta clase es una introducción al Internet.

Look for the Gail Borden Library van at the Hispanic Heritage Month Parade on Saturday, September 13, and our library booth at Moving with the Mayor 2008 on Saturday, September 27.

The library will be closed
Sunday, August 31 and Monday, September 1 for the Labor Day holiday.

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