The “Rakow Branch” is the name of the new branch library thanks to a generous donation to the Gail Borden Public Library Foundation. Community leaders and supporters Tom and Sue Rakow, their children and grandchildren chose to honor Melvin E. “Pete” and May T. Rakow and their daughter Barbara Rakow Rietz (Tom’s parents and sister) with this gift.

“We are so happy that this wonderful new branch will be named ‘Rakow.’ The family has been so instrumental in building this community that linking ‘Rakow’ and library for posterity is an extraordinarily great fit,” said Libby Hoeft, Gail Borden Public Library Foundation President.

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"We are tremendously pleased that Tom and Sue Rakow and their family chose to honor the library district with this gift," added Rick McCarthy, Gail Borden Public Library Board of Trustees President. "Their generosity will make a difference to this community for generations."

Tom Rakow, Chairman of IHC Construction Companies LLC, explained that he and his family provided this support because "we think the library is critical to the well-being of the whole community."

The Rakows have a long and significant history of supporting the community. They have been instrumental in sustaining many organizations and causes including the Ecker Center, the Boy Scouts, Easter Seals Jayne Shover Center telethon and the Larkin Center. Tom is a past recipient of the United Way’s Willis A. Reed Humanitarian Award and Sue has been honored with the Distinguished Service Award by the Elgin Cosmopolitan Club.

Join The Green Team @ Your Library

It’s not too late to join the 2009 summer reading program. We have programs for everyone in the family, from babies through adults. Sign up at the booth in the gateway of Youth Services or online at http://www.gailborden.info by July 25. The last day to finish the program is Saturday, August 8.

Folksinger, storyteller and autoharp virtuoso Adam Miller is renowned for his highly entertaining and enjoyable sing-along programs. Bring the kids and grandparents to hear folksongs about the environment and how people have related to natural resources through the centuries. His CD’s will be available for purchase following the program. All ages welcome. No registration required.

Bring a picnic supper to the library’s west lawn at 6 p.m. Relax and enjoy the evening’s entertainment with your family 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.

Don’t Just Sit There... Read Something!
Monday, July 13

Award-winning singer/keyboardist Rick Kelley will get families moving with sing-alongs, dance-alongs, line dances, percussion jams and FUN!

The Flying Fool
Monday, August 10

Don’t try this at home! Ken Schultz will keep you in stitches with his bowling ball juggling, fire-eating, stilt-walking and more!

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From left: Assistant Manager Susan Farnham, Manager Margaret Peebles and Assistant Manager Angela Bouque
Meet FIRST LEGO League Team Members
Grade 3 and older with an adult.
Thursday, July 30  7 – 8 p.m.
Registration required.
Meet the members of got robot?, a local team that earned third place in the Illinois FIRST LEGO League Championship Tournament, as they share their competition experience and inventions. FIRST LEGO League is a global robotics program that ignites enthusiasm for discovery, science and technology in kids ages 9 to 14.

Sports Card Trading Club
Boys and girls age 6 and up,
July 9, August 13  3 – 4:30 p.m.
South Story Room
No registration required.
Drop in to show or trade your collection.

Trash to Treasures: Children’s Flea Market
Sellers grades 2 – 9 (all ages welcome to buy)
Friday, July 10  1:30 – 3 p.m.
Come and shop for bargains, since nothing will be priced over $4. Rain date is Friday, July 17. To find out more about registering as a seller, call the Youth Center at 847-429-4685.

Coraline (PG, 101 minutes)
Thursday, August 13  2 p.m.
Community Rooms A and B
Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.
No registration required.
Based on the book by Neil Gaiman, Coraline Jones is bored in her new home until she finds a secret door that leads her into a world that’s just like her own … but better! But when this fantastical adventure turns dangerous and her ‘other’ Mother tries to keep her forever, Coraline must count on her resourcefulness and bravery to get home.

Martial Arts Demonstration
Tuesday, August 18  3 p.m.
Community Rooms A and B
Join us for an interactive martial arts demonstration presented by Kim’s Black Belt Academy. Learn and practice some basic moves, kicks and punches. With a parent or guardian, children five years and older are welcome to watch the demonstration. A parent/guardian signed permission slip is required for a child to participate in the interactive elements. Permission slips will be available at the Youth Help Desk August 1 – 18.

Summer Activities Reference Notebooks
Looking for something fun to do with the kids this summer? Parents are welcome to look through our Summer Activities Reference Notebooks to find ideas for day trips, museums, sports camps, day camps and more!
TEEN SCENE
For Teens entering grades 7 – 12

Three ways to register:
• In person at the Youth Center Help Desk
• Call 847-429-4685
• Online at www.gailborden.info, Calendar, Teen Calendar

MANGA MANIA
Thursday, July 9
2 – 3:30 p.m.
Registration is now taking place.

Toolbox Jewelry
Thursday, July 16
2 – 3 p.m.
Registration begins July 2.
Create a one-of-a-kind bracelet or necklace using hardware such as washers, hex nuts and more. All supplies will be provided.

Fear Factor Foods
Thursday, July 23
2 – 3 p.m.
Registration begins July 2.
It’s disgusting or weird, and you’ll eat it! Do you pride yourself on having an iron stomach? Find out if you’ve got what it takes to be the Fear Factor Foods champion. Contestants only, no spectators please!

Brisingr Book Discussion
Saturday, July 25
2 – 3 p.m.
Registration is now taking place.
Are you a fan of Christopher Paolini’s Inheritance Cycle books? Have you read Eragon and Eldest already? Join us for a laid-back discussion of Brisingr, the third book in the series. Copies of the book will be available for checkout.

Rain Barrels on Parade
Grab a passport at downtown businesses or Gail Borden Library, round up the family and head out to look for 46 artist-decorated rain barrels on display around Elgin. Write the names of just 10 artists who decorated a rain barrel on the passport, then drop it into the rain barrel in Gail Borden Library’s lobby by July 15 to be entered for a chance to win:

• LCD TV (donated by Elgin Association of Fire Fighters-Local 439)
• Nintendo Wii (donated by Elgin Community Network)
• Nintendo Wii Fit (donated by the Awakenings Project)
• Nintendo Wii EA Sports (donated by Dave and Sandy Kaptain)
• Taste of Elgin gift basket (donated by the Elgin Downtown Neighborhood Association)
• Barnes & Noble gift certificates (donated by Friends of the Gail Borden Public Library)

All 46 painted rain barrels will be on display at Gail Borden Library from July 16 to 29. Vote for your favorite at the library or on line at www.gailborden.info.

There are two ways to purchase a painted rain barrel on August 1 and 2 at FoxFireFest/Art & Soul on the Fox Art Show: (1) by silent auction beginning August 1 or (2) by live auction at 1 p.m. August 2 on South Grove between Festival Park and DuPage Court. Proceeds from the auction will go toward Elgin Community Network sustainability programs.

The Gail Borden Public Library Drive-up Window will now be open at 8 a.m. on Monday through Saturday, and noon on Sundays.
Three ways to register:
· In person at the Adult Services Information Desk
· Call 847-429-4680
· Online at www.gailborden.info, Calendar

Elgin Job Seekers Club (Weekly)

Learn, Share, Network
Wednesdays 11 a.m.
Share your own job-seeking tips and find out what other job seekers have learned while pounding the pavement (and keyboard). During July, regular meetings will be held in the library’s Computer Training Room; during August, the Community Rooms. For information about the club and future guest speakers, go to www.gailborden.info and click on “Job Hunting.”

People in Transition: Understanding Your Retirement Plan Distribution Options
Wednesday, July 22 9:30 a.m.
Second Floor Conference Room
Presented by Wendy E. Gibson, CFM, CRPC; Portfolio Manager in the Merrill Lynch Personal Investment Advisory™ (PIA) Program; and Senior Financial Advisor and Vice President, Global Private Client Group, Merrill Lynch. Please register.

Pathways to Health Careers
Wednesday, August 5 noon
Community Rooms
Kathleen Callahan, ECC’s Program Director of Community Based Job Training, will discuss healthcare careers.

Speed Resume Review
Sponsored by State Farm Insurance
Thursday, August 6 6 – 8 p.m.
Community Rooms B & C
In-district registration begins July 1;
Open registration begins July 15.
Bring your resume for a 20-minute one-on-one session with a resume coach to get professional advice and answers to your questions. Please register for only one time slot.

Brown Bag Lunch
Classic Films
Bring your lunch or buy it at La Tazza Café. Gail Borden’s own Bob Cassinelli will reveal little-known trivia about the featured film. Coffee and tea will be served. No registration.

The Music Man (1962) Special Start Time!
Monday, July 13 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Community Rooms

12 Angry Men (1957)
Monday, August 10 11 a.m. – 12:40 p.m.
Community Rooms

Your Money’s Worth
Know Your Credit Score
Wednesday, July 15 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Community Room C
Roger Searle of Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Elgin will teach you how to discover your credit score and what it means as well as how your credit report impacts your life. Please register.

Layoff Lifesavers
Wednesday, July 29 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Community Room C
Learn new tips and tactics for budgeting and financial survival from Roger Searle of Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Elgin. Please register.

The $5 Cup of Coffee is Ruining My Retirement
Thursday, July 30 7 – 8:30 p.m.
Second Floor Conference Room
Author Paul Scheiner will teach you the lifestyle changes necessary to eliminate waste and pay off debt in order to start building your nest egg. Learn how to develop your own financial plan and make your money work for you. The program is ideal for those ages 35 to 55. Book sales will follow the program. Please register.

eBay Selling 101
Monday, August 17 7 – 8:30 p.m.
Community Rooms
eBay University Instructor Jack Waddick will walk you through the keys to successful eBay selling. This fun and informative session will include real time demos on eBay.com and a question-and-answer session. No technical mumbo jumbo. Please register.

eBay Advanced Selling
Monday, August 31 7 – 8:30 p.m.
Community Rooms
eBay University Instructor Jack Waddick will demonstrate the advanced tools, tips and strategies used by some of eBay’s most successful sellers with realtime demos on eBay.com and providing plenty of time to answer your questions. Please register.

It’s Your Money: Get Smart
Smart Investing @ Your Library
Through August 31
Library Second Floor
Be pro-active about financial and retirement planning with guidance from this exhibit, on loan from the Schaumburg Township District Library.

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The Elgin Genealogy Society invites you to attend:

**Wednesday, July 8**  
9 a.m.
Anne Weiss portrays her grandmother, a Swedish maid.

**Thursday, July 16**  
7 p.m.
Genlighten, a new genealogical research assistance service.

**Tuesday, August 4**  
9 a.m.
David Bartholomew discusses his grandfather’s Civil War diaries.

**Thursday, August 20**  
7 p.m.
Matt Rutherford of the Newberry Library on Adoption Services.

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**Summertime Specials**

**Experience a different culture, get organized, finish that writing project, take in a movie!**

**A Writer’s Secrets**

**Thursday, July 9**  
7 – 8 p.m.
**Community Rooms**
Local author, illustrator and educator Tim Vaulato shares unique tips for overcoming writer’s block, unleashing your creative side and seizing the day with independent publishing. Please register.

**Back by popular demand!**

**Taste of Lao!**

**Saturday, July 18**  
2 – 4 p.m.
**Community Rooms**
Sponsored in partnership with the Lao Connection
Discover the rich Laotian culture by meeting the people, sampling food, learning the history of how Laotians came to live in Elgin and enjoying entertainment such as a live performance of traditional dance by a children’s group. Please register.

**A Procrastinator’s Special: Get Organized!**

**Wednesday, August 12**  
7 – 8 p.m.
**Community Rooms A & B**
Professional organizer Donna Pavoris will get you motivated to start tackling your home or office and help you transform messes into organized areas that improve your life. Please register.

**Iron Jawed Angels**

**Wednesday, August 19**  
6:30 p.m.
**Community Rooms**
This highly acclaimed movie is based on a true story about two defiant women who broke from the mainstream women’s-rights movement and created a more radical wing, daring to push the boundaries of political protest to secure women’s voting rights in 1920 while putting their lives at risk. Starring Hilary Swank, Julia Ormond and Patrick Dempsey. The co-sponsoring League of Women Voters will provide root beer floats. Please register.

**Stitch ’n B-----**

**Thursdays**  
7 p.m.
Drop in at LaTazza Café to knit, crochet, needlepoint and chat. Beginners are welcome.

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**Elgin Alive**

**Sponsored in collaboration with the Elgin Community Network and the City of Elgin.**

**GO TO 2040 Invent the Future!**

**Tuesday, July 21**  
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
**Community Rooms**

GO TO 2040 is a plan that will guide growth for this region. It is expected that 2.8 million new residents will bring the population of metropolitan Chicago to 11 million by 2040. Critical decisions need to be made about how growth should continue, where jobs and housing will be located and transportation options.

Your ideas are needed! The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) will address issues such as the environment, economic development, housing, education and health care and needs your input to formulate the best plan for this region. RSVP by: emailing Joey-Lin Silberhorn at jsilberhorn@cmap.illinois.gov or by calling 312-386-8814.

**Invent the Future! Kiosk**

**July 20 – 27**
**Library Rotunda**

Use CMAP’s exciting new interactive tool to create your own scenario of what you think this region should look like in the year 2040.

**Deep Roots, Green Future: City Planning in Elgin**

**Exhibit in lobby through August 8**

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**Library Welcomes New Board Members**

The Gail Borden Public Library District welcomes three new board members. From left to right - Sue Moylan, Randy Hopp and Jessica Thompson. We thank Herb Gross, Zlatko Koprivec and Larry Wegman for their valuable service to the library and community as they exit the board. In addition to the new members, we are pleased to announce newly elected board officers, President Rick McCarthy, Vice President Jean Bednar, Treasurer Lisa Knight, and Secretary Jo Ann Armenta. We thank them for their continued service.
Butterflies in the Garden
Sunday July 19  2 – 3 p.m.
Community Rooms
Author Carol Lerner, well known for her series of children’s nature books, will reveal ways to make your backyard a welcome place for visiting butterflies. Learn about the complicated life of butterflies and how a butterfly’s body works. What does the world look like through a butterfly’s eyes? How does it find its way to the plants it needs for survival? Discover “butterfly flowers” that will attract them to your favorite summertime spot. Please register.

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. on the second Monday of the month in the Second Floor Conference Room.

July 17  The Cherry Orchard  by Anton Pavlovic Chekhov
August 10  Emma  by Jane Austen

Reading Club in Spanish / Club de Lectura en Español
If you enjoy reading a good book and talking about what you’ve read, come and join the Reading Club in Spanish. Meetings are held every other month on the first Wednesday of the month. The next meeting is at 7 p.m., August 5 in the Second Floor Conference Room. The title for this month’s discussion is El Pintor de Batallas by Arturo Perez-Reverte. For more information, call either Tish or Liliana at 847-429-4687.


Monarch Butterfly Experience
Monday, August 3  6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Community Rooms
Children, parents and grandparents will enjoy learning about Monarchs and making a butterfly observation station together. Charlene Breitlow of Monarch Watch will reveal tips on raising Monarch Butterflies, hunting for butterfly eggs and tagging Monarchs for their migration to Mexico. Watch their development from egg to chrysalis to caterpillar. Each family will make one butterfly observation station ($5 material cost will be due at the time of the program). Registration required.

Hands-On Workshop: Digital Camera Techniques
With Courier News
Professional Photographer
Marina Makropoulos

Tuesday, July 7 and Wednesday, July 15  6 – 8 p.m. meets at the Greeter Desk in the lobby.
Tuesday, August 11  6 – 8 p.m. meets in Community Room A

Learn how to operate your digital camera and take great indoors and outdoors pictures. Cost is $15 for all three classes, payable to Gail Borden Public Library. Full payment may be made at the second floor administration office from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, or by mail Attn: Miriam Lytle, Gail Borden Library, 270 N. Grove Ave., Elgin, IL 60120. Reservations are transferrable but not refundable. Class size is limited to 10.

Digital Photography Show
Tuesday, August 11  7:30 – 8 p.m.
Community Room A

Enjoy the best photographs of the summer digital camera workshop with Marina Makropoulos. No registration.

The Gail Borden Online Book Club
Do you love to read and share your insights with others but don’t have the time to attend one of the library’s many book groups? Then the Online Book Club at http://groups.google.com/group/gailborden is for you! For more information, contact Billie Moffett at bmoffett@gailborden.info or 847-429-4688.

July  The Probable Future by Alice Hoffman
August  Frankenstein by Mary Shelley

20’s and 30’s Book Club
Co-sponsored by the American Association of University Women Elgin Branch, the club meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Monday of the month in the Second Floor Conference Room. Books will be chosen by the group and be a mix of contemporary, fiction, nonfiction and classics. For more information, call Rachel Bloomberg at 630-391-2966 for more information.

July 27  Peace Like a River by Leif Enger
August 24  The Taming of the Shrew by William Shakespeare
These hands-on classes provide a basic overview of computer hardware and software. Each topic is covered in a single one- to two-hour session in the Computer Center Training Room. Classes tailored to meet the needs of mature learners are labeled for Seniors. Advance registration and a valid Gail Borden Public Library card are required. Register online at www.gailborden.info/register, 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 a class.

**PCs & Windows**
*Tuesday, July 7   10 a.m.  
Wednesday, August 12   7 p.m.*
A basic introduction to computers, Windows and using a mouse.

**WordPad & File Management**
*Tuesday, July 14   10 a.m.  
Thursday, August 20   2 p.m.*
A basic introduction to Microsoft WordPad and managing computer files. Basic mouse skills are required.

**Microsoft Word 2007**
*Thursday, July 16   10 a.m.  
Saturday, August 29   9:30 a.m.*
Basic introduction to Microsoft Word for people who have never used this program before. Basic mouse skills are required.

**Internet Express 1 – The Basics**
*Saturday, July 11   9:30 a.m.  
Tuesday, August 4   10 a.m. (for Seniors)*
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**
*Saturday, July 18   9:30 a.m.  
Tuesday, August 11   10 a.m. (for Seniors)*
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**
*Saturday, July 25   9:30 a.m.  
Tuesday, August 18   10 a.m. (for Seniors)*
The basics of reading and sending email will be covered. Basic mouse and Internet navigation skills are required.

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**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.

**Introducción a computación y Windows**
*Jueves 9 de Julio a las 7 p.m.  
Miércoles 19 de Agosto a las 2 p.m.*
Aprendza los principios básicos de computación y el manejo del sistema de operaciones Windows.

**Introducción al Internet**
*Sábado 15 de Agosto a las 9:30 a.m.*
Esta clase es una introducción al Internet.