Elgin Alive: Deep Roots, Green Future

City Planning in Elgin

In partnership with the City of Elgin, the Elgin Area Historical Society, Elgin Community Network and Judson University.

Tuesday, May 19
Opening Reception  5:30 p.m.
Green Future        6:30 p.m.

Daniel Burnham made “no little plans” when he created the groundbreaking 1909 Plan of Chicago. Many principles of the Chicago Plan were used when Burnham’s partner Edward Bennett formulated a plan for Elgin in 1917.

Discover this design and others including the latest Elgin plan for sustainability at an opening reception at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 19 in the rotunda. The Fox Valley Men of Harmony barbershop quartet will perform. Light refreshments will be served. The program at 6:30 p.m. in the community rooms will focus on features of the plans including transportation corridors, green spaces and separation of business and residential sections. The discussion will be led by Robert W. Siljestrom, City Planning and Development Commission, and Tom Armstrong, City of Elgin’s Department of Planning and Neighborhood Services. The traveling exhibit will be on display at the library through August 8. Please register.

It’s Your Money: Get Smart

May 1 – August 31, 2009

These tumultuous financial times require everyone to be pro-active about financial and retirement planning. Test your financial literacy and visit this exciting new exhibit on the second floor through August 31. Look for upcoming programs about handling financial matters and preparing for the future at www.gailborden.info or inquiring at the second floor information desk. The exhibit is on loan from the Schaumburg Township District Library, which created the exhibit with a Smart Investing @ Your Library grant.

Home Safe
with Bestselling Author Elizabeth Berg
Monday, May 11  7 p.m.
Community Rooms

Book sales by Barnes & Noble Bookstore  6:30 p.m.

Recently widowed Helen Ames is shocked to discover that her mild-mannered and loyal husband had been leading a double life. What Helen’s husband did with all their money leads Helen and her daughter to embark on new adventures. Book sales by Barnes & Noble Bookstore start at 6:30 p.m. and book signing will take place after the presentation. No registration.

Wrigley Field’s Last World Series: The Wartime Chicago Cubs and the Pennant of 1945

Tuesday, May 12
7 – 8:30 p.m.
Community Rooms A & B

Author Charles Billington shares archival photos and video of the Cubs early days and discusses the Wrigley family’s influence on the City of Chicago. Book sales and signing will follow the presentation. Please register.
No–School Day Happenings

Lightning and Labyrinths
Grades 5 – 8
Thursday, April 30  7 – 8:30 p.m.
or Friday, May 1  10 – 11:30 a.m.
(A no-school day)
Registration required.
Join other fans of the Percy Jackson and the Olympians series.

Sports Fan
Brain Buster
Trivia Competition
Ages 6 – 14
Friday, May 1  1 – 3 p.m.
Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. on the day of the program.
Compete for points and prizes by answering sports trivia questions. All participants will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a prize.

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with Yurtfolk

Tuesday, May 5
Somos Colombia dance performance  6:30 p.m.
Yurtfolk  7 – 8 p.m.
Community Rooms
No registration.
Drop in for a mix of “get up and dance” silly songs and serenades sung in Spanish and English. Yurtfolk LuAnne Harley and Brian Kruschwitz will bring their model yurt.

Family Picnic: Earth Day Every Day
For the entire family.
Monday, June 15  6 p.m.
No registration.
Bring a picnic supper and enjoy Jim Walser’s unique “edu-tainment.” Beverage and dessert will be served. In case of rain, the performance will take place inside. Tickets will be handed out on a first-come, first-served basis beginning at 6 p.m. at the Greeter Desk that evening.

Join the Green Team! 2009 Summer Reading Program
Register from May 20 to July 25 in the Youth Services gateway or online at www.gailborden.info. Adults and teens may also sign up at the adult services desk or at the sign-up computer in the teen area. Children and teen participants will be required to visit the library two times. Those who complete the program will receive a paperback book of their choice, coupons from local businesses and a chance to win a grand prize.

Pre-Readers
Children not yet able to read on their own listen to stories for 180 minutes (3 hours).

Early Readers
Children just beginning to read will read for 360 minutes (6 hours).

Experienced Readers
Children confident and experienced in their reading abilities read for 540 minutes (9 hours).

Teen Readers
Teens read or listen to audiobooks for 20 hours.

Adult Readers Save Green by Going Green
Save hundreds of dollars by visiting the library and joining the Adult Summer Reading program. Every time you check out a book from the library instead of buying one, you save $30! Don’t spend $5 each time to rent a DVD - checking out movies from the library is free! Track your savings throughout the summer to win fun prizes. Sign up to learn more ways to Save Green By Going Green.
**Summer Activities**

**Wonderful Ones**
9 – 23 months with an adult caregiver
June 15 – July 30
Mondays 9:15, 10:15 and 11 a.m.
Tuesdays 10:15 a.m.
Thursdays 6:15 p.m.
In-district registration begins May 26, out-of-district June 1.
Short stories, fingerplays, rhymes, music and movement activity.

**Green Upon a Time**
Age 2 through Kindergarten
June 15 – July 28
Mondays 2 and 7 p.m.
Tuesdays 9:30 and 11 a.m.
No registration required.
Meet Traymore Trashmore and learn how to have fun being “green.” The Family Picnic will replace the June 15 and July 13 evening program.

**El Mundo en Mis Manos**
Comenzando el 17 de junio al 29 de Julio
Los miércoles a las 7 de la noche
No se requiere registracion.
Un programa para la familia de 30 minutos con Tremor Basura-Y Más, cuentos, música, manualidades que tienen que ver con nuestra planeta tierra.

**The World in My Hands**
June 17 – July 29
Wednesdays 7 p.m.
No registration required.
A 30-minute program for families featuring Tremor Basura-Y Más, stories, music and crafts about our Planet Earth. Presented in Spanish.

**Amazing Animals**
Grades 1 – 2
June 15 – July 30
Mondays 2 – 2:45 p.m.
Thursdays 10 – 10:45 a.m.
No registration required.
Explore the world of amazing endangered animals through stories, games and crafts.

**Found Treasures**
Grades 3 – 4
June 18 – July 30
Thursdays 10 – 11 a.m.
No registration required.
Use your imagination to turn ordinary objects into fun treasures to “green” up your summer.

**Summer Extravaganzas**

**Open to elementary school children unless otherwise noted. Children younger than 9 must be accompanied by a caregiver of at least 14 years of age.**

**Yo-Yo Man**
Tuesday, June 16 1 – 2 p.m.
No registration required.
Yo-Yo Man, Barry North, will entertain and amaze the whole family with his championship yo-yo tricks.

**Circus Boy**
Tuesday, June 23
7 – 8 p.m.
No registration required.
Circus Boy has performed on Jay Leno’s Tonight Show. He’ll weave animated physical comedy, balancing, juggling and audience participation into a show you won’t want to miss. Souvenirs will be available for purchase following the program.

**Movie & a Craft: Journey to the Center of the Earth** (PG, 93 minutes)
Grades 3 – 6
Tuesday, June 30 6 – 8 p.m.
Registration begins June 8.
Enjoy the film and then build a fun craft.

**Wacky Wednesdays!**
June 17 – July 29
Wednesdays 2 – 3:30 p.m.
No registration required.
Drop in and enjoy crafts, board games, Dance Dance Revolution™ and more.

**Sports Card Trading Club**
Boys and girls age 6 and up
June 11, July 9, August 13
Thursdays 3 – 4:30 p.m.
South Story Room
No registration required.
Drop in to show or trade your collection.

**Spooky, Sneaky & Sorta Green**
Grades 5 – 6
June 18 – July 30
Thursdays 10 – 11 a.m.
No registration required.
Do sneaky spy stuff, create a frog, construct a home for an elf, chase aliens, avoid dragon fire and more.
Summer Activity Notebooks
Find ideas for day trips, museums, sports camps and events, day camps, educational camps, resident camps and more!

Age-appropriate notebooks are located in the Early Learning Center and on the information cube in the Youth Center.

**The Dog Days of Summer: Read to Rover**
**May 30, June 13, 27, July 11, 25, August 8**
**Saturdays 10, 10:30, 11 and 11:30 a.m.**
In-district registration begins May 20, out-of-district on May 27.
Read to a trained and certified therapy dog for 20 minutes.
Register for a maximum three sessions.

**Trash to Treasures: Children’s Flea Market**
**Sellers entering grades 2 – 9**
(all ages welcome to buy)
**Friday, July 10 1:30 – 3 p.m.**
Northeast parking lot
Registration begins June 8 in person as a parental permission slip must be signed.
Nothing will be priced over $4.
Raindate is July 17.

**Family Films**
- Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.
- **Wednesdays 10 a.m.**
- **Community Rooms**
  - No registration required.
  - June 17 *High School Musical 3: Senior Year* (G, 100 Minutes)
  - June 24 *The Thief and the Cobbler* (G, 72 minutes)
  - July 1 *Bedtime Stories* (PG, 99 minutes)

**For Teens in grades 7 – 12**

**HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY**
**Monday, May 4 7 – 8 p.m.**
No registration required.
George Levy Mueller, a Holocaust survivor, will speak of his life in a concentration camp. Not appropriate for young children.

**Under the Hood**
**Thursday, June 18 2 and 3 p.m.**
Learn parts under a car’s hood and basic maintenance such as changing the oil, rotating the tires and changing a flat tire. Registration begins June 4.

**Rhythm Jam!**
**Thursday, June 25 2 – 4 p.m.**
Explore percussion, movement and body drumming. Brought to you by the Metropolis Outreach Program, part of Metropolis Performing Arts Centre in Arlington Heights. Dress in comfortable workout clothing and closed-toe shoes. Registration begins June 11.

**Manga Mania**
**Thursday, July 9 2 – 3:30 p.m.**
A local artist and teacher will show you basic manga techniques and how to draw your own characters.
Drawing supplies will be provided. Registration begins June 25.

**Brisingr Book Discussion**
**Saturday, July 25 2 – 3 p.m.**
Join us for a discussion of the third book in Christopher Paolini’s Inheritance Cycle.
Registration begins June 27.

**Volunteers**
**Week of June 15 – Week of July 27**
**Mondays 11 a.m., Tuesdays 5 or 7 p.m., Wednesdays 1 p.m.**
Registration begins May 25. A signed parent permission slip must be completed at the Youth Center Help Desk.

**Got Fines?**
During May, teens in grades 7 – 12 may see a staff member at the Youth Center Help Desk to receive a coupon good for waiving up to $10 in late fines. Certain restrictions apply.
One coupon will be awarded per teen.
Three ways to register:
· In person at the Adult Services Information Desk
· Call 847-429-4680
· Online at www.gailborden.info, Calendar

Elgin Symphony Orchestra’s Guest Lecturer Nina Bernstein

A Total Embrace, a documentary about Leonard Bernstein, introduced by Nina Bernstein
In partnership with the Elgin Symphony Orchestra’s American Icon Series.

Saturday, May 2 4 p.m.
Nina Bernstein will recount tales of her father’s vibrant professional and endearing family life. Please register. For more information, contact the Elgin Symphony Orchestra at 847-888-0404.

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.

Immigración
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Thursday, May 7 6 p.m.
Música y movimiento con el grupo Luz de Ande
Music and movement with the band Luz de Ande
Saturday, May 23 11 a.m.

May is National Preservation Month
Celebrate and Preserve Our Local Heritage

A Retrospective on Elgin’s Transportation Systems
Sunday, May 3 3 – 4:30 p.m.
Second Floor Conference Room
Bring your memories and memorabilia to discuss Elgin’s history from trolleys to the automobile with local historians and writers E.C. (Mike) Alft and Jerry Turnquist.
No registration.

How to Research a House in Kane County
Using the Internet
Sponsored by the Elgin Heritage Commission.
Wednesday, May 6 or May 20
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Computer Training Center
Historian Rebecca Hunter will show you the best resources on the web to research the history of your home. Please register.

By popular demand!
Black History of Elgin Settlement Trolley Tour
Co-sponsored by New Hope Baptist Church and Elgin Heritage Commission.
Saturday, May 30 2 p.m.
Community Rooms
Mayor Schock will issue a proclamation and the Boys and Girls Club of Elgin will enact “contrabands” arriving in Elgin. Then board a trolley and listen to Ernie Broadnax as he narrates the tour through the settlement area where freed slaves first settled in 1866. Mr. Broadnax is directly descended from those first settlers. Registration is required. Contact Jennifer Fritz-Williams at 847-931-6004 or fritz-williams_j@ityofelgin.org.

Becoming a Historic District or Individual Landmark: Myth vs. Fact
Co-sponsored by the City of Elgin, Downtown Neighborhood Association, Aurora Preservation Commission, Geneva Preservation Commission, Batavia Main Street and Preservation Partners of the Fox Valley.
Monday, May 18 6:30 – 8 p.m.
Community Rooms
Learn about the requirements and benefits of being listed on the National Register of Historic Places with Andrew Heckenkamp, National Register Coordinator for the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, and Historic Preservation Specialist Jennifer Fritz-Williams. Light refreshments will be served. Please register.

Genealogy for Beginners: How Do I Find Out Who My Ancestors Were? and Other Important Questions
Presented by the Elgin Genealogical Society.
Tuesdays, May 5 and June 2 9 a.m. – noon
Thursday, June 25 7 p.m.
Community Rooms
Please register.

Slave and Free People of Color
Thursday, May 21 7 – 9 p.m.
Community Rooms
PowerPoint presentation by genealogist Joyce M. Higgins. Please register.

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Missionary Authors
Reverend Olin Sletto and Linda Jones
Wednesday, May 13 7 – 8 p.m.
Community Rooms


No Little Plans
Burnham’s Chicago
Thursday, June 18 7 – 8 p.m.
Community Rooms A & B
Actor Terry Lynch as Daniel Burnham, architect of the 1909 Plan of Chicago, leads you through the history of the city he loved so well, from the Fort Dearborn Massacre to the Columbian Exposition of 1893, from stockyards to architecture. Burnham will introduce you to the people and events that shaped the “Windy City” and helped transform it from the “Wild Onion” to the “City of the Big Shoulders.” Please register.

The 1917 City of Elgin Plan
Co-sponsored by the City of Elgin and Judson University.

Thursday, May 28 7 p.m.
Community Rooms A & B
Christopher Miller, Associate Professor in Architecture at Judson University, will discuss Elgin’s first city plan prepared for the Elgin Commercial Club by Edward Bennett, an associate of Daniel Burnham who implemented the Plan of Chicago. Learn about the ideas that were implemented, those never completed and how the plan’s concepts are still relevant today. Please register.

Every One His Own Way: The Chicago Stories of Edith Wyatt
Tuesday, June 2 7 – 8 p.m.
Community Rooms A & B
The Gail Borden Public Library premieres this production, commissioned from actress Michèle LaRue, who performs three insightful tales by Illinois novelist Edith Wyatt. These conjure up the men and women of Burnham’s Chicago with subtle understanding and sympathetic humor. Please register.

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

Tuesday, May 26 6 – 8:45 p.m.
Community Rooms

Tuesday, June 23 6 – 8:45 p.m.
Second floor conference room

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

Community Rooms
Key Largo (1948)
Monday, May 11 11 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Road to Morocco (1942)
Monday, June 8 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

New Drop-in Program at LaTazza Café!
Stitch’n B------
Thursdays 7 p.m.
Sit and knit, crochet, needlepoint and chat. Beginners are welcome.

“Make no little plans. They have no magic to stir men’s blood.”
Daniel Burnham
Be Green!
Create a Summer Container Garden
Wednesday, May 6 7 – 8 p.m.
Community Rooms A & B
Create a beautiful container garden for your patio or balcony with Peggy Garvin of Garvin Gardens. The cost of the class is $15 and covers a clay pot, soil and assorted annuals. Please pay in full, cash or check payable to Gail Borden Library at the administration office Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. or mail to Gail Borden Library, Attn: Miriam Lytle 270 N. Grove Ave., Elgin, IL 60120. Your payment is your registration. Reservations are transferrable but not refundable.

Great Books Discussion Group
Read some of the world’s greatest books of literature, philosophy, economics, political science, and psychology with guidance to understand the content. Meetings are at 6:55 p.m. in the second floor conference room.
May 11 Longing by Amos Oz
June 8 The Story of Samson (Judges 13-16)

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 at 7 p.m. on June 3 in the second floor conference room. This month’s title is Inés del Alma Mía by Isabel Allende. For more information, call either Tish or Liliana at 847-429-4687.

The Gail Borden Online Book Club
Stop by http://groups.google.com/group/gailborden and chat about our book of the month. For more information, contact Billie Moffett at bmoffett@gailborden.info or 847-429-4688.
May The World is Flat: A Brief History of the Twenty-First Century by Thomas L. Friedman
June The Big Over Easy: A Nursery Crime by Jasper Fforde

Contemporary Fiction Book Group
The group meets one Wednesday a month at 7 p.m. in the second floor conference room. For more information, contact Tish at 847-429-4683.
May 20 The Known World by Edward P. Jones
June 17 The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao by Junot Díaz

Mystery Readers Group
Discuss vacation-themed mysteries on Tuesday, May 26 at 3:30 p.m. in the second floor conference room. For more information, contact Patty at 847-429-4688 or pgathman@gailborden.info if you have any questions.
May 26 The Thirteenth Tale by Diane Setterfield
June 22 Galileo’s Daughter: A Historical Memoir of Science, Faith, and Love by Dava Sobel

What You Need to Know About Traveling this Summer
Co-sponsored with @HomeMatters Lutheran Life Communities and Design Travel, Inc.
Tuesday, May 12 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Community Rooms
Nancy Peklo-Nosal, owner and president of Design Travel, Inc., will transform audience members into savvy travelers and give travel tips and ideas on vacation opportunities. Please register.

Get ready to walk and talk
We’ll be walking and talking this summer as we develop a walking book club. Watch www.gailborden.info for details or call Nancy Haggard or Danielle Henson at 847-429-4690.
These popular hands-on classes are designed to provide a basic overview of computer hardware and software. Each topic is covered in a single one- to two-hour session and is held in the Gail Borden Computer Center Training Room. 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:** A basic introduction to computers, Windows and using a mouse.

- **Tuesday, May 5 at 10 a.m.**
- **Thursday, June 4 at 2 p.m.**

**WordPad & File Management:** A basic introduction to Microsoft WordPad and managing computer files. Basic mouse skills are required.

- **Tuesday, May 12 at 10 a.m.**
- **Thursday, June 18 at 2 p.m.**

**Microsoft Word 2007:** Basic introduction to Microsoft Word for people who have never used this program before. Basic mouse skills are required.

- **Thursday, May 7 at 10 a.m.**
- **Saturday, June 27 at 9:30 a.m.**

**Internet Express 1 – The Basics:** Learn how to use the web and the basics of Internet terminology, and visit some fun websites. Basic mouse skills are required.

- **Saturday, May 9 at 9:30 a.m**
- **Saturday, June 6 at 9:30 a.m.**

**Internet Express 2 – Searching:** Learn how to use the library’s search directory, and the search engines Google and Yahoo. Basic mouse skills are required.

- **Saturday, May 16 at 9:30 a.m.**
- **Saturday, June 13 at 9:30 a.m.**

**Internet Express 3 – Email:** The basics of reading and sending email will be covered. Basic mouse and Internet navigation skills are required.

- **Saturday, May 23 at 9:30 a.m.**
- **Saturday, June 20 at 9:30 a.m.**

**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 la computación y Windows:** Aprenda los principios básicos de computación y el manejo del sistema de operaciones Windows.

- **Jueves 14 de Mayo a las 7:00 p.m.**
- **Martes 9 de Junio a las 2:00 p.m.**

**Introducción al Internet:**

Esta clase es una introducción al Internet.

- **Sábado 2 de Mayo a las 9:30 a.m.**
- **Sábado 30 de Mayo a las 9:30 a.m.**

**Photo Release** - All program participants agree to be photographed during library activities and programs for use in future library publications.