What is the census?

What is the census? A count of everyone living in the United States. All U.S. residents must be counted—people of all races and ethnic groups, both citizens and non-citizens.

When is the census? The ten-question form will be mailed to households in March, 2010. Residents should mail it back by April 1, 2010.

Why is there a census? The U.S. Constitution requires a census every ten years. The first U.S. census was in 1790.

Why is the census important in this community? Every year the government gives more than $300 billion to communities based in part on population. The Medical Assistance Program, Highway Planning and Construction, Title I Grants to Educational Agencies, State Children’s Insurance Program, Head Start and Unemployment Insurance are just a few of the programs that rely on population data. Cities, libraries and schools receive funding based on census information.

In 2000, only 72% of Elgin residents sent in a census form. If this happens during the 2010 census, the community could lose more than $350,000,000 over the next ten years. One resident filling in and returning the form means $1,200 every year for programs in the community. The census affects jobs because businesses choose location sites based on population information. Also, the census helps determine democratic representation in Congress.

Is your census information safe? By law, the Census Bureau cannot share your answers with anyone, including federal, state and local agencies. By law, census information cannot be shared with immigration agencies.

Please help this community by talking to your neighbors about the census or joining a Complete Count Committee. Call or email Liz Clemmons at 847-429-4698 or lclemmons@gailborden.info.

Visit www.2010censusjobs.gov after November 2 for information on area census jobs. This includes downloadable applications, test practices and telephone numbers.
Three Ways to Register:
• In person at the Early Learning Center Desk
• Call 847-429-4595
• Online at gailborden.info/register

Story Programs
Weekly age-appropriate story programs are offered for children nine months old through six years old. For information, pick up a program calendar in Youth Services, call the Youth Help Desk at 847-429-4685 or visit gailborden.info, then click on “kids” then “programs.”

Story Tubes
It’s almost time for the my-favorite-book video contest. Kids from kindergarten through high school are invited to make short, online videos about the books they love. Creativity counts, so feel free to be clever. Videos may feature one to five students and may be up to two minutes long. Join kids from across the U.S. in competing for awards. Check www.storytubes.info for more information!

Sports Card Trading Club
Thursdays, November 12, December 10 3:30 – 5 p.m.
South Story Room
No registration required.
Bring your collection to show or trade, win cards and participate in sports trivia quizzes.

Craft-o-Rama!
First – sixth grade
Tuesday, November 24 1 – 2:30 p.m.
Community Rooms A & B
No registration required.
Stop by this drop-in program and make four fun holiday crafts to take home.

Winter Wander
Monday, December 28 1 – 2:30 p.m.
Main Library
Co-sponsored by Hawthorne Hills Nature Center.
Registration begins December 1.
A naturalist will lead families on a brisk nature walk, followed by winter stories and a craft. Please come dressed for the weather. Children younger than 10 should bring a parent to share the fun!

Sports Movie and Card Giveaway
School-aged children. Those younger than 12, please bring a parent!
Wednesday, November 11 10 a.m.
Community Rooms A & B
No registration required.
Enjoy the Disney Channel original movie Hatching Pete starring Jason Dolley and Mitchel Musso. Thanks to our Sports Card Trading Club, sports cards will be given away.

New! Family Film Series
Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Elgin.

Up (2009, PG) Two Showings!
Friday, November 27 10:30 a.m. & 2 p.m.
No registration required. Children younger than 12, bring a parent to share the fun!
Carl Fredricksen launches his house into the sky with thousands of balloons then discovers a stowaway, an overly optimistic 8-year-old Wilderness Explorer named Russell, who joins him on a hilarious journey. 96 minutes.

Santa Buddies (2009, G)
Saturday, December 19 10 a.m.
Community Rooms
No registration required.
Children under 12, please bring an adult!
Disney’s irresistible talking puppies return in a holiday adventure. When the magical Christmas Icicle starts to melt and the world begins to forget the true meaning of the season, it’s up to Puppy Paws and his newfound Buddies to save Christmas. 88 minutes.

The Rotary Club of Elgin Promotes Literacy.

Pop Open a Good Book!
Family Winter Reading Program
Prizes will be given to those who complete the program. Families can sign up December 5 to January 30, 2010 in the Early Learning Center and Youth Center. The program ends Feb. 28, 2010.
WrestleMania Reading Challenge
Grades 5 – 12
Through January 19
Register at the Youth Center Help Desk.
Fans of reading and WrestleMania: read ten items and turn in a reading log by January 19 to receive a free WWE miniposter (while supplies last), a prize and a chance to enter a bookmark contest. Bookmark winners will receive a WWE DVD and a chance to win a trip to WrestleMania XXVI in Phoenix and $2,000 for the library. For more details, visit the Youth Center Help Desk or email Lisel Ulaszek at lulaszek@gailborden.info. Sponsored by WWE and the Young Adult Library Services Association.

Elgin Symphony Orchestra Guest Artist
Carl Topilow: Clarinet Masterclass
Saturday, November 21
2 – 4 p.m.
Community Rooms
Students from the Elgin Youth Symphony Orchestra will perform solo repertoire for Mr. Topilow, conductor and director of the Orchestral Program at the Cleveland Institute of Music. No tickets or registration needed.

Elgin Symphony Orchestra
Family Fun 3-Concert Series
Gail Borden Public Library District and the ESO are teaming up to introduce young children to a world of music. Before each concert, the library will feature books, DVD’s and CD’s related to its theme that children can learn about before attending the concert. The concerts are held at the Hemmens Cultural Center and offer pre-concert activities to enrich the musical experience for children. For ticket information, go to www.ElginSymphony.org.

Lyric Opera of Chicago
Lecture Series 2009/2010
Ernani
Thursday, November 5 7 p.m.
Community Room A
The vindictive Spanish king and Ernani, a nobleman forced to become an outlaw, are mortal enemies yet bound together by an ancient code of honor and in love with the same woman! Giuseppe Verdi’s music and a narrative description will be presented by Lyric Opera of Chicago educator Denny Hayes. Please register.

Second Sunday Concert Series
2009/2010
Free tickets will be available at the greeter desk and second floor information desk at the main library. The one-hour concerts will be held at 2 p.m. in the Community Rooms. Meet the artists and enjoy refreshments after each concert.

Logan Piano Quartet
November 8
A classical performance by violinist Colin Maki, a native of Elgin; Amanda Grimm, who began her studies of the viola at age seven; pianist Jue He, a native of Shanghai, China; and cellist Brian Hoffman, studying the cello since the age of 10. Tickets are available.

The Steven Hashimoto Quartet
Holiday Jazz
December 13
Welcome the holiday season with Chicago’s most talented jazz musicians, Steven Hashimoto on bass, Michael Levin on saxophone, flute and clarinet, Leandro Lopez-Varady on piano and Heath Chappell on drums. Tickets will be available November 20.
Hands-On Workshop: Digital Camera Techniques
With Elgin Courier News
Professional Photographer
Marina Makropoulos

Tuesdays, November 10, 17, 24
6 – 8 p.m.
Community Room C
Learn how to operate your digital camera and take great indoors and outdoors pictures. Take one, two or all three classes. A $5 fee for each class is due at classtime. Register for each date separately (limit 15 people per class).

Venezuelan Painter Maria Maldonado
Saturday, November 14 3 – 4:30 p.m.
Community Rooms
Sponsored in collaboration with Somos Colombia.
Artist Maria Maldonado will display and discuss her work. Refreshments will be served. No registration.

Paint Your World Green!
Winter Art Show
November 1 – December 15
Children’s Hands-on Art Project
Saturday, November 14 2 – 4 p.m.
Art for All provides opportunities for local artists to exhibit their work including watercolors, oils, pastels, charcoal, pen and ink, and photography. The art show will be on display in the lobby and a student environmental art exhibit in the Youth Gateway. For more information, call Sandy Kaptain at 847-741-7375 or visit gailborden.info. No registration.

Super-Couponing 1 with Coupon Queen Jill Cataldo
Monday, December 7 7 – 8:30 p.m.
Community Rooms
Discover the secrets of couponing. Registration required.

Super-Couponing 2: Saving on Everything! An Advanced Class
Wednesday, December 9 7 – 8:30 p.m.
Community Rooms
Coupon Queen Jill Cataldo will show you how to maximize savings on clothing, toys, and more. It is recommended that bargain hunters attend Super-Couponing 1 before taking this session. Registration required.

Can America Come Out of the Recession and Continue to Outsource American Jobs?
Monday, November 30 7 – 8:30 p.m.
Community Room A
Presented by the League of Women Voters
Discuss how outsourcing affects our economy and its impact on American workers. No registration.

Ecker Center’s Annual Festival of Trees
October – November
The 9th annual Festival of Trees will be on display at the library in November to benefit the Ecker Center for Mental Health. It is part of the “Elgin: Home for the Holidays” series of events. A ribbon-cutting event will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. November 2.
The elegant Gala Event and Auction will be held at 6 p.m. November 14. Reservations are required. For more information, contact Cheryl Chalk, Amcore Bank, Chairperson at 847-622-4259 or www.festoftreesELGIN.org.

Financial Aid for College 101
Presented by Bobby Nelson and Kelly Morgan, Illinois Student Assistance Corps, Illinois Student Assistance Commission
Thursday, December 10 7 p.m.
Community Rooms A & B
Learn about different kinds of financial aid and how to apply for them as well as the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Please register.

Revolutionary Road
Tuesday, November 24
6 – 8:45 p.m.
In this portrait of an American marriage, Frank and April Wheeler seem to be a perfect couple but struggle behind closed doors with their personal demons. Starring Kate Winslet and Leonardo DeCaprio.
Everyday English for Spanish Speaking Adults with Bilingual Specialist
Betty Martinez
Sponsored by State Farm
Wednesdays at 7 p.m.
No class November 25 or December 23

Improve your vocabulary and learn phrases that Americans use in their daily lives. Each lesson is independent, so participants can come to any or all lessons. This program is conveniently timed during Pasatiempo con la familia and is great for parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends. (At least one adult must be present at Pasatiempo con la familia.) No registration.

Cada miércoles a las 7 p.m. empezando
La clase se encontrará el 25 de noviembre o el 23 de diciembre

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, tios y amigos pueden disfrutar aprendiendo inglés, Habrá un premio en cada clase para el mejor alumno. Durante el programa Pasatiempo con la Familia su niño o niños deben estar acompañados de un adulto. No se requiere registración.

Tools for a Successful Job Search
Elgin Job Seekers Group
Learn, Share, Network
Wednesdays through December 2  2 p.m.
Community Rooms
Topics to be covered will be Employability and Job Skills November 4, Interview Preparation November 18, Interviewing Mock Session November 25, and Work Behaviors and Leadership December 2. For more information, go to gailborden.info and click on “Job Hunting.”

How to Create the Perfect Resume
Tuesday, November 10  6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Community Rooms
Presented by human resource management consultant Tom Hovany. Bring your resume to class. Please register.

Speed Resume Review Open House
Wednesday, November 11  5 – 7 p.m.
Elgin Community College
Bring your resume to this drop-in program, co-sponsored by Gail Borden Public Library District. For more information, call the ECC Career Services Department at 847-214-7399.

Get Hired!
Thursday, December 3  7 – 8:30 p.m.
Community Rooms
Presented by Christy Erbeck, founder of Metamorphic Consulting, Inc.
Do you understand what makes you unique and desirable to a prospective employer? Discover Eight Steps to a Personal Brand and the 1% Difference Attitude that will make you stand out. Please register.

¡Está en nuestras manos!
¿Qué es el censo? El censo es un conteo de todas las personas que viven en los Estados Unidos. Esto incluye personas de todas edades, razas, grupos étnicos, ciudadanos y no-ciudadanos.

¿Cuando me hago contar? El Día del Censo es el 1º de abril del 2010. La Oficina del Censo enviará cuestionarios a mediados de marzo del 2010 a todos los hogares. Los hogares no tienen que esperar hasta el 1 de abril para completar y mandar sus cuestionarios. Los hogares deberían completar y mandar sus cuestionarios lo más pronto posible, para el 1º de abril.

¿Por qué hay un censo? La Constitución de los EE.UU. requiere un censo nacional cada 10 años. El primer censo se realizó en el año 1790.

¿Por qué es importante para nuestra comunidad? Los datos del censo determinan la cantidad de espacios que cada estado tendrá en la Cámara de Representantes de los EE.UU. El censo también afecta directamente como se destinan más de $300 mil millones de dólares por año en fondos de gobierno federal y estatal para proyectos de mejoramiento vecinal, salud pública, educación, transporte y mucho más.
En 2000, solamente 72% de los residentes de Elgin devolvieron sus cuestionarios. Si eso pasa en 2010, Elgin pierde mas que $350,000,000 en los próximos 10 años. Cada persona que llena un cuestionario gana $1,200 anuario para nuestra ciudad.

¿Estará seguro mi información del censo? Por ley, la oficina del censo no puede compartir las respuestas de una persona con nadie, incluyendo a las agencias gubernamentales. Esto incluye a agencias de inmigración.

Por favor ayuda nuestra comunidad hablando sobre la importancia del censo con sus vecinos o participando en un Complete Count Committee (comité para contar todos.) Si quieres ayudar, póngase en contacto con Liz Clemmons al 847-429-4698 o lclemmons@gailborden.info.
Brown Bag Lunch
Classic Films
Bring your lunch or buy it at La Tazza and enjoy a short introduction as Gail Borden’s own Bob Cassinelli reveals little-known trivia about the featured film. Coffee and tea will be served. No registration.

To Have and Have Not (1944)
Monday, November 9  11 a.m. – 12:40 p.m.

Going My Way (1944)
Monday, December 14  11 a.m. – 1:10 p.m.

Elgin Alive
Sponsored in collaboration with the Elgin Community Network, the City of Elgin and ECCO. Programs are held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Community Rooms.

Trim Your Holiday Waste-Line!
Tuesday, November 17
Discover inexpensive, eco-friendly ways of giving and wrapping gifts, decorating your home and preparing holiday goodies and meals. Please register

WALL-E (2008, rated G)
Tuesday, December 15
What if mankind had to leave Earth and somebody forgot to turn the last robot off? The year is 2700 and WALL-E is visited by a sleek robot named EVE whom he chases across the galaxy with a pet cockroach and a heroic team of misfit robots. A brief discussion will follow and popcorn served. No registration.

Food for Fines
November 1 - 14
Bring in canned food to the Main Library and Rakow Branch for the area’s food pantries and have your overdue fines waived. (Charges for lost material not included.) No soda, please! 1 can = $1 overdue fine waived.

“Quick” Reminders for Returning Materials
• The library’s “Quick” collections, Quick Flicks, Quick Picks and Video Games, from the Main Library should be returned to the Main Library, 270 N. Grove Ave.
• Quick Picks checked out from the Rakow Branch should be returned to the Rakow Branch, 2751 W. Bowes Rd.
• Books, seven-day videos and DVDs, and music CDs can be returned to either the Main Library or Rakow Branch, regardless from where they were checked out.
• DVDs retrieved from the MediaBank at the Rakow Branch should be returned to the MediaBank.

Holiday Programs

Have a Digital Holiday!
Tuesday, November 3  7 – 8 p.m. or
Tuesday, November 10  11 a.m. – noon
Community Rooms A & B
Presented by Digital Scrapbooking Expert
Lisa Summerour
Turn your digital images into holiday gifts, cards, invitations and much more. You may bring your own laptop with digital photos. Please register

Buying Great Holiday Gift Deals on eBay
Tuesday, December 1  7 – 8:30 p.m.
Community Rooms A & B
Bidding tips and techniques are presented by eBay University Instructor Jack Waddick. Please register.

Ring and Sing with
Fox River Country Day School’s Chime Choir
Tuesday, December 15  11 – 11:30 a.m.
Community Rooms A & B
No registration.

Meet the Author
Wait! Don’t Throw Out that Holiday Wrapping Paper!
Tuesday, December 29
Hands-on class 10:30 a.m.
Presentation, book sale and signing 12:30 p.m.
Community Rooms A & B
Rebekah Meier, author of Fabric Art Collage: 40+ Mixed Media Techniques, will show you how to make beautiful cards using unique paper collage techniques. A $5 materials fee will be due at classtime. Registration is required for the hands-on class but not necessary for the 12:30 p.m. presentation.

eBay Selling 101
Tuesday, December 29
7 – 8:30 p.m.
Community Rooms A & B
eBay University instructor Jack Waddick will walk you through the keys to successful eBay selling. Please register.

eBay Advanced Selling
Tuesday, January 5
7 – 8:30 p.m.
Community Rooms A & B
Advanced tips and strategies will be demonstrated by eBay University Instructor Jack Waddick. Please register.
Great Books Discussion Group
The group meets at 6:55 p.m. The November meeting will be held in Community Room A, the December meeting in Community Room C. For more information, call Rachel Bloomberg at 630-391-2966.

November 9  Frankenstein by Mary Shelley
December 14  Selected poems by John Donne

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. December 2 in Community Room A. The title for this month’s discussion is Las Buenas Conciencias by Carlos Fuentes. For more information, call either Tish or Liliana at 847-289-5840.

Las próximas reuniones serán cada dos meses, el primer miércoles del mes. Nuestra próxima reunión será el 2 de diciembre a las 7 en Community Room A. El título del libro es Las Buenas Conciencias de Carlos Fuentes. Para más información, llame a Liliana o Tish al teléfono 847-289-5840.

Registering for a Library Card is a Slam Dunk and a Success!

Unique and Long-Lasting Holiday Gift
Support the library and the Fox River environment by purchasing a commemorative tile for “A Green Story, The Fox River Mural” at the Rakow Branch. Designed by sculptor Marian Grebow, the 13 x 6 foot mural will reflect the beauty of this area. Choose a tile depicting a bird, animal, or even a book spine, and add a personal inscription. For as little as $100, you can give a “green” long-lasting gift! Visit gailborden.info/tilewall or stop by the library for a brochure.

La Tazza coupon good for: 25% off any coffee or expresso drink.
Use by December 31, 2009.
On Saturday, November 14, the main library will close at 5 p.m., ½ hour early, for the Gala Event and Auction to benefit the Ecker Center for Mental Health.

THE MAIN LIBRARY & RAKOW BRANCH
WILL BE CLOSED:
Thanksgiving Eve - Wed., Nov. 25 at 5:30 p.m.
Thanksgiving Day - Thurs., Nov. 26
Christmas Eve - Thurs., Dec. 24
Christmas Day - Fri., Dec. 25
New Year’s Eve - Thurs., Dec. 31
New Year’s Day - Fri., Jan. 1, 2010

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