Registering for a Library Card is a Slam Dunk!

**September is National Library Card Sign Up Month and your library card gets even more valuable.**

Local merchants will provide special discounts when customers show their library cards in September. Some merchants giving discounts are Absolutely Scooters, Al’s Café, Books at Sunset, Colonial Café, Elgin Books and Coffee, Elgin Public House, Elgin’s Swizzle Inn, In the Neighborhood Deli and Cafe, Pinstripes Bowling, Bocce and Bistro, Quiznos, Red Bar Winery & Bistro, Salon Couture and Taylor Family Branch YMCA. To see a complete list of participating businesses, please visit gailborden.info. Plus, everyone who signs up for their first library card in September will be eligible for a drawing to win a gift basket. Watch for Dr. Torres Library Card Challenge coming in October!

Elgin Observatory 100th Year Anniversary Recognizes Out-of-this-World Impact with Hal Getzelman

Remember in 2007 when students from the library spoke with astronaut Clay Anderson aboard the International Space Station and with Hal Getzelman at NASA in Houston? Hal, an Elgin High School graduate, is the Lead CapCom (capsule communicator) for the International Space Station (ISS). It is his job to coordinate communications with the crew on the ISS on a daily basis. In honor of the 100th Anniversary of the Elgin Observatory, Hal will be at the library in person on September 11 at 10 a.m. He will talk about his work with the ISS and about how his experiences in Elgin impacted his choice to work in a field that is “out of this world.” With limited seating in the library’s auditorium, please log onto the City of Elgin’s website, http://www.cityofelgin.org/, to watch a live webcast of this program.

Rakow Branch Open House

Thank you to everyone who helped us open the Rakow Branch. To see more pictures of the open house, please visit www.gailborden.info.
Wonderful Ones
September 8 – October 16
Mondays  6:15 p.m.
Tuesdays  10 and 11:15 a.m.
Fridays  9:15, 10 and 10:45 a.m.

Registration required.
Children 9 to 23 months will enjoy 15 minutes of stories and activities with their parent or caregiver followed by a 15-minute play period.

Rhymes & Rhythms
September 8 – October 15
Tuesdays  6:15 p.m.
Wednesdays  9:15, 10 and 10:45 a.m.
Thursdays  10:45 a.m.

Registration required.
Join us for 20 minutes of stories, interactive fingerplays and large-muscle activities for 2-year-olds and participating adults.

Cuentos Para La Familia
9 de septiembre – 14 de octubre
Miércoles  7 p.m.
No necesita registrarse.
¡30 minutos de cuentos, música, rimas, manualidades y mucho más para el disfrute de toda la familia!

Spanish Family Storytime
September 9 – October 14
Wednesdays  7:15 p.m. (in Spanish)

No registration required.
30 minutes of interactive stories, songs and fun for parents and children to enjoy together. All ages are welcome.

Family Storytime
September 14 – October 12
Mondays  7 p.m.
No registration required.
Families will spend time together during this 30-minute program featuring stories, songs and more.

Picture Book Program
Age 3 – Kindergarten
September 8 – October 15
Mondays  9:15 a.m., 3:30 p.m.
Tuesdays  9:15 and 10:30 a.m., 7 p.m.
Thursdays  10:15 a.m.

Attend any 30-minute session of picture book stories, fingerplays and songs. Parents need to remain in the building.

Stories ‘N More
Age 6 – second grade
September 14 – October 12
Mondays  4 p.m.
No registration required.
Join us for 45 minutes of stories, crafts, games and more.

Fancy Nancy Program
Age 5 – second grade
Friday, October 2  10 a.m.
Community Rooms A and B

Registration required.
Children will love Fancy Nancy—she likes being fancy from the top of her tiara down to her sparkly studded shoes. This enchanted program will feature fascinating stories about delightful characters, elegant snacks and an adorable craft.

Read to Rover
Saturdays, September 12, October 10, November 14 and December 12
10, 10:30, 11 and 11:30 a.m.
School-aged kids may practice their reading skills by cuddling up with a good book and reading aloud to a fully certified therapy dog. Register for up to two dates.

Sports Card Trading Club
Thursday, September 10  3:30 – 5 p.m.
South Story Room
Thursday, October 8  3:30 – 5 p.m.
Community Room C

No registration required.
Bring your collection to show or trade, win new cards and participate in sports trivia quizzes.

Wimpy Kid Celebration
First grade and up
October 10 – 12
Youth Center Help Desk
The fourth book in this popular series will be released October! Wimpy Kid fans may complete a special trivia quiz at the Youth Help Desk, receive a Greg Heffley button and be entered in a drawing for a copy of the fourth book, Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days. Winners will be called October 13. Limit one quiz per child.
Hands-On Science Experiments
First grade and up
Monday, October 12
Noon – 8 p.m.
No registration required.
Drop by and try some science experiments during this hands-on no-school-day event. A variety of experiments will be available.

No School Day Movie:
Monsters Vs. Aliens
(2009) PG, 94 minutes
All ages
Monday, October 12 - 2 p.m.
No registration required.
Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.
When a mysterious alien robot lands on earth, the U.S. military calls upon a ragtag crew of monsters, including Insectosaurus, The Missing Link and Dr. Cockroach, to save the world from destruction.

Halloween Happening
Ages 1 – 6 with an adult
Friday, October 30
10 a.m. Parade (meet in the Early Learning Center)
10:15 a.m. Halloween Movies (Community Rooms)
Registration required.
Wear your Halloween costume and parade with us through the library! After the parade, stay to watch some favorite Halloween movies.

Thank you to the following businesses for generously supporting our summer reading programs.

Brunswick Zone X-L
Carol Stream Park District
Cici’s
Classic Cinema
Cold Stone Creamery
Dunkin Donuts
DuPage Children’s Museum
Funway Entertainment Center
Gameworks
Illinois Railway Museum
Jang’s National Taekwondo
Kane County Cougars
Kim’s Black Belt Academy
Kuiper’s Family Farm
Leafs Ice Center
Mainstreet USA Roller Skating Center
Nick’s Pizza & Pub
Noodles and Company
Old Country Buffet
Red Robin
Sci Tech Museum
Spring Hill Gymnastics

Ready-to-Read Family Workshops
Parents/caregivers with their preschool children
Thursday, October 22, 29 and November 5 6:30 – 8 p.m.
Community Rooms
Registration required.
Help your child develop the skills necessary to be ready to read. Early literacy stations will enable parents and children to participate in activities together to reinforce pre-reading skills. Activities offered in English and Spanish will include games, toys, picture books and lots of fun! This program is based on research by the National Institute for Child Health and Human Development of the National Institute of Health in partnership with the Public Library Association.

Listos Para Leer Talleres Para la Familia
Jueves, 22, 29 de octubre y Noviembre 5 6:30 – 8 p.m.
Inglés y español
Cuartos de la comunidad
Se requiere registración.
¿Está interesado en ayudar a que su niño desarrolle la capacidad para estar listo para leer? Padres y guardianes juntos con sus niños de edad preescolar están invitados a participar en estos talleres interactivos. Estaciones con actividades de literatura estarán listas para que los padres y sus niños hagan juntos para reforzar sus habilidades de leer. ¡Actividades incluyen juegos, juguetes, libros ilustrados y mucha diversión! Este programa está basado en los estudios hechos por National Institute for Child Health y Human Development of the National Institute of Health asociado con la Public Library Association.

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.

• Entering the 2009 – 2010 Wrestlemania Reading Challenge. Teen participants may be eligible to win a trip to Wrestlemania 26 in Phoenix in March, 2010. The Challenge begins October 18. Look for more details as they become available.
The Opening of Picturing America
Picturing America, from the National Endowment for the Humanities, brings American art into classrooms and libraries. A reproduction of Norman Rockwell’s Freedom of Speech, The Saturday Evening Post 1943, will be on display in September.

The Art of Norman Rockwell
Presented by art historian Jeff Mishur
Tuesday, September 1 7–8 p.m.
Please register.

Second Sunday Concert Series 2009/2010
Free tickets will be available September 1 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 following each concert.

Russian Romantics
September 13
Cellist Ian Maksin and Pianist Svetlana Belsky
Works for cello and piano by Russian composers, including the Shostakovich cello sonata and smaller masterpieces by Tchaikovsky, Glazunov, Shchedrin and Rachmaninov.

Spanish Classical and Flamenco Guitar Works
Featuring Carlo Basile and Diego Alonso
October 11
Enjoy a unique combination of Spanish guitar music.

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with these family programs for all ages.

Latin Fire
Saturday, September 12 3 p.m.
Visit the sizzling landscape of Latino American experiences influenced by the introspective works of Mexican, Chilean and Cuban writers to daring expressions of Tango and Afro-Cuban Jazz. No registration.

La Cuentista Lista – The Clever Storyteller
Saturday, September 19 2 p.m.
Bilingual storyteller Kay Elmsley Weeden will mesmerize us with stories that could “make tortillas dance.” Traditional dances, songs and rhythms will be shared and enjoyed by all. No registration.

La Cuentista Lista – The Clever Storyteller
Sábado 19 de Septiembre a las 2 p.m.
Programa familiar para todas las edades
Community Rooms
Los invitamos a celebrar el mes de hispanidad con Kay Elmsley Weeden quien nos contará cuentos que hasta harán que las “tortillas bailen.” Compartiremos bailes tradicionales, canciones, y ritmos. No se requiere registración.

Local Author Eric “Rick” Madeen
Tango: A Novel of Forbidden Love in an African Village
Thursday, September 3 7 p.m.
No registration.

Brown Bag Lunch Classic Films
Bring your lunch or buy it at La Tazza Café 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.

The Pink Panther (1963)
Monday, September 14 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

The Magnificent Seven (1960)
Monday, October 12 11 a.m. – 1:10 p.m.

Ecker Center’s Annual Festival of Trees
October – November
The ninth 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 on November 2, from 5 to 7 p.m. The elegant Gala Event and Auction will be on November 14 at 6 p.m. Reservations required. For more information, please contact Cheryl Chalk, Amcore Bank, Chairperson (847) 622-4259 or www.festoftreesELGIN.org.

Three ways to register:
- In person at the Adult Services Information Desk at the Main Library
- Call 847-429-4680
- Online at www.gailborden.info, Calendar
Back by popular demand!

Relax, Energize and Balance: An Introduction to Meditation and Sound Awareness

Thursday, September 10  7 – 8:30 p.m.  Community Rooms
Presented by Boontiva Truong-Quang, Optimum Health School of Yoga in Elgin, and Kenny Kolter, Sound Bridge.

Learn about proper breathing, posture and deeper relaxation with the large-gong vibration meditation. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a pillow and blanket. Please register.

Alternative Medicine: The Latest Info on Vitamins, Minerals and Dietary Supplements

Monday, September 14  7 – 8 p.m.  Community Rooms
Presented by Dr. Patrick Massey, M.D., Ph.D., Alternative Medicine Health and Wellness Center, Alexian Brothers Hospital Network, Elk Grove Village.

Dr. Massey will focus on recent medical research that deals with the efficacy and safety of products promoted for achieving optimal health and show participants how to identify product labeling for content and safety. Please register.

Elgin Job Seekers Group

Learn, Share, Network

Wednesdays   2 p.m. beginning September 16
Community Rooms

Topics to be covered will be Library Resources September 16; Local Resources September 30; Marketing Yourself October 7; Job Searching on the Internet October 14; Company Research and Library Databases October 21; and Resumes October 28. For more information, go to www.gailborden.info and click on “Job Hunting.”

How to Create the Perfect Cover Letter

Monday, September 21   6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Community Rooms

Human Resource Management Consultant Tom Hovany will show you how to create cover letters that will get you results. Please register.

Decorating on a Budget

Tuesday, September 29   7 – 8 p.m.
Community Rooms A and B
Presented by Joyce Kocinski of Design in Balance

Have fun and save money while you learn home decorating on any budget. Take advantage of interior design trade secrets before you start your remodeling projects. Please register.

Stitch ‘n B-----

Thursdays   7 p.m.

A fun for all ages group of women (and men!) to sit and knit, crochet, needlepoint and chat.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Thursday, October 1   7 – 9 p.m.
Community Rooms A and B
Co-sponsored by CASA Kane County

A panel of professionals will outline the sequence of events in domestic violence cases. An actual 911 call will be played and police officers will discuss how they respond. From the Kane County Domestic Violence Courtroom, Lisa Accardi, 1st Chair Assistant State’s Attorney, and Judge Robert Morrow will explain how cases are charged, prosecuted and sentenced. Community Crisis Center representatives will provide information on services and counseling. No registration.

Getting Past Gas…and Visit a Goat!

Sunday, October 4   3 – 4 p.m.  Community Rooms
Goat Petting   4:30 p.m.  Outdoor Stage
Co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters – Elgin & ECCO

This interactive workshop will help families and individuals decrease their dependence on petroleum. Energy, food, transportation and a post-petroleum small business will be discussed. Participants should bring paper and pencil. Please register.

National Depression Screening Day

Thursday, October 8   10 a.m. – 8 p.m.    Community Rooms
In partnership with Provena St. Joseph Hospital, Ecker Center and Community Crisis Center

Held in conjunction with Mental Illness Awareness Week, this program provides free confidential depression screenings all day with no appointment necessary. Guest speakers will discuss mental health topics and health professionals provide counseling and treatment information. No registration.

How Stress Is Affecting Your Life and What You Can Do To Keep It From Breaking You Down

Tuesday, October 13   7 p.m.   Community Rooms
Presented by Dr. Jaena Stanley Gonzaga

Learn how to increase your body’s resistance to stress naturally so you feel great and avoid a health crisis. Please register.

Incredible Edibles!

Friday, October 16   12:30 p.m.
Co-sponsored by the Elgin Garden Club

Club members will demonstrate how to make creative flower arrangements in edible containers. Arrangements will be available for purchase and refreshments served. Please register.

Photo Release - All program participants agree to be photographed during library activities and programs for use in future library publications.
Co-sponsored by the American Association of University Women Elgin Area Branch

Film and discussion in the Community Rooms.

A Class Apart
Tuesday, September 22  6 – 8:45 p.m.
Also co-sponsored by Judson University, Elgin Community College, School District U-46, LULAC Council #5236, the Elgin Hispanic Network, Centro de informacion, the Elgin Public Museum, The City of Elgin.

Former Elgin Mayor and local historian E.C. “Mike” Alfii will discuss conditions of Mexican-Americans in Elgin during the 1920s. The award-winning PBS documentary about the Mexican-American lawyers who in 1954 took Hernandez v. Texas to the U.S. Supreme Court, challenging Jim Crow-style discrimination, will be shown. A group discussion led by Judson University Professor Christine Starzynski will take place after the film. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

A Powerful Noise – Documentary
Tuesday, October 20  6 – 8:45 p.m.
Three women are each overcoming gender barriers to rise up and claim a voice in their societies. Through their empowerment and ability to empower others, Hanh, Nada and Jacqueline are sparking remarkable changes—fighting AIDS, rebuilding communities and educating girls. No registration.

Sponsored in collaboration with the Elgin Community Network and the City of Elgin. The programs are held from 6:30 – 8:45 p.m. in the Community Rooms on the third Tuesday of the month. Please register.

HEAT A Global Investigation
September 15
A PBS Frontline Production investigates what some businesses are doing to fend off new regulations and how others are repositioning themselves to prosper in this radically changed world. Discussion will follow.

Green Design for Home Owners
October 20
Joyce Kocinski of Design in Balance will present “Green Design” using finishes for home remodeling that are environmentally friendly and display samples of flooring and carpeting. A representative from ReStore will discuss the impact that ReStore is having on the community.

This program is sponsored by

Everyday English for Spanish Speaking Adults
With Bilingual Specialist Betty Martinez
Every Wednesday at 7 p.m. beginning September 9

Improve your vocabulary, learn basic sight words and dialogue like Americans do 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 next door.) A prize drawing will be held at each class. No registration.

Con Betty Martínez, Especialista Bilingüe
Cada Miércoles a las 7 p.m. empezando 9 de Septiembre

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.

Check out a Kill A Watt!

Thanks to the Elgin Climate Control Organization (ECCO), Kill A Watt electricity meters will be available for one-week check out at the library. Calculate the electricity usage of your home and business appliances. The knowledge you gain can save you thousands of dollars. Inquire at the customer service desk in the lobby to check out a Kill A Watt.
2nd Annual Book Club Jamboree

Turn Over A New Leaf: Go Green Or Greener With Your Book Club!
Thursday, September 24    7 – 8:30 p.m.
Community Rooms
Please register.
Learn how your book club can go green or greener, check out a Book Club In A Bag, use online resources to help organize and inspire your discussions, or choose good books about environmental issues. If you’re not in a book club, learn how to start one. Delectable treats will be served. For more information, contact Tish at tcalhamer@gailborden.info or 847-429-4683.

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. The September meeting will be held in the Computer Training Room; the October meeting in the second floor conference room. For more information, call Rachel Bloomberg at 630-391-2966.

September 14     Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe
October 12       Planning and Democracy by Friedrich Hayek and Distributive Justice by John Rawls

Reading Club in Spanish /Club de Lectura en Español
The next meeting is on October 7 at 7 p.m. in the second floor conference room. The title for this month’s discussion is Ficciones by Jorge Luis Borges. For more information, call either Tish or Liliana at 847-429-4687.

Nuestra próxima reunión será el 7 de octubre a las 7 en el segundo piso. El título del libro es Ficciones de Jorge Luis Borges. Para más información, llame a Liliana o Tish al teléfono 847-429-4687.

Walking Book Club
The new Gail Borden Library Walking Book Club continues to step off with a whole body approach – fuel for the mind and physical fitness for the frame each Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the main Gail Borden outdoor stage (between the Library and the bike path, by the river). On rainy days, the group meets at the Centre*. Log on to www.gailborden.info to find out about the current selections and more.

* Track Pass registration is needed. Non-residents will need to pay a $21.00 track pass fee to use Centre walking track.

The Gail Borden Online Book Club
Stop by groups.google.com/group/gailborden and chat about the book of the month anytime, anywhere. For more information, contact Billie Moffett at bmoffett@gailborden.info or 847-429-4688.

September     Grave Sight by Charlaine Harris
October       Dracula by Bram Stoker

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. in the second floor conference room. Books are chosen by the group and are a mix of contemporary, fiction, nonfiction and classics. For more information, call Rachel Bloomberg at 630-391-2966.

September 28   One Hundred Years of Solitude by Gabriel García Márquez
October 26     Something Wicked This Way Comes by Ray Bradbury

Contemporary Fiction Book Group
The group meets at 7 p.m. The September meeting will be held in the Youth Services south story room; the October meeting in the second floor conference room. For more information, contact Tish at 847-429-4683.

September 14   Mudbound by Hillary Jordan
October 21     The Art of Racing in the Rain by Garth Stein

Pakistani and Indian Literary Group
Join author Razia Ahmad to enjoy literature together on the third Tuesday of the month from 2 to 4 p.m. No registration.

Macy’s Museum Adventure Pass
Gail Borden Public Library District card holders can receive free admission to 17 exciting museums and cultural institutions such as Brookfield Zoo, Cantigny Park and Chicago Botanic Garden. Bring your library card to the Youth Help Desk at the Main Library to request a one-week pass for the museum of your choice. Each museum is contributing four weekly passes, for two or four free admissions. They are available on a first-come, first-served basis. This special opportunity is made possible by a generous contribution from Macy’s, in partnership with the North Suburban Library System.

www.gailborden.info
These hands-on classes provide an overview of computer hardware and software. Each topic is covered in a 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 at www.gailborden.info/register, in person at the Computer Center or by calling 847-429-4695. Because of high demand, you may be asked to share a PC during class.

**PCs & Windows**

*Wednesday, September 23*  2 p.m.
*Wednesday, September 30*  7 p.m.

An introduction to computers, Windows and using a mouse.

**WordPad & File Management**

*Thursday, September 24*  2 p.m.
*Saturday, October 10*  2 p.m.

An introduction to Microsoft WordPad and managing computer files. Basic mouse skills are required.

**Microsoft Word 2007**

*Tuesday, September 29*  2 p.m.
*Saturday, October 17*  9:30 a.m.

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

**Microsoft Excel 2007**

*Saturday, October 24*  9:30 a.m.

An introduction to Microsoft Excel for people who have never used this program before. Basic mouse skills are required.

**Internet Express 1 – The Basics**

*Saturday, September 12*  9:30 a.m.
*Tuesday, October 6*  2 p.m. (for Seniors)

Learn how to use the web, some Internet terminology and visit some fun websites. Basic mouse skills are required.

**Internet Express 2 – Searching**

*Saturday, September 19*  9:30 a.m.
*Tuesday, October 13*  2 p.m. (for Seniors)

Learn how to use the library’s search directory and search engines Google and Yahoo. Basic mouse skills are required.

**Internet Express 3 – Email**

*Saturday, September 26*  9:30 a.m.
*Tuesday, October 20*  2 p.m. (for Seniors)

Reading and sending email will be covered. Basic mouse and Internet navigation skills are required.

**Introducción a la computación y Windows**

*Jueves 17 de Septiembre*  7 p.m.
*Jueves 1 de Octubre*  10 a.m.

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

**Introducción al Internet**

*Sábado 3 de Octubre*  9:30 a.m.

Esta clase es una introducción al Internet.