Tell, Tube, Vote for Fun and Prizes through this public library partnership project.

The “My Favorite Book” video project that originated at Gail Borden Public Library now goes beyond the lower 48 states to Alaska and Canada. This year’s contest is open to kids of more ages and offers both TeacherTube and YouTube as contest video hosts.

It is simple to enter:
- Get your parent or guardian’s permission if you are under 18
- Make your video two minutes long (or shorter)
- Feature one book in your video
- Enter as an individual or as part of a group of two to five people by uploading your video to YouTube or TeacherTube
- Enter between January 20 and February 28, 2010
- Be creative!

Get more updated details about participating at www.storytubes.info
Valentine Tea

Ages 3 – Kindergarten
Saturday, February 13
9:30 or 11 a.m.
Registration begins January 30.
Children are invited to bring a parent or other adult friend to enjoy a Valentine Tea. Make a valentine for each other and enjoy stories and refreshments. Please leave siblings and strollers at home to make room for fun!

Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss!

Grade 1 and up.
Saturday, February 27 – Tuesday, March 2
During library hours.
If library fun is what you’re about, No need to yell! No need to shout! Drop by the Youth Center on these days For Seuss-filled fun in many ways. We’ll have puzzles, quizzes, games galore, Perhaps a craft and maybe more!

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.”

Sports Card Trading Club

For girls and boys ages 6 and older.
Thursdays, January 7, February 11  3:30 – 5 p.m.
South Story Room
No registration required.
Bring your collection to show or trade and participate in challenges to win cards.

Pop Open a Good Book!

Family Winter Reading Program
Prizes will be given to those who complete the program. Families can sign up through February 14 in the Early Learning Center and Youth Center. The program ends February 28.

Read to Rover

School-aged children
Saturdays, January 9, February 13,
March 13, April 10, May 8
10, 10:30, 11 or 11:30 a.m.
South Story Room
Registration required.
Tails are wagging at Read to Rover! Cuddle up with a good book and read aloud for 20 minutes to a fully trained and certified therapy dog. Register for up to two of the five dates offered by going to gailborden.info, then clicking on “calendar” or by calling 847-429-4685.

Preschool & Childcare Information Fair

Saturday, January 23  10 a.m. – noon
No registration.
Representatives from area preschools, daycare centers and homes will be available to answer questions and hand out brochures about their programs. A list of participating providers will be posted after January 14 at gailborden.info; click on “services” then “for parents.”

Children’s “Deep Freeze” Flea Market

Grades 2 – 9
Monday, January 18  1:30 p.m.
Community Rooms
In-person advance registration required.
Did you get new stuff for the holidays? Sell your old stuff at the flea market! Only kids may sell, but anyone is welcome to buy. Everything will be priced at $4 or less. Early registration is strongly recommended as space is limited. In-person registration only as a signed parental permission slip is required.

Bubble Wonders Show

All ages.
Monday, February 15
2 or 7 p.m.
Community Rooms
Ticket required for entry. Amazing bubble artist Geoff creates unforgettable bubbles in all shapes and sizes. Due to the popularity of this program, please attend only one performance. Free tickets will be available beginning January 18 at the Youth Center Help Desk.
Family Film Series
Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Elgin

Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs (2009) PG, 90 minutes
All ages. Children under 12, please bring an adult.
Monday, January 18 10 a.m.
Community Rooms
No registration required.
Flint Lockwood, a clever young inventor, bites off more than he can chew setting in motion a global disaster!

G-Force (2009) PG, 88 minutes
All ages. Children under 12, please bring an adult.
Monday, February 15 10 a.m.
Community Rooms
No registration required.
G-Force—an elite team of highly trained guinea pigs—races against the clock to save the world.

No-School-Day Programs
Advance registration is required. To register, go to gailborden.info or call Teen Services Coordinator Lisel Ulaszek at 847-289-5811.

Bath Salt Bliss
Monday, January 18 1:30 – 3 p.m.
Second Floor Conference Room
Registration begins December 18.
Need some pampering? Banish winter blues and dry skin with your own custom-made bath salts in a glass jar you decorate.

Jar It!
Monday, February 15 2 – 3 p.m.
Second Floor Conference Room
Registration begins January 15.
If you have a sweet tooth and love to bake, this program is for you! We’ll be putting together our own cookie mixes and layering them in jars that can be decorated. Recipes will be included.

3 New Ways to Read at Rakow Branch
Drop-In Family Storytime
Tuesdays in January and February 6:30 – 7 p.m.
No registration required.
Share stories, fingerplays and fun in the Children’s Section of the Rakow Branch. Preschool age and siblings.

Rakow Readers Book Club
Monday, January 25, February 22 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.
Registration required.
This afternoon book group discusses the month’s selection in the cozy Shales Living Room. Seating is limited. For more information, contact the Rakow Branch at 847-531-7271.
January Oxygen by Carol Cassella
February Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet by Jamie Ford

Read to Rover at Rakow
Saturdays, January 30, February 27 10:30 or 11:30 a.m.
Registration required.
School-age kids may practice their reading skills by cuddling up with a good book and reading aloud to a fully certified therapy dog. Register for one 20-minute session.

Wrestlemania Reading Challenge
Grades 5 – 12
Register at the Youth Help Desk.
Program ends January 19.
Fans of reading and WrestleMania: read ten items and turn in a reading log by January 19 to receive a free WWE mini-poster (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. Sponsored by WWE and the Young Adult Library Services Association.

Volunteers
Grades 7 – 10
Winter Session: Week of January 4 – February 1
Spring Sessions: Week of February 15 – March 15
Week of April 12 – May 17
Sign-up forms, available in the Youth Center, require a parent’s signature.
Volunteers work one hour per week in the Youth Center, assembling craft materials, laminating paper, using a die-cut machine and performing other tasks. Time slots fill up quickly, so apply early.
Music To Your Ears

Piano Recital by Ezequiel S. Barrera Gimeno
Thursday, March 4  7 – 8 p.m.
Community Rooms
Mexican pianist and composer Ezequiel Sebastian Barrera Gimeno will give a piano recital featuring works by Chopin, Albéniz, and Brahms.

Elgin Symphony Orchestra
Family Fun 3-Concert Series
Around the World with Percussion
Sunday, January 24
2 p.m. Activities 3:30 p.m. Concert
Hemmens Cultural Center
This is the second concert in which Gail Borden Public Library District and the ESO team up to introduce young children to a world of music. The library is featuring books, DVDs and CDs related to Around the World with Percussion for children to 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.

Masterclass with Pianist Joyce Yang
Saturday, January 30  2 – 4 p.m.
Community Rooms
Area students will perform for Joyce Yang, recipient of the silver medal at the 2005 Twelfth Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, Juilliard School student of Dr. Yoheved Kaplinsky, national performer and featured pianist with the ESO. No tickets or registration needed.

The Music Institute of Chicago’s Academy
February 14
Talented young students will perform on piano, violin and cello. Founded in 2006, MIC’s Academy has quickly established itself as one of the country’s top centers for highly gifted pre-college musicians. Tickets will be available January 22.

Oliver Colbentson, violin and Sojung Hong, piano
January 10
Head of the string department of the Meistersinger Conservatory, Nürnberg, Germany, Dr. Colbentson has performed more than 1,200 concerts and recorded 13 CDs. Sojung Hong is an assistant professor at Judson University and has performed throughout the United States and Korea. Tickets are available.

Lyric Opera of Chicago
Lecture Series 2009/2010
The Elixir of Love
Thursday, February 11  7 p.m.
Second Floor Conference Room
A quack doctor arrives in the village selling an “elixir of love” that sets off a series of events that cause complications for romantic liaisons. Gaetano Donizetti’s music and a narrative description will be presented by Lyric Opera of Chicago educator Bob Klassy. Please register.

A Coupon Club is beginning at the library! Drop in at La Tazza Café on the first Wednesday of the month between 6:45 and 8 p.m. to swap coupons and talk about good deals.
eBay University
Instructor Jack Waddick will reveal the keys to successful eBay selling. Classes are held in Community Rooms A & B. Please register.

eBay Advanced Selling
Tuesday, January 5  7 – 8:30 p.m.
eBay 101 Selling Basics
Thursday, February 25  7 – 8:30 p.m.

Hands-On Workshop:
Digital Camera Techniques for Beginners
With Courier News Professional Photographer
Marina Makropoulos
Tuesdays, January 5, 12, 19  6 – 8 p.m.
Community Room C
Learn how to operate your digital camera and take great indoors and outdoors pictures. Cost is $5, payable when the class meets. Register for each date separately (limit 15 people).

Get It Done Digitally!
Presented by Digital Imaging Expert Lisa Summerour
Tuesday, January 12 or February 2  7 – 8 p.m.
Computer Training Lab
Fun and easy ways to organize your digital images and create keepsakes, gifts and more. You may bring your camera, cables, jump drive or laptops. Please register and indicate in the note field if you are bringing your laptop.

Social Networking Made Easy
Presented by Digital Imaging Expert Lisa Summerour
Thursday, January 14 or February 25  7 – 8 p.m.
Computer Training Lab
An introduction to Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn. You may bring your camera, cables, jump drive or laptops. Please register and indicate in the note field if you are bringing your laptop.

The Emotion Behind Money
Presented by ChicagoHealers.com practitioner Julie Casserly, CFP: Wealth and Asset Manager
Tuesday, January 19  7 – 8 p.m.
Second Floor Programming Room
Have you ever asked yourself “If I’m so smart, why aren’t I rich?” Discover the money makeover you need most, a close-up look at money and emotions, your financial DNA, ways to change how you feel about money and how to own your personal power with money. Please register.

The Real World of Private Investigations
Thursday, January 21  7 – 8 p.m.
Second Floor Conference Room

Whither Thou Goest...Honduras?
Elgin Area League of Women Voters’
International Relations Committee
Wednesday, January 27  7 p.m.
Second Floor Programming Room
A look at a country in political turmoil and how the people are coping, witnessed by League member Dr. Tana Durnbaugh in a recent visit there, with background information given by Chairman Dennis Bulat.

African American History
Secret Life of Bees
In partnership with the Elgin Community College
American Place Theatre
Friday, February 5  1:30 – 2:30 p.m.
Community Rooms
Local Author Dave Clark
The Roads that Lead to Lincoln
Tuesday, February 9  7 – 8 p.m.
Second Floor Programming Room
Highway Historian Dave Clark tells the story of Lincoln’s Illinois along three of the state’s scenic byways: Route 66, the Great River Road and the Lincoln Highway. Book sales and signing follow the program. Please register.

Learn to Grow Potatoes
Saturday, February 20  2 – 2:30 p.m.
Community Room B
Lords Park community gardener Donna Askins will describe the four basic steps of growing potatoes in anticipation of hands-on planting, tending and harvesting by local residents at the Lords Park Community Garden during 2010. Please register.

Stitch ‘n B-----
Every Thursday at 7 p.m. in La Tazza Café
Sit and knit, crochet, needlepoint and chat. Beginners are welcome.
Pathways to Health Careers
Tuition Assistance + Specialized Training = Healthcare Job!
Wednesday, January 13  1 – 2 p.m.
Community Rooms
Kathleen Callahan, Program Director for Pathways to Health Careers at Elgin Community College, will discuss healthcare opportunities. Please register.

Sell Yourself in Any Interview
Saturday, February 20  10 a.m.
Community Rooms
Presented by Author and Consultant Oscar Adler
Use proven sales techniques to land your dream job. Address specific interviewer needs, learn to think like an interviewer, then “sell yourself” to prove you are perfect for the job. Please register.

Elgin Job Seekers Group
Learn, discuss, and network with other job seekers!
Wednesdays beginning February 3  2 – 3 p.m.
Community Rooms
February 3 Library and local resources
February 10 Computer competencies and volunteering
February 17 Employability skills
February 24 Interviewing
No registration.

Brown Bag Lunch Classic Films
Bring your lunch or buy it at La Tazza Café 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.
The Band Wagon (1953)
Monday, January 11  11 a.m. – 12:50 p.m.
The Time Machine (1960)
Monday, February 8  11 a.m. – 12:40 p.m.

Reel Women for Real Women
Co-sponsored by the American Association of University Women Elgin Area Branch.
Enjoy a film and discussion focused on women’s issues at 6 p.m. in the community room. Pick up dinner at La Tazza Café to enjoy during the movie.
No registration.
Julie & Julia (2009, PG-13)
Tuesday, January 26
Not Easily Broken (2009, PG-13)
Tuesday, February 23

Multi-Cultural learning

English for Spanish Speakers and Spanish for English Speakers
With Bilingual Educator Betty Martinez
Wednesdays beginning January 6  7 – 8 p.m.
Second Floor Programming Room
This fun drop-in class is for native English speakers interested in learning beginning Spanish and native Spanish speakers who want to learn English. No class February 17. No registration.

Inglés para Personas que Hablan Español y Español para Personas que Hablan Inglés
Con la Maestra Bilingüe Betty Martinez
Todos los miércoles comenzando el 6 de enero de 7 a 8:00 p.m.
Salón de Programas (segundo piso)
Esta clase es para personas nativas que hablan inglés y están interesadas en aprender español básico y personas que hablan español y quieren aprender inglés. No tendremos clases el 17 de febrero. No es necesario matricularse (registrarse).

How to Become a U.S. Citizen
In partnership with Centro de Información
Presented by Rosa Sanborn, Coordinator of Immigration Services
Tuesday, January 26  7 p.m.
Second Floor Programming Room

Science for Students—All About Illinois
Mathematics and Science Academy
Thursday, January 28  6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Second Floor Programming Room
Recipient of the Intel Award in Science Excellence, the academy is one of the best schools in the nation. This bilingual informational meeting will outline requirements for entering the academy.
No registration.
Jueves, 28 de enero 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Salón de Programas (segundo piso)
Su hijo(a) podría llenar los requisitos necesarios para asistir a la Academia de Matemáticas y Ciencias (IMSA). Por primera vez en la historia de la academia se llevará a cabo una junta informativa en español para contestar sus preguntas y tener información sobre esta institución. No se necesita registración.

Two Rivers Head Start Bilingual Parenting Programs
Presented in English and Spanish, these parenting programs are open to all and are held in the community rooms. No registration.
Presenta reuniones para padres. ¡Todos están invitados! No necesita inscribirse. Las reuniones se llevarán a cabo en los Cuartos de la Comunidad.
Understanding Adolescents
Tuesday, February 9  9:30 a.m.
Computer Classes for Careers and Communication

Classes are taught in English by Jeanette Via, a certified Microsoft Office specialist lead instructor. A Spanish-speaking lab assistant translates for students needing extra assistance in Spanish. Registration with a Gail Borden Library card and $5 fee payable at the Computer Center in advance is required; no fee is required for Beginning Computers. Students may bring their own laptops. Indicate at registration if you are bringing your own laptop. Classes are held in the Computer Center Training Room.

Beginning Computers
Thursday, January 21  6:30 – 8:30 p.m. or
Saturday, February 27  10 a.m. – noon
Learn basic computer concepts, what software to use for specific projects, information to help make a purchase decision and how to set up a computer.

Microsoft 1
Tuesday, January 26  6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Learn to work with Windows, switching on the computer and logging on to Windows, start programs and multitask.

Microsoft 2
Thursday, January 28  6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Save, edit and print files, learn how to copy and paste and how to browse the Internet and about Internet security.

Microsoft 3
Tuesday, February 23  6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Manage computer files by understanding storage media, browsing through files, working with folders, moving and copying files, and deleting files and folders.

PowerPoint 1
Thursday, February 18  6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Learn the basics of giving a PowerPoint presentation

Excel 1
Tuesday, February 25  6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Learn the basics of Excel.

Internet Express 1 – The Basics
Saturday, January 9  9:30 a.m
Wednesday, February 10  2 p.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, January 16  9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, February 17  2 p.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, January 23  9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, February 24  2 p.m.  for Seniors
The basics of reading and sending email will be covered. Basic mouse and Internet navigation skills are required.

These hands-on classes provide a basic overview of computer hardware and software. Each topic is covered in a one- to two-hour session and is held in the Computer Center Training Room. Advance registration and a valid Gail Borden Public Library card are required. Register online at gailborden.info/register, in person at the Computer Center or by calling 847-429-4695. You may be asked to share a PC during a class.

En Español
Introducción al Internet: Esta clase es una introducción al Internet
Sábado 30 de Enero  a las 9:30 a.m.
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.
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New Drop-Off Location
Books, seven-day videos and DVDs, and music CDs checked out of the library can be returned at a new drop-off box at First Community Bank, 50 Tyler Creek Plaza, Elgin IL 60123.

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book clubs

Walking Book Club
Wednesdays beginning January 6 7 p.m.
The Centre of Elgin
Walk off those holiday pounds! Join us for 45 minutes of walking on the Centre’s indoor track and 45 minutes of lively discussion as we start the New Year with a new book. A Centre track pass is required. For more information, contact Danielle or Nancy at 847-429-4692.

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. in the second floor small meeting room. For more information, call Rachel Bloomberg at 630-391-2966.
January 1 Bartleby the Scrivener by Herman Melville
February 8 The Playboy of the Western World by John M. Synge

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 on February 3 at 7 p.m. in the second floor small meeting room. This month’s selection is La Sombra de Lo Que Fuimos by Luis Sepúlveda. For more information, call Tish at 847-289-5838.

Las próximas reuniones serán cada dos meses, el primer miércoles del mes. Nuestra próxima reunión será el 3 de febrero a las 7 en el segundo piso. El título del libro es La Sombra de Lo Que Fuimos de Luis Sepúlveda. Para más información, llame a Liliana o Tish al teléfono 847-429-4680.

The Gail Borden 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 847-289-5833.
January In Defense of Food: An Eater’s Manifesto by Michael Pollan
February Pride and Prejudice and Zombies by Jane Austen, Seth Grahame-Smith

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. For more information, call Rachel Bloomberg at 630-391-2966.
January 25 Northanger Abbey by Jane Austen
February 22 The God of Small Things by Arundhati Roy

Contemporary Fiction Book Group
The group meets at 7 p.m. in the second floor conference room. For more information, contact Tish at 847-289-5838.
January 20 The Glass Castle: a Memoir by Jeannette Walls
February 17 The 19th Wife by David Ebershoff

Valentine’s Day Romance Book Sale
Friday and Saturday, February 12 and 13 9 – 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, February 14 1 – 5:30 p.m.
Friends of the Library Book Sale Room, Main Library
Romance Paperbacks 25 cents or 5 for $1
Romance Hardcover books 50 cents each