Save The Date! Saturday, May 15
Gail Borden Public Library executive director Carole Medal, the president of the Library Board of Trustees, Rick McCarthy, and community member Ernie Broadnax recently travelled to Washington DC to receive the National Medal for Museum and Library Service. The nation’s highest honor for museums and libraries was awarded to the library based on library-community partnerships. The medal is “home” and it is time for the community to celebrate!
Look for more details in the May/June issue of The Explorer newsletter.

Be Counted in Census 2010
This is the year to be counted for your community! The census occurs every ten years and has impact every year. Hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding are allocated annually for schools, transportation, social services, job training services and more based on whole or in part on the population count. You should receive a census form in the mail in mid-March. Simply answer the 10 questions, it should take only 10 minutes, and mail it back in the postage paid envelope provided. Get counted for your community!

El Censo del 2010 ayudará a que las comunidades reciban más de mil millones de dólares en fondos federales cada año para: hospitales, centros de capacitación laboral, escuelas, centros para ancianos, puentes, túneles y otros proyectos de obras públicas y servicios de emergencia.

Dances Around the World
Piano 4 Hands:
Kotlyar-Shifrin Piano Duo
March 14

A Literary Tea
with Authors
Elizabeth Berg and Christine Blevins
Sunday, April 18 2 – 4 p.m.
Community Rooms
Enjoy tea with two popular writers who will share the stories behind the stories. Elizabeth Berg’s bestsellers include The Year of Pleasures and Dream When You’re Feeling Blue. Her new book, The Last Time I Saw You, is about a 40th high school reunion, written from five different points of view. Christine Blevins’ historical fiction focuses on the early days of America. Her books include Midwife of the Blue Ridge and Tory Widow. Book sales and signings will take place at the tea. Please 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 847-429-4685 or visit gailborden.info.

Ready-to-Read Family Workshop Series
Preschool children with a parent or caregiver
Saturdays, March 6, 13 and 20
10 – 11:30 a.m.
Community Rooms
Registration required.
Help your child develop the skills necessary to be ready to read. Early literacy activity stations will enable parents and children to participate in activities together to reinforce pre-reading skills. Activities 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 Institutes of Health, in partnership with the Public Library Association.

Teddy Bear Sleepover
Ages 3 – 8
Thursday, March 11
10 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Community Rooms
Registration required.
Find out what teddy bears do on sleepovers! Bring a teddy bear or other stuffed animal to a special storytime then leave them at the library for a fun sleepover. Pick up your stuffed animal March 13 or 14 in the Early Learning Center and receive a picture of where your special friend was in the library and what they did during the overnight visit. Children younger than six, please bring a grown-up to the storytime and be sure to bring a stuffed animal that will not be missed for two nights.

Sports Card Trading Club
For girls and boys, ages 6 and older
Thursdays, March 11, April 8
3:30 – 5 p.m.
Youth Story Room
No registration required.
Bring your collection to show or trade or learn how to start collecting. Participate in a sports trivia quiz for a chance to win cards.

Read to Rover
School-aged children
Saturdays, 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.

Children’s Day/ Book Day
All ages
Saturday, May 1
2 – 3 p.m.
Community Rooms
No registration required.
All families are invited to join us for a bilingual celebration of children and books. We will have stories, music and more!

El día de los niños/El día de los libros
Sábado, 1 de mayo
2 – 3 p.m.
Cuartos de la Comunidad
No se require registración.
Todas las familias están invitadas para una celebración bilingüe de niños y libros. ¡Tendremos cuentos, música y más!

Gail Borden’s Got Talent
Register beginning February 15 at the Youth Help desk or by calling 847-429-4685.
The Preliminary Round
Monday, March 22
10 a.m. – noon
Community Rooms
Finalists from two age groups, Grades 1 - 3 and Grades 4 - 6, will be chosen after performing for up to two minutes.
The Finals
Thursday, March 25
2 – 4 p.m.
Community Rooms
One winner from each age group will be chosen.
Audience members are welcome to cheer!

Sports Fan Brain Buster Trivia Competition
Ages 6 – 14
Friday, March 26
2 – 4 p.m.
Community Rooms A & B
Register before March 26 or on site at 1:30 p.m. the day of the event.
Answer questions and wear sports logos to earn points. Those with the most points win special prizes, and all competition participants will be entered into a drawing for even more prizes.

U-46 Spring Break Events
Programs take place at the Main Library unless otherwise noted.

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No-School-Day Movies
Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Elgin.

All ages. Children younger than 12, please bring an adult.
Community Rooms
No registration required.

Planet 51 (2009) PG, 91 minutes
Tuesday, March 23  2 p.m.
When Chuck the astronaut lands on a distant planet filled with little green people, he is surprised when the residents of Planet 51 mistakenly believe that his presence is the start of an alien invasion of the human kind!

Curious George 2: Follow that Monkey
(2009) G, 80 minutes
Wednesday, March 24  10 a.m.
Follow Curious George’s adventures as he travels by foot, train, and truck to reunite his new friend Kayla, a baby elephant he met at the magic circus show, with her brother and sister in California.

Scooby-Doo! Abracadabra-Doo
(2010) not rated, 75 minutes
Friday, April 2  10 a.m.
Scooby and the gang go on a trip to check on Velma’s cousin. She’s been studying magic at the Whirlen Merlin Magic Academy, where there has been some trouble. Sightings of a giant dragon have been scaring all the students away!

ACT Practice Test
Sunday, March 7  1:15 – 5:15 p.m.
Community Rooms A & B
Advance registration required.
Limited to high school sophomores and juniors.
Take a free practice test that includes the ACT writing portion to find out where you might need some improvement. Also learn about a library database that offers practice SAT, ACT and AP subject-area tests. Sylvan Learning staff will administer the test. Participants must provide their own calculator. Test results will be available to students by appointment Sunday, March 14 at the library or at a local Sylvan Learning Center on another date. Register online or call Lisel Ulaszek at 847-289-5811.

Guitar Hero 5 Tournament
Grades 7 – 12
Monday, March 22       1:30 – 4 pm
Community Rooms
Advance registration required.
Think you can shred with the best of them? Find out if you’ll be crowned Gail Borden’s Guitar Hero 5 champion! The winner will receive a GameStop gift card. Register at gailborden.info or by calling Lisel Ulaszek at 847-289-5811.

Volunteers
Grades 7 – 10
Week of April 12 – Week of May 17
Sign-up forms, available in the Youth Center, require a parent’s signature.
Volunteers work one hour each 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.

Holocaust Remembrance Day Program
Grades 7 and up
Thursday, April 29  7 - 8:30 p.m.
Community Rooms
Joe Koek, a Holocaust survivor who was born in The Hague, Netherlands, in 1930, will speak about his experiences as a Jewish child hidden by the underground during World War II. Due to the sensitive subject matter, this program is appropriate for students in grades 7 and up.

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

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Hands-On Workshop: Digital Camera Techniques
Presented by Professional Photographer Marina Makropoulos.
Saturday, March 6 or March 27    2 – 5 p.m.
Meeting Room 1
Learn how to operate your digital camera and improve your photographs. Cost is $10 for each three-hour class, payable when class meets. Register for each date separately.

Getting What You Want Out of Life
Presented by Dan Wiseman, organizational development professional and life coach.
Monday, March 8    7 – 8:30 p.m.
Meeting Room 2
Coaching is a process used to assess life goals and create strategies for making better choices. Many people are turning to coaching for help with career and job searching. Find out what coaching is, how it can help you and how to find a coach who will make a difference in your life. Please register.

Memoir Writing—Elgin Stories and Old Times
Presented by Rosanne Gulisano.
Monday, May 3    10 a.m. – noon
Meeting Room 2
Share your memories of Elgin and learn how to organize material, write your memoirs and add photos. Presented by Rosanne Gulisano. Please register.

Elgin Job Seekers Group
Learn, discuss, and network with other job hunters!
Wednesdays, 2 – 3 p.m.    Community Rooms
March 3    Marketing Yourself
March 10    Networking
March 17    Resumes
March 24    Internet Job Search
March 31    Company Research & Databases
April 7    Cover Letters
April 14    Attitude & Leadership
April 21    Q & A session

The Lyric Opera of Chicago
Lecture Series 2009/2010
Marriage of Figaro
Thursday, March 4, 7 p.m., Meeting Room 1
Figaro, the count’s whip-smart valet, is set to marry Susanna, the Countess’s comely maid, but the Count wants Susanna for himself. Enter Figaro with a scheme that teaches everyone a lesson! Mozart’s music and a narrative will be presented by Lyric Opera of Chicago educator Margaret Fournier. Please register.

Elgin Symphony Orchestra
ESO String Quartet
Master Classes
Enjoy music and observe guest performers coaching Elgin Youth Symphony Orchestra performers from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Community Rooms.
Jamie Laredo    Saturday, March 27
The Elgin Youth Symphony Orchestra’s Maud Powell String Quartet.
Jennifer Frautschi    Saturday, May 1
Elgin Youth Symphony Orchestra violin students.

Music To Your Ears
Free tickets will be available at the greeter desk and second floor information desk at the main library. The one-hour concerts are held at 2 p.m. in the Community Rooms. Meet the artists and enjoy refreshments after each concert.

Dances Around the World
Piano 4 Hands: Kotlyar-Shifrin Piano Duo
March 14
Irina Kotlyar and Gregory Shifrin immigrated to Israel in the early 1990’s from the former Soviet Union and studied at the Jerusalem Music Academy. They have won several international prizes and awards. Tickets are available.

Busoni’s Transcriptions of Violin, Organ and Opera
Svetlana Belsky, pianist
April 11
Ferruccio Busoni’s reputation as a pianist was second only to Franz Liszt’s. His numerous books and articles continue to inspire musicians to this day and his legacy as a teacher influenced generations of pianists. As a composer, he is best known for his unrivaled piano transcriptions. Book sales and signing by Svetlana Belsky, editor of Busoni as Pianist, will be offered. Tickets will be available March 19.

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Three ways to register:
• Online at www.gailborden.info, Calendar
• In person at the Adult Services Information Desk
• Call 847-429-4680

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ELGIN OPERA
National Street Station Area Plan
Tuesday, March 2  6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Meeting Room 1
Sponsored by the City of Elgin’s Community Development Department.
Learn about goals of the plan such as achieving sustainable transit-oriented development and providing transportation alternatives at this second public meeting. For more information visit the project’s website at http://www.landvision.com/elgin/index.html or contact Denise Momodu, City of Elgin, at 847-931-6103, or via e-mail at momodu_d@cityofelgin.org. No registration.

Energy Efficiency for the Whole Home
Presented by Jennifer Fritz-Williams,
City of Elgin Historic Preservation Specialist
Tuesday, March 16  6:30 p.m.
Attendees will learn how their homes use and lose energy and how to make the most efficient use of money received from tax credits, ComEd incentives and city programs to retrofit their homes.

Elgin’s ARRA Public and Community Forestry Program – Process, Goals, Implementation, and Benefit
Presented by the Green Infrastructure SMP work group
Tuesday, April 20  6:30 p.m.
Learn how a cooperative partnership among the City of Elgin, the U.S. Forest Service, the Davey Tree Expert Company and the community provides an ongoing management framework toward a sustainable municipal forestry program. Seedlings will be given to the first 50 families that attend. Please register.

Check Out a Kill A Watt!
The Kill A Watt monitors your electricity usage by counting consumption by the kilowatt-hour, allowing you to calculate your electrical expenses to find out which appliances are worth keeping plugged in. The Kill A Watt can be checked out for one week and may be reserved for pickup at the main library and the Rakow Branch. Donated by Elgin Climate Change Organization (ECCO).

Coupon Club
First Wednesday of the month, 6:45 – 8 p.m.  LaTazza Café
Swap coupons and talk about good deals.
**Brown Bag Lunch Classic Films**

Bring your lunch or buy it at LaTazza Café and enjoy a short introduction of highlights as Gail Borden’s own Bob Cassinelli reveals little-known trivia about the featured film in the Community Rooms. Coffee and tea will be served. **No registration.**

**Rear Window (1954)**
* Monday, March 8 11 a.m. – 12:50 p.m.

**The Sea Hawk (1940)**
* Monday, April 12 11 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.

**Exiles in Hollywood Film Festival Series**
*In partnership with the Elgin Symphony Orchestra.*

Three films rising out of a war-burdened America of the 1940’s each served as an outlet for composers to re-establish their careers after coming to the United States from their European homes. Each film, with introductions by ESO Trombonist and resident movie-music buff Mark Fry in the Community Rooms, showcases the work of a composer featured in the ESO’s Exiles in Hollywood concerts April 30 to May 2. Refreshments will be served.

**Double Indemnity (1944)**
* Tuesday, March 9 1 – 2:45 p.m.

**The Sea Hawk (1940)**
* Monday, April 12 11 a.m. – 12:50 p.m.

**Rebecca (1940)**
* Tuesday, April 20 1 – 3:15 p.m.

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

Held the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. in the Community Rooms, these films and discussions focus on women and women’s issues. Pick up dinner at LaTazza Café or bring a bite to enjoy during the movie. **No registration.**

**March 23**  *The Magdalene Sisters (2003, R)*

**April 27**  *My Sister’s Keeper (2009, PG-13)*

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**Watch for special events during National Library Week**

*April 11 - 17*

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**Multi-Cultural Learning**

**Piano Recital by Ezequiel S. Barrera**
* 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, Albeniz, and Brahms.

El pianista y compositor Mexicano Ezequiel Sebastian Barrera Gimeno dará un recital de piano con obras de Chopin, Albeniz, y Brahms entre otros.

**Let’s Play Together!**
* Saturday, March 6 3 – 4:30 p.m.*

**Community Rooms**

Pianist Ezequiel Barrera and the classic duet guitarists Gimeno-Barrera will share music and compositions with a local group, Hope. This event brings the joy of making music in a concert that involves our community.

**Vamos a tocar juntos!**

El pianista Ezequiel Barrera y el Dúo de Guitarras Gimeno-Barrera compartirán su música y composiciones con el grupo Hope. Este evento trae el placer de hacer música en un concierto que involucra a nuestra comunidad.

**Unity in the Community Festival: Celebrating Elgin’s Ethnic Heritage**
* In collaboration with the Unity in Community Coalition Project.*

**Sunday, April 25 1 – 5 p.m.**

**Community Rooms and Lobby**

Information tables plus programs feature Elgin’s “first families” with stories, song and dance. For more information on the project, or to sign up to volunteer, please contact Danise Habun at dhabun@msn.com. **No tickets or registration needed.**

**Two Rivers Head Start Bilingual Parenting Programs**

**Presenta reuniones para padres. ¡Todos están invitados!**

**No registration. Meets in Community Rooms.**

**Corazón saludable**

**Jueves, 11 de marzo** 9:30 a.m.

**English for Spanish Speakers and Spanish for English Speakers**

**With Bilingual Educator Betty Martinez**

*Wednesdays* 7 – 8 p.m. **Meeting Room 1 or Room A, no class March 24**

**Inglés para Personas que Hablan Español y Español para Personas que Hablan Inglés**

**Con la Maestra Bilingüe Betty Martinez**

**Todos los miércoles, 7 a 8:00 p.m.**

**Salón de Programas (segundo piso) o room A o salon 1, no clas Marzo 24**
computer classes

Computer Classes for Careers and Communication

To register bring your Gail Borden Library card and $5 fee to the Computer Center in advance.

Jeanette Via, Lead Instructor, Microsoft Office Specialist Certified and Spanish Lab Assistant. All classes are bilingual. Students are encouraged to bring their own laptops. Classes are held in the Computer Training Room.

Beginning Computers
Thursday, March 4 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Learn basic computer concepts, how to match software with specific projects, set up a computer and information for making a purchase decision.

Microsoft 1
Tuesday, March 9 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. or Saturday, April 17 10 a.m. – noon
Work with Windows, switch on the computer and log on to Windows, start programs and multitask by switching between Word and Excel.

Microsoft 2
Tuesday, March 16 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. or Saturday, April 17 1 – 3 p.m.
Use word processors and the Internet by working with programs, saving files, editing files, using copy and paste, printing files, browsing the Internet and dealing with Internet security.

Microsoft 3
Thursday, March 18 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.

Excel 1
Thursday, April 8 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Learn how to use spread sheets.

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 Computer Center Training Room. Some classes are tailored to meet the needs of mature learners and 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.

Internet Express 1 – The Basics
Saturday, March 6 9:30 a.m.
Tuesday, April 6 10 a.m. (for Seniors)
Learn how to use the web and the basics of Internet terminology, then visit some fun websites. Basic mouse skills are required.

Internet Express 2 – Searching
Saturday, March 13 9:30 a.m.
Tuesday, April 13 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, March 20 9:30 a.m.
Tuesday, April 20 10 a.m. (for Seniors)
The basics of reading and sending email will be covered. Basic mouse and Internet navigation skills are required.

En Español

Clases de Computación en Español para Carreras y Comunicación - Presentado por Especialista de Microsoft Office, Jeanette Via, y Asistente Hispanohablante. Las clases se reúnen en la Sala de Instrucción en el Centro de Computadoras. Registro con una tarjeta de la Biblioteca Gail Borden es necesario. Los estudiantes pueden traer sus propias laptops si quieren.

Computadoras para Principiantes en Español
Jueves, 4 de marzo 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Los estudiantes aprenderán los conceptos básicos de las computadoras, que programas de computación se puede usar para proyectos específicos, información útil para la selección y compra de una computadora y como configurar una computadora. Gratis.

Microsoft 1 en Español
Martes, 9 de marzo 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. or Sábado, 17 de abril 10 a.m. – noon
Aprenda los conceptos básicos: cómo trabajar con Windows, iniciar programas y hacer multitareas entre programas.

Microsoft 2 en Español
Martes, 16 de marzo 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. or Sábado, 17 de abril 1 – 3 p.m.
Aprenda cómo guardar, editar y imprimir archivos, navegar por Internet, y entender seguridad en Internet.

Microsoft 3 en Español
Jueves, 18 de marzo 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Aprenda el manejo de archivos de computadora – incluso: los medios de almacenamiento; la navegación por los archivos; y, el uso de carpetas.

Excel 1
Jueves, 8 de abril 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Aprenda lo básico de Excel.
THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED: 
Sunday, April 4 for Easter 

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Saturday  
9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday  
1 - 5:30 p.m. 

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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 Meeting Room 1. For more information, please call Rachel Bloomberg at 630-391-2966. 

March 8  Philosophy and Physics by Max Planck  
April 12  Goblin Market by Christina Rossetti 

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. 

March  Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance by Robert M. Pirsig  

20’s and 30’s Book Club 
Co-sponsored by the American Association of University Women Elgin Branch. The March meeting will be in Meeting Room 1, the April meeting in Meeting Room 2. Book selection is a mix of contemporary, fiction, nonfiction and classics. 

March 22  The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin by Benjamin Franklin  
April 26  The Killer Angels by Michael Shaara 

Contemporary Fiction Book Group 
The group meets at 7 p.m. in Meeting Room 2. For more information, contact Tish at 847-289-5838. 

March 17  The Ten-Year Nap by Meg Wolitzer 
April 21  The Things They Carried by Tim O’Brien 

Celebrate Free Comic Book Day at the Library 
Jesse Buck from Elgin’s own Modern Age Comics store will be handing out free comic books at the library from noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 1 (while supplies last). Get a preview of the summer reading program and the library’s upcoming Comic Book Exhibit. 

Calling All Comic Book Collectors! 
Do you have something uniquely comic book-related that you would like to have put on display at the library this summer? Do you have an idea for a comics-related program? Do you have ties or access to someone in the field of comic books? If so, please contact Bob Cassinelli in the Youth Services department at 847-289-5814 or bcassinelli@gailborden.info.

Walking Book Club 
Wednesdays  7 p.m. 
The Centre of Elgin 
Walking, talking, reading, listening...sound good? Join us for great reads, lively discussion and exercise. For more information, call Danielle or Nancy at 847-429-4680. 

Jane Austen Fan Club Anyone? 
If you are interested, please contact Miriam Lytle at 847-608-5027 or mlytle@gailborden.info.

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