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A Midsummer Knight’s Read 2011
For all ages!

Complete your reading quests to receive a prize and be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a grand prize fit for a king or queen, such as an iPod Touch for teens or a NOOK eReader for adults. For registration information, see page 2.

Amazing Castle - Through September 2

Look for surprise visitors to the Amazing Castle this summer - a King or Princess, or maybe a Knight in Shining Armor! Sponsored by the Gail Borden Public Library Foundation and the Grand Victoria Foundation.

Meet the Artists
Stone Carver Walter Arnold and Designer Clint Borucki

Artists Reception
Sunday, August 14
2:30 second floor
3 - 3:45 Art of Stone Carving by Walter Arnold
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3 - 3:45 Designing and Making Cool Stuff by Clint Borucki of ACME Design
See page 4

Muggle Madness: The Final Chapter
Thursday, July 14 7 – 9 pm

Get ready for Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows – Part 2, the last Harry Potter movie, in theaters. Celebrate all things Potter by participating in a Harry Potter trivia game and other fun activities. Wear a costume and bring your camera. Muggles younger than 12, please bring an adult.
Once Upon a Storytime  
Age 2 – Kindergarten  
July 5 – 26  
Mondays 2 and 7 pm  
Tuesdays 9:30 and 11 am  
No registration.  
Join Sir Readsalot and his friends for fun castle adventures.  
30 minutes of stories, puppets, music, movies and more.  
Please ask us about classes for children under two years old. On July 11, the Family Picnic replaces the 7 pm Once Upon a Storytime.

Érase Una Vez un Cuento  
Un programa para las familias  
6 de Julio – 27 de Julio  
Miércoles a las 7 de la noche  
No se requiere registración.  
Únete al caballo cuentista y a sus amigos para una divertida aventura este verano. 30 minutos de cuentos, títeres, música, películas y más.

Castle Capers  
Grades 1 – 2  
July 6 – 27  
Mondays 2 – 2:45 pm  
Wednesdays 10 – 10:45 am  
No registration.  
Explore the world of knights, dragons, princes and princesses through stories, crafts, games and more.

Medieval Mania!  
Grades 3 – 5  
July 6 – 27  
Wednesdays 10 – 11 am  
No registration.  
Party like it’s 1399. We’ll play amazing games, make fabulous crafts and hear tales of olde about knights, dragons, princes and castles!

A Midsummer Knight’s READ  
Summer Reading Program  
Pre-Readers and Readers can register through July 23. The last day to complete the program and receive all levels of prizes is Saturday, August 13 at 5 pm. If you complete the program after August 13 but by August 27, you will only receive school notification of having finished the program.

Teens (Grades 9 – 12) can submit quests they have completed until Sept. 3. For every five quests completed, your name will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win an iPod Touch.

Adults read six books by September 3 to be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a NOOK eReader. For more information about the Summer Reading Program, go to gailborden.info  
The Dog Days of Summer: Tails are Wagging at Read to Rover  
Elementary school age  
Saturdays -  
July 9, August 13  
10, 10:30, 11 or 11:30 am  
Registration required.  
Kids practice their reading skills by reading aloud to a certified therapy dog.

Wacky Wednesdays!  
School age  
July 6 – 27  
Wednesdays 2 – 3:30 pm  
No registration.  
Drop in and enjoy many activities including Wii video games, crafts, board games and more. Children 8 and younger must be accompanied by a caregiver at least 14 years old.

COMIC BOOK MANIA!  
CONVENTION 2011  
Saturday, July 9  
10 am – 4 pm  
Community Rooms  
No registration or admission fee.  
Special guest artists:  
Dave Dorman, Eisner Award & Inkpot Award winner, Star Wars, Magic the Gathering  
Douglas Klauba, The Phantom  
Sal Abbinanti, Atomika  
Philip Moy, Batman, Powerpuff Girls  
Mike Penick, Insurrection  
Scott Beaderstadt, Trolllords  
Chris Ecker and Gary Carlson, Big Bang Comics  
Justin Castaneda, When I Was Little  
Serena Guerra, independent artist  
Rich Perez, Ron Ong, Rage Ledbetter, creative team of The Infinium  
Max Bare, Zoran Gvojic, Dave Schneider, creative team of Mystery Afoot!

Tournaments:  
Pokémon 10 am  
Magic the Gathering 11:30 am  
Yu-Gi-Oh! 1:30 pm  
Prizes will be awarded! Register for tournaments in advance online at gailborden.info, at the Youth Help desk or by calling 847-429-4685.  
For more information, contact Bob Cassinelli at 847-289-5814 or the library at 847-742-2411.
THE COMICS AND GAMING EVENT
Grades 3 – 8
Tuesdays, July 12, August 9
6 – 8 pm (drop in anytime)
No registration.
Play Pokémon, Yu-Gi-Oh, Magic the Gathering and other role-playing games. Bring your cards to play or trade! Get the latest graphic novel info, too.

Monday Morning Movies
Mondays 10 am
Community Rooms
No registration but seating is limited.
Children under 12 please bring an adult.

July 18 Gnomeo and Juliet
(2011, G, 84 minutes)
August 1 Lemonade Mouth
(2011, G, 107 minutes)
August 15 Green Lantern – Emerald Knights
(2011, PG, 84 minutes)

Sports Trading Card Club
Age 6 and older
Thursday, August 11
3:30 – 5 pm
No registration.
Drop in anytime to answer sports trivia questions and earn cards for your collection. Bring your collection to show or trade.

Build It Up!
Grade 1 and up
Tuesday, August 2
7 – 8:30 pm
Wednesday, August 17 10 – 11:30 am
Community Rooms
Registration begins July 11.
Just bring your imagination to build it up! Building blocks will be provided. Children under eight, please bring a parent.

Teddy Bear Sleepover
Ages 3 – 8 with an adult
Thursday, August 11 2 or 7 pm
Registration for one session only.
Find out what Teddy Bears do on sleepovers! Bring a Teddy Bear or stuffed animal for a special storytime, then leave them at the library for a fun sleepover. Pick up your stuffed animal August 13 or 14 and receive a picture that shows where they were and what they were doing at the library during the sleepover. Be sure to bring a stuffed animal that will not be missed for two nights.

Sports Fan Brain Buster Trivia Competition
Grades 1 – 8
Thursday, July 14 7 – 8:30 pm
Registration required.
Answer questions for prizes!

Bubble Wonders Show
Families
Saturday, August 13 11 am
Tickets will be available at the Greeter Desk beginning at 9:30 am the day of the show. Kids will be laughing as they learn about bubbles from guest instructor Geoff Akins, an international bubble artist.

Ye Olde Children’s Flea Market
Sellers entering grades 2 – 9 (all ages welcome to buy)
Friday, July 15 1:30 – 3 pm
Library parking lot
Registration must be done in person as there is a parental permission slip that must be signed.
Bring your old treasures to sell and earn some spending cash. Nothing will be priced over $8. Children’s items only—no home-based business items please! Raindate: Friday, July 22.

Sir Randall the Knight
Elementary school age with families
Thursday, July 19 7 – 8:30 pm
No registration.
Visit with a real knight in shining armor. Sir Randall uses his collection of museum-quality weapons and armor to illustrate the life and times of the Medieval knight.

Scales & Tails: Dragon-Drawing Workshop
Grades 3 – 5
Tuesday, July 26 7 – 8:30 pm
Registration required.
Sharpen your pencils and your imagination! Learn techniques for drawing dragons. All supplies will be provided.

Interactive Shrek Families
Thursday, August 4 6:45 – 8:30 pm
Registration required.
A “Rocky Horror” for a new spin on a family favorite. We’ll wave flowers at the wedding, eat rat tails and more. This event is most appropriate for grades 2 and up. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

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Drop in anytime to answer sports trivia questions and earn cards for your collection. Bring your collection to show or trade.
Family Picnics
Bring a picnic supper to the library’s west lawn at 6 pm. Beverage and dessert will be provided by the library. No registration. In case of inclement weather, tickets will be needed and will be available starting at 6 pm at the Greeter Desk.

The Barefoot Hawaiians
Monday, July 11 7 pm
We’re off to the islands to enjoy dancing and costumes from Hawaii, Tahiti and New Zealand and even a fire dance from Samoa!

Adam Crack: Whip Artist
Monday, August 8 7 pm
A Guinness World Record holder and whip-cracking world champion, Adam holds the record for the most bullwhip cracks in one minute (257) and the most aluminum soda cans cut in half in three minutes (23).

Sign up for these free events at gailborden.info or at the Youth Services Desk.

Draw Dragons and Medieval Monsters
Tuesday, July 5 2 – 4 pm
Community Rooms B & C
Improve your drawing skills at this workshop.

Spill the Beans
Thursday, July 7 2 – 3 pm
Meeting Room 2
The library needs your help! Tell us what’s hot and what’s not and help decide on future events for middle schoolers, all while you enjoy delicious cookies.

Blogging Books Brigade
Thursday, July 7 3 – 4 pm
Meeting Room 2
Bring a book to talk about or a book review to post online. We’ll have snacks, too!

Game On!
Tuesdays, July 12, 26, Thursday, August 11 2 – 4 pm
Community Rooms B & C
Play board games including chess and Carcassonne, take a turn at Just Dance 2 and Dance Dance Revolution, or challenge your friends to a game of Pictionary.

Tech Team: Making a Web Page
Thursday, July 14 2 – 4 pm
Computer Training Room
Have fun creating your own personal web page.

Silkworms and Spindles: Old-School Fashion Design
Thursday, July 21 2 – 4 pm
Meeting Room 2
See live silkworms and learn how to spin and dye your own yarn. It’s fashion design medieval style.

Manga and Anime Club
Thursdays, July 28, August 18 2 – 4 pm
Meeting Room 2
For fans of Naruto, Fruits Basket, Pokémon and more. Watch episodes of our favorite anime, try Japanese crafts and make art to post online.

Rubber Stamping Madness
Thursday, August 4 2 – 4 pm
Community Rooms B & C
Fun with stamps and colored inks. Use our stamps on your artwork or create your own unique stamp designs!

Tech Team: Programming with Scratch
Tuesday, August 16 2 – 4 pm
Computer Training Room
Program your own computer game, then put it online for everyone to enjoy!

Designing and Making Cool Stuff
by Clint Borucki of ACME Design
August 14
3 - 3:45
Youth Services
Clint Borucki and his team at Acme Design, Inc. design and create promotional props and costumes that appear at conventions and in commercials and print ads. They also create models and collectibles. They will show and tell about this creative process, from hand fabrication to modern production methods such as 3D printing, which results in the work that appears on screen and in magazines. Examples of their work are on display on the second floor through the summer.

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Ventriloquist Chris McBrien: Going Medieval on Reading
Families
Tuesday, August 16 10 am
No registration.
All ages will enjoy this interactive magic show. Chris is the zaniest and funniest ventriloquist in Chicago! Children under 12, bring a parent to share the fun!
Book vs. Movie: It’s Kind of a Funny Story
Wednesday, July 6  3 – 6 pm
Read the book, watch the movie, then decide which is best. This month’s pick is I am Legend by Richard Matheson.

In the Library with the Lead Pipe
Monday, July 11  5 – 9 pm
It’s murder and mayhem when we play the board game Clue, watch the film Clue, work on scavenger hunts, mix “poisons” and more.

Open Mic Night
Tuesdays, July 19, August 16  7 – 8 pm
Musicians, poets, comedians, story tellers—share your talent! Registration required.

Karaoke Night
Every other Wednesday
6 – 8 pm

Pizza & Books
Wednesday, August 3  6 – 7 pm
Stop by for a slice of pizza and book talk.

Mario Kart Tournament
Saturdays, July 23, August 27
3 – 5 pm

Jewelry Design
Saturdays  3 – 5 pm
July 2  Chain Mail
August 6  Shrinky Dink Bracelets
Registration required.

Story Tellers
Wednesdays, July 6, August 17  7 – 8 pm
Do you have a story to tell? Read your story or poem.

Zine Scene
Tuesday, July 12  7 – 8 pm
Wednesday, July 27  2 – 3 pm
Tuesday, August 9  7 – 8 pm
Create the first library zine, for teens by teens. Registration required.

The Writing Society
Every other Tuesday  5 – 6 pm
Share your writing with others or just get some writing done.

Photosynthesis
Every other Thursday  6 – 7 pm
Say Cheese! Learn how to take and edit a great photo.

Craft Lab
Mondays  6 – 7 pm
Thursdays  2 – 3 pm
Work on your own project or help out with a group project.

Audio Lab
Tuesdays  6 – 7 pm
Learn to record your own music from start to finish using Apple’s Garage Band.

Video Lab
Every other Thursday  6 – 7 pm
Lights! Camera! Action! Learn movie making and be an actor, writer, director and producer of your own movies.

TAB: Teen Advisory Board
Saturday, July 9, August 13
1 – 2 pm
What teen programs do you want to see at the library? Tell us while you snack.
Gurning contests started in rural England in the 12th Century with people sticking their heads through a horse collar to make an ugly face. The winner received the most applause. Those contests continue today. Now it’s your turn! Take a picture of your ugliest face and send it online to gailborden.info by July 22. We’ll choose five finalists for a live competition at Art & Soul on the Fox/Passeggiata July 31 with local celebrity judges. Any “ugly” proceeds will benefit the Friends of the Library.

Ladybug Release Party
Sunday, July 3  4 – 5 pm
In partnership with Elgin Community Garden Network.
Learn more about these fascinating insects and how they can improve your garden. As a group we will release hundreds of beneficial ladybugs into our natural prairie land! No registration.

The Singing Princess Sarah at Rakow
See her on Sundays at the Branch!
July 10  4 – 5 pm
July 17, August 14  2 – 3 pm

Songs and Stories with Renaissance Lute
Thursday, July 21  11 am – noon  No registration.
Performed by Storyteller Judith Heineman and Musical Director of Bristol Renaissance Dan Marcotte. Join us for a highly interactive show about pirates, princesses, Arthurian heroes, Robin Hood, Irish faerie legends and lots of adventure and singing. This program is partially supported by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency.

Teddy Bear Sleepover
Ages 3 – 8 with an adult
Thursday, August 18  2 – 3 pm
Registration begins July 18.
Find out what Teddy Bears do at sleepovers! Bring a Teddy Bear or stuffed animal for a special storytime, then leave them at the library for a fun sleepover. Pick up your stuffed animal August 20 or 21 and receive a picture that shows where they were and what they were doing at Rakow Branch during the sleepover. Be sure to bring a stuffed animal that will not be missed for two nights.

Royal Readers Visit Rakow
The Royal Readers regale kind visitors with stories and lore throughout the summer. Watch for dates and times posted at the Rakow Branch.

Read to Rover at Rakow
Elementary school age
Saturdays, July 30, August 27 10, 10:30, 11 or 11:30 am
Registration required.
Kids practice their reading skills by reading aloud to a certified therapy dog.

Fairy Princess Anne
Sigi Psimenos is challenging all comers.

King Arthur and Camelot in the Movies
For teens and adults.
Friday, August 12  1 – 2 pm
Meeting Room 1
Please register.
Arthurian scholar Joan Caton will explore the visual interpretations of the majestic legends of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table with film clips.
Music to Your Ears

Elgin Community College
Concert Band
Wednesday, July 13  7 – 8 pm
Outdoor Stage
Bring your picnic blanket or lawn chairs for a lively outdoor performance! No tickets or registration. Rain date is Wednesday, July 20 at 7 pm.

Violinist Oliver Colbentson
Sunday, July 17  2 – 3 pm
Community Rooms
Back by popular demand! Violinist Oliver Colbentson with pianist Jimin Yun will perform pieces by Mozart, Brahms and Kriesler. No tickets or registration.

The Mo’ Beat Blues Show
All ages
Wednesday, August 3  3:30 – 4:30 pm
Community Rooms
Enjoy a high-energy performance by musician, composer and harmonica player Sam Lozada with a sampling of Blues, R&B, Country Rock, Swing and Rat Pack. No tickets or registration.

Young Pianist Seoyun Baek
Friday, August 19  3 – 4 pm
Community Rooms
Seoyun Baek began studying the piano at the age of six at the National School of Music for talented young musicians in Korea. Five years and many performances and awards later, the 11 year old will play works by Mozart, Beethoven and Mendelssohn. Seoyun is a talented writer as well and will share her creative writing related to her playing. Also, she will perform duet pieces by Schubert and Brahms with Judson University Associate Professor of Piano Sojung Hong. No tickets or registration.

Carving Program
by Walter Arnold
3 - 3:45
Second Floor
An internationally recognized stone carver specializing in hand carving, Mr. Arnold’s work is on display on the library’s second floor. He will speak on the art of stone carving and discuss his book Staglieno - The Art of the Marble Carver. Book sales and signing follow the program. Please register.
Great Books Discussion Group
Co-sponsored by the American Association of University Women Elgin Branch.
Meetings are on the second Monday of the month at 6:55 pm in Meeting Room 2.
For more information, please call Rachel Bloomberg at 630-391-2966.

July 11  Cry, the Beloved Country
by Alan Paton
August 8  The Pardoner’s Tale
by Geoffrey Chaucer

20’s and 30’s Book Club
Co-sponsored by the American Association of University Women Elgin Branch.
The group meets at 7 pm in Meeting Room 2. Books will be chosen by the group and be a mix of contemporary fiction, nonfiction and classics. For more information, call Rachel Bloomberg at 630-391-2966 for more information.

July 25  The Tempest
by William Shakespeare
August 22  To Kill a Mockingbird
by Harper Lee

Walking Book Club
The heat is on! Join us every Wednesday at 7 pm for a fun walk and a long cool down.
Contact Nancy Haggard at 847-289-5840 for more information.
Listen Learn and Lead
Toastmasters Club
Second and fourth Thursday of each month
Noon – 1 pm Meeting Room 2
Become the speaker and leader you want to be. No registration.

Elgin Area Laughter Club:
A Hysterical Society
Thursdays 7 pm Meeting Room 1
Facilitated by Social Worker Len Lempa or Norma Copes, the Laughing Librarian. Learn laughing techniques to combat depression and reduce stress.

Stitch ‘N’ B
Every Thursday 6:30 – 8:45 pm
Bring your crafts, crocheting, cross stitching, knitting, needlepointing, quilting or just come to be inspired. No registration.

Preparing a Disaster Kit
Tuesday July 26 7 pm
Meeting Room 2
Please register.
Participants will receive a t-shirt, giveaways, handouts and various prizes to get their own disaster kits started.

Photography Workshop
Sunday July 10
1:15 – 5:15 pm
Meeting Room 2
Please register.
Taught by John Dziekan, a Chicago Tribune photographer for more than 30 years. This workshop is designed to take people out of their comfort zone and give them a “photographer’s vision” by increasing their awareness of light, subject matter, angles and the creative use of their camera. The class size will be limited to 30 people.

ADIRONDACKS: Thrones of Summer 2011
Three ways to land a good seat this summer:
Downtown through July 10—Pick up a Passport at Gail Borden Library and head out to see what local artists have done to transform Adirondacks into works of art. Write down at least 10 names of Adirondacks on the passport for a chance to win grand prizes of $300, $200, or $100 in cash or other prizes. Completed Passports can be dropped off at the Main Library or Rakow Branch until 5 pm July 10.

Gail Borden Library July 14 – 28—All 55 Adirondacks will be on display at the library, where voting for the Community’s Favorite Throne will take place until 5 pm July 28. You can vote online at gailborden.info or at the library.

Art & Soul on the Fox/Passeggiata July 30 and 31—The top ten community favorites will be auctioned off live at 1 pm July 31 on the main stage. The remaining 45 Thrones will be part of the silent auction that begins July 30.

This workshop provides job seekers with networking, resume writing, job search and interviewing techniques. For more information, call IDES at 847-888-7900.
Internet Basics
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. The classes are free and are held in the Computer Training Room.

Mouse program
Wednesday, July 6     10 am
Saturday, August 6    10 am
For those who need practice using a mouse.

Internet I: Basics
Wednesday, July 13    10 am
Saturday, August 13   10 am
Learn how to use the web and the basics of Internet terminology, then visit some websites. Basic mouse skills are required.

Internet II: Searching
Wednesday, July 20    10 am
Saturday, August 20   10 am
Learn how to use the library’s directory and a couple of search engines. Basic mouse skills are required.

Internet III: Email
Wednesday, July 27    10 am
Saturday, August 27   10 am
Reading and sending email will be covered. Basic mouse and Internet navigation skills are required.

New Computer Classes
Taught by Microsoft Office Specialist Jeanette Via in English with a Spanish-speaking assistant. All classes are 6:30 – 8:30 pm.

July 28     Intro to Google Doc
August 11   Intro to Open Office
August 16   Google Docs - Creating Documents
August 18   Open Office Writer
August 23   Google Docs - Sharing, Privacy, Printing and Publishing

3 WAYS TO REGISTER:
• In person at the Adult Services Information Desk
• Call 847-429-4680
• Online at www.gailborden.info, Calendar

Computación en Español
Trabajando con Fotos Digitales
Salón de Entrenamiento de Computación
miércoles, 24 de agosto 6:30 – 8 pm
Salón de Entrenamiento de Computadoras
Aprenda los pasos básicos para bajar fotos de una cámara o teléfono celular a la computadora, y para compartirlas con otras personas mediante correo electrónico o publicándolas a sitios como Facebook. Favor de inscribirse.

Clases de Computación
Martes 6:30 – 8 pm Salón de Entrenamiento de Computadoras.
Favor de inscribirse.
Se recomienda tener conocimiento del ratón y teclado antes de tomar las clases 3, 4 y 5.

julio 12   Clase 1 Introducción a la computadora y funciones del ratón
julio 19   Clase 2 Introducción al teclado y práctica de teclado
julio 26   Clase 3 Introducción a Windows y cómo crear documentos con textos y fotos
agosto 2   Clase 4 Introducción al Internet y técnicas para buscar información
agosto 9   Clase 5 Correo electrónico

Ebooks Made Easy
Tuesday, July 12 and Monday, August 8
7 – 8:30 pm
Meeting Room 1
Get the most value from that new reading gadget. Bring your eReader, iPod or MP3 player and learn how to download ebooks and audiobooks from the library’s website.

TechCampII Expedition: Blogging and RSS
Saturday, July 16     1 – 2:30 pm
Computer Training Room
Keep up-to-date with your favorite websites and blogs. Learn how to use RSS and let information come to you. Please register.

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

**Aztec Festival**

**Thursday, July 28**

**6:30 – 8:30 pm**

**Outdoor Stage**

The Nahui Ollin Dance Troupe of Chicago will entertain with interactive music, dance and storytelling that create a unique Aztec cultural experience. Try an Aztec craft after the show. For all ages. *No registration.*

**Mundo Medieval de los Aztecas**

**Festival Azteca**

**Jueves, 28 de julio**

**6:30 – 8:30 pm**

**Escenario Exterior**

El Grupo de Baile Nahui Ollin de Chicago entretendrá con música interactiva, baile y cuentos que recrean una experiencia cultural azteca única. Haga una manualidad azteca luego del espectáculo. Para todas las edades. *No hace falta inscribirse.*

**The Aztecs: Empire and Culture**

**Tuesday, August 16**

**7:00 – 8:00 pm**

**Community Rooms**

Come explore the mysteries of ancient Aztec culture and the people of the Aztec empire with author and Loyola Press editor Miguel Arias. *Please register.*

**Los Aztecas: Imperio y Cultura**

**martes, 16 de agosto**

**7:00 – 8:00 pm**

**Salones de la Comunidad**

Explore los misterios de la cultura antigua azteca y de la gente del imperio azteca con el autor y editor de Loyola Press, Miguel Arias. *Favor de inscribirse.*

**Find Your Castle: Home Opportunities in the Elgin Area**

**Wednesday, July 13**

**6:30 – 8 pm**

**Meeting Room 1**

Find out about special programs and incentives that can help you own a home in the Elgin area. *Please register.*

**Encuentre su Castillo: Oportunidades para Comprar Casa en el Área de Elgin**

**miércoles, 13 de julio**

**6:30 – 8 pm**

**Salón de Reunión 1**

Infórmese sobre programas especiales e incentivos disponibles para ayudarle a financiar la compra de una vivienda en el área de Elgin. *Favor de inscribirse.*

**Programs in English and Español**

**Programas en Español**

Unase a un Verano Real de Lectura La Biblioteca Gail Borden tiene programas de lectura para adultos, jóvenes y niños. También hay programas especiales gratis relacionados a culturas medievales. ¡Visite el Castillo Asombroso en la Biblioteca Principal!

**¿Cómo Busco un Libro para mis Niños?**

**miécoles, 17 de agosto 6:30 – 7:30 pm**

**Salón de Entrenamiento de Computación**

Con el catálogo en español de la Biblioteca puede buscar y encontrar los libros, música y películas que usted y sus hijos prefieren. Se le mostrará cómo buscar y cómo poner materiales en reserva en la computadora desde la casa o en la Biblioteca. *No hace falta inscribirse.*

**Grupo de Conversación en Inglés**

**martes 6:30 – 7:30 pm**

**Salón de Conferencias del 2do Piso**

Practique conversar en inglés, mejore su pronunciación y adquiera confianza con un tutor del Literacy Connection. *No hace falta inscribirse.*

**Meditación para Todos**

**Los jueves 6 – 8 pm**

Enriquezca su vida y encuentre paz espiritual con un taller seguido por práctica de meditación. *No hace falta inscribirse.*

**Club de Lectura en Español**

**El Corrido de Dante por Eduardo Gonzalez Viana**

**jueves, 11 de agosto 7 – 8 pm**

Lea y discuta El Corrido de Dante, que cuenta la odisea de Dante Celestino a través de los Estados Unidos, en compañía de un burro y su difunta esposa, para encontrar a su hija que se ha fugado con un pandillero. Galletas y café. Libros disponibles en el Escritorio de Información del 2do piso. *No hace falta inscribirse.*

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Dancers from Ballet Girasol at a Dia de los Niños celebration held by the Gail Borden Library and U-46’s Bilingual Parents Advisory Council (BPAC).
Main Library and Rakow Branch will be closed Monday, July 4 for the 4th of July holiday. Both will open Tuesday, July 5.

Look for the award-winning Gail Borden Library Book Cart Drill Team in Elgin’s 4th of July parade! Have a safe and happy Independence Day!

Sponsored by the Elgin Community Network.
Tuesdays 7 – 8:30 pm
Meeting Room 1
No registration.
July 19 Electing Elgin’s Future City Council
What’s the best way—The current at-large system, a ward system or a mixed ward system (a combination of both)? Do you know about items on hold, items that are almost due and items that are overdue. To sign up, please visit the library website, www.gailborden.info, click on “My Library Account” and log in as directed.

August 16 Your Child’s Path to Success: U-46 School District Programs for Students and Teachers

We Want Your Email
You can help the library serve you better by signing up for email notices that let you know about items on hold, items that are almost due and items that are overdue. To sign up, please visit the library website, www.gailborden.info, click on “My Library Account” and log in as directed.

Interact with the library on the web, Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.
Sign up for Gailmail, the library’s e-newsletter.

September is Library Card Sign-up Month!
Help put more library cards in people’s hands during September! It’s easy—local businesses give a small discount during September when shown a Gail Borden Library card. It’s a win-win situation when more people in the community use their library card and local businesses see more people come through the door. During September, participating businesses get their name posted in the library rotunda, an area that welcomes about 3,000 people each day, and are listed in the library’s November/December Explorer newsletter, which is mailed to about 54,000 households and businesses. To become a participating business, contact Liz Clemmons at 847-429-4698.