Discovery 2012 Science Exposition
Saturday, April 14 Main Library
9 am – noon
K – 6th Grade Projects
1 – 4 pm Middle and High School Projects
Experience science energy and catch a glimpse of the future! Last year’s expo saw hovercrafts, potato power, algae biofuel and a hydroponic project, just to name a few. Kindergarteners through sixth graders will exhibit their projects from 9 a.m. to noon, while middle and high schoolers will have their projects on exhibit from 1 to 4 p.m.

Spring Break with Flat Borden!
Flat Borden works at the library, loves to read and travel. Slip him into your luggage or purse and take him with you on your next vacation. Then take a picture of him next to something fun. It can be anywhere - the Grand Canyon, Disney World, Egin’s Lords Park or South Elgin’s Concord Park. Send your Flat Borden photo to flatborden@gailborden.info and we’ll post it online. Pick up Flat Borden in the Pack Your Bags section (second floor), in Youth Services, at the Greeter’s Desk and at the Rakow Branch. The 1960 Kresmery Elgin Race Car will be at the Main Library in mid-March for two weeks to highlight the joys of travel.

Lincoln Replica Locomotive on Display All Day Saturday, April 21
Meet Abraham Lincoln at 3:15 pm
In partnership with the Historic Railroad Preservation Group and Elgin History Museum. The Leviathan is a replica of the locomotive that pulled President Lincoln’s funeral car past millions of mourners. Cont. on page 4.

March into Health National Nutrition Month
Windy City Rollers: Balancing Life on Skates Saturday, March 24 2 – 4 pm
Lobby and Community Rooms
FoodPlay Saturday, March 31 2 and 3 pm
Community Rooms
For more information about March into Health Month and how to enter this month-long challenge for a chance to win a prize, see the insert inside.

Gail Borden Public Library Foundation Book Sale
We need your books, music, movies and more! Proceeds will fund exciting exhibits for the library and community. Cont. on page 2.
Three ways to register:
- Online at gailborden.info/register
- Call 847-429-4595
- In person at the Early Learning Center

All programs take place at the Main Library unless otherwise noted.

Story Programs Boost
Language Skills and Reading
Winter Session January 9 – March 2

Wonderful Ones
9 – 23 months with parent
Mondays  6:15 pm
Tuesdays  10:45 am
Thursdays  11 am, 6:15 pm
Fridays  9:15, 10 & 10:45 am
Registration required.
15 minutes of short stories, fingerplays and a rhyme with a parent or caregiver followed by a 15-minute play period.

Terrific Twos
2 years with an adult
Tuesdays  6:15 pm
Wednesdays  9:15, 10 & 10:45 am
Thursdays  10:15 & 10:45 am
Registration required.
20 minutes of stories, interactive fingerplays and other activities.

1,2,3, Go!
1 – 3 years with families
Wednesdays  10 am
March 14, 28
April 11, 25
No registration.
Share stories, rhymes and musical activities together.

Story Mix for Three to Six
Preschool – Kindergarten
Mondays  9:30 am, 3:30 pm
Tuesdays  10 am, 7 pm
Thursdays  10:15 am
No registration.
30 minutes of stories, fingerplays and songs. As parents must remain in the building but do not attend the class, this is the first “on my own” library experience for children.

Panera Milk & Cookie Storytime
3 – 6 years with adult
Wednesdays  9:30 am
March 7, 21
April 4, 18
At Panera Bread, 322 Randall Road, South Elgin
Registration required.
Preschoolers will enjoy stories read by a library staff member, followed by a milk and cookie snack compliments of Panera.

Family Storytime
Mondays  7 pm
No registration.
All ages are invited to 30 minutes of stories, songs and crafts for parents and children to enjoy together.

Spanish Family Storytime
Wednesdays  7 – 7:30 pm
Community Rooms B & C
No registration.
Families who speak or are learning Spanish can enjoy stories, crafts and songs together. The program, conducted entirely in Spanish, is also a great opportunity for children in the Dual Language Program to practice using Spanish outside of the classroom.

Cuentos para la Familia
Todos los miércoles a las 7 pm
Comenzando el 11 de enero al 29 de febrero
En los Cuartos de la Comunidad B y C
No necesita registrarse.
¡30 minutos de cuentos, música, rimas, y más para el disfrute de toda la familia!

Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss!
Kindergarten and up; children under 8, please bring an adult.
Saturday, March 3
2 – 3:30 pm
Community Rooms
If library fun is what you’re about, No need to yell!
No need to shout!
Come to the library on this day, for Seuss-filled fun in many ways.
We’ll have puzzles, quizzes, games galore, Perhaps a craft and maybe more!

Jack Hartmann Family Concert
Thursday, March 8  10 am
Children will be sure to sing and dance when Jack performs some of his favorites like Alligator Chomp, Five Little Fish, Humpty Dumpty and lots more! A nationally recognized children’s singer, songwriter and performer, Jack will give a dynamic performance.

Library Foundation Book Sale cont. from page 1
So clean up the clutter and Feng Shui your home—books taking up space in your house will become a valuable addition to a fellow booklover’s collection. Adult, teen and children's books can be donated as well as movies on VHS tapes and DVD, audiobooks, music on CDs and vinyl, games and puzzles. Donations can be dropped off in a donation bin located on the north side of the Main Library. Tax receipt forms are available at the donation bin. Watch for the September Sale!

Co-chairs Jean Bednar and Karen Schock
no-school days

EGG-stravaganza!
Grades 3 – 5
Friday, April 6  2 – 3 pm
Registration begins March 5.
This EGG-citing program will feature
EGGS-traordinary games and an
EGG-cellent craft.

Family Film
Happy Feet 2 (2011)
Families. Children under 12, bring an adult.
Monday, March 26  10 am
No registration.

Family Zumba Dance On!
First grade and up. Children under 12, bring an adult.
Monday, March 26  2 – 2:45 pm
Community Rooms
Registration begins March 5.
Lilli from the Dixon Dance Academy will
provide an easy-to-follow, Latin-inspired,
calorie-burning dance and fitness party.
Please wear workout clothes and athletic shoes.

Family Films
Puss in Boots (2011)
Families. Children under 12, bring an adult.
Friday, April 6  10 am
No registration.

Build It Up!
Families. Children under 8, bring a parent.
Tuesday, March 27  2 – 3:30 pm
Community Rooms
Registration begins March 5.
Children are invited to bring their imaginations and building abilities to this
fun-filled building block program for kids in first grade and up. All building blocks
will be provided.

Wimpy Kid Wheel of Borden
Grades 3 – 8
Wednesday, March 28
2 – 3 pm
Community Rooms
Registration begins March 5.
Pit your Wimpy Kid knowledge against
other fans in this game show format.

Youth Center “Egg” Hunt
Children of all ages
Thursday, March 29 and Friday, March 30
Start at the Youth Help Desk and search the room for “eggs.” Find them all to get a special treat.

The Comics and Gaming Events
Grades 3 and up
Tuesdays, March 10, April 14  6 – 8 pm
Community Rooms A & B
No registration.
Play card-based role-playing games like Pokemon and Yu-Gi-Oh. Beginners are welcome - we’ll teach you to play! Bring your cards to play or trade. Get the latest comics and graphic novels info, too.

Sports Trading Card Club
Ages 6 and up
Thursdays, March 8, April 12
Drop in 3:30 – 5 pm
South Story Room
No registration.
Kids bring their sports card collection to show and trade or learn about collecting.

Read to Rover
Kindergarten and up
Saturdays, March 10, April 14
10, 10:30, 11 or 11:30 am
South Story Room
Registration required.
Read aloud to a fully trained and certified therapy dog during a 20-minute session.

Remembering the Titanic
Grade 3 and up
April 14 and 15
The Titanic sank 100 years ago on April 15. Ship-shape up your knowledge about this “unsinkable” ship with drop-in activities in the Youth Center.

LOL @ GBPL
6 years to 2nd grade
Mondays, March 19 – April 30
4 – 4:45 pm
South Story Room
No registration.
Learn interesting stuff, make cool things, play games and laugh out loud!
Free events for Grades 6 – 8. To learn more, visit the Middle School Zone online at gailborden.info/zone or ask at the Youth Services Desk. Also be sure to check out the new Middle School Zone in the Youth Center—we’ve got some great books, with cool furniture and technology on the way!

Manga and Anime Club
**Thursdays, March 1 and April 5**
6 – 7:30 pm
For fans of One Piece, Ouran High School Host Club, Pokemon and more. Watch an anime, try a Japanese snack, work on a manga-themed craft or just grab a pencil and draw your own art.

3D Modeling with Google SketchUp
**Wednesday, March 28 12:30 – 2 pm**
Learn how to create your own 3D model using Google SketchUp.

Book-Spine Poetry
**Saturday, April 14 1 – 2 pm**
Celebrate National Poetry Month by creating poems out of the titles on library book spines. You’ll have a chance to photograph your poetic creations for display in the Middle School Zone.

Wall Art Workshop
**Thursday, April 19 6 – 7:30 pm**
Make and laminate your own poster using urban art techniques, collage and graffiti art plus inspirational or humorous quotes.

Hunger Games
**Survival Training Camp**
Grades 6 and up  
**Thursday, March 22**
**6:30 – 8:30 pm**
Would you be able to survive the Hunger Games? Beef up your survival skills by practicing knot-tying, archery, camouflage techniques, poisonous plant identification and survival games along with trivia, prizes and more. Dress up in your District costume!

3D Animation with Alice
**Saturday, April 21 1 – 2:30 pm**
Create short 3D animations using Alice, software developed by Carnegie Mellon University.

Digital Poetry
**Thursday, April 26 6 – 7:30 pm**
Bring your original poems and song lyrics to this workshop. We’ll add images to your work and post it online as a digital slideshow.

Receive FAFSA Help
Students attending college this fall need to submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid form, a starting point for financial aid. The earlier it is submitted, the better the chance students have to obtain aid. Make an appointment to receive assistance with the FAFSA process from Librarian Melissa Lane by calling 847-289-5837.

Teen Tech Week
**March 4 – 10**
Geek Out @ Your Library for Teen Tech Week! Learn a new skill or just goof around with cool apps and games.

TAB: Teen Advisory Board
**Wednesdays, March 7, April 4 6 – 7 pm**
Earn volunteer hours by giving us your ideas about teen programs during this snack-filled session.

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Studio 270
**Monday – Thursday**
3 – 9 pm
**Friday**
3 – 5:30 pm
**Saturday**
noon – 5:30 pm
**Sunday**
1 – 5:30 pm
**Hours Extended on No School Days**

Spring Break in Studio 270
**March 26 – 30**
Make a craft, play a game, create a work of art or just hang out. We’ll open at noon every day.

Lincoln Locomotive cont. from page 1.
Songs of the Civil War will be performed by Dean Milano at 11 am.
*Lost River, Lincoln's Secret Weapon* screening 1:30 pm.
At 3:15 pm, meet President Lincoln, portrayed by Fritz Klein.
At 4:30 pm, learn about building of Leviathan 63.
The one-hour performances begin at 2 pm in the Community Rooms. Meet the artists and enjoy refreshments after each concert. Free tickets are available at the Main Library three weeks prior to each concert.

March 11
The Wits, Wonders and Woes of Women
A recital of vocal chamber music for soprano, cello and piano, spanning musical eras from the 18th to 20th centuries, composed by or with texts by women. Featuring the father/daughter duo of Megan Bell, soprano, and Richard Bell, cello.

April 15
Haydn, Debussy and Liszt
Steinway Artist Norman Lee will travel from Hong Kong to present an afternoon of piano music, from the charming and youthful Haydn Sonata, to the impressionist preludes by Debussy concluding with the monumental b minor sonata of Franz Liszt.

Elgin Symphony Orchestra’s Listeners Club
Wednesdays 1:30 – 3 pm Meeting Room 2
March 21 Headliners: Bach, Mozart, Mendelssohn and Laredo
April 25 One Thousand and One Nights
Enhance your enjoyment of the Symphony’s Classics Series concerts when their music is presented by Jim Kendros, often called “the North Shore’s favorite music historian.” To register, contact Wendy Evans at 847-888-0404 or w.evans@elginsymphony.org.

The Greatest Hits of Judy Garland
Performed by Singer Robbie Malkowski
Friday, March 23 3 – 4 pm Community Rooms
This special performance will feature songs from musicals such as The Wizard of Oz, Meet Me in St. Louis and Girl Crazy as well as Garland’s 1961 concert at Carnegie Hall. Accompanied by jazz classic pianist Dave Turner. Please register.

ESO Master Class: Bella Hristova, Violin
Saturday, March 31 10 – 11:30 am Community Rooms
Observe this fascinating learning process and hear the music develop when solo violinist Bella Hristova works with Elgin Youth Symphony Orchestra students. Ms. Hristova plays a 1655 Nicolo Amati violin, once owned by the violinist Louis Krasner. First prize winner in the 2008 –2009 Young Artists International Auditions, she made her debut in the Young Concert Artists Series during the 2009 – 2010 season at Merkin Concert Hall in New York and the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. Free admission.

100th Anniversary of the Titanic Sinking
No registration.
Titanic (1997, PG-13)
Friday, April 13 1:30 – 5 pm Community Rooms
A Night to Remember (1958)
Sunday, April 15 2:30 – 4:30 pm Meeting Room 1

Brown Bag Lunch Classic Films
Mondays in the Community Rooms. Coffee will be served.
No registration.
Oklahoma! (1955)
March 12 11 am – 1:30 pm
Lifeboat (1944)
April 9 11 am – 1 pm

Reel Women for Real Women
Co-sponsored by the AAUW Elgin Area Branch.
A film and discussion focused on women’s issues at 6 pm in the Community Rooms. No registration.
Conviction (2010, R)
Tuesday, March 27
Sarah’s Key (2010, PG-13)
Tuesday, April 24
Memoir Writing Workshop
In partnership with the Elgin Area American Association of University Women.
**Tuesdays, March 6, April 3**
7 – 8:55 pm **Community Rooms**
Author Gareth Sitz guides participants in finding their personal voices as writers. For information, contact Gareth at 847-695-6719 or garethsitz@sbcglobal.net. No registration.

Creative Writing Class:
Creating Characters and More
**2nd and 4th Wednesdays**
6:30 – 8:30 pm **Meeting Room 2**
Writing instructor Randall Allen Dunn teaches techniques to help start the creative writing process. Please register.

Authors on the Fox
Book sales and signings follow author programs. Please register.

Christine Blevins: The Turning of Anne Merrick
**Monday, April 2**
Novelist Christine Blevins talks about researching and writing historical fiction and shares a reading from her latest novel, her second in a three-book series set during the American Revolution.

Rick Holinger: Hybrid Seeds: Little Fictions
**Thursday, April 5**
Rick Holinger will read from his newly published innovative short stories and take questions on writing “flash fictions” and putting together a chapbook, the bridge between publishing in literary magazines and publishing a full-length book. He has published short fiction, poetry and creative nonfiction in more than 100 literary magazines.

Dr. Mae Hicks Jones: Inspirmaetions
**Monday, April 16**
Inspire yourself to succeed no matter the circumstances. Words are powerful, so use powerful words to stay the course. Dr. Hicks Jones will discuss her poetry book as well as the topics of diversity and inclusion.

World Book Night Preview Party
**Monday, April 16 4 – 7 pm**
**Community Room A**
Book “givers” for World Book Night can pick up their books, share refreshments and get to know other generous fellow book lovers. World Book Night will take place April 23, when book lovers give away books to encourage a love of reading! For more information, go to www.worldbooknight.org.

Celebrate poetry month by joining Illinois' Poet Laureate, Kevin Stein, for a reception that includes Elgin’s Pop-Up poets on Friday, April 13 at 4 pm.

Great Books Discussion Group
Co-sponsored by the Elgin Area American Association of University Women Elgin Branch. Meetings are at 6:55 pm in Meeting Room 2. For information, call Rachel Bloomberg at 630-391-2966.

**March 12**
Introduction to Second Sex by Simone de Beauvoir

**April 9**
The Man Who Would Be King by Rudyard Kipling

20’s and 30’s Book Club
Co-sponsored by the Elgin Area American Association of University Women. The group meets at 7 pm in Meeting Room 1. For information, call Rachel Bloomberg at 630-391-2966.

**March 26**
The History of Love by Nicole Krauss

**April 23**
The Red Badge of Courage by Stephen Crane

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

**March 21**
Girl in Translation by Jean Kwok

**April 18**
Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese

Walking Book Club
The club meets every Wednesday night at 7 pm. During March, the club will continue to walk indoors at the Centre of Elgin; in April, at the library to walk outside. Call Nancy Haggard at 847-289-5840 for more details.

**March**
The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot

**April**
Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter by Tom Franklin
The Story of a Holocaust Survivor: Presented by Her Daughter
Monday, March 5   6:30 – 8 pm
Community Rooms
Sarah Nussbacher was born in 1923 in Transylvania/Hungary. In 1943, Sarah and her entire family were taken to Auschwitz. She was not able to talk about her memories until right before she died in 2007. Learn about Sarah’s life before, during and after the Holocaust as her daughter, Ericka Yeger, tells her story. Please register.

An Introduction to Irish Mythology
Saturday, March 17
3 – 4 pm
Community Rooms
Learn about the heroes, monsters, myths and stories of Ireland! Enjoy a shamrock cookie. No registration.

It Takes More than a Village: Foster Parent Recruitment Information Meeting
In partnership with Jewish Child and Family Services, Foster Care Department.
Tuesday, March 20   7 – 8:30 pm
Meeting Room 2
There are 3,000 to 4,000 children and adolescents not living with their biological families in Illinois. The State needs qualified, licensed foster parents to provide mentorship, role-modeling and life-coaching skills for these youth. Learn about foster parenting, licensing standards and working with the JCFS Social Service Team. No registration.

I’m Reducing Obesity in Children: An (IROC) Nutrition Program
Mondays, April 2 – May 21
4:30 – 5:30 pm   Community Rooms
In partnership with Provena Saint Joseph Hospital and the American Cancer Society.
This eight-week program for children and their parents is designed to promote lifelong healthy eating habits. Please register.

Tax Policy and the Illinois Fiscal Crisis
Tuesday, April 10   6 – 8:30 pm
Meeting Room 1
Co-sponsored by the Elgin Area AAUW. Dr. Ron Baiman of the Center for Tax and Budget Accountability, a bi-partisan think tank, will explain how ineffective tax policies have contributed to Illinois’ current budget crisis and what changes might alleviate education, social services and pension funding issues. Please register.

Small Business Energy Savings
Thursday, April 19   7 – 8 pm
Meeting Room 1
Elgin-area small business owners are invited to learn about reducing energy usage with free energy assessments, energy saving products, recommended energy-efficiency capital-investment improvements and incentives of up to 60% off improvement costs. The program is a special service of ComEd and the Nicor Gas Energy Efficiency Program. Please register.

Does Your Thought Meter Point Toward Misery or Joy?
Presented by June Blunk, Artist, Writer and Advocate for Self-Empowerment.
Sunday, April 29   2 – 4 pm
Community Rooms
Discover strategies and activities for living a more joyful life. Please register.

Couponing 101
Presented by Christy Silkaitis, author of The Shopper’s Apprentice blog.
Tuesday, May 1    7 – 8:30 pm
Meeting Room 1
Would you like to cut your grocery bill in half? Get the tools you need to maximize your savings at the stores and online. Please register.

Elgin’s Al Fresco: A Taste of the Arts
cont. from page 1
Elgin Community Network and co-sponsored by Gail Borden Public Library, ECCO, City of Elgin, DNA and Elgin Area Chamber.

IDES Reemployment Services Workshop
Wednesdays, March 7, 21, April 4, 18
1:30 – 3 pm   Meeting Room 1
Get networking, resume writing, job search and interviewing techniques.

HeroClix Tournament
Saturdays   1 – 5 pm
March 10, April 7
Meeting Room 2
Players will compete for the most powerful weapon in the Marvel Universe during an eight-month Organized Play series. New players welcome! Prizes, demos and cool giveaways. No registration.

The Future for Mental Health in Kane County, and what’s “708”?
Sponsored by the LWV of the Elgin Area-Mental Health Committee and Gail Borden Public Library.
Wednesday, March 14   6:30 – 8:30 pm
Community Rooms
Jerry Murphy, executive director of the board of INC, a community mental health funding alliance, will discuss ramifications of recent Illinois legislation regarding mental health. No registration.
Spinning Wool Demonstration

**Tuesday, March 13  2:30 – 3:30 pm**

Elgin resident Susan Stillinger will demonstrate spinning wool. This is the first of our DIY Demonstrations sharing the talents of the Gail Borden Library District community.

Bringing Nature Home: How You Can Sustain Wildlife with Native Plants

*In partnership with the Kane County Chapter of Wild Ones.*

**Monday, March 19  6:30 pm**

*Registration required.*

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*Middle school, high school and adults.*

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Earth Day Family Program

**Grades 1 – 5**

**Thursday, April 19  4 – 5 pm**

*Registration required.*

Celebrate Earth Day a few days early with trash origami, games and a story. Make beautiful items out of old envelopes, potato chip bags and even magazine subscription cards.

Kitchen Composting for Kids—Be Green and Clean with Worms!

*All ages.*

**Sunday, March 25  2 pm**

*Registration required.*

Ms. Catherine and Miss Anne will teach vermicomposting (composting with worms). Children will learn to identify compostable items for their new worm friends. Families will make a complete indoor vermicomposting bin.

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Earth Day Family Program

**Grades 1 – 5**

**Thursday, April 19  4 – 5 pm**

*Registration required.*

Celebrate Earth Day a few days early with trash origami, games and a story. Make beautiful items out of old envelopes, potato chip bags and even magazine subscription cards.
Tres formas de inscribirse:
• En el sitio web www.gailborden.info/register
• En persona en el Escritorio de Inscripción en el vestíbulo
• Llamando al 847-429-4597

Bilingual Programs/Programas Bilingües

Clase Futuros Bilingües
Go Bilingual Class

Wednesdays 6 – 7 pm Meeting Room 1
English and Spanish lessons and conversation. No registration.

Clase Futuros Bilingües

miércoles 6 – 7 pm Salón de Reuniones 1
Lecciones y conversación en inglés y español. No hace falta inscribirse.

English Conversation Group

Tuesdays 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Conference Room
Practice having everyday conversations in English, improve your pronunciation and gain confidence with a tutor from the Literacy Connection. No registration.

Grupo de Conversación en Inglés

martes 6:30 – 7:30 pm Salón de Conferencias 2do Piso
Practica conversar en inglés, mejora tu pronunciación y adquiere confianza con un tutor del Literacy Connection. No hace falta inscribirse.

Viva la Causa: The Story of Cesar Chavez and a Great Movement for Social Justice

Wednesday, March 14
7 – 8 pm Meeting Room 1
To honor Cesar Chavez’s birthday on March 21, watch this documentary about the Mexican American civil rights leader. In partnership with Teaching Tolerance, a project of the Southern Poverty Law Center.

Papel Picado Workshop: Easter Flowers

Wednesday, March 21 6 – 7 pm
Community Room A
The library will supply materials. Children under 8 years old should work with an adult. Please register.

Work-at-Home and Entrepreneur Networking Group

Thursday, March 22 10:30 – 11:30 am
Meeting Room 1
Do you work at home or are you interested in doing so? Would you like to network with other business professionals? No registration.

Are You Ready for a Disaster?
Presented by First Midwest Bank and QCi Restoration.

Tuesday, April 17 7 – 8:30 pm
Meeting Room 2
Education Specialist Sheila Malchiodi will tell you how to be ready in all situations—from floods, fires and blizzards to financial mishaps.

Código o No Código

martes, 3 de abril 6:30 – 8pm
Salón de Reuniones 1
Vince Cuchetto from the City of Elgin will present a program on code enforcement in Elgin.

¿Está Listo Para un Desastre?
Presentado por First Midwest Bank y QCi Restoration.
martes, 17 de abril 7 – 8:30 pm
Salón de Reuniones 2
Sheila Malchiodi, Especialista en Educación, te explicará cómo estar preparado(a) en cualquier situación - desde inundaciones, fuegos y tormentas hasta golpes económicos.
The library is offering opportunities for developing technology and workplace skills thanks to funds from the Eliminate the Digital Divide grant. All of these programs require registration and are for district residents only. Register online at gailborden.info/register, by calling the Registration Desk at 847-429-4597 or in person at the Registration Desk in the lobby.

**Key:**
- **M** Mouse skills required.
- **K** Keyboard skills recommended.
- **E** Assistance in Spanish is offered in this class, which is presented in English.

### Mouse Program
- **Monday, March 12** 2 – 4 pm
- **Wednesday, April 4** 10 am – noon

For those who need practice using a mouse.

### Internet 1: Basics
- **Monday, March 5** 2 – 4 pm
- **Wednesday, April 11** 10 am – noon

Learn how to use the web and the basics of Internet terminology, then visit some websites. M

### Internet 2: Searching
- **Monday, March 19** 2 – 4 pm
- **Wednesday, April 18** 10 am – noon

Learn how to use some Internet search engines and the library’s catalog. M

### Internet 3: Email
- **Monday, March 26** 2 – 4 pm
- **Wednesday, April 25** 10 am – noon

Reading and sending email will be covered. M, K

### Bricks and Mortar

#### Word 2010 - Intro Part 1
- **Tuesday, March 6** 6:30 – 8:30 pm

A basic introduction to working with Microsoft Word 2010. M, K, E

#### Word 2010 - Intro Part 2
- **Tuesday, March 13** 2 – 4 pm

Create, edit and print a simple document using Microsoft Word 2010. M, K, E

#### Word 2010 - Formatting Documents
- **Thursday, April 5** 6:30 – 8:30 pm

How to use bullets, numbers, fonts and other tools to improve the visual appeal of your documents. M, K, E

#### Excel 2010: Introduction
- **Wednesday, March 14** 2 – 4 pm
- **Monday, April 30** 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Learn what a spreadsheet is and how to create one. M, K

#### Excel 2010: Formulas for Success
- **Saturday, March 17** 9:30 – 11:30 am

How to calculate totals, percentages and averages. M, K

#### Excel 2010: Presenting Numbers
- **Wednesday, March 21** 2 – 4 pm

How to use borders, charts and other options to increase the visual appeal of your spreadsheets. M, K

#### Google Docs - Intro Part 1
- **Thursday, March 8** 6:30 – 8:30 pm

A basic introduction to working “in the cloud” with Google Docs. M, K, E

#### Google Docs - Intro Part 2
- **Thursday, March 15** 2 – 4 pm

Create, edit and print a basic document. M, K, E

#### Google Docs - Sharing, Privacy, Printing and Publishing
- **Thursday, March 22** 2 – 4 pm

How to manage, share and protect your documents. M, K, E

#### Power Point 2010 - Introduction
- **Wednesday, April 4** 2 – 4 pm

A basic introduction to working with Microsoft Power Point 2010. M, K, E

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### Two Rivers Head Start

#### Bilingual Parenting Programs
- *In Meeting Room 1.*

#### Transition to Kindergarten
- **Tuesday, March 20** 9:30 – 10:30 am

#### Dental Care
- **Tuesday, April 10** 9:30 – 10:30 am

#### Physical Exercise
- **Tuesday, April 24** 5 – 6 pm

#### Programa Bilingüe para Padres por Two Rivers Head Start
- *En el Salón de Reuniones 1.*

#### Transición al Kinder
- **martes, 20 de marzo** 9:30 – 10:30 am

#### Cuidado Dental
- **martes, 10 de abril** 9:30 – 10:30 am

#### Ejercicio Físico
- **martes, 24 de abril** 5 – 6 pm

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### Programas en español

#### Meditación
- **jueves, 22 de marzo** 6 – 7:30 pm

Explora la meditación como una técnica para calmar la mente y encontrar paz espiritual. *No hace falta inscribirse.*

#### Trabajando con Fotos Digitales
- **jueves, 12 de abril** 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Aprende los pasos básicos para bajar fotos de una cámara a la computadora, para enviarlas por correo electrónico a otras personas, o para compartirlas por medio de una red social como Facebook.

#### El Estilo de Vida Vegetariano
- **jueves, 26 de abril** 6 – 7:30 pm

Explora el vegetarianismo como una dieta y estilo de vida. Se darán pruebas de algunos platos vegetarianos. *No hace falta inscribirse.*
Computing

Bricks and Mortar continued

Maintaining Your Hard Drive Data
Thursday, April 12  6:30 – 8:30 pm
Tips and suggestions for maintaining the data on your hard drive. M, K, E

Internet and Web Browser Security
Thursday, April 19  6:30 – 8:30 pm
Tips for protecting your personal information on the Internet. M, K, E

Adding On

Construction Zone Open Lab
Tuesday, April 24  10 am – 1 pm
Stop in for some one-on-one assistance with Microsoft Office, Open Office, Google Docs, email, etc. Registration is preferred but drop-ins are welcome.

Interviewing for Success
Thursday, March 29  6 – 8:30 pm
Meeting Room 1
Learn about the job interview process and how to prepare to interview with Human Resource Management Consultant Tom Hovany.

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Herramientas para la Nueva Economía

Key:
M  Se necesita conocimiento del ratón.
K  Se recomienda que tenga conocimiento del teclado.
E  Se ofrece ayuda en español para esta clase que se presenta en inglés.

Introducción a Computadoras – Parte 1
jueves, 22 de marzo  6:30 – 8:30 pm
Aprenda las funciones del ratón y el manejo de Windows. Se requiere inscripción.

Introducción a Computadoras – Parte 2
martes, 27 de marzo  6:30 – 8:30 pm
Aprenda usar el teclado y el formato de documentos con texto y gráficos. Se requiere inscripción.

Introducción a Google Docs
martes, 3 de abril  6:30 – 8:30 pm
Aprenda como se navega en Internet. Se requiere inscripción. M, K

Ebooks Made Easy
Thursday, March 29
Tuesday, April 17
7 – 8:30 pm
Community Rooms A&B
Bring your Kindle, Nook, iPad, or eReader and learn how to download eBooks from the library. Bring your Gail Borden Library card.

TechCamp12
Saturday, March 10   1 – 4 pm
Learn how to use audio and video to add pizazz to your webpage, Twitter feed, or Facebook account. Drop in for one or all sessions.
1:00 pm  Discover online audio and video
1:45 pm  Create and upload your own videos
2:45 pm  Skype
3:30 pm  Record your own sound bytes

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THE MAIN LIBRARY AND RAKOW BRANCH WILL BE CLOSED:
Sunday, April 8 for the Easter holiday

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MAIN LIBRARY HOURS:
Monday - Thursday
9 am - 9 pm
Friday - Saturday
9 am - 5:30 pm
Sunday
1 - 5:30 pm

RAKOW BRANCH HOURS:
Monday - Thursday
9 am - 8 pm
Saturday
9 am - 5:30 pm
Sunday
1 - 5:30 pm

This newsletter contains recycled paper.

Money Smart Week Chicago

How to Get Financially Fit
Sunday April 22  2 – 3:30 pm
Community Rooms A&B
Presented by Money Smart Partner KP Evans Financial.
Learn practical tips to take control of your money, eliminate debt and save money. Please register.

Understanding Today’s Real Estate: Short Sales, Foreclosures and More
Thursday, April 26  7 – 8:30 pm
Community Rooms A&B
Presented by Money Smart Partner Harris Bank.
Discover the pitfalls of and opportunities in today’s real estate market from this expert panel: an attorney, a realtor, a home inspector, a mortgage originator and a title company representative. Please register.

Gail Borden Thanks:
Donor Club of Elgin for donating a play kitchen with new dolls, play food and dishes for preschoolers in the Early Learning Center. Playing house is serious business, as dramatic play lays the foundation for future literacy and learning.
Marcus Theatres for making the movies more fun for library customers by donating tickets for a drawing.
Library Volunteers who help make the library inviting and vibrant! April 15 – 21 is National Volunteer Week

Listen Learn and Lead
Toastmasters Club
Second and fourth Thursday
noon – 1 pm  Meeting Room 2
Become the speaker and leader you want to be. No registration.

Literacy Connection Trivia Bee
Saturday, April 14  9:30 am – 12:30 pm
Grand Victoria Casino
Potential teams, sponsors and prize donors are encouraged to learn more by visiting www.elginliteracy.org, emailing info@elginliteracy.org or calling 847-742-6565.

Antique Interest Group
Are you interested in meeting once a month with an antique interest group? If so, please contact Stacy at smichel@gailborden.info or call 847-289-5808.

Stitch ‘N’ B----
Second Thursday  6 – 8:30 pm
Meeting Room 2

Customers With Disabilities
The library accommodates customers with disabilities. Please call 847-742-2411 to discuss arrangements at least seven days prior to a scheduled event.

Landscape Solutions for Your Home
Tuesday, May 1
7 – 8:30 pm
Community Rooms
Find the solution to your landscape challenges! Professional landscape designer Asta Buseman, owner of Asta's Landscape Designs, will help you find the right look for your property. Bring property plans (plat of survey) and a picture of your yard. Please register.
Sponsored in collaboration with the Elgin Community Network and ECCO.

**Tuesdays 7 – 8:45 pm**  
**Meeting Room 1**  
**No Registration.**

**Elgin Nicht**  
**March 20**

With St. Patrick’s Day on March 17, the birthday of King Malcolm IV of Scotland on March 20 in 1141, and just the simple fact of living in a town named “Elgin,” the time is ripe for something Celtic! We’re off to roaming through the Celtic history of this part of the Fox River Valley. Stir your heart with Scots-Irish music and stories by Michael Murschel, revel in the dance, and sample the lashins as we rummle up the hale jing-bang.

**Elgin’s Neighborhood Associations:**  
**A Roundtable Discussion**  
**April 17**

Join with neighborhood, homeowner and condominium associations, the Elgin Community Network and the City of Elgin in a roundtable discussion to discuss the state of the city and its neighborhoods. What is working? What isn’t? Share your successes and your challenges. Let’s explore how we can all work together to make Elgin a better place to live, work and play.

**Elgin Area Laughter Club:**  
**A Hysterical Society**

Facilitated by Social Worker Len Lempa or Norma Copes, the Laughing Librarian.  
**Thursdays, March 8, 22, April 12, 26  
7 – 8 pm  Meeting Room 1**

Learn laughing techniques to combat depression and reduce stress. No Registration. Gail Borden Public Library is partnering with World Laughter Tour to host a 2-day workshop on March 29 and 30. This is your opportunity to become a certified laughter leader. CEUs and CPDU are available. Please register at www.worldlaughtertour.com.

From left to right, Legislative Day with Gail Borden Library Deputy Director Karen Maki, Executive Director Carole Medal, State Representative Keith Farnham, State Senator Michael Noland and GBPL trustees Sue Moylan and Herb Gross.

Sharon Gutierrez (left) of Elgin won $1,000 from the Illinois Library Association’s “Go Green, Win Green” contest when her entry describing what her company had done - changed to using reusable company coffee mugs with an environmental message on one side - was literally drawn out of the hat. She is receiving her check from Gail Borden Library Deputy Director, Karen Maki (right). Congratulations Sharon! To see more sustainable ideas that were submitted to Go Green @ Your Illinois Library, please visit, www.gogreenila.info.
March into Health
National Nutrition Month 2012

Hosted by Activate Elgin, an initiative to engage all sectors of the community to work in harmony providing all residents with opportunities to improve their health, well-being and overall quality of life. Check out Activate Elgin at www.makingkanefitforkids.org/activateelgin/

Check four healthy activities on the other side and turn the passport in to Gail Borden Library at the Greeter Desk by 5 pm on March 31 for a chance to win:

- Massage packages Blue Violet Bodyworks
- Gift certificates In The Neighborhood Deli
- Oral-B rechargeable toothbrush Fox Valley Endodontic Specialists/Cindy Rauschenberger D.D.S., M.S.
- Brazilian Jiu Jitsu and boxing classes Sharp Martial Arts
- Open gym passes and Zumba classes Spring Hill Gymnastics
- Roller skating passes Mainstreet U.S.A.
- Trampoline passes Epic Air

For event information:
Blue Violet Body Works
bluevioletbodyworks.com or 847 - 697 - 5522

The City of Elgin
www.cityofelgin.org or 847 - 531 - 7000

Gail Borden Public Library
www.gailborden.info 847 - 429 - 4597

Judson University
www.judsonu.edu or 847 - 628 - 1085

Provena Saint Joseph Hospital
www.provena.org/saintjoseph or 847 - 695 - 3200/5767

Senior Services
www.seniorservicesassoc.org/locations_elgin. or 847-741-0404

Sherman Hospital
800-397-9000 or at www.shermanhealth.com

South Elgin Parks Department
www.southelgin.com or 847-622-0003

Spring Hill Gymnastics & Sharp Martial Arts
http://springhillgymnastics.com or 847-426-WINS (9467)

Taylor YMCA
pvfymca.org/taylorymca

Wolff Fitness
www.wolffitness.com or 847-931-1550
Focus on Plants: Exploring the Vegetarian Way 6 – 7 pm  Sherman Hospital

Senior Services Open House: Tai Chi and Health Talk 9 – 11 am 205 Fulton St.

Sharp Martial Arts Demo 1 pm Gail Borden Public Library
These masters of martial arts will spar and demonstrate basic techniques.

Windy City Rollers: Balancing Life on Skates 2 – 4 pm Gail Borden Public Library
See a demo by the award-winning international roller derby traveling team and find out how its members balance career, family and derby lives.

Wellness Games at Judson University Lindner Fitness Center 6 – 8 pm 1151 North State Street
Join the fun and healthy festivities!

Gut Feelings: Helpful Hints for Managing Digestive Disorders 11 am – noon Sherman Hospital
Get tips on how to make healthy choices when eating out. Presented by Dr. Amy Ozier of NIU.

How to Run/Walk a Book Club 7 pm Gail Borden Public Library
Gail Borden Library book club coordinators Nancy Haggard and Danielle Henson will explain how to get your book club up and walking.

Wolff Fitness Open House 5 – 7 pm 2090 Larkin Avenue

Free trial group fitness classes at The Centre of Elgin 7:30 am – noon 100 Symphony Way
Try out some of the classes offered at the Centre.

Taylor Family YMCA Open House 8:30 am – noon 50 North McLean Blvd.

Movie and Discussion: Portion Size Me 7 pm Gail Borden Public Library
Get tips on how to make healthy choices when eating out. Presented by Dr. Amy Ozier of NIU.

SpringHill Gymnastics & Sharp Martial Arts Open House 1:30 – 3:30 pm 2750 Pinnacle Dr. Suite 200, Elgin. Sample the fun programs offered.

Zumba Demo with Kim Stover 6:30 pm Gail Borden Public Library
Find out what Zumba is all about with fitness/dance instructor Kim Stover. Wear comfortable clothes and gym shoes.

Blue Violet Body Works Open House 6 – 8 pm 2000 Larkin Ave., Suite 301 Free mini chair massage and mini reflexology on your feet, health information and snacks.

Working Together for a Healthier School Day 6:30 pm Gail Borden Public Library
Find out how School Dist. #300 made positive changes in the school environment to meet wellness goals. Presented by Trish Whitewcotton, Principal of Golfview Elementary Middle School, and moderated by NIU Professor Beverly Henry.

List other healthy activities in which you participated:
(Example: Went for a 30- minute walk.)

Name __________________________
Phone # _________________________
Email address ____________________

= Kid-friendly event