8th Annual Black History Family Festival:
Healthy Body, Healthy Mind
Saturday, February 2  2 – 5 pm
Learn the connection between the body and mind and how the health of one affects the other at fun and informative workshops and lectures. This free, unique festival that works to bridge cultures by uniting the Elgin area in a celebration of the African American experience. The festival will also showcase Storyteller Linda Gorham, Dr. Sweat from The Centre of Elgin and future African American leaders. For additional Black History Month programs, see page 6.

Fermilab’s Mr. Freeze to KickOff Discovery 2013 Science Exposition
Thursday, January 24
Two sessions:  6 – 7 pm and 7:15 – 8:15 pm
Community Rooms  Please register.
Let the science explode and join us for an exciting evening of science demonstrations, hands-on activities and science fun as we kick off the 2013 Science Expo! Watch Mr. Freeze demonstrate cryogenics featuring geyser, compressed gas and fascinating particle physics. Pick up information for the Discovery 2013 Science Expo to be held Saturday, April 20. Students of all ages from public, private and home schools in the library and U-46 boundaries can participate in this free, nonjudged science event. This year, participants can register online starting February 1 at www.gailborden.info. The Discovery 2013 Science Exposition is in partnership with School District U-46.

In the Neighborhood Fresh
Now Open at the Library!
In the Neighborhood owner Jeff Turner brings fresh ideas and food to library visitors with the opening of his new venue, In the Neighborhood Fresh. You'll savor delicious sandwiches, wraps, soups, salads and freshly baked sweets in addition to great Fair Trade certified coffees and teas and Coke products.
Choose from a wide variety of meats, cheeses, breads, wraps and lots of fresh vegetables to build your own perfect lunch or dinner. Fresh also features a kid-friendly menu. Use the coupon on the back page to get Fresh today!

In the Neighborhood Fresh Hours:
Monday – Thursday  8:30 am – 8:30 pm
Friday and Saturday  8:30 am – 5:30 pm
Sunday noon – 4:30 pm

Gail’s Sales
Visit Gail’s Sales at the Main Library. It will be your destination for great finds – used books, games, movies and more! Cont. on page 7.
Click to see video!
youth programs

BOOKS! CAMERA! ACTION!

- Main Library Youth Center
  Saturdays,
  January 19, 26,
  February 16, 23
  3:30 – 5 pm
- Rakow Branch
  Saturdays,
  February 2, 23
- Barnes and Noble Bookstore at
  Spring Hill Mall
  Saturday, January 26  11 – 1 pm

Read to Rover
Kindergarten and up
Saturday, January 12, February 9
10, 10:30, 11 or 11:30 am
South Story Room
Registration required.
School-age kids practice their reading
skills by cuddling up with a good book
and reading aloud to a fully trained and
certified therapy dog.

Taste of Summer Storytime
3 – 6 years old
Wednesday, January 30  10:30 am
At Colonial Café, 600 S. McLean Blvd.,
Elgin. Registration required.
Tired of winter? Families with
preschoolers or kindergarteners are
invited to join us for a storytime with
the feel of summer.

Valentine Tea
3 – 6 years with adult guests
Saturday, February 9
9:30 or 11:00 am (choose one)
Community Rooms
Registration begins January 21
Families are invited to celebrate
Valentine’s Day with stories, songs and a craft.

Valentine’s Day Party/Fiesta del Día
de San Valentín
Wednesday, February 13
3:30 – 4:15 pm
miércoles 13 de febrero
3:30 – 4:15 pm
Community Rooms/Salones de la comunidad
Celebrate the holiday with this bilingual
party. This is a chance for kids in the
Dual Language program to practice
Spanish outside of the classroom. Vengan
to celebrar el día festivo con esta fiesta bilingüe. Esta es una oportunidad para que los niños en el programa de Lenguaje Dual puedan practicar su inglés o español fuera de clase.

Children’s Deep Freeze
Flea Market
Monday, January 21
1:30 – 3 pm
Community Rooms
Did you get new stuff for the holidays? Sell your
old stuff at this unique flea market where kids in grades 2 to 8 participate. Everyone is welcome to buy. Sign up in advance at the Youth Center Help Desk. A signed parental permission slip is required. No phone or online registrations will be taken. Items will be priced at $8 or less.

Secrets of the Super-Heroes!
Monday, February 18
2 – 3:30 pm
Get ready to marvel at the
greatest superheroes in movie
history from Superman,
Batman and Spider-Man to The Avengers, The
Fantastic Four and The X-Men. Lifelong
film buff and “walking encyclopedia
of film trivia” Steven Frenzel will reveal
behind-the-scenes facts and secrets
about super-hero movies and show
scenes from the most popular, edge-of-
your-seat flicks.

POW!

THE GAMING EVENT
Grade 3 and up
Mondays, January 7, February 4
6 – 8 pm
Community Room C
No registration.
Play various card-based role-playing
games such as Pokemon and Yu-Gi-
Oh! at this drop-in event. Beginners
are welcome—we’ll teach you to play!
Bring your cards to play or trade.

No School Day Specials
Wacky Wednesdays!
School-age children.
Wednesday, January 2
2 – 3:30 pm
Registration required.
Drop in and enjoy many activities
including video games, crafts and more. Children 8 and younger must be
accompanied by a caregiver 14 years old or older.

Build it Up!
Grades 1 and up
Thursday, January 3  10 am
Registration required.
Children are invited to bring their
imagination to this fun-filled building
block program. Building blocks will be
provided. Children younger than 8 must
be accompanied by a parent.

Wimpy Kid Scavenger Hunt!
Grades 1 and up
Friday, January 4
Youth Center
Pick up a Diary of a Wimpy Kid
scavenger hunt sheet, then search
through the Youth Center to find your
answers. All participants will receive a
Wimpy prize when they turn in their
completed sheet.
Three ways to register:
- Online at gailborden.info/register
- Call 847-429-4597
- In person at the Registration Desk

Story Programs
Boost Language Skills and Reading Readiness

Winter Session January 7 – March 1

Panera Milk & Cookie Storytime
3 – 6 years with adult
Tuesdays, January 15, 29 February 12, 26 9:30 am
At Panera Bread, 322 Randall Road, South Elgin
Registration required.
Preschoolers will enjoy stories read by library staff followed by a milk and cookie snack compliments of Panera.

Family Storytime
All ages
Mondays 7 pm
Community Rooms
Parents and children will enjoy stories, songs and crafts together.

Spanish Family Storytime
Wednesdays 7 – 7:30 pm Community Rooms B&C
Families who speak or are learning Spanish can enjoy stories, crafts and songs together at this program conducted entirely in Spanish. This is a great opportunity for children in a dual-language program to practice Spanish outside the classroom.

Cuentos para la Familia
Todos los miércoles a las 7 pm 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!

LOL @ GBPL
6 years – 2nd grade
Mondays 4 – 4:45 pm
South Story Room
Have LOL fun while learning cool stuff, making things and playing games with weekly themes.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL ZONE
Grades 6 – 8

Cubees
Thursday, January 3  1 – 2 pm
Tuesday, January 29  4:30 – 5:30 pm
Create your own 3D paper toys! Drop in for one session, or come to both for twice the cubee fun.

“Gangnam Style” Flash Mob
Friday, January 4  2 – 2:15 pm
You’ve seen the video. You know the dance. Here’s your chance to perform it in the library!

Studio 270 Hours
Grades 9 – 12
Monday – Thursday  3 – 9 pm
Friday  3 – 6 pm
Saturday  Noon – 6 pm
Sunday  Noon – 5 pm

TAB:
Teen Advisory Board
Wednesdays January 2, February 6
6 – 7 pm
Share your opinions on teen programs at the library and earn volunteer hours at the same time.

Holiday Flicks
Warm up with some hot cocoa, cookies and flicks.
Scrooged (1988, PG-13)
Wednesday, January 2
3 - 5 pm
Christmas Vacation (1989, PG-13)
Friday, January 4
3 - 5 pm

Trivia Night
Tuesday, January 8  6 – 7 pm
Take the trivia challenge!

Open Mic Night
Tuesdays, January 15, February 19  7 – 8 pm
Musicians, poets, comedians and story tellers are welcome.

Zone Leadership Team
Wednesdays, January 9, February 13  6 – 7 pm
What do you want to see in the Zone? Have your say and earn volunteer hours. Apply at the Main Library Youth desk or the Rakow Branch.

Stop Motion Animation Workshop
Saturdays, January 12, February 23  2 – 3 pm
Register for one or both sessions
We’ll work in groups to create stop-motion animations using iPads. Animate candy, LEGO™ pieces, your own drawings or any small objects you bring in!

Chocolate Taste Test
Tuesday, February 12  6 – 7 pm  Community Room C
Registration required.
Can you identify different kinds of chocolate by taste alone? Test your taste buds and vote for your favorite variety.

DIY
Monday, January 21  Shrinky Dink Charms
Monday, February 18  Mouse Trap Memo Clips
Drop in anytime from 3 to 7 pm for Do-It-Yourself projects and crafts.

Pizza and Books
Thursdays, January 24, February 28
6 – 7 pm
Stop by for a slice of pizza and join in on the conversation about books we’re reading.

XBox Tournament:
NCAA Basketball
Tuesday, February 12  4 – 7 pm
Do you have what it takes to compete in Studio 270’s xBox Tournament? Sign up for a spot and claim bragging rights.

Sweets for Your Sweetheart
Thursday, February 14  5 – 7 pm
Experiment with melting chocolate and making your own candy creations.

College Application and FAFSA Assistance
High School seniors should be hard at work on college applications, but sometimes those essays can be a real challenge! Come to Studio 270 for help in editing and proofreading. You only have one chance to make a good first impression—let us help you look your best!
The 2013/2014 FAFSA form is available online starting in January. You can receive help with the FAFSA process. For more information about applying to colleges and/or the FAFSA, contact Melissa Lane at mlane@gailborden.info
Gail Borden Thanks:
- Nick Sarillo for donating Nick’s Pizzas at his Rakow program.
- Marcus Theatres for Skyfall movie passes.
- Casey Panichi for loaning a wind turbine to display at the library.
- Keelan Kaiser, Chair of the Dept. of Architecture, Judson University, for serving as bus tour guide for the library’s green tour.
- Tonya Lucchetti-Hudson, Sherman Hospital, and Beth Vogt, FRWRD Building, for participating in the library’s green tour.
- City of Elgin for providing the green tour bus, exhibit wall and banners.
- Elgin Meijer for donating a gift card.

Used Books Needed
Do you have a gently used copy of The Things They Carried by Tim O’Brien, Inside Out & Back Again by Thanhha Lai, or The Wall by Eve Bunting? The Library is seeking donations of these books in English or Spanish for a future community reading event. Please drop off donations at Rakow Branch or the Main Library, Attention Stacy Michel.

2013 Candidate Forum
Sunday, February 24 1 – 4 pm
Community Rooms
This primary election candidate forum is for candidates running in the primary election for the two-year City of Elgin council seat. The primary field of nine candidates will be narrowed down to five who will run in the April general election. Only one (1) two-year candidate will be seated. Bring your questions to this forum, which is open to the public. Sponsored by the LWV of the Elgin Area and the Gail Borden Public Library. For more information, go to www.lwvelginarea.org

Award-Winning Children’s Books
Saturday, February 9  2 – 4 pm
Community Room
The Caldecott, Newbery, Coretta Scott King, Americas and other awards will be discussed. Hear about the Caldecott Award from an insider who was a member of this year’s Caldecott committee. Classroom ideas and Common Core connections using the winning books will be offered. CPDU credit available.

DIY with Duct Tape!
Grades 5 – 12
Monday, January 21
1 – 2:30 pm
Registration required.
Be creative! Choose a duct tape project: a small purse, wallet, bracelet or sports band.

Drop In Storytime
3 – 6 years
Every Wednesday Except January 2
10:30 – 11 am
No registration
Drop in Wednesday mornings for stories, songs and finger-plays with Miss Angela. Parents must accompany their child.

Family Valentine Program
Saturday, February 9
10:30 - 11:30 am
Registration required.
Families with children ages 3 to 6 are cordially invited to celebrate Valentine’s Day with stories, songs and a craft.

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Open Your GailMail For a Chance to Win!
Watch for the library’s next online newsletter, GailMail, in your inbox. Open it then follow simple instructions for a chance to win free movie tickets courtesy of Marcus Theatres in Elgin. Then catch up on the latest library news!

eBooks Made Easy for Mobile Users
Saturday, January 12
10 – 10:45 am
Please register.
Get the most value from that new gadget! Bring your Nook Color, Nook Tablet, Nook HD, Smartphone, iPad, or Android device and learn how to download eBooks from the library. Don’t forget to bring your Gail Borden Library card.

eBooks Made Easy for Kindle Users
Saturday, January 12
11 – 11:45 am
Please register.
Get the most value from that new gadget! Kindle or Kindle Fire and learn how to download eBooks from the library. Don’t forget to bring your Gail Borden Library card.

Rakow Read To Rover
Kindergarten and up
Saturdays, January 26, February 23
10, 10:30, 11 or 11:30 am
Registration required.
School-age kids practice their reading skills by cuddling up with a good book and reading aloud to a fully trained and certified therapy dog.

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Rakow Readers Book Club
Mondays
1:30 – 2:30 pm
Shales Living Room
No registration.
January 28  The Book Thief by Markus Zusak
February 25  Swamplandia! by Karen Russell
**FILMS**

**Brown Bag Lunch Classic Films**

Mondays in the Community Rooms. Coffee will be served. No registration.

- **January 14**  
  The African Queen (1952)  
  11 am – 1 pm

- **February 11**  
  Foreign Correspondent (1940)  
  11 am – 1:30 pm

**Reel Women for Real Women**

Co-sponsored by the AAUW Elgin Area Branch. A film and discussion at 6 pm focused on women’s issues. No registration.

- **Tuesday, January 22**  
  Heartburn (1986, R)  
  Community Rooms A&B

- **Tuesday, February 26**  
  Lilies of the Field (1963, not rated)  
  Meeting Room 1

**Black History Month Programs**

**The Great Black Migration and Cultural Exports to Illinois**

Thursday, February 7  
7 – 8:30 pm  
Meeting Room 1

Co-sponsored with AAUW. More than three million African Americans migrated from the South to the North, Midwest and West from 1910 to 1970. This population shift helped fuel the civil rights movement and served as a pathway for cultural exportation. Focusing on the link between New Orleans and Chicago, speaker Denese Neu will explore how the musicians and folkways of Louisiana influenced modern Chicago. Denese Neu holds a PhD in Urban Studies from the University of New Orleans and has researched and consulted on place-based issues. Please register.

**Screening of Red Tails** (2012, PG-13)

Wednesday, February 27  
6 – 8:30 pm  
Community Rooms A&B

A crew of African American pilots in the Tuskegee training program, having faced segregation while kept mostly on the ground during World War II, are called into duty under the guidance of Col. A.J. Bullard. Starring Terrence Howard and Cuba Gooding, Jr. (125 minutes)

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**Music to Your Ears**

The one-hour performances begin at 2 pm in the Community Rooms. Meet the artists and enjoy refreshments after each concert. Free tickets will be available at the Main Library and Rakow Branch three weeks prior to each concert.

**The Moeller Cello and Guitar Duo**

January 20

Guitarist Paul Moeller and his wife, cellist Kerena Moeller, have performed together throughout the United States and Europe. He is currently a Visiting Associate Professor of Guitar at Northern Illinois University and on faculty at Elgin Community College. Kerena is a member of the Elgin Symphony Orchestra and is on faculty at the Music Academy of Rockford and Elgin Community College.

**Pianist Dr. Ronald YaDeau**

February 17

Millikin University Associate Professor W. Ronald YaDeau has been a respected and active clinician throughout the Midwest. He has held several leadership positions in the Music Teachers National Association. His particular area of research has been the music of Petr Petrovich Podkovyrov, a composer from Belarus.

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**Elgin Symphony Orchestra Listeners Club**

Wednesdays 1 – 3 pm  
Meeting Room 2

- **January 9**  
  The Four Seasons

- **February 6**  
  Sublime Delight

These free, interactive discussions led by Jim Kendros will broaden your understanding of the music at the upcoming ESO Classics Masterworks performances. Please register at www.elginsymphony.org or call 847-888-0404 ext. 238 to reserve your seat.
Set Your New Year’s Resolutions!

Unshakable Success: 7 Secrets to an Extraordinary Year
Monday, January 14
7 – 8:30 pm
Meeting Room 1
Learn to stay positive, embrace and transform unwelcomed change, find the power of curiosity and discover your hidden strengths. Nancy Depcik is a nationally recognized speaker and trainer. She has worked with major corporations such as Walgreens, Pepsi Cola and Subway.

Author on the Fox
Denise Barreto – Commit To Using Your Best Talents Daily in 2013
Tuesday, January 29
7 – 8:30 pm
Community Rooms A&B
This interactive program will include a reflective exercise to help attendees discover their best talents. Local author Denise Barreto shares insights from her new book, From Here to There: 5 Steps to Doing Your Life’s Work. Participants will learn how to to formulate a plan for using their best talents every day. Bring a pen and journal or notebook. Book sales and signing follow the program. Please register.

HeroClix Tournaments
Saturdays, January 12, February 9
1 – 5 pm
Meeting Room 2
Players will compete for the most powerful weapon in the Marvel Universe. Prizes, demos and cool giveaways. No registration.

Antiques and Collectibles Appraisal Event
Sunday, January 6
2 – 5 pm
Community Rooms
In partnership with the Elgin Historical Society.
Get your antiques, collectibles and decorative arts appraised by Mark Moran, author of more than 25 books on antiques and collectibles. Moran has bought and sold antiques for more than 30 years. General audience members (without items to be appraised) are welcome at no charge but must register by contacting the Elgin History Museum.
To have an item appraised, register by email at elginhistory@foxvalley.net, by website at www.elginhistory.org, or at 847-742-4248. Fee per item is $12 for Society Members and $18 for non-members, payable to the Elgin Historical Society. The snow date will be January 27.

Selling on eBay and Amazon — Beyond the Basics
Thursday, January 31
7 – 8:30 pm
Meeting Room 1
Millions of people make a part-time or full-time living selling on eBay and Amazon. Speaker Jack Waddick is one—the Internet entrepreneur has conducted more than 3,500 successful online sales using advanced selling tools, tips and strategies of eBay’s and Amazon’s top sellers. Learn how to successfully sell, how to manage and track your sales and much more. Please register.

Gail’s Sales
Continued from front page.
Pick up some great books to curl up with during the cold winter months. Hardcover books and audiobooks are priced at $2 each, while paperbacks, puzzles, games, CD’s and DVD’s cost only $1. Gail’s Sales is brought to you by the Gail Borden Public Library Foundation. Proceeds from the sales will support library activities.

Stress-Free Parenting — Guaranteed!
Tuesday, February 5
7 – 8:30 pm
Community Rooms A&B
Take back control of your home in a firm and loving way. Love and Logic ® is a revolutionary, common sense approach that’s full of practical suggestions. It’s designed for parents who are tired of whining, fighting, complaining, bullying and irresponsible behavior. Chuckle your way to a more peaceful home as we share tales of trials and successes in families just like yours. Please register. Presented by Christie Clarke, parenting expert, Love and Logic ® facilitator, and President of Out-A-Box Parenting, Inc.

Sponsored in collaboration with the Elgin Community Network and ECCO.
Tuesdays 7 – 8:45 pm
Community Rooms
Make an Energy Impact
January 15
All of us have the power to reduce our energy consumption to make our homes, neighborhoods, our city and the world a better place. Several programs offer financial and/or technical assistance for improvement projects that can help reduce energy costs. Join representatives from the City of Elgin and the Center for Neighborhood Technology to learn about two such programs, the Energy Efficiency Revolving Loan Program and Energy Impact Illinois.

February 19
Elgin: An Abundant Community
As a “Cities of Service” community, Elgin is committed to continuing a rich history of volunteerism to address current local needs. Find out how the City of Elgin is partnering with the United Way and other local stakeholders to help residents of all ages find meaningful and rewarding volunteer opportunities to make the quality of life for all in our community a richer experience.

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Job Search

Veterans Employment Workshop
Fridays, January 11, February 22
1 – 3 pm
Conference Room
Learn more about overcoming discrimination and barriers to employment. For additional information contact the Illinois Department of Employment Security in Elgin at 847-888-7894.

IDES Reemployment Services Workshop
Wednesdays, January 2, 16, February 6, 20
1 – 3 pm
Meeting Room 1
Learn more about networking, résumé writing, job search, and interviewing techniques. For additional information contact the Illinois Department of Employment Security in Elgin at 847-931-2180.

Elgin Entrepreneurs Networking Group
Tuesdays 7 – 8 pm
January 8 Community Room C
February 5 Meeting Room 2
Do you work from home or are you thinking about starting your own business? Would you like to network with other self-employed professionals? Join us every month for an opportunity to chat with local entrepreneurs. Find us at facebook.com/ElginEntrepreneurs.

Job Search & Resume Help
Tuesdays, January 15, 22, 29, February 5, 12, 19, 26
10 am – 2 pm
Computer Training Room
Drop in for one-on-one assistance with your job search. Receive help with your resume, cover letter, online applications and more.

eLearning

eBooks Made Easy
Tuesday, January 8
10 am
Tuesday, January 29
7 pm
Meeting Room 1
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eBooks Made Easy
Did Santa bring you an eReader or Tablet this holiday season? After the holidays, come to the library for a demonstration of how to download eBooks. Make an appointment for a one-on-one session by calling 847-429-4680.

Studio 60+
Thursdays Beginning January 10
9:30 – 11:30 am
Seniors, this is your time to play with technology in a relaxed atmosphere. Drop by for conversation, hands-on learning and a cup of coffee or tea. You are welcome to bring your own devices. Please note: Studio 60+ will meet in Studio 270 except January 17 (Computer Training Room) and February 21 (Meeting Room 2). No registration.

What Renters and Landlords Should Know
Monday, February 25
6 – 7 pm
Meeting Room 1
Come learn about the basic rights and duties in landlord/tenant laws. Some of the topics that will be covered during the program will be associations and issues related to repairs and warranty of habitability, grounds of eviction, and eviction procedures. In partnership with Administer Justice. Please register.

Mental Health First Aid
Mondays, January 21, 28, February 4, 11
5:30 – 8:30 pm
Meeting Room 1
This course will help you recognize various forms of mental illness in other people and learn helpful actions you can take before professional help and family and peer support are initiated. Please register. By registering, you will be signed up for all four programs in the series. The course is free, but a $25 course manual is required and can be purchased at the first meeting. Checks can be made out to Linden Oaks. Provided by the Ecker Center for Mental Health.

Radon Awareness: What is Radon and How Does it Affect My Health?
Wednesday, January 23
7 – 8 pm
Meeting Room 2
Learn how radon gas enters your home, where to purchase a test kit and actions to take if high levels are found. Presented by Wayne Westman, a Licensed Mitigation Professional with 22 years of experience. Provided by the Kane County Health Department Speakers Bureau. Please register.

Keep Your Heart Healthy
Wednesday, February 6
7 – 8 pm
Meeting Room 2
February is Heart Health Month. Join Dr. Aga Silbert of Advanced Preventative Cardiology as she speaks about cardiac prevention, hypertension and tips on living well. Plus, get a free blood pressure check! Dr. Silbert is also the Medical Director and Acting Cardiologist at the Women’s Heart Center at St. Joseph’s Hospital in Elgin. Please register.
Book Clubs & Discussion Groups

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.

**January 14**  Second Epilogue to War and Peace by Leo Tolstoy
**February 11**  Six Characters in Search of an Author by Luigi Pirandello

Classics Book Discussion:
*Women Authors*
The group meets at 7 pm in Meeting Room 2 and discusses classic literature authored by women, focusing on English and American women from the beginning of the novel through 1950. Men are welcome to join the group. No registration.

**January 21**  Mill on the Floss by George Eliot
**February 18**  Wide Sargasso Sea by Jean Rhys

Walking Book Club
Join us every Wednesday night at 7 pm for 45 minutes of walking followed by 45 minutes of book discussion. During the winter months we walk and talk at the Centre of Elgin. Please call Nancy at 847-289-5840 for more details.

**January Book**  The Language of Flowers by Vanessa Diffenbaugh
**February Book**  The Book Thief by Markus Zusak

20’s and 30’s Book Club
Co-sponsored by the American Association of University Women Elgin Branch. Men and women in their 20s and 30s are invited to discuss contemporary fiction, classics and nonfiction titles as well as meet new people starting at 7 pm in the Conference Room. For more information, call Rachel Bloomberg at 630-391-2966.

**January 28**  Mansfield Park by Jane Austen
**February 25**  Sarah’s Key by Tatiana de Rosnay

Contemporary Fiction Book Group
The group meets one Wednesday a month at 7 pm in Meeting Room 2. Schedules of upcoming discussions are available in Information Services. For more information, contact Tish at 847-289-5838.

**January 16**  Swamplandia by Karen Russell
**February 20**  Buddha In the Attic by Julia Otsuka

20’s and 30’s Book Club continues

Antique Interest Group
Co-sponsored by the American Association of University Women Elgin Branch. Meetings are on the second and fourth Monday of the month at 6:55 pm in Meeting Room 2. For more information, call Rachel Bloomberg at 630-391-2966.

**January 14**  Second Epilogue to War and Peace by Leo Tolstoy
**February 11**  Six Characters in Search of an Author by Luigi Pirandello

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

*Stitch ‘N’ B****
*2nd Thursdays  6 – 8:30 pm  Meeting Room 2*
Bring your crafts, crocheting, cross stitching, knitting, needle pointing or quilting. No registration.

Literacy Connection Movie Night
*Stanley & Iris*
*Tuesday, February 5  6:30 – 8:30 pm  Meeting Room 1*
Registration is appreciated but not required. Must be 18 years old to attend. To learn more about The Literacy Connection or on becoming an Adult Literacy Tutor, visit www.elginliteracy.org or call 847-742-6565.

The Literacy Connection
*Adult Volunteer Literacy Tutor Orientation*
*Thursday, February 7  6 – 7:30 pm  Meeting Room 2*
No registration is needed to attend orientation. Training sessions will take place February 12, 14, 19, 21, 26 and 28 in Meeting Room 2. For more information, contact the Literacy Connection at 847-742-6565 or visit www.elginliteracy.org
Tools for the New Economy

The library is offering a wide variety of 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 or 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
**Wednesday, January 9** 2 – 4 pm  
**Thursday, February 7** 10 am – noon  
For those who need practice using a mouse.

### Internet 1 – Basics
**Wednesday, January 16** 2 – 4 pm  
**Thursday, February 14** 10 am – Noon  
Learn how to use the web and the basics of Internet terminology, then visit some websites. **M**

### Internet 2 – Searching
**Wednesday, January 23** 2 – 4 pm  
**Thursday, February 21** 10 am – noon  
Learn how to use some Internet search engines and a directory. Basic mouse skills are required. **M**

### Internet 3 – Email
**Wednesday, January 30** 2 – 4 pm  
**Thursday, February 28** 10 am – noon  
The basics of reading and sending email will be covered. **M, K**

### Google Docs – Intro Part 1
**Saturday, January 5** 10 am – noon  
A basic introduction to working “in the cloud” with Google Docs. **M, K, E**

### Google Docs – Intro Part 2
**Saturday, January 12** 10 am – noon  
Create, edit and print a basic document. **M, K, E**

### Google Docs – Sharing, Privacy, Printing and Publishing
**Saturday, January 19** 10 am – noon  
How to manage, share and protect your documents. **M, K, E**

### Word 2010 – Intro Part 1
**Saturday, February 2** 10 am – noon  
A basic introduction to working with Microsoft Word 2010. **M, K, E**

### Word 2010 – Intro Part 2
**Saturday, February 9** 10 am – noon  
Create, edit and print a simple document using Microsoft Word 2010. **M, K, E**

### Word 2010 – Formatting Documents
**Saturday, February 16** 10 am – noon  
How to use bullets, numbers, fonts and other tools to improve the visual appeal of your documents. **M, K, E**

### Word 2010 – Adding Pizazz to Documents
**Saturday, February 23** 10 am – noon  
How to use Clip Art, WordArt, Building Blocks and other tools to improve the visual appeal of your documents. **M, K, E**

### Excel 2010 – Introduction
**Tuesday, February 12** 6:30 – 8:30 pm  
Learn what a spreadsheet is and how to create one. **M, K**

### Excel 2010 – Presenting Numbers
**Tuesday, February 19** 6:30 – 8:30 pm  
How to use borders, charts and other options to increase the visual appeal of your spreadsheets. **M, K**

### Excel 2010 – Formulas for Success
**Tuesday, February 26** 6:30 – 8:30 pm  
How to calculate totals, percentages and averages. **M, K**

### PowerPoint 2010 – Intro Part 1
**Wednesday, January 16** 10 am – noon  
A basic introduction to working with Microsoft PowerPoint. **M, K**

### PowerPoint 2010 – Intro Part 2
**Wednesday, January 23** 10 am – noon  
Create and edit an on-screen presentation. **M, K**

### Computer Maintenance and Repair
**Wednesday, January 23, 30, February 6, 13** 3 – 6 pm  
**Computer Systems Institute 400 Airport Road, Elgin, IL 60123**

This four-part class is an overall introduction to computer hardware and software repair/maintenance. The classes are hands-on in nature and taught by a CompTIA certified Computer Systems Institute instructor. All classes take place in their state of the industry A+ Laboratory environment. If you are interested in learning about computers and like to work with your hands, this class is for you! Participants are expected to attend all four sessions and to register in person at the Registration Desk at the Main Library.

### En Español
**Herramientas para la Nueva Economía**

**Clave:**
- **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.

### Manejar el Ratón
**domingo, 13 de enero** 2 – 4 pm  
Aprenda las funciones y el manejo del ratón.

### Manejar el Teclado – Parte 1
**domingo, 20 de enero** 2 – 4:30 pm  
Se familiarizará con el teclado de la computadora y aprenderá a usar las diferentes teclas con sus diferentes funciones. Se requiere inscripción. **M**

### Manejar el Teclado – Parte 2
**sábado, 26 de enero** 10 am – media día  
En esta sesión tendrá la oportunidad de continuar el curso interactivo de la Parte 1 o de hacer ejercicios para continuar practicando las habilidades del teclado con la supervisión de una instructora. **M**

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**English Conversation Group**  
Tuesdays 6:30 – 7:30 pm  
2nd Floor Conference Room  
Starting January 8  
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  
Comenzando el 8 de enero  
Practica conversar en inglés, mejora tu pronunciación y adquiere confianza con un tutor del Literacy Connection. No hace falta inscribirse.

**Go Bilingual Class**  
Wednesdays, 6 – 7 pm  
Meeting Room 1  
Starting January 9  
English and Spanish lessons and conversation. No registration.

**Clase Futuros Bilingües**  
Miércoles, 6 – 7 pm  
Salón de Reuniones 1  
Comenzando el 9 de enero  
Lecciones y conversación en inglés y español. No hace falta inscribirse.

**Bilingual Parenting Programs by Two Rivers Head Start**  
Parents of children from birth to five years learn how to help children and families remain healthy in body and mind. No registration.

**Nutrition**  
Tuesday, January 15 9:30 – 10:30 am  
Meeting Room 1  
Car Seat Safety  
Tuesday, January 29 9:30 – 10:30 am  
Meeting Room 1

**Programas para Padres por Two Rivers Head Start**  
Estos programas están abiertos a todos los padres y se recomiendan en específico para los que tienen niños entre recién nacidos y los 5 años. Se enfocan en ayudar a los niños y a las familias a estar saludables en cuerpo y mente. No hace falta inscribirse.

**Manualidad de Invierno**  
Sábado, 5 de enero 2 – 5 pm  
Salones de la Comunidad  
¿Esperando para tomarte una foto con los Tres Reyes Magos? Ven para una manualidad de invierno con la artista Teresa Magaña. Te podrás llevar tu manualidad a casa después del programa. Los materiales están limitados. No hace falta registrarse.

**¡Yo Puedo Ser Feliz!**  
Martes, 22 de enero 7 – 8:30 pm  
Salón de Reuniones 1  
La consejera Pita Betancourt te ayudará a reconocer comportamientos que pueden impedir que seas feliz y a descubrir qué puedes hacer para alcanzar la felicidad. Favor de registrarte.

**Lo Que Dueños e Inquilinos Deben Saber Sobre Alquilar**  
Lunes, 25 de febrero 7 – 8 pm  
Salón de Reuniones 1  
Aprende sobre los derechos y obligaciones básicas de los inquilinos y los dueños de propiedad. Algunos de los temas a cubrir serán las asociaciones, reparaciones, garantías de habitabilidad y el procedimiento de desahucio. Favor de registrarte.

**Grupo Hispano de Genealogía: El Origen y Significado de Tus Apellidos**  
Lunes, 28 de enero 7 – 8 pm  
Salón de Reuniones 2  
Conocer la historia de nuestros apellidos es saber más sobre la historia de nuestra familia. Aprende el significado de los apellidos desde Álvarez hasta Zapata. Favor de registrarte.
Eagle Watch at Gail Borden Library
The sighting of bald eagles along the Fox River just north of the library last winter turned many library visitors into eagle enthusiasts. The library has binoculars available for checkout for those yearning to watch these fascinating birds. Reference Librarian Tish Calhamer will be answering questions about bald eagles. To contact Tish, email her at tcalhamer@gailborden.info or call 847-289-5838.

Look in the sky: Is it a Bird, Is it a Plane, No it’s an EAGLE!
Tuesday, January 15 7 – 7:45 pm Meeting Room 1
Everyone loves to see America’s national symbol, the Bald Eagle. Hear about the magnificent Bald Eagle during a presentation by Bob and Kathy Andrini of the Kane County Audubon Society. Discover interesting eagle facts about flight, feeding and behaviors and learn why these creatures come to Elgin during the harsh winter. Please register.

Experience a Taste of South America
Sister Cities Chile Fundraiser
Friday, January 25 7 pm The Centre of Elgin
Enjoy a special evening of dancing, wine, food and a Chilean craftwork auction. Learn more about Elgin’s sister city, Cauquenes, Chile, which was devastated by an earthquake in 2010, and the efforts to help rebuild the city. To reserve a seat at the fundraiser, or for more information, contact Anne Bedard at abedard@gailborden.info, or find us on Facebook at Sister Cities Elgin & Chile.

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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.