Open Call for SuperCroc Wranglers!
Help with this jaw-dropping exhibit! The library needs volunteers to help with programs, act as docents, shelve books and many other activities. To volunteer, call 847-429-6792 or email gbpl_volunteers@gailborden.info.

Dr. Paul Sereno,
Professor, University of Chicago,
Co-founder of Project Exploration, and National Geographic Explorer-in-Residence, will be at the Main Library presenting his amazing SuperCroc discovery on May 3 at 7:30 pm. Free tickets may be picked up at the Main Library and Rakow Branch starting April 15.

The largest croc to roam the earth is coming to Gail Borden Library in May, thanks to a generous contribution from the Grand Victoria Foundation. SuperCroc, or Sarcosuchus imperator, lived 110 million years ago and swam in the rivers of the Sahara, then a wetland. Sometimes growing more than 40 feet long, SuperCroc used its four-foot jaws to eat dinosaurs!

SuperCroc was unearthed by University of Chicago Paleontologist Dr. Paul Sereno in 2000. The exhibit consists of a SuperCroc replica skeleton, flesh model, fossil skull, expedition tent, National Geographic SuperCroc documentary and other components.

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Dr. Bob Meadows Community Rooms
The Gail Borden Public Library is pleased to announce that a generous gift by the Meadows Family will fund the library’s new digital media studio. In recognition of this gift, the Main Library’s Community Rooms will be named the “Dr. Bob Meadows Community Rooms.” This gift will be recognized on Sunday, April 21 at 2 pm. Dr. Bob Meadows (1919 – 2008) was a lifelong learner and patron of the library. The Main Library now stands on property that was the previous home of W.R. Meadows, Inc., the company founded by Dr. Meadows’ parents, Bob and Edna.

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**Gaming Event**

Grades 3 and up  
Mondays, March 4, April 1  
6 – 8 pm  
Drop in Community Room C  
No registration.

Play various card-based role-playing games such as Pokemon and Yu-Gi-Oh! Beginners are welcome—we’ll teach you to play! Bring your cards to play or trade.

**Design Your Own Pokemon!**

Grades 1 – 5  
Friday, March 1  
4 – 5 pm  
Community Rooms  
Registration required.

Have you ever wanted your very own Pokemon? Now you can design and name your character and decide on his or her powers! A staff artist will be on hand to provide instruction and tips.

**Build It Up!**

Grade 1 and up  
Monday, March 25  
2 – 3:30 pm  
Registration required.

Children are invited to bring their imaginations and building abilities to this fun-filled building block program. Building blocks will be provided. Children younger than 8, bring a parent to share the fun!

**EGG-STRAVAGANZA!**

Grades 1 – 5  
Tuesday, March 26  
Drop in  
10 am – noon  
Community rooms  
No registration.

Use glitter, ribbons and sequins to create your egg masterpiece!

**Find the Bunny!**

Grades 1 and up  
All day Friday, March 29  
Youth Center

A funny bunny has been visiting our library! Pick up a game sheet and see if you can figure out where he has been.

**April Fool’s Fun**

Grades 1 and up  
All day Monday, April 1  
Youth Center

Just another day in the Youth Center, or is it? Come look around for silly, mixed-up things! All participants will receive a wacky prize when they spin the wheel.

**Family Film:** *Wreck-It Ralph*  
(PG, 108 minutes)  
Wednesday, March 27  
2 pm  
Youth Center

Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

**Sports Fan Brain Buster Trivia Competition**

Ages 6 – 14 years  
Thursday, March 28  
2 pm  
Community Rooms

Registration begins March 4. Answer sports trivia questions for points and prizes. There will be special prizes for participants with the most points. Wear a sports logo shirt, hat, etc., for extra points.

**No School Day Specials**

**BabyFest: Everything for Babies and Expectant Parents**

Saturday, April 13  
10 am – Noon  
No registration.

Stop by or “stroller” in to receive the latest baby information in the area. Booths will feature health and wellness resources, community services, make-and-take activities and more.

**Read to Rover**

Saturdays, March 9, April 13  
10, 10:30, 11 or 11:30 am  
Story Rooms  
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.

**Sports Card Trading Club**

Ages 6 and up  
Thursdays, March 14, April 11  
3:30 – 5 pm  
South Story Room

Bring your sports card collection to show and trade or learn how.

**“A person’s a person, no matter how small” - Dr. Seuss, Horton Hears a Who!**

**Dr. Seuss Extravaganza!**

Featuring the Children’s Theatre of Elgin

Families  
Saturday, March 2  
2 – 4 pm  
Lobby

Cast members from the Children’s Theatre of Elgin will perform scenes from their upcoming performance of Seussical Jr. Follow the parade of Seuss fans into the Community Rooms for whimsical craft or game stations. Bring your camera to take fantastic photos with the cast members.

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Youth Programs

Story Programs Boost Language Skills and Reading Readiness

Spring Session March 18 – May 3

Baby Rhyme Time
Birth – 11 months with an adult caregiver
Thursdays 6:15 pm
Fridays 9:15 am
Registration required.
Babies will enjoy 15 minutes of singing, clapping and simple stories followed by a 15-minute playtime.

Wonderful Ones
12 – 23 months with an adult caregiver
Mondays 6:15 pm
Tuesdays 10:45 am
Thursdays 11 am
Fridays 10 am
Registration required.
15 minutes of short stories, fingerplays, rhymes and a music activity 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, March 6, 20, April 3, 17
10 am
Community Rooms
No registration.
Families share stories, rhymes and musical activities together.

Story Mix for Three to Six
Preschool and kindergarten
Mondays 9:30 am, 3:30 pm
Tuesdays 10 am, 7 pm
Thursdays 10:15 am
Story Room North
No registration.
Stories, fingerplays and songs. Parents remain in the building but do not attend the class for a first “on my own” library experience for children.

Panera Milk & Cookie Storytime
3 – 6 years with adult
Tuesdays, March 12, 26, April 9, 23
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 ByC
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.

Sensory Storytimes para la Familia
Sundays, April 7, 14, 28 1:30 – 2 pm
Community Room C
Families are invited to 30 minutes of stories and music chosen for children ages 4 to 8 with developmental delays and sensory needs. Beginning March 18, please register in person at the Main Library or Rakow Branch since an adaptive questionnaire is required.

Three ways to register:
- Online at gailborden.info/register
- Call 847-429-4597
- In person at the Registration Desk

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MIDDLE SCHOOL ZONE
Grades 6 – 8

ZAG: Zone Activities Group
Every Thursday 5:30 – 7 pm
Drop in to the Middle School Zone for a different activity each week. Look for a duct tape wallet craft, button making and iPad gaming. Visit gailborden.info/zone to see all activities.

Origami and Candy Sushi
Saturday, March 9 2 – 3 pm
Community Room C
Create delicious candy sushi and an origami box to carry it in. Candy, fancy paper and instructions will be provided. Please register.

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

Grades 9 – 12

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

DIY
Friday, March 1 Paperclip Jewelry
Monday, April 1 Magnetic Poetry
Drop in anytime from 3 to 7 pm for Do-It-Yourself projects and crafts.

TAB: Teen Advisory Board
Wednesdays, March 6, April 3 6 – 7 pm
Are you opinionated? Are you creative? Do you want to earn volunteer hours? Do you like food? If you answered “yes” to any of these questions and you’re in grades 9 to 12, you’re the perfect candidate for TAB.

Trivia Night
Tuesday, March 12 6 – 7 pm
Are you one smart cookie? Then come to our trivia night to challenge the best competitor.

Website Creation
Saturday, April 27 2 – 3:30 pm
Computer Training Room
Learn the basics of website creation then add content and style to a real webpage. Please register.

Open Mic Night
Tuesdays, March 19, April 16 7 – 8 pm
Share your talent! We are looking for musicians, poets, comedians and storytellers to perform.

Pizza and Books
Thursday, April 25 6 – 7 pm
Stop by for a slice of pizza and join in on the conversation about books we’re reading.

Spring Break in Studio 270
Spa Day
Monday, March 25 3 – 5 pm
There’s no need to pay for expensive bath products when you can make your own!

Teen Flick: HUNGER GAMES
Tuesday, March 26 5 – 7 pm

Journal Making
Wednesday, March 27 3 – 7 pm
Drop in to make a one-of-a-kind journal where you can record your life.

Pizza and Books
Thursday, March 28 6 – 7 pm
Stop by for pizza and join our conversation about books we’re reading.

Teen Flick: DARK KNIGHT RISES
Friday, March 29 3 – 5 pm
Three Ways to Register:
• Online at gailborden.info/register
• Call 847-429-4597
• In person at the Registration Desk

HeroClix Tournaments
Saturdays, March 9, April 13
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.

The Ten Secrets to Getting Your Book Successfully Published
Wednesday, March 13
6:30 – 8:30 pm
Community Rooms A&B
National bestselling author Bret Nicholaus and literary agent/editor Joseph Durepos, with more than 40 years combined experience in the publishing industry, will discuss how to write query letters that actually land an agent, how to answer the “9 Questions” that every publisher needs you to answer, how to market your book and so much more. Please register.

National Poetry Month: Poetry Reading of Famous Women Poets
Monday, April 15
7 – 8 pm
Meeting Room 1
Area actresses will present poems by women poets including Edna St. Vincent Millay, Emily Dickinson, Sylvia Plath, Anne Sexton and Maya Angelou. The program will be directed by Gareth Sitz, President of Independent Players. Please register.

Spring 2013 Division A International Speech and Evaluation Contests
Saturday, March 23
9:30 – 11:30 am
Community Rooms
The community is invited to the Toastmasters Division A International Speech Contest, five to seven minutes, and Evaluation Contest, two to three minutes. For questions, please contact Pat Reisdorf, District 54 Division A Governor, at divisionA@toastmastersd54.org.

Writing About Challenging Life Events
Thursday, April 4
7 – 8:30 pm
Meeting Room 1
Monica Lee, Hampshire author of The Percussionist’s Wife: A Memoir of Sex, Crime & Betrayal, will help you address how to write about life events such as death, parenting, divorce and family secrets. Includes a hands-on writing exercise. Please register.

Body Modification: The Art of Tattooing
Thursday, April 11
7 – 8:30 pm
Meeting Room 1
Learn what to look for in a quality tattoo artist and studio along with tattoo history and styles, safe tattoo practice, healing aftercare and more. Mandi Lynn, of Liberty Tattoo and Body Piercing, is a Certified Bloodborne and Airborne Pathogens Instructor and a professional piercing artist. Please register.

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!
**Music to Your Ears**

**Apas Piano Trio**
**March 3**
Jimin Yun, piano, Whun Kim, violin, and Hyunji Choi, cello, are graduates of the Juilliard School and the Manhattan School of Music in New York City. They are virtuosos and perform as soloists and chamber musicians in addition to performing as a trio. The program will include works by Schubert, Dvorak, and Mendelssohn.

**Elgin Symphony Orchestra Listeners Club**
**Wednesday 1–3 pm**
**Meeting Room 2**
**March 6** **Time for Spring**
**April 3** **Nature’s Awakening**

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.

**ESO Master Class**
**Amy Porter, Flute**
**Saturday, April 6** **10–11:30 am**
**Community Rooms**
Witness the learning process as a world-class and renowned Elgin Symphony guest artist works with area students on technique and musicianship. Acclaimed by the New York Times as “a particularly strong performer, technically robust and musically forceful,” flutist Amy Porter has established herself as one of the leading artists of today. She holds the position of Professor of Flute at the University of Michigan. No registration.

**Films**

**Screening of Refuge and Discussion with Director Ethan Bensinger**
**Tuesday, April 30** **6:30–8:30 pm**
**Community Rooms**

Refuge reaches back more than 70 years to give a voice to the last generation of Holocaust survivors in Chicago and tell the story of a little known community here that has given shelter to more than 1,000 victims of Nazi persecution. Refuge has been awarded “Best Documentary” and “Best in Fest” at the 2012 Sycamore Film Festival. Co-sponsored by Congregation Kneseth Israel of Elgin. Please register.

**Brown Bag Lunch Classic Films**
**Mondays in the Community Rooms**
**Coffee will be served**.
**No registration.**
**March 11 The Egg and I** *(1947)*
11 am – 1 pm
**April 8 Winchester ‘73** *(1950)*
11 am – 1 pm

**Reel Women for Real Women**
**Co-sponsored by the AAUW Elgin Area Branch. A film and discussion at 6 pm in Community Rooms A&B focused on women’s issues. No registration.**
**Tuesday, March 26**
**Anna Karenina** *(2012)*
**Tuesday, April 23**
**Half the Sky** *(2012)*
Steve Stroud: Ghosts of Channing
Monday, March 11
7 – 8:30 pm
Meeting Room 1
Is Channing School haunted? It might very well be, considering that it was built on the site of a former cemetery where 3,000 people were originally buried. Although the cemetery closed in 1909 and the last remains thought to be removed by 1948, coffins and remains were found when the school was built. Steve Stroud, author of Silent City: A History of Elgin's Cemeteries, will talk about the stories behind Elgin’s three city cemeteries.

Ed Herdrich: Chasing Shadows:
My Life as a Private Detective
Thursday, April 18
7 – 8:30 pm
Meeting Room 1
Have you ever wondered about the life of a private detective? Do you have an interest in hearing about what it’s really like to conduct certain kinds of investigations? Licensed Private Detective Edward J. Herdrich, author of Private Investigations: A Guide for the Beginner, will take your questions and relate stories from his 20-plus years in the field of private investigations.

Elgin’s Charter School Initiative
Tuesday, March 19 7 – 8:30 pm
Community Rooms A&B
The Elgin Charter School Initiative invites the community to learn about the possibility of a math and science charter school in Elgin. Charter schools are open enrollment (no pre-testing), free public schools that offer unique learning opportunities with proven success. The presentation will cover charter school basics and give individuals the chance to offer input and ask questions.

No registration.

Fracking . . . What is it?
Tuesday, March 19 7 – 8:30 pm
Meeting Room 1
Hydraulic fracturing for natural gas is the process of getting natural gas energy from shale rock. Is it really one of the cleanest fuels available? Is it safe? How is it regulated? Why are people against it? Find out from award-winning environmentalist Cindy Skrukrud of the Sierra Club. Sponsored by ECN, ECCO, Sierra Club VOF, Izaak Walton League of America, Elgin, Illinois Chapter and Elgin Green Groups. For more information, go to ecco-foxvalley.net. Please register.

URBANIZED: A Documentary Film Exploring the Influence of Urban Design
Tuesday, April 16 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Community Room A&B
Where we live, how we get around, where we work, how we relax, what opportunities we’re afforded: the physical design of the city dictates all of these factors. Join in viewing the documentary film Urbanized, which explores the influence of urban design on our lives. A discussion of the film and the influence of urban design in our community will follow.

No registration.

Sponsored in collaboration with the Elgin Community Network and ECCO.

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Veterans Employment Workshop
Fridays, March 22, April 26
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.

Job Search
Job Search & Resume Help
Tuesdays,
March 5, 12, 19
April 16, 23, 30
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.

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

Stitch ‘N’ B ----
Second Thursdays
6 – 8:30 pm
Youth Center
Bring your crafts, crocheting, cross stitching, knitting, needle pointing or quilting. No registration.

Elgin Entrepreneurs Networking Group
Tuesday, March 5  7 pm
Meeting Room 1
Tuesday, April 2  7 pm
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 and find us on Facebook: facebook.com/ElginEntrepreneurs.

Twitter for Businesses
Tuesday, March 5  7 pm
Meeting Room 1
At the regular meeting of Elgin Entrepreneurs, social media consultant Rachel Bloomberg will talk about building an online community and realtime information network for nonprofits and businesses using Twitter. She will cover tools and contacts to post, and how to grow followers and avoid common problems. Please register.

Stitch ‘N’ B ----
Second Thursdays
6 – 8:30 pm
Youth Center
Bring your crafts, crocheting, cross stitching, knitting, needle pointing or quilting. No registration.
March into Health 2013
Celebrate National Nutrition Month at free, fun programs in March where you'll learn about new ways to cook, shop and exercise. Start off at the March 1 Kickoff at the Centre of Elgin’s largest family fitness event and end with a grand finale at the library March 30 where you’ll meet Chicago Soul Soccer players. See the insert inside for the month’s schedule and passport for a chance to win prizes, including an Xbox Kinect Game System.

We need your books!
If your spring cleaning uncovers books you no longer want, please consider donating them to Gail Borden Library. A second Book Sale Extravaganza is being planned for later this year. Proceeds from the sale fund exciting exhibits and other enhancements for the library and community. If there are books in your home that you no longer open, perhaps ones about crafts or gardening, or even cookbooks, bring them to the Main Library. Donations can be dropped off, and tax receipt forms picked up, at a donation bin located outside on the north side of the Main Library.

ILLINOIS ROCKS!
A Guided Tour Through Geologic Time
Discover how Illinois geography developed through steamy swamps, ice age glaciers and other eras at this exhibit on loan from the Elgin Public Museum. Also find fossils like a giant shark tooth, a dinosaur egg shell and insects captured in amber plus much more from the collection of Elgin resident Dan Cahill. Fossilized crocodile and alligator teeth and bones will be on display courtesy of John Michael Winters. This exhibit is on display through August on the second floor of the Main Library.

The Hidden Treasures of Historic Holy Hill
Watch for a display in April at the Main Library in partnership with Congregation Kneseth Israel’s 120th Anniversary and the Elgin History Museum. A walking tour of historic “Holy Hill” in downtown Elgin will take place from 2 to 5 pm on April 28. Tickets will be available at Ziegler Ace and Elgin History Museum. Proceeds will benefit Food for Elgin. Contact Carole Burstein information at 847-428-6900.

Dr. Bob Meadows
Community Rooms
Continued from front page.
The digital media studio is planned to be a space for invention, collaboration and evaluation using digital media such as video, sound recording, photography, design, game development, editing and remixing. Scheduled to open in the summer of 2013, it will adjoin the library’s teen space, Studio 270, on the second floor.

Supercroc
Continued from front page.
The Science of SuperCroc was created by Project Exploration, a nonprofit science education organization dedicated to making science accessible to the public, founded by Dr. Sereno and educator Gabrielle Lyon.

The grant from the Grand Victoria Foundation included a challenge portion and other organizations will be helping to support this endeavor. These additional supporters will be listed in the next newsletter. If you are interested in helping to meet this SuperCroc Funding Challenge that is bringing amazing science and summer reading enthusiasm to this community, please contact Denise Raleigh at 847-429-5981 or draleigh@gailborden.info.

Groups Welcome to Visit SuperCroc this Summer!
Book a group visit for a guided tour of The Science of SuperCroc exhibit. Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops, book clubs, senior groups and just about any type of club are welcome! To book a group, email supercrocgroupvisits@gailborden.info or call Jennifer Ford at 847-695-4668.

Look for Gail Borden Library’s 2013 Read on the Wild Side Summer Reading Program that starts May 15.
Diabetes Academy
Tuesday, March 12  7 – 8 pm
Community Rooms A&B
The Diabetes Academy is a patient-focused educational event conducted by Linda Roller, a Novo Nordisk Diabetes Educator. Patients and caregivers will learn strategies for managing diabetes. Please register.

The Top 12 Perceptual Shifts for Self-Empowerment
Monday, March 18  7 – 8 pm
Meeting Room 1
Do you hold yourself back by the critical way you see the world? Do you have a difficult time taking that next step and moving on? Dr. Jaena Stanley-Gonzaga is the founder and managing director of Simple Balance Holistic Center. She will help you take a step back in order to see the bigger picture to create a better you. Please register.

Rise to END Violence with the Community Crisis Center
Tuesday, April 2
Wednesday, April 10
Thursday, April 18
Noon – 8 pm
Lobby
April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Join the Community Crisis Center in the Lobby to complete a small art project and find out about services that the Crisis Center has to offer survivors of sexual assault.

The Shared Harvest Food Co-op Informational Meeting
Monday, April 8  7 – 8 pm
Meeting Room 1
Learn how the Shared Harvest Food Cooperative will provide fresh, healthy, local and affordable food in Elgin and how you can get involved. No registration.

Lions Club of Illinois Hearing Bus
Tuesday, April 30  9 am – 4 pm
Main Library Parking Lot
Free screenings to identify hearing loss will take place in the bus while vision screenings for diabetic retinopathy and macular degeneration will be held in Community Room B. Also, F.I.T.E. Center for Independent Living will display assistive hearing phones in the lobby.

Get to Know Your Tablet
Monday, March 4
6:30 – 7:30 pm
Meeting Room 1
Learn the basics of using your iPad or Android Tablet. Topics include privacy, security, settings, battery life, Wifi and how to download apps. Please register.

Get to Know Your Tablet: Apps
Monday, March 11
6:30 – 7:30 pm
Community Rooms A&B
Learn about great apps for your iPad or Android tablet. Please register.

Gail’s Sales
Pick up some great books to curl up with. 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.
**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 Nancy at 847-289-5840.

**March** Henry IV, Part 1
by William Shakespeare

**April 8** The Open Boat
by Stephen Crane

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**Walking Book Club**
Join us every Wednesday 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.

**March** Swamplandia
by Karen Russell

**April** The Marriage Plot
by Jeffrey Eugenides

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**Armchair Generals:**
A Civil War and Lincoln Brown Bag

**Lunch Interest Group**
Tuesdays
11:45 am – 1:15 pm
Meeting Room 2

**March 12** Fort Henry and Fort Donaldson, Battle of Nashville,
Led by Bill Lax

**April 16** General George McClellan,
Led by George Rowe

Join forces to commemorate events, share insights and talk about books or experiences during the 150th anniversary. Bring your own hardtack. No registration.

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**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.

**March 20** Salvage the Bones
by Jesmyn Ward

**April 17** State of Wonder
by Ann Patchett

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**Antique Interest Group**
Tuesdays,
March 26, April 23
7 – 8 pm
Meeting Room 2

Learn how to identify your treasures, determine their age, research markets and value, care for and repair them at this monthly meeting. Please bring a small object you’d like to talk about. Facilitated by collector Patricia Harkin and Ray Maxwell, owner of Elgin Antiques and Uniques. No registration.

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**French Conversation Group**
Thursdays, March 21, April 18
7 – 8:30 pm
Meeting Room 2

Refresh and enhance your knowledge of French language and culture in a conversational setting with former college language professor Dennis Schwank and Paloma Garcia, a local high school teacher who studied and worked in France for two years. No registration.

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**Let’s Grow a Garden!**
5 – 10 years
Saturday, March 23
2 – 3 pm
Registration required.
Plant seeds at Rakow Branch in March. Take your own seedling-in-a-pot home and watch it grow. Return with it in April to plant the young seedlings in our Rakow Branch Community Garden.

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**Rakow Read To Rover**
Saturdays, March 23, April 27
10, 10:30, 11 or 11:30 am
Registration required.
School-aged 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**
Mondays, 1:30 – 2:30 pm
Shales Living Room
No registration.

**March 25** The Buddha in the Attic
by Julie Otsuka

**April 22** The Night Circus
by Erin Morgenstern

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**Drop In Storytime**
3 – 6 years with a parent
Wednesdays, March 20 – April 24
10:30 – 11 am
No registration.
Drop in for stories, songs and finger-plays with Miss Angela.

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**Let’s Grow a Garden!**
5 – 10 years
Saturday, April 27
2 – 3 pm
Registration required.
Help plant our Rakow garden. If you came in March, bring your seedling-in-a-pot. If not, come help us plant and hear stories and songs.
Tools for the New Economy

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
[1st Session to be Presented in Lao]
Saturday, March 2 10 am – noon
Thursday, March 14 10 am – noon
For those who need practice using a mouse.

Internet 1 – Basics
[1st Session to be Presented in Lao]
Saturday, March 9 10 am – Noon
Thursday, March 21 10 am – Noon
Learn how to use the web and the basics of terminology, then visit some websites. M

Internet 2 – Searching
[1st Session to be Presented in Lao]
Saturday, March 16 10 am – Noon
Thursday, April 11 10 am – Noon
Learn how to use some Internet search engines and the catalog. Basic mouse skills are required. M

Internet 3 – Email
[1st Session to be Presented in Lao]
Saturday, March 23 10 am – Noon
Thursday, April 18 10 am – noon
The basics of reading and sending email will be covered. M, K

Excel 2010 – Introduction
Monday, April 8 2 – 4 pm
What a spreadsheet is and how to create one. M, K

Excel 2010 – Presenting Numbers
Monday, April 15 2 – 4 pm
How to use borders, charts and other options to increase the visual appeal of your spreadsheets. M, K

Excel 2010 – Formulas for Success
Monday, April 22 2 – 4 pm
How to calculate totals, percentages and averages. M, K

Word 2010 – Intro Part 1
Tuesday, March 12 6:30 – 8:30 pm
A basic introduction to working with Microsoft Word 2010. M, K, E

Word 2010 – Intro Part 2
Tuesday, March 19 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Create, edit and print a simple document using Microsoft Word 2010. M, K, E

Word 2010 – Formatting Documents
Tuesday, April 9 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

Word 2010 – Adding Pizazz to Documents
Tuesday, April 16 6:30 – 8:30 pm
How to use Clip Art, WordArt, Building Blocks and other tools to improve the visual appeal of your documents. M, K, E

Word 2010 – Work with Tables
Tuesday, April 23 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Create, edit and format tables in Microsoft Word 2010. M, K

Word 2010 – Mail Merge
Tuesday, April 30 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Use a mailing list to create mailing labels and form letters. M, K

Spring Break Workshops

Sign up for one or more of these one-hour sessions that will be offered the last week of March.

Which eReader or Tablet Is Right For Me?
Monday, March 25 11 am – noon
See and learn about features of several device options including Nook, Kindle, iPad, and tablets.

Getting Stuff Done
Monday, March 25 1 – 2 pm
Learn tips and tricks for using your Smartphone or Tablet to make your life more organized.

How Do I Do That?
Thursday, March 28 11 am – noon
Harness the power of YouTube and online video to learn anything from how to tie a tie to calculating the distance to the moon.

Saving Face on Facebook
Thursday, March 28 1 – 2 pm
Learn how to connect with family and friends while staying safe on the web.

Google Docs – Intro Part 1
Thursday, March 7 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 14 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Create, edit and print a basic document. M, K, E

Google Docs – Sharing, Privacy, Printing and Publishing
Thursday, March 21 6:30 – 8:30 pm
How to manage, share and protect your documents. M, K, E

PowerPoint 2010 – Intro Part 1
Monday, March 11 2 – 4 pm
A basic introduction to working with Microsoft PowerPoint. M, K

PowerPoint 2010 – Intro Part 2
Monday, March 18 2 – 4 pm
Create and edit an on-screen presentation. M, K
Explorar el Internet – Parte 1
domingo, 24 de marzo 2 – 4 pm
Aprenda cómo se navega en Internet. Favor de Inscribirse. M, K

Explorar el Internet 2
domingo, 7 de abril 2 – 4 pm
Siga aprendiendo cómo se navega en Internet. Favor de Inscribirse. M, K

Manejar el Teclado – Parte 1
domingo, 10 de marzo 2 – 4 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
domingo, 17 de marzo 2 – 4 pm
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

Introducción al Correo Electrónico
domingo, 14 de abril 2 – 4 pm
Aprenda cómo leer y mandar correo electrónico. M, K

Introducción a Microsoft Word 2010 – Parte 1
domingo, 21 de abril 2 – 4 pm
Aprenda cómo usar este programa para crear documentos. Favor de Inscribirse. M, K

Introducción a Microsoft Word 2010 – Parte 2
domingo, 28 de abril 2 – 4 pm
Aprenda a usar este programa para crear documentos. M, K

Introducción a Microsoft Excel 2010
sábado, 4 de mayo 2 – 4 pm
Aprenda cómo usar este programa para crear hojas de cálculo. Se requiere inscripción. M, K

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.

En Español
Herramientas para la Nueva Economía

Gail Borden Thanks
The following businesses for generously donating coupons and prizes for the Get Drawn into a Good Book This Winter! Reading Program:
Applebees
Chicago Wolves Hockey Team
Chili’s
Cold Stone Creamery
Colonial Café
Epic Air
Nick’s Pizza and Pub
Paintball Explosion
Spring Hill Gymnastics

Marcus Theatres for movie passes.
Fermilab and Mr. Freeze and STEM Expo organizers from U-46, volunteers and participants.

Biggers Chevrolet for their display of the Chevy Volt.
English Conversation Group
Tuesdays 6:30 – 7:30 pm
2nd Floor 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.

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.

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.

Habitat for Humanity/Housing
Tuesday, April 9 9:30 am
Meeting Room 1
Find out what it takes to afford your own home and qualify for special programs such as Habitat for Humanity.

Bullying
Thursday, April 25 5 pm
Community Rooms
Learn how to teach your child about bullying and bullying prevention.

Programas para Padres por Two Rivers Head Start
Estos programas están abiertos a todos los padres y niños entre recién nacidos y los 5 años. No hace falta inscribirse.

Habitat for Humanity/Vivienda
martes, 9 de abril 9:30 am
Salón de Reuniones 1
Infórmate sobre programas especiales para ser dueño de vivienda, y cómo puedes calificar.

El Acoso Escolar
jueves, 25 de abril 5 pm
Salones de la Comunidad
Aprende cómo puedes enseñar a tus hijos sobre el acoso entre los niños.

Families with Children Who Have Hearing Loss
Saturday, March 23 1:30 – 3:30 pm
Community Rooms
Meet other families with children who have a hearing loss while learning about communication options for children with hearing loss. Activities and treats will be available for the kids while the parents participate in the presentation. This event is hosted by Illinois Guide By Your Side. There will be assistance in Spanish. Please register.

Familias con Niños con Pérdida de Audición
sábado, 23 de marzo 1:30 – 3:30 pm
Salones de la Comunidad
Conoce a otras familias con niños que tienen una pérdida auditiva y aprende sobre opciones para los niños comunicarse. Habrá actividades y agasajos para los niños mientras que los padres participan en la presentación. El evento es auspiciado por “Un Guía a tu Lado” de Illinois. Habrá asistencia en español. Favor de inscribirse.
Programas en Español para Adultos y la Familia

Noche de Juegos en Familia
jueves, 7 de marzo 6 – 7:30 pm
Salones de la Comunidad
Disfruta de una variedad de juegos tradicionales para la familia. Favor de inscribirte.

Tu Salud: la Diabetes y su Manejo
jueves, 12 de marzo 7 – 8 pm
Salón de la Comunidad C
Las personas con diabetes y sus cuidadores aprenderán sobre esta enfermedad y su manejo con Elisa Lara de VNA. Favor de inscribirte.

Superación Personal para Todos: Adiós a los Miedos
jueves, 14 de marzo 7 – 8:30 pm
Salón de Reuniones 2
La consejera Pita Betancourt platicará sobre los factores que pueden ser una barrera para expresarse libremente y sentirse bien con uno mismo y los demás. Favor de inscribirte.

Manualidad: la Máscara del Santo
sábado, 6 de abril 2 – 4 pm
Salones de la Comunidad
Ven a crear una máscara de lucha libre con la artista Teresa Magaña. Los participantes se podrán llevar su máscara. Los materiales son limitados. Favor de inscribirte.

Tu Empleo: los Derechos Laborales
jueves, 11 de abril 7 – 8 pm
Salón de Reuniones 2
Infórmate sobre temas como la indemnización laboral y accidentes y lesiones en el empleo con el licenciado Acevedo. Favor de inscribirte.

Feria de Vivienda de Elgin
sábado, 20 de abril 10 am – 3 pm
Salones de la Comunidad
Obtén información sobre la compra de propiedades, el crédito, préstamos y programas para realizar mejoras, la prevención del embargo y más a través de un panel de discusión y mesas con información. Habrá sorteos y asistencia en español. Favor de inscribirte.

Celebración del Día del Niño
sábado, 27 de abril 10 am
Elgin High School
Únete a este evento anual para entretener y celebrar a los niños. En asociación con el Consejo de Padres Bilingües del Distrito Escolar U-46. Obtén los boletos gratis desde el 1 de abril en el área de niños en la Biblioteca.

¡Cómo Comprar Casa de Forma Fácil!
miércoles, 24 de abril 7 – 8:30 pm
Salón de Reuniones 1
Patty Guerrero, agente de bienes raíces, moderará un panel de expertos locales en la compra de casas, financiamiento e inspección. Este es un programa de “Money Smart Week” en asociación con Baird & Warner. Favor de inscribirte.

Spring Break with Flat Borden!
Flat Borden works at the library and 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, Elgin’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 at the Main Library or Rakow Branch.
THE MAIN LIBRARY AND RAKOW BRANCH WILL BE CLOSED:
Sunday, March 31 for Easter

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LOCAL POSTAL PATRON

MAIN LIBRARY HOURS
Monday - Thursday
9 am - 9 pm
Friday - Saturday
9 am - 6 pm
Sunday
Noon - 5 pm

RAKOW BRANCH HOURS
Monday - Thursday
9 am - 8 pm
Friday - Saturday
9 am - 5 pm
Sunday
Noon - 5 pm

Have Fun Getting Ready for Kindergarten!

In April pick up the Countdown to Kindergarten brochure at the Main Library or Rakow Branch or online at www.gailborden.info. It has fun activities for children entering kindergarten in August. For a special prize, return the completed Countdown to Kindergarten brochure when your child registers for Read on the Wild Side Summer Reading Program at Gail Borden Public Library beginning May 15.

In the Neighborhood Fresh

$1.00 off any full sandwich purchase.
Expires April 30, 2013

At the Gail Borden Public Library 270 N. Grove Ave. Elgin 60120

Interact with the library on the web, Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.

Sign up for Gailmail, the library's e-newsletter.

Studio 60+
Thursdays, March 14, 28, April 11, 25
9:30 – 11:30 am
Seniors, this is your time to play with technology in a relaxed atmosphere. Drop by Studio 270 on the second floor for conversation, hands-on learning and a cup of coffee or tea. You are welcome to bring your own devices. No registration.

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

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.