Register through July 14

Finish the summer reading program and receive free carnival rides, pool pass, coupons to local businesses and choice of a paperback or comic books. See page 2 for more details. (No child was harmed by SuperCroc during this photo session.)

The Science of SuperCroc
Through August 18
The largest croc to roam the earth is visiting the library for the summer. Learn about this ferocious dinosaur eater who lived 100 million years ago. Grab your field guide and see a SuperCroc replica skeleton, flesh model, fossil skull, expedition tent, National Geographic SuperCroc documentary and more. Created by Project Exploration.

Thank You to SuperCroc Sponsors:
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• Seigle Family Foundation
• Hoffer Family Foundation
• Palmer Foundation
• Kane County Teachers Credit Union
• St. Charles Bank & Trust
• First Community Bank

Join us for 100,000 Hours of Reading!

Community Reading Challenge
See the two new Reading Challenge Leaders on page 13.

The Big Read
September 1 – November 11
Together our community will be reading the powerful book about the Vietnam War, The Things They Carried by Tim O’Brien, and, together, we will share our thoughts and ideas, learn the stories of local veterans and refugees, and honor those who served.

For information about becoming a participant in The Big Read, see page 10.
Family Picnics
Bring a picnic supper to the library’s west lawn at 6 pm. Enjoy the evening’s entertainment with your family at 7 pm. Beverage and dessert will be provided by the library. In case of inclement weather, tickets will be needed for the performance and will be handed out on a first-come, first-served basis starting at 6 pm at the Greeter Desk on the evening of the performance.

Mr. Steve
Monday, July 8
Join us as we welcome Mr. Steve, “The Master Facilitator of Fun.” From a side-splitting song for the audience to his silly magic, families will enjoy this fun, fast-paced show.

Uncle Mike’s Polkas You Can Dig
Monday, August 12
Join Pint Size Polkas for catchy sing-along polka tunes. No one goes home without doing the Chicken Dance and a special polka version of Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes.

SuperCroc Programs
Paleontology Pizza Night at Danny’s Pizza
Thursday, July 11  5 – 8 pm
231 Douglas Avenue, Elgin
Join the Elgin Public Museum and Gail Borden Public Library for paleontology and pizza. Enjoy an evening of dinosaur and croc fun with games, crafts, movies, drawings and all you can eat dinosaur pizza, pasta and salad bar. Adults, $10, children 12 and under, $8.

America’s SuperCroc: Deinosuchus
5 years & up Tuesday,
July 16
6:30 – 7:30 pm
Meadows Community Rooms A&B
Please register as space is limited.
You know all about SuperCroc—now learn about Deinosuchus, a dinosaur predator that lived in North America after SuperCroc lived. Presenter Betsy Carlson from the Burpee Museum has been on digs in Utah and Montana. She found the pre-dentary bone of Homer, a teenage triceratops whose exhibit opens June 29 at the Burpee Museum.

Tony’s Creepy Crawly Zoo
All ages Tuesday, July 30  7 – 8 pm
Meadows Community Rooms
Please register.
You won’t need to travel to a rainforest to see these creatures! Tony Gustin, the “Bug Whisperer,” brings his bounty of bugs to this hands-on insect show. Learn about habits and habitats of these fascinating, crawling creatures—studying them helps us understand the biodiversity that fills our living planet.

Outdoor Movie
Madagascar 3: Europe’s Most Wanted Wednesday, July 24  Sunset
Bring your lawn chairs, blankets and snacks and watch this funny movie for families.
**Comic Book Mania Convention**

**Saturday, July 13**
10 am – 5 pm
Meadows Community Rooms
Free Admission

**Special Appearance by:**
The Ghostbusters: Chicago Division (Your Troop Outside the Loop) and the Ghostbusters’ car, the Ecto-1. Bring your camera!

Gamers will compete for prizes in a Pokemon tournament (register in advance). Look for comics vendors, facepainting for the kids and more! If you wear a costume, you will win a prize!

**Special guest artists and writers:**
Art Baltazar, Eisner Award winner, Tiny Titans, Superman Family, Aw Yeah Comics
Dave Dorman, Star Wars, Magic the Gathering
Ben Torres, creative toy designer of action figures for Star Wars, Spider-Man, Transformers
Chris Ecker, Knight Watchman, Big Bang Comics
J.C. Baez, Walter Koenig’s Things to Come
Tom Kelly, Sword of the Savage Samurai
Christopher Mitten, 30 Days of Night
Sterling Clark, The Renegade, Ntombinde
Mark Stegbauer, Dr. Goyle
Jim Terry, The Crow
Justin Castaneda, Heart, When I Was Little
Serena Guerra, Mice Templar
Scott Beaderstadt, Trollords
Cory Carani, Legionnaires
Russell Lissau, Batman Strikes!, Strawberry Shortcake
Jim & Rose McClain, The Solution Squad
Wally Lowe, Night of the Pizza Zombies
Doc Boucher, Inter-Fan
Rich Perez, Ron Ong, Rage Ledbetter, entire creative team of The Infinium
Lauren Burke, Greg Sorkin, Tony Maldonado, entire creative team of P.I. JANE

**POW!**

**The Gaming Event**

Grades 3 and up
Mondays, July 1, August 5
6 – 8 pm
Meadows 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.

**Wacky Wednesdays**

School age
July 3 – 31
2 – 3:30 pm
Meadows Community Rooms
No registration.

Visit a variety of stations such as Wii video games, board games, crafts and more. Children younger than eight years old must be accompanied by a caregiver of at least 14 years of age.

**Sports Card Trading Club**

School-aged children
Presented by Jeff Allison, Hosted by KidSpace
Tuesdays, July 9
3:30 pm,
August 13
3 pm
No registration.

Drop in and bring your collections to show and trade. Just starting? Learn how! Answer trivia questions correctly to win cards.

**Sweet Deals Children’s Flea Market at Rakow Branch**

Wednesday, July 10
2 – 3:30 pm
See page 7 for details.

**Friday Family Films**

10 am
Meadows Community Rooms
July 12
Hotel Transylvania (2012, PG, 91 minutes)

July 19
Sofia the First: Once Upon a Princess (2012, no rating, 48 minutes)

July 26
Scooby-Doo!: Mask of the Blue Falcon (2013, no rating, 78 minutes)
Activity Programs

Tiny Tales
Birth – 23 months with a parent
Monday, July 1, 15, 29 10 – 10:30 am
Meadows Community Rooms B&C
No registration.
Enjoy a short storytime, then playtime together doing a variety of fun activities with music, bubbles and more.

Croc-O-Tales
2 years – kindergarten
July 2 – 30
Mondays, 2 or 7 pm
Tuesdays, 9:30 or 11 am
Meadows Community Rooms
No registration.
Join Jungle Jack and some wild animal puppet friends, maybe even a crocodile, as they safari through some wild stories this summer! Enjoy 30 minutes of puppets, stories, movies, music and more. On July 8, the Family Picnic replaces the 7 pm Croc-O-Tales.

CHOMP! Cookies with Crocs
3 – 6 years with families
Saturday, July 20 10:30 – 11:30 am
Meadows Community Rooms
Registration required.
Celebrate crocodiles with stories, songs, a craft and more!

Coco Cuentos
Comenzando el 3 de julio al 31 de julio del 2013
Todos los miércoles, de 7:00 a 7:30 de la noche, en los cuartos de la comunidad
¡Familia, acompaña a Coco a lo que él se prepara para hacer un viaje a la selva!
¡Conozca a animales marionetas quizá hasta a un cocodrilo! ¡Disfruta 30 minutos de cuentos salvajes, marionetas, música, películas y más este verano en la Biblioteca Publica Gail Borden!

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Lectores Salvajes
Niños entrando a primero a tercer grado.
Jueves
Acompañanos en aventuras salvajes con cuentos, juegos, manualidades y mucho más. Este programa será presentado en español.
Children entering first through third grade.
Thursdays July 11 – August 1
2 pm
Join us on wild adventures with stories, games, crafts and more! This program will be presented completely in Spanish.

Wild Things!
Grades 1 – 2
July 1 – 31
Mondays 2 pm
Wednesdays 10 am
South and North Story Rooms
No registration.
Get “wild” this summer with 45 minutes of adventurous stories, games, crafts and more. Explore crocs, dinos, sharks and our wild imaginations!

Untamed Readers
Grades 3 – 5
July 3 – 31
Wednesdays 10 – 11 am
Meadows Community Rooms
No registration.
Come explore our wild and crazy world! Discover weird but true tales, amazing animal antics and extreme human achievements through games, crafts and stories.

Chris Fascione: Scared Silly Stories!
Summer Reading Program Finale
Tuesday, August 6
Two performances:
6 – 6:45 pm & 7 – 7:45 pm
Meadows Community Rooms
Chris Fascione’s show will tickle your goosebumps! You’ll be laughing out loud as this nationally known family entertainer brings children’s stories to life with his high-spirited and innovative performances. Full of energy, humor and imagination, Chris creates colorful characters through his unique combination of acting, storytelling, comedy, and juggling.

Read to Rover
Elementary age students
Saturday, August 10
10, 10:30, 11 or 11:30 am
Registration required.
Cuddle up with a good book and read to a fully trained and certified animal therapy dog for 20 minutes.

Build it Up!
Grades 1 & up
Wednesday, August 21 4 – 5:30 pm
Meadows Community Rooms
Registration required.
Bring your imaginations and building abilities to this fun-filled building block program. All building blocks will be provided. Children younger than 8 years must be accompanied by a parent.

Museum Adventure Pass
Let the adventure begin when you visit museums like Chicago Botanic Garden and Legoland Discovery Center as well as local venues such as the Elgin History Museum and Elgin Public Museum. Check out a museum pass at the Main Library or Rakow Branch using your library card. The museum pass gets you free admission or a special discount, depending on the museum. For more information, go to museumadventure.org.

Summer Activity Notebooks in KidSpace
Find ideas for day trips, museums, sports camps and events, day camps, educational camps, resident camps and more!
STORY PROGRAMS BOOST LANGUAGE SKILLS AND READING READINESS
Fall I Session August 19 – September 14
Registration beginning August 5

Baby Rhyme Time
Birth – 11 months with an adult caregiver
Thursdays 6:15 pm
Fridays 9:15 am
South Story Room
Registration required.
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
South Story Room
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
Story Room South
Thursdays 9:15, 10, 10:45 am
Meadows Community Room C
Registration required.
20 minutes of stories, interactive fingerplays and large-muscle activities.

1,2,3, Go!
1 – 3 years with families
Wednesdays 10 am
Meadows Community Rooms
Families share stories, rhymes and musical activities together.

Story Mix for Three to Six
3 – 6 years
Mondays 9:30 am, 3:30 pm
Tuesdays 10 am, 7 pm
Thursdays 10:15 am
Story Room North
30 minutes of stories, fingerplays and songs. As parents must remain in the building but do not need to attend the class, this is the first “on my own” library experience for children.

Family Storytime
All ages
Mondays 7 pm
Meadows Community Rooms A&B
30 minutes of stories, songs and crafts for parents and children to enjoy together.

Spanish Family Storytime
Wednesdays 7 pm
Meadows Community Rooms A&B
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 Meadows AyB
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 pm
South Story Room
We’ll have fun while learning cool stuff, making things and playing games with weekly themes.

KidSpace Volunteers
Volunteer opportunities with KidSpace are now reserved for 7th and 8th graders only! Sign up beginning August 15.

Science Experiments to Go!
The Main Library and Rakow Branch have new science kits available for older elementary and middle school students. The kits explore electric circuits, simple machines and alternative energy sources. All you need is your Gail Borden Library card to take a kit home and explore science! Thank you to the Klein Family Foundation of California.
Middle School Zone  Grades 6 – 8

Zone Leadership Team

Wednesdays, July 10, August 14
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.

Zone Activities Group

Thursdays, July 11 – August 1 2 – 3 pm
Thursdays, August 8 – August 29
5:30 – 6:30 pm

Drop in for a different activity each week, including duct tape crafts, paper toys and iPad gaming. Visit gailborden.info/zone for a complete schedule of activities.

Build Your Own Roller Coaster

Tuesday, July 2  2 – 3:30 pm
Cardboard tubes + marbles + you = marble roller coaster.

Cookie Boss

Tuesday, July 9  2 – 3 pm
Who will be voted Cookie Boss? It could be you! Show off your imagination and culinary skills by decorating cookies to fit specific themes. All supplies provided—please register so we know how much to buy!

Stop Motion Music Videos

Thursday, July 30 2 – 3:30 pm
Learn about the process of storyboarding a music video, then create your own animated video to put online. You can use the library’s props and toy “actors” or bring your own from home.

Improv Acting Workshop

Tuesday, July 16  6 – 7:30 pm
Build your confidence and creativity by participating in this hands-on acting class led by a professional actor. Space is limited—sign up for free to secure your spot.

Wild Art: Clay Monsters

Tuesday, July 23  2 – 3:30 pm
Sculpt your own monster out of air-drying clay then decorate it with feathers, fur or fangs!

Movie Night

Tuesday, July 2
Thursday, August 1  6 – 8 pm
What movie will play? Only you can decide! Go to facebook.com/studio270 to vote on what movie you will watch.

Gaming Tournament

Mondays 5 – 7 pm
July 8 NBA2K13
August 5 Smash Bros

Do you have what it takes to compete in Studio 270’s xBox and Wii Tournament? Sign up for a spot and claim bragging rights.

Trivia Night

Tuesday, July 16
6 – 7 pm
Are you one smart cookie? Then come to our trivia night to challenge the best competitor of the night.

Pizza and Books

Thursdays, July 18, August 15
6 – 7 pm
Stop by for a slice of pizza and join in on the conversation about books we’re reading.

DIY

Two sessions each day: 3 – 4 pm & 6 – 7 pm
Wednesday, July 19  DIY Temporary Tats
Monday, July 22  Papier-mâché Vase
Wednesday, August 7  Shrinky Dink Charms

Open Mic Night

Tuesdays, July 23, August 13
7 – 8 pm
Share your talent! We are looking for musicians, poets, comedians and storytellers to perform.
Family Story Time
3 – 6 years
Mondays, July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
10:30 – 11 am
No registration.
Drop by the Rakow Branch on Monday mornings for stories and songs presented by the Readership Van.

Sweet Deals Children’s Flea Market at Rakow Branch
Sellers grades 2 – 8
All ages are welcome to buy!
Wednesday, July 10  2 – 3:30 pm
Recycle your old treasures by selling them and earn some spending money. Nothing will be priced more than $8. Only children’s items will be sold (no home-based business items please). Registration is required for sellers and must be done in person at the Rakow Branch or the Main Library as there is a parental permission slip to be signed. Rain date is July 17.

Watch Our Vegetable Garden Grow!
Look for summer family garden events posted on the Rakow storyboard.

Solar Saturdays at Rakow Branch
Geothermal Energy Workshop for Youth
Grades 4 – 8
Saturday, July 13  2 – 3 pm
How is renewable energy generated? Come and build your own electric working circuit board and gain valuable insight on how geothermal energy works. Take a tour to see how geothermal energy works at the Rakow Branch. Registration required.

Build a Miniature Solar Powered House
Grades 4 – 8
Saturday, July 20  2 – 3 pm
Build an environmentally friendly miniature house that includes solar panels. When completed, your house will feature solar thermal energy and photovoltaic power. Registration required.

Women’s Safety Awareness Seminar
Wednesday, July 17  6:30 – 7:30 pm
Registration required.
Join Lt. Larry Lindenman of the Illinois State Police for a Women’s Safety Awareness Seminar. Learn how to protect yourself from assailants at this interactive program.

CHOMP! Cookies With Crocs
Ages 3 – 6 with families
Saturday, July 27  10:30 – 11:30 am
Registration required.
Celebrate crocodiles with stories, songs, a craft and more!

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Elementary age students
Saturdays, July 27, August 24
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How to Decorate a Cake With Fondant
Saturday, July 20
3:30 – 4:30 pm
Meadows Community Rooms
Adults and teens will learn how to make the perfect cake for a baby shower, birthday party or even the library’s upcoming Edible Book Festival (August 17 and 18). Join library staff member Devi Turner in creating beautiful flowers using rolled marshmallow fondant to cover a cake. Please register.

2nd Annual Edible Book Festival:
Eat on the Wild Side
August 17 – 18  Main Library
Calling all amateur and professional bakers! Create an edible book with a theme inspired by a favorite tale or pun on a famous title, or simply create one in the shape of a book. Prizes will be awarded for the children/teen, horror/mystery, and wildlife categories in three groups: families (includes age 9 and younger), ages 10 to 16, and age 17 and older. Register in person at the Main Library or Rakow Branch to receive a free cake board on which to display your cake. For more information, go to www.gailborden.info.

Important Dates:
Registration  July 15 – August 5
Cake Drop-off  August 16
Vote for Your Favorite Cake  August 17
Prizes Awarded  August 18
Three Ways to Register:
- Online at gailborden.info/register
- Call 847-429-4597
- In person at the Registration Desk

**Films at the Main Library**

**Brown Bag Lunch Classic Films**
*Meadows Community Rooms. Coffee will be served. No registration.*

- **Monday, July 8**
  - *Duck Soup* (1933)
  - 11 am – 12:30 pm

- **Monday, August 12**
  - *Captain Blood* (1935)
  - 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 Meadows Community Rooms A&B. No registration.*

- **Tuesday, July 23**
  - *Zero Dark Thirty* (2012, R)

- **Tuesday, August 27**
  - *The Impossible* (2012, PG-13)

**Elgin Community College Concert Band**
*Wednesday, July 31
7 – 8:15 pm
Outdoor Stage*

The ECC Concert band’s repertoire is eclectic, featuring great marches, music from the movies and Broadway, and traditional concert band favorites. Bring your own lawn chair for our summer outdoor concert! No registration. Rain date is Thursday, August 1 at 7 pm in the Meadows Community Rooms.

**Business and Job Search**

**Workforce Investment Act Information Session**
*Every Thursday July 11 – August 27
1:30 - 3 pm
Elgin Room*

Training grants are available to help you get a job! Learn about WIA services and the application process. This program is in partnership with the Kane County Department of Employment and Education.

**Job Search & Resume Help**
*Every Tuesday July 2 – August 27
10 am – 2 pm
Computer Training Room*

Drop in for one-on-one assistance with your job search. Receive help with your résumé, cover letter, completing online applications and more.

**Reemployment Services Workshop**
*Wednesdays, July 3, 17, August 7, 21
1:30 – 3 pm
Elgin Room*

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.

**September is Library Card Sign-Up Month!**

Businesses can support literacy by offering a small discount when a customer shows their Gail Borden Library Card throughout September. The program brings more people into your business and gets everyone to use their library card. For information, contact Liz Clemmons at 847-429-4698.
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 the South Elgin Room. For more information, please call Rachel Bloomberg at 630-391-2966.

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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. In bad weather, meetings are held at the Centre of Elgin. Call Nancy at 847-289-5840 for more details. The club will not meet in July. In August, the club will discuss State of Wonder by Ann Patchett.

French Conversation Group
Tuesdays
7 pm
July 16
Meadows Community Room C
August 20  South Elgin Room
Refresh and enhance your knowledge of French language and culture in a conversational setting with former college language professor Dennis Schwank. No registration.

Armchair Generals: A Civil War and Lincoln Brown Bag
Lunch Interest Group
11:45 am – 1:15 pm
South Elgin Room
Join forces to commemorate events, share insights, and talk about books or experiences. On Tuesday, July 9, Bill Moylan will lead a discussion on the Battle of Gettysburg. Then on Tuesday, August 13, film selections from Death and the Civil War: How the Unthinkable Became Unforgettable will be shown with a discussion led by Sue Moylan.

Writers on the Fox
Mondays, July 22, August 26
7 – 8:30 pm
Elgin Room
Get inspired at this writers’ peer group that provides thought-provoking writing prompts and constructive critique. Writers of all genres are welcome to participate. No registration.

Antique Interest Group
Tuesdays, July 23, August 27
7 – 8:30 pm
South Elgin Room
Learn how to identify your treasures and their age. 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.

Authors on the Fox
Shannon Stoker: The Registry
Sunday, July 21  2 – 3:30 pm
Meadows Community Rooms
Elgin native Shannon (Wapole) Stoker is excited to speak about her first book. Stoker has a BS and JD from Northern Illinois University, but she is also a proud graduate of Highland Elementary, Kimball Middle and Larkin High School. Her novel The Registry is the first in a three-book series being published by HarperCollins.

Bette Fetter: Understand Your Child’s Learning Style
Thursday, August 22  7 – 8:30 pm
Elgin Room
The founder of Young Rembrandts will share insights from her new book, Being Visual. Bette has spent more than 20 years researching the impact of art on children’s education. She will share tips on making homework easier and increasing your child’s self-confidence.

Book Clubs & Discussion Groups

Read On The Wild Side
Adult Summer Reading Program Through August 31
Pick up a summer reading log at the Main Library, Rakow Branch or online at www.gailborden.info. Follow the instructions and at the end of the summer, you could win an iPad Mini in the grand prize drawing.

Don’t forget to take the reading minutes you earned for the reading program and also enter them toward the Community Summer Reading Challenge to help the community reach the goal of 100,000 hours of reading.

Enter your minutes today at: gailborden.info/supercroc/community-reading-challenge
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The Things They Carried by Tim O’Brien
September 1 – November 11

Participate in this community-wide project:

Volunteer at The Wall That Heals. The Traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall from Washington D.C.’s Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, The Wall That Heals, will be on display September 19 – 22.

Veterans, especially Vietnam veterans, are needed to help with the setup, ceremonies and other duties related to The Wall. Call 847-429-4597.

Help honor a Vietnam Veteran, POW or MIA. Contact us about someone who should be honored at 847-429-4597.

Tell your personal story about the Vietnam Era, as a veteran or as a civilian. Call 847-429-4597.

Host a book discussion. Sign up your group to read, or lead a new group. Call Tish Calhamer at 847-289-5838 or email tcalhamer@gailborden.info or draleigh@gailborden.info.

Get your business or organization involved. The Big Read is open to the entire Northern Fox Valley Area. Email OneBook@gailborden.info.

Donate to the project. Contributions are tax deductible. Make checks payable to Gail Borden Public Library Foundation, 270 N. Grove Avenue, Elgin, IL 60120. Mail to: 270 N. Grove Avenue, Elgin, IL 60120. Or contact Denise Raleigh at 847-429-5981 or draleigh@gailborden.info.

Partners include: American Association of University Women Elgin Branch, Black History Family Festival Inc., City of Elgin, Downtown Neighborhood Association, Greater Chicago IL#3 Blue Star Mothers of America, Elgin Community College, Elgin History Museum, IL School District U-46, Judson University Library, Lao Oral History Project, Sam’s Club, veterans organizations, Vitas Hospice and YWCA Elgin.

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!

HeroClix Tournaments

Saturdays, July 20, August 24 1 – 5 pm
South Elgin Room
Compete for the most powerful weapon in the Marvel Universe. Prizes, demos and cool giveaways. No registration.

eBooks Made Easy for Tablet Owners

Tuesday, July 23
6:30 – 7:30 pm
Elgin Room
Bring your gadget and learn how to download eBooks from the library. This class is for owners of: iPad, iPod Touch, Android Tablet, Nook Color, Nook Tablet, or Nook HD. Don’t forget to bring your Gail Borden Library card. If you have any other device, please visit the Information Desk or call 847-429-4680.

¡Súbete a la Onda Digital con tu Biblioteca!
¿Sabías que puedes conseguir libros, música y revistas digitales gratis en tu computadora, tableta o teléfono celular con tu tarjeta de la Biblioteca Gail Borden? Visítanos en el escritorio de Información en el 2do Piso de la Biblioteca o en www.gailborden.info para más información.
adult programs

Listen Learn and Lead
Toastmasters Club
2nd and 4th Thursdays
noon – 1 pm
South Elgin Room
Become the speaker and leader you want to be. No registration.

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

Studio 60+
2nd and 4th Thursdays
9:30 – 11:30 am
Studio 270
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.

Powerspeak Languages
Now Available
Gail Borden Library customers can access Powerspeak Languages as a resource to study the following languages:
• Chinese (Mandarin)
• English for Chinese Speakers (ESL)
• English for Spanish Speakers (ESL)
• French
• German
• Italian
• Japanese
• Korean
• Russian
• Spanish
Remote access to Powerspeak Languages requires a GBPL card. For more information, go to www.gailborden.info and click on “Collections” then “Languages.”

Save the Date!
Team Read Challenge Race
April 6, 2014

Honor a Loved One at A Green Story, The Fox River Mural at the Rakow Branch
Created by acclaimed designer and sculptor Marion Grebow, this mural graces the foyer of the Branch, celebrating the area's natural environment with beautiful tiles depicting animals, birds, flowers and plants of the Fox Valley. Bordering the mural are depictions of bookshelves with book spines made of tiles. Honor a loved one or the memory of a loved one by purchasing a book spine starting at $100 and choosing a name for engraving. It is a wonderful way to pay tribute to our natural surroundings and someone special to you. For more information, go to www.gailborden.info/foundation/
Rick McCarthy Elected to the Illinois Library Association Executive Board

Congratulations to Rick McCarthy, president of the Gail Borden Public Library District board of trustees, who has been elected to the executive board of the Illinois Library Association, the state's largest professional organization of library and information science professionals. His three-year term begins July 1.

“As an active library trustee and a library architect, I have had a unique opportunity to work with library staff, trustees, and facilities throughout Illinois,” said McCarthy. “I have seen first-hand the impact of property tax limitations and inadequate funding, as well as the resourcefulness shown by libraries in difficult times. The role played by libraries in our society is changing rapidly. I believe that for libraries, adherence to traditional standards and the accepted ways of doing things is not good enough and that proactive, forward-looking leadership is required if we are to remain relevant, useful and in-business.”

Professionally, McCarthy has provided architectural services to over sixty public libraries nationwide. In 2012, he was named as a commissioner on the Illinois Local Government Consolidation Commission by Governor Quinn and is still serving on that commission.

Peace Corps Information Session: Live, Learn, Work with a Community Overseas

Thursday, August 8  7 – 8 pm
South Elgin Room

Serving in the Peace Corps is a great way to immerse yourself in a new culture, learn a new language and have the experience of a lifetime. Learn about volunteer experiences and the application process. For more information, visit www.peacecorps.gov. No registration required.

School Supplies-For-Fines

July 14 – July 20
Main Library and Rakow Branch

For every item from the approved list brought in, $1 in overdue fines will be waived. Replacement charges for lost material will not be included. Donated items must be new and in quantities indicated. Donations will benefit local school children. For a list of supplies that will be accepted, go to www.gailborden.info/library-info/1633-school-supplies-for-fines.

Valuing Diversity and Enhancing Inclusion

Thursday, August 1  7 – 8:30 pm
Elgin Room

The presenters, Renz Center, Rev. Denise Tracy, President of CERL, and Dr. Mae Hicks-Jones, will encourage our deeper understanding of diversity in Elgin. Important back-to-school information will be distributed after the program. Hosted by Elgin Gang and Drug Task Force. Please register.

Trending in New Books

We found another great way to give you reading suggestions. Check out the new Trending Display in the New Books room at the Main Library.

Gail Borden Thanks:
Elgin Area Historical Society for donating WatchWord magazines, Elgin Hispanic Network for donating materials and the Elgin Police Department for giving the library permission to use its Commemorative History Book for Elgin Area Memories.

Marcus Theatres for movie posters and passes.

BMO Harris and State Farm Insurance for presenting the Buying Your First Car program on May 21 in Studio 270.

Angie Santoyo for appearing on the cover with SuperCroc.
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.

### Internet 1 – Basics
**Thursday, July 11** 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Learn or brush up on some basic Internet skills such as using a web browser, viewing websites and finding information. **M, K**

### Word 2010 – Intro Part 1
**Thursday, July 25** 6:30 – 8:30 pm
A basic introduction to working with Microsoft Word 2010. **M, K, E**

### Word 2010 – Intro Part 2
**Thursday, August 8** 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Create, edit and print a simple document using Microsoft Word 2010. **M, K, E**

### Community Reading Challenge continued from page 1

Help bring the Community Summer Reading Thermometer to the top! Join Elgin Mayor David Kaptain, U-46 Trustee Traci Ellis, School District U-46 Superintendent Jose Torres, Elgin Community College President Dr. David Sam, Elgin Chamber President Carol Gieske, Dist. 301 Superintendent Todd Stirn, ESO Music Director Maestro Andrew Grams, and In The Neighborhood Fresh owner Jeff Turner in this rally for reading. Bringing stories and new ideas to curious minds from the pages of a book or a screen helps brighten the future of our community.

Take the community reading challenge. Enter your reading minutes today at gailborden.info/supercroc/community-reading-challenge.

### Join us for

**100,000 Hours of Reading!**

Elgin Symphony Orchestra Music Director, Maestro Andrew Grams

In the Neighborhood Fresh owner, Jeff Turner
Three Ways to Register:
• Online at gailborden.info/register
• Call 847-429-4597
• In person at the Registration Desk

Tres Formas de Inscribirse:
• En el sitio web gailborden.info/register
• Llamando al 847-429-4597
• En persona en el Escritorio de Inscripción en el vestíbulo

2nd Annual Edible Book Fest: Eat on the Wild Side
August 17 – 18
Main Library

2do Festival del Libro Comestible: Pasteles Salvajes
17 – 18 de agosto
Biblioteca Principal
¡Dale rienda suelta a tu imaginación! Crea un pastel-libro con un tema inspirado en un cuento, libro o en el título de un libro. O simplemente haz un pastel en forma de libro. Inscríbete en persona en la Biblioteca Principal o en la Sucursal Rakow donde recibirás un cartón para transportar y exhibir tu pastel concursante. Habrá premios para todas las categorías.

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Save the date for Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration!
Saturday, October 12  2 – 5 pm
¡Separa la fecha para nuestra gran celebración del Mes de la Herencia Hispana!
sábado, 12 de octubre  2 – 5 pm

Libros electrónicos para los usuarios de tabletas
jueves, 25 de julio 2013
6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Salón South Elgin
¡Trae tu dispositivo electrónico y aprende a descargar libros electrónicos de la biblioteca! Esta clase es para los usuarios de: iPad, iPod Touch, Android Tablet Nook Color, Nook Tablet, o Nook HD. No se olvide de traer su tarjeta de la Biblioteca Gail Borden. Si tiene cualquier otro dispositivo, por favor visite el escritorio de información o llame al 847-429-4680.

TO LEARN ENGLISH
PARA APRENDER INGLES

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 Game Night
Thursday, July 11  6:30 – 7:30 pm
Meadows Community Room C
Learn while you play! Join us for an evening of fun bilingual games for learning or practicing English or Spanish as a second language. Families are welcome. Please register.

Noche de Juegos Bilingües
jueves, 11 de julio  6:30 – 7:30 pm
Salón Meadows C
Aprende mientras te diviertes en esta noche de juegos bilingües para practicar el inglés o español. Las familias están bienvenidas. Favor de inscribirte.
Programas en español

Somos Padres: Abriendo Puertas
jueves, 11 de julio y 8 de agosto
4:30 – 6:30 pm
Salones Meadows
Este programa cubrirá temas de gran importancia en el futuro de los niños y está diseñado para que los padres adquieran mayor capacidad y confianza para abogar por sus pequeños. Habrá cuido de niños, comida y premios. Inscríbete llamando al 630-521-8808, ext. 108 or 109, y pregunta por Jasmine or María.

Tu Tecnología: Las Tabletas
domingo, 7 de julio   2 – 5 pm
Salón South Elgin
Aprende cómo sacarlo el máximo a las computadoras ‘tablet’ iPad y cómo obtener libros digitales, música y revistas gratis con tu tarjeta de la biblioteca Gail Borden. No hace falta tener una iPad para participar pero tráela si tienes una. Favor de inscribirte.

Mejoramiento Personal 1: Aprende a Aceptar miércoles, 17 de julio    7 – 8 pm
Salón Elgin
La consejera Pita Betancourt platicará sobre cómo amarnos y respetarnos influye en nuestra búsqueda por la felicidad y la satisfacción personal. Favor de inscribirte.

Mejoramiento Personal 2: Técnicas para Aceptar miércoles, 21 de agosto 7 – 8 pm
Salón Elgin
Aprende técnicas para poder empezar a aceptar y amarte tal y como eres con la consejera Pita Betancourt. Favor de inscribirte.

En Familia: Aventúrate a Bailar con Cerqua Rivera Dance Theater
domingo, 28 de julio   1 – 2 pm
Salones Meadows
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The Main Library and Rakow Branch will be closed Thursday, July 4 for the 4th of July holiday.

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MAIN LIBRARY HOURS  RAKOW BRANCH HOURS
Monday - Thursday  Monday - Thursday
9 am - 9 pm  9 am - 8 pm
Friday - Saturday  Friday - Saturday
9 am - 6 pm  9 am - 5 pm
Sunday  Sunday
Noon - 5 pm  Noon - 5 pm

This newsletter contains recycled paper.

Save the Date!
2nd Annual Book Sale Extravaganza
September 19 – 22
Main Library
Become a Friend for $25 for admission to “Sneak Peak” Night on Thursday, September 19.

Ferocious Foundation Sale
At Gail’s Sales at the Main Library
Through August 18
All kids’ books ½ price!
Hardcovers $1, Paperbacks 50¢

We Need Your Books!
Make room in your home by donating books to Gail Borden Library. Proceeds from the sale of biographies, mysteries, cookbooks, science fiction stories, romances, westerns as well as teen and children’s books fund exciting exhibits and other enhancements. 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.

In the Neighborhood Fresh
10% off your order when you purchase $10 or more
Expires August 31, 2013
At the Gail Borden Public Library  270 N. Grove Ave. Elgin 60120

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.