Elgin Home for the Holidays Kickoff
Saturday, November 2  1 – 5 pm
Welcome the holiday season in Elgin at the Gail Borden Public Library with horse and carriage rides, a visit from Santa Claus, the Ecker Center Festival of Trees, craft fair, and nonprofit expo at this free, fun event. Children can make a holiday ornament for the City of Elgin’s holiday tree. The event is sponsored by Elgin Young Professionals Network and Gail Borden Public Library.

Food For Fines
Drive
1 item = $1 waived in overdue fines.
There will be no limit on the number of items accepted. Replacement charges for lost material will not be included. Donated items must be nonperishable. Candy, bottled water, items in glass jars, opened or outdated items or dented cans will not be accepted. Food donations will benefit local food pantries.

Author on the Fox: Mike Bailey
Good-bye Elgin High
Monday, November 11    7 – 8 pm   Elgin Room
Elgin in the 1960s was Burns’ malts, Star Hamburgers, Lazzara’s pizza, Elgin High School basketball and downtown shopping. But it was a lot more than that as Mike Bailey reveals in this hilarious and poignant story of attending Elgin High School in the mid-1960s while living in an All-American City.
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Congratulations to Carole Medal, Illinois Librarian of the Year
What an honor it is to be chosen Illinois Librarian of the Year! I am both humbled and grateful knowing that receiving this award is a reflection of the many accomplishments and efforts of our community, the library staff and the Board of Trustees. We at the Gail Borden Public Library are successful in our efforts of promoting reading, library services, programs and activities because we engage people as a united community. I would especially like to thank the library staff for their dedication, imagination and energy.
Everyone working together to create opportunities for others makes all the difference in the world.
Thank you for your support.
Sincerely Yours, Carole Medal

Are you a self-published Illinois author? The Soon to be Famous Illinois Author Project is accepting adult fiction submissions from Illinois residents via their local libraries. Continued on page 13.
Winter Reading Program

Warm Up This Winter With STEAM

December 9 – February 28
Birth – 8th grade

Sign up in KidSpace or at Rakow Branch

Complete your reading log and be entered to win prizes!

STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math.

Family Fun

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Hard Luck

New Release Party

Tuesday, November 5
7pm

Meadows Community Rooms

Will Greg Heffley’s luck ever change? Children and families are invited to celebrate the release of Jeff Kinney’s eighth Wimpy Kid book, Hard Luck. Visit different stations to do wimpy activities. Make sure to bring your camera for a Wimpy photo op!

Ready...Set...Read!

Playful Learning Centers

Ages 2 – Kindergarten with an adult
Saturday, November 16
9:30 – 11:30 am
Meadows Community Rooms

Playful learning centers will provide fun ways to help preschoolers get ready to read.

Doctor Who 50th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, November 23
11 am – 4 pm
Meadows Community Rooms

Families are invited to celebrate 50 years of Doctor Who. Drop by to get your picture taken with the TARDIS, make Doctor-themed crafts and more. Come in costume to receive a special prize!

Interactive Toy Story

Sunday, November 24
2 pm
Meadows Community Rooms

To Infinity and Beyond!

Be a part of Buzz and Woody’s adventure! All participants will receive an action list and prop bag when they arrive to interact with the movie. Costumes are optional. No registration is necessary but seating will be limited. Children younger than 12 need to bring an adult to share the fun.

Read to Rover

Elementary age students
Saturday, November 9, December 14
10, 10:30, 11 or 11:30 am
Story Room South

Registration required.

Cuddle up with a good book and read to a fully trained and certified animal therapy dog for 20 minutes.

ChessMasters Junior Chess Club

Grades 2 – 12

November 7 – December 12

Youth Center

Hone your chess skills. Beginners are welcome—we’ll teach you how to play!

Sports Trading Card Club

Elementary age students
Thursday, November 14, December 12
3:30 pm

Story Room South

Drop in and bring your collections to show and trade. Answer trivia questions to win cards. Hosted by Jeff Allison.

Build It Up!

Grades 1 and up

Wednesday, November 20
4 – 5:30 pm

Meadows Community Rooms

Registration required.

Bring your imagination to this fun-filled building block program. All building blocks will be provided. Children younger than 8 must be accompanied by a parent.
Holiday Craft-O-Rama
Grades 1 – 5
Wednesday, November 27
1 – 3 pm
Meadows Community Rooms
Make different holiday crafts to take home. All materials will be provided.

Minecraft
Grades 3 – 5
Friday, November 29
2 – 3:30 pm
Computer Training Room
Registration required.
Beginners can learn how to play while experts can show off their amazing skills. You’ll play alone or with a partner.

Winter Film Festival
Movies were released in 2013, are rated PG and are subject to change based on availability. No registration is required but seating will be limited. Children younger than 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Thursday, December 26
10 am The Croods (98 minutes)
2 pm Despicable Me 2 (98 minutes)

Friday, December 27
10 am The Smurfs 2 (105 minutes)
2 pm Epic (102 minutes)

Thursday, January 2
10 am Turbo (96 minutes)
2 pm Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters (106 minutes)

Friday, January 3
10 am Despicable Me 2 (98 minutes)
2 pm Planes (91 minutes)
**Story Programs Boost Language Skills and Reading Readiness**

**Story Programs**

*Fall III Session November 11 – December 6*
*Registration beginning October 28*

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**Baby Rhyme Time**
*Birth – 11 months with an adult caregiver*
- **Thursdays** 6:15 pm
- **Fridays** 9:15 am
- **Story Room South**
- **Registration required.**

15 minutes of singing, clapping and simple stories followed by a 15-minute playtime.

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**Wonderful Ones**
*12 – 23 months with an adult caregiver*
- **Mondays** 6:15 pm
- **Tuesdays** 10:45 am
- **Thursdays** 11 am
- **Fridays** 10 am
- **Story Room South**
- **Registration required.**

15 minutes of short stories, fingerplays, rhymes and a music activity followed by a 15-minute play period.

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**Terrific Twos**
*2 years with an adult caregiver*
- **Tuesdays** 6:15 pm
- **Story Room South**
- **Thursdays 9:15, 10 or 10:45 am**
- **Meadows Community Room C**
- **Registration required.**

20 minutes of stories, interactive fingerplays and large-muscle activities.

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**1,2,3, Go!**
*1 – 3 years with families*
- **Wednesdays** 10 am
- **November 13, 20, 27**
- **Meadows Community Rooms**

Families share stories, rhymes and musical activities together.

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**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.

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**Panera Milk & Cookie Storytime**
*3 – 6 years with adult*
- **Tuesdays 9:30 am**
- **November 5, 19, December 3**
- **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.

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**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.

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**Spanish Family Storytime**
*Wednesdays 7 pm*
- **Meadows Community Rooms A&B**
- **No registration.**

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 the Dual-Language program to practice Spanish outside the classroom.

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**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!

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**LOL @ GBPL**
*6 years – 2nd grade*
- **Mondays 4 – 4:45 pm**
- **South Story Room**

We’ll have fun while learning cool stuff, making things and playing games through weekly themes.

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**Sensory Storytime**
*Sunday, November 3 1:30 pm*
- **Meadows Community Room C**

Families are invited to 30 minutes of stories and music especially chosen for children ages 4 to 8 with developmental delays and sensory needs. Please register in person at the Rakow Branch or Main Library’s Registration Desk since an adaptive questionnaire is required. Space is limited.
Zone Leadership Team

Wednesdays,
November 13, December 11
6 – 7 pm
What do you want to see in the library?
Share your ideas and earn volunteer
hours. To join the team, apply online
at gailborden.info/zone or at the Main
Library’s Youth Desk.

Zone Activities Group

Thursdays 5:30 – 7 pm
Visit gailborden.info/zone to find out what craft or activity we’ll be doing each week.
Possibilities include duct tape crafts, clay sculpting, paper toys and iPad movie creation.

KidSpace Volunteers
Volunteer opportunities with KidSpace are now reserved for 7th and 8th graders only!
Sign-up forms are available at the Youth Center Help Desk. High school students may volunteer in Studio 270.

Grades 9 – 12

Monday – Thursday 3 – 9 pm
Friday 3 – 6 pm
Saturday noon – 6 pm
Sunday noon – 5 pm

Day of the Dead Skull Masks

Saturday, November 2 2 – 4 pm
Celebrate Day of the Dead by creating a personalized skull mask. Stop in anytime between 2 and 4 pm.

NBA 2K14 Tournament

Tuesday, November 5 5 – 8 pm
NBA basketball is back! Come show off your NBA 2k14 skills in the 2nd annual NBA 2K tournament.

Pizza and Books

Thursdays, November 7, December 5
6 – 7 pm
Stop by for a slice and join in on the conversation about books we’re reading.

DIY
Drop in anytime from 3 to 6 pm for do-it-yourself projects and crafts.
Monday, November 11 Origami
Friday, November 29 Holiday Cards
Tuesday, December 3 Deck the Studio
Monday, December 9 Cookie Decorating

Trivia Night

Tuesday, November 12 6 – 7 pm
Take the trivia challenge!

Catching Fire

Movie Release Party

Thursday, November 21
6 – 8 pm
Meadows Community Rooms
Celebrate the release of the Catching Fire movie with games, activities, prizes and more.

International Games Day

Saturday, November 16 Noon – 6 pm
Game on! Stop by anytime between noon and 6 pm to play a variety of board games and video games.

Open Mic Night

Tuesdays, November 19, December 10 7 – 8 pm
Share your talent! We are looking for musicians, poets, comedians and storytellers to perform.

Best Worst Movie Marathon

Thursday, November 21 3 – 9 pm
These movies are entertaining because they are so incredibly awful. Stop by to grab some popcorn and have some laughs.
Thunderbirds 3 pm
Battlefield Earth 5 pm
White Noise 7 pm

Finals Feeding Frenzy

December 16 – 19 3 – 9 pm
Drop by Studio 270 to enjoy some snacks and study for finals.

Holiday Flicks

Warm up with some hot cocoa, cookies and flicks. Movies are PG and shown from 3 to 5 pm.
A Christmas Story (1983)
Monday, December 23
Home Alone (1990)
Friday, December 27
Elf (2003)
Monday, December 30

Looking Ahead to College
Many college and scholarship application deadlines are in November and December. If you have questions about the process or would like to make an appointment, contact Librarian Melissa Lane at mlane@gailborden.info or 847-289-5837.
Drop In Family Story Time

3 – 6 years with a parent
Wednesdays 10:30 – 11 am
November 13, 20, December 4, 11
No registration.
Drop in for stories, songs and finger-plays with Miss Angela.

Rakow Read to Rover

Elementary age students
Saturday, November 23, December 28
10, 10:30, 11 or 11:30 am
Cuddle up with a good book and read to a fully trained and certified animal therapy dog for 20 minutes.

The 1963 Chicago Bears: Wrigley Field’s Last World Champions

Tuesday, November 12
7 – 8:30 pm
Elgin Room
Nationally known author and sports historian Charles N. Billington analyzes one of Chicago’s most beloved championship teams, the 1963 Chicago Bears. With some of the most fearsome defensive players in pro football history and an offense studded with stars like Bill Wade, Johnny Morris, Mike Ditka and Ronnie Bull, these Monsters of the Midway conquered the vaunted Green Bay Packers and then went on to demolish the hated New York Giants for the world’s championship ... the last world championship at Wrigley Field!

Please register.

Sunday Afternoon Concert Series

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

November 17

Gerald Anderson, Piano
A member of the music faculty at Olivet Nazarene University, Dr. Gerald Anderson also performs extensively as a soloist and chamber musician. In 2002, he recorded his first solo CD, Classic Hymns. He will perform selections by Chopin, Schumann, Soler, Beethoven, Debussy and Mendelssohn.

December 8

The ESTrella Piano Duo
Svetlana Belsky & Elena Doubovitskaya
The ESTrella Piano Duo will present a program of masterpieces by Russian composers, from well-loved 19th Century favorites like Scheherazade and Vocalise to newer works from the last 100 years, concluding with their brilliant and witty rendition of Blue Danube Waltzes.

Elgin Symphony Orchestra Listeners Club

Sibelius Violin Concerto
Wednesday, November 6 1 – 3 pm
Meadows Community Rooms
This free, interactive lecture/discussion series led by ESO music historian Jim Kendros will broaden your understanding of the music to be performed that week. Study the music “from the inside out,” make new friends and enhance your concert experience. Please register by calling 847-888-0404.
Three Ways to Register:
- Online at gailborden.info/register
- Call 847-429-4597
- In person at the Registration Desk

HeroClix Tournaments
Saturdays,
November 16,
December 21
1 – 5 pm
Meadows Community Rooms
Players will compete for the most powerful weapon in the Marvel Universe. Prizes, demos and cool give aways. No registration.

Why Art Matters: The State of Creativity
A Town Hall Discussion about the Arts and Economic Prosperity
Saturday, November 2
2 – 3 pm
Elgin Room
Guest speaker Randy Cohen is Vice President of Research and Policy at Americans for the Arts, the nation’s advocacy organization for the arts in Washington, D.C. He is one of the world’s most noted experts in the field of arts funding, research and policy as well as the use of the arts to address community development issues and regularly appears in the news media including the Wall Street Journal, The New York Times, CNN, CNBC and NPR. Sean Hargadon, chairman of the City of Elgin’s Cultural Arts Commission, will share insightful information about the impact of the arts in the City of Elgin. No registration.

The Greenest Building: Renovate vs. Demo/Build New
Tuesday, November 19
7 – 8:30 pm
Meadows Community Rooms A&B
What’s the greenest kind of building? A new one with the latest energy-efficient technology or a skillful renovation that keeps the building intact? The Greenest Building, a documentary by architect and filmmaker Jane Turville, argues that the latter makes for stronger, more sustainable communities and is better for the environment. We have a history of doing both in Elgin. Hosted by Elgin Community Network, Gail Borden Public Library and the City of Elgin.

Screening of The Lorax (2012, PG)
Tuesday, December 17
6:30 – 8:30 pm
Meadows Community Rooms A&B
The imaginative world of Dr. Seuss comes to life in the visually spectacular adventure film. Twelve-year-old Ted will do anything to find a real live Truffula Tree in order to impress the girl of his dreams. As he embarks on his journey, Ted discovers the incredible story of the Lorax, a grumpy but charming creature who speaks for the trees. Enjoy this free holiday movie with free popcorn.

eBooks Made Easy for Tablet Owners
Monday, December 2
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 the iPad, iPod Touch, Android Tablet, Kindle Fire, Nook Color, Nook Tablet and 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.

Sponsored in collaboration with the Elgin Community Network and ECCO. No registration.
adult programs

Gen X & Y Maker Mornings
Saturdays, November 9, December 21
10 am – noon
Studio 270
Get crafty with Studio 270’s Do-it-Yourself crafts and projects. Make your own custom bracelets, buttons and more, or bring your own craft to work on or share. For adults and teens. No registration.

Drugs: Trends and Resources
Elgin Gang and Drug Task Force Community Conversation Series
Thursday, November 7, 7 – 8:30 pm
Elgin Room
Get answers to your questions about current drug trends, signs indicating drug usage and community resources. Join experts from the Elgin Police Department, The Renz Center and The Elgin Gang and Drug Task Force. Please register.

Prescription Drug Safety
Wednesday, November 13, 7 – 8 pm
South Elgin Room
Prescription drug abuse is at epidemic levels according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Learn about the dangers of buying medications online and counterfeit drugs, as well as proper drug disposal methods to prevent prescription drugs from getting into the hands of those who may misuse them. Presented by AWARx®, a consumer protection program provided by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) Foundation. Please register.

Affordable Care Act and the Health Insurance Marketplace
Get information about the registration process, options and deadlines at the library. Computers are available for signup. Library staff can help you connect with agencies that can assist with signup. For more information, visit the 2nd Floor Information Desk or call 847-429-4680. Go to www.gailborden.info and click on “services” then “Affordable Care Act” for more information.

Job Search
Job Search and Resume Help
Every Tuesday,
November 5 – December 17
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. This program is in partnership with the Kane County Department of Employment and Education.

Workforce Investment Act Information Session
Thursday, November 7, 14, 21, December 5, 12, 19
1:30 – 3:30 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.

Three Ways to Register:
- Online at gailborden.info/register
- Call 847-429-4597
- In person at the Registration Desk
**Films at the Main Library**

**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.

**Much Ado About Nothing**

(2012, PG-13)

**Tuesday, November 26**

Meadows Community Rooms A&B

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**Brown Bag Lunch Classic Films**

Coffee will be served.

No registration.

**Another Thin Man** (1939)

November 11

11 am – 1 pm

Meadows Community Rooms

**The Lemon Drop Kid** (1951)

December 9

11 am – 1 pm

Meadows Community Rooms

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**Planning Committee for Black History Month**

Wednesday, December 4  7 – 8 pm

Anyone interested, please join us!

For more information, contact Program Coordinator Stacy Michel, 847-289-5808, or at smichel@gailborden.info

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**Gail Borden Maker Fair**

Saturday, February 15  11 am – 4 pm

Meadows Community Rooms

Are you a maker? We are looking for creative children, teens and adults who would like to showcase their talents at Gail Borden’s first ever Maker Fair. Robotics, electronics, woodworking, and traditional arts and crafts will be considered for inclusion. Visit gailborden.info/makers for more information. Applications are due by January 2.

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**Art for All Display**

December 1 – 29

Featuring the works of 67 area artists in the Lobby. School District U-46 art will be on display in the Youth Area. A free children's art craft will take place from 1 to 3 pm on Saturday, December 7.
Thank you to the following local businesses for making Library Card Sign-Up Month September, 2013 a success!

2 Doors Down Antiques
A Glass Act
AI’s Café
Andersen’s Engraving
Anderson Animal Shelter
Artistic Framing & Supplies
Bear Family McDonald’s
Big Apple Bagels
Boston Market
Colonial Café
The Corner Store
Dairy Queen Orange Julius
Dulce Vida Bakery
Elgin Antiques & Uniques
Elgin Books
Elgin Historical Museum
Elgin House of Pancakes
Elgin Knit Works
Elgin Public House
Elgin Public Museum
Herb’s Bakery
In the Neighborhood Deli & Café
In the Neighborhood Fresh
In the Neighborhood Meet Market
Jang’s Taekwondo
Modern Age Comics
The Mustache Cup
Old Town Pizza
Original Country Donuts
Randall’s Pancake House
Roll N Donut
Salon Couture
Soulful Sparrow
SpaceTaste Gallery
Spirels Yogurt Delites
State Street Market Shops
Wienerville

Read on the Wild Side!
Summer Reading Program

Read on the Wild Side! Summer Reading Program was a success with more than 9,000 participants, many of whom enjoyed free carnival rides for successfully completing the program. Thank you to Windy City Amusements, Anthony Pedote and Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians.

Manufacture Your Future

More than 19,000 people visited the first Manufacture Your Future Expo to learn about local manufacturers, the products they make and the job opportunities they offer.

Thank you to the participants:
Acme Design, Inc.
American NTN Bearing
Bison Gear and Engineering Corp.
Bystronic, Inc.
Custom Aluminum Products, Inc.
Elgin Community College
Elgin School District U-46
Elgin Sweeper Company
Fabric Images, Inc.
Hoffer Plastics
Otto Engineering
SKF USA, Inc.
Winergy

Thank you to The Elgin Development Group, The Elgin Area Chamber of Commerce, ECC and Northern Kane EEF 110 for partnering with the library to imagine and plan Manufacture Your Future.

Thank you local manufacturers for taking time to participate in this project to build awareness about innovation and opportunities in the present and in the future.

Thank you to Karen Fox for all of her written work for the Manufacture Your Future event.
New!

Spanish Café
Monday, November 11, December 9
Noon – 1 pm
2nd Floor Conference Room
Looking for an opportunity to practice your Spanish conversation skills? Join this drop-in group to take part in a discussion, learn new vocabulary and put your listening skills to the test. Will be led by native Spanish speakers. Please register.

Great Books Discussion Group
Co-sponsored by the American Association of University Women of Elgin branch. Meetings are held 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.

November 11
To Perpetual Peace: A Philosophical Sketch by Immanuel Kant

December 9
Various Poetry Selections

French Conversation Group
Mondays, November 18, December 16
7 – 8:30 pm
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.

Writers on the Fox
Mondays, November 18, December 16
7 – 8:30 pm
2nd Floor Conference Room
Calling all Fox Valley area writers! This writer’s peer group aims to inspire and motivate you. Get your creative juices flowing by joining us monthly for an evening of thought-provoking writing prompts and constructive critique. Writers of all genres are welcome to participate. No registration.

Contemporary Fiction Book Club
The club meets one Wednesday a month at 7 pm in the South Elgin Room.
For more information, contact Tish at 847-289-5838.
November 20 The Cove by Ron Rash
December 18 The Light Between Oceans by M.L. Stedman

Armchair Generals: A Civil War and Lincoln Brown Bag Lunch Interest Group
Join forces to commemorate events, share insights and talk about books or experiences during the 150th anniversary. Bring your own hardtack. No registration.

November 12 Elgin in The Civil War led by Don Pielin
December 10 Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War, a traveling exhibit from the National Constitution Center and the National Endowment for the Humanities, will be on display at the library in 2014. Armchair Generals, please report to duty for an important advisory planning session with Program Coordinator Stacy Michel. Coffee, tea and cookies will be served.

Walking Book Club
Join us every Wednesday evening at 7 pm for a 45 minute walk followed by 45 minutes of book discussion. Please call Nancy at 847-289-5840 for more details. In November, the club will read The Cove by Ron Rash. The club will not meet in December.

Authors on the Fox

Joanna Catherine Scott: Beware, a Book Can Change Your Life
Thursday, November 7 7 – 8:30 pm
Meadows Community Rooms A&B
Novelist and poet Joanna Catherine Scott will discuss how publishing the story of a runaway slave from Chapel Hill led her to fighting for the freedom of John Lee, one of the innocents on North Carolina’s notorious Death Row. She will read from An Innocent in the House of the Dead, Winner of the 2012 Brockman-Campbell Book Award.

Dr. Kendra Brown: Eavesdropping: As Real Woman Talk About the Gifts and Challenges of Aging
Thursday, November 14 7 – 8:30 pm
South Elgin Room
For more than three years, Dr. Brown met with women who had embraced aging and discovered ways to welcome new opportunities during every stage of life. These conversations have been woven into a fictional format. Dr. Brown will talk about how to enhance life throughout transitions, the importance of membership in a support group and strategies to form a support system that works for you.

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**Across Feats of Darkness and Turbulent Seas and The Lao Oral History Project**

**Sunday, November 10 2 – 4:30 pm Meadows Community Rooms**

Author Joanna C. Scott will talk about personal accounts from refugees who fled oppression after the Communist takeover of Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam. Also, the Lao Oral History Project will debut its first videos of our community’s residents. A discussion will follow led by Joanna Scott, Thavisouk Phrasavath and Aloune Khotsisene. Refreshments will be served.

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**The Betrayal (2008)**

**Saturday, November 9 2 – 4:30 pm Meadows Community Rooms**

Filmmaker Thavisouk Phrasavath will show and discuss his documentary, which won the Sundance Film Festival, an Emmy and was nominated for an Academy Award. Thavi and his family were forced to emigrate from war-torn Laos after the Secret War on Laos was waged during the Vietnam War. Refreshments will be served.

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**For more information about The Big Read events, go to www.gailborden.info/bigread**

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**A Community-Wide Project:**
The Big Read partners include an ever-growing number of dynamic individuals and organizations. To date, The Big Read organizations include:

- American Association of University Women
- American Legion 57
- AMVETS 202 & 503
- Barnes and Noble
- Black History Family Festival Inc.
- Beacon Academy, South Elgin High School
- Books at Sunset
- Canon
- Center for Lao Studies, San Francisco
- Chapter 1 Book Club Edgewater Chase
- City of Elgin
- Computer Systems Institute, veterans
- Dedicated Sons Motorcycle Club
- Elgin Academy
- Elgin High School Chamber Choir
- Elgin Community College
- Elgin History Museum
- Elgin Fire Department
- Elgin Police Department
- Elgin Youth Symphony Orchestra
- Gail Borden Public Library
- Gail Borden Public Library Foundation
- Greater Chicago IL #3 Blue Star Mothers of America
- Hines Veterans Mobile Medical Unit (MMU)
- Holiday Inn Northwest, Elgin
- Illinois School District U-46
- Illinois Department of Veterans’ Affairs
- John Dziekan Photography
- Judson University and Library
- Center for Southeast Asian Studies at Northern Illinois University
- Lao Oral History Project
- McHenry County Veterans Assistance Commission
- The Mobile Vet Center of the Department of Veterans Affairs
- Northwest Baptist Academy Marching Eagles Band
- Operation Homefront, State of Illinois
- Sam’s Club, Randall Rd, Elgin
- St. Edward Central Catholic High School
- Sunburst Corvette Club
- Vitas Hospice, Lombard
- Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Washington D.C.
- Veterans Commission of Kane County
- VFW Elgin Post 1307
- Warriors’ Watch Riders and other motorcycle organizations
- YWCA Elgin

Special thanks to Julie Ford for *The Things I Carried* photo exhibit matting.
**Studio 60+**

**2nd & 4th Thursdays  9:30 – 11:30 am  Studio 270**

Seniors try out technology in a relaxed atmosphere and enjoy conversation and a cup of coffee or tea. You are welcome to bring your own devices to these drop-in sessions. **No registration.**

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**Senior Financial Scams: How to Protect Family and Friends**

**Monday, November 18  7 – 8:30 pm  Elgin Room**

Learn how to recognize signs of financial exploitation and how to prevent it, identify perpetrators and discover where to go for help. This program is provided by KCT Credit Union. **Please register.**

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**Listen Learn and Lead Toastmasters Club**

**Second and fourth Thursday noon – 1 pm  South Elgin Room**

Become the speaker and leader you want to be. **No registration.**

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**Stich ‘N’ B - - -**

**2nd Thursdays  6 – 8:30 pm  Youth Center**

Bring your crafts, crocheting, cross stitching, knitting, needlepointing or quilting. **No registration.**

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**Author on the Fox: Mike Bailey**

**Good-bye Elgin High continued from page 1**

*Goodbye, Elgin High* is the parallel story of young people coming of age and a Midwestern city undergoing dramatic change. The book reveals behind the scenes political intrigue, including a city councilman who brought a loaded gun to a council meeting, police with automatic weapons on the city hall roof during racial disturbances, judicial shenanigans, bitter divisiveness in the police department and the resolution to a decades-old mystery. See Elgin of the 1960s in more than two dozen photos, some of which have never been published.

Mike Bailey is an award-winning career journalist, columnist and former managing editor of the Elgin Courier News. Book sales and signing will follow the program. **Please register.**

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**Soon to Be Famous Illinois Author Project**

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The Soon to be Famous Illinois Author will be announced during National Library Week, April 13 to 19, 2014. The book needs to be submitted through a local library (public, school, academic, special) before January 6, 2014. The winning author and book will be announced in April, 2014 during National Library Week. This project is supported by the Illinois Library Association, Reaching Across Illinois Library System and the American Library Association Digital Content Group. For more information, please visit www.soonbefamous.info.

We at Gail Borden Public Library would very much like to submit an author(s) and book(s) from our community. Please contact Liz Clemmons regarding a nomination at lclemmons@gailborden.info or at 847-429-4698.

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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.

**Photo Release** - All program participants agree to be photographed during library activities and programs for use in future library publications.
Files, Files, Everywhere  
**Wednesday, November 6**  
6:30 – 8:30 pm  
How to manage files on a computer and in the cloud using Windows, Microsoft SkyDrive and Google Drive.

Internet Basics*  
**Thursday, November 7**  
10 am – noon  
How to use a web browser, find information on the web, identify popular social media tools and stay safe on the Internet.

Microsoft Excel 2010 – Introduction  
**Thursday, November 7**  
6:30 – 8:30 pm  
Learn what a spreadsheet is and how to create one.

Microsoft Excel 2010 – Presenting Numbers  
**Wednesday, November 13**  
6:30 – 8:30 pm  
How to use borders, charts and other options to increase the visual appeal of your spreadsheets. Basic knowledge of Microsoft Excel 2010 is required.

Microsoft Word 2010 – Intro Part 1*  
**Thursday, November 14**  
6:30 – 8:30 pm  
How to create, edit and print a simple document.

Microsoft Excel 2010 – Formulas and Functions  
**Wednesday, November 20**  
6:30 – 8:30 pm  
How to calculate totals, percentages and averages in a spreadsheet. Basic knowledge of Microsoft Excel 2010 is required.

Microsoft Word 2010 – Intro Part 2  
**Thursday, November 21**  
6:30 – 8:30 pm  
More on creating, editing and printing documents.

Microsoft PowerPoint 2010 – Intro Part 1  
**Wednesday, December 4**  
6:30 – 8:30 pm  
How to create an on-screen presentation.

Microsoft Word 2010 – Formatting Documents  
**Thursday, December 5**  
6:30 – 8:30 pm  
How to use bullets, numbers, fonts and other tools to improve the visual appeal of your documents. Basic knowledge of Microsoft Word 2010 is required.

Windows 8 - Features and Tools  
**Monday, December 9**  
6:30 – 8:30 pm  
Learn about the current version of Microsoft Windows.

Microsoft Word 2010 – Intro Part 2  
**Wednesday, December 11**  
6:30 – 8:30 pm  
How to modify and enhance an on-screen presentation.

Microsoft Word 2010 – Adding Pizazz to Documents  
**Thursday, December 12**  
6:30 – 8:30 pm  
How to use Clip Art, WordArt, Building Blocks and other tools to improve the visual appeal of your documents. Basic knowledge of Microsoft Word 2010 is required.

Microsoft Word 2010 – Adding Pizazz to Documents  
**Thursday, December 12**  
6:30 – 8:30 pm  
How to use Clip Art, WordArt, Building Blocks and other tools to improve the visual appeal of your documents. Basic knowledge of Microsoft Word 2010 is required.

Microsoft Word 2010 – Formatting Documents  
**Thursday, December 5**  
6:30 – 8:30 pm  
How to use bullets, numbers, fonts and other tools to improve the visual appeal of your documents. Basic knowledge of Microsoft Word 2010 is required.

Manejar el Ratón y el Teclado  
sábado, 2 de noviembre  2 – 4 pm  
Practicar el uso de un ratón y un teclado de una computadora. Favor de inscribirse.

Introducción a la Computación*  
sábado, 9 de noviembre  2 – 5 pm  
Aprenda los diversos sistemas operativos, tecnologías, tendencias y los componentes básicos de hardware y software de una computadora. R, T

Explorar el Internet*  
sábado, 16 de noviembre  2 – 4 pm  
Aprenda cómo se navega en Internet. Favor de inscribirse. R, T

Introducción a Correo Electrónico  
sábado, 23 de noviembre  2 – 4 pm  
Aprenda cómo leer y mandar correo electrónico. Favor de inscribirse. R, T

Introducción a Microsoft Word 2010  
sábado, 7 de diciembre  2 – 4 pm  
Aprenda cómo usar este programa para crear documentos. Favor de inscribirse. R, T

Introducción a Microsoft Excel 2010  
sábado, 14 de diciembre  2 – 4 pm  
Aprenda cómo usar este programa para crear hojas de cálculo. Favor de inscribirse. R, T

En Español  
Todas estas clases requieren inscripción y son para los residentes del distrito solamente. Inscríbase en línea en gailborden.info/register, llamando al 847-429-4597 o en persona en el Escritorio de Inscripción en el vestíbulo.

Clave:  
R  Se necesita conocimiento del ratón.  
T  Se recomienda que tenga conocimiento del teclado.

All of these programs require basic mouse and keyboarding skills. Registration is required and is 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.
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.

Domestic Violence
Thursday, November 14  6 – 7 pm
Meadows Community Rooms B&C

Dental Care
Tuesday, November 26  9:30 – 10:30 am
Meadows Community Rooms B&C

Mental Health
Thursday, December 12  9:30 – 10:30 am
Meadows Community Rooms A&B

Programas para Padres por Two Rivers Head Start

Estos programas están abiertos a todos los padres que tienen niños entre recién nacidos y los 5 años para ayudar a las familias a estar saludables en cuerpo y mente. Se ofrece cuido de niños. No hace falta inscribirse.

Violencia Doméstica
jueves, 14 de noviembre  6 – 7 pm
Salones de la Comunidad Meadows B y C

Cuidado Dental
martes, 26 de noviembre
9:30 – 10:30 am
Salones de la Comunidad Meadows B y C

Salud Mental
jueves, 12 de diciembre  9:30 – 10:30 am
Salones de la Comunidad Meadows B y C

How to Save Your Home from Foreclosure

Thursday, November 7  6:30 – 8:30 pm
Meadows Community Room C

Learn about mortgage modification options, short sales, and get answers to questions such as how long you can stay in a foreclosed home and how it will affect your credit. Presented in English and Spanish by Consumer Credit Counseling.

Cómo Salvar su Casa de una Ejecución Hipotecaria

jueves, 7 de noviembre  6:30 – 8:30 pm
Salón de la Comunidad Meadows C

Aprenda sobre opciones para modificar su hipoteca, y reciba contestaciones a preguntas como por cuánto tiempo se puede quedar en una casa bajo ejecución hipotecaria o cómo esto podría afectar el crédito. Presentado en inglés y español por Consumer Credit Counseling.
Happy Holidays!

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