Residents of the Northwest Fox Valley will be reading the Vietnam War novel *The Things They Carried* by Tim O’Brien as well as learning about it through visits to The Wall That Heals, book discussion groups, themed films, guest speakers and performances, and, most importantly, through the stories of those who experienced the war firsthand: Vietnam veterans and refugees who fled a war-torn land. For more information about The Big Read, see pages 8 and 9.

**The Big Read**  
*September 1 – November 11, 2013*

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**Gail Borden Public Library Foundation Book Sale**  
*September 19 – 22*  
*Meadows Community Rooms*  
**Thursday** 6 – 9 pm  
**Friends Night**  
**Friday & Saturday** 9 am – 6 pm  
**Sunday** Noon – 5 pm

$1 Paperbacks  
$2 Hardcovers  
Special interest books at Collectors Corner  
Cash or credit card


**Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month!**  
*September 15 – October 15*  
See page 14 for Hispanic Heritage programs.

**The Wall That Heals**  
The half-scale replica of the original Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. will be on display in downtown Elgin from September 19 to 22. For more information, see page 8.

**Manufacture Your Future**  
*September 28 – October 6*  
*Main Library*

Elgin area companies manufacture products that power items throughout the world, from gear boxes for windmills harvesting wind power to motors for railroad crossing arms. Learn about career opportunities with local manufacturers: Fabric Images • Winergy • Bison Gear and Engineering • Hoffer Plastics • Bystronic Inc. • American NTN Bearing • Engineered Components Co. • Otto Engineering • Custom Aluminum • Elgin Community College • School District U-46 • Gail Borden Public Library.

**Team Read Challenge Race**  
*7K Run & 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk*  
*April 6, 2014*  
*Early Bird Registration through November 1*

Sign up at http://www.gailborden.info/foundation/teamreadchallenge.
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THE GAMING EVENT

Grades 3 and up
SPECIAL DAY! Tuesday, September 3
Monday, October 7  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.

Little Reads for The Big Read
Younger readers can be a part of The Big Read with these books, available at the library:

The Wall by Eve Bunting (Ages 4 – 8)
The Lotus Seed by Sherry Garland (Grades 2 – 5)
Inside Out and Back Again by Thanhha Lai (Grades 4 – 8)
Baseball Saved Us by Ken Mochizuki (Grades 2 – 4)
Spanish El Beisbol nos salvo by Ken Mochizuki (Grades 2 – 4)
Spanish El jardin del nino by Michael Forman (Grades K – 3)

See page 8 for more information on The Big Read.

Celebrate Fall/Celebrar el Otoño
Kindergarten – 2nd grade
Thursday, September 19
3:30 – 4:15 pm
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3:30 – 4:15 pm
Story Room
Registration required.
Celebrate fall with this dual-language program.
Niños de kinder a segundo grado están invitados a celebrar el otoño con este programa de lenguaje dual.

Skippyjon Jones at the Book Sale Extravaganza
Saturday, September 21
1 – 3 pm
A very special visitor will be at the Book Sale Extravaganza. There will be a photo opportunity for families and children followed by a story in the Youth Center.

3rd Annual Harvest Festival
Saturday, September 28   1 – 3 pm
Outside & Inside the Youth Center
Families are welcome to help us harvest our Elgin Community Garden Network gardens and to celebrate the harvest season with games, crafts, music by area musicians and fall treats. Activities will be held indoors in case of rain.

STEM Expo
Thursday, October 3
6:30 – 8:30 pm
Meadows Community Rooms
STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. Participate in a ton of really cool STEM experiments! This event is for boys and girls in all grades. Sponsored by Shabbona District, Three Fires Council, Boy Scouts of America.

4H Maps and Apps
Grades 4 – 8
Wednesday, October 9    4:30 – 6 pm
Meadows Community Room C
Registration required.
Young people will get the opportunity to become geospatial thinkers as they design and map their ideal park, use GIS mapping to solve community problems and contribute data about their community to the United States Geological Survey. The program will be presented by the University of Illinois Extension 4-H Ambassadors in honor of National Youth Science Day. Sponsored by Altria and Motorola.

POW!

Sports Card Trading Club
School-aged children
Presented by Jeff Allison,
Hosted by KidSpace
Tuesdays, September 10  3:30 – 5 pm,
South Story Room
Drop in and bring your collections to show and trade. Just starting? Learn how! Answer trivia questions correctly to win cards.

Read to Rover
Elementary age students
Saturday, September 14, October 12
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.

STAR WARS DAY
Saturday, September 14
1 – 4 pm
Meadows Community Rooms
Celebrate Star Wars! We’ll have a Star Wars Storytime for the littlest fans, crafts and activities for older kids, and photo opportunities for all ages. Come in costume to receive a special prize.

Minecraft
Grades 3 – 5
Tuesday, September 24
4 – 5:30 pm
Computer Training Room
Registration required.
Beginners can learn how to play and experts can show off their amazing skills by competing in a building challenge with friends.

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

See page 8 for more information on The Big Read.
Three ways to register:
- Online at gailborden.info/register
- Call 847-429-4597
- In person at the Registration Desk

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

Build It Up!
Grades 1 and up
Wednesday, October 16
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.

Sensory Storytime
Sundays, October 20, 27
1:30 – 2 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. Register in person beginning October 1 at the Rakow Branch or Main Library’s Registration Desk since an adaptive questionnaire is required. Space is limited.

Open Art Studio
Grades 1 and up
Wednesday, October 23
4 – 5:30 pm
Meadows Community Rooms
Kids only need to bring their creativity! Who knows what fantastic creations will develop?

STEAMoIogy
Science Showcase
Friday, September 27
1 – 3 pm
Youth Center
Elementary-age kids are invited to try out our new circulating science kits. Design a solar-power house, snap together an electrical circuit, and have some hands-on STEAM-fun. (STEAM stands for science, technology, engineering, arts, and math).

Lifeways of the Potawatomi During the 1700’s
Monday, October 14
1 – 3 pm
Outdoors and Youth Center
Learn about the Native American way of life inside and outside. Hands-on activities, storytelling and more! In case of rain, the program will take place entirely in the youth center.

Halloween Happening
Monday, October 28
10 am
Preschool – K
3:30 pm
Preschool – 2nd grade
Join us for Halloween fun! Wear your costume for a parade through the library.

No School Days
Family Film:
Super Buddies
(2013, G, 81 minutes)
Friday, September 27
10 am
Meadows Community Rooms
Watch the fur fly as a new breed of super hero is born in Disney’s fun-filled epic adventure.

Slightly Scary Scavenger Hunt
Grades 1 – 5
Friday, October 25
10 am – 5 pm
Take a turn spinning the spooky wheel by doing a slightly scary scavenger hunt in the Youth Center. Halloween-themed face painting will take place from 10 am to noon.
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1,2,3, Go!
1 – 3 years with families
Wednesdays 10 am – 10:30 am
September 4, 11, October 9, 16, 23
Meadows Community Rooms
Families share stories, rhymes and musical activities together.

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.

-story programs boost language skills and reading readiness-

Panera Milk & Cookie Storytime
3 – 6 years with adult
Tuesdays, September 10, 24, October 8, 22
9:30 – 10 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.

STORY PROGRAMS
Fall II Session September 30 – October 25
Registration beginning September 16

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.

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 a dual-language program to practice Spanish outside the classroom.

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.

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 playtime.

Terrific Twos
2 years with an adult
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.

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!

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.

1,2,3, Go!
1 – 3 years with families
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September 4, 11, October 9, 16, 23
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Zone Leadership Team

Wednesdays, September 11, October 9
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.

Minecraft

Thursdays, September 19, October 10
4 – 5:30 pm
Computer Training Room
Beginners can learn how to play and experts can show off their amazing skills. Registration is required.

Haunted Halloween Party

Saturday, October 26
1 – 5 pm
Drop in to the Middle School Zone anytime between 1 and 5 pm to show off your costume, grab a piece of candy and experience some scares. This event is being planned by the Zone Leadership Team!

Zone Activities Group

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

Thank you!

Thank you to all the local businesses that contributed to the 2013 Summer Reading program, Read on the Wild Side!

Windy City Amusements • The City of Elgin • Bear Family
McDonald’s Restaurants • Carol Stream Park District • The Cocoa
Cabana Gourmet Chocolates • Cold Stone Creamery • The DuPage
Children’s Museum • Epic Air • Famous Dave’s • Jang’s Taekwondo
Kim’s Black Belt Academy • Meijer • Modern Age Comics •
The Schaumburg Boomers • South Elgin Parks and Recreation •
Spring Hill Gymnastics • Van’s Frozen Custard & Burgers • Wendy’s

Grades 9 – 12

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

Pizza and Books

Thursdays, September 10, October 12
6 – 7 pm
Stop by for a slice and join in on the conversation about books we’re reading.

Open Mic Night

Tuesdays, September 15, October 17 7 – 8 pm
Share your talent! We are looking for musicians, poets, comedians and storytellers to perform.

DIY

Drop in anytime from 3 – 7 pm
Friday, September 27 Hack Your School Supplies
Monday, October 14 Robot Art
Friday, October 25 Bracelet Design

Scrumdiddlyumptious: Candy Making

Tuesday, October 1 5 – 7 pm
Experiment with Candy Melts while enjoying Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory (G).

Madden 13 Tourney

Saturday, October 5 5 – 7 pm
Do you have the skills? Come to the tournament and play to glory.

Teen Read Week October 13 - 19
Seek the Unknown at Your Library
Stop by Studio 270 all week to make crafts, catch a flick, complete a scavenger hunt and more!

Trivia Night

Tuesday, October 24 6 – 7 pm
Are you one smart cookie? Then come to our trivia night to challenge the best competitor of the night.

Teen Scream Horror Film Fest

Wednesday, October 31
3 – 9 pm
Bring your fiercest scream to our annual horror film fest featuring Drag Me to Hell (PG-13), Gremlins (PG) and Exorcism of Emily Rose (PG-13). We have the snacks, you bring the fear. Stay all day or as long as you dare for this back-to-back movie marathon.

www.gailborden.info
Rakow Readers Book Group

The Rakow Readers meet in the comfy Shales Living Room. No registration.

Monday, September 23   1:30 pm
The Paris Wife by Paula McLain

Monday, October 28   1:30 pm
Arcadia by Lauren Groff

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

Drop In Family Story Time

Wednesdays   10:30 – 11 am
September 4, 11, October 2, 9, 16, 23
Children with a parent will enjoy stories, songs and fingerplays with Miss Angela. No registration.

Harvestival!

Saturday, September 14
2 pm
Families are invited to the Rakow Community Garden for stories as well as harvesting vegetables, planting a new crop of lettuce seedlings and decorating wild and weird gourds. Rain date is September 21. Registration required.

Read to Rover

Elementary age students
Saturdays, September 28, October 26
10, 10:30, 11 or 11:30 am
Kids practice their reading skills by cuddling up with a good book and reading aloud to a fully trained and certified therapy dog. Registration required.

Journaling Workshop for Youth

Ages 8 – 12
Mondays   3:30 – 4:30 pm
October 7, 14, 21 (registration required for all 3 weeks)
Have you ever wanted to start your own diary or blog? Do you love The Dork Diaries, The Cupcake Diaries and Amelia Writes Again? Start your own journal and enjoy writing prompts and a craft at each session.

Halloween Hoot

Preschool & kindergarten
Thursday, October 31   10:30 am
Wear your costume for a parade through the Rakow Branch, followed by a story and Halloween craft.

Genealogy for Beginners

Saturday, September 21   2 pm
Discover your ancestors. Learn how to search, organize and document your family history. Librarian Bill Blohm will present this fascinating and fun activity for older teens and adults. Registration required.

Hispanic Genealogy Group/ Grupo Hispano de Genealogía: El Origen y Significado

Monday, September 30   6:30 – 7:30 pm
Join us in learning about the origins and meaning of Spanish surnames, from Alvarez to Zapata. This program will be in Spanish. Please register.

Conocer la historia de nuestros apellidos es saber más sobre la historia de nuestra familia. Aprende el significado de los apellidos desde Álvarez hasta Zapata. Favor de registrarte.
Three Ways to Register:
• Online at gailborden.info/register
• Call 847-429-4597
• In person at the Registration Desk

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

September 15
IAN & ANI Duo, Cello and Piano
Russian cellist Ian Maksin and Bulgarian pianist Ani Gogova will perform selections from their recently released album TANGO PLUS featuring electrifying music from Spain and Latin America.

October 13
Jeff Rolando, Classical Guitar
Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month when Jeff Rolando plays music by Spanish composers written for three different plucked string instruments, including pieces written by Spanish vihuelist composers of the Renaissance Period, as well as popular works for the modern Spanish guitar.

Festival of Trees
On Display at the Library
October 28 – November 8 at noon
Welcome the holidays by viewing more than 30 trees and wreaths decorated with endless creativity and lots of fun! Each tree is sponsored by a local business or organization to benefit the Ecker Center, which provides services for more than 3,700 people with mental illnesses each year. For more information, go to www.FestofTreesELGIN.org.

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.
A Separation (2011, PG-13)
Tuesday, September 24
Elgin Room
Stories We Tell (2012, PG-13)
Tuesday, October 22
Meadows Community Rooms A&B

Brown Bag Lunch Classic Films
Coffee will be served. No registration.
Double Indemnity (1944)
September 9 11 am – 1 pm
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Opening Night: Gershwin and Mahler
Wednesday, September 25 1 – 3 pm
Meadows Community Rooms
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Sally Lee Memorial Dedication
Wednesday, October 2 4 pm
Main Library
Please join Mayor David Kaptain, ESO Music Director Andrew Grams, Harry Blizzard and Library Director Carole Medal for the unveiling and dedication of the bronze statue dedicated to Sally Lee, a long-time U-46 teacher who left a legacy gift to both the Elgin Symphony Orchestra and Gail Borden Public Library. A short dedication in the garden in front of the main entrance will be followed by a reception with music provided by ESO musicians in the library.

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THE BIG READ KICKOFF
Sunday, September 8  2 – 3 pm
Lobby of Gail Borden Public Library
Join us for our Kickoff Celebration with local dignitaries, patriotic music from the Elgin High School Chamber Choir, under the direction of Roz Zager, the Color Guard provided by St. Charles combined veterans (Amvets-503, American Legion-57, and VFW-1307), book sales provided by Barnes & Noble, and refreshments provided by Sam's Club.

EXHIBITS AND THE ARTS
“The Things I Carried” Photo Project
Photographs of Vietnam veterans with “the things they carried” (items they brought with them to the war) will be on display throughout the Fox Valley. This exhibit was created by former Chicago Tribune award-winning photographer John Dziekan. Many thanks to Canon for the photo printing.

The American Place Theatre’s Literature to Life® Stage Presentation of The Things They Carried By Tim O’Brien
Performed by Billy Lyons and directed by Wynn Handman, this stage presentation, a collaboration with O’Brien, brings to life five of the short stories from the book.

Mini Performance
Wednesday, September 25    7:15  pm
Meadows Community Rooms
Free
No registration.

Full Performance
Saturday, September 28
7:30 pm
Elgin Community College Arts Center
SecondSpace Theatre
1700 Spartan Dr., Elgin, 60123
Tickets $25

Dedication of Phase II of the Elgin Veterans Memorial Park
Saturday, September 28    10 am
Reception after ceremony in Meadows Community Rooms
Join us to dedicate a nearly $90,000 addition, a tribute to veterans interred at sea, paid for entirely by public donations. The Elgin Choral Union will appear. For information, go to www.elginveteransmemorial.org or call Jerry Turnquist at 847-431-2472.
We Were Soldiers (2002, R)
Sunday, September 29
1 – 4:30 pm
Meadows Community Rooms
This recounting of true events during the Vietnam War is set in the Ia Drang Valley where a colonel and 450 young soldiers were surrounded by 2,000 North Vietnamese soldiers.

Platoon (1986, R)
Sunday, October 6
1:30 – 4:30 pm
Meadows Community Rooms
Director Oliver Stone examines the day-to-day existence of an infantry rifle platoon in Vietnam.

A Soldier’s Sweetheart (1998, R)
Monday, October 28
6 – 8:30 pm
Meadows Community Rooms
An Army medic brings his girlfriend to a Vietnam outpost in 1967. Adapted from a story by Tim O’Brien.

The Betrayal (2008)
Saturday, November 9
2 – 4:30 pm
Meadows Community Rooms
Filmmaker Thavisouk Phrasavath will be here! His documentary 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.

Across Feats of Darkness and Turbulent Seas and The Lao Oral History Project
Sunday, November 10,
2 – 4:30 p.m.
Meadows Community Rooms
Author Joanna C. Scott relays personal accounts from refugees fleeing oppression after the Communist takeover of Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam. The Lao Oral History Project debuts its first videos of our community’s residents. A discussion will follow led by Joanna Scott, Thavisouk Phrasavath and Aloune Khotisene. Refreshments will be served.

Elgin During the Vietnam War
Tuesday, October 1
7 – 8 pm
Meadows Community Rooms
No registration.
Elgin historian Jerry Turnquist recalls Elgin during the Vietnam War as told through the newspapers of the time. Images from the Courier News Collection will illustrate Elgin during the 1960s.

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 503
Barnes and Noble
Black History Family Festival Inc.
Beacon Academy Media Arts Academy
Books at Sunset
Canon
Chapter 1 Book Club
Edgewater Chase
City of Elgin
Corvette Club, Northern Fox Valley
Computer Systems Institute, veterans group
Elgin Academy
Elgin Community College
Elgin History Museum
Elgin Fire Department
Elgin Police Department
Gail Borden Public Library
Greater Chicago IL #3 Blue Star Mothers of America
Illinois School District U-46
Illinois Department of Veterans’ Affairs
John Dziekan Photography
Judson University and Library
Lao Oral History Project
McHenry County Veterans Assistance Commission
Northern Illinois University, Southeast Asian Studies
Northwest Baptist Academy Marching Eagles Band
Operation Homefront, State of Illinois
Sam’s Club
Vitas Hospice, Lombard
Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Washington D.C.
Veterans Affairs (Hines VA Hospital Mobile Medical Unit and VA Vet Center out of Evanston, IL)
Veterans Commission of Kane County
VFW Elgin Post 1307
Warriors’ Watch Riders
YWCA Elgin

For more information about The Big Read events, go to www.gailborden.info/bigread and www.neabigread.org/communities/?community_id=2172

SPEAKER SERIES
The Big Read Keynote Speaker: Author Deborah Grassman
Wednesday, September 18
7 – 8:30 pm
Judson University Marjorie Thulin Performance Hall
1151 N. State St., Elgin, 60123
No registration.
Author of Peace at Last: Stories of Hope and Healing for Veterans and their Families, Deborah Grassman has worked with caregivers, family members and veterans themselves to understand the impact of war and military culture. She will talk about veterans’ stories of pain and redemption, personal awakening and peace.

Elgin During the Vietnam War
Tuesday, October 1
7 – 8 pm
Meadows Community Rooms
No registration.
Elgin historian Jerry Turnquist recalls Elgin during the Vietnam War as told through the newspapers of the time. Images from the Courier News Collection will illustrate Elgin during the 1960s.

Across Feats of Darkness and Turbulent Seas and The Lao Oral History Project
Sunday, November 10,
2 – 4:30 p.m.
Meadows Community Rooms
Author Joanna C. Scott relays personal accounts from refugees fleeing oppression after the Communist takeover of Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam. The Lao Oral History Project debuts its first videos of our community’s residents. A discussion will follow led by Joanna Scott, Thavisouk Phrasavath and Aloune Khotisene. Refreshments will be served.

FILM SERIES
A discussion led by a Vietnam veteran or book club volunteer will follow each screening.

For more information, if you would like to book a tour, honor a veteran or if you would like to be involved, contact The Big Read Coordinator, Hector Ocampo at 847-608-4673 or email hocampo@gailborden.info.
Hector served in the U.S. Army from 2002 to 2006. He was deployed to Iraq twice in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom I and III with The 3rd Infantry Division, Ft. Stewart, Georgia. Along with his work as The Big Read Coordinator, he works at Hines VA Hospital.
Gen X & Y Maker Mornings  
Saturdays, September 21, October 19  
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.

HeroClix Tournaments  
Saturdays, September 21, October 19  
1 – 5 pm  
South Elgin Room
Players will compete for the most powerful weapon in the Marvel Universe. Prizes, demos and cool giveaways. No registration.

Craft Supplies and Holiday Decorations Swap  
Donations accepted  
October 5, 12, 19  
Free supplies and decorations October 26  
9 am – 12:30 pm
Make room in your home by donating craft materials and holiday decorations you no longer want. Anyone may come to the Meadows Community Rooms October 26 to make selections from donated items. Call Norma Copes at 847-289-5829 for more information.

Introducing Estée Lauder  
Tuesday, October 8  
7 – 8 pm  
Elgin Room
Meet beautician and cosmetics entrepreneur Estée Lauder in this historical portrayal by actress Leslie Goddard. Starting out with a homemade skin cream, Estée Lauder built a billion-dollar-a-year business using pioneering efforts like the gift-with-purchase promotion and the popular Youth Dew fragrance. Co-sponsored by AAUW. Please register.

Financial Fire Drill  
Tuesday, October 22  
6:30 – 8 pm  
Elgin Room
Job loss, illness, injury or a natural disaster can all lead to a drop in income. How would you manage with less money coming in? One way to find out is to run a “Financial Fire Drill.” Just as a regular fire drill allows you to practice for a fire, a financial fire drill helps you prepare for a financial emergency. In partnership with David A. Noyes & Company. Please register.

The Lincoln Funeral Train from History to Today  
Wednesday, October 30  
7 – 8 pm  
Meadows Community Rooms A&B
Bill Werst, executive director of the 2015 Lincoln Funeral Train, will give the audience some perspective on the impact of Lincoln, even in death, and the funeral train on the United States. Please register.

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.

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

Elgin Alive  
Sponsored in collaboration with the Elgin Community Network and ECCO.

Raising Monarchs and Creating a Butterfly Habitat  
Tuesday, September 17  
7 – 8:30 pm  
Elgin Room
Try your hand at raising monarch butterflies, a rewarding experience to share with kids. The Rudd family will talk about raising monarchs in their home and give you tips on how to create a paradise for butterflies.

Haunted Elgin: Spooky Houses, Cemeteries and Zombies Galore!  
Tuesday, October 15  
7 – 8:30 pm  
Meadows Community Rooms A&B
Listen to stories about haunted places in Elgin such as houses, schools and cemeteries. Then prepare yourself for another Nightmare on Chicago Street and an impending attack of the zombies. Join us for a spooktacular time!
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.

- September 9: Life of Nicias by Plutarch
- October 14: The Hound of the Baskervilles by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

French Conversation Group
Mondays, September 16, October 21
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.

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.

- September 18: The Paris Wife by Paula McLain
- October 16: Arcadia by Lauren Groff

Writers on the Fox
Mondays, September 23, October 28
7 – 8:30 pm
Elgin Room
This writer's peer group will inspire and motivate you. Writers of all genres are welcome. No registration.

Antique Interest Group
Tuesdays, September 24, October 22
7 – 8:30 pm
South Elgin Room
Learn how to identify your treasures as well as determine their age and value. 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.

Job Search Services
Re-employment Services Workshop
Wednesdays, September 4, 18
October 2, 16
1:30 – 3 pm
Elgin Room
Learn more about networking, resume writing, job search and interviewing techniques. For additional information contact the Illinois Department of Employment Security in Elgin at 847-931-2180.

Job Search and Resume Help
Tuesdays, September 3 – October 29
10 am – 2 pm
Computer Training Room
Receive one-on-one assistance with your resume, cover letter, online applications and more.

Workforce Investment Act Information Session
Thursdays, September 5 – October 31
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.
October is National Domestic Abuse Awareness Month
Programs provided by Community Crisis Center.

In Her Shoes
Thursday, October 3
10 am – noon & 6 – 8 pm
South Elgin Room
Walk in the shoes of a victim of domestic violence. No registration.

Community Crisis Center
Information Table
Saturday, October 5
9 am – 5 pm
Lobby
Find out what services are available from the Community Crisis Center.

How Domestic Violence Affects Children
Thursday, October 17
10 am – noon & 6 – 8 pm
South Elgin Room
Discover the challenges for children who witness domestic violence. No registration.

Team Read Fundraiser
Chipotle Mexican Grill
348 Randall Road, South Elgin
Monday, October 21  4 – 8 pm
Pick up a flyer from the Main Library or Rakow Branch, then purchase food from the South Elgin Chipotle from 4 to 8 pm on October 21 and 50% of your purchase will go toward the Team Read Challenge Race on April 6, 2014. Team Read is the official running club of the Gail Borden Public Library Foundation, promoting fundraising events for the Foundation as well as the health, wellness and esprit de corps of staff members.

Jumpstart Your Fall Fitness Program
Wednesday, September 25
7 – 8:30 pm
South Elgin Room
Certified personal trainer Jackie Kold, owner of Jackie Kold Fitness and Yoga, will teach you how to achieve your goals using the latest apps and technology to track your progress. If you have a smartphone or tablet, bring it along. Please register.

The Affordable Care Act and You
Monday, September 30  7 – 8:30 pm
Elgin Room
Residents will be able to compare and review a wide range of health insurance plans and purchase insurance through the Illinois Health Insurance Marketplace starting October 1. Learn about the Affordable Care Act and the Marketplace at this free program provided by the Illinois Health Insurance Marketplace. Please register.

Medicare 101
Monday, October 7  7 – 8:30 pm
Elgin Room
Get prepared for Medicare Open Enrollment, which will take place from October 15 to December 15. David Wylly of the Medicare Solutions Network will provide an overview of Medicare and review Medicare Supplements, Part D Drug Prescription coverage and Advantage Plans. Please register.

Gong Meditation with Kenny and Boontiva
Tuesday, October 8   1 – 2:30 pm
Meadows Community Rooms
The sound energy and deep relaxation of the gong moves recharge mind, body and spirit. A towel, mat, pillow and comfortable clothes are suggested. Presented by Boontiva Truong-Quang, Optimum Health School of Yoga in Elgin, and Kenny Kolter of Sound Bridge. Please register.

Help for You: Breast Cancer Awareness and Education
Wednesday, October 23  6 – 7 pm
South Elgin Room
Presented by Rush-Copley Medical Center
Learn about the risk factors for breast cancer, anatomy of the breast, screening methods and resources. Participants will receive breast health information, a guide for breast health services in Kane County and a gift. The program is funded by a Susan G. Komen Chicagoland Area grant. Please register.

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.
These programs require basic mouse and keyboarding skills. Registration is required and is for district residents only. Register online at gailborden.info/register, by calling 847-429-4597 or in person at the Registration Desk in the lobby.

Files, Files, Everywhere  
**Tuesday, September 10   6:30 – 8:30 pm**  
Manage files on a computer and in the cloud using Windows, Microsoft SkyDrive and Google Drive.

Internet 1  
**Thursday, September 12   6:30 – 8:30 pm**  
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  
**Wednesday, September 11  6:30 – 8:30 pm**  
Learn what a spreadsheet is and how to create one.

Microsoft Excel 2010 – Presenting Numbers  
**Wednesday, September 18  6:30 – 8:30 pm**  
Increase the visual appeal of your spreadsheets with borders, charts and other options. Basic knowledge of Microsoft Excel 2010 is required.

Microsoft Excel 2010 – Formulas and Functions  
**Wednesday, September 25  6:30 – 8:30 pm**  
Calculate totals, percentages and averages in a spreadsheet. Basic knowledge of Microsoft Excel 2010 is required.

Microsoft Word 2010 - Intro Part 1  
**Thursday, September 19  6:30 – 8:30 pm**  
Create, edit and print a simple document.

Microsoft Word 2010 - Intro Part 2  
**Thursday, September 26  6:30 – 8:30 pm**  
More on creating, editing and printing documents.

Microsoft Word 2010 - Formatting Documents  
**Thursday, October 3  6:30 – 8:30 pm**  
Use bullets, numbers, fonts and other tools to improve the visual appeal of your documents. Basic knowledge of Microsoft Word 2010 is required.

Microsoft Word 2010 - Adding Pizzazz to Documents  
**Thursday, October 10  6:30 – 8:30 pm**  
Improve the visual appeal of your documents using Clip Art, WordArt, Building Blocks and other tools. Basic knowledge of Microsoft Word 2010 is required.

Microsoft Word 2010 - Work with Tables  
**Thursday, October 17  6:30 – 8:30 pm**  
Create, edit and format tables. Basic knowledge of Microsoft Word 2010 is required.

Microsoft Word 2010 - Mail Merge  
**Thursday, October 24  6:30 – 8:30 pm**  
Use a mailing list to create mailing labels and form letters. Basic knowledge of Microsoft Word 2010 is required.

Microsoft PowerPoint 2010 – Intro Part 1  
**Wednesday, October 16  6:30 – 8:30 pm**  
Create an on-screen presentation.

Microsoft PowerPoint 2010 – Intro Part 2  
**Wednesday, October 23  6:30 – 8:30 pm**  
Modify and enhance an on-screen presentation.

Microsoft Excel 2010 – Introduction  
**Wednesday, September 11  6:30 – 8:30 pm**  
Aprenda cómo se navega en Internet. R, T

Microsoft Excel 2010 – Presenting Numbers  
**Wednesday, September 18  6:30 – 8:30 pm**  
Aprenda cómo usar este programa para crear hojas de cálculo. R, T

Microsoft Excel 2010 – Formulas and Functions  
**Wednesday, September 25  6:30 – 8:30 pm**  
Aprenda cómo usar este programa para crear documentos. R, T

Microsoft Word 2010 - Intro Part 1  
**Thursday, September 19  6:30 – 8:30 pm**  
Aprenda cómo usar este programa para crear documentos. R, T

Microsoft Word 2010 - Intro Part 2  
**Thursday, September 26  6:30 – 8:30 pm**  
Aprenda cómo usar este programa para crear presentaciones PowerPoint. R, T

Microsoft Word 2010 - Mail Merge  
**Thursday, October 24  6:30 – 8:30 pm**  
Aprenda cómo usar este programa para crear hojas de cálculo. R, T
Hispanic Heritage Month
Mes de la Herencia Hispana

4th Annual Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration: The Cultures We Carry
Saturday, October 12  2 – 5 pm
Be a part of this community-wide celebration that showcases the Latin American cultures carried in many of our community members’ hearts and minds with music and dance, stories, crafts and more. Local Hispanic veterans will be honored. No registration needed.

Las Recetas que Llevamos
miércoles, 9 de octubre  6 – 7:30 pm
Salones de la Comunidad Meadows
Disfruta una noche de demostraciones de la cocina hispana. Organizado por los estudiantes y la maestra de la clase Futuros Bilingües. Favor de inscribirse.

The Recipes We Carry Swap
Share a recipe with others! Get a recipe card in the Library lobby, fill it out and deposit it in the box. Recipes will be posted at the October 12 Hispanic Heritage Month celebration. Visit the Gail Borden Library Facebook page to post your recipe and see others.

Intercambio de las Recetas que Llevamos
¡Compártete una receta! Obtén una tarjeta para recetas en el vestíbulo de la Biblioteca, lléname y depositala en la caja. Las recetas serán mostradas el 12 de octubre en la celebración del mes de la Herencia Hispana. ¡También puedes visitar la página de Facebook de Gail Borden Public Library para publicar tu receta y ver las recetas de los demás!

The Recipes We Carry
Wednesday, October 9  6 – 7:30 pm
Meadows Community Rooms
Enjoy an evening of cooking demonstrations from Hispanic cultures. Hosted by the Go Bilingual class students and teacher. Please register.

LULAC Education Forum 2013
Saturday, September 7 3 – 5 pm
Meadows Community Rooms
Hispanic scholars will be recognized and the role of the community and parents in education and students’ success will be highlighted. To be presented in English. The guest speaker will be Dr. Lourdes Ferrer, author of Voices: African American and Hispanic Students’ Perceptions Regarding the Academic Achievement Gap, Siéntese en la Silla del Conductor, and Hispanic Parental Involvement. In partnership with LULAC, the Youth Leadership Academy, Judson University and the City Of Elgin. No registration needed.

Libros Books Family Fiesta: The Piñata Maker
Saturday, September 28  2 – 3:30 pm
Meadows Community Rooms
Receive a copy of the bilingual book The Piñata Maker, the inspiration for this family book club/fiesta with a fun reading activity, giant piñatas to decorate and refreshments. One book per family; recommended for families with at least one child in grades 3 to 6. Please register.

Libros Books Family Fiesta: El Piñatero
sábado, 28 de septiembre  2 – 3:30 pm
Salones de la Comunidad Meadows
Recibe una copia del libro bilingüe El Piñatero, que es la inspiración para esta fiesta/club de libros. Habrá una actividad de lectura, piñatas gigantes para decorar y refrescos. Un libro por familia. Recomendado para familias con al menos un niño en los grados 3-6. Favor de registrarse.

Fireside Chat: History of Hispanics in Elgin
Tuesday, September 24  7 – 8:30 pm
Elgin Historical Museum
Members of the Elgin Hispanic community will share their memories about the history of Hispanics in Elgin. Attendees are encouraged to bring memorabilia and their own stories to share. This program will be in English and Spanish. Please register.

Charla de la Historia de los Hispanos en Elgin
martes, 24 de septiembre 7 – 8:30 pm
Elgin Historical Museum
Los miembros de la comunidad hispana de Elgin compartirán sus recuerdos sobre la historia de los hispanos en Elgin. Las personas que asistan al programa están invitadas a traer recuerdos y sus propias historias para compartir. Este programa será en inglés y español. Favor de registrarse.

Charla de la Historia de los Hispanos en Elgin
sábado, 12 de octubre   2 – 5 pm
Meadows Community Rooms
Acompáñanos en esta celebración que muestra las culturas latinoamericanas que llevan en la mente y el corazón miembros de nuestra comunidad. Habrá música, baile, cuentos, manualidades y más. Además rendiremos homenaje a los veteranos hispanos locales. No hace falta inscribirse.

LULAC Foro Educativo 2013
sábado, 7 de septiembre  3 – 5 pm
Salones de la Comunidad Meadows
Estudiantes hispanos serán reconocidos y se hablará sobre la importancia de la comunidad y de los padres en la educación y el éxito de los estudiantes. Hablará la Dra. Lourdes Ferrer, autora de Voces: Percepciones de los Estudiantes Afroamericanos e Hispanos, Siéntese en la Silla del Conductor, y Participación de los Padres Hispanos. En colaboración con LULAC, Youth Leadership Academy, la Universidad Judson y la Ciudad de Elgin. Este programa será presentado en inglés. No hace falta inscribirse.
Grupo de Padres Abriendo Puertas
miércoles, 12 de septiembre
4:30 – 6:30 pm
Salones de la Community Meadows
Únete a este programa creado por y para padres latinos, que te ayudará a mejorar las oportunidades de éxito de tus hijos y dará más confianza y herramientas como padre o madre para tener un impacto positivo en la vida de tus niños. Habrá cuidado de niños, comida, premios y mucho más completamente gratis. Será presentado por Family Focus en español e inglés. Para inscribirte por favor llama a Jasmine o Maria al 630-521-8808, ext. 108 ó 109.

Café para Padres / Parent Café
19 de septiembre, 17 de octubre
6 – 8 pm
Salón South Elgin
En este grupo, padres podrán compartir sus conocimientos, y hablar sobre cómo mantener a sus familias fuertes y resistentes. Esta es una oportunidad para platicar sobre los temas que tenemos en común. Cualquier persona en un rol de padre o madre está invitado.

Jorge Partida: La Promesa del Quinto Sol
jueves, 26 de septiembre
6 – 7 pm
Salón Elgin
El psicólogo Dr. Jorge Partida es el autor de “La Promesa del Quinto Sol: Jornada Ancestral de Autodescubrimiento.” El Dr. Partida aparece regularmente como presentador de televisión y como locutor de radio en los Estados Unidos y América Latina. El utiliza las influencias de la cultura, espiritualidad, y el estudio de curación en su práctica.

El Origen y Significado de los Apellidos Hispanos
lunes, 30 de septiembre
6:30 – 7:30 pm
Sucursal Rakow
Conocer la historia de nuestros apellidos es saber más sobre la historia de nuestra familia. Aprende el significado de los apellidos desde Álvarez hasta Zapata. Este programa será presentado en español en la sucursal Rakow. Favor de registrarte.

¡Ayuda Para Ti!: Concientización y Educación sobre el Cáncer del Seno
miércoles, 23 de octubre
7:30 – 8:30 pm
Salón South Elgin
Aprende sobre los factores de riesgo del cáncer del seno, y los procedimientos y recursos disponibles. Los participantes recibirán información sobre la salud del seno, una guía para los servicios de salud de los senos en el Condado de Kane y un regalo. El programa es financiado por una subvención de Susan G. Komen Chicagoland Area. El Centro Médico Rush-Copley presentará en español. Favor de registrarse.

Programas en español

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 Class
Wednesdays beginning September 11
6 – 7 pm
Elgin Room
English and Spanish lessons and conversation. Beginning Wednesday September 11. No registration.

Clase Futuros Bilingües
comenzando el 11 de septiembre
miércoles 6 – 7 pm
Salón Elgin
Lecciones y conversación en inglés y español. No hace falta inscribirse.

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www.gailborden.info

The Main Library and Rakow Branch will be closed Sunday, September 1 and Monday, September 2 for the Labor Day holiday.

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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

This newsletter contains recycled paper.

Programs in Spanish

September is Library Card Sign Up Month
Show your Gail Borden Library Card at participating businesses in September to receive a discount. For a complete list of discounts, go to gailborden.info starting September 3.

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

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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.

Preschool & Kindergarten Teachers’ Workshop

Thursday, October 24 6:30 pm
Meadows Community Rooms

Julie Kallenbach, Director of Early Learner Initiatives Preschool Office at School District U-46, will present an overview of KIDS, the Kindergarten Individual Development Survey. This assessment process selected by the Illinois State Board of Education will be used in Illinois kindergartens. Also, teachers will be able to make two flannel stories for the classroom in a Make & Take session. Parents and other interested adults are welcome. 1.5 CPDU/CEU credit is available for educators attending this workshop.

The Science of SuperCroc

More than 255,000 people from 17 states and 6 countries visited The Science of SuperCroc exhibit from May to August.

Thank you to SuperCroc sponsors Grand Victoria Foundation, EFS Foundation, Seigle Family Foundation, Hoffer Family Foundation, Palmer Foundation, Kane County Teachers Credit Union, St. Charles Bank & Trust and First Community Bank.

More than 9,000 participated in the Read on the Wild Side! Summer Reading Program. Finishers with vouchers receive free rides at the Elgin carnival. Look for date and location at www.gailborden.info.

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