Did you know that Chicago was known as the sweet capital of the country? Visit this mouth-watering exhibit and discover how Cracker Jack, Baby Ruths, Tootsie Rolls, Frango Mints and Fannie May made Chicago the King of Candy. The exhibition is produced by the Elmhurst Historical Museum, a department of The City of Elmhurst, Illinois.

For Chicago’s Sweet Candy History on February 11, see page 10.
STEAM Winter Reading Program
Through February 28
Birth – 8th grade
Sign up in KidSpace or at the Rakow Branch, complete your reading log and be entered for a chance to win prizes!

Family Jam with Alina Celeste
Sunday, February 2      2 pm
Meadows Community Rooms
Performer Alina Celeste will bring her fun and eclectic music to the library, from traditional songs with a modern twist to original songs that bring families together and provide joy and self-expression to kids everywhere. Don’t be surprised if you find yourself ready to jump and clap! This show will be in Spanish and English.

Family Jam con Alina Celeste
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2 de febrero   2 pm
Salones de la Comunidad Meadows
La artista Alina Celeste estará trayendo su divertida y ecléctica música a la biblioteca, desde canciones tradicionales con un toque moderno a canciones originales destinadas a unir a las familias y proporcionar alegría y la expresión de los niños en todas partes. ¡No se sorprenda si usted se encuentra listo para saltar y aplaudir! Este espectáculo será en español e inglés.

Family Valentine Tea
Ages 3 – 6 years with families
Saturday, February 8
9:30 am and 11 am (choose one)
Meadows Community Rooms
Registration begins January 20.
Celebrate Valentine’s Day with stories, songs and a craft.

Kickoff for the Discovery
2014 STEM Exposition (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math)
Thursday, January 23
Two sessions:
6 – 7 pm and 7:15 – 8:15 pm
Meadows Community Rooms
Please register.
An exciting evening of science demonstrations, hands-on activities and science fun will take place in anticipation of the 5th Annual School Dist. U-46 STEM Expo to be held Saturday, April 5 at South Elgin High School.
Pick up information for the STEM Expo, a free, nonjudged science event in April and open to students of all ages from public, private and home schools in the library district and U-46 boundaries.

Gail Borden Maker Fair
Saturday, February 15
11 am – 4 pm
Meadows Community Rooms
Be inspired by local Makers! Gail Borden’s first ever Maker Fair will showcase the talents of creative children, teens and adults including paper artists, jewelry designers and toy “hackers.” You will also have an opportunity to try some Making yourself at several Maker stations. Visit gailborden.info/makers for more information.

SingAlong Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory
Monday, February 17    1 pm
Meadows Community Rooms
No registration
Come get your Golden Ticket and join us in a World of Pure Imagination! Families are invited to bring their best singing voices and enthusiasm for this family favorite. Costumes are optional, but encouraged!
Children younger than 12 need to bring an adult.

New! ChessMasters
Junior Chess Club
Grades 2 – 12
Thursdays    4 – 5 pm
KidSpace
Sharpen your chess skills. Beginners are welcome—we will teach you how to play!

The Gaming Event
Grades 3 and up
Mondays, January 6, February 3
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.

Sports Trading Card Club
School age
Thursdays, January 9, February 13
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.

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One Direction Party
Grades 3 and up
Saturday, January 11  2 – 3:30 pm
Meadows Community Rooms
By popular demand, it’s another One Direction Fan Party! Meet and talk with other fans, test your knowledge of 1D lyrics, write a letter to your favorite band member, sing along to your favorite songs and more.

Read to Rover
Elementary age students
Saturdays, January 11, February 8 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 and up
Wednesdays, January 15, February 19
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.

Minecraft
Grades 3 – 5
Wednesdays, January 29, February 12 4 – 5:30 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.

Open Art Studio
Grades 1 and up
Wednesdays, January 22, February 26  4 pm
Meadows Community Rooms
Art supplies will be provided. Kids bring the creativity! Who knows what fantastic creations will develop?

Winter Break
No School Days

Winter Film Festival
Movies were released in 2013 and are rated PG.
No registration is required but seating will be limited.
Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.
Meadows Community Rooms.

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)

Latin Hip Hop Class with
Dixon Dance Academy
8 years and up
Monday, January 6  2 pm
Meadows Community Rooms
No registration.
Try a Hip Hop class with a Latin flair. Learn a choreographed combination and then have an improvised dance-off. Enter a drawing for a chance to receive a free hip hop master class. Wear comfortable sportswear and clean sneakers.

Sew Your Own Monster
Grades 3 – 5
Friday, February 28  1 pm
Story Room North
Registration required.
Use simple sewing techniques to turn a plain knit glove into your own monstrous creation. Scary or silly? You decide! Kids in third through fifth grade will be using simple sewing techniques.

The Children’s Deep Freeze Flea Market
Grades 2 – 8  Monday, January 20  1:30 – 3 pm
Meadows Community Rooms
Did you get new stuff for the holidays? Sell your old stuff at this unique flea market where only kids may sell but anyone is welcome to buy. Everything will be priced at $8 or less. Sellers sign up in advance at the Youth Center Help Desk. A signed parental permission slip is required. No phone or online registrations will be taken.

Valentine’s Day Party/Fiesta del Día de San Valentín
Kindergarten – 2nd Grade
Wednesday, February 12  3:30 pm
Meadows Community Rooms
Registration begins January 2.
This bilingual Valentine’s Day Party will feature stories, games, a craft and more! Los niños en kinder hasta 2do grado están invitados a nuestra fiesta bilingüe del Día del San Valentín. ¡Vengan a escuchar cuentos, jugar juegos, hacer manualidades y más! Favor de inscribirse comenzando el 2 de enero.
## kidspace programs

**Story Programs Boost Language Skills and Reading Readiness**

**Winter Session January 6 – February 28**

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### Panera Milk & Cookie Storytime
- **3 – 6 years with adult**
- **Tuesdays, January 14, 28, February 11, 25**
- **9:30 am**
- **At Panera Bread, 322 Randall Road, South Elgin**
- **Registration required.**

Enjoy stories followed by a milk and cookie snack compliments of Panera.

### Sensory Storytime
- **Sunday, February 23**
- **3 – 6 years 1:30 pm**
- **7 – 10 years 2:30 pm**
- **Meadows Community Room C**

Families are invited to 30 minutes of stories and music especially chosen for children 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.

### The Zone

**Zone Activities Group**
- **Thursdays 5:30 – 7 pm**
- Duct tape. Paper action figures. Japanese snacks. Discussions about manga and Minecraft. ZAG has all these and more. Visit gailborden.info/zone to find out what craft or activity we’ll be doing each week.

**Zone Leadership Team**
- **Wednesdays, January 8, February 12 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.

### teen programs

#### Manga and Anime Club
- **Saturday, January 25**
- **2 – 3 pm**
- Have you seen every episode of *Naruto* or *Sailor Moon*? Do you wish more of your friends liked *My Neighbor Totoro* or *Sword Art Online*? Here’s your chance to talk about your favorite series, share fan art and enjoy Japanese snacks while socializing with other fans.
- **For grades 5 – 12.**

#### No-Bake Snacks and Sweets
- **Saturday, February 22**
- **1 – 2:30 pm**
- **Story Room South**
- Learn basic kitchen skills and make some amazingly yummy food—all without a stovetop or oven. No cooking experience necessary and all ingredients will be provided. **Registration is required.**

### 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.
DIY
Drop in anytime from 3 to 7 pm for do-it-yourself projects and crafts.

**Monday, January 6**
New Year, New Journal

**Monday, January 20**
Shrinky Dink Keychains

**Friday, February 28**
Bracelet Making

**Madden 25 Tournament**
**Thursday, January 30**
5 – 8 pm
Ready for the big game? Show off your Madden skills!

**Sweets for Your Sweetheart: Candy Making**
**Thursday, February 13**
5 – 7 pm
Make your own candy by experimenting with Candy Melts.

**Intro to Garage Band**
**Tuesday, January 14**
6 – 7 pm
Gain the necessary skills to help you create your own music or podcasts.

**Open Mic Night**
**Tuesdays, January 21, February 18**
7 – 8 pm
Share your talents! Musicians, poets, comedians and story tellers are welcome.

**Street Fighter IV Tournament**
**Wednesday, February 26**
5 – 7 pm
Do you have the skills? Come to our Street Fighter Tournament and play to glory.

**Spoken Word Workshop with Real T@lk**
**Tuesday, February 11**
6 – 8 pm
Do not miss your chance to see story teller and slam poet Brandon “Real T@lk” Williams speak and perform. A native of Peoria, and graduate of Southern Illinois University, Real T@lk is a conscious artist who touches on many themes, including society, relationships, love and life. He has worked with both Andre 3000 and Big Boi of Outkast in the past.

**Winter Movie Marathon**
**Monday, February 17**
Noon – 9 pm
Cure those winter blues by enjoying a full day of movies in the studio. We will provide snacks and hot chocolate to help you escape the cold. Come all day or stop by any time between noon and 9 pm.
9th Annual Honoring Our Heroes: Contributions of African American Veterans
Saturday, February 1
1 – 5 pm
South Elgin Room
Learn how African Americans successfully contributed to American war efforts. The event will include a presentation by the Tuskegee Airmen, the black Americans who fought for freedom as pilots during World War II. For nearly 10 years, the Black History Family Festival has successfully worked to bridge cultures by uniting the Elgin area in a celebration of the African American experience involving schools and families. Go to www.gailborden.info to learn more about this enriching program.

Screening of For Love of Liberty: The Story of America’s Black Patriots
Saturday, February 1
1 – 5 pm
South Elgin Room
A film by Frank Martin, this documentary features Halle Berry, Colin Powell and Morgan Freeman. From the American Revolution to the Civil War, from World Wars to present day fighting in Afghanistan, this inspiring epic saga of African American military sacrifice sets the record straight. (2010, 240 minutes) No registration.

Sankofa Wax Museum of African American History
Saturday, February 15
2 – 5 pm
Lobby
The Second Baptist Church of Elgin will present this annual exhibit at which celebrated icons of African American history come to life. Children and youth from ages 6 to 17 will portray African Americans who have made significant and lasting contributions to society. Just as the Sankofa Bird teaches that, to move forward, we must go back to our roots, the stories of African Americans help us lead our lives today and tomorrow.

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.

January 26
David Flippo Quintet
For more than twenty years, Dave Flippo’s Globaljazz has been infusing the Chicago jazz scene with its inventive style of jazz. His compositions blend jazz with world music from all over the planet to delight audiences. The musical smorgasbord also includes some American jazz classics and vocals.

February 16
Kimberly E. Jones, Soprano
An alum of the Ryan Opera Center with Lyric Opera of Chicago, Kim Jones has graced the stages of La Scala in Italy, the Bastille in France, the Gewandhaus in Germany and the Bunkamura in Japan. She is on the voice faculty at Merit School of Music and Columbia College. Ms. Jones will offer selections from Showboat, Porgy and Bess, Carmen, Marriage of Figaro, Gianni Schicchi, Carousel and My Fair Lady.
One (Your) Vote Makes a Difference
Tuesday, January 21  2 – 3 pm
Tuesday, February 18  7 – 8:30 pm
South Elgin Room
It is possible to increase the number of people who vote in local elections, but it takes many people, organizations and businesses to change the culture. Get specific but easy suggestions for all of us to make democracy work.

Candidate Forum—Primary Election
Sunday, February 9  1:30 – 4:30 pm
Meadows Community Rooms
Meet and ask questions of the candidates running in this year’s March Primary. For additional information, visit www.lwvelginarea.org. Sponsored by the Gail Borden Public Library and the LWV of the Elgin Area.

The Settlement
Tuesday, January 21  7 – 8:30 pm
Meadows Community Rooms A&B
Learn the history of the Summit Park neighborhood and hear residents and historians share the story of Elgin’s early African American leaders and stories about the “Settlement,” Elgin’s first African American neighborhood. Sponsored by ECN and Summit Park Neighbors Association. No registration.

Is Your Life Too Plastic?
Tuesday, February 18  6:30 – 8:30 pm
Meadows Community Rooms A&B
Follow “everyman” Jeb Berrier in the touching and often flat-out-funny film Bag It as he embarks on a global tour to unravel the complexities of our plastic world. The film investigates plastic’s effects on oceans, environments and bodies. Sponsored by ECN, ECCO and the Elgin Sustainability Commission. No registration.

ESO Master Class
Witness the learning process as a world-class and renowned Elgin Symphony guest artist works with area students on technique and musicianship. Students interested in being considered to perform in a master class can visit www.elginsymphony.org. No registration is necessary to attend this free program.

Michael Ludwig, Violin
Saturday, January 11
10 am – noon
Meadows Community Rooms
Michael Ludwig enjoys a multi-faceted career as a soloist, recording artist and chamber musician. Recent highlights include performances in Germany, Spain, Poland, China, Korea and Israel, as well as numerous appearances throughout the United States. In addition to his active performance and recording schedule, Michael provides master classes around the world.

Brandon Ridenour, Trumpet
Saturday, February 8
1 – 3 pm
Meadows Community Rooms
As a virtuoso trumpeter, composer, arranger and educator, Brandon Ridenour is widely recognized as one of the most multi-talented artists of his generation. At the age of 20, Brandon became the youngest member to join the prestigious Canadian Brass. He is a graduate of the Juilliard School.

Elgin Symphony Orchestra Listeners Club
Wednesdays  1 – 3 pm
January 8  Scottish Fantasy
February 5  Tour of Italy
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 by the ESO that week. Study the music to enhance your concert experience. Please register by calling 847-888-0404.

A memorial to long-time U-46 educator Sally Lee was unveiled in front of the library on October 2. Her bequest to the Elgin Symphony Orchestra and the Gail Borden Public Library will allow those organizations to continue the work that Sally Lee loved. For more information about supporting Gail Borden Library, please go to www.gailborden.info/foundation/ or call 847-742-2411.
Maker Mornings
Saturdays, January 4, February 1
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,
January 25, February 22
1 – 5 pm
Meadows Community Rooms B&C
Players will compete for the most powerful weapon in the Marvel Universe. Prizes, demos and cool giveaways. No registration.

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.

Health and Wellness

Elgin Film Feast-ival
Real People Watching Films and Talking About the Challenges of a Healthy Diet. Sponsored by Shared Harvest Co-op, Advocate Sherman Hospital, the Elgin Community Network, Elgin Sustainability Committee and Side Street Gallery. Free refreshments will be provided. No registration.

Forks Over Knives (2011, PG)
Thursday, January 9 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Meadows Community Rooms A&B
The film Forks Over Knives examines the profound claim that most, if not all, of the degenerative diseases that afflict us can be controlled or even reversed by rejecting our present menu of animal-based and processed foods. Join us for the film (90 minutes) and discussion afterward.

Seeds of Freedom (2012)
Thursday, February 6 7 – 8:30 pm
Meadows Community Rooms A&B
The film Seeds of Freedom charts the story of seed from its roots at the heart of traditional, diversity rich farming systems across the world, to being transformed into a powerful commodity used to monopolize the global food system. Join us for the film and discussion afterward.

Affordable Care Act
Information Table
Every Monday 3 – 7 pm
Lobby
Representatives from VNA Health Care will answer questions about the Affordable Care Act and make appointments for those who want one-on-one assistance with researching coverage options and purchasing insurance through the Insurance Marketplace. Assistance will be provided in English and Spanish. For more information, please call Elisa Lara at 630-482-8193, Ext. 3312.

The Affordable Care Act and You
Monday, February 3 7 – 8:30 pm
Elgin Room
Individuals and families will be able to purchase insurance through the Illinois Health Insurance Marketplace through March 31, 2014. The Marketplace, called “Get Covered Illinois,” is an online shopping site where consumers can compare and review a wide range of quality health insurance plans. Learn about the site, financial subsidies and more. This program is provided by Greater Elgin Family Care Center. Please register.

Elgin Gang and Drug Task Force Community Conversation Series:
Fights and Bullying
Thursday, February 6 7 – 8:30 pm
Elgin Room
Join representatives from the Elgin Police Department, School Dist. U-46, the Renz Center and the Elgin Gang and Drug Task Force to explore how bullying and violence is addressed in our community and what we can do collectively to foster peace. Please register.
iPhone/iPad Basics  
**Tuesday, January 14  
7 – 8:30 pm  
Elgin Room**
Tech Specialist Jack Waddick will demo apps at this fun program. Learn about applications spanning business, education, entertainment, finance, games, healthcare, music, news, photography, sports and more. Please register.

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

**eBooks Made Easy for Tablet Owners**  
**Wednesday, January 15**  
**Thursday, January 30**  
**Wednesday, February 12**  
**Monday, February 24**  
**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, 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.

**Are You a Hoarder?**  
**Thursday, January 16  
7 – 8:30 pm  
Elgin Room**
Do you know someone who is a hoarder or extreme clutterer? Professional organizing expert Chris Faltynek will give you some insights and tips about this complex behavior. Chris has appeared on A&E TV’s show “Hoarders” and has been helping people get organized for more than 15 years. Please register.

**Preserving Elgin Bungalows**  
**Monday, January 20  
7 – 8:30 pm  
Elgin Room**
More than 2,000 bungalows built between 1910 and 1942 exist in Elgin. Historian Steve Stroud and Architect Eric Pepa will discuss bungalow styles in Elgin and show examples of bungalows in Elgin neighborhoods throughout the past 100 years. This program may be helpful to those researching the history of their house. Sponsored by the Elgin History Museum. Please register.

**Job Search**

**Job Search & Resume Help**  
**Tuesdays, January 7 – February 25**  
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.

**Workforce Investment Act Information Session**  
**Thursdays, January 2 – February 27**  
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.

**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.
Chicago’s Sweet Candy History
Tuesday, February 11  7 – 8:30 pm
Elgin Room
It’s delicious fun! At one time, Chicago produced about one-third of the nation’s candy. Brach’s caramels, Snickers and Milky Way bars, Wrigley’s Gum, Cracker Jack, Baby Ruth and Butterfinger, Tootsie Rolls and Frango Mints were invented in Chicago. Historian Leslie Goddard will reveal the history behind these sweet creations and explain why Chicago was the preferred location of candy makers. Please register.

Eagle Watching at Gail Borden Library
American bald eagles have been spotted just north of the Main Library throughout the last few winters during January and February. Binoculars are available to check out so that you can get a closer look at these beautiful birds. If you have questions about eagles, contact Reference librarian Tish Calhamer at 847-289-5838 or email her at tcalhamer@gailborden.info.

Preschool and Childcare Information Fair
Saturday, January 25  10 am – noon
Meadows Community Rooms
Meet representatives and receive information from licensed area preschools, daycare centers and homes.

Make a Difference in Someone’s Life in 2014—Become a Literacy Tutor
Why is learning English important? Language skills impact every aspect of adult life. Adults with high English literacy are more likely to:
• Be employed full time and earn a family-sustaining income
• Pursue further education and career training
• Read to their children in English and discuss school topics at home
• Have digital literacy skills and access information about current local and national events
The Literacy Connection is offering a two-day tutor training course. Those interested can attend the course January 11 and 18 or in the following month on February 8 and 15. Training is free, but there is a $25 fee to cover materials. To register, go to www.gailborden.info. For more information, contact The Literacy Connection at 847-742-6565.

Brown Bag Lunch Classic Films
Meadows Community Rooms A&B. Coffee and tea will be served.
No registration.
North to Alaska (1960)
Monday, January 13
11 am – 1:30 pm

Shadow of a Doubt (1943)
Monday, February 10
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.
Alice Doesn’t Live Here Anymore (1974, PG)
Tuesday, January 28

Free Angela and All Political Prisoners (2012, NR)
Tuesday, February 25
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 of the Gettysburg Address. Bring your own hardtack. No registration.

Tuesdays 11:45 am – 1:15 pm
South Elgin Room
January 14
Lincoln (2012) Goofs! As the Civil War continues to rage, America’s president struggles with continuing carnage on the battlefield and fights with many in his cabinet. This film chronicles the President’s time in office between 1861 and 1865 as he dealt with personal demons and politics during the Civil War. Find out what’s not quite accurate in Spielberg’s film starring Daniel Day-Lewis and Sally Field.

February 11
The Meridian Campaign and other battles at the dawn of 1864.

Great Books Discussion Group
Co-sponsored by the American Association of University Women Elgin Branch. Meetings are at 6:55 pm in the South Elgin Room. For more information, please call Rachel Bloomberg at 630-391-2966.

January 13
The Chilean Earthquake
by Heinrich Von Kleist
February 10
Where I Lived and What I Lived For (from Walden)
by Henry David Thoreau

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.

January 15
Outliers: The Story of Success by Malcom Gladwell
February 19
The Great Gatsby
by F. Scott Fitzgerald

Spanish Café
Mondays,
January 13, February 10
Noon – 1 pm
Conference Room
Looking for an opportunity to practice your Spanish conversation skills? Take part in a weekly topic of discussion, learn new vocabulary and put your listening skills to the test. Will be led by native Spanish-speakers. No registration.

VETERANS INFORMATION NETWORKING SESSION
Healthcare and VA’s New Dental Program
Thursday, January 16

Monetary Benefits
Thursday, February 20

South Elgin Room
Join us for monthly programs that will provide information on topics concerning veterans. Meet other veterans for discussions. Topics may include veterans benefits (medical, dental, compensation, pension, burial, etc.), military experiences, PTSD, trauma, recording of discharges and others. Coffee and tea will be served. No registration.

French Conversation Group
Mondays, January 20, February 17
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, January 27, February 24
7 – 8:30 pm
Conference Room
Calling all Fox Valley area writers! Get your creative juices flowing by joining us for thought-provoking writing prompts and constructive critique. Writers of all genres are welcome to participate. No registration.

Walking Book Club
Join us every Wednesday evening at the Centre of Elgin at 7 pm for a 45-minute walk followed by a 45-minute book discussion. Please call Nancy at 847-289-5840 for more details.

January
Outliers: The Story of Success
by Malcom Gladwell
February
The Great Gatsby
by F. Scott Fitzgerald

Battle of the Books Anniversary Celebration
Calling all former Battle of the Books coaches and team members! The 2014 – 15 school year will mark the 40th anniversary of Battle of the Books. Planning is already underway for a celebration and your help is needed to get the word out. Like our Facebook page www.facebook.com/BoB40thanniversarycelebration to help spread the news!
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.

Files, Files, Everywhere
Wednesday, January 8  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, January 16  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 Word 2010 – Intro Part 1
Wednesday, January 22  6:30 – 8:30 pm
How to create, edit and print a simple document.

Microsoft Word 2010 – Intro Part 2
Wednesday, January 29  6:30 – 8:30 pm
More on creating, editing and printing documents.

Microsoft Excel 2010 – Introduction
Tuesday, February 4  6:30 – 8:30 pm
Learn what a spreadsheet is and how to create one.

Microsoft Excel 2010 – Presenting Numbers
Tuesday, February 11  6:30 pm – 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 Excel 2010 – Formulas and Functions
Tuesday, February 18  6:30 – 8:30 pm
How to calculate totals, percentages and averages in a spreadsheet. Basic knowledge of Microsoft Excel 2010 is required.

Microsoft PowerPoint 2010 – Intro Part 1
Tuesday, January 21  6:30 – 8:30 pm
How to create an on-screen presentation.

Microsoft PowerPoint 2010 – Intro Part 2
Tuesday, January 28  6:30 – 8:30 pm
How to modify and enhance an on-screen presentation.

Microsoft PowerPoint 2010 – Formatting Documents
Wednesday, February 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.

Microsoft PowerPoint 2010 – Adding Pizazz to Documents
Wednesday, February 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.

Windows 8 – Bring Your Own Laptop
Saturday, January 25  10 am – noon
Learn how to navigate Windows 8 using your own laptop.

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Care and Feeding of Your Windows PC or Laptop
Saturday, February 22  10 am – noon
How to keep your Windows PC or laptop running efficiently and reliably.

Microsoft Excel 2010 – Mail Merge
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Use a mailing list to create mailing labels and form letters. Basic knowledge of Microsoft Word 2010 is required.

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Science Saturdays!
Grades 4 – 8
Registration required.

Light, Fiber Optics, Action!
Saturday, January 25
2 – 3 pm
Learn how to use fiber optic cables to carry light across distances and connect your music to light in this hands-on workshop!

Energy Detectives!
Saturday, February 15  2 – 3 pm
Learn how to track down wasteful uses of energy in your home and school.

Affordable Care Act
Information Table
Every Wednesday  10 am – 1 pm
Representatives from Aunt Martha’s Youth Service Center and Health Center will assist individuals with questions about the Affordable Care Act.

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

Rakow Read to Rover
Saturday, January 25, February 22
10, 10:30, 11 or 11:30 am
Registration required.
Tails are wagging at Read to Rover. School-aged kids may practice their reading skills by cuddling up with a good book and reading aloud to a fully trained and certified therapy dog.

Rakow Readers Book Group
1:30 – 2:30 pm
Shales Living Room
No Registration.
Outliers: The Story of Success
by Malcolm Gladwell
Monday, January 27
The Great Gatsby
by F. Scott Fitzgerald

Chinese New Year Celebration
Saturday, February 1
10:30 am
Registration required.
Bring the entire family to the Branch to ring in the Chinese New Year with a story, craft and other festivities.

Fireside Conversation at the Rakow Branch
Tuesday, January 28
1:30 pm
Shales Living Room
Come meet your neighbors for an open discussion in the cozy Shales living room. What are your hopes for your community, and how can you help shape that community narrative? Please register for this open civic discussion. For more information, call Christie at 847-931-2091 or Jennifer at 847-695-4668.

More Ways to Celebrate Gail Borden Library’s 140th Anniversary:
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• Lend a library artifact or photo for a history exhibit. In order to coordinate a meaningful exhibit, items are needed by February 21. To make arrangements for lending an item, contact Kate Burlette at 847-429-5977 or email her at kburlette@gailborden.info.
• Has the library changed your life in a significant way? How has the library helped you and your family? Share your story! Story forms are available at the Main Library and Rakow Branch and online at www.gailborden.info. For more information, contact Liz Clemmons at 847-429-4698 or at lclemmons@gailborden.info.

In Memory of Bill Blohm
1951 – 2013
Bill Blohm, 62, manager of collection services and genealogy specialist at Gail Borden Public Library, died November 28, 2013. A part of the Gail Borden Library family since 1996, Bill helped many people in the community trace their family tree. He enjoyed helping others discover their ancestors and meeting the challenge of the most difficult searches. A scholar and a gentleman, Bill will be missed.

A Note to Our Readers,
You are reading the library’s new color newsletter! In order to keep costs lower, Strathmore is now accepting family friendly advertisements for this newsletter. This is being done on an evaluative basis. Please note that an ad in this newsletter does not represent an endorsement by the library. Thank you to those who have placed an ad.
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 6 – 7 pm South Elgin Room
English and Spanish lessons and conversation. No registration.

Clase Futuros Bilingües
miércoles 6 – 7 pm Salón South Elgin
Lecciones y conversación en inglés y español. No hace falta inscribirse.

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

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 cuidado de niños. No hace falta inscribirse.

Nutrition
Thursday, January 9 9:30 – 11am Meadows Community Rooms A&B

La Seguridad de los Asientos para Niños
martes, 21 de enero 9:30 – 11 am Salones de la Comunidad Meadows AyB

Three Kings Celebration
Saturday, January 4 2 – 5 pm Lobby
We will keep the Christmas tree up to welcome the Wise Men who will be visiting us! Come meet Gaspar, Melchior and Balthazar, the Three Kings, and get your picture taken with them. Stay for stories and crafts too! Bring your camera or pick up a print copy of your picture at Centro de Información for $2 each. No registration required. In partnership with the Organization of Mexico in Elgin (OME).

Celebración de los Reyes Magos
sábado, 4 de enero 2 – 5 pm Vestíbulo
Ven a conocer a Gaspar, Melchior y Baltasar, tómate una foto con ellos, y disfruta de Rosca de Reyes, una manualidad y cuentos para niños. Puedes traer tu cámara o recoger una copia de tu foto en el Centro de Información por $2. No hace falta registrarse. En asociación con la Organización de México en Elgin.
La Nueva Reforma de Salud y Tú
lunes, 3 de febrero    7 – 8:30 pm
Salón South Elgin
Según un mandato en la nueva ley de reforma de salud, los individuos y familias que califican ya pueden adquirir seguros de salud a través del Mercado de Seguros de Salud de Illinois. En el mercado hay una variedad de planes y opciones de seguros de salud que puedes comprar. En este taller puedes aprender más sobre el mandato, el mercado, subsidios económicos para aquellos que califican, y hacer preguntas. Será presentado por Greater Elgin Family Care Center. Favor de registrarse.

Las Licencias Temporeras de Conducir para Visitantes
martes, 21 de enero    7 – 8:30 pm
Salón South Elgin

¡Comida Rica y Fresca para la Familia!
martes, 4 de febrero    6:30 – 8:30 pm
Salones de la Comunidad Meadows
Ven con los pequeños para preparar un `snack’ rico y saludable y aprender sobre las comidas buenas y nutritivas y las no tan buenas que debes evadir para prevenir la obesidad y la diabetes. También habrá información acerca de un nuevo supermercado en Elgin con comida fresca producida localmente. Este programa será presentado con los miembros de Shared Harvest Cooperative y Presence St. Joseph Hospital. Favor de registrarse.

La Ley de Reforma de Salud – Mesa Informativa
Todos los lunes    3 – 7 pm
Todos los martes    10 am – 1 pm
Todos los jueves    4 – 8 pm
Vestíbulo
Pasa por la mesa si tienes cualquier pregunta acerca de la nueva Ley de reforma de salud del presidente Obama, y para hacer una cita con un consejero que te ayudará a ver si calificas, a examinar las opciones de seguros médicos y a comprar una póliza. Habrá asistencia en inglés y español.

Las Tabletas: ¿Cómo Funcionan y Para Qué Me Sirven?
sábado, 25 enero    2 – 4 pm
Salón South Elgin
Aprende acerca de las diferentes tabletas disponibles y cómo funcionan sus sistemas operativos. Verás cómo puedes usar una tableta para navegar el internet, leer un libro, escribir notas, acceder a tu correo electrónico y más. Verás algunas aplicaciones innovadoras que puedes descargar con y sin costo para aprender y entretenerte. Favor de registrarse.

Libros electrónicos para los usuarios de tabletas
miércoles, 12 de febrero    6:30 – 8 pm
Salón South Elgin Room
¡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.

Programs in Spanish

Cuentos para la Familia
Todos los miércoles a las 7 – 7:30 pm
En los Cuartos de la Comunidad Meadows A&B
No necesita registrarse
¡30 minutos de cuentos, música, rimas, y más para el disfrute de toda la familia!

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The Governor’s Hometown Award recognition took place in a ceremony in Springfield. Picture from left to right, Asst. to the City Manager for Community Engagement Cherie Murphy, Superintendent U-46 Dr. José Torres, Elgin Mayor David Kaptain, HGA Representative, Larkin High School student Trevon Flowers, Gail Borden Public Library Public Relations & Development Division Chief Denise Raleigh, Gail Borden Public Library Executive Director Carole Medal.

**Governor’s Hometown Award**

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“This Governor’s Hometown Award demonstrates Elgin’s spirit of community and the great things we can achieve by working toward a common goal. The success of the Gail Borden Summer Reading Program as well as the United Way Imagination Library Program led me to host the Mayor’s Education Summit last spring, which is launching a community-wide initiative to address the educational needs of our community,” said Elgin Mayor David Kaptain

“The Governor’s Hometown Award is an exceptional honor and I’m extremely proud of the work of our principals, teachers, parents and students for making the Summer Reading Program a success,” said Dr. Torres. “We could not have done it without help from our dedicated partners at the City of Elgin and Gail Borden Public Library. This award is a testament to our undeniable commitment to helping students improve their reading skills and to go above and beyond to make reading fun.”

**New Logo for the Library**

We are pleased to introduce a new Gail Borden Public Library District logo. An image of a building will no longer represent the library because library district services now encompass so much more including a thriving Rakow Branch, community outreach and e-services. The new logo is based on a number of elements:

- The swirl represents movement as the library serves people throughout their lives.
- The swirl also signifies a “hub” connecting community.
- The open circle symbolizes openness to new ideas.
- The five green bars represent five communities served.
- Lines of varying widths reflect the many ages and cultures of people served.