Gail Borden Public Library’s 140th Anniversary Celebration

**Wednesday, March 19**

**4 – 5 pm**

**Lobby**

Help celebrate 140 years of the library and community working and playing together with a fun photo mural featuring you, special stories and exhibits, time-traveling librarians, birthday cake and a visit from Gail Borden himself!

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**Activate Elgin’s**

**March Into Health**

Your March Into Health Passport inside this newsletter is your guide to fun, free and healthy activities and a chance to win prizes.

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**SPRING BREAK PROGRAMS FOR KIDS!**

Wii Games, movies, crafts, dancing and more!

You can even be a detective for a day! See page 3 for more fun information!

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**BabyFest**

Everything for baby and expectant parents!

See page 2.

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**Team Read Challenge Race**

**7K Run & 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk**

**Sunday, April 6**

9 am

**Next to Gail Borden Main Library**

It’s the official warm-up race of the Elgin Fox Trot. Participants can challenge themselves at the 7K run or bring the family to the 1 mile fun run/walk, which is family and stroller friendly. Proceeds from the event help support exciting programs and exhibits at Gail Borden Library. To sign up, go to www.gailborden.info/foundation/teamreadchallenge.

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**Lincoln:**

**The Constitution and the Civil War**

**April 2 – May 16**

See page 6 for more about this exhibit.
### Kidspace Programs

**Story Programs Boost Language Skills and Reading Readiness**  
Spring Session March 17 – May 2  
Registration begins March 3

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Thursdays 6:15 pm  
Fridays 9:15 am |
| 12 – 23 months             | **Wonderful Ones**  
Mondays 6:15, 7 pm  
Tuesdays 10:45 am  
Thursdays 11 am  
Fridays 10 am |
| 2 years with adult         | **Terrific Twos**  
Tuesdays 6:15 pm  
Thursdays 9:15 am  
Thursdays 10 am  
Thursdays 10:45 am |
| 1 – 3 years with families  | **1, 2, 3, Go!**  
Wednesdays 10 am |
| 3 – 6 years                | **Story Mix for Three to Six**  
Mondays 9:30 am  
Mondays 3:30 pm  
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| All ages                   | **Family Storytime**  
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| All ages                   | **Spanish Family Storytime**  
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| Todas las edades           | **Cuentos para la Familia**  
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| 6 years – 2nd grade        | **LOL @ GBPL**  
Mondays 4 pm  |

### Additional Programs

**SEUSS-TASTIC CELEBRATION**  
**Families**  
Saturday, March 1 2 – 3:30 pm  
Meadows Community Rooms  
Families come in for festivities galore.  
Puzzles and games and quizzes and more!  
Children under eight are invited to play.  
As long as their grown-up will also stay.

**Read to Rover**  
**Elementary age students**  
Saturdays, March 8, April 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.

**Panera Milk & Cookie Storytime**  
3 – 6 years with adult  
Tuesdays, March 11, 25, April 8, 22  
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**  
**Families**  
Sundays, March 2, 9  
Ages 3 – 6 1:30 pm  
Ages 7 – 10 2:30 pm  
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 GAMING EVENT**  
Grades 3 and up  
Mondays, March 3, April 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.
Spring Break No School Days

Jr. Detective Workshop
Grades 3 – 8
Monday, March 24  10 am & 2 pm
Meadows Community Rooms
Registration required.
Learn how real crimes are solved and discover what it takes to be a good detective. Private Detective Paladin “PJ” Jordan will be teaching the tools needed to identify, document and collect evidence. You will get a chance to investigate a sample crime scene and crack the case.

Sports Trading Card Club
School age
Thursdays, March 13, April 10
3:30 pm    Story Room South
Drop in and bring your collections to show and trade. Answer trivia questions to win cards. Presented by Jeff Allison.

Tech Tuesday
School age
Tuesday, March 25    1 – 3 pm
Meadows Community Rooms
No registration
Beginners can learn how to play while experts can show off their amazing skills. You’ll play alone or with a partner.

Dance Party with Dixon Dance Academy
All ages
Wednesday, March 26    2 pm
Meadows Community Rooms
No registration
It is a spring break dance party with teachers from Dixon Dance Academy! Learn fun new dance steps, exercise and let off some steam. Wear comfortable shoes. Children younger than 8 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver at least 14 years old.

Open Art Studio
Grades 1 and up
Wednesday, April 23    4 pm
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Art supplies will be provided. Kids bring the creativity! Who knows what fantastic creations will develop?

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Spring Craft-O-Rama
Thursday, March 27    1 – 3 pm
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Celebrate spring with fun crafts to take home. All materials will be provided.

Find the Bunny!
Friday, April 18  9 am – 5 pm
A funny bunny has been visiting our library! Get your games sheet in KidSpace and see if you can figure out where he has been to win a prize!

Family Film
Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2
(2013, PG, 91 minutes)
Friday, March 28
2 pm
Meadows Community Rooms

Minecraft
Grades 3 – 5
Wednesday, March 26    2 – 3:30 pm
Wednesday, April 9    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.

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!

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Build It Up!
Grades 1 and up
Wednesdays,
March 19, April 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.

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Zone Leadership Team

Wedgesdays, March 12, April 9  6 – 7 pm
Middle School Zone
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.

DIVERGENT Fan Party

Grades 6 – 12
Thursday, March 20
6 – 7 pm
Meadows Community Rooms A & B
Celebrate the release of the Divergent movie with activities and trivia based on the book. Which Faction will you join?

Manga and Anime

Grades 5 – 12
Saturdays, March 22, April 12
2 – 3 pm
Meadows Community Room C
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 watch anime episodes, share fan art and enjoy Japanese snacks while socializing with other fans.

Zone Activities Group

Thursdays in April   5:30 – 7 pm
Middle School Zone
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’re doing each week.

KidSpace Volunteers

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

This event was made possible by a grant from the Best Buy Children’s Foundation and the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA).

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Geek Crafts
DIY@Your Library

Tuesday, March 11  4 – 6 pm
DIY Pixel Art
Thursday, March 13  4 – 6 pm
DIY Vinyl Stickers
Celebrate Teen Tech Week March 9 to 15 with DIY projects that will get your creative juices flowing.

The Writing Society

Wednesdays, March 19, April 16
4 – 5 pm
Join other teen writers to help you with the creative writing process. Learn how to develop ideas into finished stories, poetry, lyrics—or any other kind of writing that interests you. Feel free to bring your own writing.

Open Mic Night

Tuesdays, March 18, April 15  7 – 8 pm
Share your talent—we are looking for musicians, poets, comedians, story tellers and more to perform. The stage is yours!

Garage Band Workshop

Thursdays, March 19, April 24
6 – 7 pm
Gain the necessary skills to help you create your own music or podcasts.

Studio 270
College Fair

Thursday, April 17  6 – 8:30 pm
Representatives from several Illinois colleges and universities will be available to answer your college-related questions.

NBA 2K14 Tournament

Tuesday, March 25  5 – 7 pm
The NBA playoffs are approaching—gear up for the post-season by showing off your gaming skills. Please bring your I.D.

DIY

Thursday, March 27  Personalized Monogram Canvas
Wednesday, April 2  Eco-Jewelry
Drop in any time between 3 and 7 pm for do-it-yourself crafts and projects.

Spring Movie

Friday, April 18
3 – 6 pm
Unwind after a long week of school with some popcorn and a movie.
Abraham Lincoln in Song
Thursday, April 3  7 – 8:30 pm
Meadows Community Rooms

Chris Vallillo combines Lincoln's words and stories with contemporary and period folk music to shed light on one of our nation's most beloved historical figures. **Experience Lincoln's story through music including songs popular at the time of his birth 200 years ago to songs he used to play to political songs of the time. Please register.**

Keynote with Dr. Al Gini and Exhibit Kickoff
**Sunday, April 6**
2 pm Keynote in the Community Rooms
3:15 pm Kickoff Reception in the River Room

Join us for Keynote presentation by scholar Dr. Al Gini, Professor of the Loyola University Graduate School of Business and author of several Lincoln books. He will speak on Lincoln, leadership, and ethics. Following the presentation, join us for a festive opening kickoff reception. There will be Civil War re-enactors, a Lincoln impersonator and music of the Civil War with dulcimer player Phil Passen and refreshments. **Please register.**

Elgin History Fair
**Sunday, April 27**  noon – 4 pm
Elgin History Museum, 360 Park Street, Elgin, 60120
Free Admission!

The past comes to life with hands-on activities like grinding corn, stamping tin and pumping water. Build a cobblestone house and make butter. Make hard tack and test your chompers against the food rations that Civil War soldiers on both sides of the Mason Dixon Line dubbed “tooth breakers.” In partnership with Gail Borden Public Library.

General Impressions of the Civil War
**Wednesday, April 23**  7 – 8:30 pm
Elgin Room

More than 1,000 men served as generals for the Union and Confederacy during the Civil War. Author Robert I. Girardi takes a unique look at generals who led the armies of the Civil War and lets them give their impressions and opinions of each other in their own words. **Please register.**

Meet Mr. Lincoln
**Monday, April 28**  7 – 8:30 pm
Elgin Room

Travel along with the 16th President of the United States as he strives to hold the union together. **Please register.**

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**Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War**
**April 2 – May 16**

Abraham Lincoln was confronted with enormous challenges when he was elected president in 1860. The nation was on the brink of Civil War, and Lincoln struggled with issues of secession, slavery and civil liberties—all questions our country’s founding charter left unanswered. President Lincoln used the Constitution to confront these three intertwined crises of war, ultimately reinventing the Constitution and the promise of American life. This exhibition develops a more complete understanding of Abraham Lincoln as president and the Civil War as the nation's gravest constitutional crisis.*

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**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. **No registration.**

**Tuesdays 11:45 am – 1:15 pm**
South Elgin Room

**March 11**

**April 8**
David Noe, author of *European Bayonets of the American Civil War,* will discuss Sherman's March.

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**The Seven Keys to Writing the Perfect Query Letter**

Tuesday, March 11  
6:30 – 8:30 pm  
Meadows Community Rooms A&B  
Avery Bret Nicholaus and agent/editor Joseph Durepos will show you how to write a query letter that will make agents and publishers say “yes” to your book idea. Fascinating, fun and full of essential strategies, this program is a must for writers planning on publishing a book the traditional way. Please register.

**HeroClix Tournaments**

Saturdays, 1 – 5 pm  
March 22  South Elgin Room  
April 19  Meadows Community Rooms B&C  
Players will compete for the most powerful weapon in the Marvel Universe. Prizes, demos and cool giveaways. No registration.

**The Magical Art of Problem Solving**

Wednesday, March 12  
7 – 8 pm  
Elgin Room  
Professional magician Jeff Scanlan will demonstrate how creative thinking and problem solving are like magic in that they are art forms and skills that can be learned. Jeff Scanlan has been entertaining Fortune 500 companies and professional sports teams for more than 20 years. Please register.

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**Elgin Symphony Orchestra Listeners Club**

**March 5**  
Beethoven Inspired  
**April 2**  
Brahms & Dvorak with Carter Brey  
**April 30**  
Solzhenitsyn Plays Mozart

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.

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**March 30**

**VN3TO, Brass Trio**

Enjoy the sounds of trumpet, horn and trombone in a variety of genres including classical, contemporary, jazz and Latin music. VN3TO received the grand prize in the Chicago Brass Festival Ensemble Competition in 2012 and finished as a quarterfinalist in the 2013 Fischoff National Chamber Music Competition.

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**April 13**

**Kimm Hollis, Piano**

Kimm Hollis is Professor of Music, Artist in Residence and Music Department Chair at Hanover College in Indiana. His Encore! program is comprised of Dr. Hollis’ favorite encores he has performed during his 40-year career. Gail Borden Public Library Executive Director and Illinois Librarian of the Year Carole Medal will join Dr. Hollis in some exciting piano duets. Dr. Hollis and Ms. Medal were music students together in college and are long-time friends.
How to Prepare Your House for Sale
Tuesday, March 18
7 – 8:30 pm
Elgin Room
Thinking about putting your home on the market? Every seller wants their home to sell fast and bring top dollar. It’s careful planning and knowing how to professionally spruce up your home that will send homebuyers scurrying for their checkbooks. Learn how to prep a house and turn it into an irresistible and marketable home. Sponsors: Elgin Community Network and Realtor Association of the Fox Valley.

The Rain Stops Here . . .
In My Own Yard
Tuesday, April 15
7 – 8:30 pm
Meadows Community Rooms A&B
Green infrastructure practices can be a solution to increasing water-related challenges including flood control, combined sewer overflows, Clean Water Act requirements and management of storm water treatment systems. Learn about green infrastructure projects of the City of Elgin and projects that homeowners can undertake. Sponsors: ECN, Elgin Sustainability Commission, Friends of the Fox River, ECCO.

Bad is National Poetry Month!

Poetry is Pleasure
Tuesday, April 29
7 – 8:30 pm
Elgin Room
Join us for a reading of 20th century poets by members of Independent Players under the direction of Gareth Sitz. Please register.

Poetry Writing Workshop
Wednesday, April 30
7 – 8:30 pm
Meadows Community Room C
Poet and songwriter Gareth Sitz will lead a hands-on workshop for teens and adults. Come write one or more poems in a supportive atmosphere! Please register.

Jan van Eyck: The Northern Renaissance Master of Realism
Tuesday, April 1
7 – 8:30 pm
Elgin Room
A fifteenth-century artist known for mystical and worldly works of astonishing realism, van Eyck produced such famous paintings as The Arnolfini Wedding. Recent exhibitions in the United States and Europe suggest that, far from being “Flemish primitives,” van Eyck and his peers may have influenced the “sophisticated” painters of the Italian Renaissance. Presented by Laura Mueller, of the Art Institute of Chicago. Co-sponsored by the American Association of University Women. Please register.

Device Advice
2nd & 4th Thursdays
9:30 – 11:30 am
Studio 270
This is your time to play with technology in a relaxed atmosphere to enjoy conversation, hands-on learning and a cup of coffee or tea. Bring your own devices as well. No registration.

eBay 101 Selling Basics
Thursday, March 27
7 – 8:30 pm
Elgin Room
Learn how to make money selling your items on eBay with instructor Jack Waddick. 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.

Authors on the Fox

Kent McDill:
100 Things Bulls Fans Should Know and Do Before They Die
Wednesday, March 19
7 – 8 pm
Elgin Room
A sports writer for more than 35 years, Kent McDill covered the Chicago Bulls for 11 years as a Daily Herald reporter. Today he is a freelance writer but still covers the Bulls for the National Basketball Association web site, www.nba.com. He will share his unique perspective on the team and details of the championships. Book sales and signing will take place. Please register.
Three Ways to Register:
• Online at gailborden.info/register
• Call 847-429-4597
• In person at Registration Desk

Elgin Film Feast-ival
Real People Watching Films and Talking About the Challenges of a Healthy Diet.
Sponsored by Shared Harvest Coop, Advocate Sherman Hospital, the Elgin Community Network, Elgin Sustainability Commission, Side Street Studio Arts, ECCO and Gail Borden Library. No registration.

What’s On Your Plate?
Thursday, April 24  6:30 – 8:30 pm
Meadows Community Rooms
Filmed over the course of one year, What’s On Your Plate? follows two 11-year-old city kids as they take a close look at food systems in New York City and its surrounding area. They talk to food activists, farmers, storekeepers and their families in a quest to understand what’s on all of our plates. This award-winning film is for all ages. After the film, a panel including teens will discuss our Fox Valley food system and young chefs will provide healthy dishes to try. Bring the whole family and learn about good, local, fresh food choices.

Affordable Care Act Open House
Saturday, March 8  10 am – noon
South Elgin Room (English)
Elgin Room (Lao)
Learn about the Affordable Care Act and the Health Insurance Marketplace. Certified counselors will make appointments for one-on-one assistance with the Health Insurance Marketplace. Presenters will include the Lao American Organization of Elgin, VNA, Greater Elgin Family Care Center and Asian Health Coalition. Information will be presented in English and Lao. No registration.

Age of Champions
Wednesday, March 19  10 am – noon
The Centre of Elgin, 100 Symphony Way
Register by calling 847-741-0404.
This award-winning PBS documentary follows five competitors who go for gold at the National Senior Olympics. The movie will be shown after opening remarks by Elgin Mayor David Kaptain. Other activities:
• Free health screenings
• Fitness activities
• Giveaways
• Healthy boxed lunch
• Drawings
• Kindle eReader drawing with healthy eBook titles and personal librarian assistance for downloading the titles.
This event is presented by Advocate Sherman Hospital in partnership with the City of Elgin, Senior Services Associates and Gail Borden Public Library. It is one of March into Health events presented by Activate Elgin. See the March into Health passport inside this newsletter for more.

Brown Bag Lunch
Classic Films
Mondays in the Meadows
Community Rooms A&B.
Coffee will be served.
No registration.

Cheaper by the Dozen (1950)
March 10
11 am – 1 pm

Words and Music (1948)
April 14
11 am – 1:30 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.

Blue Jasmine (2013, PG-13)
Tuesday, March 25

Gravity (2013, PG-13)
Tuesday, April 22
Walking Book Club
Like to walk and talk about good books? Do both every Wednesday evening starting at 7 pm with a 45-minute walk followed by a 45-minute book discussion. Call Nancy at 847-289-5840 for more details.

March  Beautiful Ruins by Jess Walter
April  The Dinner by Herman Koch

Great Books Discussion Group
Co-sponsored by the American Association of University Woman of Elgin branch. This group meets on the second Monday of every month at 6:55 pm in the South Elgin Room. For more information, call Rachel Bloomberg at 630-931-2966.

March 10  Henry the 5th
        by William Shakespeare
April 7  Various Poetry Selections

Contemporary Fiction Book Club
The club meets one Wednesday a month at 7 pm in the South Elgin Room. For more information, call Tish at 847-289-5838.

March 19  Beautiful Ruins
        by Jess Walter
April 16  The Dinner
        by Herman Koch

Writers on the Fox
Mondays, March 24, April 28
7 – 8:30 pm
Conference Room
This writer's peer group aims to inspire and motivate you. Get your creative juices flowing by joining us for an evening of thought-provoking writing prompts and constructive critique. Writers of all genres are welcome to participate. No registration.

Spanish Café
Mondays, March 10, April 14
noon – 1 pm
Conference Room
Practice your Spanish conversation skills, learn new vocabulary and put your listening skills to the test. Led by native Spanish-speakers. No registration.

French Conversation Group
Mondays, March 17, April 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.

Veterans Information Networking Session
eBenefits Sign-up and Orientation
Thursday, March 20  7 – 8:30 pm
South Elgin Room

State Benefits
Thursday, April 17  7 – 8:30 pm
South Elgin Room
Information on a variety of issues concerning veterans will be presented. Veterans will have a chance to talk with other veterans. Topics may include veterans' benefits (such as medical, dental, compensation, pension and burial), military experiences, PTSD, trauma and recording of discharges. Coffee and tea will be served. No registration. In partnership with Elgin VFW IL Post 1307 and The Veterans Assistance Commission Kane County.

New Group!
German Conversation Group
Thursdays, March 27, April 24
7 – 8:30 pm
South Elgin Room
Looking to refresh and even enhance that German you once knew? Join the German Conversation Group, led by John Schwartz, who has lived and traveled extensively in Germany and taught German and other languages. John will present articles and videos about Germany and German-speaking Europe to be viewed and discussed auf Deutsch in a friendly atmosphere. No registration.

Volunteer Fair for All Ages
Saturday, April 12  11 am - 2 pm
The Centre of Elgin Ballroom, 100 Symphony Way, Elgin 60120
Find exciting new opportunities to share your unique talents while talented local musicians share theirs. Talk to dozens of local agencies and enjoy entertainment, food and prizes. This is a great opportunity for high school and college students to find meaningful opportunities that will fulfill volunteer hours required by their schools. Hosted by the Elgin Volunteer Coordinators Network. For more details, call Nancy at 847-289-5840. In partnership with the City of Elgin, Gail Borden Library, United Way and many local agencies.
Battle of the Books
Anniversary Celebration

Calling all former Battle of the Books coaches and team members! The 2014 to 2015 school year will be the 40th anniversary of Battle of the Books. Planning is already underway for the celebration and your help is needed in getting the word out. Like the Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/BOB40thAnniversaryCelebration.

Gail Borden Library Thanks:
St. Joseph Church Choir for participating in the library’s Posada that took place December 14.

The Organization of Mexicans in Elgin (OME), whose members include U-46, Centro de Informacion, Renz Center, Open Door Clinic, Rainbow Hospice, U-46 Bilingual Parents Advisory Council, VNA and the Gail Borden Library, for bringing the Three Kings to the library.

Centro de Informacion, Renz Center, Organization of Mexicans in Elgin, Pastigel Bakery and the Gail Borden Library for being rosca donors for the Three Kings Celebration.

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Acme Design, Inc for the loan of a candy mold and chocolate hands-on display for KidSpace.

Sigi Psimenos for donating delicious scones for the library’s Downton Abbey event.

The Elgin Area Chamber, Mr. Raleigh Sutton and Mr. Ernest Broadnax for their generosity and assistance in the additions to Gail Borden Library’s digital history collection.

Macy’s for donating Frango Mints.

Get Business, Legal and News information From LexisNexis Library Express
This recently added online database can be accessed from the library’s web site. Get news from hundreds of U.S. and world news publications, broadcast transcripts, and premium blogs and Twitter feeds. Business information such as detailed company profiles, industry overviews and SEC documents is available. Legal content includes more than 500 law reviews and journals, U.S. federal and state cases, statutes, codes and regulations, and legal reference sources.

To access this new database via the library website, go to www.gailborden.info, then click on “Research” then “Databases” and use your library card to log in.

Meet with a librarian for personalized service!
• Services for readers
• Using library materials
• Research guidance
• eBook and technology training
• Genealogy and local history
• Citizenship assistance
• FAFSA for college
Call today to schedule an appointment at 847-429-4680.

Job Search and Resume Help
Tuesdays, March 4 – April 29
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, March 6 – April 24
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.

2013 Emmy Award Winning Documentary The Interrupters
Community Screening and Discussion
Thursday, April 24 6 – 9 pm
Spartan Auditorium at ECC
The discussion will be facilitated by Ameena Matthews, who was featured in the documentary. Ameena is a recipient of the 2013 Franklin D. Roosevelt Four Freedoms Medal. For more information, contact Kimberly Tarver at ktarver@elgin.edu or 847-214-7541. Sponsored by Elgin Community College, Gail Borden Public Library, Elgin Community Network and the Elgin International City of Peace.
eBooks Made Easy for Tablet Owners  
**Saturday, March 8**  
10 – 11 am  
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. Bring your Gail Borden Library card. **Please register.**

**Drop in Family Storytime**  
**Ages 3 – 6**  
**Wednesdays, March 19 – April 30**  
10:30 – 11 am  
**No registration.**  
Drop in for stories, songs and fingerplays with Miss Angela. Parents must accompany their child.

**Read to Rover**  
**Saturdays, March 22, April 26**  
10, 10:30, 11, 11:30 am  
**Registration required.**  
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.

**Science Saturday: Wind Power**  
**Grades 4 – 8**  
**Saturday, April 19**  
2 – 3 pm  
**Registration required.**  
Discover how wind occurs and why it is a promising energy source, and build a wind turbine to generate electricity.

**Streaming Media 101**  
**Thursday, March 13**  
6:30 – 7:30 pm  
**Elgin Room**  
Watch or listen at your convenience with Netflix, Freegal, Pandora and more! Learn about a variety of free and paid services for enjoying TV programs, movies and music on your computer, TV and tablet. **Please register.**

**Tablets 101:**  
**Caring for Your Tablet**  
**Wednesday, April 2**  
6:30 – 7:30 pm  
**South Elgin Room**  
Learn the basics of using your iPad or Android Tablet. Topics include privacy, security, settings, battery life, WiFi and apps. **Please register.**

**Tablets 102:**  
**Enhance Your Life with Apps**  
**Wednesday, April 9**  
6:30 – 7:30 pm  
**South Elgin Room**  
Learn about great apps for your tablet, for fun and productivity. Please make sure you are familiar with your tablet, downloading apps and using the Internet. This class is for owners of the iPad, Android Tablet, Kindle Fire, Nook Color or Nook Tablet. **Please register.**

**Tablets 103:**  
**Downloading eBooks**  
**Wednesday, April 16**  
6:30 – 7:30 pm  
**South Elgin Room**  
Learn how to download eBooks from the library on your iPad, Android Tablet, Kindle Fire, Nook Color or Nook Tablet. Please make sure you are familiar with your tablet, downloading apps and using the Internet. Bring your device and Gail Borden Library card. If you need information about another device, visit the Information Desk or call 847-429-4680. **Please register.**

**Rakow Readers**  
**1:30 – 2:30 pm**  
**Shales Living Room**  
**No Registration.**  
**Monday, March 29**  
**Beautiful Ruins**  
by Jess Walter  
**Monday, April 28**  
**The Dinner**  
by Herman Koch
Files, Files, Everywhere

**Thursday, March 6  6:30 – 8:30 pm**
How to manage files locally on a Windows computer and in the cloud using Microsoft SkyDrive and Google Drive.

Internet Basics

**Wednesday, March 12   10 am – noon**
How to use tabs and other web browser features, find information on the web, identify popular social media tools and stay safe on the Internet.

Microsoft Word 2010 – Intro Part 1

**Wednesday, March 5  6:30 – 8:30 pm**
How to create, edit and print a simple document.

Microsoft Word 2010 – Intro Part 2

**Wednesday, March 12  6:30 – 8:30 pm**
More on creating, editing and printing documents.

Microsoft Word 2010 – Formatting Documents

**Thursday, April 10   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, April 17   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 – Work With Tables

**Tuesday, April 22   6:30 – 8:30 pm**
Create, edit and format tables. Basic knowledge of Microsoft Word 2010 is required.

Microsoft Excel 2010 – Introduction

**Tuesday, April 1   6:30 – 8:30 pm**
Learn what a spreadsheet is and how to create one.

Microsoft Excel 2010 – Presenting Numbers

**Tuesday, April 8   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 Excel 2010 – Formulas and Functions

**Tuesday, April 15   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, March 11   6:30 – 8:30 pm**
How to create an on-screen presentation.

Microsoft PowerPoint 2010 – Intro Part 2

**Tuesday, March 18   6:30 – 8:30 pm**
How to modify and enhance an on-screen presentation.

Microsoft PowerPoint 2010 – Work With Tables

**Tuesday, April 22   6:30 – 8:30 pm**
Create, edit and format tables. Basic knowledge of Microsoft Word 2010 is required.

Microsoft Excel 2010 – Presenting Numbers

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Microsoft PowerPoint 2010 – Work With Tables

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Microsoft Excel 2010 – Presenting Numbers

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Microsoft Excel 2010 – Formulas and Functions

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How to calculate totals, percentages and averages in a spreadsheet. Basic knowledge of Microsoft Excel 2010 is required.

Windows 8.1 – Features and Tools

**Saturday, March 15   10 am – noon**
A demonstration of the latest version of Windows. Please bring your questions.

Care and Feeding of Your Windows PC or Laptop

**Saturday, April 12   10 am – noon**
Learn how to keep your Windows PC or laptop running efficiently and reliably.
**English and Español**

**To Learn English**

**English Conversation Group**

*Tuesdays  6:30 – 8 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.*

**Meet the Author: The Fig Factor**

*Tuesday, March 4  7 – 8 pm*

*Meadows Community Rooms A & B*

In this intimate memoir, local author Jacqueline Camacho Ruiz shares the eight hidden secrets—the fig factors, as she calls them—of discovering true awareness and embracing life’s big sky possibilities. *The Fig Factor* is an emotionally charged story spanning two countries and three decades. *Please register.*

**Parent Cafés**

*De-stress, talk, eat, learn, share!*

Connect with other parents while discussing topics including *The Five Love Languages of Children*. Bring the children: activities and snacks will be provided! Choose to attend a group in English or Spanish. The first five to register in each location and group will receive a free copy of the book.

*Thursday, April 10  6 – 7:30 pm*

*Meadows Community Rooms Gail Borden Public Library*

Register online at www.gailborden.info/events, in person at the Library, or call 847-429-4597.

*Thursday, April 29  6:30 – 7:30 pm*

*Eastside Recreational Center 1080 E Chicago St*

Register in person at the Library or call 847-429-4597.

**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.*

**Programas Bilingües para Padres por Two Rivers Head Start**

Estos programas para ayudar a las familias a estar saludables en cuerpo y mente están abiertos a todos los padres, en especial aquellos con niños entre recién nacidos y 5 años. Se ofrece cuidado de niños. *No hace falta inscribirse.*
Pay Yourself First  
**Thursday, April 10  6 – 7 pm**  
*Meadows Community Rooms*  
Learn to identify ways you can save money, and find out about general savings and investment options for any goal such as a child’s college tuition, a car or home purchase, a vacation or retirement. There will be fun savings-related activities for children. Elgin State Bank will be presenting in Spanish. *Please register.*

Páguense Usted Primero  
**jueves, 10 de abril  6 – 7 pm**  
*Salones de la Comunidad Meadows*  
Aprenda a identificar las maneras en que puede ahorrar dinero, y conozca sobre opciones de ahorros o inversiones para ayudarle a alcanzar cualquier meta como pagar la matrícula de colegio de un hijo, comprar un carro o una casa, regalarse unas vacaciones o retirarse. Traiga a los niños que habrá una actividad divertida sobre ahorrar para ellos. Presentado en español por Elgin State Bank. *Favor de inscribirse.*

You Have DACA, Now What?  
**Thursday, March 13  6 – 8 pm**  
*Meadows Community Rooms*  
Now that you have received a temporary social security number and work permit, how do you apply for a job? Learn about your rights on employment, how to fill out a 1-9 form and which certifications and/or licenses you can obtain through the State of Illinois. Presented by the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF) and the Illinois Latino Family Commission (ILFC).

You Tienes DACA, ¿Ahora Qué?  
**jueves, 13 de marzo  6 – 8 pm**  
*Salónes de la Comunidad Meadows*  
Ya que has recibido un número de seguro social temporario y permisos de empleo bajo la acción diferida o DACA, pos sus siglas en inglés, ¿cómo hacer para solicitar empleo? Al final de este taller conocerás tus derechos en materia de empleo, cómo llenar un formulario de 1-9, y qué certificaciones y / o licenciaturas puedes obtener a través del estado de Illinois. Esta presentación es ofrecida por el Fondo Mexicano Americano de Defensa Legal y Educación (MALDEF) y la Comisión de la Familia Latina de Illinois (ILFC). *Favor de inscribirse.*

Save the Date!  
**Día del Niño Celebration**  
**Saturday, April 26  Elgin High School**  
In partnership with U-46 and the Bilingual Parents Advisory Council (BPAC).

¡Separe la fecha!  
**Celebración del Día del Niño**  
**Sábado, 26 de abril**  
**Elgin High School**  
En asociación con el Distrito Escolar U-46 y el Comité Asesor de Padres Bilingües (BPAC, por sus siglas en inglés).

Go Bilingual Class  
**Wednesdays  6 – 7 pm**  
English and Spanish lessons and conversation. *No registration.*

Clase Futuros Bilingües  
**los miércoles  6 – 7 pm**  
Lecciones y conversación en inglés y español. *No hace falta inscribirse.*

Redes Sociales  
*(Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn)*  
**sábado, 12 de abril**  
2 – 4 pm  
**Salón South**  
Aprende cómo usar las plataformas más populares de las redes sociales como Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, LinkedIn, Google+, Blogs, Wikis y mucho más. Presentado en español. *Favor de inscribirse.*

Saludable en Cuerpo y Alma  
**martes, 11 de marzo  6:30 – 7:30 pm**  
**salón Elgin**  
Aprende cómo puedes energizar tu cuerpo y mente para que te sean una fuente de fortaleza y bienestar. Use ropa cómoda para hacer ejercicios livianos de respiración y estiramiento. Presentado en inglés con traducción al español disponible.
www.gailborden.info

The Main Library and Rakow Branch will be closed:
Sunday, April 20 for Easter.

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9 am - 9 pm
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9 am - 8 pm
Friday - Saturday
9 am - 5 pm
Sunday
Noon - 5 pm

Interact with the library on the web, Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.
Sign up for GailMail, the library’s e-newsletter.

This newsletter contains recycled paper and soy-based inks.

Use the library’s new free mobile app to:
- Search for books, ebooks, music, DVDs, audiobooks and more.
- Register for upcoming events.
- Log into your account and check holds or renew items.
- Follow us on Facebook and Twitter.
- Find contact information, hours and directions.

Scan the QR Code or visit gailborden.boopsie.com on your mobile device to download the free Gail Borden Public Library app.

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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.

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Make room in your home by donating books to Gail Borden Library for the second Book Sale Extravaganza to take place later this year. Proceeds from the sale of biographies, mysteries, cookbooks, science fiction stories, romances, westerns as well as teen and children’s books fund exiting exhibits and other enhancements. Donations can be dropped off, and tax receipt forms picked up, at a donation bin located outside on the north side of the Main Library.

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**March into Health 2014**

### Kick-off of March into Health: Elgin’s Largest Family Fitness Class

**March 7**

**6 – 8 pm**

The Centre of Elgin

100 Symphony Way

Help create the largest family fitness event Elgin has ever seen! Have a great time with your family in a free fitness class and end your day swimming in the pool.

### Cardio Kick

**Every Wednesday in March 6 pm**

Taylor Family Branch YMCA

50 N. McLean Blvd., Elgin

One of the best full-body workouts you will find! The focus is on both cardiovascular and resistance training through a variety of kicks and punches to improve balance, coordination, strength and flexibility.

### Spring Into Health in Mind and Body

**March 11**

**6:30 – 7:30 pm**

Gail Borden Library

270 N. Grove Ave.

Learn how to energize both mind and body to gain strength and attain a sense of well-being. Dress comfortably for stretching exercises. Presented in Spanish by counselor Pita Betancourt.

### Recibe la Primavera Saludable en Cuerpo y Alma

**martes, 11 de marzo 6:30 – 7:30 pm**

Biblioteca Pública Gail Borden, 270 N. Grove Ave.

Aprende cómo puedes energizar tu cuerpo y mente para que te sean una fuente de fortaleza y bienestar. Use ropa cómoda para hacer ejercicios livianos de respiración y estiramiento. Presentado en español por la consejera Pita Betancourt.

### Build Your Road Map to Health

**March 11**

**6:30 – 8:30 pm**

Presence Saint Joseph Hospital

Medical Office Building 1 Lower Level

87 N. Airline St., Elgin

Register at 847-622-2097

This fun and interactive evening is for the whole family ages 5 and up. A mini health screening will be provided to assess your starting point as you create your plan for healthy living. We will develop a collage that represents your journey to good health.

### Healthy Cooking Demo

**March 12 – 14**

9 – 10 am

Larsen Middle School

665 Dundee Avenue

Register at 847-888-5000 x5034

You want to eat healthy. You want it to taste great. You want fresh ideas. Learn more at this healthy cooking demo hosted by U-46.

### Gut Feelings: Helpful Hints for Managing Digestive Disorders with a Sherman Gastroenterologist

**March 12**

6 – 7:30 pm

Advocate Sherman Hospital

1425 N. Randall Road, Elgin 60123

Register at 1-800-3-ADVOCATE

Do you have some digestive issues that might benefit from changes in your eating behaviors? Have you been diagnosed with reflux, irritable bowel or gastritis? You’ll hear the expertise of a Gastroenterologist for managing some of the most common digestive disorders. A Registered Dietitian will also share great nutritional strategies.

### The Greenhorns Documentary Film

**March 13**

7 pm

Side Street Studio Arts

15 Ziegler Court, Downtown Elgin

Meet local farmers and experience the “art” of farming while watching The Greenhorns, which explores the lives of America’s young farming community. Sponsored by Advocate Sherman Hospital, The City of Elgin Sustainability Commission, Elgin Community Network, ECCO and Shared Harvest Food Cooperative.

### Activate Elgin’s Health & Wellness Expo

**March 15**

9 am – noon

The Centre of Elgin

100 Symphony Way

Fun, fitness and fabulous prizes and tips from wellness professionals will help keep you on track.

### Personal trainer, health guru and author Christopher Sasha will give a presentation, Local Boy Makes it Big Through Health and Fitness, at 10 am. He will sign copies of his book Transforming Your Lifestyle One Belief at a Time. Sponsored by Activate Elgin and Elgin Community Network.

### Tai-Chi Demo (Flowmotion)/Senior Health and Safety

**March 15**

noon – 2 pm

Gail Borden Public Library

270 N. Grove Ave.

Flowmotion through Tai-Chi can teach you to release your vital life energy and improve your overall health, secrets known for years in India, China and Japan. Judson, Senior Services, Elgin Township - Triad.

### Family Martial Arts

**March 15**

3 – 5 pm

Gail Borden Public Library

270 N. Grove Ave.

Join Greater Elgin Family Care Center and CUMMATA: Chicago Unified Mixed Martial Arts for an interactive martial arts demonstration.

### Your Spring Garden

**March 20**

7 – 8:30 pm

Gail Borden Library

270 N. Grove Ave.

Half the fun of your spring garden is planning it. Stop by for some tips on caring for your garden. Presented by Kane County Fit for Kids featuring Elgin Community Garden Network. Presented by Jane Maxwell, Kane County Fit for Kids.

### Lunch and Learn—Every Body Walk! Video and Discussion

**March 18**

11:30 am – 12:45 pm

Judson University

1151 N. State St., Elgin, IL 60123

Lindner Tower, Room D

Every Body Walk! is getting Americans up and moving. Walking 30 minutes a day, five days a week really can improve your overall health and prevent disease. We provide news and resources on walking, health information and a personal pledge form to start walking.

### Age of Champions

**Wednesday, March 19**

10 am – noon

The Centre of Elgin, 100 Symphony Way

Register by calling 847-741-0404.

Elgin Mayor David Kaptan will speak before the screening of Age of Champions, an award-winning PBS documentary that follows five competitors who go for gold at the National Senior Olympics. Activities will include free health screenings, fitness activities, giveaways, a healthy boxed lunch and drawings, including one for a Kindle eReader. This event is presented by Advocate Sherman Hospital in partnership with the City of Elgin, Senior Services Associates and Gail Borden Public Library.

### Healthy Trails through ECC

**March 21**

9 am – noon

Elgin Community College

Building A Atrium

1700 Spartan Dr, Elgin, IL 60123

Walking tours will explore healthy spots on Elgin Community College’s campus including the Food for Thought Cafe, fitness center, walking track and greenhouse. Have your blood pressure checked in the new health professions building, learn about ECC’s Health and Wellness Management degree and much more!

### Zumba Dance Class

**March 29**

9:30 – 10:30 am

South Elgin Parks and Recreation Department

1 W. State St., South Elgin

### Walk with the Mayor

**April 1**

8 am

The Centre of Elgin Walking Track

### Fun and Fitness Friday

**April 4**

3 – 5 pm

Eastside Recreation Center

1080 E. Chicago St.

From indoor soccer to a 14,000-square-foot fitness area, you can explore all ERC has to offer. Free martial arts demo for all ages, drop-in Soccer/Lego Club for ages 5 to 13 and a fitness center for adults.

### ALL MONTH

#### Labyrinth at Presence Saint Joseph Hospital

**77 N. Airline Street, Elgin, 60123**

Walk the outside Labyrinth for a stress-reducing experience.

#### AHA Certified Walking Path

**Sherman Hospital**

1425 N. Randall Road, Elgin 60123

Free healthy soup when you show your March into Health Passport at in the Neighborhood Deli, Meet Market or ITN Fresh at Gail Borden Library. Limit one per person/passport.

#### Activate Elgin’s March Into Health Grande Finale

and Gail Borden Public Library Foundation Team Read Fun Run/Walk Celebration

**April 6**

9 am – noon

The Centre of Elgin, 100 Symphony Way

Walk with the Mayor, then celebrate a month of health with live music, face painting, prizes, bike safety checks and a healthy breakfast with Chef Jeff! 😊
March into Health
National Nutrition Month 2014 Passport

Check four healthy activities in which you participated in March, or list your own activities or a combination of both. Turn the passport in to Gail Borden Public Library, Judson University Linder Building or The Centre of Elgin by April 6 for a chance to win one of our amazing prizes. Winners will be notified by April 25, 2014.

List other healthy activities in which you participated:
(Example: Went for a 30-minute walk.)

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Name: ____________________________
Phone # __________________________
Email address: ____________________

2014 March into Health Passport Prizes

- XBOX One with fitness game
- Fit Bit Activity Trackers
- The Centre of Elgin Silver Membership
- The Highlands Golf Course Golf Package for 4
- In The Neighborhood Deli Healthy Chef for a Day
- Winter Market Gift Basket ($250 in products)
- Blue Violet Bodyworks Massage Packages
- Presence St. Joseph’s Hospital Massage Certificates
- YMCA Personal Training
- Spring Hill Gymnastics Package
- South Elgin Park District Kid’s Camp Package

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