Geographic Referendum on Track for November

Public libraries play a major role in helping children read. Numerous studies show a strong correlation between success in school and library usage.

As shown on the map at right (with simplified borders), a little more than half of the students and households within the Gail Borden Public Library’s western boundaries do not have access to a public library.

The Gail Borden Public Library District Board of Trustees has made the decision to ask unserved people living within GBPL boundaries to become members of the library district. Voters will be asked this question on November 4, 2014.

**Messages for Unserved Residents in the Geographic Referendum Area and Current Gail Borden Public Library District Residents please see page 2.**
A Message for Unserved Residents in the Geographic Referendum Area

A family library card was recently mailed to households in Gail Borden Public Library boundaries but unserved by any public library. This complimentary card can be used immediately to access materials and resources both online and at the Main Library and the Rakow Branch. Experience what being a member of the Gail Borden Public Library District can mean:

- Check out eBooks
- Experience new great reads and movies
- Try tutor.com
- Learn a language with Powerspeak
- Join the Paws to Read summer reading club
- Visit the interactive traveling exhibit Adventures with Clifford The Big Red Dog
- And much more.

If you are currently unserved and the Geographic Referendum passes on November 4, your 2015 tax bill will include a line item for the library. For a house valued at $150,000, this will be approximately $240 annually.

A Message for Residents Already in the Library District

If you are presently in the library district (see map on this page), you will also have an opportunity to vote to bring unserved people into the library district. This vote, required by law, will have no impact on your taxes.

For the Gail Borden Public Library District to provide service to these potential district residents, the majority of the unserved voters in the Geographic Referendum area must vote “yes” and a majority of the residents already in the library district must vote “yes” this November.

Whether this Geographic Referendum passes or fails, current library district residents will see no change in services or tax amounts. Gail Borden Public Library will remain committed to providing the best possible services and programs to all of its residents.

We look forward to hearing from you regarding this library membership opportunity. Library representatives are available to discuss and answer questions about the referendum with community groups.

Please contact Denise Raleigh for more information at 847-429-5981 or draleigh@gailborden.info and visit www.gailborden.info/compcard.
Summer Reading Challenge
May 1 – August 11

Summer Readers get started by:
• Picking up a reading log in person at the Main Library or Rakow Branch.
• Printing a log at home from the library’s website, www.gailborden.info.
• Receiving a reading log at school in May if you are a District U-46 student.

Reading is for Everyone!

Baby & Me (Birth – 23 Months)
Share the love of stories with your little ones. Read and do simple pre-reading activities together.

Reading Together (2 years – Kindergarten)
Parents and children read and do fun ready-to-read activities together.

Readers (Grades 1 – 5)
Read for fun all summer long.

Zone (Grades 6 – 8)
Complete at least 20 hours of reading for a chance to win cool prizes. Readers compete to determine the décor of The Zone for a month in the fall.

Prizes!
Turn in your completed reading log at the Main Library or Rakow Branch between July 1 and August 11 to claim your prizes.
• Choice of a paperback book or a mini-bundle of comic books
• Pass to swim free one time at Lords Park pool
• Free rides at the Elgin carnival

Special Events!
Paws to Read Pet Photo Gallery and Contest
May 1 – July 1
Do you have an incredibly cute pet or favorite stuffed animal friend? Take a picture and send it to paws@gailborden.info. Photos may include human friends. They will be posted to the library’s Flickr account. Local celebrities will choose three pictures that best represent the summer reading theme, Paws to Read. Winners will be announced at the July 14 Family Picnic and need not be present to win.

No School Day
Anime Animal Drawing Workshop
Grades 1 – 5
Friday, May 2 1 – 2:30 pm
Meadow Community Rooms
Registration required.
Learn how to draw animals in the Anime style. Staff artist will be on hand to provide instruction and tips. Beginners are welcome.

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Read to Rover
Elementary age students
Main Library, Story Room South
Saturdays, May 10, June 14
10, 10:30, 11 or 11:30 am
Registration required.
Fully trained and certified therapy dogs listen to kids read out loud for 20 minutes.

Paws to Read Kickoff
Extravaganza
All ages
Saturday, May 17  1 – 4 pm
Learn about all the different ways that animals improve our everyday lives with information booths, crafts, balloon animals and demonstrations. Meet McGruff the Crime Dog.

Community Garden Kickoff
Families
Saturday, May 17  1 – 2 pm
Help plant the Community Gardens right outside KidSpace. The gardens are grown in conjunction with the Elgin Community Garden Network and the produce donated to local food pantries. The rain date is Saturday, May 24 from 1 to 2 pm.

Presidential Pets
Tuesday, June 3  7 – 7:45 pm
Meadows Community Rooms
Hear some humorous stories of presidential pets including Emily Spinach, Fala, Macaroni and Bo. Please register.

Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library’s 5th Anniversary Celebration
Saturday, June 14
10:30 am – 12:30 pm
Meadows Community Rooms
Enjoy music and dance with interactive performer Jim Gill. Stories will be read by local celebrities including Mayor Dave Kaptain. Bring a camera to take a photo with Clifford The Big Red Dog!

Family Lunch Picnic:
Robin’s Dog Stars
Tuesday, June 17  Noon
Robin’s Dog Stars will present their amazing dog trick show at 12:30 pm. Bring a picnic lunch to the library’s west lawn at noon then enjoy the show. Beverage and dessert will be provided by the library. (In the case of inclement weather, the show will take place in the Meadows Community Rooms at 12:30 pm and tickets will be handed out on a first-come, first-served basis starting at 11:30 am at the greeter desk.)

Pokemon Tournament
Grades 2 – 8
Thursday, June 19  1 – 4 pm
Meadows Community Rooms
Registration begins May 1
Gamers are invited to this Pokemon x & y tournament. Only cards with original card backing will be allowed. Prizes will be awarded.

Animal Adventures with the Fox Valley Wildlife Center
Families
Thursday, June 26  1 – 2 pm
Meadows Community Rooms
Meet three live wildlife ambassadors: a Canada goose, a bunny and a Red-Tailed Hawk. Learn about some of the animals that we see in our own backyards from area wildlife rehabilitators.

Tiny Tales
Birth – 23 months
with a parent or caregiver.
Mondays  10 am
Meadows Community Rooms B-C
Join us for a short story time segment, then stay to play! You and your little one will enjoy toys, music, bubbles and more.

Puppy Dog Tales
2 years – kindergarten
Mondays  2 or 7 pm*
Tuesdays  9:30 or 11 am
Meadows Community Rooms
Join Zack & Zelda and their dog Briarly for a fun adventure this summer! 30 minutes of puppets, stories, movies, music and more!
*On July 14, the Family Picnic replaces the 7 pm Puppy Dog Tales.

Off the Leash!
Grades 1 – 2
Mondays  2 pm
Story Rooms
Jump into this program to play games, do fun activities and listen to stories.

Wacky Wednesdays
School age
Wednesdays  2 – 3:30 pm
Meadows Community Rooms
Drop in to have some wacky fun! Wii video games, board games, crafts and more will be available. Children younger than 8 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver of at least 14 years of age.
Fun Programs for Grades 3 - 5

Registration is required.

Homemade Dog Treats and Cat Toys
Wednesday, June 11  10 am
Story Room
Make fun and tasty treats for our furry friends at Anderson Animal Shelter and TAILS Human Society. Learn simple cooking and sewing skills too!

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

Star Wars Day
May the Force Be With You on May 4
Stop by the Youth Center anytime during the day to pose with cardboard characters from the Star Wars movies. Come in costume or wear your favorite Star Wars t-shirt and get a prize!

The Gaming Event
Grades 3 and up
Mondays, May 5, June 2   6 pm
Meadows Community Room C
No registration.
Play various card-based role-playing games such as Pokemon and Yu-Gi-Oh! Beginners are welcome, we’ll teach you to play! Bring your cards to play or trade.

Ready, Set, Read!
Playful Learning Centers
Parents/caregivers with child
Thursday, May 8
10 – 11:30 am or 2 – 3:30 pm
Story Rooms
No registration.
Drop in and learn how to help your child get ready to read at playful learning centers. Do simple fun activities that reinforce pre-reading skills. This program is in English and Spanish. Pase y aprenda cómo ayudar a su hijo a prepararse para leer en Centros de aprendizaje. Hagan actividades simples y divertidas que refuerzan habilidades de prelectura.

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Battle of the Books 40th Anniversary Celebration
Planning is underway for the September 28 celebration. Like the BoB Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/BOB40thAnniversaryCelebration.

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Sports Trading Card Club
Tuesday, May 13  3 – 4:30 pm
Tuesday June 10  3 – 4:30 pm
Story Room South
Baseball, Soccer, Football, Hockey—bring your collections or learn how to start. Win points and get free cards. Presented by Jeff Allison.

Celebrate Spring/Celebra la primavera
Kindergarten – Grade 2
Thursday, May 15  3:30 – 4:30 pm
Meadows Community Rooms
Registration begins April 28.
Celebrate spring at this dual-language program with stories, a craft and more! Los niños en kinder hasta 2do grado están invitados a celebrar la primavera con este programa de lenguaje dual. ¡Vengan a escuchar cuentos, hacer manualidades y más! Favor de inscribirse comenzando el 28 de abril.

Minecraft for Grades 3 – 5
Wednesday, May 28  6 – 7 pm
Computer Training Room
Registration required.
Beginners and experts can play alone or with a partner.

Zone Activities Group
Thursdays in May  6 – 7 pm
Thursdays in June  2 – 3 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 we’re doing each week.

Manga and Anime Club
Saturday, May 10  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. For grades 5 to 12.

Zone Leadership Team
Wednesdays, May 14, June 11  6 – 7 pm
Help plan better programs, write book reviews and make the library more awesome. Apply online at gailborden.info/zone or at the Main Library’s Youth Desk.

Iron Chef Cookie Battle
Tuesday, June 10  2 – 3 pm
Meadows Community Rooms
Who will be voted the winner of Iron Chef Cookie Battle? It could be you! Show off your imagination and culinary skills by decorating cookies to fit specific themes. All supplies are provided. Registration is required.

KidSpace Volunteers
Sign-up forms for 7th and 8th graders will be available at the Youth Center Help Desk starting May 15.

Friday Family Films
Meadows Community Rooms
No registration required. Children younger than 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Frozen (2013, PG, 102 minutes)
June 13  10 am

The Pirate Fairy (2014, G, 90 minutes)
June 20  10 am

Justice League Adventures: Trapped in Time (2013, G, 53 minutes)
June 27  10 am

Tech Lab: Minecraft and More
Computer Training Room
Students entering grades 5 to 8 can play Minecraft, create basic computer games using Scratch, or use Google SketchUp to make 3D models.

Ghost Hunters Mystery Party
Meadows Community Room C
Play a ghost hunter or a detective and interact with other players to solve the mystery surrounding a haunted house. Registration begins May 1.

Adventure Time Fan Party
Meadows Community Rooms
Grab your friends and come to the library for crafts, games and a costume contest.
Mother’s Day Cards  
**Friday, May 2**  3 – 6 pm  
Let your mom know how special she is by making a homemade card.

**Injustice: God’s Among Us Tournament**  
**Tuesday, May 6**  5 – 7 pm  
Show off your skills in the popular DC Comics fighting game. Please bring your I.D.

**Karaoke Night**  
**Tuesday, June 3**  7 – 8 pm  
Hang out and sing your favorite songs.

**Foosball Tournament**  
**Wednesday, June 4**  6 – 7 pm  
Hang out and sing your favorite songs.

**Photosynthesis**  
**Wednesday, June 11**  4 – 5 pm  
Learn how to take and edit a great photo.

**Spring Movie**  
**Thursday, June 12**  3 – 9 pm  
Stop by to watch movies and enjoy some popcorn. Be sure to “like” Studio 270 on Facebook, as you will have the chance to vote on the movies.

**Ice Cream Soda Day**  
**Thursday, June 20**  Noon – 5:30 pm  
Escape the heat and enjoy a delicious ice cream float.

**Open Mic Night**  
**Tuesdays, May 13, June 17**  7 – 8 pm  
Share your talent—we are looking for musicians, poets, comedians, story tellers and more to perform.

**Maker Mondays**  
Get crafty with do-it-yourself crafts and projects. Drop in anytime between 3 and 7 pm every Monday in June for crafts like pixel art and duct tape wallets.

**Trivia Night**  
**Tuesday, June 24**  7 – 8 pm  
Are you a smart cookie? Then come to trivia night to challenge your fellow teens.

**Kinect Sports Bowling Tournament**  
**Wednesday, June 25**  5 – 7 pm  
Hit the lanes at our first-ever Xbox Kinect bowling tournament.

**Facebook Art Contest**  
Create a painting, drawing, sculpture, video, song or any other work of art and post it to the Studio 270 Facebook page. All submissions must be made by June 27.

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**Take a PAWS THIS SUMMER—Be a Summer Reading Volunteer!**

Volunteers can be teens entering at least grade 9 or adults. Applications will be available June 1 at the Main Library or Rakow Branch, by emailing bmoffett@gailborden.info or via the library’s website at gailborden.info. Contact Billie Moffett at 847-289-5833.
Family Programs at Rakow

**Raise a Green Dog at Rakow Community Garden!**
**Saturday, May 17  2 pm  Registration required.**
Join us as we plant vegetable seedlings that are healthy for everyone, including dogs. During the summer, you may take our harvested vegetables home for your family dog. The rain date is Saturday, May 24 at 2 pm.

**Summer Reading Kickoff for Paws to Read**
**See Alpacas at the Rakow Branch**
**Saturday, May 24  1 – 3 pm  No registration.**
See alpacas from the Muirhead family farm. Jill Muirhead, a local alpaca farmer, will talk about the history, care and feeding of alpacas and demonstrate carding fleece from alpacas.

**Calling all families—Come Listen for Frog Calls!**
**Wednesday, June 4  6:30 – 7:30 pm  Registration required.**
Join trained frog monitors and stroll through paths in the wetlands at the Rakow Branch to listen for frog calls. Learn to identify specific frog calls and why they call and discover why frogs are so important to the ecosystems in which they live.

**Alpaca Wool Felting Demonstration at the Rakow Branch**
**Saturday, June 14  10 – 11 am  Registration required.**
Local Alpaca farmer and fiber artist Susan Waldron from the Waldron Grove Alpaca Farm will demonstrate the art of felting and share stories of her days breeding and caring for Suri alpacas. Make your own bookmark!

**Cookies with Clifford The Big Red Dog**
**Saturday, June 14  2 pm  Registration required.**
Visit with Clifford The Big Red Dog and hear some stories about his best friend Emily Elizabeth. Snacks and photo opportunities will follow.

**Family Picnic at the Rakow Branch with Robin’s Dog Stars**
**Tuesday, June 17  5:30 – 7 pm  Registration required.**
Watch these four-legged furry friends perform incredible tricks and stunts. Cedar the Border Collie will perform her amazing hoop-jumping tricks. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket and your picnic dinner. No registration.

**Innovative Reading and Learning for All Ages**

**Bedtime Stories**
**Tuesdays, May 13, June 10  7 pm  Registration required.**
Come in your cozy pajamas and slippers for some bedtime stories and cookies with Ms. Angela.

**Wiggles ‘n’ Giggles**
**9 – 23 months with a parent or caregiver.**
**Fridays, June 13, 20, 27  10 am  Registration required.**
15 minutes of short stories, fingerplays, rhymes, music and a movement activity followed by a 15-minute play period.

**Preschool Storytime with The ReaderShip**
**2 years – kindergarten**
**Wednesdays, June 11, 18, 25  10:30 am  Registration required.**
This drop-in program includes 30 minutes of puppets, stories, music and more!

**Paws to Read to Rover!**
**School age**
**Saturdays, May 24, June 28  10, 10:30, 11 or 11:30 am  Registration required.**
Kids practice their reading skills by cuddling up with a good book and reading aloud to a fully trained and certified therapy dog.
Creativity Lab
Grade 1 & up
Wednesdays, June 11, 18, 25
10:30 – 11:15 am
Kids are invited to stop in for some creative free play! Each week, a new assortment of games, LEGO or art supplies will be available. Children younger than 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

Off the Leash!
Grades 1 – 2
Thursdays, June 12, 19, 26
10 – 10:45 am
Registration preferred.
Play games, do activities and listen to stories.

Homemade Dog Treats
& Cat Toys
Grades 3 – 5
Thursday, June 12 11 am – noon
Registration required.
Make fun and tasty treats for our furry friends at Anderson Animal Shelter and TAILS Humane Society. Learn some simple cooking and sewing skills too.

Create-A-Creature
Grades 3 – 5
Thursday, June 26 11 am – noon
Registration required.
During a little competition, make a creature that can stand larger than you on all fours using supplied recycled materials and lots of imagination!

Frog Monitoring Group
Entering grades 3 – 6
Fridays, June 13, 20 10 – 10:45 am
Registration required.
Stroll through the wetlands surrounding the Rakow Branch to listen to frog calls, then record your data.

Pond Scooping
at the Rakow Branch
Grades 3 – 6
Tuesday, June 17 10 – 11 am
Registration required.
What do bugs have to teach you? Learn from insects in the ponds at the Rakow Branch. Cindy Wendt, Outreach Educator of Friends of the Fox River, will guide you through a pond scooping and science tests of your findings.

Stop-Motion Animation Workshop
Wednesday, June 11 2 – 3 pm
10:30 – 11:15 am
We’ll work in teams to create stop-motion movies using office supplies, LEGO or any small objects you bring in from home!

Paper Toy Workshop
Wednesday, June 18 2 – 3 pm
Turn a pattern on a flat piece of paper into your own three-dimensional dog, cat, zombie or cartoon character.

Adventure Time at Rakow
Wednesday, June 25 2 – 3 pm
It’s an Adventure Time fan party! Grab your friends and come to the library for crafts, games and a costume contest.

Sweet Deals Flea Market
at Rakow Branch
Wednesday, July 2 10 – noon
Registration grades 2 – 8 welcome to buy!
Recycle your old treasures by selling them and earn some spending money. Nothing will be priced more than $8. Only children’s item will be sold. Required registration for sellers begins June 2 and must be done in person at the Rakow Branch or Main Library as there is a parental permission slip to be signed. The rain date is July 16.

Photo Release - All program participants agree to be photographed during library activities and programs for use in future library publications.
Rakow Branch

Bike, Walk, Move Week at Rakow

Walk with Mayor Kaptain
Wednesday, June 18   6 pm
Join members of Activate Elgin for a “Walk with the Mayor” at the Rakow Branch to walk the beautiful Reserve nature area.

Bike, Walk, Move Week at Rakow Branch
June 22 – June 28
The Rakow Branch is excited to host a Bike Machine during Elgin’s Bike, Walk, Move Week. The Bike Machine is from Working Bikes, Chicago, and is a pedal-powered machine that can be used to harness electricity to power water pumps, lights and much more! Stop by to learn more about it and power pedal it yourself.

Bike, Walk, Stop and Read
Tuesday, June 24   6:30 pm
No registration.
All ages are invited to ride or walk to Rakow Branch, sit outside and listen to stories about biking and other outdoor activities. Lemonade will be provided.

Nature Walk at the Rakow Branch
Wednesday, June 25   6 pm
Registration required.
Enjoy a nature walk around the Rakow neighborhood prairie and wetlands with a local environmentalist. This is a perfect chance to get some exercise, learn a little about the area, meet new people and get a glimpse of native birds and animals.

Tai Chi Monday at the Rakow Branch
Monday, June 23
10 – 11 am
Registration required.
Tai Chi strengthens the muscles and internal organs and improves balance, flexibility and coordination. Join Sifu Joe from Budokan Martial Arts in South Elgin for a demonstration class. Bring the family!

Bike Maintenance at the Rakow Branch!
Thursday, June 26   6 – 7 pm
Registration required.
Bob Noe from Village Pedaler in South Elgin will offer simple bike maintenance tips and answer questions for bike riders ages 12 to 112.

Bike Drive at the Rakow Branch
Give your Old Bike a New Home!
Saturday, June 28   9 am – noon
Bring bicycles you have outgrown or are no longer using to the Rakow Branch parking lot. They will be donated to Working Bikes, which gives old bicycles new life by redistributing them as tools of empowerment in local and global communities.

Device Advice
Seniors
First and third Thursdays of the month
May 1, 15 and June 5, 19
9:30 – 11:30 am
Seniors, this is your time to play with technology in a relaxed atmosphere. Drop by the Rakow Branch for hands-on learning—even try out Google Glass! You are welcome to bring your own devices. No registration.

Come Kumi With Me
Kumihimo Demonstration at the Rakow Branch
Teens and adults
Saturday, May 3   1 pm
Come watch Rakow’s Devi Turner demonstrate the Japanese art of braiding. “Kumi himo” means “gathered threads.” Devi will weave cording or ribbon to make braids, which can be turned into jewelry or cording for curtains, cushions or totes. Try your hand at it! Registration required.

Rakow Readers
1:30 – 2:30 pm
Shales Living Room   No registration
Monday, May 19   The Age of Miracles by Karen Thompson Walker
Monday, June 23   The Middlesteins by Jami Attenberg

Google Glass Demo Days
Tuesdays, May 13, 27   5 – 8 pm
Try out the latest technology!
Civil War Field Camp
Friday, May 2 and Saturday, May 3
All Day in the Lobby
Step back in time to a field camp and visit with one of Elgin’s soldiers. Watch women making items to send to “our boys” at a meeting of Elgin’s Soldiers Aid Society. Elgin Area Historical Society historians Ken, Diana and Elizabeth Gough will tell stories of Elgin’s involvement, including the tale of Elgin attacking Geneva at the start of the war. Artifacts will be on display. No registration.

Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War
Through 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.

Armchair Generals:
A Civil War and Lincoln Brown Bag Lunch
Interest Group

Manny Barbosa: Lincoln’s Diplomacy and the French Occupation of Mexico
Tuesday, May 13 11:45 – 1:15 pm South Elgin Room
Manny Barbosa will cover the implications that French intervention in Mexico had for the Union and its relations with France and Mexico. The Mexican situation affected internal politics and, to some extent, the conduct of the war in its later stages as well as conduct of foreign affairs.

Fred Reczkowicz: The Atlanta Campaign
Tuesday, June 10 11:45 – 1:15 pm South Elgin Room

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**Author on the Fox Robert Mueller**  
*The Men of Omaha Beach*  
**Monday, June 2  7 – 8 pm**  
**Elgin Room**  
Commemorate the 70th anniversary of D-Day with Robert Mueller, author of *Fields of War: Battle of Normandy*. He will discuss individuals from the U.S. 1st and 29th Infantry Divisions in the initial assault who overcame the German defenses and men from the the U.S. 2nd Ranger Battalion who captured the German gun positions at Pointe du Hoc. Learn about the Normandy American Cemetery, site of the bloodiest fighting and now a fitting tribute to these men's sacrifices. Book sales and signing will follow the program. Please register.

**Elgin Gang and Drug Task Force Community Conversation Series**  
**Teens: 7 Steps to Summer Success**  
**Thursday, May 1  7 – 8:30 pm**  
**Elgin Room**  
From summer jobs to summer camps, learn seven resources and skills that bring young people success. Please register.

**What You Need to Know about Social Media**  
**Thursday, May 29  7 – 8:30 pm**  
**Elgin Room**  
Did you know one in four people worldwide use social media? In under an hour, learn about the most popular social networks including Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, and more. Presented by Sasha Vasilic, Digital Marketing Coordinator at the Niles Public Library. Please register.

**HeroClix Tournaments**  
**Saturdays, May 24, June 21  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.

**Walt Disney World 101**  
**Wednesday, May 28  7 – 8:30 pm**  
**Elgin Room**  
Learn about the best times to visit the park and accommodations to fit your budget and needs, how to use FastPass+, how to guarantee a ride (or twol) on popular attractions and other tips from travel expert Karen Luster, who has been to Walt Disney World 12 times. Please register.

**New Time!  3:30 pm**  
**Meadows Community Rooms**  
Opus 24 appears regularly with the Millikin Decatur Symphony Orchestra, performing major works such as *Frostiana*, Fauré’s *Requiem*, Schubert’s *Mass in G*, Alexander Nevsky, *Song of Democracy*, and *Flos Campi* by Vaughan-Williams. The ensemble has presented concerts with composers Jackson Berkey, co-founder of Mannheim Steamroller, and Gwyneth Walker. The one-hour performance will begin at 3:30 pm. Meet the artists and enjoy refreshments after the concert. Free tickets are available at the Main Library and Rakow Branch.

**Dogs & Toddlers™**  
**Thursday, June 5  6:30 – 8:30 pm**  
**Elgin Room**  
Dogs & Toddlers™ is an international program that helps families with dogs and toddlers create safety and harmony at home with solutions to challenges that often arise. Also get insight into how your changing family dynamics may affect your dog. Please register.
May is Preservation Month

**Walk in Channing Park**
Friday, May 16  6 pm
DuPage and Fulton Streets in Elgin
Meet at the parking lot for a personal tour of the old Channing Cemetery. Now a school and park, Channing still has many secrets. Visit the one headstone still in place and learn the history of cemeteries in Elgin with Elgin historian Steve Stroud. Please register at the Elgin History Museum, by calling 847-742-4248 or email elginhistory@foxvalley.net. Donations will be accepted at the event for memorial stones. The rain date is May 17.

**Elgin Alive**
Sponsored in collaboration with the Elgin Community Network and ECCO. No registration.
**The Bluff Spring Fen in Elgin: A Natural Treasure**
Tuesday, May 20
7 – 8:30 pm
Meadows Community Rooms A&B
The fen is a rich tapestry of wetlands, prairies, savannas and woodlands. These habitats support birds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians, and thousands of different insects including butterflies and dragonflies. Sponsored by the ECN and Friends of Bluff Spring Fen.

**Medicare 101**
Thursday, May 22  7 – 8:30 pm
Elgin Room
David Wylly of the Medicare Solutions Network will review Medicare coverage and options for additional coverage as well as Medicare Supplements, Part D Drug Prescription coverage, Advantage Plans and cost-saving strategies for the years ahead. Please register.

**9th Annual Fireside Chat about Elgin’s Past**
Sunday, May 18  3 – 4:30 pm  River Room
Share your memories or listen during an informal discussion about various aspects of Elgin’s past led by Elgin historians E.C. “Mike” Alft and Jerry Turnquist. Bring memorabilia to share with the audience. No registration.

**Healthy Brain, Healthy Memory**
Thursday, May 15
1 – 2:30 pm
Elgin Room
Learn about activities that can help you maintain and even improve brain function. Dr. Linda Sasser holds a Ph.D. in Educational Psychology and has been studying issues affecting brain and memory health for more than 25 years. She will discuss age-related memory changes and strategies for improving retention and recall. Please register.

**Drop-in Genealogy Help**
Genealogy Area on the second floor
1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Tuesdays  2 – 4 pm
2nd Wednesday  6 – 8 pm
3rd Wednesday  10 am – noon
2nd and 4th Thursdays  2 – 4 pm
3rd Saturday  9 – 11 am
Receive one-on-one assistance with genealogy sources, microfilm, newspapers and more. For more information, contact the Elgin Genealogical Society at ElginGS@aol.com.

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In June, we are celebrating men and all the things you do (or would like to do!). These great programs will take place at local and air-conditioned man caves.

### Golf Lesson for the Cave Man
**Sunday, June 8**  3 – 4:30 pm  
**Bowes Creek Country Club, Bowes Creek Blvd., Elgin**  
Head Golf Professional Mike Lehman will offer tips to perfect your golf game.  
Enjoy appetizers provided by Porters Pub and a cash bar after the lesson.  
Please wear comfortable sneakers and apparel. Clubs will not be required but you can bring a 5-iron and 9-iron. Please register by calling the Golf Shop at 847-214-5880. Sponsored by The City of Elgin Parks and Recreation Department, Porters Pub and Bowes Creek Country Club.

### Don’t Tell Mom . . .
**Saturday, June 14**  2 – 4 pm  
**Meadows Community Rooms**  
Enjoy an afternoon with the kids doing things you don’t dare tell Mom about! Do hands-on science, tech, and hardware activities, with a few extra surprises. *No registration.*

### Home Brew How-To
**Tuesday, June 17**  7 – 8:30 pm  
**Elgin Public House, 219 E Chicago St., Elgin**  
Award-winning home brewer Scott Pointon will discuss equipment, ingredients, brewing process and resources available to would-be brew masters. Sorry, no sampling will take place but a cash bar will be available. *Please register.*

### Be the Hero!
**Thursday, June 12**  7 – 8:30 pm  
**Meadows Community Rooms**  
What you need to know to protect the ones you love: First aid, self-defense and survivalist tips. Lt. Robert Bedard of the Elgin Fire Department and Sgt. Caleb Hanson from the Hanover Township Emergency Services will present. *No registration.*

### Rock Out Cookout
**Saturday, June 21**  1 – 4 pm  
**Outdoor Stage**  
Meat! Music! Motorcycles! Mayhem! Chef Jeff of In the Neighborhood Deli will fire up the grill, the band Moses Gunn will fire up their guitars, and motorcycles will be firing up their engines. Get all fired up on the library lawn. BYOLC (Bring Your Own Lawn Chair). *No registration. The rain date is Saturday, June 28.*

### Brown Bag Lunch Classic Films
Mondays. Coffee will be served. *No registration.*

- **May 12**  *The Lady Eve* (1941)  11 am – 1 pm  
  **Meadows Community Rooms A&B**
- **June 9**  *Bad Day at Black Rock* (1954)  11 am – 1 pm  
  **South Elgin Room**

### 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.*

- **Philomena** (2013, PG-13)  
  **Tuesday, May 27**  
  **Meadows Community Rooms A&B**
- **Alice Doesn’t Live Here Anymore** (1974, PG)  
  **Tuesday, June 24**  
  **Meadows Community Rooms A&B**
**book clubs & Discussion Groups**

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

*May 12*  Gilgamesh  
(Translated by Stephen Mitchel)

*June 9*  First Snow on Fuji  
Yasunari Kawabata

**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.

*May 21*  The Age of Miracles  
by Karen Thompson Walker

*June 18*  The Middlesteins  
by Jami Attenberg

**Walking Book Club**
The club meets Wednesday evenings at 7 pm in the lobby for a 45-minute walk followed by a 45-minute book discussion. Contact Nancy at 847-289-5840 for more details.

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**Spanish Café**
2nd Mondays  Noon – 1 pm  
Conference Room
Practice your Spanish conversation skills at this drop-in group. Take part in a discussion, learn new vocabulary and put your listening skills to the test. The program will be led by native Spanish-speakers. No registration.

**French Conversation Group**
Mondays, May 19, June 16  
6:30 – 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.

**German Conversation Group**
4th Thursdays  7 – 8:30 pm  
May 22  South Elgin Room
June 26  Meadows Community Room C  
The group is led by John Schwartz, who has lived and traveled extensively in Germany and taught German and other languages. No registration.

**Veterans Information Networking Session**
Thursday, May 15  
Obtaining and Managing Your Military Records  
7 – 8:30 pm  South Elgin Room

Thursday, June 19  
PTSD and Therapy Dogs  
7 – 8:30 pm  Meadows Community Room C  
This program provides veterans with information about benefits. Coffee and tea will be served. No registration.

**Workforce Investment Act Information Session**
Thursdays  May 1 – June 26  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. For more information, contact the Kane County Department of Employment and Education at 630-966-1435.

**Job Search & Resume Help**
Tuesdays  May 6 – June 24  10 am – 2 pm  Computer Training Room
Receive help with your résumé, cover letter, online applications and more. For more information, contact the Kane County Department of Employment and Education at 630-966-1435.
computer classes

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.

Internet Basics
Wednesday, May 7    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.

Files, Files, Everywhere
Saturday, May 17    10 am – noon
How to manage files locally on a Windows computer and in the cloud using Microsoft SkyDrive and Google Drive.

Microsoft Excel 2010 – Introduction
Tuesday, June 10    6:30 – 8:30 pm
Learn what a spreadsheet is and how to create one.

Microsoft Excel 2010 – Presenting Numbers
Tuesday, June 17    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, June 24    6:30 – 8:30 pm
How to calculate totals, percentages and averages in a spreadsheet. Basic knowledge of Microsoft Excel 2010 is required.

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

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

Microsoft Word 2010 – Formatting Documents
Wednesday, June 4   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 Word 2010 – Adding Pizazz to Documents
Wednesday, June 11  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 8.1 – Bring Your Own Laptop
Tuesday, May 20    6:30 – 8:30 pm
Learn the ins and outs of using Windows 8 on your laptop.

Care and Feeding of Your
Windows PC or Laptop
Tuesday, June 3     6:30 – 8:30 pm
Learn to keep your Windows PC or laptop running efficiently and reliably. presentation.

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

Microsoft PowerPoint 2010 – Intro Part 2
Tuesday, May 13     6:30 – 8:30 pm
How to modify and enhance an on-screen presentation.

En Español

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

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

 Manejar el Ratón y el Teclado
domingo, 4 de mayo   2 – 4 pm
Practicar el uso de un ratón y un teclado de una computadora.

Introducción a la Computación
domingo, 11 de mayo    2 – 5 pm
Aprenda los diversos sistemas operativos, tecnologías, tendencias y los componentes básicos de hardware y software de una computadora. R, T

Explorar el Internet
domingo, 18 de mayo   2 – 4 pm
Aprenda cómo se navega en Internet. R, T

Introducción al Correo Electrónico
domingo, 1 de junio    2 – 4 pm
Aprenda cómo leer y mandar correo electrónico. R, T

Introducción a Microsoft
Word 2010
domingo, 8 de junio   2 – 4 pm
Aprenda cómo usar este programa para crear documentos. R, T

Introducción a Microsoft
PowerPoint 2010
domingo, 15 de junio    2 – 4 pm
Aprenda cómo usar este programa para crear presentaciones PowerPoint. R, T

Introducción a Microsoft Excel
2010
domingo, 22 de junio   2 – 4 pm
Aprenda cómo usar este programa para crear hojas de cálculo. R, T
**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.*

**GROUP DE CONVERSACIÓN EN INGLÉS**
*Martes 6:30 – 7:30 pm*
*Salón de Conferencias 2do Piso*
Practica conversar en inglés, mejora tu pronunciación y adquieres confianza con un tutor del Literacy Connection. *No hace falta inscribirse.*

**Go Bilingual Class**
*Wednesdays 6 – 7 pm*
English and Spanish lessons and conversation with Betty Martinez. *No registration.* The last class of the semester will be May 28. We will begin next semester on September 10.

**Clase Futuros Bilingües**
*miercoles 6 – 7 pm*
Lecciones y conversación en inglés y español con la maestra Betty Martínez. *No hace falta inscribirse.* El último día para este semestre será el 28 de mayo. Comenzaremos de nuevo el 10 de septiembre.

**Flowers for Moms**
*Wednesday, May 7 6 – 7:30 pm*

*Meadows Community Rooms*
Make beautiful, colorful tissue paper flowers and cards for moms, sisters, aunts and friends as gifts for Mother’s Day. There will also be a short story. All materials will be provided. *Please register.*

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**‘Alebrijes’ Workshop**
*Saturdays and Sundays, May 31 and June 1 2 – 4 pm*

*Meadows Community Rooms*
‘Alebrijes’ are brightly colored Mexican folk art sculptures of fantastical animals and creatures. Create your very own ‘alebrijes’ with artist Teresa Magaña. All materials will be provided. Children younger than eight years should work with a parent. *Please register for both sessions.*

**Taller de “Alebrijes”**
*sábado y domingo, 31 de mayo y 1 de junio 2 – 4 pm*

*Salones de la Comunidad Meadows*
Los ‘alebrijes’ son esculturas coloridas de animales y criaturas fantásticas en el arte popular mexicano. Crea tu propio ‘alebrije’ con el artista Teresa Magaña. Se proporcionarán todos los materiales. Los niños menores de ocho años deben trabajar con un adulto. *Favor de inscribirse para ambas sesiones.*

**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 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.*

**The Importance of Physical Exercise**
*Tuesday, May 13 5 – 6:30 pm*

*Meadows Community Rooms A-B*

**Inmigración y Legalización**
*jueves, 29 de mayo 5 – 6:30 pm*

*Salones de la Comunidad Meadows A-B*
Dibujos Animados: el Gato y el Ratón
martes, 10 de junio 6 – 7:30 pm
Salones de la Comunidad Meadows
Grandes y chicos, vengan a disfrutar de las aventuras de Tom y Jerry, el gato y el ratón más divertidos en la historia de las caricaturas. ¡Habrá palomitas y limonada! La película será mostrada en español con subtítulos en inglés. Favor de inscribirse.

Concurso y Galería de Fotos
“Mascotas Más Libros”
1 de mayo – 1 de julio
¿Tienes una mascota super graciosa o un animal de peluche favorito? Tómale una foto que represente nuestro tema de lectura de verano, Mascotas Más Libros, y envíala a paws@gailborden.info. Las fotos pueden incluir amigos humanos pero ten en cuenta que se mostrarán en español con subtítulos en inglés. Favor de inscribirse.

¡Mascotas Más Libros! Desafío para Leer en Verano
1 de mayo – 11 de agosto
Tres Opciones para Comenzar:
• Recoge un libro de anotaciones en persona en la biblioteca principal o en la sucursal Rakow.
• Imprime un libro de anotaciones en casa desde el sitio web de la biblioteca, www.gailborden.info.
• Recibe un libro de anotaciones en la escuela en mayo, sólo si eres estudiante del Distrito U-46.

Mascotas + Libros = ¡Premios!
Entrega tu diario de lectura completo en la biblioteca principal o en la sucursal Rakow entre el 1ro de julio y el 11 de agosto para reclamar tus premios.
• Eligí entre un libro de tapa blanda o un mini-paquete de libros de historietas (hasta que se terminen)
• Pase para nadar una vez gratis en la piscina de Lord’s Park
• Pases gratis para los juegos mecánicos en el carnaval de Elgin

¡Todos Leen en Verano!
Mi Bebé & Yo (nacimiento – 23 meses)
Los padres comparten el amor por los cuentos con sus más pequeños: leen y hacen actividades sencillas de pre-lectura juntos.

Leyendo Juntos (2 años – kindergarten)
Los padres y los niños hacen actividades divertidas de preparación para la lectura.

Lectores (Grados 1 – 5)
Leen por pura diversión durante todo el verano.

Zona (Grados 6 – 8)
Completan por lo menos 20 horas de lectura para tener la oportunidad de ganar premios “cool”. Los lectores compiten para determinar la decoración del espacio de la Zona un mes en el otoño.

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Thanks:
The Center for Economic Progress for providing free tax preparation services to the community.
Marcus Theatre for movie passes and poster for the Divergent Party.
Partners and sponsors that help make Volunteerpalooza 2014 ROCK!
George Rowe, John Braese, Bob Benedik and friends for volunteering their time for the Lincoln Exhibit opening reception.
programs
in English and Spanish

Aventuras con Clifford el Gran Perro Rojo™
7 junio – 24 agosto

Disfruta en grrrr-ande con esta exposición que te da muchas oportunidades para poner tus “patitas a la obra” con Clifford ™, Emily Elizabeth ™ y sus amigos. Sube abordo del ferry de la isla Birdwell, haz una orden en el restaurante Samuel’s Fish and Chips Shack, busca conchas con T-Bone en la playa, deslízate por la cola de Clifford el perro de nueve metros de altura, haz un dibujo en su caseta, organiza la correspondencia en la oficina de correos de la isla Birdwell y representa una obra en el teatro de Emily Elizabeth.

Hay tanto que hacer en esta exposición interactiva gratuita que promueve las habilidades sociales de los niños de 2 a 7 años y las ‘Grandes Ideas’ de Clifford como compartir, trabajar juntos, jugar de forma justa, ser amables y ayudar a los demás. Los letreros estarán en inglés y en español. La exposición se basa en el programa de televisión número uno de Scholastic en PBS Kids y en los libros del autor premiado Norman Bridwell.

Spanish only!

Pensamientos Positivos
martes, 6 de mayo  7 – 8 pm
Salón South Elgin
Ven a escuchar sobre diferentes técnicas para aprender a eliminar de tu mente pensamientos negativos y así poder disfrutar más de la vida. Presentado por la consejera Pita Betancourt en español. Favor de inscribirte.

VIH/SIDA: los Hechos en el 2014
martes, 27 de mayo
6 – 7 pm presentación del panel en inglés y español
7 – 8:45 pm Película Dallas Buyer’s Club
Salón Elgin
Venga a escuchar a un panel que discutirá el VIH / SIDA, incluyendo la transmisión del VIH, las diferencias entre el VIH y el SIDA, el tratamiento, los costos y los servicios. Sobrevivientes que fueron medicados con los primeros productos químicos para suprimir el virus al inicio de la epidemia hablarán sobre sus experiencias. Luego la película Dallas Buyer’s Club se mostrará en inglés con subtítulos en español. Presentado por los representantes profesionales de la Clínica Open Door. Favor de inscribirse.

Conozca a la Autora: Sueños, Cálidos Sueños
martes, 11 de junio  6:30 – 7:30 pm
Salón Elgin
Rogelia Hamala de Watkins escribió una historia que te conmovirá y al mismo tiempo te hará reír sobre una niña que lidió con circunstancias adversas al crecer, y salió airosa gracias a su fuerza de voluntad. La autora hablará en español sobre el libro y estará disponible para firmar copias. Favor de inscribirte.

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Good in May and June, 2014

DONATE BOOKS for the Third Annual Book Sale Extravaganza
This year’s extravaganza will take place September 11 to 14. Proceeds from the sale of adult, teen and children’s books fund exciting exhibits and other enhancements. Donations can be dropped off, and tax receipt forms picked up, at a donation bin located outside on the north side of the Main Library. For large donations, call 847-429-6793 to schedule a drop-off time.

Where’s Aldo?
Community Art Project
Watch for Aldo Leopold benches to be displayed throughout the community this June. Local artists will decorate the benches, modeled after the wooden bench built by environmentalist Aldo Leopold (1887 – 1947) for his Wisconsin farm. Passports will be available at the library to help you find all of the benches and be entered for a chance to win prizes.

Be a Literacy Tutor
The Literacy Connection invites you to learn more about becoming an adult literacy tutor. Training sessions for tutors take place 9:30 am to 4:30 pm May 10 and 17 or 6 to 9 pm June 17, 19, 24 and 26. To register, go to www.gailborden.info or call 847-742-6565.

Museum Adventure Pass
Use your library card to check out a pass for free or discounted admission to museums. Go to museumadventure.org.