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11th Annual Black History Family Festival
Hallowed Grounds: Sites of African American Memories
Saturday, February 6  1–5 pm
See page 10 for more information.

New Market Place Open House
Tuesday, January 19
4:30 – 5:30 pm
Help celebrate the opening of your new Marketplace, where it is easier than ever to find the movies, books and music that you want to check out. Tour the new area, enjoy refreshments and enter your name for a chance to win Star Wars prizes.

Early Learning Center Celebration
January 19
4:30 – 6:30 pm
Tour the newly renovated area to see the new browsing bins, meet Clifford the Big Red Dog, and have a balloon sculpture made just for you!
Welcome Baby!

Baby's First Library Visit
Bring baby and baby’s new library card to this class to learn about programs and resources to support your baby’s early literacy development and receive a special gift! For babies up to six months old and their parents.

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Registration preferred.

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Snowflake Art Studio
Grades 1 & Up*
Monday, January 4    10  – 11 am
Meadows Community Rooms
Registration required.
We will create snowflakes using a variety of art techniques. All materials provided.

Deep Freeze Flea Market
Grades 2 – 8 as sellers; all ages as buyers*
Monday, January 18
1:30  – 3 pm
Meadows Community Rooms
Did you get new stuff for the holidays? Sell your old things at this unique flea market where only kids may sell, but anyone is welcome to buy. Sellers may sign up in advance at the Youth Center Help Desk. (NOTE: A signed parent permission slip is required; no phone or online registrations will be taken.) Everything will be priced at $8 or less. This event will be held indoors, so space is limited.

Preschool & Childcare Information Fair
Saturday, January 23
10 am – Noon
Meadows Community Rooms
No registration.
Representatives from area preschools, daycare centers and licensed homes will be available to talk about their childcare services and answer your questions.

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The Sea Beast Puppet Company presents
“The History of Light”
All ages*
Monday, February 15  2 – 2:45 pm
Meadows Community Rooms
Take a trip through time and space to explore the world’s many sources of light, both natural and man-made. Travel down into the depths of the ocean, soar through starry skies and speak with Thomas Edison about his most famous invention.

Leap Day Celebration
All ages*
Monday, February 29  4 – 6 pm
Meadows Community Rooms
No registration.
Hop into the library for a celebration that happens once every four years. We will have games and activities that will get you jumping and LEAPING! If you have a Leap Day birthday, please call the Youth Help Desk at 847-429-4685.

Kathleen Baxter, Booktalker
Nonfiction Rocks: Getting Kids and US Excited about “True Books!”
Booktalker columnist Kathleen Baxter feels that nonfiction can be the key to getting kids to read. Participants will be motivated and energized as they learn what appeals to kids.

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Games & Gadgets

Grades 1 & Up*
Saturdays,
January 16, February 15
2 – 3:30 pm
Story Room South
No registration.
Drop in for some free family play!
An assortment of board games, chess, LEGO®, Wii video games, or iPads will be available.

ChessMaster
Junior Chess Club
Grades 2 – 12
Thursdays 4 – 5 pm
Youth Center
No registration.
Kids and teens are invited to hone their chess skills. Beginners are welcome - we will teach you to play!

Read to Rover
Elementary age students
Saturdays,
January 9, February 13
10, 10:30, 11 or 11:30 am
Story Room
Registration required.
You can share your favorite books with friendly dogs during a special 20-minute Read to Rover session. The fully trained and certified therapy dogs love to hear you practice reading out loud.

The Gaming Event
Grades 3 & Up
Mondays,
January 4, February 1
6 – 8 pm
Meadows Community Rooms B&C
No registration.
Play various card-based role-playing games such as Pokemon and Yu-Gi-Oh. Beginners are welcome—we will teach you to play! Bring your cards to play or trade.

STEAMologists
Grades 1 – 5
Mondays,
January 11, February 8
4 – 5 pm
Meadows Community Rooms
Registration required.
Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math! We will be exploring, experimenting and creating.

Sew Much Fun!
Grades 3 & Up*
Mondays, January 18, February 15
4 – 5 pm
Story Room South
Registration required.
New to sewing? We'll help you get started with simple beginner projects. Already know how? Come polish your skills. All materials provided.

Build It Up!
Minecraft for Grades 3 – 5
Wednesdays,
January 13, February 10
4 – 5 pm
Computer Training Room
Registration required.
All ability levels are welcome! Beginners can learn to play and experts can show off their amazing skills by competing in a building challenge with friends.

Three Ways to Register:
• Online at gailborden.info/register
• Call 847-429-4597
• In person at Registration Desk
Story Programs Boost Language Skills and Reading Readiness!

Winter Programs January 4 – February 26
Registration begins December 14
Spring Programs March 14 – April 29
Registration begins February 29

Baby Rhyme Time
Birth – 11 months with an adult
Thursdays 6:15 pm
Fridays 9:15 am
Story Room South
Registration required.
15 minutes of singing, clapping and simple stories followed by a short playtime.

Wonderful Ones
12 – 23 months with an adult
Mondays 5:30 or 6:15 pm
Story Room South
Tuesdays 9:15 am
Meadows Community Room C
Thursdays 9:30 am
Fridays 10 am
Story Room South
Registration required.
15 minutes of short stories, fingerplays, rhymes, and a music and movement activity with a parent or caregiver followed by a short playtime.

Terrific Twos
2 years with an adult
Tuesdays 6:15 pm
Story Room South
Thursdays 9:15, 10 or 10:45 am
Meadows Community Room C
Registration required.
20 minutes of stories, fingerplays and large-muscle activities.

1, 2, 3, Go!
1 – 3 years with an adult
Wednesdays 10 am
Meadows Community Rooms
No registration.
Families are invited to share stories, rhymes and musical activities together.

Story Mix for Three to Six
3 – 6 years
Mondays 9:30 am or 3:30 pm
Tuesdays 10 am or 7 pm
Thursdays 10:15 am
Story Room North
No registration.
30 minutes of stories, fingerplays and songs. Parents must remain in the building but do not need to attend the class. This is the first “on my own” library experience for children.

Family Jam
All ages with an adult
Wednesdays 6:30 – 7 pm
Meadows Community Rooms &B No registration.
Take a break as a family after a busy day with 30 minutes of active movement, stories and fun!

Spanish Family Storytime
All ages*
Wednesdays 6:30 – 7 pm
Story Room
No registration.
Families who speak or are learning Spanish can enjoy stories, crafts, and songs together at our Spanish-language storytime. This is also a great opportunity for children in the Dual Language Program to practice using Spanish outside of the classroom. This program is conducted entirely in Spanish.

Cuentos para la Familia
Todos los miércoles a las
6:30 – 7 pm
Story Room
No hace falta inscribirse.
¡30 minutos de cuentos, música, rimas, y más para el disfrute de toda la familiar

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Manga and Anime Club
Saturdays, January 30, February 27
2 – 3:30 pm
South Elgin Room
Have you seen every episode of Attack on Titan or My Neighbor Totoro? Here’s your chance to watch anime, share fan art and enjoy Japanese snacks while socializing with other fans. Students in grades 6 to 12 are welcome. Bring a friend!

Duct Tape Workshop
Wednesdays,
January 6, February 3
7 – 8 pm
No registration.
Learn how to make a wallet, construct a rose or develop your own unique duct tape design.

Minecraft for Grades 6 – 8
Monday, February 15
1 – 2 pm (No School Day)
Computer Training Room
Registration required.

Teen Writing and Art Showcase
Grades 6 – 12
Teens are invited to share their best writing and art with the Gail Borden community. All submissions that meet the entry requirements will be published online, with selected entries published in a print booklet. For details, pick up an entry form at the Youth Help Desk, Studio 270, the Rakow Branch or online at: http://www.gailborden.info/teenwriting.

KidSpace Volunteers
Volunteer opportunities with KidSpace are available for teens in grades 7 – 8. Sign-up forms are available at the Youth Center Help Desk.

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Grades 9 – 12

Hours:
Monday – Thursday 3 – 9 pm
Friday 3 – 6 pm
Saturday Noon – 6 pm
Sunday Noon – 5 pm

TEENS

Sweets for Your Sweetheart
Thursday, February 11
5 – 7 pm
Stop in and make your own candy by experimenting with candy melts.

DIY Crafts
Mondays,
January 4, 25
February 22
4 – 6 pm
Get crafty with Studio 270’s do-it-yourself crafts and projects.

Digital Media Lab
Teens can learn how to create and edit a professional quality audio or video recording in our state-of-the-art digital media lab.

Audio Lab 4 – 6 pm
Thursdays,
January 5, 21
February 4, 18

Video Lab 4 – 6 pm
Mondays,
January 11
February 8

Video Game Tournaments
NBA 2k16
Wednesday, January 27 5 – 7 pm
Madden 16
Wednesday, February 24 5 – 7 pm
Think you’re the best? Come show off your skills and have fun in one of our videogame tournaments.

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Open Mic Night
Tuesdays,
January 19, February 16
7 – 8 pm
Share your talent at Studio 270’s Open Mic Night. We are looking for musicians, poets, comedians, storytellers and more to perform.

Inklings
Wednesdays,
January 6, February 3
4 – 6 pm
Join other teen writers and staff to help you through 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 any of your own writing with you.

Pizza and Books
Tuesdays,
January 12, February 9
6 – 7 pm
Stop by Studio 270 for a slice of pizza and join in on the conversation about books we are currently reading.
Family Programs

**Wonderful Ones**
9 – 23 months with parent
Mondays, January 4 – February 22
Session I: 9:15 am
Session II: 10 am
Registration required for each session.
15 minutes of short stories, fingerplays, rhymes and music followed by a short playtime.

**Rakow Rooks**
Chess Club
Grades 3 to 8**
Tuesdays,
January 5, 12, 19, 26
February 2, 9, 16, 23
4:30 – 5:30 pm
Registration required.
Kids are invited to hone their chess skills. Beginners are welcome. Intermediate or advanced players can play opponents or work on chess puzzles. Chess sets available or bring your own.

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9 – 23 months with parent
Mondays, January 4 – February 22
Session I: 9:15 am
Session II: 10 am
Registration required for each session.
15 minutes of short stories, fingerplays, rhymes and music followed by a short playtime.

**Snow Play Day**
Saturday, January 9
1 – 3 pm Drop in.
We will be celebrating snow (whether we have any outside or not)! Make a snowman, play with indoor snow, cut out snowflakes, and watch a winter wonderland mural be painted.

**Rakow Read to Rover**
School-age kids
Saturdays, January 23, February 27
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.

**Music in the Stacks:**
Thesix Chamber Ensemble
Families
Sunday, January 10
2 – 3 pm No registration.
Celebrate Mozart’s 260th Birthday with Thesix Chamber Ensemble and listen to the diversity and richness of chamber music. Birthday cake included!

**No School Day Special – I Have a Dream**
Monday, January 18
10 am – 7 pm Drop in.
Celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s birthday and learn about his dreams of equality. Make a collage, write some new year’s resolutions, or capture your dreams of a peaceful future on video. If you are 18 or older, bring two forms of ID and register to vote!

**Appy Hour**
Families
Fridays, January 29, February 26
4 pm No Registration.
Discover a new fun APP the whole family can enjoy. Bring your smartphone or tablet. FREE gift for each participating family.

**Mardi Gras Family Fun**
Families
Sunday, February 7
2 pm Registration required.
No need to buy beads or take the family to New Orleans. Revel right here at the Rakow Branch! Listen to jazz music, learn about Mardi Gras, design a mask or decorate a shoebox-sized float. Can’t make the date? Ask for a take-out box - quantities are limited.

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Rakow Branch

**MOON GAZING**

All ages* (under 6 may not be able to use the telescope)
- Tuesday, January 19
- Monday, February 22
6:30 – 7:30 pm
Come look at the sky with our telescope. We'll monitor the Moon, ponder the planets, and if the light pollution isn't too bad, we'll look at how different stars are actually different colors. All ages are welcome to drop by.

**eBay Basics**
- Thursday, January 14  6:30 pm
- Registration required.
eBay is one of the world's largest online marketplaces for new and used merchandise, collectibles and other hard-to-find items. Learn how it works and how to pay for your purchases with PayPal in this fun-filled class!

**Selling on eBay**
- Thursday, February 11  6:30 pm
- Registration required.
Learn how to earn extra cash, navigate eBay’s rules, create an auction, employ selling strategies and earn a seller rating to boost future business.

**Leap Day Celebration**
- Monday, February 29
4 – 5 pm
Hop into the library for a celebration that happens only once every four years. There will be games and activities that will get you jumping and LEAPING!

**Adult Programs**

**Device Advice**
- Adults
- Thursdays,
  - January 7, 21, February 4, 18
  - 9:30 – 11:30 am
- No Registration.
Drop by the Rakow Branch for hands-on learning. You are welcome to bring your own devices.

**NOVELS @ NIGHT**

6:30 – 7:30 pm
- Shales Living Room
- No registration.
- Thursday, January 21
  - The Girl on the Train by Paula Hawkins
- Thursday, February 18
  - We Are Not Ourselves by Matthew Thomas

**Rakow Readers**
- 1:30 – 2:30 pm
- Shales Living Room
- No registration.
- Monday, January 25
  - The Girl on the Train by Paula Hawkins
- Monday, February 22
  - We Are Not Ourselves by Matthew Thomas

**Armchair Generals Simulcast**
- Streaming live from Main Library
- Tuesday, January 12, February 9
- January 12
  - Who the Heck is Abner Doubleday? Baseball and the Civil War
  - Professor Bruce Allardice shares a look at the "National Pastime" and how it was played during the Civil War. Professor Allardice will also share some information about early Elgin baseball.

**Mary Todd and the Spiritualist Movement** by Michael Murschel
- Tuesday, February 9
- Meadows Community Rooms A&B
Learn how a desecrated grave in Sycamore led to Bellevue Place where Mary Todd Lincoln was committed for insanity.

**Coffee, Conversation and More!**
- Adults
- Thursdays,
  - January 14, 28
  - February 11, 25
  - 9:30 – 11 am
- Shales Living Room
Informal discussions on topics for people old enough to have a past.
- January 14 – Favorite Golden Books from long ago.
- January 28 – Reminiscing – A fun game that will bring back great memories.
- February 11 – Visit with comfort dogs and share stories about your beloved pets.
- February 25 – Share memories of your first set of wheels.

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- Online at gailborden.info/register
- Call 847-429-4597
- In person at Registration Desk

www.gailborden.info
This series is designed to help people spark their imaginations, ignite their creativity and bring their innovations to life!

Creative Aging
For All ages
Saturday, January 30  1:30 – 3:30 pm
Meadows Community Rooms
Recent studies have shown creativity expressed through social relationships, the arts and movement in our daily lives can have a positive impact on our outlook, physical fitness and cognitive health. Join our experts for this interactive presentation and hands-on workshop! Speakers:
Danae Molitor, Certified Personal Trainer/Group Fitness, Yoga and Pilates and “Senior Fit” Instructor
Isie Brindley, Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor/Certified Color Analyst
Jamie Farias, MEd, Certified Dementia Specialist from LifeStyle Options

Medieval Graffiti: Yourself in Symbols
Thursday, February 25  6:30 – 8:30 pm
Meadows Community Rooms
Crystal Hollis takes us on a journey through medieval graffiti to help us create our own unique household, personal and legacy symbols. This interactive, creative program is limited to 60 teen and adult participants. Please register.

Mark Your Calendars Now
Create, Innovate, Ignite Summit
Wednesday, March 2
Elgin Community College, Business Conference Center
Designed to bring together thought leaders and decision-makers from different fields to discuss the economic, social and cultural impact of creativity and innovation on our region and develop strategies for supporting its growth.

Brown Bag Lunch Classic Films
Mondays  11 am – 1 pm
Meadows Community Rooms A&B
Coffee will be served.
No registration.
January 11    Suspicion  (1941, NR)
February 8    Father of the Bride  (1950, NR)

REEL WOMEN FOR REAL WOMEN
Tuesdays  6 pm
January 26    Beasts of the Southern Wild  (2012, PG-13)
Meadows Community Rooms A&B
February 23    Selma  (2014, PG-13)
Meadows Community Rooms A&B
Co-sponsored by the AAUW Elgin Area Branch. A film and discussion focused on women’s issues. No registration.
Sunday Afternoon Concert Series
The one-hour performances begin at 2 pm in the Meadows Community Rooms. Meet the artists and enjoy refreshments after each concert. Free tickets will be available at the Main Library and Rakow Branch three weeks prior to each concert.

Dr. William Gorton, Tenor  
Sunday, January 24
Tenor William Gorton of Millikin University, accompanied by Dr. Bruce Gibbons, will present “Heart and Soul: An Artist’s Journey.” This art song recital will feature works by Schubert, Rachmaninov, Duparc, and Gorton, among others.

BMR4, Jazz  
Sunday, February 21
The BMR4 is a Chicago jazz quartet that features some of the best players in the city, including members of the Buddy Guy, Lonnie Brooks, and Patricia Barber bands. Their music has been played on over 200 radio stations, performed on national television and received critical acclaim from all the major jazz publications. Expect an eclectic selection of songs ranging from the jazz, R&B, blues, and pop realms with upbeat, straight-ahead jazz with soul!

Elgin Symphony Orchestra Listeners Club  
Wednesdays, January 6, 27  1 - 3 pm  Meadows Community Rooms
This free, interactive lecture/discussion series led by Jim Kendros meets before the ESO’s Classics Masterworks performances to 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 at www.elginsymphony.org, or call 847-888-0404 ext. 238 to reserve your seat.

Oh Freedom! Songs of the Civil Rights Movement  
Sunday, January 17
2:30 – 3:30 pm  Meadows Community Rooms
The Civil Rights Movement was one of the greatest singing movements that this country has experienced. Music played a vital role, both as a rallying point and as a way to spread the message. Award-winning Illinois folksinger Chris Vallillo performs pivotal songs that inspired this landmark movement, presents first-hand accounts of the historic struggle and discusses the impact of music on our nation. This event is being produced in part by Illinois Humanities Road Scholars Speakers Bureau. Please register.
Reduce Your Energy Bill  
**Sunday, January 10**  
2 – 3:30 pm  
Elgin Room  
Laran Corie, teacher, lecturer, writer, consultant and designer of energy efficient and solar heated homes, will discuss economical ways of reducing your home energy costs and will include strategies that produce savings for energy improvements. Bring your questions.  
Please register.  
Co-sponsored by Valley of the Fox Sierra Club, Elgin Green Groups 350, Schweitzer Environmental Center, Fox Valley Citizens for Peace and Justice, 350 Kishwaukee, and Friends of the Fox River.

Nickel And Dimed: On (Not) Getting By In America Special Book Discussion  
**Thursday, January 21**  
7 – 8:30 pm  
Elgin Room  
Author Barbara Ehrenreich went undercover as a minimum wage worker living on the poverty line, detailing her shocking experiences in *Nickel And Dimed: On (Not) Getting By In America*. Join Librarian Tish Calhamer for a special discussion of this now-classic exposé of how the underclass lives.  
Please register.  
Co-sponsored by Women On The Brink and the Elgin Area Branch of the AAUW.

Postpone Procrastination Now  
**Tuesday, January 12**  
7 – 8:30 pm  
Elgin Room  
Don’t waste your most valuable resource, time. This interactive workshop will help you identify and remove the causes of procrastination and focus on important and productive activities . . . guilt free!  
Presented by Tom Wendt, Certified DreamBuilder Coach.  
Please register.

Elgin Literary Festival: Young Author’s Afternoon  
**Friday, January 29**  
3 – 4:15 pm  
Meadows Community Rooms  
Are there any budding young authors in your family? Hear Elgin-area celebrities read stories written by local children, enjoy crafts, activities, and refreshments all guaranteed to spark the love of reading and writing in your family’s youngsters. Most appropriate for elementary grades, but open to everyone.  
Please register.

Downton’s Done Pity Party  
**Saturday, February 27**  
2 – 4 pm  
Meadows Community Rooms  
Devastated and distraught that *Downton Abbey* is ending? Join fellow fans for an afternoon of sobbing into embroidered handkerchiefs, viewing favorite scenes, answering trivia questions, posing for a photo with cast and castle, sharing your memorabilia at the show-and-tell table, and comforting yourself with light refreshments. Costumes are strongly encouraged.  
Please register.

FAN Club: Favorite Authors Now!  
Join the FAN Club and have holds placed automatically on your Favorite Authors Now! Exciting news: we now offer the FAN Club in LARGE TYPE, and authors such C.J. Box, Daniel Silva, and more. Pick up a form at the library, or fill one out online at: http://bit.ly/1FFLTa5.

Thank You to volunteers for helping make this event a success:

- Elissa Kojzarek
- Jason Pawlowski
- Martha Jernberg
- Jocobeth Silvey
- Christina Pearson
- Michael Gilman
- Debbie Bryant
- Matt Hoffman
- Melinda Hajorja
- Emily Tyler
- Jen Crazythunder
- Cory Bray
- St. Edward High School art students
- Get Fresh Produce
- Elgin High School Culinary students
- Elgin Youth Leadership Academy

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Other Changes:
Number of Reserves per Person: 40
Number of Days Reserves Held: 3
Maximum Amount of Fines Changed for Any Item: $5

Financial

Basic Budgeting: Tools and Techniques
Thursday, February 11  7 – 8:30 pm
Elgin Room
This Basic Budgeting workshop, facilitated by Ed Beckstrom, Ed.D., National Certified Financial Professional for the not-for-profit Consumer Credit Counseling Service (CCCS) of Northern Illinois, will assist you in controlling your budget and finances. Please register.

Buying and Selling Real Estate
Thursday, February 18  7 – 8:30 pm
South Elgin Room
Explore options for buying, selling, financing or refinancing your home. Panelists are Marie DeMaria, Real Estate Broker from Your Choice Real Estate Services, Attorney Hal Stinespring, Steve Levin, 1st Advantage Lender, and Andrew Cosentino, Insurance Agent with ADH Insurance. Bring your questions. Please register.

Listen Learn and Lead Toastmasters Club
Second and fourth Thursdays  Noon – 1 pm
South Elgin Room
Become the speaker and leader you want to be. No registration.

F-ED Talks
(Food Education Talks)
Thursday, February 4  7 – 8 pm
Meadows Community Room A
Hear three powerful 15-minute talks by local folks that will change your outlook on food, local food systems, and the sustainability and health of our food supply. Sponsored by Shared Harvest, the Food Cooperative dedicated to educate the community about food and what it means to our own health and economic wellness. Healthy snacks provided.
Job Search and Resume Help
Tuesdays
1–4:30 pm
Thursdays
9:30 am – 1 pm
Computer Training Room
Drop in for one-on-one assistance with your job search. Receive help with your resume, cover letter, completing online applications and more. For more information contact the Kane County Workforce Development Division at 630-966-1435.

Job Training Information Session
Wednesdays
9 – 10:30 am
Location varies
Training grants are available to help you get a job! Learn about the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) services and the application process. Attendance at each session is required. This program is in partnership with the Kane County Workforce Development Division. For more information please call 630-966-1435.

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We Need Your Books!
Book, movie and CD donations for Gail’s Sales can be dropped off in the donation bin located at the north side of the Main Library.

Representative Anna Moeller’s Citizen’s Utility Board
Monday, January 25
5:30 – 7:30 pm
Elgin Room
This clinic held by Citizen’s Utility Board (CUB) will explain unclear charges on gas, electric and phone bills and provide tips on saving money on future bills. No registration.

Veterans Information Networking Session: Veterans History Project with the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C.
Are you a veteran now residing in the Gail Borden Public Library District? Would you like to share your story and have it archived in the Library of Congress digital collection? Unity Hospice of Skokie has partnered with Gail Borden Public Library to video record interviews of community veterans. Recording appointments are Tuesdays in January and February at 1 pm and 3:15 pm at the Rakow Branch. Sign up by January 20 for a February interview by contacting Tracey at tdegnan@gailborden.info or 847-289-5848.

The Pigeons That Went to War
Tuesday, January 19
7 – 8:30 pm
Meadows Community Rooms A&B
World War II veteran Ed Schmidt spent 5 years raising and training homing pigeons for combat. He’ll talk about the relationships between pigeoneers and their birds and “G.I. Joe,” the most outstanding military pigeon in history.

How Livable is Elgin?
Tuesday, February 16
7 – 8:30 pm
Meadows Community Rooms A&B
The Livability Index, a new tool developed by AARP, quantifies the degree to which our community meets people’s needs. Learn and discuss just how livable Elgin is.

Sponsored in collaboration with the Elgin Community Network and ECCO. No registration.
Contemporary Fiction
Book Group
Meet at 7 pm in the South Elgin Room. For more information, contact Tish at 847-289-5838.

January 20 – The Girl on the Train
by Paula Hawkins
February 17 – We Are Not Ourselves
by Matthew Thomas

Walking Book Club
Join us for a 45-minute walk followed by a 45-minute book discussion every Wednesday evening at 7 pm. In winter we walk and talk at the Centre of Elgin. Contact Nancy at 847-288-5840 for more information.

January - The Girl on the Train
by Paula Hawkins
February – We Are Not Ourselves
by Matthew Thomas

Poetry Writers Workshop
Mondays, January 4, February 1
6:30 – 8:30 pm
Conference Room
Come share your love of poetry! This is a group for local poets to share what they have written. Gareth Mann Sitz, poet and songwriter, will facilitate. No registration.

Spanish Conversation Group
Second Mondays,
January 11, February 8
Noon – 1 pm
Conference Room
Join this drop-in group to practice your Spanish, learn new vocabulary and put your listening skills to the test.
No registration.

French
Mondays,
January 18
February 15
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
Thursdays,
January 28
February 25
7 – 8:30 pm
South Elgin Room
The group is led by John Schwartz, who has lived and traveled in Germany and taught German. John will present articles and videos to be discussed auf Deutsch. No registration.

Great Books Discussion Group
Meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at 6:55 pm in the Conference Room. For more information, call Jeanne Hebeisen at 847-741-6264. Co-sponsored by the American Association of University Women Elgin Branch.

January 11 – Revelation
by Flannery O’Connor (short story)
February 8 – A Room of One’s Own
by Virginia Woolf (essay)

Who the Heck is Abner Doubleday?
Baseball and the Civil War
This is a special meeting of Armchair Generals and will be streamed live to Rakow Branch Shales Livingroom. Professor Bruce Allardice takes a sometimes serious, sometimes humorous look at the “National Pastime” and how it was played during the Civil War. He will also present information about early Elgin baseball.

Civil War author, lecturer and professor Bruce Allardice leads the Civil War Baseball Subcommittee of the Society of American Baseball Research (SABR), specializing in biography of 19th century ballplayers. He is a former president of the Northern Illinois Civil War Roundtable and teaches at South Suburban College in South Holland, Illinois.

Mary Todd and the Spiritualist Movement
by Michael Murschel
Tuesday, February 9
Meadows Community Rooms A&B
Learn how a desecrated grave in Sycamore led to Bellevue Place where Mary Todd Lincoln was committed for insanity.
Technology classes are open to all library district residents and require proficiency with a keyboard and mouse unless otherwise noted. Classes are held in the Computer Training Room unless otherwise specified. Registration is required and opens two weeks prior to the class date for single classes and two weeks prior to the first scheduled class date for those in a series. Register online at gailborden.info/register, by phone 847-429-4597 or in person at the Registration Desk.

**Basics**

- **Windows 10 Basics**
  - Wednesday, January 13  7 – 8:30 pm

- **File Management Basics**
  - Wednesday, January 20  7 – 8:30 pm

- **Keyboard & Mouse Basics**
  - Class 1 of 4
    - Tuesday, January 19  11am – 12:30 pm

- **Computer Basics**
  - Class 2 of 4
    - Tuesday, January 26  11 am – 12:30 pm

- **Internet Basics**
  - Class 3 of 4
    - Tuesday, February 2  11 am – 12:30 pm

- **Email Basics**
  - Class 4 of 4
    - Tuesday, February 9  11 am – 12:30 pm

**Job & Career**

- **Resume Basics**
  - Tuesday, January 12  7 – 8:30 pm

- **Customizing Your Resume**
  - Part 1
    - Tuesday, January 19  7 – 8:30 pm
    - Please register for both sessions.

  - Part 2
    - Tuesday, January 26  7 – 8:30 pm
    - Please register for both sessions.

- **Resume Open Lab**
  - Tuesday, February 2  7 – 8:30 pm

- **Finding Jobs Online**
  - Tuesday, February 9  7 – 8:30 pm

- **Applying for Jobs Online**
  - Tuesday, February 16  7 – 8:30 pm

**Software & Apps**

- **Microsoft Excel 2013: Basics**
  - Wednesday, February 17  7 – 8:30 pm

- **Microsoft Excel 2013: Charts & Graphs**
  - Wednesday, February 24  7 – 8:30 pm

- **Microsoft Excel 2013: Advanced Topics**
  - Wednesday, March 2  7 – 8:30 pm

- **Microsoft Excel 2013: Formulas & Functions**
  - Wednesday, February 17  7 – 8:30 pm

- **Microsoft Excel 2013: Working with Tables**
  - Wednesday, February 24  7 – 8:30 pm

- **Microsoft Tools**

  - **Microsoft Excel 2013: Basics**
    - Wednesday, February 3  7 – 8:30 pm

  - **Microsoft Excel 2013: Charts & Graphs**
    - Wednesday, February 10  7 – 8:30 pm

- **QuickBooks Basics**
  - Class 1 of 6.
    - Monday, January 18  7 – 8:30 pm

- **Getting Started with QuickBooks**
  - Class 2 of 6.
    - Monday, January 25  7 – 8:30 pm

- **QuickBooks: Working with Items**
  - Class 3 of 6.
    - Monday, February 1  7 – 8:30 pm

- **QuickBooks: All About Customers**
  - Class 4 of 6.
    - Monday, February 8  7 – 8:30 pm

- **QuickBooks: All About Vendors**
  - Class 5 of 6.
    - Monday, February 15  7 – 8:30 pm

- **QuickBooks: Wrap Up & Reports**
  - Class 6 of 6.
    - Monday, February 22  7 – 8:30 pm
Software & Apps continued

Intro to Google Tools
Thursday, January 21 7 – 8:30 pm
Google Tools for Communication
Thursday, January 28 7 – 8:30 pm
Google Tools for Collaboration
Thursday, February 4 7 – 8:30 pm
Google Tools for Productivity
Thursday, February 11 7 – 8:30 pm
Google Tools for Creativity
Thursday, February 18 7 – 8:30 pm

For Seniors

Which Tablet is Right for Me?
Wednesday, January 20 1 – 2:30 pm
Getting Started with Your Tablet for Seniors
Wednesday, January 27 1 – 2:30 pm
Tablet Apps for Seniors
Wednesday, February 3 1 – 2:30 pm
Free Entertainment Apps from Your Library
Wednesday, February 10 1 – 2:30 pm

WordPress
Discover how WordPress can help you code and build your own website or blog in this class series for ages 14+

WordPress Basics
Class 1 of 5.
Saturday, January 16 10 – 11:30 am
Getting Started with WordPress
Class 2 of 5.
Saturday, January 23 10 – 11:30 am
Configuring Options in WordPress
Class 3 of 5.
Saturday, January 30 10 – 11:30 am
Maintaining Your WordPress Website
Class 4 of 5.
Saturday, February 6 10 – 11:30 am
Hosting Your WordPress Website
Class 5 of 5.
Saturday, February 13 10 – 11:30 am

Device Advice
Thursdays,
January 14 & 28, February 11 & 25
9:30 – 11:30 am
Come by Studio 270 for one-on-one help with your device or computer along with a hot cup of coffee or tea. No registration.

Spanish
Programas en español

Introducción a la Computación
(Introduction to Computers)
donmigo 17 de enero 2 – 3:30 pm
Windows 7
donmigo 24 de enero 2 – 3:30 pm
Explorar Internet
(Exploring the Internet)
donmigo 31 de enero 2 – 3:30 pm
Conceptos básicos de correo electrónico
(Email Basics)
donmigo 7 de febrero 2 – 3:30 pm
Introducción a las Tabletas
donmigo 21 de febrero 2 – 3:30 pm

Clases de Tecnología
Tecnología clases están abiertas a todos los residentes del distrito de la biblioteca y requieren habilidad con el teclado y el ratón a menos que se indique lo contrario. Es necesario registrarse y abre dos semanas antes de la fecha de la clase programada. Regístrate en línea en gailborden.info/register, por teléfono (847)429-4597 o en persona en la mesa de inscripción.
Citizenship Conversation Group  
First and third Thursdays  
6:30 – 7:30 pm  
January 7, 21, February 4  
Meadows Community Room C

Planning on taking the naturalization/citizenship test? Review and practice the spoken English you will need for the interview and the 100 questions from the history/civics test. Led by a tutor and open to all. Presented by The Literacy Connection. No registration.

English Conversation Group  
Tuesdays  6:30 – 7:30 pm  
2nd Floor Conference Room  
Practice everyday conversations in English, improve your pronunciation and gain confidence with a tutor from the Literacy Connection. No registration.

Go Bilingual Class  
Wednesdays  6 – 7 pm  
Come and experience the warmth and cultural interaction of learning a new language alongside a native speaker. The class is taught by Betty Martinez. No registration.

Clase Futuros Bilingües  
Todos los miércoles  6 – 7 pm  
Ven y disfruta un ambiente acogedor al aprender el inglés y español con otras personas que lo hablan como primer idioma. La maestra Betty Martinez conduce las clases. No hace falta inscribirse.

Celebración de los Reyes  
sábado 2 de enero  2 – 5 pm  
¡Se acerca el Día de los Reyes y los Reyes nos vienen a visitar! Tómate una foto con Gaspar, Melchor y Baltasar. ¡Quédate para cuentos, manualidades y más! En asociación con la Organización de México en Elgin (OME). No hace falta inscribirse.

Feria de Autores  
Si eres un autor publicado y estás interesado en ser considerado para ser parte de una feria de autores el domingo 17 de abril, por favor comunícate con Stacy a smichel@gailborden.info o Tish to tcalhamer@gailborden.info. 

Upcoming Author’s Fair  
If you’re a published author interested in being considered for an upcoming Author’s Fair on Sunday, April 17, please contact Stacy at smichel@gailborden.info or Tish at tcalhamer@gailborden.info.

New Library loan and fees Information  
See page 13 for more information.  
Nueva información sobre los periodos de préstamos y cargos de la biblioteca. Consulte la página 13 para más información.
FAFSA Assistance at the Library
Sunday, February 7  1 – 3 pm
Computer Training Room
FAFSA assistance for high school seniors and their parents. The FAFSA application should be completed by all high school seniors to qualify for college financial aid. Librarian Melissa Lane is state certified through the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to provide assistance. Contact Melissa at mlane@gailborden.info or at 847-289-5837, to ensure that you have everything you need to complete the process.

¡Asistencia con FAFSA en la Biblioteca!
domingo 7 de febrero  1 – 3 pm
Salón de Entrenamiento de Computación
La bibliotecaria Melissa Lane ofrecerá asistencia con FAFSA a estudiantes en su último año de secundaria y sus padres. La aplicación FAFSA debe ser completada por los estudiantes en su último año de secundaria para recibir ayuda financiera de la universidad. Melissa Lane está certificada por la Comisión de Asistencia Estudiantil de Illinois. Comunícate con Melissa Lane escribiéndole a mlane@gailborden.info o llamándola al 847-289-5837 para más información.

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Información Sobre los Impuestos
La ubicación en Elgin para los servicios de preparación de impuestos del Centro para el Progreso Económico se ha movido y no tendrá lugar en la Biblioteca Pública Gail Borden. Para más detalles de ubicación y los horarios de preparación, por favor visite su sitio web www.economicprogress.org o llame al 312-252-0280.

Tus Finanzas/Your Finances
Tips to Prepare your Income Tax
Thursday, January 7  10 – 11 am
Meadows Community Room B
A Two Rivers Head Start Parenting program open to all. This program is presented in English and Spanish. No registration.

Consejos para Preparar tus Impuestos
jueves 7 de enero  10 – 11 am
Salón de la Comunidad Meadows B
Este programa está proporcionado por Two Rivers Head Start. Todos son bienvenidos. Este programa será presentado en inglés y español. No hace falta inscribirse.

Basic Budgeting:
Tools and Techniques
Thursday, February 11  7 – 8:30 pm
Elgin Room
This Basic Budgeting workshop is facilitated by Ed Beckstrom, Ed.D., National Certified Financial Professional for the not-for-profit Consumer Credit Counseling Service (CCCS) of Northern Illinois, and designed to assist you in controlling your budget and finances. Please register.

Herramientas y Técnicas de Presupuestos Básicos
jueves 11 de febrero  7 – 8:30 pm
Salón South Elgin
Esta presentación le proveerá con herramientas y técnicas que puede utilizar para establecer un presupuesto básico y controlar sus finanzas. Será facilitado por Richard Almeida, Consejero Financiero Nacionalmente Certificado para Consumer Credit Counseling Service (CCCS) del Norte de Illinois, y diseñado para ayudarlo a controlar su presupuesto y finanzas. Favor de inscribirse.

Bienestar Familiar
Family Wellbeing
¡A Bailar! Merengue
Thursday, January 14  7 – 8 pm
Meadows Community Rooms A&B
¡A Bailar! Cumbia
Tuesday, February 9  7 – 8 pm
Meadows Community Rooms A&B
Instructor Celia Cruz will get your heart beating and your hips swaying in this fun class for all ages! No registration.

¡A Bailar! Merengue
jueves 14 de enero  7 – 8 pm
Salones de la Comunidad Meadows A y B
¡A Bailar! Cumbia
martes 9 de febrero  7 – 8 pm
Salones de la Comunidad Meadows A y B
Prepara tus zapatos para lecciones de baile. No requiere experiencia previa, todo tipo de nivel y edad es bienvenido. No hace falta inscribirse.

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Yoga Fácil
Thursday, February 4  7 – 8 pm
Meadows Community Rooms B&C
Thursday, February 18  7 – 8 pm
Meadows Community Room C
Estira tu cuerpo, alivia las tensiones y calma tu mente durante esta hora de yoga con Pita Betancourt. Presentado en español. No hace falta inscribirse.

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**Main Library and Rakow Branch will be closed:**

**New Year’s Day, January 1, 2016**

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  270 N. Grove Ave.
  
  Elgin, Illinois 60120
  
  847-742-2411

- **Rakow Branch**
  
  2751 W. Bowes Rd.
  
  Elgin, Illinois 60124
  
  847-531-7271

**MAIN LIBRARY HOURS**

- Monday - Thursday: 9 am - 9 pm
- Friday - Saturday: 9 am - 6 pm
- Sunday: Noon - 5 pm

**RAKOW BRANCH HOURS**

- Monday - Thursday: 9 am - 8 pm
- Friday - Saturday: 9 am - 5 pm
- Sunday: Noon - 5 pm

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**Register to vote!**

Voting is one of the most important rights citizens have. Avoid long lines and register to vote before the March 15 primary election at the Main Library’s Registration Desk!

**¡Regístrese para votar!**

El poder votar es uno de los derechos más importantes que tiene un ciudadano. ¡Evite largas filas antes de la primaria del 15 de marzo: regístrese para votar en el escritorio de inscripción de la Biblioteca! Trae dos formas de identificación—one must include your name and current address, and one must include a photo of yourself. Note: you’ll need to re-register if you have moved or changed your name since the last election.

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**Tattered Covers and All-Night Reads: The Great Children’s Books Our Parents Loved**

Through January 31

Explore the books and characters that have taken generations on adventures from the Wild West with Daniel Boone to mysteries with The Hardy Boys and Nancy Drew. Visit some old friends like Curious George, Anne of Green Gables, Winnie the Pooh and Lassie. This exhibit highlights 75 iconic books, memorabilia, radio broadcasts and vintage film clips from Kukla, Fran and Ollie and Romper Room. Thank you to Hratch Basmadjian of the Holiday Inn and Suites for your support of Tattered Covers.

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**Programas en Español**

**These Gail Borden Public Library employees were recognized at Staff In-Service Day. They represent over 390 years of dedicated service to this library community. Thank you.**

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**Catch up on Gail Borden Public Library events and programs on Elgin Channel 17:**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 11 am - noon, and seven days a week from 5 - 6 pm.

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