Discover™ SPACE: A Cosmic Journey

April 15 – July 5  Main Library

Join the exciting journey through space and discover where we are in the cosmos. This free exhibit for future astronauts and families offers hands-on activities:

- Solar System Weather Report Station
- Discover Space Quiz Show
- Mission to Mars Kiosk
- Meteorite displays, space rocks kiosk and more!

Discover Space: A Cosmic Journey Exhibit Opening

with John Palmer, Props and Special Effects Film Expert

Friday, April 15  4 – 5 pm  Please register.

John Palmer will talk about his extraordinary special effects, props and set designs for space-related movies such as the award-winning film *Apollo 13* as well as *Deep Impact, Space Cowboys* and *Apollo 18*. He is Director of Special Projects for Global Effects, which creates props, costumes, armor, miniatures, sets, creatures and makeup effects for TV, movies and museums.

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We will know which stars to visit . . . Carl Sagan

Sean Edwards, 19, and Avery Ideran, 17, participated in the library’s 2007 program in which elementary students talked to an astronaut aboard the ISS. Sean is a freshman at the University of Chicago while Avery is a senior at South Elgin High School and will graduate in May. They look forward to the future and cheering on this year’s students experiencing the wonder of space.

Live Video Chat with an Astronaut Aboard the International Space Station

Thursday, June 30

Elgin area students will be talking live to an ISS astronaut, Kathleen Rubins, Ph.D., as well as Elgin Native and NASA Lead Capcom Hal Getzelman. Watch for more information in the May/June Discover Gail Borden Library Newsletter. This event will stream live on NASA Television.
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.

Main Library
- Friday, March 18: 11 am & 1 pm
- Saturday, March 19: 10:30 am & 11:30 am
- Friday, April 8: 11 am & 1 pm
- Saturday, April 9: 10:30 am & 11:30 am

Rakow Branch
- Saturdays, March 5, April 2: 1 – 3 pm (Drop in)

Registration preferred.

Family Fun: Outer Space Science
All ages*
Wednesday, April 27: 6:30 – 8 pm
Meadows Community Rooms
No registration.
Drop in to map the stars, make a glittering constellation, hop to the planets, navigate a rover, create a crater, and more hands-on outer space fun!
Sponsored by the Discovery Center Museum.
Watch for the 2016 Summer Reading Challenge - Mission: Read/Misión: Leer coming in May!

Movie Poster Exhibition
Saturdays, March 5, April 2
10 am – 4 pm
Youth Hallway
No registration.
Enjoy movie posters from popular children’s films on display. Take a short family quiz and be entered for a chance to win a prize.

Preschool and Kindergarten Educators Workshop
Creative Implementation of Math and Science in Early Childhood Settings
Thursday, March 10: 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Meadows Community Rooms
Registration required.
Learn the importance of math and science experiences in early childhood environments, how to implement the Illinois Early Learning Standards and how to extend meaningful learning experiences. This workshop is designed for Early Childhood Professionals who work with children ages birth to five. Presented by U-46 Give Me Five! Community Liaisons Amber Peters, Alexandra Schaefer and Tiffany Trewartha. NOTE: This is Gateways approved.

Macaroni Soup!
Wednesday, April 6: 10 – 10:45 am
Meadows Community Rooms
A sing-along, do-along, dance-along family concert! Come sing, dance, and learn through music and movement with Miss Carole and Clarence!

Baby Fest: A Week-long Celebration!
New and expectant parents
Saturday, April 9: 10 am – 1 pm
Monday, April 4 – Friday, April 8: Check www.gailborden.info/babyfest for details
Saturday April 9: 10 am – 1 pm
Throughout the library
Stop by or “stroller” in to receive the latest baby information in the area, featuring health and wellness resources, community services, vendors and more.

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

*Children younger than 8 must be accompanied by an adult.
* Los niños menores de 8 años deben estar acompañados por un adulto.
**Special Events**

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**St. Patrick’s Day Crafts**
Grades 1 & Up*
Tuesday, March 15  2 – 3 pm  Story Room South
Registration required.
Celebrate the luck of the Irish with fun springtime crafts.

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**Minecraft Party**
Grades 1 & Up*
Friday, March 25  2 – 3:30 pm  Meadows Community Rooms
No registration.
Take a break from playing Minecraft to party with other Minecraft enthusiasts! Enjoy crafts, activities, and an exciting photo opportunity.

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**Games and Gadgets**
Grades 1 & Up*
Thursday, March 31  2 – 3 pm  Story Room South
No registration.
Drop in for some family free play! An assortment of board games, chess, Legos, Wii video games, or iPads will be available.

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**Healthy Kids Family Health Fair**
Families
Monday, March 28  1 – 3 pm  Meadows Community Rooms
No registration.
Interested in discovering ways your family can stay active and healthy? This is your opportunity to meet with Elgin-area organizations that have information, classes and fun for the whole family.

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**Ken Schultz “The Flying Fool”**
All ages*
Tuesday, March 29  11 – 11:45 am  Meadows Community Rooms
No registration.
Join us for this action-packed performance including juggling and balancing feats with a dash of comedy.

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**April Fool’s Day Scavenger Hunt**
Grades 1 & Up*
Friday, April 1  All day  Youth Center
No registration.
Stop by the Youth Help Desk to receive a list of foolish riddles. Search high and low in the Youth Center for the solutions and then spin the wheel to reveal your prize!

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**Kahoot!**
Grades 3 & Up
Wednesday, March 30  2 – 3 pm  Computer Training Room
Registration required.
How much crazy trivia do you really know? Join us for Kahoot! and find out!

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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!

The Gaming Event
Grades 3 & Up
Mondays, March 7, April 4 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’ll teach you to play! Bring your cards to play or trade.

Minecraft for Grades 3 – 5
Wednesdays,
March 9, April 13 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.

Build It Up! with LEGO®
Grades 1 & Up*
Wednesdays, March 16, April 20 4 – 5 pm
Storyroom South
No registration.
LEGO® building blocks will be provided for this fun-filled, creative building program.

Read to Rover
Elementary age students
Saturdays, March 12, April 9 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.
Read to Rover is also offered at the Rakow Branch
See page 8 for more details.

Sew Much Fun!
Grades 3 & Up
Mondays, March 21, April 18 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.

Games & Gadgets
Grades 1 & Up*
Saturdays, March 19, April 16 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.

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* Los niños menores de 8 años deben estar acompañados por un adulto.
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. Macaroni Soup takes the place of this program on April 6.

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
Mondays
6:30 – 7 pm
Meadows Community Rooms A & 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 Rooms
No registration.
Families who speak or are learning Spanish can enjoy stories, crafts and songs together at our Spanish-language storytime. This is 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 Rooms
No hace falta inscribirse.
¡30 minutos de cuentos, música, rimas, y más para el disfrute de toda la familia!

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• Online at gailborden.info/register
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Sensory Storytime
Children ages 4 – 8 and their families
Thursdays, April 7, 14, 21
6:30 – 7 pm
Meadows Community Room C
Registration required.
Have fun and make new friends during this special, small group program for children with developmental delays and sensory needs.

Pediatric Therapeutic Playgroup
Tuesdays
11 – 11:45 am
Story Room South
Registration required.
An inclusive playgroup for children who currently receive therapy services or may benefit from therapeutic play. For children ages birth to 5 with an adult. This unique playgroup offers opportunities for children to focus on “developmental” play while families meet and find support. Siblings welcome. Please contact the library if your child requires any special accommodations. Presenter: Emily Zegar, Licensed Speech and Language Pathologist, Elgin Pediatric Therapy.

Panera Milk & Cookie Storytime
Preschoolers
Tuesdays, January 12, 26 and February 9, 23
9:30 – 10 am
Panera Bread, 322 Randall Road, South Elgin
Registration required.
Enjoy stories read by a library staff member, followed by a milk and cookie snack, compliments of Panera.

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The Zone

Manga and Anime Club
Saturdays, March 19, April 23
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 – 12 are welcome. Bring a friend!

Creative Coloring
Wednesday, April 6
7 – 8 pm
No registration.
Join us for a relaxing hour of coloring! We’ll supply the colored pencils, markers, and awesome coloring pages – all you have to bring is your creativity.

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

ALL TEENS

CREATE A COMIC BOOK
Wednesdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23
7 – 8:30 pm
Community Rooms A & B
Writers and artists in grades 6–12 are invited to take part in this workshop and learn how to create a page for a comic book of your own. Writer Rich Perez, artist Ron Ong and inker Rage Ledbetter of Tango Comics will take you through the basics of comic book creation and you will create an entire page for your own comic book. Writers and artists of any level of experience are welcome to participate. If you choose, your finished product will be published in the summer edition of Gail Borden’s Teen Writing & Art Showcase booklet. Please note: attendance at all four sessions of this workshop is mandatory. Please register beginning Monday, February 8.

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: www.gailborden.info/teenwriting.

MANGA AND ANIME CLUB
Saturdays, March 19, April 23
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 – 12 are welcome. Bring a friend!
Teen Tech Week
Celebrate with the “Create it at Your Library” theme during YALSA’s Teen Tech Week March 6 –12. Stop by the library from 4 – 7 pm to mess around with MaKey MaKey kits, check out an iPad, design your own vinyl stickers, or take a tour of our Digital Media Lab.

Make Your Own Sushi
Tuesday, March 1
6 – 7 pm
Try your hand at rolling sushi! Chef Doug will be in Studio 270 showing teens how to make their own vegetarian sushi. This program is part of Activate Elgin’s March Into Health Kick-Off event. See insert for more information.

Inklings
Wednesdays, March 2, April 6
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.

Spring Break Movie Marathon
Monday, March 28
Noon – 9 pm
Looking for something to do while on break? Stop in to enjoy some popular flicks!

Art Journaling 101
Thursday, March 31
2 – 4 pm
Learn tips and tricks to take your journals from plain to works of art.

Teen Job Fair
Tuesday, April 26
6:30 – 8 pm
Looking for a summer job? Look no further than our Teen Job Fair to talk to local employers about available job openings and pick up tips and tricks to ace your application and interview.

Black Out Poetry
Friday, April 1
3 – 5 pm
Celebrate National Poetry month with your own Blackout Poetry or experiment with making your own poems using existing books, newspapers, and magazines.

Digital Media Lab
Teens can learn how to create and edit a professional audio recording, direct and edit a professional video, learn MIDI, and become a Photoshop pro.

Audio Lab
Monday, April 4
Wednesday, March 1
4 – 6 pm

Video Lab
Thursday, March 24, April 28
4 – 6 pm

MIDI Lab
Thursday, March 10, April 14
4 – 6 pm

Photoshop 101
Monday, March 14, Wednesday, April 20
4 – 6 pm

Digital Media Lab
The Gail Borden Public Library Digital Media Lab is now open to library card holders over the age of 18 during selected hours, by appointment only. The Digital Media Lab offers space, hardware and software for you to create your own video, music, photos and more. To make an appointment, call Studio 270 at 847-695-7577 or email studio270@gailborden.info.

Open Mic Night
Tuesdays, March 22, April 19
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.
Baby’s First Library Visit
For babies up to 6 months old and their parents
Saturdays, March 5, April 2 1 – 3 pm (Drop in)
Registration preferred.
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!

Itsy Bitsy Yoga
Babies birth – 12 months with parent
Tuesday, April 5 6 and 6:30 pm
Registration required.
Yoga postures designed to support baby’s development with calming ways to enhance bonding and improve baby’s sleep. No yoga experience required.

Fruits and Veggies to the Rescue
Families with children 5 – 10 years of age
Saturday, March 19 11 am – Noon
Registration required.
Inspiring kids to make healthier eating choices, one edible adventure at a time! Nina Vanderwiel brings her background in marketing and sales along with a passion for good nutrition.

Rakow Rooks Chess Club
Grades 3 to 8*
Tuesdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
April 5, 12, 19, 26 4:30 – 5:30 pm
Registration required.
Beginners are welcome. Intermediate or advanced players can play opponents or work on chess puzzles. Chess sets available or bring your own. *Children younger than 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Wonderful Ones
9 – 23 months with parent
Mondays, March 14, 21, 28
Mondays, April 4, 11, 18, 25
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 Read to Rover
Elementary age kids
Saturdays, March 26, April 23
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.

Fruits and Veggies to the Rescue
Families with children 5 – 10 years of age
Sunday, April 10 2 – 4 pm
Families
No registration.
Drop in to watch local window artist, Val Pieroni, paint a spring scene inspired by music presented by children of all ages.

Creativity Lab
Grades 1 and up
Wednesday, March 30
10:30 – 11:30 am (Drop In)
Art, tinkering activities and games will be available for creative play.

Attachment Parenting 101
Thursday, April 7 10 am
Shales Living Room
Registration required.
Hear the history of Attachment Parenting International, learn about the Eight Principles of Parenting and share in a group Q & A. Children and babies welcome. Sponsored by API of West Dundee and presented by Megan Bell, API Support Leader.

Spanish Storytime
Families
Thursdays, March 17, April 28
6:30 pm
No registration.
Families who speak or are learning Spanish can enjoy stories and songs with Ms. Madeleine.

Itsy Bitsy Yoga
Babies birth – 12 months with parent
Tuesday, April 5
6 and 6:30 pm
Registration required.
Yoga postures designed to support baby’s development with calming ways to enhance bonding and improve baby’s sleep. No yoga experience required.

Spring Break ROCKS!
Learn about all things that rock during Spring Break week! Each day kids can drop in to play, discover or create something new.
March 28 - Kahoot! Trivia, Rock, Pop and Roll
March 29 - Traveling Rock Show – Crystals, gems and fossils
March 30 - Rabbits Rock – Learn all about rabbits
March 31 - Make a Pet Rock and its house
April 1 - Lego’s Rock – Create your best design

Grades 1 – 5
March 28, 29, 30, 31 and April 1
1 – 2 pm (Drop in)
ADULT & FAMILY PROGRAMS

Rakow Readers
1:30 – 2:30 pm
Shales Living Room
No registration.
Monday, March 2
The Miniaturist by Jessie Burton

Monday, April 25
Mr. Owita’s Guide to Gardening
by Carol Wall

Postpone Procrastination Now!
Adults
Tuesday, March 8
6:30 – 7:30 pm
Shales Living Room
Registration required.
Tom Wendt, Certified DreamBuilder Coach, shares tools to help us remove the causes of procrastination, act on quality decisions, focus on productive activities and engage in activities you love … guilt free.

Coffee, Conversation and More!
Adults
Friday, March 11
7:30 am
Shales Living Room
Registration required.
Informal discussions on topics for people old enough to have a past.
March 11 – Grandpa Q plays his guitar and tells the backstory of some favorite folk tunes.
March 24 – Knit one purl two – bring knitting needles and share your latest project.
April 14 – Rumba, jitterbug or swing? Tell or demonstrate your favorite high school dances.
April 28 – Favorite vacations. Yes, we want to see your photos!

Jewelry Wire Work
Teens (age 16 and up) and adults
Saturday, March 12
1 – 3 pm
Registration required.
Join us for an afternoon of making fine jewelry using wirework techniques. Bring your own beads and wire or use our supplies.

ADULT & FAMILY PROGRAMS

Rakow Branch

NOVELS @ NIGHT

Families
No registration.
Come and look at the sky with our telescope. All ages are welcome to drop by.

Tuesday, March 15 6 – 7 pm
A half-moon will be encircled by seven bright stars forming what’s called the Winter Circle.

Monday, March 21 6:30 – 7:30 pm
A nearly full moon will be visible and will be at its closest to Jupiter.

Monday, April 18 6:30 – 7:30 pm
A nearly full moon. There’s a chance of looking at Jupiter as well.

Appy Hour
Families
April 18, April 29
4 pm
Registration required.
Stop by to discover a fun new APP the family can enjoy. Bring your smartphone or tablet. Free gift for each participating family.

Where Nature Comes Home
Adults
Sunday, March 20 2 – 3:30 pm
Shales Living Room
Registration required.
Dennis Paige, adjunct instructor with the Morton Arboretum and the Chicago Botanic Gardens, presents a highly informative program to those who wish to enhance the biodiversity of their homes.

Music in the Stacks:
Green Golly and Her Golden Flute
All ages welcome.
Best for children in grades 1 – 5.
Sunday, April 17 2 – 3 pm
No registration. Limited seating.

Parents’ Choice Gold Award Winning introduction to classical music uses musical storytelling and comedy to inspire imagination, creativity and positive self-expression. Juilliard trained flutist and educator Barbara Siesel is Green Golly and award winning actor-storyteller-songwriter Keith Torgan is everyone else!

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Family & Adult Programs

Create, Innovate, Ignite Summit
Wednesday, March 2  9 am – 3 pm
Elgin Community College,
Business Conference Center (Building E)
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. Keynote by Joan Parr from Creative Scotland (international creativity consultant). Space is limited. Make your reservation at DCatesSCORE@aol.com or call 847-697-0876. Summit ticket cost: $40.

The City Writes the Book:
The Path from Elgin to Historian
Thursday, March 3  7 – 8:30 pm
Elgin Room
Author Kate Brown grew up in Elgin in a time when the industrial midwestern economy was shrinking and factories were moving elsewhere. Brown studied communities in Russia, Kazakhstan, Ukraine and the American West that had also experienced hardship. She is the author of prize-winning books on zones contaminated with nuclear waste or communities depopulated from war and genocide. Please register.

Vivian Maier:
Out of the Shadows
Book Review
Sunday, March 20  2 – 3 pm
Meadows Community Rooms
Jenny Riddle will portray Chicago street photographer, Vivian Maier, the North Shore nanny whose remarkable photography has posthumously taken the world by storm. Jenny’s program, based on the extraordinary book, Vivian Maier: Out of the Shadows by Richard Cahan and Michael Williams, will reveal the details of this story of one woman's passion and genius for photography. This program is co-sponsored by AAUW, League of Women Voters, YWCA, and Gail Borden Public Library. Please register.

Embracing Cancer
– Embracing Life:
The Guide for the Journey Beyond Diagnosis
Tuesday, March 22  8:30 pm
Elgin Room
Author Larry Martel helps you realize that a cancer diagnosis doesn't mean your life is over, and shows you why it is likely just the beginning. Learn how to transform your feelings of powerlessness into a source of incredible strength. Book signing and sales after the program. Please register.

Kane County Regional Office of Education Institute Day
Friday, March 4  8 am – 3 pm
Meadows Community Rooms
Available 6 CEUs/CPDUs
Registration at:
http://www.kaneroe.org/professional-development-2/institute-day-2016/

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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Activate Elgin’s

MARCH INTO HEALTH 2016

Hosted by Activate Elgin, an initiative to engage all sectors of the community to work in harmony providing all residents with opportunities to improve their health, well-being and overall quality of life. Check out Activate Elgin at activateelgin.org.

Activate Elgin’s March into Health Kicks-Off with ScribbleMonster Live!

Tuesday, March 1 6 pm – 8 pm
Gail Borden Public Library

Get moving and dancing, sample tasty-healthy snacks by Chef Jeff and live sushi demo and tasting by Chef Doug in Gail Borden Library’s Studio 270. With fresh fruit, roaming fruit juggler, event prize drawings, tattoos, face painting, kids crafts, interactive partner and sponsor tables, we will kick-start your March: National Nutrition Month!

Ven baila con ScribbleMonster, prueba bocadillos sabrosos y sanos, fruta fresca, malabarista de fruta, sorteo de premios, pinta caritas, manualidades para niños, y más.

Come see the grand prize GIANT DEFY 5 from VILLAGE PEDALER!

ScribbleMonster tickets are limited and on a first come, first served basis.

Enter for a chance to win the March into Health Grand Prize!

March Into Health Grand Prizes:

GIANT DEFY 5 Village Pedaler

Centre of Elgin Silver Fitness Membership Elgin Parks and Recreation
Fit Bit Activity Tracker Partners & Sponsors
Foursome of Golf at the Highlands of Elgin Elgin Parks and Recreation
Kids MIH Activity Basket Partner & Sponsor Certificates
Massage Package Presence Saint Joseph Hospital
Personal Training YMCA
Zumba Basket Dance it Off!
Kids Ninja Zone Party Package SpringHill Gymnastics

Enter to win at every MIH event throughout March. MIH 2016 Grand Prizes will be announced and contacted at the Mayor’s Challenge launch date, April 6. See back page for more information.

Activate Elgin Partners:

Kane County Health Department Elgin YWCA
Northern Illinois University Elgin Community College
Gail Borden Public Library Well Child Center
School District U-46 Judson University
Presence Saint Joseph Hospital Greater Elgin Family Care Center
Advocate Sherman Hospital Dance it Off!
South Elgin Parks and Recreation Open Door Clinic
Elgin Parks and Recreation Shared Harvest
Taylor Family YMCA Food Cooperative
Healthy Lifestyle Cooking Class
Thursday, March 3  4:30 – 5:30 pm
Abbott Middle School, 949 Van St., 109A Foods Room
A cooking class for parents and students focusing on healthy cooking. Miguel Medel of School District U-46 Food Service. 
Clase de cocina saludable para la Familia. www.u-46.org

Elgin’s Largest Family Fitness Class
Friday, March 4  6:30 – 7 pm and 7 – 7:30 pm
Century Oaks School Gymnasium, 1235 Braeburn Dr.
This family friendly event is open to all that are interested in getting a fun workout with their family members and friends. Led by Ron, Dr. Sweat Anderson and Mayor Kaptain, the 30 minute class will be geared to all fitness levels. All who attend will be entered into a raffle for some great prizes, including a family pool pass to Wing Park Pool for summer of 2016! 
La clase de ejercicio para la familia más grande en Elgin. Este evento familiar está abierto a todos los que están interesados en conseguir un entrenamiento divertido con sus familiares y amigos. Todos los que asisten pueden participar en un sorteo de grandes premios! http://www.edline.net/pages/Century_Oaks_Elem_School

Healthy Lifestyle Cooking Class
Friday, March 4  4:30 – 5:30 pm
Larsen Middle School, 665 Dundee Ave., Foods Room
A cooking class for adults, teachers and the community to showcase easy, healthy, and creative menu choices. Learn healthy cooking skills while having lots of fun! Eric Timroth of School District U-46 Food Service. 
Clase de cocina saludable para la Familia. www.u-46.org

Family Zumba
Every Monday in March  6:30 – 7:30 pm
Taylor Family YMCA, 50 N. McLean Blvd
ZUMBA is fusion of Latin and International music / dance themes that create a dynamic, exciting workout based on the principle that a workout should be fun and easy to do for the whole family! ZUMBA en Familia 
Todos los lunes en Marzo!
Por favor registrese.
Please resister at 224-699-5802 or at www.taylorymca.org

Fit For Kids - Rethink Your Drink
Tuesday, March 8  5 – 7 pm
Gail Borden Public Library
Fit For Kids is a Kane County-wide initiative that aims to create longer, healthier lives for all of our children by Making Kane County Fit for Kids! Through the Rethink Your Drink educational campaign, Fit For Kids is promoting healthy beverages and lifestyles fit for kids! Children and families will have the opportunity to learn about healthier drink options and ways to jumpstart their healthier lifestyles. Las familias tendrán la oportunidad de aprender acerca de las opciones de bebidas saludables. http://www.makingkanefitforkids.org/

Walking as a Way of Life
Health Fair and Presentation
Tuesday, March 15  11 am – 1 pm
Judson University Linder Fitness Center
Walking as a Way of Life presentation on best practices for older Americans  11 – 11:45 am
Walk This Way Health Fair with emphasis on active transport  11 am – 1 pm
http://www.judsonu.edu/

Let Your Goal Get You on a Roll to Healthy Living
Tuesday, March 15  6:30 – 7:30 pm
Presence Saint Joseph Hospital / Diabetes Classroom
How do people maintain a healthy lifestyle in a sedentary world filled with tempting foods? Learn from area residents as they share stories of success and struggle. The session will conclude with developing your own plan for success using materials provided. Please register 847-622-2095 or visit www.presencehealth.org/stjoseph-elgin

Ensalada en 5 minutos: Demostración de alimento - Español
jueves 17 de marzo
5:45 – 6:15 pm
Well Child Center, 620 Wing Street
Aprenda a preparar dos ensaladas saludables con lo que tiene a mano. Con ingredientes de alimentos de WIC, estas ensaladas se ajustan a su presupuesto también. www.wellchild.org

5-minute Salads Food Demo - English
Thursday, March 17  6:30 – 7 pm
Well Child Center, 620 Wing Street
Learn how to prepare two healthy salads with what you have on hand. Featuring WIC food ingredients, these salads fit your budget, too. www.wellchild.org

Open House Educational Event - DVT Awareness and Prevention
Thursday, March 17  5:30 – 7:30 pm
Vein Specialists of Illinois, 1670 Capital St. Suite 500
March is DVT (Deep Vein Thrombosis) Awareness Month. Join us for an educational evening providing information and hands-on demonstrations about DVT/PE, and the steps you can take to prevent it. Deep Vein Thrombosis is a condition where a blood clot forms in the deep veins of the legs. Informational presentations, hands-on ultrasound demos, compression wear and exercise tutorials provided. Our physician and nurses available for questions as you enjoy refreshments and healthy snacks. Please register at 847-468-9900 or at www.vsiveins.com
Fruits and Veggies to the Rescue
Saturday, March 19 11 am – 12:30 pm
Rakow Branch, 2751 W. Bowes Rd.
Edible Workshop includes hands-on creative activity with fresh fruits & veggies. Be a healthy superhero!
Three Ways to Register:
Online at www.gailborden.info/register
Call 847-429-4597
In person at the Library’s registration desk.

Eastside Recreation Center
Saturday, March 19 10 am – Noon
1080 E. Chicago St.
Visit the ERC during the March into Health initiative to learn what the facility has to offer to help you get fit, stay fit and be healthy. ERC will have facility tours, raffles and FREE admission to the fitness center from 10 am – noon. ERC tendrá visitas a las instalaciones, rifas y entrada gratuita al centro ejercicio de 10 am – 12 pm. http://www.cityofelgin.org/

Mayor’s Walking Challenge Workshop
Saturday, March 19 1 – 3 pm
Gail Borden Public Library, 270 N. Grove Avenue
Join Activate Elgin for a Mayor’s Walking Challenge Workshop. We will provide tips to get started, show you how to register, and educate you on the many benefits of active transportation (walking, jogging, cycling and riding transit). See back page for Challenge details. Taller para el desafío de caminata del Alcalde.

EveryBody Walk! Documentary
Tuesday, March 22 11 am – 1 pm
Judson University Fitness Center 101
A 30-minute documentary film that’s guaranteed to get you walking, The Walking Revolution explores the tremendous changes a regular walking routine can make in your life and community. Hosted by Judson University Health Education Staff and Students. Preview the Mayor’s Community Walking Challenge! http://www.judsonu.edu/

The Faces of HIV
Wednesday, March 23 11:45 am – 1:30 pm
Open Door Health Center, 1665 Larkin Ave., Elgin IL 60123
Join us for a FREE lunch and learn to discuss the history of HIV, the progress in medications and the continued importance of prevention. We will begin with a brief presentation on the services Open Door provides followed by a panel discussion from people living with HIV and an opportunity for questions. Spanish interpretation will be available. Disponible en español. Lunch will be provided for all who pre-register at www.odhcil.org

Walk with the Mayor
Friday, March 25 6:30 – 7:15 pm
The Centre of Elgin-Walking Track
This program will promote the health benefits of walking. Participants will walk with the Mayor from 6:30 – 7:15 pm. www.centrefelgin.org All participants that complete the walk will be able to swim in the pool and attend open gym free of charge from 7:30 – 9 pm.
Los participantes caminarán con el alcalde de 6:30 – 7:15 pm. www.centrefelgin.org Todos los participantes que completen el paseo podrán nadar en la piscina y asistir a un gimnasio abierto gratuito de 7:30 – 9 pm.

Healthy Kids Family Health Fair
Monday, March 28 1 – 3 pm
Gail Borden Public Library Meadows Community Rooms
Interested in discovering ways your family can stay active and healthy? This is your opportunity to meet with Elgin-area organizations that have information, classes, and fun for the whole family! Niños Saludables: Feria de Salud Familiar.

Noche de Yoga en Familia/Family Yoga Night
Thursday, March 31 6 – 7 pm
Gail Borden Library, 270 N. Grove Avenue
Salones de la Comunidad Meadows B y C Meadows Community Rooms
Reúna la familia y estiren sus cuerpos, alivien tensiones y calmen sus mentes durante esta hora de yoga en familia con Pita Betancourt. Será presentado en español. No hace falta inscribirse. Gather the family together to stretch your bodies, relieve stress and calm your minds during this hour of family yoga with Pita Betancourt. Presented in Spanish. No registration.

My First Garden
Wednesday, March 30 5 – 6 pm
Gail Borden Public Library Story Room
Participants will have hands in the dirt fun! Each child will plant a container of flowers and veggies so they can start their first garden of the spring. We’ll have fun talking and learning about growing seeds and how to care for them.
Sponsored by: Shared Harvest http://www.sharedharvest.coop
Three Ways to Register:
Online at www.gailborden.info/register
Call 847-429-4597
In person at the Library’s registration desk.
Mayor's Walking Challenge:
210,000,000 Steps or More

April 6 – May 18

This year, Mayor David Kaptain and Activate Elgin want to get the Elgin community walking. Walking is a gentle, low-impact exercise that is easy, free and available to everyone – here is why walking rocks.

1. Walking strengthens your heart
2. Walking lowers disease risk
3. Walking helps you lose weight
4. Walking prevents dementia
5. Walking tones legs, bums and tums
6. Walking boosts vitamin D
7. Walking gives you energy
8. Walking makes you happy

Mayor Kaptain's Walking Challenge begins on April 6, National Walking Day. Whether you live, work or play in Elgin, the Mayor is looking for 1,000 or more people to join him to walk a cumulative 210,000,000 steps or more. The Challenge ends on May 18, National Employee Health and Fitness Day.

Desafío de caminata del Alcalde:
210,000,000 pasos o más

6 de abril - 18 de mayo
Este año el alcalde David Kaptain y Activate Elgin quieren que la comunidad de Elgin salga a caminar. Visita la página de internet de Activate Elgin en http://activateelgin.org/ para información sobre registración.

Let’s Step it Up, Elgin!

It's good for the mind, body and soul! Get your friends, co-workers, family, dogs and walk! Have a friendly competition between your walking groups!

Kick-off event @Gail Borden Public Library.
Saturday, March 19 1 – 3 pm

Visit the Activate Elgin web site at http://activateelgin.org/ for information regarding registration and suggested walking routes. Register on www.walkertracker.com to record your steps.
**Kristine Stout, Handbells**  
**Sunday, April 24**  
**Meadows Community Rooms**  
Back by popular demand, Kristine Stout will play 37 English Handbells all by herself! Her handbell solos and digital keyboard orchestrations are her own creations.

**The Sinatra Centennial**  
**Sunday, March 13**  
**2 – 3 pm**  
**Meadows Community Rooms**  
Celebrating the 100th anniversary of the birth of legendary singer Frank Sinatra, Christopher Popa, a Music Librarian at the Chicago Public Library Harold Washington Library Center, performs authentic Sinatra arrangements against a backdrop of images from Sinatra’s life and career. Please register.

**ESO Family Concert: The Incredible Double Bass Duo**  
**Sunday, March 6**  
**Meadows Community Rooms**  
The lowest, the largest, and the most audacious of the string family, the double basses will entertain you with low sounds. Who knew a bass could do that?  
**Instrument Petting Zoo Before the March 6 Concert!**  
**1 – 1:45 pm**  
**Story Room**  
The ESO instrument petting zoo is for all children to enjoy in the KidSpace Story Room. With the help of a musically-knowledgeable volunteer, students will be given a “mini-lesson” to spark an interest. All are welcome! No registration.

**Elgin Symphony Orchestra Listeners Club**  
**Wednesdays, March 9, 30 and April 27**  
**1 – 3 pm**  
**Meadows Community Rooms**  
To enhance your concert experience, 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. Please register at www.elginsymphony.org, or call 847-888-0404 ext. 238 to reserve your seat.

**Lecture/Recital presented by the Elgin Symphony Orchestra: Maude Powell Tribute**  
**Tuesday, March 29**  
**2 – 3:30 pm**  
**Meadows Community Rooms**  
Isabella Lippi, violin • Lauren Conroy, violin • Karen Shaffer, speaker  
This recital begins ESO’s week-long tribute to the life of violinist Maud Powell (1867-1920), the first native-born American violinist of either gender to achieve international recognition. America’s first great master of the violin, she was considered to be one of the greatest violinists in the world. ESO concertmaster Isabella Lippi and student violinist Lauren Conroy will play some of Maud Powell’s recital favorites while Karen Shaffer, Powell’s biographer, will give a lively presentation about her life. No registration.

**ESO Master Class:**  
**Rachel Barton Pine, Violin**  
**Saturday, April 2**  
**10 – 11:30 am**  
**Meadows Community Rooms**  
Celebrated as a great interpreter of classical works, Rachel Barton Pine’s performances combine her innate gift for emotional communication and her scholarly fascination with historical research. A Chicago native, Pine began violin studies at age three and made her professional debut at age seven. Pine holds prizes from several of the world’s leading competitions, including a gold medal at the 1992 J.S. Bach International Violin Competition in Leipzig, Germany. She was the first American and, at age 17, the youngest person to ever win this honor. She will be performing the Dvorak Violin Concerto with the Elgin Symphony Orchestra on April 2 and 3. No registration.

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Family & Adult Programs

**The Bard of Avon**

*Thursday, April 7*  
*7 – 8 pm*

*Meadows Community Rooms A & B*

Commemorating the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare’s death. Hear the Bard himself tell of his life, loves and works. This program is suitable for adults, and students grade 6 and up. *Please register.*

**Coloring for Grown-ups**

*Wednesday, April 6*

*Two programs:*

1 – 2:30 pm and 7 – 8:30 pm

*Meadows Community Rooms A & B*

Relax and unwind with us for coloring, coffee, and conversation, just for adults. We will provide coloring pages and a limited supply of pencils and markers, or bring your favorites. *Please register.*

**Design Your Own Zen-Dala**

*Thursday, April 14*

*7 – 8:30 pm*

*Meadows Community Rooms A & B*

A “mandala” is a circle-based design meant to bring a zen-like center to your thoughts and feelings. Doodling is an open, free-form way to draw that needs no formal training. Join Deb Morton, local artist, designer and avid doodler as she shows you how to marry these two techniques in creating a Zen-Dala design. Learn how to draw a basic mandala and finish one of the quick start designs provided for a take home project suitable for framing. *Space is limited, so please register.*

**Author’s Fair**

*Sunday, April 17*

*2 – 4 pm*

*Throughout the Library*

Discover a brand-new author, (who might also be your neighbor!) at the Author’s Fair. Authors from Elgin, area suburbs, and around the Midwest are looking forward to meeting and greeting potential new readers at our festive literary event! Books will be available for purchase and signing. Featuring fantasy author Michael Alan Peck, romance novelist L.B. Dunbar, 16 yr. old Elgin resident, Shane Clooney, and many more! Refreshments will be served. *No registration.*

**Medicare 101**

*Wednesday, April 20*

*7 – 8:30 pm*

*Meadows Community Rooms A & B*

Join us for an overview of Medicare and how it works. David Wylly of the Medicare Solutions Network will detail what Medicare covers and what it doesn’t, and options for additional coverage. We will review Medicare Supplements, Part D Drug Prescription coverage, and Advantage Plans, as well as cost saving strategies. *Please register.*

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*Second and Fourth Thursdays*

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The Real Costs of Home Ownership  
**Tuesday, March 29**  
7 - 8:30 pm  
*Elgin Room*  
Owning a home, the most expensive purchase you may make, involves significant financial obligations including the costs of a mortgage, maintenance and repairs. This presentation provides information regarding the home buying process and all that is involved with home ownership. Facilitated by Ed Beckstrom, Ed.D., National Certified Financial Professional for the not-for-profit Consumer Credit Counseling Service (CCCS) of Northern Illinois. *Please register.*

Local Food and Why It’s Important  
**Thursday, March 24**  
7 – 8:30 pm  
*Elgin Room*  
Organizations in our area are helping to grow the local food movement and teaching us how our current food system contributes to soil depletion and CO2 in the atmosphere. Learn about incubator farms from Pushing the Envelope, CSAs from Trogg’s Hollow, farm cooperatives from McQueen Station, where to get a garden plot from Primrose Farm and re-viving the Victory Garden. *Please register.*  

Money Smart Week  
(Re)Thinking Retirement  
**Monday, April 25**  
7 – 8:30 pm  
*Elgin Room*  
There is no easy formula for preparing for retirement and many people feel unprepared. Financial planner, Keith Rauschenberger, will identify all the risks to your retirement and share several strategies for improving your retirement outlook and, hopefully, make you think and perhaps (re)think your own retirement. *Please register.*

Money Matters  
**Thursday, April 28**  
7 – 8:30 pm  
*Community Room A*  
Learn how to manage your money by preparing a personal spending plan and identifying ways to decrease spending and increase income. Learn the steps for setting financial goals, tracking daily spending habits, monthly income and expenses and managing your bills. Presented by Elgin State Bank. *Please register.*

Sponsored in collaboration with the Elgin Community Network and ECCO.

Job Search and Resume Help  
**Every Tuesday**  
1 – 4 pm  
**Every Thursday**  
9:30 – 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.

Job Training Information Session  
**Every Wednesday**  
9:30 – 11 am  
*Computer Training Room*  
Training grants are available to help you get a job. Learn about the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) services and the application process. These programs are in partnership with the Kane County Office of Community Reinvestment. For more information, call 630-966-1435, extension 40078.

Illinois DHS Division of Rehabilitation Services  
**Information Session**  
**3rd Monday, March 21, April 18**  
1 – 3 pm  
*South Elgin Room*  
The Illinois Department of Human Services Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS) serves individuals with disabilities such as preparing for, finding and maintaining quality employment. Come and learn about these and other programs and services. Referrals for services will be accepted at the end of the information session.
Candidate Forum
Saturday, March 5  1:30 – 4 pm  Meadows Community Rooms A & B
The League of Women Voters of the Elgin Area presents a Candidate Forum for the 2016 Primary Election. Become a better-educated voter and bring your questions. Doors open at 1:30 pm. Co-Sponsored with the Gail Borden Public Library. For additional information follow us on Facebook at LWV of the Elgin Area or at www.lwvelginarea.org.

Brown Bag Lunch Classic Films
Mondays 11 am – 1 pm
Coffee will be served. No registration.
March 14  3:10 to Yuma (1957, NR)
South Elgin Room
April 11  Anchors Aweigh (1945, NR)
Meadows Community Rooms A & B

REEL WOMEN FOR REAL WOMEN
Tuesdays  6 pm
March 22
Far From the Madding Crowd (2015, PG-13)
Meadows Community Rooms A & B
April 26
Brooklyn (2015, PG-13)  Elgin Room

VOTE!

Starting Your Spring Cleaning? 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. Remind your friends and neighbors to do the same!

More to Choose From at the Cloud Library
Looking for additional eBooks or eAudiobooks? Look no further. Gail Borden Library has joined other area libraries to expand your selection of titles. Check out the Cloud Library at www.gailborden.info/library-collections/ebooks-eaudiobooks

Chip Credit Cards Now Accepted for Fines
Now pay your fines and fees with chip credit cards at the Main Library. If you are using Apply Pay or Android Pay or another digital payment method, you will need an app installed on your smart phone. If you are using a chip credit card, they are accepted at the Customer Service Desk. For more information, visit Customer Service or call 847-429-4690.

Discover Space: A Cosmic Journey, a traveling exhibition for libraries, is part of the STAR Library Education Network (STAR_Net) led by the National Center for Interactive Learning at the Space Science Institute. Exhibit partners include the American Library Association, the Lunar and Planetary Institute, and Afterschool Alliance. Discover Space is supported through a grant from the National Science Foundation.

Exhibit Opening with John Palmer
continued from front page.
Most recently he and Global contributed to Bridge of Spies and The Martian. John will talk about how space travel is portrayed in the movies as compared to real life and discuss his more than 30 years of work in the film industry. His career has showcased his talent for special and visual effects, tricks, rigs and gags, stop motion and motion control. He supplied many of the sets for the then cutting-edge 3D, live special-effects driven spectacular Captain EO starring Michael Jackson.
Armchair Generals:
A Civil War and Lincoln Brown
Bag Lunch
Interest Group
Join forces to commemorate events, share insights, and talk about books or experiences during the 150th anniversary. Bring your own hardtack.
No registration.

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.

March – The Miniaturist by Jessie Burton
April – Mr. Owita’s Guide to Gardening by Carol Wall

Poetry Writers Workshop
Mondays, March 7, April 4
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.

Contemporary Fiction Book Group
Meet at 7 pm in the South Elgin Room. For more information, contact Tish at 847-289-5838.
March 16 – The Miniaturist by Jessie Burton
April 20 – Mr. Owita’s Guide to Gardening by Carol Wall

Spanish Conversation Group
Mondays, March 14, April 11
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 Conversation Group
Mondays, March 21, April 18
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
Thursdays, March 24, April 28
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.
Monday, March 14 – Othello by William Shakespeare
Monday, April 11 – Masque of Reason by Robert Frost

Writers on the Fox
Mondays, March 28, April 25
7 – 8:30 pm
Conference Room
This writer’s peer group will inspire and motivate you with thought-provoking writing prompts and constructive critique. Writers of all genres are welcome to participate. No registration.

Veterans Information Networking Sessions
Physicians Orders for Life Saving Treatment – Presented by Vitas
Thursday, March 17
7 – 8:30 pm
South Elgin Room
VA Non-Service Connected Pension Benefits
Thursday, April 21
7 – 8:30 pm
Elgin Room
Coffee and tea will be served.
No registration.

www.gailborden.info
Classes are open to district residents and require registration. Classes are held in the Computer Training Room at the Main Library and in the Shales Living Room at the Rakow Branch. Register online at gailborden.info/register, by phone 847-429-4597, or in person at the library.

### Microsoft Tools

**Windows 10 Basics**  
**Wednesday, March 9**  7 pm  
Windows 10 is here! Come and learn what’s different and how to navigate, access programs, and customize settings in this class.  
Registration opens February 17.

**Excel Advanced Topics**  
**Wednesday, March 2**  7 pm  
Registration for the April Excel Series opens March 16. Please register for all classes.

**Basics**  
**Wednesday, April 6**  7 pm

**Charts & Graphs**  
**Wednesday, April 13**  7 pm

**Formulas & Functions**  
**Wednesday, April 20**  7 pm

**Working with Tables**  
**Wednesday, April 27**  7 pm  
Registration for this series opens February 24. Please register for all classes.

**Word Basics**  
**Wednesday, March 16**  11 am

**Editing Tools**  
**Wednesday, March 23**  11 am

**Formatting Documents**  
**Wednesday, April 6**  11 am

**Tables & Images**  
**Wednesday, April 13**  11 am

### Job & Career

**LinkedIn Series**  
Registration for the series opens February 23. Please register for all classes.

**LinkedIn Basics**  
**Tuesday, March 15**  7 pm

**Getting Started with LinkedIn**  
**Tuesday, March 22**  7 pm

**LinkedIn Tips & Tricks**  
**Tuesday, April 5**  7 pm

**LinkedIn Open Lab**  
**Tuesday, April 12**  7 pm

**Grow Your Business with Library Resources**  
**Thursday, April 28**  7 pm  
Did you know the library has tools to help you grow your small business? Come listen as Business Librarian Amanda Gardner shares how to gather information about competitors, target marketing efforts by zip code, and more in this informative class!  
Registration opens April 7.

### Software & Apps

**Google Tools Series**  
Registration for this series opens February 18.

**Intro to Google Tools**  
**Thursday, March 10**  7 pm

**Google Tools for Communication**  
**Thursday, March 17**  7 pm

**Google Tools for Collaboration**  
**Thursday, March 24**  7 pm

**Google Tools for Productivity**  
**Thursday, April 7**  7 pm

**Google Tools for Creativity**  
**Thursday, April 14**  7 pm

### QuickBooks

**QuickBooks Series**  
Registration for this series opens February 22. Must attend all classes.

**Basics**  
**Class 1 of 6**  
**Monday, March 14**  7 pm

**Getting Started**  
**Class 2 of 6**  
**Monday, March 21**  7 pm

**Working with Items**  
**Class 3 of 6**  
**Monday, April 4**  7 pm

**All About Customers**  
**Class 4 of 6**  
**Monday, April 11**  7 pm

**All About Vendors**  
**Class 5 of 6**  
**Monday, April 18**  7 pm

**Wrap Up & Reports**  
**Class 6 of 6**  
**Monday, April 25**  7 pm

“There’s a kind of hush…”  
Need a quieter space to use the computer or get some extra one-on-one help?  
Visit the Learning Lab!  
**Mondays & Fridays**  
March 4, 7, 11, 14, 25, April 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 29 9 am – 5 pm  
Computer Training Room  
No registration. Must be a district resident age 18 or older. Children prohibited.
Software & Apps continued

**WordPress Series**

Registration for this series opens February 20. Must attend all classes.

**Basics**  
Class 1 of 5  
Saturday, March 12  10 am

**Getting Started**  
Class 2 of 5  
Saturday, March 19  10 am

**Configuring Options**  
Class 3 of 5  
Saturday, April 9  10 am

**Maintaining Your Website**  
Class 4 of 5  
Saturday, April 16  10 am

**Hosting Your Website**  
Class 5 of 5  
Saturday, April 23  10 am

**Device Advice**  
Thursdays, March 10, 24, April 14, 28  9:30 am

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**Rakow Branch**

**Device Advice**  
Adults  
Thursdays, March 3, 17, April 7, 21  
9:30 – 11:30 am  
No registration.

**Tablet Apps**  
Thursday, March 10  6 pm  
Registration required.

**Free Entertainment Apps from Your Library**  
Tuesday, April 19  6 pm  
Registration required.

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**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. Classes take place in the Computer Lab unless otherwise noted. Es necesario registrarse y abre dos semanas antes de la fecha de la clase programada. Regístrese en línea en gailborden.info/register, por teléfono (847)429-4597 o en persona en la mesa de inscripción.

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**Spanish Programas en español**

**Introducción a Microsoft Word**  
Domingo 13 de marzo  2 – 3:30 pm

**Intermedio de Microsoft Word**  
Domingo 20 de marzo  2 – 3:30 pm

**Introducción a Microsoft Excel**  
Domingo 10 de abril  2 – 3:30 pm

**Intermedio de Microsoft Excel**  
domingo 17 de abril  2 – 3:30 pm

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Citizenship Conversation Group
Thursdays, March 3, 17  6:30 – 7:30 pm
Meadows Community Rooms
Thursdays, April 7, 21        6:30 – 7:30 pm
South Elgin Room
Planning on taking the naturalization/citizenship test? Review and practice the spoken English needed 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.

Children's Day / Día de los Niños
Saturday, April 30  10 am – 2 pm
Elgin High School
Free admission.
Come celebrate Children's Day with entertainment for the entire family. Visit the Library area for a mini-reading challenge with prizes! Get your tickets at the Gail Borden Library's KidSpace desk starting on April 1.

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

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Grupo de Conversación para la Ciudadanía
jueves de marzo, 3, 17  6:30 – 7:30 pm
Salón de la Comunidad Meadows
jueves de abril, 7, 21        6:30 – 7:30 pm
Salon South Elgin
¿Necesitas practicar tu inglés para el exámen de la ciudadanía? Ven a este grupo gratis para repasar y practicar el inglés que vas a necesitar para la entrevista y las 100 preguntas del exámen de historia y cívica. El grupo es liderado por un tutor y cualquiera puede asistir. Presentado por The Literacy Connection. No hace falta inscribirse.
Las Finanzas Familiares/ 
Family Finances

The Real Costs of Home Ownership 

**Tuesday, March 29** 7 – 8:30 pm  
Elgin Room

See page 13 for information in English. Please register.

**¿Listo para Comprar Casa?**  
**Martes 29 de marzo** 7 – 8:30 pm 
Salón South Elgin

Ser propietario de una casa implica obligaciones financieras significativas, incluyendo los costos de la hipoteca, gastos de mantenimiento rutinarios e importantes costos periódicos de reparación. Este programa le mostrará información sobre el proceso de compra de una casa que incluye los costos de mantener un hogar y la protección de esta inversión a través del tiempo. Será presentado por Richard Almeida, Consejero Financiero Nacionalmente Certificado para Consumer Credit Counseling Service (CCCS) del Norte de Illinois, una organización sin fines de lucro. Favor de inscribirse.

Money Matters  
**Thursday, April 28** 7 – 8:30 pm  
Meadows Community Room A

See page 13 for information in English. Please register.

**El Dinero Hecho Fácil!**  
**Jueves 28 de abril** 7 – 8:30 pm  
Salón de la Comunidad Meadows B

El Dinero Hecho Fácil te mostrara cómo administrar tu dinero mediante la preparación de un plan de gastos personal e identificar modos de disminuir gastos y aumentar ingresos. Aprenderás a hacer un seguimiento de hábitos de gastos diarios, identificar modos de disminuir gastos, identificar modos de aumentar ingresos, e identificar herramientas de un plan de gastos que lo ayudarán a administrar facturas. Será presentado por Elgin State Bank. Favor de inscribirse.

Para Padres y La Familia /  
For Families

Two Rivers  
**A Two Rivers Head Start Parenting program open to all. This program is presented in English and Spanish. No registration.**

**Tips for Smart Shopping**  
**Wednesday, April 6** 4:30 – 5:30 pm  
Meadows Community Room C

**Gang and Drug Prevention**  
**Thursday, April 18** 10 – 11 am  
Meadows Community Room B

Cosejos para Hacer  
**Buenas Compras**  
**miércoles 6 de abril** 4:30 – 5:30 pm  
Salón de la Comunidad Meadows C

Prevéncion de  
**Drogas y Pandillas**  
**jueves 18 de abril** 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.

Kids Go Bilingual  
**Parents and kids K – grade 1**  
**Thursday, March 24** 6 – 7 pm  
**Tuesday, April 5** 6 – 7 pm  
**Meadows Community Rooms B & C**

Join us for bilingual stories and activities! Learn about the U-46 dual-language program, its advantages for children and the application process. No registration.

Niños Bilingüitos  
**jueves 24 de marzo** 6 – 7 pm  
**martes 5 de abril** 6 – 7 pm  
**Salones de la Comunidad Meadows ByC**

¡Acompáñenos para actividades y cuentos en inglés y español! Los padres interesados pueden informarse sobre el programa de lenguaje dual del distrito U-46, las ventajas que ofrece a los niños y el proceso de inscripción. No hace falta registrarse.

Dance Social: ¡A Bailar!  
**Tuesday, April 12** 7 – 8 pm  
Meadows Community Rooms A, B & C

Dance to Latin rhythms of all kind, including salsa, merengue, bachata and cumbia. No previous experience or partner is required, all levels and ages are welcome. No registration.

¡A Bailar Juntos!  
**martes 12 de abril** 7 – 8 pm  
**Salones de la Comunidad Meadows A, B & C**

Ven a bailar diferentes ritmos latinos incluyendo salsa, merengue, bachata, cumbia y más. No requiere experiencia previa ni pareja. Todo tipo de nivel y edad es bienvenido. No hace falta inscribirse.

American Sign Language in Spanish  
**Tuesday, March 8 – April 12** 6 – 8 pm  
**First class in the Elgin Room**

The plasma screen located on the first floor will display location of each class. This free, six-part American Sign Language class in Spanish for Spanish speaking families with deaf or hard of hearing children is provided by CHOICES for Parents, a coalition of parents and professionals ensuring that children with identified hearing loss and their families receive the necessary resources, advocacy, information, services and support. Families are welcome. Registration begins Thursday, February 25.

Clases del Lenguaje de Señas Americano  
**Los martes, del 8 de marzo al 12 de abril** 6 – 8 pm  
**La primera clase será en el Salón Elgin**

Visite la pantalla plasma en el primer piso para saber en qué salón se encuentra la clase.

Esta serie de seis clases gratis del Lenguaje de Señas Americano (ASL, por sus siglas en inglés), presentadas en español, para familias con niños con discapacidades o dificultades auditivas será presentado por CHOICES for Parents, una coalición estatal de padres y profesionales quienes se aseguran que familias con discapacidades auditivas reciban los recursos, información, apoyo y servicios que necesitan. Las familias son bienvenidas. Inscripción comienza el jueves, 25 de febrero.

Family Yoga Night  
**Thursday, March 31** 6 – 7 pm  
**Meadows Community Rooms B & C**

Stretch your bodies, relieve stress and calm your minds during this hour of family yoga with Pita Betancourt. Presented in Spanish. No registration.

Noche de Yoga en Familia  
**jueves 31 de marzo** 6 – 7 pm  
**Salones de la Comunidad Meadows B y C**

Reúne la familia y estiren sus cuerpos, alivien tensiones y calmen sus ments durante esta hora de yoga en familia con Pita Betancourt. Será presentado en español. No hace falta inscribirse.
**The Main Library and Rakow Branch will be closed:**
Sunday, March 27 for Easter

**Main**
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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**Programs in Spanish**

**Main Library and Rakow Branch**

Thank you community. Due to our work with many partners, your library received the nation’s highest honor conferred on museums and libraries for service to the community: the National Medal for Museum and Library Services.

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**Dawn of the Space Age**
Families
Monday, April 25
6:30 – 8 pm
The Elgin School District U-46 Planetarium
312 Watch Street, Elgin
Registration required.
Join us at the planetarium for this Full Dome program on the history of the space program. Tours at 6:30 followed by a one-hour program. Tickets are limited. Children must be in first grade and up; all children must be accompanied by an adult.

**May the Market Place Be With You - An Out of This World Thank You!**
Gail Borden Library would like to thank members of The Midwest Garrison of the 501st Legion for appearing at the January 19 Open House of the new Market Place. Jeffrey Lee was the Stormtrooper while Sandra Almazan and Alex Almazan were Jawas.

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