Dr. Torres Summer Reading Challenge

Do you remember when Dr. Torres challenged everyone in U-46 schools to get a library card? Now he is challenging all students to use that card this summer by signing up and finishing Gail Borden Library’s Reading Is So Delicious Summer Reading Program. Participation in the library summer reading program can improve reading skills. A sampling of fourth graders indicated that those who completed Gail Borden’s summer reading program in 2011 made three times as much progress in reading during the summer than those who did not complete the program. Taking the Dr. Torres Challenge gives students the chance to grow reading skills and earn fun prizes like free books, carnival rides, an outdoor movie, water park visit and a chance to win an iPad! See page 2 for more information or visit www.gailborden.info.

Children Just Like Me Exhibit

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June 2 – August 19

This free, interactive exhibit showcases the unique diversity of the world’s children and explores the common bonds they share. Based on DK Publishing’s award-winning book by the same title, this exhibit examines the lives of 11 children from around the world. Young visitors meet their peers from six continents and learn about each child’s daily lives through hands-on activities. One of the exhibit pieces will be located at the Rakow Branch. The exhibit is produced by the Cincinnati Museum Center.

Children Just Like Me EVERYWHERE!

Food, Fun and Battle of Mole! Exhibit Kickoff

Saturday, June 2 1 – 4 pm  Main Library

Enjoy a cultural extravaganza with music, dance, food tastings and kids’ crafts that will feature regions included in the exhibit. Local restaurants will battle it out for the Best Mole in Elgin at the Battle of Mole from 1:30 to 3 pm. Pronounced mō – láy, mole is a sauce used in Mexican cuisine. Come, taste and vote! See page 9 for information about Aesop’s Eatery: Reading is so Delicious Kickoff at Rakow Branch.

Automatic Sorting System Installed at the Main Library

Thank you for your patience while we continue the work necessary for the installation of our automatic sorting system. When the installation is completed, materials will be checked in, sorted and ready for checkout much more quickly. To accommodate the installation, temporary changes will continue. The drive-up window and drop-off slot may be . . . cont. on page 8.
Reading is so Delicious!
Summer Reading Program 2012

Register
May 15 – July 15

Two ways to register:
• In person at the Main Library or Rakow Branch and receive a reading log and coupons, or
• Online at gailborden.info, print out the reading log at home and receive coupons when you come into the Main Library or Rakow Branch.

Pre-Readers (Babies – Kindergarten)
No one is too young to listen to a story. Read and play together at home to boost language and learning skills to earn delicious prizes and get entered for a chance to win an iPad.

Readers (Grades 1 – 5)
Read anything and everything delicious and watch your menu fill up. Get cool prizes including the chance to win an iPad when you reach your reading goal.

Middle Schoolers (Grades 6 – 8)
Read at least 20 hours for a chance to win an iPad. You’ll keep track of your reading on a paper log but you can also choose to participate in an online game to track your reading progress electronically and earn badges for participating in various activities.

A Recipe for Summer Reading Success

Half-Way Point—Reach the half-way point in your reading goal and check in at the library to receive a free ticket to an outdoor movie at the library, IMAX Born to be Wild (2011, G, 40 minutes), a film documentary about orphaned orangutans and elephants and the extraordinary people who rescue and raise them.

Finish the Program—Receive your choice of a paperback book (or mini-bundle of comic books) and coupons for local businesses while supplies last, a pass to swim free one time at one of the City of Elgin’s three pools—Wing Park, Lords Park or the Centre of Elgin, free rides at a local carnival, a chance to win an iPad and other prizes.

Reading Café
School-aged kids
Thursdays beginning June 14 10:30 am – 4 pm
Community Rooms A & B
The Reading Café will help kids focus on reading with its cozy seating—it’s just the place for readers who need a little extra reading encouragement. Kids can bring their reading logs and get help with navigating the summer reading program. Also, kids can “pay” off extended use fees by reading.

FREE COMIC BOOK DAY
Saturday, May 5 1 – 3 pm
Lobby
Jesse Buck from Modern Age Comics in Elgin will give out new comic books. Also, get a preview of Comic Book Mania! Convention 2012, held July 7 at the library.

THE COMICS AND GAMING EVENT
Grades 3 and up
Tuesdays, May 8, June 12 6 pm
Community Rooms A & B
No registration.
Play card-based role-playing games like Pokemon and Yu-Gi-Oh. Beginners are welcome — we’ll teach you to play! Bring your cards to play or trade.

Monday Morning Movies
Mondays 10 am
Community Rooms
No registration.
Children under 12, please bring an adult.

June 18
Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked
(2011, G, 87 minutes)

June 25
LEGO: Ninjago, Masters of Spinjitzu
(2011, not rated, 44 minutes)

Sports Trading Card Club
Ages 6 and up
Tuesdays, May 8, June 12 3:30 – 5 pm South Story Room
No registration.
Kids can drop in and bring their sports card collection to show or trade.

Summer Activity Notebooks
Stop by the Youth Services Gateway to find ideas for day trips, museums, sports camps and events, day camps, educational camps, resident camps and more!

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**Story Programs Boost**  
**Language Skills and Reading Readiness**  
**Summer Session June 11 – August 6**

### Read to Rover

**Kindergarten and up**  
**Saturdays, May 12, June 9, 10, 10:30, 11 or 11:30 am**  
**South Story Room**  
**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. Sessions are 20 minutes long.

### Celebrate Spring/
**Celebrar La Primavera**

**Kindergarten – Grade 2**  
**Wednesday, May 23  3:30 pm**  
**Community Rooms**  
**Registration begins May 1.**  
Celebrate spring at this dual-language program. Niños de kinder a segundo grado están invitados a celebrar la primavera con este programa de lenguaje dual.

### Stories are So Delicious/
**Las historias son tan deliciosas**

**Thursday, June 28  7 pm**  
**Community Rooms**  
Join storyteller Kay Elmsley Weeden as she shares bilingual stories and activities for the whole family.

### Tasty Tales

**Preschool – Kindergarten**  
**Mondays 2 or 7 pm**  
**Tuesdays 9:30 or 11 am**

**Community Rooms**  
**No registration.**

Mmmmm good! Join Lolly and her friends as they cook up good stories this summer! 30 minutes of puppets, stories, movies, music and more! The Family Picnic replaces the 7 pm Tasty Tales on June 11 and July 9.

### Spanish Family Storytime

**Wednesdays 7 pm**

**Community Rooms A & B**

**No registration.**

Families who speak Spanish and families learning the language can enjoy stories, puppet performances, rhymes and songs together. This is also a great opportunity for children in the dual-language program to practice using Spanish outside of the classroom.

### Bite-Size Adventures

**Grades 1 and 2**

**Mondays 2 pm**

**Wednesdays 10 am**

**South Story Room**

**No registration.**

We’ll be serving up a mouthwatering selection of stories, games and crafts to leave you with an appetite for more!

### Book Jam

**Grades 3 – 5**

**Wednesdays 10 am**

**Community Rooms**

**No registration.**

Come “jam” with your friends! Have food fun with games, crafts and a side order of books.

### No School Day Movie

**The Muppets** (2011, PG, 103 minutes)

**Friday, May 11  10 am**

**Community Rooms**

Children under 12, please bring a parent.

### Get Crafty for Mother’s Day!

**Grades 3 – 5**

**Friday, May 11  2 pm**

**Community Rooms**

**Registration required.**

Create crafts to celebrate and share with the special lady in your life.

### Family Picnic

**See a Juggler!**

**Be a Juggler!**

**Monday, June 11  7 pm**

Juggler Jason Kollum presents an interactive, total-participation program where you become the juggler! Families are invited to bring a picnic supper to the library’s west lawn starting at 6 pm. Beverage and dessert will be provided by the library. In case of inclement weather, tickets will be needed and will be available starting at 6 pm at the Greeter Desk on the evening of the performance.
TAB: Teen Advisory Board
Wednesdays, May 2, June 6   6 – 7 pm
Share your opinions on teen programs at the library and earn volunteer hours at the same time.

Free events for Grades 6 – 8. To learn more, visit the Middle School Zone online at gailborden.info/zone or ask at the Youth Services Desk. Check out the new Middle School Zone in the Youth Center!

Manga and Anime Club
Thursdays, May 10, June 14
6:30 – 7:30 pm
Draw your own manga, watch some anime, try a craft or just talk about your favorite series with friends.

Zone Leadership Team
Thursdays in June   2 – 3 pm
Applications available at the Youth Help Desk.
Earn volunteer hours and help shape future displays and events in the Middle School Zone.

Open Tech Lab
Thursdays in June   3 – 4 pm   Computer Training Room
Learn how to turn your photos and drawings into a music video, start designing your own video game using Scratch, work on a website or just watch YouTube videos on an iPad.

Reading Is So Delicious!
Teen Summer Reading Program
May 15 – August 25
Savor some stories this summer! For every five books you read, your name will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win:
• Grand prize of $100 in gift certificates
• $50 in gift certificates (two winners)
• $10 in gift certificates (ten winners)

TAB: Teen Advisory Board
Wednesdays, May 2, June 6   6 – 7 pm
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DIY
Card Making, Friday, May 11   3 – 5 pm
T-Shirt Design, Thursday, June 7   3 – 4 pm & 6 – 7 pm
Duct Tape Wallets, Monday, June 18   3 – 4 pm & 6 – 7 pm

Trivia Night
Tuesday, May 22   6 – 7 pm
Are you one smart cookie? Then come to our trivia night to challenge the best!

Iron Chef Cupcake Battle
Tuesday, June 12   2 – 3 pm
Registration begins May 1.
Show off your skills as a chef by creating the best-decorated cupcake in the room. We provide the cupcakes and decorations, you bring your creativity.

Marshmallow Peeps Actors Workshop
Tuesday, June 19   6 – 7 pm
Stage scenes from your favorite books and movies using various craft materials as props and marshmallow Peeps as actors. We’ll post your favorite scenes online.

Dungeons & Dragons Encounter: Web of the Spider Woman
Tuesday, June 26   6:30 – 8:30 pm   Community Room C
Savor every moment of the long, danger-fraught journey as you enter the Web of the Spider Woman! Registration begins May 1.

Open Mic Night
Tuesdays, May 15, June 19   7 – 8 pm
Share your talent—we are looking for musicians, poets, comedians, story tellers and more to perform.

Karaoke Night
Wednesday, May 9, June 13   7 – 8 pm
Become a rock star!

Pizza & Books
Thursday, May 24, Tuesday, June 26   6 – 7 pm
Stop by for a slice of pizza and join in on the conversation about books we’re reading.

Taste Test: Soda
Thursday, June 21   6 – 7 pm
See if you can tell the difference between Coke and Pepsi and spot the generic pop at the taste test challenge.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ZONE

Studio 270 Hours
Summer hours starting June 5:
Monday – Thursday   Noon – 9 pm
Friday – Saturday   Noon – 5:30 pm
Sunday    1 – 5:30 pm

Teen in grades 9 – 12

APP CHALLENGE: Draw Something vs. Fruit Ninja
Tuesday, June 5   3:30 – 4:30 pm
Bring your friends to play these two popular apps. We’ll have five iPads available, but you can also bring your own electronic device. At the end of the hour, we’ll vote on our favorite free apps.

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

Reading Is So Delicious!
Adult Summer Reading Program
May 15 – August 25
Can’t wait to devour lots of books this summer? Join the Adult Summer Reading Program and sink your teeth into sweet, light, meaty or hearty books—whatever you crave! Earn chances to win delicious prizes such as gift certificates from local restaurants.

Fantastic Food Firsts For All Ages
Monday, June 4  6:30 – 7:30 pm
Community Rooms
Author Terry Lynch will portray your host, Chef Alphonse Dente, as he talks about the firsts behind such fun foods as popcorn, cheeseburgers, pizza, ice cream and more. Discover some culinary tidbits such as where the first ice cream sundae was created (hint: it’s the home of the Wildcats!) and who invented the first marshmallows. Please register.

ESO Master Class:
Matt Haimovitz, Cello
Saturday, May 5   2 – 3:30 pm
Community Rooms
Cellist Matt Haimovitz came to prominence as a teenager, playing with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra and securing a record deal. He has recorded works by classical composers as well as performed with some of pop music’s biggest names such as Elvis Costello, Neil Young and Jerry Garcia. Watch this fascinating learning process as the cellist works with students from the Elgin Youth Symphony Orchestra. No registration.

Elgin Community College Concert Band
Wednesday, May 30   7 – 8:15 pm
Community Rooms
Enjoy songs of Americana including patriotic favorites and show tune medleys. No registration.

The Elgin Chamber Players
Thursday, May 31  7:30 – 8:30 pm  Community Rooms
The Elgin Chamber Players premier performance of music for flute, bass trombone and percussion will spotlight Elgin residents and Elgin Symphony Orchestra members Scott Metlicka and Mark Fry. They will perform works by Philip Glass, Aubrey Tucker and András Szöllösy. Featuring special guests Lia DeRoin and Matthew Coley on percussion and Melissa Snoza on Flute. No registration.

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

The Mark of Zorro (1940)  May 14
11 am – 1:30 pm
South Pacific (1958)  June 11
10:30 am – 1:30 pm

Reel Women for Real Women
Co-sponsored by the AAUW Elgin Area Branch.
A film and discussion at 6 pm focused on women’s issues. No registration.

The Upside of Anger  (2005, R)
Tuesday, May 22  Community Rooms A & B
An Education (2009, PG-13)
Tuesday, June 26  Meeting Room 1

Listen Learn and Lead Toastmasters Club
Second and fourth Thursday noon – 1 pm  Meeting Room 2
Become the speaker and leader you want to be. No registration.

Elgin Area Laughter Club: A Hysterical Society
Facilitated by Social Worker Len Lempa or Norma Copes, the Laughing Librarian.
Thursdays  7 – 8 pm
Meeting Room 1
May 10  Screening of film Laughology (2009)
May 24, June 14, 28  Laughter Workshop
Learn laughing techniques to combat depression and reduce stress. No registration.

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- Call 847-429-4597
- In person at Registration Desk in the Lobby

Self-Publishing with Amazon’s CreateSpace
Presented by Self-Published Author Barbara Gregorich
Wednesday, May 9
6:30 – 8:30 pm
Meeting Room 1
This colorful and informative slide presentation depicts the real-life, step-by-step process of publishing a book through Amazon’s self-publishing division, CreateSpace. Please register.

Hidden Child of the Holocaust
Thursday, May 10    7 pm
Community Rooms
No registration.
Marguerite Mishkin was born to Jewish parents in Belgium in 1941. With the help of the Belgian Resistance, she and her sister went into hiding with a rural Catholic family. Both of her parents perished in concentration camps, but she and her sister remained safe. After the war, the sisters were adopted by a Chicago rabbi and his wife in 1950. Marguerite will tell her story at this moving presentation. Due to the sensitive subject matter, this program is appropriate for students in grades 7 and up.

Spanish for the Workplace
Wednesday, May 9
7 – 8 pm
Meeting Room 2
Improve communication with your Latino employees and customers. In under 60 minutes, you will be speaking Spanish and improving your cultural IQ. Guaranteed. Please register.

Antique Interest Group
Tuesday, June 26    7 – 8 pm
Community Rooms A & B
Come to the first meeting of the Antique Interest Group. No registration.

Authors on the Fox
Book sales and signings follow author programs. Please register.

Brian Bischoffer: The Credit Game
Tuesday, May 15    7 – 8:30 pm
Meeting Room 1
Learn how to get out of an underwater mortgage while avoiding foreclosure and maintaining good credit. With experience in the credit and banking industries, Brian Bischoffer explains the “great housing conspiracy” and outlines its causes and effects in his book.

Gloria Cregier Emma: The New York Orphan Who Built Chicago
The Story of DeWitt Clinton Cregier, a 19th-Century American Engineering Genius
Thursday, May 17    7 – 8:30 pm
Community Rooms A & B
In partnership with the Elgin Genealogical Society.
DeWitt Cregier was only 24 when he was recruited from New York in 1853 to design the water-pumping system for Chicago. Almost 20 years later, he was hailed as a hero after manning the pumps all night during the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. As mayor of Chicago he won the 1893 Columbian Exposition for the city. Gloria Cregier Emma is one of his last surviving grandchildren.

20’s and 30’s Book Club
Co-sponsored by the American Association of University Women Elgin Branch. The group meets at 7 pm in Meeting Room 1. For more information, call Rachel Bloomberg at 630-391-2966.

May 29 Cleopatra: A Life by Stacy Schiff
June 25 Mistress of the Art of Death by Ariana Franklin

Great Books Discussion Group
Co-sponsored by the American Association of University Women Elgin Branch. Meetings are at 6:55 pm in Meeting Room 2. For more information, call Rachel Bloomberg at 630-391-2966.

May 14 My Ántonia by Willa Cather
June 11 An Interest in Life by Grace Paley

Conemporary Fiction Book Group
The group meets at 7 pm in Meeting Room 2. For more information, contact Tish at 847-289-5838.

May 16 The Postmistress by Sarah Blake
June 20 A Visit from the Goon Squad by Jennifer Egan

Walking Book Club
The club meets every Wednesday night at 7 pm at the Main Library for 45 minutes of walking followed by 45 minutes of book discussion. Call Nancy Haggard at 847-289-5840 for more details.

May Girl in Translation by Jean Kwok
June Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese

Memoir Writing Workshop
Facilitated by playwright and published poet Gareth Sitz. In partnership with the Elgin Area American Association of University Women.
Tuesday, May 1    7 – 8:55 pm
Community Room C
In this ongoing workshop, participants hone their writing skills as they explore their past and find their personal voice as a writer. For more information, contact Gareth Sitz at 847-695-6719 or garethsitz@sbcglobal.net. No registration.
Preservation Month Programs

7th Annual Fireside Chat:
Discovering Elgin’s Hidden Gems
Sunday, May 6 3:30 – 5 pm  River Room
Share your memories or just listen during an informal discussion led by Elgin historians E.C. “Mike” Alft and Jerry Turnquist. The discussion will focus on places or aspects of the Elgin area that make it special. No registration.

Bluff Spring Fen Nature Preserve—30 Years of Restoration
Monday, May 14 7 – 8:30 pm  Community Room A
Tucked behind the Bluff City Cemetery, the fen is a hidden jewel. Volunteers have been beating back non-native invaders to allow native habitats and the animals they support to flourish. Volunteer Mel Manner will discuss the fen and its restoration. Please register.

Made in Elgin
Tuesday, May 15 7 – 8:30 pm  Community Rooms A & B
Everyone knows that watches were made in Elgin, but what about automobiles, bicycles, chewing gum, corsets and pigeon racing timers? Learn about our city’s eclectic manufacturing past from Elgin Historical Museum staff. Bring your own Elgin-made items to share. No registration.

Hidden Treasures in Elgin’s Back Yards
Presented by Architectural Historian Rebecca Hunter.
Wednesday, May 30 7 – 8:30 pm  Community Rooms A & B
Accessory structures were built behind homes to house and keep feed for animals in Elgin’s early days. Learn about these barns, stables, coach houses, hatcheries and chicken coops and, of course, outhouses, many of which still remain. Please register.

Small-Town Heritage: Life in Illinois Communities, 1870 – 1920
Presented by John Hallwas, a Road Scholar with the Illinois Humanities Council.
Thursday, May 24 7 – 8:30 pm  Meeting Room 1

Tim Nelson presents 48 Days to the Work You Love
Monday, May 21 7 – 8:30 pm  Meeting Room 1
Career specialist Tim Nelson will teach you how to identify your career calling based on your skills, personality, values and dreams. Please register.

Super-Couponing with Jill Cataldo
Thursday, June 14 7 – 8:45 pm  Community Rooms
Maximize your grocery savings and purchase hundreds of dollars worth of groceries for just pennies. Learn about stacking multiple coupons, tracking sales and discounts online and getting the store to pay YOU to shop. Jill’s couponing habits have captured the attention of ABC’s Nightline, the CBS Early Show, ABC News and more. Please register.

Sort, Save & Savor Your Photos
Thursday, June 7 3 – 5 pm  Meeting Room 2
Sort and preserve your photos and get ideas for savoring them in albums, wall hangings and more. Bring about 300 photos, a way to label them (recipe cards or Post-It notes) and a box in which to take them home. Please register.

Photography Workshop
Sunday, June 10 1:15 – 5:15 pm  Meeting Room 1
Led by award-winning photographer John Dziekan, this workshop is designed to take people out of their comfort zone and give them a “photographer’s vision” by increasing their awareness of light, subject matter, angles and the creative use of their camera. Please register.

The ABCs of Photo Organization
Tuesday, May 8 10 – 11 am  Meeting Room 1
Monica Lee of the Association of Personal Photo Organizers will teach you how to organize a lifetime of family photos, what to do with old home movies, slides and family memorabilia and how to scan and digitize old photos. Please register.
Which eReader Is Right For Me?

Thursday, May 3  7 – 8 pm
Community Rooms A & B
See and learn about features of several
eReader options including Nook, Kindle,
iPad, iPod Touch and tablets.
Please register.

eBooks Made Easy

Thursday, May 17  10 – 11 am
Tuesday, May 29  7 – 8 pm
Community Rooms A & B
Bring your Kindle, Nook, iPad or eReader and learn how to
download eBooks from the library. Bring your Gail Borden
Library card. No registration.

Smartphone & Tablet 101: Basics

Tuesday, June 5  6:30 – 7:30 pm
Community Rooms A & B
Learn the basics of using your Smartphone or tablet, how to
find and download apps, and how to set up everyday tasks.
Please register.

Smartphone & Tablet 102: Apps and
Accessories

Tuesday, June 19  6:30 – 7:30 pm
Community Rooms
Learn how to set up advanced Smartphone and tablet
features for fun and productivity. Please register.

Elgin’s Al Fresco: A Taste of the Arts

Relax and pull up a chair at
one of the Bistro Sets around
town this summer—it’s a
community art project
that gives you a spot to sit
and catch up with friends.
Some sets are themed with
a children's book that will remind you that Reading Is So
Delicious at Gail Borden Library. Look for passports and a
chance to win prizes!

On the Road to the Blizzard Bash

Thursday, June 7, 4 pm
Who was instrumental in constructing the Illinois Tollway,
helped to create the Elgin Symphony Orchestra, recently
played Henry Buzzard at the library Foundation Feast and has
impacted this community in myriad ways? If you answered
"Harry Blizzard" you are ready to play in the Blizzard Bee. Yes,
Library Foundation Director Harry Blizzard is turning 85 years
young. Before the Elgin Symphony Orchestra fetes him on
June 17, the library would like to invite all to cruise through
Blizzard memories for fun and prizes.

ArtSpace Kickoff

Learn About
Artspace Lofts,
Elgin’s New Creative
Community

Wednesday, May 16  6 – 8:30 pm
Community Rooms
Elgin Artspace Lofts, located at 51 S. Spring Street, in
downtown Elgin, scheduled to open later this year,
will feature residential units, interior gallery space for
art exhibits, individual studio work areas and more
as well as commercial space. Meet Artspace Projects,
Inc. representatives as well as those of Realty and
Mortgage Co., the property managers for the project,
at a reception at 6 pm. Then learn how to secure a
residential space in the Lofts at an information session
beginning at 6:30 pm. Please register by Friday, May 11
by emailing downtowndelgin@gmail.com or visiting www.
downtowndelgin.com. For more information about Artspace
Projects, Inc. visit www.artspaceelgin.org.

IDES Reemployment Services Workshop

Wednesdays, May 2, 16, June 6, 20
1:30 – 3 pm  Meeting Room 1
Job seekers learn about networking, resume writing, job
search and interviewing techniques. For more information,
contact the Illinois Department of Employment Security in
Elgin at 847-888-7900 x240. No registration.

Automatic Sorting System

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During this time, we encourage people to bring materials
inside or use the drop box outside the front entrance. For
those who need special accommodations, please use the
drive-up window at the Rakow Branch or call 847-429-4680
for assistance at Main.

Digital Bookmobile

Tuesday, June 5  9 am – 3 pm
Main Library
Learn how to download audiobooks, eBooks, and more from
Gail Borden Library with instructional videos, interactive
computer stations and a fully loaded gadget gallery.
Aesop’s Eatery
Reading is So Delicious!
Kickoff at Rakow Branch
Saturday, June 2 11 am – 1 pm
Aesop’s Eatery features an exploration of the world of Aesop’s Fables through food and story for families and children of all ages.

Super Chef Storytellers
Preschool – Grade 1 with a parent
Wednesdays beginning June 15
10 am

Rakow Readers
Mondays 1:30 – 2:30 pm
Shales Living Room
May 21  Cutting For Stone
by Abraham Verghese
June 25  The Postmistress  by Sarah Blake

Creating Healthy Indoor Environments: Asthma Proofing Your Home
In partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.
Tuesday, May 22 7 – 8 pm  Meeting Room 1
Learn about asthma triggers such as dust mites, pests, tobacco smoke, animal dander and mold and how to improve the quality of life while living with asthma.
No registration.

Proper Breathing Techniques to Improve Your Life
Wednesday, May 23 6 – 7:15 pm  Community Rooms
Learn techniques to improve your posture, increase energy, and master your stress and emotions.

Free Health Screenings
Tuesday, May 15
9 am – 4 pm
- Lions Club Hearing Bus in the library parking lot
- Lions Club Diabetic Retinopathy Screening in Community Room B
- FITE Center for Independent Living Assisted Living Phones Display in Community Room C

Knitting Demonstration at the Rakow Branch
Thursday, May 3 3 pm
DIY demonstrations continue as Elgin residents Gretl Kramer and Karen Maki demonstrate knitting techniques.

Help Us Launch the Rakow Branch Community Gardens!
Sunday, May 6 2 pm
Roll up your sleeves and help us plant a salad bowl full of vegetables, then enjoy a story and craft. The rain date is Sunday, May 20 at 2 pm.

Rakow Read to Rover
Saturdays, May 26, June 23
10, 10:30, 11, 11:30 am
School-aged kids may practice their reading skills by cuddling up with a good book and reading aloud to a fully trained and certified therapy dog. Registration is required.
The library is offering opportunities for developing technology and workplace skills thanks to funds from the Eliminate the Digital Divide grant. All of these programs require registration and are for district residents only. Register online at gailborden.info/register, by calling the Registration Desk at 847-429-4597 or in person at the Registration Desk in the lobby.

**Laying the Foundation**

**Mouse Program**

*Saturday, May 5  10 am – noon*
*Tuesday, June 5  2 – 4 pm*

For those who need practice using a mouse.

**Internet 1: Basics**

*Saturday, May 12  10 am – noon*
*Tuesday, June 12  2 – 4 pm*

Learn how to use the web and the basics of internet terminology, then visit some websites. M

**Internet 2: Searching**

*Saturday, May 19  10 am – noon*
*Tuesday, June 19  2 – 4 pm*

Learn how to use some Internet search engines and the library’s catalog. M

**Internet 3: Email**

*Saturday, May 26  10 am – noon*
*Tuesday, June 26  2 – 4 pm*

The basics of reading and sending email will be covered. M, K

**Excel 2010: Formulas for Success**

*Monday, May 7  6:30 – 8:30 pm*

How to calculate totals, percentages and averages. M, K

**Excel 2010: Presenting Numbers**

*Monday, May 14  6:30 – 8:30 pm*

How to use borders, charts and other options to increase the visual appeal of your spreadsheets. M, K

**PowerPoint 2010: Introduction**

*Wednesday, May 9  10 am – noon*

Create and edit an on-screen presentation. M, K

**Email in the Workplace**

*Tuesday, May 15  6:30 – 8:30 pm*

Tips and suggestions for using this powerful communication tool in the workplace. M, K, E

**Word 2010 - Intro Part 1**

*Tuesday, May 1  6:30 – 8:30 pm*

A basic introduction to working with Microsoft Word 2010. M, K, E

**Word 2010 - Intro Part 2**

*Tuesday, May 8  6:30 – 8:30 pm*

Create, edit and print a simple document using Microsoft Word 2010. M, K, E

**Word 2010: Formatting Documents**

*Thursday, May 10  6:30 – 8:30 pm*

How to use bullets, numbers, fonts and other tools to improve the visual appeal of your documents. M, K, E

**Word 2010: Adding Pizazz to Documents**

*Thursday, May 17  6:30 – 8:30 pm*

How to use Clip Art, WordArt, Building Blocks and other tools to improve the visual appeal of your documents. M, K, E

**Word 2010: Create and Edit Business Letters**

*Tuesday, May 22  6:30 – 8:30 pm*

How to create and format cover letters and other types of business letters. M, K, E

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**Herramientas para la Nueva Economía**


**Key:**

M  Mouse skills required.
K  Keyboard skills recommended.
E  Assistance in Spanish is offered in this class, which is presented in English.

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**Bilingual Programs/Programas Bilingües**

Two Rivers Head Start

**Bilingual Parenting Programs**

Tuesdays 5 – 6 pm

Meeting Room 1

No registration.

May 8 How Do You Know If Your Child Is Involved in Drugs?

May 22 Immigration and Naturalization

Programas Bilingües de Head Start para Padres

Martes 5 – 6 pm Salón de Reuniones 1

¿Cómo Puede Saber si su Hijo(a) Está Usando Drogas?

22 de mayo Inmigración y Naturalización

Tres formas de inscribirse:

- Llamando al 847-429-4597
- En persona en el Escritorio de Inscripción en el vestíbulo
- En el sitio web www.gailborden.info/register

**Meditación y Vegetarianismo**

jueves, 24 de mayo y 21 de junio 6 – 7:30 pm Salón de la Comunidad C

Explore dos opciones que podrían hacer su vida más rica: la técnica de la meditación para tranquilizar la mente, y la dieta vegetariana. Habrá pruebas de platillos vegetarianos. No hace falta inscribirse.

**Medicina de Facturas de Servicio Público**

jueves, 3 de mayo 5 – 6:30 pm Salón de Reuniones 1

Presentado por el Citizens Utility Board (CUB) en asociación con Centro de Información.

¿Su factura de teléfono o servicios públicos le deja en estado de shock? Aprenda cómo entender y mantener bajo control sus facturas de teléfono, gas o servicio eléctrico. Debe traer sus facturas para que expertos las puedan analizar y darle consejos personalizados. Por favor inscribase.

**Conseguir un Empleo: Clase para el Currículum**

sábado, 12 de mayo 2 – 4 pm Salón de Entrenamiento de Computación

La clase le enseñará cómo crear un currículum efectivo y conciso para poder conseguir el empleo que desea. Cada participante recibirá un ‘flash drive’ con su currículum. Por favor inscribase.

**Una Prueba de Skype**

martes, 26 de junio 6:30 pm Salón de Reuniones 2

Aprenda qué es Skype y cómo puede usar la versión gratis de este recurso para comunicarse con amigos y familiares a través de su computadora. Los participantes no usarán Skype durante la presentación y demostración pero pueden traer sus propias laptops si gustan. Por favor inscribase.
THE MAIN LIBRARY AND RAKOW BRANCH WILL BE CLOSED:
Sunday, May 27 and Monday, May 28
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agree to be photographed during library
activities and programs for use in future
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Cook Up Some Fun—Be a Summer
Reading Volunteer!
Help children have fun this summer at
the Main Library and Rakow Branch.
Volunteers can be adults or teens
entering at least grade 9. Applications
will be available May 1 at the Main
Library or Rakow Branch, by emailing
tbirkholz@gailborden.info or via the
library’s website at gailborden.info.
Contact Tina Birkholz at 847-289-5812
for details.

Put Reading on the Menu
This Summer— Be a
Story Chef!
Serve up some stories
to children as a volunteer
Gail Borden Library Story Chef.
Visit different locations in Elgin, complete
with an apron and chef’s hat, and read
stories aloud to groups of children. Story
Chefs must be older than 18.
For more information, please call Gail
Lundgren at 847-608-5205 or email
glundgren@gailborden.info

Downtown Elgin Harvest Market
200 N. Grove Ave.
(Old library parking lot)
Every Thursday, June 7 – October 4
4 – 8 pm
A deliciously different weekly market
where area growers and vendors offer
fresh, quality foods. Look for cooking
demos, kids’ activities, as well as Gail
Borden Library programs and summer
reading story chefs.

Elgin Police Department
Gang Presentation
Wednesday, May 16
6 – 7:30 pm
Meeting Room 1
Parents will learn about gangs, warning
signs and where to seek assistance.
No registration.

Stitch ‘N’ B----
2nd Thursday 6 – 8:30 pm
Meeting Room 2
Bring your crafts, crocheting, cross
stitching, knitting, needle pointing,
quiltning or just come to be inspired.
No registration.

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