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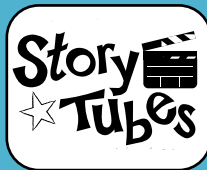
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January - February, 2012

Gail Borden Public Library District



7th Annual Black History Family Festival

African-American Firsts: Black Americans Who Have Shaped Our Country

Saturday, February 4 2 - 5 pm

In partnership with Elgin Community College and School Dist. U-46.

Discover Black Americans who have had an impact on our lives from science and medicine to politics and art. This free event will feature award-winning author Dr. Candy Dawson Boyd, Broadway dancer Reginald

McLaughlin (Reggie the Hooper) and professional storyteller Linda Gorham. The culinary experts at Elgin Community College will provide sweet-potato pie bites. *No registration.*

Library Amnesty - New Beginnings

January 9 - 22

Main Library and Rakow Branch

Start 2012 with a clean slate! Return overdue books, DVDs, CDs or other Gail Borden Library materials from January 9 to 22. It doesn't matter whether items are five days or five years late. You won't have to pay replacement fees if the materials returned are in good condition or overdue fines for the materials that you return. When bringing materials back to the library for the amnesty program, please do not place them in a drop-off slot or drop-off box. Bring them into the library to talk to a staff member about the amnesty program.

Library Board President Rick McCarthy Appointed by Governor

Gail Borden Public Library Board President Rick McCarthy has been appointed by Governor Quinn to the Illinois Local Government Consolidation Commission.

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Rakow Branch Reception

Tuesday, January 10 5 - 7 pm
2751 W. Bowes Rd., Elgin 60124

Please join us for cookies and lemonade to welcome the new Rakow Branch Manager, Christie Chandler-Stahl. Following the reception, Gail Borden Library's January Board meeting will be held at 7 pm at the branch.

Mark Your Calendar!

Friends of the Gail Borden Public Library Foundation Book Sale

Collection and Volunteering Start Now
Book Sale Event - September 20 - 23, 2012

Library book sales can mean tremendous synergy in a community. People can add new books about history, art and cooking to their personal collections at a very reasonable price while others have the chance to clean house. Co-chairs Jean Bednar and Karen Schock are asking for your help on the brand new 2012 Foundation Book Sale. The Foundation is asking for book donations and volunteers who would like to sort and price donated books. Those interested in volunteering, please email booksalevolunteers@gailborden.info. Book donations can be dropped off . . . *cont. on page 8.*



Co-Chairs Jean Bednar and Karen Schock

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Three ways to register:

- Online at gailborden.info/register
- Call 847-429-4595
- In person at the Early Learning Center

All programs take place at the Main Library unless otherwise noted.

Fermilab's Mr. Freeze



to Kick Off Discovery 2012 Science Exposition

Thursday, January 19 7 – 8 pm

Community Rooms

Please register.

Mr. Freeze is here with cryogenics featuring geysers, compressed gas and fascinating particle physics. Spark your enthusiasm for science and pick up information for the Discovery 2012 Science Expo to be held April 14 in partnership with School District U-46. Volunteers are needed to help with the expo. If you are interested, please email gbpl_volunteers@gailborden.info.

Preschool & Childcare Information Fair

Saturday, January 21 10 am – noon

Community Rooms

No registration.

Representatives from preschools, daycare centers and licensed homes will provide information and answer questions.

Sing-a-Long Sound of Music

Sunday, February 19

1:30 – 5 pm

Community Rooms

No registration.

Families are invited to bring their best singing voices and enthusiasm for this classic film. Costumes are optional but encouraged. Seating is limited.



LOL @ GBPL

6 years to 2nd grade

Mondays, January 9 – February 27

4:15 – 5 pm

South Story Room

No registration.

Learn interesting stuff, make cool things, play games and laugh out loud!



Story Programs Boost Language Skills and Reading Winter Session January 9 – March 2

Wonderful Ones

9 – 23 months with parent

Mondays 6:15 pm

Tuesdays 10:45 am

Thursdays 11 am, 6:15 pm

Fridays 9:15, 10 & 10:45 am

Registration required.

15 minutes of short stories, fingerplays and a rhyme with a parent or caregiver followed by a 15-minute play period.

Terrific Twos

2 years with an adult

Tuesdays 6:15 pm

Wednesdays 9:15, 10 & 10:45 am

Thursdays 10:15 & 10:45 am

Registration required.

20 minutes of stories, interactive fingerplays and other activities.

1,2,3, Go!

1 – 3 years with families

Wednesdays 10 am

January 18,

February 1, 15 & 29

No registration.

Share stories, rhymes and musical activities together.

Story Mix for Three to Six

Preschool – Kindergarten

Mondays 9:30 am, 3:30 pm

Tuesdays 10 am, 7 pm

Thursdays 10:15 am

No registration.

30 minutes of stories, fingerplays and songs. As parents must remain in the building but do not attend the class, this is the first "on my own" library experience for children.

Panera Milk & Cookie Storytime

3 – 6 years with adult

Wednesdays 9:30 am

January 11, 25,

February 8, 22

At Panera Bread, 322 Randall Road, South Elgin

Registration required.

Preschoolers will enjoy stories read by a library staff member, followed by a milk and cookie snack compliments of Panera.



Family Storytime

Mondays 7 pm

No registration.

All ages are invited to 30 minutes of stories, songs and crafts for parents and children to enjoy together.

Spanish Family Storytime

Wednesdays 7 – 7:30 pm

Community Rooms B & C

No registration.

Families who speak or are learning Spanish can enjoy stories, crafts and songs together. The program, conducted entirely in Spanish, is also a great opportunity for children in the Dual Language Program to practice using Spanish outside of the classroom.

Cuentos para la Familia

Todos los miércoles a las 7 pm

Comenzando el 11 de enero al 29 de febrero

En los Cuartos de la Comunidad B y C No necesita registrarse.

¡30 minutos de cuentos, música, rimas, y más para el disfrute de toda la familia!

THE COMICS AND GAMING EVENTS

Grades 3 and up

Tuesdays, January 10, February 14 6 – 8 pm

Community Rooms A & B

No registration.

Play card-based role-playing games like Pokemon and Yu-Gi-Oh.

Books! Camera! Action!



Main Library:
Saturdays,
January 21, 28, February 18 3:30 – 5 pm
Rakow Branch: Tuesdays,
January 17, 24 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Saturday, February 11 1 – 5 pm
Star in a short ad about your favorite book. No need for equipment—just bring yourself. Feel free to bring a costume or prop. Parents will need to sign a permission slip.

Extreme Paper Airplanes

Grades 3 and up
Tuesday, February 7 4:30 – 5:15 pm
Community Rooms
No registration.
Make and fly paper airplanes.

Valentine's Day Party/ Fiesta del Dia de San Valentin

Wednesday, February 8
3:30 – 4:30 pm

Celebrate the holiday at this bilingual party. This is a chance for kids in the Dual Language program to practice Spanish outside of the classroom.

miércoles 8 de febrero
3:30 – 4:30 pm

**Community Rooms/
Salones de la comunidad**

Vengan a celebrar el día festivo con esta fiesta bilingüe. Esta es una oportunidad para que los niños en el programa de Lenguaje Dual puedan practicar su inglés o español fuera de clase.



Valentine Tea

**3 – 6 years with
an adult**
Saturday, February 11
9:30 or 11 am
(choose one)

Community Rooms
Registration begins January 23.
Celebrate with stories, songs and a craft.



Sports Trading Card Club



collection to show and trade or learn about collecting.

Ages 6 and up
Thursdays,
January 12,
February 9
3:30 – 5 pm
South Story Room
No registration.
Kids bring their sports card

Read to Rover

Kindergarten and up
Saturdays,
January 14,
February 11
10, 10:30, 11 or
11:30 am
South Story Room
Registration required.
Read aloud to a fully trained and certified therapy dog during a 20-minute session.



eReaders at the Library!

Try out a pre-loaded Barnes and Noble Nook eReader. Children's picture books, chapter books, Anime and manga novels will be available on these readers. eReaders have the capacity to hold hundreds of titles and are perfect for the car, plane or train or even snuggling between the covers. Check them out from Youth and give this new way of reading a try!



no-school days

Children's Deep Freeze Flea Market

Sellers Grades 2 – 8, buyers all ages
Monday, January 16 1:30 – 3 pm
Community Rooms

Sellers register in advance at the Youth Center Help Desk. (No phone or online registration.) A signed parental permission slip will be needed for sellers to participate. All items need to be priced at \$8 or less.

Beach Party!

Grades 3 – 5
Friday, February 17 2 – 3 pm
Community Rooms
Registration begins January 23.

Surf's up, dudes and dudettes! Enjoy games, food, music, prizes and more.

Robin's Dog Stars

**Families;
children
younger than 8,
please bring an
adult.**

Monday,
February 20 11 am – noon
Community Rooms

Slater and Cedar will perform amazing tricks.



No School Day Movie: *Dolphin Tale*

(113 minutes; PG)
Children younger than 12, please bring an adult.

Monday, February 20 2 pm
Community Rooms
No registration.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ZONE



Teens in grades 9 – 12

STUDIO 270

Free events for Grades 6 – 8. To learn more, visit the Middle School Zone online at bit.ly/qgn5dv or ask at the Youth Services Desk. Also be sure to check out the new Middle School Zone in the Youth Center—we've got some great books, with cool furniture and technology on the way!

Studio 270 Hours

Monday – Thursday	3 – 9 pm
Friday	3 – 5:30 pm
Saturday	noon – 5:30 pm
Sunday	1 – 5:30 pm
Hours Extended on No School Days	

Manga and Anime Club

Monday, January 9

Thursday, February 2

6 – 7:30 pm

Fruits Basket, Naruto and Pokemon fans can catch an anime, try a Japanese snack and work on a manga-themed craft.

Mario Kart Tournament

Thursday, January 26 6 – 7:30 pm

Play against your friends or join forces with them to win the Gail Borden team title!

Tech Team: Movie Making

Monday, January 16 (no school day) 1 – 2:30 pm

Learn how to script, shoot and edit your own movie. We'll work together to make a short video for YouTube. Space is limited, so please register.

Fun with Duct Tape

Saturday, February 11 2 – 3:30 pm

Create things you can use out of duct tape.

Open Tech Lab

Friday, February 17 (no school day)

11 am – 12:30 pm

Computer Training Room

Drop in and enjoy some tech time—record and edit your own freestyle rap, create digital art to post online, make a simple computer game, or try out an iPad!

TAB: Teen Advisory Board

Wednesdays, January 4, February 1 6 – 7 pm

Earn volunteer hours by giving us your ideas about teen programs during this snack-filled session.

4x5 Art Show

February 13 – 25

Exhibit your art at the first ever Studio 270 Art Show. You can make anything. The only rule: all works of art have to be 4 inches by 5 inches in size. Drop off your art in the Studio from February 6 to 11.

Karaoke Night

Wednesdays, January 11, February 8 7 – 8 pm

Become a rock star!

Open Mic Night

Tuesdays, January 17, February 21 7 – 8 pm

Musicians, poets, comedians and storytellers: Share your talent!

Pizza & Books

Thursday, January 19

Tuesday, February 14

6 – 7 pm

Stop by for a slice of pizza and join the conversation about what books we're reading.



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Library Board President Rick McCarthy Appointed by Governor

Rick has served more than 20 years as an elected board member of the library district and is a principal at Dewberry, where he leads the Midwest region library design studio. Additionally, he is the author of *Designing Better Libraries* (3rd edition) and *Managing Your Library Construction Project*. Rick has also served on the Construction Grant Committee of the Illinois State Library and the Illinois Library Association Board of Directors.

The 17-member consolidation commission will study the structure of the state's local governments, including library districts, for one year and then make recommendations to the Governor and the Illinois General Assembly on reducing overlapping of government services for greater efficiency.

"We are proud that Rick was chosen to serve on this commission. His vast experience in and advocacy for libraries as well as his work with myriad organizations through his architecture practice will make him an extremely valuable member of the process," said Illinois Library Association Executive Director Robert P. Doyle.

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

adult programs



The one-hour performances begin at 2 pm in the Community Rooms. Meet the artists and enjoy refreshments after each concert. Free tickets are available at the Main Library three weeks prior to each concert.

Sueños Latin-Jazz

January 8

Sueños Latin-Jazz performs improvisational music based on the infectious rhythms of the Latin diaspora: Samba, cha-cha, bossa-nova, calypso, mambo, rhumba, tango, cumbia and more. Sueños' CD *Azul Oscuro* has received significant airplay, and its members are among the best jazz musicians in Chicago.



Classical Pianist Stacey Weidner

February 12

A senior piano performance major at Millikin University, Stacey Weidner will perform works by Bach, Beethoven, Chopin and Griffes. Among numerous achievements, she won the Hollis Prize, Millikin's most prestigious music competition.



Elgin Symphony Orchestra's Listeners Club

Wednesdays 1:30 – 3 pm Meeting Room 2
January 4 Classic 3: Forces of Nature: Water & Fire
January 25 Classic 4: My Passionate Valentine
February 22 Classic 5: Two Titans and an Empress

Enhance your enjoyment of the Symphony's Classics Series concerts when their music is presented by Jim Kendros, often called "the North Shore's favorite music historian." To register, contact Wendy Evans at 847-888-0404 or w.evans@elginsymphony.org.

Memoir Writing Workshop

Tuesdays

7 – 8:55 pm

January 3

Computer Training Room

February 7

Community Rooms A & B

Author Gareth Sitz guides participants in finding their personal voices as writers. No registration. For information, contact Gareth at 847-695-6719 or garethsitz@sbcglobal.net.

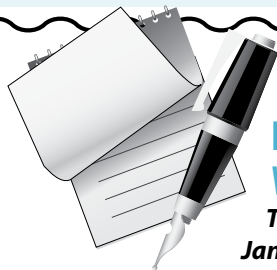
Creative Writing Class:

Creating Characters and More

2nd and 4th Wednesdays

6:30 – 8:30 pm Meeting Room 2

Writing instructor Randall Allen Dunn teaches techniques to help start the creative writing process. *Please register.*



Elgin Genealogy Society Writers Group

Thursdays 6:30 – 8:30 pm

January 12 Conference Room

February 9 Community Room C

Attention Beginning Authors and Illustrators

The Library will host a Fledgling Authors & Illustrators Expo on May 12. Contact Bob Cassinelli at bcassinelli@gailborden.info.

FILMS

Brown Bag Lunch Classic Films



Mondays in the Community Rooms. Coffee will be served. No registration.

Gentlemen Prefer Blondes (1953)

January 9 11 am – 12:45 pm

An Affair to Remember (1957)

February 13 11 am – 1 pm

Reel Women for Real Women



Co-sponsored by the AAUW Elgin Area Branch. A film and discussion focused on women's issues at 6 pm in the Community Rooms. Discussion led by Traci Ellis, U-46 School Board member, and Tish Powell, Elgin City Council Member. **No registration.**

The Help (2011, PG-13)

Tuesday, January 24

Down in the Delta (1998, PG-13)

Tuesday, February 28

Black History Month Film

For Love of Liberty: The Story of America's Black Patriots

6:30 – 8:45 pm

Part 1 February 16

Meeting Room 2

Part 2 February 23

Meeting Room 2

Featuring Halle Berry, Colin Powell and Morgan Freeman and spanning the Revolutionary War to present day fighting in Afghanistan, this is an inspiring saga of African-American military sacrifices. A discussion led by Elgin Historian Ernie Broadnax will follow each part of the film. **No registration.**

adult programs

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



Using Facebook for Nonprofits and Small Businesses

Co-sponsored by the Elgin Area AAUW.
Wednesday, January 11
Thursday, January 19
10 am – noon
Computer Training Room
 Social Media Consultant Rachel Bloomberg will show you how to reach more people and build an online community for your nonprofit or small business. *Please register.*

IDES Reemployment Services Workshop

Wednesdays 1 – 3 pm
January 4, 18
February 1, 15
Meeting Room 1

Job seekers receive networking, resume-writing, job search and interviewing techniques. For information, call the Illinois Department of Employment Security at 847-888-7900.



HeroClix Tournament

Saturdays 1 – 5 pm
January 14 Community Rooms A & B
February 11 Meeting Room 2

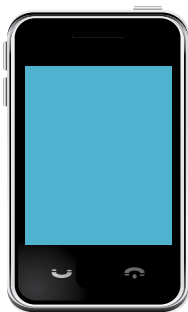
Players will compete for the most powerful weapon in the Marvel Universe during an eight-month Organized Play series. Prizes, demos and cool giveaways. *No registration.*



Photography Workshop

Sunday, January 15
1:15 – 5:15 pm
Meeting Room 1

Award-winning photographer John Dziekan will help participants achieve a photographer's "vision" with increased awareness of light, subject matter and angles as well as creative use of a camera. *Please register.*



Make Your Smartphone Work for You

Monday, January 16
7 – 8 pm
Meeting Room 2

Not sure what apps to download? Learn new shortcuts from

Gail Borden librarians that will make your Smartphone the most useful device you own. *Please register.*

eBooks Made Easy

Tuesday, January 17
Monday, February 20
7 – 8:30 pm

Meeting Room 1

Get the most value from that new reading gadget! Bring your Kindle, Nook, iPad or eReader and learn how to download eBooks from the library. Bring your Gail Borden Library card.



Bringing Nature Home Film and Panel Discussion

In partnership with the Kane County Wild Ones.

Sunday, February 5 2:30 – 4:15 pm
Meeting Room 1

Watch a film of a recent talk by Doug Tallamy, author of *Bringing Nature Home: How You Can Sustain Wildlife with Native Plants*, then get your question answered by experts. Refreshments and door prizes. *Please register.*

The Cost of War, the Price of Peace: A Report Back from Travel to Afghanistan



Co-sponsored by the AAUW, Fox Valley Citizens for Peace and Justice and the Elgin League of Women Voters.

Thursday, February 16 7 – 8:30 pm
Meeting Room 1

A Nobel Peace Prize nominee, coordinator of Voices for Creative Nonviolence and frequent visitor to Afghanistan, Kathy Kelly learned about the cost of war in Afghanistan from Afghan health care professionals, journalists and others. She will talk about the destruction of war and its effects on civilians. *Please register.*

Antique Appraisal Event



Sunday, February 26
2 – 5 pm
Meeting Room 1

Get your antique or collectible appraised by Antique Roadshow expert

and author Mark Moran by registering at www.elginhistory.org, or by phone at 847-742-4248 or at the Elgin History Museum (fee). Audience can register at Gail Borden Library.



Sponsored in collaboration with the Elgin Community Network and ECCO.

Tuesdays Community Rooms
No Registration.

Premier Midwest Showing of Designing Healthy Communities (PBS)

Featuring the City of Elgin and Elgin High School

January 17 6:30 – 8:30 pm

The film shows how individuals, businesses and organizations are changing the health of residents in cities across the country. Free refreshments.

Celebrating with Chocolate

February 21 7 – 8:30 pm

The owners of Graham's Fine Chocolates and Ice Cream in Geneva will present a history of chocolate and the art of making chocolate.

Book Clubs

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 information, call Rachel Bloomberg at 630-391-2966.

- January 9** *Interpreter of Maladies*
by Jhumpa Lahiri
- February 13** *The Prince*
by Niccolò Machiavelli

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 information, call Rachel Bloomberg at 630-391-2966.

- January 23** *Sense and Sensibility*
by Jane Austen
- February 27** *Loving Frank*
by Nancy Horan

Contemporary Fiction Book Group

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

- January 18** *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot
- February 15** *Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter* by Tom Franklin

Walking Book Club

The club meets at 7 pm Wednesdays at the Centre of Elgin. Call Nancy Haggard at 847-289-5840 for more details.

- January** *The Imperfectionists*
by Tom Rachman
- February** *Room*
by Emma Donoghue



Authors on the Fox

Book sales and signings follow author program.
Please register.

Kembala Evans: *Get Your Money Right: The 7 Keys to Unlocking a Better Financial Future*
Wednesday, January 4 7 – 8 pm
Meeting Room 1

Learn steps you can take to make your New Year's financial resolutions a reality. Financial coach Kembala Evans will share practical tips to help you make it happen. Presented in English and Spanish.

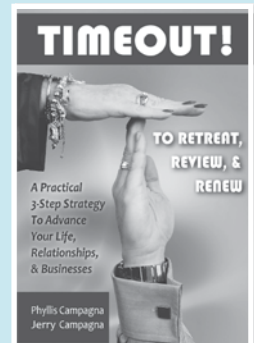


Robert Beezat: *Knowing and Loving: The Keys to Real Happiness*
Monday, January 16 7 – 8 pm
Meeting Room 1

Robert Beezat will reveal how our personalities affect everyday encounters in work, marriage, family and fun. Door prizes.

Jerry and Phyllis Campagna: *Timeout! To Retreat, Review & Renew Your Relationships & Goals*
Tuesday, January 24 7 – 8:30 pm
Meeting Room 1

Take time to renew your relationships and goals, as an individual and as a couple. The Campagnas will share strategies to help you actualize the future you want. Door prizes.



Robert Moore: *The Presidents' Men: Black United States Marshals in America*

Sunday, February 26 2 – 3 pm
Community Rooms A & B

Learn about African American U.S. Marshals and the Presidents who appointed them to the oldest law enforcement agency in the nation, the U.S. Marshals Service. Please register.

Book Drive

Community of Readers February Book Drive

Kick-off Tuesday, February 14 4 – 5 pm

Bill and Sue Moylan are the honorary co-chairs for the Community of Readers book drive, which provides new and gently read books for preschool and grade school children who may not have home reading materials. Sue is a trustee on the Gail Borden Library board while Bill is a retired teacher who volunteers at the library. The drive is sponsored by First Community Bank and School Dist. U-46. Donations can be dropped off at First Community Bank offices, 165 S. Randall Road and at Big Timber and McLean Boulevard, 9 am to 5 pm Monday to Friday and 9 am to noon Saturday. Also, donations will be accepted during February inside the Main Library. Look for the drop-off box in the lobby.



rakow branch

Family Storytime at Rakow

3 – 6 years with a parent

Tuesdays, January 10 – February 28

6:30 – 7 pm

Miss Angela will share stories and activities. *No registration.*

Drop in Winter Storytime

3 – 6 years

Thursdays, January 19 – February 23

10:30 – 11 am

Drop in for stories, songs and fingerplays with Ms. Christie.



eBooks Made Easy for Kindle Users

Saturday, January 21

2:30 – 3:30 pm

If you have a Kindle you can download books for free from the library! Learn how at this workshop. Don't forget to bring your Gail Borden Library card. *Please register.*

eBooks Made Easy for Nook and eReader Users

Saturday, January 21

4 – 5 pm

Get the most value from that new reading gadget. Bring your eReader and learn how to download eBooks from the library. Don't forget to bring your Gail Borden Library card. *Please register.*

Receive FAFSA Help

Students attending college this fall need to submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid form, a starting point for financial aid. The earlier it is submitted, the better the chance students have to obtain aid. Make an appointment to receive assistance with the FAFSA process from Librarian Melissa Lane by calling 847-289-5837.



Elgin Area Laughter Club:

A Hysterical Society

Facilitated by Social Worker Len Lempa or Norma Copes, the Laughing Librarian.

Thursdays 7 – 8 pm

January 12, 26,

February 9, 23

No registration.

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Rakow Readers Book Club

1:30 – 2:30 pm

Shales Living Room

Contact the Rakow Customer Service Desk at 847-531-7271 to request a copy of the book.

Monday, January 23 Room by Emma Donoghue

Monday, February 20 *The Immortal Life of*

Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot

Read to Rover at Rakow

Saturdays, January 28, February 25

10, 10:30, 11 or 11:30 am

Registration required.

School-aged kids read aloud to a fully trained and certified therapy dog.



Family Valentine's Day Storytime

3 – 8 years

Saturday, February 11

10:30 – 11:30 am

Enjoy a special party around the fireplace in the cozy Shales living room. There will be stories, rhymes, songs and a craft. Help find the Rakow muskrat's hidden valentines. *Please register.*



TeamYou2 - Empowering Your Small Business

Friday, January 27 8 – 11 am

Elgin Community College

Marketing and sales were the top areas that TeamYou one attendees wanted to learn more about. Team You2 addresses these key needs featuring Joe Abraham, author of *Entrepreneurial DNA*, Norbert Barszczewski of JP NetQuest, Inc., speaking about the most effective and latest trends in digital marketing, and Steve Fretzen, of Sales Results Inc., discussing the best techniques of selling your services or merchandise. All three experts will take part in a panel discussion as well. Please register at <http://www.elginchamber.com/teamyou.html>.

Library Foundation Book Sale

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... daily at the Main Library in a donation bin located on the north side of the main library where tax receipt forms will be available from 9 am to 4 pm, beginning in January. Unfortunately, the Rakow Branch cannot accommodate book sale donations. Proceeds from this sale will help the library offer enhancements in its service to this community. Please donate books. Please volunteer. Those interested in volunteering, please email booksalevolunteers@gailborden.info. Thank you!

Stitch 'N' B...

Every Thursday 6 - 8:30 pm

Meeting Room 2

Tres formas de inscribirse:

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



Bilingual Programs/Programas Bilingües



The Three Kings are Coming!

Thursday, January 5 4 – 8 pm Lobby and Community Rooms

Get your picture taken with the Kings of the Orient and enjoy music, a story for children and traditional “rosca de Reyes” sweet bread. *In partnership with the Organization of Mexicans in Elgin.*

¡Los Reyes Magos vienen!

jueves, 5 de enero 4 – 8 pm Vestíbulo y Salones de la Comunidad

Ven a conocer a Gaspar, Melchor y Baltasar, tómate una foto con ellos, y disfruta de música típica, un cuento para niños, y rica rosca de Reyes. *En asociación con la Organización de Mexicanos en Elgin.*



Authors on the Fox

Kembala Evans, *Get Your Money Right: The 7 Keys to Unlocking a Better Financial Future*

Wednesday, January 4 7 – 8 pm Meeting Room 1
See page 7.

Kembala Evans, *Acierta con Tu Dinero: las 7 Claves para un Mejor Futuro Financiero*

miércoles, 4 de enero 7 – 8 pm Salón de Reuniones 1

Aprende pasos que puedes tomar para hacer realidad tus resoluciones financieras de Año Nuevo. Habrá venta y firma de libros después de la presentación. *Favor de inscribirse.*

Family Budgeting for a Happy Home

Wednesday, January 11 7 – 8 pm Meeting Room 1

Learn how to get your family’s financial life on track. *Presented by the Family Service Association. Please register.*

El Presupuesto Familiar: Ingrediente para un Hogar Feliz

miércoles, 11 de enero 7 – 8 pm Salón de Reuniones 1

Entender las necesidades financieras de tu familia puede tener un efecto positivo en las relaciones entre las parejas y personas en el hogar. *Aprende cómo encaminar la vida financiera de tu familia. Presentado por Family Service Association. Favor de inscribirse.*

Clase Futuros Bilingües / Go Bilingual Class

Wednesdays 6 – 7 pm Meeting Room 1
Beginning January 11.

English and Spanish lessons and conversation. *No registration.*

Clase Futuros Bilingües

miércoles 6 – 7 pm Salón de Reunión 1
Comenzando el 11 de enero.

Lecciones y conversación en inglés y español. *No hace falta inscribirse.*

English Conversation Group

Tuesdays 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Conference Room

Practice having everyday conversations in English, improve your pronunciation, and gain confidence with a tutor from the Literacy Connection. *No registration.*

Grupo de Conversación en Inglés

martes 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Salón de Conferencias 2do Piso

Practica conversar en inglés, mejora tu pronunciación y adquiere confianza con un tutor del Literacy Connection. *No hace falta inscribirse.*

Change Someone’s Life in 2012 and Become a Volunteer Literacy Tutor

Saturday, January 7 9:30 – 11 am

The Literacy Connection is seeking volunteers to tutor adults in Basic Reading or English as a Second Language. For information, call 847-742-6565, email at info@elginliteracy.org, or visit www.elginliteracy.org.



Sunday Afternoon Concert

See page 5 for description in English.

Sueños Latin-Jazz

domingo, 8 de enero 2 – 3 pm
en los Salones de la Comunidad

Sueños Latin Jazz toca improvisaciones musicales basadas en los ritmos de la diáspora latina: samba, cha-cha-cha, bossa-nova, calipso, mambo, rumba, tango, cumbia, y otros. Conozca a los artistas y disfrute de refrigerios después del concierto. Boletos gratis en la Biblioteca Principal.

So You Think You Can Dance Tango?

Saturday, February 11 2:30 – 3:30 pm
Community Rooms

Warm up for Valentine’s Day with the fiery dance of love: tango. Discover its history and learn the basic steps with dance professionals Angel and Laurie. *No registration.*



¡Mira Quién Baila Tango!

Sábado, 11 de febrero 2:30 – 3:30 pm
Salones de la Comunidad

Ponte en onda para el Día de San Valentín con el baile del amor: tango. Escucha una breve historia de este fascinante baile, ve una demostración y aprende los pasos básicos con los maestros Angel y Laurie. *No hace falta inscribirse.*

Two Rivers Head Start Bilingual Parenting Programs



Presented in English and Spanish.

No registration.

9:30 – 10:30 am Meeting Room 1

Family Nutrition Tuesday, January 10

Preventive Medical Health

Tuesday, January 24

Programas para Padres por Two Rivers Head Start

Presentados en español e inglés.

No hace falta inscribirse.

9:30 – 10:30 am Salón de Reunión 1

Nutrición Familiar martes, 10 de enero

Prevención para la Salud Familiar

martes, 24 de enero.

Programas en español

Facebook para Principiantes

martes, 7 de febrero

6:30 pm Salón de Entrenamiento de Computación

Aprende cómo crear una cuenta gratis y los básicos de conectar con amigos, familia y colegas usando esta red social en el Internet.

Cómo Evitar Salir con un Necio(a)

jueves 6 – 8:30 pm

19 de enero Salón de Reuniones 2

26 de enero, 2 de febrero,

Salón de la Comunidad C

9 de febrero

Salón de la Comunidad A & B

Este curso divertido y práctico para adultos solteros o en una relación romántica les dará herramientas para aprender a tener relaciones personales más saludables y satisfactorias. Habrá cuidado de niños y refrigerios gratis. Favor de inscribirse en persona en el Escritorio de Inscripción de la Biblioteca o llamando a Josie Cardona al 708-524-1600 en o antes del 12 de enero.

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.

Key:

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

The Eliminate the Digital Divide grant is administered by the Office of Illinois Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White and awarded by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

Laying the Foundation

Mouse Program

Tuesday, January 10 10 am – noon

Saturday, February 4 9:30 – 11:30 am

For those who need practice using a mouse.

Internet 1: Basics

Tuesday, January 17 10 am – noon

Saturday, February 11 9:30 – 11:30 am

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

Internet 2: Searching

Tuesday, January 24 10 am – noon

Saturday, February 18 9:30 – 11:30 am

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

Internet 3: Email

Tuesday, January 31 10 am – noon

Saturday, February 25 9:30 – 11:30 am

Reading and sending email will be covered. **M, K, E**



Bricks and Mortar

Google Docs - Intro Part 1

Thursday, January 5 6:30 – 8:30 pm

A basic introduction to working "in the cloud" with Google Docs. **M, K, E**

Google Docs - Intro Part 2

Thursday, January 12 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Create, edit and print a basic document. **M, K, E**

Google Docs - Sharing, Privacy, Printing and Publishing

Thursday, January 19 6:30 – 8:30 pm

How to manage, share and protect your documents. **M, K, E**

Word 2010 - Intro Part 1

Wednesday, January 4 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Tuesday, February 7 10 am – noon

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

Word 2010 - Intro Part 2

Wednesday, January 11 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Tuesday, February 14 10 am – noon

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

Word 2010 - Formatting Documents

Tuesday, February 21 10 am – noon

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, January 26 10 am – noon

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



Bricks and Mortar *continued*

Word 2010 – Create and Edit Business Letters

Tuesday, February 28 10 am – noon
How to create and format cover letters and other types of business letters.
M, K, E

Word 2010 – Mail Merge

Wednesday, February 22 10 am – noon
Use a mailing list to create mailing labels and form letters. **M, K**

Excel 2010: Introduction

Saturday, January 21 9:30 – 11:30 am
Wednesday, February 8 10 am – noon
What a spreadsheet is and how to create one. **M, K**

Excel 2010: Presenting Numbers

Wednesday, January 25 10 am – noon
How to use borders, charts and other options to increase the visual appeal of your spreadsheets. **M, K**

Excel 2010: Formulas for Success

Saturday, January 28 9:30 – 11:30 am
Wednesday, February 15 10 am – noon
How to calculate totals, percentages and averages. **M, K**

PowerPoint 2010 - Introduction

Wednesday, January 18 10 am – noon
Tuesday, February 21 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Create and edit an on-screen presentation. **M, K**

Email in the Workplace

Tuesday, February 28 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Tips and suggestions for using this powerful tool in the workplace.

Adding On

Construction Zone Open Lab

Saturday, January 14 10 am – 1 pm
Stop in for some one-on-one assistance with Microsoft Office, Open Office, Google Docs, email, etc. Registration is preferred but drop-ins are welcome.

How to Create the Perfect Cover Letter

Thursday, February 2 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Human Resource Management Consultant Tom Hovany will show you how to create cover letters that will get you results.

Herramientas para la Nueva Economía

La biblioteca ofrece estas clases gracias a los fondos de la subvención, "Eliminate the Digital Divide." Todas estas clases requieren inscripción y son para los residentes del distrito solamente. Inscribese en línea en gailborden.info/register, llamando al Escritorio de Inscripción al 847-429-4597 o en persona en el Escritorio de Inscripción en el vestíbulo.

Key:

- M** Se necesita conocimiento del ratón.
- K** Se recomienda que tenga conocimiento del teclado.
- E** Se ofrece ayuda en español para esta clase que se presenta en inglés.

Introducción a Computadoras – Parte 1

martes, 10 de enero, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Aprenda las funciones del ratón y el manejo de Windows. *Se requiere inscripción.*

Introducción a Computadoras – Parte 2

martes, 17 de enero, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Aprenda usar el teclado y el formateo de documentos con texto y gráficos. *Se requiere inscripción.*

Introducción a Google Docs

martes, 24 de enero, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Aprenda como se navega en Internet. *Se requiere inscripción. M, K*

Introducción al Internet

martes, 31 de enero, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Aprenda como leer y mandar correo electrónico. *Se requiere inscripción. M, K*

Introducción al Correo Electrónico

martes, 14 de febrero, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Aprenda "computación en la nube" usando Google Docs. *Se requiere inscripción. M, K*

Kickoff for Library's New Travel Area,

Pack Your Bags

Monday, January 9 4 – 5 pm
Main Library's Second Floor



Drawings, refreshments and surprises await when you land in the library's new travel area at the kickoff. You'll want to make Pack Your Bags your destination for all-over-the-world vacation guides, travel tips and other must-have information for your next adventure!



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THE MAIN LIBRARY AND RAKOW BRANCH WILL BE CLOSED:
Friday, February 3 for a library
staff training day.
Both will reopen Saturday, February 4.

The Gail Borden Public Library District January
Board meeting will be held at 7 pm on Tuesday,
January 10 at the Rakow Branch, 2751 W. Bowes Rd.

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270 North Grove Ave.
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PROGRAMAS EN ESPAÑOL

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9 am - 5:30 pm
Sunday
1 - 5:30 pm

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



Pillars of Honor

Sunday, January 22 2 - 4 pm
Community Rooms

Pillars of Honor brings a replica of the National World War II Memorial to veterans unable to travel to the original memorial in Washington, D.C. The library would like to recognize local WWII veterans during the presentation and requests that World War II veterans please register at www.pillarsofhonor.org or by calling 847-954-0520 by January 13. Anyone who would like to attend the program can register with the library. Refreshments will be served. Snow date is January 29.

Work-at-Home Networking Group

Are you interested in meeting one morning a month with a Work-at-Home Networking Group? If so, please contact Stacy at smichel@gailborden.info or call 847-289-5808.

Customers With Disabilities

The library accommodates customers with disabilities. Please call 847-742-2411 to discuss arrangements at least seven days prior to a scheduled event.

State Representative Keith Farnham's Town Hall Meeting

Monday, January 23 7 - 8:30 pm
Meeting Room 1

Join Rep. Farnham at this free update following the conclusion of the state legislature's 2011 Fall Veto Session and share your opinions and concerns. To RSVP, please contact Rep. Farnham's constituent services office at 847-841-7130.



Get Text Messages From Gail Borden Library!

It's easy to get text messages for hold alerts and library reminders:

- Go to gailborden.info & log in to your library account
- Click on Modify Personal Info
- Check the Opt in box for SMS Library Alerts
- Click on Submit

**Interact with the library on the web,
Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.**

Free Tax Service

January 21 - April 14
2nd Floor of the Library

The Center for Economic Progress will offer free tax preparation for individuals and families with limited income. No registration will be required. January and February hours: 5:30 - 8 pm Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 1 - 4 pm Saturday. March and April hours will be the same except no service will be offered on Thursdays.



Sign up for Gailmail, the library's e-newsletter.

