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May - June 2010
Gail Borden Public Library District



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Community Celebration for the National Medal*



The guest of honor: YOU!
Saturday, May 15 2 – 5 p.m.

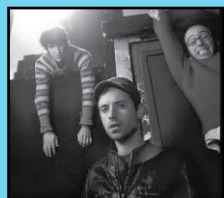


Above is a picture from recent National Medal Ceremonies in Washington, D.C. - from left to right - First Lady Michelle Obama's Chief of Staff Susan Sher; Library Board President Rick McCarthy; Library Executive Director Carole Medal; Community Member Ernie Broadnax, U.S. Congressman Bill Foster and IMLS Director Anne-Imelda Radice.

The nation's highest honor for libraries, the National Medal for Museum and Library Services, belongs to the entire community. The library was awarded this honor because of its partnerships with local groups and individuals, bringing exciting programs and exhibits as well as outstanding services to the community. Now it's time to celebrate! Refreshments will be served and entertainers Pan Chicago Steel Band, Magician Ken Mate, Juggler Andy Head and the Jesse White Tumblers will perform. Local historian and former Elgin mayor E.C. "Mike" Alft portraying Gail Borden and Elgin Councilman John Steffen as Abraham Lincoln will make for a very special afternoon! **Please see insert inside for more details.**

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Meet Spider-Man

All ages
Saturday, June 5
2 – 5 p.m.
Library's West Lawn
No registration.

If you met Spider-Man, what would he have to say? Following an interactive presentation, Spider-Man will be available to meet you. Bring a camera and pose with our hero. *In case of rain, tickets will be needed for an inside 2 p.m. performance and will be handed out beginning at 1:30 p.m. at the Youth Help Desk.*

Partial funding for this event is provided by the ALS/BWI Summer Reading Grant. The Association for Library Service to Children is a division of the American Library Association.

COMIC BOOK MANIA!

POW! BAM! READ!

May 24 – August 22

Take a fun-filled trip through the history of comic books during the last 100 years. The exhibit will feature comic books, toys and games, statues, and original comic book artwork.

Components of the exhibit are from the Elmhurst Historical Museum and The Children's Museum of Indianapolis.*

Find The Library on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube!



*This project is made possible by a grant from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services. The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation's 123,000 libraries and 17,500 museums. The Institute's mission is to create strong libraries and museums that connect people to information and ideas.

Be A Hero - READ!

SUMMER READING PROGRAM



Register May 25 – July 23

Register *in person* at the Main Library or Rakow Branch and receive a reading log and sign-up coupons **OR** Register *online* at www.gailborden.info and print out a reading log yourself, then pick up sign-up coupons at the Main Library or Rakow Branch.

Pre-Readers complete a number of listening opportunities and library activities. Complete all activities and earn an extra entry into the grand prize drawing.

Readers complete a number of reading opportunities and library activities. Complete all activities and earn an extra entry into the grand prize drawing.

Teens entering grades 6 to 12 are challenged to complete 16 to 20 hours of reading. Read for 20 hours or complete extra quests and receive extra prize drawing entries.

Pre-Readers, Readers and Teens who complete the summer reading program by:

August 7 receive a paperback book or comic books, coupons for discounts at local businesses and entry into the grand prize drawing for a chance to win a variety of prizes including a skateboard, iPod and gift certificates.

August 14 receive a paperback book or comic books and coupons for discounts at local businesses.

August 21 receive coupons for discounts at local businesses.

Adults read a specified amount and are entered into a drawing for prizes. Also, adults have an opportunity to help the library raise funds for a new teen center by pledging to read and donating any amount per book, or by making a donation at the end of the summer. The program runs from May 25 to August 7. For more information, contact Tish Calhamer at tcalthamer@gailborden.info or 847-289-5838.

SUMMER READING VOLUNTEERS

Adults and teens entering grade 9 and up.

Training sessions begin week of May 10.

Applications available beginning May 1.

Volunteers choose one or more hours a week to work at the summer reading booth and help kids have fun at the library. Applications are available at the library, by email at jbueche@gailborden.info or via the library's website. Contact Jennifer Bueche at 847-429-5973 for details.

Super Summer Reading

KICKOFF

The High Strung*

With special guest

The Reverends

All ages

Wednesday, June 2

6:15 – 8:15 p.m.

Library's West Lawn

No registration.

Rock out with summer reading. Local teen rock and blues band The Reverends will open the evening. Detroit band The High Strung, featured on NPR's *This American Life* and *Entertainment Weekly*, will play Beatle-esque jams and write and perform a new song on the spot with help from the audience. *In case of rain, tickets will be needed for an inside performance and will be handed out beginning at 5:30 p.m. on the evening of the performance at the Greeter Desk.*



Photo by David Ham

Youth May Activities



Free Comic Book Day

Saturday, May 1

12 – 3 p.m. (while supplies last)

Get a free comic book from Modern Age Comics' Jesse Buck and a preview of Be a Hero: Read! summer reading program and the upcoming Comic Book Mania! Pow! Bam! Read! exhibit.

No-School-Day Movies

Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Elgin.



Barbie in A Mermaid Tale (2010) 90 minutes

All ages.

Children under 12, please bring an adult.

Friday, May 7 10 a.m.

No registration required.

Children's Day/ Book Day

El día de los niños/El día de los libros

All ages.

Sunday, May 2 2 – 3 p.m. Community Rooms

No registration required.

All families are invited to join us for a bilingual celebration of children and books with stories, music and more!

Todas las familias están invitadas para una celebración bilingüe de niños y libros. ¡Tendremos cuentos, música y más!

Three ways to register:

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

Registration begins Monday, May 24 for in-district residents; Tuesday, June 1 for non-residents.

youth services



Wonderful Ones

9 – 23 months

June 7 – July 29

Mondays 9:15, 10 or 10:45 a.m.

Tuesdays 10:15 a.m.

Thursdays 6:15 pm

Short stories, fingerplays, rhymes, music and movement activity with a parent or caregiver followed by a play period. **Registration required.**

Family Picnic with Steve Beno

Moving Kids with Music

Monday, June 7 7 p.m.

Bring a picnic supper to the library's west lawn at 6 p.m. Beverage and dessert will be provided by the library. Steve will perform audience favorites and original songs guaranteed to get the whole family up and moving. *In case of rain, tickets will be needed for a 7 p.m. inside performance and will be available beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Greeter Desk on the evening of the performance. No registration required.*



Next Door Neighbor Storytime

Age 2 – kindergarten

June 8 – July 27

Mondays 2 or 7 p.m.

Tuesdays 9:30 or 11 a.m.

30 minutes of puppets, stories, movies, music and more. Nedrob returns from outer space and meets friends and heroes in the neighborhood. **No registration required.**

Cuentos Con Los Vecinos

Un programa para la familia

Comenzando el 9 de junio al 28 de Julio

Los miércoles a las 7 de la noche

Nedrob regresa del espacio y conoce amigos y heroes en la vecindad. ¡30 minutos de marionetas, cuentos, películas, manualidades, juegos, música y más! No se requiere registración.

Who's Your Hero?

Grades 1 – 2

June 7 – July 29

Mondays 2 – 2:45 p.m.

Thursdays 10 – 10:45 a.m.

Learn about all kinds of heroes, real and imaginary, human and not, through stories, games and crafts. **No registration.**

Hero Quest

Grades 3 – 5

June 10 – July 29

Thursdays 10 – 11 a.m.

Tuck in your cape and join the fun! Bring your imagination to life like never before with action-packed fun, solving puzzles and experiencing new quests. **No registration.**

SUMMER EXTRAVAGANZAS

Open to all elementary school-aged children and their families unless otherwise noted. Children ages 5 to 8 must be accompanied by a caregiver of at least 14 years of age.

Habitat for Humanity: Hometown Heroes

Tuesday, June 15

7 – 8 p.m.

Learn how volunteers provide affordable housing in our community. After seeing the pros, test your family's building skills in a model-making activity. **No registration.**

Our Military Heroes

Thursday, June 24

6 – 8 p.m.

From overseas missions to stateside efforts during national disasters, we can be proud of our men and women in uniform. Come meet members of the military including the Army National Guard. Tools of the trade and a vehicle are expected so be sure to bring a camera! **No registration.**



Magic Night*

Tuesday, June 29

7 – 8 p.m.

Rick Eugene Brammer will bring magic to this comedy-filled evening of tricks. **No registration.**

Wacky Wednesdays!

School-aged children

Children younger than 8, please bring a caregiver at least 14 years old.

June 9 – July 28

Wednesdays 2 – 3:30 p.m.

Drop in and enjoy a variety of activities including Wii video games, crafts, board games and more. **No registration.**

Sports Trading Card Club

Boys and girls ages 6 and older

Thursdays, June 10, July 8, August 12

3 – 4:30 p.m. (drop in anytime)

South Storyroom

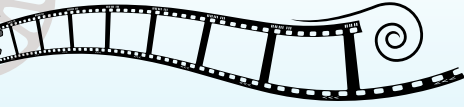
Bring your collections to show or trade or learn how you can start collecting and trading. Receive free cards by answering trivia questions, wearing sports logo clothing and more. **No registration.**



MORE SUMMER ACTIVITIES...

Family Films

Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Elgin.



Children under 12, please bring an adult.

Wednesdays 10 a.m. Community Rooms

No registration required.

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| June 9 | <i>The Princess and the Frog</i> (2009) (G, 98 minutes) |
| June 16 | <i>Tigger and Pooh: Super Duper Super Sleuths</i> (2010) (Not rated, 50 minutes) |
| June 23 | <i>The Spy Next Door</i> (2010) (PG, 94 minutes) |
| June 30 | <i>The Incredibles</i> (2004) (PG, 115 minutes) |

Super-Heroes in Animation

The films in this series are rated PG-13. Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult.

Fridays 2 p.m. Community Rooms

No registration required.

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| June 11 | <i>Superman: Doomsday</i> (2007) (PG-13, 78 minutes) |
| June 18 | <i>Justice League: Crisis on Two Earths</i> (2010) (PG-13, 75 minutes) |
| June 25 | <i>Green Lantern: First Flight</i> (2009) (PG-13, 77 minutes) |

The Dog Days of Summer: Read to Rover

Elementary age children

Saturdays, June 12, July 10, August 14
10, 10:30, 11, 11:30 a.m.

Practice reading skills by cuddling up with a good book and reading aloud to a fully trained and certified therapy dog. **Register (required) for a 20-minute session beginning May 24 for in-district residents and June 1 for out-of-district residents.**



Trash to Treasures: Children's Flea Market

Sellers entering grades 2 – 9 (all ages welcome to buy)

Friday, July 16 1:30 – 3 p.m.

Registration begins June 21 and must be done in person.

Signed parental permission slip required.

Bring your old treasures to sell and earn some spending cash! Nothing will be priced over \$8. Raindate is Friday, July 23.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES NOTEBOOKS

Find ideas for day trips, museums, sports camps and events, day camps, educational camps, resident camps and more. Age-appropriate reference notebooks are located in the Early Learning Center and on the information cube outside of the Youth Center.

TEEN SCENE ★

For Teens entering grades 7 – 12

Got Fines? Teens can get up to \$10 in late fines taken off their Gail Borden Library card during May. Certain restrictions apply. For more information, see a staff member at the Youth Center Help Desk.

Three ways to register:

- Online at gailborden.info/register
- In person at the Youth Center Help Desk
- Call 847-429-4685

Advance registration is required for all teen programs and begins Monday, May 24 for in-district residents; Tuesday, June 1 for non-residents.

Zumba

Thursday, June 10

2 – 3:15 p.m.



Zumba tones and sculpts your body through aerobic interval training to Latin rhythms. You'll have so much fun in this party-like atmosphere you'll almost forget you're exercising.

Duct Tape Messenger Bag

Thursday, June 17 2 – 3 p.m.

Design and make your own messenger bag out of brightly colored duct tape. We'll provide all the supplies, just bring your creativity!

Cartooning*

Thursday, June 24 2 – 3:30 p.m.

Graphic novelist Tim Broderick will show you how to create your own comic. All drawing supplies will be provided.

VOLUNTEERS

Teens entering grades 7 – 10

Session I: Week of June 7 – Week of June 28

Session II: Week of July 5 – Week of July 26

Registration begins May 25. A signed parent/guardian permission slip must be completed at the Youth Center Help Desk.

Volunteer one hour a week in the Youth Center preparing craft materials, scanning books, shelving materials and performing other tasks. Volunteer hours can be used to fulfill service commitments at school, church or other organizations. Early registration is recommended. We understand teens may miss some dates due to summer activities.

To register for July teen programs, go to gailborden.info.

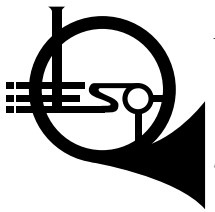


Three ways to register:

- Online at www.gailborden.info, Calendar
- In person at the Adult Services Information Desk
- Call 847-429-4680

adult programs

Programs take place at the Main Library unless otherwise noted. Meeting Rooms 1 and 2 are located on the second floor.



Elgin Symphony Orchestra

ESO String Quartet Master Classes

Saturday, May 1 2 – 4 p.m.
Community Rooms

Observe guest conductor Jennifer Frautschi as she instructs and performs with Elgin Youth Symphony Orchestra violin students. *No registration.*



Seducing the Spirits*

by Louise Young
Tuesday, June 1 7 – 8 p.m.
Meeting Room 1

As an ecologist and fiber artist, author Louise Young has worked extensively with the Kunas in Panama. She has been a cultural guide and technical advisor for a Kuna women's cooperative since 1996. Her novel is the story of an ornithologist studying eagles near a Kuna village. The program will be followed by book sales and signing. Refreshments will be served. *Please register.*

National Street Station Area Plan

Tuesday, May 4 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Community Rooms

Sponsored by the City of Elgin's Community Development Department.

Learn about final plans for sustainable transit-oriented development and transportation alternatives. For information visit landvision.com/elgin/index.html. *No registration.*



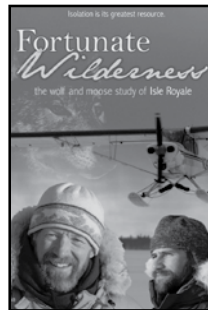
Fortunate Wilderness: The Isle Royale Wolf and Moose Study*

Monday, May 10 7 – 8:45 p.m.

Community Rooms

Filmmaker George Desort will host a screening of his film about Lake Superior's Wilderness Island. Desort worked for four years with wolf biologists Rolf Peterson and John Vucetich to examine the delicate balance among wolf, moose and climate.

DVD sales and signing will follow the program. For more information, visit fortunatewilderness.com. *No registration.*



May is Preservation Month*

In partnership with the City of Elgin and the Elgin History Museum.

Memoir Writing—Elgin Stories and Old Times

Monday, May 3 10 a.m. – noon

Meeting Room 2

Share your memories of Elgin and learn the basics of memoir writing—organizing material, creating text, adding photos and having pages bound. Presented by Rosanne Gulisano, author of *From Intention to Reality: A Guide For Writing Your Own Life Story*. Seating is limited. *Please register.*

Elgin Area Jobs—Past and Present

Fireside Chat with Elgin Historians E.C. (Mike) Aft and Jerry Turnquist

Sunday May 16 3 – 4:30 p.m.

River Room

How have jobs in the Elgin area grown and evolved over the years? Come share your memories of the places you've worked and listen to others recall their experiences. *No registration.*

There Used To Be: A Look Back at Elgin's Architectural Heritage

Presented by Author Steven R. Stroud

Monday, May 17 7 – 8 p.m.

Meeting Room 1

Stroud's newly published third volume of Elgin architecture takes a three-dimensional look at local houses: the original plans, the finished product after the house was built and how the house looks today. A chapter on Sherman Hospital and growth in the Northeast Neighborhood is featured. Book sales and signing will follow the program. *No registration.*

Hearing and Vision Awareness Day

Wednesday, May 12 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Elgin Lions Club Hearing Bus

The Elgin Lions Club will sponsor free hearing tests in front of the library.

Hearing and Vision Aides

Assistive devices available for use inside the library and for checkout will be featured.

Telephones for the Hearing and Vision Impaired

Fighting for Independence Together by Empowering People with Disabilities staff will demonstrate telephones, available for anyone to try out, and explain how to obtain one at no charge.



America's Role in the World: What Does National Security Mean in the 21st Century?

Thursday, May 20 7 – 8:30 p.m. Meeting Room 2

Co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters - Elgin Area.

Moderator Dennis Bulat leads a discussion based on a National Issues Forum film. *No registration.*

The Library is now on Pace Bus Route 541.

Visit http://www.pacebus.com/sub/schedules/route_detail.asp?RouteNo=541 for more information about the route.

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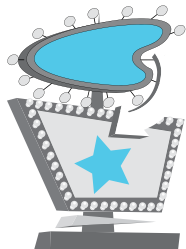
New Community Program!

Jane Austen Fan Club

Sense and Sensibility

May 4 7 p.m. Book Discussion Meeting Room 2

June 1 6:15 p.m. Film Meeting Room 2



Brown Bag Lunch Classic Films

Bring your lunch or buy it at LaTazza Café and enjoy a short introduction of highlights as Gail Borden's own Bob Cassinelli reveals little-known trivia about the featured film in the Community Rooms. Coffee and tea will be served. *No registration.*

It Happened One Night (1934)

Monday, May 10 11 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

High Noon (1952)

Monday, June 14 *Special start time! 10:30 – 12 (high) noon*

Reel Women for Real Women

Co-sponsored by the American Association of University Women Elgin Area Branch.

Held at 6 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month, these films and discussions focus on women's issues. Pick up dinner at LaTazza Café or bring a bite to enjoy during the movie. *No registration.*

May 25 *Precious: Based on the Novel Push by Sapphire (2009, R)*

June 22 *The Blind Side (2009, PG-13)*



Are you interested in a Writers Circle?

This would be a supportive peer-reviewed group that encourages writing both fiction and non-fiction. Please call Miriam Lytle at 847-608-5027 or email mlytle@gailborden.info. Let her know the best day of the week and time for you.

Mark your calendar for these upcoming events:

- Comic Book Mania! Convention* July 10
- Touch-A-Truck @ The Library* July 12
- Comic Book Trivia Competition* July 22
- Animal Rescue Heroes* July 27

Community Gardening at the Library

Presented by Donna Askins and the Elgin Community Garden Network.

How to Start a Community Garden

Saturday, May 1 2 – 3:30 p.m. Meeting Room 1

Community gardens can teach sustainable gardening skills, feed the hungry, introduce neighbors and save money. Learn how to plan your own neighborhood garden and receive helpful tips on funding, recruiting volunteers and choosing the best crops. *Please register.*

Learn How to Build a Raised Bed Garden

Sunday, May 2 2 – 4 p.m.

Library south lawn, Kimball Street side

We will build a raised bed garden on the south lawn and plant vegetable seeds and seedlings. Square foot gardening methods will maximize space for planting. The garden will be maintained by volunteers and the food will go to local soup kitchens and food pantries. Rain date is May 8. *Please register.*

Planting Beets, Carrots and Worms

Saturday, May 8 2 – 3 p.m.

Library south lawn, Kimball Street side

Work on the raised bed garden will continue with the planting of beets and carrots in the square foot grid. Children will get to plant worms and learn about the importance of earthworms to gardens. The group will keep a journal as the garden grows. Rain date is May 16. *No registration.*

LinkedIn 101*

Presented by Matt Prazenka of Peer Training Services

Wednesday, May 19 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Community Rooms

Networking is an essential part of today's job search. Learn about the popular networking site LinkedIn.com and how it can benefit you. *Please register.*

Power Tools for Job Hunters

Tuesdays 2 – 4 p.m. Community Rooms

No registration.

Improve your employability with these specialized tools for job hunters.

- June 1** Storytelling for Interviews, Elevator Speech, JIST Card
- June 8** Learning Express Library, Testing and Education Reference Center, Reference USA
- June 15** Local Resources, LinkedIn.com, Electronic Resumes

Job & Career





adult & rakow branch programs

Reading at Rakow Branch

Children's Book Week

Stop, Drop and Read!

Monday – Wednesday, May 10 – 12

10:30 a.m. Children's Room

No registration.

Celebrate Children's Book Week at a different drop-in storytime throughout the week.



Read to Rover at Rakow

*Saturdays, May 22, June 26, July 31, August 28
10, 10:30, 11, 11:30 a.m.*

Registration required.

Cuddle up with a good book and one of our fully trained and certified animal therapy dogs.

You can read aloud to a dog by registering for a 20-minute session.

Stories with a Real-Life Hero

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

No registration.

Meet real-life heroes and share a picture book. Families will discover the important work these heroes perform in the community.

- June 2 Meet Nurse Erin.
- June 9 Say hi to a Fireman and see a firetruck.
- June 16 Meet a Community Police Officer.
- June 23 Visit with Anna Friedman, an Animal Rescuer from Anderson Animal Shelter.
- June 30 Share stories with a School Librarian.

Two Rivers Head Start Bilingual Parenting Programs

Presenta reuniones para padres.

¡Todos están invitados!

No registration. No necesita inscribirse.

U.S. Immigration: What you need to know with attorney Shirley Sadjadi

Tuesday, May 11 6 p.m. Meeting Room 1

Inmigración EE.UU.: Lo que necesita saber con la Lcda. Shirley Sadjadi

Martes, 11 de mayo, 6 p.m. Salón de Reuniones 1

Family Music with a Mariachi Band

Saturday, May 22 11 a.m. Community Rooms

Familia música con una banda de mariachis

Sábado, 22 de mayo, 11 a.m. Cuartos de los comunidad



Sponsored in collaboration with the Elgin Community Network and ECCO. Programs are held at 6:30 p.m. in Meeting Room 1. For information, go to elgin-ecm.org. No registration.

May 18 *Water!*

A presentation by the City of Elgin's Sustainability Master Plan committee.

June 15 *The Illinois & Michigan Canal—Past and Present*

Historian and author Dave Clark will tell the story of how the canal was built and eventually replaced by newer canals, railroads and expressways as well as reveal bike paths along the canal.

Bike to Work Week, June 13 – 19

Bicycle Maintenance and Commuter Education Clinic

Co-sponsored by the Bicycle Garage of East Dundee, City of Elgin Parks and Recreation Department and Elgin Community Network.

Wednesday, June 16 7 – 8 p.m.

Ride or bring your bike. Meet near the bike path outside the library for a how-to bicycle tune-up. *No registration.*

Rain date July 17.

Bicycles on Parade



June 10 – August 1

In partnership with

Elgin Community Network, Elgin Climate Change Organization, Downtown Neighborhood Association and the City of Elgin.

Local artists will turn bicycles, tricycles, exercise bikes and any kind of bike into fun and unique works of art that will be on display in the community this summer. Tour d'Artbike Passports will be available at the library June 10. Use the passports as a guide to view 100 Bicycles on Parade and be entered for a chance to win prizes. Voting will take place for the community's favorite bicycle. Then all bicycles will be auctioned August 1 at the Art & Soul of the Fox Festival, with proceeds to benefit ECN's sustainable neighborhood projects.



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

Stitch 'n -----

Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. La Tazza Café
Bring your crafts, crocheting, cross-stitching, knitting, needlepointing, quilting, spinning wheel or just come to be inspired.





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THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED:
Sunday and Monday, May 30 and 31, for Memorial Day.
The main library parking lot at 270 N. Grove
will be closed on May 30 for sealcoating.

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MAIN LIBRARY HOURS: Monday - Thursday
 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
 Friday - Saturday
 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
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 1 - 5:30 p.m.

RAKOW BRANCH HOURS: Monday - Wednesday
 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
 Saturday
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 Sunday
 1 - 5:30 p.m.

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 **book clubs**

Great Contemporary Fiction Book Group

The group meets one Wednesday a month at 7 p.m. in Meeting Room 2. Schedules of upcoming discussions are available in Adult Services. For more information, contact Tish at 847-289-5838.

- May 19 *The Tortilla Curtain* by T. Coraghessan Boyle
- June 16 *The Story of Edgar Sawtelle* by David Wroblewski

20's and 30's Book Club

Co-sponsored by the American Association of University Women Elgin Branch. The May meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in Community Room A; the June meeting at 7 p.m. in Meeting Room 2. For more information, call Rachel Bloomberg at 630-391-2966.

- May 24 *Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress* by Dai Sijie
- June 28 *A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius* by Dave Eggers

Great Books Discussion Group

Have you ever wanted to read some of the world's greatest books but needed guidance to understand the content? Meetings are at 6:55 p.m in Meeting Room 2. For more information, call Rachel Bloomberg at 630-391-2966.

- May 10 *Life from Scum* by Lynn Margulis
- June 14 *Cymbeline* by William Shakespeare

The Gail Borden Online Book Club


Go to groups.google.com/group/gailborden anytime to discuss the selection of the month. For more information, contact Billie Moffett at bmoffett@gailborden.info or 847-289-5833.

- May *Fast Food Nation* by Eric Schlosser
- June *Lathe of Heaven* by Ursula Le Guin


During National Library Week a special partner worked with us to support our theme, Communities Thrive @ Your Library. **Thanks to Davey Tree Care Services of East Dundee** for the generous donation of a tree and consultation services.

Thank you to the Marcus Theatres Elgin Cinema for donating movie tickets and loaning posters for the movies *Alice in Wonderland* and *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*.





Walking Book Club
Wednesdays 7 p.m.
 Join us for great reads, lively discussion and exercise. For more information, call Danielle or Nancy at 847-429-4680.
 Beginning April 28
The Magnificent Ambersons by Booth Tarkington
 Beginning May 26
Closing Time by Joe Queenan
 Beginning June 23
A Bowl of Cherries by Millard Kaufman



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