



# the explorer

November - December, 2011  
Gail Borden Public Library District

**Main**  
270 North Grove Ave.  
Elgin, Illinois 60120  
847-742-2411

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2751 W. Bowes Rd.  
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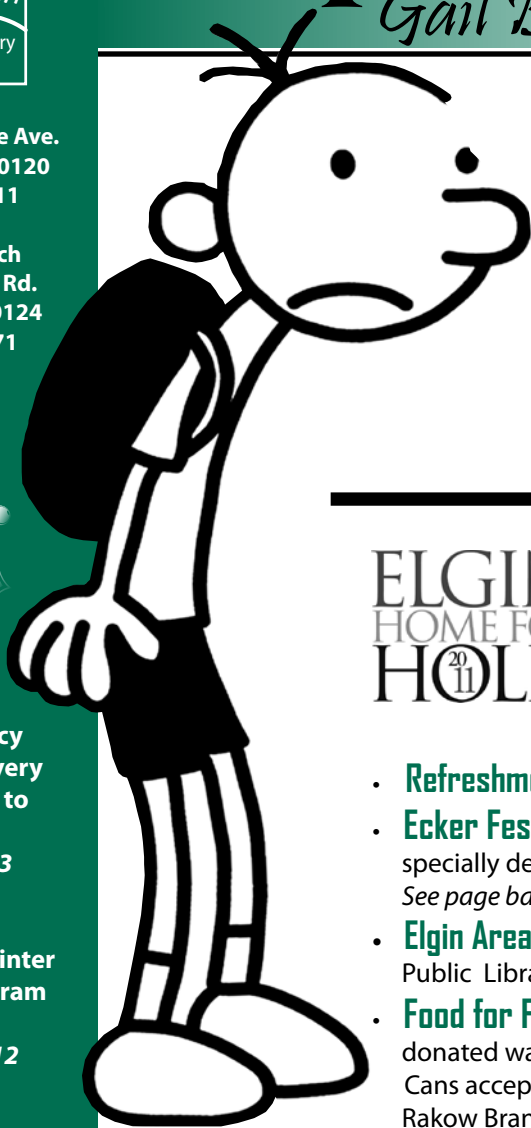


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## Wimpy Kid Cabin Fever Party!

Tuesday, November 15 7 – 8 pm  
Community Rooms

Celebrate the release of the sixth Wimpy Kid book, *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Cabin Fever*. Visit different stations to do wimpy activities. Books will be available for purchase below list price (cash or check only). One lucky Wimpy fan will win a copy of *Cabin Fever*!

## ELGIN: HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

### Kickoff

Tuesday, November 1 5 – 7 pm

Sponsored by the Ecker Center for Mental Health, Elgin Area Chamber, Elgin Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, Elgin Downtown Neighborhood Association and Gail Borden Public Library.

- Refreshments and entertainment.
- **Ecker Festival of Trees Kickoff**—Enter a drawing for a chance to win a specially decorated tree! Trees on display at the library November 1 – 10. See page back page for more information.
- **Elgin Area Chamber Business After Hours** sponsored by Gail Borden Public Library.
- **Food for Fines Kickoff**—Every can donated waives \$1 in overdue library fines. Cans accepted at the Main Library and Rakow Branch November 1 – 15 for area food pantries. See back page for more information.



## Happy Birthday Gail Borden!

Wednesday, November 9 4 – 5 pm

Please join us in the Lobby for cake and surprises to celebrate Gail Borden's 210th birthday.

eBooks for Kindle  
Now Available From  
the Library!



See page 5 for more information.

# youth programs:

Three ways to register:

- Online at [gailborden.info/register](http://gailborden.info/register)
- In person at the Early Learning Center
- Call 847-429-4595

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

## Preschool and Kindergarten Teachers' Workshop



### Early Literacy Workshop: Every Child Ready to Read®

Thursday, November 3 7 – 8:30 pm  
Community Rooms  
Registration required.

This workshop shares research-based practices that can help young children develop the skills they need before they can learn to read. Parents are also welcome.



### TEAM READ Winter Reading Program

December 12 – February 29

Kickoff Monday,  
December 12 7 pm

Players from the Chicago Express team will be here to read stories and sign autographs. Their mascot, Trax, will be here for pictures. Registration for winter reading for children ages birth to 8th grade begins December 12.



### Read to Rover

Kindergarten and up  
Saturdays, November 12, December 10  
10 am – noon  
South Story Room  
Registration required.

Read aloud to a fully trained and certified therapy dog. Each session is 20 minutes.

### THE COMICS AND GAMING EVENT



Grade 3 and up  
Tuesdays, November 8, December 13  
6 – 8 pm (drop in anytime)  
Community Rooms A & B  
No registration.

Play Pokemon, Yu-Gi-Oh, Magic the Gathering and other role-playing games. Bring your cards to play or trade. Get the latest comics and graphic novels info, too.



## Story Programs Boost Language Skills and Reading

Fall II Session: October 31 – December 9

### Wonderful Ones

- 9 – 23 months with parent
- Mondays 6:15 pm
- Tuesdays 10 am
- Thursdays 11 am, 6:15 pm
- Fridays 9:15, 10:15 & 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, November 9, 23 10 am
- No registration.
- Families with 1-, 2- and 3-year-old children are invited to 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.

### Sports Trading Card Club

- 6 years and up
- Thursdays, November 10, December 8  
4 – 5:30 pm
- South Story Room
- Kids bring their sports card collection to show and trade or learn about collecting.

### Panera Milk & Cookie Storytime

3 – 6 years with adult  
Wednesdays,  
November 2, 16  
9:30 am



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.

### Época de Otoño:

Cuentos para la Familia  
Todos los miércoles a las 7 p.m.  
Comenzando el 7 de septiembre al  
12 de octubre

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!

### National Gaming Day @ the Library

Grades 1 – 8  
Saturday, November 12 9 am – 5 pm  
Youth Center

No registration.

Bring your family or friends to play board games provided by the library. Or, bring your own!



## Friday, November 11

### Mickey Mouse Clubhouse:

**Space Adventure** (G, 45 minutes)

10 am

Community Rooms

No registration.

Children under 12, please bring an adult.



### Zoo Animals

### Drawing Workshop

Grades 3 – 5

2 – 3 pm Community Rooms

Supplies provided. Registration required.

## Thanksgiving Week

### Drawing When I Was Little:

### Creating Art with Justin Castaneda

Grades 3 – 5 and their adults

Monday, November 21

9:30 & 11 am (please choose one)

Community Rooms

Registration required.

Justin Castaneda, creator of the *When I Was Little* book series, will talk about his books and answer your questions about being an artist and author. Afterwards, he will help you draw your very own *When I Was Little* idea! All supplies provided. Book sales and signing will take place after the program (cash or check only).

### Holiday Craft-O-Rama

Grades 1 – 6

Tuesday, November 22 2 – 3:30 pm

Community Rooms

All materials provided.

### Mom-Can-Shop Movie: *Cars 2*

(G, 106 minutes)

Friday, November 25

10 am & 2 pm

Community Rooms

No registration.

Hey Moms! Drop off Dad with the kids to see the movie and get some holiday shopping done. Children under 12, please bring an adult.



## Winter Break

### Build It Up!

Kindergarten and up

Monday, December 19

2 – 3:30 pm

Registration begins November 28.

Children are invited to bring their imaginations and building abilities to this fun-filled building block program. Building blocks will be provided. Children younger than 8, please bring a parent.

### Holiday Movie:

### Mickey's Once Upon a Christmas

Tuesday, December 20

10 am

No registration. Children under 12, please bring an adult.

### Merry Wednesday!

Kindergarten and up

Wednesday, December 21

2 – 3:30 pm

No registration.

Drop in to find a variety of stations with Wii video games, board games, crafts, and more. Children younger than 8, please bring a caregiver of at least 14 years of age.



## Summer Movie Festival

December 26 – 30

Heat up your winter with our summer movie festival: 10 movies in 5 days! No registration. Children under 12, please bring an adult.

### Monday

**Mars Needs Moms** (PG, 88 minutes)

10 am

**Mr. Popper's Penguins** (PG,

94 minutes)

2 pm

### Tuesday

**Justin Bieber: Never Say Never**

(G, 105 minutes)

10 am

**Monte Carlo** (PG, 109 minutes)

2 pm

### Wednesday

**Winnie the Pooh** (G, 63 minutes)

10 am

**Kung Fu Panda 2** (PG, 91 minutes)

2 pm

### Thursday

**The Smurfs** (PG, 103 minutes)

10 am

**Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules**

(PG, 99 minutes)

2 pm

### Friday

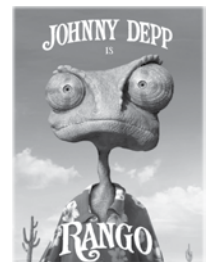
**Rango**

(PG, 107 minutes)

10 am

**Rio** (G, 96 minutes)

2 pm



# Middle School & Teens

## MIDDLE SCHOOL ZONE

### Manga and Anime Club

Tuesday, November 1  
6 – 7:30 pm

Watch an episode of Fruits Basket, try some unusual Japanese snacks, fold 3D paper images of characters from Pokemon, Dragon Ball Z, and Naruto — or just grab a pencil and draw your own manga!

### Zone Café

Wednesday, November 2 4 – 5:30 pm

Tuesday, December 6 6 – 7:30 pm

Bring some friends along to try a craft, take a turn at an open mike, or just hang out! Snacks provided.

**Free events for Grades 6 – 8.** To learn more, visit the Middle School Zone online at [bit.ly/qgn5dv](http://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!



### Tech Team: Digital Animation Workshop

Thursday, November 10 6 – 8 pm

Friday, November 11 1 – 3 pm (No school day)

Learn how to create simple digital animations and post your own online. Space is limited, so please register.

### CREATING COMIC BOOKS

Thursday, December 8 7 – 8 pm

Learn the step-by-step basics of creating comic books from Tango Unlimited's Rich Perez and Ron Ong, the writer/artist team that produces the comic book *The Infinium*. Comic book sales and autographing will follow (cash or check only).

### Game On!

Saturday, December 3 1 – 3 pm

Get your best game on for card games, board games and video games (including Wii Sports and Just Dance).

Teens in grades 9 – 12



No registration is required for Studio 270 programs. For more information about Studio 270, call 847-695-7577.

### TAB: Teen Advisory Board

Wednesdays, November 2, December 7 6 – 7 pm

### Old School Game Night

Mondays, November 7, December 5 7 – 9 pm

Drop for a round of Pictionary, Uno, Jenga and more

### Karaoke Night

Wednesdays, November 9, 23, December 14, 28 7 – 8 pm

Become a Rock Star at Studio 270's Karaoke Night.

### Film Buffs

Thursday, November 10 6 – 8 pm

Hang out and watch a film then stick around to discuss it.

*Dark Knight* (PG-13)

### Open Mic Night

Tuesdays, November 15, December 20 7 – 8 pm

Wanted: musicians, poets, comedians, storytellers and singers.

### Pizza & Books

Wednesdays, November 16, December 21 6 – 7 pm

Stop by for a slice of pizza and find out what everybody's reading.

### Holiday Flicks 3 – 5 pm

December 20 *Elf* (2003, PG)

December 22 *Christmas Story* (1983, PG)

December 27 *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation* (1989, PG-13)

December 29 *Scrooged* (1988, PG-13)

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### Trivia Night

Mondays, November 21, December 19 7 – 9 pm

Are you one smart cookie? Then come to trivia night to challenge the best of the best.

### Checkmate

Tuesday, November 22 7 – 9 pm

Knight to Queen four, stop by for chess night.

### seasons greetings

Friday, November 25 1 – 3 pm

Create your own one-of-a-kind holiday cards to give to friends and family. All supplies provided.

### C is For Cookie

Wednesday, November 30 7 – 8 pm

Learn to decorate holiday cookies like a pro!

### Craft Lab

Mondays 6 – 7 pm

### Audio Lab

Tuesdays 6 – 7 pm

### Video Lab

Every other Thursday 6 – 7 pm

Learn the basics of movie making: writing, directing, producing and acting.

### Photosynthesis

Every other Thursday 6 – 7 pm

Say Cheese! Learn how to take and edit a great photo.



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- Online at [gailborden.info/register](http://gailborden.info/register)
- Call 847-429-4597
- In person at Registration Desk in the Lobby



# adult programs

## Book Clubs

### 20's and 30's Book Club

Meeting Room 2

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

Men and women in their 20s and 30s are invited to discuss contemporary fiction, classics and nonfiction titles as well as meet new people. The group meets at 7 pm in Meeting Room 1. For more information, call Rachel Bloomberg at 630-391-2966.

**November 28** *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot

### Jane Austen Fan Club

Tuesday, November 1 6:30 – 8:45 pm

Meeting Room 2

*Becoming Jane* (PG, 2007) Film and discussion.

Tuesday, December 6 7 – 8:30 pm

Meeting Room 2

Jane Austen's Birthday Party with food, games and cards from the Regency Period.

Tuesday, January 3 7 – 8:30 pm

Meeting Room 2

The Regency Period: A general discussion.

### Walking Book Club

The club meets at 7 pm every Wednesday (no meetings will be held in December). Participants walk outside and talk at the library as weather permits. When it becomes too cold or snowy, the club walks and talks at The Centre of Elgin. Contact Nancy at 847-289-5840 for details.



### 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.

**November 14** *A Defense of Poetry* by Percy Bysshe Shelley

**December 12** *Selected poems* by Wislawa Szymborska

### Contemporary Fiction Book Group

The group meets one Wednesday a month at 7 pm in Meeting Room 2. Schedules are available in Information Services. For more information, contact Tish at 847-289-5838.

**November 16** *The Imperfectionists* by Tom Rachman

**December 21** *Room* by Emma Donoghue

### Memoir Writing Workshop

In partnership with the Elgin Area American Association of University Women.

Facilitated by Playwright and

Published Poet Gareth Sitz.

Tuesdays 7 – 8:55 pm

November 1 Computer Training Room

December 6 Community Room C

In this ongoing workshop, participants will hone their writing skills as they explore their past and find their personal voice as a writer. *No registration.*

For more information, contact Gareth Sitz at 847-695-6719 or [garethsitz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:garethsitz@sbcglobal.net).



### Creative Writing Class: Getting Started Writing—Parts of Story

Wednesday, November 9

6:30 – 8:30 pm Meeting Room 2

Learn techniques to help start the creative writing process and overcome personal fears that keep you from writing. *Please register.*

### National Novel Writing Month

#### Kick-off

With Author Gareth Sitz

Tuesday, November 1

5 – 6:30 pm

Computer Training Room

In November, write a 50,000-word novel, and meet with other writers to discuss your work, inspire each other and write. *Please register.* For more information about the challenge, visit [www.nanowrimo.org](http://www.nanowrimo.org)



## Authors on the Fox

### Nadine M. Rosin: *The Healing Art of Pet Parenthood*

Thursday, November 3 7 – 8 pm

Meeting Room 1

A certified holistic pets/toxic-free-living consultant, Nadine will discuss ways to keep your pet healthy and talk about the life-saving protocol she implemented when her 8-year-old dog, Buttons, was diagnosed with cancer. Book sales and signing. *No registration.*



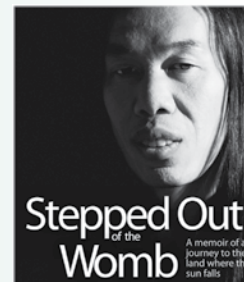
### Thavisouk Phrasavath: *Stepped Out of the Womb*

Screening of *The Betrayal* Sunday,

November 27

1:30 – 5 pm Community Rooms

Thavisouk Phrasavath is the writer, director and actor of *The Betrayal*, an award-winning film. His new book is a memoir of his experience as one of the children of war-torn Laos. *Please register.*



### Philip Aleo: *The Midwest Motorsport Legend - Meadowdale Raceways*

Sunday, December 11 1:30 – 2:30 pm

Meeting Room 1

Open from 1958 through 1969, Meadowdale Raceways was intended to be the Mecca of auto racing in the Midwest. Book sales and signing follow the program. A great holiday gift! *Please register.*



# adult programs

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



## SUNDAY AFTERNOON CONCERT SERIES

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 Registration Desk in the lobby, the Second Floor Information Desk or the Greeter Desk three weeks prior to each concert.

### OneVoice

**November 13**

The Millikin University vocal jazz ensemble will perform a variety of jazz and contemporary pop literature written or transcribed for voices with a rhythm section.



### South by East West

#### *The Rheos Quartet*

**December 4**

The quartet explores the varied chamber settings for the classical guitar, with viola, cello and flute, performing music from Brazil, Germany and Japan.



## World's Largest Fossil Rain Forest Found in Illinois

*In partnership with the Elgin Rock Club. Presented by Scott D. Elrick, Illinois State Geological Survey.*

**Monday, November 21 7 – 8 pm Meeting Room 1**

Imagine dragonflies the size of seagulls and plants the size of trees. An earthquake 300 million years ago preserved images of the inhabitants of this amazing giant rain forest. It was unearthed a few years ago near Danville. Scott was one of only three scientists allowed in a coal mine in which the fossils could be seen. His photographs reveal this unique ancient treasure. *Please register.*

## Selling on eBay and Amazon—The Basics

**Monday, November 14 7 – 8:30 pm Meeting Room 1**

Learn how to make money selling your "stuff" on eBay and Amazon. A successful Internet entrepreneur with over 3,500 eBay and Amazon transactions, Jack Waddick will help you get started. *Register today.*

## State Representative Keith Farnham's Fall Town Hall Meeting

**Tuesday, November 29 7 – 8:30 pm Meeting Room 1**

Join Rep. Farnham for an update following the conclusion of the state legislature's 2011 fall veto session and share your opinions and concerns. To RSVP, or for more information, please contact Rep. Farnham's constituent services office at 847-841-7130.

## FILMS

### Brown Bag Lunch Classic Films



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

**November 14 *The King and I* (1956) 11 am – 1:15 pm**  
**December 12 *Miracle on 34th Street* (1947) 11 am – 12:40 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.*

***Black Swan* (R, 2010) Tuesday, November 22 Community Rooms**

- eBooks
- for Kindle
- Now
- Available
- from the
- Library



- Library cardholders can now
- download eBooks to a Kindle, PC, Mac
- or any mobile device running the free
- Kindle app, such as iPhone®, iPad® and
- Android™. To get started, visit [www.gailborden.info](http://www.gailborden.info), click on MyMediaMall
- and Library eBooks for Kindle. See
- Page 7 for eBooks Made Easy for
- Kindle Users.



## TECHNOLOGY NOW!

### Using Facebook for Nonprofits and Small Businesses

Co-sponsored by the Elgin Area AAUW.

Thursdays, November 3 or 17 10 am – noon  
Computer Training Room

Reach out to more people and build an online community for your nonprofit or small business.

Rachel Bloomberg will help you learn what kinds of

content to post, how to attract fans and how to avoid common pitfalls.

Please register.

### eBooks Made Easy for Kindle Users

Monday, November 7 7 – 8:30 pm

Meeting Room 1

If you have a Kindle you can now download books for free from the Library! Learn how at this workshop. No registration.

### eBooks Made Easy for eReader Users

Tuesday, November 8 7 – 8:30 pm

Meeting Room 1

Get the most value from that new reading gadget! Bring your eReader and learn how to download ebooks from My Media Mall.

No registration.

### Which eReader Is Right For Me?

Sunday, November 20 2 – 3 pm

Meeting Room 1

Which eReader will you choose to put on your holiday wishlist? Try out different eReaders including Nook Color, Kindle, iPad and iPod Touch and learn the features of each.

### eBooks Made Easy for iPad and Smartphone Users

Tuesday, December 13 7 – 8:30 pm

Meeting Room 1

Using an app, learn how to download ebooks and audiobooks from My Media Mall. No registration.



✓ Check out **Tools for the New Economy** on page 11!

### Elgin Area Laughter Club: A Hysterical Society

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

Thursdays, November 10,

December 8, 22

7 – 8 pm

Meeting Room 1

Learn laughing techniques to combat depression and reduce stress.

No Registration.

### IDES Reemployment Services Workshop

Presented by Christine Wojcik from the Illinois Department of Employment Security.

Wednesdays, November 2, 16  
December 7, 21

1:30 – 3 pm Meeting Room 1

This workshop provides job seekers with networking, resume writing, job search, and interviewing techniques. For more information contact the IDES in Elgin at 847-888-7900.



Sponsored in collaboration with the Elgin Community Network and ECCO.

Tuesdays 7 – 8:45 pm Meeting Room 1

No registration.

### Moving the Community

November 15

A panel discussion focusing on public transportation in Elgin.

### Earth Friendly Holiday Traditions from Around the World

December 20

Have you ever wondered what holiday traditions other countries have treasured for centuries? Join us for a joyous, fun-filled evening of learning, making wonderful things and sharing treats!



### Listen Learn and Lead Toastmasters Club

Second and fourth Thursday

noon – 1 pm

Meeting Room 2

### Stitch 'N' B

Every Thursday 6:30 – 8:30 pm

# rakow branch



## Drop-in Family Storytime

3 – 6 years

Tuesdays November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, December 6

6:30 pm

Join Miss Angela for this fun family storytime.  
No registration.

## eBooks Made Easy for eReaders

Saturday, November 5

2 – 3:30 pm

Get the most value from that new reading gadget! Bring your eReader to Rakow and learn how to download ebooks from My Media Mall. Registration required.



## Green Alphabet at the Branch

Preschoolers with an adult.

Thursday, November 10 10 – 10:30 am

Help construct a “green” alphabet that will be on display in the children’s area. Each child will get a letter to design with dried leaves and seeds collected from the neighborhood. Registration required.



## Teddy Bear Holiday Sleepover at Rakow

3 – 8 years

Thursday, December 15 3 – 4 pm

Bring your Teddy Bear for a special party around the fireplace in the cozy Shales Living Room. After the party, the Teddy Bears will stay at the library for a fun-filled night. Registration required.

## Rakow Readers Book Club

Enjoy the beautiful Shales Living Room as we discuss contemporary novels from 1:30 to 2:30 pm. Contact the Rakow Customer Service desk at 847-531-7271 to request a copy of the book.

**Monday, November 21** *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*  
by Stieg Larsson

**Monday, December 19** *The Imperfectionists*  
by Tom Rachman

## Read to Rover at Rakow

Grades 1 – 6

Saturdays, November 26, December 17

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

Cuddle up with a good book and read one on one with a certified therapy dog. Please register for one session only.

## Thanks to local businesses who participated in September’s Library Card Sign-Up Month!



2 Doors Down Antiques \* A Glass Act \* Al’s Café \* Andersen’s Engraving  
Anderson Animal Shelter \* Annex Antiques \* Artistic Framing & Supplies  
Bangkok House & Shanghai Restaurant \* Bennigan’s Restaurant  
Big Apple Bagels \* Boston Market \* Colonial Café  
Country Donuts \* Curves \* Dairy Queen \* Delicia Tropical Cafe  
Douglas Street Sports Bar \* Elgin Antiques \* Elgin Books  
Elgin Historical Museum \* Elgin Public House  
Elgin Public Museum of Natural History and Anthropology in Lords Park  
Herb’s Bakery \* In the Neighborhood Deli & Café  
Jang’s Taekwondo \* La Quebrada Restaurant  
Lazer Maxx Family Fun Center \* McDonald’s \* Modern Age Comics  
The Mustache Cup \* Roll N Donut \* Salon Couture  
Spacetaste Gallery \* State Street Market Shops  
Swizzle Burger Restaurant \* T & L Salon \* Taylor Family Branch YMCA  
Villa Verone \* Walnut Speakeasy \* Wendy’s

Tres formas de inscribirse:

- En el sitio web [www.gailborden.info/register](http://www.gailborden.info/register)
- En persona en el Escritorio de Inscripción en el vestíbulo
- Llamando al 847-429-4597

## Programs in English and Español

### Day of the Dead – An Afternoon to Remember

In partnership with Vitas Innovative Hospice.

Saturday, October 29  
3 – 4:30 pm

#### Community Rooms

- Make special crafts to remember loved ones, learn a little about Día de los Muertos and enjoy traditional sweet bread and hot chocolate. Bring photos and items related to loved ones you would like to feature in your crafts. *Please register.*

### Día de Muertos – Manualidades y Más

En asociación con Vitas Innovative Hospice.

sábado, 29 de octubre  
3 – 4:30 pm

#### Salones de la Comunidad

Vengan a hacer manualidades para recordar a seres queridos el Día de Muertos, y disfrutar de pan de muerto y chocolate caliente. Traigan



fotos o artículos relacionados a los seres queridos que quieran conmemorar en las manualidades. *Favor de inscribirse.*

### Clase Futuros Bilingües / Go Bilingual Class

Wednesdays 7 – 8 pm Meeting Room 1  
No class November 23, December 21, 28.

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

### Clase Futuros Bilingües

miércoles 7 – 8 pm Salón de Reunión 1  
No habrá clases el 23 de noviembre o el 21 y 28 de diciembre.

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

### Grupo de Conversación en Inglés / 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 / English Conversation Group

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.*

### Find Your Castle: Home Opportunities in the Elgin Area

Tuesday, November 1 6:30 – 8 pm

#### Meeting Room 1

Find out about special programs and incentives that can help you buy a home in the Elgin area. *Please register.*



### Encuentre su Castillo: Oportunidades para Comprar Casa en el Area de Elgin

martes, 1 de noviembre 6:30 – 8 pm

#### Salón de Reunión 1

Recibe información y asesoría sobre programas especiales del gobierno e incentivos disponibles para ayudarte a financiar la compra de una vivienda en el área de Elgin. *Favor de inscribirte.*

### No Holiday Weight Gain This Year!

In partnership with Jackie Caul, Registered Dietician at Provena Saint Joseph Hospital, and the American Cancer Society.

Thursday, November 17 6:30 – 7:30 pm  
Community Rooms

Learn about new, healthy recipes and ways to keep off holiday weight gain. Kids are welcome as they will learn how to prepare their own healthy holiday snacks. *Please register.*



### ¡Fiestas sin Aumento de Peso este Año!

En asociación con Jackie Caul, Dietista Registrada del Hospital Provena Saint Joseph, y la Sociedad Americana del Cáncer.

jueves, 17 de noviembre 6:30 – 7:30 pm  
Salones de la Comunidad

Aprende recetas novedosas y saludables, así como secretos para no aumentar de peso durante las fiestas navideñas que se acercan. Los niños están bienvenidos ya que aprenderán a preparar sus propias botanitas saludables para las fiestas. *Favor de inscribirte.*

## Programas en español

### Posada en la Biblioteca

sábado, 10 de diciembre 2 – 3:30 pm  
Salones de la Comunidad

Ven para disfrutar de una posada con el coro de la Iglesia San José, refrescos, entretenimiento y piñata. Familias bienvenidas. *No hace falta inscribirse.*

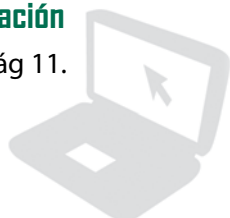
### Meditación para Todos

Los jueves

3, 10 y 17 de noviembre; 8 de diciembre  
7:15 – 8:45 pm Salón de Cuentos  
1, 15, 22 y 29 de diciembre 6 – 8 pm  
Salón de la Comunidad C

Enriquece tu vida y encuentra paz espiritual con un taller seguido por práctica de meditación. *No hace falta inscribirse.*

### Clases de Computación en español en la pág 11.



¡Los Tres Reyes Vienen a la Biblioteca el jueves, 5 de enero!  
Marca la fecha . . .

# adult programs



Join us for *Holiday De-Stressors!*

## Presented by Optimum Health.

A towel, mat, pillow and comfortable clothes are suggested for these classes, held in the Community Rooms.

Please register.

### Seven Metals Tibetan Singing Bowls and Guided Relaxation

Wednesday, December 28 6:45 – 8 pm

Enhance your ability to relax and increase awareness and focus of your vital energy centers. Using the ancient techniques of the Himalayas, participate in group relaxation using the seven metal singing bowls of Tibet—the bowls' power of expression is found in the purity of their sound.



### De-Stress and Recharge with Chakra Cleanse Workshop

Tuesday, January 3 6:45 – 8:15 pm

Balanced Chakras are the key to physical, mental and spiritual health. Learn about the seven main Chakras and the connection to your energy levels. Through guided meditation and group chanting, your energy will increase and bodily stress lighten.

### Two Rivers Head Start Bilingual Parenting Programs

Presented in English and Spanish in Meeting Room 1.

No registration needed.



### Programas de Head Start para Padres.

Abierto a todos. Presentado en inglés y en español. No hace falta inscribirse.

### Children's Mental Health / La Salud Mental de los Niños

Tuesday, November 8 9:30 – 10:30 am

### Car Seat Safety / Todo Sobre el Asiento de Seguridad para el Auto

Tuesday, November 22 5 – 6 pm

### Early Literacy / Alfabetismo Temprano

Tuesday, December 6 5 – 6 pm

Thanks to the generous and creative community members who helped make the Gail Borden Public Library Foundation's Royal Feast a great success!

King Jack & Queen Marlene Shales

Ship Pirates:

- John Steffen, Leader
- Tanner Bednar
- Wyeth Bednar
- Brandon Couture
- Chas Sirridge
- Nico Sirridge

Land Pirates:

- John Dalton, Leader
- Kayan Sanders
- Liam Steffen
- Ethan Sirridge
- Luca Sirridge
- Owen Sirridge
- Chloe Steffen
- Liam Steffen
- Zoe Travis
- Sam Vassallo



The purpose of the Royal Feast for a Great Cause was to raise funds for the planned Digital Learning Lab. Donations are still being accepted via [www.gailborden.info](http://www.gailborden.info), drop down "Foundation." Thank you.

- Steve Thoren – Thy Very Excellent Master of Ceremonies
- Sigi Psimenos – For helping to "Sigimize" this event
- Elda Sirridge – Kingdom's Costume Maker
- Blair Motl – Ship Captain
- Guy McGlymm – Pirate Pier Owner
- Dr. Stephen Gray, Director of Theater at ECC and Swordplay Scholar
- Linda Haight, Sandy Reznik and Christine Mitchell – Ransom Collectors
- Elgin Royal Police Department
- Joe Herdich – Royal Flamethrower
- Jeff Myers – Kingdom Videographer



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](http://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.

## Laying the Foundation

### Mouse Practice

**Saturday, November 5 9:30 – 11:30 am**

**Tuesday, December 6 2 – 4 pm**

For those who need practice using a mouse.

### Internet 1: Basics

**Saturday, November 12 9:30 – 11:30 am**

**Tuesday, December 13 2 – 4 pm**

Learn how to use the web and the basics of Internet terminology, then visit some web-sites. Basic mouse skills are required. M

### Internet 2: Searching

**Saturday, November 19 9:30 – 11:30 am**

**Tuesday, December 20 2 – 4 pm**

Learn how to use the library's directory and a couple of search engines. Basic mouse skills are required. M

### Internet 3: Email

**Saturday, November 26 9:30 – 11:30 am**

**Tuesday, December 27 2 – 4 pm**

The basics of reading and sending email will be covered. Basic mouse and Internet navigation skills are required. M, K, E

## Bricks and Mortar & Adding On

### Construction Zone Open Lab

**Saturday, November 12 1 – 4 pm**

**Saturday, December 10 10 am – 1 pm**

Stop in for some one-on-one assistance with Microsoft Office, Open Office, Google Docs, email and more. Registration is preferred but drop-ins are welcome!

### PowerPoint 2010 – Introduction

**Monday, November 7 6:30 – 8:30 pm**

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

### Excel 2010 – Presenting Numbers

**Wednesday, November 30 6:30 – 8:30 pm**

Learn how to use borders, charts and other tools to increase the visual appeal of your spreadsheets. M, K

### Internet and Web Browser Security

**Thursday, December 1 6:30 – 8:30 pm**

Tips for protecting your personal information on the Internet. M, K, E

### Maintaining Your Hard Drive Data

**Thursday, December 15 6:30 – 8:30 pm**

Tips and suggestions for maintaining the data on your hard drive. M, K, E

### OpenOffice – Introduction

**Monday, November 14 6:30 – 8:30 pm**

A basic introduction to this free office suite that can be used to create documents, spreadsheets and presentations. M, K, E

### OpenOffice Writer

**Monday, November 21 6:30 – 8:30 pm**

A basic introduction to this free word processing program. M, K, E

### Word 2010 – Create and Edit

#### Business Letters

**Thursday, November 3 6:30 – 8:30 pm**

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

### Word 2010 – Formatting Documents

**Thursday, December 8 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 – Mail Merge

**Thursday, November 17 6:30 – 8:30 pm**

Use a mailing list to create mailing labels and form letters. M, K

### Word 2010 – Work with Tables

**Monday, December 12 6:30 – 8:30 pm**

Create, edit and format tables in Microsoft Word 2010. M, K

### 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](http://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, 8 de noviembre, 6:30 – 8:30 pm**

Aprenda las funciones del ratón y el manejo de Windows. *Se requiere inscripción.*

### Introducción a Computadoras – Parte 2

**martes, 15 de noviembre, 6:30 – 8:30 pm**

Aprenda usar el teclado y el formateo de documentos con texto y gráficos. *Se requiere inscripción.*

### Introducción al Internet

**martes, 22 de noviembre, 6:30 – 8:30 pm**

Aprenda como se navega en Internet. *Se requiere inscripción.* M, K

### Introducción al Correo Electrónico

**martes, 6 de diciembre, 6:30 – 8:30 pm**

Aprenda como leer y mandar correo electrónico. *Se requiere inscripción.* M, K

### Introducción a Google Docs

**martes, 13 de diciembre, 6:30 – 8:30 pm**

Aprenda "computación en la nube" usando Google Docs. *Se requiere inscripción.* M, K

### Taller para el Currículo Profesional

**viernes, 18 de noviembre, 2 pm a 4 pm**

Reciba ayuda en español para crear un currículo profesional en inglés. M, K

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Christmas Day, December 25  
New Year's Eve, December 31  
New Year's Day, January 1, 2012

**Main**  
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**PROGRAMAS EN ESPAÑOL**

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Monday - Thursday  
9 am - 8 pm  
Saturday  
9 am - 5:30 pm  
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1 - 5:30 pm

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

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**On Display at the Library  
November 1 - 10**  
Welcome the holidays by viewing more than 30 trees and wreaths decorated with endless creativity, a flair for the dramatic and lots of fun! Each tree is sponsored by a local business or organization to benefit the Ecker Center, which provides services for more than 3,700 people with mental illnesses each year.

For information about the Celebration Event and Auction to be held November 12 at The Centre of Elgin, go to [FestofTreesELGIN.org](http://FestofTreesELGIN.org) or call Laurie Bitter at 847-888-2555

**Pearl Harbor Day 70th Anniversary**  
**Wednesday, December 7 9:30 am - 1 pm**  
**Community Rooms**  
Tricia Dieringer, Chief Foreign Officer, 23-year veteran, past Post Kane County and 11th District American Legion Commander, presents insights on Pearl Harbor. The National Geographic film *Pearl Harbor: Legacy of Attack*, with rarely seen footage and interviews, will be shown. Refreshments will be served. *No registration*



**Food for Fines**  
**1 Can = \$1 Overdue Fine Waived**  
**November 1 - 15**

Bring canned food for area food pantries to the Main Library and Rakow Branch to have your overdue fines waived. Charges for lost material will not be included. Please remember, no pop, dented cans or expired food.

**Stitch 'N' B**  
**Every Thursday 6:30 - 8:30 pm**

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



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



**Happy Holidays!**  
From the  
**Gail Borden Public Library**  
**Staff and Board of Trustees**