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**September is  
Library Card  
Sign Up Month!**

Your library card  
is valuable!  
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**New!  
ATM**

The library is  
pleased to offer an  
ATM machine  
in Chicago  
Gourmet Café

# the explorer

September - October, 2011

Gail Borden Public Library District

**Hispanic  
Heritage  
Month 2011**  
*Colors  
and  
Rhythms*

**Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration  
Colors and Rhythms of Latin America**  
**Saturday, October 8 2 - 5 pm**

Enjoy Latin American foods, musical acts including salsa, Andean and mariachi rhythms, bilingual storytelling, poetry by teens, Latino art, crafts for children and more! See page 8.

**Be Green, Save Green, Win Green**



Presented by Laura L. Barnes, Librarian and Clearinghouse Specialist at the Illinois Sustainable Technology Center.  
**Thursday, September 22**  
**Meeting Room 1**

**Green Lifestyle 101**  
**noon - 1 pm**

Become an environmentally smart consumer, learn how to reduce your energy and water bills and discover new resources for living a greener lifestyle. *Please register.*

**Getting Started with Green Business**  
**4 - 5 pm**

Learn how to make your organization more environmentally friendly and discuss strategies for overcoming barriers to going green. Lasse Ingebretsen, managing director of the Elgin Technology Center, will present a local perspective on the relationship of businesses and green technology. *Please register.*

**Volunteer  
Fair**



**Saturday,  
October 15**  
**10 am - 1 pm**  
**Community Rooms**  
**No registration.**

Volunteers are needed more than ever at nonprofit and other organizations. Representatives from dozens of local agencies will be at the fair to talk about volunteer opportunities, whether it's working with animals, helping seniors or assisting at a museum or hospital. For more information, call Nancy Haggard at 847-289-5840.



**Are you interested in starting or growing a business in Elgin?**

There is a lot of support in place for you. Please come to the TeamYou Elgin Small Business Summit at the Elgin Community College on Oct. 21 where you'll hear tips for success from Nick Sarillo of Nick's Pizza and others. There will also be an opportunity to win an iPad2. For more information on speakers, please continue to page 10.

**Zombie Fest 2011**

**Families invited!**  
**Wednesday, October 26**  
**6 - 8 pm**  
**Community Rooms**

A celebration of all things zombie! You'll learn how to perform Michael Jackson's "Thriller" dance and participate in other exciting zombie-related activities. Feel free to come in costume. Face painters will be standing by to give you the trendiest Zombie "look."

**ZOMBIEFEST**



# 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.

## Story Programs Boost Language Skills and Reading

Studies link early language stimulation to higher performance in school. Enroll your child in a library class to enhance his or her brain development. These free classes provide opportunities for starting off on the road to academic success.

Fall I programs are held from September 6 to October 14. The Fall II session takes place from October 31 to December 9, with registration beginning October 17 for in-district residents, October 24 for those residing out of district.

### Wonderful Ones

9 – 23 months with an adult

**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**

**September 14, 28, October 12, 26**

**No registration.**

Families 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.

### 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 during this program conducted entirely in Spanish. This 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 pm**

**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!

### LOL @ GBPL

6 years to 2nd grade

**Mondays, September 12 – October 10**

**4 – 4:45 pm**

Listening to stories + playing games + making crafts = 45 minutes of library fun!

## Hooray for Grandparents Day

3 – 8 years with a grandparent or other senior friend

**Sunday, September 18 2 – 3 pm**

**Community Rooms**

**Registration begins September 3.**

If you are a grandparent or a special friend to a young child, come celebrate your love and laughter with stories, crafts and library fun.

## Sports Trading Card Club

6 years and up

**Thursdays, September 8, October 13**

**4 – 5:30 pm**

**South Story Room**

Kids may bring their sports card collection to show and trade.

## Read to Rover

Kindergarten and up

**Saturdays, September 10, October 8**

**10 am – noon**

**South Story Room**

**Registration required.**

Read aloud to a fully trained and certified therapy dog. Sessions are 20 minutes long.

## THE COMICS AND GAMING EVENT

Grade 3 and up

**Tuesdays, September 13, October 11**

**6 – 8 pm (drop in anytime)**

**Community Rooms A & B**

**No registration.**

Play Pokemon, Yu-Gi-Oh and Magic the Gathering.



## Predict the Pumpkin Poundage

October 1 - 20

Children of all ages

It's not the Great Pumpkin, but it's close! Unlike Linus, you'll know where this pumpkin is — the Youth Center! Stop by to guess its weight. The person with the closest guess wins the pumpkin. Courtesy of Klein's Farm and Garden Market.

## HALLOWEEN HAPPENING

1 – 6 years with an adult

**Friday, October 28 10 am**

**Meet in the Early Learning Center**

Wear your Halloween costume and parade with us through the library! After the parade, families may stop at stations throughout the first floor for more Halloween fun.

# No-School-Day Specials

No registration.



## Family Fun Friday

Friday, October 7 2 – 3:30 pm

Drop by with family and friends to play games and get creative. For school-aged children. Children 8 or younger, please bring a caregiver to share the fun!

## Morning Movie

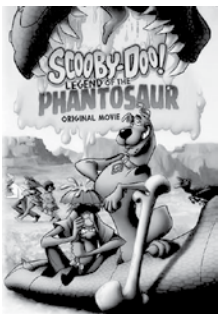


Friday, October 7  
10 am

**Barbie: Princess Charm School**

(2011, 81 minutes)  
Children under 12, please bring an adult!

## Afternoon Movie



Monday,  
October 10  
2 pm

**Scooby-Doo! Legend of the Phantosaur**

(2011, 76 minutes)  
Children under 12, please bring an adult!

## Read Away Your Fines

Grades 1 – 8

Monday, October 17 6 – 8 pm  
Community Rooms

Got library fines? Reduce them by a dollar for every fifteen minutes you spend reading at this event.



Sign up for these free events at [gailborden.info](http://gailborden.info) or at the Youth Services Desk.

Young Teens Grades 6 - 8

# MIDDLE SCHOOL ZONE



## Grades 6 – 8

All events are free but be sure to register to secure your spot! For more information about Middle School Zone activities, visit [bit.ly/qgn5dv](http://bit.ly/qgn5dv) or ask at the Youth Desk!

## Volunteers

Teens in grades 7 to 10 help behind the scenes. Sign up in the Youth Center for fall sessions.

## Manga and Anime Club

Tuesdays, September 6, October 4  
6 – 7:30 pm

Community Rooms A & B

Our regular club activities include drawing, watching anime and doing crafts. In September, make buttons and decorate wooden figures to look like your favorite characters from Naruto, Fruits Basket and Pokemon. In October, learn Japanese phrases and compete in Pirates vs. Pokemon.

## Knitting 101

Thursday, September 8 5 – 6 pm

Saturday, October 15 1 – 2:30 pm

Meeting Room 2

Expert tutors will teach you how to knit. Supplies will be provided — you need to register so we know how many knitting needles and how much yarn to bring!

## Tech Team: Blogging for Beginners

Monday, September 12 4 – 5 pm

Computer Training Room

Join a blog just for middle-schoolers, post at least one entry and learn how to start a blog of your own!

## Food for Thought

Saturday, September 17 2 – 3 pm

Monday, October 17 4 – 5 pm

Community Room C

We bring the food, you bring your thoughts on what's hot, what's not, and what the library should be like.

## Tech Team: Making Movies Online

Saturday, September 24 1 – 3 pm

Computer Training Room

No video camera? No problem. You can use Animoto to turn photos and drawings into a music video. We'll show you how. (If you'd like to use your own photos, bring some in on a flash drive.)

## Geocaching Expedition

Saturday, September 24

11 am – 12:30 pm

Meeting Room 2/The great outdoors

We'll learn about geocaching, then use a GPS device to hunt for hidden treasures outdoors. Rain date is Saturday, Oct. 1.

## Fashion Design Workshop

Saturday, October 1 1 – 2:30 pm

Community Rooms B & C

Sketch out your ideas, then use real fabric to create 2D mock-ups of your designs—no sewing required. We'll photograph your work and display it online.

## Tech Team: Photo Editing Workshop

Wednesday, October 19 6 – 7:30 pm

Computer Training Room

Learn how to edit photos online. You can use photos from the web or bring a flash drive with photos from home.

## Card Game Central

Tuesday, October 25 4 – 5:30 pm

Meeting Room 2

Double solitaire. Crazy Eights. Hearts. Set Quiddler. Zombie Fluxx. And more!



# teen programs



Teens in  
grades 9 – 12

Three ways to register for Studio 270 programs:

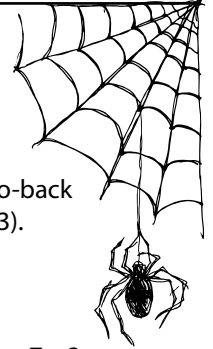
- Online at [gailborden.info/register](http://gailborden.info/register)
- Second Floor Information Desk or Studio 270
- Call 847-695-7577



## Teen Scream Horror Film Fest

**Monday, October 31 3 – 9 pm**

Bring your fiercest scream to our first annual horror film fest. We have the snacks, you bring the fear. Stay all day or as long as you dare for this back-to-back movie marathon featuring *The Others*, *Carriers* and *The Sixth Sense* (all PG-13).



### Teen Read Week

**October 16 – 22**

Stop by Studio 270 all week for book-related crafts, a flick, a scavenger hunt and more!

### TAB: Teen Advisory Board

**Wednesdays, September 7, October 5 6 – 7 pm**

### Checkmate

**Wednesday, September 7 7 – 9 pm**

Stop by for our first ever chess tournament.

### Film Buffs

**Wednesday, September 21 6 pm**

Watch a film then stick around to discuss it.

*Deja Vu* (PG-13)

### Scrumdiddlyumptious: Candy Making

**Friday, October 7 3 – 5 pm**

Experiment with Candy Melts while enjoying *Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory* (G).

### Pizza & Books

**Wednesday, October 19 6 – 7 pm**

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

### Open Mic Night

**Tuesdays, September 20, and October 18 7 – 8 pm**

### Karaoke Night

**Wednesdays, September 14, 28, October 12, 26 7 – 8 pm**

### The Writing Society

**Tuesdays, September 6, October 4 5 – 6 pm**

### Zine Scene

**Tuesdays, September 6, October 4 7 – 8 pm**

### Craft Lab

**Every Monday 6 – 7 pm**

### Audio Lab

**Tuesdays 6 – 7 pm**

### Video Lab

**Every other Thursday 6 – 7 pm**



### Photosynthesis

**Every other Thursday 6 – 7 pm**

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

For more information about Studio 270 programs, visit the teen calendar at [gailborden.info](http://gailborden.info)



## Rakow Branch

### Rakow Readers Book Club

**1:30 pm**

**Shales Living Room**

For information, contact Susan Farnham at 847-931-2094 or [sfarnham@gailborden.info](mailto:sfarnham@gailborden.info).

**September 26** *A Visit From The Goon Squad* by Jennifer Egan

**October 24** *Little Bee* by Chris Cleave

### Family Storytime at Rakow

**Tuesdays, September 6 – October 11 6:30 pm**

Miss Angela will share stories and activities.

Children, please bring a caregiver to share the fun!

*No registration.*

### Medicare Made Clear: Understand Your Options and Learn About 2012 Changes

**Sunday, September 18 2:30 pm**

Whether you are moving from group coverage to Medicare or are already on Medicare, be prepared for the annual enrollment for Medicare Advantage Plans and Part D Prescription Drug Plans. *Registration required.*

### Read to Rover at Rakow

**Saturdays, September 24, October 29**

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

*Registration required.*

School-aged kids practice their reading skills by cuddling up with a good book and reading aloud to a fully trained and certified therapy dog.

## Authors on the Fox

### What Your Preschooler is Dying to Tell You But Doesn't Know How

**Rob Currie, PhD:**

**Preschool Wisdom: What Preschoolers Desperately Want to Tell Parents and Grandparents**

**Tuesday, September 27 6:30 – 8:30 pm Meeting Room 1**

Uncover the key to understanding and motivating your child by learning how he thinks. Based on extensive experience working in preschools, Dr. Currie, Professor of Psychology at Judson University, reveals the astonishing way your child looks at life and you. Book sales and signing follow the program. Door prizes! *Please register.*

### Time Travel Intrigue

**Scott A. Houghton:**

**Code Name Phoenix: The Awakening**

**Sunday, October 2 2 – 3 pm Meeting Room 1**

After being in a deep freeze for 200 years, Cole Bartlett is accidentally revived into a world that fears and hates him. He soon meets up with a new found friend and his great, great, great nephew. The trio must escape a plot to kill them and find a way to survive in a world that has been dead for 200 years. Book sales by Books at Sunset. *Please register.*



### The Promise of Long-Term Recovery

**John Zurn:**

**Memoirs of a Bipolar Soul**

**Thursday, October 6 4 – 5 pm Meeting Room 1**

John Zurn's books are a source of hope and encouragement for those who, like him, struggle with bipolar issues. Learn innovative coping skills that enhance long-term recovery. Book sales and signing will take place. Recovery Support Specialist Pat Lindquist of Elgin Mental Health Center will provide information about local resources. Refreshments will be served. *No registration.*

### 4th Annual Book Club Jamboree

#### Jazz Up Your Book Club

**Thursday, September 22 7 – 8:30 pm**

**Community Rooms A & B**

Is your book club tired of singing the blues? Bugged down by boring books, discussions in the doldrums? Then Jazz Up Your Book Club! Bring your whole club and join the fun. For more information, contact Tish at 847-289-5838 or tcalhamer@gailborden.info.

### Jane Austen

#### Fan Club

**Tuesdays**

**Meeting Room 2**

**No registration.**

**September 6**

**7 – 8:45 pm**

*Persuasion* Book Discussion



**October 4 6:30 – 8:45 pm**

*Persuasion* Film and Discussion

(1999, PG-13)

### Great Books Discussion Group

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

Meetings are on the second Monday of the month at 6:55 pm in Meeting Room 2. For more information, please call Rachel Bloomberg at 630-391-2966.

**September 12** Excerpts From *An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding* by David Hume

**October 10** *The Tempest* by William Shakespeare

### Contemporary Fiction Book Group

**The group meets one Wednesday a month at 7 pm in Meeting Room 2.**

**September 21** *Little Bee* by Chris Cleave

**October 19** *The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo* by Stieg Larsson

### Walking Book Club

**Every Wednesday 7 pm**

The club will read and discuss *The Postmistress* by Sarah Blake in September and *A Visit From the Goon Squad* by Jennifer Egan in October. Contact Nancy at 847-289-5840 for details.



### 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 2. For more information, call Rachel Bloomberg at 630-391-2966.

**September 26** *Atonement* by Ian McEwan

**October 24** *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot

# adult programs

## New! Memoir Writing Workshop

In partnership with the American Association of University Women  
Elgin Branch



Facilitated by Playwright and  
Published Poet Gareth Sitz  
Tuesday, October 4  
7 – 8:55 pm

Community Room C

The memoir is the perfect genre for those who feel comfortable sharing details of their life experiences. In this ongoing workshop, participants will hone their writing skills as they explore their past and find their personal voice as a writer. Writers of all levels are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Gareth Sitz at 847-695-6719 or garethsitz@sbcglobal.net. No registration.

## American Place Theatre's Literature to Life® Presents

### The Glass Castle

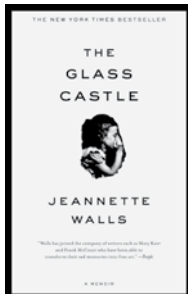
In partnership with the Elgin Community College  
Visual and Performing Arts Center.

Friday, September 30  
3:30 – 5 pm

Community Rooms

Adapted and directed by Wynn Handman, from Jeannette Walls' best-selling memoir about the astonishing story of one family's resilience, redemption and intense love. ECC's American Place Theatre members will perform a section of the book and conduct a discussion.

No registration.



## Suffering from the "Sugar Blues"

Presented by Holistic Health Coach  
Tracey Powers.

Thursday,  
October 20  
7 – 8 pm  
Meeting Room 1

Are you constantly craving sweets and want to understand why? Do you want to gain control without feeling deprived? Please register.



## Finding Travel Bargains

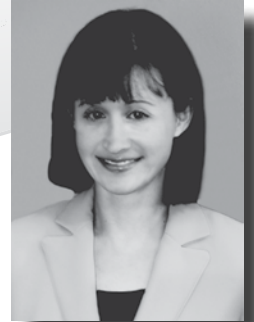
Presented by Travel Blogger

Amy Winsinski

Monday,  
October 17  
7 – 8 pm

Meeting Room 1

Learn how to navigate through the world of online travel booking for great bargains. Discover amazing deals including four-star hotels in major cities for \$60 per night and airfare for 50% off. No registration.



## TECHNOLOGY NOW!



### eBooks Made Easy for eReader Users

Monday, September 12

7 – 8:30 pm

Meeting Room 1

For Nook, Sony Reader and Kindle users.

Bring your eReader and learn how to download ebooks from My Media Mall. No registration.

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

### TechCampII Expedition: Videosharing

Saturday, September 17

1 – 2:30 pm

Computer Training Room

Learn to edit using Windows Movie Maker and share online. Bring your camera and cables. For those with basic computer skills. Please register.

### eBooks Made Easy for iPad and Smartphone Users

Tuesday, October 4

7 – 8:30 pm

Meeting Room 1

For iPhone, iPad and Android users.

Download ebooks and audiobooks from My Media Mall using an app. No registration.

### The iPhone/iPad Revolution

Presented by Tech Specialist Jack Waddick.

Monday, October 24 7 – 8 pm

Meeting Room 1

Learn how the iPhone and iPad are improving peoples' lives with applications spanning education, finance, healthcare, music, news, sports, travel, and more. Please register.

Three ways to register:

- Online at [gailborden.info/register](http://gailborden.info/register)
- In person at the second floor Information Desk
- Call 847-429-4680



### 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 Greeter and Second Floor Information Desks three weeks prior to each concert.

### The Lyrebird Ensemble

*Ellen Huntington and Lillian Lau*  
September 11

The Lyrebird Ensemble will perform hidden gems from the flute and harp repertoire. Come to hear the gorgeous combination of these two instruments in a program of rarely performed works ranging from charming to virtuosic.



### Apas Piano Trio

*Jimin Yun, Whun Kim and Hyun Ji Choi*  
October 9

Come join us to hear great classical masterpieces. The highly acclaimed Apas Piano Trio presents the works of Beethoven, Brahms and Rachmaninoff.



Sponsored in collaboration with the Elgin Community Network and ECCO.

### Putting Your Garden to Bed

Tuesday, September 20 6:30 – 8 pm  
Meeting Room 1  
No registration.

A master gardener from the University of Illinois extension office will present a program on getting your garden ready for winter.

### Code or No Code

Tuesday, October 18 6:30 – 8 pm  
Meeting Room 1  
No registration.

Vince Cuchetto from the City of Elgin will present a program on code enforcement in Elgin.

### IDES Reemployment Services Workshop

Presented by Christine Wojcik,  
Illinois Department of Employment  
Security  
Wednesdays,  
September 7, 21, and October 5, 19  
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.

# adult programs

## FILMS

### Brown Bag Lunch Classic Films



Community Rooms  
No registration.

*Bringing Up Baby* (1938)  
September 12 11 am – 12:45 pm

*And Then There Were None* (1945)  
October 10 11 am – 1 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.

*Pan's Labyrinth* (2006, R)  
Tuesday, September 27

*Soul Surfer* (2011, PG)  
Tuesday, October 25

### Change Someone's Life and Become a Volunteer Literacy Tutor

The Literacy Connection, an organization dedicated to adult literacy, is seeking volunteers to tutor adults in Basic Reading or English as a Second Language. A free orientation for prospective tutors will be held from 6 to 7:30 pm on Wednesday, September 7 in Community Room A. For more information, call The Literacy Connection at 847-742-6565, email [info@elginliteracy.org](mailto:info@elginliteracy.org) or visit our website at [www.elginliteracy.org](http://www.elginliteracy.org).

Tres formas de inscribirse:

- En el sitio web [www.gailborden.info](http://www.gailborden.info), calendar
- En persona en el escritorio de información del segundo piso
- Llamando al 847-429-4680



**Hispanic Heritage Month  
September 15 to October 15!**

**Mes de la Herencia Hispana  
15 de septiembre al 15 de octubre**

**Mexican Independence Commemoration**

**Friday, September 16**

**6 – 9 pm**

**Elgin High School Auditorium**

Celebrate Mexican independence with the Organization of Mexicans in Elgin with some history and fun.

**Conmemoración de la Independencia de México**

**viernes, 16 de septiembre**

**6 – 9 pm**

**Auditorio de Elgin High School**

Celebre la Independencia de México con la Organización de Mexicanos en Elgin, un poco de historia y diversión.

**Make Your Own Piñata Two-Day Workshop**

**Tuesday, September 13 and Tuesday, September 20**

**6 – 8 pm**

**Community Rooms**

Get step-by-step instructions to make your own piñata to exhibit at the library during Hispanic Heritage Month or take home! The Library will supply materials. Open to all ages, but children 12 and under must sign up and work with an adult. *Registration and attendance on both days are required.*

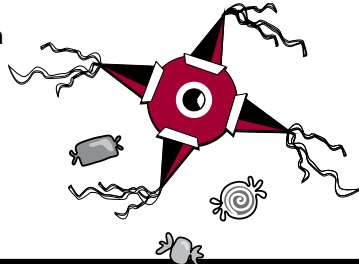
**Taller para Hacer su Propia Piñata**

**Martes, 13 de septiembre y martes, 20 de septiembre**

**6 – 8 pm**

**Salones de la Comunidad**

Reciba instrucciones paso por paso para hacer su propia piñata para exhibir en la biblioteca durante el mes de la Herencia Hispana o para llevarse a casa. La biblioteca pondrá los materiales. Abierto a todas las edades, pero los niños de 12 años o menores deben trabajar con un adulto. Se requiere inscripción y participación los dos días.



**Papel Picado Workshop**

**Monday, September 26 6 – 7:30 pm**

**Community Rooms**

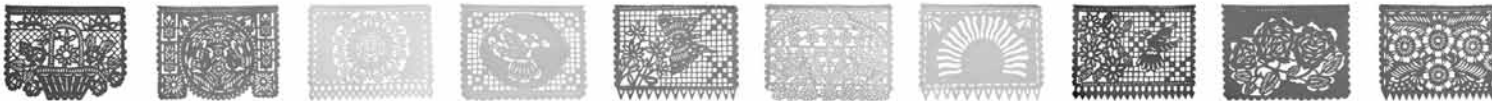
Make beautiful, colorful 'papel picado' (decorative perforated paper) in different patterns to exhibit at the library during Hispanic Heritage Month or take home with you! Open to all ages but children 12 and under must sign up and work with an adult. *Registration is required.*

**Taller de Papel Picado**

**lunes, 26 de septiembre 6 – 7:30 pm**

**Salones de la Comunidad**

Vamos a crear papel picado en lindos patrones y colores para exhibir en la biblioteca durante el mes de la Herencia Hispana o para llevarse a casa. Abierto a todas las edades, pero los niños de 12 años o menores deben trabajar con un adulto. *Se requiere inscripción.*



**Celebration: Colors and Rhythms of Latin America  
2nd Annual Hispanic Heritage Celebration**

**Saturday, October 8 2 – 5 pm**

This celebration of Latino heritage in our country and community will begin with a proclamation from Elgin Mayor David Kaptain and a special Latino veterans' recognition. Sample foods from Latin America will be served courtesy of the Elgin Community College Culinary Arts program. Enjoy a variety of musical acts including salsa, Andean and mariachi rhythms, bilingual storytelling, poetry by teens, Latino art, crafts for children and more. *No registration.*

**Celebración: Colores y Ritmos de Latinoamérica  
2da Celebración Anual del Mes de la Herencia Hispana**

**sábado, 8 de octubre 2 – 5 pm**

Esta celebración de la herencia hispana en nuestro país y comunidad comenzará con una proclama por el alcalde David Kaptain y un reconocimiento especial a los veteranos hispanos. Se servirán muestras de comida latinoamericana cortesía de Elgin Community College. Disfrute de una variedad de música en vivo incluyendo salsa, ritmos andinos y mariachi, cuentos, poesía por jóvenes, arte latino, artesanías para los niños y más. *No hace falta inscribirse.*

## Meditación para Todos

Los jueves 6 – 8 pm

Salón de la Comunidad C

Enriquezca su vida y encuentre paz espiritual con un taller seguido por práctica de meditación. *No hace falta inscribirse.*

## Club de Lectura en Español:

Caramelo por Sandra Cisneros

Jueves, 13 de octubre 7 – 8 pm

Salón de Conferencias, 2do Piso

Discutiremos "Caramelo," una extraordinaria saga de una familia méxico-americana por la autora nacida en Chicago. Habrá caramelos y café. Libros disponibles en el Escritorio de Información del 2do piso. *No hace falta inscribirse.*

## Go Bilingual Class

Every Wednesday beginning

September 21

7 – 8 pm Meeting Room 1

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

## Clase "Adelante Bilingües"

Cada miércoles comenzando el

21 de septiembre

7 – 8 pm Salón de Reuniones 1

Lecciones y práctica para los que están aprendiendo inglés y español.

*No hace falta inscribirse.*

## Identity Theft:

### What Everyone Should Know

Sponsored by the Illinois Secretary of State Police.

Monday, September 19 6:30 – 7:30 pm  
Meeting Room 1

Identity theft is one of the fastest growing crimes in the country. Take specific steps to minimize your risk and minimize the damage if identity theft occurs.

## Discover the Sea of Cortez

Monday, October 3 7 – 8 pm

Meeting Room 1

Take a journey to Baja California, México and The Sea of Cortez, called by Jacques Cousteau the "Aquarium of the World," and view the flora, fauna, wildlife and indigenous peoples of this beautiful yet misunderstood peninsula. Enjoy a lecture and photo essay presented by adventure traveler Doug Dvorak. *Please register.*

## Robo de Identidad: lo que Todos Deben Saber

Auspiciado por la Policía del Secretario de Estado de Illinois

Lunes, 19 de septiembre 6:30 – 7:30 pm  
Salón de Reuniones 1

El robo de identidad es uno de los crímenes de mayor crecimiento en el país. Tome pasos específicos para minimizar su riesgo y los daños si le ocurre el robo de identidad.

## Descubra el Mar de Cortés

Lunes, 3 de octubre 7 – 8 pm

Salón de Reuniones 1

Viaje a Baja California, México y el Mar de Cortés, conocido por Jacques Cousteau como el "Acuario del Mundo"; y vea la flora, fauna, vida silvestre y gente indígena de esta península tan preciosa y malentendida. Disfrute una charla y fotografías presentadas por el viajero y aventurero Doug Dvorak. *Favor de inscribirse.*



## For Seniors



### Senior Free Rides:

#### Get on Board

Thursday,  
September 8

11 – 11:30 am

Community Rooms  
A & B

Get the latest from the RTA on the recent changes to the Free Rides program and find out how seniors may still qualify for free or discounted rides on the CTA, Metra and Pace fixed-route services. *No registration.*

### Mayores de Edad Viajan Gratis:

#### Nuevos Cambios

Jueves, 8 de septiembre  
11 – 11:30 am

Salones de la Comunidad A & B

Reciba información sobre cambios recientes al programa de la RTA en el que las personas mayores viajan gratis, y cómo podría calificar para transporte gratis o de tarifa reducida en las rutas regulares del Metra o los autobuses del CTA. *No hace falta inscribirse*

### Seniors: Do You Qualify?

Thursday, September 8 10:30 – 11 am  
presentation

Community Rooms A & B

Find out about government programs with assistance from a Cook County case-worker from Hanover Township Senior Services. *No registration.*

### Mayores de Edad: ¿Califican?

Jueves, 8 de septiembre 10:30 – 11 am  
presentación

Salones de la Comunidad A & B

Entérese de programas del gobierno con la asistencia de un trabajador social de Hanover Township Senior Services. *No hace falta inscribirse.*

## 3 WAYS TO REGISTER:

- In person at the Adult Services Information Desk
- Call 847-429-4680
- Online at [www.gailborden.info](http://www.gailborden.info), Calendar



## Two Rivers Head Start Bilingual Parenting Programs

- No registration.
- Teaching your Child Creatively and the Head Start Lending Library
- Tuesday, September 20
- 5:30 pm
- Meeting Room 2



- Children with Disabilities
- Tuesday, October 4 9:30 am
- Meeting Room 1

- Continuing Your Adult Education
- Tuesday, October 25 5 pm

## Two Rivers Head Start Programas Bilingües para Padres

- No hace falta inscribirse. Abiertos al público en general.

- Enseñando a su Hijo con Creatividad y Biblioteca para Préstamos de Head Start

- martes, 20 de septiembre 5:30 pm
- Salón de Reuniones 2

- Niños con Discapacidades
- Martes, 4 de octubre 9:30 am
- Salón de Reuniones 1

- Adultos Continuando su Educación
- Martes, 25 de octubre 5 pm

## National Wellness Week is September 19 - 25

### Living Wellness

- In partnership with the Elgin Mental Health Center and The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.
- Friday, September 23 1 - 3 pm
- Community Rooms
- No registration.

### Party in Pink - Breast Cancer Awareness Month

- Partners: Rush-Copley Medical Center, American Cancer Society
- Tuesday, October 25
- 6 - 7:30 pm
- Meeting Room 1
- Presentation in English 6 pm
- Presentation in Spanish 6:30 pm
- Please Register.
- Get together, get smart, get treats and get serious about a disease that touches the lives of too many women, and even men. Aside from non-melanoma skin cancer, breast cancer is the most common cancer among women in the United States and among Hispanic women.



## 19-25 de septiembre es la Semana Nacional del Bienestar

### Living Wellness

- En asociación con el Centro de Salud Mental de Elgin y la Administración de Servicios de Abuso de Sustancias y Salud Mental.
- Viernes, 23 de septiembre 1 - 3 pm
- Salones de la Comunidad
- No hace falta inscribirse.

### Fiesta Rosada - Mes de Concientización del Cáncer del Seno

- En asociación con: Rush-Copley Medical Center, Sociedad Americana del Cáncer
- martes, 25 de octubre
- 6 - 7:30 pm
- Salones de Reuniones 1
- Presentación en inglés 6 pm
- Presentación en español 6:30 pm
- Favor de inscribirse.

Vamos a compartir un buen rato con información, gustos y sorpresitas, mientras nos ponemos listos sobre una enfermedad que toca las vidas de demasiadas mujeres y aún hombres. Después del cáncer de la piel, el cáncer del seno es el más común entre las mujeres en Estados Unidos y el más común entre las hispanas.

## We Want Your Email

You can help the library serve you better by signing up for email notices that let you know about items on hold, items that are almost due and items that are overdue. To sign up, please visit the library web site, [www.gailborden.info](http://www.gailborden.info), click on "My Library Account" and log in as directed.

## Queremos su Correo Electrónico

Puede ayudar a la biblioteca a servirle mejor apúntandose para recibir notificaciones por correo electrónico que le permiten saber sobre materiales reservados, cuyo préstamo está por vencer, o cuyo préstamo ya venció. Para apuntarse visite el sitio web de la biblioteca, [www.gailborden.info](http://www.gailborden.info), presione sobre "My Library Account" e ingrese siguiendo las instrucciones.

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Kay Morgan of Your Front Office, George Hahne of Marketplace Media, Dominic Sorresso of AdvicCoach and Joe Abraham of BOSI will also be speaking. They will be talking about how to start a successful business and how to grow it once it is started. This half-day workshop is offered in partnership between the Elgin Area Chamber of Commerce, the Elgin Development Group, the Downtown Neighborhood Association, the Illinois Small Business Development at Elgin Community College, S.C.O.R.E. of Fox Valley and the Gail Borden Public Library.

Please visit [www.gailborden.info](http://www.gailborden.info) for more details.



The library is offering opportunities for developing technology and workplace skills with funding from the Eliminate the Digital Divide grant. **All programs require registration and are for district residents only.** Register online at [gailborden.info/register](http://gailborden.info/register), in person at the Computer Center or by calling 847-429-4695.

## Laying the Foundation

### Mouse Practice

**Wednesday, September 7 10 am**  
**Monday, October 3 2 pm**

For those who need practice using a mouse.

### Internet 1: Basics

**Wednesday, September 14 10 am**  
**Monday, October 10 2 pm**

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

### Internet 2: Searching

**Wednesday, September 21 10 am**  
**Monday, October 17 2 pm**

Learn how to use the library's directory and some search engines. **M, K**

### Internet 3: Email

**Wednesday, September 28 10 am**  
**Monday, October 24 2 pm**

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

### Introducción a Computadoras: Parte 1

**martes, 13 de septiembre a las 6:30 pm**  
**martes, 11 de octubre a las 6:30 pm**

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

### Introducción a Computadoras: Parte 2

**martes, 27 de septiembre a las 6:30 pm**  
**martes, 18 de octubre a las 6:30 pm**

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

### Introducción al Internet

**martes, 4 de octubre a las 6:30 pm**

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

## Bricks and Mortar

### Word 2010: Intro Part 1

**Thursday, September 15 6:30 pm**

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

### Word 2010: Intro Part 2

**Thursday, September 22 6:30 pm**

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

### Key:

**M** Mouse skills required./Se necesita conocimiento del ratón.

**K** Keyboard skills recommended./Se recomienda que tenga conocimiento del teclado.

**E** Assistance in Spanish is offered in this class, which is presented in English./Se ofrece ayuda en español para esta clase que se presenta en inglés.

### Word 2010: Working with Tables

**Thursday, September 29 6:30 pm**

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

### Word 2010: Formatting Documents

**Thursday, October 13 6:30 pm**

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

### Word 2010: Adding Pizzazz to Documents

**Thursday, October 20 6:30 pm**

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

### Excel 2010: Introduction

**Monday, September 19 6:30 pm**

What a spreadsheet is and how to create one. **M, K**

### Excel 2010: Formulas for Success

**Monday, October 3 6:30 pm**

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

### Excel 2010: Presenting Numbers

**Monday, October 17 6:30 pm**

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

### Google Docs: Intro Part 1

**Saturday, September 24 10 am**

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

### Google Docs: Intro Part 2

**Saturday, October 8 10 am**

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

### Google Docs: Sharing, Privacy, Printing and Publishing

**Saturday, October 22 10 am**

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

### Email in the Workplace

**Tuesday, September 20 6:30 pm**

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

### Internet and Web Browser Security

**Tuesday, October 25 6:30 pm**

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

### Maintaining Your Hard Drive Data

**Thursday, October 6 6:30 pm**

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

## Adding On

### Utilizing Social Media Networks in Your Job Search

**Presented by Human Resource**

**Management Consultant Tom Hovany.**

**Thursday, September 29**

**6:30 – 8:30 pm**

**Meeting Room 1**

Learn how to contact companies using Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn. Bring your Wi-Fi ready laptop to follow along.

### Job Hunting Made Easy

**Tuesday, October 11**

**6:30 – 8:30 pm**

**Meeting Room 1**

**Presented by Management**

**Psychologist and Author Dr. Michael Mercer.**

Imagine your job hunting method easy to use, efficient, productive and fun.

### Get Hired! Bilingual

**Wednesday, October 19**

**6:30 – 8:30 pm**

**Community Rooms A & B**

**Presented by Christy Erbeck, founder of Metamorphic Consulting, Inc.**

Learn what makes you unique and desirable to a prospective employer and how you can stand out in a job interview.

### ¿Entiendes lo que te hace único y deseable a un empleador potencial?

Descubre Ocho Pasos para una Marca Personal y la Actitud de 1% de Diferencia que te hará destacar.

 **Check out Tech Camp II on page 6.**

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

This newsletter contains recycled paper.

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

### Elgin Area Laughter Club: A Hysterical Society

Thursdays,  
September 8, 22  
October 13, 27

7 pm Meeting Room 1

Facilitated by Social Worker Len Lempa or Norma Copes, the Laughing Librarian. Learn laughing techniques to combat depression and reduce stress.

### Listen Learn and Lead

### Toastmasters Club

Second and fourth Thursday of  
each month

Noon - 1 pm Meeting Room 2

Become the speaker and leader you want to be. No registration.



Carol Skelton Pat Noonan Pat Gebhardt

### Thank you!

Youth Services Librarian Carol Skelton, Access/Technical Services Director Pat Noonan and Public/Information Services Director Pat Gebhardt retired in June. They served the Gail Borden Library community for a combined total of almost 75 years. A special "thank you" to all three for their dedication and service to the community!

### September is National Library Card Sign Up Month!

Show your Gail Borden Library card at participating businesses in September and receive a discount. Al's Café, Elgin Public House and McDonald's are just a few of the businesses offering you something special. Make your library card a key ingredient for success! Go to gailborden.info for the complete list of discounts.



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



### Back to School Blast Book Sale!

September 8 - 14  
Book Sale Room at the  
Main Library

Gently used library materials for sale  
25 cents to 50 cents!

### Stitch 'N' B

Every Thursday 6:30 - 8:45 pm

Bring your crafts, crocheting, cross stitching, knitting, needlepointing, quilting or just come to be inspired. No registration.



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

