



Elmwood Park Public Library

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A place where life, work, and play unite. | Dec. 2022 - Feb. 2023

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NEW RESOURCE ALERT!



LEARN **110+** LANGUAGES WITH
Transparent Language® Online

NEW Language Learning System

We are excited to announce that starting in January, Elmwood Park library cardholders will have access to a new interactive language-learning system called Transparent Language Online! This will replace our previous language learning system, Mango Languages.

Transparent Language Online provides a fun, effective, and engaging experience for learners of all levels looking to build their listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills in another language.

With over 110 languages to choose from, including English for speakers of over 30 languages, there is something for every learner. There are even KidSpeak™ courses with language-learning games and activities designed for kids ages 6 and up!

With mobile apps for iOS and Android devices, learners can enjoy the freedom to learn at home, in the Library, or on the go. Check our website in January to try it out!



Holiday Giving

This holiday season, the Library is happy to be a drop-off site for the Leyden Community Food Pantry's Food & Toy Drive! Please drop off new toys by Friday, Dec. 16. Food pantry items are collected year-round.

Some of the most needed items include:

- Breakfast food: cereal, pancake mix, syrup
- Dry food: coffee, crackers, juice, mac & cheese, mashed potatoes, pudding/Jell-O, rice
- Canned food: chili, beef stew, dog food/treats
- Jar food (plastic preferred): condiments (ketchup, mustard), jelly, oil, peanut butter, sauce (pasta/spaghetti)
- Non-food items: deodorant, feminine products, laundry detergent, paper towels, shampoo, toilet paper

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Winter Reading Program Dec. 12 - Jan. 20



Get cozy and read this winter to earn yourself a treat through the Library's Winter Reading Program! Our Winter Reading theme this year is **There's *Snow* Place Like the Library.**

Whether you love visiting the Library in person during the snowy season, or prefer to stay home and access the Library digitally, we can help you make the most of your winter!

Kids & Teens

Sign up online using Beanstack and track your activities, or stop by the Library to get a paper bingo sheet. Earn a prize and a book for finishing your reading challenge.

Adults

Sign up online using Beanstack and log the books you read, or stop by the Library to pick up a paper reading log. Read two books for a gift and a prize drawing entry. Keep reading for more prize drawing entries.

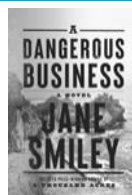
Thanks to the Friends of the Library for sponsoring this program! Visit our website to sign up online: elmwoodparklibrary.org/winterreading

NEW Online Calendar - Coming Soon!

Check for updates on our website and in our eNewsletter in January.

Upcoming Book Releases

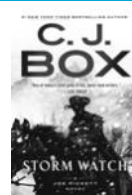
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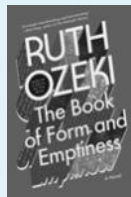
Programs & Events for Adults

Conversations & Connections

Tuesday Night Book Discussion

Tuesdays • No Dec. Session | Jan. 17 | Feb. 21 • 7-8:30 p.m.
In-Person Only • Drop-in Program
Join us for a book discussion! This is a fun, casual discussion where folks are encouraged to chat, but no pressure. Each book will be available at the Adult Services Desk about four weeks before the discussion.

Jan. 17



Feb. 21

English Conversation Hour

Wed. • Dec. 7 & 21 | Jan. 11 & 25 | Feb. 8 & 22 • 2-3 p.m.
In-Person Only • Drop-in Program
Practice your English language skills with this hour of guided conversation. A basic understanding of English is needed in order to practice.

NEW

Cookies and Cocoa

Thurs. • Jan. 5 | Feb. 2 • 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. •
In-Person Only • Drop-in Program
Snack on some delicious cookies, sip hot cocoa, and connect with your community. *Sponsored by AgeOptions.*

NEW

Sit and Stitch

Tues., Feb. 14 • 1-3 p.m. • In-Person Only • Drop-in Program
Bring your knitting or crochet projects to the Library and enjoy some coffee and conversation while you work. *Sponsored by AgeOptions.*

Computers & Technology

Excel Basics*

Thurs., Dec. 1 | Thurs., Jan. 19 | Mon., Feb. 6 • 7-8:30 p.m.
In-Person Only • Registration Required
Please sign up for one session only. Must have a basic knowledge of Microsoft Office to attend. This class is for beginners who have never used Excel or need a refresher on the basics. Learn to create a spreadsheet, enter data, resize columns, and more.

Get to Know Your New Device*

Mon., Jan. 9 • 7-8:30 p.m.
In-Person Only • Registration Required
Bring your new (or new to you) tablets, smartphones, and e-readers to ask any questions you may have!

Excel Intermediate*

Mon., Jan. 23 • 7-8:30 p.m.
In-Person Only • Registration Required
This class is for those who are already comfortable with the basics of Excel. Learn about sorting data, calculating sums, averages, and 3D sums.

Excel Advanced*

Thurs., Feb. 16 • 7-8:30 p.m.
In-Person Only • Registration Required
Learn about more complex Excel functions, including pivot tables, conditional formatting, IF formulas, and VLookup.

NEW

Genealogy Club*

Mon., Feb. 20 • 7-8:30 p.m.
In-Person Only • Registration Required
Bring your current genealogy projects and searches to work on and troubleshoot.

Fun & Games

Wednesday Matinees

Wednesdays • 1:30 p.m.
Drop in on Wednesdays to watch popular new releases! Check the online calendar or the monthly schedule at the Adult Services Desk to see what's playing.

Trivia Night at the Library

Tues. • No Dec. Trivia | Jan. 31 | Feb. 28 • 7-8:45 p.m.
In-Person Only • Drop-in Program
Bring friends and form a team of up to 5 people, or meet new people and team up. We'll have prizes for the winners!

Arts & Crafts

Holiday Handmade Cards* - *Sign up ends 3 days before* -
Wed., Dec. 7 • 6:30-8:30 p.m. • In-Person Only • Registration Required
Make a heartfelt card for family or friends with our craft materials. We will provide ideas, but encourage you to let your inspiration guide you.

Adult DIY* - *Sign up ends 7 days before* -
Sat. • Dec. 17 | Jan. 28 | Feb. 25 • 2-3 p.m.
In-person or Make-at-home • Registration Required
Join us to make a DIY project! Attend in-person or make the craft at home. Just pick up your supplies and instructions at the Library.
Sponsored by AgeOptions.

Dec. 17 - Napkin Ornaments (Make-at-home Only)

Jan. 28 - Paper Heart Decoration

Feb. 25 - Macramé Keychain

Knit & Crochet-a-thon* - *Sign up by Jan. 8* -
Pick-up date: Sat., Jan. 14 (Kick-off Party: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.)
Drop-off date: Tues., Feb. 14
Make-at-home • Registration Required
Sign up for our fifth annual knit & crochet-a-thon to make blanket squares for Warm Up America! Pick up your supplies on Jan. 14, and we will have refreshments from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Ferrentino Room for those who want to get started right away. The participant who makes the most blanket squares by Feb. 14 will get a prize! *Sponsored by AgeOptions.*



NEW

Pizza & Paint*

Sign up ends 7 days before -
Thurs., Feb. 9 • 7-8 p.m. • In-Person Only • Registration Required
Come celebrate Black History Month with pizza and paint! Learn to paint like Alma Woodsey Thomas, the first African American woman to have her art displayed in the White House.

Health & Wellness

Hybrid Chair Yoga*

Mon. • Dec. 12 | Jan. 9 & 30 | Feb. 13 & 27 • 1-2 p.m.
In-Person or Virtual • Registration Required
Great for those with limited mobility. *Sponsored by AgeOptions.*

Hybrid Gentle Mat Yoga*

Mon. • Dec. 5 & 19 | Jan. 23 | Feb. 6 & 20 • 1-2 p.m.
In-Person or Virtual • Registration Required
This class involves gentle stretching with some standing, sitting, and lying down poses. *Sponsored by AgeOptions.*

Meditation & Sound Bath*

Sat., Feb. 18 • 2-3 p.m. • In-Person Only • Registration Required
Join Rhonda Fentry for this meditation sound bath, using the ambient sounds and vibrations from singing bowls and Tingsha Bells.
Sponsored by AgeOptions.

*Registration Required. Registration for Adult programs begins now.

All programs are subject to change. Please check our online calendar or call 708.453.7645 for the latest updates.

Programs & Events for Teens & MidKids

Teens

Teen Carryout Kits

Gr. 7-12 • Registration required
Pick up your kits at the Kids & Teens Desk.

Gingerbread Decorating*

Pickup dates: Dec. 19 - 22
Decorate your own gingerbread treat!

Hot Chocolate*

Pickup dates: Jan. 23 - 28
Stay warm with a hot chocolate kit!

Valentines Friendship Bracelet*

Pickup dates: Feb. 20 - 25
Make a friendship bracelet for yourself or for a friend!



Many
Thanks
to Our
Teen
Volunteers!



MidKids

MidKid Carryout Kits

Gr. 3-6 • Registration required
Pick up your kits at the Kids & Teens Desk.



Snow Globe Kit*

Pickup dates: Dec. 12 - 17
Create your own snow globe!



Hot Chocolate*

Pickup dates: Jan. 17 - 21
Stay warm with a hot chocolate kit!



Edible Slime*

Pickup dates: Feb. 13 - 18
Make your own edible slime!

Trading Card Games

Ages 10-18 • Wed. • Dec. 7 | Jan. 4 | Feb. 1 • 4-6 p.m.
In-person Only • Drop-in Program

Play the popular trading card games Magic: the Gathering and Pokémon. Don't know how to play? We'll be happy to teach you! Drop-in for casual, open play.



MidKids Read*.

Gr. 3-6 • Wed. • Jan. 25 | Feb. 22 • 4-5 p.m.
In-person Only • Registration required

Pick up a copy of the book one month prior, read it, and come discuss it and enjoy snacks with others who read it too!

Dec.: No Session

Jan. 25: *Anne of West Philly*
by Ivy Noelle Weir

Feb. 22: *Freestyle* by Gale Galligan



Rockin' Jewelry with Lizzadro Museum

Gr. 3-6 • Tues., Feb. 28 • 4-5 p.m.
In-person Only • Registration Required

Learn to make your own gemstone jewelry to keep! Choose two different types of jewelry to make with stones from the Lizzadro Museum and learn how to work with jeweler's tools in this jewelry class presented by geologist Sara Kurth. All supplies will be provided.

More programs for MidKids on the next page!

*Registration Required. Registration for each program begins about 30 days prior (on the 1st and 15th of the previous month). All programs are subject to change. Please check our online calendar or call 708.453.7645 for the latest updates.

Programs & Events for Kids & MidKids



Kids

Kids Carryout Kits

Gr. K-2 • Registration required
Pick up your kits at the Kids & Teens Desk.

Snow Globe Craft *

Pickup dates: Dec. 5 - 10
Make a sparkly snow globe craft!

Hot Chocolate Kit*

Pickup dates: Jan. 9 - 14
Make some yummy hot chocolate!

Valentine's Craft*

Pickup dates: Feb. 6 - 11
Create your own Valentine's craft!



Story Times

Little Explorers Story Time

Ages 6 months - 36 months with caregiver
Tues. & Thurs • Jan. 10 - Mar. 2 • 9:30-10 a.m.
In-person Only • Drop-in Program

Explore the wonder of books, songs, bounces, and rhymes with your little one. Scarves, shakers, puppets, and other interactive games will be part of the action.

Story Book Crafts*

Ages 2-5 with caregiver
Wed. • Dec. 7-21 | Jan. 11 - Feb. 22 • 10-11 a.m.

In-person Only • Registration Required
Listen to a classic picture book, then make a craft based on the book.

Preschool Pals

Ages 3-5 with caregiver
Tues. & Thurs • Jan. 10 - Mar. 2 • 11:15 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.
In-person Only • Drop-in Program
Listen to stories and meet other preschool-aged kids at this fun story time.

More Fun Activities

Preschool Conversation Hour

Ages 3-5 with caregiver
Fri. • Dec. 16 | Jan. 20 | Feb. 17 • 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
In-person Only • Drop-in Program
Got a chatty child? Join us for fun activities designed to help your preschooler practice their conversational skills.

Snowflake Wands*

Grades K-2 • Tues., Jan. 17 • 4-5 p.m.
In-person Only • Registration Required
Create your own magical snowflake wand!

KidsRead*

Gr. K-2
Thurs. • Dec. 8 | Jan. 12 | Feb. 9 • 4-5 p.m.
A book club for kids beginning to read! Join us for games, activities, and crafts based around an early chapter book. A librarian will read the first chapter aloud, and then kids can check out a copy of the book to finish reading at home.

Dec. 8: *Cornbread & Poppy* #1 by Matthew Cordell

Jan. 12: *Jo Jo Makoons: The Used-to-Be Best Friend* by Dawn Quigley

Feb. 9: *Sydney & Taylor Explore the Whole Wide World* by Jacqueline Davies



MidKids & Kids

Tail Wagging Readers*

Grades K-6
Tues. • 6-7:30 p.m.
Dec. 20 | Jan. 10 & 24 | Feb. 7 & 21
In-person Only • Registration Required
Practice your reading skills with Bailey, the Certified Therapy Dog!



Letters to Santa

Ages 0-10
Nov. 25 - Dec. 12
Drop off your letter in our special Santa mailbox in the Kids & Teens Department, anytime between Nov. 25 and Dec. 12, and we'll get that letter to the North Pole for you!



Make sure to include your full name and address so Santa can respond.

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Programs & Events for All Ages/Families

Scavenger Hunts

Winter Movie Scavenger Hunt

Ages 3 and up • Dec. 18-29 • In-Person Only • Drop-in Program
Drop in and search the Kids & Teens floor for winter movie characters. Pick up an activity sheet at the Kids & Teens Desk to get started. Find them all to win a small prize!

Book Character Scavenger Hunt

Ages 3 and up • Jan. 22-28 • In-Person Only • Drop-in Program
Drop in all week long to search the Kids & Teens floor for your favorite book characters. Pick up an activity sheet at the Kids & Teens Desk to get started. Find them all to win a small prize!

Black History Scavenger Hunt

Ages 3 and up • Feb. 19-25 • In-Person Only • Drop-in Program
Drop in all week long to search the Kids & Teens floor for notable figures from Black History. Pick up an activity sheet at the Kids & Teens Desk to get started. Find them all to win a small prize!

Winter Break Crafts

All Ages • Dec. 27-29 | Jan. 3-6 • 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
In-Person Only • Drop-in Program
Drop-in to the Kids & Teens Department to create a new Winter Break Craft each day!



Book Box Subscriptions*

Subscribe to get your Winter/Spring Book Boxes!

Tell us a bit about yourself, and we will hand select books just for you. Subscribers will pick up a box each month with 1-2 books and some fun treats! When you're done, return the book and box, but keep the treats.

Sign up for the Jan., Feb., and Mar. boxes on our website. Registration opens on Dec. 1.

Kids (Gr. K-2): Look under **Kids & Teens > Kids > Book Boxes**

MidKids (Gr. 3-6): Look under **Kids & Teens > MidKids > Book Boxes**

Teens (Gr. 7-12): Look under **Kids & Teens > Teens > Book Boxes**



Let us help you stock up for winter!

Bestsellers Club

Make sure you have your favorite bestselling author's newest books on hold through the Bestsellers Club! Let us know your favorite bestselling authors, and we'll automatically put their new books on hold for you. To sign up, visit our website and look under **Adults > Books & More > Bestsellers Club**, or give us a call and we can walk through the form with you.

New Books, AV, and Staff Reads

Want to see what's new at the Library without leaving your house? Check the New Materials section on our website or catalog! Use the tabs to see the latest books for Adults, Teens, or Kids, the latest AV, and Staff Reads.

Bag o' Books (and more!)

Not sure what your kids and teens want from the Library? Fill out a quick form, and we will put together a bag of up to 20 books and 10 audiovisual items for kids and teens. Library staff will select a wide variety of materials, and bag them up for you to pick up curbside or at the Circulation Desk! For more information, please visit our website and look under **Kids & Teens > Special Collections > Request a Bag o' Books**

Vacation Bags

Going on vacation with the kids? Let us put together a bag of books, movies, and other items to help keep everyone entertained. You can even request a portable DVD player to help you watch movies on the go. Just let us know when you plan to return from your trip, and we will set the due date for three days after that. Find details and the request form on our website under **Kids & Teens > Special Collections > Vacation Bags**.

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Winter Weather Considerations

If the weather outside is looking frightful, remember there are several convenient ways to access the Library, including...



Curbside Holds Pickup:

When your holds are ready for pickup, just park in front of the Library, give us a call, and we'll bring your items out to you!



Drive-up Book Return:

Return your items without leaving your car! From Conti, turn right onto the Avenue of Flags, then turn right behind the Library.



Home Delivery:

Sign up for home delivery, and we'll bring your items to you every week! Just fill out the Home Delivery form on our website under **Adults > Additional Services > Home Delivery**, or call us and we'll walk you through the form over the phone!



Digital Resources:

Access free eBooks, eAudiobooks, and digital magazines from home with your Elmwood Park library card! Find eBooks and eAudiobooks through the Axis 360 app or the Libby app by Overdrive. Browse digital magazines through the Flipster app. For more information, visit our website and look under **eBooks & More > Getting Started > Library Digital Collections + Instructional Guides**.



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NEW Traditions Collection

We are beginning a new Traditions Collection at Elmwood Park Public Library! We will be starting this special collection with the Cleary Family Christmas Memory Box kit featuring *The Night Before Christmas* by Clement C. Moore.

Join in on this wonderful Christmas tradition by checking out a kit starting in December! Have a tradition you'd like to see in this new collection? Drop a note in our suggestion box.



Book a Librarian: One-on-One Tech Training

If you want to learn about using a particular device or program, or if you are just getting started with technology and want to learn the basics, you can make a one-on-one appointment with a librarian for tech training. Appointments last for up to one hour and may be scheduled once per week. Topics covered include, but are not limited to:

- Using the mouse and keyboard
- Tablet and smartphone basics
- Setting up a free email account
- Browsing the web and using social networks
- Organizing files and folders on your computer
- Formatting a Microsoft Word document
- Navigating a job search online
- Help using the library catalog and your account online
- Help downloading eBooks, audiobooks, and digital magazines
- Tips for online research and help with the library's research databases



To set up a one-on-one appointment, please call the Adult Services Desk at 708.395.1217 or send an email to askref@elmwoodparklibrary.org. Please allow at least 24 hours to schedule your appointment.

Study Rooms in Adult Services

The two larger study rooms in Adult Services will be unavailable until further notice. The rooms were damaged in late October, and we expect that the necessary repairs will take some time. We apologize for the inconvenience, and thank you for your patience.

To reserve a study room for a particular day & time, please call and make a reservation. Study rooms can be reserved for up to two hours, and reservations can be made up to two weeks in advance. As always, we will do our best to accommodate walk-ins. Adults are also welcome to use the study rooms in Kids & Teens until 3 p.m. on weekdays.

Friends of the Library

Be sure to stop by the lobby and check out the Friends of the Library's year-round book sale! You can find books, CDs, and DVDs for all ages at great prices. The Friends also continue to accept donations, which can be brought to the donation bin in the Lobby. Please make sure your items are clean, dry, and in good condition. The Friends value your donations but are unable to accept textbooks, encyclopedia sets, magazines, or product manuals.

If you'd like to become a member, please send your \$5 membership fee to Friends of the Elmwood Park Library at the Library's address.

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LIBRARY HOURS:

Mon. - Thurs.: 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Fri.: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Sat.: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sun.: 1-5 p.m.

CLOSURES:

Dec. 23-26: Christmas

Dec. 30 - Jan. 2: New Year's

Jan. 16: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

BOARD MEETINGS:

Thurs., Dec. 15 • 7 p.m.

Thurs., Jan. 19 • 7 p.m.

Thurs., Feb. 16 • 7 p.m.

LIBRARY BOARD & DIRECTOR:

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Jason Stuhlmann, Acting Director



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