

Elmhurst Public Library

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Oh, what an opening!

On Saturday, October 4, the sun was shining, the Elmhurst College Jazz Quartet was playing and hundreds of Elmhurst residents gathered to celebrate the opening of their new library.

Boy Scout Troop #78 raised the flag, and the Girl Scouts of Edison School sang *America*. After remarks from Library Board President James Wall, architect Dirk Lohan and Mayor Thomas Marcucci, the crowd streamed into the new library, and the verdict was "WOW"!

More than 5,500 items were checked out that first day, and over 1,700 people attended the special programs during the following week.

If you haven't seen your new library yet, visit soon. Stop by the Welcome Desk in the lobby for a guide to the building and its new features.



Mayor Thomas Marcucci cuts the ribbon.

Get wired @ EPL

The library now has more than 80 computers for public use.

At various computers you can access:

- the library's catalog
- the Internet
- Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access and FrontPage
- Online databases with thousands of magazine & newspaper articles
- a scanner, Adobe Illustrator, Photoshop, InDesign, Acrobat and FileZilla FTP (available at three computers)
- educational games for children on the first floor
- and more

To log on you'll need your Elmhurst Public Library card and a self-created PIN (Personal Identification Number). Ask the library staff if you need assistance logging on.

Or bring your laptop. We have plug-in and wireless Internet access throughout the building!



Girl Scouts from Edison School help pass hand-to-hand the last book to be moved from the old to the new library. More than 450 people took part in this "Last Book Brigade."

Four-year-old Bridget Berger meets Arthur on Grand Opening Day.



More than 100 people got new library cards on opening day!

EPL scores high in national ranking

The Elmhurst Public Library was ranked the second best public library in the nation when compared to 911 other public libraries with similar populations according to the 2003 Hennen's American Public Library Rating Index.

The Index used statistics reported by libraries in 2002 for activities in 2001.

More than 9,000 public libraries throughout the country were compared within ten population ranges on 15 criteria, such as expenditures per capita, cost per circulation and visits per capita.

For more information visit www.haplr-index.com.

Programs for Children

☺ **Rhyme Time**
Now through Dec. 13
Ages: 1–2
Storytime Room
Every Mon. through
Sat.–9:30 a.m.

Every Thurs.–6:30 p.m.
Max. 30*
Discover the joys of language in stories, songs & rhymes. No registration is required, but seating is limited. The same session will be repeated throughout the week. Please attend only one half-hour session a week.

☺ **Preschool Storytime**
Now through Dec. 10
Ages: 3–6
Storytime Room

Every Mon.–10:30 a.m.
Every Tues.–10:30 a.m.
Every Wed.–1:30 p.m.
Max. 40*
Stories, songs & musical activities. No registration is required, but seating is limited. The same session will be repeated throughout the week. Please attend only one half-hour session a week.

♁ **Chess Club**
Fridays, Nov. 7, Nov. 21,
Dec. 5, Dec. 19
Beginners: 6:30–7:15 p.m.
Experienced:

7:30–8:30 p.m.
Meeting Room 2
Ages: 7 & up
Registration by phone or at the Help Desk with your *Elmhurst Public Library card* has already begun.

☺ **Saturday Family Storytime**
Every Saturday
(EXCEPT NOV. 15)

10:30–11 a.m.
All ages (most appropriate for children 3–7)
Storytime Room
Max. 40*

A potpourri of stories, songs and musical activities. No registration is required, but seating is limited.

♁ **Book Discussion**
Tuesdays, Nov. 4,
Nov. 18, Dec. 9
3:30–4:30 p.m.
Ages: Gr. 1–3
Storytime Room

Read great books and join us to talk about them, play games, make crafts and solve puzzles. The books are *Digging Up Dinosaurs* by Ailiki, *Commander Toad and the Space Pirates* by Jane Yolen and *The Rag Coat* by Lauren Mills. Register and pick up the first book at the Help Desk with your *Elmhurst Public Library card* now.

☺ **Tales from the Mad Hatters**
Saturday, Nov. 15
10:30–11 a.m.

Ages: 3–8
Meeting Room 2
Max. 150*
Enjoy fanciful hats, stories, and poems. No registration is required.

♁ **Homeschool Club**
Thursdays, Nov. 20 &
Dec. 18

1:30–2:30 p.m.
Ages: Gr. 2–8
Storytime Room
Min. 10 / Max. 40*

☺ **“Bringing Literature to Life”**
Thursday, Nov. 20
4–4:45 p.m.

Ages: 4 & up
Meeting Room 2
Max. 150*
In honor of National Children’s Book Week, renowned storyteller and actor Chris Fascione will energetically act out contemporary and traditional children’s stories, poems and folktales with mime, clowning and a touch of juggling. Pick up tickets at the Help Desk with your *Elmhurst Public Library card* starting Sat., Nov. 8.

☺ **Puppets on the Wilder Side**
Friday, Dec. 12
7:30–8 p.m.
Ages: 3 & up
Meeting Room 2
Max. 150*

Our own library puppeteers return with a fun-filled, lively program including “Edward and the Pirates,” “King Bidgood’s in the Bathtub” and “Which Witch Is Which?” Pick up tickets at the Help Desk with your *Elmhurst Public Library card* starting Sat., Nov. 29.

♁ **After-School Special**
Thursday, Dec. 18
3:30–4:30 p.m.

Ages: Gr. 2 & up
Storytime Room
Min. 10 / Max. 40*
We’re presenting a talent show! Entertain us by playing a musical instrument, singing a favorite song, telling jokes, reciting poetry, demonstrating a special skill or simply be part of our enthusiastic audience. Register by phone or at the Help Desk with your *Elmhurst Public Library card* starting Sat., Dec. 6.

☺ **Winter Bingo**
Saturday, Dec. 27
1–1:45 p.m.

Ages: 7 & up
Storytime Room
Max. 40*
Enjoy a rousing game of bingo and prizes. Pick up tickets at the Help Desk with your *Elmhurst Public Library card* starting Sat., Dec. 13.

☺ **Fun Flicks**
Ages 3–6 with an adult:
Monday, Dec. 29
1–3 p.m.

Ages 7 & up:
Tuesday, Dec. 30
1–4 p.m.
Storytime Room
Max. 45*
See entertaining movies and munch on tasty snacks. No registration is required.

☺ **Dave Rudolf: Children’s Comedian and Musician**
Wednesday, Dec. 31
2–2:45 p.m.
Ages: Families
Meeting Room 2
Max. 150*

Ring in the New Year with Dave Rudolf, whose wit, limericks, spontaneity and wry sense of humor will stretch your imagination to its limit. He has composed and performed more than 15 CDs, written lyrics for Disney and Second City and has won numerous awards. Pick up tickets at the Help Desk with your *Elmhurst Public Library card* starting Sat., Dec. 20.

♁ **Learning to Sign K–Gr. 2:**
Mondays, Jan. 5–26
3:30–4:15 p.m.

Gr. 3–6:
Tuesdays, Jan. 6–27
4:30–5:30 p.m.
Storytime Room
Max. 30*

Professional signer Kathy Kelly will teach the alphabet, commonly-used words and songs in sign language. Register by phone or at the Help Desk with your *Elmhurst Public Library card* starting Sat., Dec. 20.

Program sign-up:

- ♁ Phone (279-8696) or in-person registration
- ♁ In-person registration
- ☺ No registration required, but EPL cardholders will be seated first
- ☺ Ticket pickup at the Help Desk

* Minimum and maximum attendance for both children and adults. Programs will be cancelled if minimum registration is not met.

Programs for Adults

☺ Lyric Opera Lectures

Sun., Nov. 2—Siegfried
Sun., Nov. 16—Faust
Sun., Dec. 14—Samson
Et Dalila

2:30 p.m.

Meeting Room 1

Learn more about these operas performed by the Lyric Opera of Chicago. No registration is required.

☎ Manet and the Sea

Sunday, Nov. 9
2 p.m.

Meeting Room 2

See a slide show lecture on the exhibit "Manet and the Sea: Voyage to Impressionism" currently at the Art Institute of Chicago through Jan. 19. Art Historian and Professor Jeff Mishur will discuss the marine-theme exhibit which includes almost 100 paintings, watercolors and drawings by Manet, Monet and others! Register by phone or at the 2nd floor Information Desk *with your Elmhurst Public Library card.*

☎ Touched by Africa

Wednesday, Nov. 12

7 p.m.

Meeting Room 2

Take a photo safari to Kenya! Witness the beauty of African wildlife, from hippos to agama lizards to cheetah cubs. Register by phone or at the 2nd floor Information Desk *with your Elmhurst Public Library card.*

📖 Book Discussion

Wednesday, Nov. 19

2:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Meeting Room 1

Join us for a discussion of *The Dive From Clausen's Pier* by Ann Packer. Register and pick up a copy of the book *with your Elmhurst Public Library card* at the 2nd floor Information Desk.

☎ To Sleep With the Angels

Tuesday, Dec. 2

7 p.m.

Meeting Room 2

This December 1 marks the 45th Anniversary of the tragic fire at Our Lady of the Angels which killed 92 students, most between the ages of 9 and 12, and 3 nuns. Firefighter and journalist David Cowan, the co-author of *To Sleep With the Angels: The Story of a Fire*, will discuss the disastrous blaze which shocked the nation, tore apart a community, left an unsolved mystery and triggered national fire safety reform in American schools. Don't miss this moving and thought-provoking program. Register by phone or at the second floor Information Desk *with your Elmhurst Public Library card.*

Computer Classes

Computer classes in the new Computer Training Lab will begin in January 2004. Watch the next newsletter for dates.

Teens!

What's Hot and What's Really Not?

Too much Bizkit, not enough Avril? Too much Shakespeare, not enough graphic novels?

All Elmhurst teens are invited to become Teen Consultants for the library and help us decide which new books and CDs to buy, which programs to have and what should be on the library's Teen web page.

Send an e-mail to heather.wall@elmhurst.org or leave your name and phone number at the Information Desk on the second floor.



Thanks to our "Friends"!

At their gala "Toast the New Library with Friends" on October 2, the Friends of the Elmhurst Public Library raised over \$19,000 for the library! More than 450 people attended. Special thanks to Phyllis Carroll, chair, members of the event committee and to everyone who made the fund-raiser such a success.

A portion of this money will be used to encourage thousands of children and hundreds of adults to read over the summer in the library's annual Summer Reading Program. Last year the Friends contributed over \$7,000 for this program. In addition, the Friends are donating money towards construction costs by dedicating two benches at the entrance to the library.

Tour the Southwest

Friends Annual Meeting

Thurs., Nov. 13 ▶ 7:30 p.m.



Join the Friends and take a pictorial tour of the striking beauty of New Mexico at their Annual Meeting in November. After a brief business meeting, world travelers Mike and Nancy Gauer will present a travel slide show of Santa Fe and the Great Southwest. Experience the grandeur of such national treasures as Monument Valley, Canyon de Chelly and Bryce Canyon. Witness the vibrant colors, beautiful jewelry and Spanish colonial architecture which weave a cultural tapestry of Native Americans, Spaniards and mountain men. At the conclusion, the Gauers will give a brief preview of their Oregon Coast and Pacific Northwest show. Light refreshments will be served.

Friends Membership Application – 2004

I'd like to join the Friends of the Elmhurst Public Library.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Date _____

YES I (we) plan to attend the November 13 meeting.
_____ people will attend.

No, I (we) cannot attend.

DUES

Please check one:

- Individual \$20
- Family \$30
- Special Friend \$50
- Best Friend \$100

*Send to:
FRIENDS, 125 S. Prospect,
Elmhurst, IL 60126*

Please make checks payable to "Friends of the Elmhurst Public Library." The Friends are recognized by the IRS as a 501c3 organization. Donations are tax deductible.

Get library notices via e-mail

Give us your e-mail address and we will automatically send you overdue notices and notices when reserved items are available.

If you have "spam" blocking software on your e-mail account, please make sure that e-mails from ehs@swan.sls.lib.il.us and circadmin@swan.sls.lib.il.us will go through so you will receive library notices.

Drive-up service

Drop off *all* library items, including videos, CDs and DVDs, 24-7 at the library's drive-up book drop. Or arrange to pick up items at the drive-up window during library hours. When requesting items for the drive-up window, please give us at least one hour's advance notice.

Library auction

The library will hold an auction at the Wilder Mansion on Sat., Nov. 15 at 10 a.m. (preview at 8 a.m.) to sell computers, bookstacks, desks and other pieces of furniture and miscellaneous items. Everyone is welcome.

Coffee bar open

The library is pleased to begin a new venture with Lavazza Coffee which provides a great amenity for library users and also some revenue for the library. The coffee bar is now open in the lobby, Monday through Friday 6 a.m.–9 p.m., Sat. 7 a.m.–5 p.m. and Sundays 1–5 p.m. Enjoy gourmet coffee, fresh muffins, juice and more at your next visit to the library.

Food may be eaten in the lobby. Covered drinks are allowed throughout the building, *except* near the computers.

Coming Attractions

Reserve one of these titles or pick up a "Hot Copy."

Fiction

Cry No More

by Linda Howard

The Murder Room

by P. D. James

The Conspiracy Club

by Jonathan Kellerman

The Dark Tower V:

Wolves of the Calla

by Stephen King

Odd Thomas

by Dean Koontz

Truth or Dare

by Jayne Ann Krentz

Double Tap

by Steve Martini

By Sorrow's River

by Larry McMurtry

The Big Bad Wolf

by James Patterson

A Christmas Journey

by Anne Perry

The Hanged Man's Song

by John Sandford

Safe Harbour

by Danielle Steel

Shadow of Death

by William Tappley

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Hours:

M–F: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

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

Sun.: 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Renew items by phone:
630-279-6030

Library Board Meetings:
7:30 p.m., 3rd Tuesday of each month, Small Meeting Room

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