

Elmhurst Public Library



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Celebrating one year in the new library

Celebrate the new library's one-year anniversary with two special programs. And don't miss our October display in the lobby highlighting this first year in the new building.

Zing Went the Strings

Saturday, Oct. 2
10:30–11:15 a.m.

Meeting Room 2

David Herzog's Marionettes will present a variety show for the entire family featuring colorful, hand-carved marionettes performing a dazzling array of thrilling musical acts. After the program, enjoy free frozen yogurt from TCBY Treats. Pick up free tickets at the Help Desk with your *Elmhurst Public Library card* starting Sat., Sept. 18.



Paul Hartsaw Jazz Quartet

Sunday, Oct. 3 • 3:30 p.m.
Meeting Room 2

Join us for an afternoon of original contemporary jazz music led by saxophonist and library employee Paul Hartsaw. Light refreshments will be served. No registration is required.

Over a million checkouts!

Since the new library's grand opening last fall, over 1 million library items have been checked out! Much of that number is thanks to some voracious summer readers such as 5-year-olds Tess Reardon (left) and Galvin Gecsey (right) shown here checking out a fresh supply of books.



Marsha Baker joins Library Board

Please join the Elmhurst Public Library Board of Trustees in welcoming new Trustee Marsha Baker who began her term at the August Board Meeting.

Trustee Baker has lived in Elmhurst for 21 years. She has a Bachelor of Science degree in Occupational Therapy from University of Illinois Chicago, a Master of Arts degree in Social Science from University of Chicago, a Master of Education degree in Child Development from Erikson Institute in Chicago and most recently earned a post-graduate certificate in Infant Mental Health from Erikson.

She has joined a volunteer medical team to Guatemala, served as PTA Co-president for Emerson and Churchville Schools and was a committee member of the Citizens for a New Elmhurst Public Library during the 2001 library referendum. She currently works at the Fussy Baby Network in Chicago and at Aspire Children's Services in Hillside, an early intervention program.

"I love the library and am delighted to be on the Board," Baker says. "I believe strongly that a dynamic public library is central to the intellectual and cultural health of any town. I think the new library is one of the best things about Elmhurst. It has really become a community center."

According to state law, the Elmhurst Public Library is governed by a nine-member citizen Board of Trustees. Board members are appointed by the Mayor with the consent of the City Council for three-year terms. The Library Board meets at the library every third Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., and the public is welcome to attend.

A fond farewell to Trustee James Wall

On June 30, James M. Wall retired from the Library Board after 14 years of service to the community. In his 14 years on the Board, Mr. Wall served four terms as President and three as Vice President. He was instrumental in the passage of the 2001 referendum for a new library building, and he worked closely on the planning and funding of the new library.

Mr. Wall describes his years on the Board as "ones of great pleasure and satisfaction for me, and I believe of considerable advancement of our library."

Library Director Marilyn Boria notes, "Jim Wall has been an exceptional Board Member and an avid library user. It was a privilege working with him. I will miss his advice and counsel as well as his great sense of humor."

Get great reading suggestions



Readers' Advisory Librarian Rebecca Vnuk gets reading suggestions for scary stories at the Readers' Advisory carrels on the second floor.

Get into the Halloween "spirit" this fall with a perfect horror novel. If you're looking for a scary story, stop by the Readers' Advisory carrels and take a look at *The Horror Readers' Advisory: The Librarian's Guide to Vampires, Killer Tomatoes, and Haunted Houses* by Becky Siegel Spratford and Tammy Hennigh Clausen. Two librarians have teamed up to write a book featuring the best of the scary stuff, with plenty of plot descriptions. Or, take a look at *The St. James Guide to Horror, Ghost and Gothic Writers* by David Pringle. This encyclopedic volume covers more than 425 authors, giving brief biographies and a full list of the authors' works.

Not in the mood for horror? We have plenty of similar books in other categories, such as romance, mystery, science fiction and fantasy. And don't forget you can always ask the librarians at the Information Desk to help you find your next favorite book.

There are many lists of reading suggestions for both children and adults at the library and online. Take a look at the new "Book Buzz" section at www.elmhurstpubliclibrary.org for book lists and great links or give us your e-mail address and we'll send you electronic newsletters keeping you updated on the latest books. See the article to the right.

Book discussions

Join us on the third Wednesday of the month for lively and thought-provoking discussions about the following books. Register and pick up a copy of the books at the second floor Information Desk.

Big Stone Gap by Adriana Trigiani
Wednesday, September 15

2:30 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. • Meeting Room 1

Enjoy a story about family and friends in small-town Virginia.

The Seduction of Water by Carol Goodman
Wednesday, October 20

2:30 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. • Meeting Room 1

A writer uncovers secrets while searching for her mother's last manuscript.

Get the scoop on the latest books via e-mail

Find out about the newest books at the library via e-mail! Sign up for our Bookletters electronic newsletters from the new "Book Buzz" section of the library's Web site and we'll e-mail you lists and information on books at the library monthly or semimonthly in the following categories:

- **Book Club Choices**
Books everyone's talking about
- **Children's Chapter Books**
New chapter books at the library
- **Children's Picture Books**
New picture books at the library
- **Coming Attractions**
Upcoming, popular titles listed in the newsletter
- **Fiction**
- **Meet the Author**
Feature articles about an author
- **Mysteries**
- **Romance**
- **Science Fiction**

What would you like to see on our Web site?



We're re-designing the library's Web site from the ground up. Let us know what you think.

What would you like to see available from the library's Web site? What would you like to see changed? Did you even know the Elmhurst Public Library had a Web site?

Visit www.elmhurstpubliclibrary.org and take a few minutes to complete our survey. Thanks in advance.

www.elmhurstpubliclibrary.org



Is reading "at risk"?

National survey shows large decline in literary reading



According to a survey released this summer from the National Endowment for the Arts, less than half of American adults now read novels, short stories, plays or poetry—items considered “literature.”

The report, entitled “Reading At Risk: A Survey of Literary Reading in America,” presents statistics from the Survey of Public Participation in the Arts conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau in 2002. This survey, one of the most comprehensive ever conducted on the arts and literature, polled more than 17,000 people, covering most major demographic groups. “Reading at Risk” compares the data from 2002 to similar surveys from 1982 and 1992 to reveal an alarming trend.

The surveyed individuals were asked if in the past year they had read any novels, short stories, plays or poetry during their leisure time, not for work or school. The results show that for the first time in recent history, only 47% of the U.S. adult population reads literature, and this decline in literature mirrors a decline in total book reading. The percent of adults reading *any* kind of book, literary or non-literary, has dropped by 7% since 1992.

The rate of decline in literary reading is accelerating from a 5% drop in 1992 to a 14% decline in 2002. And this trend transcends gender and ethnicity. According to the study, while women read more literature than men, literary reading is declining significantly in both sexes. Literary reading also is declining among whites, African Americans and Latinos and among all education levels and age groups. However, the steepest drop is in the youngest age groups.

Since 1982, young adults ages 18–34 have moved from the group most likely to read literature to one of the groups least likely. And the rate of decline for the youngest group, ages 18–24, is 55% greater than for the total adult population.

Why the sharp shift? While no single cause can be pinpointed, the survey found that there is a correlation between the decline in reading literature and increased use of electronic media such as the Internet, video games and portable digital devices. According to the report, our culture’s mass move towards electronic means of entertainment and information has resulted in shorter attention spans, the need for instant gratification and an acceptance of more passive participation, such as television watching. In direct contrast, reading requires imagination, focus, active engagement and delayed gratification.

Also disturbing is the impact the decline in literary reading might have on cultural and civic life. The report shows that literary readers are more likely than non-literary readers to volunteer and do charity work, visit art museums and attend sporting and performing arts events. The decrease in literary reading may point to a future deterioration of active cultural and civic participation.

If this rate of decline continues, according to the study, reading literature as a leisure activity may almost completely disappear in 50 years. As the report points out in its Executive Summary (page ix), “If one believes that active and engaged readers lead richer intellectual lives than non-readers and that a well-read citizenry is essential to a vibrant democracy, the decline of literary reading calls for serious action.”

The entire report may be purchased or read online at www.nea.gov/pub/ReadingAtRisk.pdf.

Leisure reading in Elmhurst at all-time high

Despite the “Reading at Risk” study, it seems leisure readers in Elmhurst have been busier than ever this summer.

This year’s Summer Reading Program was the largest and most successful yet! More than 4,600 children ages 1–Grade 8 joined a Summer Reading Club and read thousands and thousands of books in their leisure time. And Elmhurst children weren’t the only ones reading for pleasure. A record number of 780 adult book logs and 230 teen book logs were turned in. Each log represents six books read by adults or four by teens in high school.

The library’s circulation is the highest in library history. In June and July, almost 219,000 items were checked out.

What makes Elmhurst different from the rest of the country? “Elmhurst is a community of readers,” notes Library Director Marilyn Boria. “Our excellent schools, dynamic museums and the many cultural opportunities in town foster a love of the arts, learning and literature.”

Keep up the good work, Elmhurst. Keep reading alive!

Coming Attractions

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

Fiction

- Invitation To Provence***
by Elizabeth Adler
- Hour Game***
by David Baldacci
- Nights Of Rain And Stars***
by Maeve Binchy
- The Inner Circle***
by T. Coraghessan Boyle
- Trace***
by Patricia Cornwell
- Any Place I Hang My Hat***
by Susan Isaacs
- Savannah***
by John Jakes
- The Dark Tower VII***
by Stephen King
- Shopaholic & Sister***
by Sophie Kinsella
- Melancholy Baby***
by Robert B. Parker
- Shoulder the Sky***
by Anne Perry
- Witch Hunt***
by Ian Rankin
- Northern Lights***
by Nora Roberts
- Are You Afraid of the Dark***
by Sidney Sheldon
- The Sunday Philosophy Club***
by Alexander McCall Smith
- Little Earthquakes***
by Jennifer Weiner
- The Prince Of Beverly Hills***
by Stuart Woods
- Songbird***
by Walter Zacharius

Banned Books Week Sept. 25–Oct. 2

Free people read freely. Celebrate your First Amendment right to read by checking out a challenged or banned book during Banned Books Week.

Think attempting to ban books is an event of the past? Think again. Among the most frequently challenged books last year were the Harry Potter books, Phyllis Reynolds Naylor’s Alice series and *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck.



Kids' Storytimes

☎ Mother Goose Time

Ages: 1 with an adult
Mondays, Oct. 4–Nov. 22
(NO SESSION OCT. 11)
9:30–10 a.m. OR
Wednesdays, Oct. 6–Nov. 24
9:30–10 a.m. OR
Thursdays, Oct. 7–Nov. 18
9:30–10 a.m.

Storytime Room
Min. 8 children/Max. 15

A special half hour of language enrichment where adults help children participate in interactive rhymes & songs. Register by phone or at the Help Desk with your *Elmhurst Public Library card* starting Sat., Sept. 18.

☎ Toddler Time

Ages: 2 with an adult
Tuesdays, Oct. 5–Nov. 23
9:30–10 a.m. OR
10:30–11 a.m. OR
Fridays, Oct. 8–Nov. 26
9:30–10 a.m.

Storytime Room
Min. 8 children/Max. 15

Stories, fingerplays and musical activities especially chosen for two-year-olds. Register by phone or at the Help Desk with your *Elmhurst Public Library card* starting Sat., Sept. 18.

☎ A Sack of Silly Stories

Ages: 3–5
Wednesdays, Oct. 6–Nov. 24
10:30–11 a.m. OR
1–1:30 a.m.

Storytime Room
Min. 10 children/Max. 35

Sample some sensationally silly stories that will elicit smiles and snickers. We'll keep you hopping and bopping with our lively musical activities, too. Register by phone or at the Help Desk with your *Elmhurst Public Library card* starting Sat., Sept. 18.

☎ A Gaggle of Giggles

Ages:
K & Gr. 1
Tuesdays, Oct. 5–Nov. 23
3:30–4 p.m.

Storytime Room
Min. 10 children/Max. 40

Take a gander at these terrific tales and toe tapping tunes that are guaranteed to tickle your funny bone. Register by phone or at the Help Desk with your *Elmhurst Public Library card* starting Sat., Sept. 18.



Kids' Special Programs

☎ Zing Went the Strings

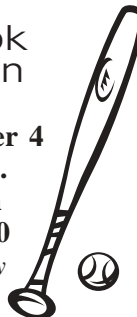
Ages: For families
Saturday, Oct. 2
10:30–11:15 a.m.
Meeting Room 2

See the front page for details on this marionette program. Pick up tickets at the Help Desk with your *Elmhurst Public Library card* starting Sat., Sept. 18.

☎ Kids' Book Discussion

Ages: Gr. 2 & 3
Monday, October 4
3:30–4:30 p.m.
Storytime Room
Min. 10/Max. 20

Read *The Lucky Baseball Bat* by Matt Christopher and then join us to talk about the story and make a sports-related craft. New to the neighborhood, Martin only seems to hit the ball with his lucky baseball bat. When he loses the bat and his confidence, will he be able to help his team win or will he strike out? Register by phone or at the Help Desk with your *Elmhurst Public Library card* and pick up a copy of the book starting Sat., Sept. 18.



☎ Pocket Circus

Ages: For families
Monday, Oct. 11
10–10:50 a.m.
Meeting Room 2

"Pocket Circus" is a new circus-style duo from Argentina that blends humor, magic, musical performances, acrobatics and juggling with a sprinkling of the Spanish language spoken throughout the program. Pick up tickets at the Help Desk with your *Elmhurst Public Library card* starting Sat., Oct. 2.

☎ Halloween Howls

Ages: 5 & up
(NOT APPROPRIATE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 5)
Wednesday, Oct. 27
8–8:45 p.m.
Storytime Room
Min. 12/Max. 45

Let us thrill you with our spine-tingling selection of spooky stories. Register by phone or at the Help Desk with your *Elmhurst Public Library card* starting Sat., Oct. 16.



Kids' Clubs

☎ After-School Special: Celebrate Reading Birthday Bash

Ages: Gr. 2 & up
Thursday, Sept. 23
3:30–4:30 p.m.

Storytime Room
Min. 10/Max. 40

Our new library is having its first birthday! Celebrate reading by bringing a favorite book to share. We'll treat you to games, crafts and birthday treats, too. Register by phone or at the Help Desk with your *Elmhurst Public Library card* starting Sat., Sept. 11.

☎ After-School Special: Animal Talk & Animal Tongues

Ages: Gr. 2 & up
Thursday, Oct. 21
3:30–4:30 p.m.

Storytime Room
Min. 10/Max. 40

Karen Ritter from "Karen's Nature Tales" brings us a program showing different ways that animals communicate. We'll also explore how animals use their tongues through a unique and fun method of comparison and experimentation. Register by phone or at the Help Desk with your *Elmhurst Public Library card* starting Sat., Oct. 9.

☎ Homeschool Club

Ages: Gr. 2–8
Thursday, Sept. 23
1:30–2:30 p.m. AND
Thursday, Oct. 21
1:30–2:30 p.m.

Storytime Room

Join our club and meet other homeschooled students. Activities are the same as the After-School Specials on the same day. Register by phone or at the Help Desk with your *Elmhurst Public Library card* starting Sat., Sept. 11. Previous members need to register.

☎ Chess Club

Ages: 7 & up
Fridays, Oct. 8 & 22,
Nov. 5 & 12, Dec. 3 & 17
Beginners: 6:30–7:15 p.m.
Experienced: 7:30–8:30 p.m.
Meeting Room 2

Play chess & learn more about the game. Register by phone or at the Help Desk with your *EPL card* starting Sat., Sept. 18.

Registration:

- ☎ Phone (630-279-8696) or in-person registration
- 📄 In-person registration
- 😊 No registration required but an EPL card must be shown at the door
- ☎ Ticket pickup at the Help Desk

Kids' Drop-in Storytimes

Just stop by for these fabulous storytimes. **You must present your Elmhurst Public Library card at the door.** Seating is on a first-come-first-served basis.

☺ Mother Goose Time

Ages: 1 with an adult
Mondays, Oct. 4–Nov. 22
(NO SESSION OCT. 11)
10:30–11 a.m.
Storytime Room
Max. 35 people

☺ Rhyme Time

Ages: 1 & 2 with an adult
Saturdays, Oct. 9–Nov. 27
9:30–10 a.m.
Storytime Room
Max. 35 people
Your little ones will discover the joy of language in stories, songs and rhymes.

☺ Toddler Time

Ages: 2 with an adult
Fridays, Oct. 8–Nov. 26
10:30–11 a.m.
Max. 35 people

☺ A Sack of Silly Stories

Ages: 3 & up
Thursdays, Oct. 7–Nov. 18
10:30–11 a.m.
Storytime Room
Max. 40 people

☺ Saturday Family Storytime

All ages
(most appropriate for children 3–7)
Every Saturday
(NO SESSION OCT. 2)
10:30–11 a.m.
Storytime Room
Max. 40 people

Computer Classes

Adults & high school students who have an Elmhurst Public Library card are invited to attend these hands-on classes. They are single classes only, not part of a series. Fees must be paid at the Information Desk at the time of registration by cash or check. *Refunds will no longer be given.* You will receive a \$10 voucher only for cancellations made at least 7 days in advance. These vouchers are good for up to six months for any library computer class.

📖 Intro to Excel **NEW**

Tuesday, September 28
6:30–8:30 p.m. OR
Saturday, October 30
9:30–11:30 a.m.
Computer Lab • Max. 15
Fee: \$10 per person

In this 2-hour class you'll learn how to use Microsoft Excel, a spreadsheet program. Learn basic skills such as creating, saving and naming a document; entering and correcting data; using formulas; formatting worksheets and more. No prior knowledge of Excel is required, but you must have basic Windows, mouse and keyboarding skills. Register in person *with your Elmhurst Public Library card* and fee at the second floor Information Desk.

📖 Intro to Computers

Tuesday, September 7
5:30–7:30 p.m. OR
Saturday, September 25
10 a.m.–12 p.m. OR
Tuesday, October 5
5:30–7:30 p.m. OR
Saturday, October 16
10 a.m.–12 p.m.
Computer Lab • Max. 15
Fee: \$10 per person

Learn the basics of using a computer. You'll learn how to log onto the computer; open, close & save files; copy & move data; use the computer desktop; use the mouse; navigate Microsoft Windows and more. This class teaches basic Microsoft Windows skills. No previous computer knowledge is required. Register in person *with your Elmhurst Public Library card* and fee at the second floor Information Desk.

📖 Library Catalog Training **FREE**

Tuesday, September 14
7–8:30 p.m. OR
Friday, October 8
10–11:30 a.m.
Computer Lab
Max. 15 • No fee

Learn how to search the library's catalog for books and other items. Call or visit the second floor Information Desk *with your Elmhurst Public Library card* to register.

📖 Intro to Word

Saturday, September 11
9:30–11:30 a.m. OR
Tuesday, October 19
6:30–8:30 p.m.
Computer Lab • Max. 15
Fee: \$10 per person

Learn how to use Microsoft Word, a word processing program. No prior knowledge of Word is required, but you must have basic Windows, mouse and keyboarding skills. Register in person *with your Elmhurst Public Library card* and fee at the Information Desk.

📖 Using E-mail

Monday, September 13
9:30–11:30 a.m. OR
Saturday, October 23
9:30–11:30 a.m.
Computer Lab • Max. 15
Fee: \$10 per person

Learn how to get an e-mail account and use it. Participants will register for a free e-mail account and learn to send & receive e-mail. Prior Internet experience or attendance of the Internet Basics & Intro to Computers class is required. Register in person *with your EPL card* and fee at the Information Desk.

📖 Internet Basics

Wednesday, September 8
9:30–11:30 a.m. OR
Saturday, October 2
9:30–11:30 a.m.
Computer Lab • Max. 15
Fee: \$10 per person

Learn how to use the Internet. You must have basic Windows, mouse and keyboarding skills to attend. Register in person *with your Elmhurst Public Library card* and fee at the second floor Information Desk.



Get hands-on training at classes in the library's computer lab.

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Programs for Adults

A Time for Trumpets— Battle of the Bulge 1944–2004

Sat., September 11 • 2 p.m.

Meeting Room 2 • Max. 150

Elmhurst historian and U.S. Naval Institute Author of the Year Jerome M. O'Connor is back to present a multimedia program about Hitler's last great offensive, known as the Battle of the Bulge, the scene of the fiercest European fighting in WWII.

On December 16, 1944, twenty-four German divisions with 500,000 soldiers, many of them elite units, broke through weak Allied defenses across a seventy-mile front. Only four American divisions stood against them, the outcome of the battle determining either a German breakthrough or an Allied march to Berlin.

The presentation includes authentic audio recordings and images from both 1944 and 2004 which Mr. O'Connor took this summer in Bastogne and the Ardennes Forest, while in Europe for the 60th anniversary of D-Day.

Registration is required. Call or visit the second floor Information Desk with your *Elmhurst Public Library card* to sign up.

The Chicago Outfit: A History of Organized Crime

Tues., September 28 • 7 p.m.

Meeting Room 2 • Max. 150

Learn more about the evolution of organized crime in Chicago, from its origins in the late 1800s to the present day. John J. Binder, author of *The Chicago Outfit*, will discuss the influence of the syndicate on Chicago's history and answer any questions you may have. Signed copies of the book will be available for purchase after the program.

Mr. Binder, former president of the Merry Gangsters Literary Society, has studied Chicagoland organized crime for over a decade. He was a historical advisor on the A&E biography "Al Capone" and the History Channel's "The St. Valentine's Day Massacre."

Registration is required. Call or visit the second floor Information Desk with your *Elmhurst Public Library card* to sign up.



Mystery Writing & Crime Fiction Workshop

Saturday, October 16

9 a.m.–1 p.m.; 2 p.m. Wrap-up and Q & A
Meeting Room 1 • Max. 25

Interested in writing mystery or crime fiction? Author David J. Walker is back to share his writing expertise. He will talk about the writing process, focusing specifically on mystery and crime fiction. The workshop includes writing exercises, and participants are encouraged, although not required, to bring a sample of their writing.

Mr. Walker has published seven mystery novels and has been nominated for an Edgar Award. He has been a parish priest, an investigator with the Chicago Police Department's Office of Professional Standards and an attorney. He now writes full-time and is the president of the Midwest Chapter of Mystery Writers of America.

Registration is required. Call or visit the second floor Information Desk with your *Elmhurst Public Library card* to sign up.

Critical Career Strategies

Thurs., Sept. 16 • 7 p.m.

Meeting Rm. 2 • Max. 150

Learn various strategies to maximize your career potential at this dynamic program.

An internationally certified personal trainer, seminar leader and a single working mother of five, Shirley Moore will offer unique ideas on writing "wow-ee" resumes, developing interviewing skills, negotiating win-win situations and more.

Knowing how difficult searching for work can be, Shirley will present her "dynamic do's" to "make it happen" and overcome the obstacles to get that job offer!

Registration is required. Call or visit the second floor Information Desk with your *EPL card* to sign up.

Career Counseling

Whether you are seeking a first job, looking for work after being laid off or reentering the job force, Jewish Vocational Service (JVS) may be able to help you. A career counselor from JVS will be at the library for free, one-on-one career counseling every Monday beginning September 13 from 9:30 a.m. until noon.

At your session you can learn how to organize strategic job searches, develop resumes and cover letters, use the Internet to investigate career possibilities and to network, practice interviewing and more.

JVS is a non-profit, non-sectarian agency which provides career counseling and job placement to Chicago area clients.

Registration is required. Call 630-279-8696 or visit the Information Desk at *with your Elmhurst Public Library card* to sign up for a 30-minute session.

Lyric Opera Lectures

2004–05

All lectures:

2:30 p.m. — Meeting Room 1

Registration is not required.

Season Preview

Sun., September 12, 2004

Lecturers: Tom Countryman, Keith & Irmgard Olson and Arn & Dora Schenk

Get a taste of each of this season's operas at the Lyric Opera of Chicago.

Don Giovanni

by Mozart

Sun., September 19, 2004

Lecturer: Dr. William Nelson

Das Rheingold

by Wagner

Sun., October 3, 2004

Lecturer: Margaret Fournier

Aida

by Verdi

Sun., October 17, 2004

Lecturer: Harry Clamor

The Cunning Little Vixen

by Janacek

Sun., November 14, 2004

Lecturers: Howard & Mary Robins

A Wedding

by Bolcom, Weinstein
and Altman

Sun., December 5, 2004

Lecturer: Dr. Michael Altman

Fidelio

by Beethoven

Sun., January 9, 2005

Lecturer: Sue McCandless

Tosca

by Puccini

Sun., January 23, 2005

Lecturer: Arn Buonamici

The Ring of the Nibelung

by Wagner

Sun., March 20, 2005

Lecturer: Arn Schenk

Bound for college? Get ready @ the library

If you or your children are bound for college, stop by the library and do your "homework."

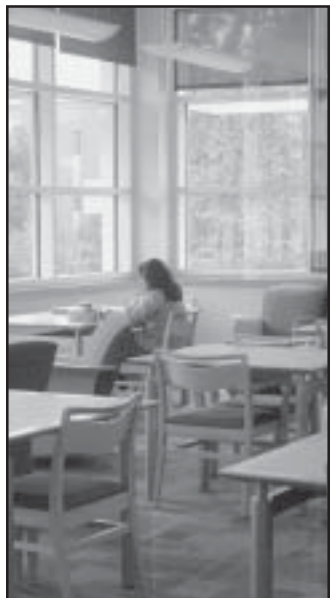
We've got books, videos and CD-ROMs on many different college-related topics. Many of these items are "on reference" and available to you any-time during library hours. Many others items may be checked out and brought home.

Some of the topics include:

- College guides
- Preparing for the ACT, SAT, AP tests, GRE, MCAT, etc.
- Choosing the right college for you
- Admissions process
- College interview and essay techniques
- Information for adult and non-traditional students
- Paying college tuition—financial aid, loans, scholarships
- Picking a major and career
- Much more

Search more than 27,000 college catalogs at the library on the College Source Online database. The catalogs offered on this database are in complete cover-to-cover original page format. College Source Online covers 2-year, 4-year, graduate, professional and international schools. If you don't have Internet access at home, stop by the library and take virtual tours of campuses available on many colleges' Web sites.

We will have a display in September on the second floor featuring books and other college-related items. A list of many of our college-bound resources is available at the second floor Information Desk or from www.elmhurstpubliclibrary.org.



Study and do your homework in one of our Silent Study Rooms. There is a room on each floor.

Do you have a library card?

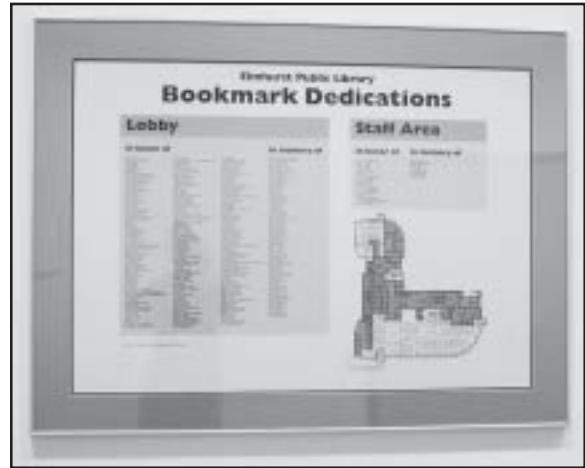
September is library card sign-up month

Your Elmhurst Public Library card is your ticket to a world of information, from books to magazines to hours of free Internet access. If you don't have your library card yet, stop by the Checkout Desk with two forms of identification showing you live within Elmhurst City limits and pick up what might be one of the most valuable items in your wallet.

"Bookmark" dedications make a great gift

A bookmark dedication in the new library makes a wonderful gift or memorial.

For a \$25 donation you can dedicate a "square foot" of the library in one of eight areas in honor or in memory of someone special. Their name will be added permanently to one of three wall displays in either the lobby, Kids' Library or on the second floor. New names are added to the wall displays periodically. The next update will be in January 2005.



The bookmark wall displays, such as this one in the lobby, are updated with new names every few months.

Bookmark a place in the new library

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

(Other donors _____)

_____)

I'm dedicating _____ sq. feet of the new library at \$25 per sq. foot.

in honor of _____

(One person please. A single organization/family is acceptable.)

Occasion (if appropriate) _____

in memory of _____

(One person please.)

Dedicated by _____

Choose a location:

Names listed in Lobby Display:

Lobby

Staff Area

Names listed in Kids' Library

Display:

Kids' Library

Names listed in 2nd Floor

Display:

Adult Fiction

Adult Nonfiction

Teen Area

Magazines & Newspapers

Movies, Music and Audiobooks

Certificate to be sent to:

Name _____

Address _____

Please make checks payable to Elmhurst Public Library.

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Friends Read-a-Thon raises funds for library

The Friends of the Elmhurst Public Library's "Read Around the Clock" Read-a-Thon raised more than \$1,200 for the library.

Several people participated in this fundraiser by getting friends and family members to sponsor them for every page they read during the week of July 25, 2004. Sponsors could also give a single donation.

Participants will be listed in the *Elmhurst Independent*, and several won prizes in a special Read-a-Thon drawing held at Stories in the Park.

Thanks to all the participants and sponsors for supporting our "Friends." If you'd like to become a Friend of the Library pick up an application at the library or print one from the library's Web site.

Remember Sept. 11- Register to vote

The League of Women Voters of Elmhurst will be at the library on Saturday, September 11 from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. registering DuPage County residents only to vote.

In order to register to vote, you must be a citizen of the United States; 18 years of age by election day, November 2, 2004 and you must be a resident of the precinct in which you live for 30 days.

You must bring in two forms of identification. One must have a current address. Post Office Boxes are not acceptable. Acceptable forms of ID include a driver's license, birth certificate, social security card, student ID, a union or other membership card.



SLS is now MLS

The Suburban Library System recently has merged with the Chicago Multi-type Library System and is now called The Metropolitan Library System.

Services will remain the same, but you will begin seeing the new name and logo soon.



Set cell phones to "silent" in library

Cell phone use is permitted in the library as long as it does not disturb others. All cell phones must be set on silent or vibrate mode. All conversations in the library, whether in person or on a cell phone, must be conducted quietly.

Thank you for your cooperation in making the library an enjoyable place for everyone.

Fine Print is Elmhurst Public Library's newsletter, published every other month to inform Elmhurst residents of services, resources and events offered by their library.

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Sat.: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
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For ADA special accommodations for programs, call the ADA Compliance Officer at 279-8696 or TTY at 782-4310 (new phone number), 1 week prior to the event.

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