

Join the
Excitement!



Elmhurst Public Library Grand Opening Celebration



October 4–12, 2003

There's something for everyone at the new library's Grand Opening Celebration!
Each day has a different theme with programs and events to match.

All events are free to Elmhurst Public Library cardholders. Seating is limited. Admission to the week's programs is on a first-come basis, except for ComedySportz on Oct. 10, which requires registration. You may be asked to show your EPL card to attend some programs, so please have it with you.

Saturday, October 4 Grand Opening Celebration

Last Book Brigade

8:50 a.m. *sharp*

All ages

Join the human chain that will carry, hand-to-hand, the last library book from the old library to the new building. The book is *The Library* by Sarah Stewart, a picture book about a woman whose collection of books grows and grows and grows. Registration is required. Pick up tickets at the "Ask Me" Desk with your *Elmhurst Public Library card* from Aug. 30–Sept. 7. In case of rain, bring an umbrella. The book brigade will go on rain or shine.

Elmhurst College Jazz Quartet

9 a.m.

Outside before ceremony

10 a.m.–noon Lobby

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

9:30 a.m.

Everyone is invited to join the excitement as we open the new library. You'll hear a few words from Mayor Marcucci, Library Board President James Wall and others before we cut the ribbon and welcome everyone inside our beautiful new building. In case of rain the ceremony will be moved inside. Hourly guided tours will be given throughout the day beginning at 11 a.m. Meet at the Welcome Desk.

Storybook Characters

All day

Kids can visit with costumed characters Curious George, Peter Rabbit, Spot, Arthur and the mouse from the book *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* throughout the day.



Yo-Yo Man

11 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Barry North will amaze and delight youngsters.



Refreshments

11 a.m.–1 p.m.

At east entrance

(Rain–Large Meeting Room)

Juggler

2–4 p.m.

See juggler John Scheurich!

Flute & Harp Music

1–3 p.m.

Lobby

Teen Open House!

3:30–5 p.m. *Every day during opening week*

For teens in the Teen Area

Check out the new teen area. Free pop, snacks and more.

Sunday, October 5 Music Appreciation

Lyric Opera

Lecture: *Regina*

2–3 p.m.

Small Meeting Room

Learn more about the opera *Regina* being performed this season by the Lyric Opera of Chicago.

Guitarist

Steven J. Vazquez

1:30–4 p.m.

Lobby

Guitarist Steven J. Vazquez will entertain visitors on his acoustic guitar.

"Singing, Snapping, Twisting, Tapping"

2–2:30 p.m.

Ages: 2–5

Storytime Room

Singer Tom Malouf will present a medley of toe tapping tunes for little ones.



Ac • Rock

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3:30–4:15 p.m.

Ages: 5 & up

Large Meeting Room

This all-male *a cappella* group will entertain you with their incredible and unique sound. Songs range from the 1950s to today. They'll have you humming a favorite tune throughout the week!

Monday, October 6 Celebrating Seniors

Elmhurst Services for Seniors

9:30–10:30 a.m.

Large Meeting Room

The Elmhurst Senior Citizen Commission presents a panel discussion on services available for seniors in Elmhurst and DuPage County. Join us from 10:30–11:30 a.m. in the Small Meeting Room after the discussion for refreshments and to ask questions.

Focus on Seniors

11 a.m.–noon

Large Meeting Room

The legal and financial issues of aging will be addressed by Marianne Wherry, a licensed social worker at Friendship Village in Schaumburg. Learn about the costs of various living arrangements. Perfect for people planning their senior years or adult children of seniors. You may be surprised at what you learn!

From Bungalows to Mansions

1–2:30 p.m.

Large Meeting Room

Hear about the various styles of homes found all over the Chicago area and learn to identify each type. Great for those interested in researching the history of their homes. Speaker Betsy Green will include homes in Elmhurst as part of her program.

"The Strong, the Wise & the Brave"

3:30–4:15 p.m.

Ages: 5 and up

Large Meeting Room

Denise Berry-Hanna will share stories of how we gain wisdom from people of all ages.

Those Were the Days Radio Players

7:30–8:30 p.m.

Ages: 9 years–adults

Large Meeting Room

Experience the magic of old-time radio with a live performance of old radio scripts from *The Shadow* and *My Friend Irma* complete with sound effects and original music!

"Grand Senior" Day

9 a.m.–9 p.m.

Ages: Under 13

Kids' Library

Throughout the day, children under the age of 13 will receive a small gift at the Kids' Library Help Desk when they bring their favorite senior to the library.

Tuesday, October 7 Business & Technology

Lunch Time Tour 12:30 p.m. *sharp* Meet at Welcome Desk

A special tour for people who work in Elmhurst.

Take the Pizza Challenge

3:30–5 p.m.
For Teens

Small Meeting Room

Stop by anytime to take a blind taste test and vote for the best Elmhurst pizza.

Small Business Seminar

6:30–7:30 p.m.

Small Meeting Room

Staff from the Illinois Small Business Development Center will discuss various state resources for starting and growing a small business.

Technology Tour 7:30–8:45 p.m.

Meet in Computer Lab

Take a short, informal tour highlighting technology in the new library. Tours will last approximately 20 minutes and will leave from the computer lab.

Animated Laser Light Show

7:30–8:15 p.m.

Ages: Grades 1 and up
Large Meeting Room

Experience an amazing and entertaining show that combines technology with art and music and features an animated laser light show finale.



Wednesday, October 8 Fine Arts Fun

Hats Off To The 20th Century

1:15–2:15 p.m.

Large Meeting Room

Take a nostalgic look at the 20th Century. This interactive fashion show mixes music, nostalgia, history and entertainment.

Art, Music & Stories

3:30–4:30 p.m.

Ages: K–Grade 5

Large Meeting Room

Professional actress Beth Gelman uses storytelling as a key to unlock music and visual arts providing a delightful treat for one and all.



Kalapriya Dance

Tatti's Tales

7–7:45 p.m.

Ages:

K–adults

Large Meeting Room

Pranita Jain, Artistic Director of Kalapriya Dance, and four other dancers will present Tatti's (Grandmother's) Tales.

Journey through 4 mythological Hindu tales including arrogance vs. humility and good vs. evil. You will be dazzled by the beauty, grace and mystery of

Thursday, October 9 Books & Authors

How Much is This Book Worth?

10–11:30 a.m.

Large Meeting Room

Antiquarian Bookseller Thomas Joyce will discuss first editions, rare books and autographs. Elmhurst residents may bring one or two books of interest that Mr. Joyce may discuss.



A Visit with Eric Rohmann

3:30–4:30 p.m.

Ages: K–Grade 6

Large Meeting Room

This year's Caldecott Medal winner Eric Rohmann will delight and inspire children who love his books such as *My Friend Rabbit* (2003 Caldecott Winner) and *Time Flies* (1995 Caldecott Honor Book).

Long Time, No See 7–8 p.m.

Large Meeting Room

Elmhurst native and York High School alumna Beth Finke will discuss her extraordinary memoir, *Long Time, No See*. In a straightforward manner with unflinching candor and wit she chronicles the progress of juvenile diabetes

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ancient Hindu dance expressed through colorful costumes, lush music and graceful narration. This is Pranita's second visit to EPL, and we are glad to welcome her back.



that left her blind at the age of 26, as well as the seemingly endless spiral of adversity that followed which includes bearing a child with multiple disabilities. Don't miss this moving story of perseverance! Copies of the book will be available for purchase at a book signing after the program.

Take the tour

Volunteers will lead tours of the new library Oct. 5–Nov. 15.

Times:

M–F 10 a.m., 2 p.m., 7 p.m.

Sat. 10 a.m., 2 p.m.

Sun. 2 p.m.

Tours will begin at the Welcome Desk in the vestibule and will last a little over an hour. Written tour scripts will be available for those who wish to make a self-guided tour. Call ahead to confirm times.

Friday, October 10

Join the
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and Fun



Morton Arboretum in the Fall

1–2 p.m.

Ages: Adults
Small Meeting Room

Join us to learn from an Arboretum staff member about the beauty of the season. After the program you'll want to make a trip to see it for yourself.

Popeye & Swee'pea

3:30–4:15 p.m.

All ages
Large Meeting Room

Families will meet Popeye and his amazing trained dog, Swee'pea. Swee'pea will tight-rope walk, balance a ball, jump rope with the audience and more!

ComedySportz

7–8:15 p.m.

Ages: 10 years–adults
Large Meeting Room

These hilarious improv comedians will demonstrate the fine “sport” of comedy as they battle for title of funniest comedy team! Best of all, the laughs are all based on suggestions from YOU, the audience. Don't miss this evening of fresh, clean-cut fun. **Registration is required. You must pick up a free “ticket” with your Elmhurst Public Library card at the Welcome Desk to attend.**



Photo by Jeff Ellis

ComedySportz

American Heritage Weekend Saturday, October 11

Lance Brown's Tribute to Will Rogers

Saturday, Oct. 11

10:30–11:30 a.m.

Ages: Grade 2–adult
Large Meeting Room

Witness the wit and wisdom of American cowboy & legend Will Rogers. A humorist, writer, radio and film personality, singer and philosopher, Rogers was known for saying, “I never met a man I didn't like.” There'll be songs a-plenty, political quips and even a few rope tricks!



Lance Brown as Will Rogers

Historical Perspectives presents: Amelia Earhart

Saturday, October 11

1–1:45 p.m.

Ages: Grade 1 and up
Large Meeting Room

Adventure some pilot Amelia Earhart is “reappearing” at the new library! Learn about this aviation pioneer and what sparked her great love of flying.

Saturday Family Storytime

Saturday, October 11

10:30–11 a.m.

All ages (most appropriate for children 3 & up)

Storytime Room

Enjoy a super selection of stories and songs in the new Storytime Room.

Sunday, October 12

Historical Museum Photo Exhibit

Sunday, October 12

1:30–4 p.m.

Small Meeting Room

Drop by to see photos of Wilder Park, parades and other patriotic events in Elmhurst's history, courtesy of the Elmhurst Historical Museum.

The Convertibles

Sunday, October 12

1:30–2:15 p.m.

Large Meeting Room

The Convertibles quartet will sing a mix of barbershop harmony, popular music from the 1940s, doo-wop from the 1950s, gospel, western ballads and more.



The Convertibles

Stories by DOT

Sunday, October 12

2–2:45 p.m.

Ages: 2–5 years
Storytime Room

Best described as “stand-up comedy for kids,” Dot's show is a combination of stories, songs and madcap hilarity. She entertains, educates and keeps the audience moving.

Undeclared War

Sunday, October 12

3–4:30 p.m.

Large Meeting Room

Meet Elmhurst historian and US Naval Institute “Author of the Year” Jerome M. O'Connor. He will share the story of how the officially neutral US Navy throughout 1941 secretly tried to provoke war with Germany on the high seas. Mr. O'Connor was the first journalist to reveal for *Chicago Tribune* readers in 1978 the forgotten London WWII headquarters of Churchill. His meticulously researched articles appear in national & international publications.

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