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ela area public library's newsletter December 2023 – February 2024



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Meet EAPL's New Executive Director, Erica Christianson

The Ela Area Public Library Board of Trustees announced the appointment of a new executive director, Erica Christianson. Most recently the deputy director of EAPL, Christianson took over the reins of day-to-day Library operations last September, replacing Lauren Rosenthal, who resigned to pursue other opportunities.

Christianson has been working for the Library almost three decades. She started her professional career as a reference and young adult librarian under Executive Director Carol Larson and has learned about the inner workings of public library service from the ground up. In 2013, she was promoted to deputy director and served as EAPL's interim director during the global pandemic in 2020, which solidified her success as a leader with a broad skill set and great depth of knowledge and experience.

“The Board believes that Ms. Christianson’s deep organizational knowledge, collaborative communication style, and proven leadership skills will provide a seamless transition for the Library and a continued commitment to the success of our recently developed strategic plan,” says EAPL Board President Crystal Steker. “We look forward to the leadership and innovation Ms. Christianson will undoubtedly continue to share with our Library patrons, staff and board as our new executive director,” Steker adds.

From the Director's Desk, Erica Christianson

Throughout Footnotes we are celebrating this warm and cozy time of year. In the winter months, I love nothing better than to listen to an audiobook while knitting. Several of my favorite authors (J. Ryan Stradal, S.A. Cosby and Martha Wells – Coming Jan. 11, see p. 5) have new audiobooks. You can check them out and listen to them via the Library’s Libby app. By the way, I’m no expert knitter. It is just something fun and relaxing to do! If you want to learn to knit, I recommend using your Ela Library card to access Creativebug's online classes and also check out one of our “Learn to Knit” kits from the Library of Things collection. Connect with our Warm Up Lake Zurich yarn crafting group (p. 4) for advice and help. The group is always happy to welcome a new knitter (or crocheter) and share their knowledge.

Later this winter, we are looking for knitting and crochet enthusiasts to help with a community art project. We’ll be turning our Forge into a cozy, vibrant creative space. For all the details, including information on our in-person workshops, see p. 10.

Library Stories Project

As we wind down our 50th Anniversary year, I am enjoying reading the many heartfelt “Library Stories” that share your love and enthusiasm for Ela Library. To see excerpts, visit: <https://www.eapl.org/library-stories>.

What is your favorite memory of the Library? Share your Library story with us at [eapl.org/library-stories-form](https://www.eapl.org/library-stories-form). Paper submissions are available in the Library.

New Sidewalk

This fall, we added a much-needed addition to the Library grounds – a new sidewalk! The walkway connects Mohawk Trail to the Library, creating a much safer experience for pedestrians. This project was spearheaded by our Facilities Department. Patron safety is always at the forefront of their work. Learn more about our facilities team on p. 12.

WELCOME STAFF IN NEW ROLES



DEPUTY DIRECTOR
Natalie Ziarnik




HEAD OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES
Katie Less




COZY IDEAS to Get Wrapped Up in This Winter


As much as we all love fall, there's something about the warm glow of a fireplace, curling up with a book, celebrating the holidays, catching snowflakes on your tongue, warm socks and comfort food that cold weather brings. Here are a few reasons to love winter.


All are available at your Library or scan 


The Book Lovers Collection

Check out this new collection, located behind fiction in Popular Materials on the first floor. Focused on items that "book lovers" may especially enjoy, the collection includes everything from specialty reading glasses to cocktails with a literary twist. Stop in and take a look. We know you'll find something to enhance your next reading experience.

 **12 Days of Making (YouTube/ TikTok)**
Beginning December 1, join us for 12 DIY gift ideas you can make in the Library's makerspace, Forge. Tune in daily to watch the videos and stop by Forge to get started on the project. See page 10 for more details.

 **Library of Things**
Don't break the bank this holiday season. Save money and resources by borrowing items you may not use often or just want to try out! From snowshoes and seasonal baking pans to a sewing machine, EAPL has items in various categories for checkout.

 **Goodreads**
Meet your next favorite book on Goodreads, the world's largest site for readers and book recommendations. Available at www.goodreads.com/user/show/35716836-ela-readers. Goodreads finds the books you'll love, keeps track of the books you want to read and connects you to an online community of bookworms.

 **Reading Challenges**
Challenge yourself in 2024! EAPL has reading challenges for all ages throughout the year. Strengthen your parent-child relationship, stimulate brain development, and build lifelong language and literacy skills with *1,000 Books Before Kindergarten*. For teens and adults, read books on 12 different themes and win a prize when you sign up for *12 to Try*. Teens (grades 6-8 and 9-12) earn prizes for all the books read before high school/graduation with *100 Books Before*.



adult programs



Registration (R) is required for all programs, unless noted (NR).

- *Registration begins Sep. 1 (unless noted).*
- *Zoom links are sent to your email the day of the event.*
- *In-person programs are held at the Library.*



Holiday Mitten Tree

Place new hats, mittens, gloves, scarves and sweaters on the Library's mitten tree. The tree is located on the first floor near the Information Desk. All donations benefit local agencies in need.

December 1-29

Chicago Bronze Handbell Ensemble (In Person)

This handbell ensemble concert features sacred, secular, classical, jazz and old favorites. A must-see for the season!

2:30pm Sun., Dec. 3 (R)



Senior Scrabble Club (In Person)

Looking for a little friendly competition? Join our Scrabble Club and play against friends and members of the community. Senior adults of all skill levels are welcome. Refreshments and supplies are provided.

10am Mondays, Dec. 4, Feb. 5 (R)

One Pot Meals (In Person)

Chef Susan Maddox returns to present several delicious one pot meals for easy dining as well as clean up. Space is limited.

7pm Mon., Dec. 4 (R)

Alzheimer's Support Group (In Person)

This monthly drop-in event provides information and support to those in a caregiving role. For further information, please contact Lisa Gaggiano at Ela Township 55+ (847) 438-9160.

7-8pm Tuesdays, Dec. 5, Jan. 2, Feb. 6 (NR)

Chair Yoga and Meditation (Zoom)

Yoga is for every body! Join instructor Isabel Raci in a gentle, seated yoga and meditation session, perfect for seniors and those with limited mobility. Attend any or all sessions.

6pm Thursdays, Dec. 7, Feb. 1 (R)

Blood Drive (In Person)

Donate the gift of blood. Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins are welcome.

11am-5pm Thurs., Dec. 7 (R)

Inside Chicago's Intriguing House Museums (Zoom)

Chicago has many house museums that deserve to be better known. Architectural historian Laurie Petersen takes you inside these houses with an illustrated talk about their owners, architects and neighborhoods.

7pm Mon., Dec. 11 (R)

Beautiful Quebec City (Zoom)

Travel to beautiful Quebec City, Canada, one of the oldest European settlements in North America, to experience European ambiance, a unique, francophone culture and delicious cuisine. The old, walled portion of the city was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1985.

6:30-8pm Wed., Dec. 13 (R)

Warm Up Lake Zurich (In Person)

Join us monthly to discuss, share and learn about yarn crafting from crocheting to knitting. Donations of craft items are accepted for local charities. Open to all levels. Meet in Meeting Room A.

4-6pm Thursdays, Dec. 14, Jan. 11, Feb. 8 (R)

Ela Library Quilt Talks (In Person)

Share and learn about fabrics and quilt making. All skill levels are welcome. Donations of craft items are accepted for local charities. Meet in Meeting Room A.

6:30-8:30pm Thursdays, Dec. 14, Jan. 11, Feb. 8

Memory Café (In Person)

Memory Café is designed to provide social connections for those with memory issues and their care partners. Each month features a different theme and can include music, art projects, guest presenters, animal therapy, and more. Each activity is designed to be "no fail" and encourage connections with others in the group. Questions? Contact Pam Pellizzari at Barrington Area Council on Aging (BACOA) (847) 381-5030.

10-11:30am Tuesdays, Dec. 19, Jan. 16, Feb. 20 (R)



BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Registration is required with a valid email address.

Senior Book Discussion (Zoom and In Person)

10-11am Mondays (R)

Feb. 12 *Acts of Violet* by Margaret Montimore

Books & Brews (In Person)

Join us at Consume: 569 W. State Rte. 22, Lake Zurich.

7-8:30pm Tuesdays (R)

Dec. 12 *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store*
by James McBride

Feb. 20 *The Vaster Wilds* by Lauren Groff

NEW! Tea & True Love (In Person)

Steamy beverages and steamy romance novels!

Join us in person in Meeting Room A.

6-7pm Tuesday (R)

Dec. 19 *Real Men Knit* by Kwana Jackson

Feb. 13 *The Burnout* by Sophie Kinsella

NEW! Nonfiction Book Club (In Person)

Join us quarterly to discuss a wide range of nonfiction books in the 2nd Floor Conference Room.

7-8:30pm Thursday

Feb. 22 *Mott Street* by Ava Chin



12+TRY Annual Reading Program

Allow us to treat you to 12 different genres and topics to stretch your reading horizons in 2024. Participants can enjoy a book of their choice within each topic or try something from the selected reading lists curated by our librarians. Read a book within all 12 topics to complete the challenge and receive a prize. Register and log your books through the Beanstack app. Visit <https://www.eapl.org/events/reading-challenges> for further details and registration instructions.

Through December, 31 2024 (R)

Prize pickup will run through Fri., Jan. 5, 2025



AUTHOR EVENTS



Surviving the Holidays with Psychotherapist Lori Gottlieb (Zoom)

Gottlieb, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Maybe You Should Talk to Someone*, and co-host of the *Dear Therapists* podcast, joins us for a thought-provoking conversation about mental health in anticipation of the winter holiday season.

7pm Wed., Dec. 6 (R)



Experience *The Nutcracker* at Home! (YouTube)

The Nutcracker will be available to watch Saturday, December 16 and Sunday, December 17. Registrants will receive an email with a special link to view the performance from home at their convenience over those two days. See elite ballerinas in this acclaimed performance recorded in 2016. Though *The Nutcracker* was written in 1892, the ballet remains a holiday staple for all ages.

Sat., Dec. 16–Sun., Dec. 17 (R)



Speculating Our AI Future with Cory Doctorow, Ken Liu and Martha Wells (Zoom)

These three science fiction authors will discuss the promise, perils and possible impacts that artificial intelligence will have on our future.

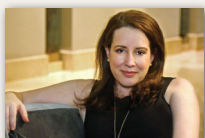
7pm Thurs., Jan. 11 (R)



A Conversation with Jerry Craft: From *Mama's Boyz* to *New Kid* and Beyond (Zoom)

Craft is an award-winning children's author and illustrator, as well as a syndicated cartoonist. Listen in as Craft talks about life and art, and gives a drawing demo that will be fun for the whole family!

7pm Tues., Feb. 6 (R)



New York Times Bestselling Author Julia Quinn (Zoom)

Julia Quinn helps us feel the romance all month with a discussion about *Bridgerton* and all things romance.

7pm Tues., Feb. 20 (R)



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- In-person programs are held at the Library.



Puzzle & Game Swap (In Person)

Same old games and puzzles got you down? Come refresh your jigsaw puzzle and board/video game collection by swapping out one of your old ones for something new-to-you. Swapped puzzles and games must:

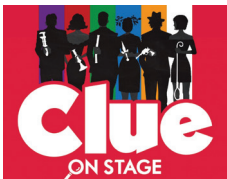
- contain at least 300 pieces (puzzles)
- be complete, with no missing pieces
- be in the original vendor's box
- be in overall good condition

All Day, Wed., Dec. 20 (Library's Meeting Room)

Guess The Grammys 2024

Music lovers – can you guess the winners of this year's Grammy Awards? Guess the winners in the 13 music categories and you could win a Bluetooth speaker. Complete the online ballot at eapl.org or visit the 2nd floor for a physical ballot. Restrictions apply. Visit eapl.org for more information.

January 8–February 2



Clue: Lake Zurich High School Theatre Preview (In Person)

WHO did it, WHERE, and with WHAT??? Meet the cast of the Lake Zurich High School

production of Clue and have a chance to win tickets to their February show. It promises to be an evening of mystery and mayhem for all ages!

6:30pm Wed., Jan. 17 (R)

Crime Scene Team: Case #3

Calling all detectives! A horrible crime has been committed and we need your help! Register to participate and then stop by the Information Desk to pick up the materials you need to investigate and solve the case. Participants who solve Case #3 by February 23 will enter into a prize raffle. Winners will be notified by February 26. Participation is limited, so register early.

Materials Pick Up Begins Mon., Jan. 22 (R)

An Organized Kitchen & Meal Planning (Zoom)

Find time, money and space in this heart of your home, and help your days and dinners run more smoothly! Certified Professional Organizer Colleen Klimczak will review your goals and what healthy means to you and your family. Organize the space, explore menu planning, and make your kitchen work for you for wellness, family and life.

7pm Mon., Jan. 22 (R)

Senior Coloring Club (In Person)

Do you love adult coloring books, diamond painting, or Zen doodles? Join us for an hour of socializing and artistic expression. Use our supplies or bring your own. Refreshments are provided, time permitting.

10am Wed., Jan. 24 (R)

Antique Road Show: Coins and Jewelry (In Person)

Dave Ekstrom, a lifelong coin collector, member of the American Numismatic Association and retired school teacher, offers a presentation on coin and currency values as well as gold jewelry and silver values. Participants have a brief opportunity to have a few coins and gold or silver items appraised for free after the presentation.

6pm Wed., Jan. 24 (R)

Escape the Blockbuster Escape Room (In Person)

Use your '90s knowledge to work together and decipher puzzles, find clues, and Escape the Blockbuster. Each time slot can accommodate up to 7 players. Smaller groups and individuals are welcome but may be joined by other participants. All adults welcome. Only register for one time slot.

10:30am, 11:45am, 1pm, 2:15pm, 3:30pm
Sat., Jan. 27 (R)

Watercolor Painting Classes (Zoom)

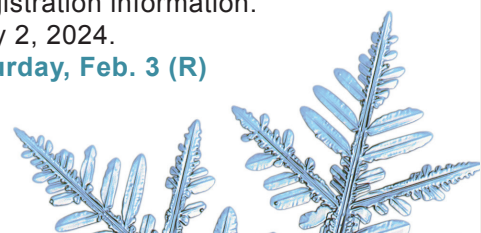
Artist Victoria Elizabeth returns to guide you through painting an original watercolor piece. All supplies provided. Each registered participant receives a watercolor kit to use for these classes and any future watercolor painting classes. Space is limited.

7pm Mon., Jan. 29 (winter scene) (R)
7pm Mon., Feb. 12 (love theme) (R)

AARP Tax Preparation (In Person)

This service is provided by volunteers for seniors and qualified individuals on Saturdays during tax season. Please contact the Information Desk in January or call (224) 326-0605 for registration information. Registration opens January 2, 2024.

Appointments Begin Saturday, Feb. 3 (R)





BUSINESS

Master Your Morning, Master Your Day (In Person)

Setting the right tone for the day is imperative if you want to get the most out of the time you have. Join us as we discuss the little things you can do to hit the ground running and get more out of the day ahead of you.

7pm Wed., Dec. 13 (R)

Networking for Beginners (In Person)

Networking is an art that can really help build your business, but many of us don't know where - or how - to begin. Come to discuss tips, tricks and strategies that can help you become a master networker in no time.

7pm Wed., Feb.21 (R)



If you're in your 20s & 30s, it's time to find a babysitter, pet sitter, or plant sitter and enjoy yourself at these programs catered specifically for you! Meet people your age and make some new friends while trying new things. Programs for ages 20-39.

Back to Preschool (In Person)

Finger painting, sensory bins, apple juice, graham crackers and so much more. It's time to go back to preschool and unleash your inner child. Have a relaxing, fun time during the holiday rush.

6-7:30pm Mon., Dec. 18 (R)

Saturday Morning Cartoons (In Person)

Gather around the TV and watch these throwback cartoons. Enjoy the cereal bar as you feel like a kid again.

11-11:30 - Duck Tales

11:30-12 - Animaniacs

12-12:30 - Kim Possible

12:30-1 - Courage the Cowardly Dog

1-1:30 - X-Men Evolution

1:30-2 - Batman Beyond

11am-2pm Sat., Jan. 20 (R)

Self Care Valentine's Day (In Person)

Treat yo' self this Valentine's Day season and practice some self-care. Create bath essentials, color and drink cocoa with friends.

6-7:30pm Mon., Feb. 12 (R)

GENEALOGY & LOCAL HISTORY



Genealogy Basics (Zoom)

Do you want to find out about your family's history but don't know where to start? Learn how to launch your genealogy project in a few basic steps.

2pm Tues., Jan. 9 (R)

Reconstructing Communities Using Sanborn Maps, Census Records and City Directories (Zoom)

Recreating neighborhoods can provide rich and insightful details about an ancestor's life and surroundings. This lecture demonstrates ways to build a map using Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, census records and city directories in Google Maps.

7pm Thurs., Feb. 1 (R)

NEW! Nonfiction Book Club (In Person)

Join us quarterly to discuss a wide range of nonfiction books in the 2nd Floor Conference Room.

7-8:30pm Thursday

Feb. 22 *Mott Street* by Ava Chin

Romantic Valentine's Day Cuisine (In Person)

Join us for an evening of romance in the Library with your valentine. Chef Susan Maddox leads our culinary celebration of V-day with a demonstration of some fun and tasty creations just for the holiday! Space is limited.

7pm Mon., Feb. 5 (R)



The Great North American Eclipse (Zoom)

Did you see the solar eclipse in 2017? Get ready to do it all over again! There is an impressive solar eclipse coming up on April 8, 2024! Learn what eclipses are, where to see them, when to look, and how to view solar eclipses safely.

7pm Mon., Feb. 19 (R)

Great Decisions (In Person)

Great Decisions is a discussion program on world affairs that meets eight times throughout the year. The program model involves reading the Great Decisions briefing book, which is available Jan. 17 at the second floor Reference Desk, meeting to watch and discuss a DVD provided by the Foreign Press Assoc. Visit fpa.org for topics. Contact Librarian Renée Stein rstein@eapl.org for more details.

1-2:30pm Tuesdays, Feb. 20, Mar. 19 (R)

E-bikes: Everything You Need to Know (In Person)

Curious about e-bikes? Matt Sammons, owner and manager of Palatine's SamCycle Electric Bikes, answers your questions about this newest biking trend while explaining the basics of owning and riding an e-bike.

7pm Wed., Feb. 28 (R)

EAPL Awarded for Excellence in Financial Reporting



Ela Library has received the highest form of recognition awarded for government accounting and financial reporting for its most recent financial report. The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to Ela Area Public Library.

“This award represents the dedicated work that’s needed in preparing a detailed and transparent financial report,” says Christianson. “It clearly communicates the Library’s financial story and demonstrates our commitment to outstanding stewardship of our taxpayer’s dollars.”

Pictured: EAPL Executive Director Erica Christianson (left) and Business Manager Mary Povilonis (right)

ELA PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION

Wonderful Ways to Support Our Award-Winning Library!

Community surveys confirm what many of us already know – Ela patrons LOVE our library! We each have an opportunity to receive an amazing return on our investment of tax dollars –with books, ebooks and audio ebooks, attending programs, using databases, checking out items in the Library of Things collection, and much, much more.

The Ela Public Library Foundation provides an opportunity to provide additional revenue to support all that the Library does for this community. A special thank you to all those who have donated to the Foundation since it was created in 2021!

There are many ways to donate to the Ela Public Library Foundation:



- **A gift of cash or check** – please mail or bring in a completed donation form.
- **A Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from a traditional IRA** – those aged 70 ½ years or older can direct their IRA administrator to make qualified charitable gifts to the Foundation which can reduce their income tax liability.
- **A donation of appreciated stocks** – can be made electronically to the Ela Public Library Foundation account with Fidelity.
<https://www.fidelity.com/customer-service/how-to-gift-shares>.
- **A living legacy** – with a planned gift naming the Foundation as a beneficiary in your will or trust, or designating the Foundation as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy or traditional IRA account.

Questions? A member of the Foundation’s Board of Directors will be happy to work with you and your financial advisor. Please email foundation@eapl.org.

As you make your year-end charitable gifts, please consider including the Ela Public Library Foundation. Thank you!

computer programs

Due to the popularity of computer classes, please do not register for classes you have already taken within the last year.

Registration (R) is required for all programs, unless noted (NR).

- Registration begins Dec. 1 (unless noted).
- Zoom links are sent to your email the day of the event.
- In-person programs are held at the Library.

ADVANCED TOPICS

Cut the Cable Cord (In Person)

Amazon, Apple and Netflix offer just a few of the options available for people who are interested in cutting the cable cord. Mike Gershbein from Very Smart People shares all the best services as well as streaming devices like Roku and Apple TV.

6-8pm Tues., Jan. 16 (R)

Convert Records and Cassettes to Digital (Zoom)

Learn how to convert your vinyl records and cassette tapes into digital format through the Digital Media Labs.

10-11:30am Tues., Jan. 23 (R)

Mastering Notion: Unleash Your Productivity Potential (In Person)

Are you tired of juggling multiple apps and tools to stay organized, manage projects, take notes, and collaborate with your team? Notion is here to revolutionize the way you work and think. In this class, learn how to harness the full power of Notion to streamline your personal and professional life, taking your productivity to new heights.

1:30-3:30pm Wed., Jan. 31 (R)

Sell Your Stuff Online (In Person)

There are lots of great options for unloading your old possessions, from old faves like Ebay to newer places like Facebook Marketplace. Mike Gershbein from Very Smart People will cover them all and offer selling and safety tips!

6-8pm Tues., Feb. 20 (R)

Introduction to Canva (In Person)

Canva is a versatile and user-friendly graphic design platform that empowers individuals and businesses to create stunning visual content, from social media graphics to marketing materials. Whether you're a budding entrepreneur, a social media enthusiast, or a professional looking to enhance your design skills, this class is your gateway to the exciting world of graphic design.

1:30-3:30pm Wed., Feb. 21 (R)



OFFICE APPLICATIONS

Word 1 (In Person)

Prerequisite: Comfortable using a mouse and keyboard

Learn the basic skills to create, modify and print documents.

1:30-3:30pm Wed., Jan. 10 (R)

Word 2 (In Person)

Prerequisite: MS Word I or related experience

Learn how to create headers and footers, adjust margins, insert bullets and use mail merge.

1:30-3:30pm Wed., Jan. 17 (R)

Word 3 (In Person)

Prerequisite: MS Word 1 and 2 or related experience

Learn how to combine documents, create links within documents, use heading styles, make a table of contents, create a mirrored margin and more.

1:30-3:30pm Wed., Jan. 24 (R)

Excel 1 (In Person)

Prerequisite: MS Word I or related experience

Learn to create basic spreadsheets with formulas and charts.

1:30-3:30pm Wed., Feb. 7 (R)

Excel 2 (In Person)

Prerequisite: MS Excel I or related experience

Learn to create different types of charts, work with formulas, edit cells, sort and filter data.

1:30-3:30pm Wed., Feb. 14 (R)



forge programs

Registration (R) is required for all programs, unless noted (NR).

- Registration begins Dec. 1 (unless noted).
- Zoom links are sent to your email the day of the event.
- In-person programs are held in Forge at the Library.

Sewing Basics (In Person)

Learn to use a sewing machine and create a project to take home. All materials and equipment provided. Due to high interest, registration is limited to one class, per person, per season.

6-8pm Mondays, Dec. 18, Jan. 15 or Feb. 19, ages 14+

12 Days of Making Series (YouTube and TikTok)

Join us for 12 DIY gift ideas that you can easily make using the Forge makerspace. Videos will be streamed on YouTube and TikTok.

9am Dec. 1-18, Monday through Friday

3D Printing Toys for Tots

See us create 400 3D printed toys by December 15 for the Toys for Tots initiative. Want to get involved? Stop in and fill out a Toy Request and add your name to our Toy Workshop Helper wall to showcase your support. This event is in collaboration with Harper College.



Forge Yarn Bombing Project

Join us for this exciting community project to transform our makerspace into a vibrant, cozy haven! We're inviting all crochet and knitting enthusiasts to be a part of our 'Library Makerspace Yarn Bomb Project' by creating beautiful granny squares that will come together to yarn bomb our makerspace this spring.

Donations Accepted Jan. 1-Feb. 29



Yarn Bombing Workshops (In Person)

Join us at our YB Workshop and contribute to our vibrant yarn bombing display! Whether you're a seasoned crocheter or knitting enthusiast or a complete beginner, come on down and help us create beautiful granny squares. Our Forge staff is available to teach and guide you through the process.

5-8pm Jan. 16, Jan. 31; Feb. 15, Feb. 21

2-5pm Jan. 25, Feb. 9, ages 6+ (NR)

Tinkercad Basics – Building a Snowman (Zoom)

Learn how to create a snowman model and how to submit your print for printing in Forge.

6pm Mon., Jan. 8, ages 6+ (R)

Snowman S'more Decor (In Person)

Come in and make a cute snowman s'more décor for your desk or table!

6pm Tues., Jan. 9 or 3pm Wed., Jan. 17, 14+ (R)

Paint and Take: RPG Mini Figures (In Person)

Drop-in to paint your very own RPG miniature figure! All supplies provided, while supplies last.

4-7pm Thurs., Jan. 11, Ages 6+ (NR)

DIY Lip Balm (In Person)

Soapy Roads of Lombard teaches us the art of lip balm making!

6pm Mon., Jan. 29, ages 14+ (R)

Winter Weaving Workshop (In Person)

Make your own mini laser-cut loom and learn the basics of weaving. The project consists of making a small square wall hanging using wintery colors.

6pm Thurs., Jan. 18, ages 14+ (R)



Destress with Art: Diamond Art (In Person)

Come relax and enjoy some calm music, while creating a beautiful diamond art project.

3pm or 6pm Mon., Feb. 12, ages 18+ (R)



Take Home Crafty A Kits



Kits include supplies, directions and video instruction. Available for pick up in the Forge starting on the date specified. Kits available while supplies last. Ages 18+.



Ancestral Ornaments

Remember your ancestors by creating a special keepsake ornament. Note: you'll need to provide your own photo.

Pick up: 9am Mon., Dec. 4 (NR)



DIY Bullet Journal

Recover a used book to make your own bullet journal that you can use as a planner, journal, etc.

Pick up: 9am Tues., Jan. 2 (NR)



Embroidered Constellation

Bring the night sky into your home with hand embroidered zodiac constellations. Video is available through CreativeBug.

Pick up: 9am Mon., Feb. 5 (NR)

teen **programs**

Registration begins Dec. 1. All programs are for teens in grades 6-12, unless otherwise noted. If you have any questions, please contact Reader's Services at readers@eapl.org.



Winter Village

Create your own magical winter village using recycled cartons. Use tea lights to illuminate the long nights. Show off these stunning creations in your own home or add one to the teen lounge's village.

6-7:30pm Mon., Dec. 11 (R)



Wednesday Night Movie Nights

Stop by the Teen Lounge on a Wednesday night this winter and catch a flick!

6pm Wednesdays, Dec. 13, 20, 27; Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28 (NR)



Readers & Writers Club

Get together and talk about what we're reading and work on creative writing skills. Snacks provided.

6:30-7:30pm Thursdays, Dec. 14, Jan. 11, Feb. 8 (R)



Volunteer Drop-In

Start the New Year off by helping others at this drop-in event where you can earn volunteer hours.

2-4:30pm Thurs., Jan. 4 (R)



Cardboard Graffiti and Stenciling

Unleash your creativity and explore the vibrant world of graffiti-inspired art. This hands-on workshop provides a fun and engaging environment for participants to express themselves through stencils and craft tools on cardboard panels.

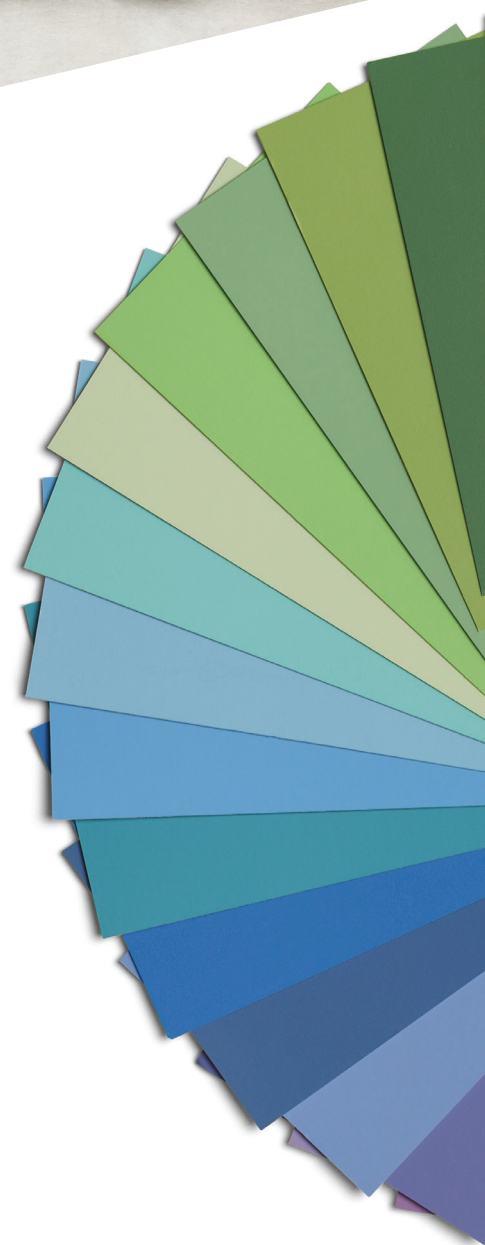
6pm Thurs., Feb. 8, grades 6-8 (R)



Teen Art Night: Paint Swatches

Use paint swatches to create various art, from geometric and collage to anything else you can think of.

6-7:30pm Thurs., Feb. 29 (R)



Workplace Spotlight

Meet EAPL's Facilities Department, John Carranza, Maria Parra and James Raitz



Pictured: (from left to right) John Carranza, Maria Parra, and James Raitz on the new sidewalk leading to the Library.

It's no surprise that one of the busiest departments at EAPL is facilities. From effectively and efficiently providing maintenance to sustaining the day-to-day operations of the 71,000 sq. foot building, John Carranza and his team strive to achieve excellence in all aspects of maintenance, operations and repair. With over 20 years of experience, John, along with his co-workers Maria and James, have been a driving force in the facility's long-term success. Most importantly, their workplace pride has positively impacted not only library staff but the community, too!

We recently asked John a few questions about his job. Here's what he shared with us.

What part of your job has changed the most over the last 10 years?

We have stepped up cleaning and disinfecting significantly. Proper ventilation throughout the building has also been a priority.

How do you keep the library operating so efficiently?

We are proactive about reducing operational costs as much as possible. Our equipment is well maintained which helps reduce our energy consumption and increase efficiency. I also try to stay on top of industry trends. Sustainability is a top priority. Our water bottle filling stations have been a huge hit with staff and library users.

What do you love about your job?

Every day is different. Plus, I love my coworkers and patrons who genuinely care about the space and keeping it clean. It's a great environment!

Where are some of your favorite places in the building?

The Reading Room on the second floor, the outdoor patios and our garden areas are my top spots. I love the Reading Room because we have a fireplace, and it's always quiet. Also, we recently upgraded the lighting in there. If you haven't enjoyed our patios, I highly recommend you visit in the spring. There are tables and plenty of seating for lunch or work. Last summer, we replaced the concrete and upgraded the gates. I think our garden areas are beautiful spaces to relax. We often landscape these areas, and I enjoy watching the flowers flourish in spring, summer and fall.

Any recent improvements?

We recently replaced 45 light fixtures with LEDS in the Reading Room and the children's public areas. Also, we added a new sidewalk on the east side of the parking lot. Concrete improvements were made to the patios along with the addition of new flower beds and a new irrigation system.

DID YOU KNOW?

- There are 34 outside LED (Light Emitting Diode) light poles that light up EAPL's 233 parking spots.
- The water bottle stations have kept 9,180 plastic bottles from landfills in the past two years.
- The Garden Club of Lake Zurich has maintained the Library's beautiful gardens since 1982.

kids programs

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December registration begins Dec. 1 at 9am.

January registration begins Jan. 2 at 9am.

February registration begins Feb. 1 at 9am.



Kids Book Match

Want personalized book recommendations from a children's librarian? Fill out a quick form online or at the Children's Desk and we'll email you a list of new favorites!

For independent readers through grade 6. (R)



Yeti to Read – Winter Reading Program

Are you *yeti* to read? Don't get cold feet, stop by the Children's Desk to find out how you can earn prizes for completing reading and activity challenges this winter.

December 1 through January 31, ages 0-12 (R)

Bluey Bash

It's for real life—bring your imagination and your family to party with Bluey, Bingo and friends. Play Keepy-Uppy, make featherwands and more at this wackadoo celebration!

10am-12pm Sat., Dec. 9, all ages with an adult (NR)



Lego Club

If you enjoy building with Lego bricks, this program is for you! Create and construct using your own ideas or try one of our challenges.

4pm Mon., Dec. 11

4pm Thurs., Jan. 11

**4pm Tues., Feb. 27,
unaccompanied kids
in grades 1-5 (NR)**

Puzzle & Game Swap (In Person)

See page 6 for details.

All Day, Wed., Dec. 20 (Library's Meeting Room)



Virtual Baking Classes (Zoom)

Do you enjoy making your own food?

Save the dates for these virtual classes with The Kids' Table to learn

how to make delicious seasonal recipes

from start to finish. Registrants will receive the ingredients list one week prior to the program to make sure you have everything you'll need!

2pm Fri., Dec. 22 – snowball cupcakes

**4pm Fri., Feb. 9 – berry oatmeal bars,
grades 2-4 with an adult (R)**

Graphic Novel Book Club

You love graphic novels—now come talk about them! Share what you enjoyed (or didn't) about each month's title and trade recommendations to find new favorites. Snacks will be provided. Registrants can pick up a copy of the selected title at the Children's Desk starting on the first day of each month.

11am Wed., Dec. 27

2pm Mon., Feb. 19

unaccompanied kids in grades 3-5 (R)

Noon Year's Eve Party

Dress in your best to ring in the new year with friends at the library! Help us count down to a mid-day balloon drop and celebrate with crafts, snacks, music and games!

11:30am Fri., Dec. 29, ages 3-8 with an adult (R)



Improv Playhouse Theater – The Little Prince

Revisit the whimsical, imaginative tale of a prince from outer space, an aviator stranded in the desert, and their emotional and everlasting bond. This story reminds us that, though there are many things adults can teach children, there are quite a few more things that children may teach adults.

10am Thurs., Jan. 4, ages 7-12 with an adult (NR)

Baby Buddies

Stop in for a special baby playtime and art project! You and your baby can play and explore sensory bins while you visit with other families. Come dressed for a mess as you'll have the opportunity to create a keepsake art project, while supplies last.

1:30-3:30pm Tues., Jan. 9, ages 0-18 months with an adult (NR)

Yeti Party

Get *yeti* to party during this winter reading celebration! We'll listen to stories, dance and play games together for a morning of big, furry fun. Light refreshments will be provided.

10am Thurs., Jan. 11, ages 0-5 with an adult (R)

Nanny Nikki's Music Show

Spend your morning with Grammy-nominated children's entertainer Nanny Nikki as she delivers a lively and interactive performance including sing-along songs, dancing, puppets and more!

10am Fri., Jan. 12, families with children ages 1-6 (NR)

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Arts & Crafts

Youth Watercolor Club (Zoom)

Artist Victoria Elizabeth will lead these online, step-by-step watercolor classes. At each session you will create an original painting, learning new techniques as you go. Pick up your supply kit at the Children's Desk beginning Dec. 1. You will use the same kit in future workshops. The Zoom link will be sent to your email the day of the program. **Grades 3-8 (R)**

4pm Mon., Dec. 18 – winter snow globe

4pm Mon., Jan. 8 – polar bear

4pm Mon., Feb. 5 – Valentine's Day cupcake



Valentine Crafting Open House

Sweet or silly, you decide! We will provide a variety of supplies for you to design unique valentines for your family and friends.

3-7pm Mon., Feb. 12, grades K-5 with an adult (NR)

Cartooning with Mark Anderson

Join Mark for these lively, interactive cartooning classes. For in-person classes, the library will provide your supplies. For Zoom classes, all you need at home are paper and a pencil. The Zoom link will be sent to your email the day of the program.



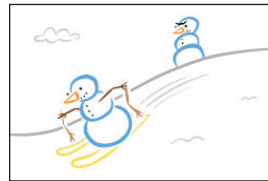
Talk About Terrific Winter Wildlife

Kids will learn to draw animals that like it cold! Arctic foxes, polar bears, snow monkeys,

and the ruffed grouse! Yep, you read that right—ruffed grouse! The grouse that's actually ruffed! Do not miss it! (Again, ruffed grouse!)

ZOOM: 7pm Wed., Dec. 20, grades K-5 (R)

IN PERSON: 11am Thurs., Dec. 21, unaccompanied kids in grades K-5 (R)



Wide World of Wacky Sports

Young cartoonists will draw all sorts of silly winter sports. Snowman bobsled!

Reindeer ski jump! Turtle slow-skating! And the freestyle snowball fight! See you there, sports fans!

11am Mon., Jan. 15, unaccompanied kids in grades K-5 (R)



Weirdo Heroes

Sure, you've heard of heroes like Hercules, Apollo, Zeus, and Vulcan... but have you heard of Stinkasus?

Nosepickeron? Gary? Well, you're in for a treat! We won't just learn about weird oddball heroes—we'll draw them, too!

2pm Fri., Feb. 16, unaccompanied kids in grades K-5 (R)





Winter Storytime Session

Experience engaging stories, songs, fingerplays and more tailored to your child's developmental stage. Register once to save your spot for all classes.

Baby Storytime – ages 0-18 months with an adult
9:30am or 11am Fridays, Jan. 19, 26; Feb. 2, 9, 16 (R)

Toddler Storytime – ages 18-36 months with an adult
9:30 or 10:30am Mondays, Jan. 22, 29; Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26 (R)

Preschool Storytime – ages 3-5 years with an adult
9:30am Thursdays, Jan. 18, 25; Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22 (R)



Pajama Family Storytime

Gather the whole family for fun and cozy stories, songs and a craft. Pajamas are encouraged!
6:30pm Mondays, Dec. 4 and Feb. 26, ages 2-6 with an adult (NR)

Bilingual Storytime

Join us for bilingual English/Spanish storytimes featuring stories, songs and crafts!

¡hora del cuento bilingüe!

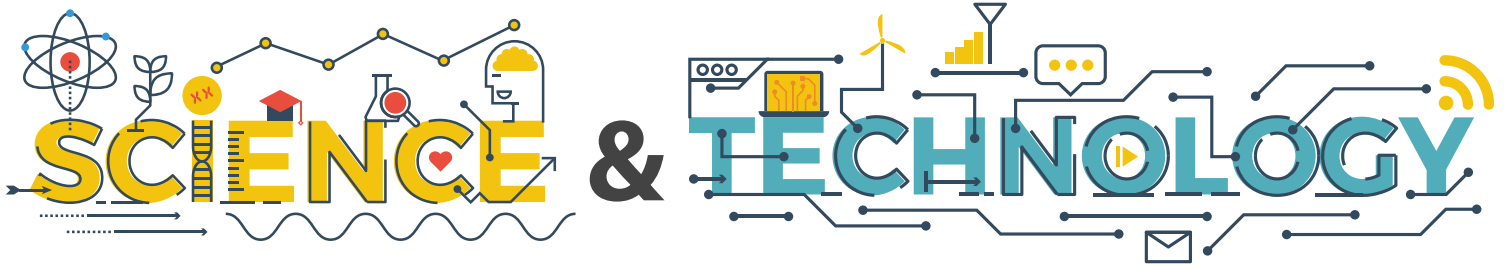
¡Únase a nosotros para una hora de cuentos bilingüe en inglés y español con cuentos, canciones y manualidades! Recomendado para niños de 2-5 años con un adulto. No es necesario registrarse.

1:30pm Tuesdays, Dec. 19, Jan. 16, Feb. 20, recommended for ages 2-5 with an adult (NR)
los martes 19 de diciembre, 16 de enero, 20 de febrero a la 1:30 de la tarde

Family Storytime

Warm up at the library with some classic stories, songs and crafts.

10am Saturdays, Jan. 13 and Feb. 3, all ages with an adult (NR)



Learn to Code with Ozaria

Master the lost magic of coding and save the world of Ozaria from impending darkness in this online adventure game!

Players will learn to type real code, problem solve and make their own creative projects in this Python-based computer science program with an immersive fantasy storyline. Registration is ongoing; get started anytime at eapl.org/coding (R)

Squishy Lab: Yeti Slime

Kids and their adults will get into a mess of fun! We provide the recipe and ingredients to make cool yeti slime during this hands-on workshop. Please dress for a mess.

3pm Thurs., Dec. 21 or 4pm Wed., Jan. 17, ages 3-12 with an adult (R)

Family STEAM Circuit

Drop in for an afternoon full of fun STEAM challenges to work on together! We'll have all the materials ready for you to build, tinker, create, experiment and play.

1-4pm Thurs., Dec. 28, grades 1-5 with an adult (NR)

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Library Staff Trained to Support People with Disabilities

Last fall, EAPL staff welcomed the Disability Awareness Players from JJ's List for a training session focused on how to communicate comfortably and appropriately with co-workers and library users who have disabilities. The interactive training session with the "players," people who have disabilities themselves, included role plays, hands-on learning and audience participation aimed at building awareness, comfort and confidence. The Library is proud to be recognized as a JJ's List disability-aware organization.

JJ's List is a local communications and marketing social enterprise that helps businesses meet the needs of customers or employees with disabilities.

Photo: Sarah Armour, JJ's List Community Education Assistant (left) and EAPL's Executive Director Erica Christianson (right)

Voter Registration/Upcoming Elections

March 19, 2024 - General Primary Election

November 5, 2024 - General Election

Register to vote online, by mail or in person. Voter registration is open all year except for the 27 days preceding an election, and it reopens the second day following an election. Visit eapl.org/services/voter-registration.

- **Online Voter Registration:** ova.elections.il.gov until 16 days prior to any election in Illinois.
- **By Mail:** Completed applications must be postmarked or delivered to the Lake County Clerk's office 28 days prior to Election Day.
- **In Person:** Available at the Library. Please call ahead to confirm voter registration availability.



For more information,
scan the QR code.



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Board meetings are open to the public and are held in person. They begin at 6pm on these Tuesdays: Jan. 16, Feb. 20. No Meeting in December.

Library Hours

Monday – Thursday	9am – 9pm
Friday	9am – 6pm
Saturday	9am – 5pm
Sunday	12 – 5pm

Currently Scheduled Library Closings

Sun., Dec. 24	Christmas Eve
Mon., Dec. 25	Christmas
Sun., Dec. 31	New Year's Eve
Mon., Jan. 1	New Year's Day
Fri., Feb. 23	Staff Training

Phone

(847) 438-3433

Program Registration

Register online at www.eapl.org or call (847) 438-3433, (847) 438-3840 Children's Dept.

If you need an accommodation for a visual, hearing, or other disability, please let us know at least two weeks before the program you plan to attend.

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