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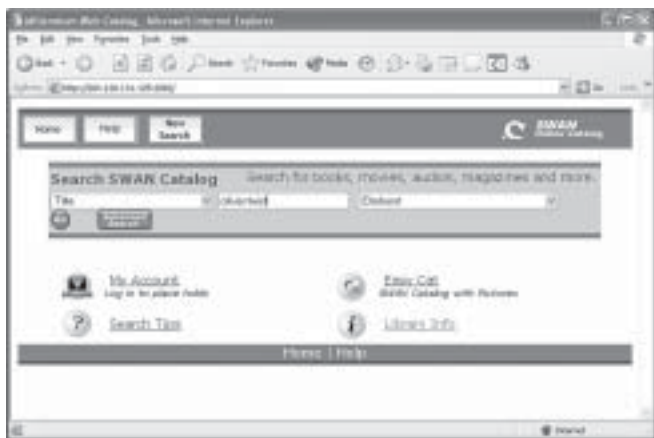
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Library catalog gets makeover

Our catalog is getting a new look this summer. Beginning in early August, the catalog will have a more attractive, easier-to-use format. You'll still be able to search by title, author and keyword and to request items from the catalog. And you'll still be able to check your library record and renew items online by clicking "My Account" (instead of "Check Your Record"). Icons of books, CDs, cassettes, etc. will appear next to each item, so you will be able to tell at a glance if a title is a book, book-on-cassette or in another format.

By clicking "Save to Folder" next to certain items, you can more easily create a list of books that you are interested in. You then can e-mail that list or print it out.

We're offering classes in August on how to search for items using the catalog's new format. See inside for the dates and times.



The catalog's new format will make searching for books easier.

"My Account"

Click "My Account" and enter your name, library card number and PIN password (Personal Identification Number) to:

- see which items you have checked out
- see when they are due
- see what items you have requested (placed on hold)
- renew items online
- see if you have any fines

Join the Friends Read-a-Thon

July 25 – July 31

Join the Friends of the Elmhurst Public Library's "Read Around the Clock" Read-a-Thon during the week of July 25–31.

What is a Read-a-Thon? It's a special fundraiser similar to a walk-a-thon. Pick up a pledge sheet at the Welcome Desk in the vestibule and ask your friends and family to donate money for every page you read during the week of the drive. Or they can just donate a single amount. All ages are eligible to participate, and yes, you *can* count this reading for your Summer Reading Club.

There's even a special drawing for gift certificates for those who participate. When you turn in your pledge sheet, you will receive raffle tickets based on the amount you read. The drawing will take place at intermission during Stories in the Park on Thurs., Aug. 12.

All completed pledge sheets and money must be returned to the Welcome Desk by Aug. 11.

Please consider helping our "Friends." Every year the Friends group supports the library's Summer Reading Program. This year they are donating \$7,000 for paperback book grand prizes and adult raffle prizes. They also dedicated the benches at the east entrance and purchased a professional-level electronic keyboard for library programs.

A fun program for *both* children and adults: "When I First Came to This Land"

Friday, July 16 • 7 p.m.

Meeting Room 2

For kids entering Grade 1 & up – Adults welcome!

Enjoy an adventurous musical and storytelling romp for grade school children and adults alike. Folksinger and songsmith David HB Drake will present thrilling songs, poems and stories about voyagers, trailblazers and pioneers created especially for this year's Lewis & Clark Summer Reading theme. David performs on many different instruments including the banjo, dulcimer, concertina, Native American flute and guitar.

One of Wisconsin's busiest children's entertainers, David presents over 300 programs a year in schools, libraries and parks. His *Kidstuff* cassette won a 1990 *Parents' Choice* magazine award for children's recordings, and he was named 2003 Folk Music Artist of the Year by the Wisconsin Academy of the Music Industry.

Pick up free tickets at the Help Desk in the Kids' Library *with your Elmhurst Public Library card* starting Sat., July 10.



Programs for Kids

☎ Young Adult Puppety Workshop

Ages: Entering Grs. 6–12
Wednesdays, July 7–July 28
2:30–4 p.m.

Meeting Room 2

Learn the fine art of puppet creation and manipulation. Please plan to attend all four sessions. This workshop is required for students who wish to join the library's puppetry troupe, "Puppets on the Wilder Side." Register by phone or at the Help Desk *with your Elmhurst Public Library card* now.

CLUB FUN

For kids entering Grs. 3-8
Please register for each program separately.

☎ Tony's Creepy Crawly Zoo

Friday, July 9
1–2 p.m.

Meeting Room 2

Come face-to-face with some of the strangest arthropods on earth! Register by phone or at the Help Desk *with your Elmhurst Public Library card*.



☎ Scrapbooking Workshop

Friday, July 16
1–2 p.m. OR
2:30–3:30 p.m.

Storytime Room

Bring 10 to 15 photos to make a memory book. Register by phone or at the Help Desk *with your Elmhurst Public Library card* starting Sat., July 3.

☎ Juggling Workshop

Friday, July 23
1–2 p.m. OR
2:30–3:30 p.m.

Meeting Room 2

Learn the art of juggling. Register by phone or at the Help Desk *with your Elmhurst Public Library card* starting Sat., July 3.

☎ The Rope Warrior

Ages: For families
Saturday, July 24
10:30–11:15 a.m.

Meeting Room 2

David Fisher, a power rope jumper, will dazzle you with his high-energy performance! The Rope Warrior delivers spectacular routines with incredible energy, finesse and breakneck speed. He's performed for Boris Yeltsin, Presidents Clinton and Bush and has made over 50 national TV appearances. Don't miss this great event. Pick up tickets at the Help Desk *with your Elmhurst Public Library card* starting Sat., July 10.



☎ Harry Potter's Birthday Party

Ages: Entering Grs. 3–6
Saturday, July 31
1–2 p.m. OR
3–4 p.m.

Meeting Room 2

It's Harry Potter's birthday! Don your favorite wizard outfit and help us celebrate with magical games, crafts and tasty muggle treats. Register by phone or at the Help Desk *with your Elmhurst Public Library card* starting Sat., July 17.

☺ Stories in the Park

Thursday, August 12
6 p.m.

Wilder Park

Families, hear great stories in Wilder Park at our 19th annual storytelling festival. Storyteller Christine Buik will be spinning Native American tales. Marie Ringenberg will be back to perform as well as some of our very own librarians. Rain location is in the library. No registration is required.



Drop-in Storytimes

Just stop by for these fantastic 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
Tuesdays through Aug. 3
11:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

Storytime Room
Max. 40 people

☺ Toddler Time

Ages: 2 with an adult
Fridays through Aug. 6
10:30–11 a.m.

Storytime Room
Max. 40 people

☺ Lap-Sits

Ages: 2 & 3 with an adult
Thursdays through Aug. 5
6:30–7 p.m.

Storytime Room
Max. 40



☺ Monday Lunch Bunch

Ages: 3 & up with adult
Mondays through Aug. 2
(NO SESSION JULY 5)
12–12:45 p.m.

(SE corner of Wilder Park, picnic area #7)
 Bring a blanket & lunch for great stories while you munch. Rain location is inside the library.

☺ Wednesday Drop-in Stories

Ages: 3–7
Wednesdays, Aug. 11–25
10–10:30 a.m.

Storytime Room
 A potpourri of our favorite stories and musical activities.

☺ Saturday Family Storytime

All ages (most appropriate for children 3–7)
Every Saturday
(NO SESSION JULY 24 & AUG. 14)
10:30–11 a.m.

Storytime Room
Max. 40
 Stories, songs and surprises. No registration needed.

☎ Summertime Bingo

Ages 4–7 with an adult:
Thursday, August 12
10–10:45 a.m. OR

Ages 8 & up:
Thursday, August 19 and
Thursday, August 26
10–10:45 a.m.

Storytime Room

Join us for rousing games of bingo and prizes. Kids ages 4–7 (Aug. 12) need to attend with an adult. Pick up tickets at the Help Desk *with your Elmhurst Public Library card* starting Sat., July 31.



☎ Amazing Animals by Samantha

Ages: For families
Saturday, August 14
10:30–11:15 a.m.

Meeting Room 2

Meet a variety of exotic animals. Their experienced handlers will tell us fascinating facts and fun stories about each one. Some of these animals will even perform fabulous tricks. How would you like to meet a raccoon who can shoot baskets or musically inclined chickens and ducks? Pick up tickets for this event at the Help Desk *with your Elmhurst Public Library card* starting Sat., July 31.

Join a Summer Reading Club



Four-year-old Jake McCreadie, his six-year-old sister, Erin, and mother, Lynn, sign up for Summer Reading on kickoff day.

There's still time to sign up

Join thousands of fellow readers who have joined one of the library's Summer Reading Clubs and earn great prizes just by reading.

There's a club for all ages, from 1-year-olds through adults! Children can register in the Kids' Library. Teens in high school and adults can pick up a book log from the second floor or from the Kids' Library.

Registration continues through the end of the program on Saturday, August 14.

Coming Attractions

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

Fiction

White Hot

by Sandra Brown

Hide Yourself Away

by Mary Jane Clark

Lost City

by Clive Cussler

Calder Promise

by Janet Dailey

Garden of Beasts

by Jeffery Deaver

Body Double

by Tess Gerritsen

R is for Ricochet

by Sue Grafton

Skinny Dip

by Carl Hiaasen

Blackbird House

by Alice Hoffman

Kiss Me While I Sleep

by Linda Howard

Little Scarlet

by Walter Mosley

The Dangerous Hour

by Marcia Muller

Visions in Death

by J.D. Robb

Divine Evil

by Nora Roberts

The Confession

by Sheldon Siegel

The Queen of the Big Time

by Adriana Trigiani

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Pancake House
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Library Closings

The library will be closed on:
– Sun., July 4 & Mon., July 5
– Friday, Aug. 20 for Staff Institute Day 

Registration:

-  Phone (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

Find an adventure of your own!

Adventurous summer reading suggestions

Whether you're interested in rock climbing, hiking down the Prairie Path or just want to curl up with a good story about explorers, hunters or pirates, we've got the book for you. In honor of this year's Lewis and Clark Summer Reading theme, our librarians have compiled several book lists featuring nonfiction books about kayaking and caving, fictional stories about adventurers set in distant and exotic lands, trailblazers of science and medicine and more. Pick up these book lists on the second floor or visit www.elmhurstpubliclibrary.org to see the reading suggestions online.



Programs for Adults

Remembering the Eastland

**Tuesday, July 27
7 p.m.**

Meeting Room 2

On July 24, 1915 tragedy struck Chicago. Over 2,500 Western Electric Company employees and family members boarded the Eastland ship for a cruise up the Chicago River through Lake Michigan to Michigan City in Indiana for a company picnic. Suddenly the Eastland turned upside down and sank into the mud of the river. More than 840 people died including 22 entire families.



Chicago Daily News *negatives collection*, DN-0064935. Courtesy of the Chicago Historical Society.

Learn more about this Chicago catastrophe from the Eastland Disaster Historical Society. Registration is required. Call or visit the second floor Information Desk *with your Elmhurst Public Library card* to sign up.

The Greatest Show on Earth— 1893 World's Fair



Water gate into Fair. Courtesy of the Chicago Historical Society. Negative IChi-17133.

of the world, the spectacular six-month celebration was the last and the greatest of the nineteenth century's World's Fairs. The Fair drew over 27 million visitors, attracting people from all over the U.S. and the world. It was a huge cultural, educational and financial success.

Mr. Hinchliff has been a tour docent with the Chicago Architecture Foundation for over 25 years. He presented a tour of the Chicago River at the library this past spring.

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

**Fri., August 13
7 p.m.**

Meeting Room 2

Bill Hinchliff is back to present a slide show lecture on the famous 1893 World's Columbian Exposition, held along Lake Michigan in Chicago. Billed as the greatest cultural and entertainment event in the history

Improv Commandos

Friday, July 30

7 p.m.

Meeting Room 2

**Rated "PG-13" –
for teens and adults**



See a 90-minute comedy show by the Improv Commandos that is completely unscripted and created right before your eyes! Experience the romance, the passion, the drama and the sight gags. The games and skits are based on audience suggestions and include audience participation on stage, similar to the popular "Whose Line is it Anyway?" TV show.

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

Ensuring Your Child's Academic Success

Wed., August 18 • 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Room 2 • Max. 50 people

A new school year will be here soon. Will your child be ready? Parents and guardians of preschoolers through eighth graders are invited to attend this 2-hour program to discuss ways to assist your child with his or her academic responsibilities, how to raise a reader and foster a positive learning environment, how to create a simple and effective communication system with schools, how to spark excitement and curiosity in your child and much more.

Presenter Cathy Cassani Adams is a certified teacher, licensed clinical social worker and child and family therapist. She has worked in the Child Psychiatry Unit at Children's Memorial Hospital promoting parent education and school advocacy. She has lead parent training groups and assessed academic abilities & classroom behavior.

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

Not Paying for College: Maximizing Your Chances for College Financial Aid


Tuesday, August 24 • 7 p.m. • Meeting Room 2

Learn about the college financial aid process—the timetable, the forms and applications. Discover strategies to maximize the amount of financial aid for which your family will qualify as well as tax strategies to reduce the overall cost of a college education. Armed with this knowledge, you may find paying college tuition more affordable and less of a financial burden.

Presenter Joseph Orsolini, a Certified Financial Planner, has spent over 15 years in the financial services industry. He has been featured in *Kiplinger's Safe Investing*, CLTV's *Your Money* show and *Suburban Focus* magazine. Registration is required. Call or visit the second floor Information Desk *with your EPL card* to sign up.

Computer Classes

Adults & high school students who have an EPL 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 Computers**
Saturday, July 10
9:30–11:30 a.m. OR
Tuesday, July 20
6:30–8:30 p.m. OR
Monday, August 9
6:30–8:30 p.m. OR
Saturday, August 28
9:30–11:30 a.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 & 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**
Thursday, Aug. 12
10–11:30 a.m. OR
Tuesday, August 17
7–8:30 p.m.
Computer Lab
Max. 15 • No fee


The library's catalog will have a new look this August. Learn how to use the catalog in its new format at this class. Call or visit the second floor Information

Desk *with your Elmhurst Public Library card* to register.




 **Intro to Word**
Saturday, July 17
9:30–11:30 a.m. OR
Wednesday, August 18
6:30–8:30 p.m.
Computer Lab • Max. 15
Fee: \$10 per person

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

 **Using E-mail** **NEW**
Sat., July 31
9:30–11:30 a.m. OR
Tues., August 10
1:30–3:30 p.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 highly recommended. Register in person *with your EPL card* and fee at the Information Desk.

 **Internet Basics**
Tuesday, July 13
1:30–3:30 p.m. OR
Saturday August 21
9:30–11:30 a.m.
Computer Lab • Max. 15
Fee: \$10 per person

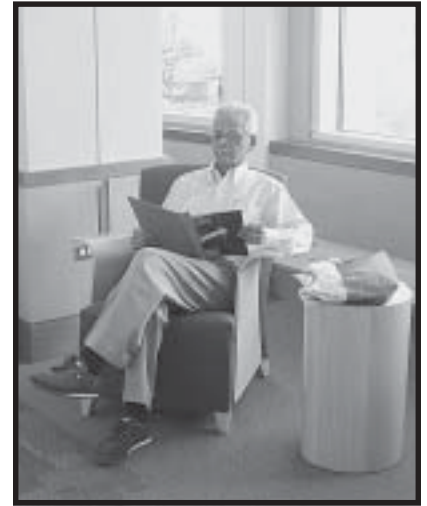
Learn how to use the Internet. You must have basic Windows, mouse and keyboarding skills to attend. Register in person *with your EPL card* and fee at the second floor Information Desk.

Looking for some light summer reading?

Try a magazine

The library has hundreds of magazine subscriptions to choose from including *People*, *Newsweek*, *Sports Illustrated*, *Martha Stewart Living* and *House Beautiful*.

Many current issues can be checked out for a week as a "Hot Copy," and almost all past issues of magazines can be borrowed as well.



Enjoy reading in a cozy nook in the Magazine and Newspaper area of the library or check out magazines and bring them home.

Planning the perfect summer vacation?

Stop by the library first

Do some research ahead of time. Choose from a huge selection of travel books for local, national and international trips. You also can check out road maps of all 50 states. We've even got maps of many different countries for you to borrow. Ask a librarian to help you find what you need.

Audiobooks for the road

Nothing makes the time fly on a long road trip like a good audiobook! We've got many fiction and nonfiction titles as well as great books for the entire family. Choose from books in three different formats—cassette, CD or MP3. And listening to audiobooks can even count towards your Summer Reading Club requirements.

Browse our collection of audiobooks on the second floor of the library just past the magazines and newspapers. Or ask in the Kids' Library for a list of great audiobook suggestions for the entire family.



Audiobooks make time fly on long road trips!

Visit our book sale room

Stop by our book sale room at the end of the lobby, near the entrance to the Kids' Library. You can buy hardcover books, paperbacks, magazines, music, videos and more at great prices.

Items range in price from 25¢ up to \$2.



Laptops welcome



Bring your laptop to the library. Many people throughout the building enjoy wireless and plug-in access to the Internet. Pick up a computer brochure or visit the library's Web site for details.



Use the west entrance, just off Prospect Avenue, when dropping off or picking up passengers.

West entrance drop-off

Avoid the traffic of the library's parking lot and drive-up window. Whether you are bringing someone to the library or picking them up, use the west entrance, just off Prospect Avenue. It's a shorter walk into the library, and when visitors are ready to be picked up they can sit in comfort at the lobby windows near the Lavazza Coffee bar to wait for their ride.

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Sat.: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
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7:30 p.m., third Tuesday of
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