



Elk Grove Village Public Library

News, Events & Featured Programs



Celebrate National Library Week with us from Sunday, April 19 through Saturday, April 25!

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Library Hours

Mon–Thurs: 9 am–9 pm | Friday: 9 am–7 pm
Saturday: 9 am–5 pm | Sunday: 12–5 pm

Library Closed:

Sunday, April 5
Sunday, May 24
Monday, May 25

Registration Information

T Ticket is required for program.

R Register for Adult programs online at <https://egvpl.libnet.info/events> or scan QR code. Registration may also be done in person, or by phone at 847-439-0447 x271.

For online registration for Youth Services programs please visit <https://egvpl.libnet.info/events>

or scan QR code. Registration may also be done in person, or by phone at 847-439-0447 x267. *Registered programs are limited to EGVPL cardholders. Non-cardholders may register 3 days before the event if space is available, unless otherwise noted.*



\$ Register/pay in person at Library Registration/Information Desk for Adult programs. Register/pay in person at Youth Services Desk for Youth programs.



From the Director's Desk

Find Your Joy at the Library This Spring!

It's a brand-new year and a time for fresh starts, and we're excited for what's ahead. We've been hard at work preparing for a season full of activities at the Library and are excited to share all the wonderful programs and resources featured in this Spring, 2026 newsletter.

National Library Week is something I look forward to each year. It's a time to celebrate the valuable role libraries and library professionals play in transforming lives and strengthening our communities.

Join us April 19–25, 2026, as we celebrate National Library Week. This year's theme is Find Your Joy!

I'm so proud of our team. Every day, their creativity, collaboration and dedication help make the Library a welcoming place for everyone to find their joy.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Elk Grove Village Public Library. Stop by in person or explore our online resources. Either way, we're here to provide the materials, technology, and connections you need.

We hope to see you soon—and often!

Your Library Director,
Debra Nelson

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For more information, including program descriptions, please visit the EGVPL website calendar at egvpl.org and click on "Events & Classes" or scan here:

Please note: program formats vary (in-person, virtual, or hybrid) and are subject to change

Hybrid – In-person and virtual



For monthly information, please register to receive our monthly newsletter at egvpl.org.



Featured Programs and Events

Adult Winter Reading Wrap-Up Party **R**

Sunday, March 22, 2-4 pm

Our Library Gnomes are packing it up for the winter and heading north. But before they go, join us for our Winter Reading Wrap-Up Party on Sunday, March 22 from 2-4 pm. Refreshments will be served, and winter reading prize winners will be announced. Stay tuned for more details! You are welcome to attend even if you did not participate in the Adult Winter Reading Program. For ages high school and older.



Shredding Event

May 9, 9-11 am

The Library is offering this document destruction event as a courtesy to residents who have sensitive documents to recycle. Paper documents must be brought to the event in either paper shopping bags or cardboard boxes. *Note: Limit of 2 file-size boxes and 4 paper shopping bags per vehicle. NO PLASTIC BAGS! Paper clips and staples do not need to be removed, but please remove binder clips.*

The shredding truck will be located in the east side parking lot.



National Library Week: Find Your Joy

Sunday, April 19 through Saturday, April 25

Find Your Joy at EGVPL!

From fun activities to special giveaways, there's something for everyone—come celebrate with us!



Navigating the Housing Market for Homebuyers **R**

Tuesday, March 10, 7-8:30 pm, In-Person

Join Ken Dillenkoffer from Wintrust Mortgage and Sarah Koroll from Fulton Grace Realty for an overview on how to navigate today's housing market. Learn about the steps involved in finding and purchasing your ideal home. Ken will provide financing details including prequalification and available grant programs for first-time homebuyers. Sarah will outline the steps to finding, negotiating, and closing on your home. This workshop will equip you with knowledge and confidence when preparing to buy in 2026.



Women and Money - 12 Months to Take Charge of Your Finances **R**

Wednesday, March 18, 7-8:30 pm, In-Person

Financial educator Karen Chan will share her Money Calendar that helps you get your financial house in order. By doing just a few tasks each month, you'll learn where your money goes, evaluate your debt, estimate your income in retirement, and know where to get help when you need it. Invite a friend so that you can team up and support each other through this enlightening, year-long process.

Money Smart @ EGVPL



Astrology 101 **R**

Thursday, March 19, 7-8 pm, In-Person Celebrating International Astrology Day!

Get started on your Astrology journey with this workshop presented by Jez Layman. Learn about sun, moon, and rising signs; planets; and how to read your natal chart to avoid future problems, learn your strengths, and embrace your best self.



ADULT Programs

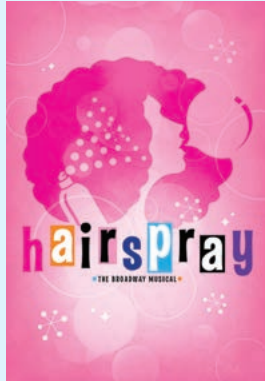
BUS TRIP

Registration will open on Monday, March 9 at 9 am

The Fireside: *Hairspray* – *The Broadway Musical* R \$

Thursday, May 28, 8:30 am – 5 pm

It's 1962, and in the city of Baltimore, young Tracy Turnblad, a lovable girl with big hair and an even bigger heart, has only one passion – to dance. When she wins a spot on a popular TV dance show, she is transformed from outsider to teen celebrity. She must use her new-found power to defeat the evil plans of teen princess Amber Van Tussle, win the affections of heartthrob Link Larkin, and integrate a TV network. Winner of 8 Tony Awards, including Best Musical, HAIRSPRAY is a story about acceptance and inclusion (and rejection and exclusion) during the early days of the civil rights movement. It's a story of equality told with humor and heart, '60's rock and roll, and spectacular high-energy dancing. **Fee: \$117**, including entrée choice of Pretzel Chicken, Almond Crusted Cod, Pork Ribs, or Vegetarian Flatbread Pizza. *Purchase your tickets at the Circulation Desk*



Supported Chair Yoga R

Tuesdays, March 10, April 21, and May 26, 11 am-12 pm, In-Person

This class is designed for men and women, 55 and over, who wish to bring movement into their lives to improve overall health. Join certified group exercise fitness expert, **Susan Heaton** for this class.



Resume Help Drop-In R

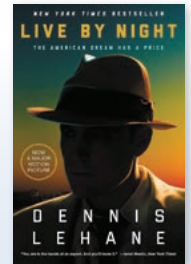
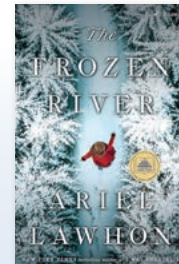
Wednesdays, March 11, April 8, and May 13, 2-4 pm

Need a hand completing job applications, writing your resume and cover letters, preparing for an interview, or finding networking opportunities? Stop by to work with an expert from the **Goodwill Workforce Connection Center**. Registration is recommended but not required; drop-ins are welcome!



Coffee, Cake & Coloring R

Tuesdays, March 24, April 28, and May 19, 10:30-11:30 am, In-Person
Enjoy a relaxing adult coloring session with coffee, tea, and coffee cake. Coloring supplies provided.



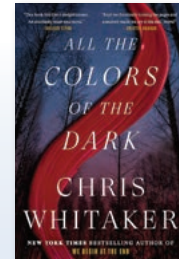
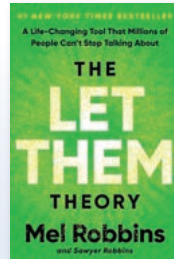
Morning Book Discussions

The Tender Bar by J.R. Moehringer
Tuesday or Thursday, March 3, March 5, 10:30 am

The Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon
Tuesday or Thursday, April 7, April 9, 10:30 am

Live by Night by Dennis Lehane
Tuesday or Thursday, May 5, May 7, 10:30 am

Please contact Chris at bookclub@egvpl.org or 847-725-2160 for more information or if you need a copy of the book.



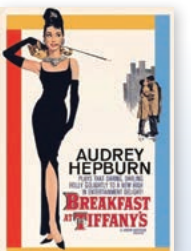
Evening Book Discussions

The Let Them Theory by Mel Robbins
Tuesday, March 17, 7:30 pm

All the Colors of the Dark by Chris Whitaker
Tuesday, April 21, 7:30 pm

The Book Club for Troublesome Women by Marie Bostwick
Tuesday, May 19, 7:30 pm

Please contact Julie at bookclub@egvpl.org or 847-725-2170 for more information or if you need a copy of the book.



Monday Matinee Movie @ 1 pm

Popcorn will be served

March 30 – *The Rebellious Life of Mrs. Rosa Parks* • Rated: PG

April 20 – *Fly Me to the Moon* • Rated: PG-13

May 18 – *Breakfast at Tiffany's* • Rated: G

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Genealogy

Beginning Genealogy & Beyond **R**

Monday, March 30, 7-8 pm

How to find your ancestors' stories? In this introduction to genealogy, you'll discover which genealogy databases are most helpful for beginners and how to stay organized as your research grows. Presented by local genealogist, Jacquie Schattner.

Emigration & Immigration **R**

Monday, April 27, 7-8 pm

Learn the interesting details of your ancestors' journey to their new life here. Your immigrant ancestors are the foundation of your roots in the U.S. Why did they come? The voyage itself. Entering the U.S. ports. How to find emigration, immigration, and naturalization records. Presented by Jacquie Schattner.



Sponsored by the Friends of the Library This is Really War **R**

Thursday, March 26, 7-8 pm, In-Person
 In Honor of National Women's History Month

Learn about "This is Really War," Emilie Lucchesi, PhD's book detailing the true story of a Navy nurse POW who provided medical care in a WWII Japanese concentration camp for three years.

Poetry Workshop **R**

Wednesday, April 8, 6:30-7:30 pm, In-Person

In Honor of National Poetry Month

At the **Do Art Poetry** workshop we will explore creative writing as we discuss the tools of poetry (like imagery and metaphor) as well as the structure of the haiku.

Financial Fitness 2026 - April is Financial Literacy Month

Financial Fitness 2026 is a free financial literacy series presented by BIG (Business Interest Group), a group of business librarians in the Chicago suburbs. In support of the libraries' mission of providing access to reliable information, these virtual programs offer practical tips and advice from experienced financial advisors. All programs will take place online; registration is required for each program.

Budgeting & Savings Basics **R**

Thursday, April 9, 7-8:30 pm, Virtual

Presenter: Dr. Ryan Decker, CFP

Ryan Decker breaks down the basics of personal finance: budgeting and introductory saving and investment strategies. Learn which factors to consider for deciding when, where, and how to save, invest, or aggressively tackle debt. Resources and tools for learning more about these topics will be shared.



Buying a Home - The Basics **R**

Monday, April 13, 7-8:30 pm, Virtual

Presenter: Open Communities

Owning a home takes a lot of time, money, and energy, so not only is it important to be educated about the process, but also about home ownership. This course covers what a lender looks for in a loan application, credit basics, down payments, and the players in the home buying process.



Retirement Reality with Jill Schlesinger **R**

Tuesday, April 21, 7-8:30 pm, Virtual

Are you thinking about retirement? Does it seem completely out of reach? CBS News Business Analyst Jill Schlesinger, CFP, will join us to walk through the specific steps necessary to get you where you want to go, whether you are just starting off in your career or ready to wind down. Join in as Jill takes the mystery out of your finances and helps you take control.



Mental Health Matters: A Community Conversation on Senior Health and Addiction **R**

Thursday, May 7, 7-8 pm, In-Person

Join community leaders for an informative program featuring resources, expert speakers, and insights into senior mental health and addiction services available in our community.



Medicare 101 **R**

Thursday, April 23, 6:30-8:30 pm, In-Person

David Wylly from Medicare Solutions Network will explain what Medicare covers, what it doesn't, and your potential out-of-pocket exposure. He will also discuss Supplements, Advantage Plans, Part D Prescription Coverage, and cost-saving strategies for the future.

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Joyous Japan **R**

Thursday, May 21, 7-8 pm, In-Person
Honoring Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

World traveler Brian Michalski discusses Japan's unforgettable cuisine, rich history, and vibrant culture.

Celebrate Earth Day!

Sustainable Landscaping: Creating Beautiful and Environmentally Responsible Outdoor Spaces **R**

Thursday, April 9, 6:30-8pm, In-Person

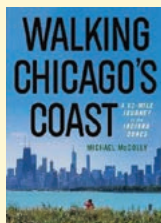
Learn how to create a vibrant, low-maintenance native plant landscape that works in harmony with nature. Beth Peluse from The Conservation Foundation in Naperville will show you how to design outdoor spaces that attract wildlife, conserve resources, and create lasting beauty—all while reducing your maintenance costs and environmental impact.



Walking Chicago's Coast **R**

Tuesday, April 21, 7-8 pm, Virtual
Celebrate Earth Month and National

Parks Week with an inspiring local story, "Walking Chicago's Coast: A 63-Mile Journey to the Indiana Dunes"!



Meditation for Well-Being **R**

Meditation for Inner Peace

Thursday, March 12, 7-8 pm, Virtual
Please join Gaurav Singh for this engaging and informative workshop.

Spring Renewal Through Meditation

Wednesday, April 22, 7-8 pm, Virtual
Join Ajili Hodari, Esq. for a demonstration on how meditation can enrich your life personally, professionally, and spiritually.

Create a Healthy Lifestyle through Meditation

Thursday, May 14, 7-8 pm, Virtual
Join Arlene Samsel, long time meditator, who has been inspiring audiences with this engaging workshops.



May is National Bike Month

Get Ready for the "You Can Bike There!" Summer Challenge – with the Friends of Cycling in Elk Grove **R**

Thursday, May 14, 6:30-8 pm, In-Person

Did you know most trips you take by car are less than 3 miles? Why not bike there instead? Join the Friends of Cycling in Elk Grove to learn how you can add more biking to your summer – from everyday errands and quick trips to fun-filled solo or family adventures. Enjoy all the health and economic benefits of biking more! Sign-up yourself or your family for the "I Can Bike There!" Summer Challenge. Pick up a Challenge Checklist to fill out all summer long and turn in by August 31 for a chance to win a \$50 gift card.



Bicycle Clinic

Saturday, May 16, 10 am-12 pm, Location: Library Bike Rack Area

Want to make sure your bike is ready to ride this summer? Drop in to our Bicycle Clinic where the Friends of Cycling in Elk Grove will take a quick look to make sure your tires, chain and brakes are in good working order. *Note: this is intended to be a basic safety check; needed repairs will be recommended but not performed.*

AARP Driver Training **R** \$

Monday, April 13, 9:30 am-1:30 pm

Tuesday, April 14, 9:30 am-1:30 pm

Motorists ages 50 & older will get a review of driving skills and techniques. Check with your insurance carrier for information on how it may positively affect your premium. *Students register in advance but pay on the first day of this two-part class. \$25 fee (\$20 for AARP members). Please bring your AARP membership card, driver's license, and a pen or pencil.



Craft Corner – Ages high school & up

Make and Take Crafts

Please visit our online calendar at EGVPL.org to learn more. Registration begins **February 20** for EGVPL cardholders only. Other cardholders begin February 27, subject to space availability. For high school and adults only.

Hello Spring Plaque

Wednesday, March 11, 1-2:30 pm or 6-7:30 pm

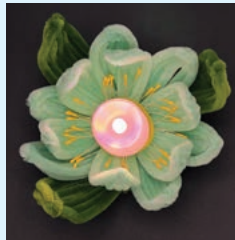
Get ready for sunshine and fresh blooms. Come join us to create a charming spring-inspired plaque using colorful faux flowers provided. Perfect for welcoming the season and expressing your creativity.



Beach in a Solar Fairy Light Wine Bottle

Wednesday, April 22, 1-2:30 pm or 6-7:30 pm

Design a soothing coastal scene with a wine bottle using sand, shells, and a solar fairy light. This adult craft focuses on relaxation, creativity, and mindful design.



Pipe Cleaner Lotus Flower

Wednesday, May 13, 1-2:30 pm or 6-7:30 pm

Create a glowing lotus flower using colorful pipe cleaners and a LED tealight. This simple, creative craft makes a lovely accent for a bathroom or a soft night light.

Art Class

Please visit our online calendar at EGVPL.org to learn more. Registration begins **February 20** for EGVPL cardholders only. Other cardholders begin February 27, subject to space availability. For high school and adults only.



Ceramics with Thrown Elements Pottery

Thursday, April 16, 6-8 pm

Paint your very own mushroom ceramic trinket tray & box with Thrown Elements Pottery. Finished pieces will be available to pick up at the library. A **\$10 non-refundable supply fee** is due at registration. In-person registration at Circulation Desk only. Registration for non-cardholders begin February 27, subject to space availability.

City Skyline Painting

Wednesday, May 20, 1-3 pm or 6-8 pm

Customize a stylized city skyline using acrylics, adding your own color palette and expressive details to make it uniquely yours.



Workshops with Living Green

Led by our friends from Living Green in Elk Grove. Registration begins **February 20** for EGVPL cardholders



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Simple Sewing: Reversible Bread Bowl Liner

Monday, March 9, 6-8 pm

Come make a reversible basket liner using basic sewing skills. This practical project is perfect for keeping baked goods warm and fresh on your table. Space is limited to 16 participants, 2 per household. Sewing machines will be provided for in-class use.

Garden Pops Workshop

Monday, April 13, 6-8 pm

Sprout something special with Garden Pops! Clay, soil, and seeds come together in these plantable sticks for effortless, eco-friendly gardening at home.

For questions about Craft Corner or Living Green Workshops, please contact Wai Oda at woda@egvpl.org or 847-725-2196.

Moments to Remember

For women ages 55 & older. Limited to 30.

A Visit from the Elk Grove Historical Museum

Thursday, March 12, 11:30 am–1 pm

TBA

Thursday, April 16, 11:30-1 pm





Makerspace – Middle School Ages & Up



BYOC Club [®]

Thursday, March 12, 6-7:30 pm

Thursday, April 9, 6-7:30 pm

Thursday, May 14, 6-7:30 pm

Bring your own craft and connect with fellow crafters. Whether it's sewing, knitting, paper crafts, or anything in between – share ideas with good company.



Iron-on Decals: Canvas Pouch [®]

Wednesday, March 4, 6-8 pm

Learn to design your own single-layer iron-on decal, then bring it to life by heat-pressing your creation on a canvas pouch.



Sublimation: Tote Bag [®]

Wednesday, March 25, 5:30-8 pm

Put a photo on a tote bag and learn about sublimation in the Makerspace. Please register for a one-time slot within the program. One time slot per person.



Sublimation: Tumbler [®]

Wednesday, May 27, 5:30-8 pm

Put a photo on a tumbler and learn about sublimation in the Makerspace. Please register for a one-time slot within the program. *One time slot per person.*

Vinyl Decals: Acrylic Bookmark [®]

Saturday, April 18, 10 am-12 pm

Learn the essentials of Cricut Design Space as you create a custom vinyl decal to personalize an acrylic bookmark



Cut out Card

Wednesday, April 8, 6-7:30 pm

Drop in and turn colorful paper scraps into a fun, handmade spring card!



Scrapbook Frame [®]

Wednesday, May 6, 6-7:30 pm

Layer textures, photos, and mementos to create a unique piece of wall art. We provide the frames and decor—you bring the memories! Each participant can print one photo on-site or bring a few of their own from home.



Paint, Plant, Protect [®]

Wednesday, April 22, 6-7:30 pm

Get creative for Earth Day! Paint a personalized terracotta pot and pick up a milkweed kit to go. Each kit includes seeds and information on how to grow this essential habitat for monarch butterflies.

For questions please contact Anahi Estrada, Digital & Makerspace Coordinator, at makerspace@egvpl.org



Technology Classes



Tuesday Tech Help

Tuesdays, from March 3 – May 26, 11 am-1 pm

Got a technology question? We're here to help! Bring your device and question. We will assist with preliminary troubleshooting, finding documentation, seeking answers to your questions, and (if we can't find an answer) guiding you to additional help.

Thursday Evening Tech Help

Thursdays, March 12 and 26, April 9 and 23, May 14 and 28, 6-7:30 pm

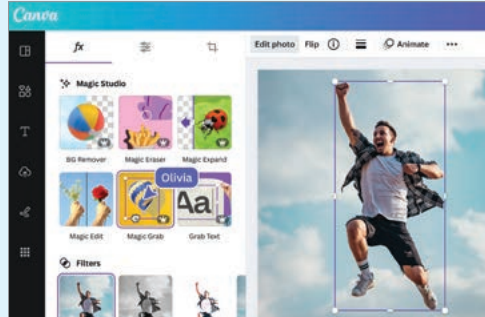
Join us for an evening drop-in session where you can get one-on-one assistance with your technology-related questions. Perfect for those who need tech support after work hours!



Managing Passwords and Accounts **R**

Thursday, March 5, 1-2 pm

Secure your accounts, simplify your logins! This program teaches best practices for managing passwords, so you can stop struggling with resets and keep your information safe.



Canva 101 **R**

Thursday, March 19, 6-7 pm

Unleash your creativity with Canva! This beginner-friendly program will introduce you to the world of Canva and its user-friendly design tools.

iPhone 101 **R**

Thursday, April 16, 1-2 pm

Level up your iPhone skills! This program dives into settings, shortcuts, and gestures that streamline your everyday experience.

Android 101 **R**

Thursday, April 30, 1-2 pm

Unlock your Android's full potential. Learn how to navigate settings, master gestures, and troubleshoot common issues.



Digitizing Home Movies and Photos **R**

Thursday, May 7, 6-7 pm

This program will introduce you to the equipment and steps involved in digitizing your precious memories. Learn how to easily share these new digital treasures with your loved ones!

Selling Online with Facebook Marketplace **R**

Thursday, May 21, 6-7 pm

Learn the basics of selling on Facebook Marketplace. Our program covers listing items, taking photos, setting prices, and more.

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High School Hub— open to High School students

Please visit our online calendar at EGVPL.org to learn more.



3D Origami Constellations

Tuesday, March 10, 7-8 pm

Create your own star magic with this quick craft! Fold origami stars and map them into any one of our 88 constellations. This is the perfect decoration for those who love stars and zodiac signs!
No registration required.



Paint it. Plant it!

Wednesday, March 25, 2-3pm

Friday, March 27, 2-3pm

Paint your own flower pot, plant a seed, and take home a little piece of spring. No experience needed. Just come hang out, relax, and grow something cool. While supplies last! *No registration required.*



From Disc to Daisies

Tuesday, April 14, 7-8pm

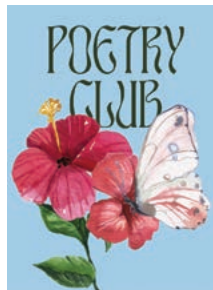
Paint floral designs on recycled CDs and create a one-of-a-kind, reflective spring decoration. While supplies last!
No registration required.



Nature Makes the Paint **R**

Wednesday, April 22, 7-8pm

Learn how to make paint from flowers and explore the beauty of botanical colors. A relaxing, eco-friendly program for teens who love art and the environment.



Poetry Club **R**

Tuesday, April 28, 7:45-8:45pm

Join other teens in a fun space to write, share, and explore poetry. Whether you're a seasoned poet or just curious, this club is for you.



For Mom, With Love **R**

Tuesday, May 5, 7-8pm

Teens are invited to create a handmade trinket dish using air-dry clay and pressed flowers. A perfect gift for Mom this Mother's Day!



Merch & Maker Mania

Saturday, May 16, 1-6pm

Teens are invited to pop in to create felt pennants, custom buttons, and pressed shirts in this hands-on program. Celebrate creativity and school spirit all in one place! While supplies last! *No registration required.*



Pin It Up **R**

Friday, May 29, 5-6:30pm

Make a ribbon-covered board perfect for photos, notes, and room décor. Express yourself and leave with a personalized creation.

Youth Programs are for ages birth-8th grade

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Unless marked with symbols below, programs are Drop-In.

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T = Programs marked with this symbol are free, ticketed events. Due to limited capacity, tickets will be distributed in the Youth Services Department on a first-come, first-served basis 30 minutes before the program start time. We will give one ticket per person and all attendees must be present to receive a ticket.

Please note: Locations (Youth Services, Kids Korner, Conference Room, Large Meeting Room, South Lawn/Parking Lot Outdoor Area, Busse Woods, or other offsite venues) vary. Formats, days, times, and locations are subject to change. Please check our website calendar and e-newsletter for program additions and updates.

YOUTH PROGRAM REGISTRATION DATES

(*unless otherwise indicated)

March start dates: Registration begins Friday, February 20

April start dates: Registration begins Friday, March 27

May start dates: Registration begins Friday, April 24



Elk Grove Library Videos On Demand

Go to our Library's YouTube page for songs, stories, and more.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/elkgrovelibrary>

Family Fun and Special Events

Storybook Cinema

Families with children of all ages

Sundays, 12:30-4:30 pm

No registration required—just drop in and watch storybooks come to life on screen! Videos will loop continuously during program time. Children under age 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

March 1

I Want My Hat Back

March 29

Where the Wild Things Are

April 26

Up in the Garden, and Down in the Dirt

Kids Korner



Fun Factory Saturday

Children of all ages

Saturdays, March 7-May 30, 9:30 am-4:30 pm

Drop by the library to make a simple craft on your own or with the help of a parent/caregiver (while supplies last).

Youth Services



Spring Scavenger Hunts

Children of all ages

Scavenger hunts take place all day, everyday on dates listed below in the Youth Services Department. Participants will get a prize for taking part in these activities.

St. Patrick's Day Treasure Hunt

Wednesday, March 11-Tuesday, March 17

Follow the rainbow through the Youth Services Department and solve a riddle along the way.

Spring Break Search

Friday, March 20-Sunday, March 29

Start your scavenger hunt at the library, then continue the fun wherever you go! Pick up your scavenger hunt at the Youth Services Desk and see how many items you can find during Spring Break. Bring your form back by Friday, April 3 to earn your prize!

Can You Find It?

Wednesday, April 15-Sunday, April 26

Celebrate National Library Week with a book themed scavenger hunt challenge.

May Flowers

Wednesday, May 13- Saturday, May 23

April showers have given us May flowers! Can you find them all in Youth Services?



All Ages Family Fun and Special Events *(continued)*

Story to Stage **R**

Families with children of all ages

Tuesday, March 10-Friday, March 20

Join us for our **Story to Stage** program featuring **Greatworks Theatre** production of *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus! The Musical!* Registered families will receive an activity kit and can choose a book to check out and enjoy at home. **Pick up and check out your kit Tuesday, March 10 – Friday, March 20.** Enjoy the book and kit together as a family, then come to the EGVPL to see the staged musical performance of this Mo Willem's classic. *Registered participants in this program will receive reserved tickets for our performance of the play on Monday, March 23.*
Youth Services



Pisanki/Polish Folk-Art **R**

Children of all ages with caregiver

Monday, March 30, 6:30-7:30 pm

Learn to decorate eggs using a traditional Polish folk-art style with the help of local artist, Krystyna Jaroć. Family members are welcome to attend, but eggs are limited to registered children.
Kids Korner

April Fools' Knock-Knock Challenge

Children of all ages

Wednesday, April 1, all day

Kids are invited to tell us their funniest knock-knock jokes. Fool a librarian with your punchline and win a prize!

Spring Break Fun



Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus! The Musical! **T**

Families with children of all ages

Monday, March 23, 11 am and 1:30 pm

Join us for GreatWorks Theatre's production of this popular Mo Willems' picture book! Featuring an innovative mix of songs, puppets, actors, and feathers, *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus! The Musical!* is sure to get everyone's wings flapping. Get advanced tickets when you participate in our **Story to Stage** program (more information on p.xx).

Large Meeting Room

Movie: Honey, I Shrunk the Kids

Grades K-8

Tuesday, March 24, 1:30-3 pm

Join us for this blast from the past! Drinks and snacks will be served.

Large Meeting Room



HeroQuest One-Shot **R**

Grades 5-8

Tuesday, March 24, 1-5 pm

Venture into a perilous dungeon, battle monstrous creatures, overcome traps, and retrieve valuable artifacts! Test your skills and courage to complete a challenging quest during this One-shot program.

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Spring Break-out Escape Room **R**

Wednesday, March 25

Grades 3-6, 1:30 or 2:15 pm

Grades 5-8, 3:15 or 4 pm

Explore exciting places, crack clever clues, and race against time to catch your flight back to EGVPL—can you escape this fun, travel-themed adventure?

Kids Korner



Justin Roberts **T**

Families with children of all ages

Thursday, March 26, 11 am

Four-time GRAMMY Nominee Justin Roberts is one of the founders of the modern family music scene. For 25 years, Roberts has been creating the soundtrack to families' lives, helping kids navigate the joys and sorrows of growing up, while inspiring parents to remember their own childhoods. His songs are the kind of get-stuck-in-your-head pop nuggets that draw comparisons to Elvis Costello, Fountains of Wayne, and Paul Simon. Don't miss this fun, family concert!

Large Meeting Room

Mario Kart Tournament **R**

Grades K-8

Thursday, March 26, 3 pm

Rev up for our Spring Mario Kart Tournament! Race your friends, tackle fun challenges, play mini-games, and snap a super-cool photo. Power-up prizes for racers in grades K-2, 3-5, and 6-8!

All Ages Family Fun and Special Events *(continued)*

Celebrate Earth Day this April!

Pollination Investigation

Pollination Investigation

Families with children of all ages

Wednesday, April 1-Thursday, April 30,
all day, everyday

Check out our exhibit, **Pollination Investigation**, that looks at the who, what, when, where, why, and how of pollination, and explores the essential role that pollinators play in the natural world. *Pollination Investigation* was created by Smithsonian Gardens in collaboration with the National Museum of Natural History, and made available by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service. It is funded in part by the Smithsonian Women's Committee. Youth Services/Lobby



Earth Day Nature Play **R**

Ages 2-5 with parent/caregiver

Wednesday April 22, 10:30-11:15 am

Join us in open-ended outdoor play as we work together to build forts, look for hidden creatures, and celebrate nature! Weather dependent.

South Lawn/Parking Lot Outdoor Area

Buzz into Bees! **R**

Recommended for children 2-8 with caregiver

Wednesday, April 22, 6:30-7:15 pm

Discover the wonderful world of bees through stories, crafts, games, and snacks. Plus, learn facts firsthand from a real beekeeper!

Kids Korner



Firefly Family Theatre **T**

Recommended for children ages 2-7 with their families

Saturday, April 25, 10:30 am

We welcome Firefly Family Theatre for a special presentation during Earth month. Join us for stories and songs all about spring and the power of kindness. The Story Garden includes puppets, original music, interactive movement, and lots of springtime fun for families!

Kids Korner

Check out other Earth Day inspired programming including **Storytime Cinema** featuring *Up in the Garden, and Down in the Dirt* (p. 11), and **Workshop Wednesdays: Earth Day Heart** (p. 18).

POETree

Grades K-8

Monday, April 6-Sunday, April 26,
all day, everyday

All Youth Services patrons are welcome to write a poem to add to our POETree. Stop by the Youth Reference desk to pick up a "leaf" and add a poem to share during this Poetry Month event.

Youth Services

Letter from Your Librarian

Children of all ages

Sunday, April 19-Saturday, April 25,
all day, everyday

During National Library Week, kids can stop by Youth Services to sign up for a Letter from Your Librarian!

Youth Services Reference Desk

Message to Mom

Families of all ages

Friday, May 1-Sunday, May 10,
all day, everyday

Write a message to your mom and add it to our collaborative display through Mother's Day.

Youth Services

Mother's Day Tea **R**

Moms with children of all ages

Saturday, May 2, 11-11:45 am

Bring your Mom, Mommy, Mama, or special mother figure (whatever you may call her!) to the library for bingo, treats, and crafts. Fancy attire is welcome, but not required. **Registration opens on Friday, April 10 at 9 am. Please register in-person at the Youth Services Reference Desk or by calling 847-439-0447 x267.**

Kids Korner



Lotus Lantern Craft Workshop **R**

Families with children ages 8 & up

Thursday, May 7, 6:30-8 pm

The Korean Spirit and Culture Promotion Project (KSCPP) will teach participants step-by-step how to make a lovely lotus flower lantern using colored paper and a pre-made wire frame. Participants will also learn about Korea's unique history and culture and watch a short documentary film. Refreshments are provided.

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Early Childhood



Baby Tales

Recommended for ages 0-24 months with caregiver

**Mondays, March 2-April 6,
9:30 or 10:30 am**

Bond with your little one and meet new friends at a lap-sit storytime full of bounces, tickles, songs, and giggles. Each week we will move to music, learn new rhymes, listen to short stories, and end with time for free-play. This drop-in storytime is recommended for babies up to 24 months, but older siblings are welcome to join!

No class March 23

Kids Korner



Mini Mad Science

Recommended for ages 3-6 with caregiver

**Tuesdays, March 3-April 7,
10 am or 1:30 pm**

This STEM interactive class includes stories, crafts, games, and simple science activities to promote reading and encourage a child's natural curiosity.

No class March 24

Kids Korner



Alphabet Soup

Recommended for ages 2-4 with caregiver

**Wednesdays, March 4-April 8,
9:30 or 10:30 am**

Attention little learners! Grab your grown-up and get moving in an interactive storytime filled with music and play. Each week we will practice early literacy skills using stories, songs, and a project.

This drop-in storytime is recommended for 2, 3, and 4 year-olds, but siblings are also welcome!

No class March 25

Kids Korner



Talk Like a Leprechaun Night ^R

Recommended for children 2-8 with caregiver

Wednesday, March 11, 6:30-7:15 pm

This storytime will include a hunt for a pot of gold, a little bit of science magic, celebration of green themed crafts, and special leprechaun catcher and snack.

Kids Korner



Messy Play ^R

Ages 2-5 with caregiver

**Fridays, March 13 and 20, April 10,
10:30-11:15 am**

Come to the library for hands-on experiences that may include some mess and will always include fun! Every class contains play stations that encourage sensory exploration, creative process art, dramatic play, and motor development.

Kids Korner

Each date requires a separate registration



Silly Stories and Big Laughs Night ^R

Recommended for children 2-8 with caregiver

Wednesday, March 25, 6:30-7:15 pm

Join us for Silly Stories and Big Laughs Night. Families will enjoy funny stories, silly songs, simple crafts, games and a tasty snack - all guaranteed to bring smiles and giggles.

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Early Childhood (continued)



The Great Storytime Bake-off ^R

Recommended for children 2-8 with caregiver

Wednesday, April 8, 6:30-7:15 pm

Whisk up some fun at our Storytime Bake-Off with stories, easy baking activities, creative crafts, baked goodies and interactive games.

Kids Korner

Stuffed Animal Sleepover ^R

Recommended for families with children ages 2-7

Tuesday, May 5, 6:30-7:15 pm

Drop off a favorite stuffed animal for a library sleepover! Families will help get their stuffies all settled in with a bedtime storytime.

After kissing their stuffies goodnight, families will leave them for a fun night at the library. Pick your stuffie up on Friday, May 10th and see what they were up to overnight!

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Feathered Friends and Fancy Homes ^R

Recommended for children 2-8 with caregiver

Wednesday, May 6, 6:30 - 7:15 pm

Enjoy a lively storytime featuring bird stories, birdhouse decorating, bird crafts, a game and snacks.

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Bilingual Programs

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Polish Storytime

Children of all ages with caregiver/ Dzieci w każdym wieku z opiekunem

Thursdays, March 5-April 9, 10-10:30 am

Join us for a Polish-English storytime that includes stories, rhymes, and crafts. You do not need to speak Polish to attend.

Zapraszamy na wspólne czytanie dla dzieci w języku polskim i angielskim, w ramach którego będą opowiadania, rymowanki i zajęcia plastyczne. Wszyscy są mile widziani. Nie ma rejestracji.

No class March 26

Spanish Storytime/Tiempo de Cuento

Recommended for ages 4-8 with caregiver/ Recomendado para niños de 4 a 7 años acompañados por un adulto

Saturdays, March 7 and 21, April 4 and 18, 10:30-11 am

Come explore a new theme every month with books, art, and interactive activities! All language abilities are welcome!

¡Vengan a explorar un nuevo tema cada mes con libros, arte, y actividades interactivas! Todos los niveles de dominio del idioma son bienvenidos.

Japanese Storytime

Children of all ages with caregiver

Thursday, May 21, 6:30-7 pm

Join us for this bilingual storytime that will include songs, games, and crafts.

Catch up with the Book Bike

The EGVPL Book Bike will be ready to hit the road in May! Meet up with the Book Bike at local parks for free books, pop-up storytimes, and more! To find out where we'll be pedaling to next, follow us at facebook.com/egvplkids or contact Ms. Courtney (clewis@egvpl.org) to be added to the email list.



Registered Programs

Our programs tend to fill up fast and frequently have waiting lists. **When registering, please make sure your child is able to arrive at least 5 minutes before the program begins.** If your child cannot attend, or will be unable to arrive on time, please cancel their registration online or by calling 847-439-0447 x267. This will help ensure that spots do not go unfilled and allow another child to participate. Thank you for your cooperation.

Elementary School



C.S.I. ^R

Grades K-4

Tuesday, March 3-April 7, 4:15-4:45 pm or Thursday, March 5-April 9, 4:15-4:45 pm

Let's investigate STEM! This class combines a little bit of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. There will be learning, hands-on activities, and lots of fun for inquisitive minds!

No classes Tuesday, March 24 and Thursday, March 26

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Read to the Dog ^R

Grades 2-8

Thursdays, March 5 and 19, April 2, 16, and 30, and May 14 6:30, 6:45, 7, or 7:15 pm

Children will have the opportunity to read in a positive, non-threatening environment that encourages the love of reading by partnering with a willing, attentive, and non-judgmental therapy dog. Reading sessions are 15 minutes per reader. Parents/caregivers are not allowed in the room. See the online calendar for more information. Space is limited; participants may only sign up for 2 time sessions during dates offered.

Kids Korner

Registration for all dates begins Friday, February 20, 9 am

Chess Instruction with Chess Scholars ^R

Grades K-8 without caregiver

Fridays, March 6 and 20, and April 3, 4:30-5:30 pm

Join us for classes with Chess Scholars! Please read the class descriptions and register for the most appropriate level. Email edolce@egvpl.org with any questions.

Chess for Beginners

No previous chess knowledge is necessary. Each session will consist of a fun interactive teaching period and guided practice time.

Chess for Advanced Players

A basic knowledge of piece movements is recommended. Students will learn about controlling the center, taking the initiative, and attacking in combination.

Kids Korner

Each date requires a separate registration



Canvas Kids ^R

Grades 3-5

Mondays 4:15-5 pm

Join us for a two-session art class where kids can create a themed craft. Bring your imagination and come ready to create and have fun! *We kindly ask that you only register if you can attend both classes of the session to ensure a great experience for everyone.*

Signs of Spring

March 9 and 16

Kids will celebrate the first signs of spring and create projects full of color and new life.

Petal and Paint

April 6 and 13

Kids will celebrate spring by creating colorful, flower-inspired projects.

Kids Korner

Each month requires a separate registration

Cartooning with Mark Anderson ^R

Grades K-8

Draw along with cartoonist Mark Anderson and have fun during these creative workshops.



Mesmerizing Monkeys

Wednesday, March 11, 3:30-4:30 pm



Dewey Additions

Wednesday, April 8, 3:30-4:30 pm



Space Fights

Wednesday, May 13, 3:30-4:30 pm

Kids Korner

Each date requires a separate registration

Minecraft Club ^R

Grades 2-5

Choose from one March session:

- (A) Friday, March 13, 5-6:30 pm
- (B) Saturday, March 14, 12-1:30 pm
- (C) Saturday, March 14, 2:30-4 pm

Choose from one April session:

- (A) Friday, April 17, 5-6:30 pm
- (B) Saturday, April 18, 12-1:30 pm
- (C) Saturday, April 18, 2:30-4 pm

Choose from one May session:

- (A) Friday, May 15, 5-6:30 pm
- (B) Saturday, May 16, 12-1:30 pm
- (C) Saturday, May 16, 2:30-4 pm

Play and create with friends during our Minecraft Club. Participants can work together on our server, imagining, building, and creating. Help is provided

Elementary School *(continued)*

during this program if you are new to Minecraft. **Please register for only one date per month. Patrons that register for more than one date within the month will have registration canceled and must then re-register, if space is available.**

Check-in at the Youth Services Reference Desk

Each month requires a separate registration



Uke Jam ^R

Grades 3-6

Tuesdays, March 17 and April 7, 6:30-7 pm

Hang out and learn a song on the ukulele.

All experience levels are welcome!

Ukuleles are provided by the library.

Kids Korner

Each date requires a separate registration

Book Bites ^R

Grades 3-5

Wednesdays, 3-4 pm

Get a taste for appetizing books with this book club. Pizza, snacks, and drinks are provided. Each month's book will be available at the Youth Reference Desk, for registered participants, to pick up and check out.



March 18

Ban This Book

By Alan Gratz

April 15

Belly Up

By Stuart Gibbs

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Each date requires a separate registration



Embroidery Classes ^R

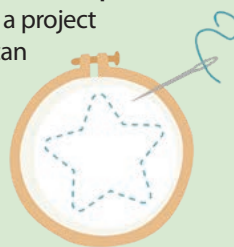
Embroidery can be sew much fun!

Embroidery Kids

Grades 3-6

Thursday, April 9, 6:30-7:30 pm

Let's get started on a project together that you can add to at home.



Embroidery Fun

Grades K-2

Friday, April 10, 4:30-5:30 pm

In this introductory class, we will learn about embroidery supplies and tools, work on fine motor skills, and create a fun design.

Kids Korner



Kids on the Board ^R

Grades 2-5

Wednesday, April 29, 3:30-4:15 pm

Sign up with a friend or meet a new one here when you play at our board game group, Kids on the Board.

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Mother's Day Portrait ^R

Grades K-4

Friday, May 1, 4:30-5:30 pm

Create one-of-a-kind art to highlight a picture that's uniquely you for a special mom in your life.

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Make sure to check out all the programs we have to offer for our youth patrons. Many of our programs span multiple ages and grade levels.

Middle Grades

Middle Grade Book Club ^R

Grades 5-8

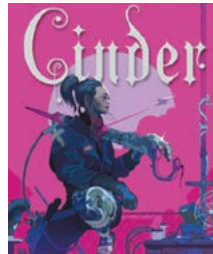
Mondays, 6:30-7:30 pm

Discuss books, movies, and everything in between! Pizza, snacks, and drinks are provided. Each month's book will be available at the Youth Reference Desk, for registered participants, to pick up and check out.



March 2
Legend
by Marie Lu

April 6
Cinder
by Marissa Meyer



Kids Korner
Each date requires a separate registration



Junior Teen Advisory Group (Jr. TAG) ^R

Grades 6-8

Wednesday, March 4, April 1, May 6, 3-4 pm

Jr. TAG membership is a volunteer opportunity for students in grades 6-8 to engage in community service, take part in library projects, and participate in teambuilding activities for 2026.

Participants do not need to be EGVPL cardholders but must apply for group membership. Contact twulf@egvpl.org or scan the QR code for more information.



Board Game Squad ^R

Grades 5-8

Wednesdays, March 4 and April 1, 6-7:30 pm

Join us to play board games, sharpen strategic thinking skills, make new friends, and have a blast!

Kids Korner

Each date requires a separate registration



Frog Friend Keychain ^R

Grades 5-8

Tuesday, March 10, 6:30-7:30 pm

Learn to shape, mold, and bake a polymer clay frog and turn it into a keychain. No experience needed- all supplies provided.

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Crochet Corner

Grades 4-8

Sundays, March 1, 15 and 29, April 12 and 26, 2-3 pm

Crochet experience is required. Drop on into the Sunday Crochet Corner where you can work on projects with provided yarn and hooks. Ms. Analise will be available to help with any problems that may pop up.

Youth Services



Workshop Wednesdays

Grades 5-8

Wednesdays, 4-5 pm

Stop by and craft with a librarian in Youth Services.

Tempera Tangles

March 18

We'll use washi tape and tempera sticks for this relaxing art project.

Earth Day Heart

April 15

Weave a heart and show your love for the Earth.

Youth Services



Gaming Group ^R

Grades 5-8 (or instructor consent)

Friday, March 27, April 10, and May 1, 5-6:30 pm

This program will offer modded Minecraft and Roblox play for experienced gamers. We'll use Feed the Beast to learn new skills and enhance your Minecraft play. Use of Roblox requires an existing account.

Conference Room

Each date requires a separate registration

Middle Grades *(continued)*



Sketchbook Saturdays

Grades 5-8

Saturdays, March 28, April 25,
and May 23, 9:30-4:30 pm

Grab a supply kit and get creative! We'll have a different mix of art supplies each month for you to experiment with and create art at your own pace — no experience needed. When you're done, just return the supply kit to the Youth Reference Desk. Come hang out, make some art, and enjoy a creative break!
Youth Services



Poetry & Pizza ^R

Grades 5-8

Wednesday, April 1, 6:30-7:30 pm

Discover how poems grow from pictures, imagination, and even everyday objects. Join us for a welcoming workshop where you'll explore multiple poetic forms, interview a photograph, and craft new writing through creative cut-up techniques. No experience needed—just curiosity and a love of language.

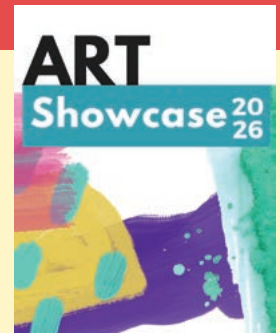
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Registration begins Friday, February 20

Art Showcase 2026

Saturday, April 11, 11 am-2 pm

Our annual Art Showcase will kick-off with an opening, featuring works of art created by Grove and Mead Jr. High students along with special events, and continue with the artwork displayed throughout the month. Join us for DIY art projects, visits with Dr. Coy and Erin Wood, an interactive art experience, and light refreshments.
Large Meeting Room, Lobby and Youth Services



Level Up & Roll ^R

Grades 5-8

Saturday, April 11, 12-4:30 pm

Continuing campaigns:

Saturdays, April 25 and May 9, 12-4:30 pm
(Players must attend our opening session on April 25 to participate)

Whether you're a beginner player or a seasoned adventurer, join us to embark on an epic campaign. Attend our initial game-play and then continue the campaign for two more dates. This D&D program is open to all skill levels, but players must have some experience. Advanced players can try their hand at being a Dungeon Master, facilitated by staff. Dice and snacks are provided.

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Hola-Palooza ^R

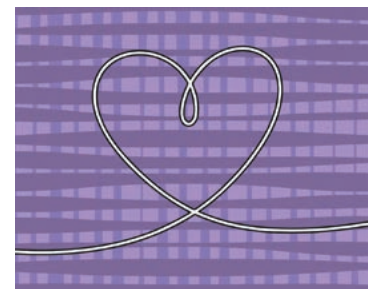
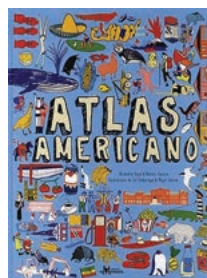
Grades 5-8

Tuesdays, April 14 and May 12, 6:30-7:15 pm

Explore the Spanish speaking world with Señorita Jessica. A cultural adventure through food, music, dance, and geography. Collect a passport stamp for every country we tour together.

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Each date requires a separate registration

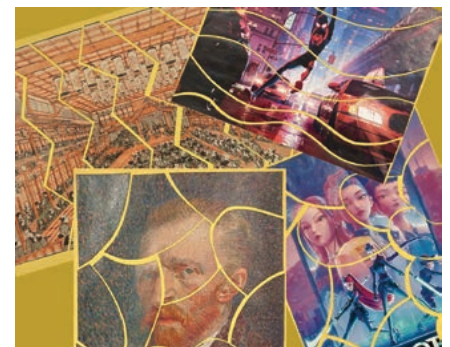


Made for Mom ^R

Grades 5-8

Friday, May 8, 4:30-5:30 pm

Craft your way to a pretty and practical gift you can create for a mom in your life.
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Repair In Gold: 2D Kintsugi ^R

Grades 5-8

Wednesday, May 13, 6:30-7:30 pm

In this hands-on session, we'll look at how Kintsugi turns breaks and imperfections into art. Using a printed painting as our starting point, you'll create your own golden "repair" lines to reshape the image and give it a new story.

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Friends of the Library and Annual Meeting

Enjoy shopping with the Friends as Spring moves in!

We always fill our shelves with lots of great fiction and non-fiction reading choices, but we also like to feature some special categories each month. Children's books and DVDs and music CDs are also part of our regular displays. In March we will feature books on sports, art, music, foreign language books, and graphic novels. April will bring books on nature, gardening, the environment, biographies, and large print books. When May arrives, we will feature books written by women authors, biographies about women, and health and meditation.

We also plan to feature paperback bargains, puzzles, and "new" fiction this spring. We may surprise you with a featured author shelf each month as well. Check out our shelves often as they are popular and we frequently refill the shelves. Enjoy!



Terry Lynch: Benjamin Franklin

Tuesday, May 12, 7-8 pm
(Annual Meeting at 6:30 pm)

A man for all ages! Inventor, statesman, and founding father, Ben Franklin did it all. Listen as Franklin reminisces about his political life, writings, and scientific inventions. How has this founding father changed the way we live our lives today?



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