



Elk Grove Village Public Library

News, Events & Featured Programs

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THE ARCADE AGE EXHIBIT

JUNE 6 - AUGUST 30, 2025

curated by
Cradle of Aviation Museum

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Library Hours

Effective June 1st, new hours of operation will be implemented.

Mon–Thurs: 9 am–9 pm | **Friday:** 9 am–7 pm

Saturday: 9 am–5 pm | **Sunday:** 12–5 pm

Library Closed:

Friday, July 4

The Library will be closed on the following Tuesdays at 5 pm, due to the Mid-Summer Classic Concert Series: July 22 and 29



From the Director's Desk

We have BIG PLANS for the summer! We're thrilled to announce that the *Arcade Age* Exhibit will be on display from June through August. Step back in time and play your favorite classic games while discovering the fascinating history behind these iconic machines—and Chicago's unique role in their evolution.

We're also offering a variety of arcade-themed programs to celebrate this exciting exhibit. Come test your skills, have some fun, and take a nostalgic trip through the *Arcade Age*!

For more details about the *Arcade Age* exhibit and related programs, please see page 10 of this newsletter.

The Library, in partnership with the Elk Grove Rotary Club, Lions Club, and the Elk Grove Fraternal Order of Police, is hosting a Food Drive to support the Elk Grove Township Food Pantry. Drop off your donations on Saturday, June 14, from 9 am–12 pm in the Library parking lot. Your participation is greatly appreciated for this meaningful cause!

New Library Hours Starting June 1

Beginning June 1, the Library will be open during the following hours:

Monday - Thursday: 9 am–9 pm

Friday: 9 am–7 pm

Saturday: 9 am–5 pm

Sunday: 12–5 pm

We look forward to seeing you!

Your Library Director,

Debra Nelson

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.

R = REGISTRATION REQUIRED PROGRAMS

Programs marked with the letter **R** require registration.

Registration begins **Friday, May 23 at 9am.**

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.

Play, Picnic & Party

Sunday, July 13, 12-4 pm

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library

This year at EGVPL, we're partying with our **Arcade Age Exhibit**, taking you back to the 1980s! Rock out with 'The 80s Band that Offers the Most!', **Jolly Ringwalds!** Love ice cream? Our truck has loads of flavors! Ride bumper cars, join the foam party, and grab free cold water at the Friends of the Library tent! Check out their great bargains, too! Plus, you can meet your favorite game characters and enjoy other thrilling attractions!



BUS TRIP

Registration will open on Monday, June 9 at 9 am



Butterfly Supper Club **R** **\$**

Thursday, August 28, 11:30 am-6:30 pm

Journey back in time to experience the warm glow of Wisconsin supper club tradition at The Butterfly Club in Beloit! Named for the fluttering yellow and white butterflies that once graced its neighboring fields, this restaurant whispers tales from 1924. Before indulging in a classic supper club dinner, we'll explore the surprising treasures of Historic Auto Attractions in Roscoe, Illinois. Don't let the name fool you – this museum unveils one of the Midwest's most captivating private collections. Prepare to be amazed by an extensive display of John F. Kennedy and Kennedy Family artifacts, a truly remarkable piece of American history. Then, immerse yourself in the magic of Hollywood with iconic TV and movie props. Picture yourself alongside the chariot from 1959's "Ben Hur," marvel at props from "Gunsmoke" and "Bonanza," and get ready for a thrill as you spot legendary movie cars from "Batman," "Back to the Future," and "Ghostbusters."

Fee: \$122

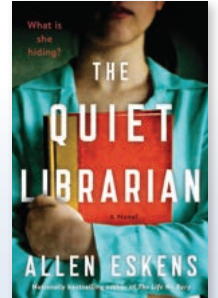
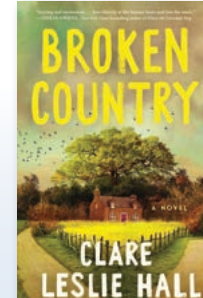
Purchase your tickets at the Circulation Desk. Moderate walking



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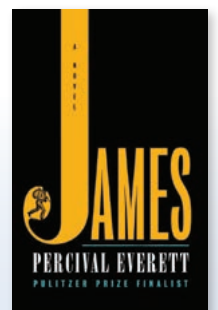
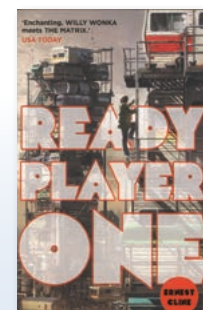
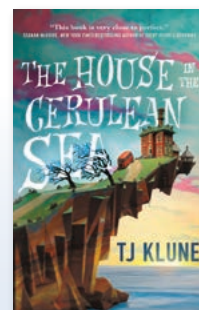
Morning Book Discussions

Three Girls from Bronzeville by Dawn Turner
Tuesday or Thursday, June 3, June 5, 10:30 am

Broken Country by Clare Leslie Hall
Tuesday or Thursday, July 1, July 3, 10:30 am

The Quiet Librarian by Allen Eskens
Tuesday or Thursday, August 5, August 7, 10:30 am

Please contact Chris at cmika@egvpl.org or 847-725-2160 for more information or to sign up.



Evening Book Discussions

The House in the Cerulean Sea by T.J. Klune
Tuesday, June 17, 7:30 pm

Ready Player One by Ernest Cline
Tuesday, July 15, 7:30 pm

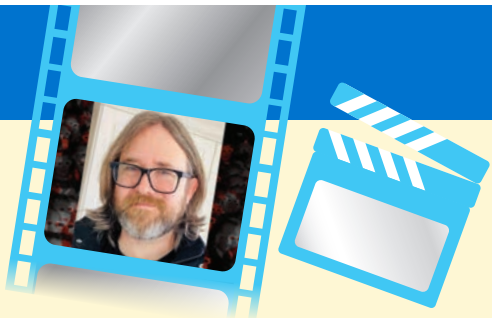
James: A Novel by Percival Everett
Tuesday, August 19, 7:30 pm

Please contact Julie at jhadler@egvpl.org or 847-725-2160 for more information or to sign up.

Libraryland – 2025 Adult Summer Reading Program [®]

June 9 through September 7

Spend some time with us this summer at Libraryland, your happy place. Visit five of the 10 themed areas – take a stroll down Main Street, USA, by reading a book set in a small town, or take off to Tomorrowland with a sci-fi story. Or pull into Dewey’s Drive-Inn and watch a Disney classic. Read five books to earn your Libraryland t-shirt. For every book you read, get a raffle ticket to enter in our prize drawings for gift cards from local businesses. Book your trip starting June 9 at the Adult Reference Desk and enjoy the happiest place all summer through September 7. *See page 14 for info on the Youth Reading Program*



The History and Magic of Disney Movies – with Film Critic Patrick Bromley [®]

Thursday, June 12, 7-8:30 pm

Let’s explore the history and magic of Disney movies with Film Critic Patrick Bromley. You might know Patrick as the host of the popular Critics Choice film series at Elk Grove Classic Cinemas. Join us for this entertaining program as Patrick shares his insights into the wonderful world of Disney. *Please note: this program is intended for young adults and adults.*



Be Kind to Bees and Save the Monarchs! [®]

Tuesday, June 17, 6:30-8 pm

It’s National Pollinator Week – June 16-22! Bees and butterflies are struggling to survive - what can you do? Elk Grove gardener Michele George will share tips to help bees, and Ned Bruns from the Schaumburg Monarch Initiative will provide ideas for saving butterflies. Learn which native plants to add to your garden and other ways to help pollinators thrive.



Monday Matinee Movie @ 1 pm

Popcorn will be served

June 16 – *Arthur the King* • Rated: PG-13

July 21 – *Conclave* • Rated: PG

August 18 – *The Boys in the Boat* • Rated: PG-13



Coffee, Cake & Coloring [®]

Tuesday, June 24 and August 26, 10:30-11:30 am, In-person

Join us for adult coloring while enjoying some treats.

Money Smart Meetup [®]

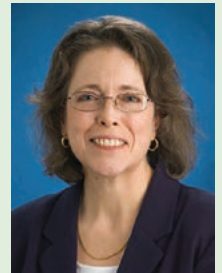
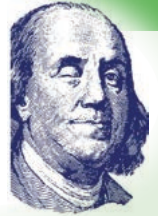


Planning Your Disney Vacation – Making Your Dream Trip Come True [®]

Tuesday, July 15, 7-8 pm, In-Person

Dreaming of a Disney Cruise or a trip to Disneyworld or Disneyland? Join us for this special event with Disney Vacation Planner Samantha Wolf from MickeyTravels to learn tips and tricks to make your Disney vacation more budget-friendly, efficient, and fun for your family. *Please note: this program is intended for adults.*

Money Smart
@EGVPL



Financial Strategies for Uncertain Times [®]

Thursday, August 28, 7-9 pm, Hybrid

Whether you're already suffering financial hardship or you are afraid that hardship is ahead, Financial Educator Karen Chan will discuss tips for reducing expenses and setting up a budget, do's and don'ts when you can't pay all your bills, investment strategies for managing risk, and more.



Family Stories: Past, Present, & Future [®]

Thursday, June 26, 7-8 pm, In-person

Join Grandma Jeanne and granddaughter Kea, a certified genealogist, as you begin your special journey in this mini workshop.



Arcade History Tour [®]

Wednesday, July 2, 6:30-7:30 pm, In-person

Join us as game designer Brian F Colin talks about creating some of the most-popular, highest-earning & best-selling titles in video games.

Meditation for Well-Being [®]



Beyond Death, Medical Facts, Mysticism, and Meditation

Thursday, June 12, 7-8 pm, Virtual

Join Dr. Matthew Raider to hear the latest medical research and discover a simple, natural way to connect with the inner light talked about by those who've experienced a near-death experience.

Finding Inner Peace and Calmness Through Meditation

Wednesday, July 30, 6:30-7:30 pm, In-Person

Join Umesh Bhatia, long-time meditator for this deep and engaging meditation workshop.

Meditation as a Healing Practice

Tuesday, August 26, 7-8 pm, Virtual

Join Dave Buck, long time meditator for this informative program. There will even be a chance to try this meditation practice.

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History of the Band Chicago R

Wednesday, July 9, 7-8 pm, In-person
Using performance and interview clips, Gary Wenstrup will trace the arc of Chicago's career from their early rock 'n' roll successes to their softer hits.



Jigsaw Jamboree R

Friday, July 11, 7:30-9:30 pm
Gather your puzzle team of 2-4 people and register for our puzzle competition! Race against other teams to be the first to complete your puzzle and win a prize. Families and participants of all ages are welcome to register either in the Adult/Teen category (all players ages 13+) or in the Family category (ages 8+ with at least one adult).

Totally Awesome '80s Trivia Night R

Thursday, July 31, 6:30-8 pm, In-person
Break out your leg warmers, tease up that hair, and get ready for a blast from the past! Join us for a Totally Awesome '80s Trivia Night at EGVPL! Test your knowledge of '80s music, movies, TV, pop culture, and more. Highest score wins a prize! refreshments will be served.



A Living History Portrayal of Lucille Ball R

Wednesday, August 20, 7-8 pm, In-Person
Sponsored by the Friends of the Library
In this historical portrayal, historian, and actress Leslie Goddard brings Lucy to life, paying tribute to both the true comic legend and the real woman behind the myth.

Wellness



Supported Chair Yoga R

Tuesdays, June 17, July 15, and August 19, 11 am-12 pm, In-person
For men and women 55 and older
This class is designed for men and women who wish to bring movement into their lives to improve overall health. Join certified group exercise fitness expert, Susan Heaton for this class.

"Live at the Concerts" Library Booth @ the Summer Concert Series

Tuesdays, July 22 and 29, 4-7:30 pm
Stop by our Library Booth to pick up some EGVPL swag while you're waiting for the show to start! We'll be set up on the Library's "front porch" while the bands are warming up on the Village Green. Get ready to rock!

Free Bike Valet @ the Village Green Concerts – courtesy of the Friends of Cycling in EG

Tuesdays, July 22 and 29, 6-9:30 pm
Avoid the traffic and ride your bike to the concerts! The Friends of Cycling in EG are offering bike valet service at the Library. Drop off your bike at our bike rack area, located near the front entrance, and the Friends will keep it safe while you enjoy the concert.



Technology Classes



Tuesday Tech Help

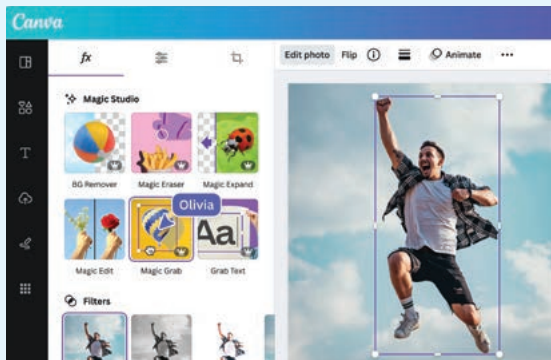
Tuesdays, from June 3 – August 26,
11 am-1 pm

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, June 19, July 3, 17 and 31, August 14 and 28, 6 pm-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!



Canva Design Basics ^R

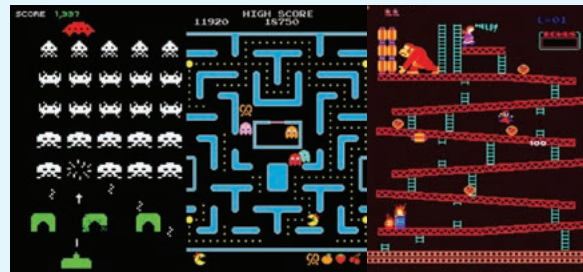
Thursday, June 5, 6 pm-7 pm

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

Windows 10 End of Life: Get Ready for What's Ahead ^R

Thursday, June 12, 6 pm-7 pm

Windows 10's end of life is approaching! Join us to learn about what this means for you computer and explore options for upgrading or transitioning to a new system. We'll discuss what to expect and help you make an informed decision to keep your digital life secure and running smoothly.



Intro to Arcade Games ^R

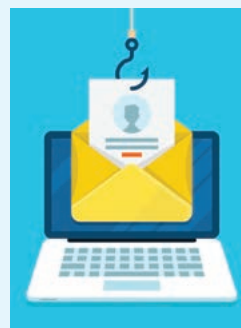
Thursday, June 26, 6 pm-7:30 pm

See Arcade Age Exhibit Programs on page 11 for more details.

Digitizing Home Movies & Photos ^R

Thursday, July 10, 6 pm-7 pm

Ready to bring your old photos and home movies into the digital age? This program will introduce you to the equipment and steps involved in digitizing your precious memories. Learn how to easily share these newly digital treasures with your loved ones!



Outsmarting Online Threats ^R

Thursday, July 24, 6 pm-7 pm

Concerned about online scams? Join us to learn practical tips and strategies for staying safe in the digital world. We'll cover how to identify and avoid tech and phishing scams, empowering you to navigate the internet with confidence.

Intro to Podcasting ^R

Thursday, August 21, 6 pm-7 pm

Ever thought about starting your own podcast? This introductory program will walk you through the essentials of audio and video podcast production, from planning your content to recording and distributing your episodes. Discover how to share your voice with the world!



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Craft Corner – Ages high school & up *Limited to EGVPL cardholders only.*

Make and Take Crafts **R**

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

Stitch Through Time at the Arcade – A Needlepoint Experience!

Wednesday, July 9, 12-1:30 pm

Take a pause from the screen and explore the timeless art of needlepoint. Come join us for a relaxing stitching session and create a plastic canvas bookmark.



Floral Arranging with Garvin Gardens – Again!

Wednesday, August 6, 11 am-12:15 pm

Back by popular demand, we are offering the same program from the Spring session. Use your creativity and design a beautiful arrangement with tulips, daisies and other flowers. Participants are encouraged to bring a pruner if available. A \$15 no-show fee for materials is applicable.



Creative Cubes and Classic Consoles

Wednesday, August 6, 4-6 pm

See Arcade Age Exhibit Programs on page 12 for more details.

Art Class **R**

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

Ceramic Painting with Color Me Mine – Again!

Wednesday, June 4, 10 am-12 pm

Back by popular demand, we are offering the same program from the Spring session. Paint your very own ceramic bowl with Color Me Mine. Participants will be notified when the finished bowls are ready for pick up at the Library. A \$15 no-show fee for materials is applicable.



Resume Help Drop-In **R**

Wednesdays, June 11 and August 13,
2-4 pm

Need a hand completing job applications, writing your resume and cover letters, preparing for an interview, or finding networking opportunities? Drop in to work with an expert from the Goodwill Workforce Connection Center. Weather permitting; please register so we can notify you in case of cancellation.

Planning Your Disney Vacation – Making Your Dream Trip Come True **R**

Tuesday, July 15, 7-8 pm, In-Person

Dreaming of a Disney Cruise or a trip to Disneyworld or Disneyland? Join us for this special event with Disney Vacation Planner Samantha Wolf from MickeyTravels to learn tips and tricks to make your Disney vacation more budget-friendly, efficient, and fun for your family. *Please note: this program is intended for adults.*



Moments to Remember **R**

For women ages 55 & older. Limited to 30.

Classic Summer Movie

Thursday, June 12, 11:30 am–1 pm

Letters for Packages 4 Patriots

Thursday, August 14, from 11:30–1 pm

THE ARCADE AGE EXHIBIT

The **Arcade Age Exhibit** explores the short history of video arcade games through engaging displays and interactive gameplay. From **June 6-August 30, 2025**, Elk Grove Village Public Library will transform part of its space into an Arcade complete with unforgettable favorites such as Tetris, Space Invaders, Donkey Kong, Mortal Kombat I, and more! The exhibit tells the story of video arcade games; from the pioneers in the 40s and 50s, to the golden age in the late 70s and early 80s, to its crash, revival and ultimate decline in the 90s. It is a story of the creative and innovative people who explored groundbreaking technologies, the games that sprung from their ingenuity and the culture that was shaped by their developments. Make sure to check out this exhibit along with the fun themed programming we are offering this summer! *Arcade games will be open for free play starting 30 minutes after the Library opens until 30 minutes before closing each day.*



Game On! [®]

All ages

Friday, June 13, 7:30-9 pm

Join us for our opening after-hours event to experience the **Arcade Age Exhibit** and more! We'll have a scavenger hunt, music, and videos to enjoy. Come kick-off the summer with this special event at EGVPL. *Adult Services and Large Meeting Room*

EGVPL Arcade Leaderboard

All ages

Monday, June 16-Sunday, August 17

Submit your score when you play one of the games in our **Arcade Age Exhibit** to try and become the week's high scorer! High scores will be displayed in our lobby throughout the summer, and high score leaders will be recognized and receive a prize during the **Last Call** event on Friday, August 22. *Arcade Age Exhibit*

Scan this QR code for a tour of the **Arcade Age Exhibit** from its home at the **Cradle of Aviation Museum** in Garden City, New York.



Playful Pixels: Sticker Art Workshop [®]

Entering grades 3-5

Tuesday, June 17, 3:30-4:30 pm

Create your own design in our computer lab, then turn your original creation into a coded sticker grid sheet and bring your pixelated masterpieces to life with colorful stickers.

Youth Computer Lab



8-bit & Beyond Art [®]

Entering grades 5-8

Thursday, June 19, 6:30-7:30 pm

Unleash your creativity and create prints using LEGO Dots! Using block printmaking, create your own unique, 8-bit-inspired artwork in this fun workshop.

Kids Korner



Retro '80s Movie Night: WarGames ^R

Adults (high school and up)

Thursday, June 19, 6:30-8:30 pm

A high-school computer whiz unwittingly gains access to the Pentagon's missile-warning system. Innocently, he agrees to a game pitting America against Russia as he inadvertently sparks the countdown to World War III in this 1983 movie.

Large Meeting Room



Pac-Man Backpack Keychain ^R

Entering grades 2-6

Tuesday, June 24, 4 or 4:30 pm

Join us for a fun, hands-on workshop where you'll create your very own Pac-Man-themed keychain. Perfect for hanging on your backpack!

Kids Korner



Intro to Arcade Games ^R

Adults (high school and up)

Thursday, June 26, 6-7:30 pm

You weren't a gamer? It's never too late to try it out! Join librarian Jake Pajor to learn how to play the different vintage arcade games in our *Arcade Age Exhibit*, then impress friends and family with your knowledge of this entertainment of a bygone era.

Adult Services



Kids Movie: Wreck-It-Ralph ^T

Entering grades 2-8

Tuesday, July 1, 3 pm

Tired of playing the role of a bad guy, Ralph takes matters into his own massive hands and sets off on a journey across the arcade through multiple generations of video games to prove that he can be a hero. Snacks will be served.

Kids Korner

Arcade History Tour ^R

Adults (high school and up)

Wednesday, July 02, 6:30-7:30 pm

Join us as game designer Brian F. Colin talks about creating some of the most-popular, highest-earning & best-selling titles in video games.

Large Meeting Room



Arcade Inspired Evening Book Discussion

Adults (high school and up)

Tuesday, July 15, 7:30-9 pm

Ready Player One by Ernest Cline

Conference Room

Please contact Julie at jhadler@egvpl.org or 847-725-2160 for more information or to sign up.





THE ARCADE AGE EXHIBIT



Arcade Adventure [®]

Entering grades 6-12

Friday, July 25, 7:30-9 pm

Join us for some after-hours fun! Enjoy snacks, make a craft and participate in a glow in the dark scavenger hunt at this after-hours event for tweens and teens. Experience what gaming was like back in the day—when you had to leave the house to play!

Adult Services and Large Meeting Room



Classic Character Craft

Entering grade 6-adult

Saturday, July 26, 10 am-1 pm

Craft a pixel-perfect, classic video game character with Perler beads, and turn it into a cool magnet or a backpack tag! Instructions and all supplies provided.

Makerspace

Totally Awesome '80s Trivia Night [®]

Ages 18 and older

Thursday, July 31, 7-8:30 pm

Break out your leg warmers, tease up that hair, and get ready for a blast from the past! Join us for a Totally Awesome '80s Trivia Night at EGVPL! Test your knowledge of '80s music, movies, TV, pop culture, and more. Highest score wins a prize! Refreshments will be served.

Large Meeting Room



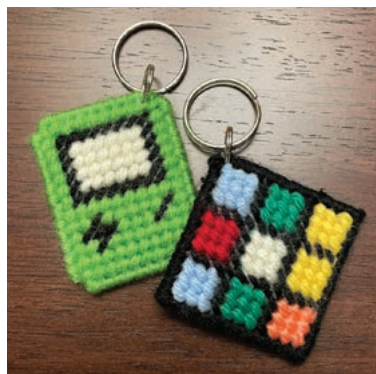
Retro Rewind: GenX Arcade After-Hours [®]

Ages 18 and older

Friday, August 1, 7:30-9 pm

Join us for an evening packed with all the radness you remember (or wish you did)! Rock your best '80s outfit for the dress contest for a chance to win a totally tubular prize. Test your arcade skills, play classic '80s board games, chow down on nostalgic snacks, and vibe out to MTV videos. Don't miss this ultimate retro arcade bash—rewind and relive the '80s.

Adults Services and Large Meeting Room



Creative Cubes and Classic Consoles

Entering grade 6-adult

Wednesday, August 6, 4-6 pm

Drop-in to play your favorite arcade games and handcraft an '80s themed Rubik's Cube inspired needlepoint keychain. All ages welcome, no experience needed. While supplies last.

Makerspace



Laser Cut Keychains and Earrings

Entering grade 6-adult

Thursday, August 7, 6-8 pm

Saturday, August 9, 10 am-12 pm

Learn about our Muse laser engraver in the Makerspace and watch your own arcade themed earrings or key chain being created. Participants will learn how they can create their own items using Inkscape and our engraver.

Makerspace



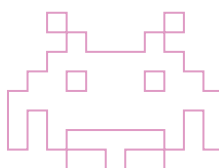
Last Call [®]

All ages

Friday, August 22, 7:30-9 pm

It's almost a wrap...join us for one last after-hours event before the *Arcade Age Exhibit* closes! Play video games, check-in on '80s classic tv, and work on video game themed puzzles. Prizes will be awarded for summer Leaderboard high scorers.

Adult Services and Large Meeting Room



Youth Programs are for ages birth-8th grade

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



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

R = Programs marked with this symbol require registration. You may register online, by phone, or in-person (*unless noted otherwise). Programs requiring registration are limited to EGVPL cardholders.

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)

June start dates: Registration begins Friday, May 23

July start dates: Registration begins Friday, June 20

August start dates: Registration begins Friday, July 25



Elk Grove Library Videos On Demand

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

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

All Ages Family Fun and Special Events

Fun Factory Saturday

Children of all ages

Saturdays, June 7-August 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



Father's Day Fun

Families with children of all ages

Saturday, June 14, 9 am-1 pm

Stop by the Youth Services Department for a morning of board games and activities that will celebrate Dad, Daddy, Dada, or a special father figure (whatever you may call him!).

Youth Services



Magician Jaime Aponte **T**

Families with children of all ages

Friday, June 27, 3:30-4:15 pm

The amazing Chicago-area magician, Jaime Aponte returns with an action-packed performance filled with mind-boggling magic tricks, live animals, and audience participation.

Large Meeting Room



The Frog Lady **T**

Families with children of all ages

Monday, July 7, 3:30-4:15 pm

Come join us for an exciting and interactive event with Deb Krohn, aka "The Frog Lady"! This program will both entertain and educate, with its special guests (frogs, turtles, snakes, and lizards). After the presentation, you'll have the chance to experience hands-on time with these incredible creatures!

Large Meeting Room

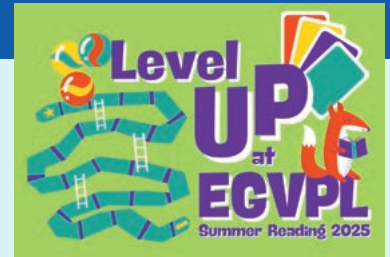
All Ages Family Fun and Special Events *(continued)*

Summer Reading Program – Level Up!

Children of all ages

Monday, June 9– Friday, July 25, all day, everyday

Level up your summer with our epic reading program for kids birth through 8th grade! Jump into our game-themed book collections, join exciting programs, and explore our Arcade Age Exhibit. Read, play games, conquer puzzles, and unlock awesome prizes. The adventure starts now—are you ready to play?



Opening Day Kick Off with Kona Ice

Children of all ages

Monday, June 9, 11 am–7 pm

Register at the library on the first day of our Youth Services **Level Up!** Summer Reading Program and **enjoy a free shaved ice from the Kona Ice truck!** To receive a ticket for a free Kiddie Kona Ice, register for our Summer Reading program on Monday, June 9, between the hours of 9 am–6:30 pm.
Youth Services



Week One Bonus

Children of all ages

Monday, June 9 – Sunday, June 15, all day, everyday

Kick off your summer reading early! When you sign up during the first week, you'll get a ticket to enter our Week One Bonus prize raffle! Entries will be limited by age group. This year, summer readers will have a chance to win a one-year family membership to Brookfield Zoo, The Shedd Aquarium, or Kohl Children's Museum, a Pirates' Cove Summer Pass with 10 Jumps and Jiggles tickets, a Tonie Box, or a Kindle e-reader with an Amazon gift card.
Youth Services

Name that Game

Children of all ages

Tuesdays, June 17–July 15, 9:30 am–8:30 pm

Pick up a challenge card from our reference desk, then head over to the YA video display to watch our game themed video. Use clues on the card and your deduction skills to figure out the featured game for a prize! *Children may work independently or with the help of a parent/caregiver.*
No program July 1
Youth Services

Tournament of Games

Children of all ages

Wednesdays – Mondays, June 11–July 16, all day

Do you have a favorite game? Make sure to vote for it in our Tournament of Games! We will be featuring games in a head-to-head competition each week. Come back every week to pick your favorite and watch as the field gets cut in half with each week's contest. Stop by the Reference Desk for a voting ballot to participate. The winning game will be announced Friday, July 25.
No voting July 2–7
Kids Korner

I Spy: Game Detectives

Children of all ages

Monday, July 21–Sunday, August 3, all day, everyday

Swing by the Youth Services Desk to grab a Game Detective list, then hunt down hidden items in our game-themed display. Spot them all and score a prize! *Children may work independently or with the help of a parent/caregiver and can earn a prize.*
Youth Services

Games Galore Playland

Children of all ages (under age 8 with caregiver)

Tuesday, July 29–Sunday, August 3
Register for a 20-minute session to explore our Kids Korner Games Galore Playland! Play mini-golf, giant Kerplunk, and other fun games — plus, hunt for hidden surprises. A limited number of drop-in spots will be available daily on a first-come, first-served basis. Check our online calendar for more details!
Kids Korner



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



Hopscotch Hoopla

Families with children of all ages

Wednesday, July 9, 3 pm

Join us for a lively kids' concert with ScribbleMonster, hula hoops, and hopscotch! Dance, jump, and groove to the music in this playful, interactive event for children of all ages!

Outdoor area

(In case of inclement weather, tickets will be distributed, and event will move to the Large Meeting Room)

Jigsaw Jamboree ^R

Ages 8-adult

Friday, July 11, 7:30-9:30 pm

Gather your puzzle team of 2-4 people and register for our puzzle competition! Race against other teams to be the first to complete your puzzle and win a prize. Families and participants of all ages are welcome to register either in the Adult/Teen category (all players ages 13+) or in the Family category (ages 8+ with at least one adult).

Large Meeting Room

➤ 1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN ➤

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten is a self-paced program that encourages families to read to their children from a young age. Decide when and how long to read to your child and receive reading incentives along the way. Stop by the Youth Desk to sign up! This program is open to children from birth until the start of kindergarten.



Play, Picnic & Party

Families with children of all ages

Sunday, July 13, 12-4 pm

Youth Services will be the spot to meet Sonic and Mario, 12:30-1:30 pm, and catch the ever-popular storyteller, Chris Fascione, 2-2:45pm, during this annual EGV event. See p. 3 for more details.



Boardgame Breakout Escape Room ^R

Monday, July 28

Entering grades 3-6, 1:30, 2:30, or 3:30 pm

Entering grades 5-8, 4:30 pm

Get ready for an immersive adventure in *Boardgame Breakout!* Team up to solve puzzles and navigate through a world of board game-inspired challenges, where every clue is a roll of the dice, and each move could change the game. You'll need to use strategy, memory, and quick thinking to break out of this game.

Kids Korner



Firefly Family Theatre ^T

Recommended for children ages 2-7 with their families

Wednesday, August 6, 10 or 11 am

Firefly Family Theatre is back! Join us to hear stories and sing songs around the campfire during their production of *Under the Stars*. Don't miss this special performance.

Kids Korner

Catch up with the Book Bike

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.



Early Childhood

Nature Explorers ^R

Recommended for ages 2-7 with caregiver
Fridays, June 13 and 20, and July 11, 10 am

Learn through guided, hands-on stations as we explore the nature around us! Nature Explorers will be located in Busse Woods and co-led with staff from the Forest Preserves of Cook County. More information will be sent once registered.

Busse Woods

Each class requires a separate registration

Tiempo del Cuento/ Spanish Storytime

Recommended for ages 4-8 with caregiver
Saturdays, June 14 and 28,

and July 12 and 26, 10-10:30 am

Vengan a explorar un nuevo tema cada mes con libros y experiencias interactivas. Todos habilidades lingüísticas son bienvenidas.

Come explore a new theme each month through books and interactive experiences. All language abilities are welcome.

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Baby Tales

Recommended for ages 0-24 months with caregiver

Mondays, June 16-July 21, 9:30 am 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!

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Storytime Adventures

Recommended for ages 3-6 with caregiver

Tuesdays, June 17-July 22, 10 am or 1:30 pm

Each week brings a brand-new journey into imagination! With lively storytelling, hands-on crafts and a snack, this class will let little adventurers spark their creativity through the world of books.

June 17 *Take Me Out to the Ballgame*

June 24 *Storyland Carnival*

July 1 *Let the (Olympic) Games Begin*

July 8 *Tag You're It! (Classic Games)*

July 15 *Candy Land Tales*

July 22 *Roll & Read*

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Alphabet Soup

Recommended for ages 2-4 with caregiver

Wednesdays, June 18 – July 23, 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!

Kids Korner

Glow Party ^R

Children ages 2-8 with caregiver

Wednesday, June 18, 6:30-7:15 pm

Join us for a glow-in-the-dark celebration with hands-on fun for the family! We'll have a glowing craft, blacklight activities, interactive games and a snack. Wear your brightest neon or white clothing and get ready to shine, play and explore.

Kids Korner

Polish Storytime

Children of all ages with caregiver

Thursdays, June 19 – July 17, 10-10:30 am

Zapraszamy wszystkich na dwujęzyczny program. Będą to zajęcia artystyczne, opowiadanie bajek i śpiewanie piosenek. Wszyscy są mile widziani. Nie ma rejestracji. Join us for a Polish-English storytime that includes stories, rhymes, and crafts. You do not need to speak Polish to attend.

Kids Korner



Baby Sign Language ^R

Children ages 0-24 months with caregiver

Tuesday, August 5, 10-10:30 am

Babies can start signing as early as 6 months, allowing them to express their needs and feelings before they can speak. Join instructor Katy Roth as she teaches essential American Sign Language vocabulary to you and your little one.

Kids Korner

Ready, Set, Go to Kindergarten ^R

For children entering Kindergarten in Fall 2025

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

Going to Kindergarten in 2025? Join the fun and get ready for your first big day! Registration is required and limited to EGVPL cardholders. This event includes fun activities designed to help children prepare for a successful transition to kindergarten through stories, crafts, games, and songs.

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See additional programming under All Ages Family Fun and Special Events, and Summer Reading Program. See also under Elementary School: Tie Dye.

Elementary School

Minecraft Club **R**

Entering grades 2-5

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

Choose from one June session:

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

Choose from one July session:

- (A) Friday, July 18, 5-6:30 pm
- (B) Saturday, July 19, 12-1:30 pm
- (C) Saturday, July 19, 2:30-4 pm

Choose from one August session:

- (A) Friday, August 8, 5-6:30 pm
- (B) Saturday, August 9, 12-1:30 pm
- (C) Saturday, August 9, 2:30-4 pm

Youth Computer Lab

Each month requires a separate registration

Chess Scholars **R**

Entering grades K-8 without caregiver

Mondays, June 16 and July 14, 3:30-4:30 pm

Join us for instructional classes with Chess Scholars! Please read the descriptions below 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

Playful Pixels: Sticker Art Workshop **R**

Entering grades 3-5

Tuesday, June 17, 3:30-4:30 pm

See Arcade Age Exhibit programs on p. 10 for more details.

Youth Computer Lab



Uke Jam – Camp Songs **R**

Entering grades 3-6

Tuesday, June 17 and July 8, 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

Cartooning with Mark Anderson **R**

Entering grades K-8

Wednesdays, 3:30-4:30 pm

Draw along with cartoonist Mark Anderson during these creative cartooning workshops.



Cartoon-opoly

June 18



Super Strangely Familiar Character Brawl

July 16

Kids Korner

Each date requires a separate registration



Sizzlin' Summer Science **R**

Entering grades K-4

Thursdays 3:30-4 pm

Join us for fun, sometimes messy, activities, as we explore hands-on science in this fun indoor and outdoor STEM based program!

Crawling Creatures and Bursting Blooms

June 19 and 26

Bangs, Blasts, and Brainy Experiments

July 3, 10, and 17

Kids Korner

Each date requires a separate registration



Kids on the Board **R**

Entering grades 2-5

Monday, June 23 and Tuesday, July 8, 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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Each date requires a separate registration

Elementary School *(continued)*

Level Up Your Craft **R**

Entering grades K-5

Mondays, June 23, and July 21,
6:30-7:15 pm

Level up your creativity with fun art projects using a variety of materials and techniques! Join us to unlock new skills and create something amazing!

Kids Korner

Each date requires a separate registration.

Pac-Man Backpack Keychain **R**

Entering grades 2-5

Tuesday, June 24, 4 or 4:30 pm

See Arcade Age Exhibit programs on p. 11 for more details.

Kids Korner

Book Bites **R**

Entering grades 3-5

Wednesday, June 25, 3-4 pm

Get a taste for appetizing books with this book club. Pizza, snacks, and drinks are provided. This month's book, **No Humans Allowed!** by Madeleine Roux,



will be available at the Youth Reference Desk, for registered participants to pick up and check out.

Kids Korner

Tie Dye **R**

Children of all ages

Friday, June 27, 10 am, 11 am, or 1 pm

Monday, June 30, 2 or 3 pm

Friday, July 11, 10 am, 11 am, or 1 pm

Nothing says summer like tie dye! Bring your own t-shirt with to Youth Services and make your own creative, colorful, wearable design.

Youth Services

Movie: *Wreck-It-Ralph* **T**

Children entering grades 2-8

Tuesday, July 1, 3-4:45 pm

See Arcade Age Exhibit programs on p. 11 for more details.

Kids Korner

Boardgame Bingo **R**

Entering Grades K-5

Saturday, July 12, 2 pm or

Wednesday, July 16, 6:30 pm

Join us for a fun-filled Bingo event with a boardgame twist! Play for awesome prizes and score a goody bag full of surprises.

Kids Korner

Register for one date only

Games and Puzzles



Level up this summer with our games and puzzles in the Youth Services Department! Puzzles are self-serve, and games may be signed out from the reference desk (*adult caregivers must sign out a game for children 8 and under*). So, if you are waiting with your child while a sibling attends a class or looking for a way to spend some screen-free time with your child, check out the games and puzzles we have to offer!

Science Quest **R**

Entering grades K-4

Thursday, July 24, 3:30 pm

Cap off your summer reading with some science fun and game time treats. Join us for brain-boosting puzzles and fun challenges to unlock new "levels" of knowledge.

Kids Korner

Backpack Charms **R**

Entering grades K-5

Thursday, August 7, 11 am

Deck out your backpack with a custom charm you make and get ready for school!

Kids Korner

Embroidery Fun **R**

Entering grades K-2

Wednesday, August 27, 3:30-4:30 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

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.

See additional programming under All Ages Family Fun and Special Events, and Summer Reading Program.

See also under Early Childhood: Nature Explorers, Tiempo del Cuento/Spanish Storytime, Storytime Adventures, Polish Storytime.

See also under Middle School: Scenery Squad, 8-bit & Beyond Art, Dungeons & Dragons: From Zero to Hero, Level Up & Roll, Game Squad, Movie: Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves, Graphic Novel Book Club, Bean Boozled Battle, Playing Cards to Trading Cards, Sewing Sessions.

Middle School (Grades 6-8)

Scenery Squad **R**

Entering grades 5-8

Monday, June 16, 6:30-8:30 pm

Join us to create a vibrant mural that will be displayed at the library all summer! Enjoy pizza, drinks, and good company while contributing to this fun, community art project. Don't miss out!
Kids Korner

Junior Teen Advisory Group (Jr. TAG)

Entering grades 6-8

Wednesdays, June 18-July 30, 3 pm

Engage in community service, take part in library projects, and participate in fun, teamwork focused activities for the 2025-2026 school year. Participants do not need to be EGVPL cardholders but must apply for group membership. Scan here for membership application.
No meeting July 2



8-bit & Beyond Art **R**

Entering grades 5-8

Thursday, June 19, 6:30-7:30 pm

See Arcade Age Exhibit programs on p. 10 for more details.
Kids Korner

Dungeons & Dragons: From Zero to Hero **R**

Entering grades 5-8

Friday, June 20, 1-3 pm

Interested in the world of D&D? Not sure what it's all about and want to learn more? Join us for this workshop where you'll be learning about this exciting game and how to create a character.
Kids Korner

Level Up & Roll **R**

Entering grades 5-8

Saturday, June 21, and Monday, July 21, 1-4:30 pm

Whether you're a beginner player or a seasoned adventurer, join us to embark on epic quests. Each session is open to all skill levels, but players must have some experience. Advanced players can try their hand being a Dungeon Master, facilitated

by Mr. Josh. Dice and snacks provided.

Kids Korner

Each date requires a separate registration

Game Squad **R**

Entering grades 5-8

Wednesday, June 25 and July 23, 6-7:30 pm

Join us to play board games, sharpen strategic thinking skills, make new friends, and have a blast! With classic games and new ones to explore, there's something for everyone.

Kids Korner

Each date requires a separate registration

Pixel Play: Summer Games

Entering grades 6-8

Thursday, July 10, 1-3 pm

Jump into the action with a variety of Nintendo Switch games — whether you're teaming up with a friend or challenging someone new, there's plenty of gaming fun waiting for you.

YA area

Movie: Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves **R**

Entering grades 5-8

Thursday, July 10, 6-9 pm

Hang out with other D&D fans while you dive into this fantasy-filled adventure movie. After the movie, there will be commentary and a fun Q&A session with Mr. Josh. Snacks will be served.

Kids Korner

Graphic Novel Book Club **R**

Entering grades 5-8

Monday, July 14, 6:30-7:30 pm

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

Kids Korner



Bean Boozled Battle **R**

Entering grades 5-8

Tuesday, July 15, 3:30 pm

Think you know your jelly beans? Come take the jelly bean blind taste test and see if you can identify all the sweet (and surprising) flavors hiding in each bite!
Kids Korner

Playing Cards to Trading Cards **R**

Entering grades 5-8

Thursday, July 17, 6:30-8 pm

Get creative when you take playing cards and turn them into one-of-a-kind artist trading cards. Use your imagination to design, decorate, and personalize each card into a mini masterpiece. Swap with friends and start building a collection!
Kids Korner

D&D Continuing Campaign **R**

Entering grades 6-8

Friday, July 18, 11 am-3 pm

For players that have played in a Continuing Campaign, or with facilitator consent. Lunch provided. *Please contact Erin Dolce at edolce@egvpl.org with any questions.*
Kids Korner

Arcade Adventure **R**

Entering grades 6-12

Friday, August 1, 7:30-9 pm

See Arcade Age Exhibit programs on p. 12 for more details.

Sewing Sessions **R**

Entering grades 5-8

Thursdays, August 14, 21, and 28, 6:30-7:30 pm

Learn and sharpen your machine sewing skills in this program where you can create a fun and useful project! No sewing knowledge necessary, all supplies included. *This class is three (3) sessions, please make sure you can attend all dates before you register.*
Makerspace



See additional programming under All Ages Family Fun and Special Events, and Summer Reading Program.

See also under Elementary School: Chess Scholars, Uke Jam-Camp Songs, Cartooning with Mark Anderson, Tie Dye, Movie: Wreck-It Ralph.

Homebound Delivery

Are you homebound and unable to come to the Library? Let us bring the Library to you! The Library provides free delivery of



library materials to Elk Grove Village residents and registered cardholders who are physically unable to come to the Library due to disability or illness. Please call Chris at 847-725-2160 to request homebound delivery.



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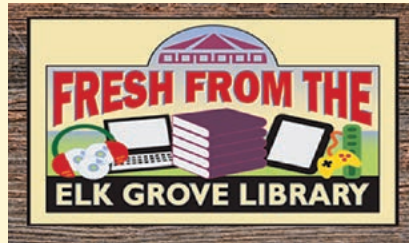
"Fresh from the Library" Booth at the Elk Grove Farmer's Market

Saturdays, June 14, July 12, August 9, and September 13

New Time! 9 am - 1 pm

New Location! 1045 S. Arlington Heights Road (Christus Victor Parking Lot)

Visit our library booth at the Elk Grove Village Farmer's Market and add some flavor to your summer! Each time, we'll feature a fresh theme and hand-picked resource for you to try. Kids can make a free, fun craft. Pick up our Library Market Pass & visit the booth 3 times during the summer to earn a special gift.



Comic Con is Back!



Saturday, October 4, 11 am - 3 pm

Save the date! Comic Con returns to Elk Grove Village Public Library! Join us for artists, costumed characters, themed crafts, panels, food trucks, a "celebrity" car show, special guests, and more. Interested in participating? Contact comic-con@egvpl.org to apply.

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Note: The Library reserves the right to limit program attendance to EGV residents.

Patrons who need the assistance of a sign language interpreter are requested to contact the Library 7 days in advance at 847-439-0447 x226.

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Friends of the Library

Summer's here! Whether you're on vacation or staying home, find joy in a great book from our display. Join us on Sunday, July 13, for our Play, Picnic, and Party event, where you'll enjoy refreshing water and amazing bargains. Come August, we have a delightful collection of back-to-school books for kids and teachers, perfect for starting the new school year with excitement and inspiration.

We appreciate your ongoing support - we truly couldn't do it without you!

