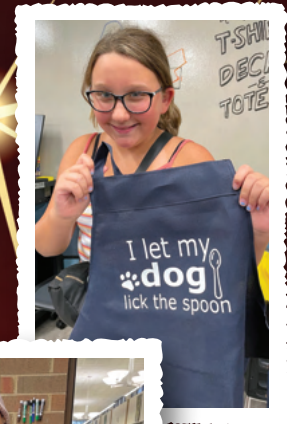




# Elk Grove Village Public Library

News, Events & Featured Programs



Create Holiday Memories in Our Elk Lab

Look inside for details



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## Library Hours

Mon–Thurs: 9 am–10 pm | Friday: 9 am–7 pm

Saturday: 9 am–5 pm | Sunday: 1–5 pm

### Library Closed:

Sunday, December 24

Monday, December 25

Sunday, December 31

Monday, January 1

## 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>**

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*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

Happy Fall 2023!

Thanks to everyone who attended our Foodie Fall Fest! We hope you had a good time and enjoyed it as much as we enjoyed seeing you there. We have great winter programs planned, so please join us for these upcoming activities too!

Have you heard? We will be switching to a new library circulation software called Polaris in February 2024 which will provide a more user-friendly and customizable experience for you. This is a massive undertaking and there will be a few temporary changes to our normal services during the transition. Change is not easy; however, we were long overdue (no pun intended) for an upgrade. We ask for your patience and understanding as we navigate the changeover and become familiar with the new platform. More information will be available on our website in December.

The Library Board of Trustees, Staff, and I wish you a joyful holiday season and a peaceful New Year. We look forward to seeing and serving you in 2024.

Your Library Director,

**Debra Nelson**

# ADULT Programs

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**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](http://egvpl.org).

## Featured Programs and Events

### Kenneth Young Center's Adopt a Family Collection Drive

Now until December 8

We are teaming up with the Kenneth Young Center for their annual Adopt a Family Collection Drive. Each year, KYC hosts an Adopt A Family Drive that provides extra holiday cheer to hundreds of the local residents and families they serve. You can shop for much-needed items that will be a huge help to their clients, and drop them off at the Library. Wish list tags will be placed by a holiday tree in the Library's lobby. Thank you and happy holidays!



### Encore! Buffalo Grove Singers Christmas Show **R**

Wednesday, December 6, 7-8 pm, In-Person

Join Encore! The traveling ensemble of the Buffalo Grove Singers as they perform Holiday Harmonies. This fun and family-friendly concert will feature many of your favorite holiday classics, along with some new and exciting seasonal tunes.

### Act of Kindness – Project Linus **R**

February 10, 10 am-12 pm.

Join us for a community project as we make no-sew fleece blankets to provide comfort for children and teens. All blankets will be donated to a Project Linus local chapter and will be distributed to hospitals, shelters or anywhere that a child is in need. Teens can earn community service hours by participating. *Registration is required. All supplies will be provided. Open to teens and adults. No skills needed.*



### "Shop Small, Shop Local" Challenge

Saturday, November 25 through Saturday, December 16

Help support our village's small businesses this holiday season. Starting Saturday, Nov. 25 – *Small Business Saturday* – visit the participating businesses on our **Shop Small, Shop Local** list and scan the QR code on the poster at each business. For each business you visit, you will be entered into our drawing for a \$50 gift card. Our local businesses are the perfect place to pick up lunch or dinner for the family or a gift card for someone special, so Shop Small, Shop Local! Visit our events calendar at [egvpl.org](http://egvpl.org) for more details.

### Simple Steps to Starting a Business **R**

Thursday, January 25, 7-8:30 pm

Do you dream of starting your own business? Make your dream come true in 2024! Arnold Goldberg from SCORE will share simple steps for getting started, including how to find funding to get your idea off the ground. SCORE is a nationwide network of volunteer business mentors who aim to help small business owners thrive.

### Resume Help Drop-In

Wednesdays, 9:30-11:30 am –

December 13, January 10, February 7

Need help completing job applications, writing your resume and cover letter, preparing for an interview, or finding networking opportunities? Drop-in to work with an expert from the Goodwill Workforce Connection Center.

*No registration is necessary.*

## Adult Winter Reading Program

January 14-March 10

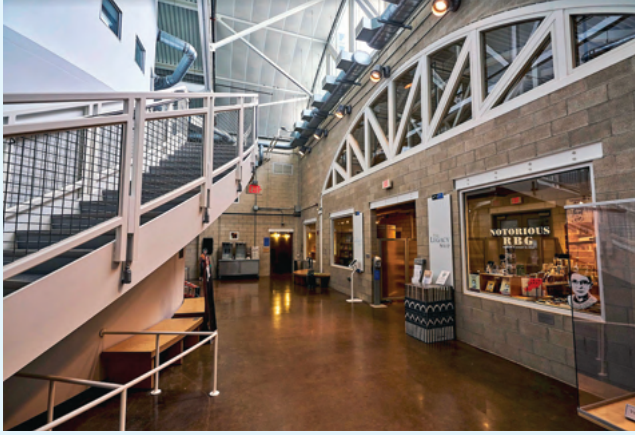
Follow the clues to catch a killer. Join us for the 2024 Adult Winter Reading Program, *Only Murders in the Library*, as we figure out who-dunnit. Read mysteries featuring a variety of detectives, from Geriatric Gumshoes and Shameless Snoops to Classic Coppers and Dynamic Duos. Three books are all it takes to collect your badge and earn a chance to win a prize. Sign up at the Adult Reference Desk (or online).



# ADULT Programs

## BUS TRIP

Registration will open on Monday, December 4 at 9 am

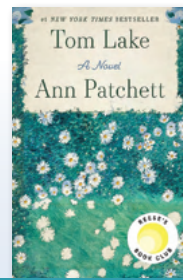


## Exploring the Illinois Holocaust Museum

Thursday, February 29, 10:30 am-5 pm

Tour the world-class Illinois Holocaust Museum in Skokie. What started in 1981 as a small storefront museum created by Holocaust survivors after an attempted neo-Nazi march in Skokie, today is an architectural wonder giving an impressive history of World War II which shaped the world we live in today. Travel through history as you explore life before, during, and after the Holocaust. Opened in 2009, the museum is now the third largest Holocaust Museum in the world. The Museum spans three floors, with four permanent exhibitions, including the impressive Karkomi Holocaust Exhibition which tells various narratives through 500-plus artifacts including films, artifacts, maps, pictures and more. Hear the stories of those who risked their lives to do what was right and help others. The Museum not only honors the victims of the Holocaust but inspires its visitors by saluting the courage and resilience of the survivors. Before our visit, a wonderful lunch is planned at the North Shore's iconic Hackney's Restaurant, home of the "Hackney Burger" featured on TV's Food Network!

**Fee: \$110** Purchase your tickets at the Circulation Desk.



## Morning Book Discussions

**Tom Lake** by Ann Patchett

Tuesday, December 5, 10:30 am

**Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers**

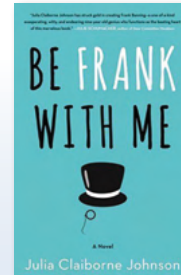
by Jesse Q. Susanto

Tuesday, January 9 or Thursday, January 11, 10:30 am

**Olive Kitteridge** by Elizabeth Strout

Tuesday or Thursday, February 6, February 8, 10:30 am

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



## Evening Book Discussions

**Be Frank with Me** by Julia Claiborne Johnson

Tuesday, January 16, 7:30 pm

**Taste: My Life in Food** by Stanley Tucci

Tuesday, February 20, 7:30 pm

Please contact Julie at 847-725-2170 for more information or to sign up.



## Monday Matinee Movie @ 1 pm

Popcorn will be served

December 18 – **Christmas with the Kranks** • Rated: PG

January 22 – **Golda** • Rated: PG-13

February 12 – **Devotion** • Rated: PG-13

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## In Honor of Black History Month



### Monday Matinee Movie: *Devotion*

**Monday, February 12, 1-3:15 pm**  
American Navy fighter pilots Lieutenant Tom Hudner and Ensign Jesse Brown worked together during the Korean War to protect their country. Brown, who became the first African American carrier pilot in the Navy, built a bond with his wingman Hudner. The heroic sacrifices of the two elite pilots make history. Based on a true story.



### Emergence and Evolution of Blues Music in American Culture **R**

**Wednesday, February 28, 7-8 pm, In-Person**  
Musician and oral historian Fruteland Jackson explore blues music in America from its West African Roots to the Mississippi up to Chicago.



### A Classic Television Christmas **R**

**Thursday, December 7, 7-8 pm, Hybrid**  
Join Film Historian Dr. Annette Bochenek for a presentation about classic television Christmas shows and what made them special.



### Coffee, Cake & Coloring **R**

**Thursday, January 25, 10:30-11:30 am, In-Person**  
Join us for adult coloring while enjoying a cup of coffee or tea, and coffee cake!

## ESL Programs

Increase your confidence in speaking English and expand your vocabulary while getting to know other English Language Learners. This will be a safe space where all levels of learners are welcome.



### ESL English Speaking Skills

**Mondays, from December 4 - February 26, 10-11 am**

### ESL English Reading and Writing

**Wednesdays, from December 6 - February 28, 10-11 am**

## Money Smart Meetup **R**

Come to our monthly Money Smart Meetups to learn ways to spend less, save more, and achieve your financial goals.

**December 7 – no meeting**

### Recognizing and Preventing Financial Fraud in 2024 **R**

**Thursday, January 18, 7-9 pm, online**

Scammers continue to up their game by adopting new technologies like AI (artificial intelligence) and expanding low-tech frauds such as check washing. That means we need to up our game, too! Join us on Zoom as financial educator Karen Chan shares how to protect yourself from these emerging trends and avoid becoming a victim.

**February 15 – How to Save with Grocery Store Apps – In-Person**

**Money Smart**  
**@EGVPL**



### Riverview Remembered **R**

**Wednesday, January 31, 7-8 pm, Hybrid**  
Join Historian Cheryl Brown for a fun presentation full of authentic memorabilia, photos, and stories about Riverview Park.

# ADULT Programs



## Artificial Intelligence Promise & Perils **R**

Thursday, February 1, 7-8 pm, Virtual

Join us for a discussion of the current state of AI, the promises, myths, threats, and what we should know about changes coming to our world.



## George Harrison: The Solo Years **R**

Thursday, February 22, 7-8 pm, In-Person

Using interview and performance clips, Gary Wenstrup will trace the arc of George's solo career from his popular hits to his ongoing spiritual quest.

## Meditation for Well-Being

### Reducing Stress Through Meditation this Holiday Season **R**

Tuesday, December 12, 7-8 pm, Virtual

Join Bruce Faithwick, a long-time meditator as he discusses the extraordinary effect of meditation.

### New Year: Fresh Start Through Meditation **R**

Tuesday, January 9, 7-8 pm, Virtual

Join Ajili Hodari, Esq for this powerful workshop.

### Filling Our Hearts with Love Through Meditation **R**

Tuesday, February 13, 7-8 pm, Virtual

Join long-time meditator Dave Buck as he offers this engaging workshop on how to use the practice of meditation to transform the heart.



## Technology Classes

Classes with **R** require registration

### Tuesday Tech Help

Tuesdays, December 5 – February 27, 11 am–1 pm

### Tech Help in the Studio

Thursdays, December 28, January 18, February 15, 6 pm

### Staying Safe Online **R**

Thursday, December 7, 6 pm

### Intro to ChatGPT and AI **R**

Thursday, December 14, 6 pm

### Podcasting 101 **R**

Thursday, December 21, 6 pm

### Microsoft Word 101 **R**

Thursday, January 4, 6 pm

### Internet Searching and Browsers **R**

Thursday, January 11, 6 pm

### Organizing Your Files and Pictures **R**

Thursday, January 25, 6 pm

### Library Apps and E-Resources **R**

Thursday, February 1, 6 pm

### Saving Your Family Movies and Photos **R**

Thursday, February 8, 6 pm

### Computer Basics: Left vs. Right Click **R**

Thursday, February 22, 6 pm

### Managing Your Passwords and Accounts **R**

Thursday, February 29, 6 pm



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## Craft Corner – Ages 13 & up

Please visit our online calendar at [EGVPL.org](http://EGVPL.org) to learn more.  
Registration starts November 24. Open to teens and adults.

### Make and Take Crafts **R**

#### 3D Layered Holiday Paper Ornament

Wednesday, December 13  
1-2:30 pm or 6-7:30 pm  
Celebrate the holidays by constructing a multi-layer paper ornament to hang on your tree or give to a friend.



#### Tower Game Block Calendar

Wednesday, January 24  
1-2:30 pm or 6-7:30 pm  
Keep track of the day by building a miniature Jenga-like block calendar for your desk or as a gift.



#### String Art

Wednesday, February 14  
1-2:30 pm or 6-7:30 pm  
Arrange some colored thread between points to form a beautiful heart design for Valentine's Day.



### Art Class **R**

#### Winter Holiday Salt Painting

Wednesday, December 20  
1-3 pm or 6-8 pm  
Paint a beautiful, winter scene utilizing salt and watered-down acrylic paint.



#### Birch Tree Collage Painting

Wednesday, February 21  
1-3 pm or 6-8 pm  
Reuse old book pages by creating a collage of birch trees.



## Moments to Remember

For women ages 55 & older. Limited to 30.



#### Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest **R**

Thursday, December 14, 11:30 am–1 pm  
Sponsored by the Friends of the Library



#### Chair Yoga **R**

Thursday, January 11, from 11:30 am–1 pm

#### Speed Puzzling Contest **R**

Thursday, February 8, from 11:30–1 pm



# ELK LAB

## MAKERSPACE – 6th Grade & Up

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All programs open for registration on **Friday, November 24 at 9am**. Check our website calendar and e-newsletter for program additions and updates. Email [makerspace@egvpl.org](mailto:makerspace@egvpl.org) for more info.

### Makerspace Hours:

<b>Sun &amp; Mon:</b> CLOSED	<b>Thurs:</b> 1-9 pm
<b>Tues:</b> 10 am-6 pm	<b>Fri:</b> 10 am-6 pm
<b>Wed:</b> 1-9 pm	<b>Sat:</b> 9 am-5pm

### 3D Printed Cookie Cutter **R**

**Thursday, December 7, 6-8 pm**  
Design a cookie cutter using Inkscape and exporting it as a 3D printable file.

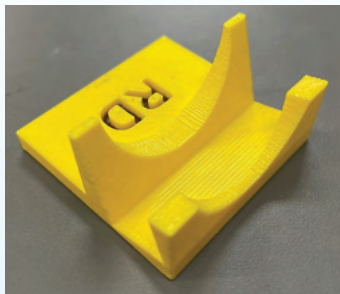


### Button Making

**Thursday, December 21, 6-7 pm**  
**Saturday, January 13, 10-11 am**  
**Thursday, February 22, 6-7 pm**  
Make personalized pins up to 2" wide using old magazines and our button maker.

### 3D Printed Name Plate **R**

**Saturday, December 16, 10 am-12 pm**  
**Saturday, January 6, 10 am-12 pm**  
**Saturday, February 3, 10 am-12 pm**  
Whether you're going to work or school, let people know who you are by designing and 3D print your own custom desk name plate using OpenSCAD and our Prusa 3D printers.



### 3D Printing & CAD Basics **R**

**Saturday, February 24, 10 am-12 pm**  
Learn a bit of computer aided design (CAD) by designing and 3D printing a small, personalized phone stand using our laptops and the Prusa 3D printers.

### 3D Scanning for 3D Printing **R**

**Thursday, January 25, 6-7 pm**  
**Thursday, February 29, 6-7 pm**  
Learn how 3D scanning works, and scan a rough 3D bust of yourself using a Microsoft's Kinect and 3D Scan tools.

### Laser Engraved Night Light **R**

**Thursday, January 18, 6-8 pm**  
**Saturday, February 17, 10 am-12 pm**  
Design a night light using Inkscape, engrave it on acrylic using the Muse laser cutter, and light it up in a variety of colors with an LED base.



### Laser Engraved Holiday Ornament **R**

**Saturday, December 9, 10 am-12 pm**  
Design a custom holiday ornament using Inkscape, then make it from acrylic on our Muse laser engraver.

### Photo on a Shirt (or Tote Bag) **R**

**Saturday, January 27, 10-11 am**  
If 2D illustration isn't your cup of tea, try something easier to start: putting a photo on a t-shirt or tote bag. Please bring a clean, blank t-shirt, and either a photo print, or a digital photo on a USB flash drive.

### Valentine's Day Aprons **R**

**Saturday, February 10, 10 am-12 pm**  
Choose a one-color Valentine's Day decal that you can cut out and iron onto an apron using the Cricut cutting plotters. We'll even provide the aprons (or bring your own)!

### Vinyl Decals with Inkscape & Cricut **R**

**Saturday, December 2, 10 am-12 pm**  
**Thursday, January 4, 6-8 pm**  
**Thursday, February 1, 6-8 pm**  
Design a simple one-color decal that you can cut out and stick on your window, laptop, or iron onto a t-shirt or tote bag using Inkscape and the Cricut cutting plotters.



### Knitting & Crochet Circle

**Thursday, December 14, 6-8 pm**  
**Thursday, January 11, 6-8 pm**  
**Thursday, February 8, 6-8 pm**  
Join us for a casual get-together, where crafters can spend time together, chatting and working on their knitting or crocheting.

### Laser Cut Table Numbers **R**

**Saturday, December 30, 10 am-12 pm**  
Design table numbers using Inkscape, cut one from cardboard using the Muse laser engraver, then fold, glue, and paint it for a decoration that will make your wedding, family reunion, or other party unique.

### Laser Engraved Earrings **R**

**Saturday, January 20, 10 am-12 pm**  
**Thursday, February 15, 6-8 pm**  
Design your own custom earrings (either hooks or clip-on) using Inkscape, and cut them from colored acrylic using the Muse laser engraver.

# YOUTH Programs

## Youth Programs are for ages birth-8th grade

For more information, including program descriptions, please visit the EGVPL website calendar at [egvpl.org](http://egvpl.org) and click on "Events & Classes" or scan here (QR code):



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**T** = Programs marked with this symbol are ticketed events. Due to capacity, a limited number of tickets to attend a ticketed event are distributed at the Youth Services Reference Desk 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.

### YOUTH PROGRAM REGISTRATION DATES

(\*unless otherwise indicated)

December start dates: Registration begins Friday, November 24

January start dates: Registration begins Friday, December 22

February start dates: Registration begins Friday, January 26



### Elk Grove Library Videos On Demand

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

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

Please note: Program formats are in-person, unless otherwise noted (virtual, take-home kit). 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.

## All Ages Family Fun and Special Events

### Youth Winter Reading Program

TIC TAC SNOW



#### Tic-Tac-Snow!

Children of all ages

December 27 – February 18, all day, everyday

Reading is SNOW much fun at the EGVPL! Join the Youth Services' Winter Reading Program, **Tic-Tac-Snow**, for children birth through 8th grade. Read five books to your child or read on your own for 60 minutes each week and earn a ticket to enter into our final prize drawing. Once per week, you can also play a game at the Youth Reference Desk to try to complete a Tic-Tac-Snow and win a free book. Complete details will be available when you sign up.  
Youth Services



#### Winter Wonderland Face Painting

Children of all ages

Wednesday, December 27, 10:30 am - 2:30 pm

We're kicking off our Winter Reading Program sign-up with some frosty, frozen, face painting fun! Children who sign up for Tic-Tac-Snow during the above times will receive a ticket to receive a wintry face painting design. (Patrons who sign up on December 27, but are unable to attend between 10 am-2:30 pm will receive a wintry temporary tattoo.)  
Youth Services  
**Sign up for the Winter Reading Program required.**

### Fun Factory Saturday

Children of all ages

Saturdays, December 2 – February 24, all day

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

### Gingerbread Bar

Children of all ages

Monday, December 4, all day

Stop in and pick up a gingerbread cutout and fill a bag with supplies to decorate it at home. Bring back your gingerbread person to Youth Services where we will display your "yummy" creations!  
Youth Services

### Gingerbread Man Scavenger Hunt

Children of all ages

Tuesday, December 5 – Sunday, December 17, all day, every day

Our Gingerbread Man Scavenger Hunt is back! Visit the big gingerbread man near the Youth Services entrance to get your first clue. Then, follow the clues until the final one leads you to a prize! Children may work independently or with the help of a caregiver.  
Youth Services



# YOUTH Programs

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

### Winter Break Fun and Games



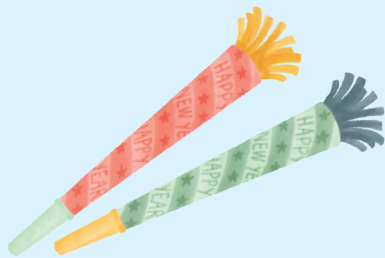
#### Mark Hayward Yo-Yo Show **T**

Families with children of all ages

Thursday, December 28, 11 am or 1:30 pm

Join us for some Yo-yo tricks and humor the whole family can enjoy! Self-proclaimed “Juggler, Yo-yoer, and cool guy”, Mark Hayward, will have you laughing and amazed. Tie a string around your finger so you won’t forget and get ready for fun!

Large Meeting Room



#### Noon Year’s Eve **R**

Families with children of all ages

Friday, December 29, 11 am

Celebrate New Year’s Eve a little early with some kid-friendly family fun! Enjoy stories, crafts, music, and dancing at this family event. Refreshments will be served as we toast the New Year. The program will conclude with noisemakers and a balloon drop at noon.

Registration starts Thursday, December 7.

Please register in-person at the Youth Services Reference Desk or by calling 847-439-0447 x267.

Large Meeting Room

#### Taste Test Explorers **R**

Grades 6-8

Friday, December 29, 3:30-4:15 pm

Join us on a worldly adventure in our Taste Test Café! We’ll sample some international snacks, play trivia, and discover more about our tasty destination! Are you up for the culinary challenge? Register for this program and find out!

Kids Korner



#### Magician, Jaime Aponte **T**

Tuesday, January 2, 11 am or 1:30 pm

Families with children of all ages

The amazing Chicago-area magician, Jaime Aponte, returns to the EGVPL with an action-packed performance filled with mind-boggling magic tricks, live animals, and audience participation. Make sure to save the date for this family-friendly ticketed event.

Large Meeting Room



#### Snowflake Station **R**

Recommended for ages 4-8 with caregiver

Wednesday, January 3, 10 am or 11 am

Join Miss Dianne and Ms. Erin for some snowflake fun! We’ll start with storytime and movement, followed by a craft, and finish up with a small snack.

Kids Korner



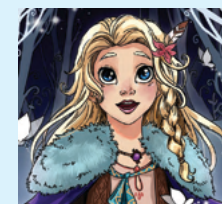
#### Firefly Theatre **T**

Recommended for families with children ages 2-7

Thursday, January 4, 10 or 11 am

Fan favorite, Firefly Theatre, is back to perform their shadow puppet show, *Spark’s Snow Day*, at the Elk Grove Village Public Library. *Spark’s Snow Day* includes puppets, original music, interactive movement, and lots of winter fun for families! The show is ideal for ages 2-7 but has something for all ages to enjoy. Be sure to join us for this fun ticketed event.

Large Meeting Room



#### Escape Room **R**

Grades 3-6

Friday, January 5, 9:15, 10:15, or 11:15 am

Grades 5-8

Friday, January 5, 2, 3, or 4 pm

Join in on some sleuthing, solving, and fun at our escape room event. You’ll be challenged with tasks when you enter our wintry, magical world to help “Frost” remember who she is and get to the Winter Faire. Sessions will last approximately 50 minutes. Registration starts Monday, December 4. Please register in-person at the Youth Services Reference Desk or by calling 847-439-0447 x267.

Kids Korner

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



### Snowflake Match

Children of all ages

Tuesday, January 16 – Wednesday, January 31, all day, every day

Discover the shapes and patterns in photographs of actual snowflakes during our Snowflake Match game. Stop by Youth Services to get started and come back for a snowflake sticker when you are done. Children may work independently or with the help of a parent/caregiver.  
*Youth Services*



### Chris Fascione, Storyteller

Families with children of all ages

Saturday, January 20, 11 am

Stop by the Youth Services Department and bring some fun to your day with this high-spirited and innovative performance. Watch Chris perform live and laugh out loud as he brings children's stories to life with energy, humor, and imagination. As a Storytelling World Award winner, Chris brings out the kid in everyone, with his storytelling, comedy, and juggling.  
*Youth Services*

### Winter Craft **R**

Children of all ages with caregiver

Monday, January 22, 6-7 pm

Art designer, Krystyna Jaroć, will help children create a wintery canvas illustration. Family members are welcome to attend but painting is limited to registered children.  
*Kids Korner*

### Find the Groundhog

Children of all ages

Friday, February 2, all day

Head to the EGVPL to search for Grover, the Youth Services' groundhog. He can be shy on Groundhog Day, but if you find him, tell a librarian and get a treat! *(While supplies last)*  
*Youth Services*



### Share a Book

Families with children of all ages

Wednesday, February 7 –

Wednesday, February 14

All day, every day

Share a book with someone you love! Stop by Youth Services and pick out a specially wrapped book from our display, check it out, and take it home to read together.  
*Youth Services*



### Chinese Lunar New Year Storytime

Children of all ages with caregiver

Saturday, February 10, 11 am

Join us for a storytime where you will be introduced to some basic Mandarin language and celebrate the Lunar New Year! Learn about the Year of the Dragon during this program which includes songs, riddles, dances, and crafts.  
*Kids Korner*

## School Days Off



### Nanny Nikki **T**

Recommended for families with children ages birth-7

Monday, January 15, 11 am

Grammy® nominated, interactive children's entertainer and teaching artist, Nanny Nikki, will be here to share her love of music with young children and their families. Check out the QR code to listen to Nanny Nikki, and don't miss this ticketed musical performance.  
*Large Meeting Room*

### Rope Warrior **T**

Families with children grades K-8

Monday, January 15, 1:30 pm

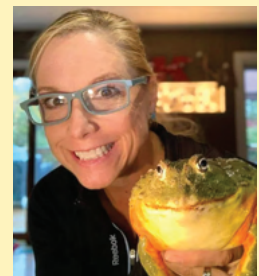
Guinness World Record Holder, David Fisher, AKA The Rope Warrior, is bringing his visually entertaining jump rope show to the EGVPL! This high-energy ropenastics show combines rope jumping, dance, and rhythmic gymnastics. Make sure to join us for this fun ticketed event.  
*Large Meeting Room*

### February! Frogs! Fun! **T**

Families with children grades K-8

Monday, February 19, 1:30 pm

Hop on over and see the Frog Lady when she brings live frogs for this fun and interactive event. We'll explore fascinating frogs of all kinds in this one-of-a-kind herpetology program that will educate and entertain.  
*Large Meeting Room*



## Early Childhood

### Fairy Good Tales – *The Gingerbread Man* **R**

Recommended ages 3-7 years with caregiver

Tuesday, December 5, 10 am or 1:30 pm  
Wednesday, December 6, 6:30 pm

We will have a Gingerbread Man Storytime, decorate a gingerbread person, and enjoy a gingerbread snack.

*Kids Korner*

### Spanish Storytime/Hora del Cuento en Español

Drop-In Class

Children of all ages with caregiver

Tuesdays, December 12, January 9 and 23, and February 13 and 27, 6:30 pm-7 pm

Join us in our monthly Spanish Storytime where we will read books, sing songs, and make a fun craft! You do not need to speak Spanish to attend.

¡Acompáñenos en nuestra Hora del cuento del mes donde leeremos libros, cantaremos, y haremos manualidades divertidas!

*Kids Korner*



### Mini Mad Science

Drop-In Class

Recommended for ages 3-6 with caregiver

Tuesdays, January 16 – February 27, 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.

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### Family Evening Storytime

Drop-In Class

Recommended for ages 2-7 with caregiver

Wednesdays, January 17 and 31, and February 28, 6:30 pm-7:15 pm

Join us for stories, games, and crafts.

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### Alphabet Soup

Drop-In Class

Recommended for ages 2-4 with caregiver

Wednesdays, January 17 – February 28, 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 our early literacy skills of talking, singing, reading, writing, and playing through stories, music, games, and art. This drop-in storytime is recommended for 2, 3, and 4 year-olds, but siblings are also welcome!

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### Polish Storytime

Drop-In Class

Children of all ages with caregiver

Thursdays, January 18 – February 29, 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 każdego na polski program. Będą to zajęcia artystyczne, opowiadanie bajek, i śpiewanie piosenek. Wszyscy są mile widzani. Nie ma rejestracji.

*Kids Korner*



### Messy Play **R**

Ages 2-5 with caregiver

Fridays, January 19 and 26, February 2 and 16, 10-10:45 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.

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*Each class requires a separate registration.*

### Baby Tales

Drop-In Class

Recommended for ages 0-24 months with caregiver

Mondays, January 22 – February 26, 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!

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### Sensory Seekers Storytime **R**

Recommended for ages 3-9 with caregiver

Saturdays, January 27, and February 24, 2-2:30 pm

Sensory Seekers Storytime is a welcoming and interactive storytime designed for children with autism and/or sensory challenges.

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### Hearty Party Valentine's Day Blast **R**

Recommended for ages 2-7 with caregiver

Wednesday, February 14, 6:30-7:15 pm

Join us for stories, games, and crafts.

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➤ 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.

*See additional programming under All Ages Family Fun and Special Events, Winter Break Fun & Games, and School Days Off.*

*See also under Elementary School: Instrumental Imaginings: Featuring Clarinet.*

## Elementary School

### Minecraft Club

Grades 2-5

**\*New Registration Process\***

*Choose from one December session:*

Friday, December 1, 5-6:30 pm or

Saturday, December 2, 12-1:30 pm

*Choose from one January session:*

Friday, January 12, 5-6:30 pm or

Saturday, January 13, 12-1:30 pm

*Choose from one February session:*

Friday, February 9, 5-6:30 pm or

Saturday, February 10, 12-1:30 pm

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 both dates 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**

### Wintry Embroidery Fun

Grades K - 4

Tuesdays, December 5 and 12, 4:15-5 pm

Embroidery can be so much fun! In this introductory class, we will learn about embroidery supplies and tools, explore creative expression, and work on fine motor skills. **This class is two sessions, please make sure you can attend both when you register.**

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### Early Readers Book Club

Grades K-2

Wednesdays, December 6 and  
February 21, 3-3:30 pm

Get excited about books and reading at this club designed specifically for emergent and early readers. No need to read the book before-- follow along as Ms. Courtney reads aloud and then join your friends for a discussion and book-related activity.

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**Each class requires a separate registration.**

### Project Gingerbread

Grades K-4

Friday, December 8, 4:15 pm

Join us to decorate and create your own personalized wooden gingerbread figure! Have fun adding special touches to your creation and enjoy a snack during this "sweet" creative class.

Kids Korner

### Be a Winter Printer

Grades 3-5

Monday, December 11, 4:15-5pm

We'll explore printmaking with some everyday items and use our creativity to make some seasonal art.

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### Cartooning with Mark Anderson

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



### The Legend of Adlez

Grades K-8

Wednesday, December 13, 3:15-4:15 pm



### Winter Wildlife

Grades K-8

Wednesday, January 17, 3:15-4:15 pm



### Monster Maker

Grades K-8

Wednesday, February 14, 3:15-4:15pm

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**Each class requires a separate registration.**

### Holiday Cookie Decorating

Grades K-4

Thursday, December 14, 4:15 pm

Join us to decorate holiday cookies and a cookie box to put them in.

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### Holiday Uke Jam

Grades 3-5

Thursday, December 14, 6:30-7 pm

Hang out and learn a song on the ukulele.

All experience

levels are

welcome!

Ukuleles are

provided by

the library.

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### Kids on the Board

Grades 2-5

Wednesdays, January 10, and February 7,  
3:15-4:15 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 class requires a separate registration**

### Games and Puzzles



Did you know we have games and puzzles for children and families to use while at the library? These items are self-serve and can be found on the shelves behind the reference desk. 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!

# YOUTH Programs

## Elementary School *(continued)*

### Chess Instruction with Chess Scholars <sup>R</sup>

Grades K-8 without caregiver

Sundays, January 7 and 21, February 4 and 18, 2-3 pm

Join us for classes with Chess Scholars. Please read the class descriptions and register for the most appropriate level. Email [edolce@egvpl.org](mailto: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 class requires a separate registration*



### LEGO Club <sup>R</sup>

Grades K-4

**\*New Registration Process\***

*Choose from one January session:*

Wednesday, January 10, 6:30-7:15 pm or  
Friday, January 26, 4:15-5:00 pm

*Choose from one February session:*

Wednesday, February 7, 6:30-7:15 pm or  
Friday, February 23, 4:15-5:00 pm

Design, create, build, and have fun! We will start with a challenge to warm up our brains, then move onto free build and flex our creativity. All supplies included. **Please register for only one date per month. Patrons that register for both dates within the month will have registration canceled and must then re-register if space is available.**

*Kids Korner*

*Each month requires a separate registration*



### Instrumental Imaginings: Featuring Clarinet <sup>R</sup>

Recommended for families with children ages 4-10

Thursday, January 11, 6:30 pm

Learn more about the clarinet and hear how music can help a story come to life. During this special live performance, an instrumentalist will accompany picture book readings for an immersive story experience.

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### C.S.I. <sup>R</sup>

Grades K-4

Tuesdays, January 16 – February 27,  
4:15-4:45 pm

or

Thursdays, January 18 – February 29,  
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!

### Canvas Kids

Grades 3-5

Mondays, January 22 – February 26,  
4:15-5pm

Create art projects using different artistic techniques and mediums.

### Book Bites <sup>R</sup>

Grades 4-5

Wednesdays, January 24, and February 21,  
3-4 pm

Get a taste for appetizing books with this book club. Pizza, snacks and drinks are provided. Copies of the book can be found at the Youth Reference Desk.

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### Process Painting & Pastels <sup>R</sup>

Grades K-4

Friday, February 23, 5:30 pm

We'll explore color moving across our paper using a paint "scrape" technique, then add oil pastels to produce a unique masterpiece!

*Kids Korner*

## FYI

*We love to offer programs in the Youth Services Department for our young patrons to learn, create and have fun! Our programs fill quickly and often have a waiting list. If unable to attend, at any time, please cancel your child's registration online or by calling 847-439-0447 x267. This will ensure that spaces do not go unfilled, and another child can attend. Thank you for your help.*

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*See also under Middle School: Taste Test Explorers, Minecraft University, and Embroidery Circle.*

## Middle School (Grades 6-8)

### Minecraft University **R**

Grades 5-8 (or instructor consent)

Fridays, December 8, 15, and 22, 5-6:30 pm  
Fridays, January 19 and 26, and February 2, 5-6:30 pm

A modded Minecraft workshop for experienced players that will build on knowledge over 3 consecutive classes. Please contact [edolce@egvpl.org](mailto:edolce@egvpl.org) if you have questions about registration. Check-in at Youth Services Reference Desk

### Grab & Go Art and Craft Kits **R**

Grades 6-8

Thursday, December 14:

#### Winter Solstice Star

Get ready for the Winter Solstice on December 21 with this paper star craft.



Thursday, February 8:

#### Woven Bracelet

Make a bracelet to wear yourself or give it as a gift.



Pick up your Grab & Go take-home

kit to make some seasonal crafts! Kits will be available at the Youth Services Desk for pick-up after 10 am, starting on the above dates, for registered participants. Take-home kit

### Taste Test Explorers **R**

Grades 5-8

Friday, December 29, 3:30-4:15 pm

Join us on an international adventure in our Taste Test Café! We'll sample some snacks from around the world, play trivia, and discover more about our destinations! Are you up for the culinary challenge? Join us for this program and find out!

*Kids Korner*

### Embroidery Circle **R**

Grades 5-8

Saturdays, January 6 and February 3, 3-4 pm

Calling all needlework artists, meet up to work on some fun embroidery designs! Participants should have experience using a needle and thread. All supplies included.



*Kids Korner*

### Winter Wednesdays

Grades 6-8

Wednesdays, January 10-31, all day, every day

Stop by Youth Services to enjoy some cozy winter views on our digital display. De-stress with some coloring pages while you relax in front of the "fire" and enjoy the winter weather from Youth Services. Located on our digital display near the Young Adult collection.



### Just "Paws" to De-stress

Grades 6-12

Thursdays, January 18 and February 29, 7-8 pm

Take some time and pause with some paws! Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy volunteers will be here with dogs to help you to de-stress. So, drop in and visit with a furry friend, tell them about your day, or just hang out with them. You can stop by the Youth Services Reference Desk to reserve a spot starting at 6:30 pm on the day of the session. 30-minute sessions, first-come, first-served

*Kids Korner*

### Collaged Journal **R**

Grades 6-8

Friday, January 26, 5:30-6:15 pm

Get your year off to a fun start with a personalized, collaged journal with a cover you create!

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### "NEW" Graphic Novel Book Club **R**

Grades 6-8

Wednesday, January 31, 3-4 pm

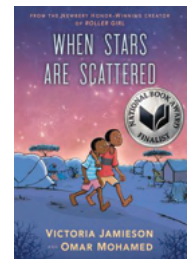
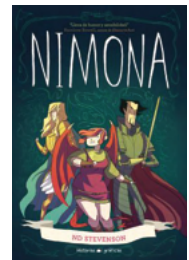
*Nimona* by ND Stevenson

Wednesday, February 28, 3-4 pm

*When Stars Are Scattered* by Omar Mohamed and Victoria Jamieson

Discuss books, movies, and everything in between! Pizza, snacks, and drinks are provided. Copies of the book can be found at the Youth Reference Desk.

*Kids Korner*



### Junior Teen Advisory Group (Jr. TAG)

Grades 6-8

Wednesday, February 7, 3 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 fun, teamwork focused activities for the 2023-2024 year.

Participants do not need to be EGVPL cardholders but must apply for group membership. Scan here for membership application.



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## 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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Brrr...baby, it's cold outside, but it's warm in the Library! Beginning in December, our holiday collection of Books, DVDs, CDs, and puzzles will be available for your browsing and purchasing. January you will find books on Art, Music, Cars, Planes, Trains, Foreign, Mystery, Fiction, Soft Cover Fiction, Junior books, Children's Blu-Ray DVDs, Non-Fiction DVDs, and Hollywood Classics DVDs.

February will showcase books on History, Military, Biography, Fiction, Games and Hobbies, 2023 books, Adult DVDs, and Video Games.

The Friends would like to wish you and your families Happy Holidays. We are incredibly grateful for all of your support in 2023!



## AV Recording Studio

The AV Recording Studio at the Elk Grove Village Public Library is available to help you create music and record videos and podcasts. Discover how our studio can bring your project to life. Email [jpajor@egvpl.org](mailto:jpajor@egvpl.org) for more information.

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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.**

**Photo Policy:** Occasionally, the Library may take photographs of people in the Library or participants of Library programs or special events. These photographs may be used in our publications or on social media or our website and are for Elk Grove Village Public Library use only.

## Finals Week Study Nights

Monday, Dec. 18 through Wednesday, Dec. 20,  
6-10 pm

High School Students! It's Test Fest Week at the Library! Are you cramming for that final exam? Finishing up a big project? We

have plenty of space – and pizza! – for you here. Grab a table for individual or group study, or reserve a study room in advance. Snacks will be served each night at 6:30 pm. You've got this, and we've got your back!

