

# Elmhurst Public Library



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## Do you have a library card?

*When I got my library card, that's when my life began.*

-Mystery novelist  
Rita Mae Brown



Annie Fazio is all smiles with her new Elmhurst Public Library card.

## September is Library Card Sign-Up Month

You're never too young or too old to get a library card! Your library card is your ticket to unlimited opportunities. With your Elmhurst Public Library card you can check out the current best sellers, the latest music and new releases on DVD. Log onto the Internet and search the library's information-rich databases. Kids can enjoy fun and imaginative story hours and special programs.

To get a library card, please bring in two forms of identification that prove you live within the limits of the City of Elmhurst.

To encourage children to get library cards of their own, during September each time a child checks out items with his or her very own library card, he or she will receive a small sticker.

## Let freedom read!

@your library™



**Banned Books Week**  
September 21 - 28

*The Catcher in the Rye* by J.D. Salinger both for offensive language and being unsuitable for younger readers.

As author Judy Blume notes, "It's not just the books under fire now that worry me. It is the books that will never be written. The books that will never be read. And all due to the fear of censorship."

Free people read freely. Exercise your right to read. Use your library card to check out a book that sparks your imagination. Or choose a banned or challenged book from our lobby display during banned books week.

Think censorship is a thing of the past? Think again.

Each year many books are threatened with removal from schools and public libraries because of the ideas that they express. Banning books is dangerous to freedom because it denies others the right to choose which books to read.

Among the most challenged books last year were the Harry Potter series by J.K. Rowling for wizardry and magic; *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck and

## Busiest summer ever!

The Elmhurst Public Library is busier now than ever before thanks to Elmhurst's summer readers!

Circulation of books and other library materials continues to skyrocket. This June, you checked out 92,162 items, up an *incredible* 8% over last June. This July you checked out 93,326 items, up 6% from last July.

These are the only two months in library history that circulation has surpassed 90,000 items in a single month.

One of the biggest reasons is the very popular Summer Reading Program which continues to grow in size every year. (See article inside.)

## Construction



*In about a year, this curving section of the library will offer readers scenic views into Wilder Park. For the latest construction pictures, visit [www.elmhurstpubliclibrary.org](http://www.elmhurstpubliclibrary.org).*

## GIANT Book Sale


**September 6 - 9 Berens Room**

This will be one of our biggest book sales yet! We have hundreds and hundreds of books and more at great prices.

On Sun., Sept. 8, buy one item and get one free. Mon., Sept. 9 is \$1 bag day. Sale runs during regular library hours.

# Programs for Children

For young children & adult friends:

 **Mother Goose Time**  
Mondays, Sept. 30-Nov. 4  
(NO SESSION OCT. 11)

9:30-10 a.m. OR  
10:30-11 a.m. OR


Tuesdays, Oct. 1-Nov. 5  
9:30-10 a.m. OR

10:30-11 a.m. OR  
6-6:30 p.m. OR

Thursdays, Oct. 3-Nov. 7  
6-6:30 p.m.


**Ages: 1 & an adult**

Wee ones and their folks will enjoy interactive songs and rhymes. Register by phone or at the "Ask Me" Desk *with your library card* starting Sat., Sept. 21.

 **Lap-Sit Stories**  
Wednesdays, Oct. 2-Nov. 6  
6:30-7 p.m.

**Ages: 2 & 3 and an adult**

Let us treat you and your little ones to stories, fingerplays and musical activities. Register by phone or at the "Ask Me" Desk *with your library card* starting Sat., Sept. 21.

 **Toddler Time**  
Thursdays, Oct. 3-Nov. 7  
9:30-10 a.m. OR


10:30-11 a.m. OR

Fridays, Oct. 4-Nov. 8

9:30-10 a.m. OR  
10:30-11 a.m.

**Ages: 2 & an adult**

Tots and their folks are invited for stories, musical activities and fingerplays. Register by phone or at the "Ask Me" Desk *with your library card* starting Sat., Sept. 21.



 **Me & a Friend:  
A Basket  
of Fall Favorites**

Wednesdays, Oct. 2-Nov. 6  
9:30-10 a.m. OR  
1-1:30 p.m.

**Ages: 3, 4, 5 and an adult**


Children and a favorite adult will enjoy colorful fall stories and music about apples, pumpkins, hibernating animals and autumn outfits. Register by phone or at the "Ask Me" Desk *with your library card* starting Sat., Sept. 21.

For children to attend by themselves:

 **A Basket  
of Fall Favorites**   
Wednesdays, Oct. 2-Nov. 6  
10:30-11 a.m.


**Ages: 3, 4 & 5**

Enjoy colorful fall stories and music about apples, pumpkins, hibernating animals and autumn outfits. This is the same program listed above, but at this 10:30 time children attend without an adult friend present. Register by phone or at the "Ask Me" Desk *with your library card* starting Sat., Sept. 21.

 **Ready-Set-Laugh!**  
Thursdays, Oct. 3-Nov. 7  
3:30-4:15 p.m.

**Ages: 5, K, Gr. 1**

Bet we can make you grin, giggle & even groan at our selection of silly stories & crafts. Register by phone or at the "Ask Me" Desk *with your library card* starting Sat., Sept. 21.

 **A Maze of  
Magical Tales**  
Tuesdays, Oct. 1-Nov. 5  
3:30-4:15 p.m.

**Ages: Gr. 2 & 3**

Hear imaginative & mythical stories about dragons, wizards & magic. We'll also include a blend of crafts & activities for good measure. Register by phone or at the "Ask Me" Desk *with your library card* starting Sat., Sept. 21.

Special Programs:


 **Lucky's  
Family  
Storytime**  
Every  
Saturday

10:30-11 a.m.

**All ages**

Join us for a potpourri of stories and songs with Lucky, our Labrador puppet. No registration required.



 **Home School Club**  
Thursday, Sept. 26

1-2:30 p.m.

**AND**

Thursday, October 24,  
1-2 p.m.

**Ages: Gr. 2-8**


Homeschool students, meet other homeschoolers from Elmhurst and learn at the library. Our monthly meetings will feature guest speakers, special themes, sharing ideas and more.

Sept. 26: Mexican Fiesta Day

Oct. 24: Mono-print

Workshop with  
artist Joan Wall

Register by phone or at the "Ask Me" Desk *with your library card* starting Sat., Sept. 7. Previous members need to re-register. **PLEASE NOTE THE NEW TIME.**


 **Chess Club**  
Fridays, Sept. 27, Oct. 11,  
Oct. 25, Nov. 8,  
Nov. 22, Dec. 6

**Beginners: 6:30-7:15 p.m.**

**Experienced: 7:30-8:30 p.m.**

**Ages: 7 & up**

We welcome children who want to play chess and learn more about the game. Register by phone or at the "Ask Me" Desk *with your library card* starting Sat., Sept. 14.

 **West Meets East**  
Monday, Oct. 14

10ñ10:45 a.m.

**Ages: 5 and up**

Children of the "West" will be magically transported to the culture of the "East" where they'll travel with the music and motion of Qiu Min Ji. She will dazzle them with the intriguing colors, sights and sounds of her native China through Chinese music, Ribbon Dance, Dragon Dance, costumes & the beat of the drum. Pick up tickets at the "Ask Me" Desk *with your library card* starting Sat., Oct. 5.

 **Pumpkin  
Decorating  
Contest and  
Spooky Stories**


Monday, Oct. 28

7-8 p.m.

**Ages 5-adult**





Carve, paint or decorate your pumpkin at home and bring it to the library for our contest. We'll award prizes in different categories (scariest, funniest, most artistic, etc.) for ages 4-6 yrs., 7-9 yrs., 10-12 yrs., and 13 and older. While we are judging your pumpkin creations, everyone is invited for spooky stories and treats. After the contest please take your pumpkins home. Register by phone or at the "Ask Me" Desk *with your library card* starting Sat., Oct. 19.



 **Positive Parenting**  
Thursdays, Oct. 17-Nov. 21  
7-9 p.m.

Family counselor Janet Hodge will talk to parents about using positive discipline with children up to age 11. The class fee is \$30. The course text, *Positive Parenting Today* by Michael Popkin will be available for sale for \$14. In-person registration at the "Ask Me" Desk *with your library card* starts Sat., Oct. 5.

How to sign up:

-  No registration required
-  In-person registration
-  Phone (279-8696) or in-person registration
-  Ticket pick-up at the "Ask Me" Desk

# Programs for Adults

**Internet Basics**  
Sat., Sept. 21  
9:30-11 a.m.

Learn the basics of searching the Internet. (Assumes a basic knowledge of computer use.) Please call to register.

**Advanced Internet Searching**  
Mon., Oct. 7

12-1:30 p.m. (Bring a brown bag lunch if you wish.)

Sat., Oct. 12  
9:30-11 a.m.

Learn advanced searching techniques, how to use search engines and more. (Assumes a basic knowledge of computers and the Internet.) Please call to register.

**E-mail Basics**  
Sat., Nov. 2  
9:30-11 a.m.

Learn the basics of e-mail. (Assumes a basic knowledge of computer use and the Internet.) Please call to register

**Library Catalog Training**

Tues., Sept. 17  
10-11:30 a.m.

Thurs., Oct. 10  
7-8:30 p.m.

Learn to use the Web version of the library's catalog with a lecture-style introduction and "hands-on" practice at the computer terminals. Please call to register.

**Book Discussions**  
Wed., Sept. 18  
2:30 & 7:30 p.m.

*No Great Mischief*  
by Alistair MacLeod  
Wed., Oct. 16

2:30 & 7:30 p.m.  
*The Sun Also Rises*  
by Ernest Hemingway

**Lyric Opera Lectures**

Berens Room 2:30 p.m.  
Sun., Sept. 22

*Cavalleria Rusticana* and  
*Pagliacci*

Sun., Oct. 6  
*Susannah*

# Lyric Opera Lectures

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2:30-3:30 p.m.  
Berens Room  
Registration is not required.

CAVALLERIA  
RUSTICANA &  
PAGLIACCI

by Mascagni & Leoncavallo  
Sun., September 22, 2002  
Lecturer: Arn Buonamici

SUSANNAH  
by Floyd

Sun., October 6, 2002  
Lecturer: Barbara DeBolt

DIE WALKÜRE  
by Wagner

Sun., November 3, 2002  
Lecturer: Margaret Fournier

SWEENEY TODD  
by Sondheim

Sun., November 10, 2002  
Lecturers: Howard & Mary Robins

THAÏS  
by Massenet

Sun., December 8, 2002  
Lecturer: Sue McCandless

LA TRAVIATA  
by Verdi

Sun., January 12, 2003  
Lecturer: Carol Winston

PARTENOPE  
by Handel

Sun., January 26, 2003  
Lecturer: Kip Kelley

A MASKED BALL  
by Verdi

Sun., February 9, 2003  
Lecturer: Julia O'Keefe

READING ROCKS!



## A rockin' good summer!

Second grader Anthony Pierotti shows off his book log and the paperback book he earned for completing the reading program and reading for 15 hours this summer.

## Summer Reading wrap-up

We broke the record again!

- 4,091 kids joined summer reading. (over 100 more than last year)
  - 1,645 Dino Readers (2 yrs.-1st grade)
  - 1,674 Treasure Hunters (Grs. 2-5)
  - 772 Scribes (Grs. 6-8)
- More than 200 teenagers (Grs. 9-12) joined the new teen reading club. This is double the number of teens who joined last year!
- Over 840 book logs were given out for the adult reading club.

The reading program wouldn't be a success without all our sponsors and volunteers. Thanks to our 39 sponsors and to our 111 volunteers, who are mostly middle schoolers!



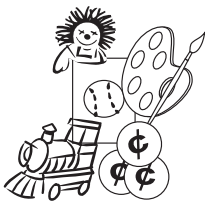
Teen bands *Looking In*, the *Nub-Knob-Nibs* (pictured) and *Solstice* rocked Wilder Park at the *Reading Rocks Concert* which officially ended the teen reading club. Over 130 young people attended.

# Memorials & Gifts

The following books were dedicated with money donated to the Elmhurst Public Library in memoriam or as a gift in June and July 2002.

- *In This Mountain* by J. M. Allan Collins / *Chicago Confidential* by M. Allan Collins / *The Puzzle Bark Tree* by S. Potoglou, Anita Johnson and Marga Breckenfelder.
- *Beacon on the Rock* by P. Williams. In memory of Edith Bachner from Ross and Jacqueline Tipps.
- *And They're Off* by P. Georgeff. In memory of Richard Reich from Scott, Robin and Brendan Galbreath.
- *Ernie Harwell* by T. Keegan. In memory of Richard Reich from the Lipski Family.
- *American Dream Car in Cuba* by M. Fagiuoli / *Playing by the Rules* by A. Palmer. In memory of David Schreiber from his friends on Claremont Street.
- *Magnolias* by R. Barrett. In memory of Maxine Halen from her friends.
- *Vineyard Enigma* by P. Craig. In memory of Lisa "Mama" McAuliffe from the Mark McAuliffe Family.
- *Champions Of Women's Golf* by M. Hauser. In memory of Mickey Burgess from a friend.
- A monetary donation was made in memory of James W. Boyle from Diane Bjornson.
- A monetary donation was made in memory of Marilyn J. Fiene from John and Wendy Tinnon.
- *American Scoundrel* by T. Keneally / *Invisible Giants* ed. by M. Carnes. In honor of Joseph Bell on his 80th birthday from Helen and Dale Wharton.

# Young collectors!



Do you collect coins, dolls, rocks, stamps, baseball cards, your own artwork or other items? If so, help us fill the display cases in the Young People's Room with your collections! If you are between the ages of 3 and 14 (8th grade) and you live in Elmhurst, please consider showcasing your various items for one month at the library. Stop by the "Ask Me" Desk in the library or call to reserve a month.

You'll need to bring in your collection, set it up and pick it up at the end of the month. You must have enough items to fill at least a third of the display case (two 2.5 ft. long glass shelves).

# Coming Attractions

Reserve one of these titles or pick up a "Hot Copy." To place a reserve, call 630-279-8696, stop by the Information Desk or request the book directly from the online catalog.

## Fiction

- Sandra Brown ..... *The Crush*
- Jan Burke ..... *Nine: A Novel of Suspense*
- Michael Connelly .... *Chasing the Dime*
- Julie Garwood ..... *Killjoy*
- Elizabeth George .... *I, Richard*
- Sue Grafton ..... *Q Is for Quarry*
- Iris Johansen ..... *No One to Trust*
- Jonathan Kellerman . *The Murder Book*
- Rohinton Mistry ..... *Family Matters*
- Robert B. Parker ..... *Shrink Rap*
- Anne Perry ..... *Death of a Stranger*
- Anna Quindlen ..... *Blessings*
- Nicholas Sparks ..... *Nights in Rodanthe*
- Danielle Steel ..... *Answered Prayers*
- Christina Schwarz .... *All is Vanity*
- Stuart Woods ..... *Blood Orchid: A Holly Barker Novel*

## Nonfiction

- Pat Conroy ..... *My Losing Season*
- Patricia Cornwell ..... *Portrait of a Killer: Jack the Ripper, Case Closed*
- Peter Jennings & ..... *In Search of America*
- Todd Brewster

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### Hours:

- M-F: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Sat.: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Sun.: 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

**Library Board Meetings:**  
7:30 p.m., 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues. of each month, Berens Room

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## Library Closing

The library will be closed on

**Monday, September 2 for Labor Day.**