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On April 3 you will be asked to vote on a 20-year bond issue of \$18.7 million to build a new library building at the corner of Margaret Place and Prospect Avenue.

The cost to taxpayers will be approximately \$69 per year or \$5.75 per month for a home with a market value of \$210,000.

The new library building will offer expanded services and larger collections to meet Elmhurst's needs in the 21st century.



See a model of the new building at the library.

Why a new library?

Space constraints:

- No room to add books
- Not enough seating
- Not enough computers
- No quiet place to study
- Children turned away from programs
- Not accessible to persons with disabilities
- No space for community groups to meet
- Not enough parking

Growing demand:

- Circulation of books and other library materials has increased from 346,000 in 1975 to 800,000 last year
- Number of children in the Summer Reading Program has grown from 1,000 in 1986 to 4,000 last year

Physical limitations:

- Areas of the building not accessible to persons with disabilities
- Older section of building cannot support the weight of book stacks
- Limited restroom facilities on lower level only
- Inadequate wiring and plumbing

Why now?

For over ten years, the Library Board has studied this issue, working closely with the City, Park District and Elmhurst residents to plan for a new library building. Because of the present building's physical limitations and lack of parking there is a pressing need for change.

What will a new library mean for you?

- ✓ More books
- ✓ Accessibility for persons with disabilities
- ✓ More seating
- ✓ Increased safety for children
- ✓ More computers
- ✓ Computer training lab
- ✓ Two quiet study rooms
- ✓ Six small group study rooms
- ✓ Public meeting rooms
- ✓ More restrooms
- ✓ Space for future growth
- ✓ Flexibility for changing technology
- ✓ More parking
- ✓ Drive-up window
- ✓ Drive-up book drops
- ✓ Children's outdoor reading patio
- ✓ Two outdoor reading terraces
- ✓ Larger Wilder Park

Get the facts about the new library building @

www.elmhurstpubliclibrary.org

Be an informed voter! Get the facts.

✓ Attend a public forum meeting

Thurs., March 8 7:30–9 p.m.

Sun., March 18 3–4:30 p.m.

Tues., March 27 7:30–9 p.m.

Sat., March 31 9:30–11 a.m.

Learn about the new building and share your comments. After the program, take an optional “behind-the-scenes” tour. Register by calling 279-8696.

✓ Take the tour

Mon., March 5 – Tues., April 3

Mon.–Sat. 10–10:30 a.m.

Mon.–Thurs. 7–7:30 p.m.

Sundays 2–2:30 p.m.

See for yourself the present building’s limitations on a “behind-the-scenes” tour. Tours begin in front of the Adult Reference Desk. No registration required.

✓ See plans & models at the library

✓ Ask for a presentation for your community group

Call the library at 279-8696 to schedule a group presentation.

✓ Check out information from the library

✓ Visit

www.elmhurstpubliclibrary.org

Where will the new library be located?

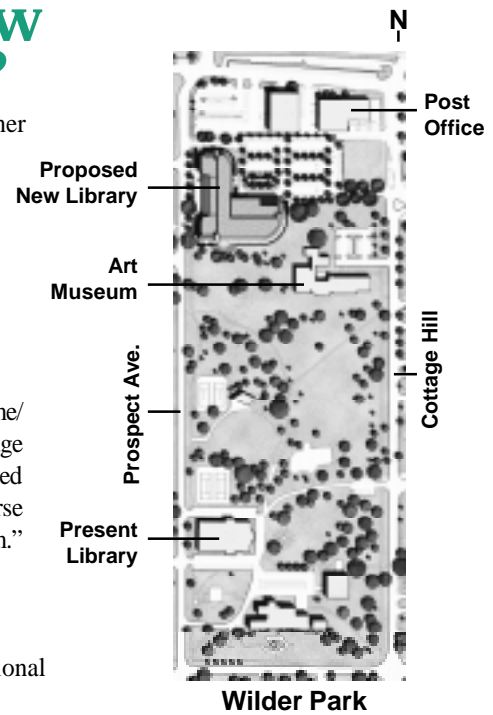
The new library will be centrally located at the corner of Margaret Place and Prospect Ave. providing:

- Convenient access for everyone
- Library services close to three nearby schools
- Increased green space
- Beautiful views into Wilder Park

This site requires closing Margaret Place.

Facts from a recent traffic study about closing Margaret Place:

- “The proposed new Elmhurst Library & the townhome/condominium development at Adelaide and Cottage Hill are low-to-moderate traffic generators which, based on traffic generation alone, will not create an adverse off-site traffic impact on the surrounding street system.”
- Traffic diverted away from local schools
- Traffic directed onto designated through streets rather than neighborhood streets
- Minimal impact on travel times (average additional travel time & distance—35 seconds & 800 ft.)



What about the present library?

The present library building will be given to the Park District. According to the Park District, possible uses most likely would include:

- Preschool programs
- Senior programs
- Administrative offices

How much will it cost?

\$69 per year or \$5.75 per month for a home with a market value of \$210,000 (This is based upon an interest rate of 5.5% and anticipated increase in the assessed valuation of 3.5% per year.) The \$18.7 million in bonds will be repaid over a 20-year period.

What changes if the referendum fails?

The library building’s physical limitations and parking problems are so severe that changes must be made if the referendum does not pass, resulting in:

- Building safety and accessibility improvements which mean less space for books
- No room for future growth
- One acre of park land north of the library paved for parking
- Less green space in Wilder Park
- Tax levy raised \$3.5–4 million for building improvements

An Evening with the “First Ladies” of Elmhurst

Thursday, April 19 7:30–9 p.m. City Hall Council Chambers, 209 N. York

Learn about some of Elmhurst’s most prominent women leaders and hear their stories at “An Evening with the ‘First Ladies’ of Elmhurst.”

Former Elmhurst Public Library Director Ruth Strand, who dedicated nearly 40 years of her life working at the library, recorded the deeds of many prominent early women of Elmhurst before her death in February 1999. Genie Urick, Cable Television Coordinator for the City of Elmhurst, researched more recent Elmhurst women. Together, they compiled brief biographies of 39 prominent women of Elmhurst in the new book, *The First Ladies of Elmhurst: Prominent Women of the Twentieth Century*.

Join us on April 19 and meet some of the “First Ladies” featured in this book. The evening will include short interview clips of a few deceased “First Ladies,” followed by an informal discussion with several living “First Ladies.” This event will be taped and televised on cable TV.

Copies of the book will be available for purchase at the event for a special price of \$40, and a book signing will follow the program. (The book’s price after May 31 will be \$50.) Proceeds will go to the City of Elmhurst, which supports the Elmhurst Historical Museum.

This event is co-hosted by the Elmhurst Historical Museum and the Elmhurst Public Library. Reservations are requested because seating is limited. Please call the Elmhurst Historical Museum at 833-1457.



Grace M. Murray, Library Director from 1926–38, and Ruth Strand, Library Director from 1938–68 and co-author of *The First Ladies of Elmhurst*.

Programs for Children

Author Visit:

Leslie H.R. Mulkey

Friday, March 9 4–5 p.m.
Gr. 3–5

Leslie H.R. Mulkey, author and illustrator of *Wird Bird*, an unusual and entertaining picture book, will read his story, show original paintings and describe the process of making a storyboard and picture book. Children can storyboard their own books. Register by phone or at the “Ask Me” Desk *with your library card* starting Saturday, March 3.

Young Authors’ Book Display

This March, check out books written & illustrated by District 205, parochial & home school students. The books will be in the Young People’s Department and are available for a one-week check-out.

Pokémon™ Trading Card Game Night

Mon., March 19 6:30–8 p.m.
Gr. 2–8

Join other Pokémon™ enthusiasts to trade the cards and play the game. A certified coach will oversee the group & teach the game to novices. PLEASE, BRING YOUR OWN CARDS. Register by phone or at the “Ask Me” Desk *with your library card* starting Sat., March 3.

Very Funny Magic

Wed., March 28 4–4:45 p.m.
Ages: 4 & up

Dennis DeBondt will baffle and amaze us with an entertaining mix of magic and comedy. At 6’7”, Dennis towers above all other great magicians and provides 27% more height than Houdini! Pick up tickets at the “Ask Me” Desk *with your library card* starting Sat., March 17.

Programs for Adults

New Building Public Forum

Thurs., March 8 7:30–9 p.m.
Sun., March 18 3–4:30 p.m.
Tues., March 27 7:30–9 p.m.
Sat., March 31 9:30–11 a.m.

Learn about the plans for a new library building and give us your comments. After the meeting, take an optional “behind-the-scenes” tour of the present library building.

Friends of the Library New Building Meeting

Sun., March 11 7–8:30 p.m.

Calling all “Friends!” Learn more about the new library and take a “behind-the-scenes” tour. This is a special New Library Public Forum Meeting just for the Friends of the Elmhurst Public Library. Refreshments served after the program.

Internet Basics

Sat., March 24 9:30–11 a.m.
Mon., March 26 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Learn the basics of searching the Internet. (Assumes a basic knowledge of computer use.)

E-mail Basics

Mon., April 9 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Sat., April 14 9:30–11 a.m.

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

Renew magazines!

Renew magazines twice! (except “Hot Copies”) Each renewal is for a one-week period.

Online Library Catalog Training

Sat., March 10 2–3:30 p.m.
Thurs., March 15 7–8:30 p.m.
Thurs., March 22 1:30–3 p.m.
Mon., April 16 1:30–3 p.m.
Thurs., April 19 10–11:30 a.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.

Freewheeling in Ireland

Tuesday, March 13 7–8:30 p.m.

**Community Bank of Elmhurst
330 W. Butterfield Rd.**

Just in time for St. Patrick’s Day! Take a slide show tour of Ireland. Co-sponsored with the Elmhurst Park District. Register by phone to the library or Park District (993-8989).



Book Discussion (Registration preferred)

Wed., March 21 2:30 & 7:30 p.m.
Endurance: An Epic of Polar Adventure
by Frank A. Worsley
Wed., April 18 2:30 & 7:30 p.m.
Alias Grace by Margaret Atwood

Attention Local Book Clubs!

Check out books from our past book discussions. Choose from almost 70 great titles! We have approximately 25 copies of each title. If more are needed, we can request them from other libraries. Call 279-8696 for more details.

Kids!

Help us celebrate National Library Week! April 1–7

National Library Week Raffle:
“What are your 7 favorite things to do at the library?”

Children ages 3 through 9th grade—celebrate National Library Week by entering our National Library Week raffle! Pick up a raffle form at the “Ask Me” Desk starting March 5, and fill it out by listing your 7 favorite things to do at the library. Return your form by March 30 to be entered into our raffle. One winner will be selected each day during National Library Week (April 1–7). Each winner will receive a gift certificate to Anderson’s Bookshops.

So what ARE your favorite things to do at the library? (Be kind to our librarians during National Library Week—make sure *reading* is somewhere on the list!)

Active Music for Children

Tuesday, April 3 10–10:30 a.m.
Ages: 2–5

Meet Bill Hooper who will perform original, interactive music for little ones and their folks. Accompanied by his trusty guitar, he’ll delight us with songs about music and motion, nature and feelings that resonate with young audiences. Pick up tickets at the “Ask Me” Desk *with your library card* starting Sat., March 17.

A Child’s Voice

Tuesday, April 3 4–4:45 p.m.
Ages: Kindergarten & up

Continue the celebration with a visit from Bill Buczinsky who writes, performs, illustrates and teaches children’s poetry. He shows kids how much fun playing the game of poetry can be. At “A Child’s Voice” children are participants, not spectators and the stage is a playground where everyone has a good time. Pick up tickets at the “Ask Me” Desk *with your library card* starting Saturday, March 17.

How to sign up for FREE programs:

- In-person registration
- Phone or in-person registration
- Ticket pick-up at the “Ask Me” Desk

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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., 3rd Tues. of each month, Berens Room

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For ADA special accommodations for programs, call Raita Vilnins, 279-8696 or TTY 832-1252, 1 week prior to the event.

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Memorials & Gifts

The following books were dedicated with money donated to EPL in memoriam or as a gift in December 2000 and January 2001.

Memorials

- **Astronomy and Space / Dangerous Planet: The Science of Natural Disasters / Encyclopedia of Technology and Applied Sciences / Experiment Central / Junior Worldmark Encyclopedia of World Cities / Math & Mathematicians / Plants & Plant Life / Prominent Women of the 20th Century.** In memory of Patricia Tracy Palmore, loving mother of Matthew and Benjamin Palmore, from friends touched by her love.
- **Gardening With Roses** by J. McKeon. In memory of Curtis Merrill from Elaine and Basil Libovicz.
- **Passionate Gardening** by L. Springer and R. Proctor. In memory of Harriett Brockmeyer from Kay Sprehe, Mildred Smith, and Gean Gustafson.
- **The Needlepoint Book** by J. Christensen. In memory of Mary Kluza from George and Catherine Leveille.
- **Making Glorious Gifts from Your Garden** by M. Browning. In memory of Mona Eckford from Julia and Richard Pracht.
- **The Art of Fabric Collage** by R. Eichorn. In memory of Bernice R. Palmer from the AARP Chapter 1007.
- **Ordinary Graces** ed. by L. Kisly. In memory of Melanie Pino from Arlene Hendricks.

Gifts

- **Susan Laughs** by J. Willis. In honor of Joanne Sgarbossa "for being my teacher" from Brian Baker.
- **Little Dogs Say "Rough!"** by R. Walton. In honor of Patti Reher "for being my teacher" from Brian Baker.
- **Rabbit's Bedtime** by N. Wallace / **Mouse In Love** by R. Kraus / **Lucky Pennies and Hot Chocolate** by C. Shields / **Flora the Frog** by S. Isherwood / **Night at the Fair** by D. Crews. In honor of Ian Alexander for Christmas 2000 from his parents, Jeff and Barb Crowell.
- **Circus Family Dog** by A. Clements / **The Pig Is In The Pantry, The Cat Is On The Shelf** by S. Mozelle / **Dogs' Night** by M. Hooper / **Hog Music** by M. C. Hellendorfer / **Mad Dog McGraw** by M. Uhlberg / **Toot & Puddle** by H. Hobbie / **Never Poke a Squid** by D. Cazet / **Animal Antics from 1 to 10** by D. Wojtowycz. In honor of the Tree Town Nursery School teachers from Patrick Howard.
- **Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone / Harry Potter & the Chamber of Secrets / Harry Potter & the Prisoner of Azkaban / Harry Potter & the Goblet of Fire** by J. K. Rowling. In honor of all the family and friends of Sunni Grace who supported her 2000 Reindeer Food Project.
- **The Memory String** by E. Bunting / **My Dog Rosie** by I. Harper and B. Moser. In honor of Mrs. Sue Weber, Tree Town Nursery School teacher, for Christmas 2000 from Caroline Murphy.

Summer Reading Sponsors Needed

Individuals or businesses interested in donating prizes for the Summer Reading Program, "Feed Your Need to Read," please call 279-8696.

Coming Attractions

Reserve one of these titles or pick up a "Hot Copy." Call 279-8696 or stop by the Information Desk to place a reserve.

Fiction

- Maeve Binchy *Scarlet Feather*
Mary Higgins Clark *On the Street Where You Live*
Jeffery Deaver *The Blue Nowhere*
P.D. James *Death in Holy Orders*
Jan Karon *A Common Life*
James Patterson *1st To Die*
Belva Plain *Looking Back*
John Sandford *Chosen Prey*
Danielle Steel *Lone Eagle*
Anne Tyler *Back When We Were Grownups*
Stuart Woods *Cold Paradise*

Nonfiction

- James MacGregor Burns & Susan Dunn *The Three Roosevelts: Patrician Leaders Who Transformed America*

News from the Elmhurst Public Library

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Library Closing

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Sunday, April 15

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