

Elmhurst Public Library

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Library honored

EPL again rates high in national index
The Elmhurst Public Library was ranked the sixth best public library in the nation when compared to 920 other public libraries with similar populations according to the 2004 Hennen's American Public Library Rating Index. Nearly 9,000 public libraries nationwide were compared within ten population ranges on 15 criteria, such as expenditures per capita and visits per capita. The Index used statistics reported in 2003 for activities in 2002. This is the third time EPL has been ranked a top ten library by this index. For details visit www.haplr-index.com.

Awards and accolades

In the year that it has been open, the new library building has won several awards and accolades. The Library Board and staff were pleased to receive an Elmhurst Beautification Recognition from the Elmhurst Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the Elmhurst Economic Development Corporation in the spring and to accept the 2004 Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Masonry from the Illinois Indiana Masonry Council for the new building's exterior. In addition, pictures and articles about the new library have been featured in several library magazines and journals.

City citizen survey

According to this year's City of Elmhurst citizen survey, 90% of the 788 people who returned the survey visit the library at least once a year with more than 75% visiting every few months or more. When rating professionalism and courtesy, 97% rated library staff as good to excellent. And 98% rated children's programs as well as library services in general as good to excellent.

A Critic's Look at Film

Tues., Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. & Thurs., Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. • Max. 120

Adults and high school students are invited to a two-part film program with former Library Trustee James M. Wall. On Dec. 7 learn how to critique a film at "A Critic's Look at Today's Film Directors." Come back on Dec. 9 to view the film *The Straight Story*, by Director David Lynch, and make your own critique.

Rev. Wall, a United Methodist minister, writes film criticism for *The Christian Century* magazine, which he edited from 1972-99, and other magazines and books. He is the Protestant representative on the appeals board of the Motion Picture Association of America's (MPAA) rating board, the organization that rates commercial motion pictures for the MPAA and the National Association of Theater Owners. Since 1980, he has served as President of Interfilm North America, an organization that provides jurors for competitive film festivals, including festivals in Montreal, Cannes and Berlin. Mr. Wall himself has served on juries at several film festivals in the U.S. and abroad, most recently at the Denver International Film Festival in Denver, Colorado.

Register by phone or at the Information Desk with your EPL card.

Friends of the Library Annual Meeting

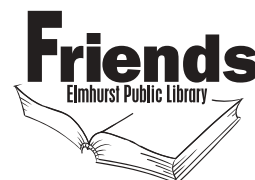
Wed., November 10

7 p.m.—Light refreshments

**7:30 p.m.—Meeting & Program
Meeting Room 2 • Max. 150**

Join the Friends of the Library and enjoy a unique and personal look at President Harry Truman's life told by his eldest grandson. After a brief business meeting, Clifton Truman Daniel, author of *Growing Up With My Grandfather: Memories of Harry S. Truman*, will present "Remembering Grandpa: Harry Truman." Mr. Daniel is currently Director of Public Relations for the Harry S. Truman College in Chicago, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S. Truman Library Institute in Independence, Missouri and a former feature writer and editor for the *Morning Star* and *Sunday Star-News* in Wilmington, North Carolina.

For more than 60 years, the Friends group has supported library events and programs. The group sponsors the very popular Summer Reading Program each year, recently dedicated the two benches at the east entrance and purchased a professional electronic keyboard for library programs. To join the Friends of the Library please return the form on the back of this newsletter with your tax-deductible dues to the library. Thanks to all our "Friends"!



It's never too early to raise a reader



The library is starting a brand new program for brand new babies! Foster a love of language from the very start with this language enrichment program for pre-walkers—newborns through 11-month-olds. Babies learn and grow from the moment they are

born. In this interactive program, parents and caregivers will play games with their babies and learn songs, rhymes and lullabies that are the first baby steps towards language and literacy.

The Littlest Storytime

Tuesdays, Jan. 4-25

9:15-9:45 a.m. OR 10:15-10:45 a.m.

Wednesdays, Jan. 5-26

9:30-10 a.m.

**Ages: newborn-11 months with an adult
Storytime Room • Min. 8/Max. 15**

Register by phone or at the Help Desk with your Elmhurst Public Library card starting Sat., Dec. 18.

New for
babies!

Kids' Special Programs

☺ Create a Tree Decoration

Ages: Gr. 2 & up
Thursday, Nov. 11
1–4 p.m.

Storytime Room

Fashion bright and sparkling decorations for the library's holiday tree in Wilder Park. Roll up your sleeves and drop in anytime between 1 and 4 p.m. No registration is required.



☺ Puppets on the Wilder Side

Ages: 3 & up
Fri., Dec. 10 • 7:30–8 p.m.
Meeting Room 2

Our very own puppeteers perform "Christmas at Creepy Castle," "The Cow Who Wouldn't Come Down" and lots of fun-filled songs. Pick up tickets at the Help Desk *with your EPL card* starting Sat., Nov. 27.

☎ After-School Special: Pirate Day

Ages: Gr. 2 & up
Thursday, Nov. 18
3:30–4:30 p.m.

Storytime Room

Ahoy mateys! Join us for a treasure hunt, pirate crafts and sea chanties or be prepared to walk the plank. Bring a pirate surprise to share, too—perhaps a picture, story or favorite joke. But please leave your cutlasses at home. Register by phone or at the Help Desk *with your EPL card* starting Sat., Nov. 6.

☎ Homeschool Club

Ages: Gr. 2–8
Thursday, Nov. 18
1:30–2:30 p.m.

Storytime Room

Same as After-School Special.

☺ "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe"

Ages: K–Gr. 8
Friday, Nov. 19
7–7:45 p.m.

Meeting Room 2

In honor of National Children's Book Week, Traveling Lantern Theatre Company presents the award-winning *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis. Leap into the exquisite Land of Narnia where a malicious witch and a beautiful lion touch the lives of all who enter. Pick up tickets at the Help Desk *with your EPL card* starting Sat., Nov. 6.

☺ 'Tis the Season For families

Wed., Dec. 22
10–10:45 a.m.
Meeting Room 2

There's more than a little bit of Father Christmas, Yuletomten, Black Peter, Baboushka, Pere Noel and Kris Kringle in our American holiday celebrations. Catch the Yuletide spirit as singer, actor, storyteller and writer Dan LeMonnier treats us to multicultural stories and songs highlighting these gift-givers of whom Santa Claus is a combination. Pick up tickets at the Help Desk *with your EPL card* starting Sat., Dec. 11.



☺ Crafty Puppets

Ages: For families
Tuesday, Dec. 28
1–3 p.m.

Storytime Room

Are these chilly days inspiring your creativity? Come in out of the cold anytime between 1 and 3 p.m. to craft your very own puppet. We'll have a potpourri of puppetry materials at your disposal. Adults need to attend with their little ones. No registration is required.

☺ Winter "Read-in"

Ages: K & up
Thursday, Dec. 30
10 a.m.–12 p.m. AND
2–4 p.m.

Storytime Room

Bring a sleeping bag or blanket and pillow if you'd like and join us for a warm and cozy library visit. We'll highlight our new books, challenge you with our reading games and entertain you every half hour with a favorite book read aloud. And you can choose to participate in a used book exchange, too. No registration is required.



☺ Jutta & the Hi-Dukes™

Ages: For families
Fri., Dec. 31 • 1–1:45 p.m.
Meeting Room 2

Start the New Year on the right foot—dance to (or just listen to) the energetic, eclectic music of Jutta & the Hi-Dukes™. This internationally-known group plays European immigrant music such as hot klezmer, spicy Greek, sweet Scandinavian, intense Gypsy, American swing and more. Pick up tickets at the Help Desk *with your EPL card* starting Sat., Dec. 18.

☎ A Visit with Author Ellen Stern

Ages: 4 & up
Mon., Dec 27 • 1 p.m.
Storytime Room

Meet children's author Ellen Stern & hear about her book, *I Saw a Bullfrog*. Register by phone or at Help Desk *with your EPL card* starting Sat., Dec. 11.

☎ Learning Sign Language

K–Gr. 2:
Wednesdays, Jan. 5–26
3:30–4:15 p.m.

Gr. 3–6:
Tuesdays, Jan. 4–25
4:30–5:30 p.m.

Register by phone or at the Help Desk *with your EPL card* starting Sat., Dec. 18

☎ Kids' Book Discussion

Ages: Gr. 2 & 3
Storytime Room
Min. 10/Max. 20

Read the following books and join us to discuss the story and make a fun craft.

Mon., Dec. 6
3:30–4:15 p.m.

In *Horrible Harry Moves Up to Third Grade* by Suzy Kline, Harry's enemy Sidney accidentally kills his pet spider, and Harry devises a funny way to get revenge. Register by phone or at the Help Desk *with your EPL card* and pick up a copy of the book starting Mon., Nov. 1.

Mon., Jan. 3
3:30–4:15 p.m.

In *The Case of the Glow-in-the-Dark Ghost*, a Jigsaw Jones Mystery, Jigsaw's school is haunted! Register by phone or at the Help Desk *with your EPL card* starting Mon., Dec. 6.

Registration:

- ☎ Phone (630-279-8696) or in-person registration
- ☑ In-person registration
- ☺ No registration required but an EPL card must be shown at the door
- ☒ Ticket pickup at the Help Desk

Kids' Drop-in Storytimes

Join us for some super stories in our Storytime Room. **You must present your Elmhurst Public Library card at the door.** Seating is on a first-come-first-served basis.

☺ Mother Goose Time

Ages: 1 with an adult
Mondays through Nov. 22
10:30–11 a.m.
Max. 35 people

☺ Rhyme Time

Ages: 1 & 2 with an adult
Saturdays through Nov. 27
9:30–10 a.m.
Max. 35 people

☺ Toddler Time

Ages: 2 with an adult
Fridays through Nov. 26
10:30–11 a.m.
Max. 35 people

☺ A Sack of Silly Stories

Ages: 3 & up
Thursdays through Nov. 18
10:30–11 a.m.
Max. 40 people

☺ Saturday Family Storytime

All ages
(most appropriate for children 3–7)
Every Saturday
10:30–11 a.m.
Max. 40 people

New for kids! Get Your Homework Done Using the Library's Web site
Mon., Nov. 8 • 7–8:15 p.m.

Ages: Grades 5–8 & parents are welcome also
Computer Lab • Min. 10/Max. 30

Learn how to use the library's online catalog, powerful databases available both in the library and from your home, and how to use the library's Web site as a launching pad to hundreds of helpful homework Web sites. Get online and get it done! Register now by phone or at the Help Desk *with your Elmhurst Public Library card.*

Programs for Adults

Coping with Holiday Stress

Thursday, November 11 • 7 p.m.
Meeting Room 2 • Max. 150

Holiday stress can be tough to manage, whether it is because of high expectations, family issues or just managing the many family and social obligations of the season. Join Dr. John Brauer to learn ways to eliminate unnecessary stress and cope more effectively with the stress that remains. Dr. Brauer is a clinical psychologist with extensive experience working with family issues as well as training people to manage anxiety and stress. His practice is located in Elmhurst and Joliet. Registration is required. Call or visit the 2nd floor Information Desk *with your EPL card* to sign up.

Wreath Decorating Demonstration

Co-hosted with the Elmhurst Garden Club
Thursday, November 18 • 1 p.m.
Meeting Room 2 • Max. 150

Don't miss this demonstration given by the Elmhurst Garden Club! Learn how to turn a plain wreath into a professional-looking "holiday" wreath with items you easily can find at home or in the yard. Registration is required. Call or visit the 2nd floor Information Desk *with your EPL card* to sign up.



Songs from Musicals

Sat., November 20 • 2 p.m.
Meeting Room 2 • Max. 150

Engaging and charismatic guitarist and vocalist Cat Catalani will present a sing-along concert featuring such musical theatre hits as *Oh, What a Beautiful Morning*, *Edelweiss*, *Get Me to the Church on Time*, *Over the Rainbow* and many others. She will bring lyric books for you to join the singing if you wish. Registration is required. Call or visit the 2nd floor Information Desk *with your EPL card* to sign up.



📖 Book Discussion: "Into the Forest"

by Jean Hegland
Wednesday, Nov. 17
2:30 p.m. OR 7:30 p.m.
Meeting Room 1

Register and pick up a copy of the book at the second floor Information Desk.

☺ Lyric Opera Lectures

2:30 p.m. • Max. 50
Meeting Room 1
No registration is required.
Sunday, Nov. 14
"The Cunning Little Vixen"
Sunday, Dec. 5
"A Wedding"

☎ Free Career Counseling

Mon., Nov. 8 & Dec. 6
9:30 a.m.–12 p.m.
A career counselor from Jewish Vocational Service, a non-profit, non-sectarian agency, will be at the library for free, one-on-one career counseling. Call or visit the Information Desk *with your EPL card* to sign up for a 30-minute session.

Computer Classes

Adults & high school students with an EPL card are invited to these hands-on classes. Fees are paid at the 2nd floor Information Desk at the time of registration by cash or check.

☎ Library Catalog Training

FREE

Thursday, November 11
10–11:30 a.m. OR
Tuesday, January 11
2–3:30 p.m.
Computer Lab
Max. 15 • No fee

Learn how to search the library's catalog for books and other items. There will be an optional "mouse tutorial" 30 minutes before each class for those who need practice using the mouse. Call or visit the second floor Information Desk *with your EPL card* to register.

☎ Intro to Computers

Saturday, November 13
10 a.m.–12 p.m. OR
Tuesday, December 7
5:30–7:30 p.m.

Computer Lab • Max. 15
Fee: \$10 per person
Learn the basics of using a computer such as opening files, using the mouse and more. No previous computer knowledge is required. Register in person *with your EPL card* and fee at the Information Desk.

☎ Internet Basics

Wednesday, December 8
9:30–11:30 a.m. OR
Wednesday, January 5
1:30–3:30 p.m.

Computer Lab • Max. 15
Fee: \$10 per person
Learn how to use the Internet. You must have basic Windows, mouse and keyboarding skills to attend. Register in person *with your EPL card* and fee at the Information Desk.

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Computer Classes cont.

Using E-mail
Monday, December 6
9:30–11:30 a.m.

Computer Lab • Max. 15
Fee: \$10 per person

Learn how to get an e-mail account and use it. Prior Internet experience or attendance of the Internet Basics & Intro to Computers class is required. Register in person *with your EPL card* and fee at the Information Desk.

Intro to Word
Saturday, December 4
9:30–11:30 a.m.

Computer Lab • Max. 15
Fee: \$10 per person

Learn how to use Microsoft Word, a word processing

program. You must have basic Windows, mouse and keyboarding skills. Register in person *with your EPL card* and fee at the Information Desk.

Intro to Excel
Saturday, November 20
9:30–11:30 a.m.

Computer Lab • Max. 15
Fee: \$10 per person

Learn how to use Microsoft Excel, a spreadsheet program. You'll learn basic skills such as entering and correcting data, using formulas and more. You must have basic Windows, mouse and keyboarding skills. Register in person *with your EPL card* and fee at the Information Desk.

A perfect holiday gift

For a \$25 donation you can dedicate a "square foot" of the library in one of eight areas in honor or in memory of someone special.

Their name will be added permanently to one of three wall displays in the lobby, Kids' Library or 2nd floor. The displays will be updated with the new names in January 2005. Forms are at the library and on the library's Web site. Contributions are tax deductible.

Coming Attractions

Fiction

Black Wind by Clive Cussler
Double Shot by Diane Mott Davidson
Night Fall by Nelson DeMille
Metro Girl by Janet Evanovich
London Bridges by James Patterson
Red Leaves by Belva Plain
The Rottweiler by Ruth Rendell
Echoes by Danielle Steel
I Am Charlotte Simmons by Tom Wolfe

Friends Membership Application – 2005

I'd like to join the Friends of the Elmhurst Public Library.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Date _____

YES I (we) plan to attend the November 10 meeting.

_____ people will attend.

No, I (we) cannot attend.

DUES

Please check one:

Individual \$20

Family \$30

Special Friend \$50

Best Friend \$100

Send to:

*FRIENDS, 125 S. Prospect,
Elmhurst, IL 60126*

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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.

Renew items by phone:
630-279-6030

Library Board Meetings:
7:30 p.m., third Tuesday of
each month, Meeting Room 1

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Saturday, December 25
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Saturday, January 1

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