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Join the book club! 2005 Book Discussions

Join us on the third Wednesday of the month either at 2:30 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. for interesting and thought-provoking discussions about the following books. Already in a book club? We have multiple copies of many past book discussion titles for you and your group to check out. Ask for a list of past discussions at the second floor Information Desk.



Wednesday, January 19

Skipping Christmas by John Grisham
John Grisham tells a charming fable of one couple's hilarious attempt to escape Christmas, only to be forced by friends and family to rediscover the true meaning of the season.



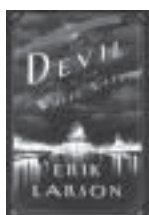
Wednesday, February 16

Reading Lolita in Tehran: A Memoir in Books by Azar Nafisi
Read the astonishing true story of young women who met in secret each week to read and talk about forbidden Western classics—and their lives and loves—in the Islamic Republic of Iran.



Wednesday, March 16

My Ántonia by Willa Cather
Against Nebraska's panoramic landscape, *My Ántonia* recreates the life of an immigrant girl who becomes, in the memories of the narrator, the ideal of strong and resourceful womanhood and a figure of salvation.



Wednesday, April 20

The Devil in the White City: Murder, Magic, and Madness at the Fair That Changed America by Erik Larson
This thrilling narrative tells the spellbinding tale of the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition and its devious creators.



Wednesday, May 18

Seabiscuit: An American Legend by Laura Hillenbrand
The most famous race horse in history overcomes the odds in this number one *New York Times* bestseller.

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The Cat in the Hat 2005 Winter Reading Program

January 2–February 28

Ages 2 years–Grade 8

Calling kids of all ages
From toddlers to teens:
Join the kids' reading club
With the Cat in the Hat theme!

When you read a few books,
When you gobble them up,
You'll earn a hot chocolate,
A fine frothy cup.

Lavazza hot chocolate,
But that is not all.
Your name will be posted
On the library's wall.

Your name will be posted,
And then you will get
A Cat in the Hat
Reading Certificate.

You can read books to laugh,
You can read books to cry.
You can read books to learn,
Pile them up to the sky!

Just hop on the top
Of your red racing bike,
Or fly to the library,
Skate, ski or hike.

Then pick up a book log
At the Help Desk,
And write down the books
That you like the best.

So join our club—
Winter reading's a blast!
A reading good time
From the first to the last.

*Children must live in Elmhurst
or attend an Elmhurst school
to participate.*



*Maeve, Sean and Fiona Murphy
and Nathan Krauz join the Cat in
the Hat Winter Reading Club.*

Reading Requirements

Ages 2–K:

Read or listen to 25 books

Grade 1:

Read or listen to 15 books

Grades 2 & 3:

Read or listen to 8 books

Grades 4–8:

Read or listen to 5 books

Complete your reading
Then starting January 7,
Return your book log
For hot chocolate heaven.

Every Child Ready To Read @yourlibrary™

Give your “pre-reader” a head start with early literacy

Learning to read and write is essential to success in school. Research shows children get ready to read and write years before they start school. Make learning to read easier for your preschooler by developing important pre-reading skills now.

- Pick up a brochure at the library on “early literacy”—what children know about reading and writing *before* they actually can read and write—for tips to get you started.
- Check out books to read aloud together. Suggested reading lists for one-year-olds through grade school children are at the library and on our Web site.
- Attend a library storytime together.

Every Child Ready to Read Workshop for Parents of 4- and 5-year-old “pre-readers”

Thursday, February 10
7–8:30 p.m.

Storytime Room • Max. 35

Parents and caregivers of 4- and 5-year-olds are invited to a special workshop designed by the Public Library Association to help get your children ready to read. Learn fun ways to help your preschoolers enjoy language, books and reading and to make them comfortable with books. We'll talk about early literacy and why it is so important. You'll learn six skills you can teach your children *now* to help them be ready to read when they start school. Also, we'll suggest some great books, songs and word games to teach these critical pre-reading skills. Video clips and handouts to take home are included. Additional workshops for parents of newborns through toddlers will be offered in the spring. Register now by phone or at the Help Desk *with your EPL card*.

Book Discussions cont.

Wednesday, September 21

Five Quarters of the Orange
by Joanne Harris

A widow returns to the French town she left as a child and to clues to long-kept secrets in her mother's recipe scrapbook.

Wednesday, October 19

Life of Pi by Yann Martel

When his ship sinks, a teen is alone in a lifeboat—his only companions a hyena, an orangutan, a wounded zebra and a 450-pound Bengal tiger.

Wednesday, November 16

The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency

by Alexander McCall Smith
A female detective in Africa looks for a missing 11-year-old boy who possibly has been snatched by witchdoctors.

Discussions are not offered in the summer and in December.

Book descriptions from
“Bookletters”
www.bookletters.com

Pre-reading skills needed to raise a reader

Children develop language and literacy skills from birth. Encouraging the following skills will make it easier for your child to learn to read.

Vocabulary

Children with larger vocabularies read better. Help your children know the names of things by talking with them about what is going on around them and by reading together *every day*.

Print Motivation

Children who enjoy books will want to learn how to read. Give your child an interest in books. Show him or her how much *you* enjoy reading. Visit the library together frequently.



Ann Feehery reads to her daughter Reghan in the library's cozy preschool area.

Narrative Skills

Being able to tell or retell a story helps children understand what they read. Stories help children understand that things happen in order—first, next, last. Ask your child to tell you about events in his or her life. Listen carefully. Ask “what” questions such as “What's that?” or “What's happening here?” while pointing to a picture.

Print Awareness

Help your “pre-reader” become comfortable with books and know how to follow the words on a page. Read aloud the print that you see every day such as on labels, signs and menus. Point to words as you read aloud. Let your child turn the pages and hold the book.

Letter Knowledge

Children learn how to read aloud by knowing the names and sounds of the letters in the words. Teach them that letters are different from each other. Read alphabet books and point out and name the different letters. Use magnetic letters to spell their favorite words.

Phonics Awareness

Most children who are aware of phonics have an easier time learning to read. Help your child become aware of the smaller sounds that make up words. Use rhymes. Sing songs. Songs use different notes for each syllable. Put two different words together such as “hot” and “dog.”

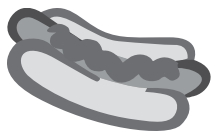
Elmhurst Public Library Special Programs for Adults

Jenny Riddle presents
Four Legendary Women of
Song: Anderson, Garland,
Baez & Streisand

Saturday, January 15 • 2 p.m.
Meeting Room 2 • Max. 150



Performer Jenny Riddle brings to life the fascinating lives of four great American singers. Enjoy the songs that hallmarked each of their careers as Ms. Riddle, in character, tells each woman's story and sings their songs. In 1939, Marian Anderson became the first African American to become a member of the Metropolitan Opera Company, paving the way for future African-American singers. Judy Garland's amazing talent and her ability to rise time and time again from personal problems made her one of the most beloved and memorable performers of the 20th century. Passionate about social justice, folk singer Joan Baez has used her fame to speak out against racism and the Vietnam War and for her right to freedom of speech. As a star, director, producer and activist, Barbra Streisand has defied the limitations placed on women. Call or visit the 2nd floor Information Desk *with your EPL card* to sign up.



Man Eats Dog:
The History of the
Chicago Hot Dog Stand

Thursday, January 20 • 7 p.m.
Meeting Room 2 • Max. 150

Join internationally-recognized food historian Dr. Bruce Kraig for an illustrated "tour" of the history and cultural significance of the hot dog and the hot dog stand. Created by European immigrants in the 19th century, the hot dog depicts a social and cultural history of America. Hot dog stands and the vernacular art decorating them represent the urban, ethnic neighborhoods which together compose a portrait of the city. Dr. Kraig is Professor Emeritus at Roosevelt University in Chicago. He has written and hosted a series of award-winning food documentaries for PBS; has appeared on national TV; and delivered the keynote address to food editors at the 1998 Pillsbury Bake-Off. He also has written several cookbooks, and his articles have appeared in the *Chicago Tribune*. Call or visit the 2nd floor Information Desk *with your EPL card* to sign up.

Lighthouses of North
America & Elsewhere

Tuesday, January 25 • 7 p.m.
Meeting Room 2 • Max. 150

Enjoy a special one-hour photo slide tour as we visit over 50 historic lighthouses with presenter George Reuss. Not only will the tour take us to beautiful lighthouses in the U.S. and Canada, but it also includes locations in Scotland, Italy, Australia and New Zealand. Hear interesting stories about some of these historic structures. Learn about the vital roles lighthouses played in maritime commerce in the late 19th and 20th centuries as well their current status and the groups dedicated to their historic preservation and restoration. Call or visit the 2nd floor Information Desk *with your EPL card* to sign up.



A Cook's Guide to
Chicago

Saturday, February 19
2 p.m.

Meeting Room 2
Max. 150

Hunting for truffle oil? Need masa harina or garam masala for a new recipe? If you want to visit the exotic markets of Korea or Vietnam without getting on an airplane or taste the flavor of fresh turmeric, then don't miss this special program. Join Marilyn Pocius, author of *A Cook's Guide to Chicago*, for a tasty tour of Chicagoland's gourmet shops, ethnic supermarkets, chef's equipment stores and much more. She will introduce you to new worlds of flavor as she shares her culinary expertise and reveals the results of years of footwork around the city searching for the perfect ingredients and suppliers. Discover where to find everything you need *and* lots of things you didn't even know you needed! Ms. Pocius will bring in unusual food items to pass around as well.

Marilyn Pocius is a chef, food writer and columnist. She grew up on the Southwest Side eating kolackys and black bread. At an early age she discovered risotto, mole sauce and tandoori chicken. Ever since, she's been exploring Chicago foodways, from the hot to the haute, from the exotic to the everyday. Call or visit the 2nd floor Information Desk *with your EPL card* to sign up.



The Artist's Journey

Thursday, February 24 • 7 p.m.
Meeting Room 2 • Max. 150



Detail of textile art depicting Lyell Canyon and Emerald Lake

Elmhurst resident Bonnie Peterson's textile art exhibition will be on display in the Elmhurst Artists' Guild Gallery at the Elmhurst Art Museum February 5–March 18. Meet the artist at this lecture and take a journey with her through her life and work. She will describe the motivations and influences behind her series of mixed media art quilts. Her art chronicles her adventures through life, often using embroidery, text and photos. "I save maps, journals, documents and photographs from my trips to the lakes and mountains, and transfer the images or text to tactile fabrics such as silk, satin, velvet and brocade. I stitch the pieces together in layers and embroider words from my diary in thick rayon and wool threads using large cursive writing," notes Ms. Peterson. "I am interested in irony and personal imagery, symbols, history and words." Her work is often narrative and explores family and social issues as well. Call or visit the 2nd floor Information Desk *with your EPL card* to sign up.

Kids' Storytimes

☎ Mother Goose Time

Ages: 1 with an adult
Mondays, Jan. 31–
March 14
(NO SESSION FEB. 21)
9:30–10 a.m. OR
Wednesdays, Feb. 2–
March 16
9:30–10 a.m. OR
Thursdays, Feb. 3–
March 17
9:30–10 a.m.

Storytime Room
Min. 8 children/Max. 15
We invite you to a program of language enrichment where adults help their little ones participate in interactive rhymes and songs. Register by phone or at the Help Desk *with your Elmhurst Public Library card* starting Sat., Jan. 15.

☎ Toddler Time

Ages: 2 with an adult
Tuesdays, Feb. 1–Mar. 15
9:30–10 a.m. OR
10:30–11 a.m. OR
Fridays, Feb. 4–March 18
9:30–10 a.m.

Storytime Room
Min. 8 children/Max. 15
Join us for stories, fingerplays and musical activities especially chosen for two-year-olds. Register by phone or at the Help Desk *with your Elmhurst Public Library card* starting Sat., Jan. 15.

☎ "In Winter We Like Good Stories and..."

Ages: 3–5
Wednesdays, Feb. 2–
March 16
10:30–11 a.m. OR
1–1:30 p.m.

Storytime Room
Min. 10 children/Max. 35
Winter can be lots of fun—especially when it includes warm and cozy stories about cold weather favorites. So let us treat you to tales about hot chocolate, good friends, snowflakes, snowmen and much more. And we promise to warm you up with our lively musical activities. Register by phone or at the Help Desk *with your Elmhurst Public Library card* starting Sat., Jan. 15.

☎ "Our Stories Will Sing, Our Rhymes Will Ring"

Ages: K & Gr. 1
Tuesdays, Feb. 1–Mar. 15
3:45–4:30 p.m.

Storytime Room
Min. 10 children/Max. 40
Join us for a storytime where our tales will rhyme. And how about a raft of fun-filled crafts? Register by phone or at the Help Desk *with your Elmhurst Public Library card* starting Sat., Jan. 15.

Kids' Special Programs

☎ 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.

Learn the basics of sign language. Registration by phone or at the Help Desk *with your Elmhurst Public Library card* began Sat., Dec. 18. There may still be openings.

☎ Historical Perspectives Presents: Harriet Tubman

Ages: K–Gr. 8
Mon., Jan. 17
2–2:45 p.m.

Meeting Room 2
In honor of Martin Luther King's birthday, children can enjoy a one-woman dramatization of the courageous Harriet Tubman's life. Born a slave in 1820 and put to work at age six, Harriet escaped to freedom in 1848 through the "Underground Railroad." She returned to rescue her family and over 300 other slaves and helped put an end to slavery. Pick up tickets at the Help Desk *with your Elmhurst Public Library card* starting Sat., Jan. 8.



☎ After-School Special & Homeschool Club: Raptor Outreach Program

Gr. 2 & up
Thursday, Jan. 20
3:30–4:30 p.m.
Meeting Room 2
Max. 100

Willowbrook Wildlife Center is bringing raptors to our library! View these animals up close and learn all about them. However, touching and petting the birds will not be allowed. You will learn about the special treatment and respect these wild animals require. Pick up tickets at the Help Desk *with your EPL card* starting Sat., Jan. 8.



☎ Chess Club

Ages: 7 & up
Fridays, Feb. 4 & 25,
March 4 & 18,
April 1 & 15
7–8 p.m.

Meeting Room 2
Play chess and learn more about the game. Register by phone or at the Help Desk *with your EPL card* starting Sat., Jan. 22.

☎ Positive Parenting
Mondays, Feb. 7–
March 14

7–9 p.m.
Meeting Room 1

Family counselor Janet Hodge will talk to parents about using positive discipline with children up to age 11. The class fee is \$35 per person. Copies of the course text, *Active Parenting Now* by Michael

Popkin, are available in the Kids' Library.

In-person registration at the Help Desk *with your EPL card* begins Sat., Jan. 22.



Kids' Book Discussions

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

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

☎ *The Case of the Glow-in-the-Dark Ghost: A Jigsaw Jones Mystery*

Monday, Jan. 3
3:30–4:15 p.m.

Jigsaw's school is haunted! And that's not all—the ghosts actually glow in the dark! Jigsaw is determined to solve this mystery, even if he has to stay after school to do it. Registration by phone or at the Help Desk *with your Elmhurst Public Library card* started Mon., Dec. 6.

☎ *The Courage of Sarah Noble* by Alice Dalgliesh

Monday, Feb. 7
3:30–4:15 p.m.

Eight-year-old Sarah finds the courage to go alone with her father and build a new home in the wilderness and to stay with Native Americans when her father goes back to bring the rest of the family. Registration by phone or at the Help Desk *with your Elmhurst Public Library card* starts Mon., Jan. 3.

Kids' Drop-in Storytimes

Just stop by for these great 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, Jan. 31–Mar. 14
(NO SESSION FEB. 21)
10:30–11 a.m.
Storytime Room
Max. 35 people

☺ Rhyme Time

Ages: 1 & 2 with an adult
Every Saturday
9:30–10 a.m.
Storytime Room
Max. 35 people

☺ Toddler Time

Ages: 2 with an adult
Fridays, Feb. 4–March 18
10:30–11 a.m.
Storytime Room
Max. 35 people

☺ "In Winter We Like Good Stories and..."

Ages: 3 & up
Thursdays, Feb. 3–March 17
10:30–11 a.m.
Storytime Room
Max. 40 people

☺ Saturday Family Storytime

All ages
(most appropriate for children 3–7)
Every Saturday
(NO SESSION FEB. 19)
10:30–11 a.m.
Storytime Room
Max. 40 people

The Great TV Turn Off

February 17–23

☺ "Great TV Turn Off" Poster Program

Ages: Preschool–Gr. 8
Thursday, Jan. 13
3:30–6 p.m. OR
Saturday, Jan. 15
1–4 p.m.
Storytime Room

Stop by the library anytime between 3:30–6 p.m. on Jan. 13 or 1–4 p.m. on Jan. 15 to design a poster for Elmhurst's "Great TV Turn Off" that shows fun activities children can do instead of watching TV. We'll use your poster to publicize this special week throughout town. No registration is needed. However, parents or guardians must sign a waiver giving permission for the poster to be displayed.

☎ After-School Special: Game Day

Ages: Gr. 2 & up
Thursday, Feb. 17
3:30–4:30 p.m.
Storytime Room
Max. 30

It's been a long day at school. Now it's time to cut loose and have some fun. We've got games galore to entertain and challenge you including Scrabble, Guessures, Dominoes, Clue, Outburst, Pictionary and more.

Register by phone or at the Help Desk *with your EPL card* starting Sat., Feb. 12.



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



Carole Peterson and Alvin McGovern perform lively music at "Macaroni Soup" on February 18 & 19.

☎ Homeschool Club

Ages: Gr. 2–8
Thursday, Feb. 17
1:30–2:30 p.m.
Storytime Room
Same as After-School Special.

☒ "Macaroni Soup!"

Ages: For families
Friday, Feb. 18
7–7:45 p.m. OR
Saturday, Feb. 19
10:30–11:15 a.m.
Meeting Room 2
Max. 150

Carole Peterson and her accompanist, Alvin McGovern, present "Macaroni Soup!"—active music for kids. Carole has been the "Pied Piper" of lively music for Chicagoland children for 14 years. Her energy and enthusiasm will encourage even the smallest child

to join the singing and dancing. You will jump, jiggle, add lyrics and maybe even enjoy a snowball fight, regardless of the weather outside! Pick up tickets at the Help Desk *with your EPL card* starting Sat., Feb. 12.



☒ Melikin Puppets Present: Aesop's Fables

Ages: 4 & up
Monday, Feb. 21
10–10:50 a.m. OR
Wednesday, Feb. 23
7–7:50 p.m.
Meeting Room 2
Max. 150

The Melikin Puppets bring several of Aesop's fables to life. In "The Lion and the Mouse," a very clever mouse proves to the zany, egotistical lion that "little friends may someday prove to be great friends." In "The Fox and the Grapes," Aesop will call upon the audience to help outsmart a sly fox. Others tales include "The Shepherd Boy Who Cried Wolf" and the ever popular "Tortoise and the Hare." Pick up tickets at the Help Desk *with your Elmhurst Public Library card* starting Saturday, February 12.


☒ Library Scavenger Hunt

Ages: For families
Tuesday, Feb. 22
6–6:45 p.m. OR
7:30–8:15 p.m.
Storytime Room
Max. 100

Your family will act as a team and follow clues to learn more about the library. If you finish, you'll earn a small prize! Pick up tickets at the Help Desk *with your Elmhurst Public Library card* starting Saturday, February 12.

Build your computer knowledge

Level I

 **Intro to Computers I**
Thursday, January 13
5:30–7:30 p.m. OR
Saturday, January 22
10 a.m.–12 p.m. OR
Saturday, February 12
10 a.m.–12 p.m. OR
Tuesday, March 1
5:30–7:30 p.m.


Max. 15 • \$10 per person

Learn the basics of using a computer, such as logging on, using the mouse and basic Microsoft Windows skills. No previous computer knowledge is required. Register in person *with your EPL card* and fee at the Information Desk.

 **Intro to Computers II** 
Tuesday, January 18
5:30–7:30 p.m. OR
Saturday, February 19
10 a.m.–12 p.m. OR
Tuesday, March 8
5:30–7:30 p.m.

Max. 15 • \$10 per person

Building on the skills covered in Intro to Computers I, you will learn to run programs and manipulate files in preparation for using programs like Microsoft Word and Excel. Register in person *with your EPL card* and fee at the Information Desk.

 **Library Catalog For Non-Computer Users** 
Thursday, February 10
10–11:30 a.m.
(9:30–10 a.m. optional mouse tutorial)

Max. 15 • No fee

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

Elmhurst Public Library continues to offer a growing number of hands-on computer classes in the computer lab to help you enhance your computer skills. Classes are available for those with little to no computer experience as well as for those seeking to learn new computer applications.


- Classes are open to Elmhurst Public Library cardholders high school age or older.
- These are single classes, not part of a series.
- Fees must be paid at the Information Desk at the time of registration by cash or check.
- Refunds will not be given. You will receive a \$10 voucher only for cancellations made at least 7 days in advance.



Level II


 **Library Catalog For Computer Users** 
Thursday, February 10
7–8:30 p.m.
Max. 15 • No fee

Learn how to search the library's catalog. This class is for people who already know how to use a mouse & computer. Call or visit the Information Desk *with your EPL card* to register.


 **Internet Basics**
Wednesday, January 26
5:30–7:30 p.m. OR
Saturday, February 5
9:30–11:30 a.m. OR
Wednesday, March 2
1:30–3:30 p.m.

Max. 15 • \$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.


 **Using E-mail**
Monday, January 17
9:30–11:30 a.m.
Max. 15 • \$10 per person

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

 **Intro to Word**
Saturday, January 29
10 a.m.–12 p.m. OR
Tuesday, February 22
5:30–7:30 p.m.

Max. 15 • \$10 per person

Learn how to use Microsoft Word, a word processing program. No prior knowledge of Word is required, but you must have basic Windows, mouse and keyboarding skills. Register in person *with your Elmhurst Public Library card* and fee at the Information Desk.

 **Intro to Excel**
Saturday, January 15
10 a.m.–12 p.m. OR
Wednesday, February 2
9:30–11:30 a.m. OR
Saturday, March 5
10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Max. 15 • \$10 per person

Learn to use Microsoft Excel, a spreadsheet program. You'll learn basic skills such as creating, saving and naming a document; entering and correcting data; using formulas; formatting worksheets and more. No prior knowledge of Excel is required, but you must have basic Windows, mouse and keyboarding skills. Register in person *with your Elmhurst Public Library card* and fee at the Information Desk.

Programs for Adults

 **Lyric Opera Lectures**

2:30 p.m. • Max. 50
Meeting Room 1

No registration is required.

Sun., January 9

Fidelio by Beethoven

Sun., January 23

Tosca by Puccini

 **Book Discussions**

Wednesday, January 19
2:30 p.m. OR 7:30 p.m.

Skipping Christmas

Wednesday, February 16
2:30 p.m. OR 7:30 p.m.

Reading Lolita in Tehran

Register & pick up a copy of the book at the Information Desk *with your EPL card*.

 **Free Career Counseling**

Mon., January 10 & 24

Mon., February 14 & 28

9:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

Meet with a career counselor from Jewish Vocational Service, a non-profit, non-sectarian agency, 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.

Friends poetry contest

for grades 4 – 12

A word is dead
When it is said,
Some say.

I say it just
Begins to live
That day.

—Emily Dickinson

Are you a young poet, but you don't know it? Get creative, start writing and join other students in a poetry contest hosted by the Friends of the Library. The Friends group invites budding poets in grades 4–12 who live in Elmhurst or attend an Elmhurst school to enter their original work.

Awards will be granted in each of several age groups. The winner in each age group will receive a \$50 gift certificate from a local bookstore. The second place winner will receive a \$25 gift certificate. Students receiving honorable mentions will be recognized as well.

Winning poems will be displayed in the library's lobby during April—National Poetry Month—and the authors will read their poems on the evening of Friday, April 15 at the library. Everyone is invited to this special reading, and it will be filmed and broadcast on cable TV.

Entries must be delivered to the library either in person or by mail beginning February 1. The deadline for final submissions is Saturday, March 12 at 5 p.m. More information about the contest will be distributed through the schools in February. For a complete list of the contest's rules, stop by the library or visit www.elmhurstpubliclibrary.org.

For over 60 years members of the Friends of the Library have encouraged young readers and supported library programs and services. Please join them in their effort to advance poetry and to acknowledge the gifted young writers of our community.

Coming Attractions

Reserve one of these new titles or pick up a "Hot Copy."

Fiction

Death of a Bore
by M.C. Beaton

Dark Eye
by William Bernhardt

The Last Kingdom
by Bernard Cornwell

Entombed
by Linda Fairstein

The Broker
by John Grisham

Alice In Jeopardy
by Ed McBain

The Real Mother
by Judith Michael

Honeymoon
by James Patterson

Grow your business & get help investing with our online databases

Help your business and invest wisely by using the library's online databases. Visit the library to see just how powerful they are. Our librarians are happy to demonstrate them.

Hoovers **NEW**

- View comprehensive company, industry & market intelligence on 12 million companies
- Conduct in-depth searches on 40,000 of the world's top business enterprises
- Get the most up-to-date business information in the industry— 80 knowledgeable editors and researchers update the site daily

Morningstar **NEW**

- Research your personal portfolio of stocks and funds
- Screen more than 18,000 securities using dozens of criteria
- Get analyst reports on the stock or fund you are interested in
- View how a set of holdings can work together as a portfolio

Value Line **NEW**

- Access Value Line's leading publications online, covering stocks, mutual funds, options and convertible securities as well as special situation stocks
- View publications including: *The Value Line Investment Survey*, *The Value Line Investment Survey—Small and Mid-Cap Edition*, *The Value Line Mutual Fund Survey*, *The Value Line Daily Options Survey*, *The Value Line Special Situations Service*, *The Value Line Convertibles Survey*, *Exchange Traded Funds (ETF) Survey*

Other databases

Other online resources include Business and Company Resource Center,* CorpTech, D&B (Dun & Bradstreet) Million Dollar Directory, FirstSearch,* FISonline (Moody's/Mergent Manuals) and ReferenceUSA.*

*Also available from our Web site with your Elmhurst Public Library card.

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