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**TOWN AND COUNTRY
PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT**



PROGRAM REGISTRATION & PAYMENT INFORMATION

For more information, payment options, and to register, please visit our website at www.tcpld.org or call (630) 365-2244.

Programs with this symbol  require preregistration.

Programs with this symbol  have a fee for participation.

Payments are non-refundable and must be made in advance of the event. Payments can be made in person or online. No prorating of fees. If there are less than 5 registrants the event may be canceled.

REGISTRATION FOR PROGRAMS OPENS ON NOVEMBER 14.

In person registration begins at 9:00 a.m.

Online and phone-in registration begins at 10:00 a.m.

See online calendar for more information.

<https://elburn.librarymarket.com>



Select programs have unique registration dates.

See event details for more information

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

The Town & Country Public Library will be closed for the following holidays:

November 23, 2022

Closing at 3 p.m.

November 24 & 25, 2022

Thanksgiving

December 24, 25, & 26 2022

Christmas

December 31, 2022

New Year's Eve

January 1 & 2, 2023

New Year's Day

April 9, 2023

Easter

May 29, 2023

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LIBRARY HOURS

Sunday 1:00–5:00 p.m.
Monday–Thursday 9:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.
Friday & Saturday 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.





FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY UPDATE

The Friends of the Library (FOL), a 501c3 volunteer driven organization for over 20 years, held their annual membership meeting September 1. The photo shows President, Joan Hansen, presenting a check to Library Director, Emily Hoffman. These funds are from the FOL proceeds received from the Book Nook and Book Cart maintained by the Friends. Your continued support is appreciated. These funds are used to support programs and materials for all ages and items to enhance the library experience for our patrons. Recent examples include the outdoor patio reading area, mascot Page Turner and more. Donations of books in good condition are accepted during regular library hours. Encyclopedia, magazines and VHS are not acceptable. For more information about the Friends, check out our website maintained by Robert W. Harford: www.elburnfriends.org or contact Joan Hansen, (630) 251-4628.



Friends of the Library Coffee Bar

Saturday, December 10, 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, January 14, 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, February 11, 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, March 11, 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, April 8, 10:30 a.m.

Stop by the coffee bar to enjoy coffee, light refreshments, and an opportunity to meet new and old "Friends."

Friends of the Library Flower & Plant Sale

Friday, May 12, 9:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 13, 9:00 - 12:00 p.m.

The Friends of the Library look forward to our annual Mother's Day weekend Flower and Plant sale fundraiser and Spring Garden raffle. Online ordering will begin in April. More information available at elburnfriends.org



ELBURN CHRISTMAS STROLL

Saturday, December 3, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Join us at the Library for:

Holiday Karaoke 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Holiday Crafts 4:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Storytime with Mrs. Claus 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library

Balloon Creations by Magic Matt 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Photos with Page Turner 4:30 & 5:30 p.m.



Adult Programs

Family History Writers

- Wednesday, December 7, 2:30p.m.
- Wednesday, January 11, 2:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, February 8, 2:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 15, 2:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 12, 2:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 10, 2:30 p.m.

Family History Writers is a group for those interested in writing down their family stories.

Family History Study Hall

- Wednesday, December 21, 2:30p.m.
- Wednesday, January 18, 2:30p.m.
- Wednesday, February 15, 2:30p.m.
- Wednesday, March 22, 2:30p.m.
- Wednesday, April 19, 2:30p.m.
- Wednesday, May 17, 2:30p.m.

Family History Study Halls are for those interested in genealogy to gather and research together.

Genealogy Late-Night Lock-In ®

Friday, March 31, 6:00p.m.

Join us after hours for an opportunity to work on your genealogy or local history research with friends. Access all the library's local history and genealogy materials and get advice from seasoned genealogy researchers.

Genealogy Seekers

Join these monthly offerings for live genealogy presentations on a wide variety of topics.

Creating Google Earth Tours ®

Thursday, December 1, 7:00p.m.

Immigration to the United States: Passenger Lists ®

Thursday, January 5, 7:00p.m.

Courthouse Finds ®

Thursday, February 2, 7:00p.m.

Church Records ®

Thursday, March 2, 7:00p.m.

Newspaper Necessities ®

Thursday, April 6, 7:00p.m.

It's Not Online! The Other 90% of Records ®

Thursday, May 4, 7:00p.m.

The Kane County Genealogical Society will host monthly genealogy programs at the library every 4th Thursday. Programs begin January 26 at 7 p.m. Check our calendar for details.

Adult Programs

Film Club [®]

Select Fridays, 6:00 p.m.
Beginning December 2

Enjoy a movie night with friends as Film Studies instructor Joshua Casburn helps us to experience movies in a new way. Clear your schedule and join us after hours to learn something new about a great film.

Visit our calendar to see what movies are playing!

Holiday Movies and Music [®]

Thursday, December 15, 7 p.m.

Journey back with us over the past century of film history as host John LeGear showcases some of the happiest and most memorable holiday moments from classic and popular films.

Board Game Night [®] at Obscurity

Wednesday, January 25, 5:30 p.m.

Drop by Obscurity Brewing for a night of board game fun with friends. The library will provide games to play, but participants are encouraged to bring their favorites from home as well.

Midday Mondays

Christmas Markets in [®] Prague & Germany

Monday, December 12, 2:00p.m.

Betty White: [®] A Lifetime of Laughter

Monday, January 16, 2:00p.m.

Pre-Civil War Quilts: [®] Secret Codes to Freedom on the Underground Railroad

Monday, February 20, 2:00p.m.

Harriet Tubman [®] Monday, March 13, 2:00p.m.

The Pirate Wife: [®] Anne Bonny Monday, April 10, 2:00p.m.

Princess Di [®] Monday, May 8, 2:00p.m.

Board Game Night [®]

Tuesday, February 28, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 21, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 20, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 23, 5:30 p.m.

Drop by the library for a night of board game fun with friends. The library will provide games to play, but participants are encouraged to bring their favorites from home as well.

Intended for ages 16+

ENTERTAINMENT

Adult Programs

Craft Night at Obscurity [®]

Wednesday, December 7, 5:30 p.m.

Drop by Obscurity Brewing for a night of crafting fun with friends. The library will provide supplies, and participants are encouraged to bring their own from home as well.

Express Yourself! [®]

Wednesday, May 3, 6:00 p.m.

Expressing oneself through the use of artistic mediums for the purpose of emotional healing has been utilized for centuries. Whether you utilize art regularly or the last time you picked up an artistic tool was in art class, this program is for you.

For Adults and Teens.

Galentine's Paint & Sip [®]

Tuesday, February 7, 6:00 p.m.

Create a beautiful Valentine's-themed painting as you follow along step-by-step with instructor Libby Henderson. All skill levels are welcome; no prior painting experience is required. Light (non-alcoholic) refreshments will be served.

For Adults and Teens.

Crafterwork

Stop by after work (anytime between 5:30-7:30) for some arts and crafts with friends.

Mug Painting & Hot Cocoa Bar [®]

Tuesday, December 20, 5:30 p.m.

Cross Stitch [®]

Tuesday, March 7, 5:30 p.m.

Wine Glass Decorating [®]

Tuesday, April 18, 5:30 p.m.

Hygge Hangout [®]

Tuesday, January 17, 5:30 p.m.

We'll set the tone with soft lighting and peaceful music and provide calming activities such as art and craft supplies and puzzles. Tea and light snacks will also be served. Feel free to bring your own knitting, crocheting, etc. if you'd like.

For Adults and Teens.

Wet Felted Rose [®]

Wednesday, February 1, 6:30 p.m.

Natasha Lehrer Lewis, of Esther's Place, walks you through making a wet felted rose. Follow along to create the perfect adornment for your jacket, purse or home.

For Adults and Teens.

Adult Programs

Photography 101

Photo Editing Part 1 ®

Monday, January 23, 6:30p.m.

Photo Editing Part 2 ®

Monday, January 30, 6:30p.m.

Night & Low Light Photography ®

Monday, February 27, 6:30p.m.

Macro Photography ®

Monday, April 3, 6:30p.m.

iPhone Photography ®

Monday, May 15, 6:30p.m.

Photo Composition ®

Monday, May 22, 6:30p.m.

All photography classes may be registered for individually.

Photography Club: ® Night & Low Light Photography

Monday, March 6, 6:30 p.m.

Here's your chance to practice the night & low light photography techniques you learned in Libby Henderson's workshop the previous week!

Participants should bring their own camera, whether a DSLR camera or mobile phone.

Photography Club: ® Macro Photography

Monday, April 10, 6:30 p.m.

Here's your chance to practice the macro photography techniques you learned in Libby Henderson's workshop the previous week!

Participants should bring their own camera, whether a DSLR camera or mobile phone.

Floral Arranging ® \$ **Winter Door Swag**

Tuesday, December 6, 7:00 p.m.

Join Peggy Garvin of Garvin Gardens for her popular floral arranging class. The project will be a winter door swag! Participants will need to provide their own scissors/shears.

You must be a Town & Country patron to register for this program.

Floral Arranging ® \$ **Annual Container Garden**

Tuesday, May 2, 7:00 p.m.

Join Peggy Garvin of Garvin Gardens for her popular floral arranging class.

You must be a Town & Country patron to register for this program.

Registration for this program opens on Monday, April 3, 10:00 a.m.

Adult Programs

Planning and Planting a Vegetable Garden [®]

Thursday, March 16, 7:00 p.m.

Feed your whole family the fruits and vegetables they enjoy from your own garden. From site preparation through harvest, a Master Gardener will give you the tips and tricks for successful vegetable gardening.

Composting [®]

Monday, April 24, 7:00 p.m.

Discover the many benefits of home composting. A Master Gardener will discuss how to turn landscape waste into high-quality compost that you can use to enrich your soil.

Medicare Basics [®]

Tuesday, December 13, 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 10, 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, February 9, 10:00 a.m.

Anyone turning 65 or approaching retirement is welcome to attend this informative seminar on Medicare.

Check our calendar in the spring for more dates.

Program held virtually in January & February.

Overcoming Overwhelm [®]

Wednesday, January 4, 6:00 p.m.

In today's world, we have a lot to manage, and at times, that can lead to feeling overwhelmed. While we may not always be able to control what we need to manage, we are able to control how we manage it.

Adults & Teens

Hatha Yoga [®] \$

Mondays, 9:15 a.m.

Winter Session

January 9 - March 13

\$50⁰⁰ for 10 sessions

Spring Session

April 3 - May 22

\$40⁰⁰ for 8 sessions

Grab your yoga mat and towel, put on comfy clothes, and get ready for a relaxing hour of yoga with seasoned instructor Sheila Kari.

Chair Yoga [®] \$

Thursdays, 1:00 p.m.

Winter Session

January 12 - February 9

\$25⁰⁰ for 5 sessions

Spring Session

March 16 - May 25

\$55⁰⁰ for 11 sessions

Join yoga instructor Lynn Meredith for gentle, non-strenuous chair exercises. Chair-assisted yoga provides all the health benefits of yoga without the need to get down on the floor.

Adult Programs

ESL for Adults [®]

Thursdays, 10:00 a.m.
Beginning December 1

This weekly class, taught by trained ESL teacher Megan Shumaker, is meant for adult English language learners. All proficiency levels and backgrounds are welcome!

Midwest Baking [®] with Shauna Sever

Tuesday, December 13, 7:00 p.m.

Join Shauna Sever, cookbook author, TV and radio contributor, and daughter of the great Midwest, for this special *Illinois Libraries Present* holiday season event.

Program held virtually.

Obscurity Book Club [®] *Inciting Joy*

Wednesday, January 4, 7 p.m.

Join us at Obscurity Brewing to discuss *Inciting Joy* by Ross Gay. Then join us on January 11th for a virtual discussion and Q&A with the author himself!

Inciting Joy: A Conversation with Ross Gay [®]

Wednesday, January 11, 7:00 p.m.

Kick off your new year with a conversation about joy with best-selling essayist and award-winning poet Ross Gay.

Program held virtually.

Life Lessons from the Happiest People on Earth: Hygge and More [®]

Tuesday, January 10, 7:00 p.m.

Every year, the World Happiness Report is dominated by Scandinavia. What is it about these countries that makes living there so pleasant? Learn to improve your own life by embracing the practices of hygge and more.

Illinois Storm Chasers [®]

Tuesday, March 14, 6 p.m.

Join us as we take a dive into the basics of severe weather. Topics include: storm chasing, local climatology, past tornadic events, severe weather safety and preparedness and a Q&A.

Adults & Teens

LEARNING & DISCOVERY

Spanish & Teen Programs

**Spanish Immersion for[®]
Homeschooled Learners**

Wednesdays, 2:00 p.m.
Beginning February 1

Join Señora Silvana for a weekly virtual Zoom class for homeschooled learners. We will go over practical language and hold a basic conversation.

Ages 9 +

Program held virtually.

**Teen Scene:[®]
Watercolor Holiday
Cards & Cookies**

Thursday, December 15, 4:30 p.m.

In the first half of the class we will learn watercolor techniques and each painter will create 6 watercolor cards. Then we will apply those same techniques and paint 6 frosted sugar cookies

Grades 6 - 12

**Spanish Immersion[®]
Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m.
Beginning February 1**

Join Señora Silvana for a weekly virtual Spanish Immersion Zoom class for tweens and teens. We will go over practical language and hold a basic conversation.

Ages 9 - 17

Program held virtually.

**Crafternoon for[®]
Tweens and Teens**

Wednesday, February 15, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 15, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 19, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 17, 4:30 p.m.

Hang out with your friends while creating some fun and creative crafts!

Ages 9 - 18

**Spanish Immersion[®]
for Adults**

Wednesdays, 5:00 p.m.
Beginning February 1

Join Señora Silvana for a weekly virtual Zoom class for beginner adult learners. We will go over practical language and hold a basic conversation.

Ages 18+

Program held virtually.

**Teen Scene:[®]
Resume Writing Workshop**

Saturday, February 18, 9:30 a.m.

Teen Job Help will show you how to build, edit & strengthen your resume, even starting from scratch! All you need to bring with you is your great attitude!

Grades 9 - 12

Art in the Afternoon [®]

Wednesday, January 11
Wednesday, February 1
Wednesday, March 1
Wednesday, April 5
Wednesday, May 3

2 Sessions at 1:00 & 1:45 p.m.

Have fun creating simple seasonal & holiday art projects!

Ages 3 - 6

Art After School [®]

Wednesday, January 11, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, February 1, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 1, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 5, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 3, 4:30 p.m.

Have fun creating simple seasonal & holiday art projects!

Ages 5 - 9

Art After School [®]

Wednesday, January 18, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, February 8, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 8, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 12, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 10, 4:30 p.m.

Hang out with your friends while creating some fun seasonal art!

Ages 9 - 13

Homeschool Art [®]

Fridays, 2:00 p.m.
Beginning February 3

Come and join us for a creative art experience! This is a wonderfully messy class, so appropriate clothing is encouraged.

Grades 2 - 6

Holiday Terracotta House [®]

Wednesday, December 7, 4:30 p.m.

Come to the library to design & create your very own festive elf or gingerbread house out of a terracotta pot!

Ages 7+

Jelly Bean Bear Workshop [®]

Thursday, March 30, 1:00 p.m.

Join us for a Do-It-Yourself Teddy Bear Workshop. We will be making a 15" Jelly Bean Bear. We will be hand-stuffing our furry friend. They have a hidden locking closure, so no sewing is required.

Ages 4 - 8

Youth Programs

Kindergarten [®] \$

Readiness

Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.
Beginning January 10

Prepare your child for kindergarten by enrolling them in our Kindergarten Readiness classes! These classes work on fine motor skills, early literacy skills, math skills, and social skills.

For children entering kindergarten in fall 2023.

All Things STEAM [®]

Wednesday, January 25, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, February 22, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 22, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 26, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 24, 4:30 p.m.

Join Mrs. Hansen each month for a different STEAM project. Challenge yourself as you plan, design, and engineer a new project each class.

Ages 9 - 13

Homeschool Science [®]

Tuesdays, 1:00 & 2:15 p.m.
Beginning February 7

This chemistry class incorporates both classical and book-based approach to science. We will work on science concepts along with hands-on experiments, writing labs, and journaling.

Grades 1 - 5

Kane County Forest Preserve Traveling Naturalist Workshops

Backyard Wilderness [®]

Tuesday, January 24, 4:30 p.m.

Birds of Prey [®]

Tuesday, March 28, 4:30 p.m.

Wonderful World of Insects [®]

Tuesday, May 30, 4:30 p.m.

All Ages

New Parent Workshop [®]

Monday, February 20, 6:00 p.m.

Whether it's your first or fifth - welcoming a new baby can feel like pure joy and unbridled anxiety. Join us and other parents to gain tools and encouragement as you navigate the new roles and responsibilities that accompany parenthood.

Adults

Family Yoga [®]

Wednesday, January 11, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, February 8, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 8, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 12, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 10, 6:30 p.m.

Join us for family yoga where we will focus on our breath and move through yoga postures all while having fun!

Grades K - 6

Youth Programs

Baby & Toddler Storytime ®

Fridays, 10:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Beginning January 13

Miss Nancy's learning plan includes songs, flannel board activities, and stories that all work to enhance the development of early literacy skills.

4-6 Year Old Storytime ®

Thursdays, 10:00 a.m.

Beginning January 12

Join Mrs. Hansen for interesting activities, entertaining books, and a special craft! This storytime is designed for children who are able to listen and participate without assistance from a parent or caregiver.

Mixed Age Storytime with Miss Nancy ®

Tuesdays, 10:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Beginning January 10

Join Miss Nancy for an all-ages story time full of songs, fingerplays, stories and a craft. We will meet in the silo or outside depending on the weather.

Inclusive Family Storytime ®

Tuesday, December 6, 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 7, 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 4, 4:30 p.m.

Rising Lights Project will be joining us for an Inclusive Family Storytime. Children of all abilities are welcome to join us for stories, songs and a craft.

Ages 5 - 10

Holiday Storytime with Miss Nancy ®

Tuesday, December 6, 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, December 13, 10:00 a.m.

Get in to the Holiday Spirit!

December 6-If You Take a Mouse to the Movies

December 13-Bear Stays Up for Christmas

Cookies, Cocoa & a Holiday Story ®

Wednesday, December 14, 4:30 p.m.

The Holidays are coming! Wear your favorite cozy holiday outfit and join Mrs. Hansen for cookies, cocoa and a holiday story.

Ages 7 - 10

STORYTIMES

POSTAL CUSTOMER



Need help with a device or other technological issue? Sign up for some 1-on-1 assistance with a library staff member.

Available Tuesdays & Thursdays

