From the Director’s Desk, Matt Womack

We recently learned that we’ve been named a Star Library for the 10th year in a row! The rating is one small acknowledgement of how well we meet our mission to share the joy of discovery.

The 2020 census is nearing. Census Day is April 1. We need to make sure we count everyone! There’s an excellent overview of why it’s so important on page 3.

I have been privileged to be a part of the Ela Library for most of the past 17 years. It has been an honor to serve as executive director for the past eight. I’ve enjoyed enthusiastic support of so many neighbors who have helped make my experience here incredibly rewarding. But, I’ve decided it’s time for me to transition to the next chapter of my life and career.

I am so proud of the way our library has continued to reinvent itself to meet the needs of a continuously changing culture. It’s a great credit to our community that we value this contemporary resource. I look forward to seeing the Ela Library become an even greater treasure in the years to come.

One of my final projects has been to coordinate a promotional campaign called Libraries are for Everyone. One of the things I’ve loved best about my time at the Ela Library is how much I’ve learned from working with an amazing variety of people. We all have unique stories, lives and interests, and we all contribute to the richness of our community. Libraries are for Everyone.

Board Appoints Interim Director

The Library’s Board of Trustees appointed Ela Library’s Assistant Director Erica Christianson as interim executive director. Christianson has 30 years of vast library experience in a variety of roles. In a written statement to library staff, the Board said, “We express our gratitude to Matt Womack and wish him well in his future endeavors.”

Ela Library Ranks Among Top in Nation

For the 10th consecutive year, Ela Library has earned national recognition as a “Star Library” in Library Journal’s annual national review of public libraries. Each year, the professional publication spotlights the “best of the best across America.” Star Library status was awarded to just 17 public libraries in Illinois and 261 nationwide.

Holds Privacy

We recently changed the way names are printed on hold slips. This was a system-wide change required by our computer consortium. Holds now display the first four letters of your last name, your first initial, your middle initial and the last four digits of your library card number. To make it easier to identify your hold, please be sure to have your library card number with you.
**What is the Census?**
The census is a population count of the United States that happens every 10 years. The count is mandated by the Constitution and conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau, a nonpartisan government agency. Each home will receive an invitation to respond to a short questionnaire—online, by phone, or by mail.

**Why It Impacts Our Community.**
The census provides critical data that lawmakers, business owners, teachers, and many others use to provide daily services, products, and support for you and your community. When you complete the census, you help:

- Determine how many seats states get in Congress
- Guide how billions of dollars in federal funding is distributed to states and communities each year
- Build schools, roads and hospitals
- Create jobs
- Provide housing
- Prepare for emergencies

**How Can the Library Help?**
Complete the census on any of the Library’s public computers. Attend a census event and receive a raffle slip to win a prize. Questions, visit www.census.gov, or www.Illinoiscensus2020.com

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**CENSUS EVENTS**

**Census Sessions**
The most important thing you can do is respond to the census questionnaire when you receive it. Use a Library computer to complete the census. Enjoy Starbucks coffee and snacks, while supplies last. Assistance is available, if needed. Meeting Room A.
- Thurs., Mar. 12 – noon-3pm
- Wed., Mar. 18 – 2-5pm
- Wed., Apr. 1 – noon-4pm

**Explicando Acerca del Censo**
Venga a aprender sobre el Censo 2020, por qué es tan importante que responda, cómo le afectará y obtenga ayuda para completar su cuestionario en este día.
- 6pm Miercoles, Marzo 18 (NR)

**Census Day 2020**
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- Stop by Meeting Room A to complete your census and receive a special prize. Stickers, Starbucks and snacks are available, while supplies last, as well as a counting contest.
- noon-4pm Wed., Apr. 1 Meeting Room A

**I Count – Storytimes**
Collect “I Count” census stickers during our Spring Storytime session (April 7-30). Each week, we will feature a new design. See how many you can collect!
- April 7-30 (T)

“*We only have one shot every 10 years to get the census right. If we don’t, undercounted groups won’t get the appropriate level of funding for programs needed in their neighborhoods, and local leaders and officials won’t have the reliable information they need to make decisions.*” – *American Library Association*
photo PROGRAMS

Programs—see page 8.

Registration begins March 1 for all programs

Green events

AARP Tax Appointments
This service is provided by volunteers for seniors and qualified individuals.
9:15am-12pm Saturdays by appointment through Apr. 11 (R)

Alzheimer’s Support Group
This monthly drop-in session provides support and information for those in a caregiving role. For more information, contact the Alzheimer’s Association at (800) 272-3900.
7-8:30pm Tuesdays, Mar. 3, Apr. 7, May 5 (NR)

Illinois Storm Chasers
Illinois Storm Chasers founder Adam Lucio presents an insight into local climatology and a look at storm chasing and spotting. An active storm chaser since 2004, Lucio has witnessed more than 120 tornadoes and was featured on Season of the Storm as well as numerous media outlets.
7pm Wed., Mar. 4 (R)

Warm Up Lake Zurich Knitting & Crochet Group
All levels welcome!
4:30-6pm Thursdays, Mar. 5, Apr. 2, May 7 (NR)

Ela Library Quilt Talks
Join us monthly to discuss and learn everything about quilt making. Share tips, techniques and knowledge. All levels welcome.
6:30-8:30pm Thursdays, Mar. 5, Apr. 2, May 7 (NR)

AIRC! Lawyer in the Library
An attorney from Kelleher & Buckley will provide one-on-one consultations on issues of estate/trust administration and estate planning. Appointments run every 20 minutes.
5-6pm Tues., Mar. 10 (R)

Erane Scully WWII Soviet Prison Camp Survivor
Erane Scully, a former Woodstock, Ill., native was a young girl traveling to Warsaw on September 1, 1939 when she and her mother were captured by the Soviets and taken along with millions of others to Siberian work camps. McHenry County College Professor Sarah Sullivan shares the history behind Scully’s story and reveals the reasons why it is an untold episode in the events of WWII.
2-3pm Wed., Mar. 11 (R)

Motivation 101
Do you have a project you need to tackle? An idea you want to make reality? Learn some tips, tricks and secrets to keep yourself motivated and positive for the road ahead.
10am-noon Sat., Mar. 14 (R)

Genealogy Interest Group
3-5pm Mondays (March 16, 3-4:30pm) (NR)
Mar. 16 All Those Irish Folks (Children’s Program Room)
Apr. 20 All Those German Folks (Meeting Room A)
May 18 Polish Immigration, Steve Szabados speaker (Meeting Room A)

Great Decisions
Great Decisions is America’s largest discussion program on world affairs. Discuss the most critical global issues facing America today. Visit fpa.org for topics. Contact Librarian Renée Stein (847) 438-3433 or rstein@eapl.org for more details.
1-2:30pm Tuesdays, Mar. 17, Apr. 21, May 19 (R)

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Based on the practice of Lectio Divina (divine reading), this series is intended for anyone looking for a simple, refreshing method to enjoy poetry and begin a relaxing meditation practice. Each session is guided and no experience is required. Bring a notebook and pen for journaling.
7-8pm Thursdays, Mar. 19, 26; Apr. 2, 9
Ages 12 and up (R)

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Books are available at the Readers’ Services Desk.

Books & Brews
Join us at Zin GastroPub 583 N Rand Rd., Lake Zurich
7-8:30pm Tuesdays (R)
Mar. 24 Finding Dorothy by Elizabeth Letts
May 19 The Driver by Hart Hanson

YA for Adults Book Discussion
Join us for a lively discussion about popular and noteworthy Young Adult books. Location: Long Grove Coffee Co., 126 Old McHenry Rd, Long Grove.
6-7pm Tuesdays (R)
Apr. 14 Dark and Deepest Red by Anna-Marie McLemore

Senior Book Discussion
Books are available in large print, audio and regular print formats. You must register to receive a book.
Co-sponsored with Ela Township 55+.
10-11:30am Mondays (R)
Mar. 23 Miracle Creek by Angie Kim
Apr. 27 The Nickel Boys by Colson Whitehead
No May Meeting

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Ages 12 and up (R)
**Memory Café**

Memory Café is an opportunity for people who are experiencing mild or early stage memory loss and their care partners to gather for recreation and socialization. Themes change monthly and may include a craft, a guest presenter, music or animal therapies. Conversation and connection are the goals of each gathering with no expectations or pressure. Refreshments provided. Register through BACOA Barrington Area Council on Aging (847) 381-5030. Held at Ela Library.

10-11:30am Tuesdays, Mar. 24, Apr. 21, May 19 (R)

**Women in History**

History comes alive as Martina Mathisen portrays eight dynamic women, each marvelously expressing themselves and their passions. All were alive on our planet at the same time. See and hear who made a difference in our American experience.

2-3pm Thurs., Mar. 26 (R)

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noon-4pm Wed., Apr. 1 Meeting Room A

**Mind Games 1, The Science of Perception Deception**

Our brain decides how we perceive everything around us. It finds patterns and solves problems efficiently, except for when it lies to us. In this program, William Pack explores the real science of how our brains trick us into seeing and believing things that don’t exist. Experience how optical illusions work, why people fall for scams and how we make thousands of choices every day that are influenced subconsciously.

7pm Wed., Apr. 1 (R)

**The Science of Climate Change**

In this presentation designed for a science-interested audience, we put the politics to the back burner and focus, instead, on the science evidence: What does science say is happening? Where does the data come from? What might be in our future, based on the data? Presented by Michelle Nichols, author, astronomy educator and speaker.

7pm Thurs., Apr. 2 (R)

**When I’m 64—A Series of Medicare Primers**

If you’re approaching age 65 or care for someone who is, this series of educational programs is designed to help and inform you about Medicare, supplemental insurances and more. Register through BACOA at (847) 381-5030.

7-8:30pm Mondays

Apr. 6 The Basics of Medicare
Apr. 13 What is a Medicare Supplement vs. a Medicare Advantage Plan?
Apr. 20 Living on Social Security—How to thrive and not just survive on limited income

**Plant Clinics**

University of Illinois Extension Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer all your gardening questions. Bring plant samples and/or photos.

Wed., Apr. 22 10am-2pm and 6-8pm (NR)

**Yoga for Back Pain**

Linda Benton, a certified yoga for back care and scoliosis trainer, will guide you through yoga postures to help slowly coax your body into a more symmetrical alignment. Attendees should wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat, a strap and two blankets. In addition, those with scoliosis should also bring two wash cloths. This workshop is designed for those with back pain including scoliosis and stenosis.

7pm Wed., Mar. 11 (R)

**Healthy Living for Your Brain & Body: Latest Research**

Ela Library is proud to be one of the first community sites to offer a new educational initiative by the Alzheimer’s Association. Science can now provide insights into how lifestyle choices may help keep your brain and body healthy as you age. Learn about the latest research in the areas of diet, exercise and cognitive activity. Hands-on tools will be provided to help you incorporate these recommendations.

1-2:30pm Thurs., Mar. 19 (R)

**Blending Essential Oils for Your Health**

Discover how to create essential oil blends that assist your body in natural well-being. Choose from a variety of time-honored recipes or make your own based on the benefits of each oil you will learn in class. Take home a custom oil blend you’ve created and a wealth of knowledge on the use, safety and benefits of essential oil blends. Space is limited. Ela cardholders only.

7pm Wed., Apr. 15 (R)

**Sleep Better Now**

Sleep is one of the most important things in our life. It affects our mood, concentration, immune system and general enjoyment of our days and life. Clinical Psychologist Dr. Kimberly Lemke is trained in CBT-I (Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Insomnia) and will teach you evidence-based strategies that will give you back control of your sleep and allow you to finally have the sleep that you have only dreamed about. A good night’s sleep can start tonight!

7pm Wed., May 6 (R)

**Before You Call the Electrician**

Professional handyman Dan Findley returns for this brief exploration of how residential electric systems function. Audience members will have an opportunity to use the tools necessary to tackle the simplest of electrical repairs like replacing a switch or outlet. Space is limited. Ela cardholders only.

7pm Wed., Apr. 22 (R)

**Echoes of the Earth: Finding Ourselves in the Origins of the Planet**

Were you aware that our bodies hold Earth’s long history—its ancient minerals are in our bones. Discoveries such as these and more will be shared when author Sue Baugh takes us on her 54,000 mile journey to document the world’s oldest rock and mineral sites.

2-3pm Thurs., Apr. 23 (R)

**NEW! Volunteer Fair**

Teens, adults, families and retirees can connect with local organizations to learn more about opportunities in the area. This drop-in event is designed to encourage volunteering for many community agencies that would really appreciate your help.

6-8pm Mon., Apr. 27 (R)
The Future is Now: An Architectural Tour of the World
Of the 100 super structures that stand on our planet today, the first 50 took 80 years in total to build, the second 50 have taken five years. Historian Martina Mathiesen returns to tour these architectural wonders and share the unparalleled advances in architecture today.
2-3pm Wed., Apr. 29 (R)

Zero Waste Mindset
The average person in the United States sends 4.4 lbs of trash to the landfill every day. This presentation provides tips on reducing waste while saving money and improving your health.
7pm Wed., Apr. 29 (R)

Astronomy Day
This annual event features exhibits, crafts and hands-on activities for all ages. See many types and sizes of telescopes and displays on topics such as astrophotography, the planets and upcoming club events. Presented by the Lake County Astronomical Society.
10am-4pm Sat., May 2 (NR)

Paper Shredding and Household Recycling Event
Free, secure document shredding is limited to 3 boxes with a non-perishable food donation. Visit the Library’s website for a list of acceptable household appliance recycling items. NO tube TVs/CRT monitors, projection TVs and flat screens.
8-11am Sat., May 9 (NR)

Intro to Skywatching with a Telescope
Bring the Universe to your neighborhood! The Library has several telescopes for you to check out and use at home. Learn how to operate these Orion "Starblast" telescopes and get tips for skywatching with your eyes and with mobile phones. Presented by Michelle Nichols, author, astronomy educator and speaker.
7pm Mon., May 11 (R)

Catch and Release: A Yoga & Writing Workshop
In this workshop, discover how to deepen the mind-body connection by combining asana yoga and writing exercises. Please bring a favorite writing journal (optional), yoga mat and wear comfortable clothing. This program is part of the Inside Writing and Publishing series.
6-8:30pm Wed., May 13 (R)

Meatless Mondays
Choosing meat-free meals on Monday is a great way to look and feel better. Eating more plant-based foods is good for your health and the health of our planet. Chef Michael Maddox demonstrates delicious and nutritious options for Meatless Monday and beyond.
7pm Mon., May 18 (R)

Nurturing Your Relationship Through the Years
How do we navigate the challenges of “empty nest,” retirement issues, and even possibly caregiving issues while still maintaining our relationship together? Social Worker Cori Moschberger facilitates this discussion on changing relationships as we age. Presented by the Barrington Area Council on Aging. Register at (847) 381-5030. Held at the Library.
6:30-8pm Wed., May 20 (R)

**BUSINESS AND FINANCE**

Suit Drive
Give a suit – change a life! Drop off a new or clean/gently used women’s or men’s suit at the Library. Sponsored by the United Way of Lake County and College of Lake County.
April 1-22

Money Smart Week – April 4-11
Money Smart Week is a national public education program coordinated by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. The program is delivered by a network of supporters that empowers people with the knowledge and skills to make better-informed personal financial decisions around the key financial pillars of saving, spending, borrowing and planning. Join us for these events or connect with Money Smart Week on Facebook @MoneySmartWeekNational/Twitter @MoneySmartWeek.

Find Missing Money with I-Cash
A representative from the Illinois Treasurer’s Office will aid your search for unclaimed funds from Illinois’ lost and abandoned assets list. Stop by the lobby and see if you have any money coming to you!
2-7pm Mon., Apr. 6 (NR)

Exploring Economic Trends
Explore economic trends, updates on the stock market and how it might impact your personal plan with Financial Advisor Sean Dwyer. Understand asset allocation, preparing for volatile markets and possible opportunities in the current environment.
6:30-8pm Tues., Apr. 7 (R)

Changing Gears in Your Career
Are you looking for a job or hoping to change gears in your career? Learn some tips, tricks and exercises that will help you along your journey towards a satisfying career.
6:30-8:30pm Wed., Apr. 22 (R)
Prerequisite

Due to the popularity of computer programs, please do not register for classes you have already taken within the last year.

OFFICE APPLICATIONS

Please bring a flash drive

Microsoft Word 1
*Mouse and keyboard experience
10am-noon Tues., Mar. 10 (R)

Microsoft Word 2
*MS Word 1 or related experience
10am-noon Tues., Mar. 17 (R)

Microsoft Word 3
*MS Word 2 or related experience
10am-noon Tues., Mar. 24 (R)

Microsoft Excel 1
*MS Word 1 or related experience
10am-noon Tues., Mar. 31 or 10am-noon Sat., Apr. 4 (R)

Microsoft Excel 2
*MS Excel 1 or related experience
10am-noon Tues., Apr. 14 or 10am-noon Sat., Apr. 18 (R)

Advanced Excel 1
*MS Excel 2 or related experience
6:30-8:30pm Tues., Apr. 28 (R)

Advanced Excel 2
*Advanced Excel 1 or related experience
6:30-8:30pm Tues., May 5 (R)

Microsoft PowerPoint 2013
*MS Word 1 or related experience
10am-noon Tues., May 12 (R)

Advanced Excel 3
*Advanced Excel 1 and 2 or related experience
6:30-8:30pm Tues., May 12 (R)

How to Use Pinterest
Sign up, create a board and learn how to pin your favorite images for yourself or for your business.
6:30-8:30pm Wed., Apr. 1 (R)

VHS to DVD Demo
Come see a demonstration of how you can convert your old VHS tapes to DVDs. Not a hands-on class.
2:30pm or 6:30pm Wed., Apr. 8 (R)

Tips for Buying a Computer
This class will look at a few computer sales ads and translate what it all means to assist when purchasing a computer. After this class, you will know more about RAM, memory, processors and other computer components.
6:30-8:30pm Wed., Apr. 15 (R)

Cut the Cable!
Say goodbye to cable TV and discover some cheaper entertainment services, including what your library has to offer.
6:30-8:30pm Mon., May 4 (R)

Google G Suite
Organize your personal or business life and collaborate with others. G Suite is a suite of collaborative productivity apps that offers email, shared calendars, online document editing and storage, video meetings and much more.
6:30-8:30pm Tues., May 6 (R)

Create Your Own Photobook Online
*Bring your photos on a flash drive
Use your digital photos to create your own photo book in print with the website Picaboo.
10am-noon Sat., May 9 (R)

Business Networking for Beginners
Networking is an art that can really help build your business, but many of us don’t know where or how-to begin. This presentation will help change that as we discuss tips, tricks and strategies that can help you become a master networker in no time.
10am-noon Sat., May 16 (R)

Scanning Slides and Negatives Demo
Come see a demonstration of how you can scan your old slides or 35mm negatives to digital images. Not a hands-on class.
2:30pm or 6:30pm Wed., May 20 (R)

ADVANCED TOPICS

Online Garage Sale
eBay, Craigslist, Facebook Marketplace and Let Go … All in one!
6:30-8:30pm Wed., Mar. 25 (R)

Google Photos
*Please have a Google Gmail account
Google Photos is a photo and video sharing and storage service developed by Google.
10am-noon Sat., Mar. 28 (R)
Forge

Registration begins March 1 for all programs.

Please arrive on time. If you do not, we will forfeit your spot to a patron on the waitlist.

If you are waitlisted for a full class you may come to the class and see if there is space available due to a cancellation.

Forge Crafts
Are you interested in making something but short on time? Check out our make-and-take crafts in the Forge and create something on the go.
All ages (NR)

Girls Who Code
Are you a girl interested in computer science? Learn about programming skills such as loops, functions, conditionals and work towards developing a project that solves a real world problem in your community. All experience levels are welcome! You must be able to attend at least 5 of the 7 sessions.
2-4pm Sundays, Mar. 8, 22; Apr. 5, 19; May 3, 17, 31
Girls in grades 6-12 (R)

Butterfly Shadow Box
Artist Jennifer Lillibridge returns to guide you through creating a unique three-dimensional collage. Using a variety of mixed media, you’ll incorporate various elements into your piece for a fun and unique work of art.
4-6:30pm Mon., Mar. 9, Adults (R) Ela cardholders only

Pint Glass Etching
Back by popular demand. Slainte! This shamrock pint glass is sure to complete any St. Patrick’s Day celebratory toast. Ela cardholders only.
6-7pm Tues., Mar. 10, Adults only (R)

Pokémon Community Days
Have fun making your own Pokémon-themed masterpieces! Drop by the Forge to play with magic clay, paint on 3D models and Pokémon cards, and use 3D pens to trace and color stencils. Everything you make, you can keep.
12-2pm Saturdays, Mar. 14 and Apr. 11, All ages (NR)

Sewing Basics
Learn the basics of using a sewing machine to create a simple project. All materials and equipment provided. Due to high interest, registration is limited to one class per person each season.
6-8pm Mondays, Mar. 16, Apr. 20, May 18, Ages 12 and up (R)

Intro to 3D Modeling
Learn the basics of designing a 3D printable model using Tinkercad, a free and web-based drafting program.
6-8pm Thursdays, Mar. 19 or Apr. 23, Children under the age of 13 must be accompanied by a parent, Ages 12 and up (R)

Meet the Forge
Drop by and paint a 3D model to take home, try out our technology kits and learn about what our makerspace has to offer.
11am-4pm Saturdays, Mar. 21, Apr. 18, May 9, All ages (NR)

Trading Card Maker
Create your own custom trading cards from our curated templates. Get creative turning your favorite people, places and things into cool and unique cards.
1-3pm Sat., Mar. 28, Grades 6-12 (R)

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Tree of Life Pendant
Inventive Wire Weaving author Susan Barzacchini returns to walk you through step-by-step instructions to create a Tree of Life pendant. All supplies provided. Please bring reading/magnifying glasses, if needed.
4pm Thurs., Apr. 2, Adults (R) Ela cardholders only

Earth Day Seed Bombs
Celebrate Earth Day at Ela as we make our own seed bombs in preparation for springtime.
5-6pm Wed., Apr. 22, Ages 14 and up (R)

Pool Noodle Lightsabers
Come and customize your own lightsaber, just in time for May the Fourth!
1-2pm Sat., Apr. 25, Grades 4-5 and 2:30-3:30pm, Grades 6-12 (R)

Watercolor Painting Class
Learn the basic techniques of watercolor in this step-by-step class and leave with a finished spring themed painting. Presented by artist Victoria Elizabeth.
6-8pm Tues., May 5, Adults (R) Ela cardholders only

Graduation Signature Canvas
Join us in making a graduation canvas keepsake friends and family can sign to wish your college, highschool or kindergarten graduate the best of luck! Ela cardholders only.
6-7pm Wed., May 13, Adults (R) Ela cardholders only

DIY Hairpieces
Using fake flowers, buttons, fabric and ribbons create your floral hairpieces to wear to a fancy dance, a convention, or just because you feel like it!
1-2:30pm Sat., May 16, Grades 6-12 (R)

Die Cut and Embossing Party
Join us for a two-hour paper party! Bring your own paper or select from our library of paper cutters and embossing folders. Cut any shape you want and sample different techniques to add pizzazz. It may help to have a theme in mind (birthday, specific holidays, boy/ girl, wedding, basic shapes, tags or seasons) to serve as inspiration for your project. Presented by artist Jennifer Lillibridge.
4-6pm Tues., May 19, Adults, Ela cardholders only (R)

Finger Knitting–Make an Octopus
Make yourself an Octopus friend with some yarn on your hands. No needles or knitting experience necessary!
1-2:30pm Sat., May 30, Grades 6-12 (R)
Teen programs

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Teen Book Match
Looking for something new to read? Let us help!
For anyone looking for great young adult books, Teen Book Match can assist. Simply complete the Book Match form (https://www.eapl.org/teens/bookmatch). A librarian will contact you with a list of titles that match the genres and types of characters you enjoy reading the most. Teen Book Match forms are also available at the library.

NEW! Guided Poetry Meditation Series
See page 4 for details. Ages 12 and older.
7-8pm Thursdays, Mar. 19, 26; Apr. 2, 9 (R)

NEW! Volunteer Fair
Teens, adults, families and retirees can connect with local organizations to learn more about opportunities in the area. This drop-in event is designed to encourage volunteering for many community agencies that would really appreciate your help.
6-8pm Mon., Apr. 27 (R)

National Free Comic Book Day
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11am-4pm Sat., May 2, All ages (NR)

Coming in June! Teen Volunteer Orientation
The Library will begin recruiting for teen volunteers in June. Volunteer opportunities are available for teens going into 8th grade through grade 12. Duties include assisting with summer reading, helping with special events and outreach, and processing items in the collection. Orientation dates and times to be published in the Library’s summer newsletter. Ela cardholders and District 95 students only.

COLLEGE PREP

ACT Practice Test
Sylvan Learning Center will proctor a free ACT practice test for high school students. Take advantage of this great opportunity! Bring a calculator and pencils.
12:30-4pm Sun., Mar. 1, Grades 9-12 (R)

ACT Score Pick-Up
See how well you did on the ACT practice test (Mar.1). Meet with a consultant from Sylvan Learning Center to review your results. Drop-in.
7-8:30pm Thurs., Mar. 5 (NR)

Grants, Scholarships & Loans: A College Aid Overview
This workshop introduces various financial aid options and targets some of the biggest college planning mistakes families should avoid. Hear unique techniques to reduce the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) that can save thousands on college costs. Both parents and student are encouraged to attend. Presented by My College Planning Team.
7pm Tues., Apr. 14 (R)

Library of Things–Teen Favorites

Why buy when you can borrow? The Library offers a wide variety of items to check out, from GoPros to fishing poles. Whether you want to try it before you buy or borrow something you might only need once in a while, these items are perfect for teens. To view the entire collection, visit www.eapl.org/libraryofthings.

- GoPro Hero 7
- Epson PowerLite LCD Projector
- Singer Curvy Sewing Machine
- Foldio 2 (portable/foldable mini studio for smartphone photography)
- Metal Detector
- Orion Telescope
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### Weekly Activity Table
Come to the Children’s Department to discover a new craft or activity each week.

**¡Ven y Aprende Español Conmigo!**
¡Mamá! ¡Papá! ¿Te gustaría que tus hijos aprendan y practiquen su español? Ven e introduzcalos al maravilloso mundo del español haciendo juegos, conversando, leyendo fábulas, narraciones, y lecturas de cuentos infantiles. No hay clase el 23 y 30 de Marzo.
5pm Lunes, del 2 de Marzo al 18 de Mayo para edades de 4 a 10 años (NR)

**Come and Learn Spanish with Me!**
Mom! Dad! Would you like your kids to learn and practice their Spanish? Come and introduce them to the marvelous world of Spanish by playing games, talking and reading tales and short stories. There is no class on March 23 & 30.
5pm Mondays, Mar. 2–May 18, Ages 4-10 (NR)

**Family Yoga**
Certified yoga instructor Magica Bottari combines unique kid-friendly yoga poses with playful stories and games to create an enriching experience for young children and their caregivers. Please bring yoga mats if possible. No prior yoga experience is necessary.
1:30pm Tuesdays, Mar. 3, 10, 17; Apr. 7–May 19, Strong walkers to 4 years (NR)

**Crafternoons**

**Kiddie Crafternoon**
Learn new tricks and techniques to create masterful DIY crafts! Please dress for a mess.
4pm Thu., Mar. 12, Accompanied children grades K-3 (R)
4pm Thu., Apr. 9, Accompanied children grades K-3 (R)
4pm Fri., May 8, Accompanied children grades K-3 (R)

**Preschool Crafternoon**
Explore hands-on arts and crafts. Please dress for a mess.
1:30pm Fri., Mar. 13, Accompanied children ages 3-5 (R)
1:30 pm Fri., Apr. 10, Accompanied children ages 3-5 (R)
1:30pm Thurs., May 7, Accompanied children ages 3-5 (R)
Playtimes & Storytimes

Baby Playtime
Meet new friends and enjoy some unstructured playtime. Professional doulas Kirsten and Michelle will bring coffee and the answers to your questions about adjusting to parenthood and your little ones’ changing needs.
9:30-10:30am Mondays, Mar. 2–May 18, Accompanied children under 24 months (NR)

¡Ven y Lee Conmigo!
¡Mamá! ¡Papá! ¿Te gustaría que tus hijos se diviertan y al mismo tiempo desarrollen su imaginación? Ven e introdúcelos al maravilloso mundo de las fábulas, narraciones, y lecturas de cuentos infantiles y acompañalos a vivir esta bonita experiencia.
1pm Thursdays, Mar. 12; Apr. 9, 23; May 14, 28; Accompanied children ages 2-5 NR)

Polskie Bajki
Sluchaj bajek spiewaj, tancz, pomaluj, pokoloruj i baw sie dobrze. Program prezentowany w języku polskim.
5pm Wednesdays, Mar. 18–May 20, Accompanied children ages 2-5 NR)

Saturday Morning Stories
Stories, songs, crafts and fun with Jennifer!
10am Saturdays, Mar. 7–May 30, Accompanied children of all ages (NR)

Little Learners
Stories, songs and playtime.
9:30am Tuesdays, Apr. 7–28, Accompanied children ages 3-5 (T)

Preschool Storytime
Stories, songs and fun.
9:30am Wednesdays, Apr. 8–28, Accompanied children ages 3-5 (T)

Bounce & Rhyme Tot Time
Stories, songs and movement.
9:30am Thursdays, Apr. 9–30, Accompanied children ages 0-23 months (T)

Rock n’ Roll Storytime
Rock n’ Kids presents a unique combination of music and literacy. Through songs, movements, imaginative play and musical activities, you will explore a different book each week. Get ready for a rock n’ reading experience you won’t forget!
10am Wednesdays, May 6–27, Accompanied children ages 2-5 (T)

Baby Chick Storytime
Come sing songs and listen to stories all about hatching eggs and baby chicks!
9:30am Thurs., May 7, Accompanied children ages 0-2 (T)

Trinity Irish Dancers
Join the Trinity Irish Dancers for a full hour of traditional Irish dance and culture. After the performance, a 30-minute lesson will be offered for aspiring dancers ages 3-12. Trinity will raffle off chances to win free classes and T-shirt prizes. Hope to see you there!
1pm Sun., Mar. 8, All ages (T)

Peep-a-Palooza
Create an original Peep diorama on any theme you dream up! Beginning March 9, we will have packages of marshmallow Peeps available (while supplies last) at the Information and Children’s desks to take home. Entries are due by Sunday, March 29. All entries will be displayed March 31–April 7 so viewers can vote for their favorites. All entries must be picked up by Sunday, April 12. Please try to limit diorama size to 15”x15” or smaller.
Mon., Mar. 9–Sun., Mar. 29, All ages (NR)

Wonder Workshop
Create something wonderful while we explore process-focused art and crafts.
4pm Wed., Mar. 18, Grades K-5 (R)
4pm Wed., Apr. 22, Grades K-5 (R)
4pm Thurs., May 14, Grades K-5 (R)
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**Preschool STEAM Time**
Come play and explore hands-on activities on the themes of science, technology, engineering and math.
- 10am Fri., Mar. 20, Accompanied children ages 3-5 (R)
- 10am Fri., Apr. 17, Accompanied children ages 3-5 (R)
- 10am Fri., May 22, Accompanied children ages 3-5 (R)

**Realistic Owls: A Drawing Workshop**
Christine Thornton will show you how to draw owls with realistic proportions, feathers and eyes.
- 10am Fri., Mar. 27, Ages 7-12 (R)

**Live Owls from Stillman Nature Center**
Meet live owls and maybe even a hawk! Mark Spreyer, director of the Stillman Nature Center, will provide information about these fascinating raptors.
- 1pm Fri., Mar. 27, Ages 7 and up (R)

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**Little Women**
Enjoy Louisa May Alcott’s *Little Women* as interpreted by the Lake Zurich High School Drama Department. Members of the cast will perform scenes, songs and more in this preview of their spring musical.
- 1pm Sun., Apr. 5, All ages (T)

**Project Peep: Chick Hatching**
Beginning April 16, the library will be home to a set of incubating chicken eggs! Come to the Children’s Department to learn all about the incubation period and the hatching process while enjoying related crafts and activities. Once hatched, the baby chicks will be at the library for about a week—be sure to stop by and ‘chick’ them out!
- 4pm Fri., Apr. 24 or 4pm Tues., Apr. 28, Accompanied children in grades 2-5 (R)

**Project Peep: Egg Candling**
Learn about the incubation process and see a live candling of our incubating chicken eggs! Please register for one date only.
- 4pm Fri., Apr. 24 or 4pm Tues., Apr. 28, Accompanied children in grades 2-5 (R)

**Astronomy Day**
Presented by the Lake County Astronomical Society. Astronomy Day features exhibits, crafts and hands-on activities for all ages. See many types and sizes of telescopes and displays on topics such as astrophotography, the planets and upcoming club events.
- 10am-4pm Sat., May 2, All ages (NR)

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- 11am-4pm Sat., May 2, All ages (NR)

**May the 4th Be With You**
Celebrate all things *Star Wars* with a special craft at our activity table. Dress up as your favorite character and get a prize at the Children’s Desk!
- Mon., May 4, All ages (NR)

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April 22, 2020 Marks the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day!

Since 1970, Earth Day has increased awareness of the planet we live on, pollution, climate change, endangered species and many other environmental issues.

Did You Know?

The first Earth Day in 1970 launched a wave of action, including the passage of landmark environmental laws in the United States. The Clean Air, Clean Water and Endangered Species Acts were created in response to the first Earth Day in 1970, as well as the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Many countries soon adopted similar laws.

What Can I Do for Earth Day 2020?

Here are some Earth Day tips. These lifestyle changes could be beneficial for days and years to come!

- **Calculate Your Carbon Footprint** – Find out the amount of CO2 you produce through your daily routine. The results might surprise you. [https://www.carbonfootprint.com/calculator.aspx](https://www.carbonfootprint.com/calculator.aspx). And, attend Zero Waste Mindset on Wednesday, April 29 at 7pm at the Library.
- **Take Public Transportation, Rideshare, Walk or Ride a Bike.**
- **Give Your Home a Green Makeover** – Simple little switches, like buying energy-efficient light bulbs, could save you money.
- **Save Water** – Don’t leave water running. You can save around six gallons a day by shutting it off while you wash your hands and brush your teeth.
- **Fix It** – If it’s possible to salvage your broke product, then go for it. The less waste, the better.
- **Go Paperless** – Get bank statements and bills sent electronically.
- **Recycle** – Attend our annual Shredding & Recycling event Saturday, May 9 from 8-11am in front of the Library.
- **Plant a Garden** – Visit Garden Club of Lake Zurich’s Annual Spring Plant Sale (May 16 from 8am-noon) to get a start on developing your green thumb.
- **Switch to Reusable Bags.**
- **Go Meatless** – It’s better for the planet and opens you up for other food options. Attend Meatless Mondays on Monday, May 18 at 7pm at the Library for tips and recipes.

Regardless of your feelings about Earth Day (isn’t it every day?) you can see that there aren’t enough ways to get involved in this anniversary. For more ways to establish a healthy environment, see “green ☕️” events on pages 5 and 6.
If you had a chance to attend a Lake Zurich High School football game last year, Daniel, Kayleigh and T.J. might look familiar. Last fall, they served as drum majors for the high school marching band. It’s not surprising that many teens who work at the Library are local high school students. But, to employ three drum majors from the same high school marching band, that’s a Library first. These busy teens took time out of their schedules to answer a few questions about their jobs in the Library and at school.

Is it a coincidence that each of you happen to work at the Library?

Daniel: It’s pretty interesting because each of us started working here before any of us became drum majors. I like to think that the organizationally-driven part of our minds attracted us to working here. It also lends itself to our drum-major positions.

Tell us about your “job” in the marching band?

Kayleigh: The role of a drum major is mainly to conduct the marching band, but we also do a lot of behind the scenes tasks. We help design the band t-shirts as well as organize the creation and distribution of those shirts. We also help with planning summer band camp. In addition, drum majors are part of the band cabinet. We schedule meetings to discuss plans for the marching band. This past year, we organized a Halloween party. We each have musical backgrounds and participate in various ensembles.

What do you do at the Library?

Kayleigh: I work in the Children’s Department as a page.

T.J.: I am a Forge assistant! I absolutely love my job; it allows so much creative freedom, and, at the same time, pushes my technical side. When people ask what I do, the simplest I can answer is “I run the 3D printers,” but it really is so much more! It requires a lot of knowledge of the field, but I’m always excited to learn more about something I’m passionate about.

Daniel: I am a Circulation Department page. When books are placed in the sorter and checked in, I put them on the correct cart and help keep the circulation room running smoothly.
Do you have a favorite song to play or perform?
Daniel: This year, we performed *Bohemian Rhapsody*. It was definitely my favorite to conduct.
T.J.: My favorite song to play is *Seven Nation Army*. I learned how to play it in middle school, and here we are now playing it in the stands during games! The tubas knock it out, and it’s always a good time!

During your time at LZHS, are there any performances or high school events that really stand out?
T.J.: The homecoming game. We dressed as *Star Wars* characters. We conducted with lightsabers, stood at attention just like in the movie, and even had a little sword fight! It was a great performance for the band, too. We played the *Star Wars* theme, *Star Trek*, and *Time Warp* from the *Rocky Horror Picture Show*. An amazing night!
Kayleigh: The last home game of the most recent football season really stood out for some reason. I guess since it was the last halftime performance for a while, I was extra excited to be there that night leading the band.
Daniel: During my sophomore year, our football team made it to the state championship, so we got to perform our halftime show in the NIU stadium over Thanksgiving break. Also, we recently took a trip to London to perform in the London New Year’s Day Parade which was quite a memorable trip.

What do you like most about working at the Library?
Kayleigh: I’m never bored. There is always something to do. I can listen to music while shelving, and when I finish my assigned sections, I can help with future craft projects.
Daniel: I love seeing the most recently returned books and finding out what other people consider worthy to read— it largely fuels what books I choose to read.
T.J.: My favorite part is the experience I gain every day. Working in Forge is a great way to see if I want to pursue a career in technology.

What’s next?
Kayleigh: This year, I am a junior which means that next year I will continue to be a drum major at LZHS. I’m super excited to have the opportunity again because it truly is an experience that is unparalleled by any other.
Daniel: I plan on majoring in actuarial science, but I’m not sure where yet. Wherever I go, if I get the opportunity I definitely plan on being in the marching band there.
T.J.: I want to major in something related to engineering and technology.
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# Art Gallery and Display

The Library has a dimensional art exhibit in addition to the art gallery. Works of emerging and established local artists are displayed. For information about the art featured, visit the Reference or Information Desks.

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### Meet Artist James A. Vitullo

James A. Vitullo is a professional, published, award-winning freelance photographer and recent graduate of Columbia College Chicago (BA in Photography) who shoots commercial, portrait, fine art, wedding and event aspects. He enjoys capturing the world and the beauty it holds and sharing his photography.

“Anything is a photograph.” This is a motto developed from his career that turned into a feasible, potential business. He specializes in food imagery and is skilled in many other areas. Wherever he is, he ends up with a composition worth visualizing behind the lens of his Nikon. His mind conjures up ideas that conform to the situation at hand, such as angle, framing and potential post-processing outcomes. His philosophy about photography is that if you are a true photographer, you are a person who admires the little things in life. Contact James at jamesvitullo.com

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