



# Elk Grove Village Public Library

News, Events & Featured Programs



**GET COZY  
at EGVPL  
this Winter!**



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## Library Hours

Mon–Thurs: 9 am–10 pm | Friday: 9 am–7 pm  
Saturday: 9 am–5 pm | Sunday: 1–5 pm

### Library Closed:

Tuesday, December 24  
Wednesday, December 25  
Tuesday, December 31 - Library Closes at 1 pm  
Wednesday, January 1  
Thursday, January 23 - Staff In-Service Training



## From the Director's Desk

What does “cozy” mean to you? For me, it means the tranquility of cooler weather and snow. Cozy is all about taking time to unwind. There’s nothing better for relaxation than curling up with a book, audiobook, magazine, movie, or streaming service from the Elk Grove Village Public Library. According to the Farmer’s Almanac, we can expect a mix of cool and mild temperatures this winter, so the weather shouldn’t deter you from stopping in to check out our extensive selection of items available for borrowing.

The beginning of cozy season is also a time for reflection, as it means another year is coming to an end. The Library Board of Trustees, our staff, and I are honored to serve this community, and we are immensely grateful for your incredible support that has made 2024 another success for us. We’re excited about the plans we’re making for 2025 and can’t wait to offer more excellent resources, classes, programs, events, and, most importantly, meaningful interactions with you—our wonderful residents of Elk Grove Village!

May your cozy season be filled with serenity, happiness, and visits to the Library!

Your Library Director,  
**Debra Nelson**

## Registration Information

- T** Ticket is required for program.
- R** Register for Adult programs online at <https://egvpl.libnet.info/events> or scan QR code. Registration may also be done in person, or by phone at 847-439-0447 x271.  
**For online registration for Youth Services programs please visit <https://egvpl.libnet.info/events>** or scan QR code. Registration may also be done in person, or by phone at 847-439-0447 x267.  
*Registered programs are limited to EGVPL cardholders. Non-cardholders may register 3 days before the event if space is available, unless otherwise noted.*
- \$** Register/pay in person at Library Registration/Information Desk for Adult programs. Register/pay in person at Youth Services Desk for Youth programs.



### Attention:

The Library will be closed on Thursday, January 23 for an all-day staff in-service training. Normal hours will resume on Friday, January 24. Thank you for your understanding.

# ADULT Programs

## **R** = REGISTRATION REQUIRED PROGRAMS

Programs marked with the letter **R** require registration.

Registration begins **Friday, November 22 at 9am.**

For more information, including program descriptions, please visit the **EGVPL website calendar at [egvpl.org](http://egvpl.org)** and click on "Events & Classes" or scan here:

*Please note: program formats vary (in-person, virtual, or hybrid) and are subject to change*

**Hybrid** – In-person and virtual



*For monthly information, please register to receive our monthly newsletter at [egvpl.org](http://egvpl.org).*

## Celebrating Elvis's Birthday with Hugo's Elvis Tribute

**Thursday, January 9, 6:30-8:30 pm, In-Person**

Join Hugo, the celebrated Elvis Tribute Artist, for a night of Elvis's timeless hits. He's still shaking things up in the EGVPL. Plus, we'll be celebrating what would've been Elvis's 89th birthday on January 8th. All you Elvis enthusiasts, don't forget to don your favorite Elvis or 50s style outfit for a chance to snag a gift card. It's going to be a blast!



## Home for the Holidays: A Joyful Workshop for Caregivers **R**

**Tuesday, December 3,  
2-3:15 pm or 6-7:15 pm**

Local experts Rosa Biondo from A Caring Place and Sarah Moore from St. Croix Hospice will share their insights on creating a dementia-friendly holiday environment. You'll leave with a delightful take-home activity kit and explore valuable library resources to support both you and your family during the holidays.



## Welcome to The Snowed Inn – Adult Winter Reading Program **R**

**January 12–March 9**

This winter, be our guest at the Snowed Inn. As you explore the quaint but remote hotel, mingling with its quirky guests, an unexpected blizzard blasts through and traps you all for weeks. Amid the isolation, your days are filled with mystery, romance, dreams of warm beaches and, luckily, plenty of food. Read three books from the inn's well-stocked library to escape-and perhaps win a prize. Make your reservation at the Adult Reference Desk starting January 12. Check out is March 9.



## Youth Winter Reading Program



### Tic-Tac-Snow!

**Children of all ages**

**Friday, December 27 - Sunday, February 23,  
all day, everyday**

*See page 11 for details.*

## Bill the Baker: Creating Tiramisu **R**

**Thursday, December 5, 6:30-8 pm,  
In-Person**

If you're looking for a new holiday dessert to show off to family and friends, then this is a presentation you will want to attend. Bill the Baker will teach you how to assemble the classic Italian dessert, Tiramisu, which will surely become a tradition during your holiday festivities. At the end of the presentation, there will be Tiramisu for sampling.

# ADULT Programs

## Money Smart Meetup <sup>®</sup>

**Money  
Smart**  
@ EGVPL



### Money Smart for the Holidays <sup>®</sup>

Tuesday, December 10,

6:30 pm-8:30 pm

Join us for this festive Money Smart activity night. Pick up ideas for low-cost ways to celebrate, make a quick and easy gift to give, and bring along a present or two to wrap at our Earth-friendly wrapping station, all while sipping on hot cocoa and enjoying holiday music.

### Money Smart Meetup <sup>®</sup>

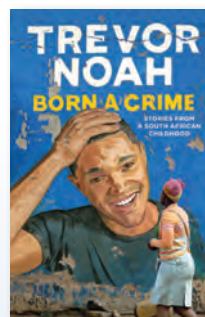
Thursday, January 16, 7-8 pm

Topic: *25 Ways to Save in 2025*

Thursday, February 13, 7-8 pm

Topic: *TBA*

Come to our monthly Money Smart Meetups to learn ways to spend less, save more, and achieve your financial goals. Each month, we'll discuss a different topic. Visit our online events calendar for details and registration.



## Morning Book Discussions <sup>®</sup>

*Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah

Tuesday or Thursday, December 3, December 5, 10:30 am

*The Art Thief* by Michael Finkel

Tuesday or Thursday, January 7, January 9, 10:30 am

*Britt-Marie was Here* by Fredrik Backman

Tuesday or Thursday, February 4, February 6, 10:30 am

Please contact Chris at [cmika@egvpl.org](mailto:cmika@egvpl.org) or 847-725-2160 for more information or to sign up.



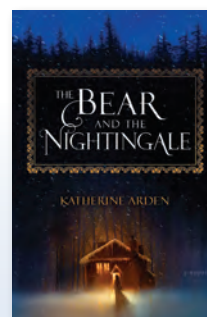
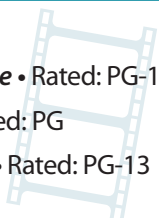
## Monday Matinee Movie @ 1 pm

Popcorn will be served

December 16 – *The Family Stone* • Rated: PG-13

January 13 – *Unsung Hero* • Rated: PG

February 10 – *The Color Purple* • Rated: PG-13



## Evening Book Discussions <sup>®</sup>

*The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah

Tuesday, January 21, 7:30 pm

*The Bear and the Nightingale* by Katherine Arden

Tuesday, February 18, 7:30 pm

Please contact Julie at [jhadler@egvpl.org](mailto:jhadler@egvpl.org) or 847-725-2170 for more information or to sign up.

# ADULT Programs

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## Resume Help Drop-In **R**



**Wednesdays, December 11, January 15, February 12, 2:30 pm-4:30 pm**

Need a hand completing job applications, writing your resume and cover letters, preparing for an interview, or finding networking opportunities? Drop in to work with an expert from the Goodwill Workforce Connection Center. Weather permitting; please register so we can notify you in case of cancellation.

## Wellness



### Supported Chair Yoga **R**

**Tuesday, January 21, 11 am-12 pm**

**Tuesday, February 18, 11 am-12 pm,**

**In-Person**

This class is designed for men and women, 55 and over, who wish to bring movement into their lives to improve overall health.

Join certified group exercise fitness expert, Susan Heaton for this class.

## ESL Programs

**Mondays, January 6, January 13, January 20, January 27, February 3, February 10, February 24, 1-2:30 pm**



**Wednesdays, January 8, January 15, January 22, January 29, February 5, February 12, February 19, February 26, 10-11:30 am**

Join us at the library to practice English. All classes will cover reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills. Monday's class will be repeated on Wednesday. Students can come one or both days. No registration is required. All levels of English are welcome to attend.

## In Honor of Black History Month

### The History of Stevie Wonder **R**

**Wednesday, February 5, 7-8 pm, In-Person**

Using performance and interview clips, Gary Wenstrup will trace the arc of Stevie's amazing career to gain a deeper understanding of one of America's national treasures.



### Monday Matinee Movie: *The Color Purple*

**Monday, February 10, 1-3:30 pm**

An epic tale spanning forty years in the life of Celie (Whoopi Goldberg), an African American woman living in the South who survives incredible abuse and bigotry. After Celie's abusive father marries her off to the equally debasing "Mister" Albert Johnson (Danny Glover), things go from bad to

worse, leaving Celie to find companionship anywhere she can. She perseveres, holding on to her dream of one day being reunited with her sister in Africa. Based on the novel by Alice Walker.



### Wild West Africa

**Thursday, January 23, 7-8 pm, Virtual**

World traveler, Brian Michalski explores different cities in West Africa including stunning natural beauty, accessible wildlife, and genuine hospitality.



### Remember When... with Humorist Todd Hunt **R**

**Thursday, February 20, 7 pm, In-Person**

Humorist Todd Hunt tells stories about growing up in small-town America when times were easier.

# ADULT Programs

## Meditation for Well-Being



### The Power of Meditation and Gratitude This Holiday Season <sup>®</sup>

Tuesday, December 10, 7-8 pm, Virtual

Join Arvind Naik long-time meditator and national speaker for this transformational workshop.

### New Year: Fresh Start Through Meditation <sup>®</sup>

Tuesday, January 7, 7-8 pm, Virtual

Join Dave Buck for this powerful workshop. Learn a simple meditation technique to bring joy, peace, positivity and relaxation in your daily life.

### Connecting to the Love Within Through Meditation <sup>®</sup>

Thursday, February 13, 7-8 pm, Virtual

Join long time meditator Sangeeta Sinha, MBA, M. Ed as she offers this engaging workshop on how to use the practice of meditation.

## Moments to Remember



For women ages 55 & older. Limited to 30.

### Holly Jolly Holiday Celebration <sup>®</sup>

Thursday, December 12, 11:30 am-1 pm

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library



### Name That Love Song <sup>®</sup>

Thursday, February 13, 11:30 am-1 pm



### Lego Remembered <sup>®</sup>

Tuesday, January 28, 7-8 pm, In-Person

*In Honor of International Lego Day!*

Join Historian Cheryl Brown as she explores how the Lego company started, how it evolved and grew, and why the current explosion of popularity.



### Coffee, Cake & Coloring <sup>®</sup>

Wednesday, February 26, 10:30-11:30 am, In-Person

Come join us for adult coloring while enjoying some treats.

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## Technology Classes



### Tuesday Tech Help

**Tuesdays, from December 3 – February 25, 11 am-1 pm**  
Got a technology question? We're here to help! Bring your device and a question. We will assist with preliminary troubleshooting, finding documentation, seeking answers to your questions, and (if we can't find an answer) guiding you to additional help.

### Thursday Evening Tech Help

**Thursdays, December 12, January 2, January 16, January 30, February 13, February 27, 6 pm-7:30 pm**  
Join us for an evening drop-in session where you can get one-on-one assistance with your technology-related questions. Perfect for those who need tech support after work hours!



### Avoiding Tech Scams **R**

**Thursday, December 5, 6 pm-7 pm**  
Learn how to identify and avoid common tech scams. This program will provide you with the knowledge and tools to protect yourself from phishing, spyware, and other online threats.

### Podcasting 101 **R**

**Thursday, December 19, 6 pm-7 pm**  
Learn the basics of podcasting, from choosing equipment and recording your first episode to editing and sharing your show with the world. This program will guide you through the process of creating your own podcast.

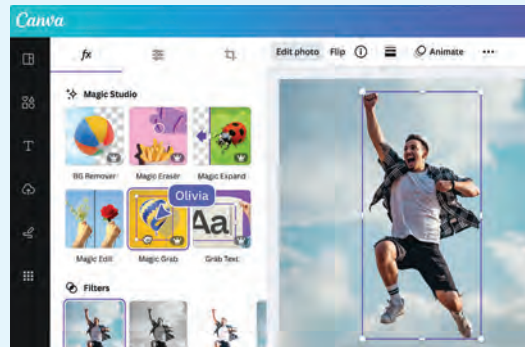


### Manage Your Gmail and Google Account **R**

**Thursday, January 9, 6 pm-7 pm**  
Unlock the full potential of your Google account! This program explores Gmail's advanced features and optimization techniques, plus dives into the suite of Google apps available with your account.

### Managing Your Passwords **R**

**Thursday, February 6, 6 pm-7 pm**  
Secure your accounts, simplify your logins! This program teaches best practices for managing passwords, so you can stop struggling with resets and keep your information safe.



### Canva Design Basics **R**

**Thursday, February 20, 6 pm-7 pm**  
Unleash your creativity with Canva! This beginner-friendly program will introduce to the world of Canva and its user-friendly design tools.



# ADULT Programs

## Craft Corner – Ages 13 & up

Limited to EGVPL cardholders only.

### Make and Take Crafts <sup>®</sup>

Please visit our online calendar at [EGVPL.org](http://EGVPL.org) to learn more.  
Open to high school students and adults.

#### Holiday Wreath

Wednesday, December 11,  
1-2:30 pm  
Wednesday, December 18,  
6-7:30 pm

Enjoy wrapping a foam ring with fleece and adding embellishments to create a fluffy holiday wreath.



#### Pom Pom Gnome

Wednesday, January 8,  
1-2:30 pm or 6-7:30 pm

Make a cute little wintry gnome with toilet paper roll and yarn.



#### Book Page Paper Roses

Wednesday, February 12,  
1-2:30 pm  
Wednesday, February 19,  
6-7:30 pm

Create paper roses from old book pages and take a book home to make a matching vase to put them in.



### Art Class <sup>®</sup>

Please visit our online calendar at [EGVPL.org](http://EGVPL.org) to learn more. Open to high school students and adults.

#### Painted Barn Quilt

Wednesday, December 18, 1-3 pm

Learn to create barn quilt inspired artwork by tracing a design onto a canvas and bring it to life with vibrant colors.



#### Swan Clay Art

Wednesday, February 12, 6-8 pm

Wednesday, February 19, 1-3 pm

Make a unique piece of art by sculpting and shaping clay onto a wooden canvas to create two swimming swans.



## Sewing Workshops with Living Green

Led by our friends from Living Green in Elk Grove. Sewing machines will be provided for in-class use.  
**For high school and adults.**  
**Registration required.**



### Holiday Gift Bags <sup>®</sup>

Monday, December 2, 6-8 pm

Level: Beginner

Pre-requisite: Sewing Basics 101

No more wrapping paper! Make simple fabric gift bags for your holiday gift giving.

### Sewing Basics 101: Flannel <sup>®</sup>

Monday, January 13, 6-8 pm

Learn the basics of the library sewing machine in the first hour of class from threading the machine to filling a bobbin & more. Create a simple cozy flannel winter project to take home.

### Zippered Bag <sup>®</sup>

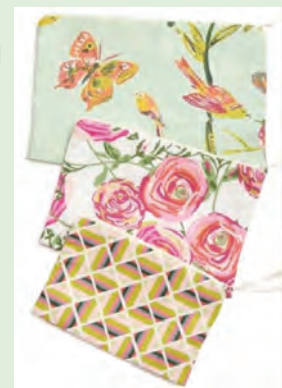
Monday, February 3, 6-8 pm

Level: Advanced Beginner

Pre-requisite:

Sewing Basics 101

Sew up a simple zippered bag that's great for holding small items.



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## Valuable Resources at EGVPL



**GALE COURSES**

### Gale Courses

EGVPL Online Resources offers a variety of useful tools. Among these resources, Gale Courses is notable, providing a vast selection of interactive, online classes led by certified instructors. As a library cardholder in good standing, you have free access to these courses. The courses run for six weeks, with new sessions starting each month.



**CONSUMERS' CHECKBOOK**  
**CR Consumer Reports**



**Consumer Health Complete™**

### Consumer Information

The Consumer Information resource is another noteworthy feature. By accessing our Consumer Information page, users can find comprehensive data on numerous topics including Consumer's Checkbook, Consumer Health Complete, and Consumer Reports.



**Don't miss these valuable resources. Use your EGVPL card to start exploring today!**  
Visit our website at [egvpl.org](http://egvpl.org) and click "Research" to access these important resources.



### Gift Wrapping Station

**Saturday, December 7, 9 am-4 pm**  
**Sunday, December 8, 1 pm-3:30 pm**  
**Wednesdays, December 4, December 11,**  
**December 18, 6 pm-9 pm**

Calling all Santa's Helpers! Need a secret spot to wrap a special gift? Visit our Wrapping Station in Adult Services! We'll have paper, bows and everything else you need to wrap a pretty present. While supplies last. Also, punch a bunch of gift tags out of recycled holiday cards.

## September's WINGS Winter Coat Drive

Your generous contributions during The Library and WINGS' September Coat Drive have genuinely warmed our hearts. Your donations have resulted in an incredible 105 winter coats, 23 accessories, and 49 mixed clothing items for all age groups. Your kindness and generosity are truly unparalleled. In unison, we're committed to ensuring your generous donations continue to have a significant impact on the lives of families affected by domestic violence. We're working collaboratively to ensure all donations are handled with care and distributed to those in need, thereby aiding families at every stage of their healing journey. We deeply appreciate the support you've shown WINGS in the past, and we're extremely grateful for your ongoing generosity in helping the Library and WINGS achieve their mission.

Thank you,  
EGVPL & WINGS



Youth Programs are for ages birth-8th grade

For more information, including program descriptions, please visit the EGVPL website calendar at [egvpl.org](http://egvpl.org) and click on "Events & Classes" or scan here (QR code):



Unless marked with symbols below, programs are Drop-In.

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**T** = Programs marked with this symbol are ticketed events. Due to limited capacity, tickets will be distributed in the Youth Services Department on a first-come, first-served basis 30 minutes before the program start time. We will give one ticket per person and all attendees must be present to receive a ticket.

Please note: Locations (Youth Services, Kids Korner, Conference Room, Large Meeting Room, South Lawn/Parking Lot Outdoor Area, Busse Woods, or other offsite venues) vary. Formats, days, times, and locations are subject to change. Please check our website calendar and e-newsletter for program additions and updates.

## YOUTH PROGRAM REGISTRATION DATES

(\*unless otherwise indicated)

December start dates: Registration begins Friday, November 22

January start dates: Registration begins Friday, December 27

February start dates: Registration begins Friday, January 24



## Elk Grove Library Videos On Demand

Go to our Library's YouTube page for songs, stories, and more.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/elkgrovelibrary>

## All Ages Family Fun and Special Events

### Fun Factory Saturday

Children of all ages

Saturdays, December 7 – February 22, all day

Drop by the library to make a simple craft on your own or with the help of a parent/caregiver (while supplies last).

Youth Services



### Winter Whimsy Family Photo **R**

Families with children of all ages

Saturday, December 7, 11 am-12 pm and 2-4 pm

Thursday, December 12, 6:30-7:30 pm

Gather your family and visit the library for a fun, seasonal photo! When you register, you'll select a 10-minute time slot for your session. Upon arrival, you can choose from a variety of festive backgrounds, and your photos will be emailed to you after the session. **Registration starts Monday, November 25, 9 am. Please register in-person at the Youth Services Reference Desk or by calling 847-439-0447 x267.** Kids Korner



### Tic-Tac-Snow!

Children of all ages

Friday, December 27 - Sunday, February 23, all day, everyday

Reading is SNOW much fun at the EGVPL! Join the Youth Services' Winter Reading Program, Tic-Tac-Snow, for children birth through 8th grade. Read five books to your child or read on your own for 60 minutes each week and earn a ticket to enter into our final prize drawing. Once per week, you can also play a game at the Youth Reference Desk to try to complete a Tic-Tac-Snow and win a free book. Complete details will be available when you sign up.

Youth Services

## Winter Scavenger Hunts

Children of all ages

Scavenger hunts take place all day, everyday on dates listed below in the Youth Services Department. Participants will get a prize for taking part in these activities!

### Candy Cane Lane

Tuesday, December 10 – Sunday, December 22

Use sweet clues to search for hidden candy canes, complete challenges, and solve riddles.

### Ski Sweater Search

Tuesday, January 14 – Sunday, January 26

Cozy knit patterns match sweaters we've hidden, swish through the stacks to find them all.

### Quilt Pattern Match

Thursday, February 6 – Sunday, February 16

Learn about quilt block patterns when you search for colorful and cozy designs.

# YOUTH Programs

## All Ages Family Fun and Special Events *(continued)*

### Toy Swap

Saturday, December 14, 11 am

(10:30 am with early entrance ticket)

Are you trying to make the holidays more sustainable? Come “shop” for free, gently used toys that are looking for a new home. Participants who contributed toys to this event may enter at 10:30 am (don’t forget your early entrance ticket!). The event will open to everyone at 11 am and remain open until 4:30 pm or the toys are gone. Any leftover toys will be donated.



*Kids Korner*

### Toy Swap Drop-Off

We are accepting gently used toys (no stuffed animals, please) until Tuesday, December 10. Please drop off toys at the Youth Services Desk. For questions about whether or not your donation would be acceptable, please email [clewis@egvpl.org](mailto:clewis@egvpl.org).



### Noon Year’s Eve **R**

Families with children of all ages

Monday, December 30, 11 am-12 pm

Enjoy stories, crafts, music and dancing at this family event. The program will conclude with noisemakers and a balloon drop at noon. Refreshments will be served to toast in the new year! **Registration starts December 6, 9 am. Please register in-person at the Youth Services Reference Desk or by calling 847-439-0447 x267.**

*Large Meeting Room*

## Winter Break Fun and Games

### Frozen Pixels: Winter Gaming

Grades 6-8

Thursday, December 26, 2-4 pm

Friday, January 3, 12-2 pm

Winter blues getting to you? Stop by Youth Services to play video games on our video display. We’ll have a variety of Switch games to choose from, so bring a friend or make a new one and take part in our Winter Gaming fun!

*Youth Services*



### Fractured Fairy Tales **T**

Families with children of all ages

Thursday, January 2, 11 am

Don’t miss GreatWorks Theatre Company as they present *Fractured Fairy Tales*, a play that puts classic stories through the contemporary wringer and finds every laugh in these truly wacky tales.

*Large Meeting Room*

### Puzzle Palooza **R**

Grades 4-8

Thursday, January 2, 2-4 pm

Join us for puzzles, pizza, prizes, and fun! Put your jigsaw puzzle skills to work at this fast-paced tournament and compete in a thrilling race to solve puzzles in the shortest time possible. Whether you’re a puzzle pro or just starting, this event is designed for everyone to have a blast!

*Kids Korner*



### Planet Circus **T**

Families with children of all ages

Friday, December 27, 11 am or 1:30 pm

Join us as we welcome Pocket Circus for their Planet Circus show! It’s a two-person circus show that packs a punch with acrobatics, juggling, magic, comedy and lots of audience participation.

*Large Meeting Room*



### Escape from 2024 **R**

Monday, December 30

Grades 3-6, 1:30 or 2:15 pm

Grades 5-8, 3:15 or 4 pm

Gather your wits, bring your best problem-solving skills, and work together on the adventure of the year. Will you make it to 2025, or will you be stuck in 2024? Join us where the clock is ticking, and time is of the essence!

*Kids Korner*

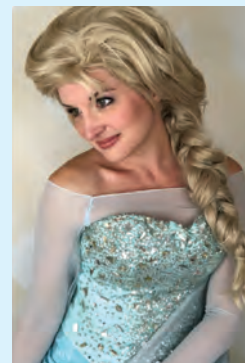
### Storytime with Elsa

Families with children of all ages

Saturday, January 4, 10 am-12 pm

Calling all Frozen Fans! Drop-in, as Elsa, from *Parties with Character*, hosts a storytime in the Youth Services Department at 10 am, followed by a meet and greet until 12 pm. **Line may close before 12 pm to accommodate all children wishing to meet Elsa.** Costumes are always welcomed, but not required.

*Youth Services, Kids Korner*



## All Ages Family Fun and Special Events *(continued)*

### Find the Groundhog

Children of all ages

Sunday, February 2, all day

Head to the EGVPL to search for Grover, the Youth Services' groundhog. He can be shy on Groundhog Day, but if you find him, tell a librarian and get a treat!

*Youth Services*

### Share a Book

Families with children of all ages

Friday, February 7 – Friday, February 14, all day, everyday

Share a book with someone you love! Stop by Youth Services and pick out a specially wrapped book from our display, check it out, and take it home, unwrap, and read together.

*Youth Services*

### Scribble Monster T

Families with children of all ages

Saturday, February 1, 10:30 am

Join us for this show that is educational, interactive, and fun! The award-winning music and play of Jim, from ScribbleMonster and the PBS children's show Wimee's Word, uses a mix of kindness and humor and encourages children to participate and think in creative ways.



*Large Meeting Room*

### Heart Craft R

Children of all ages with caregiver

Monday, February 10, 6:30-7:30 pm

Art designer, Krystyna Jaroć, will help children create a Valentine craft. Family members are welcome to attend but crafts are limited to registered children.

*Kids Korner*



### Nanny Nikki T

Recommended for families with children ages birth-7

Friday, February 21, 11 am

Grammy® nominated, interactive children's entertainer and teaching artist, Nanny Nikki, will be here to share her love of music with young children and their families. Don't miss this high energy, interactive performance!

*Large Meeting Room*

## School Days Off

### Celebrate MLK Day at the Library

Grades K-8

Monday, January 20, 11 am-12 pm, and 1:30-3 pm

Drop by for an immersive experience dedicated to honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and his legacy. Explore engaging videos, interactive digital activities, informative art displays, and complete a craft when you visit during this program.

*Large Meeting Room*



### Laser Comedy Show T

Grades K-8

Monday, February 17, 1:30 pm

Come see Chris Fair put on a one-of-a-kind laser-illustrated improv comedy show. He'll use audience participation to tell exciting stories through laser drawings that you won't want to miss!

*Large Meeting Room*

## Early Childhood

### Sugar Plum Stories R

Recommended for ages 2-7 with caregiver

Tuesday, December 3, 10 am or 1:30 pm

Wednesday,

December 4, 6:30 pm

This storytime will be a magical holiday themed experience filled with sweetness and imagination.

*Kids Korner*



### Candy Cottages R

Recommended for ages 2-7 with caregiver

Tuesday, December 17, 10 am or 1:30 pm

Wednesday, December 18, 6:30 pm

Use Pop-Tarts, candies, and other sweet construction materials to design a cozy cottage for your gingerbread buddy! We will have storytime, enjoy a gingerbread snack, and use some candy creativity during this program.

### Ukrainian Storytime

Children of all ages with caregiver

Friday, January 10, 10-10:30 am

Доєднуйтеся до нашого двомовного україно часу історій, піснями, іграми, та поділками.

Join us for a Bilingual Ukrainian-English storytime with songs, games, and crafts.

*Kids Korner*

*(continued)*

# YOUTH Programs

## Early Childhood *(continued)*

### Tiempo del Cuento/ Spanish Storytime

Recommended for ages 2-7 with caregiver

Saturdays, January 11 and 25,  
February 8 and 22, 10-10:30 am

Vengan a explorar un nuevo tema cada mes con libros y experiencias interactivas. Todos habilidades lingüísticas son bienvenidas.

Come explore a new theme each month through books and interactive experiences. All language abilities are welcome.

*Kids Korner*

### Baby Tales

Recommended for ages 0-24 months with caregiver

Mondays, January 13 – February 24,  
9:30 or 10:30 am

Bond with your little one and meet new friends at a lap-sit storytime full of bounces, tickles, songs, and giggles. Each week we will move to music, learn new rhymes, listen to short stories, and end with time for free-play. This drop-in storytime is recommended for babies up to 24 months, but older siblings are welcome to join!

**No class January 27**

*Kids Korner*



### Mini Mad Science

Recommended for ages 3-6 with caregiver

Tuesdays, January 14 – February 25,  
10 am or 1:30 pm

This STEM interactive class includes stories, crafts, games and simple science activities to promote reading and encourage a child's natural curiosity.

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### Alphabet Soup

Recommended for ages 2-4 with caregiver

Wednesdays, January 15 – February 26,  
9:30 or 10:30 am

Attention little learners! Grab your grown-up and get moving in an interactive storytime filled with music and play. Each week

we will practice early literacy skills using stories, songs, and a project. This drop-in storytime is recommended for 2, 3, and 4 year-olds, but siblings are also welcome!

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### Family Evening Storytime

Recommended for ages 2-7 with caregiver

Wednesdays, January 15 and February 26,  
6:30 pm-7:15 pm

Join us for stories, games, and crafts.

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### Polish Storytime

Children of all ages with caregiver

Thursdays, January 16 – February 27,  
10-10:30 am

*Zapraszamy wszystkich na dwujęzyczny program. Będą to zajęcia artystyczne, opowiadanie bajek i śpiewanie piosenek.*

*Wszyscy są mile widziani. Nie ma rejestracji.* Join us for a Polish-English storytime that includes stories, rhymes, and crafts. You do not need to speak Polish to attend.

**No class January 23**

*Kids Korner*

### Messy Play <sup>R</sup>

Ages 2-5 with caregiver

Fridays, January 17 and 31,  
February 14 and 28, 10-10:45 am

Come to the library for hands-on experiences that may include some mess and will always include fun! Every class contains play stations that encourage sensory exploration, creative process art, dramatic play, and motor development.

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**Each date requires a separate registration**

### Early Learners Embroidery <sup>R</sup>

Ages 3-5 with caregiver

Friday, January 24, 10:30-11 am

Get started on some fine motor fun at this class where children can start a colorful design that they can continue at home.

*Kids Korner*

### Chinese Lunar New Year Storytime

Children of all ages with caregiver

Wednesday, January 29,  
6:30-7 pm

Join us for a storytime where you will be introduced to some basic Mandarin language and celebrate the Lunar New Year! Learn about the Year of the Snake during this program which includes songs, games, and crafts.

*Kids Korner*



### Family Storytime Yoga <sup>R</sup>

Recommended for ages 3-5 with caregiver

Friday, February 7,  
10:30-11 am

Join this storytime with Lindsey Frank, children's yoga teacher and author, and bring the magic of books and social skills alive with laughter and movement together with your child.

*Large Meeting Room*



### Hearty Party Valentine's Day Blast <sup>R</sup>

Recommended for ages 2-7 with caregiver

Wednesday, February 12, 6:30-7:15 pm

Get ready for a joyful Valentine's Day celebration! We'll have games, stories, crafts, and snacks at this festive program.

*Kids Korner*

*See additional programming under All Ages Family Fun and Special Events.*

## Elementary School

### Holiday Cookie Decorating **R**

Grades K-5

Tuesday, December 3 and Thursday, December 5, 4:15 pm

Join us for a festive program where you'll decorate delicious cookies and create a custom cookie box to showcase your treats.

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### Mock Monarch Book Club **R**

Grades K-3

Fridays, December 6, January 31, and February 28, 4:15-5 pm

Read, snack, discuss, snack, and vote for your favorite book each month! We will work our way through the 2025 Monarch Award master list and choose our library winner in the spring. Snacks provided and no prior reading expected.

Kids Korner

Each date requires a separate registration

### Minecraft Club **R**

Grades 2-5

Play and create with friends during our new Minecraft Club. Participants can work together on our server, imagining, building, and creating. Help is provided during this program if you are new to Minecraft. **Please register for only one date per month. Patrons that register for both dates within the month will have registration canceled and must then re-register, if space is available.**

Choose from **one December session:**

- (A) Friday, December 6, 5-6:30 pm
- (B) Saturday, December 7, 12-1:30 pm
- (C) Saturday, December 7, 2:30-4 pm

Choose from **one January session:**

- (A) Friday, January 10, 5-6:30 pm
- (B) Saturday, January 11, 12-1:30 pm
- (C) Saturday, January 11, 2:30-4 pm

Choose from **one February session:**

- (A) Friday, February 14, 5-6:30 pm
- (B) Saturday, February 15, 12-1:30 pm
- (C) Saturday, February 15, 2:30-4 pm

Check-in at the Youth Services Reference Desk  
Each month requires a separate registration

### Wintry Embroidery Fun **R**

Grades K-4

Mondays, December 9 and 16, 4:15-5 pm

Embroidery can be so much fun! In this introductory class, we will learn about embroidery supplies and tools, work on fine motor skills, and create a fun seasonal design. **This class is two sessions, please make sure you can attend both when you register.**

Kids Korner



### Uke Jam **R**

Grades 3-5

Tuesday, December 10, 6:30-7 pm (Holiday Edition)

Tuesday, February 4, 6:30-7 pm

Hang out and learn a song on the ukulele. All experience levels are welcome! Ukuleles are provided by the library.

Kids Korner

Each date requires a separate registration



### LEGO Workshop **R**

Grades K-5

Attention builders: Join us to make seasonal builds that we will put on display in the Youth Services Department in December!

Choose one date

- (1) Wednesday, December 11, 6:30-7 pm or
- (2) Friday, December 13, 4:15-4:45 pm

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### Cartooning with Mark Anderson **R**

Wednesdays, 3:15-4:15 pm

Draw along with cartoonist Mark Anderson and have fun during these creative workshops.



### Reindeer Games

Grades K-8

December 11



### Secret Spies, Goofy Gadgets

Grades K-8

January 8



### Dragons, Krakens, and Unicorns, Oh My!

Grades K-6

February 12

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Each date requires a separate registration

### Sweet Showdown **R**

Grades K-5

Thursday, December 19, 4:15-5 pm

Join us for a candy cottage Pop-Tart architecture challenge! We'll work together using Pop-Tarts and other sugary construction materials to design and build a sweet retreat fit for a gingerbread friend. Each participant will receive a kit to build their own candy cottage at home.

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# YOUTH Programs

## Elementary School *(continued)*

### Art Around the World **R**

Grades 4-8

Thursdays, December 19, January 9, and February 13, 6:30-7:15 pm

Travel the world without leaving the library! Each class will focus on a different country, playing music, learning about some artists, and making an art project to take home.

*Kids Korner*

*Each date requires a separate registration*



### Poinsettia Painting **R**

Grades K-2

Friday, December 20, 3:30-4:30 pm

Print and paint your way to a colorful seasonal floral masterpiece in this art workshop.

*Kids Korner*



### Writer's Workshop **R**

Grades 3-8

Saturday, December 28, 10 am-1 pm

Spend a morning at the library becoming a writer! Participants will make their own journals, learn some writing exercises, and free-write. Writers can work on their own projects or use some provided prompts. At the end of the session, participants will be able to share their work with others and get some feedback. Lunch will be provided.

*Kids Korner*



### Chess Instruction with Chess Scholars **R**

Grades K-8 without caregiver

Sundays, January 5 and 19, February 2 and 16, 2-3 pm

Join us for classes with Chess Scholars! Please read the class descriptions and register for the most appropriate level. Email [edolce@egvpl.org](mailto:edolce@egvpl.org) with any questions.

#### *Chess for Beginners*

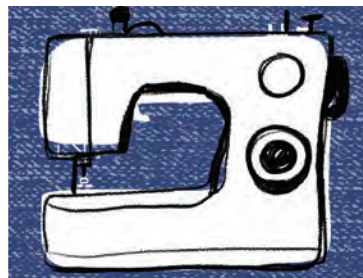
No previous chess knowledge is necessary. Each session will consist of a fun interactive teaching period and guided practice time.

#### *Chess for Advanced Players*

A basic knowledge of piece movements is recommended. Students will learn about controlling the center, taking the initiative, and attacking in combination.

*Kids Korner*

*Each date requires a separate registration*



### Sewing Sessions **R**

Grades 4-8

Thursdays, January 16 and 30, February 6 and 20, 6:30-7:30 pm

Learn and sharpen your machine sewing skills in this new program where you can create fun and useful projects! No sewing knowledge necessary, all supplies included. *This class is four (4) sessions, please make sure you can attend all dates before you register.*

*Kids Korner*

### Embroidery Classes **R**

*Embroidery can be sew much fun!*

#### Embroidery Kids

Grades 3-6

Friday, January 10, 4:15-5:15 pm

Let's get started on a project together that you can finish or add to at home.

*Kids Korner*

#### Embroidery Fun

Grades K-2

Mondays, January 27 and February 24, 4:15-5 pm

In this introductory class, we will learn about embroidery supplies and tools, work on fine motor skills, and create fun patterns and designs with different stitches.

*Kids Korner*

*Each date requires a separate registration*

### Canvas Kids **R**



Grades 3-5

Mondays 4:15-5 pm

Join us for a two-class art session where kids will create a themed craft. *We kindly ask that you only register if you can attend both classes of the session to ensure a great experience for everyone.*

#### Chilly Creations

January 13 and 20

Have a frosty adventure when you attend these winter-themed art classes.

#### Artful Hearts

February 3 and 10

Explore the theme of hearts and love through creative crafts during these February art classes.

*Each month requires a separate registration*

*Kids Korner*

## Elementary School *(continued)*



### C.S.I. <sup>R</sup>

Grades K-4

Tuesdays, January 14 – February 25,  
4:15-4:45 pm or

Thursdays, January 16 – February 27,  
4:15-4:45 pm

Let's investigate STEM! This class combines a little bit of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. There will be learning, hands-on activities, and lots of fun for inquisitive minds!

**No class January 23**

*Kids Korner*



### Bucket Drumming <sup>R</sup>

Grades K-2

Tuesday, January 14, 6:30-7 pm

Keep the rhythm in a fun music class where we'll turn buckets into musical instruments.

### Cozy Clay Candle Holder <sup>R</sup>

Grades 2-5

Friday, January 17, 4:15-5:15 pm

Bring some light to dark winter days when you make an air-dry clay candle holder. Finished pieces will be ready for pick up in 2 weeks, complete with an LED candle.

*Kids Korner*

### Book Bites <sup>R</sup>

Grades 3-5

Wednesdays, 3-4 pm

Get a taste for appetizing books with this book club. Pizza, snacks, and drinks are provided. Each month's book will be available at the Youth Reference Desk, for registered participants, to pick up and check out.

**January 22**

*Ungifted*

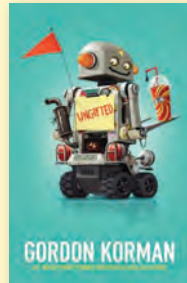
by Gordon Korman

**February 19**

*Ugly*

by Robert Hoge

**Each date requires a separate registration**



### LEGO Club <sup>R</sup>

Design, create, build, and have fun! We will start with a challenge to warm up our brains, then move onto free build and flex our creativity. All supplies included. **Please register for only one date per month. Patrons that register for both dates within the month will have registration canceled and must then re-register, if space is available.**

Grades K-4

**Choose from one January session:**

(1) Wednesday, January 22, 6:30-7:15 pm  
or

(2) Friday, January 24, 4:15-5:00 pm

**Choose from one February session:**

(1) Wednesday, February 19, 6:30-7:15 pm  
or

(2) Friday, February 21, 4:15-5:00 pm

*Kids Korner*

**Each month requires a separate registration**

### Kids on the Board <sup>R</sup>

Grades 2-5

Wednesdays, January 29 and February 26, 3:15-4 pm

Sign up with a friend or meet a new one here when you play at our board game group, Kids on the Board.

*Kids Korner*

**Each date requires a separate registration.**

### Heroes of Hesiod <sup>R</sup>

Grades 2-4

Wednesday, February 5, 3:15-4:15 pm

Heroes of Hesiod offers a taste of Dungeons & Dragons® in one fast-paced, action-packed game for kids who want to learn the fundamentals of this popular role-playing series.

*Kids Korner*

### Sweet Soap Creations <sup>R</sup>

Grades 2-6

Friday, February 7, 4:15-5:30 pm

Kids can learn the art of soapmaking while crafting a delightful, heart-shaped soap perfect for the season. A fun snack will be served during this program.

*Large Meeting Room*



### Snuggle & Sketch Workshop <sup>R</sup>

Grades K-5

Friday, February 14, 4:15 pm

Join us to stuff a cute teddy bear to take home and snuggle. When we're done, we'll use a fun drawing technique to create a picture of your new friend.

*Kids Korner*

*See additional programming under All Ages Family Fun and Special Events.*

*See also under Early Childhood: Sugar Plum Stories, Candy Cottages, Ukrainian Storytime, Tiempo del Cuento/Spanish Storytime, Family Evening Storytime, Polish Storytime, Chinese Lunar New Year Storytime, Family Storytime Yoga, and Hearty Party Valentine's Day Blast.*

*See also under Middle School: Gaming Group, Embroidery Circle, Graphic Novel Book Club, and Submission Call for Youth Services Literary Magazine.*

## Middle School (Grades 6-8)



### Dungeons & Dragons <sup>R</sup>

Grades 6-8

Join us for an afternoon of D&D where participants will take part in an exciting one-shot adventure. You can create your own character, or if you would rather use a pre-generated character, our DM will have a selection of them available for you to choose from. Dice and snacks are supplied.

#### Continuing Campaign\*

Mondays, December 2 and 16, January 13 and 27, February 10 and 24, 4-6 pm

#### One-Shot

Friday, January 3, 1-5 pm

*\*For participants that have completed a One-Shot session, or with facilitator consent. Please contact Erin Dolce at [edolce@egvpl.org](mailto:edolce@egvpl.org) with any questions.*

Conference Room

*Each date requires a separate registration*

### Junior Teen Advisory Group (Jr. TAG)

Grades 6-8

Wednesdays, December 4 and February 5, 3 pm

Jr. TAG membership is a volunteer opportunity for students in grades 6-8 to engage in community service, take part in library projects, and participate in fun, teamwork focused activities for the 2024-2025 school year. Participants do not need to be EGVPL cardholders but must apply for group membership. Scan here for membership application.



### Gaming Group <sup>R</sup>

Grades 5-8 (or instructor consent)

Fridays, December 13, January 17 and 31, February 21, 5-6:30 pm

This program will offer modded Minecraft and Roblox play for experienced gamers. We'll use Feed the Beast to learn new skills and enhance your Minecraft play. Use of Roblox requires an existing account.

Conference Room

*Each date requires a separate registration*

### Learn, and go craft! <sup>R</sup>

Grades 6-8

Wednesdays 4:30-4:45 pm

Meet up at the Middle Grade area for an introduction and quick instruction on how to make a fun craft. Then, take home your supplies to make your own creation.



### Luminarias

December 18



### Winter Hat Backpack Charm

January 15



### Origami Penguin Bookmark

February 19

Youth Services

*Each date requires a separate registration*



### Embroidery Circle <sup>R</sup>

Grades 5-8

Sundays, January 5 and February 2, 3-4 pm

Calling all needlework artists, meet up to work on some fun embroidery designs! Participants should have some experience with embroidery. All supplies included.

Kids Korner

*Each date requires a separate registration*



### Boardgame Oasis <sup>R</sup>

Grades 6-8

Wednesdays, January 8, and February 5, 6-7:30 pm

Join us to explore a variety of exciting board games, make new friends, sharpen strategic thinking, and have a blast!

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*Each date requires a separate registration*

## Middle School *(continued)*



### Winter Weekends

Grades 6-8

Fridays-Sundays, January 10-26, all day  
Stop by to enjoy some cozy winter views on our digital display, de-stress with wintry coloring pages, and relax in front of the “fire” while you enjoy the winter weather inside the library. Find your chill by our digital display in the Middle Grade section.

### Graphic Novel Book Club **R**

Grades 5-8

Mondays, 6:30-7:30 pm

Discuss books, movies, and everything in between! Pizza, snacks, and drinks are provided.

Each month's book will be available at the Youth Reference Desk, for registered participants, to pick up and check out.

January 20

*The Giver* Graphic Novel

by Lois Lowry/P. Craig Russell

February 17

*When Stars Are Scattered*

by Victoria Jamieson  
*Kids Korner*

*Each date requires a separate registration*



### Dungeons & Dragons for Beginning Players **R**

Grades 6-8

Saturday, February 1, 1-4:30 pm

Interested in the world of D&D? Join us for an afternoon where participants will learn about and take part in an exciting one-shot adventure. You can create your own character, learn the basics of this popular role-playing game, and have fun! Game materials, dice, and snacks are supplied.

Conference Room

### Games and Puzzles



Did you know we have games and puzzles for children and families to use while at the library? These items are self-serve and can be found on the shelves behind the reference desk. So, if you are waiting with your child while a sibling attends a class or looking for a way to spend some screen-free time with your child, check out the games and puzzles we have to offer!



### Submission Call for Youth Services Literary Magazine

Grades 3-8

Submissions accepted Saturday, November 30 – Saturday, December 21 all day, everyday

Calling all young writers and artists! Our Youth Services Literary Magazine, *Elk Grove Echoes*, is looking for your work. The prompt for the winter collection is “A place that is important to you.” For details and more information, or to submit your writing and/or artwork for our winter collection, contact Olivia Zimmerman at ozimmerman@egvpl.org.

### Registered Programs

Our programs tend to fill up fast and frequently have waiting lists.

**When registering, please make sure your child is able to arrive at least 5 minutes before the program begins.**

If your child cannot attend, or will be unable to arrive on time, please cancel their registration online or by calling 847-439-0447 x267. This will help ensure that spots do not go unfilled and allow another child to participate. Thank you for your cooperation.

*See additional programming under All Ages Family Fun and Special Events.*

*See also under Elementary School: Cartooning with Mark Anderson, Art Around the World, Writer's Workshop, Chess Instruction with Chess Scholars, Sewing Sessions, Embroidery Kids, Sweet Soap Creations.*

## Homebound Delivery

Are you homebound and unable to come to the Library? Let us bring the Library to you! The Library provides free delivery of



library materials to Elk Grove Village residents and registered cardholders who are physically unable to come to the Library due to disability or illness. Please call Chris at 847-725-2160 to request homebound delivery.



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## Friends of the Library

Ready or not, our holiday collection will be featured in December. Books, DVDs, CDs, puzzles, and children's books will all be available for your browsing and purchasing.

Kick-start the New Year by exploring new authors and genres. In January, you'll discover 2024 fiction, large print books, adult science, car, train, and automobile materials, and medical books. We'll also have Blu-Ray DVDs.

February will highlight books on travel, mystery, fiction, non-fiction, and young adult genres, along with adult DVDs. Look for Valentine's Day books in the children's cart.

*The Friends wish you and your families Happy Holidays.  
We are incredibly grateful for all your support in 2024.*

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## Finals Week Study Nights

**Monday-Wednesday, December 16-18, 6-10 pm**

High School Students! It's Test Fest Week at the Library! Are you cramming for that final exam? Finishing up a big project? We have plenty of space-and pizza!-for you here. Grab a table for individual or group study, or reserve a study room in advance.

Snacks will be served each night at 7 pm. You've got this, and we've got your back! *No registration necessary.*

