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A happy, healthy New Year to you!

Change and hope. President-elect Obama inspired a nation and won the bid for president promising change and hope. Like our new President, the Elmont Library promises change--for the better--and hope knowing that the materials and services we provide will serve this community for generations to come!

We've seen a 63% increase in circulation of library materials since moving to our new building. We issue more library cards than any other library in Nassau County (over 300 per month). The new Early Childhood Learning Center--in place for only three months--has been used by hundreds of parents and their children ages 18 months through 7 years. Our Library received a two-year grant to establish ourselves as a Family Place Library, an initiative to teach the community to focus on literacy, early childhood development, parent and community education, and family support. The Children's Services staff, in support of this initiative, offer parent-child workshops (ages birth to three years), have doubled the Parent Collection, and offer more programs that are developmentally appropriate for young children and their parents/caregivers. We purchased the database *Career Cruising*, the most extensive interactive career resource on the Internet for people of all ages in order to help you navigate your way through these tough economic times. We offer FREE Museum Passes to seven of the most popular museums in the

New York area. Elmont Library cardholders receive a \$5 discount on tickets to see *live* BroadHollow Theatre productions in our beautiful Theatre. The Young Adult Services staff have created a warm and inviting space for our teens, and offer relevant, popular programs--like Dance, Dance Revolution and How to Make Healthy Wraps--that are both fun and healthy! And there's more.

Beginning January 27, our patrons will be eligible to receive courtesy emails alerting them that their items are due within three days in order to help them manage their library activities and avoid unnecessary fines. To opt into this service, simply furnish your email address to one of our clerks in Circulation and they will update your patron record. We also will begin offering basic computer instruction on a weekly basis beginning in February covering topics such as how to set up and use your email and steering your way around the Internet. Come on in and check us out!

In closing, on behalf of the Board of Trustees and staff, I would like to express our deepest sympathies to Joseph Marziotto's family on his passing. Joe, a Board Member for 32 years, was a staunch supporter of the Library, always fought for what was fair, and never gave up on trying to save the taxpayers money. We will miss him very much.

Carolee Ciulla, Librarian in Charge

IN OUR THEATRE

- **A Tribute to Black Entertainment and History with BiLLie T and Marcia Pharr Thomas**

Sunday, February 1 • 2 PM

- **Elmont Online in Collaboration with Assemblyman Thomas Alfano Host the Sixth Annual Black History Month Celebration**

Sunday, February 8 • 1:30 PM (Roundtable discussion in Meeting Room 2)

Awards Ceremony to follow in the Theatre • 3:45 PM

- **Senator Craig Johnson Hosts Black History Month Celebration**

Thursday, February 26 • 6 to 9 PM

- **A Musical Journey Through Time**

Sunday, March 29 • 2 PM

- **FREE Family Fun: Around the World**

Actor, singer and story maker Lou DelBianco encourages audience participation as he entertains us with wonderful stories of people all over the globe! For all ages. Tickets will be given out to Elmont Library card holders in the Children's Room beginning April 2.

Thursday, April 16 • 2 PM

- **The Sentimental Journey Singers**

Sunday, April 5 • 2 PM

adult programs



Lunch & Learn Cafe Time

- **Lunch 'N Learn: ABCDs of Medicare**
w/Ida Epstein, CFP (Part I of a two-part workshop)
Friday, January 23 • 12:30 PM
- **Lunch 'N Learn: Legal Issues Affecting Seniors**
w/Ida Epstein, CFP (Part II)
Friday, January 30 • 12:30 PM
- **Lunch 'N Learn: Abraham Lincoln's 200th
Birthday Celebration**
slideshow/lecture about the Lincoln Memorial
Friday, February 6 • 12:30 PM
- **Cafe Time: Concepts of Love**
presented by Cay Fatima to celebrate Black History Month
Friday, February 13 • 12:30 PM
- **Lunch 'N Learn: Lucille Armstrong: One Woman
Show** celebrate Black History w/Carolyn Carter Kennedy
Friday, February 20 • 12:30 PM
- **Cafe Time: Our Music, Our Culture: Black History**
Friday, February 27 • 12:30 PM
- **Lunch 'N Learn: The Rise to Power: Women's
History Month** Lecture/discussion w/Howard Shurdut
Friday, March 6 • 12:30 PM
- **Cafe Time: Movie Stars and Screen Goddesses**
video presentation w/Senna Edelman, Film Historian
Friday, March 13 • 12:30 PM
- **Origami Workshop**
Friday, March 20 • 12:30 PM*
- **Lunch 'N Learn: Knowing Michelle Obama**
PowerPoint presentation w/Carolyn Carter Kennedy
Friday, March 27 • 12:30 PM
- **Decorate a Spring Hat**
Friday, April 3 • 12:30 PM*
- **Cafe Time: Japan: Enigma of the Orient Explained**
Friday, April 17 • 12:30 PM
- **Lunch 'N Learn: The CSI Effect...When Real Life
and TV Collide** w/Janine Ferraro, JD
Friday, April 24 • 12:30 PM

Senator Craig Johnson hosts Black History Month Celebration!

Thursday, February 26 • 6 to 9 PM in the Theatre
Please join Senator Craig Johnson and special invited guests as they commemorate Black History Month with a fun-filled family event including special performances, music, art presentations and more. Awards will be presented to outstanding African Americans who have contributed to the Long Island community. Please call (516) 746-5923 for more information.

LEARNING for FUN & PROFIT

- **Intermediate Bridge Classes** w/Mimi
Tuesdays, Jan 6 - 27 and Feb. 3 - 24 • 10 AM
- **Poetry Workshop** w/Dr. Linda Opyr
Thursdays, Jan. 8, 29, Feb. 12, 26, Mar. 12, 26 & Apr. 2, 30 • 4:30 PM
- **Small Business Assistance from SCORE**
3-part workshop plus one-on-one counseling
Saturdays, Feb. 28 & Mar. 7, 14 • 10 AM*
- **Learn How to Use Your Digital Camera** w/Stu Gershon
Wednesday, Mar. 11 • 7 PM*

COMPUTER Classes



- **Computer First Grade for Adults**
Saturday, February 14 • 10 AM*
- **Computer Second Grade for Adults**
Saturday, March 21 • 10 AM*
- **Computer Third Grade for Adults**
Saturday, April 25 • 10 AM*

Days & Evenings of Learning

- **Legal Update: Long-term Care & Estate Planning**
w/Remo A. Hammid, Esq.
Wednesday, February 11 • 1 PM
- **Money Merge Seminar**
w/Joe Spallino
Thursday, March 12 • 7 PM

Saturdays at the Movies

- **The Dark Knight**
January 24 • 2 PM
- **A Raisin in the Sun**
February 3 • 2 PM
- **Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2**
March 28 • 2 PM
- **Step Brothers**
April 18 • 2 PM

*Programs for Elmont Library cardholders only. Please register in person or call Adult Reference at 354.5280 ext. 1002 two weeks before the program date.

children's programs



Infant and Toddler Programs

• Sign with Me: Mommy and Me

Fridays, Jan. 30 and Feb. 6, 13 • 10:30 AM

Babies learn their "first words" in ASL (American Sign Language) while reading books, learning songs, and engaging in art activity. For babies 9-18 months w/adult.

• Tater Tots

Fridays, Jan. 30 and Feb. 6, 13 • 11:30 AM

Toddlers learn American Sign Language, enhancing communication skills and verbal language acquisition, while having fun reading books, learning songs, and creating art. For toddlers age 18 months-3 years old w/adult.

• Parent/Infant Play and Movement w/Nettie Becker

Wednesdays, Feb. 11, 18, 25 • 10 AM

Stimulate language and brain development while nurturing a strong, loving bond between you and your beautiful baby. For newborns through 12 months w/adult.

• Parent-Child Workshop

Fridays, Feb. 27, Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27 & Apr. 3 • 11:30 AM

A six-week program for families with children age birth through pre-school. Meet other parents and caregivers as you play with, read to, and do art projects with your child. Professionals from community agencies will be here to answer questions about your child's growth and development.

• NEW! Saturday Morning Fun @ Your Library

Saturdays, Feb. 7, Mar. 7 & Apr. 4 • 10 AM

There'll be some toys, books and puzzles in our colorful Storytime Room for your little ones to enjoy an hour of unstructured play with other tots. For toddlers ages 18-35 mos. w/adult.

StoryCraft (for children ages 3-5 w/adult)

Enjoy stories and rhymes, and make a craft together.

• "I Love You Beary Much" Valentine Day Decoration

Thursday, February 12 • 1 PM

• "Welcome Spring" Flyer

Thursday, March 19 • 1 PM

• "Spring Flower Garden"

Thursday, April 30 • 1 PM

NEW! Krafty Kids on Saturdays

We've got some fun craft and art activities planned for your children on Saturdays.

February 7, March 7 and April 4 • 11 AM for ages 3-K, and @ 1 PM for students in grades 1-6

F U N T I M E S

January

Reading Book Club for grades 5 & 6

Monday, Jan. 26 • 4 PM

Roald Dahl's *The Magic Finger*

February

The Book Bunch for grades 1 & 2

Wednesdays, Feb. 11, 25 • 4 PM

You will discuss and complete an activity for a different book each week.

NEW! Chess Club for Beginners for grades 3 - 6

Mondays, Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23 & Mar. 2, 9 • 4 PM

Improve your numerical, verbal and reasoning aptitude while having fun mastering chess. You must attend all six sessions.

Abe Lincoln's Log Cabin craft for grades K - 3

Tuesday, Feb. 17 • 2 PM

Read a story about this great man's life then make his log cabin out of pretzels.

Patriotic Treat for grades 4 - 6

Tuesday, Feb. 17 • 3:30 PM

Students will make a special treat while playing presidential bingo, with prizes for the winners.

Predators and the Environment for grades K - 6

Wednesday, Feb. 18 • 1 PM

Enjoy a live animal show that is both educational and exciting!

Registration for Library card holders begins two weeks before each program.

Free Family Movies @ The Library

Come and enjoy a good movie with your family and friends. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Movies are rated G or PG.

Kung Fu Panda

Saturday, February 28 • 12 Noon

Space Chimps

Saturday, March 21 • 12 Noon

Fall Storytimes

Proof of child's age required if we do not have the information already on file @ the Library.

• Afternoon Adventures

Tuesdays, Jan. 20, Feb. 3, 24 & Mar. 10 • 4 PM (Grades K-3)

Tuesdays, Jan. 27, Feb. 10 & Mar. 3, 17 • 4 PM (Grades 4-6)

Forty-five minutes of stories, activities, snacks and a craft.

• Play Pals

(Session I) Tuesdays, Jan. 20, 27 & Feb. 3, 10, 24 • 10:30 AM

(Session II) Tuesdays, Mar. 24, 31 & Apr. 7, 21, 28 • 10:30 AM

One hour of unstructured play with great toys for children 18-29 months with adult.

• Tiny Tots

Thursdays, Jan. 22, 29 & Feb. 5, 12, 26 • 10:30 AM

Forty-five minutes of stories, songs, rhymes and a crafts for children ages 2 1/2-3 1/2 w/adult.

• Pre-School Storytime

(Session I) Wednesdays, Jan. 21, 28 & Feb. 4, 11, 25 • 1:30 PM

(Session II) Wednesdays, Apr. 22, 29 & May. 6, 13, 20, 27 • 1:30 PM

Forty-five minutes of stories, songs, rhymes and a craft for children ages 3 1/2-5 w/adult.

Board Game Day for grades K - 6
Friday, Feb. 20 • 11 AM to 2 PM
Hook up with old friends and meet some new ones while you play some new and classic board games.

March

Sing Along with Irv: a Musical Celebration, ages birth - pre-school

Friday, March 13 • 11 AM
Parents and their little ones are invited to participate in a wonderful acapella children's sing-a-long. Registrants of the Parent-Child Workshop do not have to register. All others must register.

April

Jelly Bean Chick for grades K - 3

Thursday, April 9 • 11 AM

Cup Cake Workshop for grades 4 - 6

Thursday, April 9 • 1 PM

Welcome Spring for grades K - 3

Tuesday, April 14 • 11 AM

Cuddly Creatures for grades 4 - 6

Tuesday, April 14 • 12:30 PM

FREE Live Performance in our Theatre! Around the World, all ages

Thursday, April 16 • 2 PM

Tickets will be given out in the Children's Room beginning April 2 to Elmont Library Cardholders only.

• Teen Screen...a movie every month!

Thursday, January 29 • 5 to 6:30 PM

Friday, February 27 • 4 to 5:30 PM

Friday, March 27 • 4 to 5:30 PM

Friday, April 24 • 4 to 5:30 PM

• TAG (Teen Advisory Group) Meeting

Thursdays, Feb. 5, March 5 & April 2 • 6 to 7 PM

• Chocolate Workshop for Teens

Thursday, February 12 • 5 to 7 PM

• Dance, Dance Revolution w/2 X-treme

Tuesday, February 17 • 6 to 8 PM

• Manga Workshop for Teens

Thursday, February 19 • 6 to 7 PM

• Healthy Wraps w/Chef Frank

Tuesday, March 3 • 6 to 7:30 PM

• Teen Tech Week: Press Play

March 8 - 14

Teen Tech Week 2009 is about connecting teens with different technologies, especially those available @ the Library. Get the "deets" from your YA librarians.

• Hip-Hop Dance Workshop

Tuesday, March 10 • 6 to 7:30 PM

• Karaoke Idol w/2 X-treme

Thursday, March 12 • 6 to 8 PM

• Teen Game Night Unplugged

Tuesday, March 24 • 6 to 7:30 PM

• Rock Band w/2 X-treme

Tuesday, April 14 • 6 to 8 PM

• SPA Aromatherapy Workshop for Teens

Tuesday, April 21 • 6 to 7:30 PM

• Stuffable Animals Workshop for Teens

Tuesday, April 28 • 6 to 7:30 PM

Live Homework Help from **Tutor.com** is free homework help from real tutors for grades K-12 (college prep too) and is available seven days a week from 3-9 pm! Simply go to www.elmontlibrary.org and have your library card (number) handy since it's required to enter the site. Start reaping the benefits of having a Library card.

ONLINE RESEARCH CENTER

Your Library's Website is accessible 24/7. Type in www.elmontlibrary.org and use our **ONLINE DATABASES** from home! Given the economic crisis, we recently purchased the database *Career Cruising*, the most extensive interactive career resource on the Internet designed for people of all ages. Call Adult Reference @ 354-5280 ext. 1002 and ask a librarian to show you how to use our databases.

Stories & Crafts @ The Branches

Alden Manor: 285-8000

Stories with Nancy

Wednesdays, Feb. 11, Mar. 11 and Apr. 15 • 1:30 PM

For children ages 3 - 5.

Crafts with Nancy

Saturdays, Feb. 7, Mar. 21 and Apr. 4 • 2 PM

For students in grades 1-6.

Stewart Manor: 354-8026

Stories and a Craft with Steve

Wednesdays, Jan. 21, Feb. 11, Mar. 18 & Apr. 22 • 1:30 PM

For children ages 3 - 5.

INTERACTIVE CONCERTS

• Babies in Motion (Ages 6 months - 2 years w/adult)

Monday, Mar. 16 • 10:15 AM

• Toddlers in Motion (Ages 1 - 3 years w/adult)

Mondays, Feb. 23 and Apr. 20 • 10:15 AM

Enjoy movement, fingerplays and favorite children's songs with your little ones.

Family Pre-School Hour

Ages 18 months - 5 years w/adult

Mondays • 10:15 and 11:30 AM

Enjoy these special one hour programs with your pre-school family featuring singing, dancing, storytelling, and a craft.

Valentine's Day Mouse - February 9

Dog House Craft - March 23

Spring Sailboat - April 27

SPECIAL Family Pre-School Hour "Tots Night Out"

All of the above dates • 7 PM

adult programs

SENIOR

- **Young at Hearters (formerly Starting Over)**

led by Beatrice Nechin, Social Worker, single adults 60+ meet to discuss ways to enhance their lives
Sundays, Mar. 1 & May. 3 • 12 Noon to 1:30 PM

- **Ask the Nutritionist**

led by Alexandra "Sasha" Averko, Registered Dietician
Wednesdays, Feb. 11, Mar. 11, & Apr. 8 • 11 AM

- **Chi Gong**

Catherine Anastasio leads this ancient Chinese system of exercises or movements performed in meditation
Thursdays, Jan. 22, Feb. 12, 26, Mar. 12, 26 & Apr. 9, 23 • 10 AM

- **Chair Yoga Classes**

led by Mary Mazzone, Certified Yoga Instructor
Mondays, Jan. 26, Feb. 2, 16, Mar. 2, 16 & Apr. 6, 20 • 1 PM

The following programs are sponsored by the Nassau County Department of Senior Citizen Affairs(NCDSCA) beginning with Chair Exercise through Cornell Cooperative Nutrition classes.

- **Chair Exercise Classes**

led by RSVP volunteer instructors Isabel Batson and Millie Danko
Fridays, Jan. 30, Feb. 6, 20, Mar. 6, 20 & Apr. 3, 17 • 10 AM

- **Senior Step & Style Dancing**

led by RSVP volunteer instructors Isabel Batson and Millie Danko
Fridays, Jan. 23, Feb. 13, 27, Mar. 13, 27 & Apr. 10, 24 • 10 AM

- **The Voice of Grandparents' Support Group**

overseen by Sari Flesch, AA, BA, LSW, grandparents gather to share their experiences and know when to intervene
Fridays, Jan. 23, Feb. 27, Mar. 27 & Apr. 29 • 9:30 AM

- **Caregivers' Support Group**

led by Sari Flesch, AA, BA, LSW, open to all caregivers
Tuesdays, Feb. 10, Mar. 10, & Apr. 14 • 3 PM

- **Health Assessments**

June Friedel, RN, discusses blood pressure, weight control and medication monitoring. Available for one-on-one counseling.
Thursdays, Feb. 19, Mar. 19 & Apr. 16 • 10 AM

- **Cornell Cooperative Extension Nutrition Classes**

led by nutrition expert Janet Maruna
Thursdays, Feb. 12, Mar. 12 & Apr. 9 • 11:30 AM

Let Us Entertain You

- **Adult Marathon Game Day**

Saturdays, Feb. 28, Mar. 7 & Apr. 11 • 12 Noon to 4 PM

- **Quilt Lecture and Artist's Reception with Carrie Morris**

Saturday, Feb. 21 • 1:30 PM

- **Celtic Journey with Kokila**

Saturday, April 4 • 2 PM

February is Black History Month

- **Visit the Quilt Display, *Four Generations of Quilters***

- **See the Art Gallery, featuring Gina Y. Samson**

- **Billie T and Marcia Pharr Thomas present *A Tribute to Black Entertainment and History***

Sunday, February 1 • 2 PM (Theatre)

- **Sixth Annual Black History Month Celebration**

Sunday, February 8 • 1:30 - 3:30 PM (Meeting Room 2)
Roundtable discussion
3:45 PM (Theatre)
Awards Ceremony

TUESDAY

After the Sunset

January 27 • 2 PM

Jack and Jill vs. the World

February 3 • 2 PM

Two Days in Paris

February 10 • 2 PM

Vitus

February 17 • 2 PM

Amazing Grace

February 24 • 2 PM

The Other Boleyn Girl

March 3 • 2 PM

The Counterfeiters

March 10 • 2 PM

MATINEES

Just Add Water

March 17 • 2 PM

Goya's Ghost

March 24 • 2 PM

Indiana Jones: Kingdom of the Crystal Skull

March 31 • 2 PM

Moliere

April 7 • 2 PM

Resistance

April 14 • 2 PM

Dan in Real Life

April 21 • 2 PM

No Reservations

April 28 • 2 PM

Book Discussions

"Loving Frank," by Nancy Horan

Monday, January 29 • 2 PM

"I Feel Bad About My Neck," by Nora Ephron

Monday, February 23 • 2 PM

"The Children's Story," by James Clavell's

Monday, March 23 • 2 PM

"Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society,"

by Mary Ann Shaffe

Monday, April 27 • 2 PM

Library Bus Trip

• Southampton and East Hampton

Tuesday, June 9 • 8 AM

Take a guided three-hour bus tour of historic Southampton and East Hampton followed by a fabulous lunch at the Southampton Public House. After lunch, enjoy a guided tour of the Parrish Art Museum. Price: \$77. Leaving Elmont: 8 AM; arriving back: 6:30 PM. Registration for Elmont Library cardholders begins March 14, 2009.

Community Outreach

• Mobile Tax Office (pay by check or money order)

Monday, Feb. 2 • 11 AM - 3 PM

• Hofstra VITA Tax Assistance

Sundays, February 8 - April 5 • 1 PM - 4 PM

• VITA Tax Assistance for Seniors

Mondays, February 9 - April 13 • appointment only

• Defensive Driving Classes with Empire Safety Council

Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 10 & 11 • 6 to 9 PM and

Saturday, March 21 • 10 AM to 4 PM*

Registration for February class begins February 3 at 10 am and March 14 at 10 am for Elmont Library cardholders only!

• Doing Business with the Government

sponsored by the LI Development Corp.

Thursday, April 2 • 10 AM - 12 Noon

• Mobile Passport Services

sponsored by the Town of Hempstead w/Mark Bonilla

Tuesday, April 7 • 10 AM to 3 PM

• Child Safety Identification Program

sponsored by the Town of Hempstead w/Mark Bonilla

Tuesday, April 7 • 10 AM to 3 PM

• AARP Defensive Driving Class

Wednesdays, April 15 and 22 • 1 PM to 5 PM

Registration begins April 8 at 10 am for Elmont Library cardholders only!

• Tax Forum with Donald Clavin, Jr., Receiver of Taxes

Wednesday, April 22 • 7 PM



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Wed. 10:00 AM - 9 PM

Fri. 9:30 AM - 6 PM

Sat. 9:30 AM - 5 PM (July-Aug., 9 AM-1 PM)

Sun. 12 Noon - 5 PM

(Closed Sundays, beginning June 21 until after Labor Day)

Alden Manor & Stewart Manor

Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri., 10 AM - 5:30 PM

Sat. 9:30 AM - 5 PM (July-Aug. closed on Sat.)

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