

Ella Johnson Memorial Public Library

The mission of the Ella Johnson Memorial Public Library District is to promote diversity, inspire curiosity and creativity, support inquiry, and build community.

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Greetings!

Greetings from your friends at Ella Johnson Library!

The season for giving thanks is here. What are we thankful for?

We are thankful for our wonderful community.

Our memories of this year include concerts, summer reading, after-hours murder mysteries, movie nights, crafting, knitting, cheese tasting and more! All of these wonderful events were made possible thanks to the ongoing support, participation, volunteerism and generosity of our community. You make what we do matter and we strive to create great services for you.

To see some pictures of our year of memories, [click here](#)

To see what we have coming up, visit our [Events Calendar](#)-- make more memories with us!

Thank you for being a part of the library community!



Ella Johnson Concert Series Presents



Save the date for a night out at Ella Johnson Library as we are pleased to present Chicago's premier Gypsy -Jazz band–

Alfonso Ponticelli and Swing Gitan

The music of Alfonso Ponticelli & Swing Gitan is a vibrant, upbeat and passionate blend of American Jazz, Gypsy jazz, Flamenco and world folk music threaded together through virtuosic improvisation.

A multi-instrumentalist, Ponticelli won the 1994 U.S. National Mountain Dulcimer Championship and continues to perform solo mountain dulcimer and guitar. He has played both banjo and guitar with the Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra and was invited to perform solo didgeridoo at the Chicago Symphony Center. Ponticelli has collaborated in Chicago with Arabic, Irish, bluegrass, Gypsy, Romanian and many other traditional folk musicians. Ponticelli has had the honor of performing at Chicago's Millennium Park on its opening night as well as at every major museum in Chicago.

Ponticelli is the 2009 recipient of the Leonardo da Vinci award for outstanding achievement in performing arts from Order Sons of Italy in America and holds a B.M. in Jazz Studies from DePaul University. Ponticelli has been to Cordoba, Spain (1994) to study with the great flamenco guitarists Rafael Riqueni and Manolo Sanlucar, New Mexico to study with Chuscales and Pedro Cortes and has had the great flamenco singer and guitarist Pansequito join his band for two years. He has performed at the Iridium in New York City where Les Paul invited Alfonso to play as a special guest with his trio.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 7:30 P.M.

FOR ADULTS

Author Talk--Vietnam Veteran's Memoir, Dodging the Elephant

Local author Dennis Sunderlage will talk about his experiences in Vietnam and what led him to write about trying to "dodge the elephant," (combat) to survive in the war in his book, **Dodging the Elephant.**

Minute to Win It!



Think you've got game? Find out at the Library! Compete against your peers in a series of **60 second challenges** that will progressively get harder!

Prizes for the top three winners. *Grades 6+

Tuesday, November 7th at 6:30 p.m.

Cartooning Workshop



Whether it's comic strips or live animation, everybody loves cartoons! Drawing cartoons may be easier than you think. In this workshop taught by artist Dan Laib, you will learn the basics of drawing cartoon people and animals. Drawing cartoons is a lot of fun! Please register for this event.

Saturday, November 11 at 10:00 a.m. [Please Register!](#)

Gingerbread House Decorating Contest

We provide the gingerbread materials and candy- you provide the creativity! Afterwards we will display the houses in the library for a week for patrons to vote on the winner. Gift card for the person with the most votes! For grades 9-12. Please register for this event.

Tuesday, November 21 at 6:00 p.m. [Please Register!](#)

FOR KIDS

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Snacks and Stories Book Club

(Grades 2nd & 3rd)

Fairy Tale Comics by Chris Duffy (ed.)



Thursday, November 9th at 4:00 PM

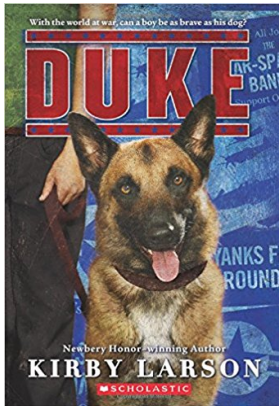
Read the book before the meeting, then come to the library to discuss, enjoy an activity, and a snack. Books will be available at the Circulation Desk

Please register!

Chat and Chew Book Club

(Grades 4th and 5th)

Duke by Kirby Larson



Thursday, November 16th at 4:00 P.M.

Read the book before the meeting, then come to the library to discuss, enjoy an activity, and a snack. Books will be available at the Circulation Desk

Please register!

Mammals and More! LIVE Animals at the Library

(All ages)

The [Flying Fox Conservation Fund](#) are bringing their amazing zoo creatures to the Ella Johnson Library! At this program you'll be able to learn about, and touch, 10 different animals including a fennec fox and an armadillo. The program will also include a sloth encounter at the end where you'll be able to take pictures of, and get close to, a real sloth! All ages are welcome and no registration is necessary.



Saturday, November 18 at 1:00 p.m.

Christmas Tree Lighting at Seylor Park
with Hampshire Park District



Come to Seylor Park and watch our Christmas tree light up with beautiful lights for the season! The tree is located at the top of the sled hill near the pavilion, afterward activities are planned and will be held inside the Recreation room to warm up!. Enjoy hot chocolate, visiting with Santa, kids craft and more! Registration Required through the [Hampshire Park District](#) **Friday, November 17th at 6:00 p.m.** [Please Register Here!](#)

REGISTER NOW
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

SOUNDS-- Montessori-based Early Literacy Program for ages 0-5.

Prepare your child for lifelong learning through strong literacy skills at this pre-reading program. SOUNDS at Ella Johnson exposes children to the fundamental tools of printed language, preparing them for their journey into reading

Infant/Toddler SOUNDS

For babies old enough to reach out and grasp all the way up to toddlers.

Fridays: November 3, 10, and 17.

10:00 a.m.

[REGISTER FOR INFANT/TODDLER SOUNDS HERE](#)

Preschool SOUNDS

For preschool children, ages 3-5

Fridays: November 3, 10, and 17.

10:45 a.m.

[REGISTER FOR PRESCHOOL SOUNDS HERE](#)

Picturebook Science

Picture Book Science is a hands-on program that connects literature and science. Each class will offer an in depth immersion into a variety of topics and include simple science activities that can be completed at home. Ages: 6-8 yrs

Monday, November 27th at 4:00 p.m. [Please Register Here!](#)

For more information about these and other events happening at your library, please [visit our website](#) or call us at 847-683-4490.



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