

Elyria Public Library

# THE NEXT CHAPTER

February - May 2024 Newsletter

## New Healthy Living Series at EPL West River

This February, EPL West River will begin a health and well-being program series featuring various topics to improve your health and well-being. The series begins on Thursday, February 1 at 1 p.m. with Heart Health, featuring a registered dietician to encourage ways of heart healthy living.

The World Health Organization (WHO) constitution states: "Health is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity."

These programs offer our community an exciting opportunity to be introduced to positive ways they can impact their health and well-being in an interactive atmosphere.

See program details on page 6.



## 2024 BOOKMARK DESIGN CONTEST

KIDS • TEENS • ADULTS

**JANUARY 1 - MARCH 1, 2024**

Create an original library-themed bookmark for National Library Week! The winner of each age group will have their design reproduced on bookmarks for distribution at all EPL libraries.

**KIDS 4 - 8**  
**TWEEN 9 - 12**  
**TEENS 13 - 17**  
**ADULTS 18+**

Visit any EPL location for an entry form.  
All entries must be returned to any EPL location  
by Friday, March 1, 2024.



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## UPCOMING CLOSINGS

Staff Development  
Apr. 26 | 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
*(All EPL locations will be open 2 - 5 p.m.)*

Memorial Day  
May 27

## PROGRAM REGISTRATION

With feedback from our team and community, EPL opens program registration at various times according to age group.

**Adult Programs:** Registration opens simultaneously on January 5.

**Kid Programs:** Registration opens four weeks prior to program date.

**Family Programs:** Registration opens four weeks prior to program date.

**Teen Programs:** Registration opens four weeks prior to program date.

# DEAR COMMUNITY,

Welcome to the Winter/Spring edition of The Next Chapter! We are excited to present this new guide of programs that we hope you will love.

We planned a special focus on space sciences leading up to the Total Solar Eclipse on April 8, 2024. EPL will be handing out eclipse viewing glasses to people who attend related programs over the coming months. We also hope you will stop into a library and browse the latest books and movies; we have new items coming in just about every day!

I would like to introduce EPL's new Fiscal Officer Debby Perkins! Debby is rooted in our community and brings extensive experience and knowledge of finance and enthusiasm to help the library serve the community. We also bid a fond farewell to Miss Kim, a librarian who has recently retired from the Central Library. Her work has positively impacted so many families, especially the babies and toddlers who have had fun at her story times while learning early literacy skills. We wish Miss Kim a happy retirement!

The Board of Elyria Public Library is pleased to welcome three new trustees in service of the public: Koneake Lawrence, Scott Serazin, and Margaret Leglise. Board members volunteer their time and valuable perspectives to assure that the library is well run on behalf of the people of Elyria and LaGrange. We thank them for their commitment in service of the community.

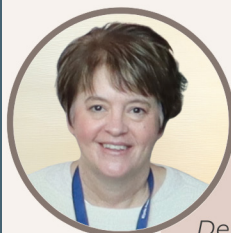
This time of year when it's cold and gray outside, EPL focuses on the connect component of our mission to connect, engage and inspire. In the Ohio winter, people spend more time alone and indoors, and our general well-being tends to languish with the change of seasons. A 2023 report by the US Surgeon General "Our Epidemic of Loneliness and Isolation" acknowledges a general uptick in loneliness apart from seasonal factors, exacerbated by the pandemic. The report also provides a pathway forward and plenty of optimism, sharing research that documents the healing effects of social connection. EPL is proud to share these opportunities to connect. As the mural on our EPL South location says: "We all shine brighter together."

I hope you make a point to seek opportunities for social connection and visit your library!

*Warmly,*  
*Jen Starkey*



## EPL Welcomes New Fiscal Officer to the Team



**Debby Perkins**

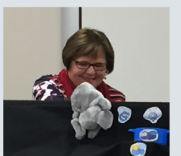
*Debby is a long-time Elyria community member and comes to EPL with a strong background of finance leadership and a passion for community and the library.*

## Happy Retirement MISS KIM

EPL would like to congratulate Miss Kim on her retirement in November 2023.

Miss Kim rejoined the EPL team in February 2015 and brought back her joyful, experienced approach to children's literacy. Miss Kim provided energetic and impactful story times, including the successful Wiggles & Giggles Play Time series.

Thank you Miss Kim for your years of dedication to EPL and our littlest patrons and their families.



*You will be missed!*

# ECLIPSE 2024

Discover what's happening at EPL this season

**Eclipse glasses will be given away at space-themed programs at EPL locations during the months of Feb., Mar. and April. \***

## **Math In Space**

Tuesday, Feb. 20 | @ 1 p.m. | Central  
Explore the stages of human flight outside Earth's orbit and the mathematics that make it possible. Presented by the Great Lakes Science Center.  
**Registration is required.**

## **Experiencing the April Eclipse**

Monday, Mar. 4 | @ 6 p.m. | West River  
Learn the how's and why's of a solar eclipse to maximize your eclipse experience.  
**Registration is required.**

## **Galaxy in a Jar**

Tuesday, Mar. 12 | @ 4 p.m. | Central  
Let's explore space while we make our own galaxy.  
**Registration is required.**

## **Spring Equinox Myths & Folklore**

Wednesday, Mar. 20 | @ 6 p.m. | West River  
An evening of exploring the fascinating folklore and mythology of the Spring Equinox. Presented by Earth, Wisdom, Wellness.  
**Registration is required.**

## **Space Week**

March 25-29 | West River  
Visit the Children's Room at West River all week long for space themed games, crafts and other activities!

## **Don't Burn Your Eyes Out**

Experiencing the wonder of a solar eclipse is truly an amazing and unforgettable moment for so many people. But how do they work? During this hour-long program, spectators will take a deep look into the science behind eclipses and how they occur. Audience members will learn the importance of eclipse viewing safety and how they can make their own at-home eclipse viewing device. Presented by the Armstrong Air & Space Museum.  
**Registration is required.**

**Mar. 25 | 2 p.m.** - Keystone

**Mar. 25 | 6 p.m.** - West River

**Mar. 26 | 10:30 a.m.** - Central

**Mar. 26 | 2 p.m.** - South

## **Moon Dough**

Thursday, Mar. 28 | @ 3 p.m. | South  
Make out of this world moon dough.  
**Registration is required.**

## **Eclipse Movie Matinee**

Friday, Mar. 29 | @ 2 p.m. | Central  
Join us under the stars in our story time room as we watch a movie.  
**Registration is required.**

## **Total Eclipse of the Sun**

Tuesday, Apr. 2 | @ 6:30 p.m. | Central  
Learn about this upcoming total eclipse. Presented by the John Glenn Research Center.

**\*You must attend a program to receive a pair of glasses. One pair per person. While Supplies Last.**

# CENTRAL

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## KIDS

### Maker Mondays

**Mondays, Feb. 5 - May 13**  
**@ 4 p.m. | Ages 6 - 12**  
Let's explore the wonderful world of being a maker. Each session you will be given a STEM challenge to complete.

### Adapted Story Time

**Saturdays, Feb. 10, Mar. 9, May. 18**  
**@ 2 p.m. | Ages 3 - 7**  
Join us for a story time designed for children who may not be successful in a typical story time experience.  
**Registration is required.**

### Snacking and Crafting

**Thursday, Feb. 22**  
**@ 4 p.m. | Ages 6 - 12**  
Drop in after school and enjoy a snack while you make a craft. While supplies last.

### Galaxy in a Jar

**Tuesday, Mar. 12**  
**@ 4 p.m. | Ages 6 - 12**  
See page 3 for details.

### Kids Create

**Saturdays, Mar. 16 & May 18**  
**@ 2 p.m. | Ages 6 - 12**  
Drop-in craft session for creative kids!

### Baby Play & Learn

**Tuesdays, Jan. 9 - Feb. 27 and Mar. 19 - May 7**  
**@ 6 p.m. | Ages 0 - 3**  
For our youngest library friends. Come for stories, rhymes, and songs; stay for play!

### Wiggles & Giggles Baby Play Time

**Wednesdays, Jan. 10 - Feb. 28 and Mar. 20 - May 8**  
**@ 10 a.m. | Ages 0 - 3**  
A play group for little ones and caregivers. Come have fun while increasing your child's cognitive, physical, social and emotional well-being through play.

### Ready-to-Read Story Time

**Thursdays, Jan. 11 - Feb. 29 and Mar. 21 - May 9**  
**@ 10:30 a.m. | Ages 3 - 5**  
Get ready for preschool with an interactive story time, filled with songs, rhymes, and a craft!

### Explosive Science

**Thursday, May 23**  
**@ 4 p.m. | Ages 6 - 12**  
Get mixed up with some hands on science fun. Experiment with volcanoes, Mentos, and more to discover the eruptive chaos you can cause.  
**Registration is required.**

## FAMILY

### Sharon's Signers presents:

**Scooby-Do!**  
**Thursday, Feb. 8**  
**@ 6 p.m. | Rotary Room**  
Sign language choir, returns to present their newest show, "Scooby-Do!" using a combo of sign language and music.  
**Registration is required.**

### Paw Patrol Party

**Friday, Feb. 16**  
**@ 2 p.m. | Ages 3 - 7**  
Join us while we make our own puppets, have a paw treat, and play some Paw Patrol games!

### Math in Space

**Tuesday, Feb. 20**  
**@ 1 p.m. | Ages 6+**  
See page 3 for details.

### Eclipse Movie Matinee

**Friday, March 29**  
**@ 2 p.m. | Ages 3+**  
See page 3 for details.

### Dino-Roar!

**Saturday, April 20**  
**@ 2 p.m. | Ages 3+**  
Come meet some of the Jurassic period's cutest herbivores and carnivores!  
**Registration is required.**

## TWEEN

### Edible Science

**Select Thursdays**  
**@ 4 p.m. | Ages 9 - 12**  
Let's experiment with food!  
**Feb. 15:** Drinkable Science  
**Mar. 7:** Candy Science  
**May 16:** Ice Cream Science

### Smash Bros. Tournament

**Saturday, Feb. 24**  
**@ 2 p.m. | Ages 9 - 12**  
Can you beat your friends and become the Smash Bros. champion?

## TEEN

### TAB

**1st Wednesday of the month**  
**@ 4 p.m. | Ages 13 - 17**  
Use your voice and take part in planning programs, suggesting crafts, recommending books, and otherwise influencing Teen Services here at the library. To join, ask for an application at the Central Ask Me desk.  
**Registration is required.**

### Delicious Desserts

**Select Tuesdays**  
**@ 4 p.m. | Ages 12 - 18**  
Join us for a tasty challenge for you and your friends!  
**Feb. 6:** Cheesecake Tacos  
**Mar. 5:** Dirt Cups  
**May 14:** Brownie Batter Dip  
**Registration is required.**

### Select Start Gaming Club

**Select Fridays**  
**@ 3:30 p.m. | Ages 13 - 17**  
Video games at home getting boring? Come play at the library with friends instead!  
**Feb. 16:** Mario Kart Tournament  
**Mar. 1:** Mario Party  
**Apr. 12:** Oculus Quest  
**May 24:** Smash Bros.

### Mad\*factory

**Thursday Apr. 11**  
**@ 4 p.m. | Ages 12+**  
Join Mad\*Factory Theater Co. and learn the art of improv.  
**Registration is required.**



**Spark Theatre 4 Youth: Dance**

**Wednesdays**  
**March 6 - April 10**  
**@ 4 p.m. | Ages 10+**  
**Registration is required.**

Interested in dance but have never taken a class?  
Join us for this 6-week session where we will explore different types of dances.

# ADULTS

## Read Around the World in 90 Days

Feb. 1 – Apr. 30

Sign up and get a special map with the book list at the Central Reference Desk for this exciting challenge. Prize for the top “Reading Traveler.”

### Larry Doby: Indians Player

Tuesday, Feb. 6

@ 6 p.m. | Rotary Room

Explore the life and career of Cleveland Indians player Larry Doby as he became the first African-American player in the American League of MLB. Presented by the Western Reserve Historical Society. **Registration is required.**

### Handmade Cards

1st Wednesday of the month

@ 6 p.m. | Founder's Room

Spend the evening at the library creating a unique handmade card.

All supplies provided.

**Registration is required.**

Feb. 7: Sliding Heart Valentine

Mar. 6: Luck of the Owl-ish

Apr. 3: Spring Chicken

May 1: Pop-Up Flower Garden

### And Ya Don't Stop | 50 Years of Hip Hop

Tuesday, Feb. 13

@ 6 p.m. | Rotary Room

Who doesn't enjoy hip-hop? Learn about the origins of hip-hop and the history of the artists who helped shape the genre.

**Registration is required.**

### Book Speed Dating

Wednesday, Feb. 14

@ 6 p.m. | Rotary Room

Join us for another fun evening of meeting new books you might like to “date.” Enjoy fancy Valentine's Day refreshments as you move around and meet interesting and attractive new dates!

**Registration is required.**

### Beginning Watercolors

3rd Monday of the month

@ 5 p.m. | Founder's Room

Lisha Nasipak is returning to offer more watercolor classes. Beginners welcome!

All supplies provided.

**Registration is required.**

### Books and Banter

Last Wednesday of the month

@ 6:30 p.m. | Founder's Room

Drop in and banter about some eclectic fiction selections! Copies of the monthly read available at Ask Me desk.

### Secret Garden Garden Planner

Thursday, Mar. 7

@ 6 p.m. | Founder's Room

Create a garden planner to keep your seed packets, notes, drawings, planting guide and calendar.

**Registration is required.**

### Don't Burn Your Eyes Out

Tuesday, Mar. 26

@ 10:30 a.m. | Rotary Room

See page 3 for details.

### Total Eclipse of the Sun

Tuesday, Apr. 2

@ 6:30 p.m. | Rotary Room

See page 3 for details.

### Retirement Basics

Thursday, Apr. 11

@ 6 p.m. | Rotary Room

Achieve Credit Union will be in to discuss making the most of planning your retirement.

**Registration is required.**

### Mini Hidden Zen Garden

Thursday, Apr. 25

@ 6 p.m. | Founder's Room

Create a miniature garden with a hidden zen garden in the middle.

**Registration is required.**

### Kumi Klub

Thursday, May 9

@ 5:30 p.m. | Makerspace

Open to anyone who has taken the Beginning Kumihimo Class and wants to learn more advanced Kumihimo skills.

**Registration is required.**

### Beadweaving:

#### Herringbone Bracelet

Saturday, May 11

@ 9:30 a.m. | Makerspace

Learn beadweaving skills as you make a beautiful patterned bracelet.

Beginners welcome.

**Registration is required.**

### Rose Moriarty,

#### Elyria Suffragette

Tuesday, May 21

@ 6 p.m. | Rotary Room

Elyria's “Petticoat Mayor” tells about her struggles in 1917 to help women get the right to vote. Presented by the Lorain County Historical Society.

**Registration is required.**

### Beadweaving: Chenille

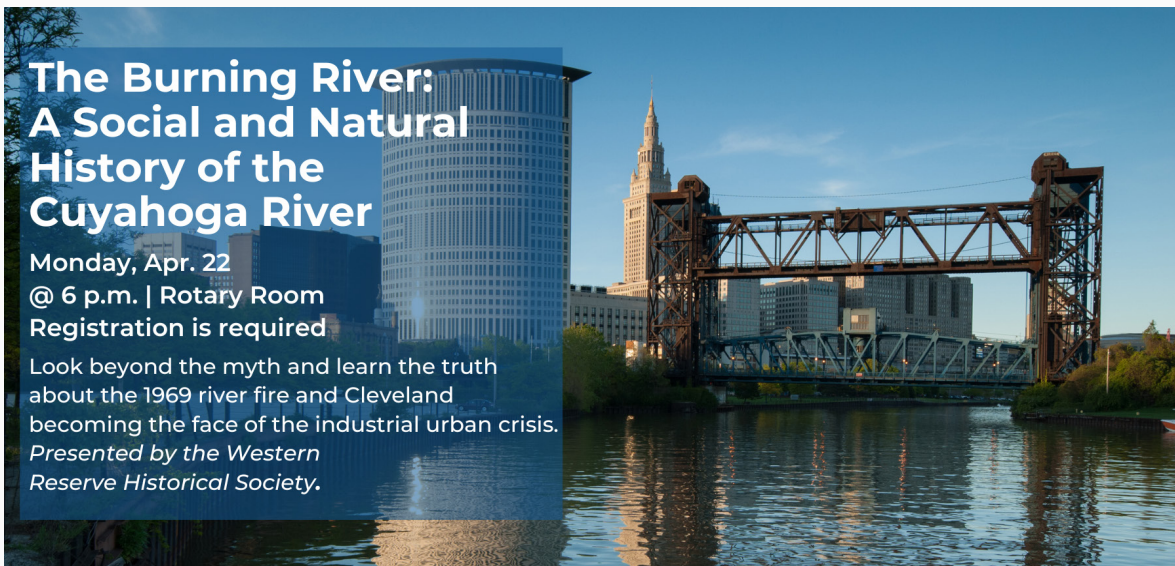
#### Stitch Necklace

Saturday, May 25

@ 9:30 a.m. | Makerspace

For those who have taken a beadweaving class, come and learn a new beadweaving technique.

**Registration is required.**



## The Burning River: A Social and Natural History of the Cuyahoga River

Monday, Apr. 22

@ 6 p.m. | Rotary Room

**Registration is required**

Look beyond the myth and learn the truth about the 1969 river fire and Cleveland becoming the face of the industrial urban crisis.

*Presented by the Western Reserve Historical Society.*

# SUFFRAGE TOWN HALL

Tuesday, Mar. 12

@ 6 p.m. | Rotary Room

**Registration is required.**

Meet three suffragists who each had a significant impact on the Women's Movement:

Elizabeth Cady Stanton,

Sojourner Truth, and Alice Paul.

Presented by Women in History.



# WEST RIVER

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## KIDS

### Fables and Fun!

**Mondays, Jan. 8 - Feb. 26 and Mar. 18 - May 6**  
@ 10:30 a.m. | Ages 5 & under  
Join us weekly for some story time fun and crafts!

### Little Adventures

**Wednesdays, Jan. 10 - Feb. 28 and Mar. 20 - May 8**  
@ 10:30 a.m. | Ages 3 - 5  
Adventure with us into fun stories with songs and crafts!

### Playdough Playtime

**Thursdays, Feb. 8, Mar. 14, Apr. 11, May 9**  
@ 10:30 a.m. | Ages 2 - 5  
Drop in for playdough fun!

### Valentine's Drop-In Day

**Tuesday, Feb. 13**  
All day | All ages  
Love, fun, and crafts at the Library!

### On Theme: Kids Book Club

**Select Wednesdays**  
@ 4 p.m. | Ages 8 - 12  
Read a book based on the monthly theme. Then, bring your book to have a chat, a snack, and complete an activity.  
**Feb. 14:** Biography  
**Mar. 13:** Classics  
**Apr. 10:** Poetry & Novels in Verse  
**May 8:** Mystery  
Registration is required.

### Homeschool STEM | Ages 10 - 14

### Homeschool STEM Jr. | Ages 7 - 9

### Weather and Climate

**Select Mondays @ 2 p.m.**  
Learn about various aspects of weather and do fun hands-on activities!  
**Feb. 19:** Space Weather  
**Mar. 11:** Earthquakes & Volcanoes  
**Apr. 15:** Precipitation  
**May 20:** Severe Weather  
Registration is required.

### Tea-Rex Tea Party!

**Tuesday, Feb. 20**  
@ 10 a.m. | Ages 3 - 7  
Have a dino-tastic time with tea and dinosaur crafts!  
Registration is required.

### Lego® Club

**3rd Wednesday of the month**  
@ 4 p.m. | Ages 5+  
Show off your Lego building skills!

### Warm and Cozy Story Time

**Wednesday, Mar. 6**  
@ 6 p.m. | Ages 2 - 6  
Stay cozy inside with wintery stories, crafts, games, and cocoa.  
Registration is required.

### A to Z Day

**Thursday, Mar. 7**  
@ 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. | Ages 3 - 6  
Drop in and work your way through games and activities for each letter of the alphabet!  
Registration is required.

### Wildlife in Winter

**Friday, Mar. 22**  
@ 2 p.m. | Ages 4 - 8  
Investigate animal adaptations and winter survival strategies of local wildlife species. Presented by Lorain County Metroparks.  
Registration is required.

### Space Week

**March 25 - 29**  
See page 3 for details.

### Stories and Stretches

**Friday, Apr. 12**  
@ 10:30 a.m. | Ages 2 - 5  
Join us for a relaxing story time with stretching, songs and snacks.  
Registration is required.

### Scrabble Tile Art

**Saturday, Apr. 13**  
@ 2 p.m. | Ages 6+ with an adult  
Create your own wall art with Scrabble tiles!  
Registration is required.

### Star Wars Day

**Thursday, May 2**  
All day | All ages  
It's almost Star Wars Day!  
Celebrate at the Library with fun crafts, games and activities!

### Teddy Bear Picnic

**Friday, May 3**  
@ 11:30 a.m. | Ages 2 - 5  
Pack your lunch, your teddy and your picnic blanket for our mostly indoor picnic!  
Registration is required.

## FAMILY

### Family Movie Night

**Wednesdays, Feb. 21, Mar. 13, Apr. 17, May 15**  
@ 6 p.m. | Miller Room  
Join us for popcorn and a fun, family movie!

### Family Trivia Night

**3rd Tuesday of the month**  
@ 6 p.m. | Ages 10+  
Test your smarts in themed trivia! Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place!  
**Feb. 20:** Disney Trivia  
**Mar. 19:** Superhero Trivia  
**Apr. 16:** Pop Culture Trivia  
**May 21:** Star Wars  
Registration is required.

### Mario Escape Room

**Saturday, Mar. 2**  
@ 1 - 4:30 p.m. | Families  
Do you have what it takes to help me defeat Bowser and rescue Princess Peach? Please call the Children's desk at 440-324-9823 to request your 30-minute time slot.

### Passport to: Scotland

**Thursday, Mar. 21**  
@ 6 p.m. | Miller Room  
Dance with the bagpiper and enjoy some Irish and Scottish themed activities!  
Registration is required.

### Balloon Olympics

**Monday, Apr. 1**  
@ 6 p.m. | Miller Room  
Join us for some fun and friendly competition in our balloon Olympic Games!  
Registration is required.

### Homemade Seed Paper

**Thursday, Apr. 18**  
@ 6 p.m. | Ages 6+  
Make homemade seed paper with wildflower seeds. Plant the paper and watch it grow!  
Registration is required.

### Passport to: Japan

**Thursday, May 2**  
@ 5 p.m. | Miller Room  
Visit Japan to enjoy Children's Day! We will make veggie rolls and enjoy some Japanese themed activities and crafts.  
Registration is required.

### The Barnyard Petting Zoo

**Tuesday, May 28**  
@ 4 - 6 p.m. | Outdoors  
Enjoy viewing and petting these cute barnyard babies at this walk through exhibit!

## TEEN

### Sew Cool

**Select Tuesdays**  
@ 6 p.m. | Ages 10 - 17  
Make various crafts using fabric and learn how to sew!  
**Feb. 6:** No-Sew Heart Pillow  
**Mar. 12:** Fleece Bunny  
**Apr. 9:** Duck Softie  
Registration is required.

### Dungeons and Dragons!

**2nd and 4th Thursdays**  
@ 5 p.m. | Ages 10 - 17  
Join us for fantastical shenanigans! Don't forget your spellbooks!  
Registration is required.

### Cozy Reading Day

**2nd Saturday of the month**  
@ 2 p.m. | Ages 12+  
Relax, discuss books, read, and enjoy refreshments in a calm atmosphere.

### ACT Bootcamp

**Saturdays, Feb. 17, Feb. 24**  
@ 12 - 4 p.m. | Miller Room  
Get a leg up on ACT prep! Presented by CollegeNow in Partnership with Lorain County Urban League.  
Registration is required.

### Super Simple Soups

**Tuesday, Feb. 27**  
@ 6 p.m. | Ages 10 - 17  
There's no better way to warm up than with some easy to make and tasty soups!  
Registration is required.

### Will It Waffle?

**Tuesday, Mar. 5**  
@ 6 p.m. | Ages 12 - 17  
Let's use a waffle maker to determine if various things will in fact, waffle!  
Registration is required.

### Taco Tuesday!

Tuesday, Apr. 23

@ 6 p.m. | Ages 12 - 17

Learn how to make tacos, just in time for Cinco de Mayo! Registration is required.

### Pompom Daisy Wall Art

Tuesday, May 21

@ 6 p.m. | Ages 10 - 17

Learn how to make pompoms and create a daisy to hang up! Registration is required.

## ADULTS

### West River Knitting Club

1st Wednesday of the month

@ 10 a.m. | 2nd Floor Conf. Room

Meet fellow knitters. Bring your own project. Beginners welcome.

### Tiny Art

1st and 3rd Wednesdays

@ 5 p.m. | 2nd Floor Conf. Rm.

Make time for yourself to relax and paint among new friends!

### Crochet Collective

1st and 3rd Thursdays

@ 6 p.m. | 2nd Floor Conf. Rm.

Spend an evening stitching, chatting, and sharing! All skill levels are welcome!

### Page Turner's Book Club

2nd Monday of the month

@ 6 p.m. | 2nd Floor Conf. Rm.

A monthly popular fiction club.

**Feb. 12:** *What Alice Forgot*

by Liane Moriarty

**Mar. 11:** *Hello Beautiful*

by Ann Napolitano

**May 13:** *The Authenticity Project*

by Clare Pooley

### Tasting Tuesday

2nd Tuesday of the month

@ 5:30 p.m. | Miller Room

Have a wild tasting adventure.

**Feb. 13:** Winter Salads

**Mar. 12:** Winter Smoothies

**Apr. 9:** Asparagus

**May 14:** Peas

Registration is required.

### Mysteries in the Morning

2nd Wednesday of the month

@ 10 a.m. | 2nd Floor Conf. Rm.

Elevate your morning with a book discussion.

**Feb. 14:** *A Most Agreeable Murder*

by Julia Seales

**Mar. 13:** *The Violin Conspiracy*

by Brendan Slocumb

**Apr. 10:** *Mother-Daughter*

*Murder Night*

by Nina Simon

**May 8:** *Dog On It*

by Spencer Quinn

### Genealogy Workshop

3rd & 4th Tuesday of the month

@ 6 p.m. | 2nd Floor Conf. Rm.

Work on your family tree with fellow genealogy enthusiasts. Registration is required.

### Crafting on a Budget

Select Mondays

@ 2 & 5:30 p.m.

2nd Floor Conference Rm.

It's so fun we do it twice a day.

**Feb. 19:** Refrigerator Magnets

**Mar. 18:** Clothespin Bunnies

**Apr. 22:** Playing Card Earrings

**May 20:** Geometric Art

Registration is required.

### Experiencing the April Eclipse

Monday, Mar. 4

@ 6 p.m. | Miller Room

See page 3 for details.

### Spring Equinox Myths & Folklore

Wednesday, Mar. 20

@ 6 p.m. | Miller Room

See page 3 for details.

### Don't Burn Your Eyes Out

Monday, Mar. 25

@ 6 p.m. | Miller Room

See page 3 for details.

### Garden Squad

Mondays, Apr. 1 - Sept. 30

@ 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. | Outdoor

Maintain and create garden decorations and work together to grow herbs and veggies.

### National Library Week

Open House

Tuesday, Apr. 9

@ 10 a.m. | All Ages Welcome

Celebrate a week dedicated to libraries with a behind the scenes tour of EPL West River, how to's for eMedia, available updated services and a peek inside the mobile Elyria Workforce and Outreach Center (EWOC) vehicle. Refreshments and snacks will be served.

### Annual Library Tea

Friday, Apr. 12

@ 2 p.m. | Miller Room

Bon appetit! Sip on tea and savor bites with Women in History's Julia Child. Bring your teacup. Tickets will be available at West River starting March 18. Tickets required for entry.

### Credit Basics

Monday, Apr. 22

@ 6 p.m. | Miller Room

Learn tips to manage your bills, credit, and emergency funds.



### Heart Health

Thursday, Feb. 1

@ 1 p.m. | Miller Room

During the holidays, you showed the kindness in your heart. Now it is time to show kindness TO your heart! Learn how to treat your heart right with a registered dietician.

Registration is required.

### Belly Dance Fusion Fitness

Feb. 6 and Mar. 5 @ 10 a.m.

Feb. 20 and Mar. 26 @ 6 p.m.

Unlock your core with the ancient art of belly dance!

Suitable for all fitness levels.

Registration is required.

### Mental Health & Well-Being

Wednesday, Feb. 28

@ 6 p.m. | Miller Room

Learn about your mental health and tips and hands-on coping skills to increase well-being.

Presented by MHARS Board.

Registration is required.

### Nutrition For Families

Thursday, Mar. 21

@ 1 p.m. | Miller Room

A registered dietician teaches us how to squeeze in some good nutrition while you keep up with your busy calendar!

Registration is required.

### Seed Starting

Wednesday, Mar. 27

@ 6 p.m. | Miller Room

Come learn all about starting seeds early for your garden.

Registration is required.

### 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's

Monday, Apr. 29

@ 6 p.m. | Miller Room

Learn the early warning signs and the importance of early detection. There will be time for questions. Presented by the Alzheimer's Association.

Registration is required.

## The Cleveland Indians of the 1990s

Tuesday, Apr. 30

@ 6 p.m. | Miller Room

Registration is required.

Longtime sports columnist

Jim Ingraham talks up the powerhouse Indians

teams of the 1990s that went to two World

Series with Albert Belle,

Jim Thome, Kenny Lofton,

and manager Mike Hargrove.



# KEYSTONE

133 East Commerce Drive | LaGrange, OH 44050 | 440.322.0119

## KIDS

**Morning on the Go Story Time**  
Tuesdays, Jan. 9 - Feb. 27 and  
Mar. 19 - May 7  
@ 10 a.m. | Ages 2 - 5  
Make the Library a part of your  
little one's morning routine  
with a story, craft, and activity.

**Preschool Picnics**  
1st Saturday of the month  
@ 10:30 a.m. | Ages 2 - 5  
Bring your favorite blanket  
and snack to enjoy a preschool  
show! Each month features a  
show followed by open play.  
Registration is required.

**Lego® Club**  
Tuesdays, Feb. 6 - May 7  
@ 4:15 p.m. | Ages 4+  
A new brick challenge each week.

**Spring Egg Hunt!**  
Saturday, Mar. 30  
@ 10 a.m. | Ages 4 - 8  
Join us for our first egg hunt  
here at the Library. Bring a  
basket or bag to collect your eggs!  
Registration is required.

**Bingo for Books**  
Friday, May 31  
@ 12 p.m. | Ages 4 - 7  
Kick off summer reading with a  
round of Bingo for a chance to  
win a book to keep!  
Registration is required.

## FAMILY

**Life-Size Candy Land**  
Mar. 22-23  
All Day | All Ages  
Play this life size board game!  
Call ahead and reserve your  
15-minute game play!  
Registration is required.

**Pizza with Police**  
Thursday, Mar. 28  
@ 12 p.m. | All Ages  
Get to know your community  
first responders while enjoying  
a slice of pie.  
Registration is required.

## TWEEN & TEEN

**Just Desserts**  
3rd Wednesday of the month  
@ 4:15 p.m. | Ages 10 - 17  
Like sweet treats? Learn how to  
make these no bake desserts.  
Registration is required.  
Feb. 21: No-Bake Chocolate  
Peanut Butter Bars  
Mar. 20: No-Bake Cereal  
Cookie Bars  
Apr. 17: S'more Pops  
May 15: Strawberry- Peach  
Milkshakes

**Tween Diamond Painting**  
4th Wednesday of the month  
@ 4:15 p.m. | Ages 8 - 12  
Create a sparkling gem of an  
artwork to take home with you!  
Registration is required.  
Feb. 28: Keychains  
Mar. 27: Bookmarks  
Apr. 24: Coasters  
May 22: Full Drill

**Bingo for Books**  
Friday, May 31  
@ 1 p.m. | Ages 8 - 12  
Join us for bingo and a chance to  
win a book to keep!  
Registration is required.

## ADULT

**Open Crafting Hour**  
Wednesdays, Jan. 31 - May 29  
@ 6:30 p.m. | Meeting Room  
Catch up on your diamond  
painting, stitching, crocheting,  
or any other work.

**Mysteries & Muffins**  
Select Dates  
@ 2 p.m. | Conference Room  
Come for muffins and  
discussion of a classic or  
cozy mystery!  
Registration is required.  
Feb. 5: *As Gouda as Dead*  
by Avery Aames  
Mar. 4: *Spirits and Sourdough*  
by Bailey Cates  
Apr. 1: *Blood Orange*  
by Susan Wittig Albert  
May 6: *The No. 1 Ladies'*  
*Detective Agency*  
by Alexander  
McCall Smith

**Lorain County Historical  
Society Speaker Series**  
Select Dates  
@ 6 p.m. | Meeting Room  
Registration is required.  
Learn about different topics  
each month.  
Feb. 8: History of Valentine's Day  
Apr. 4: All Aboard the Titanic  
May 2: The Wright Sister

**Writer's Guild**  
2nd Saturday of the month  
@ 11:30 a.m. | Conference Room  
Calling all writers! Join us  
monthly to share your current  
projects and work on your craft  
Registration is required.

**Book Nook**  
3rd Monday of the month  
@ 6:30 p.m. | Meeting Room  
Join us for a mix of fiction  
genres that will spark  
interesting conversation and  
lead to exploring genres that  
you typically do not read. You  
do not need to have read the  
book to attend.  
Registration is required.  
Feb. 19: *The House in the Pines*  
by Ann Reyes  
Mar. 18: *Sam*  
by Allegra Goodman  
Apr. 15: *The River Runs South*  
by Audrey Ingram  
May 20: *The Island of  
Missing Trees*  
by Elif Shafak

**Music Trivia Nights**  
4th Thursday of the month  
@ 6 p.m. | Meeting Room  
Listen to a variety of songs from  
the 70-00s and see if you can  
name the title and artist!  
Whoever guesses the most  
correct answers will win a prize!

**Don't Burn Your Eyes Out**  
Monday, Mar. 25  
@ 2 p.m. | Meeting Room  
See page 3 for details.

**Recycling "Right" In  
Lorain County**  
Thursday, Mar. 7  
@ 6:30 p.m. | Meeting Room  
Learn how to recycle the right  
way to reduce contamination in  
your curbside recycling bin.

**PCs for People Community  
Drop Off**  
April 1 - 30  
Recycle your tech the right way.  
Everything from laptops,  
routers and other accessories.  
Drop off items during the month  
of April. Call EPL Keystone at  
440-322-0119 for more details.

**A Simple Pollinator Garden**  
Thursday, Apr. 11  
@ 6:30 p.m. | Meeting Room  
Learn how to start a simple  
pollinator garden for beginners  
and those who have limited  
space. Librarian Shari Bowers  
will share her journey starting a  
garden. Free seed packets will  
be distributed. Presented by the  
OSU Extension of Lorain County.



**Craft Swap**

**Sat March 9 | 12 p.m.  
Meeting Room**

Come to Keystone's  
First Annual Craft Swap!  
Let's reuse and recycle  
your extra craft supplies,  
while having a chance  
to pick up some new  
supplies for yourself!

*If you donate, you receive  
early access at 11 a.m.*

**Donations accepted  
March 2 - 8**

Call for more information.



# SOUTH

340 15th Street | Elyria, Ohio 44035 | 440.322.0190

## KIDS

### Colors All Around Story Time Select Thursdays

@ 11 a.m. | Ages 0 - 5

Celebrate our colorful world with stories, songs, & crafts.

Feb. 8: Red  
Mar. 7: Green  
Apr. 4: Yellow

### Tiny Prom

Thursday, May 2

@ 11 a.m. | Ages 2 - 5

Dance, shimmy, shake, and spin with all your friends.

Registration is required.

### Slime Time

Select Tuesdays of the month

Feb. 20, Mar. 19, Apr. 16, May 21

Session One: 4 - 4:45 p.m.

Session Two: 5 - 5:45 p.m.

Ages 6+

So much ooey goopy fun, we offer two sessions each month.

Registration is required.

### Lego® Legends

2nd Tuesday of the month

@ 4 p.m. | Ages 5+

We will be getting out ALL of our Legos for a one-hour build-a-thon. Participants are free to work on projects of their own creation or will be provided with a project to build. Come make new friends and create something awesome!

## FAMILY & TEEN

### Hanging with My Gnomes

Saturday, Feb. 3

@ 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. | Family

All gnomes all day. Craft and color friendly gnomes to take home.

### Thursday Night Music Club

Thursdays in February

@ 4:30 p.m. | All Ages

Participants will bring either an unplugged electric or acoustic guitar, and we will learn a song as a group and by the end of the class be able to play it from start to finish together.

Feb. 1: Basic Chords

Feb. 8: Power Chords

Feb. 15: THE RIFF

Feb. 22: Putting it All Together

### Feel Good Friday

Last Friday of the month

@ 3:30 p.m. | All Ages

Come enjoy live and recorded ambient music in a dedicated space for relaxing and reflecting.

### Monday Movie

Marathon Madness

Monday, Feb. 19

@ 11 a.m. | Family

Cocoa and cartoons, what could be better?!

### Don't Burn Your Eyes Out

Tuesday, Mar. 26

@ 2 p.m. | Family

See page 3 for details.

### Eclipse Moon Dough

Thursday Mar. 28

@ 3 p.m. | Family

See page 3 for details.

### It's My Story

2nd & 4th Thursday in

Apr. and May

@ 4:30 p.m. | Ages 13 - 19

Learn the basics of keeping a journal as a wonderful and valid form of self-expression.

### Pokémon Day

Saturday Apr. 20

@ 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. | Families

Catch & craft Pokémon all day long.

### Star Wars Day

Saturday, May 4

@ 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. | Families

Celebrate May the 4th with all things Star Wars.

## ADULTS

### Books and Bagels

1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month

@ 10:30 a.m. | Adults, 50+

Come for well-rounded fun as we eat bagels and have a roundtable discussion on what we've been reading. We will pass on what we loved, what we hated, if we'd recommend the book or series, and what titles we always circle back to.

### One for the Books:

Journaling for the Times

2nd & 4th Fridays of the month

@ 10 a.m. | Adults, 20+

Learn the basics of keeping a journal as a wonderful and valid form of self-expression.  
*No session Friday, April 26.*

### Cozy Cat Book Club

3rd Saturday of the month

@ 2 p.m. | Meeting Room

Do you enjoy mysteries? And cats? Join us for both as we read and discuss a different cat-themed mystery each session.

Feb. 17: *Death by a Whisker: a Cat Rescue Mystery*  
by T. C. LoTempio

Mar. 16: *Buy a Whisker: a Second Chance Cat Mystery*

by Sofie Ryan

Apr. 20: *Cat Shining Bright: A Joe Grey Mystery*

by Shirley Murphy

May 18: *The Cat Who Ate Danish Modern*

by Lilian Jackson Braun

### Computer Fundamentals: AM Mondays in March

@ 11 a.m. | Meeting Room

This series is a four-week overview of the basics of computing designed for brand new computer users.

### Hooked on Yarn

Select Saturdays

Feb. 17, Mar. 16, Apr. 20, May 18

@ 10 a.m. | Meeting Room

Whether you have a WIP (work in progress) or want to learn about crochet, this is the group for you!

### Computer Fundamentals: PM Mondays in April

@ 4:30 p.m. | Meeting Room

Computer Fundamentals is a four-week overview of the basics of computing designed for brand new computer users.

### And Ya' Don't Stop | 50 Years of Hip Hop

Thursday, Apr. 18

@ 4:30 p.m. | Adults

A presentation on the origins of hip hop and the people who helped to shape the genre.

## The Pioneer Freedge

Established on March 16, 2022, The Pioneer Freedge is a public refrigerator and dry goods shelves to promote equal access to healthy food in the south side neighborhood of Elyria. The goal is to reduce food insecurity and food waste and build a stronger community. The Pioneer Freedge is always looking for donations of dairy, produce, meat, and other staples. Hygiene items are also accepted, such as deodorant, body wash, wash cloths, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, tooth brush, and feminine care.

Donations may be dropped off during Library hours.

Pioneer Freedge is operated by The Southside Pride collaboration powered by United Way of Greater Lorain County.



Leave What  
You Can;  
Take What  
You Need.



# OUTREACH

The EPL Bookmobile, EWOC & Community Events

## STORY STROLL STORY TIME

**LaGrange Community Park**  
2nd Wednesday  
@ 10:30 a.m. | 422 W Main St,  
Lagrange

Join us for a story time along the Story Stroll Trail at The LaGrange Community Park. *The story time will be cancelled for inclement weather.*

**Mar. 13:** *T. Veg*  
**Apr. 10:** *Rabbits & Raindrops*  
**May 8:** *My Garden*  
Registration is required.

**Carlisle Reservation**  
3rd Wednesday  
@ 10:30 a.m. | 12882 Diagonal Rd,  
Lagrange

Join us as EPL and Lorain County Metroparks collaborate to bring you a story time along the Story Stroll Trail at Carlisle Reservation. The story time will be held inside in inclement weather.

**Mar. 20:** *Bear Goes Sugaring*  
**Apr. 17:** *Wolfie the Bunny*  
**May 15:** *Mama Built a Little Nest*  
Registration is required.

## PROGRAMS

### Books on Tap

3rd Tuesday of the month  
@ 6:30 p.m. | Adults Only  
Let's get together at The Foundry Kitchen & Bar to talk about our latest and favorite reads! Find us at: 525 Broad Street in Elyria.

### Story Time at Cascade Cascade Park Nature Center 387 Furnace St. Elyria

Calling all preschoolers and their caregivers to join us for a spring themed story time series at Cascade Park Nature Center with stories, music, and fun.

#### Registration is required.

**April 5:** Think Spring  
**April 12:** Weather Watchers  
**April 19:** Recycling Rocks

### Wander & Wonder

2nd Tuesday  
@ 11 a.m. | Adults  
East Rec 1101 Prospect St.  
Join us at East Rec to "visit" a different country each month to learn about their culture, customs, and landscape.

## EWOC EPL WORKFORCE & OUTREACH CENTER

The EPL Workforce & Outreach Center (EWOC) is a vehicle designed for one-on-one/small group meetings for technology focused interactions with an emphasis on employment along with local community and government assistance programs. The EWOC is one of Ohio's first mobile computer labs. It features three laptop workstations, wi-fi, and a full-service printer alongside staff that are ready to help you figure out your toughest tech needs, filling out and navigating difficult forms, or putting together a resume.

The EWOC spring schedule begin the week of January 8.

## EWOC SPRING SCHEDULE

### MONDAYS

EPL South  
@ 10 - 1, 2 - 4  
340 15th St, Elyria

### WEDNESDAYS

Family Planning Services  
@ 10 - 1 p.m.  
602 Leona St, Elyria  
South Park Elyria  
@ 2 - 4 p.m.  
1864 Middle Ave, Elyria

### TUESDAYS

Lorain County Office  
on Aging  
@ 10 - 1 p.m.  
534 S Abbe Rd, Elyria  
Downtown Elyria  
@ 2 - 4 p.m.

### THURSDAYS

East Rec  
@ 10 - 1 p.m.  
1101 Prospect St., Elyria

If you have any questions, would like to set up an individual or small group appointment, or are an organization looking to connect, email [ewoc@elyrialibrary.org](mailto:ewoc@elyrialibrary.org).

## WE MAKE HOMEBOUND DELIVERIES

Homebound Delivery is a free service for residents of Elyria and LaGrange residing within the EPLS service area. Persons with physical limitations that make it impossible to visit a library may qualify. These services provide qualified users with library materials delivered to their homes monthly.

APPLY TODAY!

More Info : [1.440.324.9831](tel:14403249831)

Applications are available on our website, [elyrialibrary.org](http://elyrialibrary.org), and can be emailed to [outreach@elyrialibrary.org](mailto:outreach@elyrialibrary.org) or mailed to EPL Central.

## COMMUNITY BOOKMOBILE VISITS

### TUESDAYS

Cottages at Riverview  
@ 3 - 3:30 p.m.  
Feb. 6, 20 | Mar. 5, 19  
Apr. 2, 16 | May 7, 21  
550 Sommer Way, Elyria

Kensington Square  
Apartments  
@ 3 - 3:30 p.m.  
Feb. 13, 27 | Mar. 12, 26  
Apr. 9, 23 | May 14, 28  
535 S Abbe Rd, Elyria

### THURSDAYS

Harr Plaza  
@ 3 - 3:30 p.m.  
Feb. 1, 15 | Mar. 7, 21  
Apr. 4, 18 | May 2, 16  
15 Chestnut St, Elyria

### WEDNESDAYS

RJ Gordon Manor  
@ 9:15 - 9:45 a.m.  
Feb. 14, 28 | Mar. 13, 27  
Apr. 10, 24 | May 8, 22  
511 Fuller Rd, Elyria

Chadwick Place  
Apartments  
@ 11 - 11:30 a.m.  
Feb. 14, 28 | Mar. 13, 27  
Apr. 10, 24 | May 8, 22  
160 Ridge Cir Ln, Elyria

### Wilkes Villa

@ 2:15 - 2:45 p.m.  
Feb. 14, 28 | Mar. 13, 27  
Apr. 10, 24 | May 8, 22  
199 Loudon Ct, Elyria

# FOUNDATION

The Elyria Public Library Foundation seeks funds to support library services and build an endowment to ensure the future financial stability of the library.

## The Foundation Gives to the Library. The Library Gives Back to You, Our Community!

In recent years, the Foundation has provided funding for the Central Story Time Room, mobility carts, signage, and display shelves. Your donation will help the Library and community in a variety of ways.



Popular Book Collection



Movies and Music on DVD and Streaming



Public Computers and Printers



Accessibility



Library of Things



Programs for All Ages



Bookmobile

Please consider donating to the Elyria Public Library Foundation on Library Giving Day, **Wednesday, April 3rd**



<http://epfslfoundation.org>

Donations are accepted and appreciated any day throughout the year.

Public libraries are known for their books and research materials, but they also offer many programs that promote lifelong learning, connect patrons to technology, and advance our knowledge.

#librarygivingday is a one-day fundraising event with the goal of encouraging people who depend on and enjoy public libraries to donate to their individual library system. And in turn the support will go towards the incredible programs, services and materials the library provides.

contact us:  
[epfslfoundation@outlook.com](mailto:epfslfoundation@outlook.com)

Elyria Public Library  
**Foundation**  
Securing the Library's Future



# BLOOD DRIVES @ EPL WEST RIVER

Friday, Mar. 8th  
Friday, May. 10th  
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

FOR APPOINTMENT, CALL  
**800-733-2767**

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[www.elyrialibrary.org](http://www.elyrialibrary.org)

Sign up each month for a box full of themed goodies. Each box includes a book\*, a craft, and freebies for you to keep.

**February: Frenemies**

**March: Space**

**April: Clue the Mystery**

**May: Fantasy**

Limit 2 boxes per household.  
Call any EPLS branch to reserve a box.

\*Library books can be returned to any EPLS location.

# Tax Preparation by United Way Returns to EPL West River

**Only at EPL West River, Second Floor Conference & Study Rooms**

United Way will once again be assisting patrons with prepping and filing their State and Federal taxes. Walk-up appointments are available on a first come, first served basis on the listed dates. To file your taxes for free online, visit [myfreetaxes.com](http://myfreetaxes.com).

### Walk-Up Appointments

- Saturday, February 3 @ 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Saturday, February 17 @ 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Saturday, March 2 @ 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Saturday, March 16 @ 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Saturday, April 6 @ 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Saturday, April 13 @ 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Monday, April 15 @ 12 - 6 p.m. (last day to file)

- Appointments available during the week at West River and other locations starting January 29th. Call 2-1-1 for times and locations.
- **Last day for filing, April 15**, has appointments available for both walk-up and schedule ahead.

For appointments and tax prep questions, call: **2-1-1**



## CENTRAL

211 Second St.  
Elyria, Ohio 44035  
440.323.5747

Mon - Thurs: 9 am - 8 pm  
Fri & Sat: 9 am - 5 pm  
Sunday: Closed

## WEST RIVER

1194 West River Road North  
Elyria, Ohio 44035  
440.324.2270

Mon - Thurs: 9 am - 8 pm  
Fri & Sat: 9 am - 5 pm  
Sun: Closed

## SOUTH

340 15th Street  
Elyria, Ohio 44035  
440.322.0190

Mon - Thurs: 9 am - 6 pm  
Fri & Sat: 9 am - 5 pm  
Sun: Closed

## KEYSTONE

133 E. Commerce Dr.  
LaGrange, Ohio 44050  
440.322.0119

Mon - Thurs: 9 am - 8 pm  
Fri & Sat: 9 am - 5 pm  
Sun: Closed

## EPLS @LCCC

1005 North Abbe Rd.  
Elyria, Ohio 44035  
440.366.4919

Hours based on  
LCCC Bass Library schedule.