

CHECK IT OUT!

Elizabeth Public Library, 11 South Broad Street, Elizabeth, NJ
www.elizpl.org 908-354-6060



City of Elizabeth Mayor J. Christian Bollwage and Library Director Dorothy M. Key are pictured at the Annual Libraries of Union County Consortium (LUCC) Awards Dinner in October, 2011. Mayor Bollwage received the award for the *Union County Government Official of the Year* for The Mayor's Book Club.

Black History Month displays and programs will be featured

Lawrence Hogan, Ph.D., Professor of History at Union County College, will present a program focusing on a black owned and operated country club in Scotch Plains, NJ, from the 1920's through the 1950's at the Elmora Branch on Wednesday, February 15, at 7:00 pm. Details can be found on Page 5.

The Union County Urban League Guild will be host programs at EPL to celebrate Black History Month with the support of the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs. Programs will be posted to the library calendar of events at www.elizpl.org/events.html.

Connect Explore Discover/ Conéctate Explora Descubre

The New Jersey State Library has awarded Elizabeth Public Library a \$10,000 Latino Heritage Festival grant to run a library campaign to reach English and Spanish speakers of diverse backgrounds.

In March of 2012, EPL will launch *Connect Explore Discover/Conéctate Explora Descubre*, an initiative which will enhance patron services on several fronts. There will be bilingual computer classes, programs to celebrate cultural diversity in Elizabeth during National Library Week, April 8-14, 2012, a staff training session, an effort to encourage more volunteers to take on literacy as a service, and a more inclusive web site and all will be promoted with new outreach efforts.

Connect Explore Discover/Conéctate Explora Descubre is a sustainable project, and will be used as an example for other libraries and library systems in the State.

Income Tax Return Assistance is available by appointment at EPL

Tax preparation assistance will again be available for eligible residents at EPL from February through April on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm beginning Tuesday, February 7. The library will open the appointment book on Tuesday, January 17th. To make an appointment, kindly stop at the Circulation Desk at the Main Library's Rahway Avenue entrance, or call the Circulation Desk at 908-354-6060, x-7234.

Children's Services: 908-354-6060, x-7209

All programs have limited seating. Advance registration is recommended.

Is it Summer Yet?

Summer-themed stories for Grades Pre-K through 2

Elizabethport Branch	Monday, January 9, 4:00pm
LaCorte Branch	Tuesday, January 10, 4:00 pm
Elmora Branch	Monday, January 23, 4:00 pm
Main Library	Saturday, January 28, 11:00 am

Heroes

Story time for Grades Pre-K through 2 saluting African Americans

Elizabethport Branch	Monday, February 6, 4:00 pm
LaCorte Branch	Tuesday, February 7, 4:00 pm
Main Library	Saturday, February 25, 11:00 am
Elmora Branch	Monday, February 27, 4:00 pm

Super Women!

A tribute in story to those super women in our lives for Grades Pre-K through 2

Elizabethport Branch	Monday, March 5, 4:00 pm
LaCorte Branch	Tuesday, March 6, 4:00 pm
Elmora Branch	Monday, March 12, 4:00 pm
Main Library	Saturday, March 24, 11:00 am



Lapsit

Rhymes, songs, finger plays and verse for babies 0 - 2 years old.

Main Library, Thursdays, 11:00 am
January 5 and 12, February 2 and 9 and March 1 and 8

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Story Time for 2's and 3's

Main Library, Wednesdays, 11 am
January 18 and 25, February 15 and 22
And March 21 and 28

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Saturday Monthly Movie Matinee for Children

Main Library, Children's Room
Saturdays, 11:00 am

January 14: *Mr. Popper's Penguins*

February 11: *Remember the Titans*

March 17: *Meet the Robinsons*

Elizabeth Beach Party

Main Library
Saturday, January 21
11:00 am



Wear your favorite summer shirt and bring your beach towel! Listen to summer-themed stories, work on puzzles, dance the limbo and make a craft.

Black History Month

Join us for stories about famous African-Americans, play Black History Book Bingo and make a craft.

Saturday, February 4
Main Library 11:00 am
LaCorte Branch 2:00 pm

New!

for ages 9-12:

Elizabethport Branch Computer Club

Tuesdays at 4:00 pm

January 10, 17 and 24
March 6, 13, 20 and 27

New!

for ages 9-12:

Elmora Branch Book Club

Thursdays at 4:00 pm

January 19, February 16, March 15
Come to discuss what you have read, and explore authors and books with Reader's Theater.



A Birthday Party for Dr. Seuss

Main Library
Thursday, March 8, 6:30 pm

Teen Services: 908-354-6060, x-7237

Cuckoo Dance Week Celebration:

Wii Dance-Off

Wednesday, January 11, 5:00-7:00pm

Main Library Auditorium

Come celebrate National Cuckoo Dance Week by showing off your moves in the Teen Wii Dance-Off! Register @ the Teen Department starting January 3rd. Refreshments will be served.



Blind Date with a Book Display

Try and find a good match at the Teen's Blind Date with a Book Display. You'll select from various wrapped books to take home and try out. Write a short review and be included in a drawing to win a book prize! The display will be up in the Main Library Teen Department through the month of February.

Mardi-Gras Masks

Tuesday, February 21 5:00-7:00pm

Main Library 4th Fl. Auditorium

In celebration of Mardi-Gras, join the Teen Department in creating your own Mardi-Gras mask. Registration starts Feb. 1st. Refreshments will be served.



Teen Advisory Council:

A Volunteer Opportunity

Tuesdays, Main Library, 5:00 - 6:00 pm

January 10, February 14 and March 13

Do you have ideas for Teen programming the library? Want your ideas heard? Join the Teen Advisory Council at EPL. Earn volunteer hours for each meeting attended.

Book Discussion Group:

Mondays, Main Library, 5:00 - 6:00 pm

January 23, February 27, March 26

Join the Teen Department in the monthly book discussion group. Come in to discuss the current book you are reading and get recommendations for new books.

Silent Library @ EPL!



Wednesday, January 25, 5:00-7:00pm

Main Library 4th Fl. Auditorium

You've seen it on MTV, now come try your hand at Silent Library @ EPL! Sign up in teams or individually. Register @ the Teen Department starting January 3rd. Refreshments will be served.



Teen Tech Week: Geek Out @ Your Library: March 4-10

*Connect Explore Discover/
Conéctate Explora Descubre*

Events will be posted to the calendar on-line at www.elizpl.org/events.html

Wednesday Night Teen Movies

Main Library, Fourth Floor Auditorium

Wednesdays, 5:00 - 7:00 pm

January 18: *Monte Carlo* starring Selena Gomez and Leighton Meester

February 15: *Super 8* starring E. Fanning

March 14: *Transformers: Dark of the Moon* starring Shia LaBeouf

**Who Reads?
We Read!**

Read Across America Teen

Read-a-Thon

Saturday, March 3rd, 10:00am-4:00pm

Main Library Teen Department

Spend the day reading all you can during the Teen Department's Read Across America Read-a-Thon. Earn a book prize for every 2 hours spent reading. Register @ the Teen Department starting February 15th.

Media Services: 908-354-6060, x-7152

Computer classes are offered on multiple dates. Classes are held in the Community Learning Center Computer Lab on the third floor of the Main Library. Space is limited, so kindly call 908-354-6060, x-7238.

Introduction to Computers	Tuesdays, Jan. 3, Feb. 14, March 13	2:30 – 3:30 pm
Introduction to Computers II	Tuesday, Jan. 17, Feb 28, March 27	2:30 – 3:30 pm
Introduction to Microsoft Word	Thursday, Jan. 12 & 26, Feb. 16, March 8 & 29	2:30 – 3:30 pm
Word II	Thursdays, Jan. 19, Feb. 2 & 23, March 15	2:30 – 3:30 pm
Typing Class	Tuesday, Jan. 31, Wed., March 21 (6:00 pm)	2:30 – 3:30 pm
Introduction to Excel	Wednesday, Jan. 4, Jan. 18, March 9	6:00 – 7:00 pm
Excel II	Wednesday, Jan. 11, Feb. 8, March 16	6:00 – 7:00 pm
Introduction to PowerPoint	Fridays, Jan. 6, Feb. 3 and Wed., March 7	6:00 – 7:00 pm
How to Make Money on the Internet	Wednesday, Jan. 25, Feb. 15, Friday, March 23	6:00 – 7:00 pm
Gadget Garage	Friday, Jan. 13, February 10, March 14	6:00 – 7:00 pm

Senior Spaces: Programs for Ages 55+

Senior Game Days with Wii

Main Library Auditorium
Mondays, 2:30-3:30 pm
January 9, February 6 and March 12

Knitting for a Cause

Main Library, 3rd Floor Senior Space
Thursdays, 10:30-11:30 am
January 26, February 23 and March 29



Reference and Adult Services: 908-354-6060, x-7203

Kindly register for the Main Library programs below in person or by calling the Reference Desk at the number above.



Informational Session:

US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)

Tuesday, January 24, 2012
6:00 – 7:30 pm

The USCIS will present a program about the naturalization process geared toward lawful, permanent residents who are interested in learning about eligibility and filing requirements. All are welcome.

Wednesday Morning Movies

Main Library Auditorium, 10 am

Jan 4	<i>20,000 Leagues Under the Sea</i> (1954) with K. Douglas
Jan 11	<i>The Barkleys of Broadway</i> (1949) with F. Astaire
Jan 18	<i>The Sea Chase</i> with John Wayne and Lana Turner
Jan 25	<i>Fun With Dick and Jane</i> with Jim Carey and T. Leoni
Feb 1	<i>De-Loveley</i> with Kevin Kline and Ashley Judd
Feb 8	<i>Crazy Stupid Love</i> with Steve Carell and J. Moore
Feb 15	<i>Midnight in Paris</i> with Owen Wilson and M. Cotillard
Feb 22	<i>The Help</i> with Viola Davis and Emma Stone
Feb 29	<i>What About Bob?</i> with Bill Murray and Richard Dreyfuss
March 7	<i>One Day</i> with Anne Hathaway and Jim Sturgess
March 14	<i>Uncle Buck</i> with John Candy and Macaulay Culkin
March 21	<i>Moneyball</i> with Brad Pitt and Jonah Hill
March 28	<i>Dolphin Tale</i> with Harry Connick, Jr., and M. Freeman

Three Steps to a Clutter-Free New Year!

Main Library Auditorium

Thursday, January 19

6:00 – 7:30 pm

Overwhelmed by papers, projects, and piles? You're not alone! Join author and expert organizer **Jamie Novak** as she reveals her trademark 3-step system to organize it all from entryways to offices. Jamie has been seen on HGTV and QVC and she currently serves as a home blogger for Martha Stewart's Whole Living. Not sure where to start? You'll leave this program with a plan and simple solutions you can really use!

Saturday Movie Matinees

2 pm, Main Library Auditorium

January 21

Pirates of the Caribbean 4 (2011)

with Johnny Depp and Penelope Cruz

February TBA

Super 8

with Kyle Chandler and Elle Fanning

March 24

Cowboys and Aliens

with Daniel Craig and Harrison Ford

Branch Services: 908-353-4820

Space is limited for programs. Kindly reserve a space by contacting Robert Barbanell at rbarbanell@elizpl.org or at the telephone number above.

Computers and Your Community Library:



Introduction to Microsoft Word

Polish your resume, optimize your letters or school papers, and explore clip art and images.

Elmora Branch: LaCorte Branch:
Wed., Jan. 18, 6:00 pm Tues., Feb. 21, 6:30 pm
Wed., March 7, 6:00 pm

E'port Branch: Fri. Feb. 24, 10:30 am

Introduction to Computers

Learn more about the mouse, keyboard, and how a computer operates.

Elmora Branch: LaCorte Branch:
Wed., Jan. 25, 6:00 pm Tues., Feb. 7, 6:30 pm
Wed., Feb. 22, 6:00 pm Tues., March 6, 6:30 pm

E'port Branch: Sat., Jan. 28, 2:30 pm
Fri., March 2, 10:00 am

Social Networking for Everyone

Learn how to use Facebook and Twitter.

Elmora Branch: LaCorte Branch:
Wed., Feb. 8, 6:00 pm Fri., Jan. 20, 11:30 am
Wed., March 21, 6:00 pm

Elizabethport Branch:
Sat., Feb. 11, 2:30 pm

Gadget Garage

Try a Nook, Kindle, Ipad and a digital camera for yourself with the assistance of a librarian.

Elmora Branch: LaCorte Branch:
Mon., Jan 23, 10:30 am Thurs., Feb. 9, 2:30 pm

Elizabethport Branch:
Thurs., March 15, 2:30 pm

New Jersey Seeds Program

High achieving, low-income students can take advantage of New Jersey Seeds to explore private colleges and universities across the country. 5:00 pm at each location.

Elmora, Wed., Jan. 11 LaCorte, Thurs., Jan. 12 and
Elizabethport, Jan. 18

Family Board Game Night at LaCorte

Enjoy fun-filled board games for the whole family.

Thursdays, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

January 5, January 19, February 2, February 16,
March 15 and March 29

The Shady Rest Country Club: A Black New Jersey Oasis in the Age of Segregation



Elmora Branch Library
Wednesday, February 15, 7:00 pm

Professor Lawrence Hogan, Professor of History at Union County College, will present a program focusing on a black owned and operated country club in Scotch Plains, NJ, from the 1920's through the 1950's—an examination of the rich cultural, social, recreational, professional, athletic, business, educational and entertainment world behind the veil of segregation that separated white from black through much of 19th and 20th century America.

Friday Film Festivals at Elmora

Superheroes in Supernature, African Americans in Film and Women in Film are the monthly themes, Fridays at 12:00 pm.

January 6 - March 30

www.elizpl.org/events.html

Films at LaCorte

Classic Movie Mondays at LaCorte, 10:00 am

Jan 9 *Holiday* with Katherine Hepburn and C. Grant
Jan 23 *Personal Property* with Jean Harlow and R. Taylor
Jan 30 *Some Like It Hot* with Marilyn Monroe
Feb 6 *Meet Me in St. Louis* with Judy Garland
Feb 27 *A Raisin in the Sun* with Sidney Poitier
Mar 5 *Woman of the Year* with S. Tracy and K. Hepburn
Mar 12 *Holiday Affair* with Robert Mitchum and J. Leigh
Mar 19 *She Wore a Yellow Ribbon* with John Wayne
Mar 26 *April in Paris* with Doris Day and Ray Bolger

Saturday Matinee Theater: Weekly Classics 1:30 pm.

See a complete list at www.elizpl.org/events.html

Elmora Branch Brown Bag Movies

Tuesdays, 12 noon. Feel free to bring lunch.

Light refreshments will be provided.

Jan 3 *Big* with Tom Hanks and Elizabeth Perkins
Jan 10 *Anger Management* with A. Sandler and J. Nicholson
Jan 17 *Meet the Parents* with Ben Stiller and R. DeNiro
Jan 24 *Hope Floats* with Sandra Bullock and H. Connick, Jr.
Jan 31 *Dirty Dancing* with Patrick Swayze and J. Grey
Feb 7 *The Lincoln Lawyer* with M. McConaughey and M. Tomei
Feb 14 *Something Borrowed* with Ginnifer Goodwin, K Hudson
Feb 21 *Mrs. Doubtfire* with Robin Williams and Sally Field
Feb 28 *Crazy Stupid Love* with S. Carell and Ryan Gosling
Mar 6 *MoneyBall* with Brad Pitt and Robin Wright
Mar 13 *Friends with Benefits* with M. Kunis and J. Timberlake
Mar 20 *The Whistleblower* with R. Wiesz and M. Belluci
Mar 27 *Good Will Hunting* with R. Williams and Matt Damon

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Main Library Hours

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908-354-6060
M-F 9 am - 9pm
Sat 9 am - 5 pm

Elmora Branch Hours

740 W. Grand
Elizabeth, NJ
908-353-4820
M W 9 am-9pm
TThF Sat 9 am-5pm

LaCorte Branch Hours

434 Palmer St
Elizabeth, NJ
908-820-4298
M W F Sat: 9am-5pm
TTh: 12 pm-8 pm

Elizabethport Branch Hours

102-110 Third St
Elizabeth, NJ
908-289-9032
M W: 12pm - 8pm
TThF Sat: 9am-5pm

The Library will be closed on the following holidays:

New Year's Day: Monday, January 2

**Dr. Martin Luther King's Birthday:
Monday, January 16**

**Abraham Lincoln's Birthday:
Monday, February 13**

President's Day: Monday, February 20