EPL Receives $154,000 ECF Grant

The Emergency Connectivity Fund is a $7.17 billion program funded by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to help schools and libraries support remote learning. The Program provides funding to schools and libraries for equipment and services that can be provided to students, teachers, and library patrons who lack connected devices, such as laptop or tablet computers, and/or lack broadband access during the pandemic. With the funds the Library will be receiving, we will be increasing the number of laptops and mobile hotspots available to Library staff (to work remotely, at home, when necessary) and to student and adult learners. We anticipate bringing computer classes to Senior Centers and HACE Senior Housing, as well as increasing the number of circulating laptops that Elizabeth residents can checkout for home use. The new equipment is expected to be available early in 2022. EPL is one of only 8 New Jersey libraries receiving this funding.

More Grant News

EPL has been awarded an additional $24,957 through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. These funds will allow the Library to act as a “Spoke” in providing public access to IC3 Computer Competency training being provided through the NJ State Library+Partners Literacy Grant at Plainfield Public Library. Classes will be provided, live, at PPL and transmitted to the computer lab at our Main location, thus increasing the geographic reach and impact on the community. IC3 training is a global benchmark for basic computer literacy, including operating systems, hardware, software, and networks. It consists of three exams: Computing Fundamentals, Living Online, and Key Application. IC3 certification serves as evidence that an applicant has the entry-level skills necessary to function in both academic and work environments where computers and Internet technology are an integral part of success.

Still More Funding News

Thanks to CDBG funding from the City of Elizabeth, the Library anticipates upgrading an aging HVAC system, including heating and a/c components, over the next year. The Library awaits a COE investment of $800,000 with the Library Board of Trustees contributing another $800,000 to complete the project in 2022.
WELCOME TO THE NEW ELIZABETHTOWN READING ROOM

Hours of Operation and Access
The Elizabethtown Reading Room is available for appointments Mondays through Fridays:

- 10:00am-11:30am
- 12:00pm-1:30pm
- 2:00pm-3:30pm
- 4:00pm-5:30pm

No more than 2 consecutive appointments are permitted.

Our new Elizabethtown Reading Room is opening in October. To ensure the safety and preservation of our many unique items, access to the room is granted by APPOINTMENT ONLY. Appointments must be scheduled no less than 2 weeks in advance. To schedule an appointment, fill out the Appointment Request Form on the Local History Department's website www.elizpl.org/localhistory. For more information e-mail us at eplreference@elizpl.org or call (908)354-6060 x7220.

Elizabeth Daily Journal Digitization Project Update

The Elizabeth Public Library Local History & Special Collections Department is currently working on the third phase of the Elizabeth Daily Journal Digitization Project. This project phase is made possible by a grant from the New Jersey Historical Commission, a division of the Department of State, and administered by the Union County Office of Cultural & Heritage Affairs. This third phase will pick up with the January 28, 1922 edition through April 4, 1937 edition.

The database will be updated as additional reels of microfilm are digitized and are made accessible at www.elizpl.org/databases.html. Webinars and in-person workshops on the use of the database are tentatively being planned for later in the fall.

For more information on the Elizabeth Daily Journal Digitization Project or the Local History and Special Collections Department, contact us at (908)354-6060 x7220 or e-mail eplreference@elizpl.org.

Four Centuries in A Weekend Exhibit: 100 Years of the Union County Parks Commission

Throughout the month of October, the Elizabeth Public Library’s Local History & Special Collections Department will be exhibiting materials from the archives covering the 100 years of the Union County Parks Commission.

Elizabeth Public Library
11 S Broad Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07202
For more information, contact Local History & Special Collections Dept. at 908-354-6060 x7220
**Free Covid-19 Vaccine Pop-Up Clinic**

Mayor Bollwage, The City of Elizabeth, and the Department of Health and Human Services present the Covid-19 Vaccine Pop-Up Clinic.

The vaccines being administered are the Johnson & Johnson and Moderna vaccines on Wednesdays & Saturdays. Photo ID will be required. Please stop by the Elizabeth Public Library for your free Covid-19 Vaccine.

For more information visit the City of Elizabeth Covid-19 Resource Station at the Library:

Tuesday and Wednesday 10-1pm
Fridays 10-5pm
Saturday 10-2

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**Branch Programs**

**Banned Books Week**

Sept.27-Oct. 2
Celebrate your freedom to read & check out a banned book today!

Friday Oct. 1 – Banned Books Trivia Night @ 4pm

**Chess Club for Children**

Mondays @ 4pm on Zoom. BEGINNERS WELCOME! Ages 6-12.
To register call or email the Elmora branch.

**Martha’s Story & Craft**

Back by popular demand! Another play-dough event is scheduled at Elmora on October 29th @ 4pm.
Email the Elmora Branch to register. Space is limited.

**Coloring for Adults**

Oct 26, 11am-1pm
Meets fourth Tuesday of every month! Refreshments will be served.

**Library Closings**

The Library will be closed on Friday, October 8, for staff development training.

The Library will be closed on Monday, October 11, in honor of Columbus/Indigenous Peoples Day.

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**Free Afternoon Movies @ Elmora!**

Jigsaw
Thursday, Oct. 14 @ 12pm

Goosebumps
Saturday, Oct 16 @ 12pm

IT
Thursday, Oct. 28 @ 12pm

The Addams Family
Saturday, Oct. 30 @ 12pm

Social distancing and masks are required.
Children’s Programs

Drama Club
Join Elizabeth Public Library and Stephanie Ticas for our bi-weekly drama club! Stephanie Ticas can help kids develop various acting techniques such as voice over and scene work, monologue development, and so much more! This program is virtual. For children ages 8-13.

Every other Friday starting Sept 17th @ 5:30pm

Blissful Coding Club
The Elizabeth Public Library and Blissful Coding Club are offering FREE ONLINE coding classes for students in grades 2-12. Beginner to advanced levels are all welcome to join.

Fall 2021 session: Oct 11– Nov 21
Classes are once a week with office hours. Registration for classes will be open until Oct 5, 2021.

Email info@blissfulus.org or visit blissfulcodingclub.org for more info.

Teen Programs

Crafts-4-Teens
Crafts are available (while supplies last) for curbside pickup in the Teen’s Dept on the 3rd floor @ our Main Branch.

Crafts are also available for curbside pickup at our Elmora Branch from 3pm-5:30pm.

Friday Night Frights
Slender Man (PG-13) October 8th @ 4PM
Escape Room (PG-13) October 22nd @ 4PM

Submit a photo of you in your costume to eplteensdept@gmail.com or DM @EPLNJ on Instagram by October 30th. Follow us on IG and vote for your favorite costume! Voting will start Oct. 30th @ 10am and will end Nov. 1st @ 5pm.

The winner will be announced on Nov 1st @ 7pm and will receive an AMC gift card.

Wolves From Howling Woods Farms
Join the Elizabeth Public Library and Howling Woods Farms for a presentation on wolves and a meet-and-greet with two of them! This program will take place outdoors. In the event of rain, the program will be conducted as a timed photo opportunity with wolves. Please bring an umbrella as waiting will take place outdoors.

Oct. 7th, 4pm @ 11 S.Broad St.

Halloween Fun Day
The Elizabeth Public Library will be hosting an afternoon filled with Halloween fun! Games, candy, pumpkins and Puppets by Palmieri! Dress up in your Halloween costume for a chance to enter a raffle! Get ready for a spooktacular time!

October 29th 3-5pm
Event will be outdoors. In case of inclement weather, it will be modified to an indoor grab and go event.
Adult Programs

Adult Classes

High School Equivalency (GED) Classes
Free morning or evening GED classes begin September 13, 2021 and run for 12 weeks. For more information, contact Barbara Bagger at 908-486-1777 or email bbagger@literacynj.org.

ESL Classes Online OR in Person
Free Morning or Evening English classes are available in September 2021. For more information, call Anita Alvarado, Literacy NJ at 908-486-1777 or email aalvarado@literacynj.org.

Citizenship Classes
Classes will be held on Wednesdays starting Oct. 6. Morning sessions: 10am-12pm
Evening sessions: 6pm-7:45pm

Virtual Programs

Let’s Get Moving
Chair Aerobics & Chair Yoga
Every Thursday
2:30pm-3:30pm
Kathy Jackson leads this FREE and FUN exercise class for anyone 14 and older. No experience necessary! All are welcome! Comfortable clothes, a water bottle and a sturdy chair are all you need. Facebook.com/elizabethlibrary

Webb Space Telescope Livestream
October 13, 2021 6pm-7pm
Watch a livestream about the Webb Space Telescope, presented by NASA and the American Museum of Natural History @ the 4th floor auditorium.

2021 Fall Concert Series

Saturday, October 16 @ 2pm
4th floor auditorium
Yacouba Sissoko: Master Malian Kora Player
Master kora player Yacouba Sissoko plays a set of songs that journey from the royal courts of the 13th Century Mande empire to the present soul and rhythm of his newfound home in Harlem. Sissoko will play traditional Malian folk songs and new instrumental compositions. Sissoko’s mastery of the instrument and strong vocals will leave you lifted and inspired.

Saturday, October 23 @ 2pm
Outdoors
The Navesink Brass Quintet
The NBQ is a professional brass quintet comfortable with all styles of music from the Renaissance to Jazz and Rock. Formed in 1992 in Red Bank, NJ, the ensemble took the name of the local river flowing through Monmouth County. The NBQ rehearses regularly, has a graceful blend and maintains superlative musical standards.

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CELEBRE EL MES DE LA HERENCIA HISPANA

PROGRAMAS DEL SÁBADO
¡Todos los sábados a las 2 PM del 9/18 al 10/9! Los programas son para todas las edades.

MANUALIDADES SEMANALES PARA TODAS LAS ENEDADES
¡Recoja un kit de manualidades para llevar todos los miércoles del 9/15 al 10/13!

¡COMPARTE TUS RECETAS!
¡Visite tinyurl.com/eliz-come para comenzar!

LISTA DE LECTURA PARA TODAS LAS EDADES
¡Pronto!

CELEBRATE HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

SATURDAY PROGRAMS
Every Saturday at 2 PM from 9/18 to 10/9!
Programs are for all ages.

WEEKLY ALL AGES CRAFTS
Pick up a craft-to-go kit every Wednesday from 9/15 to 10/13!

SHARE YOUR RECIPES!
Visit tinyurl.com/eliz-eats to get started!

ALL AGES READING LIST
Coming soon!
Wake Up Thursday
Movies
October 2021

Overlord | Oct 7th @ 11am
Halloween (2018) | Oct 14th @ 11am
Zombieland 2: Double Tap | Oct 21st @ 11am
Glass | Oct 28th @ 11am

Free Computer Classes

Free computer classes will be held in the third floor computer lab at the Main library.

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The Library Board of Trustees will meet in-person and via Zoom on Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 5:30 PM.

The in-person meeting will be held in the classroom space on the 3rd floor. Please remember to wear a mask.

For a Zoom link, email eploffice@elizpl.org by 12 noon on October 19.