



**ELGIN  
COMMUNITY  
LIBRARY**

**Freedom**

Once you learn to Read, you will be forever Free.  
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2793  
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Art Gallery:

Jan-Richard Durham

Feb-

March-

**HAPPY  
New Year!**

### Our 2026 Community Reading Challenge.

Read a book that takes place in any of the decades listed, and write the title in the appropriate rectangle on the large poster at the front door. OR, message us with the title.

## READING THROUGH TIME

<u>1780s</u>	→	<u>1790s</u>	→	<u>1800s</u>	→	<u>1810s</u>	→	<u>1820s</u>
<u>1830s</u>	→	<u>1840s</u>	→	<u>1850s</u>	→	<u>1860s</u>	→	<u>1870s</u>
<u>1880s</u>	→	<u>1890s</u>	→	<u>1900s</u>	→	<u>1910s</u>	→	<u>1920s</u>
<u>1930s</u>	→	<u>1940s</u>	→	<u>1950s</u>	→	<u>1960s</u>	→	<u>1970s</u>
<u>1980s</u>	→	<u>1990s</u>	→	<u>2000s</u>	→	<u>2010s</u>	→	<u>2020s</u>

AND, If 1 reading challenge isn't enough, we also have this challenge for each individual.  
26 letters for the year 2026!

# 2026 A-Z Book Challenge

**Read a book OR author for each letter of the alphabet.**

#	Title	Author	✓
A			
B			
C			
D			
E			
F			
G			
H			
I			
J			
K			
L			
M			
N			
O			
P			
Q			
R			
S			
T			
U			
V			
W			
X			
Y			
Z			

# Librarian for the Day

**Dive into the world of books, discover how a public library works, and learn valuable skills from our librarians. This is a fun chance to explore a rewarding career with 2-4 hours of hands-on experience for ages 13 and up. We will do our best to accommodate busy schedules. Scan the QR code to fill out our application.**



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*We require parental signature for anyone between the ages of 13-15.*

Parental signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Select as many days/times that you are available.

- ☐ Monday afternoon
- ☐ Tuesday afternoon
- ☐ Wednesday Afternoon
- ☐ Thursday afternoon
- ☐ Friday afternoon
- ☐ Saturday morning





# THIS MONTH AT THE LIBRARY



## CUDDLE & READ TO THE ELGIN ANIMAL SHELTER PETS

**Tues,  
Jan. 13  
4-5 PM**

**108  
Thoma  
Drive**



## SKIN CARE

*for Teenagers*

A live teen facial demonstration designed to educate on proper skin analysis, gentle exfoliation, safe extractions, and calming finishes for teenage skin.

Emphasis on acne-prone care, barrier protection, and teaching teens how to care for their skin at home.

**Wed, January 14  
4-5 PM**



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## Adult-ish Game Night



*Where?* Elgin Community Library

*When?* The first Tuesday of every month @ 6:30 PM



*What should I bring?* We've got you covered! Games and snacks will be provided for everyone!



**Next Game (Jan. 6)**



## Connect + Thrive

*Meditation*

*Do you meditate?*

*What works for you?*

*Discussion followed by a guided meditation.*

**Thursday, Jan. 15 @ 6:30 PM**



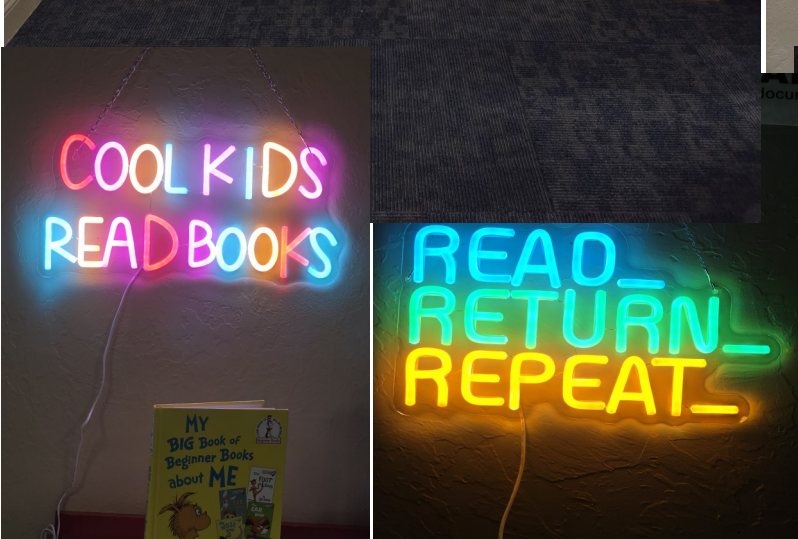
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## BIBLIOPOSSE Book Club

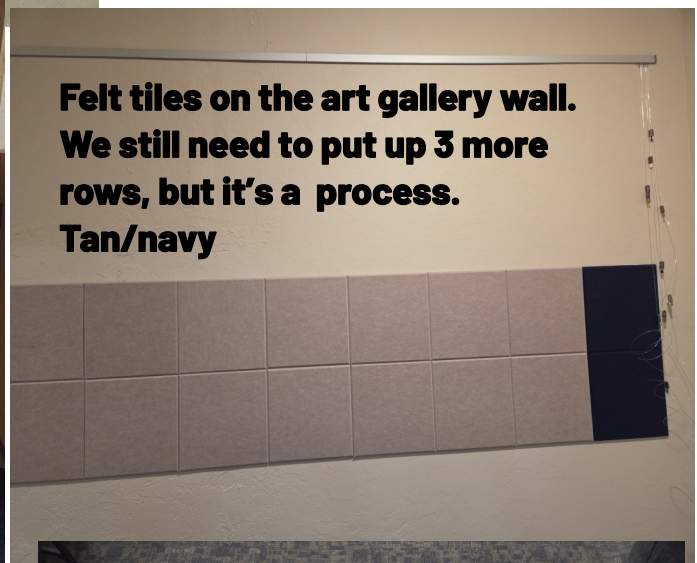
**Jan. 27 @ 9 AM**

**60+ Year Old Main  
Character**





Here are a few of the things that we have accomplished in December. \*New carpet (navy and tan-pretter in person) \*new book display \*new DVD shelves (not 100% complete) \*new puzzle table \*new neon signs for fun \*and still some random things to get organized/finished. We are looking forward to a productive new year.



**Felt tiles on the art gallery wall.**  
**We still need to put up 3 more rows, but it's a process.**  
**Tan/navy**





# JANUARY 2026

SUN CLOSED	MON 10 - 6	TUE 10 - 6	WED 10 - 6	THU 10 - 6	FRI 10 - 6	SAT 9 - 12
					2	3 Book n'Hookers
4	5	6 Game Night @ 6:30	7 Wigglers @ 10:30 Teens @ 4	8 STEAM @ 10:30	9	10 Book n'Hookers
11	12 Read & Feed @ 6:30	13	14 Wigglers @ 10:30 Teens @ 4	15 STEAM @ 10:30 Connect & thrive @ 6:30	16	17 Book n'Hookers
18	<div data-bbox="305 1465 470 1730"> <div>★★★★★</div> <div>We WILL Be Closed on</div> <div>MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY</div>  </div>	20	21 Wigglers @ 10:30 Teens @ 4	22 STEAM @ 10:30	23	24 Book n'Hookers
25	26	27 Biblioposse @ 9	28 Wigglers @ 10:30 Teens @ 4	29 STEAM @ 10:30	30	31 Book n'Hookers