



**MEETING MINUTES  
EVANSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Wednesday, November 18, 2015  
6:30 PM

Evanston Public Library, 1703 Orrington Avenue, Board Room

**Members Present:** Socorro Clarke, Tori Foreman, Shawn Iles, Margaret Lurie, Vaishali Patel, Benjamin Schapiro, Sandra Smith, Michael Tannen

**Members Absent:** Leora Siegel

**Staff:** Karen Danczak Lyons, Paul Gottschalk

**Guest:** Bennett Johnson

**Presiding Member:** Michael Tannen, President

**CALL TO ORDER/DECLARATION OF QUORUM** - A quorum was present and President Tannen called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

**CITIZEN COMMENT** – None

**CONSENT AGENDA** – Benjamin Schapiro motioned to approve the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the October 21, 2015 regular meeting, the bills list and payroll. Second by Vaishali Patel. Approved on a voice vote.

**LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director Danczak Lyons reviewed highlights of her monthly report (see report attached):

- Geoffrey Baer, a public television writer and documentary host, has agreed to speak at the Library's donor recognition event scheduled for May 4, 2016.
- The Fund for Excellence Campaign is well-underway and over 100 people have donated so far.
- Staff will be conducting Harwood community conversations at Family Focus and the Childcare Network of Evanston.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**A. Administrative Services Report** – Paul Gottschalk updated the Board on the Lush Evanston project.

**BOARD REPORTS** - none

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Motion by Socorro Clarke to approve the FY2016 Library revenue budget as presented. Second by Benjamin Schapiro. Approved unanimously on a roll call vote.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Approval of Resolution 2015-R1** – Motion by Benjamin Schapiro to approve resolution 2015-R1 providing for the 2016 budget and setting the annual tax levy for FY2016. Second by Socorro Clarke. Passed unanimously.
- B. Approval of 2016 Board Meeting schedule** – motion by Vaishali Patel to approve the 2016 Board meeting schedule as presented. Second by Shawn Iles. Approved unanimously on a voice vote.
- C. Approval of the 2016 Library Closing Schedule** – Karen Danczak Lyons recommended closing at 4 pm on May 4<sup>th</sup> for the Donor Recognition event. Michael Tannen expressed his thoughts that the Library should be open as many days as possible in order to serve the community. Motion by Benjamin Schapiro to approve the 2016 closing schedule as presented including closing at 4 pm on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Second by Sandra Smith. Approved on a voice vote.
- D. December 31, 2015 Closing and Unpaid Furlough Day** – Karen reported that the City of Evanston will not require staff to take a furlough day on December 31<sup>st</sup> and recommended that the Library be open until 5 pm. Motion by Benjamin Schapiro to rescind the December 31<sup>st</sup> closure and furlough day previously approved by the Board and open in the 31<sup>st</sup> until 5 pm. Second by Tori Foreman. Approved on a voice vote.
- E. Technology Assessment Review** – Karen discussed the Library’s progress improving information technology services. Wi-Fi access points were recently expanded. Laptops and projectors have been added and upgraded to meeting rooms. The 2016 budget includes \$125,000 for internal network upgrades and funds for circulating wireless hotspots. The interior renovation space plans will include the creation of a computer commons and digital learning lab.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Ben Schapiro motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Tori Forman. The meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret Lurie, Secretary

**Next Meeting: Truth in Taxation Hearing: Wednesday, December 16, 2015, 6:30 pm Evanston Public Library, Board Room**

Library Director's Report  
November 18, 2015

Updates:

- 2016 Budget: On Monday, November 16, 2015 we conducted our Truth in Taxation Hearing. The following summary was shared at the meeting:

		% of
<b>FY2016 Revenue</b>		<b>Total</b>
Property Tax Levy - Operating	\$6,054,180	86.3%
Transfer from Endowment Income	\$185,800	2.6%
Fund for Excellence	\$185,000	2.6%
Fines and Fees	\$160,000	2.3%
State Per Capita Grant	\$94,177	1.3%
Library Donations	\$87,500	1.2%
Library Book Sales	\$63,000	0.9%
Personal Property Replacement Tax	\$50,200	0.7%
Prior Year's Taxes	\$50,000	0.7%
Rental Income	\$25,300	0.4%
Library Grants	\$20,000	0.3%
Copy Machine and Printing Charges	\$15,500	0.2%
Meeting Room Fees	\$12,500	0.2%
Material Replacement Charges	\$12,000	0.2%
Investment Income	\$2,000	0.0%
	<b>\$7,017,157</b>	

On Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> the City Council will vote on the 2016 City of Evanston Budget and Levy \*and\* the Evanston Public Library's proposed tax levy.

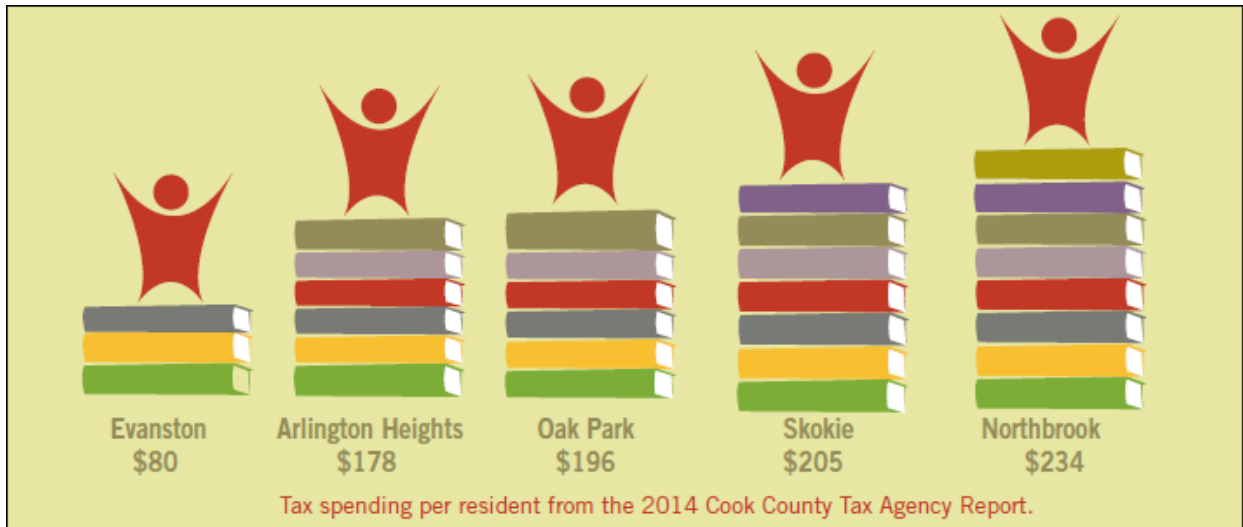
As a reminder, our proposed 2016 budget captures the growth in the EAV. When applied to the value of the average home in Evanston, the increase is less than the price of a paperback book:

10% of Market      Factor is 2.6039      EPL tax rate is 0.264

**Approved - December 16, 2015**

Market Value of Home	Assessed Value of Home	Equalized Value of Home	2015 Library Tax	2016 Projected Tax	Difference
\$ 100,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 26,039	\$ 69	\$ 72	\$ 2.82
\$ 200,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 52,078	\$ 137	\$ 143	\$ 5.64
\$ 400,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 104,156	\$ 275	\$ 286	\$ 11.27
\$ 600,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 156,234	\$ 412	\$ 429	\$ 16.91
\$ 800,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 208,312	\$ 550	\$ 572	\$ 22.55
\$ 1,000,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 260,390	\$ 687	\$ 716	\$ 28.18

Also in compliance with State law, the primary source of funding for all public libraries in the State of Illinois is local property tax. This fact is especially important when we compare our per capita property tax funding to that of surrounding and similar libraries:



- Fund for Excellence 2015**  
 Report for Board of Trustees  
 November 18, 2015

- Thank you so much for all your work helping to launch the 2015 Fund for Excellence Campaign.
- The Fund for Excellence Committee- composed of 9 Board members, 2 honorary members and 23 committee members- helped personalize 1334 letters to people who gave in FY2014 and other personal contacts.
- 105 volunteers received a special letter thanking them for their service and encouraging their financial support, signed by Karen with a personal note from Mary Kling, volunteer coordinator.
- 31 people who gave to the EPL Friends Co-Chair.
- 1438 library card holders who have never donated also receive a letter.
- A total of 4000 letters were in the mail the week of November 9th.
- An article in EPL electronic newsletter last week included an appeal and donate button. It received 5 gifts totaling \$535 in one day.
- We're also sending a series of emails to the 24,000 people who subscribe to the Library's newsletter. You should have received two emails to date; one comparing EPL's budget per resident to neighboring communities and one sent yesterday talking about our need to improve our digital collections. Please forward these emails to anyone in your personal email contact lists. This is a great way to reach new donors.
- Results as of November 17:
  - 100 gifts totaling \$15,670. Of these gifts, 90 were from people who received a personalized letter from the committee.
  - Jess Ticus will be sharing a list of the donors and solicitor with you so you can see if any of your people have made gifts. Thank you for all of your incredible help.
- The work of the Evanston Public Library was highlighted in an editorial in the November 4<sup>th</sup> edition of the Roundtable : "Light of Learning Still Burns Bright at the Library"

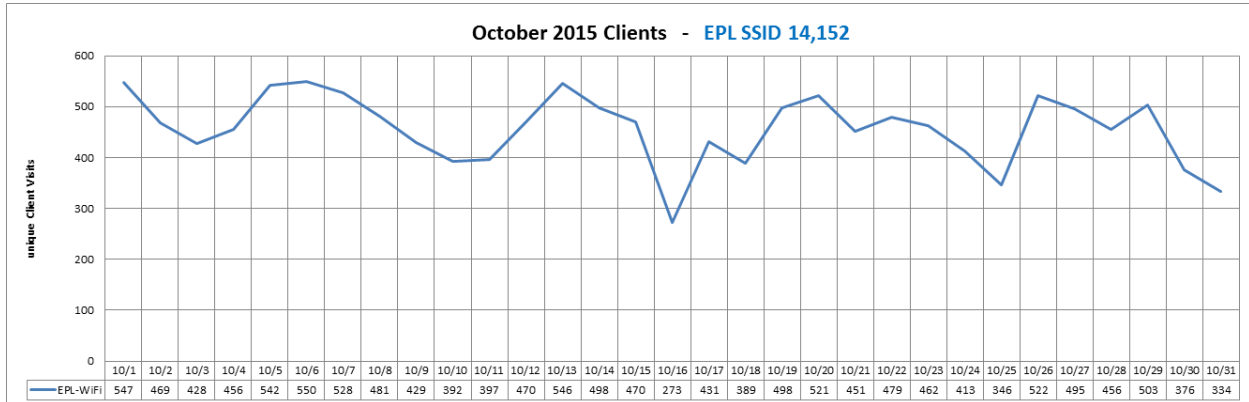
**Assessments, metrics and initiative results:**

Foot traffic:	October, 2015	September, 2015
Main:	43,311	43,147
North:	4,367	4,151
CAMS:	4,254	4,060
Total:	51,932	51,358

Website visits in September: 42,214 October: 41,132

Overall Computer/Internet Use – all locations: September: 6,479 October: 6,675

Wireless network: October: total: 14,152



**Services and collaborations:**

- My thanks to Jan Bojda who facilitated the first Cradle to Career Community Conversation on November 17 at Family Focus. Jan has also volunteered to facilitate the next Cradle to Career Community Conversation on November 30<sup>th</sup> at the Childcare Network of Evanston. I appreciate her leadership and willingness to help guide these discussions and represent EPL in this effort.
- I am pleased that we are continuing to host Social Worker Interns through our partnership with Presence Behavioral Health. The Social Worker Interns are beginning their work at the main library this week:

We have 3 students this year that will be helping out with these services. Here are their names and times that they will be at the main library:

- Rana Khalifeh, 2nd year social work student at Loyola University, will be at the library Fridays 12-2:30 pm
- Keely Beckman, 2nd year counseling student at DePaul University- will be at the library on Tuesdays from 11:30-2 pm
- Brian Casey- 2nd year social worker student at University of Chicago- will be at the Library on Wednesdays from 3:30-6 pm (there will be a couple of Wednesdays when he will actually be at the library earlier in the day, staff will be informed of these dates by Presence Behavioral Health).

Presence Behavioral Health will continue to provide support to library patrons and staff, these services might include crisis intervention, de-escalation, linking to different resources, providing one-on-one time for those that are just needing someone to talk to and any other support that you need.

- On October 29<sup>th</sup>, we participated in the national launch of the *Libraries Transform* campaign. On the second floor landing of the main library we have displayed a number of

posters with messages related to the campaign. The branches should also have received a smaller version of these posters to be displayed. A banner was installed on the exterior of the main library that carries one of the key messages from the Libraries Transform campaign materials. We issued a press release that included an invitation to share stories about how the Evanston Public Library has transformed the lives of our residents and patrons.

- From Martha Meyer:

This past October we had a session of Theater Games for families which originated from Martha assisting the new education director of Lifeline Theater, Julie Ganey at the Children’s Service desk. The result is the beginning of what Martha calls a “natural partnership”. They can raise awareness of their productions based on high quality children’s literature among our library users, many of whom appreciate high quality literature and we get to provide a free literature-based program that promotes books and that extends the variety of our offerings. They are working on another event in the future.

Here’s Julie’s bio:

Julie Ganey      Julie Ganey — Education Director

Julie comes to the Education Director position after teaching in Lifeline’s residency program for 6 years. She served as Director of Education at 2nd Story from 2009–2015, and Outreach Director at Next Theatre from 2007–2011, and she continues to work with students of all ages through the Goodman Theatre. Julie has spent two decades as an artistic associate at Wavelength, an award-winning comedy ensemble that provides professional development for educators nationwide. She has created and led workshops for teachers all over the country on communication skills, using improvisation in the classroom, and professional learning communities. Julie’s bullying prevention program, Stand Up on the Schoolyard, has been presented to students and educators within the Chicago Public School system and across the country. In addition, she has performed in numerous Chicago theatre productions, including her original solo shows, The Half-Life of Magic and Love Thy Neighbor... till it hurts.

**Highlights from Neighborhood Services include:**

- New staff member Florencia Govea created to “Day of the Dead” programs – one in October and again in November. Patrons enjoyed both programs. Florencia is also working with staff to provide bi-lingual story-times.

CAMS Branch

**Saturday, October 10 – Fire Truck Visited CAMS for Fire Prevention Week**





Each child had a chance to sit in the fire truck.

**Saturday, October 24 and November 7—Day of the Dead Celebrations**



We had two celebrations for the Day of the Dead where children made masks, created puppets and decorated candied skulls.





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- **Florencia and a volunteer began a bilingual story time at CAMS which has been very successful and brings a variety of participants. I will provide photos next month.**
- **Monday, October 19 and Saturday, October 31—Halloween Costume Making and Halloween Story time**



- **North Branch  
Tail Waggin' Tutors**





- A small group of parents discussed **Feeding your Picky Eater** (led by registered dietician nutritionist Allegra Burton) and a slide show presented by patron **Heidrun Hoppe** of her trip to Nepal including the devastation of the earthquake.

- **October 31, Halloween Storytime and Celebration**

Families enjoyed stories, did a craft with the help of some young patron volunteers, and showed off their costumes including this transformer costume.



Highlights from Children's Services include:

**Programming Highlights**

Evanston Storytelling Festival:

Altenbach, Antolin, Iverson, Kaufmann, Sindelar and her son Charlie presented some special story times for Preschool aged children and their families on the Saturday of the festival. I am proud of the way everyone went the extra mile in making these extra special in very creative ways for our festival weekend

Purple Crayon Players began their monthly weekend story time and craft sessions. Kennelly acted as the staff contact.

**Training and Continuing Ed**

Bojda attended the first annual Recharge Un- Conference in Elgin: My main reason for attending this event was to hear Beck Tench. She was an inspiring speaker and talked about practices to inspire creativity. Several of the ideas she talked about were writing daily morning pages, drawing (even if you are not artistic, and quiet breath-focused meditation. She led us in a couple of exercises to learn about nurturing creativity. I also attended two breakout sessions. One was by a group calling themselves “Make It” that had formed at ILEAD U and received a Knight Foundation grant to fund circulating Maker Kits for the state of Illinois. Their session was focused on the sharing economy and the group participating by creating a post-it note including current partners, “dream” partners, things we currently share and things we would like to share. In small groups we then chose from the variety of post-it’s a sharing project and possible partners to begin shaping a way to make it happen. I thought the tool itself could be a productive way of “brainstorming” ideas in new way, so a useful tool.

Kennelly attended Lincoln Story League where she, along with colleagues from North Suburban libraries met to share ideas for Fall Story times.

Mental Health Awareness Program:

This was a really informative program at the Skokie Public Library. There was information on different mental illnesses and their manifestations as well as the medications to treat them and someone sharing a personal story. The program was part of celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ADA.

Every Child ready for Kindergarten Networking Meeting:

At this meeting we heard a really good presentation by Jennifer McCray from the Erikson Institute on math for infants and toddlers, based on the book *Big Ideas of Early Mathematic*, from the Erikson Math Collaborative. Lots of good messages and ideas for using the language of math in everyday experiences.

**Outreach and Community Engagement**

LEAP:

Antolin enlarged our LEAP team by including three additional staff which means that 5 staff members presented Pizza Play Literacy in classrooms in October (our last date was re-scheduled for November 9 because of Halloween parades and that will include the 6<sup>th</sup> staff member). We had really positive interactions with teachers and children and fun playing. There were quite a few children new to Pizza LEAP so there was a lot of magic in the pizza transformation and I’m glad for more staff involvement.

- Attendance **348 (289 children, 59 staff) 25 classrooms ( 4 remaining) 284**

- Laura – 17 classes, Kim – 13 classes, Martha – 8 classes, Andi – 6 classes, Brian – 6 classes

Bojda visited the first graders at Lincolnwood School as a part of their unit of study on Community Helpers (71 first graders; 4 adults)

Kaufmann visited her Doorway to Learning preschoolers for story time.

Wilson visited Total Child, room 25—seasonal visit (1 session)

#### Book Buddies:

Antolin started Book Buddies up again on October 16 – Laura and the volunteers will be going to the Child Care Center for 4 weeks and to Reba for 3 weeks this quarter. There is tremendous dedication from NU to this program in spite of the fact that there is no funding for a JumpStart volunteer coordinator this year and there has been a huge response to the call for student volunteers so far. In fact, for 2 of the 3 Book Buddies in October, there were enough students volunteers to go into 2 classrooms (Blue and Purple) at the Child Care Center instead of just the Blue room.

- Attendance **116 (60 children, 10 staff, 36 NU students)**

#### **Group Visits to the Library**

Kennelly presented a story time for Bright Horizons Four Year Olds – 19 on October 6  
Bojda led two tours of the Children’s Room for new sixth graders.

Wilson was a guest lecturer for Children’s Literature class from the Blitstein Institute of Hebrew Theological College.

#### Learning & Growing:

The families that come to this story time are home visiting families and I’m happy to have the opportunity to interact with them - I read stories and sang songs with the families and prepared a leaf craft. The kids and parents worked together to place and glue leaves on a plate and make a wreath. This was another opportunity to work on fine motor practice.

- Attendance **23 (13 kids, 10 adults) 9 families**

#### **Other Activities**

Kennelly did advance work in readying our collection of District 65 Battle of the Books in preparation for the kickoff of this year’s Battle in November.

Mathews began researching what other library’s do for Reader’s Advisory for patrons and how staff is trained.

Balla met with Florencia Govea to plan Bilingual Jammie Time (Dec. 17)

Wilson was interviewed by a reporter from the Daily Northwestern about his election to the Caldecott Committee.

A number of Children's staff members are planning programming for the Winter break.

**Patron stories:**

Ms. Laura's visit to Fleetwood:









Exploring STEAM with Ms. Laura:



*From Renee Neumeier:*

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Tours

This month teen services staff welcomed all the D65 6<sup>th</sup> grades (except for Haven who comes to North Branch in December) to EPL for an orientation, tour and time to check out too. For the first time King Arts Magnet School brought their 6<sup>th</sup> grades and since they hadn't come in past years they also brought their 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Overall we got a really positive response for both students and teachers from the schools. Each year we try to address any issues that come up or approaches that need to be freshened up. Teen services did an awesome job of being flexible, having high energy and keeping the student engaged throughout their visit. Close the 600 students came through our doors as part of the tours this month and we made tons of new library cards too.

Improv Program Series:

Kayla's Sunday afternoon improv series was a huge success. Most of the sessions had 9-13 teens in attendance. The response has been so positive that we're going to try offering the class on a more regular basis either on Wednesday evenings or Sunday afternoons. During the programs Kayla does a variety of exercises with the students to help them begin to develop sketch comedy skills.

Reclassification of YA Graphic Novels

This month tech services staff, teen services staff and volunteers reclassified the YA graphic novels so they're no longer cataloged under a Dewey decimal number, but under YA Graphic and the author's last name instead. We hope that this will make the collection much easier for patrons (and staff to use).

Baker Demonstration School 3D Printing Collaboration:

Ashley and Renee worked with Becky from Baker Demonstration School to introduce 3D design and printing to her students. Our first sessions went really well and while there were some sign up issues we worked with Becky to figure out work arounds. The first sessions we focused on learning the basics of Tinkercad. These sessions went so well that Becky asks Ashley and/or Renee to come back for more visits. The remaining visits are going to be assisting students with designing a piece of equipment for the school's new outdoor space. The principal came to talk to the students about what the school has envisioned for the space and then based on that other brainstorming the students are going to work in group to come up with ideas that can design. We'll be printing their pieces at the Loft.

Y.O.U. Family Night at Chute

Ashley presented at Y.O.U.'s family night at their Chute site. There were close to 60 people at the event. She shared information about teen programs, homework resources and the Big Read. The families were really interested in all the programs and took all the copies of Into the Beautiful North. We'll bring more copies once we get more in. The parents did ask a lot of questions about homework help and we don't offer it. This is something we have talked about a lot at EPL, but have had the opportunity to pursue it. Since we are now fully staff in youth services I think we may be able to begin to put together a framework and then work with Mary Kling to recruit volunteers.

LGBTQIA Book Group for 2016

Kayla reached out to some frequent Loft visitors who she knows have an interest in Queer issues. She surveyed them on their interests for programming at The Loft that would speak to these interests. They gave her feedback on stuff they would be interested in, and Renee and Kayla have since been coordinating/choosing titles for a potential trial run of a LGBTQIA Book Discussion for Teens to start in 2016. Renee purchased multiple copies of several titles focusing on different LGBTQIA topics to use for this book discussion pilot.

**Programming:**

Teen DIY:

- Lead the North Branch – Spa Day event, had 4 teens, which haven't come to programs before. Received a lot of positive feedback from them and from their parents
- I have been working with Connie and branch staff (Bridget and Ranae) to plan Teen DIY events at CAMS and North for winter/spring 2016. Since we've found that having branch staff lead or help with the programs has helped with attendance at CAMS we're going to pilot that at North in 2016, Ranae has volunteered to help out with the programs.
- To get more consistent teen traffic at North we're also going to try some drop in Teen DIY programs on days off, and possibly an after-hours movie.
- I have laid out all of the Teen DIY programs for all 3 branches for winter/spring 2016 and have begun coming up with program idea with input from teen services and branch staff

**Big Read**

- Met with Metamedia staff about collaborating on our finale event with them and touched base with Nichols and Chute's media arts teachers about having their students do projects tied into the themes
- Spanish book club at ETHS continues to meet and picked up 3 new members
- Four ETHS sophomore teachers have committed to teaching Into the Beautiful North this school year, we have prepared a bibliography of related titles for them and come into do book talks for two of the classes

**Community Outreach:**

**ETHS:**

- In connection to the Big Read four sophomore teachers have committed to teaching the book this school year. The first teacher to start was Liz Hartley. Liz asked me to bring flyers and bookmarks for all of her students so they could know more about the surrounding events. She also had me develop a bibliography of readalikes based on the themes in Into the Beautiful North (LGBTQ, immigration, following your dreams, Latinos etc.). I then met with her classes and booktalked a few of these books for them. Ashley came with on the visit so we could offer remote check out of books and we also made cards for students who needed one or needed a replacement.
- Mercedes Fernandez has continued to offer her Spanish book discussion of Into the Beautiful North she now has ten people in the group and it has been a success so far. We deliver refreshments for each session.

**Community Outreach Highlights from Jill Skwerski include:**

- The annual IL Library Association Conference took place 10/22-24 in Peoria. I presented a program along with colleagues from the Glen Ellyn Public Library titled, *Fairs with Flair*. This program shared suggestions about how to plan and coordinate successful community engagement in the production of library fairs. I shared from the perspective of producing the Special Needs Family Resource Fair last November. The Glen Ellyn PL hosts an annual STEAM Fair that draws over 1,000 attendees! This was a wonderful opportunity to both highlight what we do here in Evanston and learn from fellow librarians. Power Point presentation attached below.
- Members of the ETHS Youth Technology Corps visited Jacob Blake Manor after school on 10/27 to upgrade the equipment that was no longer viable. Blake now has 2 new desktop machines, one with speakers and one attached to a printer/scanner. Residents are overjoyed! See attached pictures to view the excitement of an installation day.
- Our partnership with Global Health Studies students at Northwestern has come to fruition in the form of a fully functional Health Information Desk. Service hours for the desk are Wednesdays, 3-6pm and Sundays, 1-4pm. The desk is promoted and staffed by the students, who produce informational handouts on monthly themes. October's theme was managing chronic health. We're tweaking schedules and fine tuning the look of the desk, but overall are thrilled to have this service in place. Many thanks to Ben Remsen for taking the lead on this ongoing effort.
- Affordable Care Act navigators have returned to EPL with regular hours in the Newberry room every Monday and Wednesday, 11am – 7pm and select Saturdays, 9am – 6pm. Additionally, navigators accompany me to Crown and Hillside to provide information about access to health care. Open enrollment runs through the end of January.
- Providing library services at the Produce Mobile, Hillside Pantry, and YWCA continue on a regular basis. At Crown and Hillside I typically give out 80-100 kids' books and 20-30 adult books, while at Hillside it's about a 50/50 split. At the YWCA, I provide information about job resources; resume writing, general library services, COE services, and other community services. I usually make at least 10 library cards and bring along a selection of donated adult and juvenile reading materials for residents to keep and read.
- Looking ahead to November – Into the Beautiful North discussion at 3 Crowns, 2<sup>nd</sup> visit from Community Partners for Affordable Housing, and a packing day with our partners at Liberation Library.



Fairs with Flair.pptx







Adult Services highlights include:

- Continuing series of programs for entrepreneurs and small businesses including:

“Business Plan – a roadmap for you, necessary for loans”: Good planning increases the odds of success. This workshop covers the essential elements of business plan development including setting goals and objectives, preparing marketing and financial plans and defining action steps to attain your goals.

“Market Research. What it is. How it works. Why it’s essential and economical”: Your business decisions should be based on the needs and wants of customers and prospects. Learn how to tap into the mind-set of your target market to help you make the right marketing, operational and financial decisions that can strengthen your opportunity for business success and lead to greater profitability.

## **Bring Your Own Laptop: Windows 10**

### **Part 2: Thursday, November 19, 3 pm, Seminar Room, 3rd floor, Main Library**

According to Microsoft, millions of people are already using Windows 10. It's fast, familiar and free. Learn what's new, how to install it and how to use it.

Students must bring their own laptop to class.

Students should register for both sessions.

Register [online for part 1](#) and [online for part 2](#) or by calling the Reference Desk (847) 448-8630.

Upcoming events of note:



## **Affordable Care Act and You**

### **Affordable Care Act Navigators Here to Help You @ the Evanston Public Library**

Certified Affordable Care Act Navigators from PEER Services will visit the library for enrollment assistance and information about insurance coverage options. Come get your questions answered! All sessions in the Newberry Room, Second Floor, Main Library, 1703 Orrington Ave.



Beginning Saturday, November 7, certified ACA Navigators from PEER services will be available for enrollment assistance and help with general ACA, Medicare and Medicaid questions.

### November Teen DIY

Join us for one or all of these epic events at all of the Library's locations! We'll provide all the supplies; just bring your friends and creativity. Sign up for a reminder or drop in! Grades 6-12.



#### Felt Coffee Sleeves

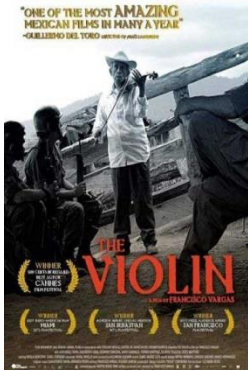
Saturday, November 21, 3-4:30pm, [North Branch](#)

Stop using cardboard coffee sleeves and make your own! From cats to funky designs add your own touches to a felt drink sleeve. [Sign up for a reminder.](#)

### The Big Read Film Festival: Mexican Movies

Saturday, November 21, 11 am - 6 pm, Community Meeting Room, Main Library

Through a series of thematic film festivals, the Evanston Public Library will celebrate the topical issues raised in our [Big Read](#) choice book, [Into the Beautiful North](#). This festival focuses on popular Mexican films or films by famous Mexican directors. The schedule is as follows:



11:00 AM: [El Violín](#)

In an unnamed Latin American country that closely resembles Mexico; the government fights a rural insurgency with torture, assault, rape, and murder. Soldiers descend on a town, cutting off the rebels from their cache of ammunition hidden in a field. A family of grandfather, son, and grandson are among the rebels in the hills. The grandfather, with his violin over his shoulder, tries to pass the checkpoint, ostensibly to tend his corn crop. The commanding officer lets him pass but insists on a daily music lesson. Can the old man ferry out the ammunition in his violin case under the soldiers' nose?

Rated R, 98 Minutes

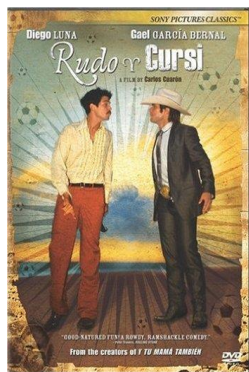


1:00 PM: [A Day Without a Mexican](#)

A thick fog surrounds California's borders, communication beyond state lines is cut off, and the Mexicans disappear: workers, spouses, and business owners are missing. Cars are abandoned in the street; food is left cooking on the stove. We meet the wife of a musician who's gone, a state Senator whose maid doesn't show

up for work, and a farm owner whose produce is ripe and unpicked. A scientist asks any Mexicans who haven't disappeared to volunteer for genetic experiments: a female newscaster and the daughter of the musician may be the only missing links around. Why them? And where have all the Mexicans gone? Even the border guards grieve. The state and its economy grind to a halt.

Rated R, 100 Minutes.



**3:00 PM:** [Rudo y Cursi](#)

Mexican half-brothers Beto and Tato have a typical love/hate relationship with each other. They both work on a banana plantation and live with their extended family of the rural peasant class barely making ends meet. The brother's fortunes change when into their lives comes Batuta, a soccer scout. Despite their advancing ages, both Beto and Tato are naturally gifted at soccer, Beto as a goaltender and Tato as a striker. Playing professionally has always been Beto's dream, although Tato has other professional thoughts on his mind. Batuta eventually recruits both for different teams in Mexico City. Beto and Tato's fortunes rise and fall, the falls based on those things which hold more passion for the brothers.

Rated R, 103 Minutes

### The Big Read Film Festival @ CAMS



**Saturday, November 21, 2 pm, Chicago Ave. & Main St. Branch**

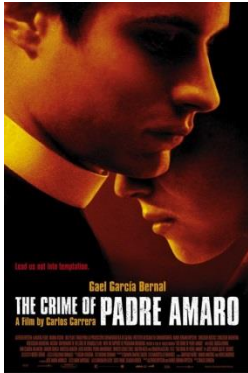
Through a series of thematic film festivals, the Evanston Public Library will celebrate the topical issues raised in our [Big Read](#) choice book, [Into the Beautiful North](#). This festival focuses on popular Mexican films or films by famous Mexican directors. We will be showing [La Misma Luna](#) which tells the parallel stories of nine-year-old Carlitos and his mother, Rosario. In the hopes of providing a better life for her son, Rosario works illegally in the U.S. In Mexico, her mother cares for Carlitos. Unexpected circumstances drive both Rosario and Carlitos to embark on their own journeys in a desperate attempt to reunite. Along the way, mother and son face challenges and obstacles but never lose hope that they will one day be together again.

**Rating: PG-13 (some mature thematic elements) Run Time: 106 Minutes**

### The Big Read Film Festival: Mexican Movies

**Sunday, November 22, 1 - 6 pm, Community Meeting Room, Main Library**

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1:00 PM: [El Crimen del Padre Amaro](#)

Father Amaro, a young Roman Catholic priest, is a new arrival in a small Mexican town. Assigned to help the older Father Benito, Amaro gradually discovers that his elder is not only involved in an affair, but also building a hospital with help from a local drug czar. Struggling with temptation and sin in his own right, Amaro begins a romance with Amelia, a beautiful teen who dotes on him -- but the relationship has dire consequences.

Rated R, 118 Minutes



3:30 PM: [Babel](#)

An accident connects four groups of people on three different continents: two young Moroccan goatherds, a vacationing American couple (Brad Pitt, Cate Blanchett), a deaf Japanese teen and her father, and a Mexican nanny who takes her young charges across a border without parental permission.

Rated R, 143 Minutes

**Excerpts from Patron feedback:**

- Included with a donation to the Fund for Excellence was the following: “We cannot thank the third floor staff enough for the outstanding support every Tuesday pm – ESL class. Thank you!!”