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NEW HOURS
Tuesday-Friday 9-6
Saturday 9-1

The Fiscal Year in Review:

For those of you new or not so new to Elgin, the rural areas and surrounding towns, we have seen a lot of changes this year in our little library. Thanks to a grant we were able to get all new library shelves. It is so nice to have actual book shelves instead of mismatched metal and wood shelving. Many people stated it made the library seem a little bit more spacious than before....and look like an official library. With this grant we also purchased a conference table and chairs, plus some additional seating scattered about the library.

The City of Elgin purchased new flooring and paid to upgrade the computer lab. These upgrades made the computer area a much more user friendly place. Beginning in July they also increased the hours the library is open from 30 per week to 40.

We have offered e-books for over a year now. More and more people are starting to enjoy the convenience and selection offered. Recently we have started accepting DVD donations so that we can provide one more service that patrons have been requesting. Any good quality children's or adult DVD's that you no longer want, we would greatly appreciate the ability to add to our collection.

Now for some statistics:

	computer:	Books out:	visitors:
2012:	498	5873	4437
2013:	666	7776	6481
2014:	955	9822	8202
2015:	974	10881	8201
2016:	1330	11630	8513

We also issued 295 new library cards and had 1222 children attend storytimes. Our Summer Reading Program was a success with 926 total participants across 18 individual programs.

We thank everyone who supports the library and the various services offered. Without you, we would not be seeing the steady upward growth. We hope in the near future to be able to build a new library that will better serve the community's needs and wants. We are always open to suggestions and ideas on how to better serve the communities that we serve.

Mark Your Calendars!

September 16-17 Friends of ECL book sale

Fri 9-6 Sat 9-2 @ Connection Church

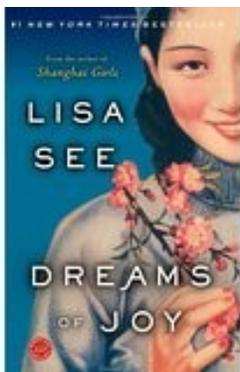
10 Scientific Facts About Reading Books And How Could It Really Improve Your Life

Many people perceive reading as an introverted hobby, for the feeble, anti-social. However, you will be pleasantly surprised to find out that reading has numerous positive effects on your emotional, intellectual and psychological state of mind. Here's how:

- 1. Reading can help prevent Alzheimer's.** A recent study found that people who read are two and a half times less likely to be diagnosed with Alzheimer's Syndrome later on in life. Although this does not mean that reading will prevent the disease, it proves a slight relationship between reading and prevention.
- 2. Being a reader means you're more likely to learn something new every day.** An education professor, Anne E. Cunningham wrote a research paper and discovered that reading frequently does actually make you smarter. Not only does it help you retain knowledge, but it helps you to remember that knowledge later on in life. Whether or not you realize it, reading stockpiles your brain with new information, and you never know when it may come in handy.
- 3. People who read are more likely to vote, exercise, and be more cultural.** A study by the National Endowment for the arts concluded that reading makes you more engaged throughout life, taking advantage of any activities that may spring up during your life.
- 4. Reading can be therapeutic.** According to Cristel Russell, a behavioral researcher, reading can help with any stress or turmoil occurring in your life. If you're going through a break-up, or simply just need to relax, try a new book.
- 5. Reading enhances your memory.** Every time you read something new, your brain 'makes room' to fit it in. With these new spaces, you can take advantage of any new information that may arise.
- 6. Reading actually does make you seem sexier, especially to women.** A [study found](#) that reading makes you seem more intelligent, which is looked upon favorably by women. So, the more you read, the more appealing you will become!
- 7. Reading helps to boost your analytical thinking.** Reading helps you to recognize various patterns that occur in writing. If you are looking for a law or medicine career, this is important!
- 8. Reading expands your vocabulary, so you'll sound like a genius.** The more you read, the more words you will come across. The more often you read these words, the more likely you are to understand them, and use them in your own writing and speaking.
- 9. Fiction books increase your ability to empathize with others.** A study done by the University of Buffalo has concluded that access to possible realities and fictional story lines opens you up to new emotions and feelings. It also helps you to empathize with people, by understanding different cultures.
- 10. People who read are more likely to get ahead when it comes to their careers, and life in general.** Hon- or Wilson-Fletcher said that reading "opens doors and makes life easier, so at the end of the day it doesn't matter what you read. What's more, it really can make you feel good!" This is very true, and it outlines how important it is to read, if you want to live a successful life.

Biblioposse last Tuesday of each month at 9:00

August 30 @ 9:00



In her most powerful novel yet, acclaimed author Lisa See returns to the story of sisters Pearl and May from *Shanghai Girls*, and Pearl's strong-willed nineteen-year-old daughter, Joy. Reeling from newly uncovered family secrets, Joy runs away to Shanghai in early 1957 to find her birth father—the artist Z.G. Li, with whom both May and Pearl were once in love. Dazzled by him, and blinded by idealism and defiance, Joy throws herself into the New Society of Red China, heedless of the dangers in the Communist regime. Devastated by Joy's flight and terrified for her safety, Pearl is determined to save her daughter, no matter the personal cost. From the crowded city to remote villages, Pearl confronts old demons and almost insurmountable challenges as she follows Joy, hoping for reconciliation. Yet even as Joy's and Pearl's separate journeys converge, one of the most tragic episodes in China's history threatens their very lives.

Sept. 27: *Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah

In the quiet village of Carriveau, Vianne Mauriac says goodbye to her husband, Antoine, as he heads for the Front. She doesn't believe that the Nazis will invade France ... but invade they do, in droves of marching soldiers, in caravans of trucks and tanks, in planes that fill the skies and drop bombs upon the innocent. When a German captain requisitions Vianne's home, she and her daughter must live with the enemy or lose everything. Without food or money or hope, as danger escalates all around them, she is forced to make one impossible choice after another to keep her family alive.

Similar Reads...

Do you read Jojo Moyes? Here are some authors that you might also like.

Diane Chamberlain

Elin Hilderbrand

Liane Moriarty

Sarah Pekkanen

Liza Palmer

Kristina McMorris

Andrea Randall

Kathleen Grisson

Lucinda Riley

Karina Halle

Kristin Harmel

Vanessa Diffenbaugh

Julia Claiborne Johnson

October 25:

What I Remember Most by Cathy Lamb



Want to join our book club? Each month we read a different members selection. It can be non-fiction, romance, historical, thriller, etc. It's all about broadening our reading interest, and a little bit of socializing, too.



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Sun closed Mon closed Tue 9-6 Wed 9-6 Thu 9-6 Fri 9-6 Sat 9-1



National Read A Romance Month



	1	2	3	4	5 Teen/Adult coloring 4-6 	6 Book n'Hookers 9-1
7	8	9 Chamber grand opening 11-1 City Council 6	10 1st Day of School	11	12 Teen/Adult coloring 4-6 	13 Book n'Hookers 9-1
14	15	16	17 Teens @ 5	18	19 Teen/Adult coloring 4-6 	20 Book n'Hookers 9-1
21	22	23 Reading Rangers 3:40	24 Wigglers @ 10:30	25	26 Teen/Adult coloring 4-6 	27 Book n'Hookers 9-1
28	29	30 Reading Rangers 3:40 Book Club 9am	31 Wigglers @ 10:30 Teens @ 5			