



2022 RUTH STRAND READING CHALLENGE

Dear Elmhurst Students and Parents/Guardians,

Every year, the Elmhurst Heritage Foundation and the Elmhurst History Museum honor the legacy of Ms. Ruth Strand, the longtime Head Librarian at the Elmhurst Public Library, an avid historian, and dedicated museum volunteer. This year, her passion for literacy and history will come together in a new initiative: *The Ruth Strand Reading Challenge*.

During the month of March, Elmhurst students in 2nd-5th grade are invited to log a list (see back side of this page) of history-related books that they read. Students who read at least 15 books can return the enclosed log to the Elmhurst History Museum gift shop during the month of April to receive a free ice cream or non-dairy treat from Kilwin's courtesy of the Elmhurst Heritage Foundation.

Students should include the book title and author, and a parent or guardian must sign off on each entry. **A bonus for your school: Schools that have at least 20 participants will also receive a \$100.00 donation to their school's library.**

We hope you will join us in honoring one of Elmhurst's finest while embracing two things Ruth Strand loved: books and history! Thank you for your participation and support of the 2022 Ruth Strand Reading Challenge.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jessie Wandersee".

Jessie Wandersee

Supervisor of Education Services, Elmhurst History Museum

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PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE ELMHURST HISTORY MUSEUM DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2022 TO REDEEM FOR A PRIZE.

Child's Name: _____

Grade/Age: _____ School: _____

Parent Name and E-mail: _____

<u>BOOK TITLE</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>	<u>ADULT SIGNATURE</u>
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____
7. _____	_____	_____
8. _____	_____	_____
9. _____	_____	_____
10. _____	_____	_____
11. _____	_____	_____
12. _____	_____	_____
13. _____	_____	_____
14. _____	_____	_____
15. _____	_____	_____

Please share which book was your favorite and why:

*The Elmhurst History Museum is located at 120 E. Park Ave. in downtown Elmhurst.
Museum hours are Tuesday-Friday and Sunday 1-5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.*