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Flowing Through Time: Local History Events explore Life along Branch Lake, the Union River, and the Coast of Maine

This August, the Ellsworth Public Library will host three events that bring Downeast history to life

Ellsworth, Maine — The Ellsworth Public Library is thrilled to announce a series of captivating events celebrating the rich local history tied to the Downeast waterways. The series contains three different types of events each in collaboration with a different partner: the Branch Lake Association, Inc. (BLA), the Ellsworth Historical Society, and Audrey Ryan, professor of psychology and author, who will present “The Downeast Goldmine”.

Below you will find details about each event. To access promo photos, please click [here](#).

1. August Photo Exhibition on the Main Floor of the Library: “Life on Branch Lake Over the Decades” runs July 31 – August 31:

The photo exhibition “Life on Branch Lake Over the Decades”, will be held on the Main Floor at the Ellsworth Public Library from Wednesday, July 31 to Saturday, August 31, 2024. The exhibition celebrates the rich history and vibrant community of Branch Lake. It showcases a collection of photographs, accompanied by a historical 45-page scrapbook that covers events from 1944 to the 1950s, including fishing derbies and sports columns with newspaper pictures of 'the biggest fish caught, and stories from the lake community and local businesses. The exhibition will be open to the public during regular library hours.

Event Page: <https://ellsworth.libcal.com/calendar/20223/life-on-branch-lake-exhibit-2024>

BLA website: <https://www.branchlakeme.org/>

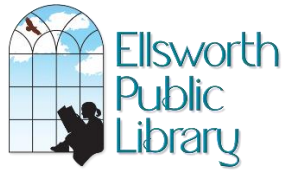
2: Ellsworth Historical Society: Presentation and Guided Walk The Union River: Evidence & History, August 10 at 1 PM, Riverview Room & Union River Walk (Registration required)

Join the Ellsworth Historical Society for a fascinating exploration of the Union River, which runs through the heart of downtown Ellsworth. Vice President Bill Fogle will host a screening about the history of the Union River at the library, followed by a revealing walk along the riverbanks with the society's president Jen Sala. Discover what this vital waterway reveals about the people who lived and worked along its banks.

Event Page: <https://ellsworth.libcal.com/calendar/20223/the-union-river-evidence-and-history>

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Ellsworth Historical Website: <https://www.ellsworthhistory.org/>

3. Audrey Ryan: Presentation and Author Talk
The Downeast Goldmine, August 15 at 6 PM on the Main Floor (Registration required)

"The Downeast Goldmine: A Story of Fishing and Drug Smuggling in Coastal Maine" with Audrey Ryan, Professor of Psychology & Author: The daughter of a local fisherman returns to Maine to uncover the true story of how a group of locals (including her father) became entwined with a powerful California drug cartel after fishing up hundreds of metal canisters from the ocean floor that were filled with 60 million dollars' worth of hashish.

Event Page: <https://ellsworth.libcal.com/calendar/20223/audrey-ryan-the-downeast-goldmine>
Audrey Ryan: [Article in the EA \(2023\)](#), [Boston Globe Article \(2023\)](#)

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The **Ellsworth Public Library** is a vibrant community institution dedicated to inspiring and educating the communities it serves in Hancock County. Through diverse programming for all ages, it strives to deliver equitable opportunities to upskill and engage in play, conversation, mindfulness, community, and nature. Housed in the historic Tisdale House since 1897, it hosts a collection of more than 46,000 items in-house including books, large print books, audiobooks, movies, music CDs, and its growing Library of Things. While the Interlibrary Loan is currently suspended, patrons have access to 50 print publications, streaming and download services, as well as to the New York Times, and free access to the Ellsworth American's online edition through the library's Wi-Fi connection. An EPL library card also gives its holder access to free passes to many renowned Down East museums. <http://www.ellsworthlibrary.net/>

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