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For Immediate Release

Start the New Year Right with the Ellsworth Public Library

Your Local Library supports you in reaching your goals in 2025

Ellsworth, ME – This January, the Ellsworth Public Library (EPL) invites the community to kick off the year with programs designed to help residents stick to their New Year's resolutions and reconnect with their neighbors. Whether they are hoping to read more, get healthier and more grounded, unleash their creativity, or become more social, EPL offers programs to support all of these goals.

Patrons can explore their artistic side at an informal sketching group held on Thursday mornings from 9 to 11 AM this winter or attend "Bad Art – Masterpiece of Mayhem." Art pieces created during the event can be entered into the "Bad Art Community Exhibition," which will be on display until the end of the month in the Riverview Room. Healthy Acadia's Tai Chi classes will continue until February 5. "An Evening of Hygge" on January 23 invites participants to discover the joy of connection, coziness, and the good things in life. At the Friends of the Ellsworth Public Library's Winter Book Sale, visitors can find their next great read while also supporting the library. Families can join in the fun at the Dogman After-School Pawrty, the Reading Dragons Tournament, or Code a Dance Party for young tech enthusiasts.

Celebrate Learning and Connection this January

January 10 – After-School Dogman Pawrty

- 2 PM | Kids & Families | No registration necessary
- [Event Page](#)

Calling all Supa-buddies! Show off your Dog Man smarts during our trivia game, design a robot in Petey's Secret Science Lab, make your very own badge and much more!

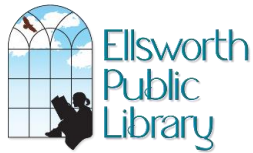
January 16 – Bad Art Class and Community Exhibition

- 2 PM | Kids & Families | Registration required, space is limited
- [Event Page](#)

Participants can turn their artistic 'oops' into a disaster piece and embrace the fun of creating something that is uniquely them. Bad Art at the Library is all about creating works of art with no expectation of it being "good" and just having fun creating. A variety of materials will be

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available to make your masterpiece of mayhem, which you can take home or leave at the library to be displayed in the Riverview Room until January 31st. This program is suitable for children ages 10 and up (accompanied by an adult) and adults. Spots are limited. Please register everyone who would like to create an art piece.

January 18 – 1st Reading Dragons Tournament

- 10 AM – 12 PM | Kids – Teens - Families | No registration required
- [Event Page](#)

Bring your cards to meet other Reading Dragons participants for a morning of games, crafts, and other Dragon-themed activities. A Special Dragon Family will be released only on this day! Ages 5 and up!

January 18 – Code a Dance Party with Hour of Code

- 2 PM – 3:30 PM | All ages | Registration required (devices can be provided if needed)
- [Event Page](#)

No experience needed! Open to students in grades 2-5.

Interested in learning to code and having fun at the same time? Join EPL and guest host Cecilia Zavestoski who has been working with [Hour of Code](#) since 2014 to explore how to code your own Dance Party. Parents and children will work together to complete the challenge and then explore other activities. Participants gain introductory experience with coding and computer science in a safe, supportive environment. Hour of Code gives kids the tools to be content creators, rather than just consumers!

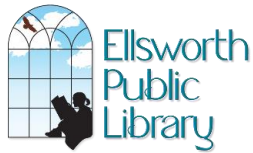
January 23 – An Evening of Hygge (pronounced "hoo-guh")

- 5 PM – 7 PM | All ages | No registration required
- [Event Page](#)

Enjoy an evening filled with warmth, comfort, and relaxation. Explore cozy stations with games, puzzles, and coloring, or bring along your favorite craft or book. Light music and refreshments will set the perfect mood for embracing the Danish art of hygge—creating moments of contentment and connection.

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Connect with and Support your Library and the Community

January 15 – Monthly Public Board of Trustees Meeting

- 6:30 PM – 8 PM | Adults | Registration required
- [Event Page – 2 PM](#)

The Ellsworth Public Library Board of Trustees will hold their monthly meeting in the Riverview Room of the library. The public is welcome to attend. During these meetings, reports by the director and the Friends of the Library and other more topical items will be discussed.

January 16 – 3rd Concept Design Meeting

- 8:30 AM – 10 AM | All Ages | No registration required
- [Event Page](#)

Join the library's 3rd Concept Design Meeting. This is a public meeting in attendance of the library's Board of Trustees. The goal is to ensure that the library continues to be a vibrant, inclusive, and functional community hub. Please visit this page for more information on the library's remodel: <https://www.ellsworthlibrary.net/renovation-updates/>

January 24 & 25 – Winter Book Sale presented by the Friends of the Ellsworth Public Library

- January 24, 1:30 PM – 4 PM | All Ages | No registration required
- January 25, 9 AM – 1 PM | All Ages | No registration required
- [Event Page](#)

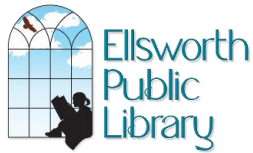
Shop hundreds of gently used fiction and nonfiction books, books for kids and teens, DVDs, and puzzles! All items are for sale by donation unless otherwise noted (cash or check only). This winter book sale is put on by the Friends of the Ellsworth Public Library. All proceeds from the book sale directly support the library, its programs, and special initiatives. The Friends look forward to seeing you!

After-school Program January – June 2025

During the 2024/25 school year, EPL offers a range of after-school programs. These programs are a great way to unwind and learn new skills. They are perfect for kids who want to try something

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new in a relaxed and friendly environment. These events usually do not require registration.

NEW: 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the Month – Hot Wheel Club

- 3:15 PM | Kids & Families | No registration required
- [Event Page](#)

Join this STEM-filled fun program, build tracks and other challenges for Hot Wheels at the library! Great for ages 5-10. The library will provide tracks, other building materials, and cars. Participants are welcome to bring cars if they have them. Hot Wheel Club is a series of events on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month until the end of the school year.

After-School Program Overview:

- Every other Tuesday at 3:15 PM: [Tween Time](#) with Ms. Keli
- Second and fourth Wednesday at 3:15 PM: [Hot Wheel Club](#) with Ms. Jean
- Fridays at 2 PM:
[Legos](#) (1st Friday of the month)
Changing Program (2nd Friday of the month),
[4-H Workshops](#) (3rd Friday of the month)
[Riverview Creatives](#) (4th Friday of the month)

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