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It's Library Card Sign-Up Month - Join the Party!

Getting a library card is easy and empowering. It supports academic success, lifelong learning, and community connections.



Photos: EPL Staff during the shoot of their promotional video "Join the Party" | [WATCH IT HERE](#)

Ellsworth, Maine – Join the Party! This September, the Ellsworth Public Library (EPL) invites everyone to celebrate Library Card Sign-Up Month and discover how a single card can open the door to endless opportunities. Throughout the month, everyone who signs up for an EPL card will enter a drawing for a \$50 gift card. Current EPL patrons who refer friends, family, or other community members will also be entered.

Signing up is simple. You can apply for an EPL card in person or start the process online: <https://www.ellsworthlibrary.net/get-a-library-card-2/>. Proof of ID and address is required. EPL cards are free for residents of Ellsworth and surrounding towns ([map of funding towns](#)).

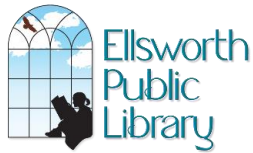
Beyond access to 46K in-house collection items, EPL patrons benefit from subscriptions such as the New York Times online, a growing Library of Things, and free passes to museums and reservable meeting space. EPL also offers curbside service and homebound delivery, and robust digital collections, including eBooks, audiobooks, and streaming video and music.

Special September events for the community include:

- **Sept. 17 at 5:30 PM:**
Just in a Happy State for a Flounce: Jane Austen's Economies of Alterations presented by Susan Allen Ford – exploring Austen's fiction-making through clothing.
- **Sept. 20, 9–11 AM:**
Informal Community Chess Gathering | All Ages

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- **Sept. 20 at 11 AM:**
Rock Painting Workshop with Holly Degen | All Ages
Learn basic rock painting techniques and create your own ladybug.
- **Sept. 24 at 5:30 PM:**
Local author Martha Dudman discusses her latest novel *curio* (2025).
- **Sept. 25 at 4 PM:**
What It's Like to Be a Home Caregiver with Home Instead -
exploring Maine's new PSS certification and the benefits of a career in caregiving.
- **Sept. 2025 – Feb. 2026:** OUTMaine launches a 10-session Dungeons & Dragons Club for grades 8–12, designed to empower LGBTQ+ and allied youth.

In 2025, the Maine State Library announced a special partnership with Maine State Parks. On Saturday, September 20, 2025, all Maine library cardholders can enjoy free admission to many of Maine's state parks. For more details, please visit <https://www.maine.gov/dacf/>

In her proclamation, recognizing September 2025 as Library Card Sign-Up Month in Maine, Governor Janet T. Mills emphasizes that, "[...] Maine's 257 public libraries reflect and honor the diversity of Maine people, honoring Wabanaki voices, supporting new Mainers, preserving Franco-American heritage, and uplifting rural, coastal, and urban communities alike through collections, services, and programs that are locally rooted; [...]."

Source: <https://www.maine.gov/governor/mills/>

Library Card Sign-Up Month is a national campaign sponsored each year by the American Library Association (ALA). The tradition dates back to 1987, when then Secretary of Education William Bennett declared: "Let's have a campaign [...] Every child should obtain a library card and use it." <https://www.ala.org/conferencesevents/library-card-sign-month-history>

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Press Release and Photos are available for download here:

<https://www.ellsworthlibrary.net/press-room-media-resources-contacts/>

EPL Events Calendar: <https://www.ellsworthlibrary.net/complete-events-calendar/>

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