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Ellsworth Public Library Celebrates International Take Your Child to the Library Day

Ellsworth, ME – This Saturday, February 1, 2025, the Ellsworth Public Library (EPL), along with over 1000 libraries, will celebrate the International Take Your Child to the Library Day. Now in its 14th year, this annual event is an opportunity for children and their parents and caregivers to explore and learn how to make full use of their local library. Between 9 AM and 2 PM, families can enjoy hands-on programs and explore the variety of free family resources EPL offers. Registration is not required for this free program. Drop in when you please: All activities will be available throughout the day. To see all the 2025 participating libraries, visit takeyourchildtothelibrary.org #takeyourchildtothelibraryday.

Download Promo Photos [here](#).

Event Details:

Saturday, February 1, 2025, from 9 AM – 2 PM:

Event Page: [Take Your Child to the Library Day at EPL](#)

Scavenger Hunt: Explore the library in search of hidden treasures!

Crafts: Make friendship cards, Valentine's Day cards, and friendship bracelets to share with someone special.

Library Card Sign-Up: Help your child start their library journey with their very own card.

What Do You Love About Your Library?: Share your thoughts and decorate a heart to display in the library.

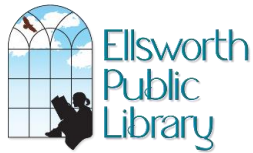
The Ellsworth Public Library builds solid foundations of literacy and curiosity for lifelong learning by providing early literacy, reading, as well as creative and movement-based programs every week. EPL's purpose is to provide the community with equitable access to its resources. **The combined value of its collection in December 2024 equaled \$1,084,103.18.** This number does not include services and programs offered, items available through video and streaming platforms Kanopy and Freegal+, nor items accessible through interlibrary loan services.

National and Maine Education Stats

In a 2024 state-by-state education status rating, Maine ranked #37 (#34 in 2023). Nationwide, 68% of fourth-graders were not proficient in reading and 74% of eighth-graders were not

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proficient in math in the year 2022.¹

In recent years, Hancock County recorded the lowest percentage of high-quality child care facilities and ranked low in the enrollment of four-year-olds in public preschool programs compared to other counties in Maine. Prioritizing the educational needs of children under five is crucial for fostering long-term success. Additionally, Hancock County had the second-highest proportion of children lacking health insurance. It was also one of two counties where the rate of chronic absenteeism among secondary students increased during the 2022-2023 academic year compared to the prior year.²

An **Ellsworth Public Library Card opens the door** to a collection of more than 46,000 in-house items including books, large print books, audiobooks, movies, music CDs, and a growing Library of Things. Patrons have access to 50 print publications, streaming and download services. The New York Times is available to patrons on public access computers or any personal device. Additionally, patrons can request books through statewide Interlibrary loan services and reserve free passes to many renowned Down East museums. All library programs are free and open to all. Through a partnership with the Ellsworth American, anyone using the library's Wi-Fi connection is granted free access to ellsworthamerican.com. www.ellsworthlibrary.net

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¹ Annie E. Casey Foundation. (2024). *2024 KIDS COUNT Data Book: State Trends in Child Well-Being*. Retrieved from <https://www.aecf.org/resources/2024-kids-count-data-book>, 24 January 2025.

² Maine Children's Alliance. (2024). *Maine KIDS COUNT Data: Hancock County Profile*. Retrieved from [mainekidscount_hancock_2024.pdf](#), 24 January 2025.

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