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Borrow, Don't Buy: EPL Offers Costume Closet Starting October 1

Libraries aren't just bastions of equitable access, they are also champions for sustainability.





Photos: Library Director Sarah Lesko checks costume donations © EPL

Ellsworth, Maine – This Halloween, check out a costume from the Ellsworth Public Library. Starting October 1, the library will offer patrons the option to check out costumes for the spooky season. Community members are encouraged to donate gently used and clean costumes sized 0-3 months to a child's large to fill the new costume closet. So far, the options include items like a dragon, a princess, a wizard, and a ballet bunny costume.

It's Library Card Sign-Up Month: Throughout September, 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. FMI: https://www.ellsworthlibrary.net/join-the-party/. The Friends of EPL offer a scholarship program to cover the \$30 fee for residents outside of funding towns who cannot afford a library card, with minimal paperwork required.

About EPL: The Ellsworth Public Library is an open, welcoming, and safe space where people come together to learn, connect, and grow. It is a vibrant hub of curiosity and community, where everyone is invited to participate, explore, and enjoy. We believe that a strong library is the cornerstone of a sustainable and healthy community. Literacy, especially early literacy, is a vital foundation for the well-being of all community members.

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