



Thursday, November 6, 2025

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Special Author and Artist Events at the Ellsworth Public Library

From Personal Memoirs to Global Reporting: Inspiring Conversations at the Ellsworth Public Library

Ellsworth, ME — The Ellsworth Public Library (EPL) invites the community to an inspiring series of programs this November and December, featuring authors, artists, and journalists whose work explores caregiving, domestic violence, art and activism, and international reporting.

The lineup begins with local author **Alice Aldrich Hildebrand** on **Wednesday, November 12 at 5:30 PM**, discussing her new memoir *A Matter of Life and Death*. The book reflects on caregiving for her father, the loss of her chaplaincy career, and the many transitions we experience throughout life. <https://ellsworth.libcal.com/calendar/EPL-Events/author-talk-alice-aldrich-hildebrand>

On Tuesday, **November 18 at 2 PM**, the library will stream a special **Finding Our Voices Book Club** featuring **Booker Prize–winning author Roddy Doyle**, who will discuss domestic abuse themes in his *Paula Spencer* trilogy. The event is free and open to all—no prior reading required. <https://ellsworth.libcal.com/calendar/EPL-Events/finding-our-voices-book-club-with-roddy-doyle>

The community is also invited to the **Artivism in Maine (AIme) Artist Reception** on **Saturday, November 22 at 4 PM**, celebrating artists featured in AIme's 3rd Freedom & Justice Summit. The reception will honor all contributing artists, including photographer **Lynn Karlin**, whose exhibit *Nature's Grand Designs* remains on view through February 2026. **Maine Poet Laureate Julia Bouwsma** will be in attendance, and light refreshments will be provided by **FarmDrop**. <https://ellsworth.libcal.com/calendar/EPL-Events/artivism-in-maine-art-reception-2025>

On **Saturday, December 6 at 11 AM**, artist and filmmaker **Katherine Blakeney** will host a **hands-on stop-motion animation workshop**, exploring her award-winning techniques and showing participants how to create characters from everyday materials. Registration required. <https://ellsworth.libcal.com/calendar/EPL-Events/animation-workshop-with-katherine-blakeney>

Finally, on **Thursday, December 11 at 6 PM**, journalist **Levi Bridges** will speak about his reporting from **Kyrgyzstan** on how the war in Ukraine has reshaped the lives of people across the former Soviet republics. <https://ellsworth.libcal.com/calendar/EPL-Events/covering-russias-borderlands-during-war>

Please reach out with any questions or if you would like to cover any of these events.

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Wed: 9 AM – 6 PM, Thu: 9 AM – 6 PM
Sat: 9 AM – 2 PM