



FRIENDS

NEWSLETTER

G. Pellerano, Editor

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ELLSWORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY MISSION STATEMENT

To provide library users of all ages with a welcoming, safe, and stimulating atmosphere and with a wide range of available materials that will encourage lifelong learning and enjoyment, inspire creativity, and promote a sense of community and civic awareness.

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday & Tuesday & Friday...9-5
Wednesday & Thursday9-8
Saturday.....9-2
Sunday Closed

Holiday Schedule

The library will be closed:

Monday, January 1st
New Year's Day

Monday, January 15th
MLK Jr. Day

Monday, February 19th
Presidents' Day



From the President of the Friends

GREETINGS!

Hello all! As you are reading this hopefully the Library will be returning to normal. The past several weeks have seen much disruption as the carpet project was in full swing. New carpet installation required restricting access to different areas of the library to patrons as work progressed, but the new carpeting has brightened up the Library.

Unfortunately the carpet project has sidelined one of the Friends yearly rituals, the holiday decorations. A reduced version of the decorations will be done once the main level carpeting is completed.

BOOK SALES: The one day October sale brought in \$405, a very good sale. Next year 2018, we are planning on at least three sales:

Early Spring - Saturday March 10, 2018.
One day sale 9AM - 1PM

Spring - Thurs May 3rd, 4-7PM, Fri May 4th, 9AM-4PM and Sat May 5th, 9AM-1PM

Summer - Thurs August 9th, 4-7PM, Fri Aug.10th, 9AM-4PM and Sat Aug. 11th, 9AM-1PM

Additional book sales may be scheduled if the book supply is adequate and the space in the Library is available.

STRATEGIC PLANNING: At our November Board meeting the library invited the Friends Board to attend a facilitated strategic planning session to discuss the library and its role in both Ellsworth and the supporting communities over the next five years. The meeting which was held

Monday Nov 27 during the afternoon brought out the expected high level of support the friends have for the library and the staff. Much was discussed on how the Library could better serve the supporting communities through possibly some form of community outreach program. Hopefully more will be discussed and some of the proposed ideas will become reality.

The New Year brings new ideas and opportunities to better the library and the surrounding communities. This will only be possible with your continuing support. Please take a few minutes to renew your dues using the included envelope because dues coupled with our fundraising efforts fund the programming which makes the Ellsworth Library the community asset it has become.

MEETINGS: The January meeting, Wednesday January 3rd, 2018 at 3PM will be where the Friends review the Library request for funding. Other meetings will be Wednesday February 7th at 3PM, March 7th at 3PM and April 4th back at 7PM.

Thank you for supporting the Ellsworth Public Library through the Friends. The many programs we fund and our support of activities, brings many smiles to the patrons of the Library regardless of age group. The board of directors wish you a wonderful and safe Holiday Season, and we hope to get to work with you next year to provide more quality programming for all Library Patrons.

Gene Pellerano, Editor

From the Director's Desk

We had a busier than normal fall at the library – usage was up, and we offered a diverse array of programs for all ages. Thanks to the Friends for your vital support of our programming!

We replaced the carpeting throughout the building in December, and it looks great! Stop by to have a look if you haven't been to the library recently.

We are wrapping up a strategic planning process for the library, envisioning the future for the library's next three to five years and beyond. Thanks to all of the Friends who provided valuable input during this process, and stay tuned for a full report on our findings and priorities.

Thanks again for all you do for the library!

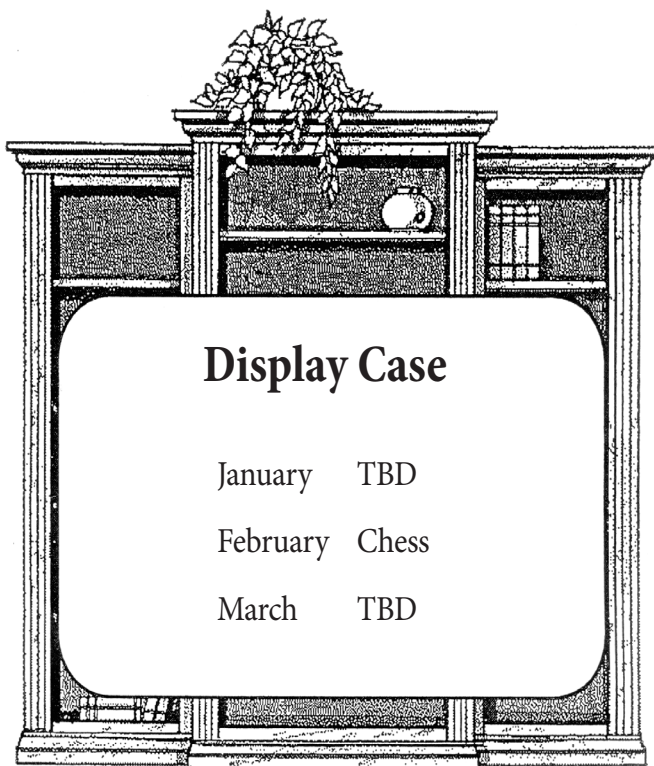
Amy Wisehart
Director

DNA Interest Group (DIG)

The Ellsworth Public Library is sponsoring a DNA Interest Group beginning on January 27, 2018. This group Eastern Maine DIG is an arm of the Maine Genealogical Society DIG joining Southern Maine DIG led by Nancy Mason, located in Gray, Maine and Central Maine DIG led by Peter Wayne Smith in Winslow, Maine.

DNA is one of the most exciting tools in a genealogist's kit allowing us to prove definitively who our ancestors are - or are not. Many times, long held research is proven totally wrong using the latest DNA testing. It is invaluable for adoptees looking for birth families. Both seasoned genealogists and those just starting out can take advantage of the various tests and testing companies to further their research.

The group is not a club or society, no dues or membership, no officers. It is simply a place for anyone with an interest in using DNA as a part of their family search to share experiences and hopefully get answers to their questions. We will have programs some months, either a live speaker or a video on DNA research. The meetings held on the fourth Saturday of each month and running from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm, will be facilitated by Library Genealogist, Charlene Fox Clemons. If you have taken a test (or two or three) or are wondering what test to take, we hope you will join us at on January 27th and share your questions, successes and failures.



Art Shows

January

Jeff DiBella - Photography

February

Vintage Photos by the
Downeast Salmon Federation

March - TBD

*It is best to call us at 667-6363
to be sure that the Riverview
Room is open to the public at
the time of your visit.*

Board of Trustees Meetings

Monday January 22,
6:30pm

Monday, February 26,
6:30pm

Monday, March 26,
6:30pm

Adult Programs

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

THE ELLSWORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY KNITTING GROUP

First and Third Saturdays each month

Come knit, crochet or spin with us from 10:00 to noon in the Knitting Nook (3rd Floor). Knitters, crocheters and spinners of all levels are welcome!

THE ELLSWORTH CHESS CLUB

The Ellsworth Chess Club meets every **THURSDAY** evening at the Library from 6:00 - 7:45 p.m. New members are welcome.

TIGHTWAD EXCHANGE - BROWN BAG SESSION

Wed., January 3, Noon - 1 pm

Wed., February 7, Noon - 1 pm

Wed., March 7, Noon - 1 pm

Join others who are looking for ways to save money, stretch the budget, and share frugal ideas. This is a brown bag meeting, so feel free to bring your lunch. Coffee and tea are provided. Meet in the Riverview Room at the Ellsworth Public Library.

CAREGIVERS' GROUP

Tues. January 9, at 2:00 p.m.

Tues. February 13, at 2:00 p.m.

Tues. March 13, at 2:00 p.m.

Join us for coffee, conversation, education and support with Eastern Area Agency on Aging. Riverview room at the Ellsworth Public Library.

HCGS - HANCOCK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Meetings are free and newcomers are welcome. Meet in the Riverview room at the Ellsworth Public Library.

Sat., January 13, at 10:00 a.m.

This is the Annual Meeting with the election of officers for 2018. There will be a 30 minute Focus Group meeting on the Library's Long Range Plan, after which, Alice Long will talk about her successes using DNA for genealogy research.

Sat. February 10, at 10:00 a.m.

Max Brenninkmeyer will talk about his research into Moses Hammond of Ellsworth. This program was postponed from November.

Sat. March 10, at 10:00 a.m.

DNA INTEREST GROUP - (DIG)

Sat., January 27, at 10:00 a.m.

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SPECIAL PROGRAMS

THE TUESDAY READERS

Tuesday, January 2, 2:00 p.m.

"The Tuesday Readers" is an afternoon book discussion group at Ellsworth Public Library facilitated by James Higgins, Special Services Librarian. *The Sympathizer* by Viet Thanh Nguyen will be discussed. Coffee, tea, and refreshments will be served. Meet in the Riverview Room at the Ellsworth Public Library.

THE ELLSWORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOK DISCUSSION

Thurs., Jan. 4, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

The Ellsworth Public Library Book Discussion will be held in the Riverview Room. Please join us for an informal discussion of *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles.

THE ELLSWORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOK DISCUSSION

Thurs., Feb. 1, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

The Ellsworth Public Library Book Discussion will be held in the Riverview Room. Please join us for an informal discussion of *Small Great Things* by Jodi Piccolt.

THE TUESDAY READERS

Tuesday, February 6, 2:00 p.m.

"The Tuesday Readers" is an afternoon book discussion group at Ellsworth Public Library facilitated by James Higgins, Special Services Librarian. *Last Hope Island* by Lynne Olson will be discussed. Coffee, tea, and refreshments will be served. Meet in the Riverview Room at the Ellsworth Public Library.

MURDER MYSTERY NIGHT

Wed., Feb. 14, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

This program is intended for high school and adult sleuths only, please! For those of you who would like to explore a darker side to Valentine's Day, join us for Murder Mystery Night! Search for clues around the library, hear from the suspects, and then draw your own conclusion. Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to our Facebook event (listed on the Ellsworth Public Library Facebook page) or call the library 667-6363.

PROJECT HOPE - DETECTIVE DOTTY SMALL

Thursday, February 15, 6:00 p.m.

Learn more about Project HOPE (Heroin Opiate Prevention Effort). Dotty Small, Ellsworth Police Detective will detail how this police-led project works and how other agencies in the area are involved. Do you know someone who could use some help? Join us to learn more and help your friends! Meet in the Riverview Room at the Ellsworth Public Library.

THE ELLSWORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOK DISCUSSION

Thursday, March 1, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

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THE TUESDAY READERS

Tuesday, March 6, 2:00 p.m.

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SOMETHING IS ALWAYS LEFT - BETSY HEADLEY

Thursday, March 29, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Poet and artist, Betsey Headley of Swanville, will read from her book *Something Is Always Left*. Her topics include personal musings on life experiences, world reflection and nature. Books will be available for purchase and signing. Meet in the Riverview Room at the Ellsworth Public Library.

Youth Programs

WEEKLY STORY TIMES

Tuesdays - 10:30 a.m.
STORYTIME/CRAFT
in the Riverview
Room for children
aged 4 and 5 with
picture books, songs,
flannel boards and
crafts.

Wednesdays - 6:30 p.m.
PJ STORYTIME
in the Boat Room
for all ages. Wear
your pj's and bring
your favorite stuffed
animal.

Thursdays - 10:30 a.m.
STORYTIME/CRAFT
in the Riverview
Room for 2 and
3 year olds with
picture books,
songs, fingerplays,
and simple crafts.

Fridays - 10:00 a.m.
LAPTIME
for children 0-24
months old in the
Riverview Room.
Fingerplays, songs,
puppets and a book.

FRIDAY PROGRAMS

all on Fridays at 2:00 PM

READING PROS BOOK CLUB
for kids in grades 3-5
January 5, February 2, March 2

LEGO@ THE LIBRARY
January 12, February 9, March 9

RIVERVIEW CREATIVES—
art program for all school aged kids
January 19, February 16, March 16

BIBLIOPHILE READ A FORCE
for kids in grades 6-8
January 26, February 23, March 23

SPECIAL SATURDAY STORYTIMES

January 20 @ 10:30 am

Teddy Bear Picnic—everyone's favorite winter picnic. Listen to the book "Old Bear" by Kevin Henkes and make a fun bear craft. Bring your favorite stuffed animal and a picniclunch. A drink and snack will be provided.

February 17 @10:30 am

Listen to the book "The First Day of Winter" by Denise Fleming and make a fun winter craft

March 17 @ 10:30 am

Listen to the book Do fairies bring the spring? by Liza Gardner Walsh and make a whimsical fairy craft

MONTHLY PROGRAM

STEAMers
(Science, Technology, Engineering, Art,
Math)

*Wednesdays at 3:00 pm for kids in grades
K-6*

January 10
Submarine Science

February 14
Anatomy of the Heart

March 14
Springing into Action

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

FAMILY LEGO® NIGHT

Wednesday, January 24th 6-7:30 p.m.
Build something awesome at our first Lego night! Take a Lego challenge or free build--the choice is yours. Children of all ages are welcome to attend. We will provide standard size Legos as well as big Legos for little builders.

TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY DAY

Saturday February 3, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Dinosaurs take over the library!!! Stop by the library any time during business hours for a special day for kids! Kids can get their own library card, explore the library, do a fun scavenger hunt, make a craft and listen to a story. All ages are welcome.

FEBRUARY VACATION FUN

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Tuesday February 20

Shake off your cabin fever and go camping--inside, of course! Please bring blankets or sheets for tent construction (fasteners will be provided) and feel free to bring a sleeping bag and pillow to make yourself comfortable. Listen to a story around the "campfire", relax and read, make a craft, and make s'more trail mix. Feel free to drop-in and stay as long as you like.

Wednesday February 21

Goo, Slime and Oobleck oh my!! Get ready for some icky, messy fun.

Thursday February 22

Have fun playing all sorts of board games.



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