



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 & Thursday.....9-8
Saturday9-2
Sunday Closed

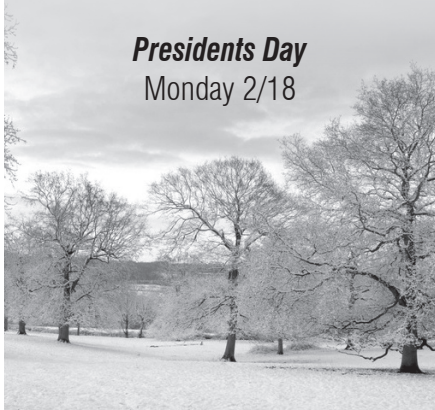
HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The library will be closed:

New Year's Day
Tuesday 1/1

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Monday 1/21

Presidents Day
Monday 2/18



From the President of the Friends

GREETINGS!

I sit here writing this newsletter having just celebrated Thanksgiving. I was reflecting on what to be thankful for and settled on community. We live in a fast paced society where electronics bring the people, news and what is happening to your hand whenever you want it, via smartphones. But I realize the real value in my life is not the smartphone world but the people and institutions which make up my community. The Friends of the Library provide funding so the Library can offer quality programming free to all ages. The funds are raised through the collection of dues and fundraising efforts throughout the year. Be part of the community of individuals who make wonderful programming happen at the Ellsworth Public Library by supporting the Friends. In this newsletter you will find a registration card and an envelope to use to renew your membership in the Friends. Please fill out the card and send along with your payment via the mail. Another convenient way to save a stamp is to place your check into the enclosed envelope and leave it at the circulation desk next time you visit the Library. Either way, Thank you for supporting us and making the Ellsworth Public Library Community brighter and better for all.

Booksales: The November book sale went well with \$310 raised at this one day sale. The next scheduled book Sale is set for Saturday March 9, 2019, 9AM till 1PM on the main floor of the library. As of late the book sorting crew have noticed an increase in recent donations so we may want to have a book sale sooner, please check our web-site and at the circulation desk after the January Friend's meeting for late breaking news. Additionally if you need a book before our next sale, please remember the Friends revolving book sale rack by the circulation desk.

The October Annual meeting was a well planned tea party. One Friend made her collection of English

tea cups available and Friends contributed light refreshments for a very delightful meeting.

Also in October the library hosted a breakfast event in appreciation for all the Friends accomplish for the Library. The breakfast spread was remarkable including quiches, homemade baked goods, a fruit tray and beverages. A great way to start the day enjoying breakfast and relaxed conversations with the staff.

Our Vice President, Melanie Zador, continues to organize the book sales. She coordinates the volunteers who help sort books, prepare for and staff the sales. Over the past few years all this hard work by Melanie and the many volunteers has resulted in many record setting sales. Want to help, please stop by the circulation desk and fill out a Friend's volunteer form and we will be in touch.

Meetings: The next Friend's meeting is Wednesday January 2, 2019, at 3PM in the Riverview Room at the Library. This is the meeting where the library presents the 2019 request for funding. Additionally we will discuss the possibility of a cabin fever book sale. Then we are scheduled for a Wednesday February 6, 2019 meeting at 3PM as well in the Riverview Room. The March meeting will be cancelled due to the nearness of the March book sale. The April meeting is set for Wednesday April 3, 2019, at 3PM in the Riverview Room.

So in closing thank you to all the Friends of the Ellsworth Public Library who made 2018 such a spectacular year. As we welcome 2019 we look forward to new members and helpers, new summer programming and another great year. The Board of Directors wish all members of the library community a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Gene Pellerano,
Editor

From the Director's Desk

This past year was a very successful one for library programming, and we give special thanks to the Friends for all that you do to support our many programs throughout the year. We had record-breaking attendance for our Summertime Delights series, bringing many children and families into the library.

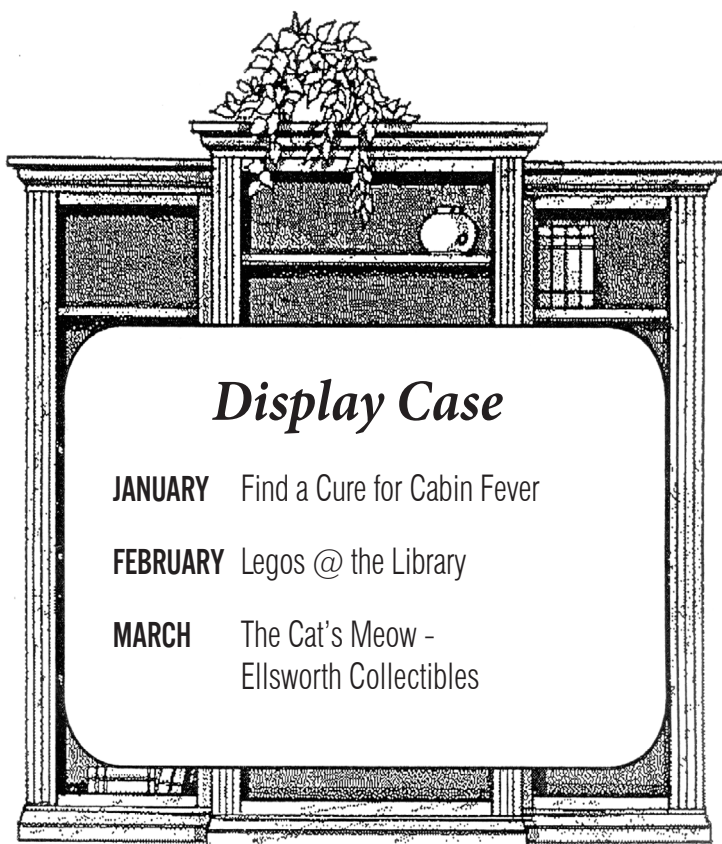
The new A/V system the Friends purchased for the library is up and running and we've used it for a few library programs already. The image and sound quality are excellent, and we are so appreciative of your support.

We recently finalized a new strategic plan for the library that I am happy to share upon request. Our goals include more outreach and collaboration with community partners, updated layout of our physical space, a possible new small meeting room, and diversified program offerings for all ages.

The library's new website redesign is in process and we hope to complete it by the end of January.

Thank you for all that you do for our library!

Amy Wisehart
Director



ONGOING PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

ELLSWORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY KNITTING GROUP

*First & Third Saturdays - 10 to 12
EPL Knitting Nook (3rd Floor)*

Come work on your project and socialize with us. Fiber arts of all types and levels are welcome!

TIGHTWAD EXCHANGE - BROWN BAG SESSION

*Wed., January 2, Noon - 1 pm
Wed., February 6, Noon - 1 pm
Wed., March 6, Noon - 1 pm
Riverview Room*

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.

ELLSWORTH CHESS CLUB

*Every Thursday - 6:00-7:00 p.m.
EPL - Main Floor*

Visitors and new members are welcome.

GAME ON @ THE LIBRARY (FOR AGES 18+)

*Wed. nights from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
EPL - Main Floor*

Just because you're an adult doesn't mean you can't still have fun! Come to the library on Wednesday nights for our new gaming program for young adults. Each month, we'll feature a different tabletop game and provide some old favorites, too. Do you have 5 minutes? Join us this month and give "5 Minute Dungeon" a try!

HCGS - HANCOCK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Meetings are free and newcomers are welcome. Riverview Room

*Saturday, Jan. 12, at 10:00 a.m.
Saturday February 9, at 10:00 a.m.
Saturday March 9, at 10:00 a.m.*

CAREGIVERS' GROUP

*Tuesday January 8, at 2:00 p.m.
Tuesday February 12, at 2:00 p.m.
Tuesday March 12, at 2:00 p.m.
Riverview Room*

Join us for coffee, conversation, education and support with Eastern Area Agency on Aging.

COFFEE WITH THE DIRECTOR

*Saturday January 12, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Saturday February 9, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Saturday March 9, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Riverview Room*

Meet with EPL's director Amy Wisehart. Drop in to chat, ask questions, share feedback, or learn more about library offerings. All are welcome! Every second Saturday of the month.

DNA INTEREST GROUP - (DIG)

*Saturday, Jan. 26, at 10:00 a.m.
Saturday, Feb. 23, at 10:00 a.m.
Saturday, March 23, at 10:00 a.m.
Riverview Room*

Genetic Genealogy -
DNA Case Studies

DNA testing can help identify or discover the unknown for many individuals and families. Library Genealogist, Charlene Fox Clemons, facilitates these meetings. We hope you will join us to share your questions, and successes with the group.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

THE TUESDAY READERS

Wednesday, January 2, 2:00 p.m.
Riverview Room

"The Tuesday Readers" is a book discussion group at Ellsworth Public Library meeting the first Tuesday of each month. *A Piece of the World* by Christina Baker Kline will be discussed. Coffee, tea, and refreshments served.

THE ELLSWORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOK DISCUSSION

Thursday, January 3, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Riverview Room

Please join us for an informal discussion of *Less* by Andrew Sean Greer. Coffee and tea provided.

"TRANSITIONING TO A PLANT-BASED LIFESTYLE FOR HEALTH" - MARK BLANCHETTE

Wednesday January 9, at 6:00 p.m.
Riverview Room

Ellsworth City Councilor Marc Blanchette will share his experience transitioning to a plant-based lifestyle, which led to significant weight loss. He will show how simple and affordable this way of cooking and eating can be, dispel the myths, break stereotypes and equip participants with the tools and resources needed to be successful.

JANWILLEM VAN DE WETERING BOOK DISCUSSION

Saturday, January 12, 1:00 p.m.
Riverview Room

Join us the second Saturday of each month through October 2019 to discuss one of this renowned Maine author's books. Book discussed this month is *A Glimpse of Nothingness*.

GILBERT & SULLIVAN - IOLANTHE PRE-SHOW DISCUSSION/SONGS

Thursday January 31, at 6:30 p.m.
Riverview Room

THE TUESDAY READERS

Tuesday, February 5, 2:00 p.m.
Riverview Room

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THE ELLSWORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOK DISCUSSION

Thursday, February 7, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Riverview Room

Please join us for an informal discussion of *A Prayer for Owen Meany* by John Irving. Coffee and tea provided.

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Saturday, February 9, 1:00 p.m.
Riverview Room

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AUTHOR VISIT/COOKING DEMO WITH SARAH WALKER CARON

Saturday, February 16, at TBD.
Riverview Room

Sarah Walker Caron, author of *The Super Easy 5-Ingredient Cookbook* and *The One-Pot Pasta Cookbook*, will join us to share some cooking tips and tricks for busy people who want to get back into the kitchen. Sarah will demonstrate a couple of recipes, too! Books will be available for sale courtesy of Briar Patch Books.

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Thursday, March 7, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Riverview Room

Please join us for an informal discussion of *Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly. Coffee and tea provided.

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Saturday, March 9, 1:00 p.m.
Riverview Room

Join us the second Saturday of each month through October 2019 to discuss one of this renowned Maine author's books. Book selection to be determined.

2ND ANNUAL ELLSWORTH OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday March 20, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Riverview Room

We invite our long time neighbors and newcomers alike to meet representatives from city government, schools, businesses and community organizations. Learn about services, programs, recreation and more. Enjoy light refreshments and mingle with others in the community. Each family will receive a Welcome Bag. You may also enter to win the door prize, a collection of gifts donated by local businesses! Sponsored by the City of Ellsworth, Ellsworth Area Chamber of Commerce and the Ellsworth Public Library. *NOTE: SNOW DATE: March 27 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.*

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS

Monday, Jan. 28 - 5:15 pm

Monday, Feb. 25 - 5:15 pm

Monday, March 25 - 5:15 pm



Art Shows

JANUARY

Mike Riley

FEBRUARY

Ellsworth Elementary Middle
School Art Class

MARCH

Ellsworth Photo Contest

**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.**

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Weekly Story Times

STORYTIME/CRAFT

For children aged 4 and 5

Tuesdays - 10:30 a.m.
Riverview Room

Picture books, songs, flannel boards and crafts.

PJ STORYTIME

For all ages

Wednesdays - 6:30 p.m.
Boat Room

Wear your pj's and bring your favorite stuffed animal.

STORYTIME/CRAFT

For children aged 2 and 3

Thursdays - 10:30 a.m.
Riverview Room

Picture books, songs, fingerplays, and simple crafts.

BABY STORYTIME

For children 0 - 24 months

Fridays - 10:00 a.m.
Riverview Room

Fingerplays, songs, puppets and a book.

Friday Programs

all on Fridays, 2:00 - 3:30 PM
Riverview Room

READING PROS

BOOK CLUB

for kids in grades 3-5

January 4
February 1
March 1

LEGO @ THE LIBRARY

January 11
February 8
March 8

RIVERVIEW CREATIVES— ART PROGRAM FOR ALL SCHOOL AGED KIDS

January 18
February 15
March 15

MIDDLE SCHOOL CRAFTERNOON

for kids in grades 6-8

January 25
February 22
March 22

Saturday Story Times

January 19 at 11:00 am

Get ready for everyone's favorite winter picnic, The Teddy Bear Picnic. Listen to a teddy bear story and do a fun teddy bear craft. Don't forget to bring a picnic lunch, drinks and a sweet snack will be provided. We might even have a special visitor.

February 2

"Take your Child to the Library Day" — We'll have a whole day of fun and learning about the Library. If you have time on February 2 between 9 am and 2 pm you should come check it out. There will be dragons, scavenger hunts and a dragon puppet to make.

February 16 at 10:30 am

Clifford the Big Red Dog Storytime. Enjoy crafts, stories, and activities about everyone's favorite big red dog.

March 16 at 10:30 am

Listen to the story "Finding Spring" by Carin Berger and make a flower necklace and plant some seeds.

Monthly Programs

STEAMERS CLUB

(Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math)

Thursdays at 2:00 pm
For kids in grades K-6

Thursday, January 10
Fun with Magnets

Thursday, February 7
Getting to the Heart of the Matter

Thursday, March 7
For the Birds

February Vacation Fun

At 2:00 pm

Tuesday February 19
Make some fun bookmarks!

Wednesday February 20
Snowman fun!

Thursday February 21
Join Jill Lee author of the book *Little Sunny Makes Kimchi with Halmi* for a fun activity making kimchi, a Korean traditional side dish.



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