



FRIENDS

NEWSLETTER

G. Pellerano, Editor

October - December 2018

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:

Columbus Day
Monday 10/8

Veterans Day Observed
Monday 11/12

Thanksgiving Day
Thursday 11/22

Christmas Eve
Monday 12/24

Christmas Day
Tuesday 12/25

From the President of the Friends

GREETINGS!

BOOK SALE – If books could fly!! Well they did fly during the August Book Sale. Overall we made \$1,650 over the 3 day sale. A rough estimate had us selling \$550 worth of books during the first hour, and over \$800 for the three hours Thursday Evening. Part of this success was related to the high quality of the books offered for sale and the many library patrons who visited the library that evening to attend the author talk also scheduled. But whatever the reason the Friends were ecstatic with the outcome and very thankful for all involved. It takes many hands to stage a successful book sale, from the donations, sorting, pricing, movement, arranging and selling and of course the purchasers, to the volunteers and the library staff, a big thank you. This one sale paid for the lion share of the summer youth programming and will allow the Friend to explore more funding opportunities to provide the library with new ways to serve the community.

NEXT BOOK SALE – A one day book sale is slated for Saturday November 3rd, from 9AM till 1PM. This sale will be held on the main floor of the Library, and will include nicer books suitable for gift giving, holiday themed books and other select youth and adult books.

FUNDING – Earlier this year the library staff asked the Friends to provide funding for a large screen TV and associated audio and video equipment to allow presenters to make use of modern technology when doing programs at the Library. The equipment was paid for using money raised several years ago when the Friends were invited to assist as a partner to the Ellsworth Rotary Club Auction.

SPECIAL – The Library Staff and Trustees will hold a “Friends Appreciation” event on Tuesday October 23 at 8:00 in the Riverview Room, all Friends Volunteers are welcome! Coffee and refreshments will be provided.

MEETINGS – Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday October 3rd at 3PM, that meeting will serve as our annual meeting and will feature tea and light refreshments. The November meeting will be canceled due to the closeness of the “Friends Appreciation” and the Book Sale. We will hold the annual decorate the Library work session on Monday November 26 at 5PM. No meeting in December so the next regular meeting will be January 2, 2019 at 3PM, this is the meeting where the Library request for funding is presented for approval.

HELP – As always we need more help, three ways. Dues and Donations, help fund Library activities and programming for the community at large. Books, we need clean, good quality, recent books for the book sales to be successful, books can be left at the library during normal operating hours. Volunteers to help sort books, sell them during the sales and keep our perpetual book sale racks stocked. Please contact me at ejpmaine@gmail.com, subject line Friend, or please fill out a form at the circulation desk and we will be in touch.

CLOSING NOTES – For the Friends this has been a banner year and we want to thank our many helpers and members for making it so. The Friend’s Board wish all a Wonderful Holiday Season and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year helping and participating in the events we hold and sponsor.

Gene Pellerano, Editor

From the Director's Desk

It was a very busy summer at the library! July was the busiest month for print circulation that we've had in the past two years, and our programs have been very well attended all summer. Over 1500 people attended library programs in July, making it one of the busiest months ever for library programs. The Friends-supported Summertime Delights series for families has been particularly successful, with most programs drawing a crowd of 100 or more. We also hosted a special six-week music storytime with local music therapist Carla Tanguay that was very well received. Thank you to the Friends for your ongoing support of our many programs for all ages. These events provide educational and cultural enrichment and bring many new people into our library. We love to see the community making such good use of the library!

We are wrapping up our new strategic plan and will have a finished plan to share very soon. We are also starting work on a website redesign that will make the site more usable on cell phones and other mobile devices.

We are happy to welcome two of our summer staff members, Neil Sands and Avery Garrod, as permanent year-round circulation desk staff. They will both be working part-time, and we are pleased to have them as part of our team long-term. Thank you for all that you do for our library!

Amy Wisahart
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., Oct. 3, Noon - 1 pm
Wed., Nov. 7, Noon - 1 pm
Wed., Dec. 5, 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 Oct. 13, at 10:00 a.m.
Saturday Nov. 10, at 10:00 a.m.
No meeting in December*

CAREGIVERS' GROUP

*Tuesday Oct. 9, at 2:00 p.m.
Tuesday Nov. 13, at 2:00 p.m.
Tuesday Dec. 11, 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

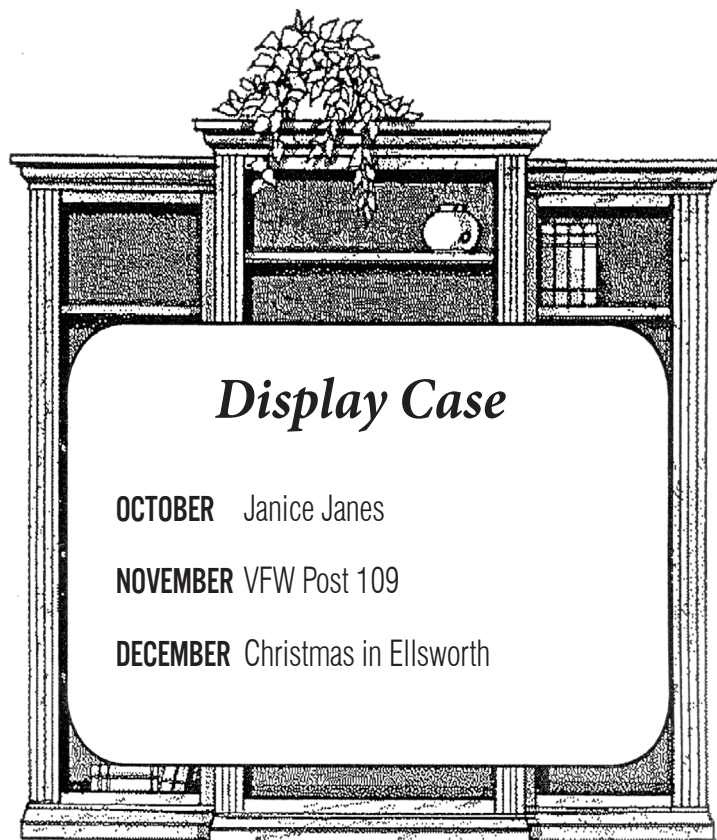
*Saturday, Oct. 13, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Saturday, Nov. 10, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Saturday, Dec. 8, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Riverview Room*

Meet with EPL's director Amy Wisahart. 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, Oct. 27, at 10:00 a.m.
Saturday, Nov. 24, at 10:00 a.m.
Saturday, June 23, at 10:00 a.m.
Riverview Room*

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, 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 and share your questions, successes and failures.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS

Monday, Oct. 22 - 5:15 pm

Monday, Nov. 26 - 5:15 pm

December Meeting TBD

SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

SPECIAL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

FOOD FOR FINES

All of December

Library patrons can get their overdue fines forgiven by donating an equal value of non-perishable food items through the Food for Fines program, through the month of December; extending into early January due to our carpeting project. The food will be taken to Loaves and Fishes food pantry. Cash and Check donations to Loaves and Fishes will also be accepted.

ANNUAL WISH STARS

Check out the bulletin board and select a star which has the title and purchase price of a "wished for" item at the Library. You pay for the item, we will do the purchasing. A book plate with name can be inserted in the purchased item. This is a great way to honor your book lovers while giving a gift to the Library which will benefit the community.



Art Shows

OCTOBER

Richard Small

NOVEMBER

Cheri Robbins et al

DECEMBER

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.

THE TUESDAY READERS

Tuesday, October 2, 2:00 p.m.
Riverview Room

An afternoon book discussion group facilitated by Librarian Mary McKillop. *The House at Lobster Cove* by Jane Goodrich will be discussed. Coffee, tea, and refreshments will be served.

THE ELLSWORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOK DISCUSSION

Thursday, October 4, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Riverview Room

Please join us for an informal discussion of *The Stars Are Fire* by Anita Shreve.

"THE GREAT AMERICAN READ" BOOK CLUB

Saturdays, October 6 & 13, 1:00 p.m.
Riverview Room

Everyone is invited to join The Great American Read Book Club this fall at the library. Participate in book discussions and attend exclusive pre-screenings of episodes 6-7 of the PBS series *The Great American Read*. Light refreshments will be served.

HISTORY OF TAUNTON BAY – JOHN AND MARLENE DALEY

Thursday, Oct. 11, 6:00 p.m.
Riverview Room

Local authors John and Marlene Day will discuss their recent book, *History of Taunton Bay: Mining, Shipping & Diving; Franklin, Hancock & Sullivan*. Their diving expeditions have led to the discovery of artifacts from shipwrecks in Taunton bay. They have also explored underwater mining shafts used for mining silver, gold, copper and nickel in the late 1870's. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

ZEN AND THE ART OF JANWILLEM VAN DE WETERING – CARL LITTLE

Thursday, October 18, 6:00 – 7:30pm
Riverview Room

Art writer Carl Little will present a talk about the noted author Janwillem van

de Wetering, who lived in Surry for many years. Little will discuss van de Wetering's life and works, highlighting his worldwide adventures, and will read short excerpts from several of his books.

FRANKENSTEIN BOOK DISCUSSION

Friday, Oct. 26, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Riverview Room

In honor of the 200th Anniversary of Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*, you're invited to discuss this sci-fi classic. Bring a bag lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided. Following the book discussion, The Grand Auditorium will be showing the film "Mary Shelley" at 1:00 p.m. Tickets for the show are \$6, but you may win a pair of tickets at the book discussion!

THE ELLSWORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOK DISCUSSION

Thurs., Nov. 1, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Riverview Room

Please join us for an informal discussion of *Winter Garden* by Kristin Hannah.

THE TUESDAY READERS

Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2:00 p.m.
Riverview Room

An afternoon book discussion group facilitated by Librarian Mary McKillop. *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng will be discussed. Coffee, tea, and refreshments will be served.

WITHOUT A MAP – LISA STEELE-MALEY

Thursday November 8, 6:00 p.m.
Riverview Room

Local author, Lisa Steele-Maley will discuss *Without a Map*, which weaves together her experience of caregiving with lessons gleaned from decades of wilderness travel, rural living, and parenting. Revealing the uncertainty, wisdom, love and reciprocity of a caregiving relationship, this memoir contributes a deeply personal perspective to the subjects of dementia and aging. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

THE TUESDAY READERS

Tuesday, December 4, 2:00 p.m.
Riverview Room

An afternoon book discussion group facilitated by Librarian Mary McKillop. Choose your own book this month and share with us. Coffee, tea, and refreshments will be served.

ACADIA HANDBELL CHOIR

Wednesday December 5, at 7:00 p.m.

Welcome the season with the annual performance of the Acadia Handbell Choir at the Ellsworth Public Library. Enjoy your favorites and sing along!

THE ELLSWORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOK DISCUSSION

Thurs., Dec. 6, at 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Riverview Room

This will be our annual potluck dinner and Yankee swap.

FRIENDS OF THE ELLSWORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY 2018 TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

Dessert Tea & Annual Meeting
Riverview Room

Wed. Oct. 3, 3 PM

NOVEMBER

One Day Book Sale

Sat. Nov. 3, Setup 8AM, Sale 9AM-1PM, Cleanup 1PM

Meeting - Riverview Room

Annual Holiday Library Decorating

Wed. Nov. 7, 3 PM

Mon. Nov. 26, 5PM

DECEMBER

No regular monthly meeting

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.

LAPTIME

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

Oct. 5, Nov. 2, Dec. 7

LEGO @ THE LIBRARY

Oct. 12, Nov. 9, Dec. 14

RIVERVIEW CREATIVES— ART PROGRAM FOR ALL SCHOOL AGED KIDS

Oct. 19, Nov. 16, Dec. 21

MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM

for kids in grades 6-8

Oct. 26, Nov. 23, Dec. 28

Saturday Story Times

At 10:00 am
Riverview Room

October 20

Sharks4kids: Utilizing slideshow presentations so the audience can see some impressive photos and videos of these majestic animals. We have some hands-on activities, and a fun craft at the end. Everyone will leave with some fun shark activities to do at home!

November 17

Celebrate International Games Week with fun games for kids!

December 15

Santa Storytime: this is one of several "Christmas in Ellsworth" events

Monthly Programs

STEAMERS CLUB

(Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math)

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

October 4

Microbiology: To see or not to see. Make a homemade magnifier microscope

November 1

Botany

December 6

TBA

Wednesday Programs

At 6:00 pm
Riverview Room

October 3

Scot Cannon
Mime & Music &
Songwriting Workshop

October 24

Halloween Science
and Slime!

FREE ACT/SAT PREP WORKSHOP

INSTRUCTOR: MARTI DAYTON

Saturdays, 1 - 3 pm
Oct. 20 & 27, Nov. 3 & 10

Are you getting ready to take or retake the ACT or the SAT? Perhaps even the CLAST or PRAXIS? Do the MATH and/or VERBAL parts of the test cause undue stress and anxiety...and consequently points?

If you answered yes to one or more of these questions, then this workshop is for you. Half of each workshop will be dedicated to improving your score on the VERBAL part of these exams and the other half of the workshop will be spent making sure you have the foundation you need to score well on the MATH portion of the test. In addition, you will learn some powerful test taking strategies that will not only help you with the ACT and/or SAT, but all other tests as well, as we will discuss ways of reducing test anxiety and channeling that energy to helping improve our scores.

Come increase your knowledge, strengthen your confidence, and achieve the score on these high stakes assessments that truly demonstrates your abilities and potential.

**PLEASE SEE KELI GANCOS
TO SIGN UP.**

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