

# ELWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY

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**VOTE**

## ANNUAL BUDGET VOTE & TRUSTEE ELECTION

**Tuesday, April 14**

**9:30 AM-9:00 PM**

**DON'T MISS OUR KID'S VOTE – SAME DAY, SAME TIME!**

### *The Friends of the Elwood Public Library Book Sale!*

**Saturday, April 11  
9:30am-4:30pm**

*Come on down for a wide selection of gently  
used adult and children's books!*

**Bring a bag to fill!  
Small \$3, Medium \$5, Large \$10**

### **READY, SET, GROW! THE SEED LIBRARY RETURNS**

Starting March 2, 2026

The Elwood Seed Library is a free resource for the Elwood community. Seeds are available for pick up and include a variety of flowers, herbs, and vegetables to help you grow your garden.

With gratitude, we honor the friends and family of Elvira Lubrano. Their kindness shared in her memory, has helped our Seed Library grow-just as she helped our community flourish.



## EGG-CITING NEWS



*Baby chicks are coming to the library!*

*Beginning Tuesday, March 24, chick eggs will be placed in an incubator for a 21-day incubation period. Watch the process and see these chicks hatch. Make sure to visit before they head back to their farm!*

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If you can't attend a program you registered for, please call us at (631) 499-3722 so we can offer the spot to someone on the waitlist. If you're more than 8 minutes late without calling, your spot may be given to a waiting patron.

# CHILDREN

**ELWOOD RESIDENT REGISTRATION BEGINS  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2026 AT 9:30AM**

## INFANTS AND TODDLERS

### Sensory Play

**Thursday, March 12 11:00-11:45am**

Interactive fun for toddlers! Hands-on stations include sand, shredded paper, paints, and shaving cream. So much fun! (18-35 months)



### Baby Social Hour

**Monday, March 16**

**Monday, April 20**

**11:00-11:45am**

Let your little one explore! Enjoy a seasonal craft, books, sensory toys, and social time with other families in this playful hour. (6-23 months)



### Babies Boogie

**Monday, March 30**

**Thursday, April 30**

**10:15-11:00am**

Clap your hands, stomp your feet, and sing along with Nicole Sparling for this wonderfully fun movement class. (6-23 months)



### Parachute Play

**Thursday, April 2**

**10:00-10:30am OR 11:00-11:30am**

Singing, dancing and parachute games, oh my! (18-35 months)



### Mother Goose and More

**Friday, April 17**

**10:00-10:30am OR 11:00-11:30am**

Hip, hip, hooray! Come sing, rhyme, and play! (6-23 months)



### Flower Art

**Tuesday, April 28**

**10:00-10:30am OR 11:00-11:30am**

Just in time for spring, we'll make a cute decoration to brighten your home. Please wear old clothes or bring a smock! (12-35 months)



## PRESCHOOL



### Lucky Leprechaun

**Tuesday, March 10**

**11:00-11:45am**

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with us! Kids will make cute paper lucky leprechauns using simple materials and lots of imagination. (2-5 years old)



### Rainbows

**Tuesday, March 17**

**10:00-10:30am OR 11:00-11:45am**

What better way to celebrate St. Patrick's Day than coming to the library to make a fun rainbow craft! (2-5 years old)



### Messy Art Time

**Tuesday, March 24**

**10:00-10:30am OR 11:00-11:30am**

Come ready to get messy as we explore a variety of art media. Be sure to wear old clothes or bring a smock. (2-5 years old)



### Crayon Craze

**Thursday, March 26**

**11:00-11:45am**

Celebrate National Crayon Day with a colorful storytime! We'll read a fun picture book and make a bright, creative craft using lots of colors. (2-5 years old)



### Toddler Tango

**Monday, March 30**

**Thursday, April 30**

**11:15am-12:00pm**

Clap your hands, stomp your feet, and sing along with Nicole Sparling for this delightful toddler movement class featuring instruments and music from around the world. (2-5 years old)



## Spring Has Sprung

Thursday, April 9

11:00-11:45am

Hop into spring with a cheerful story and a fun, hands-on craft inspired by the season. A perfect way to celebrate sunshine, flowers, and creativity!

(2-5 years old)



## Handprint Flower Pot

Tuesday, April 14

10:00-10:30am OR 11:00-11:30am

Create a beautiful handprint flower decoration that will brighten up your home and make an adorable keepsake. (2-5 years old)



## Chicks Are Here

Monday, April 20

3:00-3:30pm

With the chicks here, we will read some stories about chicks and make a craft to take home. Following the program you will have a chance to pet a chick. (2-5 years old)



## Earth Day Suncatchers

Tuesday, April 21

11:00-11:45am

Little ones will make bright, beautiful suncatchers inspired by Planet Earth, perfect for celebrating Earth Day! (2-5 years old)



# SCHOOL-AGED



## Lego Club

Tuesday, March 3

Tuesday, April 21

4:30-5:15pm

Get ready for a blast of building and creativity. We've got all the LEGO pieces you need. Your finished masterpieces will be showcased at the library for all to see! (Grades: K-5)



## DIY Spinner

Monday, March 9

6:30-7:15pm

Make your own colorful spinner and enjoy endless spinning fun! (Grades: UPK-3)



## Shamrock Fun

Monday, March 16

6:30-7:15pm

Join us in celebrating St. Patrick's Day by making a festive decoration to brighten your home. (Grades: UPK-3)



## Wind Chimes

Monday, March 30

6:30-7:15pm

Make a wind chime that adds gentle, beautiful sounds to your home or outdoor space this Spring. (Grades: UPK-3)



## Spring Flowers

Monday, April 13

6:30-7:15pm

Come decorate a flower pot using a variety of materials! We'll provide dirt and seeds so you can grow your own spring flowers. (Grades: UPK-3)



## Cheep Cheep

Monday, April 20

4:30-5:15pm

The chicks have arrived! Join us for stories about chicks, a take-home craft, and a special opportunity to pet a chick at the end of the program. (Grades: UPK-3)



# TWEEN SCENE



## Oreo Madness: The Ultimate Cookie Bracket

Tuesday, March 10

5:00-5:45pm

Tweens are invited to a deliciously fun competition inspired by March Madness! Participants will sample a variety of Oreo flavors and vote in head-to-head matchups as cookies battle their way through a tournament bracket! (Grades: 3-5)



## Movie Munchies

Wednesday, April 8

2:00-4:00pm

Build your ultimate loaded popcorn creation and enjoy a movie with friends! (Grades: 3-5)



## Upcycle Art Lab

Tuesday, April 14

5:00-5:45pm

Turn trash into treasure this April! Tweens are invited to celebrate Earth Day by transforming recycled materials into creative crafts. This hands-on program encourages imagination, sustainability, and fun. (Grades: 3-5)



## Windy Wonders

Tuesday, March 31

5:00-5:45pm

Make your mark with paint and straws! Use painters tape to create designs, then blow paint across your page to craft vibrant, one-of-a-kind masterpieces. Experiment with color, movement, and creativity! (Grades: 3-5)



# 2026-2027 Annual Budget Vote - Tuesday, April 14, 2026

The Library Annual Budget Vote will be held **Tuesday, April 14, 2026**, at the Elwood Public Library. Voting hours will be from 9:30am to 9pm. Information about the proposed 2026-2027 budget and election will be available at a Public Information Meeting to be held at the Library on **Tuesday, April 7, 2026**, at 7:30pm. Voter registration will be available in the library from 2pm-8pm on **Wednesday, April 8, 2026**

Applications and information for casting early mail and absentee ballots will be available beginning **March 13, 2026**. All completed absentee ballots must be returned to the Library by 5pm on **April 14, 2026**. Applications are due no later than **April 13, 2026**.

Petition forms and information for the office of Library Trustee are available. Petitions are due at the Library by 5pm on **March 16, 2026**.

If you have any questions regarding the Library's budget and election, please contact the Library's Director, Elizabeth Sullivan, at (631) 499-3722.

The proposed 2026-2027 tax levy includes a 2.8% tax increase which is within the New York State tax cap requirement.

	Budget 2025-2026	Proposed Budget 2026-2027
<b>Revenues:</b>		
Tax Revenues	\$ 1,770,743.37	\$ 1,820,323.80
PILOT Payments	19,495.36	-----
Interest Income	30,000.00	40,000.00
NYS Aid/Grants and Donations	4,000.00	4,000.00
Fines, Fees, and Rebates	8,000.00	9,500.00
<b>Total Revenues:</b>	<b>\$1,832,238.73</b>	<b>\$1,873,823.80</b>
<b>Expenditures/Expenses for Library:</b>		
Services; Salaries & Benefits	1,085,425.29	1,147,874.72
Library Materials	156,100.00	156,199.00
Programming & Museum Passes	37,500.00	37,500.00
Office Operations	109,450.00	115,250.00
Building Operations	435,263.44	450,500.08
Capital Outlay	8,500.00	8,500.00
Transfer from Reserves	-	(42,000.00)
<b>Total Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$1,832,238.73</b>	<b>\$1,873,823.80</b>

Property assessed at	Annual Library Tax 2025-2026	Property assessed at	Annual Library Tax 2026-2027	Change from previous year
\$3,000.00	\$318.21	\$3,000	\$327.12	\$8.91
\$4,000.00	\$424.28	\$4,000	\$436.16	\$11.88
\$5,000.00	\$530.35	\$5,000	\$545.02	\$14.85

# TEENS

ELWOOD RESIDENT REGISTRATION BEGINS THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2026 AT 9:30AM

## PROGRAMS

### Girls Who Code

Every Monday, 6:30-8:30pm

Learn to code in this fun and engaging program using online tutorials and activities. Grab a friend and come on down. No experience necessary!



### Irish Soda Bread

Tuesday, March 10, 7:00-8:00pm

Celebrate St Patrick's Day with Irish Soda Bread! Prepare your bread here and bake it at home.

### Magically Delicious Makers

Tuesday, March 17, 6:00-7:00pm

Celebrate all things Lucky Charms with this creative teen event! Participants will whip up a milkshake, customize a candy bar, and design a keychain inspired by everyone's favorite marshmallows cereal. Delicious!



### Collaborative Chaos

Thursday, March 26, 6:00-7:00pm

Start a painting, then give up control! Artwork will travel from artist to artist, each person adding their own creative twist. Mix in a few unexpected rules or challenges and see the masterpieces.

### Spring Pop-Tart Houses

Tuesday, April 7, 5:30-6:30pm

Create a delicious bunny home out of Pop-Tarts, icing, candy and other sweet treats.



### Tray Chic

Wednesday, April 15, 6:00-7:00pm

Roll it, shape it, style it! Turn air-dry clay into one-of-a-kind trinket trays using cool textures, patterns, and designs.

### Edible Jelly Bean Play Dough

Thursday, April 16, 6:00-7:00pm

Have fun playing with your food in this edible play dough program!



## VOLUNTEER



When volunteering, you must stay the entire time. All volunteer hours are open to Elwood Residents ONLY.

### Painted Flower Pots

Tuesday, March 3, 6:00-7:00pm

Help us decorate flower pots to give away with seeds from our seed library.

### Bandanas for Dogs

Tuesday, March 31, 7:00-8:00pm

Who doesn't want to look cute? Decorate bandanas for local shelter dogs to help them look their best and get adopted!



### Plant It Forward

Thursday, April 9, 2:00-3:00pm OR 3:30-4:30pm

Put a smile on someone's face while getting your hands dirty! Plant herbs and flowers in pots to share with local senior centers.

### Book Sale Volunteers

Saturday, April 11, 9:30am-1:00pm OR 1:00-4:30pm

Earn 3.5 hours of community service by helping run our book sale. You may register for ONE session only.



### Teen Advisory Board

Wednesday, April 22, 6:00-7:00pm

Help the Teen Department get ready for Summer Reading Club by participating in some surveys, helping us pick artwork and letting us know what you would like to see this summer!

### Spring Bookmarks

Wednesday, April 29, 6:00-7:00pm

Celebrate spring with creativity and community! Teens will craft colorful bookmarks to be distributed to library patrons.



## Teen Spring Grab and Go's

This season, teens can spring into some fun with a monthly craft kit designed for longer days, busy schedules, and those moments when you just want to unwind with something creative. Each kit includes everything you need to make a cool, spring-themed project right at home. Registration is required each month. Kits must be picked up by the 15th, after which your spot may be offered to the waitlist.

March's Grab and Go: DIY Catapults

April's Grab and Go: DIY Mason Jar Lid Suncatcher



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## LIVE, LAUGH, LEARN

### Floral Shadow Box



**Thursday, March 5, 7:00pm**

Learn to hand roll mini flowers to create this lovely shadow box, with Librarian Nikki. **\$5.00 Cash only material fee.**

### Pretty Paper Flowers - Crocus



**Thursday, March 12, 7:00pm**

Make three beautiful crocus flowers with Casey. **\$5.00 Cash only material fee.**

### Flowers and Vegetables for Early Spring



**Monday, March 16, 2:00pm**

Join Pauly the Plant Guy and learn about planting early Spring flowers and vegetables, like tulips and broccoli. Seven lucky winners will each go home with a plant.

### Fiber Artist Group



**Thursdays, March 19 and April 16, 11:00am-1:00pm**

Do you like to crochet, knit, macramé, cross stitch, or create other kinds of fiber art? Bring what you're working on.

### Reverse the Curse:

#### The 1993-94 New York Rangers



**Thursday, March 26, 7:00pm**

After 1940, the New York Rangers believed they were cursed. In the 1993-94 season, Coach, Mike Keenan, said only a win would do. Jim Ward, historian/lifelong fan tells how Capt. Mark Messier led the Rangers to a 1994 Stanley Cup victory. *Presented virtually by the Huntington Area Libraries.* 

### Wild Birds: Wacky, Weird, & Wonderful



**Friday, March 27, 1:00pm**

Did you know birds can dance, fight, blow bubbles during courtship, or stay in the air for months? Using photos and fun facts, Dianne Taggart discusses these wacky birds.

### Pretty Paper Flowers - Double Daffodil



**Thursday, April 9, 7:00pm**

Make three double daffodils with Casey. **\$5.00 Cash only material fee.**

### Hello Spring! Watering Can Sign



**Tuesday, April 14, 7:00pm**

Join Librarian Nikki to make this adorable sign to welcome Spring.

### What Stays and What Goes?



**Wednesday April 22, 7:00pm**

Declutter your space! Join OrganizeMe NY on Zoom for help in making decisions on what to keep and what to toss. 

*Presented virtually by the Huntington Area Libraries.*

## The History of Psychological Testing at Pilgrim State Psychiatric Center

**Thursday, April 23, 7:00pm**

Mental health historian Jaime Tirado and Dr. Richard LaMonica discuss psychological testing methods utilized at Pilgrim State Psychiatric Center since the 1930s. Explore the Center's early medical and biological model of mental illness and its legacy of medical, intelligence, personality, neuropsychological, and projective testing which exemplified their framework for psychiatric treatment.

## BINGO



**Monday, April 27, 7:00pm**

Join us for some fun and prizes with Laurie. **ELA706**

## The Elvira Lubrano Sunday Series

These classes are made possible through generous donations made by the friends and family of our beloved patron Elvira Lubrano, in memory, honor, and celebration of her life.

### Red Lentil Chicken Soup



**Sunday, March 15, 2:00pm**

An artist in the kitchen as well as on the canvas, Frank Latorre presents a demo and tasting of this soup, a work of art for your taste buds.

### Paint with Frank Latorre



**Sunday, March 22, 2:00pm**

Who wouldn't like a little extra luck? No experience or luck needed to paint this lucky four-leaf clover with step-by-step instruction.

### Paint with Frank Latorre



**Sunday, April 12, 2:00pm**

Even with no experience, you will be able to paint these charming Spring daisies with step-by-step instruction.

## COOK'S CORNER

### Spring Entertaining with Chef Rob



**Friday, March 20, 1:00pm**

Join us for this demo and try some Panko Parmesan Chicken Meatballs with Parmesan Herb Sauce and warm Pound Cake with Apricot Preserves, Mascarpone, and Toasted Almonds. Delicious! **\$5.00 Cash only material fee.**

### Make Challah with Debby's Kitchen



**Tuesday, April 28, 6:30pm**

Enjoy a hands-on experience making dough and braiding a five-strand challah. Sample a fresh baked loaf. You will leave class with a ready to bake challah and detailed baking instructions. **Bring an apron!** **\$5.00 Cash only material fee.**

## BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Donna Diamond's Literary Gallery

*The Missing Pages* by Alyson Richman

Monday, March 9, 11:00am

*My Friends* by Frederick Backman

Monday, April 13, 11:00am

Morning Book Discussion Group

*The Color of Water* by James McBride

Wednesday, March 11, 10:30am

*The Doorman* by Chris Pavone

Wednesday, April 8, 10:30am

Evening Book Discussion Group

*The Lost Bookshop* by Evie Woods

Wednesday, March 11, 7:00pm

*The Doorman* by Chris Pavone

Wednesday, April 15, 7:00pm



## FITNESS FUN

### YOGA WEDNESDAYS

March 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Cash or Check payable to Elwood Public Library.

Non-refundable 8-week program fee: \$40.00 \*

Stretch and Strengthen - 11:00am\*\*

Join us for this Yoga class. Bring a mat.



Get Fit Where You Sit Yoga - 12:15pm\*\*

Join us for this low impact Chair Yoga class.

Out of District Registration begins March 4th\*

## TECH TUESDAYS

### One-on-One Tech Help

Tuesdays from 2:00-5:00pm

Call the Information Desk to schedule a one-on-one 30-minute appointment with a librarian for help setting up new accounts, borrowing e-books, attaching files in e-mail, taking screen shots, and your other tech questions.

*Elwood Residents Only*



## EYES ON THE ROAD

### AARP Driver Safety Course

Saturday, March 21, 9:30am-4:00pm

Bring your AARP card and Driver's License to class. Check with your insurance company to be sure they accept this class for your discount. **\$25.00 for members. \$30.00 for non-members. Check or money order payable to AARP. No cash accepted.**



### Empire Safety Council Driver Safety

Friday, April 24, 9:30am-3:30pm

Bring your driver's license to class.

**\$30.00 Cash or check payable to Empire Safety Council.**



Program Fees are Non-Refundable.

## BECAUSE WE CARE

### Help Finding Low-Cost Health Insurance

Fridays, March 13 and April 10, 10:00am-1:30pm

A Nassau/Suffolk Hospital Council representative will assist children and adults 65+, who are blind and/or disabled, to enroll in select Medicare/Medicaid programs.

**No appointment necessary.**

### One-On-One Medicare

Tuesdays, March 17 and April 21, 10:00am-12:00pm

Make a 30-minute appointment with a Suffolk County RSVP volunteer from HIICAP to answer your questions and provide information on Medicare benefits and insurance.

### An Introduction to Therapeutic Horticulture for Caregivers

Thursday, March 19, 7:00pm

Therapeutic horticulture is a powerful approach in memory care. Using plants, nature, and multisensory activities to ease anxiety, reduce agitation, spark memories, and more. Learn what therapeutic horticulture is, why it works, and how simple nature-centered activities can enrich daily caregiving.

### Medicare & Medicaid Insurance Assistance

Tuesdays, March 24 and April 28, 10:00am-1:00pm

A facilitator from the Health and Welfare Council of LI helps with application processes and questions about health plans. **For appointments call 516-505-4426.**

Walk-ins taken on a first-come-first-served basis.

### Board of Elections: Introducing New Voting Machines

Wednesday, April 1, 10:00am-7:00pm

The Suffolk County Board of Elections will be at the library to introduce new voting machines that will be used for the first time at the local primaries in June.

### Marvelous Orchids: A Therapeutic Horticulture Session for Memory Care

Thursday, April 23, 2:00pm

Learn about orchids in this gentle, sensory-friendly program for elders with dementia or other cognitive challenges. Each participant will create an orchid plant with step-by-step instructions and adaptive tools to help participants work as independently as they can.



### Community Mental Health Promotion and Support Table

Friday, May 1, 1:00-3:00pm

A member of the not-for-profit Hispanic Counseling Center, Inc. will have a table in the library with information regarding resources for assistance with mental health, drug counseling, domestic violence and more.



# Elwood Public Library District

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RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER

# New

The Elwood Public Library is excited to announce we now have discount codes for performances at **CM Performing Arts Center** in Oakdale and **Argyle Theater** in Babylon for district residents. Call or stop-in for more information!

## LIBRARY HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9:30am - 9:00pm

Friday & Saturday 9:30am - 5:00pm

Sunday 1:00pm - 5:00pm

### The Library will be closed:

Sunday, April 5, 2026

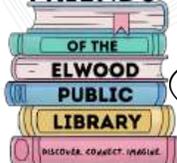


elwoodlibrary.org open 24/7

Attendance at the library programs or public spaces constitutes consent to be photographed or recorded for use in library publicity. Notify library staff if you prefer not to be photographed.

Priority is given to Elwood residents for program registration

### FRIENDS



Join the Friends  
Support Your Library Today!

SCAN HERE TO JOIN WITH PAYPAL



The Friends of the Elwood Public Library is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the enrichment of our library. Membership is open to the everyone.

This year, become a friend and help your library thrive. Your involvement makes a difference!

For more information, and to become a friend, please check out the library's website, <https://elwoodlibrary.org/support-the-library/>

## FOOD DRIVE

Food is a human right and is an immediate and tangible way to help someone. Every donation of food can make a difference!



MARCH 2026

WE ARE COLLECTING TO SUPPORT THE TRI COMMUNITY & YOUTH AGENCY (TRI CYA) . WE CAN ONLY ACCEPT DONATIONS OF NON-PERISHABLE FOOD.

THIS INCLUDES PASTA, SAUCE, SOUPS, CANNED VEGETABLES, BEANS, PARMALAT, INSTANT OATMEAL, BREAKFAST CEREALS, RICE, PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY. NO GLASS, PLEASE

## Upcoming Board Meeting Schedule

Thursday, March 19, 2026 6:30pm

Thursday, April 16, 2026 6:30pm

The public is invited and encouraged to attend



### ELWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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