

# ELWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Visit the library for more information!



SAVE THE DATE

SUMMER READING CLUB  
STARTS JUNE 8

JOIN US AT ELWOOD PARK ON THURSDAY,  
JUNE 18 TO START THE SUMMER RIGHT:

Kick Off Party  
4:30-6pm

Marsh Mellow's Concert  
6:30-7:30pm

SEE PAGE 4 FOR MORE DETAILS!



## CLASSIC CARS & COFFEE!

Saturday, June 20  
9:30am-12:30pm

Cruise on over to the Elwood Public Library parking lot to check out amazing classic vehicles and meet fellow car enthusiasts.

Have a car to show?  
Call 631-499-3722 to register in advance.

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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, APRIL 30, 2026 AT 9:30AM

## INFANTS AND TODDLERS

### Froggy Time

Friday, May 8

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

Get creative by tracing your hand and transforming it into a charming frog lounging on a lily pad! (12- 35 months)



### Sensory Play

Tuesday, May 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)

### Babies Boogie

Saturday, May 16

Thursday, June 25

10:15-11:00am

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

### Baby Social Hour

Monday, May 18

Monday, June 15

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)



### Playdough Fun

Tuesday, June 2

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

Spend the morning squishing, rolling, sculpting, and molding with playdough. (18-35 months)

### Mother Goose and More

Friday, June 12

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

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



### Parachute Play

Tuesday, June 23

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

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



## PRESCHOOL

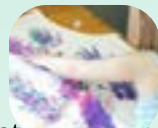


### Mini-and-Me Matching Aprons

Tuesday, May 5

11:00-11:30am OR 12:00-12:30pm

Grown-ups and little ones will decorate matching mini-and-me aprons for a fun, hands-on program full of creativity, color, and quality time. (2-5 years old)



### Toddler Tango

Saturday, May 16

Thursday, June 25

11:15am-12:00pm

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



### Make a Bouquet for Someone You Love

Thursday, May 7

11:00-11:45am

Come create a bright and cheerful bouquet and decorate a small vase to take home for someone you love! Choose your favorite flowers, arrange your bouquet, and use colorful craft supplies to make your vase extra special. You'll leave with a beautiful creation that's perfect for brightening someone's Mother's Day! (2-5 years old)



### If You Give a Mouse a Cookie

Thursday, May 21

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

Join us for a sweet and silly storytime as we read *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* by Laura Numeroff! After the story, children will create their very own mouse puppet using a brown paper lunch bag—perfect for retelling the story at home. (2-5 years old)



## Handmade With Love

Tuesday, June 9

11:00-11:30am OR 12:00-12:30pm

Celebrate someone you love by making them a handmade surprise! Kids will decorate wooden plaques to create a keepsake just in time for Father's Day! (2-5 years old)



## Little Builders: Father's Day Toolbox

Thursday, June 11

11:00-11:45am



Come decorate a special wooden toolbox for someone special! Kids can use bright colors, stickers, and fun craft supplies to make their very own mini toolbox. After decorating, fill it with candy or small surprises to make it extra special. Take home a fun and thoughtful gift that's perfect for Father's Day! (2-5 years old)

## The Very Lazy Ladybug

Tuesday, June 16

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

Join us for a fun storytime featuring *The Very Lazy Ladybug* by Isobel Finn! After the story, children will create their very own paper ladybug using simple craft supplies. This cute and easy craft is perfect for little hands and a great way to bring the story to life. Take home your ladybug friend for some extra fun! (2-5 years old)



## SCHOOL-AGED



### Love You to Pieces

Monday, May 4

6:30-7:15pm



Just in time for Mother's Day, decorate a colorful puzzle-piece picture frame and add a special photo for the perfect gift. (Grades: UPK-3)

### Lego Club

Saturday, May 23

Saturday, June 20

11:00-11:45am



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 Tote Bags

Monday, May 18

6:30-7:15pm



Decorate your own tote bag with fabric markers and create a unique design perfect for carrying your library books or other summer essentials. (Grades: UPK-3)

### Ladybug Rocks

Monday, June 1

6:30-7:15pm

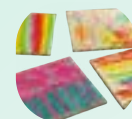


Using paint and simple craft supplies, turn an ordinary beach rock into an adorable ladybug. (Grades: UPK-3)

### DIY Coasters

Monday, June 15

6:30-7:15pm



Create a unique coaster for the special person in your life! (Grades: UPK-3)



## TWEEN SCENE



### Throwback Art

Tuesday, May 5

5:00-5:45pm



Get ready to rewind and get creative! In Throwback Art, tweens explore bold colors, funky patterns, and iconic '90s and early 2000s styles, featuring neon colored retro crafts. (Grades: 3-5)

### Battle of the Books Interest Meeting

Thursday, May 7

6:00-6:30pm

Calling all readers! Join Battle of the Books, a summer competition for students entering grades 6-9. Read six books and compete in a county-wide event in August. Come to this info session to learn more! (Grades: 5-8 ONLY)

### Sparkle Everywhere You Go

Wednesday, May 27

6:00-7:30pm



This uplifting workshop introduces mindfulness and meditation in a fun, meaningful way. Expand your emotional toolkit with simple techniques for everyday life, and create your own sparkle bottle to take home for relaxation and focus. (Grades: 3-5)

### School's Out Shakes!

Tuesday, June 9

5:00-5:45pm



Celebrate the end of the school year with a sweet treat! In School's Out Shakes mix, blend, and customize delicious milkshakes with fun flavors and toppings. (Grades: 3-5)



# UNEARTH A STORY

## Summer Reading Club 2026

June 8th - August 14th

Step into the exhibit and Unearth a Story at the Elwood Public Library this summer!

From towering dinosaurs to fascinating artifacts, every book you open is a new discovery waiting to be uncovered.

Readers of all ages can dig into great reads, earn prizes, enter to win raffles, and explore special programs, all summer long. It's a reading adventure worthy of a museum spotlight!



Summer Reading Club registration begins June 8 and the club runs through August 14. Don't miss your chance to curate your own collection of stories and make this a summer to remember!

### SUMMER READING KICKOFF AT ELWOOD PARK



Thursday, June 18th  
4:30-6:00pm



Kick off a summer of discovery at our Unearth a Story Summer Kick Off Party at Elwood Park for an adventure the whole family will dig.

You'll be given a field guide to help you explore your way through games, activities, snacks, and more.

Don't miss this exciting start to a summer full of stories!

### Marsh Mellows Concert at Elwood Park

Thursday, June 18  
6:30-7:30pm

The Marsh Mellows bring vintage radio favorites from the '50s and beyond. Enjoy a nostalgic journey through hits by the Everly Brothers, Beatles, Simon & Garfunkel, Linda Ronstadt, and more, in a charming performance by Alice Weiser and Willie Steel.





# TEENS



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## PROGRAMS

### Girls Who Code

**Every Monday, 6:30-8:30pm (No Class Monday, May 4)**

Join Trisha in this fun and engaging learn to code program. No experience necessary!

### Threaded Stories: Huichol Yarn Art

**Tuesday, May 5, 6:00-7:00pm**

Dive into the vibrant world of Huichol art and create your own bold yarn painting!



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### Pet Charm Studio: DIY Cat & Dog Accessories

**Tuesday, May 19, 6:00-7:00pm**

Celebrate National Pet Month by making your own adorable bag charm! Create a mini cat or dog to clip onto your backpack, keys, or tote.



### Slice of Fun: After Hours Pizza & Cannoli Party

**Friday, May 15, 6:00-7:00pm**

The library is yours for the night! Join us after hours for music, games, pizza, and a cannoli-inspired dessert.



### End-of-School Survival Kits

**Pick Up Begins Tuesday, May 26 (Register to reserve a kit)**

Gear up for final exams with a specially curated End-of-School Survival Kit. Designed to keep you focused, fueled, and feeling your best. Each kit includes brain-boosting snacks, a refreshing juice for a sweet pick-me-up, and a variety of surprise items to help you stay motivated while studying. Kits must be picked up by June 12.

### Sparkle Everywhere You Go: Teens and Tweens

**Wednesday, May 27, 6:00-7:30pm**

This uplifting workshop introduces mindfulness and meditation in a fun, meaningful way. Expand your emotional toolkit with simple techniques for everyday life, and create your own sparkle bottle to take home for relaxation and focus.



### Soda Shop Vibes: Ice Cream Float Bar

**Tuesday, June 23, 5:30-6:30pm**

Celebrate National Ice Cream Soda Day and craft the perfect ice cream soda! Choose your flavors, add your scoop, and top it off for a delicious treat.



### Hello Summer: Teen SRC Kickoff Party

**Tuesday, June 30, 5:30-7:00pm**

Celebrate the start of summer with food, creativity, and fun! Enjoy a DIY taco bar, design your own summer tote, and learn about everything the library has planned just for teens this summer!



## VOLUNTEER



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

### Spread Hope:

#### Postcards for Mental Health Awareness

**Thursday, May 7, 6:30-7:30pm**

Your words matter. Help brighten someone's day by designing postcards filled with positivity and encouragement. These messages of hope will be shared with library visitors throughout the month.



### Teen Advisory Board

**Wednesday, May 13, 6:30-7:30pm**

Help the Teen Department get supplies ready for this year's Summer Reading Club. Volunteers may be asked to cut, assemble, glue, paint, or build different items. Please dress for a mess.



### Pride Buttons

**Thursday, May 28, 5:00-6:00pm**

Celebrate diversity and express creativity by decorating pride-themed buttons for the Teen Nook.

### Teen Volunteers:

#### Summer Kick Off at Elwood Park

**Thursday, June 18, 4:00-6:30pm**

Earn 2.5 hours of community service by helping us run stations and activities at our summer kick off party. You may be asked to run games, help with crafts, hand out food, etc. Please dress for the outdoors. **This event is being held offsite at ELWOOD PARK. Please meet there, not at the library!**



### Classic Car Show Volunteers

**Saturday, June 20, 9:00am - 12:30pm**

Earn 3 hours of community service by helping out at our classic car show. Volunteers may be asked to serve coffee, do temporary tattoos, make crafts, or other activities as assigned. This event will take place outdoors, so please dress accordingly.



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## LIVE, LAUGH, LEARN

### The Devil Wears Prada Runway Edition



**Tuesday, May 5, 7:00pm**

Channel your inner fashion icon for a stylish night inspired by *The Devil Wears Prada*! Create your own custom couture by making a charm bracelet or bag charm, bedazzling a hair clip, and customizing a chic sunglass case.

### Paint a Welcome Mat

**Wednesday, May 6, 6:30pm**

Join Librarian Nikki for a creative evening as you design and paint your very own custom welcome mat! Add a pop of personality to your doorstep with bright colors and playful patterns.

\$12.00 Cash Only Material Fee

### Pretty Paper Flowers - 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration Flower



**Thursday, May 14, 7:00pm**

Celebrate America's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday by making this patriotic red, white, and blue flower with Casey.

\$5.00 Cash Only Material Fee.

### What Does Your Aura Tell You?

**Tuesday, May 12, 7:00pm**

Rev. Maria D'Andrea, the Budapest Psychic, unlocks the hidden messages within auras. Colors and energy fields offer valuable insight into emotions and spiritual connections.

**For Entertainment Purpose Only!**


### Build a Pea Trellis with Little Miss Workbench



**Wednesday, May 20, 7:00pm**

Create this pea trellis. Simple to build, functional, and perfect for your garden. Tools, materials, and instructions will be provided, even some seeds to get started. \$15.00 Cash Only Material Fee.

### Meditation for Balance and Inner Contentment

**Tuesday, May 19, 7:00pm** 

Meditation provides a deep relaxation that helps reduce stress and tension. Join Gaurav Singh for a powerful program. Via Zoom.

### Fiber Artist Group



**Thursdays, May 21 and June 18, 11:00am-1:00pm**

Do you like to crochet, knit, macramé, cross stitch, or create other kinds of fiber art? Then, this is the group for you! Bring whatever you're working on.

### The Mills of Huntington



**Wednesday, June 3, 7:00pm**

Robert Hughes, Town Historian, Toby Kissam of the Huntington Historical Society, and Kurt Dietrich, Marine Engineer, present this talk about the mills that produced flour, cloth, paper, and lumber throughout Huntington. The Lefferts Tide Mill, built in 1794, still stands in Lloyd Harbor as a reminder of our past.

### Outstanding Triumph: The VA's Administration Neuropsychiatric Hospital - Northport, 1925-1940

**Thursday, June 4, 7:00pm**

When the Northport VA Hospital opened to treat WWI's 'shell-shocked' veterans, the public marveled at its beautiful grounds, architecture, and cutting-edge therapies. The fascinating story of the years 1925-1940 confirms the New York Times' 1928 description of the hospital as an "Outstanding Triumph." Join us for this interesting talk.

### Pretty Paper Flowers - Succulents




**Thursday, June 11, 7:00pm**

Make these adorable potted succulents with Casey.

\$5.00 Cash Only Material Fee.

### NY Baseball History



**Thursday, June 11, 7:00pm** 

With some of the greatest players, teams, and innovations in baseball history, New York has had a tremendous influence on America's favorite past time from the 1800's up to the present. Join Steve King for a discussion of New York baseball through the ages. Via Zoom.

### BINGO

**Monday, June 22, 7:00pm**

Join Librarian Laurie for a lively round of Bingo fun! Enjoy the thrill of the game, plenty of laughs, and chances to win exciting prizes.

### Garden Starter Pack



**Thursday, June 25, 6:30pm**

Get ready to dig into creativity with Librarian Nikki! Create adorable garden-inspired crafts that will help kick-start your garden and add a touch of charm to your outdoor space. It's the perfect way to welcome the growing season!

## COOK'S CORNER



### No Bull Beef Jerky



**Tuesday, May 26, 7:00pm**

Anthony Pepe presents this unique demonstration exploring the art of making premium beef jerky at home. Learn about selecting quality cuts of meat, marinating and seasoning, safe food handling, and preparation methods using dehydrators, ovens, and smokers. \$5.00 Cash Only Material Fee.

### The Apple of Your Pie



**Tuesday, June 23, 6:30pm**

Make this All-American Crustless Apple Crumb Pie and take it home to bake. **Bring 2 medium bowls, a 7" pie pan, and a small cutting board.** \$5.00 Cash Only Material Fee.

## BOOK DISCUSSIONS



### Donna Diamond's Literary Gallery

*Skylark* by Paula McClain - Monday, May 11, 11:00am

*Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi - Monday, June 8, 11:00am

### Morning Book Discussion Group

*The Namesake* by Jhumpa Lahiri - Wednesday, May 13, 10:30am

*The Reckoning* by John Grisham - Wednesday, June 10, 10:30am

### Evening Book Discussion Group

*Don't Let Him In* by Lisa Jewell - Wednesday, May 20, 7:00pm

*How to Read a Book* by Monica Wood - Wednesday, June 17,

7:00pm

## FITNESS FUN

### YOGA WEDNESDAYS

May 6, 13, 20, 27 June 3, 10, 17, 24

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 May 4th\*

## EYES ON THE ROAD

### AARP Driver Safety Course

Saturday, May 9, 9:30am-4:00pm

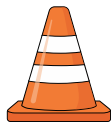
Bring your AARP card and Driver's License to class. Check with your insurance company to be sure they accept this class for your discount. \$25.00 for members. \$30.00 for non-members. Check or money order payable to AARP. No cash accepted.

### Empire Safety Council Driver Safety

Saturday, June 6, 9:30am-3:30pm

Bring your driver's license to class.

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



## REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

### e-Waste Recycling Day

Saturday, May 16, 10:00am-1:30pm

Save our environment by safely disposing of these e-waste materials: used computers, cell phones, printers, TVs, keyboards, cables, wires, circuit boards, CD-ROMS, or stereos to the Library parking lot. No large appliances, microwave ovens, power tools, lawn mowers, fluorescent bulbs, or vacuum cleaners.

### Document Shredding Event

Saturday, June 13, 10:00am-12:30pm

Bring your sensitive documents to be shredded in the mobile shredding unit. **Limit of three 13 gallon bags or 17" x 12" x 9" boxes per car. Personal and household documents ONLY. NO BUSINESS OR OFFICE RECORDS PERMITTED.**

## BECAUSE WE CARE

### Help Finding Low-Cost Health Insurance

Fridays, May 8 and June 12, 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.

### What You Need to Know About Strokes: Awareness, Treatment, and Prevention

Monday, May 11, 7:00pm

Join experts from Catholic Health St. Catherine of Siena Hospital's Designated Stroke Center, Emergency, and Neurology Departments for a lecture about stroke awareness and prevention. Learn the early warning signs, practical steps to reduce your risk, and how acting quickly can save a life. Via Zoom.

### One-On-One Medicare

Tuesdays, May 19 and June 16 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.

### Menopause and Perimenopause

Thursday, May 28, 7:00pm

Certified menopause provider, Katherine Boder discusses the changes...hot flashes, mood swings, brain fog in this judgement-free interactive discussion. Talk honestly about symptoms, hormones, and what's actually normal. Come with questions, leave with clarity.

### Medicare & Medicaid Insurance Assistance

Tuesdays, May 26 and June 23 10:00am-1:00pm

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

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

### St. Francis Hospital Bus

Friday, May 29, 10:00am-12:30pm



Screenings include a brief cardiac history, blood pressure check, and simple blood tests for cholesterol and diabetes. Patient education and referrals given as needed for clients above the age of 18. No appointment necessary.

### Operation Medicine Cabinet

Friday, May 29, 10:30am-12:30pm



Safely dispose of expired/unwanted medication. Remove medication from bottles and place in a plastic bag prior to disposal. Needles and liquid medications will not be accepted. No registration required.

Program Fees are Non-Refundable.

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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/>

## 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, May 10, 2026 Monday, May 25, 2026

Sunday, May 24, 2026 Thursday, June 19, 2026

**Starting June 21, the library will be closed on Sunday until September.**

**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

## Birthday Wishes of Long Island Donation Drive

### Needed

### Items:

Deodorant

Hair Ties

Socks

Journals

Teen Games

(age 11 and up)

Hair Brush

Make-up Bags

Party Napkins

Emery Boards

Shampoo

Make-up

Party Plates

Nail Polish



Located in  
the lobby!

## Congratulations, Class of 2026!

The Elwood Public Library celebrates your hard work, growth, and achievements.

Wishing you all the best as you take your next steps toward a bright future.

## Upcoming Board Meeting Schedule

Thursday, May 21, 2026 6:30pm

Thursday, June 18, 2026 6:30pm

The public is invited and encouraged to attend



## ELWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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