

ELWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Discover. Connect. Imagine.

UNEARTH A STORY *Summer Reading Club 2026*

Unearth a Story at the Elwood Public Library this summer!
Registration for the Summer Reading Club is ongoing.
Read, earn prizes, enter raffles, and enjoy special programs for all ages.
Join the adventure before the club concludes on August 14!



July 1
through
August 31

Explore Suffolk libraries this summer with your free Suffolk Summer Tour booklet! Collect stamps at each library you visit. Earn raffle entries at 5, 15, and 25 visits. Visit 25 libraries to become a Summer Tour Library-saurus and receive a special commemorative patch (while supplies last)!

MUSEUM PASSES

Discover more this summer with free museum passes and discounted tickets for EPL cardholders!

Plan a fun day out with family and friends.

Reserve your pass online or by phone in advance. Call or visit us to get started!



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CHILDREN

ELWOOD RESIDENT REGISTRATION BEGINS
THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2026 AT 9:30AM

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.



INFANTS AND TODDLERS



Sensory Play

Thursday, July 9
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, July 20
Monday, August 17
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

Friday, July 24
Thursday, August 27
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)

We All Scream for Ice Cream

Tuesday, July 28
10:00-10:30am OR 11:00-11:30am



Cool off with a sweet craft! Create a colorful paper ice cream cone inspired by everyone's favorite summer treat. (12-35 months)

Mother Goose and More

Tuesday, August 4
10:00-10:30am OR 11:00-11:30am



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

Parachute Play

Friday, August 14
10:00-10:30am OR 11:00-11:30am



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

Playdough Fun

Tuesday, August 18
10:00-10:30am OR 11:00-11:30am



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



PRESCHOOL



Stars, Stripes, and Smiles

Thursday, July 2
11:00-11:45am



Celebrate the Fourth of July with Stars, Stripes & Smiles at the library! Preschoolers and their caregivers are invited to enjoy festive stories and create a fun red, white, and blue craft inspired by Independence Day. Join us for a cheerful morning of reading, creativity, and patriotic fun! (2-5 years old)

Bubble Wrap Dinosaur Art Adventure

Friday, July 10
10:00-10:30am OR 11:00-11:30am



Get ready to stomp into creativity! Using bubble wrap, paint, and imagination, children will create a unique dinosaur masterpiece. (2-5 years old)

Scoop Your Name

Tuesday, July 14
11:00-11:30am



Create a sweet personalized masterpiece! Kids will use sponge painting to turn their names into colorful ice cream art! Dress for a mess and please include your child's name when you register! (2-5 years old)

Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Friday, July 17
10:00-10:30am OR 11:00-11:30am



Ever wonder what your stuffed animal does when you're sleeping? Bring your stuffed friend to the library, where we will create a cozy bed for them. Then, leave them at the library for a fun-filled sleepover. The next day, return to pick up your stuffed animal, their handmade bed, and photos showing all the exciting activities they enjoyed during their night at the library. (2-5 years old)

Happy Camper's Craft

Tuesday, July 21

11:00-11:45am

Join us for a fun Summer Camp Craft Day! Little ones will decorate their own hats to wear for a hot summer day! (2-5 years old)



Toddler Tango

Friday, July 24

Thursday, August 27

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)



Drive in Dinos Movie

Thursday, August 6

11:00-12:30pm

Get ready for a roaring good time at Drive-In Dinos Movie! Preschoolers will create their own mini "drive-in" vehicle before enjoying a fun dinosaur movie and themed craft as part of our "Unearth a Story" Summer Reading theme. Join us at the library for this prehistoric adventure! (2-5 years old)



Stuff Your Own Dinosaur

Thursday, August 13

11:00-11:30am

Roar into the library for a dino-mite adventure! Children will have the opportunity to stuff and create their very own cute dinosaur to take home. (2-5 years old)



ROAR

SCHOOL-AGED



ROAR

Lego Club

Wednesday, July 8

3:30-4:15pm

Friday, August 21

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)



Dinosaur Silhouette

Monday, July 13

6:30-7:15pm

Children will design a colorful background and add a dinosaur silhouette to create a striking work of art. (Grades: UPK-3)



Seashell Frame

Thursday, July 30

3:00-3:45pm

Children will decorate a picture frame using seashells to create a special display for a beach photo. (Grades: UPK-3)



Stuff Your Own Triceratops

Thursday, August 13

3:00-3:30pm

Roar into the library for a dino-mite adventure! Children will have the opportunity to stuff and create their very own Triceratops to take home. (Grades: UPK-3)



Decorate a Marble Notebook

Monday, August 17

3:00-3:45pm

Go back to school in style! Customize your own marble notebook using scrapbooking materials and decoupage. (Grades: UPK-3)



TWEEN SCENE



Island Vibes Challenge

Tuesday, July 7

3:30-4:15pm

Design and decorate your own edible beach hut scene using Pop-Tarts, frosting, candy, and other sweet supplies. Create tropical cabanas, surf shacks, and sandy beach scenes in this fun and creative summer challenge! (Grades: 3-5)



3-D Print Mini Art Gallery

Tuesday, July 28

6:00-7:30pm

Jump into the viral trend and design your own mini art gallery using 3D-printed pieces! You can bring a photo to transform into a framed "masterpiece" or choose from our pop art prints to build a bold, gallery-style setup. (Grades: 3-5)



Disco Ducks

Tuesday, July 14

6:00-7:00pm

Add some sparkle and personality by bedazzling your very own rubber duck! (Grades: 3-5)



Back-to-School Glow Up

Tuesday, August 18

3:30-4:15pm

Create fun and stylish back-to-school accessories that show off your personality! Decorate pencil cases, keychains, notebooks, and more to make your school supplies stand out in style! (Grades: 3-5)



FAMILY PROGRAMS

ELWOOD RESIDENT REGISTRATION BEGINS THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2026 AT 9:30AM

Pokémon Day

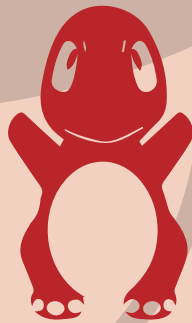
Saturday, July 25, 10:30am-12:00pm

All Ages

Calling all Pokémon Trainers! Join us for a fun-filled Pokémon Party at the library and celebrate the world of Pokémon with family and friends of all ages!

The day's activities include:

- Pokémon Scavenger Hunt
- Pokémon Perler Bead Keychains
- Poké Ball & Badge Crafting
- Pokémon Trivia Challenge
- Pokémon Themed Snacks
- Photo Opportunities with Pokémon Props



Whether you're a seasoned Trainer or just beginning your Pokémon journey, there's something for everyone. Come catch 'em all at the library!

Are You Smarter than a Librarian?

Friday, August 21, 6:00-7:30pm

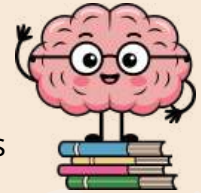
Families with children, Grades 1-8

Think you're smarter than a librarian? Now's your chance to prove it!

Gather your family and join us for *Are You Smarter Than a Librarian?*, a laugh-filled trivia showdown where families go head-to-head against the library staff in a battle of brains, books, and random facts!

The challenge includes:

- Family Trivia Showdowns
- Bookish Brain Teasers
- Silly Bonus Rounds
- Fun Facts & Surprise Questions



Whether you're a trivia master or just in it for the fun, everyone is welcome to join the challenge!

Night at the Museum: Pizza and a Movie

Friday, July 31, 6:00-9:00pm

When the library closes, the adventure begins!

Join us after hours for a fun-filled evening of pizza, laughter, and movie magic as we watch *Night at the Museum*. Follow along as Larry discovers that the exhibits at the museum come to life after dark, leading to a wild night of surprises, dinosaurs, and unforgettable adventures!

Enjoy a slice of pizza, gather with friends and family, and experience the library after closing time for a special night of entertainment.





TEENS



ELWOOD RESIDENT REGISTRATION BEGINS THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2026 AT 9:30AM

PROGRAMS

Girls Who Code

Every Monday, 6:30-8:30pm

Join Trisha in this fun and engaging learn to code program that uses cool online resources.

Stitch, Sip & Spill the Tea

Tuesdays, July 7 and/or August 11, 6:00-7:00pm

Bring your latest crochet, sewing, embroidery, or cross stitch project or grab one of our beginner-friendly kits and try something totally new! Spend some time crafting, snacking, chatting, and hanging out.

Ramen Taste Test

Thursday, July 9, 4:30-5:30pm

Get ready to slurp, snack, and rate a variety of instant ramen flavors from around the world! From spicy to savory to totally unexpected, teens will taste test different noodles and vote on which ramen reigns supreme.

Disco Ducks

Tuesday, July 14, 6:00-7:00pm

Add some sparkle and personality by bedazzling a rubber duck!

Dino Dessert Terrariums

Monday, July 20, 6:30-7:30pm

Create your own prehistoric-inspired edible terrarium complete with "fossils," greenery, and a tiny dinosaur twist! Design a dessert that looks like a mini dig site, and tastes just as amazing as it looks.

Cupcake Wars

Tuesday, July 21, 4:00-5:00pm

Turn up the heat in this sweet showdown and go head-to-head decorating summer-themed cupcakes! Teams will compete for bragging rights in the most delicious battle of the summer.

Pages and Peace: Teen Silent Book Club

Wednesdays, July 22 and/or August 19, 6:30-8:00pm

Bring your current read, grab a cozy spot, and hang out with friends in a chill, judgment-free reading space. Each month we'll also have specialty snacks and book-themed crafts available to enjoy while you read, relax, and recharge together.

Ogre After Hours: Shrek Movie Night

Friday, July 24, 5:30-7:30pm

Celebrate the 25th anniversary of Shrek with an after-hours movie night full of laughs, nostalgia, and all things swampy! Enjoy pizza, Shrek-inspired treats, and cozy vibes.

3D Print Mini Art Gallery

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Jump into the viral trend and design your own mini art gallery using 3D-printed pieces to create a personalized display for your space! You can bring a photo to transform into a framed "masterpiece" or choose from our pop art prints to build a bold, gallery-style setup.

Tie Dye Water Gun T-Shirts

Thursday, July 30, 4:30-5:30pm

Create a custom colorful t-shirt with tie dye paint and water guns!
****PLEASE BRING A WHITE SHIRT TO PAINT****

Dinosaur Chicken Nugget Keychains

Wednesday, August 5, 5:00-6:30pm

Get ready to sew your own totally iconic dinosaur chicken nugget keychain! Learn simple stitching techniques to create a cute, quirky bag charm to show off your dino-nugget obsession.

Edible Cookie Dough

Thursday, August 13, 5:00-6:00pm

Learn how to make a variety of edible cookie dough, perfect for any sweet tooth.

Teen Jeopardy Showdown

Tuesday, August 18, 6:00-7:00pm

Think you've got the knowledge to win it all? Go head-to-head in a fast-paced Jeopardy-style game packed with pop culture, trivia, and surprise categories.

Edge and Expression

Tuesday, August 25, 4:00-5:30pm

A creative teen workshop where books become art! Participants will learn how to design and spray colorful custom book edges to make their favorite reads unique and personal. Feel free to bring your own book to decorate or choose from one of the titles we provide!



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

Teen Paint Night

Thursday, July 2, 5:00-6:00pm

Earn one hour of community service by creating a classic-inspired work of art to be displayed in the Teen Nook throughout the month of July. Please dress for a mess.

Teen Volunteers: Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Friday, July 17, 5:00-6:00pm

Help the Children's Department with their stuffed animal sleepover. Take pictures, make crafts and create a story for children about what their animal friends do in the library after we are closed for the day.

Teen Volunteers: Pokémon Party

Saturday, July 25, 10:30am-1pm

Earn 2.5 hours of community service by helping us run stations and activities at our Pokemon Party. You may be asked to run games, help with crafts, hand out food, etc.

Bad Art Bash

Tuesday, August 4, 5:00-6:00pm

Embrace your inner chaos in this gloriously messy program where "good" is not the goal! Teens will earn one hour of community service by creating a one-of-a-kind terrible masterpiece, which will be displayed in the Teen Nook for the month of August.


ADULT

ELWOOD RESIDENT REGISTRATION BEGINS THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2026 AT 9:30AM

LIVE, LAUGH, LEARN

Washington Crossing the Delaware: The Story Behind the Painting via Zoom


Monday, July 6, 7:00pm

Historian Elizabeth Kahn Kaplan discusses this iconic painting. Learn the truth about that fateful night and the following day when General George Washington led his rag-tag army to victory. Brought to you virtually by the Huntington Area Libraries 



Back in the Bronx via Zoom

Wednesday, July 8, 6:30pm

Discover what made living in the Bronx so special. With vintage slides, video clips of the Bronx from the 1940s- 80s, and celebrity interviews, you will get an up-close view of this NYC borough. Brought to you virtually by the Huntington Area Libraries 

Pretty Paper Flowers - Icelandic Poppy

Thursday, July 9, 7:00pm

Casey Cunningham will teach you how to create Icelandic Poppies. \$5.00 Cash Only Material Fee.



Five Plants That Are Easy to Care For and Four That Are Not

Tuesday, July 14, 2:00pm

Join Paul Levine to find out which of these plants is which. Seven lucky participants will each go home with a plant.

Summer Splendor and Aromatherapy

Thursday, July 16, 7:00pm

Enjoy the outdoors again with aromatherapy and essential oils. Create a bug repellent that lifts the spirit and a moisturizing body scrub to keep skin clean and healthy during the summer. Participants will leave with the products they create, recipes, and resources. \$5.00 Cash Only Material Fee.

Fiber Artist Group

Thursdays, July 16 and August 20, 11:00am-1:00pm

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

First Leaf Indigo Dye Workshop

Wednesday, July 22, 6:00pm

Join Bernadette Puelo, a grower of Japanese Indigo, as she teaches us how to extract pigment from freshly harvested indigo leaves. We will use the dye and leaves to design a silk scarf. \$10.00 Cash Only Material Fee.



Make a Macrame Rainbow Bag Charm

Thursday, July 30, 6:30pm

Join Librarian Nikki to learn how to tie macrame. This charm will add the perfect pop of color to your beach bag.



The Culper Spy Ring: The Lasting Legacy of Long Island's Revolutionary Roots

Thursday, July 23, 7:00pm

Discover secrets hidden in your own backyard and reflect on the impact of local resistance. Learn about the dramatic role LI played in our fight for independence and explore the true story of the Culper Spy Ring - the secret citizen network. Everyday Long Islanders like Abraham Woodhull, Anna Smith Strong, and Robert Townsend used invisible ink, coded messages, and covert operations to gather intelligence under the noses of the British.

Needle Felt a Little Chick

Monday, August 3, 6:30pm

Fiber artist Shamma Murphy will teach you how to needle felt this adorable chick with step-by-step instructions. Then, take your little chick home. This is a beginner-friendly fiber craft. All materials and tools are supplied. \$5.00 Cash Only Material Fee.



BINGO

Monday, August 10, 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.

Maximize Your Social Security

Tuesday, August 11, 6:30pm

When is the best time to take Social Security? Find out what you need to know. Christian LaPeter of Lighthouse Financial will be here to talk about Social Security and your options.

Pretty Paper Flowers - Clematis

Thursday, August 13, 7:00pm

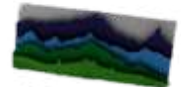
Make some beautiful paper clematises with Casey. \$5.00 Cash Only Material Fee.



Color a Dreamy Landscape

Thursday, August 20, 6:30pm

Create a beautiful color landscape of mountains & cityscapes, or your own design. Join Chris Vivas to create multi-layered landscapes from cardstock. \$5.00 Cash Only Material Fee.



Wild Birds: Wacky, Weird, and Wonderful

Friday, August 21, 1:00pm

Did you know birds can dance, fight, stay in the air for months, or blow bubbles? Using photos and fun facts, Dianne Taggart, long-time birder, will talk about our wonderful wild birds.

Make a Burlap Sunflower Wreath

Thursday, August 27, 6:30pm

Welcome sunflower season and your guests by making this cheerful wreath. Librarian Nikki will show you how. \$10.00 Cash Only Material Fee



BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Morning Book Discussion Group

After Annie by Anna Quindlen

Wednesday, July 8, 10:30am

The White Tiger by Aravind Adiga

Wednesday, August 12, 10:30am

Evening Book Discussion Group

Finding Margaret Fuller by Allison Pataki

Wednesday, July 15, 7:00pm

The Library of Lost Dollhouses by Elise Hooper

Wednesday, August 19, 7:00pm



FITNESS FUN

YOGA WEDNESDAYS

July 8, 15, 22, August 12, 19

Cash or Check payable to Elwood Public Library.

*Non-refundable 5-week program fee: \$25.00

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 Thursday, July 2nd

COOK'S CORNER



Bake a Better Babka

Wednesday, July 8, 6:30pm

Join Chava Blitzer of Flour4Purpose to learn the twists and turns in creating a beautiful, delectable babka. Please bring these items to class: Apron, rolling pin and a 9"x12" pan with plastic wrap to cover. \$5.00 Cash Only Material Fee.

Geode Cupcakes

Wednesday, August 5, 6:30pm

Crack into something sweet with Fanny Cakes! Join us to create stunning cupcakes inspired by sparkling crystal geodes. We'll use fondant, painted candy rocks, and shimmering details to create edible masterpieces that look almost too cool to eat. \$5.00 Cash Only Material Fee.



EYES ON THE ROAD

AARP Driver Safety Course

Friday, July 31, 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, August 29, 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.

BLOOD DRIVE



Monday, July 6, 1:00-7:00pm

Donors must be at least 16-years-old (with signed permission form), weigh at least 110 pounds, and not have donated blood within the the last 56 days. Eat at regular mealtimes and drink plenty of fluids. Questions? Call LI Blood Services: 1-800-688-0900. Call the information desk at 631-499-3722 for appointments. Walk-ins welcome.

BECAUSE WE CARE

Let's Talk, Huntington - Monthly Q&A

Tuesday, July 7, 6:30-8:00pm

Join Huntington Councilwoman Jennifer Hebert for this roundtable discussion about living in the Town of Huntington. Call 631-351-3175 with any questions.

Help Finding Low-Cost Health Insurance

Fridays, July 10 and August 14, 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.

Top 10 Back Pain Secrets

Monday, July 13, 10:30am

Back pain is common, but many beliefs about it are outdated. Dr. Daniel Davids, PT, shares truths about pain, imaging, and what truly improves long-term spine health. Learn practical ways to move better and take control of your back.


One-On-One Medicare

Tuesdays, July 21 and August 18, 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.

Reflux vs. GERD: Understanding the Difference and When to Seek Medical Care via Zoom

Thursday, July 23, 2:00pm

Dr. Pratibha Vemulapalli, General Surgeon at Catholic Health Services, discusses the difference between reflux and GERD, and when to seek medical care. 

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Medicare & Medicaid Insurance Assistance

Tuesdays, July 28 and August 25, 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.

Feeling Wonderful - Reducing Stress

Thursday, August 6, 7:00pm

Life Coach Arthur Danziger will offer easy-to-use techniques to help you live with less stress and more happiness. Learn practical tools to handle life with greater calm.

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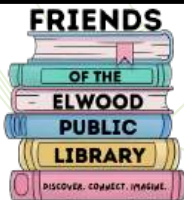
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This year, become a friend and help your library thrive. Your involvement makes a difference!

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 CLOSED

**The Library will be closed:
 Saturday, July 4**

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.



Calling all theater lovers! Elwood residents now have access to exclusive discount codes for exciting performances at Creative Ministries Performing Arts Center, The Argyle Theatre, and Theatre Three.

Whether you're in the mood for a musical, comedy, or dramatic production, there's a show for everyone.

Stop by the Information Desk to pick up your discount codes and discover how much you can save on your next night out at the theater.



Upcoming Board Meeting Schedule

Thursday, July 16, 2026 6:30pm

Thursday, August 20, 2026 6:30pm

The public is invited and encouraged to attend



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