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THE
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Winter Clothing Drive October 1-31

Help keep our community warm!

During the month of October, as part of The Great Give Back, donate new or gently used winter clothing, including coats, jackets, hats, scarves, gloves, and mittens.

Your generosity will help families stay warm this winter.



Borrow books, movies, museum passes, Library of Things items, and more, plus enjoy programs for all ages. Open to residents living in the Elwood district.

Stop in and join the fun!

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CHILDREN

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INFANTS AND TODDLERS

1-2-3 Play with Me

Fridays, September 11, 18, 25 and October 2
11:00-11:45am

Join us for a 4-week series led by resource specialists! Each week, a different professional will share insights on topics related to toddlers. Toddlers can enjoy playtime with a variety of toys and activities while parents engage in discussions! (12-35 months)

Sensory Play

Tuesday, September 15
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

Thursday, September 24
Monday, October 19
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, September 28
Friday, October 23
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)

Playdough Fun

Tuesday, October 6
11:00-11:30am

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

Mother Goose and More

Friday, October 9
11:00-11:30am

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



Magical Storytime with Miss Meggy

Saturday, October 10
10:00-10:30am

Something magical is happening in the Children's Room! Drop in for a seasonal read aloud and some not-so-spooky October fun with Miss Meggy! Costumes are welcome.

No registration required! (Infant-preschoolers)

Parachute Play

Friday, October 16
11:00-11:30am

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

Witch Hat Fun

Thursday, October 22
10:00-10:30am

Join us for a fun and festive toddler craft! Little ones will decorate their own paper witch hats using colorful stickers, crayons, and other kid-friendly craft materials. (12-35 months)



PRESCHOOL

A Blustery Day With Pooh

Thursday, September 10
11:00-11:45am

Spend a sweet day inspired by the Hundred Acre Woods. Enjoy a Winnie-the-Pooh themed story and create a delightful Hunny Pot candle holder. (2-5 years old)



Don't Let the Pigeon Miss Storytime

Tuesday, September 22
11:00-11:30am

Join us for a fun toddler storytime as we read *The Pigeon Has to Go to School!* by Mo Willems. Little ones will create their own silly, sassy pigeon to take home! (2-5 years old)

Toddler Tango

Monday, September 28
Friday, October 23
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)

Build an Apple Buddy

Tuesday, September 29
11:00-11:30am

Using a variety of materials provided, create your very own apple friend! (2-5 years old)



Itsy Bitsy Halloween Fun

Tuesday, October 13

11:00-11:30am

Crawl on over for a spook-tacular toddler storytime featuring The Itsy Bitsy Spider! Then we will make our very own adorable spider friend to take home—just in time for Halloween! (2-5 years old)

Haunted Tea Party

Tuesday, October 20

11:00-11:30am

Put on your favorite costume and join us for a delightfully spooky tea party! Enjoy a sweet story, eerily delicious snacks, and create a mini pumpkin planter. (2-5 years old)



Puffy the Ghost

Tuesday, October 27

11:00-11:45am

Create a spooky ghost decoration just in time for Halloween. (2-5 years old)

Halloween Fun

Friday, October 30

11:00am-12:00pm

Join us for a not-so-scary story time, and then trick-or-treat around the library and the shopping center. Don't forget your costume and a bag for all your goodies!

No registration required! (Infant-preschoolers)



SCHOOL-AGED

Fall Luminary

Monday, September 14

6:30-7:15pm

Decorate your home with this beautiful fall luminary. We will use a mason jar and different types of leaves to make them. (Grades: UPK-3)



Lego Club

Thursday, September 24

6:30-7:15pm

Thursday, October 29

6:30-7:15pm

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)

Candy Corn Buttons

Monday, September 28

6:30-7:15pm

Children will create a candy corn masterpiece using buttons to fill in the classic Halloween treat shape. (Grades: UPK-3)



The Great Giveback: Fall Wreaths

Saturday, October 3

11:00am-12:00pm

Create a fall themed wreath which will be given to the residents of St. Joseph's Home for the Aged to brighten up their fall season! (Grades: UPK-3)

Pumpkin Decorating

Monday, October 26

6:30-7:15pm

Bring your creativity and transform a pumpkin into something magical! Using a variety of art materials, children will decorate a pumpkin and turn it into a unique masterpiece. (Grades: UPK-3)

TWEEN SCENE

Girls Who Code

Starting October 5

Every Monday, 6:30-8:30pm

Join Trisha in this fun and engaging learn to code program that uses cool online resources. (Grades: 4-8)

Knot So Spooky Autumn Macramé

Tuesday, September 22

6:00-7:00pm

Join us for a cooler take on a classic crafting technique. Learn how to macramé using fall colors and maybe even a little Halloween flare! (Grades: 3-5)



Ghost Hunters: Rock Edition

Thursday, October 1

5:00-5:45pm

A spooky spin on kindness rocks is a fa-boo-lous way to celebrate the season! Paint Halloween themed rocks to hide around town and share a little seasonal fun with our neighbors! (Grades: 3-5)



Fiesta of Color

Tuesday, October 13

6:00-7:00pm

Celebrate Día de los Muertos and turn a simple wooden pumpkin into a sugar skull work of art in this festive painting class! (Grades: 3-5)

FAMILY PROGRAMS

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ROALD DAHL'S BIRTHDAY BASH: MATILDA MOVIE NIGHT



Friday, September 11, 6:00-8:00pm
Families with children, Pre-K to Grade 8

In honor of Roald Dahl's birthday, we're celebrating one of his most beloved stories with a family movie event!

Sit back, relax, and enjoy *Matilda* (1996) alongside delicious themed snacks like Bruce's Chocolate Cake Cupcakes, Mr. Wormwood's Hair Tonic Soda Floats, and crunchy Bookworm Popcorn.

Don't miss this deliciously fun celebration!



The
CREATE
SPACE | at **EPL**

Friday, September 25
6:30-8:00pm

Celebrate the opening of *The Create Space*, our new makerspace! Be among the first to step inside and explore the innovative equipment that will soon be available for public use. Discover the endless possibilities for creativity, see what you can make, and learn about the exciting projects and classes planned for the space.

Enjoy light refreshments as you explore, and children can create a special craft to take home.

The Create Space is dedicated with joy and love in memory of our treasured librarian, Lauren Weiler. Her curiosity, creativity, and deep devotion to the Elwood community continue to inspire us.

Candy Corn Counting Contest!



Think you've got spooky-good guessing skills? From October 1st-31st, stop by Elwood Public Library and take a crack at our creepy candy corn jar! Guess how many pieces are inside for your chance to win a frightfully sweet candy haul!

***One guess per patron for the month, please!**

Monster Mash

Saturday, October 24, 6:00-7:30pm
Families with children,
Ages 3 years old to Grade 8



Join us after hours for a monstrously fun family Monster Mash at the library! Enjoy a night of Halloween-themed tricks, treats, and creative fun for all ages. Sip on Witches' Brew green apple punch, snack on candy corn cupcakes, visit our candy station, create a mini monster painting, decorate a masquerade mask, and enjoy other spooky activities throughout the evening.

Costumes are encouraged for this frightfully fun celebration filled with magic, creativity, and fun!

Please note paint may be used in for crafts, so dress for a mess.





TEENS



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PROGRAMS

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Lunchbox Taste Test

Wednesday, September 9, 6:00-7:00pm

It's time for a snack showdown! Put your taste buds to the test as we sample classic lunchbox favorites and battle it out to find the best snack. Try different flavors, cast your votes, and help crown the ultimate back-to-school snack champion. Snacks may include favorites like Goldfish, Cheez-Its, fruit snacks, and more!

Pages and Peace: Teen Silent Book Club

Tuesday, September 22 and/or

Wednesday, October 21, 6:00-7:30pm

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.

Handling Driving Emergencies

Tuesday, October 6, 6:00-7:00pm 

Safe drivers need to know how to handle unexpected driving emergencies. Join AAA Northeast over Zoom to get advice on what to do if you break down, how to stay safe on the road and what useful items should be kept in your vehicle.

The Zoom link will be emailed out 24 hours prior to the event.

Boo-kish Creations: Build a Haunted Bookshelf

Tuesday, October 13, 6:00-7:00pm

Something spooky is hiding on the shelves! Build your own miniature haunted bookshelf by painting and assembling 3D-printed pieces to create a frightfully fun Halloween decoration. Perfect for adding a little ghostly charm to your room or reading nook.

Magical Spa Night

Thursday, October 15, 6:30-7:30pm

Enter the Magical Apothecary, where self-care meets spellcraft! Mix up a Dragon's Breath sugar scrub, craft a charming spell jar room freshener, and sip on a magical potion as you relax and enjoy an enchanting evening of creativity and pampering.

Stitch, Sip & Spill the Tea

Tuesday, October 20, 6:00-7:00pm

Bring your latest crochet, sewing, embroidery, or cross stitch project or work on this month's featured project: string art skulls! Spend some time crafting, snacking, chatting, and hanging out.

Halloweentown Movie Night

Wednesday, October 28, 6:00-8:30pm

Join us for a spooktacular movie night featuring the Disney movie *Halloweentown*! Enjoy the Halloween classic while creating your own festive trail mix to snack on during the film.



VOLUNTEER



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

Teen Volunteers: Touch a Truck

Saturday, September 19, 9:15-11:45am

OR 11am-1:30pm (rain date September 26)

Earn 2.5 hours by helping out this year's Touch a Truck. You may be asked to help run various crafts and activities or assist with other tasks as needed.
Please register for ONE session only.

Teen Volunteers: Makerspace Opening

Friday, September 25, 5:30-8:00pm

Earn 2.5 hours of community service by helping us celebrate the opening of our new Makerspace! Volunteers will assist with crafts and activities for younger children, pass out prepackaged snacks, help run activity stations for adult patrons, and lend a hand with other event tasks as needed. Volunteers should dress semi-professionally; please no sweatshirts, sweatpants, or similar casual attire.

Decorate the YA Room

Tuesday, September 29, 5:00-6:00pm

Help transform the Teen Nook into a haunted hideaway for the Halloween season! Create spooky decorations like floral pumpkins, flying ghosts, floating witch hats, and other hauntingly fun crafts to bring a little magic and mystery to the space.

The Great Giveback: Trick or Treat Bags

Saturday, October 3, 11:00am-12:00pm OR

Wednesday, October 14, 6:00-7:00pm

Give back this Halloween by helping us assemble trick-or-treat bags for local children in need. Participants will fill festive bags with candy, small toys, and treats to be donated to a local charity, helping make Halloween a little brighter for kids in our community.
Please register for ONE session only.

Boo-kmarks

Thursday, October 22, 5:00-6:00pm

Create Halloween bookmarks to be handed out during EPL's Halloween program.

Teen Volunteers: Monster Mash

Saturday, October 24, 5:30-8:00pm

Earn 2.5 hours by volunteering at our Monster Mash. Volunteers will be asked to dress up in Halloween costumes, help kids with crafts, make snacks and help with other tasks as needed.



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LIVE, LAUGH, LEARN

Painting Fall Aprons

Tuesday, September 8, 6:30pm

Join Librarian Nikki to customize a cotton apron to wear while making all your favorite fall goodies! \$5.00 Cash Only Material Fee.



Pretty Paper Flowers - African Daisy

Thursday, September 10, 7:00pm

Casey Cunningham will teach you how to create 3 gorgeous African Daisies. \$5.00 Cash Only Material Fee.



Paint with Frank Latorre

Sunday, September 13, 2:00pm

It's almost leaf peeping season. Paint this colorful tree in all her autumn splendor, with Frank Latorre's step by step instruction. No artistic ability needed. \$10.00 Cash Only Material Fee.

Fiber Artist Group

Thursdays, September 17 and October 15, 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 for a lively get together.

Learn Sumi-e

Wednesdays, September 23, 30, October 7, 6:30pm

Join Oksana Danziger to learn the art of Sumi-e using special ink and brushes. This class will introduce you to this traditional East Asian art of expressive brushwork with an emphasis on mindfulness, balance, and the beauty of minimal strokes. Sumi-e encourages artists to observe nature and express movement and mood with simplicity. \$10.00 Cash Only Material Fee.

Boo! Door Sign

Thursday, October 1, 6:30pm

Warning! This customizable door sign is too cute to scare away any visitors! Librarian Nikki will show you how to make it! \$10.00 Cash Only Material Fee.



BINGO

Monday, October 5, 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.



Sound Bath Meditation

Thursday, October 6, 7:00pm

This immersive sound bath is designed to encourage relaxation, and mindfulness. Sound and music supports stress reduction and well-being. No experience is necessary.



Pretty Paper Flowers - Black Roses

Thursday, October 8, 7:00pm

Do you know what's scarier than making 3 black roses for Halloween...missing the fun of Casey's paper flower class! \$5.00 Cash Only Material Fee.



Eco Printed Silk Scarf

Wednesday, October 19, 6:00pm

Designing in sustainable ways will positively impact the world. Oksana will teach you how to create a silk scarf using an eco-print of real leaves and flowers. \$10.00 Cash Only Material Fee.

Spectacular Spring Flowers from Bulbs

Monday, October 26, 11:00am

Did you know that fall is the time for planting Spring flowering bulbs? Please join Mary Catherine Schaefer Gutman, CNLP (certified Nursery Landscape Professional) to learn about when, where, and how to plant them. Learn about aftercare, naturalizing bulbs, minor bulbs, and more.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Morning Book Discussion Group

Hamnet by Maggie O'Farrell

Wednesday, September 9, 10:30am

James by Percival Everett

Wednesday, October 14, 10:30am

Donna Diamond's Literary Gallery

Daughters of the Sun & Moon by Lisa See

Monday, September 14, 11:00am

The It Girl by Allison Pataki

Monday, October 5, 11:00am



Evening Book Discussion Group

The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife by Anna Johnston

Wednesday, September 16, 7:00pm

The Dream Hotel by Laila Lalami

Wednesday, October 21, 7:00pm

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

E-Waste Recycling Day

Saturday, October 24, 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.

FITNESS FUN

YOGA WEDNESDAYS

September 9, 16, 23, 30, October 7, 14, 21, 28

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 Thursday, September 3rd

COOK'S CORNER



Rugelach with Debby's Kitchen

Thursday, September 3, 6:30pm

Join us to make these delicious flaky pastries. Please bring a rolling pin and an apron to class.

\$5.00 Cash Only Material Fee.



Bone Building Recipes for Your Future

Unbreakable Lifestyle

Friday, October 9, 1:00pm

Join Chef Kathryn, Integrative Nutritional Health Coach, as she demonstrates a versatile, delicious, bright green Kale Pesto Pasta. This dish is a powerhouse of vitamins, trace minerals, antioxidants, bioflavonoids, and much more. Evidence based prevention addressing bone health includes specific groups of foods that include kale as one of the best.

\$5.00 Cash Only Material Fee.



Dog Treats with Chef Rob

Tuesday, October 27, 1:00pm

Chef Rob is going to the dogs! Join us to make some tasty treats for your pup, or to donate to an animal shelter. Either way, you can stand up and take a bow-wow! Roll out, fill, cut, and shape dough! Leave with a tray of ready-to-bake crescent-shaped cookies. Human grade with tail wagging samples to try. Bring a large bowl, mixing spoon, cookie sheet, and rolling pin.

\$5.00 Cash Only Material Fee.

EYES ON THE ROAD



AARP Driver Safety Course

Saturday, September 26, 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, October 17, 9:30am-3:30pm

Bring your driver's license to class.

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

BECAUSE WE CARE

Help Finding Low-Cost Health Insurance

Fridays, September 11 and October 9, 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, September 15 and October 20, 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.

Breast Cancer: Early Detection, Prevention, and Treatment



Monday, September 28, 7:00pm

Please join Catholic Health System's Chief of Breast Surgery, Jana Deitch, MD and Medical Director of St. Catherine of Siena Hospital's Imaging Center in Commack, Stephanie Sims, MD for an informative lecture that will explore modern methods of screening, diagnosing, and treating breast cancer, highlighting recent medical advancements. via Zoom

Brought to you virtually by the Town of Huntington Libraries.

Medicare and Medicaid Insurance Assistance

Tuesdays, September 22 and October 27, 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, October 16, 10:00am-2:00pm

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.

Free flu shots also available.

Operation Medicine Cabinet

Tuesday, October 20, 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.

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check out the library's website,
<https://elwoodlibrary.org/support-the-library/>

Now Playing:

THE *Gateway*

Enjoy a night at the theater for less! Elwood Public Library is now offering discount codes to select performances at The Gateway Playhouse in Bellport. Codes are available on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last.

Discount codes must be picked up in person at the library.

Gateway Playhouse joins our growing collection of theater discounts, which also includes CM Performing Arts Center, The Argyle Theatre, and Theatre Three.

Whether you enjoy musicals, comedies, or dramatic productions, these discounts make it easier to experience the vibrant performing arts scene on Long Island. Visit the Information Desk to pick up your codes and start planning your next night at the theater.



LIBRARY HOURS

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

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

Sunday 1:00-5:00pm

The Library will be closed:

Sunday, September 6, 2026

Monday, September 7, 2026

Monday, October 12, 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.

Upcoming Board Meeting Schedule

Thursday, September 17, 2026 6:30pm

Thursday, October 15, 2026 6:30pm

The public is invited and encouraged to attend



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