

November/December 2026
REGISTRATION BEGINS THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29TH AT 9:30AM

ELWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Discover. Connect. Imagine.



Saturday, January 9, 2027

Game time 4:00pm
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Discover More This Season with Our New Museum Passes



We are delighted to share that three exciting new museum passes are available at the Library!

With many thanks to the Friends of the Elwood Public Library, we're excited to offer new passes to the Nassau County Museum of Art and Brooklyn Botanic Garden. Through memberships, donations, and fundraising efforts, the Friends help bring new services and opportunities to our community.

We are also thrilled to welcome the Children's Museum of the East End to our collection, giving families another wonderful destination to explore, learn, and make memories together.

Reserve your pass today! For more information, please contact the Library.

Help Us Give Back This November!



ISLAND HARVEST

This November, the Elwood Public Library is proud to host a food drive benefiting Island Harvest, helping provide much-needed food and resources.

From November 2 through November 30, 2026, we invite our patrons and community members to help make a difference by donating nonperishable food items. A donation box will be available inside the library for your convenience.

Please visit the library to view the complete donation list and see how you can help. Whether you donate one item or fill a bag, every contribution can make a difference. Thank you for helping the Elwood Public Library support our neighbors and spread a little extra kindness this holiday season!

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CHILDREN



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INFANTS AND TODDLERS



Sensory Play

Tuesday, November 10
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)

Magical Storytime with Miss Meggy

Saturday, November 14
10:00-10:30am

Something magical is happening in the Children's Room! Drop in for a seasonal read aloud and some fun with Miss Meggy! No registration required! (Infant-preschoolers)

Baby Social Hour

Monday, November 16
Monday, December 21
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)

Turkey Fun

Friday, November 20
11:00-11:30am



Celebrate Thanksgiving with fun turkey crafts to take home and add a little extra cheer to your holiday! (12-35 months)

Babies Boogie

Monday, November 23
Tuesday, December 22
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)

Parachute Play

Thursday, December 3
11:00-11:30am

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

Fingerpainting Galore

Thursday, December 10
11:00-11:30am



Let your little artist get creative with a fun finger-painting activity made just for toddlers! Squish, swirl, and dab your way to a colorful masterpiece. **Dress for a mess!** (12-35 months)

Mother Goose and More

Tuesday, December 15
11:00-11:30am

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

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.



PRESCHOOL

Fall Trees

Thursday, November 5
11:00-11:45am

Celebrate the season with a fun autumn tree craft! **Dress for a mess!** (2-5 years old)

Royal Dance Party

Thursday, November 12
11:00-11:30am



Calling all princes and princesses! Celebrate National Princess Day with a magical Royal Dance Party! Our youngest royals will enjoy magical tunes, festive treats, dancing, and plenty of royal fun. Royal attire is encouraged but not required. (2-5 years old)

Pinecone Turkey Fun

Friday, November 13
11:00-11:30am



Get ready for some Thanksgiving fun! Preschoolers will turn pinecones into adorable little turkeys using colorful feathers and creative craft supplies. (2-5 years old)

Leafy Little Turkeys

Tuesday, November 17
11:00-11:30am

Create a cute turkey using colorful fall leaves! Preschoolers will enjoy this simple, hands-on craft while celebrating the sights and colors of autumn! (2-5 years old)



Toddler Tango

Monday, November 23

Tuesday, December 22

11:15am-12:00pm

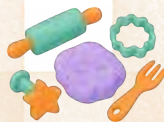
Clap your hands, stomp your feet, and sing along with Nicole Sparling in this delightful toddler movement class featuring instruments and music from around the world. (2-5 years old)

Edible Playdough

Tuesday, December 1

11:00-11:30am

Get ready to mix, squish, and create! Little ones will make their very own edible playdough using just two simple ingredients: powdered sugar and icing. We'll mix, knead, and shape our sweet dough into fun creations that are as fun as they are tasty! (2-5 years old)



Gingerbread Giggles

Tuesday, December 8

11:00-11:30am

Come make a sweet gingerbread man puppet! Preschoolers can decorate their silly gingerbread friend and bring him to life with lots of creativity and fun. (2-5 years old)



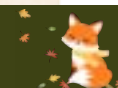
Llama Llama Red Pajama Party

Tuesday, December 15

6:00-7:00pm

Celebrate National Llama Day with a cozy pajama party at the library! We'll settle in for a reading of Llama Llama Red Pajama, create a fun llama-themed craft, and enjoy a tasty snack of cookies and milk. Pajamas are encouraged, but not required. (2-5 years old)

SCHOOL-AGED



Fall Door Hanging

Tuesday, November 3

10:30-11:00am

Decorate your front door with a festive door hanging you'll be proud to display all season long! (Grades: UPK-3)



Thanksgiving Apron

Monday, November 9

6:30-7:15pm

Come decorate an apron that you can wear while helping prepare Thanksgiving dinner. (Grades: UPK- 3)



Lego Club

Monday, November 23

6:30-7:15pm

Thursday, December 17

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)

Snowflakes Falling

Monday, December 14

6:30-7:15pm

Come make beautiful snowflakes using popsicle sticks and decorate them with your own creative flair! Take your snowflakes home to add a little winter magic to your windows. (Grades: UPK-3)



TWEEN SCENE

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. (Grades: 4-8)

A Banner of Thanks

Thursday, November 12

5:00-6:00pm

Celebrate Thanksgiving in a banner way with this fun, festive and oh so creative holiday garland. (Grades: 3-5)



Gobble Me Up Cupcakes

Tuesday, November 24

6:00-7:00pm

Using some delicious and festive sweets, turn some plain cupcakes into delicious turkey treats! (Grades: 3-5)



A-Door-able Gingerbread Houses

Wednesday, December 9

5:00-6:00pm

A mini version of a festive favorite to celebrate the fun of the season! Turn a mini bird house into the sweetest decoration there is! **Dress for a mess!** (Grades: 3-5)



FAMILY PROGRAMS

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Muppet Treasure Island: After-Hours Movie Night

Friday, November 20, 6:00-8:00pm
Families with Children, Pre-K to Grade 8

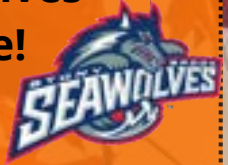
Set sail for an after-hours movie adventure featuring Muppet Treasure Island!

Join us for a swashbuckling night of laughs, fun, and pirate-themed snacks as we follow Kermit, Gonzo, and the rest of the Muppets on their treasure-hunting adventure.

Grab your crew and get ready for a night of movie magic on the high seas!



Join the fun at a Stony Brook SeaWolves Basketball Game!



Saturday, January 9, 2027
Game Starts at 4:00pm
All Ages

The Stony Brook Seawolves take on the Towson Tigers in this fun, fast-paced game at Stony Brook University. Gather your friends and come on down for a great afternoon as we cheer on one of our local teams!

Tickets are \$7 per person and can be purchased at the information desk.
Transportation is not provided.
Tickets are available while supplies last.
Sorry- No refunds.

KID'S VOTE



Tuesday, November 3

Kids, it's your turn to have your voice heard!
Stop by the library on Election Day to cast your vote for which is the best ice cream flavor!



Gingerbread Houses

Saturday, December 12,
1:30-2:30pm OR 3:00-4:00pm

Families with Children in Grades K-5

Bring the family and create a sweet gingerbread house together.

Please register once per family and for one time slot only!



Sparkle into the New Year

Wednesday, December 30, 3:00-4:00pm
Families with Children, Pre-K to Grade 5

Get ready to say goodbye to 2026 in style! Kids will make fun and festive hats and accessories to wear for the big celebration. Enjoy tasty treats, play exciting games and get ready to welcome a sparkling new year!



TEENS



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PROGRAMS

Girls Who Code

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Grades 4-8

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

Crafts & Cookies

Wednesday, November 4 and/or
Tuesday, December 8, 6:00-7:00pm

Craft. Snack. Chat. Repeat. Bring your latest crochet, sewing, embroidery or cross-stitch project and hang out with other creative teens. No project? No problem! Try our monthly craft: November: No-Sew Pumpkin Pillow Pals
December: Mug Cozies.

Art Attack: Think Outside the Brush

Tuesday, November 10, 6:30-7:30pm

Potatoes? Water bottles? Vegetables?
Yep, they're all art supplies! Forget the paintbrush and get creative as we use totally unexpected objects to make unique works of art.

Sweet & Thankful: No-Bake Treats

Tuesday, November 24, 6:00-7:00pm

Skip the oven and head straight to the good stuff! Learn how to make delicious Thanksgiving treats including turkey-themed cupcakes, cheesecake cups and pumpkin pie parfaits. Delicious!

Boba & Bingo

Friday, December 11, 6:00-7:00pm

Boba + Bingo = the perfect after-hours hangout! Sample a variety of boba tea flavors while playing Bingo and competing for the title of champion. Add in snacks, prizes and plenty of boba, and you've got yourself a pretty great night!

Teen Gingerbread Houses

Saturday, December 12, 12:00-1:00pm

Get creative and decorate your very own gingerbread house using icing and plenty of candy!

Snowman Studio

Tuesday, December 22, 5:00-6:00pm

Make your own snowman wonderland! Use 3D-printed pieces, design and create a one-of-a-kind village. Choose your favorite pieces, put your scene together and add a little snowy magic to take home.

Candy Cane Taste Test

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

Peppermint? Fruit punch? Pickle?! Okay... maybe it might be good?! Put your taste buds to the test as we sample a variety of candy cane flavors, brands and candy cane-inspired treats. Try them all and help us decide which one deserves the crown!



VOLUNTEER



When volunteering, you must be on time and stay the entire time. Partial hours will not be awarded.
All volunteer hours are open to Elwood Residents ONLY.

Kindness Bookmarks

Tuesday, November 3, 5:00-6:00pm

Spread a little kindness around the library! In celebration of World Kindness Day, create one-of-a-kind bookmarks. Then hide them throughout the library for patrons to discover to brighten their day.

Spread Some Cheer: Fall Pin Packs

Tuesday, November 17, 6:30-7:30pm

Make a little something that can brighten someone's day! Design and create festive buttons to make cheerful packs. These small acts of kindness will be shared with people in our community who could use some extra cheer this holiday season.

Decorate for Winter

Monday, November 30, 5:00-6:00pm

Help us give the YA room a winter makeover! Teen volunteers will create fun and creative decorations to hang throughout the space and help get the library ready for the cold months ahead. We may be using paint, glue and other messy materials, so please dress accordingly and come ready to get creative!

Teen Volunteers: Llama Llama

Red Pajama Party

Tuesday, December 15, 5:45-6:45pm

Celebrate National Llama Day with our littlest library friends! Help preschoolers enjoy stories, crafts and plenty of llama-themed fun. Appropriate pajamas are encouraged, but not required!

Cold Weather Care Kits

Thursday, December 17, 6:00-7:00pm

Give back to our community this winter by helping create cold weather care kits for those in need. We will sort through donations from our clothing drive, assemble care bags and write messages to include with each kit.

Vision Boards

Monday, December 28, 2:00-3:00pm

Get creative and look toward the future! Create vision boards filled with goals, dreams, inspirational words and images to decorate the Teen Nook.

Teen Volunteers:

Sparkle into the New Year

Wednesday, December 30, 2:30-4:30pm

Earn 2 hours of community service by assisting with crafts, games and snack stations for children and their families. Please dress for a mess.



ADULT

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LIVE, LAUGH, LEARN

Felt Pie Garland

Thursday, November 5, 6:30pm



Oh my, it's pie! Join us in making a pie garland out of felt. It's sure to dress up any Thanksgiving Decor!

Mosaic Workshop

Tuesday, November 10, 6:00pm

Join artist Gabriella Grama for this fun and creative workshop. Create your own Winter Quilt Star glass panel inspired by traditional quilt patterns. Perfect for beginners or experienced artists. All materials included.

\$15.00 Cash Only Material Fee

Pretty Paper Flowers: Framed Peony

Thursday, November 12, 7:00pm

Casey Cunningham will teach you how to create this beautiful flower in a frame to hang on your wall.



Meditation and the Near-Death Experience

Thursday, November 12, 7:00pm 

Since the 1980's when near-death experiences became part of the public's consciousness, they have held endless attraction for people. Join clinical physician Dr. John Raider to hear the latest medical research and discover a simple way to connect with the inner light experienced by people who have had an NDE. Learn a meditation technique to help you explore those realms of peace within you. Via Zoom.

Brought to you by the Huntington Libraries

Needle Felt Bright-Red Cardinal

Monday, November 16, 6:30pm



Fiber Artist Shamma Murphy is back! This time we will be making a beautiful, bright-red cardinal. Step-by-step instructions make this craft perfect for beginners as well as intermediate felting fans. All materials and tools supplied.

\$5.00 Cash Only Material fee.

Fiber Artist Group

Thursdays, November 19, December 17, 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.



Our new makerspace is ready for you to explore! Visit or call today to learn more and find out how to book an appointment to use the room and bring your creative ideas to life.



The Importance of Retirement Planning and Investing

Thursday, November 19, 7:00pm

Join David Selzer of Morgan Stanley for this informal talk about what a financial plan is and how it is used to roadmap one's financial success. David will discuss how to go about investing through job retirement plans, IRAs, and brokerage accounts, and do a quick market update both economically and geopolitically. Q&A will follow. Bring your questions. Light refreshments will be served.



BINGO

Monday, November 30, 7:00pm

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



Holiday Mini Rolling Pins

Thursday, December 3, 6:30pm

Just roll with it! Join Librarian Nikki in customizing your own mini rolling pins, perfect for decor or to top a gift!

Fragrant Kitchens:

The Spices that Changed the World

Monday, December 7, 7:00pm

The search for spices reshaped history, inspired exploration, and connected cultures across continents. Discover the remarkable stories behind cinnamon, clove, nutmeg, ginger, citrus, and other aromatic kitchen botanicals while exploring how fragrance has filled kitchens and homes across generations. Participants will experience familiar ingredients in an entirely new way, not simply as flavors, but as botanicals with rich histories and distinctive aromatic personalities. Then, they will create a Botanical Kitchen Simmer Blend to take home.

\$5.00 Cash Only Material Fee.

Hypnosis and Spiritual Transformation

Tuesday, December 8, 7:00pm

Maria D'Andrea, The Budapest Psychic will explore how hypnosis can help unlock the subconscious mind and touch on past lives while deepening self-awareness, confidence, intuition, inner peace, and personal growth.

Pretty Paper Flowers: Amaryllis

Thursday, December 10, 7:00pm

Make a cheerful Amaryllis with flower artist Casey Cunningham to usher in the Winter season.

\$5.00 Cash Only Material Fee.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Donna Diamond's Literary Gallery

***More Than Enough* by Anna Quindlen**

Monday, November 9, 11:00am

***The Art Thief: A True Story of Love, Crime and a Dangerous Obsession* by Michael Finkel**

Monday, December 14, 11:00am

Morning Book Discussion Group

***The Briar Club* by Kate Quinn**

Wednesday, November 18, 10:30am

***Broken Country* by Clare Leslie Hall**

Wednesday, December 9, 10:30am

Evening Book Discussion Group

***Fortune of Sand* by Ruta Sepetys**

Wednesday, November 18, 7:00pm

***Country People* by Daniel Mason**

Wednesday, December 16, 7:00pm



COOK'S CORNER

Holiday Honey and Buttermilk Biscuits with Chef Rob

Friday, November 6, 1:00pm

This recipe is going to be a new family favorite to serve over the holidays, or all year long. Chef Rob will also demonstrate a Chocolate Chip Cookie Cheesecake Dip for everyone to sample. Please bring a large bowl, box grater, mixing spoon, and cookie tray to class.

\$5.00 Cash Only Material Fee.

Homemade Ricotta with Amano Baking Company

Wednesday, December 2, 7:00pm

Join Angela and Anthony for an hour of entertaining education and step-by-step demonstration of this creamy homemade ricotta. Taste it and bring the recipe home.

\$5.00 Cash Only Material Fee.

EYES ON THE ROAD

AARP Driver Safety Course

Saturday, November 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.

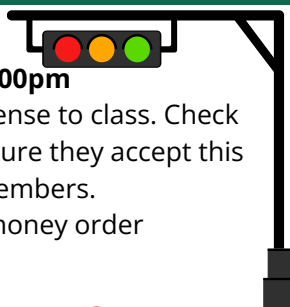
\$30.00 for non-members. Check or money order payable to AARP. No cash accepted.

Empire Safety Council Driver Safety

Saturday, December 19, 9:30am-3:30pm

Bring your driver's license to class. Check with your insurance company to be sure they accept this class for your discount.

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



BECAUSE WE CARE

Help Finding Low-Cost Health Insurance

Fridays, November 13 and December 11, 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, November 10 and December 8,

10:00am-12:00pm

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

Medicare and Medicaid Insurance Assistance

Tuesdays, November 24 and December 22, 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.

The Power of Your Plate:

Nutrition for Disease Prevention

Wednesday, December 9, 7:00pm

In this interactive program Lisa Jahrsdoerfer, nurse practitioner/certified personal trainer/nutrition coach, will engage participants in an evidence-based discussion about the use of nutrition to avoid and even reverse chronic disease, specifically heart disease and cancer. After the program, you will feel more confident making a food plate which includes choices that will strengthen your health. You will leave with menu options to create nutritious meals at home and learn what foods to avoid and why. Bring your questions. Q & A will follow.

FITNESS FUN

YOGA WEDNESDAYS

November 4, 18, 25, December 2, 9, 16, 30

Cash or Check payable to Elwood Public Library.

***Non-refundable 7-week program fee: \$35.00**

Stretch and Strengthen - 11:00am**

Join us for this Yoga class. **Bring a mat and Yoga blocks.**

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

Join us for this low impact Chair Yoga class.

***Out of District Registration begins Monday, November 2.**



Program Fees are Non-Refundable.



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Have a Collection to Share?

Are you a hobbyist or collector?
Your collection could be our next library display! Share your passion with the community and give others a chance to discover something new.

Stop by or call the library to learn more about displaying your collection at EPL!



FRIENDS

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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 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 1:00-5:00pm

The Library will be closed:

Wednesday, November 11, 2026

Thursday, November 26, 2026

Thursday, December 24, 2026

Friday, December 25, 2026

Thursday, December 31, 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, November 19, 2026 6:30pm

Thursday, December 17, 2026 6:30pm

The public is invited and encouraged to attend



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