

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2024  
REGISTRATION BEGINS TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2024

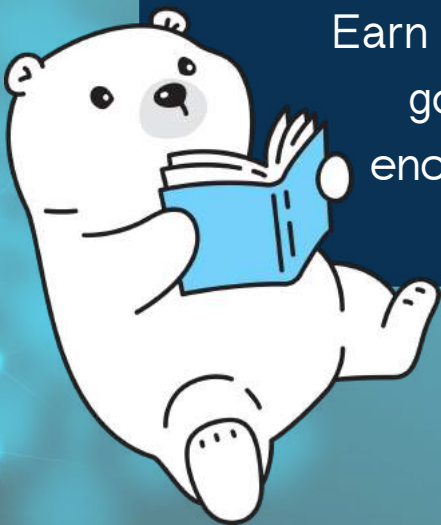
# ELWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY

 Discover. Connect. Imagine. 

## Winter Reading Challenge

January 2nd - March 22nd

Earn prizes while you stay warm and read some good books! Elwood residents of all ages are encouraged to pick up a BINGO CARD and join the Winter Reading Challenge!



## 20TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY



**Saturday, January 20th**  
**11:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

We are celebrating 20 Blockbuster years serving the Elwood community! Learn more about our red carpet gala on page 5.

## Take Your Child to the Library Day

*Saturday, February 3rd*

On the first Saturday in February, thousands of libraries across the world celebrate Take Your Child to the Library Day by offering free, fun, fabulous activities for families.

As part of Take Your Child to the Library Day, come to the library and stuff your very own polar bear! Check out page 3 for more information about our Build a Polar Bear program.





# CHILDREN



REGISTRATION BEGINS TUESDAY, January 2, 2024

## INFANTS AND TODDLERS

### Babies Boogie

Thursday, January 11

Monday, February 5

10:15-11:00am

Clap your hands, stomp your feet, and sing along with Nicole Sparling in this wonderful movement class.

(6-23 months) **ELJ103**



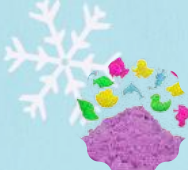
### Sensory Play

Tuesday, January 16

11:00-11:45am

Interactive fun for toddlers! Hands on stations include sand, shredded paper, paints, and shaving cream!

(12-35 months) **ELJ105**



### Time to Rhyme

Monday, January 22

11:00-11:45am

Bounce along to the beat of nursery rhymes, fingerplays, and songs!

(6-35 months) **ELJ539**



### Tiny Tot University

Tuesdays, January 23, 30

February 6, 13

11:00-11:45am

Join us for our 4 week class featuring an activity of the day (painting \*dress for a mess!\*, music, dancing, etc), story time, and of course, bubble play! A perfect class to get out of the house on a winter day and have some fun!

(18-35 months) **ELJ605**



### Mother Goose and More

Friday, February 16

11:00-11:45am

Hip Hip, Hooray! Come sing, rhyme, and play!

(6-35 months) **ELJ101**



### Parachute Play

Friday, February 23

11:00-11:45am

Singing, dancing, and parachute games, oh my!

(18-35 months) **ELJ104**



### My First Book Club

Monday, February 26

11:00-11:45am

Let's read, move, and play! Everyone is invited to explore a copy of the book as we enjoy a story together.

(18-35 months) **ELJ560**



## PRESCHOOL

### Toddler Tango

Thursday, January 11

Monday, February 5

11:15-12:00pm

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) **ELJ112**



### Snowflakes

Friday, January 26

11:00-11:45am

Every snowflake is different! After reading *Snowflakes Fall* by Patricia MacLachlan we'll create our own unique snowflakes.

(2-5 years old) **ELJ596**



### Marshmallow Igloos

Monday, January 29

11:00-11:45am

Use snacks and recyclables as building blocks to create your own snowy shelter.

(2-5 years old) **ELJ597**



### Polar Bear, Polar Bear What Do You Hear?

Thursday, February 1

11:00-11:45am

Listen to *Polar Bear, Polar Bear What Do You Hear?* by Bill Martin and then we will make a polar bear craft.

(2-5 years old) **ELJ598**



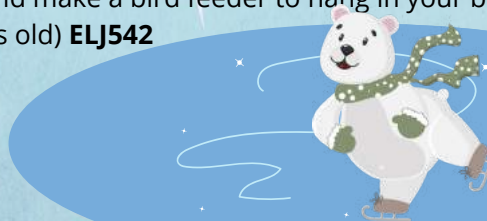
### Sweets for Tweets

Friday, February 9

11:00-11:45am

Did you know it is national bird-feeding month? Come read a story and make a bird feeder to hang in your backyard!

(2-5 years old) **ELJ542**



# SCHOOL-AGED

## World Record Challenge

**Wednesday, January 10**  
**6:30-7:15pm**

Make history in 2024! Join us as we try to break a series of kids Guinness World Records.  
(Grades: K-5) **ELJ599**



## Peppermint Playdough

**Tuesday, January 16**  
**4:30-5:15pm**

Let's extend the holiday season and make some peppermint play dough.  
(Grades: K-5) **ELJ600**



## Mosaic Picture Frame

**Monday, January 22**  
**6:30-7:15pm**

Using mosaic pieces we will make a beautiful picture frame.  
(Grades: K-5) **ELJ601**



## Valentine's Wreath

**Monday, February 12**  
**6:30-7:15pm**

Make this beautiful heart wreath to decorate your door for Valentine's Day!  
(Grades: K-5) **ELJ602**



## Snow Scoopers

**Saturday, February 17**  
**3:00-3:45pm**

Put your skills to the test and see if you can build the best shovel using recycled materials.  
(Grades: K-5) **ELJ603**



## Polar Bear Paw Cupcakes

**Tuesday, February 20**  
**3:00-3:45pm**

Take a fantastical ride on a polar bear as we read *Please Bring Balloons* by Lindsay Ward. Afterwards, we'll make polar bear paw cupcakes.  
(Grades: K-5) **ELJ604**



## Take Your Child to the Library Day



### Build a Polar Bear

**Saturday, February 3**  
**11:00am**

As part of Take Your Child to the Library Day, come to the library and stuff your very own polar bear.  
(2- 5 years old) **ELJ606**

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(Grade: K- 5) **ELJ607**

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## SCREEN FREE TAKE AND MAKE CRAFTS

For Kids of All Ages  
Pick up a craft to do at home!  
Please note: Supplies are limited!

### January 6

#### Winter Gnome

Make a cozy little friend out of a paper bag!

### February 3

#### Mr. Hearts

Make a heart person just in time for Valentine's Day

### January 20

#### Cozy Hot Chocolate

Decorate your very own paper hot chocolate mug just in time for a cold Winter day! Don't forget the marshmallows!

### February 17

#### Cardinal

Make a beautiful cardinal to hang in your window!





# TEEN NOOK

**GRADES 6 - 12 | REGISTRATION BEGINS JANUARY 2, 2024**

## PROGRAMS

### Girls Who Code

**Every Monday, 6:30 - 8:30pm**

Girls Who Code is a fun, engaging in-person program for girls to learn how to code with fun online tutorials and activities. No experience necessary. Join us!

**Registration required. ELYA628**

### International Cooking

**Thursday, January 18, 7:00 - 8:00pm**

**Wednesday, February 7, 7:00 - 8:00pm**

Join Project Excel as we explore recipes and learn about cultures from all around the world! In January, you will be celebrating the Japanese New Year with ramen noodles. For February, you will learn about numerous Valentine's Day celebrations with chocolate dipped fruit.

**Registration required. ELYA644**



### Winter Wonderland Paint Night

**Wednesday, February 28, 7:00 - 8:00pm**

Join us for an evening of a guided paint tutorial creating a fox on a moonlit winter night.

**Registration required. ELYA708**



### Babysitting Workshop

**Wednesday, January 17, 6:30 - 8:00pm**

**Wednesday, January 24, 6:30 - 8:00pm**

In this babysitting course you will be introduced to babysitting, caring for infants and children, safety tips, first aid procedures, emergencies, fire safety, and how to start a business. Certificates will be given at the end of the program.

**Registration required. ELYA659**

### No Sew T-Shirt Tote Bag



**Thursday, January 25, 7:00 - 8:00pm**

Got an old t-shirt that you love but you just don't wear anymore? You hate to throw it away and you want to recycle it? Come join us and we'll show you how to recycle that beloved t-shirt into a fun tote bag!

**Registration required. ELYA709**



[www.elwoodteens.org](http://www.elwoodteens.org)

## VOLUNTEER



When you sign up to volunteer you are agreeing to stay the entire time. Partial credit will not be given.

### Teen Advisory Board

**Thursday, January 4, 7:00 - 8:00pm**

**Thursday, February 1, 7:00 - 8:00pm**

Help make decorations and work on future projects for the library. Community service hours are provided and new members are always welcome!

**Registration required. ELYA630**

### 20th Anniversary Volunteers

**Saturday, January 20,**

**10:30am - 12:30pm or 12:30 - 2:30pm**

We're celebrating 20 Blockbuster years at Elwood Public Library! Come volunteer and help us take red carpet pictures, make swag bags, and help with crafts.

**Registration required. ELYA706**



### Adventures in Art: Garbage or Art?



**Tuesday, February 6, 7:00 - 8:00pm**

Discover how African American artist Tyree Guyton turned trash into art in order to transform his Detroit neighborhood for his world-famous Heidelberg Project. Then create your own recycled object art. Donate your artwork to the library to earn community service credit. **Registration required. ELYA707**

### Pom Pom Snowballs

**Tuesday, January 30, 7:00 - 8:00pm**

Come help us make pom poms for our indoor snowball fight. This time, with new and improved pom pom makers!

**Registration required. ELYA710**



## WINTER READING CHALLENGE

Our Winter Reading Challenge is back and better than ever this year! Sign up in the library to receive your BINGO card. You'll get a prize for completing one row. If you complete the whole card, you'll get a Squishmallow!





**You're Invited to**



# **Elwood Public Library's 20th Anniversary Party**

**Saturday, January 20th**

**11:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

- **Cookies & Cocoa Station**
- **Fill Your Own Swag Bag**
- **Green Screen Celebrity Photos**
- **Find the VHS Tape Scavenger Hunt**
- **Children's Imagination Station**
- **Friends of the Library Trivia Prize Wheel**



# ADULT

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## BOOK DISCUSSIONS

### Donna Diamond Literary Gallery

Monday, January 8, 11:00am

*The Fraud* by Zadie Smith

Monday, February 12, 11:00am

*The Spectacular* by Fiona Davis

### Morning Book Discussion Group

Wednesday, January 10, 10:30am

*How It All Began* by Penelope Lively

Wednesday, February 14, 10:30am

*A Long Petal of the Sea* by Isabel Allende

### Evening Book Discussion Group

Wednesday, January 17, 7:00pm

*The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig

Wednesday, February 21, 7:00pm

*Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt

## LIVE, LAUGH, LEARN

### Pretty Paper Flowers

#### January - Hellebore

Thursday, January 11, 7:00pm

To celebrate the 20th anniversary of our library, Casey Cunningham will be teaching us to create a different paper flower every month. By the end of the year, we will have a gorgeous bouquet. This month's flower - hellebores. **In-person registration. Material Fee: \$5.00 Exact Change Cash Only. ELA794**



### Fiber Artists Group



Thursdays, January 25 February 22, 11:00am-1:00pm

Whether you like to crochet, knit, macramé, cross stitch, or create other kinds of fiber art, this group is for you. Bring whatever you are working on to the library. Craft and chat with people who share your interests. **ELA774**

### Donna Diamond's Book Talk and Signing

Sunday, January 28, 3:00 pm



Donna will be here to talk about her latest book, "How I Became the Smug (Dare I Say Self-Righteous?) Ultimate, Hard-core, High-handed, Card Carrying Bibliophile." She will sign copies of her book. Copies will be available for purchase. Light refreshments will be served. **ELA988**

### BINGO



Monday, January 29, 7:00pm

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

### Pretty Paper Flowers - February - Roses

Thursday, February 8, 7:00pm



Make three beautiful roses in celebration of our 20th anniversary and Valentine's Day.

**In-person registration. Non-refundable Material Fee: \$5.00 Exact Change Cash Only. ELA795**

### Abraham Lincoln:

*From Rail Splitter to President*

Monday, February 12, 7:00pm

Lou Del Bianco portrays Lincoln and his values of honesty, love of family, thirst for education, sense of justice, and perseverance. Q&A to follow. Via Zoom.

*Presented by the Huntington Area Libraries. ELA790Z*

### Design a Mug - Choose a Session



Saturday, February 24,

10:00-10:30am or 10:45-11:15am or 11:30-12:pm

Monday, February 26,

6:30-7:00pm or 7:15-7:45pm or 8:00-8:30pm



Mugs will be done on a heat press and can be personalized with names, sayings, images, and/or up to three photos. Use special pens and draw your own design! Email photos in advance to [reference@elwoodlibrary.org](mailto:reference@elwoodlibrary.org)  
**Saturday - ELA753S Monday - ELA753M**

### Black Citizenship in the Age of Jim Crow

Tuesday, February 27, 7:00pm

Join us as we explore Black Americans' struggle for equality under the law, from 1865 through WWI. Learn about this dark chapter in our history, as well as Black New Yorkers' organizing and community building in the face of discrimination. Via Zoom.

*Presented by the Huntington Area Libraries. ELA774Z*

### Learn Basic Henna Art Design

Tuesday, February 20, 7:00pm



Tracey, of Free Bird Henna, teaches about the history and techniques of henna design. Practice beginner designs using a henna cone. Tracey will paint a design on participants who would like one. Please be aware that henna tattoos can last 1-2 weeks on the skin.

**In-person registration. Non-refundable Material Fee: \$2.00 Exact Change Cash Only. ELA883**

### Winter Reading Challenge

January 2 to March 22



Register and pick up your BINGO card at the Library. Finish one BINGO row and win a prize. Completing the whole card gets you entered into the lottery to win the gift basket displayed at the Library.

## COOK'S CORNER

### Eat for a Powerful, Happy, Loving Heart

Friday, January 19, 11:00am



Chef Kathryn, Integrative Nutritional Health Coach, gives expert advice in *Matters of the Heart* and demonstrates healthy, delicious chocolate peanut butter energy bites, rich in antioxidants and protein. **ELA750**

### Judy's Cucina - Ricciarelli Cookies



Wednesday, January 31, 7:00pm

Learn to make the dough for these delicious, chewy almond cookies, with Judy Boshnak. Then, take them home to bake. Please, bring a large bowl and a cookie sheet to class with you. **ELA739**

## TECH TUESDAY

### Tech Talk - Open Forum



Tuesday, January 9, 2:00-3:00pm

Is that email spam? Is that Instagram ad safe to buy from? How do you transfer photos from your phone to your computer? Get your tech questions answered at this open Q&A session. No registration required.

### Online Vacation Planning



Tuesday, February 13, 2:00pm

Learn to book hotels and restaurants. Find local events, transportation, and free weather apps. **ELA761**

### One-On-One Tech Help



**Elwood Residents Only**

Tuesdays, 2pm-8pm

Call (631-499-3722) to schedule a one-on-one 30 minute appointment with Librarian Lauren for help setting up new accounts, borrowing e-books, and other tech questions!

## PRESERVE YOUR MEMORIES

**ELWOOD PATRONS ONLY**

Convert your old VHS tapes to digital videos, at the library. Bring 1-2 of your recorded standard VHS tapes along with an external USB drive to the Information desk. Please allow up to two weeks for completion.

## EYES ON THE ROAD

### Empire Safety Council Driver Safety



Friday, February 2, 9:30am-3:30pm

\$30 fee at time of In-person registration. **Exact Change Cash or Check payable to Empire Safety Council.** Bring your driver's license or learner's permit to class.

**Advanced in-person registration only. ELA701**

## BECAUSE WE CARE

### One-On-One Medicare



Tuesdays, January 16, February 20,  
10:00am-1:00pm

A Suffolk County RSVP volunteer from HIICAP will be here to answer questions and provide information regarding Medicare health insurance and benefits. Choose a time for a 30 minute appointment. **ELA736.**

### Solutions to Acid Reflux



Tuesday, January 23, 2:00pm

Join us for this lecture presented by Arif Ahmad, MD, Learn about getting rid of acid reflux. Be less dependent on medication. Via Zoom. *Presented by the Huntington Area Libraries.* **ELA712Z**

### Help Finding Low-Cost Health Insurance

Fridays, January 12, February 9, 10:00am-2:00pm

A representative from the Nassau/Suffolk Hospital Council will be here to assist children and adults 65+, who are blind and/or disabled, to enroll in select Medicare/Medicaid programs. No appointment necessary.

### Overweight and Obesity Lecture with Dr. Frank Bonura



Wednesday, February 21, 11:00am

Being overweight or obese puts an individual at risk for heart disease, stroke, diabetes, and various types of cancer. 70% of people in the US are overweight or obese. Dr. Bonura discusses the causes, prevention, and treatment of this medical condition. Via Zoom. *Presented by the Huntington Area Libraries.* **ELA760Z**

## FITNESS FUN

### Stretch and Strengthen Yoga



Wednesdays, January 10, 17, 31,  
February 7, 14, 21, 28, 11:00am

Join us for this Yoga class. Bring a mat.

**Non-refundable 7-week program fee: \$35.00 \* ELA710**

### Get Fit Where You Sit Yoga



Wednesdays, January 10, 17, 31,  
February 7, 14, 21, 28, 12:15pm

Join us for this low impact Chair Yoga class.

**Non-refundable 7-week program fee: \$35.00 \* ELA711**

**\*Exact Change or Check payable to Elwood Public Library required for all exercise classes.**

## Elwood Public Library District

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## RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER

### Upcoming Vote Information

The Library Annual Budget Vote will be held Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at the Elwood Public Library. Voting hours will be from 10am to 9pm. Information about the proposed 2024-2025 budget and election will be available at a Public Information Meeting to be held at the Library on Thursday, March 21, 2024 at 7:30pm. Voter registration will be available in the library from 2 pm-8pm on Wednesday, March 27, 2023.

Applications and information for casting absentee ballots will be available beginning February 29, 2024. Absentee ballot applications are due by March 26, 2024, if ballot is being mailed to the voter and by April 1, 2024, if being hand delivered to the voter. All completed absentee ballots must be returned to the Library by 5pm on April 2, 2024.

Petition forms and information for the office of Library Trustee will be available at the Library January 30, 2024. Petitions are due at the Library by 5pm, on March 4, 2024.

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

### LIBRARY HOURS

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

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

Sunday 1:00pm - 5:00pm

elwoodlibrary.org open 24/7

elwoodteens.org open 24/7

### The Library will be closed:

Monday, January 1

Sunday, January 14

Monday, January 15

Sunday, February 18

Monday, February 19

Attendance at the library programs or public spaces constitutes consent to be photographed or recorded for use in library publicity.

Priority is given to Elwood residents for program registration

### Upcoming Board Meeting Schedule

Thursday, January 18, 2024 6:30pm

Thursday, February 15, 2024 6:30pm

The public is invited and encouraged to attend



### ELWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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