

March/April 2025

ELWOOD RESIDENT REGISTRATION BEGINS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH

# ELWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY



Discover. Connect. Imagine.



## Annual Budget Vote & Trustee Election



Tuesday, April 8th  
9:30 AM-9:00 PM

## BABY CHICKS ARE BACK!

Chicks are going to hatch at the library! Starting Tuesday, March 18, the eggs will incubate for 21 days. On the 21st day, they will begin to hatch! They will remain at the library for about one week after they hatch.



## Name the Chicks

While the chicks are incubating, stop by the library and enter your favorite names for the chicks. We will pick the best names and let you know what we have chosen!

## The Friends of the Elwood Public Library Book Sale!

*Come on down for a wide  
selection of gently used adult  
and children's books!*

**Saturday, April 26th from 9:30AM-4:30PM**

Bring a bag to fill!

Small \$3, Medium \$5, Large \$10



**Sunday, April 27th from 1:00PM-4:00PM**

Sunday FUNday! All you can carry for \$1!



To join The Friends go to:

<https://tinyurl.com/ElwoodFriends>

# CHILDREN

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2025

## INFANTS AND TODDLERS

### Baby Social Hour

**Monday, March 17**

**11:00-11:45am**

Free play is essential for young children's development; fostering their cognitive, physical, social, and emotional skills. Books, sensory toys, and more will be provided. Join us for a fun time and enjoy some social interaction with your little one! (6-23 months) **ELJ100**



### Sensory Play

**Thursday, March 20**

**11:00-11:45am**

Interactive fun for toddlers! Hands-on stations include sand, shredded paper, paints, and shaving cream! (18-35 months) **ELJ105**



### Babies Boogie

**Tuesday, March 25**

**10:15- 11:00am**

**Tuesday, April 8**

**10:15-11:00am**

Clap your hands, stomp your feet, and sing along with Nicole Sparling for this wonderful movement class. (6-23 months) **ELJ103**



### Playdough Fun

**Friday, March 28**

**11:00-11:45am**

Spend the morning squishing, rolling, sculpting and molding with playdough. (18-35 months) **ELJ102**



### Mother Goose and More

**Friday, April 11**

**11:00-11:45am**

Hip, hip, hooray! Come sing, rhyme, and play! (6-23 months) **ELJ101**



### Parachute Play

**Tuesday, April 29**

**11:00-11:45am**

Singing, dancing and parachute games, oh my! (18-35 months) **ELJ104**



Scan the QR code for more information and sign up at the library today!



## PRESCHOOL

### Colorful Chalk Shamrocks

**Thursday, March 6**

**11:00-11:45am**

Make your very own colorful chalk shamrock just in time for St. Patrick's Day! \*DRESS FOR A MESS\* (2-5 years old) **ELJ122**



### Luck of the Irish

**Thursday, March 13**

**11:00-11:45am**

Come to a fun and interactive storytime filled with leprechauns, shamrocks, and a little bit of luck. After the story, each child will get the chance to design and create their very own leprechaun trap to take home! (2-5 years old) **ELJ123**



### Flower Garden

**Friday, March 21**

**11:00-11:45am**

Come celebrate the start of Spring with a story and a craft. (2-5 years old) **ELJ124**



### Toddler Tango

**Tuesday, March 25**

**11:15am-12:00pm**

**Tuesday, April 8**

**11:15-12:00pm**

Clap your hands, stomp your feet, and sing along with Nicole Sparling for this delightful toddler movement class featuring instruments and music from around the world. (2-5 years old) **ELJ112**



### Chicks Are Here

**Thursday, April 10**

**11:00-11:45am**

With the chicks here, we will read some stories about chicks and make a craft to take home. Following the program you will have a chance to pet a chick. (2-5 years old) **ELJ125**



# PRESCHOOL CONTINUED

## Let's Celebrate Earth Day

**Thursday, April 17**

**11:00-11:45am**

Join us for an Earth Day themed story and craft with friends!

(2-5 years old) **ELJ126**



## Bird Feeder

**Tuesday, April 22**

**11:00-11:45am**

Just in time for Earth Day, make a special bird feeder out of almond butter and bird seed!

**\*DRESS FOR A MESS\***

(2-5 years old) **ELJ127**



# SCHOOL-AGED

## Lego Club

**Saturday, March 1**

**3:00-3:45pm**

**Tuesday, April 29**

**6:30-7:15pm**

Do you love building and creating with LEGOS? Join us for a LEGO "block party" at the library! All you need to bring is your imagination and we'll supply the LEGOS.

(Grades: K-5) **ELJ116**



## Spring Flowers

**Monday, April 21**

**6:30-7:15pm**

In honor of Earth Day, decorate a flower pot!

We will provide dirt and seeds, so you can grow your own Spring flowers.

Grades: K-5 **ELJ130**



## St. Patrick's Day

**Monday, Monday, March 10**

**6:30-7:15pm**

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day by making a craft to decorate your room or front door.

(Grades: K-5) **ELJ128**



## Cheep Cheep

**Thursday, April 10**

**4:30-5:15pm**

The chicks have arrived!!! Listen to stories and create a chick craft to take home. At the end of the program you will have the opportunity to pet a chick.

(Grades: K-4) **ELJ129**



# KIDS VOTE

Tuesday, April 8

9:30am- 9:00pm

Kids vote too! Bring your kids so they can vote for their favorite season!

# TWEEN

## Melted Crayon Art

**Tuesday, March 25**

**6:30-7:15pm**

Melt crayons with a hair dryer to make cool wall art!

(Grades: 3-5) **ELJ131**



## Earth Day Cupcakes

**Wednesday, April 16**

**3:00-3:45pm**

Celebrate Earth Day with a sweet twist! Join us to get creative and decorate your own earth-themed cupcakes! It's a delicious way to honor the planet while having fun!

(Grades: 3-5) **ELJ132**



HAPPY  
SPRING

# TEEN NOOK

GRADES 6 - 12 | ELWOOD RESIDENT REGISTRATION BEGINS  
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## PROGRAMS

### Girls Who Code

Every Monday 6:30-8:30pm

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

Registration required. ELYA628



### Pi Olympics

Wednesday, March 12, 6:30-7:30pm

Have you memorized Pi to the 10th decimal point? Or want to show off your Pi powers? If you answered yes to either of those questions, then the Pi Olympics are for you! Compete in our Pi Games and see who is crowned the ultimate champ! And yes, we will be making our own mini pies to eat and toast the victor!

Registration required. ELYA410



### Long Island Science Center: Crime Labs

Monday, March 24, 6:00-7:00pm

Solve the crime of the missing Madagascar hissing roaches! With a team you will investigate the crime scene using the techniques of fingerprinting, chromatography and various other clues!

Registration required. ELYA411

### Spring Bunny Pop Tarts House

Thursday, March 27, 7:00-8:00pm

Come join us as we build Spring Pop-Tart houses for our bunny Peeps!

Registration required. ELYA412



### Alternatives to College

Tuesday, April 1, 7:00-8:00pm

For high school students interested in learning about careers and trades that don't require a college degree. Participants will learn about their career interests and the process of starting a career in different trades.

Registration required. ELYA407



### International Cooking

Wednesday, April 9 7:00-8:00pm

Come make delicious hummus and learn about traditions of Ramadan and celebrations during Eid al-Fitr.

Registration Required. ELYA413



### Halfway to Halloween

Wednesday, April 30, 6:30-7:30pm

April marks halfway to Halloween and what better way to celebrate this holiday than with some creepy crafts, games and snacks. Costumes and Halloween attire are welcome, but not required. **Registration Required. ELYA414**



## VOLUNTEER



When you sign up to volunteer you are agreeing to stay the entire time. Partial credit will not be given. All volunteer opportunities are for 1 hour of community service, unless otherwise noted.

### Lucky Charms

Wednesday, March 5, 6:00-7:00pm

Create lucky charms for patrons of the Elwood Public Library. **Registration required. ELYA415**

### Spring Bookmarks

Saturday, March 22, 3:00-4:00pm

Spring into the new season by assembling flower bookmarks for library patrons. **Registration required. ELYA416**

### Earth Day Seed Balls

Tuesday, April 15, 3:00-4:00pm

Do good for the Earth and learn how to make seed balls using construction paper, water, and seeds. Please dress for a mess. **Registration required. ELYA417**

### Bee Hotels

Thursday, April 17, 7:00-8:00pm

Earth day is April 20th! Help us celebrate by building bee hotels to provide nesting places for these very important pollinators! **Registration required. ELYA418**

### Book Sale Setup

Friday, April 25, 3:30-4:30pm

Help move, unpack and sort books for our book sale. **Registration required. ELYA660**

### Book Sale Volunteers

Saturday, April 26, 9:30am-1:00pm OR 1:00-4:30pm  
OR Sunday, April 27, 1:30-4:30pm

Help run our book sale. **You may register for ONE session only.** Saturday volunteers will earn 3.5 hours of community service, Sunday volunteers will earn 3 hours. **Registration required. ELYA648**



# 2025-2026 Annual Budget Vote - Tuesday, April 8, 2025

The Library Annual Budget Vote will be held **Tuesday, April 8, 2025**, at the Elwood Public Library. Voting hours will be from 9:30am to 9pm. Information about the proposed 2025-2026 budget and election will be available at a Public Information Meeting to be held at the Library on **Thursday, March 27, 2025**, at 7:30pm. Voter registration will be available in the library from 2pm-8pm on **Wednesday, April 2, 2025**

Applications and information for casting early mail and absentee ballots will be available beginning **March 7, 2025**. All completed absentee ballots must be returned to the Library by 5pm on **April 8, 2025**. Applications are due no later than **April 7, 2025**.

Petition forms and information for the office of Library Trustee are available. Petitions are due at the Library by 5pm on **March 7, 2025**.

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

The proposed 2025-2026 tax levy includes a 1.98% tax increase which is within the New York State tax cap requirement.

	Budget 2024-2025	Proposed Budget 2025-2026
<b>Revenues:</b>		
Tax Revenues	\$ 1,736,363.38	\$ 1,770,743.37
PILOT Payments	17,500.00	19,495.36
Interest Income	40,000.00	30,000.00
NYS Aid/Grants and Donations	4,000.00	4,000.00
Fines, Fees, and Rebates	8,650.00	8,000.00
<b>Total Revenues:</b>	<b>\$ 1,806,513.38</b>	<b>\$1,832,238.73</b>
<b>Expenditures/Expenses for Library:</b>		
Services; Salaries & Benefits	1,053,371.00	1,085,425.29
Library Materials	153,134.00	156,100.00
Programming & Museum Passes	35,000.00	37,500.00
Office Operations	112,578.38	109,450.00
Building Operations	473,930.00	435,263.44
Capital Outlay	8,500.00	8,500.00
Transfer from Reserves	(30,000.00)	-
<b>Total Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$1,806,513.38</b>	<b>\$1,832,238.73</b>

Property assessed at	Annual Library Tax 2024-2025	Property assessed at	Annual Library Tax 2025-2026	Change from previous year
\$3,000.00	\$317.19	\$3,000	\$323.46	\$6.27
\$4,000.00	\$422.92	\$4,000	\$431.28	\$8.36
\$5,000.00	\$528.65	\$5,000	\$539.10	\$10.45

# ADULT

ELWOOD RESIDENTS REGISTRATION BEGINS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2025

## LIVE, LAUGH, LEARN

### Learn to Watercolor

**Wednesdays, March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2, 7:00pm**

Learn watercolor techniques in this 5-week series with Oksana Danziger. This class is designed for beginners. No experience necessary. Materials included in fee.

**\$10.00 Exact Change Cash Only Non-Refundable Material Fee. In-person registration. ELA775**

### Dreaminar via Zoom

**Tuesday March 11, 2:00pm**



Join Dream Analyst Layne Dalfen live on Zoom to gain insight into our sophisticated unconscious mind and the problem solving we are doing as we sleep. Learn the 6 points of entry to understand what your dreams are telling you. **ELA768Z**



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### Pretty Paper Flowers - Wild Poppy

**Thursday, March 13, 7:00pm**



Join this continually growing group of enthusiasts as paper flower artist Casey Cunningham teaches us to create wild poppies. Join us for new projects all year long.

**\$5.00 Exact Change Cash Only Non-Refundable Material Fee. In-person registration. ELA709**

### Meditation in Current Times via Zoom

**Tuesday, March 18, 7:00pm**



In today's world, we are faced with stressors and uncertainty on a daily basis. Learn how meditation can be a coping tool in dealing with everyday life in an ever changing world. Meditation helps us deal with reducing stress, helping with depression, anxiety, pain, and improving concentration. Join Guarav Singh for this powerful workshop via Zoom. **ELA778Z**

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### Fiber Artists Group

**Thursdays, March 27 and April 24, 11:00am-1:00pm**

Whether you like to crochet, knit, macramé, cross stitch, or create other forms of fiber art, this group is for you.

**Bring whatever you are working on to the Library.**

Chat, craft, and make new friends who share your interests. **ELA774**



### Beginner Backyard Birding

**Friday, March 28, 2:00pm**

Learn about the hobby of bird watching in your backyard and anywhere else you may go. Long time birder, Dianne Taggart, presents this program on how to bird in the field, how to enjoy the birds in your own backyard, and what birds you may see. **ELA769**

### BINGO

**Monday, April 7, 7:00pm**

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



### It's All in the Mind

**A Comedy and Mentalism Show**

**Tuesday, April 8, 7:30pm**

This amazing show will have you saying "WOW"! Using his professional magic and mind-reading skills, Amore will have you on the edge of your seat. **ELA798**



### Pretty Paper Flowers - Spider Plant

**Thursday, April 10, 7:00pm**

Join Casey and create a lovely potted paper spider plant.

**\$5.00 Exact Change Cash Only Non-Refundable Material Fee. In-person registration. ELA754**



### Let's Learn to Dance

**Thursday, April 24, 7:00pm**



Learn to dance the Cha-Cha and the Hustle with professional dancer/instructor Michelle Vicale.

**No experience or partner necessary. ELA942**

## COOK'S CORNER

### Irish Soda Bread with Chef Rob

**Tuesday, March 11, 6:30pm**

Make this huge loaf of traditional Irish Soda Bread and take it home to bake. **Please bring a large bowl, a mixing spoon, and a small cookie tray to this class.**

**\$5.00 Exact Change Cash Only Non-Refundable Material Fee. In-person registration. ELA759**



### Hot Fudge Loaf Cake with A Mano Baking Company

**Wednesday, April 9, 7:00pm**

Decadent and rich...a chocolate lover's dream! This is the perfect dessert to warm you on a cool spring evening. Make at the Library. Take home to bake. **Please bring a mixing bowl and a whisk or wooden spoon to class.**

**\$5.00 Exact Change Cash Only Non-Refundable Material Fee. In-person registration. ELA985**



### Making Homemade Flautas

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

Join Janeth Galliani of Maria's Mexican Cooking and learn how to make taquitos dorados, also known as flautas. Fill them, roll them, fry them, and enjoy!

**\$5.00 Exact Change Cash Only Non-Refundable Material Fee. In-person registration. ELA751**



## BOOK DISCUSSIONS

### Donna Diamond's Literary Gallery

**Monday, March 10, 11:00am**

**Must Read Well by Ellen Pall**

**Monday, April 14, 11:00am**

**On Fire Island by Jane L. Rosen**

### Morning Book Discussion Group

**Wednesday, March 12, 10:30am**

**One True Thing by Anna Quindlen**

**Wednesday, April 9, 10:30am**

**On Fire Island by Jane L. Rosen**

### Evening Book Discussion Group

**Wednesday, March 19, 7:00pm**

**God of the Woods by Madeline Martin**

**Wednesday, April 16, 7:00pm**

**On Fire Island by Jane L. Rosen**



## HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?

### Rain Garden Plants via Zoom

**Tuesday, April 22, 6:30pm**



Would you like a low maintenance garden that looks good year round and helps prevent water pollution? Rain gardens are shallow depressions designed to soak up water and support trees, shrubs, and flowers that tolerate wet and dry conditions. Learn the best plants for your rain garden and local LI sources to help support your rain garden expenses. Presented by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County via Zoom.

ELA950Z

## Elwood Food Pantry and Care Closet

Please donate **unexpired non-perishable food** in jars, cans, sealed packets.

**Suggestions:** juice/juice boxes/powdered drink mix, rice, stuffing, mashed potatoes, pasta, sauce, peanut butter, jelly, canned vegetables, beans, cereal, oatmeal

**No Glass Containers!**

Place donations in the bins at the Elwood Public Library



Scan the QR code or use the link to shop for Care Closet items:



<https://tinyurl.com/muuvhpc3>



## BECAUSE WE CARE

### Help Finding Low-Cost Health Insurance

**Fridays, March 14 and April 11, 10:00am-2:00pm**

A Nassau/Suffolk Hospital Council representative assists 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, March 18 and April 15, 10:00am-1:00pm**

A Suffolk County RSVP volunteer from HIICAP answers questions and provides information on Medicare benefits and insurance.

**Make a 30-minute appointment. ELA736**

### Find Affordable Housing in Huntington

**Thursday, March 27, 10:30am-12:30pm**

Stop by the information table set up in the library for information about affordable housing opportunities in the Town of Huntington. A town representative will be there to answer questions.

## FITNESS FUN

### YOGA WEDNESDAYS

**March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**

**Exact Change or Check payable to Elwood Public Library required for all exercise classes. Non-refundable 8-week program fee: \$40.00\***

**Out of District Registration begins March 5\***

**Stretch and Strengthen - 11:00am\*\***

Join us for this Yoga class. Bring a mat. **ELA710**

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

Join us for this low impact Chair Yoga class. **ELA711**



## ADULT WINTER READING CHALLENGE

**January 2nd through March 21**

Register and pick up your BINGO card at the Library. Finish one BINGO row and win a prize. Completing the whole card will get you entered into the raffle for the gift basket displayed at the Library!

There's still time to join. DON'T MISS OUT!



## EYES ON THE ROAD

### Empire Safety Council Driver Safety

**Friday, April 4, 9:30am-3:30pm**

**\$30.00 fee** at time of in-person registration. **Bring your driver's license to class.** Exact Change Cash or Check payable to Empire Safety Council. Advanced in-person registration only. **ELA701**



# Elwood Public Library District

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RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER

## Join the Elwood Seed Library!



**What:** Packets of herb and vegetable seeds for home gardening

**When:** Beginning March 1st

**Where:** Elwood Public Library

**How:** Register at the seed library display. 5 packets of seeds per family/per month.

**Benefits:** Herb and vegetable varieties, save money, increase self-reliance, learn about edible gardens, inspire others.

*Elwood Residents Only*

## LIBRARY HOURS

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

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

Sundays: 1:00pm - 5:00pm

elwoodlibrary.org open 24/7

**The Library will be closed:**

Sunday, April 20

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, March 27, 2025 6:30pm

Thursday, April 24, 2025 6:30pm

The public is invited and encouraged to attend



## ELWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Sustainable Libraries Initiative

## Donate to Birthday Wishes of Long Island

Needed

- Items:
- Dolls
  - Arts and Crafts
  - Sketchbooks
  - Board Games for ages 8-18
  - Card Games
  - Jigsaw Puzzles
  - Journals
  - Legos
  - Socks
  - Water Bottles
  - Party Plates, Napkins, and Candles
  - Cake Mix and Frosting

Located in the lobby!