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2026 WINTER READING CHALLENGE
JANUARY 12 - FEBRUARY 21, 2026



BLOOD DRIVE

**TUESDAY
FEBRUARY 17
1:00-7:00PM**

See page 7 for requirements
and additional information

Ice Cream for Breakfast?

Yes, Please!

**NATIONAL
TAKE YOUR CHILD
TO THE LIBRARY
DAY**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

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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.



CHILDREN



**ELWOOD RESIDENT REGISTRATION BEGINS
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2025 AT 9:30AM**

INFANTS AND TODDLERS

Baby Social Hour

Monday, January 5

Monday, February 2

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) **ELJ100**



Sensory Play

Tuesday, January 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

Thursday, January 22

Friday, February 27

10:15-11:00am

Clap your hands, stomp your feet, and sing along with Nicole Sparling for this wonderfully fun movement class.

(6-23 months) **ELJ103**



Parachute Play

Tuesday, February 3

10:00-10:30am OR 11:00-11:30am

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



Frozen Paint Cube Art

Thursday, January 29

10:00-10:30am OR 11:00-11:30am

Join us for a creative adventure using frozen paint cubes! As the ice melts, colors blend and glide across the page. This is a wonderfully messy, sensory art experience.

Please wear old clothes or bring a smock.

(12-35 months) **ELJ202**



Mother Goose and More

Thursday, February 12

10:00-10:30am OR 11:00-11:30am

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



PRESCHOOL

Mitten Wreath

Friday, January 9

10:00-10:30am OR 11:00-11:30am

Create a charming mitten wreath to brighten your door and welcome winter in style. (2-5 years old) **ELJ189**



Snowman

Tuesday, January 13

11:00-11:45am

Join us for a winter-themed read-aloud. Preschoolers will make their own cupcake liner snowmen using simple, wintery materials. (2-5 years old) **ELJ190**



Craft and Cruise Drive-In Movie

Friday, January 16

11:00-12:30pm

Get ready for fun! Kids and grownups will team up to build their very own cardboard box cars. Then, little drivers can hop in, settle back, and enjoy a short movie and a yummy snack at our Preschool Drive-In!

(2-5 years old) **ELJ191**



Toddler Tango

Thursday, January 22

Friday, February 27

11:15am-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**



Messy Art Time

Friday, January 23

10:00-10:30am OR 11:00-11:30am

Come ready to get messy as we explore a variety of art media. **Be sure to wear old clothes or bring a smock.** (2-5 years old) **ELJ201**



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WINTER

Be My Valentine

Thursday, February 5

11:00-11:45am

Celebrate Valentine's Day with charming stories about love, friendship, and kindness. After storytime, little ones can create a colorful Valentine craft to share with someone special! (2-5 years old) **ELJ192**



Love Letter Frames

Tuesday, February 10

11:00-11:45am

Celebrate Valentine's Day with a sweet story time and a crafty keepsake! Kids will create their own frames using Scrabble-style letters to spell special messages and of course, lots of hearts! (2-5 years old) **ELJ193**



Bluey and Bingo Fun

Tuesday, February 24

10:00-10:30am OR 11:00-11:30am

Join us for a fun Bluey storytime and create your very own Bluey and Bingo craft to take home! (2-5 years old) **ELJ194**



SCHOOL-AGED

No Sew Snowman

Monday, January 5

6:30-7:15pm

Create your own adorable snowman to brighten up your winter season. (Grades: UPK-3) **ELJ195**



Lego Club

Tuesday, January 13

Tuesday, February 10

5:00-5:45pm

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) **ELJ116**



Snowy Pinecone Owl

Monday, January 26

6:30-7:15pm

We'll use a pinecone and a variety of art materials to create our own snowy owl. (Grades: UPK-3) **ELJ196**



Button Heart Art

Monday, February 9

6:30-7:15pm

Using a variety of buttons, we'll craft a charming heart decoration to brighten your home. (Grades: UPK-3) **ELJ197**



Snow Globes

Thursday, February 19

3:00-3:30pm OR 4:00-4:30pm

Come make a beautiful snow globe you can proudly display on your dresser all winter long. (Grades: UPK- 3) **ELJ198**



TWEEN SCENE

BINGO and Pizza Night

Tuesday, January 27

5:00-5:45pm

Enjoy a fun, fast-paced evening filled with bingo, prizes, and plenty of pizza. Bring friends or make new ones, it's the perfect recipe for a great night! (Grades: 3-5) **ELJ199**



Love-It DIY

Tuesday, February 3

5:00-5:45pm

Be a part of a fun Valentine's craft and create something handmade to take home. (Grades: 3-5) **ELJ203**



Maker Mania

Tuesday, February 24

5:00-5:45pm

Tinker, create, and invent! Join us for hands-on fun with crafts, tech, and more. Bring your imagination and make something amazing. (Grades: 3-5) **ELJ200**



Tween Night Takeover

Friday, February 27

6:00-7:00pm

Join us for a special After Hours program designed just for tweens. Enjoy exclusive access to the library after closing time while exploring a mix of activities—snacks, crafts, games, challenges, and more!

This is a drop-off program for kids only!

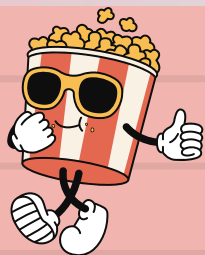
(Grades: 3-5) **ELJ204**



AFTER HOURS

FAMILY PROGRAMS

ELWOOD RESIDENT REGISTRATION BEGINS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2025 AT 9:30AM



National Popcorn Day

Tuesday, January 20, 5:30-7:00pm

Celebrate National Popcorn Day at the Library with a fun and flavorful family activity. Drop in to create your own custom popcorn blend using a variety of seasonings, mix-ins, and toppings. Whether you like sweet, salty, or a little bit of everything, you'll leave with a personalized snack perfect for movie night at home. All ages welcome. Materials provided while supplies last. **No registration required.**



Take Your Child to the Library: Ice Cream for Breakfast Day

Saturday, February 7, 11:00am-12:30pm

Families with children, PreK - grade 5

I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream! Who wouldn't want ice cream for breakfast? Join us for Take Your Child to the Library Day as we celebrate Ice Cream Day too. Kids can build their own sundaes and enjoy a fun, ice cream-themed craft. Come for the treats, stay for the creativity!

Registration required. ELAA406

Winter Snow Ball

Friday, February 20, 11:00am-12:30pm

Families with children, PreK - grade 5

Celebrate this year's Winter Reading Challenge by attending our Winter Snow Ball. Families are invited to enjoy an afternoon of winter-themed crafts, seasonal snacks, and fun activities for all ages. Create frosty decorations, try hands-on projects, and make cozy memories together before the winter reading challenge wraps up. **Registration required. ELAA407**



Meow Hear This! Cat and Kitten Adoption

Saturday, January 31, 12:00-3:00pm

Calling all cat lovers! Join us for a fabulous feline adoption event. Meet some adorable cats and kittens, and maybe find your furever friend. Visit the website at www.northportcatrescue.org to see some of the fur babies who are ready for adoption. Bring the kiddies to see the kitties. **(Please note: No same day adoptions.)**

A donation box will be set up at the Library, below is a list of items needed.

Donation Wish List

Fancy Feast canned cat food - Adult and kitten
Royal Canin Mother and Babycat - Wet and Dry Food
Kitten Replacement Milk - Powdered
IAMS Wet and Dry Cat Food
Cat Litter - (clumping only)
Cat Beds
Gift Cards

Friskies Food Pates
Cat Toys
Cat Carriers



Pajama Drive



From January 1 - February 28, the Elwood Public Library will be collecting new (with tags) pajamas for all ages to donate to local charities. All sizes are welcome.

TEENS

GRADES 6-12 | ELWOOD RESIDENT REGISTRATION BEGINS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2025 AT 9:30AM

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. **ELYA628**



Turn the Page, Press Play:

The Summer I Turned Pretty (Grades 9-12)

Tuesday, January 13, 6:30-7:30pm

Revisit Jenny Han's *The Summer I Turned Pretty* at our Turn the Page, Press Play book club and see how it compares to the screen adaptation. Bring a friend, share your favorite moments, and join the discussion: Team Conrad or Team Jeremiah? **ELYA462**

Teen Winter BINGO

Wednesday, January 21, 6:00-7:00pm

Enjoy classic bingo with a seasonal twist: snowy themes, cozy prizes, and plenty of surprises along the way. Bring a friend, sip on a warm winter treat, and see if luck is on your side as you compete for winter-themed goodies. **ELYA464**



Candle Painting

Tuesday, January 27, 7:00-8:00pm

Turn a boring white candle into a pretty showstopper! **ELYA463**

Edible Cookie Dough

Thursday, February 5, 7:00-8:00pm

Learn how to make a variety of edible cookie doughs, perfect for any sweet tooth. **ELYA465**



Villain-tine's Day Snack Board

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

Create a charcuterie board inspired by iconic Disney villains, perfect for celebrating Villain-tines Day! **ELYA466**

National Tortilla Day

Tuesday, February 24, 6:30-7:30pm

Celebrate by making salsa and taste testing several different tortilla chips! **ELYA467**



VOLUNTEER



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

Prep for Winter Reading Club

Wednesday January 7 OR Monday, January 12,
6:00-7:00pm

Help make hot chocolate packets for this year's Winter Reading Club. **ELYA469** Please register for ONE session ONLY.

PJs and Pillows

Thursday, January 29, 6:00-7:00pm

Help bring a smile to a child in need by making a cute pillow to be donated along with the pjs from our pajama drive. **ELYA470**



Pawsitive Valentines

Tuesday, February 3, 7:00-8:00pm

Help our local shelter dogs and cats waiting for their forever homes by creating adoption cards/notices. **ELYA471**



Seed Sorting

Wednesday, February 18, 2:00-3:00pm OR
3:30-4:30pm

Help create seed packets for this year's Seed Library. **ELYA472** Please register for ONE session ONLY.



Boo Boo Bunnies

Thursday, February 19, 5:00-6:00pm

Create Boo Boo Bunnies to help our local ambulance corps bring a smile to their young patients. **ELYA473**



Teen Volunteers: Winter Snow Ball

Friday, February 20, 10:30am-12:30pm

Earn 2 hours by volunteering at our Winter Snow Ball event. Volunteers may be asked to run craft tables, game stations or help children during the event. **ELYA474**

Teen Winter Grab and Go's

This season, teens can cozy up with a monthly craft kit designed for chilly days, busy schedules, and those moments when you just want to unwind with something creative. Each kit includes everything you need to make a warm, winter-themed project right at home. Registration is required each month. Kits must be picked up by the 15th, after which your spot may be offered to the waitlist. **ELYA475**

January's Grab and Go: DIY Hot Drink Cozies
February's Grab and Go: DIY Magnetic Poetry Kits



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LIVE, LAUGH, LEARN

Pretty Paper Flowers - Gardenia



Thursday, January 8, 7:00pm

Join paper flower artist Casey Cunningham and make three beautiful gardenias. **ELA745**

\$5.00 Cash only material fee.

New York and the Founding of America



Monday, January 12, 2:00pm

At the end of the American Revolution, New York emerged as the first US capital. This virtual presentation takes you from the signing of the Declaration of Independence to the opening of the Erie Canal, and discusses how New York developed from a British colony to the largest, wealthiest American city. Via Zoom.

ELA741Z [zoom](#)

Presented virtually by the Huntington Area Libraries.

Start the New Year with Meditation



Wednesday, January 14, 7:00pm

The New Year is a time for a clean slate. Join longtime meditator Jim Rose via Zoom for this powerful workshop. Bring joy, peace, and positivity into your life. Begin the New Year with a fresh start. **ELA778Z** [zoom](#)

Presented virtually by the Huntington Area Libraries.

Fiber Artist Group



Thursdays, January 15, February 19, 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. **ELA774**

Decorative Snowman Spoons



Thursday, January 22, 7:00pm

Join Librarian Nikki to make these adorable decorative snowman spoons to brighten up your Winter. **ELA721**

PSEG Customer Care Fair



Wednesday, January 28, 7:00pm

PSEG Long Island will be here with information on financial assistance and money saving programs for residential customers. **ELA929**

Foreclosure Prevention Counseling



Thursday, January 29, 6:30pm

Struggling with mortgage payments or facing foreclosure? Housing Help, Inc., a not for profit organization is here to help and answer questions. Register. Walk-ins are also welcome. **ELA743**

Pop-up Valentine's Day Card



Monday, February 2, 7:00pm

Join artist Chris Vivas, and make your own Valentine Heart Pop-up Card! Make this lovely card for your heart throb! **ELA718**

\$5.00 Cash only material fee.

Valentine's Love Bug Sign



Wednesday, February 11, 6:30pm

Make a cute sign to adorn your door this Valentine's Day **ELA773**

\$10.00 Cash only material fee.

Pretty Paper Flowers - Snow Drops



Thursday, February 12, 7:00pm

Make three beautiful paper snowdrops with Casey. **ELA806**

\$5.00 Cash only material fee.

Yankee Stargazer



Thursday, February 19, 7:00pm

From the first flags of 1777 to the star charts in Ben Franklin's popular almanacs, stars figured large in our early American identity. We'll explore how the science of astronomy developed from the time of the signing of the Declaration of Independence right up to the present time. We'll clue you in on where to look in the sky to see a star whose light began its journey to Earth 250 years ago and is only arriving now for us to view in 2026.

Via Zoom. **ELA744Z** [zoom](#)

Presented virtually by the Huntington Area Libraries.

BINGO



Monday, February 23, 7:00pm

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

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Donna Diamond's Literary Gallery

Monday, January 12, 11:00am

Culpability by Bruce Holsinger

Monday, February 9, 11:00am

The Correspondent by Virginia Evans

Morning Book Discussion Group

Wednesday, January 14, 10:30am

The Beautiful Mystery by Louise Penny

Wednesday, February 11, 10:30am

A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles

Evening Book Discussion Group

Wednesday, January 21, 7:00pm

Wild Dark Shore by Charlotte McConaghy

Wednesday, February 18, 7:00pm

The Time Keepers by Alyson Richman



Adult Winter Reading Challenge *Warm Up with a Good Book* January 12 - February 22

Cold weather calls for cozy reading. Pick up your BINGO card. Each completed row earns a raffle ticket for a chance to win a \$50 Trader Joe's gift card.

ART WITH HEART

Hands-on workshops where creativity meets community. Join us to craft and create for causes that matter. All materials are provided. No registration required.

Operation Appreciation

Thursday, January 8, 11:00am-12:00pm

Write heartfelt letters to honor veterans and show your gratitude. Supplies are provided so you can share kindness, connection, and thanks in every note.

Cards for Courage

Monday, January 26, 2:00-3:00pm

Create cheerful cards for hospitalized children. Your designs will bring smiles nationwide through Cards for Hospitalized Kids.

Paint & Plant

Thursday, February 2, 2:00-3:00pm

Paint unique planters for our seed library. Bring your imagination and help inspire new gardeners.

Project Pantry Packs

Tuesday, February 10, 1:00-2:00pm

Decorate reusable tote bags for families in need. Each tote carries care and community. Make a meaningful impact while crafting.

FITNESS FUN

YOGA WEDNESDAYS

January 7, 14, 21, 28, February 4, 11, 18, 25

Cash or Check payable to Elwood Public Library. Non-refundable
8-week program fee: \$40.00 *

Out of District Registration begins January 6th*

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**



TECH TUESDAYS

One-on-One Tech Help

Tuesdays from 2:00pm-5:00pm

Call the Information Desk to schedule a 1-on-1 30-minute appointment with a librarian for help setting up new accounts, borrowing e-books, attaching files in e-mail, taking screen shots, and other tech questions.

Elwood Residents Only



EYES ON THE ROAD

Empire Safety Council Driver Safety

Friday, February 13, 9:30am-3:30pm

Bring your driver's license to class.

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

ELA701



Program Fees are Non-Refundable.

BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, February 17, 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. 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.

All donors will receive 2 tickets to an Islander game.



BECAUSE WE CARE

Help Finding Low-Cost Health Insurance

Fridays, January 9 and February 13, 10:00am-1:30pm

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, January 20 and February 17, 10:00am-12:00pm

A Suffolk County RSVP volunteer from HIICAP answers questions and provides information on Medicare benefits and insurance. Make a 30-minute appointment. **ELA736**

Medicare & Medicaid Insurance Assistance

Tuesdays, January 27 and February 24, 10:00am-1:00pm

A facilitator from the Health and Welfare Council of LI helps with application processes and questions about health plans. **For appointments call 516-505-4426.**

Walk-ins taken on a first-come-first-served basis.

COOK'S CORNER

Co-Co Crunch Cake

Tuesday, January 27, 7:00pm

Classic upside-down cake with a twist - espresso infused chocolate topped with a buttery brown sugar and coconut crunch. Decadent. Crunchy. Irresistible. **ELA827**

Bring a mixing bowl and mixing utensil to class.

\$5.00 Cash only material fee.



Judy's Cucina - Let's Make Bow Tie Pasta

Friday, January 30, 11:00am



In this hands-on program, join Judy and learn to make this pasta from semolina dough. **Bring a mixing bowl, cutting board, and rolling pin to this class.** **ELA813**

\$5.00 Cash only material fee.

Veggie Burger

Friday, February 20, 2:00pm

Veggie Burgers are a smart heart-healthy way to incorporate more plant-based options into your diet. Join Chef Kathryn, Integrative Nutritional Health Coach, for a demo and tasting of this delicious Lentil Mushroom Burger. **ELA738**

\$5.00 Cash only material fee.



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Upcoming Vote Information

The Library Annual Budget Vote will be held Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at the Elwood Public Library. Voting hours will be from 9:30 am to 9:00 pm. Information about the proposed 2026-2027 budget and election will be available at a Public Information Meeting to be held at the Library on Thursday, April 7, 2026 at 7:30 pm. Voter registration will be available in the library from 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Wednesday, April 8, 2026.

Applications and information for casting early mail and absentee ballots will be available beginning March 13, 2026. All completed absentee ballots must be returned to the Library by 5:00 pm on April 14, 2026. Applications are due no later than April 13, 2026.

Petition forms and information for the office of Library Trustee will be available at the Library February 2, 2026. Petitions are due at the Library by 5:00 pm on March 16, 2026.

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

LIBRARY HOURS

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

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

Sunday, 1:00pm - 5:00pm

The Library will be closed:

Thursday, January 1

Sunday, January 18

Monday, January 19

Sunday, February 15

Monday, February 16

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.

Priority is given to Elwood residents for program registration

Upcoming Board Meeting Schedule

Thursday, January 15, 2026 6:30pm

Thursday, February 12, 2026 6:30pm

The public is invited and encouraged to attend



ELWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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*Join the Friends
Support Your Library Today!*

The Friends of the Elwood Public Library is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the enrichment of our library. Membership is open to the everyone. This year, become a friend and help your library thrive. Your involvement makes a difference.

The Friends' fundraising events, such as membership and annual book sales, raise funds for library services which are not supported by the annual budget.

For more information, and to become a friend, please check out the library's website, <https://elwoodlibrary.org/support-the-library/>

Each membership is a gift that helps make our library a big success. Thank you for your membership!