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For Immediate Release

Ellsworth Public Library announces its 2024 Summer Program

The Summer At The Library program offers about 30 special free events in July & August for all ages

Ellsworth – June 21, 2024: Summer At The Library is here! This July and August the Ellsworth Public Library offers free, fun-packed, and inspiring events for all ages on top of most of its regular programs. The summer program consists of three main tracks: Adults, Kids, and Teens. Patrons and visitors alike can expect a diverse calendar of events ranging from free ukulele classes for kids, author talks, concerts, science and art presentations, outdoor adventure storytimes in the Franklin Street Parklet as well as in Hancock and Lamoine, but also an interactive Murder Mystery at the Library and a visit by Paul Doiron on August 8. Additionally, prizes can be won as part of the library's summer reading activities for all ages.

Through its diverse events, the summer program seamlessly weaves together themes of the past and future, offering opportunities to reflect on and explore both while encouraging participants of all ages to anchor themselves in the present through play, conversation, mindfulness, and connecting with their local community and natural surroundings.

Registration is required for some events. Interested patrons and visitors can sign up on the library's website. If further assistance is needed, the desk staff is more than happy to offer support at 207.667.6363 or info@ellsworthlibrary.net.

Relevant Links:

Full Summer Program Calendar: <https://www.ellsworthlibrary.net/summer-at-the-library-2024/>

Download Program Flyers: <https://www.ellsworthlibrary.net/summer-at-the-library-2024/>

EPL Press Room: <https://www.ellsworthlibrary.net/press-room-media-resources-contacts>

Download (non-branded) Press Photos: <https://bit.ly/summer-at-the-library-2024>

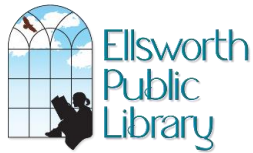
Please find an in-depth description and list of events per program track on the following pages.

About the Ellsworth Public Library: Ellsworth's historic Tisdale House has been home to the Ellsworth Public Library since 1897. The library hosts a collection of more than 46,000 in-house items, including books, large print books, audiobooks, movies, music CDs, and its growing Library of Things. In 2023, the library ran 470 programs for all ages. Patrons have access to 50 print publications and online access to streaming and download services as well as to the New York Times. An EPL library card also gives its holder access to free passes to many renowned Down East museums: <https://www.ellsworthlibrary.net/>

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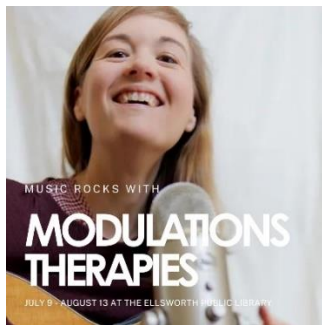


KIDS PROGRAM

The special theme for the Kids' Summer Program and Summer Reading activities this year is "Camping with Cryptids". The library offers numerous daily activities, including storytimes at the library and beyond. These are part of the "Your Library. Your Journey. Connecting Communities" Initiative in collaboration with local partner organizations.

A crucial component of the summer program is to encourage kids and families to spend more time away from screens, with their community, and connected with their natural environments. The library's programs offer a weekly routine throughout the summer months, which families can benefit from. Summer Reading and the Summer Program help kids keep learning, bring families together, build empathy, connect the community, and support personal growth, and imagination.

In addition to the regular kids program the Ellsworth Public Library offers these special youth programs:



Tuesdays at 10:30 AM from July 9 – August 13: Music Rocks with Modulations Therapies

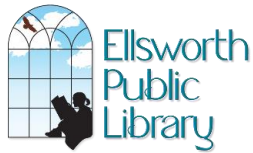
This summer, the Ellsworth Public Library is partnering with Modulations Therapies to offer Music Rocks: a weekly parent-and-child music and early literacy group. The group is geared towards ages 2-6, but children of all ages and abilities who are accompanied by adult caregivers are welcome. Music Rocks is a free family music program that will be held on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 AM at the library from July 9 - August 13.

A modulation is a kind of change that keeps the melody and harmonies intact. Modulations Therapies honor everyone's story, and song. They consider it their mission to structure and facilitate the kind of change that strengthens participants' voices, moves them forward, and helps them be more comfortable in the world. Owner/operator is Carla Tanguay, MA, MT-BC, a board-certified music therapist with over 20 years of experience in clinical practice and healthcare management.

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Tuesdays at 2 PM from July 9 – August 13: Riverside Family Scientists with Maine Outdoor School & Frenchman Bay Conservancy - Registration required

Join Maine Outdoor School and Frenchman Bay Conservancy for Riverside Family Scientists: a series of interactive nature-based science activities at the library. Each week will feature a different topic: pollinators, birds, insects, and more. Registration is required. Please check the calendar for all the different themes and register online for individual events.

About Maine Outdoor School (MOS):

Maine Outdoor School's mission is to serve as an educational catalyst for personal and community resilience in Downeast Maine through the lenses of economic vitality, environmental sustainability, and social equity. Personal and community resilience education is at the heart of MOS's mission. We feel that MOS's hybrid structure perfectly demonstrates one facet of community resilience: doing what's right for the community doesn't have to derail your business.

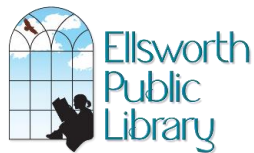
About Frenchman Bay Conservancy:

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Event Page: <https://bit.ly/riverside-family-scientists>

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**Wednesdays at 9:30 AM at Tidal Falls (Hancock) and Simon Trail (Lamoine):
Outdoor Adventure Storytime with Frenchman Bay Conservancy**

Dates and Locations:

Tidal Falls (Hancock): July 10, August 7, September 11 at 9:30 AM

Simon Trail (Lamoine): July 24, August 21, September 25 at 9:30 AM

Join Ellsworth Public Library's Ms. Jean for bi-weekly Outdoor Adventure Storytimes in Lamoine and Hancock in partnership with Frenchman Bay Conservancy. Storytimes open up the world of language, culture, music and play to young children and their favorite adults. Enjoy nature-themed songs, movement activities, rhymes, books, and playtime with other families. This program is geared for ages 2-5, but all are welcome.

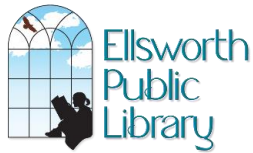
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Wednesdays, July 17 and August 14 at 9:30 AM: Downtown Storytime at the Franklin Street Parklet

The Ellsworth Public Library is hosting two magical mornings of stories, songs, and fun at the Franklin Street Parklet! Ms. Jean will bring her favorite tales to life in the heart of downtown Ellsworth. With her warm and engaging storytelling, kids will be whisked away on enchanting adventures. We encourage families to arrive early to find a comfortable spot. Or bring a cozy blanket or chair and settle in for a captivating story hour under the open sky. Sun protection is advised.

Event Page: <https://ellsworth.libcal.com/calendar/20223/downtown-storytime-1>



Thursdays at 3:30 PM from July 11 – August 15: Ukulele Camp – Registration required

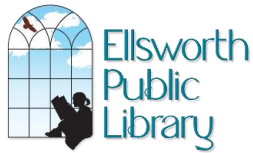
Join Ms. Jean for a fun six-week Ukulele Camp! Learn chords and strum along to some favorite songs with Miss Jean. Ages 8 and up. No experience is necessary. Ukuleles will be provided! Registration is required for this event series. Please be aware that you sign up for the complete six-week session!

About your teacher:

Jean Pauly's first musical love is singing. She began playing guitar at age 13, and over the years

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added banjo, fiddle, and ukulele to the list of instruments she plays. While she is mostly self-taught, she gratefully acknowledges the many generous teachers and players she has met over the years. Jean has been teaching guitar and ukulele to all ages since 2016. Jean believes that music-making is for everyone. Her approach is accessible, and most importantly, fun! The ukulele is an ideal instrument to start (or re-ignite) a musical journey, and she is so excited to be offering this class at the Ellsworth Public Library.

Event Page: <https://ellsworth.libcal.com/calendar/20223/ukulele-camp-2024>

FAMILY PERFORMANCES: WEDNESDAYS AT 6 PM

Another program highlight are the **Family Performances** (formerly referred to as Summertime Delights) on the Library Lawn every Wednesday at 6 PM starting July 10. All Family Performances are rain-or-shine events.



Wednesday, July 10 at 6 PM: The Silver Circus with Andrew Silver

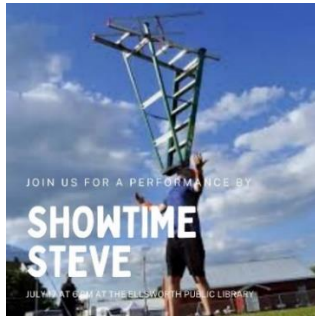
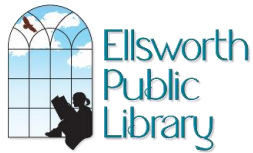
How do you do something as big as a circus when you're only one person? In The Silver Circus, Andrew explores the concept of perseverance as he is faced with the daunting task of presenting a full circus show all by himself. The show touches on many important themes including, self-confidence, overcoming obstacles, and dealing with failure.

Join Andrew Silver for a special experience filled with magic, juggling and physical comedy. Perfect for the whole family!

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Wednesday, July 17 at 6 PM: Showtime Steve

Showtime Steve is an entertainer extraordinaire, bringing laughter and amazement to family audiences with his unique blend of comedy and interactive performance. Known for his quick wit, physical comedy, and engaging style, Steve's shows are a hit with children and adults alike. Whether juggling, performing magic, or simply clowning around, Showtime Steve ensures that every audience member is part of the fun. His ability to adapt to different audiences and venues makes him a versatile performer, capable of delivering unforgettable experiences.

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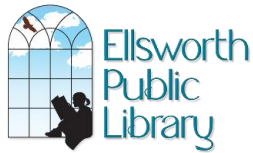
Wednesday, July 24 at 6 PM: Magician Peter Boie

Peter Boie, the 'Magician for Non-Believers,' has carved out a niche with his unique style that combines comedy, magic, and audience engagement. His shows are designed to amaze and entertain, leaving even the most skeptical viewers astounded. Peter's performances are not just about the tricks but also about the experience, making his magic relatable and enjoyable for all ages. Whether performing for small groups or large audiences, Peter's charisma and talent shine through, making him a standout entertainer in the world of magic.

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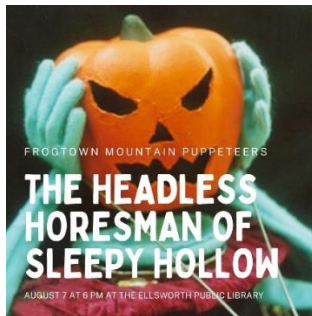
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Wednesday, July 31 at 6 PM: Mr. Harley

Mr. Harley is a dynamic children's musician known for his high-energy performances that get kids moving and singing along. With a repertoire of catchy, original songs and a playful stage presence, Mr. Harley creates an interactive and fun environment for young audiences. His shows are perfect for family events, schools, and festivals, offering a musical experience that is both entertaining and educational.

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Wednesday, August 7 at 6 PM: Frogtown Mountain Puppeteers: "The Headless Horseman of Sleepy Hollow"

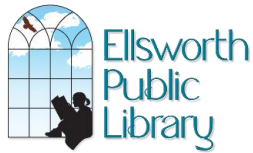
In this comedic version of the classic Washington Irving tale, schoolteacher Ichabod Crane helps the Headless Horseman find a new head and a spookier image. Meanwhile, a jealous Brom Bones tries to run Ichabod out of town as they both vie for the affection of Katrina Van Tassel.

"The Headless Horseman of Sleepy Hollow" features 20 of our hand-crafted mouth and rod puppets, and some shadow puppetry. Length of show: approx. 50 minutes. Recommended audience: ages 4 and up.

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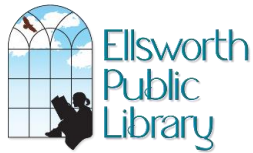
Wednesday, August 14 at 6 PM: Trisha Mason and the Messy Music Makers

Feel the energy of the Trisha Mason Band, bringing vibrant and eclectic music to entertain all ages! The Trisha Mason Band is a home-grown Ellsworth, Maine ensemble, inspired by the snowy forests and rugged coastline of Downeast Maine. Trisha has developed her songwriting skills in the vibrant local and fan-driven music scene of the small-town capital of Hancock County. Trisha Mason's powerful vocals and the band's tight musicianship create an unforgettable live music experience blending genres like rock, pop, folk, and blues, the band delivers high-energy shows that get audiences dancing and singing along.

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TEEN PROGRAM

Youth Program Supervisor, Keli Gancos, and staff member, Adriana Reyes have crafted a six-week program for teens, running Friday afternoons at 3 PM in the Riverview Room starting July 12. Teens but also tweens can expect a mix of crafts and author meet-and-greets. Brook Merrow will discuss her debut novel TRAPPED, and Christopher Packard will teach participants about the mythical creatures of Maine. On top of that, there is going to be a trivia contest, anime and sushi event, vision board creation, and crafting.



Friday, July 12 at 3 PM: Cryptid Crafts

Get inspired by your favorite cryptids and create unique crafts at this special event! All materials will be provided, just bring your imagination and get ready for some mythical fun.

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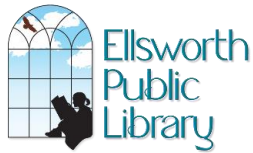


Friday, July 19 at 3 PM: Anime Afternoon

Dive into a world of creativity at our Sushi Art Competition and Manga Drawing Workshop! Learn to draw your favorite manga characters and enjoy making anime-inspired crafts in a fun and artistic atmosphere.

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Friday, July 26 at 3 PM: Meet & Greet with Author Christopher Packard

Christopher Packard is the author of *Mythical Creatures of Maine – Fantastic Beasts from Legend and Folklore* (2021, Downeast Books), an illustrated field guide to the mysterious creatures and beings of Maine and the surrounding around. The book examines all aspects of over 40 mysterious creatures in Maine. They include modern cryptids like Bigfoot though mostly this guide focuses on older, more culturally specific myths and legends from lumberjacks, guides, early European immigrants, and the indigenous Wabanaki. It also features discussions about the interplay between cultures and the evolution of the stories and names of these creatures.

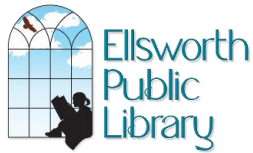
About Christopher Packard:

Prior to taking up teaching and writing Packard worked as an ecological restoration technician, field biologist, naturalist, and outdoor educator. He has earned some pieces of paper that say things about degrees in biology and education. But most of his learning has come from his passion for discovery and his drive to bring people together

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Friday, August 2 at 3 PM: Teen Trivia Contest

Gather your friends (or make new ones) for some brain-teasing fun, friendly competition, and the chance to win exciting prizes. Everyone is welcome whether they are re a trivia whiz or just looking for a good time. This event is perfect for all tweens and teens.

Event Page: <https://ellsworth.libcal.com/calendar/20223/trivia-contest>



Friday, August 9 at 3 PM: Meet & Greet with Author Brook Merrow

Trapped, a coming-of-age mystery that touches on themes of identity and belonging, will keep you guessing to the end: Senior year is off to a disastrous start for Ethan Olsen. His brother is gone, a friend is dead, and someone's dumped rotten bait on the front doorstep. Not only that, but his family is the target of nonstop harassment that threatens their lobstering livelihood in a small town on the coast of Maine.

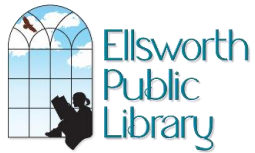
About Brook Merrow:

A former middle school teacher, Maine native Brook Merrow loves irreverent humor, tasteless movies, exercise of any kind, and precious animal videos. She enjoys writing somewhat wry accounts for magazines and journals about adventuring in the outdoors. Trapped is her first novel.

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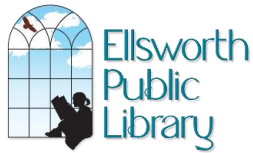
Friday, August 16 at 3 PM: Teen Craft Day

Join Keli and Adriana at the library for a fun Teen Craft Day! Teens and tweens can explore crochet, watercolor painting, and vision boards to express their creativity and bring their ideas to life.

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ADULT/ALL AGES PROGRAM

Adults can look forward to Thursday night performances at 6 PM, featuring concerts by Anni and the Rainmakers, Crow's Nest, and the Broken Reed Saxophone Quartet. There will also be author visits by Noa Silver, Saskia Reinholt, and Paul Doiron as well as a vivid talk and presentation about Earth's Mass extinctions in the past, present and future by Mike Coffin. On August 22, the library will host an interactive murder mystery set in a 1920s New York City jazz club during the Jazz Age. People interested in joining can sign up on the website.



July Exhibition opens Tuesday, July 2 – August 2: Wednesday Painters

This is the Wednesday Painters 14th Annual Exhibition. The artwork which is focused on the theme of Water will be available for viewing during regular library hours from Monday through Saturday in the Riverview Room from July. Visitors are advised to check the calendar beforehand to make sure the Riverview Room isn't occupied by another library program.

There will be an artist reception on Wednesday, July 10 at 3 PM at the Riverview Room. All are welcome. Light refreshments will be served.

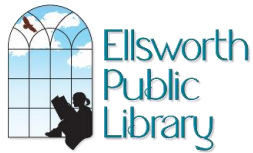
About the Wednesday Painters:

The Wednesday Painters began meeting in 2009 at the Universalist Church in Ellsworth. After more than a decade they are still going strong. The group meets in the art room at the Moore Community Center on Wednesday mornings. New artists are welcome to join the group either year-round or seasonally. The group provides lots of encouragement for its members and gentle critiques when requested but does not offer art classes.

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Friday, July 12 at 5 PM: Charley Gerard's Broken Reed Saxophone Quartet

Enjoy a night of sophisticated jazz with the Broken Reed Saxophone Quartet's innovative performances: Charley Gerard is a saxophonist, author and composer. He is a 2019 recipient of the prestigious New Jazz Works grant from Chamber Music America with the generous support of the Doris Duke Foundation. He started The Broken Reed Saxophone Quartet in 2002. As of 2023, the group is Matt Schmidt on baritone sax, Charley on alto sax, Nathan Edwards on soprano sax, and Malin Carta on tenor. (L–R in picture)

About Broken Reed Saxophone Quartet

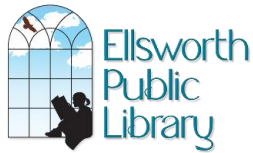
The Broken Reed Saxophone Quartet is a renowned jazz ensemble that pushes the boundaries of traditional saxophone music. Together, they transport their audience everywhere, from Mozart to New Orleans to Cuba, to the pages of poetry and popular culture. As its name implies, the group is as linked by its sense of humor as it is by its unique sound.

This performance is made possible with the support of Jazz Road, a national initiative of South Arts, which is funded by the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation with additional support from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation

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Monday, July 15 & 29 at 3 PM: Forest Bathing with Shep Erhart – Registration required

Join Shep Erhart, founder of Maine Coast Sea Vegetables, for a 1.5-hour stroll along the Union Riverwalk that begins with grounding exercises to help you connect with your body, breath, and sensations, calming your mind and reducing stress. This relaxing and restorative practice, rooted in traditional Japanese methods, is suitable for all ages and abilities. You'll have the chance to explore your environment through touch, sight, sound, taste, and smell, with opportunities for sharing, silence, and a final herbal tea ceremony to build trust and community.

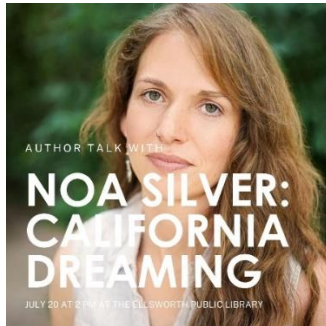
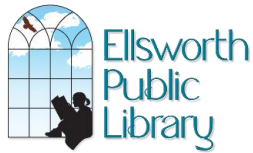
The group will meet in front of the upper entrance of the library. Registration for this event is required. If you can't make this date you might be able to join the second Forest Bathing event on July 29 at 3 PM.

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Saturday, July 20 at 2 PM: Author Talk with Noa Silver: California Dreaming (May 2024) – Registration required

California Dreaming (She Writes Press, 2024) is a millennial bildungsroman that follows Elena Berg's journey in the SF Bay Area from an idealistic Teach for America teacher to a disillusioned project manager at a tech company. Amid the Occupy and #MeToo movements, the 2016 election, and California's ever-worsening fire season, Elena must ultimately reconcile the person she envisioned herself to be and the person she actually is.

Books will be available for purchase by cash or Paypal.

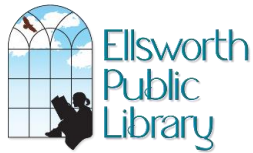
About Noa Silver:

Noa Silver was born in Jerusalem and raised between Scotland and Maine. After receiving her BA in English and American literature and language from Harvard University, Noa lived and taught English as a Second Language on Namdrik — part of the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the smallest inhabited atoll in the world. She later completed her MFA in creative writing from San Francisco State University and then worked as an editor on various oral history projects, ranging from an archive documenting the Partition of India and Pakistan to a cancer researcher telling the stories of trauma experienced by cancer survivors. Noa lives in Berkeley, California, with her husband, Jack, and their two daughters, Alma and Leila.

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Thursday – Saturday, August 22 – 25: The Friends' 3-Day Summer Book Sale

Thursday, August 22: 2 PM – 6 PM

Friday, August 23: 9 AM – 4 PM

Saturday, August 24: 9 AM – 1 PM

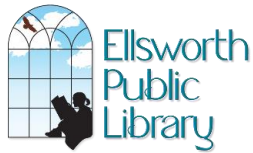
The Friends of the Ellsworth Public Library are hosting a 3-Day Summer Book Sale from August 22 - 24. Book lovers will find a wide selection of books for all ages and interests. Proceeds directly support library programs and services. This is a great opportunity to find good reads and support the library and their community programs! To find out more about the Friends of the Ellsworth Public Library, visit their website: <https://ellsworthme.org/friends/>

Upcoming:

August Exhibition opens Monday, August 5 – Friday, September 2: Barbara Shelly & Friends

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THURSDAY NIGHT EVENTS AT 6 PM



Thursday, July 11 at 6 PM: Crow's Nest – Celtic Band

Join Crow's Nest for an unforgettable concert featuring dynamic Maine-based Celtic music! Crow's Nest is a dynamic Celtic band based in Maine, known for their energetic performances and intricate musical arrangements. With a repertoire that includes traditional Celtic tunes and contemporary interpretations, Crow's Nest brings a lively and engaging concert experience that captivates audiences. Their performances are marked by skilled musicianship and a passion for Celtic music, making them a favorite at festivals, pubs, and concert venues. Don't miss the chance to see Crow's Nest live and experience the magic of Celtic music!

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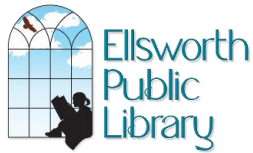


Thursday, July 18 at 6 PM: Boppa Chua! History of the 1950's and 60's Through Popular Song – Performance by Marc Black

Marc Black, NY Blues Hall of Fame inductee, will be your guide for a trip through those memorable and colorful decades, joyfully woven together in song. This two-person show is a multi-media and multi-dimensional presentation in song, storytelling, and plenty of

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laughter. From Bobby Socks, through the space race, and on to civil rights and classic rock, audiences have found this show to be entertaining, inspirational and even a bit educational. Songs as diverse as Itsy Bitsy Teenie Weenie Yellow Polka-dot Bikini and Blowin' in the Wind lead to spontaneous singing springing up all around the theater.

Marc's history includes his high school band, The Blades of Grass, hitting the top forty and touring with the Doors and Van Morrison as well as his recording and performing with the likes of Art Garfunkel, Taj Mahal, and Richie Havens. He embodies the confidence and originality that comes from his lifelong dedication to his craft. And to bring this exciting show together, his wife, Susan, has created a unique visual presentation that perfectly complements Marc's music filled storytelling.

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Thursday, July 25 at 6 PM: Dr Mike Coffin gives a talk on Earth's Mass Extinctions – Registration required.

Dive into the mysteries of Earth's mass extinctions with expert insights from marine geophysicist Dr Mike Coffin! In his talk on Earth's mass extinctions, he delves into the causes and impacts of these catastrophic events, drawing on his extensive research and expertise. There have been five mass extinctions - known as the "Big Five" - in the past 540 million years. Those events were caused by asteroid collisions, climate fluctuations and volcanic eruptions. For the first time, however, a species could be the cause of a mass extinction event.

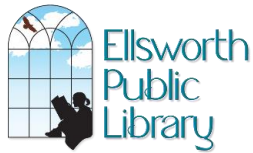
This presentation offers a fascinating glimpse into the past events that have shaped our planet, providing valuable insights into the dynamics of Earth's natural history and the ongoing challenges in understanding and mitigating similar future occurrences.

About Mike Coffin:

Mike Coffin is a professor and marine geophysicist at the Institute for Marine and Antarctic

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Studies (IMAS) at the University of Tasmania in Hobart, Tasmania, Australia. With a distinguished career focused on marine geology and geophysics, investigating interactions between the oceanic environment and the solid Earth. After growing up in Bangor, he was educated at Dartmouth College (AB) and Columbia University (MA, MPhil, PhD). Ever since, he has pursued an international career that reflects the boundless nature of the global ocean. Mike Coffin has made significant contributions to our understanding of the Earth's geological history.

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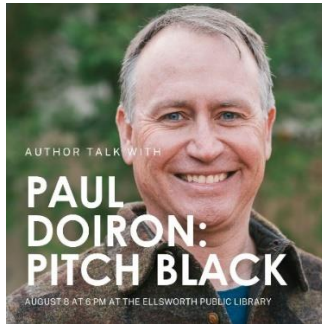
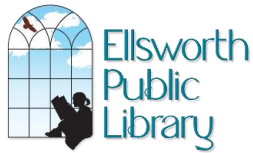
Thursday, August 1 at 6 PM: Anni and the Rainmakers in concert

Dance the night away with Anni and the Rainmakers' electrifying mix of blues, rock, and soul! Anni and the Rainmakers are a high-energy band that blends blues, rock, and soul into a powerful musical experience. Known for their electrifying performances and tight musicianship, Anni and the Rainmakers deliver shows that get audiences dancing and singing along. Led by the charismatic Anni, whose vocals are both soulful and powerful, the band creates an unforgettable live music experience.

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Thursday, August 8 at 6 PM: Author Talk with Paul Doiron – Registration required

Meet Paul Doiron, award-nominated author, and hear thrilling tales from his bestselling mystery novels! Paul Doiron is the best-selling author of the Mike Bowditch series of crime novels set in the Maine woods. In his latest book, *Pitch Dark*, Game Warden Mike Bowditch must chase down a cunning and dangerous fugitive in the North Maine Woods.

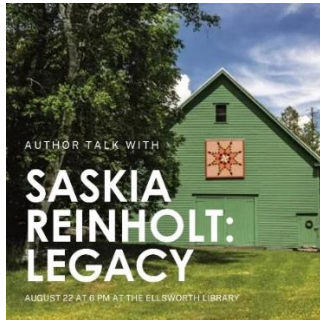
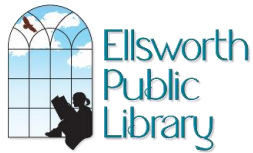
About Paul Doiron:

Bestselling author Paul Doiron is the former editor-in-chief of *Down East: The Magazine of Maine*. A native of Maine, he attended Yale University, where he graduated with a degree in English, and he holds an MFA in creative writing from Emerson College. *The Poacher's Son* won the Barry Award and the Strand Award for Best First Novel, and has been nominated for the Edgar, Anthony, and Macavity awards in the same category. As an experienced outdoorsman and naturalist, he is skilled in fishing, hunting, canoeing, and wilderness survival, and knows the secrets of the Maine woods as well as his protagonist, Mike Bowditch. He lives on a trout stream in coastal Maine with his wife, poet Kristen Lindquist.

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Thursday, August 15 at 6 PM: Author Talk with Saskia Reinholt: Legacy - The Barn Quilt Trail in Maine's High Peaks – Registration required

Public art takes on a new look in Rural Maine with the Barn Quilt Trail, a project of the High Peaks Creative Council (HPCC). Author and artist, Sarah Reinholt, will present her book “Legacy – The Barn Quilt Trail in Maine’s High Peaks (Carrabassett Publishing)” and talk about the history of barn paintings and the creation of the Maine barn quilt trail through a colorful slideshow.

Legacy, by Saskia Reinholt, is filled with exquisitely detailed photographs from Cynthia and John Orcutt and takes you on a walk-through the Franklin and Somerset counties. It details the barn quilts, the traditional quilt patterns on display, and some of the histories of the region.

“[...] This is public art in the truest sense, each a story, an expression which reminds us of our community’s past and which draws us into the present and makes us comfortable with the future.” from the foreword by Governor Janet T. Mills

Books will be available, and all proceeds go to the non-profit organization the High Peaks Creative Council.

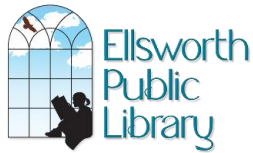
About Saskia Reinholt:

Since 2019, Reinholt has worked with local schools and community-based organizations to host free barn quilt mural workshops to establish a community-made public art trail. Over 900 participants, including 600 local students, have helped create the Maine Barn Quilt Trail across Franklin and Somerset Counties. She is the executive director of HPCC.

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Thursday, August 22: Interactive Murder Mystery at the Library: A Night at The Cat's Meow – Registration required

Step into a 1920s New York City jazz club for a night of revelry that takes a dark turn. Club owner Felix Fontano, son of a bootlegger and crime boss, hosts a private party at The Cat's Meow. As guests mingle with sophisticates, artists, and hoodlums, they enjoy the swanky atmosphere and smooth jazz. But then: Murder! Midway through the evening, a shocking discovery is made: someone has been murdered in the back room!

Register for this event to be one of the guests at the club who must solve the crime themselves to avoid police involvement and scandal. All attendees become suspects, piecing together clues to uncover the murderer. Can you solve the mystery before it's too late?

Join us for an unforgettable night of intrigue and suspense. Further details will follow upon registration. 23 spots are available of which a minimum of 15 spots will be filled with participants wanting to take on an active acting role, the remaining spots do not necessarily require playing a character. Please contact the library to find out more: 207.667.6363. or info@ellsworthlibrary.net.

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