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Ellsworth Public Library Expands Outreach Efforts with Neighborhood Libraries in Rural Communities

ELLSWORTH – June 6, 2024 - The Ellsworth Public Library has deployed Neighborhood Libraries in three rural communities: Surry, Lamoine, and Hancock. The boxes represent the library's commitment to overcoming geographic barriers that hinder access to library services in rural areas. The initiative stems from the library's mission to serve as a vital hub of learning and inspiration for the residents of Ellsworth and its surrounding areas.

These are the locations: Surry (Gatherings), Hancock (Hancock Community Center), and Lamoine (Town Hall).

"We recognize that the rural nature of Hancock County presents challenges for many residents to access library resources," says Gene Pellerano, President of the Friends of the Ellsworth Public Library. "Through the introduction of Neighborhood Libraries, we aim to break down these barriers and demonstrate our unwavering commitment to supporting the pursuit of knowledge in all communities we serve."

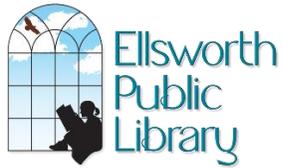
This initiative is part of the Ellsworth Public Library's county-wide "Your Library, Your Journey: Connecting Communities" effort. Through a variety of activities and strategic partnerships throughout the year, the library aims to reach communities where they are. This initiative aligns with the library's mission to serve as a vital hub of learning and inspiration for the residents of Ellsworth and its surrounding communities in Hancock County. The Ellsworth Public Library reaffirms its dedication to being the cornerstone of the entire community and is committed to breaking down barriers and ensuring that everyone has access to its resources."

The Neighborhood Libraries were made possible through a grant provided by the Bangor Savings Bank Foundation and a volunteer woodworker from Surry. This grant allowed the library to construct the book boxes and purchase new release titles for each library. Thank you, Tom, of Surry and Bangor Savings Bank!

The **Ellsworth Public Library** is a vibrant community institution dedicated to enriching the lives of residents in Ellsworth and its surrounding areas. The historic Tisdale House has been home to the library since 1897. It hosts a collection of more than 46,000 items in-house including books, large print books, audiobooks, movies, music CDs, and its growing Library of Things. In 2023, the library ran a total of 470 programs for all ages. Patrons have access to over 8 million items from 63 libraries statewide as well as subscriptions 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. <http://www.ellsworth.lib.me.us/>

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