

Tuesday, 7 May 2024

For Immediate Release

Special Community Events at the Ellsworth Public Library in May 2024

Ellsworth – This May, Ellsworth's Public Library hosts several special community events including the Annual Meeting of the Ellsworth Historical Society, an exhibit by local artist Liv Pearl whose work is inspired by Downeast landscapes, an Author Talk with Mark Borton about Roosevelt's efforts to make renewable tidal power a reality in Maine about 100 years ago, a Bridgerton-themed party, and a 3-Day Spring Fling Book Sale hosted by the Friends of the Ellsworth Public Library:

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Please contact Berit Becker at bbecker@ellsworthlibrary.net with any requests you might have. You can find a selection of event visuals [here](#).

May 7 – 31, 2024: Solo Art Exhibit “Blooming in Downeast Maine” by Liv Pearl (Olivia Dyer)

The Ellsworth Public Library hosts “Blooming in Downeast Maine”, a solo art show by Liv Pearl (Olivia Dyer) which is on display from Tuesday, May 7 until Friday, May 31 in the library's Riverview Room. The art show can be viewed during regular library hours, however, visitors are advised to check in with the library staff or go to ellsworthlibrary.net to confirm the room isn't occupied by a library program at a particular time.

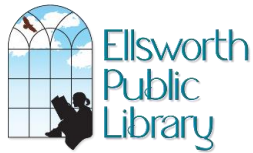
Liv Pearl (Olivia Dyer) Art is inspired by her surroundings in Maine, as well as a variety of art influences. Liv blends age-old themes with a contemporary art style. The artist explores themes of community, florals, womanhood, and mental health in her works. Dyer is interested in representing authentic, yet stylized expressions of her lived experiences in Downeast Maine. She has an enduring appreciation for flowers, associating their likenesses with peace and beauty.

A reception will be held on Wednesday, May 29 at 4:30 PM where visitors are welcome to attend, view the works, and meet the artist. Snacks and soft drinks will be provided.

Liv Pearl on Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/livpearlart/>

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Hours:
Mon, Tues, Fri: 9 am – 5 pm
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**May 13, 7 PM – 8 PM: Ellsworth Historical Society Invites Public Input at Annual Meeting**

The Ellsworth Historical Society invites all members, stakeholders, and friends to attend its annual meeting on Monday, May 13 at 7 PM. The event will take place at the Ellsworth Public Library's lower level.

This gathering presents a valuable opportunity for the community to learn about the Society's vision for the future of the Old Jail Museum and Heritage Center. Attendees are encouraged to offer feedback and ideas, contributing to the ongoing preservation and celebration of Ellsworth's rich history.

The purpose of the Ellsworth Historical Society is to promote interest in the city's history as well as to collect and preserve an array of documents, memorabilia, and other items from the history of Hancock County Maine's shire town — Ellsworth. The Society conducts research, produces newsletters, and gives presentations on aspects of Ellsworth's history. They also engage in the restoration and digitization of antique materials.

More information about the Old Jail House go to <https://www.ellsworthhistory.org/ojhistory>

May 16 -18, 2024: Three-Day Spring Fling Book Sale hosted by the Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Ellsworth Public Library are excited to announce their three-day spring fling book sale taking place at the Ellsworth Public Library on these days:

Thursday, May 16, 2024: 3 PM – 6 PM

Friday, May 17, 2024: 9 AM – 4 PM

Saturday, May 18, 2024: 9 AM – 1 PM

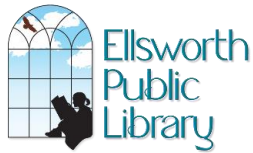
About 3000 books will be available for purchase (check or cash only) for all ages and interests. Especially book lovers interested in art books, tabletop books, and children's books are likely to find some treasure. The collection of books for sale was not picked over beforehand.

The Friends of EPL was formed in 1986 to support and cooperate with the library in developing library services and facilities for the community. The Friends sponsor fundraising activities throughout the year and use these funds to help the library provide programming for all ages and purchase items that are not funded by other sources.

For more information, please go to <https://ellsworthme.org/friends/>

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May 17 at 6 PM – 7 PM: Lady Whistledown Invites You: An Evening of Bridgerton-Themed Fun & Games

The Ellsworth Public Library is pleased to extend an exclusive invitation to an evening of Bridgerton-themed fun and games on May 17, 2024, from 6 PM to 7 PM. Attendees will join Lady Whistledown and fellow aficionados for an unforgettable evening celebrating the romance, intrigue, and charm of Bridgerton.

Don't miss out on this exquisite affair featuring trivia, bingo, and delectable refreshments — all inspired by the beloved Regency-era drama. Prepare to be swept away into the enchanting world of Bridgerton complete with entertainment and revelry.

Registration is required to secure a spot at this illustrious event. To RSVP, please, contact the library staff via email at info@ellsworthlibrary.net or by phone at (207) 667-6363.

May 30 at 6 PM – 7 PM: Author Talk & Book Signing with Mark Borton: Moondoggle (2023)

Author Mark Borton will be at the Ellsworth Public Library on Thursday, May 30 at 6 PM to discuss his book "Moondoggle - Franklin Roosevelt and the Fight for Tidal-Electric Power at Passamaquoddy Bay" (Down East Books, 2023). It's a dramatic tale about the world's biggest electric power plant just off the coast of Maine and New Brunswick that never was.

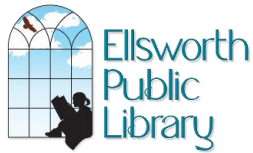
US President Franklin Roosevelt proposed to build the world's largest hydro-electric generating plant in Maine using the ocean tides as the source of power. In 1935 the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and 5,000 employees began building it. Was Franklin Roosevelt's plan to use 26-foot-high tides in the western Bay of Fundy to generate electricity a "Moondoggle"— a wildly impractical scheme - as its critics claimed? Or was it visionary thinking and brilliant engineering— a clean source of perpetual power? Either way, it was going to be the world's biggest electric power plant - and require seven miles of dams to enclose 150 square miles of the Atlantic Ocean.

Books will be available for sale (cash, check, credit card, and Venmo) and can be signed by the author.

Mark C. Borton was the creator, and for 13 years, the publisher of the "Embassy Boating Guide" series of books covering the east coast of the United States from Maine to Florida. The New York Times said, "Embassy Guide is all that most skippers will want or need to know," and Sail magazine called it, "The ultimate guide in copious content and style." The four volumes have gone through a total of 41 printed editions and have sold more than one quarter of a million copies. Borton also created the Maptech Waterproof Chart series, which now includes 92 titles.

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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 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: www.ellsworthlibrary.net

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