

Thursday, 13 March 2025

For Immediate Release

Ellsworth Public Library Invites Community to Celebrate Growth Through Gardening and Storytelling

Ellsworth, ME – The Ellsworth Public Library is cultivating growth in more ways than one with two upcoming events that celebrate both the natural world and the power of storytelling. On **Saturday, March 15 from 10 AM – 1 PM**, the library will host its **2nd Annual Seed Swap**. Gardeners of all experience levels and ages are invited to exchange seeds, gain expert advice, and take home pollinator-friendly seeds. On **Thursday, March 20 at 6 PM**, the library will present **Jim and James - A Literary and Musical Evening** in partnership with The Grand.

1. Seed Swap Schedule | March 15 | 10 AM – 1 PM | ALL AGES

- 10 AM - 1 PM: [Seed Swap & Master Gardener Advice](#) | Riverview Room
- 10 AM - 11 AM: [Sleepy Seeds Storytime & Planting Activity](#) | Makerspace
- 10 AM - 12 PM: [The Friends' Gardening Book Sale](#) | Main Floor

EPL is thrilled to cooperate with [Native Gardens of Blue Hill](#) and volunteers from [The Ellsworth Garden Club](#) who will be present to help answer attendees with their gardening questions. A special thanks goes out to [Fedco Seeds](#) and [High Mowing Organic Seeds](#) for generously donating seed packets for this event. All attendees will take home a packet of mixed pollinator seeds.

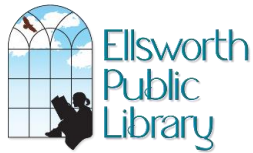
2. Jim and James | Thursday, March 20 | 6 PM

- [Discussion | Main Floor](#)
- Musical leads will perform songs from the show | Main Floor
- A chance to win tickets to Big River | Door Prizes

EPL librarian Joanna Sands, The Grand's Executive Director Nick Turner, and lead actors Jeff Ferrell (Jim) and Hunter Jones (Huck Finn) will come together for a discussion on James by Percival Everett and Big River which opens April 4. Both are adaptations of Twain's Novel - yet very different in their approach. While *Big River* (1985) largely follows Mark Twain's original story with a focus on adventure and friendship, *James* (2024) reimagines the story by centering Jim's perspective, challenging and deconstructing Twain's portrayal.

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Download the Press Release and Seed Swap photos [here](#).

Please contact Kim Fitch | The Grand for images related to Big River (headshots etc.): kfitch@grandonline.org

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