

Friday, 30 August 2024

**For Immediate Release**

## **Special Community Events at the Ellsworth Public Library in September 2024**

Ellsworth – Summer at the Library might be over, but the Ellsworth Public Library (EPL) is far from slowing down. September is not only Library Card Sign-Up Month, but also the Ellsworth Public Library invites its communities to a diverse lineup of events.

The library calendar is packed with enriching activities. From the collective exhibition "2023 - The Year in Photos" featuring the best works of the Portland Press Herald's photographers to immersive Forest Bathing experiences with Shep Erhart. This September, the library also launches a new Non-Fiction Book Club as well as an Early Literacy Reading Challenge, puts on a lively performance by Maine St. Andrew's Pipes & Drums, and hosts a workshop on archival best practices presented by the Ellsworth Historical Society. There will be another movie night that features the documentary "Gather" (2020, US), and a talk with Susan Kellam, author of "Brilliant Disguise" (Köehler Books, 2024), a personal journey for truth about the brief life of her brother.

The Ellsworth Public Library is also honored to host the Maine Climate Council's Public Meeting on September 18 at 6 PM. Ellsworth was chosen as one of six locations in the statewide Maine Climate Council Public Meeting Series in September 2024.

Please note that the library will be closed on September 2 in observance of Labor Day.

Please contact Berit Becker at [bbecker@ellsworthlibrary.net](mailto:bbecker@ellsworthlibrary.net) with any (photo) requests.

All program details are listed below.

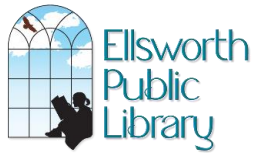
### **KIDS EVENTS & PROGRAMS**

#### **Fairy House Village | Saturday, September 21 at 9:30 AM**

The fairies have heard that the library is the place to be, and they need help building a fairy village. Ms. Jean will begin with a story and a brief demonstration. Materials will be provided, and participants are also welcome to bring biodegradable items found in nature. The houses will

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be left on the library grounds. The event schedule is flexible. Participants are free to drop in when they can:

9:30 AM: Storytime

10 AM: Building Fairy Houses

NOON - End of the Program

This is a Rain or shine event! Ideally, the entire event will take place on the library lawn. In case of rain, the group will move into the Riverview Room. Please register.

Event Page: <https://ellsworth.libcal.com/calendar/20223/fairy-house-village>

### **Reading Initiative: Fall into Literacy (ages 2 – 5) | runs September 21 – December 21, 2024**

The Ellsworth Public Library (EPL) is excited to announce a new fall reading initiative for young children and their families. This season, EPL's librarians have carefully selected 50 categories of books to enjoy with your little ones. Participants are encouraged to read 25 books by December 21 to earn a special prize. Those who complete all 50 categories will receive an additional prize and be entered into a drawing to win a book.

This program is a wonderful opportunity to explore a variety of seasonal books while discovering the library and engaging in the five Early Literacy Practices: singing, talking, reading, writing, and playing. Families are invited to join the fun and nurture a love of reading with their children this fall.

Starting September 21, interested parents can pick up a corresponding booklet at the library.

Kids Programs at EPL: <https://www.ellsworthlibrary.net/kids-events-and-programs/>

### **ADULT PROGRAMS / GENERAL AUDIENCE EVENTS**

#### **Portland Press Herald – 2023 The Year in Photos | Tuesday, September 3 – Friday, October 4, 2024**

Beauty comes in many forms. A woman calling to her dog at the last light of the day. A tender moment between a farmer and his few remaining beloved cows. Portland Press Herald photographers uncover unexpected moments every day and show us the profound beauty of connection. The exhibition at the Ellsworth Public Library presents some of their best work from 2023.

Event Page: <https://ellsworth.libcal.com/calendar/20223/portland-press-herald-exhibition>

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**Forest Bathing with Shep Erhart | Monday, September 9 & 30, 2024 at 3 PM**

Join Shep Erhart 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. Please register.

Event Page: <https://ellsworth.libcal.com/calendar/20223/forest-bathing-with-shep-erhart>

**NEW: Non-Fiction Book Club - Meet & Greet | Wednesday, September 11 at 6 PM**

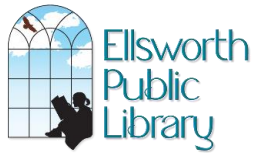
Tired of fiction? Are you ready to get real? Join EPL patron Roseanna Rich for this new Non-Fiction Book Club at the Ellsworth Public Library! Discuss your favorite non-fiction books, meet other non-fiction lovers, and create a reading list for the coming year together.

Event Page: <https://ellsworth.libcal.com/calendar/20223/non-fiction-book-club>

**Concert: Maine St. Andrew's Pipes & Drums | Thursday, September 12 at 6 PM**

Maine St. Andrew's Pipes & Drums ([MSAPD](#)) returns to the Ellsworth Public Library for a performance. MSAPD was formed in 1996 when two well-known bagpipe bands, Northern Border Caledonia and Acadian Pipes & Drums, merged. Led by Pipe Major Scott Heney and Drum Major Anthea O'Neal, the band has musicians with a wide range of experience — from beginners with less than six months of practice to experts with over 45 years of experience.

Event Page: <https://ellsworth.libcal.com/calendar/20223/saint-andrews-2024>



**Workshop: Archival Best Practices presented by the Ellsworth Historical Society | Monday, September 16 at 7 PM**

How do archivists research and organize historic and archival material for a presentation or publication? Holly Hendricks, who holds a Master of Library and Information Science (MLIS) as well as a Master of Science in Computer Science (MSCS) is a retired archivist. She will share useful tools and procedures with participants. Amongst other things, they will learn how to capture, label, and store important materials. They will also gain knowledge of useful labeling conventions, and indexing. Please register.

Event Page: <https://ellsworth.libcal.com/calendar/20223/archival-best-practices>

**Maine Climate Council Public Meeting | Wednesday, September 18 at 6 PM**

Ellsworth was picked as one of six locations of the Maine Climate Council's Public Meeting Series which runs in September 2024. EPL is excited to partner with the Maine Climate Council (MCC) to bring this event to the local public. MCC hosts this public workshop to hear from Ellsworth area residents about what is important to them and their community as the State takes action to update the Maine Climate Action Plan later this year. Please register for this event. Interpretation services are available.

Please RSVP to attend: <https://mailchi.mp/maine.gov/september-maine-climate-council-public-meetings>

Event Page: <https://ellsworth.libcal.com/calendar/20223/maine-climate-council-public-meeting-in-ellsworth>

Maine's Four-Year Plan For Climate Action can be viewed here:

[https://www.maine.gov/future/sites/maine.gov.future/files/inline-files/MaineWontWait\\_December2020.pdf](https://www.maine.gov/future/sites/maine.gov.future/files/inline-files/MaineWontWait_December2020.pdf)[https://www.maine.gov/future/sites/maine.gov.future/files/inline-files/MaineWontWait\\_December2020.pdf](https://www.maine.gov/future/sites/maine.gov.future/files/inline-files/MaineWontWait_December2020.pdf)

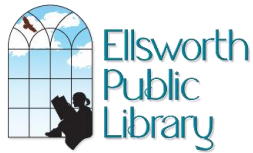
**Movie Night: Gather | Wednesday, September 25 at 6 PM**

[Gather](#) (directed by Sanjay Rawal, 2020, US, English, 74')

Gather is an intimate portrait of the growing movement amongst Native Americans to reclaim their spiritual, political, and cultural identities through food sovereignty - while battling the trauma of centuries of genocide.

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Gather follows Nephi Craig, a chef from the White Mountain Apache Nation (Arizona), opening an Indigenous café as a nutritional recovery clinic; Elsie Dubray, a young scientist from the Cheyenne River Sioux Nation (South Dakota), conducting landmark studies on bison; and the Ancestral Guard, a group of environmental activists from the Yurok Nation (Northern California), trying to save the Klamath river. Spots are limited. Please register.

Event Page: <https://ellsworth.libcal.com/calendar/20223/movie-night-gather>

### **Author Talk with Susan Kellam | Saturday, September 28 at 2 PM**

Susan began her career at Rolling Stone magazine in 1976. Three years later, while organizing the No Nukes concerts at Madison Square Garden, she got caught up in the chaos of the rock world, and her brother Robert came to her aid. But years later, she couldn't save him.

In hindsight, Susan realizes Robert's life was a brilliant disguise - his childhood trauma hidden behind a larger-than-life personality. On his twelfth wedding anniversary in 1990, he tragically ended his life. This book intertwines Susan's rock-and-roll journey with an exploration of Robert's struggles, uncovering the reasons behind his tragic end. Please register.

Books will be available for purchase (\$20, cash, check, or Venmo).

Event Page: <https://ellsworth.libcal.com/calendar/20223/susan-kellam-brilliant-disguise>

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