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For Immediate Release

Community Events at the Ellsworth Public Library this November

EPL's Mushroom Week & Holiday Open House, CIDER + CHEESE Family Event & Author Talks

Ellsworth, ME – This November, the Ellsworth Public Library (EPL) invites the community to a lineup of enriching events that nourish both the head and heart. The month begins with Karen L. Baron's watercolor exhibition, on view in the Riverview Room from November 4 to December 6, which reflects the beauty of Maine's landscapes. Art lovers are welcome to attend a meet-the-artist reception on November 7 at 5 PM. Anyone curious to unleash their inner artist can register for the library's Bob Ross Painting Class on November 26 at 1 PM.

As part of Heart of Ellsworth's annual CIDER & CHEESE Festival, the Ellsworth Public Library hosts a hands-on family cheesemaking workshop led by Crystal Burke from Hay's End Farm on November 8 (Registration required, please note the accessibility requirements, best for ages 5 and up).

Additionally, EPL runs its very first "Mushroom Week," a week of fungi-filled programming for all ages from November 12 – 16 that includes mushroom ornament making, a fungi-themed movie night, mushroom-inspired crafts, and special story times.

To welcome the holiday season, the library is hosting a community Holiday Open House on November 21 at 6 PM in partnership with the Ellsworth American and Star FM 97.7. This event is for all ages. Enjoy cookies, cocoa, and mingling at the library. The Acadia Handbell Choir will start its annual performance at the Ellsworth Public Library at 7 PM. Enjoy your favorites and sing along!

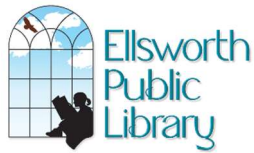
History and historical fiction enthusiasts can join discussions with authors Mac Cassell on November 6 and David Florig on November 20. Cassel's latest book is about the experiences of his father and his B-24 Crew while serving in England during World War II. Maine author and member of the Maine Writers and Publishers Alliance, David Florig will discuss his new novel, *The Shattered Curling Stone*. A workshop on deed research rounds out the month for those interested in genealogy and local history.

All events are free and open to the public. Registration is required for select programs. FML or if you would like to request photos contact Berit Becker (contact below).

Please note that the library will be closed on November 11 in observance of Veteran's Day and on Thanksgiving Day, November 28.

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NOVEMBER ART EXHIBITION IN THE RIVERVIEW ROOM:

Monday, November 4 – Friday, December 6 | Karen L. Baron: Watercolors

A lifelong resident of Ellsworth, Maine, Karen earned a Bachelor of Science in Natural Resource Management from the University of Maine in Orono. Following her studies, she worked for two seasons as a park ranger at Acadia National Park. In 1985, she began her banking career with the First National Bank of Bar Harbor, starting as a teller and eventually advancing to Assistant Vice President and Trust Officer. She later decided to step away from her banking career to raise her son.

During this time, she built a successful cake business, supplying wedding cakes to several inns and hotels on Mt. Desert Island, while also pursuing her passion for watercolor painting. She studied with local instructors and attended various workshops to refine her skills. In 2016, she entered her first Bangor Art Society Open Juried Art Show, where she won 1st place in the watercolor division with her piece "Sullivan Harbor."

Event Page: <https://ellsworth.libcal.com/calendar/EPL-Events/karen-baron-exhibition-2024>

Meet the artist during the reception on November 7 at 5 PM.

The artist's website: <https://www.karenbaronfineart.com/>

Promo photos are available on request.

FAMILY & ALL AGES EVENTS

Friday, November 8 at 2 PM: CIDER & CHEESE:

Milk, Acid & Time: The Basic Cheesemaker's Recipe | Please register

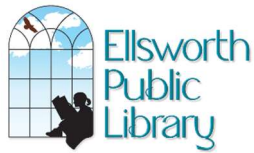
We are excited to host a special (free) family workshop with Crystal Burke (Hay's End Farm, Surry). You will have the chance to observe cheese being made right in front of you. There will also be some snacks to go along with the cheese and we will get into some cheesy stories too! Registration for this event is required.

Accessibility:

The speaker has multiple disabilities herself and among her family that make them susceptible to severe illness. You will need to wear a mask if you want to attend. If you believe that you are sick or have been exposed to an illness, we kindly ask you to cancel your registration. We will have some respirators available. This event is specifically for families with kids. However, when you register, please keep in mind that there will be hot plates in the room. Our recommendation is to attend with kids ages 5 and up.

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The speaker will be wearing a respirator which will prevent the option of lipreading. While she has some knowledge of ASL, she is not translation capable.

About Cider + Cheese:

The event is part of the annual [CIDER + CHEESE Festival](#) hosted by **Heart of Ellsworth**. This festival celebrates the revival of two traditional foods, hard cider and cheese. Heart of Ellsworth is excited to offer a combination of free and ticketed events, culminating with a tasty Cider & Cheese Bazaar with local food vendors, food trucks, and more.

Event Page: <https://ellsworth.libcal.com/calendar/EPL-Events/family-cheesemaking-workshop>

OPEN HOLIDAY HOUSE EVENT | November 21 at 6 PM & Acadia Hand Bell Choir Performance at 7 PM

Enjoy cookies, cocoa, and mingling at the library. This is an event for all ages! Get a copy of the Ellsworth American's printed Christmas Special filled with Coloring Pages for Kids and lyrics to Jingle Bells all in time to get ready for Ellsworth's Christmas Parade on December 7.

We are excited to partner with [The Ellsworth American](#) and [Star FM 97.7](#) to host the Open Holiday House event this year. Both media partners play vital roles in creating connections with our local communities.

At the event, use the opportunity to talk to a representative from the Ellsworth American and find out how to navigate their news site or meet one of your favorite Star FM hosts.

At 7 PM welcome the season with us with the annual performance by the [Acadia Handbell Choir](#) at the Ellsworth Public Library. Enjoy your favorites and sing along!



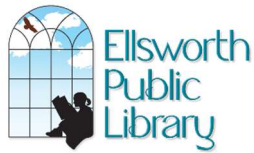
Photo on the left © Courtesy of the Acadia Handbell Choir

Photo on the right: © Nicholas Navarre_EPL Holiday Season

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Bob Ross Painting | November 26 at 1 PM | Please register

Join the library staff for a fun time painting with Bob Ross! They will play an episode of the famous instructor, and everyone will create together. All supplies & canvases will be provided. Fun for the whole family (Ages 6+)! Please help us prepare by registering for this event. Please register everyone who would like to paint and requires a canvas and utensils.

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November 12 – 16: MUSHROOM WEEK: ONE WEEK OF FUNGI-FILLED PROGRAMMING FOR ALL AGES

Tuesday, November 12 at 1 PM: Mushroom Ornament Making

To kick off Mushroom Week, you can create your very own needle-felted mushroom ornaments during this class. No prior crafting experience is needed. Make one for yourself or make one to decorate the library! This program is for adults and children ages 13 and up. All materials will be provided, and space is limited - please register. Come craft, connect, and take home your handmade mushroom masterpiece!

Event Page: <https://ellsworth.libcal.com/calendar/EPL-Events/mushroom-ornament-making>

Wednesday, November 13 at 6 PM: Mushroom Movie Night | Please register

This month, the audience can choose between two movies: The Last Season (documentary directed by Sara Dosa, 2014, 78 mins, not rated, English) and Know Your Mushrooms (documentary by Ron Mann, 2009, 75 mins, not rated, English). Visit the event page to learn more about the movies, watch the trailers, select your favorite, and register.

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Thursday, November 14 at 5:30 PM: Mushroom Cooking Class with Middle Earth Mushrooms

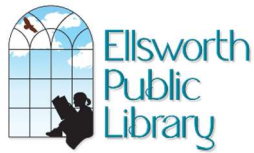
Are you curious about cooking with mushrooms, but don't know where to start? Dominika of Middle Earth Mushrooms (Seal Cove, ME) will show you how to create simple and delicious mushroom dishes in this workshop.

Spots are limited, please register:

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Friday, November 15 at 2 PM: After-School Mushroom Crafts

Join Miss Keli and Miss Renee for an afternoon of mushroom-inspired crafts! They will be making mushroom prints, buttons, clay mushroom magnets, and more! This program is suitable for children ages 9 and up.

Event Page: <https://ellsworth.libcal.com/calendar/EPL-Events/mushroom-crafts>

Saturday, November 16 at 10:30 AM: Mushroom Storytime

A Fungi-Filled Adventure! Step into the magical world of mushrooms at the library's special Mushroom Storytime! You will read fun, mushroom-themed stories that spark curiosity and imagination. Kids will enjoy enchanting tales of forest adventures, mushroom friends, and the wonders of nature. Perfect for young readers and their grown-ups, this storytime is a celebration of the tiny but mighty mushrooms all around.

Event Page: <https://ellsworth.libcal.com/calendar/EPL-Events/mushroom-storytime>

AUTHOR TALKS

Mac Cassel | Wednesday, November 6 at 6 PM | Please register

Author Mac Cassel will discuss his newest book, *Lead Crew: The Boys of the "Sally Ann"* (2023), and share what he has learned while researching family members who served in World War II. This is a book about the author's father and his B-24 Crew during their time in England from 1943 - 1945. The story is derived from a shoe box of letters by the pilot, Harrison S. Cassel Jr to his bride Sally, his journal, various crew scrapbooks, photos, and military records. Cassel's book tells the story of all-American young men in a war far from home who were committed to doing whatever it took to end the War.

A limited number of autographed copies will be available for sale, cash only (\$20 per copy).

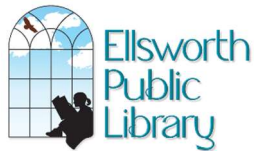
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David Florig | Wednesday, November 20 at 5:30 PM | Please register

Maine author and member of the Maine Writers and Publishers Alliance, [David Florig](#), will discuss his new novel, *The Shattered Curling Stone*, a work of historical fiction. Its protagonist, young Ailsa Maclaren, takes up curling at a time when women were neither encouraged nor often permitted, to play the game. It tells Ailsa's story as she journeys from novice to the Scottish Women's Championship, and the World Championship.

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Set in present-day Belfast, Maine, and 1880s Scotland, the novel is sometimes a dark look into one man's loss, loneliness, obsession, and quest for vengeance.

Books will be available for purchase (cash or check).

Event Page: <https://ellsworth.libcal.com/calendar/EPL-Events/david-florig>

WORKSHOP

Deed Research Workshop with Kelly Bellis | Friday, November 15 | 6 PM – 8 PM | Registration

Deeds contain an amazing amount of historical and familial information, often arcane and densely packed. Their spatial aspects are essential in the visualization of the stories so neatly encapsulated and preserved in map and deed.

This workshop is perfect for those interested in performing local history and genealogical research using deeds. It is not intended as a legal primer or a text for understanding the complex laws and rules relating to surveying and conveyancing. For that, you should consult a licensed land surveyor and an attorney experienced in real estate.

Partners: Kelly Bellis | [Ellsworth Historical Society](#), [Hancock County Genealogical Society](#)

Event Page: <https://ellsworth.libcal.com/calendar/EPL-Events/deed-research-workshop>

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