

Monday, 2 December 2024 For Immediate Release

Holiday Events & Community Giving at the Ellsworth Public Library Celebrate the Season at the Ellsworth Public Library: Festive Events for the Whole Family!

Ellsworth, ME – This December, the Ellsworth Public Library is filled with holiday cheer and giving opportunities, offering a festive lineup of events for all ages to enjoy from crafting beautiful wreaths and ornaments to celebrating traditions through storytimes. Highlights include Santa at the Library on December 11, Gingerbread House Workshops on December 13, and a Homemade Holiday celebration on December 14. Don't miss the Family Hanukkah Storytime on December 19 and the Winter Solstice Storytime on December 21 (details on p. 2/3).

Community Support Opportunities

1. Fill the Cart for Loaves & Fishes

Spread holiday kindness by contributing non-perishable food items to support Loaves & Fishes. Help us fill the cart and make a difference for local families in need! The shelf is located near the elevator on the main floor until the week before Christmas Eve.

• Image: <u>here</u>

2. Wish Stars

Wish Stars represent newly released books on the EPL librarians' wish list. Sponsor a book purchase by making a donation to the library. Let staff know if you'd like to include a dedication in the book.

• Image: here

3. Quilt Raffle: Children's Book-Inspired Quilt

Enter a raffle to win a stunning quilt crafted by *The Liberated Yoyos*, a chapter of the Pine Tree Quilters Guild. All proceeds benefit library programs!

- Tickets: \$5 each or \$20 for 5
- Drawing: December 11
- Payment: Cash, check, or secure online credit card via Maine PayPort (please include "Children's Book Quilt" in the notes field).
- Images: Childrens' Books Depicted in Quilt, Close-up

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Holiday Events for Adults & All Ages

December 5 – Wreath Making Workshop

- 2 PM & 4 PM | Adults | Fully booked, waitlist available
- Event Page 2 PM
- Event Page 4 PM

Join us for a festive, hands-on crafting session to create a beautiful wreath. Materials provided, including fresh greenery, ribbons, and ornaments.

December 14 – Homemade Holiday

- 10 AM | All ages | Registration required
- Event Page

Make heartfelt, handmade gifts like bath bombs, sugar scrubs, recipe jars, and beeswax candles. Supplies provided by First National Bank.

December 14 – Gift Wrapping Station

- Noon | All ages | No registration required
- Event Page

Wrap your gifts at the library with materials provided like paper, bows, and tags. Available while supplies last. Supplies provided by First National Bank.

December 19 - Christmas Scene Painting with Janice Janes

- 3 PM | Ages 6+ | Registration required
- Event Page

Create a festive Christmas tree painting in a guided acrylic class led by artist Janice Janes. Supplies provided by First National Bank.

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Holiday Events for Kids & Families

December 9 – Ornament Making for Kids

- 3:15 PM | Kids | Registration required
- Event Page

Decorate ornaments to take home and for the library's tree.

December 11 – Santa at the Library

- 5 PM | Families | No registration required
- <u>Event Page</u>

Visit Santa for photos, treats, and holiday fun.

December 13 – Gingerbread House Workshops

- 2 PM & 3 PM | Kids | Registration required
- Event Page 2 PM
- Event Page 3 PM

Decorate a gingerbread house with provided supplies. Register each participant for one session. Best for ages 4+.

December 19 – Special Family Hanukkah Storytime

- 10:30 AM | Ages 2-5 with caregivers | No registration required
- Event Page

Celebrate Hanukkah traditions with stories, songs, crafts, and light snacks.

December 21 – Winter Solstice Storytime

- 10:30 AM | Kids & Families | No registration required
- Event Page

Celebrate the shortest day of the year with cozy stories about winter wonders and seasonal beauty.

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