



# 2024 SNAPSHOT ELLSWORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY



I love the Ellsworth Public Library! L-O-V-E!



## 2,562

### Registered Library Users

EPL welcomed 393 new cardholders!

## +19%

### increase in e-material use

14,437 circulation transactions for e-content; 63,161 for physical materials

## 41,678

### library visits

Plus 2,120 people who attended off-site programs!  
Total programs: 186  
Total prog. attendance: 4,282

I love going to this library; everyone is so friendly. If I'm searching for a book, they know exactly where to find it. I took my grandchildren to storytime for years; they loved it. - Kelly

We moved here from Utah in 2020. One of my biggest challenges was no longer having a network of people and resources I'd grown up with. The library is the number one place that has helped me get reconnected with my community. - Sara

The MORE consortium via the Ellsworth Public Library is one of the two top things that I like about Ellsworth. - Melanie



## Centennial Celebration - our 100th year!

Ellsworth Public Library celebrated its centennial May 15-22 with a series of special events, including a kickoff featuring the EHS jazz band, a historical presentation, a puzzle derby, old-fashioned games, book arts, storytimes, a medallion hunt, and an apple pie social. The celebration drew 225 visitors to the library to participate in the fun!



Eggspert



EHS Jazz Band



Medallion Hunt Winners



Apple Pie Social

# Library Love Stories



"I am a volunteer for the Salvation Army and our library provides me with a safe place to meet with people in crisis when a face-to-face visit is necessary. I'm both surprised by and appreciative of how many individuals in need seek the library for a place to rest, to have a beverage, to peruse the library's display rack of potential assistance sources, and speak with the library staff."

"My oldest daughter was struggling learning how to talk. We were able to check out so many books that she enjoyed and the more I read to her, the better her speech became. Now my youngest daughter is starting to talk and we still read library books every day!"

"The library impacts our homeschool family tremendously!"

"It's literally a village pulling together to help a person in the community when they need it most; helping to raise a kid into a socially graceful and hardworking member of the adult world. Our family appreciates that effort more than words can say. There is a serious shortage of such opportunities for people with spectrum disorders. Thank you, Ellsworth Public Library, for doing such revolutionary work in this community!"

## Thank You!

A big thank you to our community partners, library board, Friends of the Library, volunteers and donors! You make it possible for the library to serve the community the way we do. You are appreciated!

### Library Board

Judy Perkins, president  
Mike Harris, vice president  
Angie Bjork, secretary  
Sharon Hofmeister, treasurer  
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### Friends of EPL Board

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### Volunteers

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Tim F.  
Whitney O.



## Looking ahead to 2025!

### Art Acquisition

In an effort to support the arts and enrich the library experience, an Art Acquisition Committee has been formed to curate artwork for the library. Initial priorities are the Quiet Reading Area and the rounded walls in the front entry.

### Strategic Planning

The library board is finalizing a new strategic plan, which includes goals related to fundraising, physical improvements, program improvements, service improvements, and volunteer recruitment and retention. This plan was developed with assistance from the UW-River Falls Community and Environmental Planning Program and is intended to provide guidance for the library for the next few years.