












January 2026 at the Ellsworth Public Library

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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|  | Along The Way: Watercolors by John Grancorvitz January 6 - February 25 |  | Stitchin' Time Crafters Wednesdays at 10:00 am <i>Contact the library if you are interested to get on the group email list</i> Beginning January 14, the Storytime Playspace will be closed on Wednesdays from 10 am - 12 pm for Play & Learn | 1 Library Closed in observance of New Year's Day | 2 No Storytime | 3 National Play Outside Day 1st Saturday of each month What's Your Goal? Learn more at the library or at ellsworthlibrary.org |
|  | Lessons from the Past: A History of Our Country Schoolhouses through January 26 | | |  Love the library? Grateful for a service or support you've received? Share your story!  | | |
| 4 | 5 Mystery Quilt 2026: 20 Years of Mystery! Gather materials, follow the clues, create a quilt! <i>pick up clues at the library or receive via email</i>  Begins Today! Materials List and Cutting Instructions Available | 6 Book Drop STEM Storytime 6:00 pm - Makerspace <i>Beanbags & Blueprints</i> | 7 | 8 Morning Book Club 10:30 am - Meeting Room <i>Hamnet</i> Conservation Poster Contest Workshop 4:00 pm - Makerspace <i>Friends of the Library Meeting</i> 4:30 pm - Meeting Room | 9 STORYTIME Storytime 10:10 am Storytime Playspace <i>Polar Bears</i> | 10 |
| 11 | 12 Tech Time 10:30 am - 12:00 pm Study Room <i>Sign up for a time slot</i> | 13 Discover Together Tuesday Author Joshua Shores 11:00 am - Senior Center Beginning Spanish 6:00 - 7:00 pm Meeting Room | 14 Boost Your Brain & Memory with Amy Luther 1:00 pm - Meeting Room | 15 St. Croix Valley Job Center <i>Employment Assistance</i> 1:00 - 3:00 pm | 16 STORYTIME Storytime 10:10 am Storytime Playspace <i>The World of Jan Brett</i> | 17 Robotics Exploration 10:00 am <i>Makerspace</i> <i>Registration Recommended</i> |
| 18 | 19  Mystery Quilt Clue #1 Available | 20 LEGO at the Library 3:30 - 5:30 pm Makerspace  Beginning Spanish 6:00 - 7:00 pm Makerspace Only Murders in the Library Book Club - 6:00 pm Meeting Room <i>How To Seal Your Own Fate</i> | 21 Boost Your Brain & Memory with Amy Luther 1:00 pm - Meeting Room | 22 Book Drop STEM Storytime 6:00 pm - Makerspace <i>Echoes and Obstacles</i> | 23 STORYTIME Storytime 10:10 am Storytime Playspace <i>Hot and Cold</i> <i>Friends of the Library Bingo at the VFW</i> 6:00 / 6:30 pm | 24 |
| 25 | 26  Mystery Quilt Clue #2 Available Festive Frosty Friends 6:00 - 8:00 pm <i>Makerspace</i> The Friends of EPL invite you to join them for this after hours social gathering and annual meeting. | 27  10:30 am - Hot and Cold Storytime Playspace <i>Library Board Meeting</i> 4:15 pm - Meeting Room Beginning Spanish 6:00 - 7:00 pm Meeting Room | 28 | 29 John Grancorvitz Artist Reception 6:00 - 7:00 pm All Ages Game Night 6:00 - 7:30 pm Makerspace | 30 STORYTIME Storytime 10:10 am Storytime Playspace <i>Library Love</i> | 31 |

Book Drop
Funded by the National Science Foundation, Book Drop is a free STEM storytime series from Twin Cities PBS and STAR Library Network (STAR Net). Book Drop is designed for kids ages 4-8 and their parents/caregivers, combining hands-on science and storytelling to inspire curiosity, connection, and a love of learning.

Conservation Poster Contest Workshop
Calling all school age artists! Retta Isaacson from the Pierce County Land Conservation Department will share facts, tricks and tips to help you succeed in creating a poster for the annual Conservation Poster Contest.

Boost Your Brain and Memory
Join Amy Luther from the Pierce County ADRC for this unique program that takes a holistic approach to improving brain health in older adults. Participants will learn new habits to maintain brain health while practicing new skills for better memory performance. Participants receive workbooks and view videos during each session.

This month in the Makerspace:
Sensory Experiences
See calendar on back of this page.



MAKERSPACE

January 2026

This Month: Sensory Experiences

Keep an eye out for pop-up activities!

Always Available:
Coloring Pages and Drawing Materials
Board, Dice and Card Games

The Makerspace is closed 30-60 minutes before programs for set-up of materials.

The Makerspace closes 15 minutes before the library closes for cleaning.

This month is all about cultivating calm and creativity while enlivening your senses. Did you know that we have more than the usual 5 you've heard about? We'll tap into all 5 of the traditional senses and introduce you to 3 more! Supplies are on hand while they last and some activities will only be available during certain hours depending on staffing.

Planned Activities

Touch & Proprioception



Air Dry Clay
Play-doh
Sensory Sand
Eyes-Closed Doodles



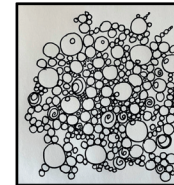
Taste

Mapping Your Taste Buds



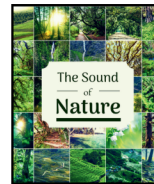
Sight

Painting with water on rocks and other materials
Mindful Doodles and watercolors



Vestibular

Children: visit the Storytime Playspace for movement & balance activities **Adults & Teens:** take home a list of activities to try



Sound

Listen to Nature Sounds
Water fountain

Smell

Follow Your Nose scents game



Deck our Walls



Disguise a Snowman
Create a "Disguise a Snowman" artwork to deck our Children's Area Art Wall!

Interoception

Mindful Breathing - make a breathing wand
Emotions Games & Matching
Mindful Body Scans and check-ins

When The Makerspace Will Be In Use:

Jan. 6 - 6:00 - 7:00 pm - Book Drop
STEM Storytime

Jan. 8 - Conservation Poster
Contest Workshop - 4:00 - 6:00 pm

Jan. 9 - 10:45-11:30 am - Storytime

Jan. 16 - 10:45-11:30 am - Storytime

Jan. 17 - 10:00 - 11:00 am - Robotics
Exploration

Jan. 20 - 3:30 - 5:30 - LEGO and
6:00 - 7:00 Beginning Spanish

Jan. 22 - 6:00 - 7:00 pm - Book
Drop STEM Storytime

Jan. 23 - 10:45 - 11:30 am - Storytime

Jan. 27 - 11:00 - 11:45 am - Tuesday
Tales Storytime

Jan. 29 - 6:00 - 7:30 pm -
All Ages Game Night

Jan. 30 - 10:45-11:30 am - Storytime

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