



2025 SNAPSHOT ELLSWORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY

“ The library holds space for everyone’s stories. ”

2,730

Registered Library Users
44,172 visits counted over the course of the year

+13%

increase in computer use
2,571 sessions logged on public computers
11,502 uses of free Wi-Fi

58,139

physical items circulated
E-material use increased 7%.
15,477 uses of e-books, e-magazines, and e-audiobooks were recorded.

“Thank you for being a bedrock of learning in our community and for feeding our family's love of books, curiosity and discovery. Your work enriches our lives and your smiles brighten our days.”
The Flemings

“So thankful for the amazing staff, resources, and support you bring to our community!!!” ❤️ *Dana*

“All too often, many take for granted the role that libraries play in the community. However, we know and recognize that libraries are critical beacons of learning, development, and joy. Your contributions are immeasurable and we appreciate you immensely.”
Dunn County Clerk & The Dunn County Board of Supervisors



Trimbelle Nature Day

Programs for All Ages

In 2025, Ellsworth Public Library offered 256 programs! 3,340 people attended the 186 onsite programs, and 2,351 people attended the 70 offsite programs that took place at local parks, the senior center, residential facilities, and other locations. Messy Art Party, Sustainable Safari, and Trimbelle Nature Day were among the favorites.



1000 Books Before Kindergarten



Sustainable Safari



Book Tasting



Outreach at Preferred Senior Living

Library Love Stories



"In 2022 I had a newborn, who wasn't eating/sleeping and I was truly struggling. It was recommended from friends to go to storytimes. This significantly helped as I struggled with postpartum depression/anxiety. The library is a place of warmth and a welcoming space no matter who you are!" - Anonymous

"My library and its staff always greets me and my grandchildren, encourages us to partake of the events and resources. We especially value the library resources to grow our reading experience as well as a safe place for my grandchildren to learn and play year round." - Kristi

"I recently moved to the area and was looking for ways to get involved in the community and meet people with similar interests. I've always had a love for reading and crafting and stopped by the Ellsworth Library to get a library card and see what programs they had going on. They had a Mystery Quilt program that was just about to begin that I am now a part of. It's a fantastic way to glide through the darkest parts of winter. I'm excited to quilt again and even more excited to meet all the other quilters." - Chloe

"We love the story time at our library. I also love the book clubs that are offered. It is a great place to come on a cold winter day. I also love the different artwork that is on a rotating display. It is great way to display the wonderful local artists." - Diane

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!

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Looking ahead to 2026

Mystery Quilt 20th Anniversary

2026 marks the 20th year of the Mystery Quilt program led by Julie Belz, an avid quilter and wonderful instructor. Beginning in January, clues are released weekly and the project culminates with a show and tell session at the end of March and a month-long display of quilts at the library in April. In 2025, 197 participants signed up to receive clues and 83 people shared their in-progress or completed quilts.

Adjusting Spaces

Assessment of how library spaces are used is ongoing. Considerations for additions in 2026 include dramatic play features in the Storytime Playspace, a youth seating area among the juvenile stacks in the RCU Children's Area, and game shelving in the Makerspace.

2025 at the Ellsworth Public Library - www.ellsworthlibrary.org