



**I. GENERAL INFORMATION**

1. Name of Library Ellsworth Public Library		2. Public Library System IFLS Library System			
3b. Head Librarian First Name Tiffany	3c. Head Librarian Last Name Meyer	4a. Certification Grade Grade 2	4b. Certification Type Regular	5. Certification Expiration Date 04/01/2029	
6a. Street Address 388 W. Main St.	6b. Mailing Address or PO Box 388 W. Main St.	7. City / Village / Town Ellsworth	8a. ZIP 54011	8b. ZIP4 5087	9. County Pierce
10. Library Phone Number 7152733209	11. Fax Number (715)273-3209	12. Library E-mail Address of Director tmeyer@ellsworthlibrary.org			
13. Library Website URL www.ellsworthlibrary.org		14. No. of Branches 0	15. No. of Bookmobiles Owned 0	16. No. of Other Public Service Outlets 0	
17. Does your library operate a books-by-mail program? No	18. Some public libraries are legally organized as joint libraries, with neighboring municipalities or a county and municipality joining to operate a library. Is your library such a joint library legally established under Wis. Stat. s. 43.53? No				
20. Square Footage of Public Library 11,649	21a. Did your library or a branch move to a new facility during the fiscal year? No	21b. Did your library or a branch renovate or expand an existing facility during the fiscal year? No		22. UEI Number	

**HOURS OF OPERATION**

	Standard Service with No Restrictions on Building Access	Limited Service	Staff Only (No interior service for the public)
19a. Winter hours open per week	50	0	0
19b. Number of winter weeks	52	0	0
19c. Summer hours open per week	0	0	0
19d. Number of summer weeks	0	0	0
19e. Total weeks per year	52	0	0
19f. Total hours per year for this location	2,600	0	0

II. LIBRARY COLLECTIONS		
	a. Number Owned / Leased	b. Number Added
1. Books in Print	18,009	674
2. Physical Subscriptions	42	
3. Physical Audio Materials	1,259	1
4. Physical Video Materials	2,795	36
5. Other Physical Materials	428	
6. Total Physical Items in Collection	22,491	

	Purchased solely by the Library	Purchased via a System, Consortium or Cooperative Agreement	Provided by the State
7. E-books	No	Yes	No
8. E-series	No	Yes	No
9. E-audio	No	Yes	No
10. E-video	No	No	No
11. Research Databases	No	Yes	Yes
12. Online Learning Platforms	No	Yes	Yes

III. LIBRARY SERVICES

1. Physical Circulation Transactions			2. Interlibrary Loans	
a. Total Circulation	b. Children's Materials	c. Other Physical Items	a. Items Loaned <i>Provided to</i>	b. Items Received <i>Received from</i>
58,139	27,451	1,801	13,271	17,357

	Method for Counting ILL Transactions	Total ILL Transactions
(Only Total will display when Total ILL Transactions is listed as the Method for Counting ILL Transactions)	Items Loaned to Other Libraries <i>Provided to</i>	Items Borrowed from Other Libraries <i>Received from</i>
Integrated Library Systems (ILS)		
WISCAT		
Other (includes OCLC, manual tracking or other methods)		

3. Electronic Content Circulation Transactions					
a. E-books	b. E-series	c. E-audio	d. E-video	e. Children's E-materials	f. Total E-materials
4,669	1,345	9,463	0	1,006	15,477

4. Number of Registered Users			5. Overdue Fines	6. Reference Transactions		7. Library Visits	
a. Resident	b. Nonresident	c. TOTAL		a. Method	b. Annual Count	a. Method	b. Annual Count
976	1,754	2,730	No	Survey Week(s)	4,355	Actual Count	44,172

8. Uses of Public Internet Computers				9. Uses of Public Wireless Internet	
a. Number of Public Use Computers	b. Number of Public Use Computers with internet access	c. Method	d. Annual Count	a. Method	b. Annual Count
13	10	Actual Count	2,571	Actual Count	11,502

**LIBRARY PROGRAMS AND ATTENDANCE**

**Total In-Person and Live, Virtual Statistics by Age**

	Young Child (0-5)	Child (6-11)	Young Adult (12-18)	Adult (19+)	General Interest (all ages)
Number of Programs	54	52	8	98	44
Total Attendance	1,165	1,193	133	1,367	1,836

**Total Program Statistics by Program Category**

	In-Person On-Site	In-Person Off-Site	Live, Virtual	Pre-recorded
Number of Programs	186	70	0	0
Total Attendance	3,340	2,351	3	
Total Program Views				0

Describe the library's in-person programs:

storytime, performances (music, animals, magic, etc.), guest presenters/speakers, LEGO, field trips, author talks

Which platforms does the library use to host the library's live, virtual programs:

see below

Describe the library's live, virtual programs:

The only live virtual programs offered this year were also in person when we held virtual author visits and a writer's workshop. The presenters chose the platform.

Which platforms does the library use to host the library's pre-recorded programs:

none in 2025

Describe the library's pre-recorded programs:

none in 2025

**IV. LIBRARY GOVERNANCE**

Library Board Members. List all members of the library board as of the date of this report. List the president first. Indicate vacancies. Report changes to the Division for Libraries and Technology as they occur. When reporting such changes, indicate the departing board members.

First Name	Last Name	City	Email Address
<b>PRESIDENT</b>			
1. Judy	Perkins	Ellsworth	rifraft12@hotmail.com
2. Laurie	Neeley	Ellsworth	laurie@villageofellsworth.org
3. Henri	Jansa	Ellsworth	hjansa@yahoo.com
4. Carter	Schutz	Ellsworth	schutzc14@gmail.com
5. Angie	Bjork	Ellsworth	bjorka@ellsworth.k12.wi.us
6. Sharon	Hofmeister	Ellsworth	shofmeis10@gmail.com
7. Michael	Harris	Ellsworth	docmdh3@gmail.com
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No. of Library Board Members *Include vacancies in this count* 7

**V. LIBRARY OPERATING REVENUE**

Report operating revenue only. Do not report capital receipts here.

1. Local Municipal Appropriations for Library Service Only Joint libraries report more than one municipality here

Municipality Type	Name	Amount
Village	Ellsworth	\$242,040
<b>Subtotal 1</b>		<b>\$242,040</b>

2. County

a. Home County Appropriation for Library Services

**Subtotal 2a**      \$218,385

a. Other County Payments for Library Services

County Name	Amount	County Name	Amount
St. Croix	\$3,239		
Pepin	\$282		
Dunn	\$155		
<b>Subtotal 2b</b>			<b>\$3,676</b>

3. State Funds

a. Public Library System State Funds

Description	Amount	Description	Amount
	\$0		
<b>b. Funds Carried Forward from Previous Year</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>c. Other State Funded Program</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Subtotal 3</b>			<b>\$0</b>

4. Federal Funds Name of program—for LSTA grant awards, grant number, and project title

Program or Project	Amount	
	\$0	
<b>Subtotal 4</b>		<b>\$0</b>

5. Contract Income From other governmental units, libraries, agencies, library systems, etc.

Name	Amount	Name	Amount
	\$0		
<b>Subtotal 5</b>			<b>\$0</b>

6. Other Funds Carried Forward and Expended. Do not include state aid. Report state funds in 3b above.

\$0

7. All Other Operating Income

\$16,065

**8. Total Operating Income Add 1 through 7**

**\$480,166**

9. What is the current year annual appropriation provided by governing body(ies) for the public library?

\$225,757

10. Was the library's municipality exempt from the county library tax for the report year? Wis. Stat. s. 43.64(2)

Yes







**XI. PUBLIC LIBRARY LOANS OF MATERIAL TO NONRESIDENTS**

1. Of the total circulation reported for the library from Section III, item 1, what was the total circulation to nonresidents <i>See instructions for definition of nonresident</i>			41,163
Divide nonresident circulation among the following categories. The total of 2 through 6 below should not be greater than the number reported in item 1 above.		a. Those with a Library	b. Those without a Library
2. Circulation to Nonresidents Living in the Library's County		1,056	37,896
3. Circulation to Nonresidents Living in Another County in the Library System		887	814
4. Circulation to Nonresidents Living in an Adjacent County Not in the Library System		0	0
5. Circulation to All Other Wisconsin Residents		21	6. Circulation to Persons from Out of the State
			489
7. Are the answers to items 1 through 6 based on actual count or survey/sample?  Actual	8a. Does the library deny access to any residents of adjacent public library systems on the basis of Wis. Stat. s. 43.17(11)(b)?  No	8b. If yes, does the library allow residents in adjacent systems to purchase library cards?	

9. Circulation to Nonresidents Living in an Adjacent County Who Do Not Have a Local Public Library			
Name of County		Circulation	
a. Dunn		36	
b. Pepin		123	
c. St. Croix		332	
d.			
e.			
Name of County		Circulation	
f.			
g.			
h.			
i.			
j.			

**XII. TECHNOLOGY (Not included in 2025 Report)**

**XIII. SELF-DIRECTED ACTIVITIES, STAFF SERVING YOUTH / ADULTS**

1. Self-directed Activities: <i>Planned, independent activities available for a definite time period which introduce participants to any of the broad range of library services or activities that directly provide information to participants.</i>			
	a. Children (0-5)	b. Children (6-11)	c. Young Adult (12-18)
Number of Self-Directed Activities	15	14	14
Total Self-Directed Activity Participation	434	830	193
	d. Adult (19+)	e. General Interest (all ages)	f. Total
Number of Self-Directed Activities	6	18	67
Total Self-Directed Activity Participation	207	975	2,639

2. Name and email address of primary staff person who serves as the children, youth, or teen librarian. Only the primary person is displayed here.		
a. First Name	b. Last Name	c. Email Address
Caroline	Herfindahl	cherfindahl@ellsworthlibrary.org

3. Name and email address of primary staff person who serves as the librarian for adults. Only the primary person is displayed here.		
a. First Name	b. Last Name	c. Email Address
Robin	Kruse	rkruse@ellsworthlibrary.org

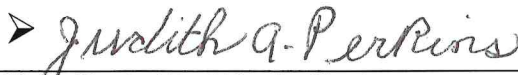

**XIV. PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE WITH SYSTEM MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS**

We assure the Public Library System of which this library is a member and the Division for Libraries and Technology, Department of Public Instruction that this public library is in compliance with the following requirements for public library system membership as listed in Wis. Stats. A check (X) or a mark in the checkbox indicates compliance with the requirement.

- The library is established under s. 43.52 (municipalities), s. 43.53 (joint libraries), or s. 43.57 (consolidated county libraries and county library services) of the Wisconsin Statutes [s. 43.15(4)(c)1].
- The library is free for the use of the inhabitants of the municipality by which it is established and maintained [s. 43.52(2), 73 Op. Atty. Gen. 86(1984), and OAG 30-89].
- The library's board membership complies with statutory requirements regarding appointment, length of term, number of members and composition. [s. 43.54 (municipal and joint libraries), s. 43.57(4) & (5) (consolidated and country library services), and s. 43.60(3) (library extension and interchange)].
- The library board has exclusive control of the expenditure of all moneys collected, donated, or appropriated for the library fund [s. 43.58(1)].
- The library director is present in the library at least 10 hours a week while library is open to the public, less leave time [s. 43.15(4)(c)6]
- The library board supervises the administration of the library, appoints the librarian, who appoints such other assistants and employees as the library board deems necessary, and prescribes their duties and compensation [s. 43.58(4)].
- The library is authorized by the municipal governing board to participate in the public library system [s. 43.15(4)(c)3].
- The library has entered into a written agreement with the public library system board to participate in the system and its activities, to participate in interlibrary loan of materials with other system libraries, and to provide, to any resident of the system area, the same library services, on the same terms, that are provided to the residents of the municipality or county that established the member library. This shall not prohibit a municipal, county, or joint public library from giving preference to its residents in library group programs held for children or adults if the library limits the number of persons who may participate in the group program, or from providing remote access to a library's online resources only to its residents. [s. 43.15(4)(c)4].
- The library's head librarian holds the appropriate grade level of public librarian certification from the Department of Public Instruction [s. 43.15(4)(c)6 and Administrative Code Rules PI 6.03].
- The library annually is open to the public an average of at least 20 hours each week except that for a library in existence on June 3, 2006, annually is open to the public an average of at least 20 hours or the number of hours each week that the library was open to the public in 2005, whichever is fewer [s. 43.15(4)(c)7].
- The library annually spends at least \$2,500 on library materials. [s. 43.15(4)(c)8].

**XV. CERTIFICATION**

I CERTIFY THAT, to the best of my knowledge, the information provided in this annual report and any attachments are true and accurate and the library board has reviewed and approved this report.

President, Library Board of Trustees Signature or designee	Name of President or Designee Print or type	Date Signed
	Judy Perkins	2-11-2026
Library Director / Head Librarian Signature	Library Director / Head Librarian Print or type	Date Signed
	Tiffany Meyer	2/11/26

**STATEMENT CONCERNING PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM EFFECTIVENESS**

As required by Wis. Stat. s. 43.58(6)(c), the following statement that the library system either did or did not provide effective leadership and adequately meet the needs of the library must be completed and approved by the library board. The response should be made in the context of the public library system's statutory responsibilities and the funding which it has available to meet those responsibilities.

County

Pierce

The Ellsworth Public Library Board of Trustees hereby states that in 2025 the IFLS Library System  
*Name of Public Library* *Name of Public Library System / Service*

- did provide effective leadership and adequately met the needs of the library.
  - did not provide effective leadership and did not adequately meet the needs of the library.
- Indicate with an X one of the above statements*

Explanation of library board's response. *Attach additional sheets if necessary.*

Note: With the approval of the library board of trustees, this statement may be submitted separately from the Annual Report form that is sent to the library system, as an e-mail attachment to [LibraryReport@dpi.wi.gov](mailto:LibraryReport@dpi.wi.gov).

The library board is appreciative of the expertise IFLS Library System staff share with library staff covering a wide range of topics. From guidance related to law enforcement requests to the latest AI trends and concerns, the opportunities IFLS provides for connection, learning, and discussion keep our staff up-to-date on library-related news and best practices. IFLS curates a wonderful e-material collection through OverDrive Advantage, an important service as we see our statistics related to e-material use continue to rise. The sudden loss of the system's contracted courier company in 2025 was responded to by system staff quickly and effectively, resulting in minimal interruption of service in between libraries. Tech support (including website training) and advocacy tools and tips were also particularly appreciated over the past year.

**XV. CERTIFICATION**

The preceding statement was approved by the Public Library Board of Trustees.

Division staff will compile the statements received for each library system and, as required by Wis. Stat. s. 43.05(14), conduct a review of a public library system if at least 30 percent of the libraries in participating municipalities that include at least 30 percent of the population of all participating municipalities report that the public library system did not adequately meet the needs of the library. This statement may be provided to the public library system.

President, Library Board of Trustees Signature or designee	Name of President or Designee Print or type	Date Signed
➤ <i>Judith A. Perkins</i>	Judy Perkins	2-11-2026

## COMMENTS

## SECTION III

6a. Method Used to Count Reference Transactions

Survey weeks:

Feb 10-15: 92

May 19-24: 78

Aug 25-30: 86

Nov 10-15: 79

Average: 83.75 ref trans/wk--2026-02-05

## SECTION V

Other Revenue

Friends of the Library support, American Heart Association grant, Pierce County Social Isolation grant, revenue from copies/faxes, memorial donations, payment for lost/damaged items--2026-02-03

MORE Ecommerce Payments--2026-01-22

Total Revenue

Operating income exceeds operating expenses by \$11,656. \$8,070 of the unspent funds were appropriated for maintenance and will go back to the Village of Ellsworth. \$3,586 will likely be carried forward to 2026 once confirmed by the auditor.--2026-02-05

Current Year Appropriation

The reduction in appropriation is mainly in regard to the maintenance budget and our Act 150 amount increased compared to the previous year. There should not be a reduction in services.--2026-02-05

## SECTION VI

b. Electronic Content

contributed \$2,000 to OverDrive Advantage at end of 2025--2026-01-29

MORE Content/Materials--2026-01-22

d. All Other Library Materials

puzzles, blood pressure monitors, replacement gel pad for kit--2026-01-29

5. Other Operating Expenditures

includes multifunction printer replacement, security cameras, strategic plan expenses, RFP assistance, maintenance expenditures other than wages and benefits, and other general library operating costs--2026-02-05

Self Check--2026-01-22

## SECTION VIII

Beginning Balance of Other Funds Under Library Board Control

money markets, CDs, Village-held library account, petty cash--2026-02-02

Total Number of Drop-in Programs

scavenger hunts, reading challenges, 1000 Books Before Kindergarten, Storytime-to-Go--2026-02-02