

An open book is a window to the world.

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## The Reader's Review

# We Wish You a Happy New Year!!

Our Staff and Board of Directors would like to wish all of our Library families and friends a new year filled with peace and good will!

### Mrs. B Visits the Preschools!

One of our major focuses at the Library has always been to develop a love of reading very early in a child's life. Mrs. B, our children's services director, has made this an important priority. One of the ways that she does this is to bring the library to different preschools around town by providing monthly story time visits.

November was all about turkeys & Thanksgiving. December was about the Grinch. By reaching out to the community, she is reaching more children and providing a gift that will last a lifetime.



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#### Hours of Operation

Monday	10:00 A.M.	4:00 P.M.
Tuesday	10:00 A.M.	7:00 P.M.
Wednesday	10:00 A.M.	7:00 P.M.
Thursday	10:00 A.M.	7:00 P.M.
Friday	10:00 A.M.	4:00 P.M.
Saturday	9:00 A.M.	4:00P.M.

# Get to Know Our Staff

There have been some staff changes at the Library, and we'd like to tell you about some of our most recent additions.

Let's start with Nikaya, a familiar face you may remember.

Nikaya had been with us for seven years before leaving and starting a family. She began working at the Library through a work study program and decided very early that this was the place for her. She says that deciding to leave was the hardest decision to make, but deciding to come back was the easiest. Nikaya works evening hours while her mom and sisters babysit for her young daughter. Her main responsibility is handling the interlibrary loans, which include ordering all of the books we need for our book groups as well as books that patrons request that we do not have in our collection. Nikaya says that when she first started at the Library, she was "blown away" by how much work goes into running a library. She says she was still a little overwhelmed when she returned even though she knew the job, but now she is "back in the groove." We are so happy to have her back!



Another fairly recent addition to our staff is Ruth.

Ruth has been with us for about a year. Prior to coming to the Library, Ruth worked in various businesses, handling the payroll and accounts payable functions. She says she loves books and has always loved the library environment. Ruth works at the service desk, assists with the interlibrary loans, and with the children's programs. She says that working with the children is the part of her job that she enjoys the most. She has become a great asset to our library.



**Our newest staff member is Carla.**

**Carla started last October. You may have seen her at the service desk at Trader Horn prior to seeing her at the Library. She also worked as a patient services technician for 15 years at McGuire Memorial which is a testament to her caring personality. Like Ruth, Carla chose the Library because of her love for books and the library environment. She says that her biggest challenge in coming to the Library was learning all of the detailed steps needed to complete each task such as processing new library cards and memorials and placing books on hold. She also was amazed at the amount of work it takes to keep the Library running smoothly. She is a wonderful addition to our staff.**



## **Some Fun Things Happened in December!**

**Winter Take & Makes: Snowman and Snowflake. This picture was provided by a grandma who does our take and makes with her grandchildren.**



**Our Library paired up with All Aboard Ellwood on two different occasions. The first was to talk about Ellwood City's history on Light up Night while the Ellworth trolley carried townspeople to see the Ewing Park Lights. The second occasion was to read to Northside kindergarteners on the trolley for a special holiday-themed day.**



# A Visit from Santa

On Saturday, December 12th, Santa Claus came to the Library to sit with the children and listen to their requests. Before he got there, Mrs. B was there reading exciting stories and everybody had hot cocoa to enjoy while waiting!





# Ellwood City Library's Events Calendar



2024-2025 Children's Programs:  
No Sign Ups Needed! Join us in the Fun!

**Activities from Columbus Day (October) to Memorial Day (May)!**  
**Monday Music & Movement**

Every 1st and 3rd Monday | 10:30am \*Starting Oct. 7th  
(No M&M on Oct. 21 due to Book Sale)

All mobile children are welcome to come dance, wiggle, and sing to wake up on these Monday mornings! On the weeks we don't have M&M, feel free to come and play in the Children's Area with our library friends for more socialization!

**Tween & Teen After School Program**

Every Monday | 3pm-4pm \*Starting Oct. 21st

Join us after school in the back program room to hangout with your friends! Snacks, board games, art activities, Legos, etc. will be provided. Hangout with your friends in a friendly, safe place after school!

**Preschool Storytime**

Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday | 1pm \*Starting Oct. 15

For ages 3-5, join us for stories, music, and more! Stay after storytime for some playtime as well. On the weeks we don't have storytime, feel free to come and play in the Children's Area with our library friends for more socialization!

**Baby Laptime**

Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday | 10:30am \*Starting Oct. 22

For newborns to under 3, join us for stories, music, and more! Stay after Baby laptime for some playtime as well. On the weeks we don't have laptime, feel free to come and play in the Children's Area with our library friends for more socialization!

**1st Saturday of the  
Month is Library Day!**

Activities meet monthly  
from Oct. 5 - Apr. 5

**Reading Buddies @ 10am**  
Join our certified Therapy Dogs for some calm reading time. Come practice your reading skills with the nicest dogs in town.

**S.T.E.A.M. @ 10:45am**  
\*Kindergarteners and Up  
Watch the monthly calendar for our theme each month. Some examples are: Legos, Board Games, Art, Science Experiments, and Special Speakers!

**Bookworms at 12pm**  
This monthly book group is for 3rd - 5th graders.  
**PLEASE CALL TO SIGN UP!**  
Each child receives a free book each month they attend.

\*Keep an eye on the calendar posted on Facebook or on our website for any special events.

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# New Book Clubs



## Bookworms

3rd - 5th Graders

Join Mrs. B in the back program room every month to discuss the monthly book with some snacks and activities. Each child will receive a free book each month they attend!

Meets the 1st Saturday of the month at 12:00

First meeting:  
Oct. 5 at 12:00

**\*Call to Sign up!\***



## D.E.A.R.

Drop Everything And Read  
Adult Silent Book Club

Join us in the back program room every month for a new type of book group! We will start with some "hangout time" then enjoy snacks while you read a favorite book of your choice. This is a great group for people who need some downtime to relax and read but still want to talk about their favorite books as well.

Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6pm

First meeting:  
Sept. 10 at 6pm



**MOVIE NIGHT WILL BE BACK IN MARCH!  
JOIN US THEN FOR OUR MONTHLY MOVIE NIGHT.  
CALL THE LIBRARY TO FIND OUT WHAT WILL BE PLAYING!  
(724)758-6458**



# We Have Special Activities for our Adult Patrons!

## Adult Coloring

Fridays

10:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.

Books, pencils, pens  
available.



## Adult Card Club

Thursdays

10:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

Bring your friends!



## Knitting for Adults

Fridays

12:30 P.M. - 2:30 P.M.

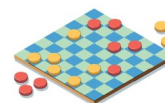
Beginners welcome too!



Come in, sit down  
and build a puzzle.

We have board games  
too!

Or you can bring your  
own dominos to play!



Coffee, tea and water provided by the Library for all activities.  
Ask about bringing your own snacks.

## Tell Your Friends About Our Newsletter

We need your help so that we can reach more readers. If you know someone who would like to receive this newsletter, please forward it to them or ask them to call the Library at (724)758-6458, or stop in and sign-up, sign-up on our website [here](#) or email us at: [ellwoodcitylibrarynewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:ellwoodcitylibrarynewsletter@gmail.com).

Thank you.

