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Ellwood City Public Library

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The Reader's Review

LONGTIME BOARD PRESIDENT,

JUDY KINDLE, LAYS DOWN HER GAVEL

Judy began her tenure at the Library in 1970 when she was appointed as a Trustee of the Library Board by the Ellwood City Borough. Over the years, she has served as Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-President and President of the Board. When asked why volunteering at the Library was so important to her she said, "I felt it was a way to make a difference in the lives of children in our community and I think we have achieved that with our high-level programs for children." She noted that several years ago our Library was given the John Robert's Award for the best children's programming in Pennsylvania, beating the Carnegie Library, Philadelphia Free Library and every other library in Pennsylvania. Judy has been at the helm of the Library for so long that it is hard to imagine continuing without her. But because she is still so committed to the Library, she will continue to serve on the Friends of the Library Committee, offering her expertise with our fundraising efforts that have become so important to our continued success. Our entire Library Board and Staff wish to say thank you, Judy, for always being there for so many years.



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.

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More About Judy

Judy says that one of the biggest challenges she faced as a Board member came in 2008 when then President, Doc Barsotti, announced at a Board Meeting that the citizens of Ellwood City deserved a new Library, and the entire Board agreed. Judy served as fundraising chairman of that project, and with many grants, individual contributions, and family foundations, the committee was able to raise 2.3 million dollars to completely pay for the Library by the time it opened in 2010. What an accomplishment, the benefits our Library has had, and continues to provide, to the entire community, can never be measured!



Judy introduced Heather as our new Library Director at our 2023 Afternoon Tea.



Judy congratulates the late Beverly Greenberg in 2023 for her many years of volunteer service.



Judy's husband, Andy, has always been a part of our Library Family too, always supporting and helping with all of our events.

On June 18, 2025, Mayor Anthony Court presented a proclamation to Judy Kindle, recognizing her outstanding service and dedication to the Ellwood City community. The Mayor said "This proclamation serves as a testament to her legacy of kindness, volunteerism and the positive change she continues to inspire throughout the community of Ellwood City."

Source: ellwoodcity.org



PICTURED (left to right): Becky Chestnut, Heather Baker, Borough Manager Kevin Swogger, Mayor Anthony J. Court, Judith Kindle, Andy Kindle, and Borough Council President Brad Oval.
Source: ellwoodcity.org

Don't Miss This Upcoming Event!

Wednesday • August 5 • 2026

PennOhio Clay Guild's

MudMaker SERIES

Experience the Art of Clay Making

- Meet Clay Artists
- Learn About Creating with Clay
- Make Your Own Clay Work of Art

Ellwood City Public Library

4:30-6:30pm

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clay mud

noun \ 'klā ,məd \

Definition:

A soft, wet mixture of fine-grained earth and water that is sticky, plastic, and easily shaped by hand. Clay mud is often used for modeling, building, or preparing clay bodies before they are refined, dried, and fired in ceramic processes.

Related terms: slip, earthen material

clay making

noun \ 'klā ,mə-kiŋ \

Definition:

The process of shaping, drying, and firing natural, fine-grained earth material to create functional or artistic objects such as pots, sculptures, or tiles.

Clay making involves transforming raw clay into a workable, malleable medium, forming it by hand or tool, and hardening it through high-temperature firing to produce durable ceramic pieces.

Related terms: pottery, ceramics, handbuilding, wheel throwing, glazing

clay artist

noun \ 'klā ,ār-təst \

Definition:

A person who creates works of art out of clay, often to express ideas, emotions, or experiences. A clay artist may make functional pottery, tiles, sculptures, or other clay-based artworks, often combining technical skill with personal expression and design.

Also called: ceramic artist, ceramist, potter

NEW ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG FOLKS BEGINNING IN SPETEMBER!

MUSIC, MOVEMENT, & MORE

EVERY Tuesday at 10:30A.M. from Sept. 1st through May 25th. This is a 45 minute program for ages infants to preschool. All are welcome, no need to sign up. We will add some calmer elements and read a few more stories to add to our original Music and Movement lineup.



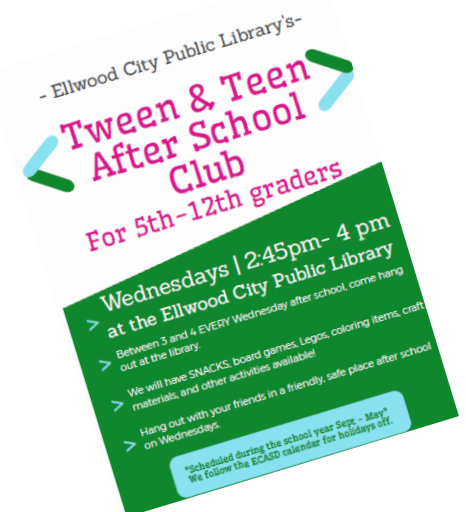
SPECIAL NEEDS HANGOUT

EVERY Wednesday at 10:30 A.M. from September through May. All abilities and ages are welcome! We will provide games and some craft items for patrons. Please feel free to bring your own crafts, games, and snacks!



TWEEN & TEEN AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

EVERY Wednesday at 2:45PM.- 4:00P.M. Kids (5th grade and up) are encouraged to join us after school for a safe hangout space. We will provide snacks, crafts, games, and more! No need to sign up. We will follow the ECASD calendar for days off, etc.

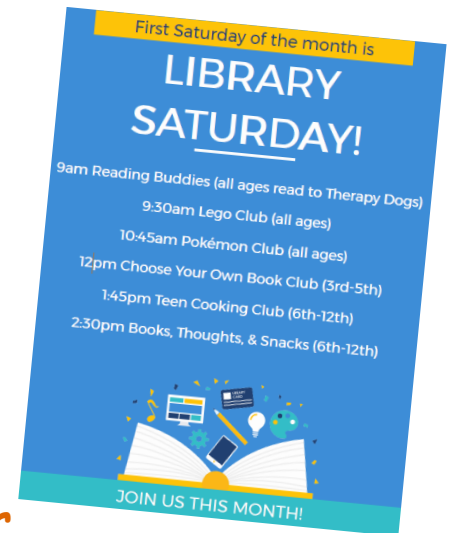


Check out our Facebook page or call the Library for details on these or any programs, (724)758-6458.

NEW ACTIVITIES, CONTINUED!

LIBRARY SATURDAY IS BACK, FIRST SATURDAY EACH MONTH

- 9:00A.M. READING BUDDIES -All ages invited! Read to our therapy dogs)
- 9:30A.M. LEGO CLUB -All ages invited! There will be different stations for kids to free build, complete themed challenges, or work on Library provided Lego sets.
- 10:45A.M. POKEMON CLUB -All ages invited! There will be different stations for kids to trade/show off their Pokemon cards, battle, complete Pokemon crafts, etc. No need to have your own cards to have fun!
- 12:00P.M. CHOOSE YOUR OWN BOOK CLUB 3rd-5th graders. Every month kids can pick their own book to read! We will meet to discuss what they've read then complete different themed activities/crafts with snacks.
- 1:45P.M. TEEN COOKING -6th graders and up. Join us to learn to make easy, at home snacks or meals.
- 2:30P.M. BOOKS, THOUGHTS, & SNACKS -6th graders and up. Join us each month to discuss the book you choose, then work on a provided book journal while we hang out and eat snacks.



A NEW WAY TO SUPPORT CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING!!

We need a few specific things for our children's programs.

If you are willing to donate, you can buy what we need through the Amazon link below. The items will be delivered directly to Mrs. B's house or you can drop them off at the front desk. Just be sure to let the desk staff know that the items are for the children's programs. Thank you.

Needed now: Paper towels, 8.5x11laminating sheets, 8.5x11 white cardstock



<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/29RG3E917DGWY...>

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE

HAPPENING NOW

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8TH - 4TH ANNUAL WINE WALK
from 4:30P.M. to 7:00P.M.

Stroll along the 400 and 500 blocks of Lawrence Avenue, where local wineries, craft beer vendors, food trucks, and distilleries will be situated.
Visit them all!



Tickets: \$25.00 each
Price increases to \$30.00 after August 4th

Special prices: 2 tickets for \$45.00
6 tickets for \$125.00



COMING SOON

MONDAY, OCT. 5TH THRU SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10TH
ANNUAL BOOK AND BAKE SALE

Thousands of adult and children's books will be available.



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH
LADIES AFTERNOON TEA



This catered event will be held at Calvin Presbyterian Church and will feature door prizes, a reverse lottery, and a guest speaker.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST
CRAFT SHOW



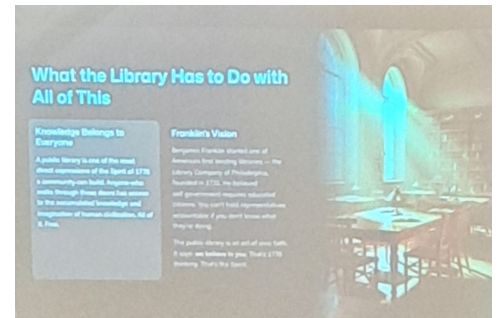
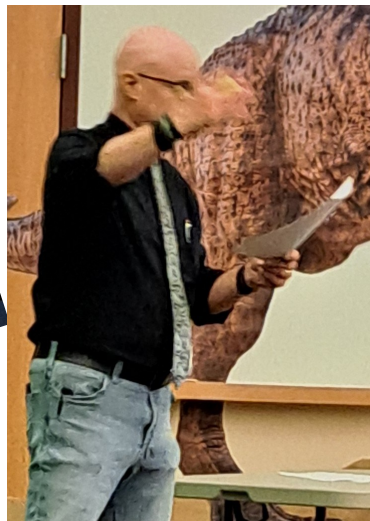
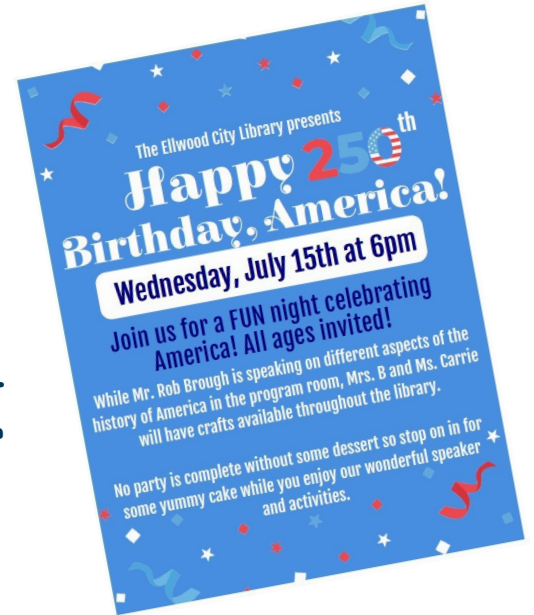
Come to the Calvin Presbyterian Church between 10:00A.M. & 3:00P.M.
Admission is free. There will be 20+ craft vendors. Food will be available for sale, as well as baked goods and gift baskets.

Santa will also make an appearance.

AMERICA'S 250TH BIRTHDAY PARTY AT THE LIBRARY

On Wednesday, July 15th, our Library celebrated the 250th birthday of the United States with a presentation by Guest Lecturer, Bob Brough. Mr. Brough spoke about the many different aspects of the history of America.

There was a beautiful red, white, and blue birthday cake prepared by our own staff member, Carla. The cake was enjoyed by all of our participants after Mr. Brough's lecture. Mrs. B and Ms. Carrie made sure that there were appropriate crafts available for kids throughout the Library.



MONTHLY ADULT BOOK GROUP SELECTIONS

CLASSICS: *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* by Ken Kesey
(Thursday, August 20th at 2:00 P.M.)

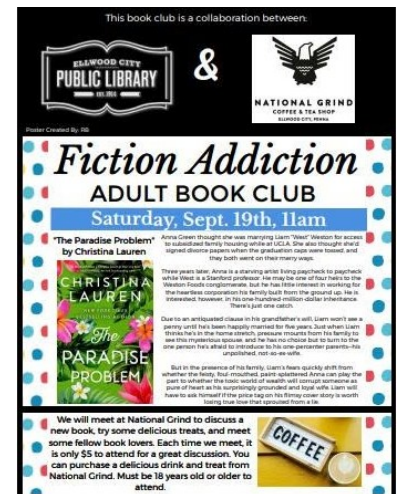
CONTEMPORARY: *The First Ladies* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray
(Thursday, August 13th at 2:00 P.M.)



FICTION ADDICTION: *The Paradise Problem* by Christina Lauren
(Saturday, September 19th at 11:00 A.M.)



A novel about the extraordinary partnership between First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt and civil rights activist Mary McLeod Bethune—an unlikely friendship that changed the world. -*New York Times* bestselling authors of the *Good Morning America* Book Club pick *The Personal Librarian*.



DON'T FORGET ABOUT MOVIE NIGHT!!

JOIN US ON AUGUST 19TH

CALL THE LIBRARY TO FIND OUT WHAT'S PLAYING!
(724)758-6458



TELL YOUR FRIENDS ABOUT OUR NEWSLETTER!

GIVE US YOUR FEEDBACK TOO!



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. Use this email address to give us your feedback too! Thank you.

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