

An open book is a window to the world.

Ellwood City Public Library

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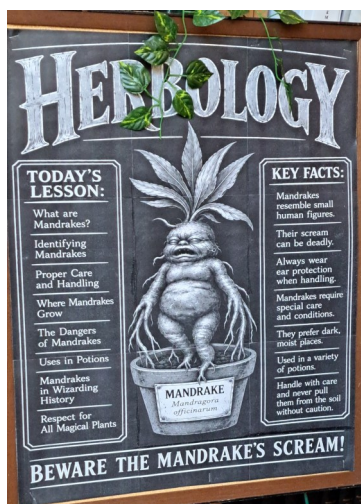
October 2026

## The Reader's Review

### THE MAGIC LIBRARY RETURNS

On Saturday, September 26th, a magical world of witches, wizards, and muggles of all ages awaited.

There was magic around every book shelf!!



#### 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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# OH, THE MAGIC WAS EVERYWHERE!!

Gryffindor House



Hufflepuff House



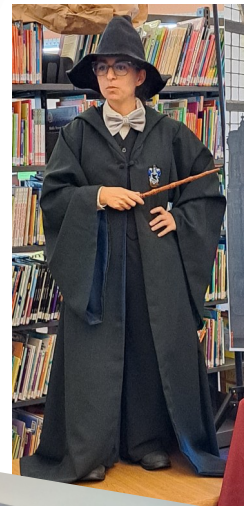
Witches



Muggles



Dobby



Ravenclaw House



Slytherin House



Wizards



# DON'T MISS THESE TWO BIG EVENTS!!

## BOOK & BAKE SALE

Ellwood City Public Library's

Bake sale only on Tuesday!

**BOOK SALE**

4 for \$1 Kid's Books

\$3.00 Hardcover

BOOKS, MUSIC, MOVIES, & MORE!

\$2.00 DVD's

\$2.00 Trade Paperbacks

\$1.00 Paperbacks

Preview Night: Monday, Oct. 12th, 4 - 7pm  
\$5 Entrance fee

**OCTOBER 13-17**

Tues/Wed/Thurs: 10am-7pm  
Friday: 10am-4pm  
Saturday (Bag day): 9am-2pm

**SUPPORT THE LIBRARY**

- Proceeds benefit library programming
- Items for all ages and genres
- Cash accepted

For more information, visit [ellwoodcitylibrary.com](http://ellwoodcitylibrary.com) or follow us on Facebook  
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This is one of our biggest and most important fundraisers of the year, starting with a *Special Preview Night* on Monday, October 12th from 4:00P.M to 7:00P.M. There is an entry fee of \$5.00 but you get first choice of thousands of books. The regular sale runs from Tuesday, October 13th through Saturday, October 17th during Library hours. Hardcover are \$3.00, Trade Paperbacks are \$2.00, Paperbacks are \$1.00. Saturday, October 17th is Bag Day when everything you can fit in one bag is \$5.00.

## LADIES' HOLIDAY TEA

Join us on Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at Calvin Presbyterian Church for afternoon tea. Doors open at 12:15P.M., luncheon will be served at 1:00P.M. There will be gift baskets, door prizes, a reverse lottery and a guest speaker. Cost is only \$30.00. Tickets can be purchased from Board members or at the Library. The catered lunch includes sandwiches, salads, quiche and desserts. There is also a Tea Hat Contest so be sure to wear your best hat!!



You are cordially invited to a

**Ladies' Holiday Tea**

Saturday, November 7th from 1-3pm  
Calvin Presbyterian Church  
615 Crescent Ave, Ellwood City, PA  
Doors Open at 12:15pm

Please come and celebrate this seasonal tradition while supporting our Ellwood City Area Public Library.

Dress up in your best Tea attire and enjoy a festive catered lunch including sandwiches, salads, quiche, and desserts.

Tea Hat Contest! 3 prizes awarded - Be Creative!  
Guest Speaker Reverse Lottery  
Raffle Baskets Door Prizes  
Surprise giveaways

Stop in the Library or call the desk for tickets.  
\$30 Adults / \$15 Children Under 10

All proceeds benefit the Ellwood City Area Public Library.

## SOMETHING BRAND NEW: A CRAFT SHOW!!

We are having our first Craft Show on Saturday, November 21st at Calvin Presbyterian Church from 10:00A.M. to 3:00P.M. Admission is free. There will be over 20 vendors featuring a variety of items. Santa will be there to meet the kids! There will be baked goods for sale as well as gift baskets. The lunch menu will include walking tacos, nachos, and chili dogs. Tom's Coffee Truck will be parked outside.

Friends of the Library

**Holiday Craft Show**

Benefits the Ellwood City Area Public Library

**Donations Needed**

We are in need of donations for our Holiday Craft Show.

- Food Items
- Signage
- Decorations
- Raffle Baskets
- Monetary Donations

For a detailed list of items needed, or to make a donation, please email [Delightfullycreativelaserworks@gmail.com](mailto:Delightfullycreativelaserworks@gmail.com)

Event Date: November 21, 2026

# MORE LIBRARY HAPPENINGS, KEEP THESE IN MIND

- Join us on October 14th to learn about support available during pregnancy, childbirth, and the postpartum period.
- Our Adult Special-Needs program is available every Wednesday for adults with special needs and their families and friends.
- Mom's Night Out is on October 6th. You don't need to be a mother to join us! Come to the Library for adult-only conversation and relaxation.
- Monthly History Club is on October 15th. Mr. Bob Brough speaks on a different historical topic each month. Call the Library for details.
- We now have Business Discount Cards on sale at the library for \$10.00. There are discounts available from over 40 local businesses. These cards make great Christmas stocking stuffers or birthday gifts.
- We have an open position at the Circulation Desk and assistant with InterLibrary Loan work. Send us your resume.

The Ellwood City Area Public Library is looking for someone to join their team and make a difference in the community.

## WE'RE HIRING!

**Circulation desk/ILL Assistant**  
The position is 26 hours a week with some weekends and some evenings.

**Qualifications:**

- Excellent interpersonal and customer service skills that display a positive attitude and the ability to interface with people of all backgrounds and ages.
- Applicants must have a minimum of a high school diploma or GED.
- Must be comfortable and proficient with technology.
- Applicant must be organized and able to work with others and work independently.
- The ability to alphabetize and arrange items numerically.

The candidate will be required to obtain PA Child Abuse/FBI Clearances and successfully pass a criminal background check.

**Jobs will include:**

- Working the circulation desk; checking Patron's books in and out, helping a Patron with printing material, handling money and keeping the work and front area tidy.
- May be asked to assist with Interlibrary loans (training will be provided).
- Will be responsible for processing the cataloged books for circulation (training will be provided).
- Doing tasks to help the everyday running of the Library.

All resumes should be turned in by August 28, 2026.  
Drop off your resume at the Library, 415 Lawrence Ave. Ellwood City PA 16177 during normal business hours or email to [hbaker@ellwoodcitylibrary.org](mailto:hbaker@ellwoodcitylibrary.org)

## Birth Support & Beyond

Wednesday, Oct. 14th, 6pm

Join local doulas, midwives, birth photographers, and pelvic floor physical therapists to learn about the support available during pregnancy, labor and birth, and the postpartum period.

Discover what doulas do, how they help families prepare for birth and recovery, and learn about other valuable resources for growing families. There will also be time for questions and discussion.



The Ellwood City Library's

## Adult Special-Needs Hangout!

Every Wednesday  
10:30 a.m.



In partnership with McGuire Memorial, we invite individuals with disabilities and special needs—along with their families, friends, and community members—to join us at the library for a relaxed and welcoming time together. Everyone is welcome!

We'll enjoy coloring, puzzles, games, stories, and plenty of time to connect and have fun. Feel free to bring your own lunch or snacks. No registration is required—just stop by and hang out!

Follow us on Facebook!

**"Mom's" Night Out!**

FOR ALL WOMEN OVER 18

You do NOT need to be a mother to join us!

Calling all moms!  
We have a night out just for you!

You are invited to the library for adult-only conversation and relaxation. Take a break from bedtime duty and join us for an evening of grown-up conversation.

**Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2026  
6-7pm**

\*We will meet every 1st Tuesday of the month!  
No need to sign up for this free monthly event.



Stop by your favorite coffee shop and grab a drink or snack on your way here.

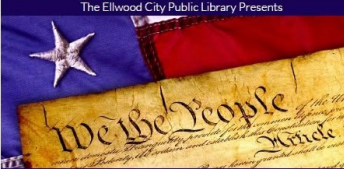


Bring any current art/craft projects you are working on!



Bring your current read or browse our collection at the library.

The Ellwood City Public Library Presents



## History: Beyond the Books

Each month will bring:  
A new topic. A new story.  
A new look at the past.

Join us each month as local history educator, Mr. Bob Brough explores a fascinating topic from the past. From famous figures to forgotten stories, every session offers something new to discover. At 6pm each month, he will be speaking on different topics:

Sept. 17: Remembering 9/11: Flight 93

Next upcoming dates: (topics to be announced)  
Oct. 15, Nov. 19, Dec. 17

Children are welcome! While adults attend the presentation, Mrs. B and Ms. Carrie will provide engaging activities in the Children's Area so the whole family can enjoy an evening full of History at the library.

The Ellwood City Area Public Library is looking for someone to join their team and make a difference in the community.

**WE'RE HIRING!**

### Library Director

The position is 40 hours a week with some weekends and some evenings.

## Ellwood City Area Public Library Director Position

The Ellwood City Library is seeking a dynamic, expert communicator, and community-minded leader for the position of Library Director. Our library serves the community of Ellwood City as well as several surrounding townships. We are a member of the New Castle Library District and the Lawrence County Federated Library System.

### Job Description:

The Library Director serves as the chief executive of the Ellwood City Area Public Library, responsible for day-to-day management and operations. The director implements board approved policies, leads the staff in a positive, customer service approach, and exercises independent professional judgement in operational matters.

This hands-on leadership role combines administrative oversight with direct patron service. The Director serves as the primary liaison among library staff, the Board of Trustees, community partners, and the public, and communicates regularly with the board president between monthly meetings.

We encourage candidates with experience in fundraising, grant writing, community engagement, and non-profit financial management to apply.

### Job Requirements:

- Provisional librarian (Bachelor's degree from a 4-year college or university and completed at least 12 credit hours of library science courses), or Professional librarian (Bachelor's degree from a 4-year college or university and a Master's degree in library science)
- FBI, PA Criminal Background Checks, and PA Child Abuse History Clearances
- Two years library leadership experience and/or library management, preferred
- Successful leadership role in a community or non-profit organization, preferred
- Non-profit fundraising, development and grant writing experience, preferred
- Interpersonal skills to collaborate with staff, volunteers, board members and patrons
- Strong oral and written communication skills

### Responsibilities:

#### Manage day-to-day operation of the library

- Lead, administrator, and coordinate the work of the library staff and volunteers
- Perform managerial duties related to personnel, scheduling, budget and collection development
- Collaborate with the treasurer on budget and payroll
- Pursue financial support on local, state, and national levels
- Identify and write grant applications
- Develop and maintain relationships with the community, including local governments, businesses, schools, and fundraising organizations
- Represent the library at meetings and workshops
- Attend community and library fundraising events

#### Collaborate with the Board of Trustees:

- Ensure the mission and values of a public library
- Evaluate library performance and effectiveness
- Monitor, identify and address relevant financial, operational, staffing and facility issues

Salaried full-time position maintaining a minimum 40-hour work week including some evenings and weekends.

All interested parties please email resumes or questions to Michelle Hand, Library Board of Trustees President, [ellwoodlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:ellwoodlibrary@gmail.com).

# Celebrating with Judy at a Farewell Party



On Saturday, August 29th, members of the Library Board of Directors and Library staff members gathered to celebrate with Judy Kindle upon her resignation as Board President after 56 years of dedicated service. She was given a beautiful plaque outlining her innumerable contributions to the Library and to our community.



Judy with new Board President, Michelle Hand.



Staff members greet Judy as she walks in the door.



Good food and conversation made for a memorable event.



Judy with Library Director, Heather Baker.



# NEW ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG FOLKS BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER!

## MUSIC, MOVEMENT, & MORE

EVERY Tuesday at 10:30A.M. from Sept. 1st through May 25th. This is a 45-minute program for ages birth 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.



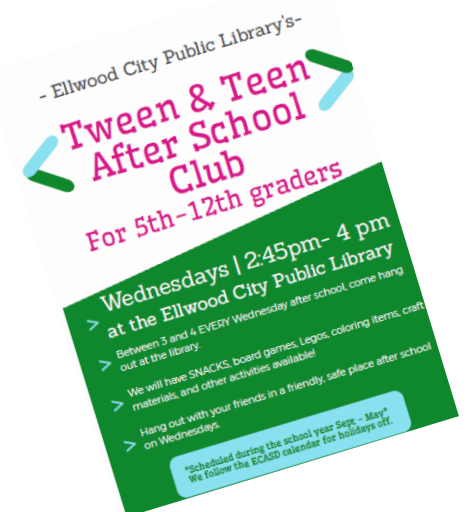
## SPECIAL NEEDS HANGOUT

EVERY Wednesday at 10:30A.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 2:45P.M. - 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.

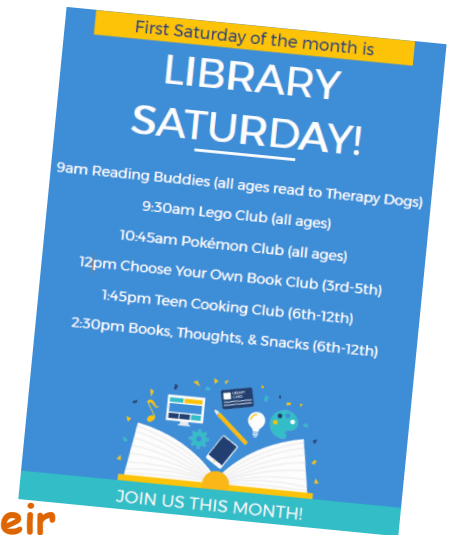


Check out our Facebook page or call the Library for details on these programs, (724)758-6458.

# 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 Pokémon cards, battle, complete Pokémon 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 enjoy 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 enjoy snacks.



## A NEW WAY TO SUPPORT US!!

We need a few specific things for our programs, if anyone is willing to donate. If you buy them through the Amazon link below, they are 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 it is for Mrs. B' programs. Thank you.

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

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



# MONTHLY ADULT BOOK GROUP SELECTIONS

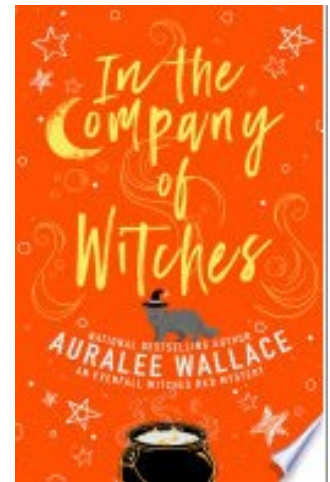
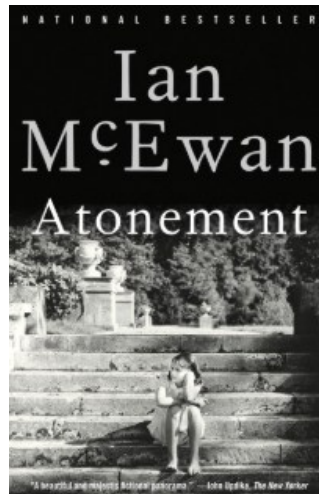
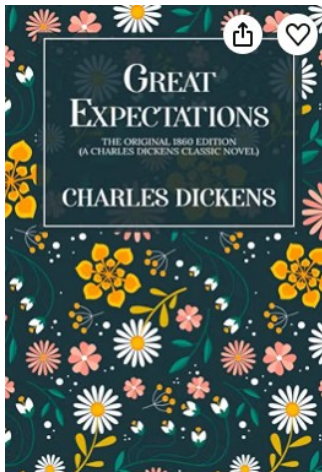
**CLASSICS:** *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens  
(Thursday, October 22nd at 2:00P.M.)

**CONTEMPORARY:** *Atonement* by Ian McEwan  
(Thursday, October 8th at 2:00P.M.)

**FICTION ADDICTION:** *In the Company of Witches*  
by Auralee Wallace

(Saturday, November 14th at 11:00A.M.)

(Group will meet at National Grind. Participants must be 18 or older.)



**DON'T FORGET ABOUT MOVIE NIGHT!!**

**JOIN US ON OCTOBER 21ST**

**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](mailto:ellwoodcitylibrarynewsletter@gmail.com). Use this email address to give us your feedback too! Thank you.

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