An open book is a window to the world.

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The Reader's Review

Our October Book Sale — A Great Success!

So many book lovers! So many books!

As in past years, hundreds of folks from Ellwood City and the surrounding community visited our Library during our October Book Sale. This book sale is our most important fundraiser. Everyone who visited helped to make this sale one of our best yet! Special thanks to the Riverside Lions Club for donating $5 vouchers to be used by teachers and homeschoolers to help purchase children's books. Very, very special thanks to every book lover who came in, browsed through the thousands of books on display, and purchased so many of them. Your support helps to fund not only the day-to-day operations of the Library, but also the special programs that benefit our entire community. Our children's programs are one of our main focuses. We strive every day to offer young folks more opportunities to visit the Library, learn to love books, and become lifelong readers. Thank you again for helping us to do this!



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.	4:00 P.M.

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We saw so many happy faces as folks browsed tables and tables of books, most that were practically brand new. The children's area was extremely popular; almost all of those books were all gone by the end of the sale. Saturday was bag day, and visitors could fill a shopping bag up to the top for only $5.00. What a deal!











It was nearly impossible for folks to purchase books and then be able to walk past the baked goods sale without buying something. So many delicious pastries to choose from! What could be better than sitting down with a new book, a cup of coffee, and a yummy chocolate brownie!



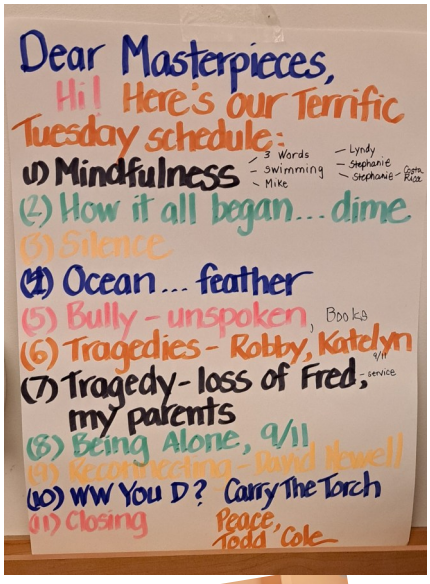


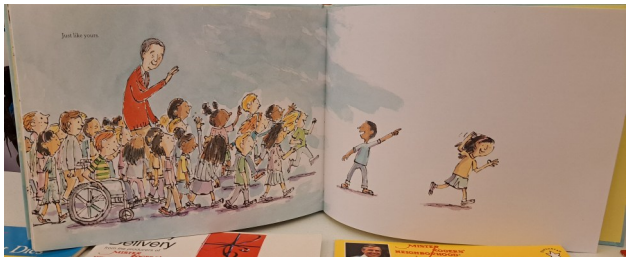

What Would Fred Do? (Fred Rogers, that is.)

On October 20th, our Library held a presentation led by Dr. Todd Cole, an adjunct professor from Westminster College. Dr. Cole is a former elementary school teacher and was a good friend of the beloved Fred Rogers. Fred had lessons that appealed to individuals of all ages, not just children, and Todd Cole has spent his entire educational career following those lessons. He talked about friendship, compassion, and being an advocate for children. It felt like Mr. Rogers was in the room. It really was "a beautiful day" in the Library neighborhood!



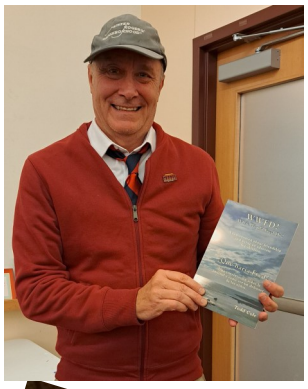
Todd Cole







Mrs. B got a T-Shirt.



Todd told us that everyone is a Masterpiece!

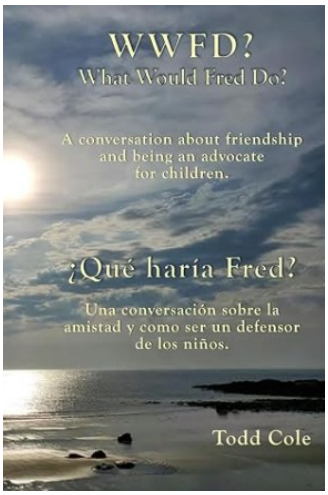


Neighborhood Trolley





This is one of Todd's favorite pictures, he and Fred Rogers.



Todd's co-worker and her mom.



"What Would Fred Do?" is available at the Library. It is Todd's latest book about Fred Rogers.

Meet Our Library Board of Directors

Have you ever wondered who is in charge at the Library? It starts with our Board of Directors. These folks are community members who love the library and devote their time and energy to making it the best that it can be.

Every library board has five primary roles:

- *Advocate for the library in the community and advocate for the community.* Our Library Board works hard to make sure that we offer the best possible service including working to obtain adequate funding for the library. Many of our Board members also serve on our Friends of the Library Committee which focuses on fundraising.
- *Plan for the future of the library.* Part of the Board's job is to look ahead and anticipate what is going to happen with library services over the next few years. Our Board members try to ensure that the Library will continue to be responsive to the needs of our community in the future.
- *Monitor and evaluate the overall effectiveness of the library.* Our board monitors the financial operations of the Library and also evaluates the programs that are offered to the public.
- *Adopt library policies.* Policies are the written guidelines for actions and decisions of every library. Our Library board is responsible for developing these policies and monitoring their effectiveness. Once policies are adopted by the Board, the Library staff carries them out on a day-to-day basis.
- *Hire and evaluate the library director.* Our board recently had the task of hiring a new director, Carlie Adams. Carlie's job is to manage the day-to-day operations of the library. Our board will work closely with her to make sure the library operates well and in the best interest of those it serves.

Special thanks to our special Board for all they do for the Library and our community. Next month, more about Director Carlie Adams, and Board President Michelle Hand.

Ellwood City Area Library Board of Directors

Bottom Row: Andrea Houk, Vice President, Barb Wilson, Secretary

Top Row: Michelle Hand, President, Phyllis Conway, Treasurer, Becky Guisler, Jim Johnson, Ellwood City Councilman

Missing: Nora DiBuono, Martin Barsotti, Dr. Amy Anderson, School Superintendent



Library happenings!!



LADIES' HOLIDAY TEA

Join us on Saturday, November 7th at Calvin Presbyterian Church for afternoon tea. Doors open at 12:15 P.M., luncheon will be served at 1:00 P.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!!

SOMETHING BRAND NEW: A CRAFT SHOW!!

We are having our first Craft Show on Saturday, November 21st at Calvin Presbyterian Church from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.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.



DISCOUNT CARDS

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.



SEUSSICAL FUN

Join us on November 10th at 6:00 P.M. for an exciting Cat in the Hat party. You won't want to miss it!



Activities for Young Folks and Special Folks

MUSIC, MOVEMENT, & MORE

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



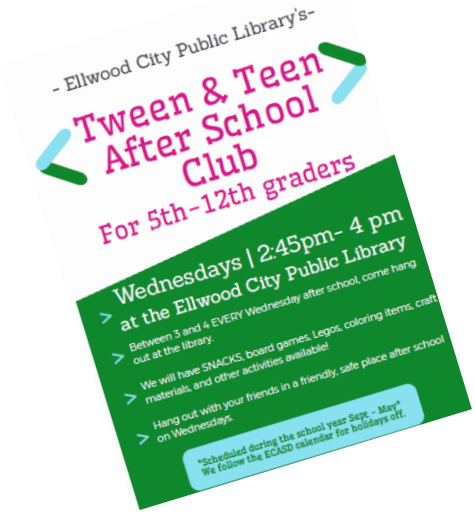
SPECIAL NEEDS HANGOUT

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

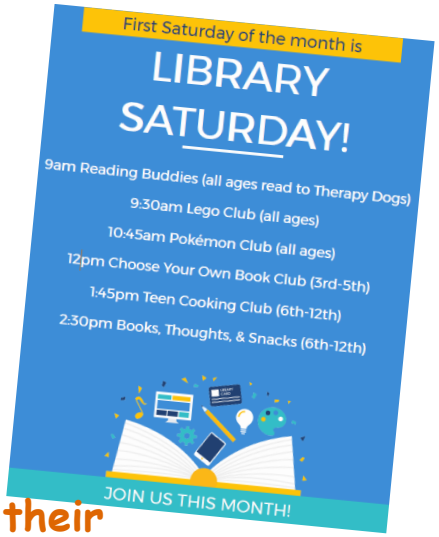
EVERY Wednesday at 2:45 P.M.- 4:00 P.M. Kids (fifth grade and up) are encouraged to join us after school for a safe hangout space. We will provide snacks, crafts, games, and more! No need to sign up. We will follow the ECASD calendar for days off, etc.



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

Even more activities!

LIBRARY SATURDAY IS BACK, FIRST SATURDAY EACH MONTH



- 9:00 A.M. READING BUDDIES -All ages invited! Read to our therapy dogs.
- 9:30 A.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.
- 10:45 A.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!
- 12:00 P.M. CHOOSE YOUR OWN BOOK CLUB -third-fifth 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 and enjoy snacks.
- 1:45 P.M. TEEN COOKING -6th graders and up. Join us to learn to make easy, at-home snacks or meals.
- 2:30 P.M. BOOKS, THOUGHTS, & SNACKS –sixth 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's programs. Thank you.



Needed now: paper towels, 8.5 x 11 laminating sheets, 8.5 x 11 white cardstock

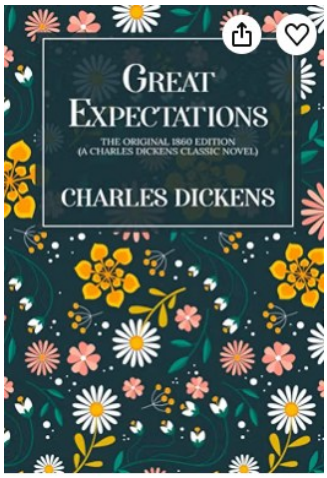
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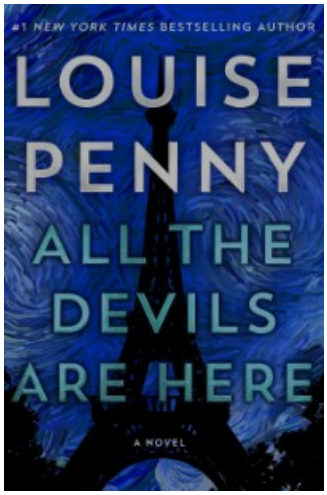
Monthly Adult Book Group Selections

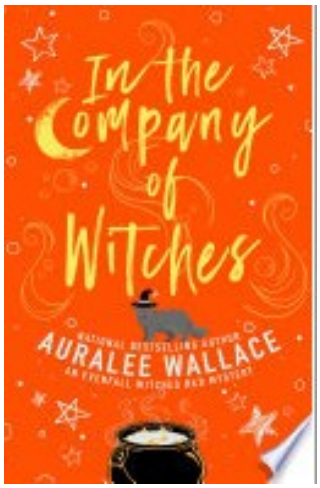
CLASSICS: *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens
(Thursday, December 3rd at 2:00 P.M.)

CONTEMPORARY: *All the Devil Are Here* by Louise Penny
(Thursday, November 12th at 2:00 P.M.)

FICTION ADDICTION: *In the Company of Witches*
by Auralee Wallace
(Saturday, November 14th at 11:00 A.M.)
(Group will meet at National Grind. Participants must be 18 or older.)









DON'T FORGET ABOUT MOVIE NIGHT!!

JOIN US ON NOVEMBER 18TH
CALL THE LIBRARY TO FIND OUT WHAT'S PLAYING!
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GIVE US YOUR FEEDBACK TOO!



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