

# FY 2024-25 IMPACT REPORT



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# About the Ellsworth Public Library



***Strengthen the  
Community***



***Support  
Literacy***



***Access to  
Information***



***Foster Lifelong  
Learning***

## ***Mission***

Ellsworth Public Library strengthens community, supports literacy, provides access to information, and fosters lifelong learning and enrichment.

## ***Vision***

The Ellsworth Public Library will be a recognized source of knowledge and information, a place to gather and discuss, encourage reading and the leader in cooperation with the city, businesses and organizations. The library will be the gateway to life-long learning, offering a full spectrum of services, materials and programming.

# ELLSWORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY

## 5 YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN (2024-2029)

A strong sense of direction is essential for growth and success in any organization. The Ellsworth Public Library's Strategic Plan was approved by the Board of Trustees on December 7, 2023. Below are our strategic areas of emphasis for the next 5 years.



### **The community will have an attractive and visually appealing library building front.**

# 01

We intend to replace our sign, fill our garden bed, and repaint the front of the building.



### **The community will have access to the library beyond the library's physical walls.**

# 02

We will purchase new promo materials, provide outside programming and update our website.



### **The library will expand programming based on community interests.**

# 03

We intend to provide an after-school program at least one day a week, add teen programming, and expand adult programming.



### **Constantly listening and improving:**

As a community service, we aim to be constantly listening to community feedback and making improvements. For more information about our strategic plan or to give constructive feedback, please contact us using the information on page 6.

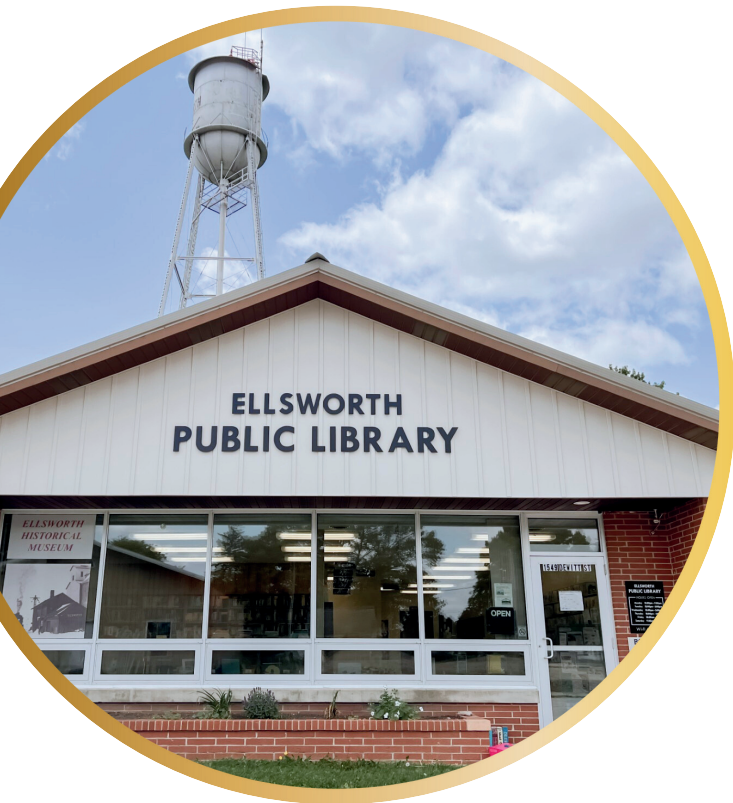


# LIBRARY UPDATES

## Fresh Paint & New LVP Flooring

In May of 2025, the library staff tackled the huge project of moving everything in the library. First, staff moved all the books off the shelves to paint a fresh coat on the ceilings and the walls. Then, everything had to move out of the library, including the old carpet squares, to prepare for the flooring replacement. Gilbert Flooring out of Webster City installed the new Luxury Vinyl Plank flooring in the library before moving onto the museum. The whole process took a little less than 3 weeks.

Special thanks to the Ellsworth Housing Development Committee for the donation that fully funded this project.



## New Sign & Front Siding

In fall of 2024, the library got a facelift! The new sign was installed by First Class Signs, and vertical steel siding replaced the rotting plywood facade. The new materials will require zero maintenance and will last for years to come!

Special thanks to POET Biorefining out of Jewell for helping to fund the project with a community grant.





# FY 24-25 IN A SNAPSHOT

## Year in Review

We are dedicated to our community and are constantly adding new programs and materials to meet the needs of its people. This year was no exception. The Ellsworth Public Library added 473 new materials worth \$7,209.52 through its purchasing budget and community donations.

This year, we also added an after school program for elementary kids and the Balance Agility Strength and Endurance (BASE) Exercise Group for adults 55 and older to our weekly program offerings. At the after school program, kids received snacks and an hour of screen-free enrichment activities. The BASE program has brought many seniors together for closer community and healthier living. Through these activities, we are improving the quality of life in our community.

## Items We Lend

- |                     |             |
|---------------------|-------------|
| ✓ Books/Audio Books | ✓ Magazines |
| ✓ DVDs              | ✓ Puppets   |
| ✓ WiFi Hotspots     | ✓ STEM Kits |
| ✓ Board Games       | ✓ Puzzles   |



### Patrons Saved \$45,608.15

EPL patrons saved over \$45,000 by using the library this year.



### 396 Patrons

The EPL had 396 active patrons, or about 78% of the city's population.



### 8,717 Physical Items

The EPL holds 8,717 physical items for lending (books, puppets, puzzles, etc.).



### 146 Programs Provided

146 different programs were provided for various ages and interests.



### 897 Participants Attended

The EPL's 146 programs were attended by 897 participants.



### 2,061 WiFi and Computer Uses

The library's WiFi and computers were used over 2,000 times.



### 5,815 Visits

Patrons visited the Ellsworth Public Library almost 6,000 times this year.



# BOOK DONATION

In January, the library received a donation of 100 children's books from the Brownstone Book Fund.

## What You Can Donate:

- Books
- DVDs
- CD Audiobooks
- Craft Supplies
- Cash

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