

# EAST WILLISTON PUBLIC LIBRARY 2024 ANNUAL COMMUNITY REPORT



## 2,700

Followers on social media  
(Facebook and Instagram)

## 1,152

East Williston Library  
cardholders

## 17,103

Current books and  
resources in circulation  
in the library

## 22,000

Materials checked  
out or accessed via  
Libby

**VISIT US TO BECOME A LIBRARY CARDHOLDER AND START ENJOYING THESE PERKS!**

## SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

The East Williston Public Library had another spectacular year! Our small town treasure continued to engage patrons with its inviting atmosphere and knowledgeable staff. From books to museum passes to events, there was something for all ages and interests.

With nearly 2,700 followers on Instagram and Facebook, word has quickly spread that the library is the heart of our small village. The library co-directors, Jamie Cutinella and Erin Urkiel, imagine and bring all events to life. Each event is carefully and thoughtfully designed for the intended audience!

### STORYTIME

Story Time is a weekly tradition for local families on Thursday mornings. Ms. Jamie, as she is affectionately known by the children, along with her staff, always thrills toddlers and preschoolers with stories, crafts and activities and a treat, coordinating with each week's theme. In the colder months, indoor storytime had an average of 60 children in attendance per week. In the warmer months, upwards of 90-100 children and their caretakers enjoyed storytime on the village green. Character visits from familiar favorites, like Bluey and Clifford, were a treat. Senator Jack Martins was a special guest reader in May!

### BABIES & TODDLERS

The youngest patrons enjoyed special programs geared toward their interests, such as: Tiny Songbirds, Toddler & Me Yoga, Lil' Athletes, Soccer Stars, the Move N' Groove Bus, and Long Island Aardvarks. The Library staff also planned programs around current events, such as the "break" dance party (Winter break), Solar Eclipse viewing party, the Kiddie Parade (Memorial Day), Toddler Olympics (Summer Olympics), Truck of Treats & Tailgate (Halloween), Candy Election (Presidential Election), Turkey Trot with Coach Jane, Thanksgiving balloon parade and New Year's at Noon (New Year's Eve). These parties and programs got our children moving, dancing, creating, and interacting with one another.

### TWEENS

The Tweens (children ages 8-12) also participated in monthly events, such as "Palentine's Day", Glow and Dance party, Cake Wars, Tween Bingo, Connect Four tournament, Mr. Poppintwist's balloon twisting, fun games and ice cream sundaes.



AND WHO COULD FORGET OUR SEVEN FUZZY AND ADORABLE BABY CHICKS? WE LOVED WATCHING "EGG" SHEERAN, "CHICK" JAGGER, ROGER "FEATHER"ER, "YOLK"O ONO, JOHN "HEN"NON, "HEN" DAYA, AND MARK "CLUCK"ERBERG GROW AND HATCH!

## ADULTS & SENIORS

For adults and seniors, the EWPL offered numerous workshops, gatherings, and programs. From movie screenings to lunches to hands-on classes and games, there was something for everyone! Learning goes beyond the walls of the library. The Walking Club enjoyed the beautiful fall weather and continued well into the winter months. The community learned how to stay financially and physically healthy at the TONH Tax and Assessment Grievance Workshops, the St. Francis Hospital Outreach Bus and the AARP Smart Driver Course. Adults enjoyed leisurely activities such as how to make pasta and dumplings. They also learned a new game – Canasta!



## GIVING BACK

Of course the kindness and generosity fostered at the EWPL doesn't simply remain in our zip code. The library partnered with the Faith Mission Food pantry to collect items to feed people in our area. They also collected back to school items for local families for the Fill a Backpack Program.



## SUMMER SPECTACULAR

A summer of adventure took place at the EWPL, including summer reading, ready to read book clubs, movies, ice cream, and weekly events. On Wednesday evenings, families gathered on the East Williston Village Green to enjoy carnival games, a petting zoo, dueling pianos, bingo and even food trucks! Weekly story time continued as crowds on the Village Green reached record highs. Patrons were also able purchase discounted tickets to local attractions such as the Long Island Aquarium and Adventure Land.

## HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

Our library enthusiastically celebrated every holiday on the calendar with special book displays, decorations and events including: Groundhog's Day, Easter, Earth Day, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Rosh Hashanah, Halloween, Diwali, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's!



## NEW & IMPROVED

The library received some new upgrades, including new carpet, lighting, tables and chairs. The space has been modernized and is equipped to accommodate different groups and functions!

THANK YOU TO THE TALENTED STAFF AT THE EWPL, ESPECIALLY TO OUR WONDERFUL LIBRARY CO-DIRECTORS, JAMIE CUTINELLA AND ERIN URKIEL, WHOSE CREATIVITY, LOVE, AND DEDICATION IS EXTRAORDINARY. SPECIAL THANKS ALSO GOES TO YOU - TO EVERYONE WHO USED THE EAST WILLISTON PUBLIC LIBRARY IN 2024, AND TO EVERY DISTRICT TAXPAYER WHOSE FUNDING THE LIBRARY DEPENDS UPON. STAY TUNED FOR EVEN MORE FUN AND ADVENTURE IN 2025!



## THE EWPL? BECOME A "FRIEND OF THE LIBRARY"

For more information or to get involved, contact The East Williston Library at (516) 741-1213 or [ewpl@ewlibrary.org](mailto:ewpl@ewlibrary.org)

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