

**New Ideas for 2024:**

Book Club for Tweens (JEDI/MIDDLE)  
Triva Nights for Tweens  
Chess Club for kids  
Pokémon Club for kids  
Makerspace w/ Mary  
Homeschool Programs  
Movie Matinees  
Stop motion classes  
Partnerships with Historians

**Recently added programs:**

Little Free Pantry (Campaign Against Hunger. St Mary's of the Lake Catholic Church)  
BINGO for Kids  
Story Book Walk (Halloween)  
Poetry Challenges  
Take-home bags  
Water Play  
Loyalty Rewards Programs  
HOGs (History or Genealogy Club)  
LEGO® Club  
Author Visits  
Home Alone Safety Training Course  
Macrame Classes  
Advanced Adventures (Story hour for older kids)  
Kids Yoga  
Theme Day in the park  
Homeschooling 101 Class  
Teen Tuesdays and Homework Hangouts  
"Noon' Year's Eve  
Teen volunteer program  
Jordan Memorial Pool access pass  
Community Quilt Project  
Adopt-a-bookshelf  
Monthly Newsletter  
Wireless WiFi printing

**Ongoing Programs at EFL:**

Kids in Motion  
Story Hour  
Quilt Class  
1000 Books Before Kindergarten  
Knitter Club  
Fairy Garden Display  
Plaza Trick-or-Treating  
Pumpkin Walk  
Visit with Santa/Tree lighting  
Card Making classes for adults  
Evening Story Hour (Roald Dahl Day, PJ Party, Teddy Bear Sleepover)  
Take-home crafts  
In-house crafts

Creativity contests (Easter Egg Decorating, Gingerbread Man Decorating, Recycled Robots, Poetry writing challenges, Bookmark design)  
Fish Hatchery Story Hour  
Zoo to You  
Hoopla/Libby App - eBook & Audiobook Access  
State and County Park access passes  
On-site notary services  
Chromebook/tech packs borrowing options  
Summer Reading programs, challenges, & prizes  
BOOKS!!!!

**January 17, 2024**

**Director's Report**

2023 has been another successful year at the EFL, with record breaking attendance at clubs, events, programs, and collection development. We continue to grow both literally and figuratively, often feel we are bursting at the seams. We brought on a new member of staff in September, Mary Zainchowski. Mary has jumped right in offering new ideas and programming and quickly became a valuable member of our team. We have also welcomed new volunteer Carolyn Crews to our team. Carolyn assists with clerical tasks and is very crafty, bringing new ideas and crafts events to the library.

If you haven't already noticed, the staff continues to work hard to make updates throughout our building, both aesthetically and with our rotating displays. Our entire exterior was painted (thank you Bob Chestnut), new tables and chairs purchased, organization systems throughout & desktops/PCs. Thank you to the Village of Elbridge Board for working with us to make many of our updates happen and including us in their funding. In the new year we will be requesting new flooring in our children's room, among other things. In the coming months we will be steam cleaning our carpets, refinishing the stone floor, and having the windows professionally cleaned.

One of our goals met for last year we teamed up with the Elementary school to ignite interest in the library within the children of the community. We offered a tour involving 4YP & 1<sup>st</sup> grade classes, meet & greet opportunities with our librarians (and our tortoise Franklin!), on-site storytelling, in-school library card sign-ups, each child took home book. We were invited back into the school for a visit with our librarians and a story read within the 3YP class, we were also invited to display outreach tables at school events. We also collaborated with JEDI to organize Adopt-a-bookshelf Program.

We wanted to extend thanks to the Elbridge Trooper Barricks and Officer Heggelke for meeting with our staff and giving us a safety review of our building and guiding us on how to respond during an emergency situation. We have newly installed surveillance cameras in our building. Thank you to the Village office for providing our new AED Machine and for providing training to our staff being held 1/23 9AM. As always to Fred, Brad, Dawson, Tammy, & Stephanie for continued support.

Thank you for \$250 from the Jordan Community Council to go towards our new computer desk chairs.  
Thank you to the families of Mary Ouderkurk and Pat Beane for naming EFL as memorial funds recipients.

We continue to have a strong connection with the OCPL system and a working relationship with PR managers Tom Walters and Maggie Foster. In 2023 we have been featured on Bridge Street multiple times, Channel 9 and Channel 3 news, community outreach events, as well as the OCPL podcast; "More Than Just Books" discussing our LEGO club and other offerings. We were also featured at a recent Crunch game and were able to walk out on the ice and throw the first puck. Needless to say, it is refreshing to get the Elbridge name out there in the Syracuse area and to put our name on the OCPL map.

Please follow us on Facebook, Instagram, the Remind App, and check our website and newsletter for updates on events, news, and up-coming programming.

## **Stats**

Quarter (10/1/23-12/31/23)

4966 Check Outs (Down 300 from previous quarter)

812 Holds Placed (Down 150 from previous quarter)

Year (2023)

19095 Check Outs (up 5000)

3607 Holds Placed (same)

Fines Waived (2023)

\$2609.92

Fines Waived (10/1/23-12/31/23)

\$463.65

Highest Circulation

Wednesday 11-12

Monday 11-12

Saturday 10-11

Lowest Circulation

Monday 5-6

Wednesday 5-6

Highest Circulated Materials (10/1/22-12/31/22)

Adult Fiction (798)

Children's Easy (317)

Overdrive (e & audio) 1045

Hoopla

216 Circulations (10/1-12/31/23)

970 Circulations (2023) Up by 200