

Ella Johnson Memorial Public Library

The mission of the Ella Johnson Memorial Public Library District is to promote diversity, inspire curiosity and creativity, support inquiry, and build community.

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Greetings!

Greetings from your friends at Ella Johnson Library!

[View our 2017-2020 Strategic Plan](#)

The Ella Johnson Memorial Public Library takes pride in being the public library that serves the residents of Burlington, Hampshire, and Pingree Grove. We strive to provide excellent services and resources for our community and are committed to serving you. That is why we have spent the last year working on a **[Strategic Plan](#)** that will help us chart our path forward so that we can best serve you.

We are happy to **[present our plan to the community](#)** on our website. Here you will find information about why we chose to do a strategic plan, how we reached the community to get input and what we found out. You will then see what we plan to do in the next three years to become a library that better serves you.

Thank you for being a part of the library community!

FUN WITH ELLA'S FRIENDS

Decorate a Pumpkin this month for Ella's Embellished Pumpkin Contest

Make a mad dash to the library to choose *the best* pumpkin from our impromptu pumpkin patch and join the decorating fun today! Decorate your pumpkin as a character from your favorite book and bring it back to display at the library and compete in the contest.

Pumpkins will be judged by Ella's Friends on a variety of categories.

THANK YOU TO GOEBBERT'S PUMPKIN PATCH FOR THE GENEROUS PUMPKIN DONATION!



DECORATE ME!
ELLA'S FRIENDS EMBELLISHED
PUMPKIN CONTEST

1. Buy a pumpkin (benefits go to Ella's Friends)
2. Decorate pumpkin as your favorite character from a book
3. Return pumpkin to the library for judging by Wed, Oct 25!

**\$8.00 PER PUMPKIN-- PROCEEDS BENEFIT ELLA'S FRIENDS
WINNERS ANNOUNCED OCTOBER 31.**

GIFTS FROM OUR COMMUNITY

Thank you to those who donated to Ella Johnson this month

\$400 from Ella's Friends

\$50 from Margery Tyler for Jeannette Shatters

[Donate to the the library on our website](#)

Don't forget the library in your annual giving plan. Your donations and contributions help build literacy, learning, opportunity, and economic growth in the District we serve.

Ella Johnson Concert Series Presents:

[Anderlik, Otto & Church--Bluegrass & American Roots](#)



Save the date for a night out at Ella Johnson Library as we are pleased to present;
Bluegrass & American Roots Music: Anderlik, Otto & Church

With one foot firmly planted in bluegrass and the other in rock and the blues, Anderlik, Otto & Church plays with a passion and precision that will make you forget they're playing acoustic instruments.

Â Thursday,Â October 19th, @ 7:30 P.M.

FOR ADULTS

Spanish Cooking

Chef Susan Maddox will be at Ella Johnson Library to talk about the wonderful world of Spanish cuisine. There will be demonstrations on making a variety of dishes (which attendees will of course get to taste!) as well as recipes so you can try and make them at home.

Saturday, October 7th, 11:00 A.M.

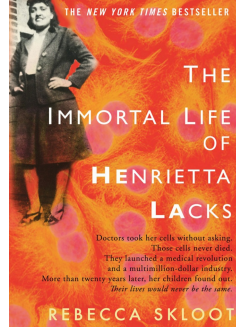
Please register!

Book Club

This month we will be reading

"The Immortal Henrietta Lacks," by Rebecca Skloot. Copies will be available at the front desk.

Monday, October 16th, 6:00 P.M.



FOR TEENS

NEWS FOR TEENS:

We now have a section of our website dedicated to Teens and Tweens!
[Check it out!](#)

Book Clubs

Join us as we discuss Marvel's **Lumberjanes; Beware the Kitten Holy** by Noelle Stevenson! Then we will vote for future month's books! Please pick up a copy of the graphic novel beforehand at the circulation desk and read before the meeting. For grades 6 - 8.

Thursday, October 5th @ 6:00 P.M.

Join our quarterly graphic novel book club! We will be reading **Ms. Marvel** by G. Willow Wilson & Adrian Alphona this month! Please pick up a copy of the book at the circulation desk and read before the meeting. Grades 9+

Tuesday, October 17th @ 6:00 P.M.

The Terrible Castle of Baron Castaign

Are you ready to solve a Murder Mystery?! A terrible evil stalks the solemn halls of Shufflemoore manor, and only the most clever and lucky of Baron Castaign's guests are likely to escape with their lives! Register for this event in-person and pick up your role.

Come in costume! Pizza served. *Grades 6+

Friday, October 27th, 6:00 P.M. *After hours event.

FOR KIDS

NEWS FOR PARENTS AND KIDS:

We now have a section of our website dedicated to kids and families!
[Check it out!](#)

Snacks and Stories Book Club

(Grades 2nd & 3rd)

Howliday Inn by James Howe

Thursday, October 12th at 4:00 PM

Chat and Chew Book Club

(Grades 4th and 5th)

Upside Down Magic by Sarah Mlynowski, Lauren Myracle, and Emily Jenkins
Thursday, October 19th at 4:00 P.M.

Read the book before the meeting, then come to the library to discuss, enjoy an activity, and a snack. Books will be available at the Circulation Desk
Please register!

Trunk or Treat

(All ages)

Join us at the Park District for this yearly event! Start out by visiting all of the trunks to collect candy. Then, enjoy pizza (for a small fee) and s'mores (free!). A magician will perform amazing tricks for you, and right afterwards, there will be a flashlight egg hunt! Registration is required, and space fills up quickly. **Visit hampshireparkdistrict.org** or go in-person to 390 South Ave. to register.

Friday, October 20th, 5:00 - 7:00 P.M.

Please register.

Tricks and Treats

(All ages)

Join us for more treats than tricks at this fun evening of spooky stories, mini pumpkin painting and a special snack. All ages are welcome. Please Register for this program.

Tuesday, October 24th, 6:30 P.M.

Please register!

SEE YOU NEXT MONTH IN NOVEMBER!

For more information about these and other events happening at your library, please [visit our website](#) or call us at 847-683-4490.



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