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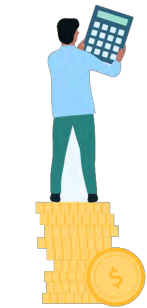
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## Help shape the future of the library!

*The Library Board seeks to fill two new trustee positions.*

The Board of Trustees of the East Greenbush Community Library is seeking two new library trustees to complete its Board in 2025. As a trustee you will gain insight into our library's relationship to the community, gain leadership experience, collaborate on local and statewide levels, and make a positive difference in your community! The Board consists of seven trustees who work together to:



- advance the mission of our library
- exercise fiduciary responsibility for the use of library funds
- adopt policies and rules regarding the operation of the library

- support the library's strategic plan through the library director
- promote library growth and relevance in our community
- conduct library business in an open and ethical manner



A trustee must be a qualified voter and resident of the town of East Greenbush. Trustees will be elected in September 2024. Trustee meetings are held on the first Monday and third Tuesday of each month.

If you are interested in this opportunity or would like more information, please contact the Board President, Mari Harris, at [mharris@eglib.org](mailto:mharris@eglib.org) by July 1, 2024. All qualified candidates are welcome!

## 2025 Library Budget Vote & Election

*Tuesday, September 17th from 9 am to 8 pm in the library.*

A public hearing to review the 2025 Preliminary Budget will be held on Tuesday, July 23rd at 6:30 pm in the library. The proposed budget will be presented to the community for a public vote on Tuesday, September 17th from 9 am to 8 pm in the library. A second proposition on the ballot will be to elect Trustees to fill two open positions on the Library Board of Trustees. The elected Trustees will each serve a 5-year term that will begin on January 1, 2025. You must be a resident of the Town of East Greenbush to become a Trustee and to vote in this election. Budget and candidate information will be posted on our website at <https://eglibrary.org/about/board> as it becomes available.

### Important Election & Budget Dates:

- **6/18:** Candidate packets available
- **7/23:** Public Hearing: Preliminary Budget, 6:30 pm
- **7/24:** Absentee ballot applications available
- **8/17:** Candidate petitions/bio submission deadline
- **9/10:** Last day to request absentee ballot application in person
- **9/17:** Library Budget Vote & Trustee Election, 9am-8pm
- **9/26:** Last day absentee ballots accepted with 9/16 postmark



**Library Hours:** Monday-Thursday 9 am—8 pm, Friday 10 am—6 pm, Saturday 10 am—5 pm, Sunday 1 pm—5 pm. Drive-thru service closes 15 minutes before the library. Closed Sundays in July/August.

# Two new digital resources added!

*Library provides enrichment opportunities for lifelong learning and creative expression.*

We're thrilled to announce that we have expanded our collection of digital resources yet again! In response to the growing demand for diverse learning opportunities, we're introducing two fantastic additions to our collection: Mango Languages and Creativebug.



Language Learning for Everyone

Are you eager to explore new cultures or enhance your language skills? Look

no further than **Mango Languages!** With over 70 languages to choose from, including American Sign Language, Spanish, French, Mandarin, and even Pirate (yes, Pirate!), Mango Languages offers interactive lessons that cater to different learning styles and proficiency levels. Whether you're planning a trip abroad or simply want to broaden your linguistic horizons, Mango Languages is the perfect tool to embark on your language-learning journey. Get started at <https://bit.ly/eglibrarymango>.



Unleash your creativity

with **Creativebug**, an online platform offering thousands of arts and crafts video tutorials for all skill levels. From painting and drawing to sewing and knitting, Creativebug provides endless inspiration and guidance from expert instructors. Dive into a new hobby, refine your techniques, or discover innovative DIY projects to add a personal touch to your home. With new classes added regularly, there's always something exciting to explore on Creativebug at <https://bit.ly/egcreativebug>.

Both Mango Languages and Creativebug provide enriching opportunities for lifelong learning and creative expression. These databases are accessible remotely for East Greenbush and Schodack resident cardholders and in the library for all patrons using devices connected to the library's Wi-Fi network. Don't miss out on these incredible resources – log in today and start exploring!

# The library has a LoT of cool things!

*Borrow from our Library of Things (LoT) collection of unique and non-traditional items.*

Explore beyond the traditional books and DVDs with our unique assortment of items. The Library of Things (LoT) collection contains non-traditional items such as popular board games, STEM related gadgets, seasonal gear, crafter's tools, electronics, and entertainment devices, available to loan with your library card! New items added to the collection this year include a portable scanner, D&D board game, Super Nintendo entertainment



*The Library of Things (LoT) collection is located behind the reference desk.*

system, ClearClick to Video Converter, and Roku devices with streaming subscriptions. The **Doxie Go SE Portable Scanner** is the perfect gadget for digitizing documents on the go. Whether you're scanning receipts, contracts, or old photographs, this compact scanner ensures

convenience and quality. Venture into the realms of fantasy with the **Dungeons & Dragons Player's Kit**. Embark on epic adventures, slay dragons, and uncover hidden treasures with this essential kit for tabletop role-playing enthusiasts. Relive the nostalgia of classic gaming with the **Super Nintendo Entertainment System**. Rediscover timeless favorites like *Super Mario World* and *The Legend of Zelda*. This system is ready to use out-of-the-box, no internet connection required. Convert your old VHS tapes and camcorder recordings into digital formats with the **ClearClick to Video Converter**. Preserve precious memories and share them with future generations with ease. Make tonight a movie night! Choose from four different **Roku** devices each configured with access to one of four premiere streaming subscriptions: **Hulu** or **HBO/MAX** or **Disney+** or **BritBox**. From board games to technology gadgets, there's always something exciting to discover at the library!

# Ongoing reading challenges for kids

We have three ongoing reading challenges for kids: 1000 Books Before Kindergarten, 500 Books Before Middle School, and 100 Books Before High School. You might think reading 1000 books is impossible, but if you read 1 book a day you will finish the challenge in 3 years! Kids can read anything from anywhere: books, graphic novels, eBooks, audiobooks. Rereading of favorite books always counts. Readers get free books for reaching

milestones along the way. Using the Beanstack app, you can scan the ISBN of the book for quick recording. If you'd prefer to keep track on a paper log, ask in the Children's Library to get started. Otherwise, visit [eastgreenbushlibrary.beanstack.org](http://eastgreenbushlibrary.beanstack.org) to register and start logging your books, or download the free Beanstack app on Google Play or the Apple store.



*April 1, 2024—March 31, 2025*

## New Year-long challenge

Beginning in April we invite you to expand your reading horizons through our new Book Lovers Adult Reading

Challenge! Read one book per month based on monthly themes throughout the year. Books can be read in any order and at any time! Enjoy book recommendations and displays each month at the library. Read for all twelve months and earn a tote bag and a chance to win a Kindle E-Reader! Readers can join the challenge at any time.

Register for the challenge using Beanstack, an online program and app that allows participants to log their reading throughout the year. For patrons who do not wish to participate online, paper challenge booklets are available in the library.

### How to participate in the Book Lovers Challenge:

1. Go to [eastgreenbushlibrary.beanstack.org](http://eastgreenbushlibrary.beanstack.org)
2. Click on register an individual or family and enter your information.
3. Register additional family members by choosing register another adult when prompted.
4. Choose the challenge you would like to participate in and click register for the Book Lovers Challenge.
5. Upon registration, each individual will receive their first badge and be able to begin logging their reading.

## Summer Reading begins June 27th!

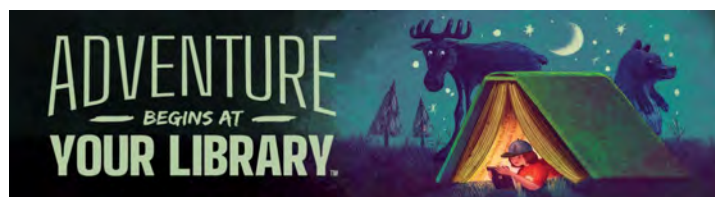
Come to the EGCL to celebrate reading, exploration, and fun with this year's Summer Reading Program, "Adventure Begins at Your Library." Beginning Thursday, June 27th through Friday, August 9th, participants of all ages can read books and complete challenge activities for a chance to win fantastic prizes!

Check out our Events Calendar for weekly programs all summer: storytimes, art programs, performers, and more! Adults can look forward to book clubs, concerts, and craft events. We are excited for you to join us – this summer is the perfect time to set sail on a new adventure

at your library, attend a fun program, and explore new books and authors!

### How to participate in the Summer Reading Challenge:

All participants can download the free Beanstack app, or register online at [eastgreenbushlibrary.beanstack.org](http://eastgreenbushlibrary.beanstack.org). There is always the option to participate on paper instead by picking up a paper game card at the library.










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Jill Dugas Hughes, Library Director

**Hours:** Mon/Tue/Wed/Thu 9–8; Fri 10–6; Sat 10–5; Sun 1–5\*

Drive-thru closes 15 minutes before closing

**Library Closed:** 5/25-5/27, 6/19, 7/4, 8/31, 9/1-9/2

**\*Closed Sundays in July & August**

## Board of Trustees

Mari Harris, President (2020-2024)

Charlie Pensabene, Vice President (2023-2027)

Camille Engel, Secretary (2021-2025)

Katie Sheehan, Treasurer (2022-2025)

Amanda Miller, Trustee (2022-2026)

Michael Poost, Trustee (2023-2027)

Nichole Krisanda, Trustee (2024-2028)

*The public is invited to Board of Trustees meetings.*

*Please check [eglibrary.org](http://eglibrary.org) for more details.*



Help Shape the Future  
**BECOME A TRUSTEE**  
of the Library

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## New Museum Passes

Beyond its shelves of books the library offers opportunities to admire fine art, delve into the depths of natural history, or immerse oneself in interactive exhibits at 32 nearby museums through its Museum Pass Program. New locations this year include the Hudson River Maritime Museum, The Mount: Edith Wharton's Home, Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame, Opus 40 Sculpture Park, Stephen and Harriet Myers Residence: Underground Railroad, Thomas Cole National Historic Site, and the Ulysses S. Grant Cottage. This program is generously funded by the Friends of the Library.

Learn more at <https://bit.ly/egmuseum>



## Borrow a Roku!



Roku's are available in our Library of Things (LoT) collection. See page 2 for more details.

## Borrow a Nature Backpack!



Check out our new collection of Nature Backpacks before your next outdoor adventure!

Most kits include magnifying glasses, binoculars, nature guidebooks, and a compass. The themes for the backpacks include: Aquatic Life, Nature Explorer, Bugs and Critters, and the Night Sky. Ask in the Children's Room about how you can check one out today!

## Summer Concerts

Join us this summer for our highly anticipated concert series at the library! Delight in warm weather and vibrant melodies as we showcase a diverse array of local musical talents. Whether you're a fan of jazz, folk, classical, or contemporary tunes, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Bring your friends and family, pack a picnic, and immerse yourself in the uplifting atmosphere of live music in the great outdoors. Monthly concerts run June through August. See details at [events.eglibrary.org](http://events.eglibrary.org).

*We have lots of programs for adults, teens and kids! For a listing of all events, visit us online or pick up our monthly paper calendar.*