



# The Ellington Reader

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MONDAY 11-7  
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THURSDAY 11-7  
FRIDAY CLOSED  
SATURDAY 10-1  
SUNDAY CLOSED

## All Things Spring!

Everyone is heading outside to enjoy the warmer weather and get a healthy dose of sunshine on some very pale skin. Warm breezes are enticing all ages to do something, anything, as long as it is outdoors. We librarians understand that coming inside the library to hang out after being cooped up all day in school is probably not every child's idea of enjoying the season. Let's not forget the call from all the after school sports activities like tennis, baseball and track. Adults are going crazy with Spring fever too as they have been waiting all winter to finally dig up that patch of dirt where the garden will be. I admit that it is hard some days to be in the library while watching that beautiful sunshine come pouring thru our front windows. It has been getting a little lonely around here on these Spring days.



What does the library have that can compete with the season of sunshine? Well, if you're starting that garden you might find yourself needing some gardening advice. We have plenty of books from "The 20-30 Something Garden Guide", a no fuss down and dirty Gardening 101 for anyone who wants to grow stuff by Dee Nash. Are you a more mature gardener? Then you might be able to get some information from "Late Bloomer", How to garden with comfort, ease and simplicity in the second half of life. How about "Stand Up and Garden" by Mary Moss-Sprague which informs the reader of the no digging, no tilling, no stooping approach to growing vegetables and herbs. Spring can also mean the onset of pesky insects in your garden and yard. Check out the "Organic Gardener's Handbook of Natural Insect and Disease Control. This book will give you a complete problem solving guide to keeping your garden and yard healthy without the use of chemicals. Is it time for you to try Herb gardening? For a gardener's guide to growing over 50 herbs plus how to use them in cooking, crafting and companion planting then you can't go wrong with "Your Backyard Herb Garden" by Miranda Smith.

Do you enjoy participating in some Spring time sports? You'll find numerous books with Track, Soccer and Golf titles that will introduce you to step by step training techniques of famous athletes.

The seasonal sky gives us the opportunity to do some serious stargazing on these clear Spring nights. Wouldn't you like to know what you're seeing? How about looking thru the National Geographic Ultimate Explorer field guide to the Night Sky. With this book in hand you'll find constellation charts, sky maps and basic identification tips so you can navigate the dark sky like a real astronomer.

Ready to dig out those tools and do some outdoor projects? You'll find inspiration, information and step by step instructions to help you build that greenhouse, garden shed or backyard pond you've always wanted.

The warmer nights will find some of us on the backyard deck firing up the old barbecue grill. Better Homes and Gardens has the "Fresh and Simple 5 o'clock Grill" book that will help your grilling technique while giving you over 65 recipes to fuel your creative juices and whet your family's appetite.

What does the library have to offer in this wonderful Spring season? Only what the library has to offer in all seasons; information and inspiration for all things Spring!

*Judith Whittaker, library manager*



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BOARD OF TRUSTEES WILL MEET ON MONDAY MAY 20TH AT 7PM. PUBLIC IS WELCOME TO ATTEND

JUST A SAMPLING OF NEW ITEMS

**ADULT FICTION**

Claire Gibson	Beyond the Point
Lydia Fitzpatrick	Lights All Night Long
Karen Kingsbury	Two Weeks
James Patterson	Miracle at St. Andrews
Anne Perry	Triple Jeopardy
Holly Dektar	The Ash Family
Shelley Gray	Patient One
Dave Eggers	The Parade
Harlan Coben	Run Away
Claire Adam	Golden Child
Beverly Lewis	The Tinderbox
Angie Kim	Miracle Creek
Sally Rooney	Normal People
Susan Choi	Trust Exercise
David Baldacci	Redemption

**ADULT NON FICTION**

Sarah Smarsh	Heartland
Frans De Waal	Mama's Last Hug
Heath Hardage Lee	The League of Wives
Shannon Sedwick Days	To Stop a Warlord
Abu Bakr Al Rabeeah	Homes; A Refugee Story

**YOUNG ADULT FICTION**

Samira Ahmed	Internment
Neal Shusterman	Unwind
Justin A. Reynolds	Opposite of Always
Marcus Zusak	Bridge of Clay
Alyssa Sheinmel	A Danger to Herself and Others

**JUNIOR FICTION**

Cynthia Lord	Because of the Rabbit
Jeff Kinney	Diary of an Awesome Friendly Kid
Sarah Beth Durst	The Girl Who Could Not Dream
Jenn Calonita	Switched

**JUNIOR NONFICTION**

Michael Driscoll	Introduction to the Night Sky
National Geographic	The Night Sky

**CHILDRENS EASY READ**

Mya Thompson	Ruby's Birds
Sophia Day	Olivia Uproots the Arrogant Weed

**AUDIO BOOKS**

James Patterson	Cornwalls are Gone
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**BOOK REVIEW**

**THE ASH FAMILY** by Molly Dektar

Review Posted Online: Jan. 21st, 2019

<https://www.kirkusreviews.com/book-reviews/>

On an off-the-grid farm, a teenager finds a new home, family, and something far more sinister. When 19-year-old Berie decides to run away instead of going to college, she meets Bay, a mysterious, scarred stranger who offers to bring her to his home: a farm in the North Carolina mountains. Bay lives there with his community—the Ash Family—under the guidance of Dice, their charismatic, larger-than-life leader. The Ash Family lives off the land, without possessions, and in the so-called “real world.” Bay tells Berie she can stay for three days or the rest of her life—a refrain that echoes throughout the book. Renamed Harmony, Berie sheds her “fake world” name and begins to assimilate into the group. She learns (sometimes painfully) how to care for animals, milk and herd sheep, make cheese, and other tasks needed in the real world. Life on the farm is not all singing, flower crowns, and environmental concern, though. There are also locked doors, secrets, and physical violence. Harmony struggles with her lust for Bay, her desire for material things, and fake world thoughts that threaten her life on the farm. When Harmony befriends Queen, a curious, tattooed former addict, she begins to see how she could be led astray. At times the narration becomes clunky. Despite not being told fully in flashback, there are multiple allusions to Harmony’s future knowledge. These interjections undercut the tension Dektar has been building throughout the novel. Regardless, Dektar is clearly a talented writer; it’s most apparent in her descriptions of nature and farm minutiae: “I woke to find every needle of pine jacketed by a low frozen cloud, sparkling with rime,” and “heavy happiness came down and trapped us in its wax.” The novel also shines in its thoughtful portrayal of cult members (likely) complicated feelings: devotion, love, fear, desperation, and purpose. An affecting, cleareyed debut.

**FUNDRAISERS**

**Cheers for Chairs & Ditto for Desks!** That’s the theme of this one day online fundraising campaign hosted by the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation. We’ll be raising money for new patron computer chairs and study carrels to make our computer area easier for everyone to use. June 13th is the giving day when you can go online and donate to our fundraiser. Not able to donate? That’s okay. You can also help by sharing our online giving page on whatever social media platform you use. We’ll be posting on our library Facebook page for the preceding weeks as reminders. Share our posts and send some reminders to your email contacts. It’s easy to participate and we appreciate anything you can do to help us reach our goal of providing comfortable chairs and study carrels for everyone!

**ELLINGTON FARMAN LIBRARY  
24 HOUR ONLINE GIVING EVENT**

Administered by Chautauqua Region  
Community Foundation

**THURSDAY JUNE 13**

VIEW THE SITE IN MAY  
SHARE OUR FACEBOOK PAGE & SITE LINK  
DONATE ON JUNE 13TH



# MAY EVENTS AND PROGRAMS


It's story  
**TIME**  
**SATURDAY**  
**MAY 4th**  
**10:30am - 11:30am**

**ELLINGTON FARMAN LIBRARY**  
760 THORNTON RD, ELLINGTON 287-2945

**sewers  
crafters  
& quilters**

MEETING ON THE 1ST & 3RD MONDAYS  
OF THE MONTH 11AM—1PM  
Bring your individual projects or visit with other crafters  
Plenty of outlets for sewing machines, glue guns, irons etc.

**MON. MAY 6 & 20TH**  
11AM—1PM  
ELLINGTON FARMAN LIBRARY




**NERF Club**

MEETING  
**TUESDAYS**  
**MAY 7 & 21st**  
**4-5pm**  
**Ellington Library**

WE SUPPLY  
NERF GUNS, ARROWS,  
SAFETY GLASSES &  
TARGETS  
*Yes— there are rules!*

Bring your friends &  
target shoot with each  
other!  
Ages 7-12  
Limited to 6 children



**THURSDAY**  
**Cribbage Club**  
**AT THE LIBRARY**  
**1-3PM**  
Starting March 7th



**New Group Forming for anyone who  
already plays Cribbage or would like  
to learn how to play**

**Non Competitive— Just for Fun!**

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**ADULT BOOK CLUB**  
**MEETS THURSDAY**  
**MAY 16th at 11am**

IN MAY THE GROUP WILL BE DISCUSSING THE BOOK  
"THE CROSSING PLACE"  
by author Elly Griffiths  
**EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND**

**BOOK CLUB**

**ELLINGTON FARMAN LIBRARY 287-2945**

**KIDS AGED 9-13**

**Paint & Pizza**

**THURS. MAY 23**  
**ELLINGTON FARMAN LIBRARY**  
**6-7pm**

Sponsor a  
child for  
**\$10!**

PAINT WITH ARTIST TRACEY BARRON  
**\$10 COVERS PAINTING  
SUPPLIES, PIZZA & DRINKS**  
AGES 9—13 PREREGISTER BY MAY 20




**ELLINGTON FARMAN LIBRARY**  
760 THORNTON RD, ELLINGTON  
CALL 287-2945 TO REGISTER OR SPONSOR A CHILD

**ELLINGTON FARMAN LIBRARY**  
**JOIN US FOR**  
**POTLUCK  
BREAKFAST!**



**EVERY LAST SATURDAY OF MONTH**  
**MAY 25TH**  
8am for coffee

Serving POTLUCK from 8:30-9:30am  
You are welcome to bring some breakfast  
foods or just come and enjoy meeting with  
your neighbors & friends.

THERE'S ALWAYS PLENTY OF FOOD!


**NO RESERVATIONS**  
**JUST COME GATHER AT THE LIBRARY**  
**STAY AS LONG AS YOU LIKE**

**Cooking  
with  
Allison**

All ages  
welcome!

**Wednesday May 29th**  
**6-7pm**

**ELLINGTON FARMAN LIBRARY 287-2945**



**TED TALKS**  
**IDEAS WORTH SPREADING**

**NEW MONTHLY PROGRAM!**


**TED Talks  
at the Library**

**THURSDAY May 30th 6-7PM**

**MAY THEME**  
"In Praise of Slowness" by Carl Honore

**Short videos presented on a large screen**  
**Followed by a time of open group discussion**  
**Different topic every month**  
**Light snacks served**

TED is a nonpartisan nonprofit devoted to spreading ideas,  
usually in the form of short, powerful talks.  
<https://www.ted.com/>



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# WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!



Hey, it's almost Summer Reading / Summer Rec. Program time! We've been planning our summer program for two months now and one thing is very obvious. We're going to need some volunteers to help us put on a great program for our local kids. We have some fun craft ideas lined up where we might need an extra hand. The kids will be making silly rock monsters, lighted glass jar aquariums, pipe cleaner rainforest animals and learning about the craft of Huichol Yarn painting by making their own miniature paintings. Are you the fun type who likes to participate in games? We have a role for you to play as a volunteer on Game Days. Frisbee, Tic Tac Toe, the water bucket challenge and Human Ring Toss game are just a few of the fun outdoor active games we have planned. You could also help by offering to provide snacks, serving on the cleanup crew or keeping track of the reading lists. Children ages 5- 11 will meet every Tuesday and Thursday from 12:30-1:30pm starting July 9th and ending August 8th. We're not asking you to volunteer every day. We can show you the schedule and activity for each day and you can pick and choose your activity. Call the library and speak to Judy if you can be flexible and love reading, fun, crafts, baking or just kids in general. There's always a place for you at the library!

## PROGRAM IDEAS AND INFORMATION

Our Cribbage group has been meeting every Thursday from 1-3pm and has been having so much fun we decided to see if anyone is interested in coming to another game program time. Some game ideas we had in mind are Dominoes, Rummy, Uno, Poker, Chess, Checkers or Scrabble. We would decide on a day and time and the library would provide coffee and you bring the games and snacks! Our Community Room has 8 large rectangle tables and enough chairs for around 48 people, so there is plenty of room. We're trying to gauge the actual interest and decide on a game. If you have any suggestions and a few people who would like to play with you we are open to finding a time for you to meet at the Library. We'll do the advertising for your game time. Come to the library to talk to us about setting up a game time for you and your friends.

We have decided to discontinue the Wednesday night yoga group due to lack of interest. This small group had a good time throughout the winter months but now it is time to try something else. We are open to suggestions.

## MAY DISPLAY CASE

### ARTISTS FROM THE RESOURCE CENTER CREATIONS PROGRAM

Works made by artists with intellectual and developmental disabilities in The Resource Center's Creations Art Program are on display at the library for the month of May. The exhibit features paintings, photographs and ceramics. The Resource Center supports people with disabilities in Western New York State. The Creations program brings art to people with disabilities. Artists in this program are supported while they explore their creative talents. The works, which are available for purchase, were made by artists who participate in the day programs located within TRC's Michael J. Raymond Center on Jones & Gifford Avenue in Jamestown. Top left is a painting of flower buds by Grace Ribaud. She attends the Alternatives Day Program at the Michael J. Raymond Center in Jamestown. The ceramic bird was created by Denise Chagnon.



Flower Buds by Grace Ribaud



Ceramic Bird by Denise Chagnon

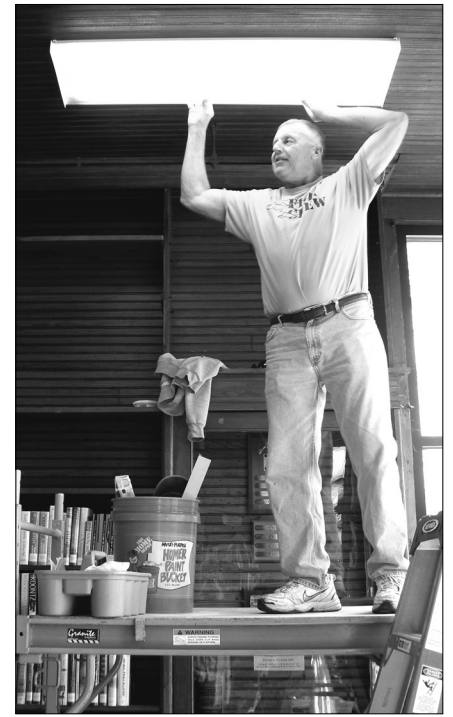
**FALCONER CENTRAL SCHOOL  
REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE AT THE  
LIBRARY  
WEDNESDAY MAY 1ST FROM 1-2PM  
TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT THE  
SCHOOL BUDGET**

**LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY MAY 27th  
IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY**

## NEW LIGHTING HAS ARRIVED!

We have installed some new energy efficient lighting throughout our library. We think you'll love the softer glow and sleek look of the lights. We'd like to thank the following volunteers who donated their time to finish this project for us- Arissa Hitchcock, Jake, Arden and Cindy Wragge. This is just another example of how your Library and Board of Trustees are always looking out for grants and other programs which will help us save on future maintenance and utility costs.

***This lighting project was made possible by a grant from The Blossom Fund which is administered by the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation.***



## WE WERE AT THE LIBRARY!



Earth Day was a fun time with kids hearing a story about the Great Kapok Tree. We followed that up with a short video showing the camouflage characteristics of some insects and a game to highlight the importance of the rainforest canopy on the insect world.



Everybody was busy finding candy filled eggs at the Town Easter Egg Hunt held at the library! Afterwards folks enjoyed light breakfast snacks and making simple crafts with the children. Children posed with their adorable bunny masks and faces painted by Allison!

