



The Ellington Reader

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ellingtonlibrary.org

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
WILL NOT MEET IN
DECEMBER.

The Best Gift YOU gave!

It's the season of giving no matter what religion or culture you follow be it Christmas, Chanukah, Kwanzaa or anything else. It just seems to work out that way every December. Everybody gets into the "spirit" of giving in December. We Americans are quite a generous people in December and that's great. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could extend that to a year round routine? I have good news for you— the people of Ellington and the patrons of our library are very good at giving all year round. Let me give you a few examples of the gifts they give to us.

Our Makerspace is fully stocked thanks to the contributions from folks in the community who have brought us everything from glue to wallpaper samples. Our art and craft programs can only be accomplished because of the assortment of items you have brought us. The pine cones and baby food jars that were donated by the dozens have been used in so many creative ways by children and adults alike.

Oh, the wonderful baked items that accumulate in our kitchen to be set aside for everything from Movie Night in the Park to Winter Holiday concerts make for a delicious sight. I personally look forward to the Town Picnic Pie booth in August as there is someone who always donates a peach pie that I am happy to claim a piece of. We have some wonderful bakers in the area and they have risen to the challenge every time we have called asking for a homemade dessert. Let's not forget about the breakfast items folks bring to the Potluck Breakfast. The majority of food we serve at the library is donated by someone.

We run numerous fundraisers throughout the year to supplement our budget. The public has never failed to respond with financial donations to our library. It makes my heart smile when patrons pay for their photocopies and tell me to keep the change for the library. I thank them and they say "oh, it's nothing" but it is something. It represents a spirit of wanting to give to what they feel is a worthwhile cause. I do not take that spirit lightly. Our potluck breakfast was not designed to be a fundraiser but breakfast attendees always ask where the donation jar is every month. If I forget to put one out they start leaving money on a plate.

Giving of their time is one of the most important ways that people give year round to our library. The parents and grandparents who bring their children to the Summer Reading Program are always there to help clean up after a particularly messy craft time. Concerning that food people donate? They also help clean up that too! So they cook, they clean and they do dishes all at the library! Many patrons stay to help vacuum and wash down tables after an event because they are concerned that I might get home late if I did not have enough help cleaning up. I could not survive winter without the help of local people who shovel our sidewalk and neighbors who plow our little parking area.

When called upon to write letters to our legislators in support of our library you responded by filling the mailbox. An eight year old wrote a most eloquent letter to then Senator Cathy Young concerning her love of our library. We were able to show the Town Board how much the community used their library when we presented them with letters you wrote on the value of the Ellington Library. You all have been activists for the library at one time or another.

Lastly, but most importantly, you give back to the library by showing up. You attend concerts, hear speakers and try your hand at crafts time all year round. You remember to bring your children to the Summer Reading program and try hard to help them keep track of their reading logs. You ask me about scheduling a group activity you have an interest in and then invite your friends to come with you. You pass the word along about special events and talk about our library positively to everyone.

These are all the ways that the community has given to the library. You have the spirit of giving all year round and not just in December. You folks are the best gift anyone could receive! I humbly say "thank you".

Judith Whittaker, Library Director



JUST A SAMPLING OF NEW ITEMS

ADULT FICTION

Chris Cleave	Gold
Anne Perry	A Christmas Gathering
Clive Cussler	Final Option
Lee Child	Blue Moon
Mary Higgins Clark	Kiss the Girls and Make Them Cry
Richard Paul Evans	Noel Street
Liane Moriarty	Nine Perfect Strangers
Jojo Moyes	The Giver of Stars
Gould, Baxter & Lloyd	An Amish Christmas Kitchen

ADULT NON FICTION

Jeannie Gaffigan	When Life Gives You Pears
S.C. Gwynne	Hymns of the Republic
Bill Bryson	Body; A Guide for Occupants

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

Claire Bartlett	We Rule the Night
Amy Capetta	Once and Future
Rena Barron	Kingdom of Souls
E.E. Charlton-Trujillo	Fat Angie

JUNIOR FICTION

Rachel Russell	Tales From a Not So Best Friend Forever
James Patterson	Happy Howlidays
Jeff Kinney	Wrecking Ball

JUNIOR NON FICTION

Simon Adams	World War I
Simon Adams	World War II
Sarah Fabiny	What is NASA?
Jim Gigliotti	Who Was Stephen Hawking?
Paul Manzanero	History of the World

DVD'S

Spiderman; Far From Home	Toy Story 4	The Lion King
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WHERE, OH WHERE CAN THEY BE?

I wanted to give you an update on the new study carrels, computer and chairs we ordered with the donations from the Give Big CHQ 2019. I would have liked to report with certainty that they have all arrived safely and are now set up for your comfortable use. Unfortunately we have battled numerous damaged shipments and then had to wait for replacements. As of November 15th I can tell you this; one new Dell Computer has been set up in the Community Room to join the other one already out there. These are for anyone needing quiet time and privacy. They do have the new leather ergonomic chairs accompanying them. Four new study carrels have arrived with three of them being set up for your use. We are working on getting the fourth one set up. In the process of returning damaged ones we were allowed to keep one of them. Since there was minimal damage to the front side we will set this extra fifth study Carrell up in the patron computer area and leave it open for studying. The four oak computer chairs purchased for that area are still awaiting redelivery. After all that we will have completed our new, long awaited, patron computer area. We appreciate your patience.

Book Highlights of the Month

The Giver of Stars

author Jojo Moyes

Adult Historical Fiction

Kirkus Reviews Issue: Aug. 1st, 2019

Women become horseback librarians in 1930s Kentucky and face challenges from the landscape, the weather, and the men around them.

Alice thought marrying attractive American Bennett Van Cleve would be her ticket out of her stifling life in England. But when she and Bennett settle in Baileyville, Kentucky, she realizes that her life consists of nothing more than staying in their giant house all day and getting yelled at by his unpleasant father, who owns a coal mine. She's just about to resign herself to a life of boredom when an opportunity presents itself in the form of a traveling horseback library—an initiative from Eleanor Roosevelt meant to counteract the devastating effects of the Depression by focusing on literacy and learning. Much to the dismay of her husband and father-in-law, Alice signs up and soon learns the ropes from the library's leader, Margery. Margery doesn't care what anyone thinks of her, rejects marriage, and would rather be on horseback than in a kitchen. And even though all this makes Margery a town pariah, Alice quickly grows to like her. Along with several other women (including one black woman, Sophia, whose employment causes controversy in a town that doesn't believe black and white people should be allowed to use the same library), Margery and Alice supply magazines, Bible stories, and copies of books like *Little Women* to the largely poor residents who live in remote areas. Alice spends long days in terrible weather on horseback, but she finally feels happy in her new life in Kentucky, even as her marriage to Bennett is failing. But her powerful father-in-law doesn't care for Alice's job or Margery's lifestyle, and he'll stop at nothing to shut their library down. Basing her novel on the true story of the Pack Horse Library Project established by the Works Progress Administration in the 1930s, Moyes (*Still Me*, 2018, etc.) brings an often forgotten slice of history to life. She writes about Kentucky with lush descriptions of the landscape and tender respect for the townspeople, most of whom are poor, uneducated, and grateful for the chance to learn. Although Alice and Margery both have their own romances, the true power of the story is in the bonds between the women of the library. They may have different backgrounds, but their commitment to helping the people of Baileyville brings them together.

A love letter to the power of books and friendship.

Holiday Book Gifts: Ages 6 – 8 by Jennifer Garry

One of my favorite parts about holiday gift giving is finding the perfect book for each of the kids on my list. It's especially fun for the 6- to 8-year-old set. They're reading on their own and straddling the cusp between picture books and chapter books. As I pick out titles, I know they have the power to open up a whole new world for these little readers. Whether they're into fantastical adventures, engaging biographies, or hilarious fiction, the perfect book is out there. Here are some of my favorite picks for holiday gift giving.

- **My Book with No Pictures by B.J. Novak**

That is not a typo. The hilarious illustration-free children's book The Book With No Pictures is back, but this time there's a super fun twist. The original made kids and parents alike laugh with all of its ridiculous nonsense words and silly phrases (a fan favorite: Boo Boo Butt). This version allows readers to take part in writing the story. The Mad Libs-like fill-in-the-blank formula includes plenty of gentle suggestions (plus a sheet of nonsense word stickers) to ensure little readers don't get stuck or frustrated. The result is a living, breathing story that can change each and every time you read it.

- **Magic Tree House: Deluxe Holiday Edition: Christmas in Camelot by Mary Pope Osborne**

The Magic Tree House series is a *huge* hit with kids who are dipping their toes into chapter books. Following a brother and sister who discover a tree house in the woods that can take them to the places they read about in books, there is something for lovers of just about any genre in this series. The new, over-sized deluxe edition of *Christmas in Camelot* features brand new full-color illustrations. In this story, Jack and Annie get invited to spend Christmas Eve in Camelot — but what they don't know is that they'll end up on a quest to save it!

- **Yay! by Wee Society**

For kids who love to celebrate (and who doesn't?!), this fill-in journal features little-known holidays and creative, super fun ways to celebrate them. From National Popcorn Day to Measure Your Feet Day, Hug Your Cat Day and everything in between, the journal is bursting with ideas for crafts, experiments, adventures, and more to create new memories and family traditions. Kids can document these special celebrations in the journal, which is sure to become a family treasure.

- **The Gift Inside the Box by Adam Grant & Allison Sweet Grant, illustrated by Diana Schoenbrun**

At a time of year when kids are hopped up on gifts and making mile-long wish lists, *The Gift Inside the Box* is a sweet story that focuses on generosity. A mysterious box drops out of the sky and goes in search of someone to open him. Unwilling to settle for the grabby or the selfish, the box searches for someone who is giving — maybe it could even be the person reading the book. With a velcro cover that makes opening it feel like an unboxing, this book serves as a reminder of what the holiday season should really be about.

- **Hi, Jack! by Mac Barnett, illustrated by Greg Pizzoli**

A great way to get beginning readers on the path to chapter books, *Hi Jack!* is part of the A Jack Book series, and is sure to win over fans of the *Elephant & Piggie* books. Barnett takes readers on a wild and hilarious adventure that involves a mischievous rabbit named Jack, petty theft, and lipstick graffiti. It's silly and engaging and perfect for reading aloud.

- **All Are Welcome by Alexandra Penfold, illustrated by Suzanne Kaufman**

This bright and cheerfully illustrated book is a celebration of diversity and inclusion. Everyone is welcome at the school depicted in this story. Children of all races, religions, and abilities play and study side-by-side. They learn from each other's traditions and celebrate with one another. Incredibly timely and displaying a powerful message of safety and acceptance, this story is a must-have for any bookshelf

<https://www.readbrightly.com/book-gifts-for-growing-readers/>

DECEMBER HOLIDAY HOURS

TUESDAY DECEMBER 24th: open 11am—4pm

CLOSED ON DECEMBER 25th, 26th & 27th.

OPEN SATURDAY DECEMBER 28th: 10am—1pm

TUESDAY DECEMBER 31st: open 11am—4pm

Happy Holidays

Keep a Warm Heart and
Spread the Joy Around You.

DECEMBER PROGRAMS & EVENTS

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. DECEMBER
2nd & 16th
11AM-1PM

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LEARN HANDS-ONLY™ CPR
TUESDAY DEC. 3rd 3-4pm
ELLINGTON FARMAN LIBRARY

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American Red Cross
REGISTRATION
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NOVEMBER 26

Learn. Practice. Share THE PILLOWCASE PROJECT

ELLINGTON FARMAN LIBRARY
TUESDAY DEC 3 4-5PM

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TRAINING FOR STUDENTS

95% of Pillowcase Project
students feel more
prepared for disasters

#PillowcaseProject



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movie WEDNESDAYS

1-3pm

Ellington Farman Library
Movie titles to be chosen by group

THURSDAY Cribbage Club

AT THE LIBRARY
1-3PM



Anyone who likes to play is invited to
come on Thursdays

You are welcome to bring a snack

Non Competitive- Just for Fun!

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TRAVELING LANTERN THEATRE COMPANY
AN EXPERIENCE FOR CHILDREN

PRESENTS
The Story of Ebenezer Scrooge

CHILDREN'S THEATRE FREE EVENT

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

SATURDAY DEC. 7 6:30PM
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760 Thornton Rd, Ellington 287-2945

HOLIDAY CONCERT

Jamestown Harmony Express

**TUESDAY
DEC. 10
7:30PM**

FREE CONCERT

**ELLINGTON
FARMAN
LIBRARY**

Let's Make some Ornaments Together!

SATURDAY DEC. 14
10:30 - 11:30am
Ellington Farman Library

ALL CRAFT MATERIALS PROVIDED
EVERYONE IS INVITED-ALL AGES
STOP IN & MAKE SOME ORNAMENTS
TO TAKE HOME OR
DECORATE THE TOWN TREE

Hot Cocoa and donuts for everyone!

ELLINGTON FARMAN LIBRARY 760 THORNTON RD ELLINGTON

MOVIE SHOWING

"Christmas in Yellowstone"

Breathtaking landscapes frame intimate scenes as the animal residents make their way through the most challenging season of the year. From the unique crystals of individual snowflakes to the grand sweep of Yellowstone's Hayden Valley, this is a Christmas like no other.

TUESDAY DEC. 17 @ 6:30PM
Ellington Farman Library

*Make this
your new
Family Holiday
Movie!*

**FREE MOVIE
FOR THE WHOLE
FAMILY**

NOVEMBER IN PICTURES



- 15 WOMEN ENJOYED THE SOUP & CRAFT CANDLESTICK MAKING PROGRAM ON NOVEMBER 9TH.
- A GRANDMOTHER AND GRANDCHILD WORKED TOGETHER TO MAKE THEIR THANKSGIVING TURKEY CENTERPEICE.
- BOARD MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEER HELPERS SERVED UP OVER 100 TURKEY DINNERS AT OUR ANNUAL ELECTION NIGHT DINNER.

ADULT BOOK CLUB MEETS THURSDAY December 19th at 11am

IN DEC THE GROUP WILL BE DISCUSSING THE SEASONAL
BOOK OF THEIR CHOICE
EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND

BOOK CLUB

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Breakfast served from
8:30-10:30am

Breakfast
with
Santa

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BEFORE DECEMBER 16

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DECEMBER 2019

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 11am-1pm Quilting/Sewing Group meets	3 3-4 Hands Only CPR 4-5 Pillowcase Project Disaster Preparedness for Kids	4 1-3 Classic Movies	5 1-3 Cribbage Club	6	7 6:30pm Ebenezer Scrooge Play
8	9	10 7:30-8:30pm Jamestown Harmony Express Holiday Concert	11 1-3 Classic Movies	12 1-3 Cribbage Club	13	14 10:30am-11:30 Ornament Decorating Party
15	16 11am-1pm Quilting/Sewing Group meets	17 6:30-7:30pm Movie "Christmas in Yellowstone"	18 1-3 Classic Movies	19 11am Book Club 1-3 Cribbage Club	20	21 8:30-10:30am Pancake Breakfast: Santa here from 9-10am
22	23	24 CLOSING EARLY OPEN 11am-4pm	25 LIBRARY CLOSED	26 LIBRARY CLOSED	27	28
29	30	31 CLOSING EARLY OPEN 11am-4pm LIBRARY CLOSING AT 4PM	<div> OPEN HOURS 11AM -7PM MONDAY THRU THURSDAY CLOSED FRIDAY & SUNDAY 10AM-1PM ON SATURDAY </div>			