



The Ellington Reader

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES
WILL MEET ON
MARCH 30TH AT 7PM

ALL THE WAY FROM ALASKA TO ELLINGTON!

The following was sent by three time Iditarod Participant, Karen Land, who is coming to Ellington Library on Saturday March 21st from 1- 2:30pm.



Those following the 1,049-mile Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race from afar—via the Internet, television, radio, or newspaper—see a long string of dogs, a sled, a musher. They witness a unit, a team, winding its way down a mountainous trail, progressing across the vast Alaskan tundra, hugging the shoreline of the great Bering Sea. The expansive line of dogs and their human blend together into one even, gray silhouette, a smooth shadow where every member moves in harmony, carries on together, becomes one.

The scene is more complex from the musher's viewpoint. When I study my team stretched out before me, I recognize sixteen individuals, each with unique personalities, aversions and desires, fears and dreams. We all have our good days and bad days. But one thing remains constant: we are bound together.

The sport of dog mushing is a dance across some of the most remote wilderness on Earth. Completing the Iditarod is among the most difficult feats in all of sports. More people have reached the summit of Mount Everest than have made it to the Iditarod finish line behind a team of dogs.

I am a writer, professional public speaker, and three-time participant in the Iditarod as well as many other endurance dog sled races in Montana, Maine, Idaho, Wyoming, Canada, and Alaska. Over the last nineteen years, I've given over a thousand dog-mushing presentations at schools, public libraries, museums, women's expos, and sport shows across the country.

A little backstory—I am 47 years old. I grew up in Indianapolis, Indiana. After a few years of college at the Herron School of Art in Indy, I packed up my Catahoula leopard dog, Kirby, and moved to the mountains of Montana—a dream come true. I began my studies at the University of Montana in the Wilderness and Civilization Program, eventually obtaining a BFA with a minor in Wilderness Studies. I went on to do one semester of graduate level work in non-fiction writing at the Salt Center for Documentary Field Studies in Portland, Maine. This is where I fell in love with the sport of mushing! For my main project, a photographer and I followed a dog musher around for several months as he trained and made preparations to run his first Iditarod qualifier, the Can Am Crown 250 Sled Dog Race in Fort Kent, Maine. After all of that time spent up close and personal with dozens of extraordinary sled dogs, I couldn't imagine myself doing anything else. By the end of the semester, I knew mushing was next for me. Kirby and I left Maine and headed *NORTH TO ALASKA*.

Eventually, we moved back to Montana, and I got a job working for Dr. Terry Adkins, DVM, a veteran Iditarod dog musher and trail veterinarian. After running his dogs for almost four years (2002, 2003, 2004 Iditarod races), I started my own kennel and race team.

For 10 years I was a newspaper columnist for the Great Falls Tribune in Montana, writing about my experiences in the outdoors and raising and training sled dogs. I have contributed columns, essays, and features to other newspapers, magazines, websites, and anthologies. For years, teachers used my weekly columns in the classroom to supplement the Iditarod curriculum already utilized by schools across the globe.

Everything in mushing is totally about the dogs. Patience, adaptability, compassion, courage, honesty, initiative, loyalty, optimism, perseverance, trust, and respect—these traits allow a musher and her team to keep moving forward. I have been fortunate to spend my life with a string of dogs I adore. Giving talks in school and libraries allows me to share my passion with wonderful, enthusiastic people. Thank you for having us!

MUSH!

Signed Karen... and Noggin (the Alaskan husky)... and Chloe (the Sporgi—a corgi/springer spaniel mix)



Book Highlights of the Month

ADULT FICTION; A Beginning at the End

Author **Mike Chen**

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Just like his debut, *Here and Now and Then* (2019), Chen's newest sf novel is rooted in deep, realistic human emotion. This post apocalyptic tale features a world recovering from an epidemic-level flu outbreak that left entire adult populations paranoid, shy, and traumatized. Chen imagines a unique dystopia: one of hypochondria, yes, but within a world that hasn't ended, only paused, trapped in a stagnant state of alienation as the government strictly maintains quarantined metro areas and reinforces the nuclear family as it tries to ensure the children of the next generation can grow up without the trauma of their predecessors. As the main characters, from the well-meaning father Rob and his daughter, Sunny, to stability-seeking runner Moira, to hardened wedding planner Krista, struggle to find any kind of normalcy, their lives begin to merge. *A Beginning at the End* is the best kind of dystopian novel: one rooted deeply in the hearts of his characters and emphasizing hope and connection over fear. Chen has a true gift for making the biggest of worlds center around the most complex workings of hearts, and his newest is compelling, realistic, and impossible to put down.

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ADULT NONFICTION; The Third Rainbow Girl, The Long Life of a Double Murder in Appalachia

Author **Emma Copley Eisenberg**

In the summer of 1980, the Rainbow Gathering, a festival celebrating peace and harmony, descended upon Pocahontas County, West Virginia, bringing thousands of hippies to the remote mountain community. Tragedy struck when two young women who were hitchhiking to the festival, 26 year-old Vicki Durian and 19 year-old Nancy Santomero, were found shot to death off the side of a country road. Suspicions and accusations plagued Pocahontas County for 13 years before police convicted a local man, Jacob Beard, for what became known as the Rainbow Murders. However, more questions would arise when a known serial killer confessed to the crime, resulting in an overturned conviction for Beard. Eisenberg reflects on her time working in West Virginia and how this traumatic event produced lasting effects on the entire community. The book is more than just another true crime memoir; Eisenberg has crafted a beautiful and complicated ode to West Virginia. Exquisitely written, this is a powerful commentary on society's notions of gender, violence, and rural America. Readers of literary nonfiction will devour this title in one sitting.

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ADULT FICTION

Jill Shalvis
Megan Angelo
Dianne Chamberlin
Andrew Macdonald
Dana Stabenow
J.D. Robb
Jonathan Kellerman
Mike Chen
Jeanine Cummins
Christian White

Almost Just Friends
Followers
Big Lies in a Small Town
When We Were Vikings
No Fixed Line
Golden in Death
Museum of Desire
Beginning at the End
American Dirt
The Wife and the Widow

ADULT NON FICTION

Emma Copley Eisenberg
Euny Hong

The Third Rainbow Girl
The Power of Nunchi

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

Ranson Riggs

Conference of the Birds

JUNIOR FICTION

Linda Chapman
Meg Cabot

The Magic Spell
From the Notebook
of a Middle School Princess
Light in the Lake
Nowhere on a Sunny Night

Sarah Baughman
Mary Pope Osborne

JUNIOR NON FICTION

Stephen Biesty
Benjamin Grant
Julie Brunelle

Incredible Cross Sections
A New Way of Seeing Earth
The Artist in You

AUDIO BOOKS

Roland Mercurlo
William R. Forstchen

Once Night Falls
48 Hours

DVD's

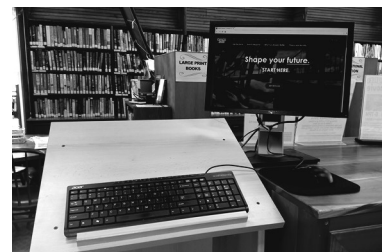
Wish Me Luck

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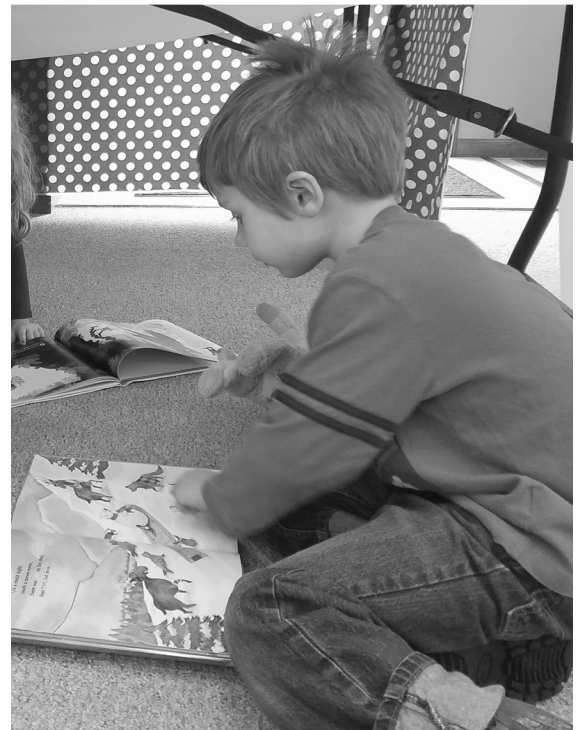
Pride

SECURE CENSUS KIOSK AVAILABLE

Our library now has a Census Kiosk available to any patron wishing to submit their census answers online. This Kiosk can only connect to the US Census government website. It has been specially programmed to not be able to connect to any other online site. It's sole purpose is to give patrons a secure environment to be able to answer the census questions with peace of mind that they are not being redirected to a fake website. If you have any concerns about the security issues of your home computer then you are welcome to come down and use the kiosk during open library hours. Our appreciation goes out to the Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Library System IT department for providing us with this specially programmed computer. Completing the census online is the easiest and fastest way for you to participate. Using our Census Kiosk will be the most secure way for your answers to be uploaded to the government.




National Take Your Child to the Library Day!



Adults and their children enjoyed participating in activities in our library during “National Take Your Child to the Library Day” in February. They made bookmarks, read books together using puppets inside our puppet fort, read children’s magazines, played the educational game “ABC Mouse” on our computers and enjoyed some breakfast snacks. After completing their activities every child was given a free book to help them get started on their own library at home. Thank you to the parents and grandparents who showed their library love to their special little ones!

MARCH PROGRAMS & EVENTS



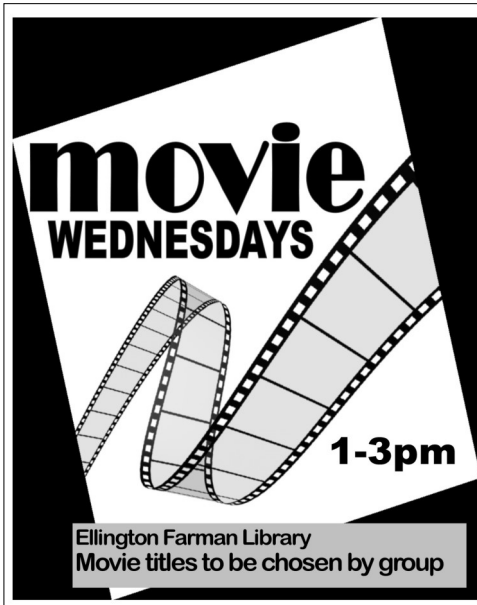
THURSDAY GAME DAY

ELLINGTON FARMAN LIBRARY
EVERY THURSDAY FROM 1-3PM

Grab a friend to play or make some new ones!

Bring your own games or choose from ours


760 THORNTON RD., ELLINGTON 287-2945



movie WEDNESDAYS

1-3pm

Ellington Farman Library
Movie titles to be chosen by group



*New Year,
New You!*


Start your new year feeling more balanced, connected and calm

**COME TO
WEDNESDAY
YOGA NIGHTS
at the LIBRARY
6-7pm**

Bring your own Yoga Mat and enjoy some down time practicing Yoga every Wednesday from 6-7pm
No Instructor—DVD's chosen by the group
All levels welcome; adults only

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sewers crafters & quilters



ELLINGTON FARMAN LIBRARY

MON. MARCH 2 & 16
11am - 1pm

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.

FREE

Income Tax Preparation

FOR THOSE WHO MADE LESS THAN \$54,000 in 2019

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Representatives
WILL BE IN
Ellington Farman Library
SATURDAY MARCH 7: 12- 1PM
Schedule to drop off your taxes this day
SATURDAY MARCH 14 : 10AM-12
Schedule to pick up your taxes this day
Call 211 or 1-888-696-9211
To reserve your spot in our library
Ask when you call what you need to bring & make your appointment for our library

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SOUP'S ON!

Come join our new Soup Group!

**SECOND TUESDAY
of every month
starting at 12:30**

Homemade Soup & Bread Lunch for donation
Meet your friends and make some new ones!

TUES. MARCH 10
ELLINGTON FARMAN LIBRARY



nature nights monthly movie



FOX TALES

TUES. MARCH 17 6-7PM
ELLINGTON FARMAN LIBRARY


FREE MOVIE FOR ALL AGES
PBS
In Newfoundland, Canada, a Red Fox has given birth. Follow the pups as they grow, learn to hunt, adapt and survive.

NATURE

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BOOK CLUB

**MEETS THURSDAY
MARCH 19TH at 11am**
IN MARCH THE GROUP WILL BE
DISCUSSING
"THE HEARTS OF HORSES"
BY MOLLY GLOSS
EVERYONE IS WELCOME
TO ATTEND



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JOIN US FOR POTLUCK BREAKFAST!



**EVERY LAST SATURDAY OF MONTH
MARCH 28TH**

Serving POTLUCK at 8:30am
Coffee is on at 8am
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**

CREATIVITY, FOOD AND FUN GO GREAT TOGETHER!

We have been having a monthly Saturday Soup and Craft time that is becoming popular and has a good group of interested folks coming. So far we have made glass goblet candlesticks and homemade gift bags and in May, Sue Livermore will be teaching Beach Glass Jewelry. We provide a simple soup and muffin lunch and all the materials needed to do the craft. This is a free program with registration encouraged but not needed to attend. We're currently looking for people who have an idea of a craft we could make AND would like to share their knowledge of making that craft with the group. We need the information at least one month ahead of time to allow for advertising and the gathering of materials. This is a fun group that is not too structured. If you have a craft idea, we'd love to hear about it! We also are looking for soup and bread donations for this program. Call the library at 287-2945 or stop in to discuss it with Judy.

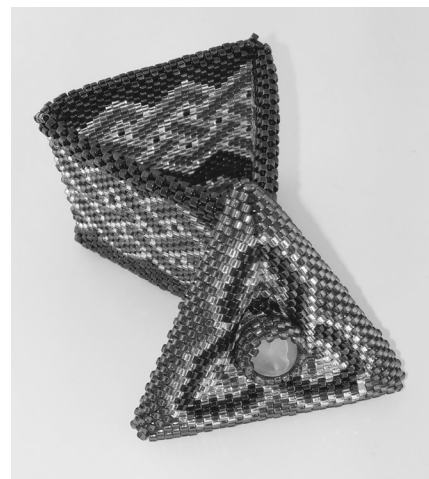
ARTIST DISPLAY FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

ANNE JACKSON FROM "THE BEADED FOREST"

"Where beaded paths and wooden trails meet"

PO Box 27 Lakewood, NY 14750 716-763-1246 beadedforest@netsync.net

"Anne's beadwork is not only inlaid in their wood products, but she also is a very experienced beaded jewelry artist. She beads not only tiny beaded Celtic pendants for necklaces, but also necklaces using larger and beautiful lampwork beads. Anne enjoys creating beaded bracelets that also include tiny seed beads and larger beads. She has expanded her beadwork to include 3 dimensional beaded boxes using small seed beads. The beaded boxes have a Celtic design in them, as well as a Celtic design on the lids of the boxes."



SATURDAY MARCH 21 1-2:30 pm
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From ALASKA
to ELLINGTON!



MEET SLED DOG MUSER, WRITER & WILDLIFE ADVOCATE
KAREN LAND & HER DOGS Noggin & Chloe
HEAR OF HER EXPERIENCES AT THE IDITAROD

PROGRAM FUNDED THRU A GRANT FROM THE CHAUTAUQUA REGION COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

March 2020 Ellington Farman Library

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 11–1pm Quilters & Sewers meet	3	4 1-3 Classic Movies 6-7 Yoga	5 1-3pm Cribbage & Other Games	6	7 12–1pm VITA: Income Tax Assistance
8	9	10 12:30 Soup Group	11 1-3 Classic Movies 6-7 Yoga	12 1-3pm Cribbage & Other Games	13	14 10–12 VITA: Income Tax Assistance
15	16 11–1pm Quilters & Sewers meet	17 6-7pm Nature Movie “Fox Tales”	18 1-3 Classic Movies 6-7 Yoga	19 11am–Adult Bookclub 1-3pm Cribbage & Other Games	20	21 1-2:30 From Alaska to Ellington” sled dog program with Karen Land
22	23	24	25 1-3 Classic Movies 6-7 Yoga	26 1-3pm Cribbage & Other Games	27	28 8am Potluck Breakfast
29	30 7pm Board Meets	31	OPEN HOURS 11AM -7PM MONDAY THRU THURSDAY CLOSED FRIDAY & SUNDAY 10AM-1PM ON SATURDAY			