

# The Ellington Reader

MAY 2020

## Ellington Farman Library

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One very important lesson I have learned from this NY Pause and the closing of the library is how much the library is more than just our item collection. Being closed has amplified the fact that we really exist to serve the community. Right now the community cannot physically be seen by our staff. We still offer our item collection through Libby app, Overdrive and other databases that can be accessed by our website and through Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Library System (CCLS) You saw all those elinks in the April newsletter. I will post them again on the back of these pages in case you missed them. We still are trying to connect with you on Facebook by offering relevant information, links to fun sites and creative things for adults and children alike to do. Sometimes it's just offering up funny quotes because we all need to take our mind off the news for a while. These are things we do to make attempts at staying in touch with you but, they can never replace the face to face interactions of the library on a daily basis.

I miss..... seeing your smiling faces, hearing your book review when you return your latest books, putting on the coffee for the various groups that meet in our community room, attempting to help you research your reference questions and then learning something new from those answers, finding your favorite authors, locating obscure books, placing holds and then sharing in your excitement when you come pick up those holds... the list goes on and on. I miss hearing the children's voices while they compete with each other in their computer games and even having to remind them to tone down their excitement sometimes! I smile every time I think of the very young children who all eventually find that favorite cubby hiding spot near the circulation desk and then listening to their giggles as the parents/grandparents pretend they don't know where they are. I hope there are things you miss about the library also.

It won't be that long when we'll be doing all those things again. Unfortunately at this time I don't have an exact date for you. As of today the NY Pause is continuing until May 15<sup>th</sup>. Whether it extends past that date is the Governor's decision. We will abide by those and the Chautauqua County Health Department policies.

In the meantime I am continuing to work on programming for the coming months. Please take a look at the Summer Reading Program article for some fun things we have planned. Unfortunately many of the Summer Reading Performers across the country have had to make the hard decision in April whether they can continue with their schedules for the summer. They have had to cancel live performances and the one we had scheduled is no different. We will keep The ScienceTellers performing group on our list of possible performers for later in the year when they are able to resume live performances.

If anyone needs assistance I have a list of organizations on the inside of this newsletter that you may find helpful. Share it if you see anyone who you think may benefit from them. You will also find a page with ways you can volunteer to help other folks get through this trying time. Thank you to our volunteers who have been keeping watch on our front porch collection of free books. There are two totes full of books, a few DVD'S and Audio books that are there for anyone to take home. Please do not return them as they are for you to keep. We just ask that you replace the covers after you're done looking thru them so they don't get wet.

The newsletter looks a little different this month as I don't have the graphic design program installed on my home computer and I am working from home just like many of you. My dog is exceedingly thrilled to have both his "parents" at home and believes it is a 24 hour extended play time created just for him! This time at home did make me realize my "office" area needed to be cleaned up, fast, if I was going to get any work done. I still struggle with slow internet, need to keep working on technology skills and learning new ways to accomplish things. I miss my computer at work and generally have to ignore all the other things at home that compete for my attention and stick to library work. Sound familiar? We're all figuring out this new new normal together!

*Take care of yourselves and those who need you.*

Judy Whittaker, Library Director

## SOME IMPORTANT LINKS AND INFORMATION

**NEWSPAPER ACCESS:** NYS & other state newspaper articles are available via the NOVELny databases from the New York State Library. Please go to: <https://www.cclsny.org/novelnycccls/> or you can go to our library website: [ellingtonlibrary.org](http://ellingtonlibrary.org) and click on the NOVELny icon located on the right side of the page. You do not need a library card.

**THE LIBBY APP** delivers to you ebooks, downloadable audiobooks, and digital magazines from your local public library. If you need help with your library card and PIN, please contact us via the online forms linked here: <https://www.cclsny.org/digitalresources/>. If you live in Chautauqua or Cattaraugus Counties you may just use your mobile number to sign in with an instant digital card. Thanks to Carolyn Hughsman from the CCLS who set that up for everyone. Get your instant digital card at the Libby App Sign In webpage. Go to: <https://ccls.overdrive.com/> and then click on Sign in. Contact us at [cclsny@outlook.com](mailto:cclsny@outlook.com) with your questions. Happy Reading!

**ANCESTRY LIBRARY EDITION** is now available to our patrons remotely while our member libraries are temporarily closed. To access the link and password, please log on to your library account with your library barcode number and password at <https://catalog.cclsny.org/> or you can go to our library website [ellingtonlibrary.org](http://ellingtonlibrary.org) and click on the icon to the right.

For library card help, go to:

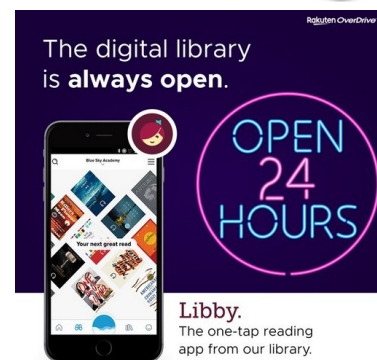
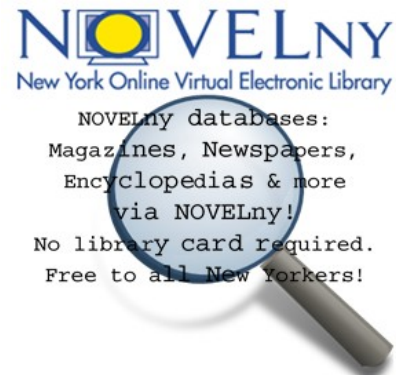
<https://www.cclsny.org/need-help-with-your-account/>

If your library card expired, please fill out this online form: <https://www.cclsny.org/need-help-with-your-account/>  
Help is also available at [cclsny@outlook.com](mailto:cclsny@outlook.com)

Many libraries, including Ellington Farman Library, are not physically open but we still have some fantastic resources at our fingertips that can help you cope with being a little isolated or cooped up with the kids with not much to do. Libraries and especially Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Library System to the rescue! Follow us on Facebook for some great ideas and links to wonderful resources you can use to keep the whole family entertained and still learning.... but don't tell the kids about that learning part! There's virtual tours to museums, aquariums and zoos for your animal lovers. Read all your children's books already? Then curl up at night as a family and listen to authors read their books. Check out some links that will help you get the creativity flowing with some average household items. Raining outside? Watch our dance video links, move the furniture and start your own dance party! There's lots more and we thank Valle from CCLS for some great ideas. Click on the Facebook link, follow us and get ideas!

<https://www.facebook.com/Ellington-Farman-Library->

<https://www.ellingtonlibrary.org/>



**ALL THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION MAY BE FOUND BY GOING TO CCLS WEBSITE :**

**<https://www.cclsny.org/government-assistance/>**

### **Financial Assistance**

- **Get Unemployment Assistance (New York State COVID-19 support)**
  - **1-888-209-8124**
  - **8 am to 5 pm, Monday – Friday**
- **Step- By-Step to Apply for Unemployment**
- **Small Business Guidance and Loan information – Find out eligibility and how to apply for loans for small business through NY state**
- **New York Times Financial Hub for help during COVID-19 – Information to consider**
- **Small Business Administration – Disaster Loan and application**
- **Coronavirus Aid Package – Details on what’s included in the package and how it can help you**

### **Local Contacts for Support**

- **United Way**
- **Chautauqua County Public Health COVID-19 Hotline 866-604-6789**
- **Business Questions – visit [esd.ny.gov](http://esd.ny.gov) or call CCIDA Offices at 716-661-8900**
- **New York State Department of Health COVID-19 Hotline 888-364-3065 (24/7)**
- **Adult Protective Services/CASA 716-753-4447**
- **Child Abuse Registry 1-800-342-3720 (24/7)**
- **Child Care Assistance 716-753-4192**
- **Child Support 716-753-4555 or email [cccseu@co.chautauqua.ny.us](mailto:cccseu@co.chautauqua.ny.us)**
- **HEAP (Heat assistance) call 716-753-4385**
- **Meals Assistance contact NY Connects at 716-753-4582, 716-363-4582 or 716-661-7582**
- **Mental Health Crisis Hotline 800-724-0461 (24/7)**
- **Office for the Aging Services Call NY Connects 716-753-4582**
- **Temporary Assistance/SNAP 716-661-8200**
- **Need something else? Contact “211” 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Dial 2-1-1 or 888-696-9211 or visit [www.211wny.org](http://www.211wny.org)**
- **Headspace- NY for guided meditation and a way to take a break**  
– <https://www.headspace.com/ny>

### **Credible Information on COVID-19**

- **CDC Main Page of COVID-19 – Information and guidance**
- **CDC Fact Sheet on COVID-19 – Quick facts**
- **New York state Department of Health COVID-19 – Information and guidance**
- **World Health Organization COVID-19- Information**
- **List of EPA approved Disinfectants**
- **Resources for Parents on COVID-19**

## LOOKING FOR WAYS TO VOLUNTEER AT THIS TIME?

→ **UNITED WAY:** The following link has been set up by United Way of Southern Chautauqua County and has lots of information for you.

<https://www.uwayscc.org/look-current-volunteer-opportunities-register-future-opportunities>

### **WAYS YOU CAN HELP:**

Donate Food, Cleaning Supplies and Personal Care Items

Donate To Go Containers for Food Pantries

Donate Blood (signup at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org))

Be A Volunteer Ambassador for Blood Drives (signup at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org))

Make face mask

Donate Hand Made Face Masks & Hygiene Items. They have a list of drop off sites.

### → **ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH:**

St. Luke's is exploring new, concrete ways to connect while we're apart. We're inviting families to write a note or draw a picture to send some cheer to others. This is a great opportunity to reflect with children how, through concrete, creative work they are \*being\* the Church — whose work of loving our neighbors continues whether the building's doors are open or closed. This is an opportunity to reflect together the ways in which COVID-19 is impacting people beyond ourselves, \*and\* there is something we can do to spread love and connection in uncertain times; we're all in this together. This is an opportunity to pray for others, as we write notes, make cards, or draw pictures. Interested in participating? Contact the church and we'll provide you with names and addresses.

→ **ITEM COLLECTION DRIVE:** The **Chautauqua Mall** is partnering with The Salvation Army and Chautauqua County Humane Society to host a food and essential item collection drive daily through May 16. Mall officials said area residents can drop off non-perishable food items, diapers, toilet paper, soap, school supplies and dog and cat food each day between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Bins have been placed outside the main entrance next to Planet Fitness.

→ **LOCAL ELLINGTON CARES:** there is a Care Box set up in the Town Park that is stocked with items from local residents. It has a little door on it and is named the Ellington Community Cupboard. You may help to keep it stocked or if you need an item it is there for you to use.

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## **HAVE YOU DONE YOUR CIVIC DUTY?**

We've partnered with the US Census Bureau to support the 2020 Census! We're working to ensure that Chautauqua and Cattaraugus County is accurately represented. We have some questions: What matters to you? Schools? Transportation? Hospitals? Data from the census helps inform planning efforts for all these important community resources. Responding to the census is our civic duty. It affects the allocation of funding for our community's public resources, how we plan for the future, and our voice in government. The Census count affects the money our county gets for schools, tuition assistance, roads, bridges, hospitals, and more. Be counted! Complete the census today! Visit [2020census.gov](http://2020census.gov).

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## PLANS FOR SUMMER READING UNDER WAY

**Imagine Your Story!** This is the New York State theme for Summer Reading 2020 and we have lots of fun things planned to incorporate that theme into our library programming. There's some details to get into first and they are as follows.

- ✓ WHEN DOES ELLINGTONS' SUMMER READING PROGRAM OFFICIALLY START?  
JULY 14 and runs through AUGUST 13
- ✓ DAYS AND TIMES?  
EVERY TUESDAY AND THURSDAY FROM 1 – 2:30 PM
- ✓ WHO CAN COME?  
Any registered child between the ages of 6 and 12. Younger siblings who come must stay in another part of the library and be supervised at all times by an adult to inhibit distractions to the older children. Anyone younger than 6 will have difficulty doing our crafts and writing times.
- ✓ HOW DO I REGISTER MY CHILD?  
We will have registration forms available when the library reopens. Please come in and fill out a form for each child attending. You may call the library and give us your child's name but also we need a completed form filled out by a parent/caregiver.
- ✓ WHAT'S THE FORMAT?  
Each week will be a different theme that the children will explore through reading, writing and a related craft/art project. We hope to run a movie time on Wednesdays with the movie relating to the weekly theme but that is not a formal part of the program. Any child can attend the movies without being registered for the program.

Now to the fun part! Tuesdays will include a reading of a story (maybe 2) that corresponds to the theme. After the story the children will "imagine their own story" with a starting sentence idea provided by us. Not all children can write a story on their own but they can draw pictures to help with their writing. This is great practice in keeping those writing skills up while cultivating their imagination. Thursdays will find us continuing on the weekly theme with an art project that relates to their story. There is a plan in the works to videotape any child (with parents permission) who wishes to read their story or show their art. Perhaps we could make one video to give to all the families at the end of summer. This idea hasn't been completely worked through yet.

Children will be **Imagining Their Story** along these weekly themes:

- 1) Jungle Adventures: The tiger said follow me!
- 2) Captain of My Ship: Sailing to far away places
- 3) Outer space: Living on another planet in the future
- 4) As Deep as You can Swim: living as a fish in the ocean
- 5) Walking with the Dinosaurs: living with the dinosaurs in prehistoric times

All Children will receive age appropriate reading logs when they register. They'll keep track of their reading and earn stickers when they complete each goal. At the end of the summer there will be prizes for those who turn in their reading logs. There will be other programs throughout the summer, such as Games Days, for everyone to attend even if they are not registered in the Reading Program. Please consider registering your child and let them **Imagine Their Story** through reading, writing and creative fun!

## **FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES: GIVE BIG 2020 JUNE 11**

Once again we will be participating in the Give Gig 24 hour fundraising campaign sponsored by the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation.

**Accurate & Accessible;** Our Give Big campaign this year is to raise money to fund a Health Reference Item collection that will provide general health knowledge and be accessible to all. A library's first duty is to provide free access to information. Our library is located in a rural area where because of traveling distances and economic disadvantages, our community does not always have easy access to health care. People often turn to the library and the internet with their health concerns and questions. There are members in our community that do not have access to the internet. They aren't able to search for medical information from the comfort of their homes. For the others who do search it is too easy for them to get redirected to a site that might have questionable information, that makes unproven claims and might not be medically accurate. They may also find themselves on a business sight trying to sell them a cure when they are under the impression it is a reliable medical organization's site.

We are a library. People trust us to provide access to accurate information. Unfortunately our nonfiction health reference section is very small and outdated. Currently we have a total of 32 books that are health related not counting the "Fad Diet" selections. We offer up to our patrons "The Merck Manual of Medical Information" with a copyright date of 1997. How about "The Lupus Book: A guide for patients and their families" copyright 1995. We're pretty confident there has been a lot of new medical information discovered in the last 25 years. It is a detriment to our patrons for us to have health related books on our shelves that offer outdated, trendy but not medically accurate and possibly harmful medical advice.

Our library would like to purchase a set of Health reference books and associated DVD'S as we are aware that not everyone receives their information by reading. The books will be chosen not only for their accurate research but also for their readability. We realize that many health related books use language that is for the medical academia world and not the average reader. The books we plan to purchase will be chosen for their accuracy and ones that can be easily understood by the average person. The DVD's will be purchased with advice from reputable science and health organizations and will be available so patrons may watch them in the comfort of their own home. A sampling of the topics we plan to include will be:

- Men's and Women's Health Concerns
- Health information concerning all Stages And Ages of Life
- Diseases of the Mind & Body
- Basic Anatomy & Physiology
- Mental Health Disorders
- Human Sexuality
- Basic Medical Dictionary of Health Terms

**Accurate & Accessible;** Your generous donation will help the overall health of our community by allowing our library to offer a variety of Health related topics that will be accessible to all.

<https://www.givebigchq.org/organizations/ellington-farman-library-association>

More information will be available in the following weeks.

**ELLINGTON FARMAN LIBRARY**

**FILL OUR FRONT PORCH!**

**SAT. MAY 30**  
**8am - 1pm**

**RETURNABLES FUNDRAISER**

**DROP OFF YOUR BAGS OF  
CLEAN RETURNABLES-  
WE'LL RECYCLE THEM FOR YOU!**

CLEAN CANS & PLASTIC BOTTLES    **NO GLASS**

*Start saving them now  
Fill our front porch!*

**LIBRARY HOURS: PLEASE NOTE OUR LIBRARY IS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE ACCORDING TO NYS HEALTH DEPARTMENT POLICIES We will reopen as soon as we are allowed**

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