



The Ellington Reader

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



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ellingtonlibrary.org

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETS JANUARY 25TH
AT 7PM IN OUR
COMMUNITY ROOM**

All's Quiet on the Outside

In the library it may seem like January is quiet and peaceful with its softly falling snow outside and the coziness of an old building full of books on the inside. Don't be fooled! This first month of the year is when a full year's worth of programming starts to be realized.

All future craft and art programs start in January with a trip into the unheated upstairs craft storage room to take stock of what is leftover from last year. This year we seem to have an abundance of wooden items due to donations from a few woodworkers. There are still a lot of glass jar donations and the never ending pinecone collection. These are supplemented by ribbons, cloth material and lots of beads. Put these supplies all together, throw in a hefty dose of creativity supplied by Pinterest and we come up with the first craft ideas of the year. Next we try to tie in the crafts to either a holiday, book topic or author idea and then out comes the calendar to see where we can plug those events in.

January is also time to start surfing the internet for databases of performers who might be presenting topics we think our patrons would have an interest in. After narrowing it down to location, price and topic, it is then time to start communicating with potential presenters in hopes of getting them to come to our little library to present a program. Out come all those little slips of notes that contain ideas our helpful patrons have suggested to staff throughout the year. Our goal is to try and make as many of those ideas into a real program or scheduled group event. This is the time to contact local organizations to see if they would like to partner with our library in presenting educational seminars. Schedules start filling up all too quickly.

This is also a good time of year to go over our item collection purchases from the previous year and assess where changes might need to be made. Speaking of changes I also like to take a good look at our interior spaces for each collection and take stock of the room left on the shelves compared to how many new items we plan to fit on those shelves. More shelves or some creative rearranging of those spaces might be in order. Perhaps a weeding of old items with no checkouts could help free up shelf space. This year Suzy and I have ideas to go thru the Childrens Room bookshelves and see what we can do to create more space.

The library, like any organization, needs to take time to gather their statistics and data so we have a benchmark to tell if we are meeting our goals. This is the time of year we tackle that chore. Our circulation statistics, program attendance and number of patron visits are just a few of the things included in the Annual Report sent to New York State and the Chautauqua Cattaraugus Library System. We also use those numbers in our reports to those we have received grants from or who have directly funded us including the Town of Ellington.

Throwing a wrench into some of this planning for 2021 is the uncertainty of how the pandemic will affect our ability to even offer open programs. How many different plans can we come up with to provide a quality Summer Reading Program if we cannot include groups of children gathering in our community room? This level of unknown presents a problem that I admit some days can stymie my enthusiasm for planning ahead.

So here's to all the activity that starts to ramp up in the month of January. In all the busyness we'll not forget the most important reason why we do what we do. We exist to offer a free, accessible to all, user friendly environment where we provide opportunities that support the numerous ways people learn, create and discover information.

Oprah Winfrey said it perfectly, "*Cheers to a new year and another chance to get it right.*"



Judith Whittaker, Library Director

NEW TO OUR LIBRARY

ADULT FICTION

The Awakening
All That Glitters
Daylight
The Silence
Everything Here is Under Control
A McAllister Christmas
Deadly Cross
The Guest List
Two Reasons to Run
Three Single Wives
The Invisible Life of Addie Larue
In A Holidaze
The Devil and the Dark Water
The Cold Millions
Rest and Be Thankful
Payback
The Immortal Nicholas

Nora Roberts
Danielle Steel
David Baldacci
Don DeLillo
Emily Adrien
William Johnstone
James Patterson
Lucy Foley
Colleen Coble
Gina Lamanna
V.E. Schwab
Christina Lauren
Stuart Turton
Jess Walter
Emma Glass
Mary Gordon
Glen Beck

ADULT NON FICTION

Frontier Follies
We Gather Together
Case of the Vanishing Blond
Decoding Your Dog
Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias
My Own Words
The Male Brain
Encyclopedia of Rifles and Machine Guns

Ree Drummond
Denise Kiernan
Mark Bowden
American Veterinary Society
Mayo Clinic
Ruth Bader Ginsberg
LuAnn Brizendine
Will Fowler

YOUNG ADULT

The Degenerates
Lies Like Poison
You Were Never here
Watch Over Me
The Truths We Hold (nonfiction)

J. Albert Mann
Chelsea Pitcher
Kathleen Peacock
Nina Lacour
Kamala Harris

JUNIOR FICTION

The Best of Iggy
Mystery of the Forgotten Family
Science Fair Sabotage
The Deep End
The Turnover
Shoot Out

Annie Barrows
Gertrude Warner
Gertrude Warner
Jeff Kinney
Mike Lupica
Mike Lupica

CHILDRENS

Bear Says Thanks
The World Needs More Purple People
Good Night Little Blue Truck
Cozy

Karma Wilson
Kristen Bell
Alice Schertle
Jan Brett

DVD's:

Thanksgiving Treasure
A House Without a Christmas Tree
Christmas in Yellowstone
Family Guy Series: volume 5

Smallville: Season 6
Homeland: Season 1

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**LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY JAN 18th**

Happy New Year!

**For last year's words
Belong to
Last year's language.
And next year's
words
Await another voice.**

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Book Highlights of the Month

ADULT NONFICTION: Frontier Follies: Adventures in Marriage & Motherhood in the Middle of Nowhere

By Ree Drummond

Review by: <https://www.goodreads.com/en/book/show/51195557>

From her beginnings as an early blogger, Ree Drummond has become a household name with a passionate following of devoted fans. On her blog, in her magazine, and on her cooking show, Ree shares recipes, tales of her adventures in the country, and stories of everyday life with her four children and cowboy/rancher husband.

In this down-to-earth and charming book, Ree shares real-life anecdotes about parenting from her own unique vantage point. While her busy life is constantly full of new surprises, what's most important to her is family. Over the years she's learned a few things about balancing motherhood with a million other things, and now she offers the wisdom of her experiences; the ups, the downs, the bumps in the road, the laughter and the tears; in stories brimming with the relatable wit and humor found in her cookbooks and her bestselling love story, *The Pioneer Woman: Black Heels to Tractor Wheels*.

A celebration of motherhood, family, love, and laughter, *Frontier Follies* is a keepsake to treasure and share with the wonderful women in your life

ADULT FICTION: The Push by Ashley Audrain (release date January 5, 2021)

Review by <https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/52476830-the-push>

A tense, page-turning psychological drama about the making and breaking of a family—and a woman whose experience of motherhood is nothing at all what she hoped for—and everything she feared.

Blythe Connor is determined that she will be the warm, comforting mother to her new baby Violet that she herself never had. But in the thick of motherhood's exhausting early days, Blythe becomes convinced that something is wrong with her daughter—she doesn't behave like most children do. Or is it all in Blythe's head? Her husband, Fox, says she's imagining things. The more Fox dismisses her fears, the more Blythe begins to question her own sanity, and the more we begin to question what Blythe is telling us about her life as well.

Then their son Sam is born—and with him, Blythe has the blissful connection she'd always imagined with her child. Even Violet seems to love her little brother. But when life as they know it is changed in an instant, the devastating fall-out forces Blythe to face the truth.

The Push is a tour de force you will read in a sitting, an utterly immersive novel that will challenge everything you think you know about motherhood, about what we owe our children, and what it feels like when women are not believed.

ADULT FICTION: Everything Here Is under Control by Emily Adrian

Review by: Julie Blum

<https://manhattanbookreview.com/product/everything-here-is-under-control-a-novel/>

I won't lie: I chose to read and review *Everything Here is Under Control* because, well..., nothing is under control these days, and the title made me smile. The book follows two lifelong yet estranged friends, Carrie and Amanda, who are thrown together again after Amanda has a new baby and feels like she doesn't quite know what she is doing. Amanda returns to her hometown, where she seeks the comfort and advice of Carrie, who became a mother when she was very young. *Everything Here is Under Control* expertly weaves together the narratives of these friends as they figure out their relationships with each other, their children, their lovers, and themselves.

This book was a delight to read. The author seems to really understand the true sense of what it is like to be a new mother, with all the self-doubt, worry, and pure love that come along with that role. The relationship between Carrie and Amanda has depth and strength that lend even more complexity and nuance to their friendship. The book is easy to read, because you want to know and understand the characters better. In the end, you do understand them, and maybe understand yourself a bit better as well.

PRINT AWAY!

We finally have our new printer/copier/fax/scanner all in one machine up and running!

- Black & White copies/prints: 20 cents each
- Color copies/prints: 25 cents each
- Faxes: \$1 a page
- Scans: 25 cents a page



Patrons may print from our patron computers or from a thumb drive. You are not able to directly print from your own device or laptop. Scans will be made by staff and are sent to a file on our circulation desk computer. Staff are then able to send the scan as an attachment to an email address or print from that file.

JANUARY NEW RELEASES

If you're looking to plan your 2021 reading, here are some favorite authors ready to release new books in January. We won't be able to order all of them but I'm sure some library within the Chautauqua Cattaraugus Library System will have the one you want.

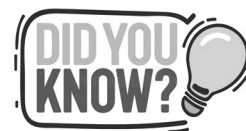
Neighbors	Danielle Steel
Twenty	James Grippando
All the Colors of the Night	Jayne Ann Krentz
American Traitor	Brad Taylor
The Prophets	Robert Jones Jr.
The Wife Upstairs	Rachel Hawkins
Robert B. Parker's Someone to Watch over Me	Ace Atkins
The Forever Girl	Jill Shalvis
Before She Disappeared	Lisa Gardner
Scorpion's Tail	Preston & Child
Before the Ruins	Victoria Gosling
The Lost Boys	Faye Kellerman
The Children's Blizzard	Melanie Benjamin
Spin	Patricia Cornwell
Prodigal Son	Gregg Hurwitz
The Russian	James Patterson
Egg Shooters	Laura Childs
Pianos and Flowers	Alexander McCall Smith

HOW CAN I HELP?

Are you looking for a way to help the library in the coming year? The following are ways in which you can donate finances, give items and purchase memorials that will directly benefit our library.

- 1) Books may be purchased as a memorial: Contact the library manager for details.
- 2) Monetary donations for general operations, programs or material purchases may be mailed or delivered to the library.
- 3) We have an endowment fund which was established to improve the financial future of the library. Donations to the fund can be sent to: Chautauqua Region Community Foundation, 418 Spring St, Jamestown, NY 14701. Please note on the memo portion of your check that this donation is for the Ellington Farman Library Endowment Fund.
- 4) You may have a portion of your Amazon purchase go to our library by starting your online shopping at AmazonSmile and choosing our library from the charitable organizations.
- 5) We send out a yearly donation letter in the mail that you may respond to at any time.
- 6) Book & DVD donations are accepted with approval from Library Manager.
- 7) We participate in the yearly online Fundraiser, "Give Big" sponsored by Chautauqua Region Community Foundation.
- 8) We accept craft supply donations with approval from library manager

NEW YEAR TRIVIA



Did you know that people toast the New Year at 39 different times during the span of 26 hours around the world because of the difference in time zones? If you live close to a time zone border, you can celebrate twice, first on the one with the earliest time, then cross the border and celebrate again. And if you cross the International Date Line to the east, you can party for another 24 hours.

Who toasts to the New Year first? It's Kiritimati Island! Kiritimati Island is located in the west central Pacific Islands. Captain Cook named the lagoon Christmas Island when he arrived on Christmas Eve in 1777. Who celebrates last? Baker Island will be toasting to the New Year while Kiritimati is already into the second day of the year.