



The Ellington Reader

ELLINGTON FARMAN LIBRARY

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LIBRARY HOURS

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

We Invite You to Partner with Us!

In 2020, even with our doors closed due to COVID-19, the Ellington Farman Library was still working to carry out its' mission in a variety of ways. We stayed connected to our patrons with an updated online presence offering helpful links to health, census, election information and activities that provided not only fun but educational content. We offered materials for free on our front porch in large totes that included a variety of reading materials for all ages. Curbside pickup assisted students in finishing their English classes by providing them Classic Literature books when their schools had run out of copies. The library increased our financial donation to the Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Library System so they could purchase more book titles that our patrons could access online thru Libby and the Overdrive collection.

The smell of sanitizer was in the air starting on June 22 as we were finally able to physically open our building to a limited capacity. Our 2020 Summer Reading Program looked a little different but we still distributed 84 weekly themed take home Activity Bags. What a special joy it was to see families in the park sitting at the picnic tables and working together on their library crafts!

In January 2021 staff completed a much needed weeding and reorganizing of our item collection. We also color coded Adult Nonfiction books according to theme so patrons can easily locate a topic. It is a positive improvement anytime we can help patrons feel comfortable locating their own items. We're reaching out to our youngest patrons and their families with the "Farman Bear" Young Childrens Newsletter filled with activities centered around a monthly theme like Dragons or Butterflies! All the books on display that month correspond to the theme and children are excited to see what new things await them in the children's room.

Currently we are open our full 35 hours a week, have time limits on computer usage, and programs with participation are limited to 8 patrons. Our Free Wi-Fi is available 24 hours a day and does not need a password. There are times when we have whole families parked in front of our library for 3 hours at a time while they access our Wi-Fi to complete online schooling.

Thank you for your continued financial support of Ellington Farman Library. That support is the reason we can continue to provide access to resources, programs and a growing item collection that is housed in a beautifully maintained building. We invite you to be a part of the Ellington Farman Library as we seek to fulfill our mission with renewed enthusiasm for the future!

Judith Whittaker, Library Director



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ellingtonlibrary.org

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETS MARCH 29TH
AT 7PM IN OUR
COMMUNITY ROOM**

NEW TO OUR LIBRARY

ADULT FICTION

The Russian	James Patterson
They will Drown in Their Mothers' Tears	Johannes Anyuru
The Shepherd's Wife	Angela Hunt
Wrong Alibi	Christina Dodd
The Wrong Family	Tarryn Fisher
A Shadow Intelligence	Oliver Harris
When No One is Watching	Alyssa Cole
The Women in Black	Madeleine St. John
What are You Going Through	Sigrid Nunez
The Push	Ashley Audrain
Faithless in Death	J.D. Robb
Blink of an Eye	Iris Johansen
Serpentine	Jonathan Kellerman
The Echo Wife	Sarah Gailey
The Children's Blizzard	Melanie Benjamin

ADULT NON FICTION

The Beauty of What Remains	Steve Leder
A Walk Around the Block	Spike Carlsen
Personal Finance 101	Alfred Mill

JUNIOR NON FICTION

Race to the Bottom of the Earth	Rebecca Barone
This is Your Time	Ruby Bridges

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

Burn	Patrick Ness
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CHILDRENS EASY READERS

When Winter Comes	Aimee M. Bisonette
The Barnabus Project	Terry Fan
If You Come to Earth	Sophie Blackall

FREE

Income Tax Preparation

FOR THOSE WHO MADE LESS THAN \$57,000 in 2020

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Representatives

WILL BE IN

Ellington Farman Library

MONDAY MARCH 15: 3-7PM

AND

MONDAY MARCH 22: 3-7PM

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



UNITED WAY OF SOUTHERN CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY

2021 WINTER READING CHALLENGE

CCLS and ELLINGTON FARMAN LIBRARY

2021 WINTER

Reading Challenge

Complete the
Challenge for a
chance to WIN a
\$25
Grocery Gift
Card!

Stop in the library and pick up
your challenge bookmark.

Bring it back to our library with your books
recorded and you'll receive a chance to win a
\$25 Grocery Gift Card from Kennedy Shurfine!

CHALLENGE STARTS JANUARY 4 AND RUNS THRU MARCH 31

- 1) Book read or listened to on Libby App (you may substitute a book on CD checked out from library)
- 2) Book of Poems
- 3) True Crime by a Native Author
- 4) Picture Book
- 5) Book that's been on your TBR pile the longest
- 6) Book set in a country you'd like to visit
- 7) Book with a Gray and Yellow Cover
- 8) Book that's been translated
- 9) Book by an author with the same zodiac sign as the reader
- 10) Book about a Native Historical site
- 11) Book with One (1) in the title
- 12) Book recommended by a Librarian
- 13) Title you wanted to read last year
- 14) Book set in Space
- 15) Debut Novel from a Canadian Author

Book Highlights of the Month

ADULT HISTORICAL FICTION: THE CHILDREN'S BLIZZARD by Melanie Benjamin

Hardcover, 368 pages, Published January 12th 2021 by Delacorte Press

From the New York Times bestselling author of The Aviator's Wife comes a story of courage on the prairie, inspired by the devastating storm that struck the Great Plains in 1888, threatening the lives of hundreds of immigrant homesteaders, especially schoolchildren.

The morning of January 12, 1888, was unusually mild, following a punishing cold spell. It was warm enough for the homesteaders of the Dakota Territory to venture out again, and for their children to return to school without their heavy coats—leaving them unprepared when disaster struck. At the hour when most prairie schools were letting out for the day, a terrifying, fast-moving blizzard blew in without warning. Schoolteachers as young as sixteen were suddenly faced with life and death decisions: Keep the children inside, to risk freezing to death when fuel ran out, or send them home, praying they wouldn't get lost in the storm?

Based on actual oral histories of survivors, this gripping novel follows the stories of Raina and Gerda Olsen, two sisters, both schoolteachers—one becomes a hero of the storm and the other finds herself ostracized in the aftermath. It's also the story of Anette Pedersen, a servant girl whose miraculous survival serves as a turning point in her life and touches the heart of Gavin Woodson, a newspaperman seeking redemption. It was Woodson and others like him who wrote the embellished news stories that lured northern European immigrants across the sea to settle a pitiless land. Boosters needed them to settle territories into states, and they didn't care what lies they told these families to get them there—or whose land it originally was.

At its heart, this is a story of courage, of children forced to grow up too soon, tied to the land because of their parents' choices. It is a story of love taking root in the hard prairie ground, and of families being torn asunder by a ferocious storm that is little remembered today—because so many of its victims were immigrants to this country.

Review by : <https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/555989/the-childrens-blizzard-by-melanie-benjamin/>

ADULT NONFICTION : THE BEAUTY OF WHAT REMAINS: How Our Greatest Fear Becomes Our Greatest Gift- by Steve Leder

Hardcover, 240 pages, Published January 5th 2021 Avery publishing Group

From the author of the bestselling *More Beautiful Than Before* comes an inspiring book about loss based on his most popular sermon.

As the senior rabbi of one of the largest synagogues in the world, Steve Leder has learned over and over again the many ways death teaches us how to live and love more deeply by showing us not only what is gone but also the beauty of what remains.

This inspiring and comforting book takes us on a journey through the experience of loss that is fundamental to everyone. Yet even after having sat beside thousands of deathbeds, Steve Leder the rabbi was not fully prepared for the loss of his own father. It was only then that Steve Leder the son truly learned how loss makes life beautiful by giving it meaning and touching us with love that we had not felt before.

Enriched by Rabbi Leder's irreverence, vulnerability, and wicked sense of humor, this heartfelt narrative is filled with laughter and tears, the wisdom of millennia and modernity, and, most of all, an unfolding of the profound and simple truth that in loss we gain more than we ever imagined.

Review by : <https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/54705911-the-beauty-of-what-remains>

Why Children Still Need to Read (and Draw) Maps *written by Deborah Farmer Kris*

In a GPS world, where synthesized voices tell us when to turn to get from point A to point B, do kids really need to learn how to read a map? Absolutely.

While many skills have become obsolete in the digital age, map reading remains an important tool for building children's spatial reasoning skills and helping them make sense of our world.

Temple University's Dr. Nora Newcombe describes spatial thinking as "seeing in the mind's eye." Spatial skills are what allow us to "picture the locations of objects, their shapes, their relations to each other and the paths they take as they move." Maps support spatial thinking by helping children visualize where objects, places, cities, and countries are in relation to one another. Quite literally, maps help them figure out their place in the world.

In a 2013 report on maps and education, National Geographic concluded, "Spatial thinking is arguably one the most important ways of thinking for a child to develop as he or she grows. ... A student who has acquired robust spatial thinking skills is at an advantage in our increasingly global and technical society."

Understanding maps is also freeing, says Dr. Julie Dillemath, children's author and spatial cognition expert: "When you look at maps, you are building a mental map. Mental maps are really important because it gives you freedom to navigate where you want to go" in face of inevitable detours, roadblocks, and GPS errors.

So when can parents get started? Even preschool children have the ability to understand the relationship between a map and the physical world, but they need guidance—someone to expose them to maps and teach them the basics of how they work. Here are a few tips and resources.

Hands-On Activities

DRAW A MAP: Grab some paper and crayons and work with your child to draw maps of places you both know well. Start with rooms in your home and then branch out to favorite places such as a local park. Use simple shapes to draw and label objects such as furniture or playground equipment. Take a walk around the block together, looking for landmarks to include in a neighborhood map. As kids get more proficient, encourage them to create maps of imaginary worlds or of places in their favorite books or movies.

TREASURE MAP: After drawing a map of a room together, hide a special object somewhere in the room and then point to its location on the map. If they struggle, use spatial language to give clues, such as "It's under a pillow" or "It's inside a cabinet."

TALK ABOUT DIRECTIONS: As you drive or walk together, ask them to anticipate where you need to go next. "Which way do we turn at this stop sign? Right or left?" or "How many stops are left before we get off the subway? Let's look at the wall map."

As you explore mapping with your child, you might just find that it reignites some of your own curiosity about the world and what it looks like. As Judith Schallansky, acclaimed author and map lover, wrote, ***"Give me an atlas over a guidebook any day. There is no more poetic book in the world."***



Deborah Farmer Kris is a writer, teacher, parent educator, and school administrator. She works on parenting projects for PBS KIDS for Parents and writes about education for [MindShift](#), an NPR learning blog. Deborah has two kids who love to test every theory she's ever had about child development! Mostly, she loves finding and sharing nuggets of practical wisdom that can help kids and families thrive — including her own. You can follow her on Twitter [@dfkris](#)

Farman Bear Library News



ELLINGTON FARMAN LIBRARY Children's Newsletter

What's the theme for March? Butterflies!

Don't forget to have your little one pick up their copy of the

Farman Bear Children's Newsletter

located in the Children's Room.

It's just for them and perfect for children age 8 and under.

LIBRARY FUNDRAISER

Beef on Weck

Sat. April 24

4-7pm

DETAILS COMING SOON

NATIONAL "TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY" DAY

Our library celebrated the day with an activity bag for each child to take home with them. There was a variety of things included in the bag; a word search, poem writing tips, drawing demonstration, a coloring page and a craft complete with supplies. A version of the Activity Bag was greatly enjoyed at the Summer Reading Program and we were asked to continue them throughout the year. We had a few unclaimed activity bags from the National Take Your Child to the Library Day so the decision was made to keep them up all week long. We called it "Grab a Bag, Grab a Book" and there was an assortment of themed books set up all around the bags for the children to check out. Since it was a day to celebrate introducing your child to the library we chose all books centered around a library theme. Check out the smiling little girl at the right- (smiling behind her face mask!) She is shown with her grandmother and her new library card that she had just registered for. She has been a frequent visitor to our library but had never had her own card. Now she can check out books on her own. What a great way to celebrate National Take Your Child to the Library Day!



My very own library card!

FIND YOUR FAMILY- DISCOVER YOURSELF!

Looking for a place to get started in your Genealogy search? Start by going to [CCLSNY.org](https://www.cclsny.org) and scroll down the left side of the site until you see "For Patrons". Hover over that and to the right you will see "Genealogy". From there you can access Ancestry.com and FamilySearch.

Click on either of these, create your free account and you're on your way to bringing to life your family's history by exploring the lives of those that came before you. You'll find numerous ways to search, photo galleries to view where you can add your own pictures and suggested activities you can do at home. Today is a great day to discover your past!

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Create a FREE account





NEED ASSISTANCE IN FINDING A JOB?

Did you know that there is **FREE** online career assistance for all stages of job hunting available through the Chautauqua Cattaraugus Library System website? If you need to find a job, write a resume, complete unemployment assistance forms or perform many other job search related topics then start your search by typing in **CCLSNY.org** and scroll down the right hand side until you see this logo: Click on the logo and register.



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**Live Interview Coach**
Interview coaching from live experts


**Interview Tips**
Helpful tips for interview success


**Online Resources**
Carefully-selected resources to help you prepare for your interview





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**Live Job Coach**
Expert assistance with searching, applying, and preparing for jobs

**Unemployment Assistance**
Expert assistance with completing unemployment benefits forms

**Career Assessments**
Where to begin with your search

**Job Resources**
Begin your job search with these helpful resources

**SkillSurfer**
Live skills building and a library of lessons, videos, tests and more

**eParachute**
Discover the college majors and careers that match your skills and interests.