



The Ellington Reader

ELLINGTON FARMAN LIBRARY

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



**KEEP INFORMED OF LIBRARY
NEWS BY FOLLOWING US
ON FACEBOOK
and our Website:
ellingtonlibrary.org**

**LIBRARY CLOSED
SATURDAY APRIL 3**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETS APRIL 26TH
AT 7PM IN OUR
COMMUNITY ROOM**

Did anything really change?

We've had a string of warm days here in late March as I write this column. The sun is bursting through the front library windows bringing with it some nice needed warmth. The hats and mittens that were strung on a line near the Post Office are thankfully not needed now. The front door area where patrons used to take off their heavy winter boots is currently empty. There is an abundance of mud being tracked in but nothing a little vacuuming can't take care of. Hair ribbons and sunglasses are starting to replace the children's gloves in the library lost and found bin. Salt buckets can be finally put away as the sun has come out banishing the slippery sidewalks. In other words, we have made it through a long winter and are excited to witness the changing of the coming seasons.

The library has experienced its changes also. A library, by its nature is an ever changing institution which transforms itself to better meet the needs of the community it serves. The pandemic closings and the shift in how we provided our services during that time is a good example of this. Although I firmly believe in this "changing library theology" line of thinking I'm also reminded that it might be only partially true.

After all, even during the pandemic, when we were made dizzy by processing all the changes, we must admit that authors still continued to enrich our lives with their fictional worlds. It was fun to read some books concerning pandemic themes and wondered if we could learn anything from the ways fictional characters handled their dystopian chaos as compared to our real one. Our favorite writers still produced new books and they were patiently waiting on the library shelves for when the patrons came back. Non fiction books continued to enlighten us on the issues of racism, politics, women's rights and a host of other timely themes that were occurring in our culture and around the world. Posters were still put up in our front window advertising chicken barbecues to raise money for fire departments and a variety of other causes. When we reopened in June our collection of DVD's continued to circulate to a community needing some free home entertainment. Patron computers were in constant use as they provided gaming fun for our younger patrons. We still happily provided copying, faxing and printing services to anyone who needed them. Grandparents found our big comfy chair in our children's room to still be the best place to read to their grandchildren.

Come to think of it, maybe we didn't change too much at all.

Judith Whittaker, Library Director



NEW TO OUR LIBRARY

ADULT FICTION

Waiting for the Night Song
The Divines
Spoils of the Dead
Want
Hamnet
The Affair
Fast Ice
Ridgerunner
Daughter of Black Lake
Shadow Ridge
Too Close to Home
Meant to Be

Julie Carrick Dalton
Ellie Eaton
Dana Stabinow
Lynn Steger Strong
Maggie O'Farrell
Danielle Steel
Clive Cussler
Gil Adamson
Cathy Marie Buchanon
M.E. Browning
Andrew Grant
Jude Deveraux

ADULT NON FICTION

Robert E. Lee and Me
Extravagant
The Particulars of Peter
Living with Bipolar

Ty Seidule
Brady Boyd
Kelly Conaboy
Karen R. Brock

JUNIOR NON FICTION

Mysteries of the Universe

Will Gater

JUNIOR FICTION

Amari and the Night Brothers
Warriors in Winter

B.B. Alston
Mary Pope Osborne

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

The Queen of Nothing
What Kind of Girl

Holly Black
Alyssa Sheinmel

CHILDRENS EASY READERS

Together

Charles Fuge

DVD's

Croods; A new Age

CRAFT/SEWING GROUP MEETING AGAIN

We're pleased to announce the Monday Craft/Sewing Group will start meeting again on the first and third Monday of the month. In April they will be here on the 5 and 19th from 11am—1pm. At this time our Community Room can have 10 people meeting with masks on and practicing social distancing of 6 ft. apart. This a small group and so they are able to welcome 5 new members if you would like to join them. This group brings their own works in progress that they can lay out on our large tables. The library is not allowed to serve food but you are welcome to bring your own snacks.

MAGAZINES FOR FREE

We have a large assortment of Woodworking magazines that we would like to give away! These magazines are older but in excellent condition and include *Fine Home Building*, *Fine Woodworking* and *Shop Notes*. Stop in the library and have a look. You may take a few or take them all. The patron who donated them would be happy to have them go to another interested woodworker.

FAVORITE AUTHORS NEW BOOKS COMING SOON!

APRIL

David Baldacci
John Grisham
Karen Kingsbury
Danielle Steel

Gambling Man
Sooley
Distant Shore
Finding Ashley

MAY

Terri Blackstock
Clive Cussler
James Patterson
Amanda Quick
Nora Roberts
Jennifer Weiner

Aftermath
Saboteurs
21st Birthday
Lady has a Past
Legacy
That Summer



*"Libraries keep us
grounded, aid us in
knowing ourselves and,
most importantly,
help us become our
most genuine selves."*

Marabet Morales Sikahall

Book Highlights of the Month

ADULT FICTION: *Ridgerunner* by Gil Adamson

(Second book in the The Boultons series. *The Outlander* was the first book)

Part literary Western and part historical mystery, *Ridgerunner* is the follow-up to Gil Adamson's award-winning and critically acclaimed novel *The Outlander*.

November 1917. William Moreland is in mid-flight. After nearly twenty years, the notorious thief, known as the Ridgerunner, has returned. Moving through the Rocky Mountains and across the border to Montana, the solitary drifter, impoverished in means and aged beyond his years, is also a widower and a father. And he is determined to steal enough money to secure his son's future.

Twelve-year-old Jack Boulton has been left in the care of Sister Beatrice, a formidable nun who keeps him in cloistered seclusion in her grand old house. Though he knows his father is coming for him, the boy longs to return to his family's cabin, deep in the woods. When Jack finally breaks free, he takes with him something the nun is determined to get back — at any cost.

Set against the backdrop of a distant war raging in Europe and a rapidly changing landscape in the West, Gil Adamson's follow-up to her award-winning debut, *The Outlander*, is a vivid historical novel that draws from the epic tradition and a literary Western brimming with a cast of unforgettable characters touched with humor and loss, and steeped in the wild of the natural world.

Review by: <https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/48572665-ridgerunner>

Hardcover, 443 pages

Published May 12th 2020 by House of Anansi Press

Literary Awards Scotiabank Giller Prize Nominee (2020)

ADULT NON FICTION: *The Particulars of Peter, Dance Lessons, DNA Tests, and Other Excuses to Hang Out with My Perfect Dog* by Kelly Conaboy

"The feel-good book the world needs." —PopSugar

From one of the Internet's most original voices, a hilarious journey through the odd corners of obsessive dog ownership and the author's own infatuation with her perfect dog Peter.

The author met Peter in the spring of 2017. He – calm, puppy-eyed, with the heart of a poet and the soul of, also, a poet – came to her first as a foster. He was unable to stay with his previously assigned foster for reasons that are none of your business, but which we will tell you were related to frequent urination. The rescue needed someone free of the sort of responsibilities that would force her to regularly leave the house for either work or socializing, and a writer was the natural choice. Thus began a love story for the ages.

The Particulars of Peter is a funny exploration of the joy found in loving a dog so much it makes you feel like you're going to combust, and the author's potentially codependent relationship with her own sweet dog, Peter. Readers will follow Peter and his owner to Woofstock, "the largest outdoor festival for dogs in North America," and accompany them to lessons in Canine Freestyle, a sport where dogs perform a routine set to music, creating the illusion that they're dancing with their owners. From learning about Peter's DNA, to seeing if dogs can sense the presence of ghosts, *The Particulars of Peter* will give readers a smart, entertaining respite from the harsh world of humans into the funny little world of dogs.

Readers will accompany this lovable duo through exciting trips, lessons, quiet moments of connection, and probably a failure or two. By fusing memoir and infotainment, *The Particulars of Peter* promises to refresh the perennially popular dog lit category in a scrumptiously bighearted barnstormer of a book.

Review by: <https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/50999697-the-particulars-of-peter>

Published December 8th 2020 by Grand Central Publishing

Hardcover, 256 pages

Farman Bear Library News



ELLINGTON FARMAN LIBRARY Children's Newsletter

What's the theme for April? Rabbits!
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 7 and under.

YOGA IS BACK!

Our Wednesday evening Yoga Group
is meeting once again weekly from
6- 7pm. They use our large screen
TV to practice Yoga from a number of
DVD selections. Our Community Room
can hold 9 yoga participants who are
spread 6ft apart.

Currently this group can accept 4 more
participants. If you would like to join
them please register by calling
the library at 287-2945 and we'll add
your name to the list of attendees.
Please bring your own yoga mat.

LIBRARY FUNDRAISERS

ELLINGTON FARMAN LIBRARY Beef on Weck Fundraiser



INCLUDES:
Beef on Weck Sandwich with au jus
Side of Potato Salad & Dessert

**SATURDAY
APRIL 24
4 - 7pm**

OR UNTIL SOLD OUT

\$10

TAKE OUT
ONLY
PRE ORDERS
SUGGESTED

PRE ORDER BY APRIL 9
pickup April 24 by 6pm
PAY AT TIME OF PICKUP

**QUESTIONS OR PREORDERS CALL
Cindy 716-720-3099**

**FILL OUR FRONT PORCH!
RETURNABLES FUNDRAISER
SAT. JUNE 5
8am - 1pm**

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

START
SAVING
THEM
NOW!

ELLINGTON FARMAN LIBRARY

**CLEAN CANS, PLASTIC BOTTLES & GLASS
MUST BE RETURNABLE ONLY**

YOU TOO CAN VOLUNTEER – Mary Jane Griffith, Trustee

In August of 1983 my husband, John and I moved to Ellington with our newborn baby. We lived at 806 West Main Street for almost seventeen years before moving about five miles away. We physically left the Ellington community, but the Ellington community never left me.

Just after moving to Ellington, John joined the Ellington Volunteer Fire Department and I joined the auxiliary where we both met people who became our friends and mentors. We were a young family and the community accepted us and we became a part of the community. We raised three children in Ellington, taking them to Foy's Store for penny candy, walking to the Post Office to get our mail and visit with Postmaster, Joyce Ernst, riding our bicycles, playing at the park, having neighbor children to play with, going to Sunday School and Church at the Methodist Church, having fun enjoying band concerts and the Town Picnic, but one of the most important things of all was going to the library.

In 1990, library trustee, Guy Rowland, asked me if I would like to serve on the library board. I remember the proud feeling I had to think that the people on the library board thought that I was a worthy candidate for being a library trustee. That first meeting night came and John took care of the kids and off I went to the meeting.

That was the beginning of a wonderful opportunity to give back to my community. I was giving back, but volunteering on the library board also gave me so much. I have worked with really great library directors who have had a passion and drive to make the Ellington Farman Library the best library in the area. I have learned to work with other board members who taught me the skills to be a good leader. I have learned how to write grants and learned bookkeeping and accounting procedures.

I have made many lasting friendships with board members and other people connected to the library. Most importantly, I have set a good example for my children as each one of them in their adult life have found ways to volunteer in their own communities.

Being a library trustee has been a rewarding experience for me. We currently have open trustee seats and we need people with fresh ideas, varied skills and talents to serve on the library board.

So what about you? Do you think that being a library trustee might be a job for you? If you would like to find out more information about serving as a trustee, please let the Library Director know and I would be happy to talk to you so that you can find out more information. I promise, if you decide this is the job for you, you won't be disappointed!

EARTH DAY Spring Bag!

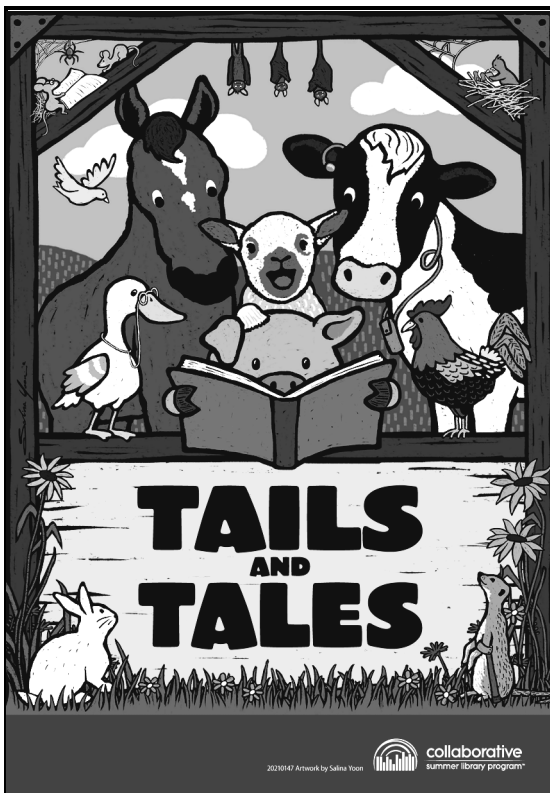
**For all
ages**

**STOP BY
THE LIBRARY
ANYTIME IN APRIL & PICK
UP YOUR EARTH DAY BAG!**

**It's filled with a small jar
some flower seeds
soil, spring embellishments
and ribbon**

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IT'S TIME TO TALK SUMMER READING!

Dates: Every Wednesday
from July 7 - August 25

Time: 1:30 - 2:30pm

** Plus special Events Programs
announced at a later time*

Sessions may require preregistration

Wednesday programs geared for
those aged 5 - 10

Special Events for all ages

Children may participate in
the Reading Program even
if they do not attend the
Wednesday Programs.
Reading logs will be issued
to every registered child

➔ *More Details coming soon!* ➔

**COMING IN MAY!
SEATING LIMITED
Register to
reserve your seat!**

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

THE TOWN WILL NOT BE
HAVING AN EASTER EGG
HUNT DUE TO PANDEMIC
PROTOCOLS STILL IN
PRACTICE.

*The Easter
Bunny will miss
all the young
children and
families!*



FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH CHECK SCHEDULE FOR TIMES

May 6:	Building the Alaskan Highway	6-7pm
June 3:	Surviving the Dust Bowl	6-7pm
July 1:	A Star Spangled Banner Story	6-7pm
August 5:	The Gilded Age	5:30-7pm
Sept. 2:	Statue of Liberty	6-7pm
Oct 7:	The Pilgrims	5:30-7pm
Nov. 4:	The Shakers	6-7pm

PROGRAM REGISTRATION REQUIRED