



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



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NEWS BY FOLLOWING US ON
FACEBOOK**

and our Website:
ellingtonlibrary.org

**LIBRARY CLOSED
MONDAY MAY 31**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETS MAY 24TH
AT 7PM IN OUR
COMMUNITY ROOM**

Meet You Under the Tent?

Just like some of you I have been spending a lot of time in webinars and Zoom meetings. Some folks may be tired of them but I've found them to be very useful. I've been able to connect better online with many directors within the Chautauqua Cattaraugus Library System as well as meet new directors from across the state. It's been very encouraging to hear all the creative ways libraries are trying to provide for their patrons and communities in this pandemic time period.

Even though we are technically a "small" sized library we are blessed to have a community room large enough for us to be able to satisfy the 6 ft. social distancing policy. This allows us to host small programs that can have 10 attendees. Plans are in progress to host an in-person Summer Reading Program. I'm booking presenters and scheduling craft programs for every Wednesday starting July 7th. More information will be in the June newsletter. As a backup to indoor programming we are planning on purchasing a large, perhaps 10x20ft tent we can set up in the lawn in back of our library. This can be used in many ways but will importantly help us to be able to run programs outside in case pandemic protocols change in the next few months.

We have some small groups that are already meeting safely in our community room; Wednesday Yoga has around 5 regular attendees, book club is running around 7 and the sewing/craft group so far has 4 people coming. An addition in our May schedule is "History Movies at the Library". This will be a series of free movies presented on the first Thursday of the month starting May 6th. These are documentaries produced by American Experience Productions and have been shown on Public Broadcasting stations such as the Smithsonian channel. With varied topics such as "Building the Alaskan Highway", "The Dust Bowl", "The Pilgrims" and more, we think patrons will find the topics interesting and entertaining. Registration is required as seating is limited to ten. The full schedule can be seen on page two.

I have learned through the zoom director meetings that a lot of libraries are offering the Activity Bags as an alternative to in-person programming. We have had success with the Grab-N-Go Activity bags also. In April we gave away 23 Spring bags with flower seeds, soil and a small jar for planting. We plan to continue to provide these themed craft bags as they give children and their families an activity they can do at home.

I want to thank everyone who has come into the library for the great attitudes you have shown. We have had no real problem with patrons abiding by the pandemic policies in place. We are still practicing mask wearing, social distancing and sanitizing of the library but we are open our full hours and are here to welcome you back. If you are not comfortable enough yet to enter the library we gladly provide curbside pickup for those who desire it. Please call with your requested items and we'll set up a day/time for you to drive by and pick them up.

We are determined to keep connecting with friends and the community. Maybe soon we can all meet outside under the tent for a Saturday breakfast?



Judith Whittaker, Library Director

NEW TO OUR LIBRARY

ADULT FICTION

The Lamplighters
The Bounty
Invisible
Walking on the Ceiling
The Red Book
Godshot
Northern Spy
Klara and the Sun

Emma Stonex
Janet Evanovich
Andrew Grant
Aysegul Savas
James Patterson
Chelsea Bieker
Flynn Berry
Kazuo Ishiguro

ADULT NON FICTION

This Particular Happiness
The First Conspiracy
Upheaval: Turning Points for
Nations in Crisis
Know Yourself, Know Your Money

Jackie Shannon Hollis
Brad Meltzer
Jared Diamond
Rachel Cruze

BOOKS ON CD

The Bounty

Janet Evanovich

LARGE PRINT

My Husband's Wife
The Mother's Promise
Freedom's Light

Jane Corry
Sally Hepworth
Colleen Coble

JUNIOR NON FICTION

A Day in the Life of a Poo,
a Gnu and You
Junior Maker

Mike Barfield
Kinders Dorling

JUNIOR FICTION

Turtle Boy

M. Evan Wolkenstein

CHILDRENS EASY READERS

Snowball
Even Steven and Odd Todd
There's Only One You

Kate Howard
Kathryn Cristaldi
Kathryn Heling

DVD's

Peanut Butter Falcon It I Still Believe

FAVORITE AUTHORS NEW BOOKS COMING SOON!

MAY

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

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

JUNE

Iris Johansen
Jeannette Oak
James Patterson

Bullet
Sustaining Faith
Presidents Daughter

*Behind every great community
is a Great Library!*

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LIBRARY**

SAVE the DATE

JUNE 10

24 HOUR ONLINE GIVING EVENT

YOUR DONATIONS HELP PURCHASE AUDIO BOOKS,
LARGE PRINT BOOKS & PROGRAM SUPPLIES

MORE INFO COMING SOON!
#givebigchq.org

Administered by
Chautauqua Region Community
Foundation

**GIVE BIG
CHQ**

HISTORY MOVIES AT THE LIBRARY SCHEDULE FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH STARTING MAY 6 FREE MOVIES- REGISTRATION REQUIRED

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

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**

Book Highlights of the Month

ADULT FICTION: **Godshot:** A Novel by Chelsea Bieker

Drought has settled on the town of Peaches, California. The area of the Central Valley where fourteen-year-old Lacey May and her alcoholic mother live was once an agricultural paradise. Now it's an environmental disaster, a place of cracked earth and barren raisin farms. In their desperation, residents have turned to a cult leader named Pastor Vern for guidance. He promises, through secret "assignments," to bring the rain everybody is praying for.

Lacey has no reason to doubt the pastor. But then her life explodes in a single unimaginable act of abandonment: her mother, exiled from the community for her sins, leaves Lacey and runs off with a man she barely knows. Abandoned and distraught, Lacey May moves in with her widowed grandma, Cherry, who is more concerned with her taxidermy mice collection than her own granddaughter. As Lacey May endures the increasingly appalling acts of men who want to write all the rules, and begins to uncover the full extent of Pastor Vern's shocking plan to bring fertility back to the land, she decides she must go on a quest to find her mother, no matter what it takes. With her only guidance coming from the romance novels she reads and the unlikely companionship of the women who knew her mother, she must find her own way through unthinkable circumstances.

Possessed of an unstoppable plot and a brilliantly soulful voice, **Godshot** is a book of grit and humor and heart, a debut novel about female friendship and resilience, mother-loss and motherhood, and seeking salvation in unexpected places. It introduces a writer who gives Flannery O'Connor's Gothic parables a Californian twist and who emerges with a miracle that is all her own.

"Drawn in brilliant, bizarre detail—baptism in warm soda, wisdom from romance novels—Lacey's twin crises of faith and femininity tangle powerfully. Fiercely written and endlessly readable, a novel like this is a godsend. A-."—
Mary Sollosi, *Entertainment Weekly*

Review by <https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/41719463-godshot>

Hardcover, 336 pages

Published March 31st 2020

ADULT NON FICTION: **KNOW YOURSELF, KNOW YOUR MONEY** Rachel Cruze, Dave Ramsey (Contributor)

Rachel Cruze, the daughter of money guru Dave Ramsey, knows that how you spend, or save, money isn't just about budgeting or the size of your salary. In **Know Yourself, Know Your Money**, she gets real about why people think, use, and react to money in the ways that they do.

This book is about much more than just handling money in a better way. It's about digging deep into money lessons, perceptions, and the stories that people learn about money growing up, and showing how these affect spending habits into adulthood. With a conversational, humorous tone and plenty of personal stories, Cruze also discusses how growing up with Dave Ramsey, and later working at Ramsey Solutions, has affected her own monetary mindset.

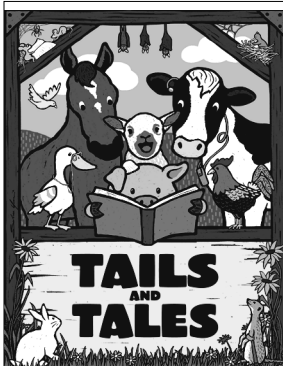
Throughout, Cruze names some common categories that people fall into when it comes to money: some people are spenders, others are savers; some are spontaneous about giving money, others plan their monetary gifts out. Those raised in families wherein money is never talked about, or where there's never enough money, may grow up anxious about finances, Cruze shows, and even uncomfortable with spending money as adults.

Its language clear, the book reveals how personal motivations to spend or save are formed based on early experiences. Its about demystifying lessons that reveal common misconceptions about why people treat money the ways that they do. Most illuminating is an explanation of how money clashes happen between couples: most often, Cruze shows, such issues are rooted in individuals' differing early lessons about money. Cruze suggests ways of resolving such issues, resulting in a compassionate personal finance text that makes lasting change seem possible. **Know Yourself, Know Your Money** is an insightful text that encourages understanding how early lessons impact lifelong personal relationships with money.

Review by: Angela McQuay. Published December 8th 2020 by Grand Central Publishing

Hardcover, 256 pages

Published by Ramsey Press. Jan. 2021



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

You're Invited to Join Susy and Kim as they lead you in the creation of your own Vision Board!

SATURDAY MAY 22 starting at 10:30am. Class size is limited to 10 so registration IS required. All supplies provided but we ask you to bring your own scissors. You must wear masks and seating is 6 feet apart

5 REASONS TO CREATE A VISION BOARD by Therapy Travelers

<https://therapytravelers.com/5-reasons-to-create-a-vision-board/> posted Jan 22, 2020

1. VISION BOARDS MAKE YOU THINK ABOUT WHAT IT IS YOU REALLY WANT.

Creating a vision board forces you to make the time to sit and REALLY think about what it is you want from life. I'm sure you think about the things you want a lot, but do you really focus on them? Do you document them anywhere outside of your head? A vision board forces you to go beyond casual thinking and focus on your goals and aspirations.

2. VISION BOARDS HELP YOU GET UNSTUCK.

Our lives are so congested and overflowing. We wake up, we work, and we have our chores. We have limited flexibility in our daily environments and can become almost robotic over time. This is one of the major reasons that most people feel stuck in life. They are exhausted and overworked. They have lost touch with their creative side. Does this sound like you? A vision board is an effective way to unstick yourself. Get out of your overly programmed brain and let your creative juices flow. Get out of your funk. Throw some randomness together. Get out of your bubble. You get the picture.

3. VISION BOARDS PROVIDE YOU WITH A DAILY VISUAL REMINDER OF YOUR DREAMS AND GOALS.

The reason that vision boards work so great is because you visually see them every day. Visualization is one of the most popular and effective mind workouts that you can do. When you see something that inspires you on a daily basis, you stay on track. Even when you face setbacks, that vision board will still be there ready to motivate you all over again.

4. VISION BOARDS WILL GET YOU ALL FIRED UP EMOTIONALLY.

Seeing your vision board will help you passionately connect with your goals. It can help you notice opportunities or simply make you imagine what something may feel like. If you get fired up and passionate about something, it will spur you into action.

5. VISION BOARDS ARE FUN.

A vision board is a fun, risk-free, and stress-free way to unload your deepest, rawest morsels of inspiration without scrutinizing them. You don't have to organize, analyze, or beautify your board. Just have fun and put it together. Change it up. Do what feels right to you. It doesn't have to be organized or pretty. It just has to inspire you.

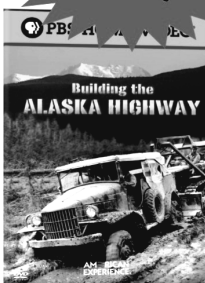
Join Suzy and Kim on Sat. May 22 and create your own vision board!

History Movies at the Library

FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

THURS. MAY 6th; 6-7PM

Building the Alaskan Highway



In 1942, thousands of American soldiers began one of the biggest and most difficult construction projects ever undertaken across the rugged sub-Arctic wilderness of Alaska, British Columbia and Yukon Territory. They built a 1,520 mile road across one of the world's harshest landscapes. Interviews with the men who were there, archival footage and beautiful cinematography produced by American Experience Productions and brought to you by PBS Programming.

PROGRAM REGISTRATION REQUIRED
call 287-2945

GiveBig CHQ: June 10th

Behind every great community is a Great Library!



“Behind Every Great Community is a great Library!” That’s our 2021 GiveBig CHQ theme one day online giving event that is happening on June 10th. Perhaps you have donated to our library in the past or you are a person who cares deeply about small libraries and the value they bring to rural communities.

Ellington Farman Library responded to the pandemic with curbside pickup, contact-less deliveries and a porch full of books and DVD’s that we offered for free. Social media, our website and printed newsletters helped us stay connected to our patrons. It was a great time to reevaluate exactly how our patrons used our library resources. What we learned has given rise to our GiveBig CHQ theme.

Who wants to be number 82 on a wait list for the latest Pulitzer prize winning book? Our library designates a yearly amount to be given to the Chautauqua Cattaraugus Library System so they can purchase digital overdrive books and magazine titles that our patrons can download on their devices thru the Libby App. *Our annual donation has not increased in a number of years although the pandemic showed us we have more digital patrons than ever before!* This year we would like to be able to have more purchasing power and provide digital patrons with more titles to choose from, resulting in less wait time. Our digital patrons are sometimes invisible in our library but they deserve to have books available to them just as much as the patron who walks in our doors. Your donation this year will alleviate some of the long hold times and provide an extended selection of titles to our digital patrons.

There are some item collections that are more expensive to purchase than others. Large print and Books on CD (Audio Books) are two of them. Their expense results in our library being unable to buy the latest novels because we wait for sales on older titles. There were patrons who were homebound during the pandemic who had already read every title we had available in our large print and Book -on- CD collection. We see the need for more items in these two collections but our budget can only stretch so far. Your contribution on June 10th provides updated titles to these patrons.

No Summer Craft & Reading Programs during the pandemic? No problem as our library provided over 80 complete craft activity bags last summer as an alternative to in person programming. These bags provided creativity and intergenerational bonding as we saw the children working together with other family members in the Town Park across the street from the library. We provided all the supplies and instructions in each bag along with themed book suggestions. Families loved these “Take a Bag-Take a Book” activities so much that they requested we provide them throughout this year. You can help families with creative and educational activities they can do together at home with your donation to our children’s craft bag program.

Ellington Farman Library is participating in the GiveBig CHQ which is an online fundraiser hosted by The Chautauqua Region Community Foundation specifically to help nonprofits raise funds.

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

Online financial donations are being accepted thru the site on one day only– June 10th. Little gifts make a big impact to small rural libraries such as ours. You have helped us in the past and you can be the hero once again by helping to provide activity bags, digital titles and large print books to our patrons. You can also assist us by spreading the word and forwarding our site link. There will be posts on our Facebook site that you can “like” and share to your pages.

*Thank you for partnering with us in the Give Big CHQ and helping us be the
“Library behind this great community!”*

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 11am - 1pm Craft Group	4	5 6-7 Yoga	6 6-7 History Movie: Building the Alaskan Highway	7	8
9 Mother's Day	10	11	12 6-7 Yoga	13 6-7 Community Room in use	14	15
16	17 11am- 1pm Craft Group	18	19 6-7 Yoga	20 11am Book Club Discussing "One Door Away from Heaven" Dean Koontz	21	22 10:30am Create Your Own Vision Board
23	24 7 Board Meets	25	26 6-7 Yoga	27	28	29
30	31 Closed Memorial Day				OPEN HOURS 11AM - 7PM MONDAY THRU THURSDAY CLOSED FRIDAY & SUNDAY 10AM-1PM ON SATURDAY	