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MONDAY	11-7
TUESDAY	11-7
WEDNESDAY	11-7
THURSDAY	11-7
FRIDAY	CLOSED
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SUNDAY	CLOSED



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ellingtonlibrary.org

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
DOES NOT MEET IN THE
MONTH OF DECEMBER**

**LIBRARY CLOSED
SATURDAY DEC. 25TH
AND
SATURDAY JANUARY 1**

SO MANY WAYS TO CELEBRATE IN DECEMBER

Few months present as many multicultural celebrations as December. From Christmas to Omisoka, the last month of the year is a "world of holidays."



I just learned what "Boxing Day" is all about and, no, it does not have anything at all to do with the sport of boxing. Boxing Day is December 26th. Only celebrated in a few countries, the holiday originated in the United Kingdom during the Middle Ages. It was the day when the alms box, collection boxes for the poor often kept in churches, were opened and their content distributed. It is a tradition that still happens in some areas. It was also the day servants were traditionally given the day off to celebrate Christmas with their families. Boxing Day has now become a public holiday in the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand, among other countries.

Santa Lucia or Saint Lucy's Day is a feast day in the Christian calendar celebrating Saint Lucy, a martyr who is seen as a figure of light in the darkest part of the year. It's an especially important day in Scandinavia, where the day is marked by processions and concerts, featuring singers clad in white and wearing headdresses featuring actual flickering candles. A sizable population in Chautauqua County that have their heritage in the Scandinavian countries still hold this day as a day of spiritual and cultural significance.

Kwanzaa is another celebration that has taken hold in our area and celebrated by many families. Kwanzaa is a Swahili word that means "first" and signifies the first fruits of the harvest. From December 26 to January 1, many people of African descent in America celebrate Kwanzaa. It was first celebrated in California in the 1960s, Kwanzaa is an annual celebration of African-American history and culture, culminating in a communal feast. Festivities typically include dancing, performance and candle-lighting.

The December solstice, known as the winter solstice in the Northern Hemisphere, marks the shortest day and the longest night for half of the world. Yule is the ancient Pagan celebration associated with that moment in midwinter. Many modern traditions like caroling and Yule logs (which used to be an actual log, not a chocolate cake) stem from the ancient 12-day festival. The December Solstice and Yule holiday happens December 21 and the eleven days after.

Of course December also brings the more well known Christmas, Hanukah and New Years celebrations. Omisoka, New Year's Eve, is considered the second-most important day in Japanese tradition as it is the final day of the old year and the eve of New Year's Day, the most important day of the year. Families gather on Omisoka for one last time in the old year to have a bowl of toshikoshi-soba or toshikoshi-udon, a tradition based on eating the long noodles to cross over from one year to the next.

Whether you leave cookies out for Santa, light candles to celebrate unity and miracles, eat long noodles or acknowledge the natural occurrence of the earth's rotation, I wish you peace as you carry on your family traditions.

Judith Whittaker, Library Director

NEW TO OUR LIBRARY

ADULT FICTION

Small Pleasures	Clare Chambers
Three Sisters	Heather Morris
A Little Christmas Spirit	Sheila Roberts
Side by Side but Never Face to Face	Maggie Kast
Forgiving Paris	Karen Kingsbury
Better Off Dead	Lee Child
Christmas at the Amish Bakeshop	Shelly Shephard Gray
Dark Things I Adore	Katie Lattari
The Nameless Ones	John Connelly
Trashlands	Allison Stine
Silview	John Lecarre
The Devil's Sea	Clive Cussler
The Biggest Place in the World	David Philip Mullins
We Were Lucky with the Rain	Susan Buttenwieser

ADULT NON FICTION

A Whirlwind Passed Through Our Country	Rani-Henrik Anderson
Skunk Hill	Robert A Birmingham
Standoff at Standing Rock	Jacqueline Keeler
Bet The Farm	Beth Hoffman
Good Boy	Jennifer Boylan
Just Us	Claudia Rankine
All Our Relations	Winona Laduke
All the Real Indians Died Off	Roxanne Ortiz Dunbar
Massacre in Minnesota	Gary Clayton Anderson
Help, I'm Drowning	Sally Clarkson

JUNIOR NONFICTION

Children of Native America Today	Yvonne Wakim Dennis
We Are Still Here	Traci Sorell
Native Peoples of the Southwest	Linda Lowery
Notable Native People	Adrinee Keene

JUNIOR FICTION

Flight of the Puffin	Ann Broden
Wink	Rob Harrell
Big Shot	Jeff Kinney
Kaleidoscope	Brian Selznick
Front Desk	Kelly Yang
Three Keys	Kelly Yang

CHILDREN: EASY READ

We Are Grateful	Traci Sorrel
First Laugh Welcome Baby	Rose Ann Tahe
Tall Chief; America's Prima Ballerina	Maria Tallchief

DVD's

The Pilgrims	News of the World
Cars	Queen Bees
Victory at Sea	The Marksman
Native America	Let Him Go
Greenland	

FAVORITE AUTHORS NEW RELEASES



NOVEMBER

Lee Child	Better Off Dead
David Baldacci	Mercy
Michael Connelly	Dark Hours
Clive Cussler	Devil's Sea
Richard Paul Evans	Christmas Promise
Jodi Picoult	Wish You Were Here
Nora Roberts	Becoming
Danielle Steel	Flying Angels
Diana Gabaldon	Go Tell the Bees that
John Lescroart	I am Gone
James Patterson	Missing Piece
	Fear No Evil

Grab & Go ACTIVITY BAGS



Have you seen our monthly Activity Bags? These bags contain most of the supplies for a themed craft, instructions and usually another coloring page or word puzzle in each bag. They are primarily targeted for children but it would be a positive experience if a family member worked on the craft with the child. We actually have been doing this monthly take home activity bag since the summer but patrons may not be aware they are available so we're taking a moment to remind you. These bags are available while supplies last and are in the Community Room. This month they will include supplies to make foam cup snowmen. There also may be a random number of activity bags that include some of the supplies from the ornament making day as we had a small amount left over. Remind your child to stop in and pick one up. Please only take one per child. Family members are welcome to take one for their children.

**I have lived a thousand lives
And I've loved a thousand loves.
I've walked on distant worlds
And seen the end of time,
Because I Read.**

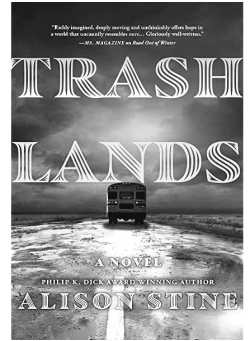
George R. R. Martin

Book Highlights of the Month

ADULT FICTION: TRASHLANDS BY Alison Stine

"This thought-provoking apocalypse noir fires on all cylinders." –Publishers Weekly starred review

"A harrowing tale that is a natural extension of our current climate crisis.... Highly recommended." –Booklist, starred review



From the author of *Road Out of Winter*, winner of the 2021 Philip K. Dick Award, comes a resonant, visionary novel about the power of art and the sacrifices we are willing to make for the ones we love

A few generations from now, the coastlines of the continent have been redrawn by floods and tides. Global powers have agreed to not produce any new plastics, and what is left has become valuable: garbage is currency.

In the region-wide junkyard that Appalachia has become, Coral is a “plucker,” pulling plastic from the rivers and woods. She’s stuck in Trashlands, a dump named for the strip club at its edge, where the local women dance for an endless loop of strangers and the club’s violent owner rules as unofficial mayor.

Amid the polluted landscape, Coral works desperately to save up enough to rescue her child from the recycling factories, where he is forced to work. In her stolen free hours, she does something that seems impossible in this place: Coral makes art.

When a reporter from a struggling city on the coast arrives in Trashlands, Coral is presented with an opportunity to change her life. But is it possible to choose a future for herself?

Told in shifting perspectives, *Trashlands* is a beautifully drawn and wildly imaginative tale of a parent’s journey, a story of community and humanity in a changed world.

Review by <https://www.goodreads.com>

Hardcover, 384 pages Published October 26th 2021 by MIRA

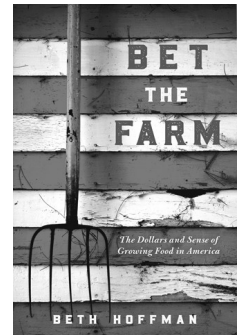
ADULT NON FICTION: BET THE FARM BY BETH HOFFMAN

Beth Hoffman was living the good life: she had a successful career as a journalist and professor, a comfortable home in San Francisco, and plenty of close friends and family. Yet in her late 40s, she and her husband decided to leave the big city and move to his family ranch in Iowa—all for the dream of becoming a farmer, to put into practice everything she had learned over decades of reporting on food and agriculture. There was just one problem: money.

Half of America’s two million farms made less than \$300 in 2019. Between rising land costs, ever-more expensive equipment, the growing uncertainty of the climate, and few options for health care, farming today is a risky business. For many, simply staying afloat is a constant struggle.

Bet the Farm chronicles this struggle through Beth’s eyes as a beginning farmer. She must contend with her father-in-law, who is reluctant to hand over control of the land. Growing oats is good for the environment but ends up being very bad for the wallet. And finding somewhere, in the midst of COVID-19, to slaughter grass-finished beef is a nightmare. The couple also must balance the books, hoping that farming isn’t a romantic fantasy that takes every cent of their savings.

Even with a decent nest egg and access to land, making ends meet at times seems impossible. And Beth knows full well that she is among the privileged. If Beth can’t make it, how can farmers who confront racism, lack access to land, or don’t have other jobs to fall back on? *Bet the Farm* is a first-hand account of the perils of farming today and a personal exploration of more just and sustainable ways of producing food.



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DECEMBER Happenings



sewers crafters & quilters DEC. 6 & 20

MEETING ON THE 1ST & 3RD MONDAYS
OF THE MONTH 11AM–1PM
Bring your “works in progress” and enjoy
crafting with friends!

ELLINGTON FARMAN LIBRARY

Wednesday

Yoga

6-7pm

BRING YOUR OWN YOGA MAT AND
ENJOY SOME DOWN TIME PRACTICING YOGA
EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM 6-7PM
NO INSTRUCTOR—DVD'S CHOSEN BY THE GROUP
ALL LEVELS WELCOME; ADULTS ONLY

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Holiday NATURE MOVIE TUESDAY DEC 14 6-7pm



Christmas IN YELLOWSTONE

Journey deep into the snowy
solitude and beauty of
Yellowstone at Christmas.
From the unique crystals of
individual snowflakes to
the grand sweep of
Yellowstone's Hayden valley,
this is a Christmas like no other.

NATURE | PBS Ellington Farman Library



Winter Centerpiece WORKSHOP

SATURDAY DEC. 11th
TWO SESSIONS
Group 1: 10:00 am-11am
Group 2: 11:30am–1pm

REGISTRATION REQUIRED
EACH CLASS SIZE LIMITED TO 6, AGES 12 & UP
You bring 1 waterproof container, any special items you want
Library provides the rest of materials, tools & instructions

CALL 716-287-2945 TO REGISTER; CALL CINDY AT 716-720-3099 FOR INFORMATION
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BOOK CLUB MEETS THURSDAY DECEMBER 16 11am

They will be discussing a book of
their own choosing
Anyone may join this group
NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

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REGISTRATION
REQUIRED

First time slot
already full,
limited to 6 participants
each class



Winter Grab n Go ACTIVITY BAGS

Stop in the Community Room and pick one up

make these adorable
SNOWMEN



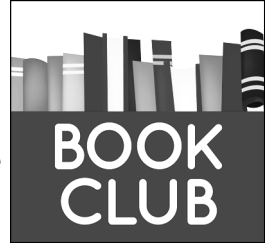
available in December
WHILE SUPPLIES LAST



Thank you to all who attended our Election Night dinner. The turkey dinner was so popular that we sold out of food in a little over an hour! Community support of our fundraisers is a major reason

we can stay open, order materials, run programming and otherwise keep our library relevant to the community.

ADULT BOOK CLUB MEETING DECEMBER 16TH

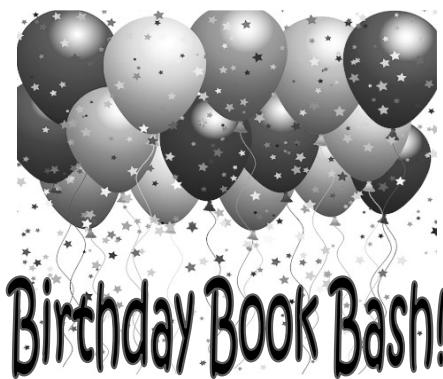


The Adult Book Club meets the third Thursday of every month at 11am. December 16th they will be discussing books of individual choice. You are welcome to join their discussions and we can get a copy of the monthly choice if you need one. Please remember masks are required to be worn by everyone inside the library.



In November Ellington Farman Library was able to celebrate Native American Heritage month with a bookcase full of new Native American themed books and movies. We now have a nice assortment of updated Native American literature for all ages including picture books, poetry, biographies and fiction by Native American authors. Our collection of literature within this topic was outdated and limited in scope. Thanks to a

Diversity Grant that was funded by the Chautauqua Cattaraugus Library System we were able to update and add relevant titles to our collection. You can learn about famous Native Americans and their contributions to our country, read poetry written by poet laureate Joy Harbo or learn about some of the recent cultural issues related to Native American tribes. The bookcase is located directly in front of the Circulation desk as you turn to go into the patron computer room.



WHAT'S A BIRTHDAY BOOK BASH?

The Ellington Farman Library is ready to play an important role in the life of your child by recognizing their birthday with gifts that promote early literacy and communication skills. Every child aged 1-7 years old who resides in the Ellington Farman Library area is welcome to be registered for the "Birthday Book Bash" program. This program aims to increase early literacy skills, foster intergenerational opportunities and get local young children and families to be enthusiastic about visiting a library. We will be recognizing the important event of a child's birthday with the gift of an age appropriate book and puppet to be given within their birthday month. These two combined gifts help encourage early reading and storytelling for even the youngest of children. Parents or guardians should come into the library to apply for a

library card for each child they would like to register. The child will then receive a birthday greeting post card in their special month. At any time during that month the family may bring the child in to receive their special gift. The library staff hopes by receiving the gift the child will learn that a library is a fun and exciting place to visit. While here they may like to spend time in the Childrens Room that is stocked not only with books but also games, puzzles and magazines. Our Makerspace is located in the Community Room and is open anytime there is not a program in progress. In the Makerspace your child may enjoy playing with Legos, games, cards or creating something using our craft materials. The library also has a large collection of children's DVD's they may check out with their own library card.

You do not have to wait for your child's birthday month to register them. Registration can take place anytime and we will keep a record of it so they will receive a postcard in the proper month their birthday is celebrated. Stop in the library to register your child for the "Birthday Book Bash" program and see all that we have to offer your family. This program is funded in part with a grant from the Falconer Region Community Fund at the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation.

DECEMBER DISPLAY CASE ARTISTS:

KENNEDY CRAFTERS

The December display case will again be featuring The Kennedy Crafters with a holiday themed exhibit perfect for the month of December. Hand sewn items, paper crafting and other miscellaneous items will help our display case be all decked out in the spirit of the season. Stop in the Community Room and enjoy these local ladies talents.



Kennedy Crafters Members:

Gloria Britton

Diane Crandall

Gail Crawford

Brenda Frazier

Cathy Honey

Lindsay Parsons

Dawn Russell

Karen Van Gorder

We're looking for artists or collectors who would like to display their work in our Community Room. If interested contact the library at info@ellingtonlibrary.org, call 716-287-2945 or stop in & talk to the director.

WE HAVE NEW SHELVES!

Thanks to the Frewsburg Library's remodeling project we now have a few new bookcases to better hold our collection. We have two new bookcases that will be used exclusively for large print books. They are taller than the ones we had previously and can hold more books. In the audio book section you will find a large white case that will house all our audio books with plenty of room to add more.

This past June we raised funds to purchase more audio and large print books and now we can keep ordering with no worry about space constraints. Thank you to Myers Memorial Library for giving us such a great deal on bookcases and the volunteers who transported them for us.

OPAC COMPUTER AVAILABLE

Our library now has a dedicated computer just for patrons to access their own library accounts and the Library System Catalog. Come into the library and learn how you can place your own holds, renew your items, create reading lists and much more! Once you know how to do this you can access your account from any device. Help is available from a librarian.



In November the children enjoyed creating ornaments. Each child took 3 ornaments home that they had made. Below we see children playing with puzzles in our DVD room. We gave the puzzles their own bookcase and made them more accessible. You can play with them in the library or check them out to take home.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div> <div>OPEN HOURS</div> <div>11AM -7PM MONDAY THRU THURSDAY</div> <div>CLOSED FRIDAY & SUNDAY</div> <div>10AM-1PM ON SATURDAY</div> </div>			1 Activity Bags available 4:30-5:30 Community Room in use 6-7 Yoga	2	3	4
5	6 11am- 1pm Craft Group 5-6pm community room in use	7	8 4:30-5:30 Community Room in use 6-7 Yoga	9	10	11 10—1pm Holiday Centerpiece Craft: 2 sessions Program for Adults
12	13 5-6pm Community Room in use	14 6-7pm Nature Movie: Christmas in Yellowstone	15 4:30-5:30 Community Room in use 6-7 Yoga	16 11am Book Club	17	18
19	20 11am—1pm Craft Group 5-6pm Community Room in use	21	22 4:30-5:30 Community Room in use 6-7 Yoga	23	24	25 Closed Christmas
26	27 5-6pm Community Room in use	28	29 4:30-5:30 Community Room in use 6-7 Yoga	30	31	JAN 1 Closed New Years Day