



The Ellington Reader

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MONDAY	11-7
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NEWS BY FOLLOWING US ON
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**and our Website:
ellingtonlibrary.org**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEET MAY 23rd at 7PM**

In the community room
Meetings are open to the
public

**LIBRARY CLOSED
MON. MAY 30TH**

GIRLS LIKE THRILLING , ACTION ADVENTURE SERIES TOO!



"The Babysitter's Club", the Maximum Ride series and any sports book by Mike Lupica... what do they have in common? They are all specifically marketed as "boy books" or girl books".

ESPN personality and sports writer Mike Lupica's books happen to be about youth sports teams and the boys who play on them. They almost always feature male protagonists. In other words it is a boy who drives the story and the other boys on his team are his backup characters. Lupica's themes also have some great team building morals and situations where youth's decisions have real world positive consequences. Another item to note; his cover illustrations are always boys. For those reasons publishers, teachers, parents and librarians tend to recommend his books to boys. Adults assume that books with male main characters would only be interesting to boys. We cut girls off from reading some great books about sports even though girls play on sports teams all the time.

The Babysitter's Club series tends to feature girls on the cover. The themes in these books involve emotions and how youth, usually girls, navigate social situations. This series is always recommended to girls. Why do we do that? This only serves to reinforce the idea that boys should not be interested in how girls think or react. It also sends a message that girls and their situations are, in general, less interesting to read about.

When we search for an interesting book to read aloud to a preschool boy are we constantly searching for a book with a car, tractor, or a picture of a male character on the front? No. A child that age is usually not interested in the gender of that fluffy little duck on the front cover. To be fair, we should look for books that are of interest to our children. I have a son, who as a preschooler, went through a phase where he was only interested in having me read books that had trucks on the cover. He was interested in construction trucks and that's what we read a lot of. I personally preferred to read aloud the "Alfie and Annie Rose" series by author Shirley Hughes but they didn't feature front end loaders on the cover so the John Deere series books were well worn in our family. Interestingly he never asked if that truck was a girl or a boy truck.

Let's try to have an open mind when we recommend books to our children. Let them read stories that make them think, make them wonder and open doors to all kinds of worlds.

By targeting books to only one gender we take away the opportunity for children to see the world through another lens. Our children learn another's point of view when they read about it. Books bring us into the mind of the character as we learn the how and the why of their responses to life experiences. Even the books that don't have in-depth character development still introduce exciting situations and problems that the main protagonist must solve. Should it really matter whether that character is a boy or a girl?

Judith Whittaker, Library Director

NEW TO OUR LIBRARY

ADULT FICTION

ANNE TYLER	FRENCH BRAID
GREER HENDRICKS	THE GOLDEN COUPLE
LISA SCOTTLIN	WHAT HAPPENED TO THE BENNETTS
CAROLINE FROST	SHADOWS OF PECAN HOLLOW
JO HARKIN	TELL ME AN ENDING
KAREN JOY FOWLER	BOOTH
KATE QUINN	THE DIAMOND EYE
JENNIFER MURPHY	SCARLET IN BLUE
JOHN LESCROART	THE MISSING PIECE
JUDE DEVERAUX	A RELATIVE MURDER
JOHN SEARLES	HER LAST AFFAIR

ADULT NON FICTION

STEFANIE GREEN	THIS IS ASSISTED DYING
RICK ATKINSON	THE GUNS AT LAST LIGHT
ROBIN ROBERTS	BRIGHTER BY THE DAY
SUSAN CAIN	BITTERSWEET
BEN DAWSON	FALCON GUIDE TO VAN LIFE

LARGE PRINT

ETHAN J WOLFE	BAKER'S DOZEN
NANCY TUCKER	FIRST DAY OF SPRING
LEILA SLIMANI	IN THE COUNTRY OF OTHERS

JUNIOR FICTION

THOM PICO	ASTER AND THE MIXED UP MAGIC
JASON SHEEHAN	CHILDREN OF THE FLYING CITY

CHILD EASY READ

SETH MYERS	I'M NOT SCARED, YOU'RE SCARED
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ADULT BOOK CLUB MONTHLY SELECTION

The Adult Book Club meets the third Thursday of every month at 11am. On May 19th they will be discussing "The Lost and Found Bookshop" by Susan Wiggs. . New members are welcome.

BOOK REVIEW:

There is a book for everything. Somewhere in the vast Library of the Universe, as Natalie thought of it, there was a book that embodied exactly the things she was worrying about. In the wake of a shocking tragedy, Natalie Harper inherits her mother's charming but financially strapped bookshop in San Francisco. She also becomes caretaker for her ailing grandfather Andrew, her only living relative—not counting her scoundrel father.

But the gruff, deeply kind Andrew has begun displaying signs of decline. Natalie thinks it's best to move him to an assisted living facility to ensure the care he needs. To pay for it, she plans to close the bookstore and sell the derelict but valuable building on historic Perdita Street, which is in need of constant fixing. There's only one problem—Grandpa Andrew owns the building and refuses to sell. Natalie adores her grandfather; she'll do whatever it takes to make his final years happy. Besides, she loves the store and its books provide welcome solace for her overwhelming grief.

After she moves into the small studio apartment above the shop, Natalie carries out her grandfather's request and hires contractor Peach Gallagher to do the necessary and ongoing repairs. His young daughter, Dorothy, also becomes a regular at the store, and she and Natalie begin reading together while Peach works.

To Natalie's surprise, her sorrow begins to dissipate as her life becomes an unexpected journey of new connections, discoveries and revelations, from unearthing artifacts hidden in the bookshop's walls, to discovering the truth about her family, her future, and her own heart.

Reviewed online at <https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/48613318-the-lost-and-found-bookshop?>

FAVORITE AUTHORS NEW RELEASES

THESE SHOULD
BE HERE SOMETIME
IN MAY

MAY

John Grisham
Amanda Quick
Nora Roberts
James Patterson
Jennifer Weiner

Sparring Partners
When She Dreams
Nightwork
22 Seconds
Summer Place

GETTING STARTED

with **Libby** training

TUESDAY JUNE 14 4-5pm

In Person Training with
Megan Disbro at
Ellington Farman Library

Enjoy ice cream served during the training!



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Created by OverDrive

The one-tap reading app
from your library



The Getting Started with Libby Training will get patrons up to speed on everything they need to know to get started with Libby, including

FINDING YOUR LIBRARY AND SIGNING IN
NAVIGATING THE APP
BROWSING AND SEARCHING FOR TITLES
BORROWING TITLES AND PLACING HOLDS
MANAGING NOTIFICATIONS
And much more

GETTING STARTED WITH LIBBY TRAINING IS SUPPORTED WITH FEDERAL AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS ALLOCATED TO THE NEW YORK STATE LIBRARY BY THE INSTITUTE OF MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES (IMLS).

Book Highlight of the Month

ADULT FICTION: TELL ME AN ENDING BY JO HARKIN

Never Let Me Go meets *Black Mirror* in this thrilling speculative debut about a tech company that deletes unwanted memories, the consequences for those forced to contend with what they tried to forget, and the dissenting doctor who seeks to protect her patients from further harm.

What if you didn't have to live with your worst memories? Across the world, thousands of people are shocked by a notification that they once chose to have a memory removed. Now they are being given an opportunity to get that memory back. Four individuals are filled with new doubts, grappling with the unexpected question of whether to remember unknown events, or to leave them buried forever.

Finn, an Irish architect living in the Arizona desert, begins to suspect his charming wife of having an affair. Mei, a troubled grad school dropout in Kuala Lumpur, wonders why she remembers a city she has never visited. William, a former police inspector in England, struggles with PTSD, the breakdown of his marriage, and his own secret family history. Oscar, a handsome young man with almost no memories at all, travels the world in a constant state of fear.

Into these characters' lives comes Noor, a psychologist working at the Nepenthe memory removal clinic in London. The process of reinstating patients' memories begins to shake the moral foundations of her world. As she delves deeper into how the program works, she will have to risk everything to uncover the cost of this miraculous technology. A provocative exploration of secrets, grief, and identity—of the stories we tell ourselves—*Tell Me an Ending* is a sharp, dark, and devastating novel about the power of memory.

448 pages, Hardcover. Published March 1, 2022 .

Review by <https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/58438576-tell-me-an-ending>

GIVE BIG CHQ 2022 IS JUNE 9TH AND WE'RE PARTICIPATING!

Ellington Farman Library is participating in the Give Big CHQ, an online fundraiser hosted by The Chautauqua Region Community Foundation specifically to help nonprofits raise funds on June 9th.

"Forward with Confidence" is our 2022 Give Big CHQ theme. This year our campaign is focused on financial sustainability. Every donation we receive will be deposited into our endowment fund.

A portion of our yearly budget is funded by the Town of Ellington. Unfortunately they are never able to fund us in full which means, just this year, we are short \$21,672. Fundraisers, grants and our endowment fund have to make up for the shortfall. Being financially short every year keeps our focus on the day to day expenses instead of planning for our long range goals. Growing our endowment fund would help us plan for a financially stable future. Your donation to our endowment fund on June 9th will help us be confident in our financial ability to provide these services to our community now and in the future.

- Confident that children's reading levels will continue to be advanced by their library visits.
- Assured that community health will be improved by our program offerings.
- Guaranteed that literature discussions will carry on in our Book Club.
- Certain that art and creativity will continue to be found in our programming.
- Confident that high speed free internet access and updated technology will continue to be available to our patrons.


Growth in our endowment fund allows us to keep the focus on our true mission and not just the day-to-day survival of our library. We provide free access to resources that enhance and enlighten the lives of our community. We offer a user friendly environment that supports the numerous ways people learn, create and discover information. **You play an integral role in helping us sustain our mission for years to come. We'll preserve the past, your donation on June 9th will secure our future.**

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 9th. If you give during the hours of 7:16am–7:16pm you will help us qualify for an added financial award. You can also assist us by spreading the word and forwarding our site link. Please consider sharing our Give Big CHQ Facebook posts to your social media pages. **Thank you for partnering with us in the 2022 Give Big CHQ and helping Ellington Farman Library "Move Forward with Confidence."**

MAY PROGRAMS, EVENTS & upcoming fundraisers

Monday and Wednesday



Yoga
5-6pm

BRING YOUR OWN YOGA MAT AND
ENJOY SOME DOWN TIME PRACTICING YOGA
EVERY MONDAY & WEDNESDAY FROM 5-6 PM
NO INSTRUCTOR—DVD'S CHOSEN BY THE GROUP
ALL LEVELS WELCOME; ADULTS ONLY

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**sewers
crafters
& quilters**
MAY 2 & 16


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

ELLINGTON FARMAN LIBRARY

CHILDRENS BOOK AUTHOR VISIT
SAT. MAY 7th
10:30-11:30am



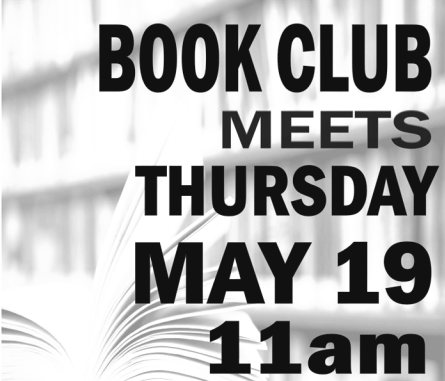
Kathleen Lombardo



A touching story about a little girl who wished to make new friends and three abandoned Chihuahuas. Every night Katie would wish for friends and every night the little doggies would wish for a person to love them. Fate brings them together in this loving story that will make you smile.

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BOOK CLUB
MEETS
THURSDAY
MAY 19
11am



They will be discussing the Book:
"The Lost and Found Bookshop"
By Susan Wiggs
Anyone may join this group
NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

ELLINGTON FARMAN LIBRARY

LEGO
our LIBRARY!

JOIN US IN THE MAKERSPACE
4TH THURSDAY OF EVERY
MONTH 4 - 5 PM
Come build together or work
on your own creation!


THURSDAY
MAY 26



ALL AGES WELCOME
ELLINGTON FARMAN LIBRARY

DOCUMENTARY FILM SHOWING
THURS. MAY 26
6:30-7:30pm

Arlington
FIELD OF HONOR



ELLINGTON FARMAN LIBRARY
760 THORNTON ROAD, ELLINGTON
A National Geographic Film Production

Needles & Stitches



**Knitted
Sewn &
Crocheted**

HANDMADE ITEMS BY BRENDA RICKARD
MAY ARTIST DISPLAY



ELLINGTON FARMAN LIBRARY

FILL OUR FRONT PORCH!
CAN DRIVE
SAT. JUNE 4
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

**PLANTS AVAILABLE
for donation**
SAT. JUNE 4
8am - 1pm
**ELLINGTON FARMAN LIBRARY
FUNDRAISER**



PICK UP SOME PLANTS WHILE YOU'RE
DROPPING OFF YOUR CLEAN RECYCLABLES!

Want to donate plants?
**You may drop off your plants on
our front porch beginning June 1**
(Please no trees or large shrubs
Pots cannot be returned)

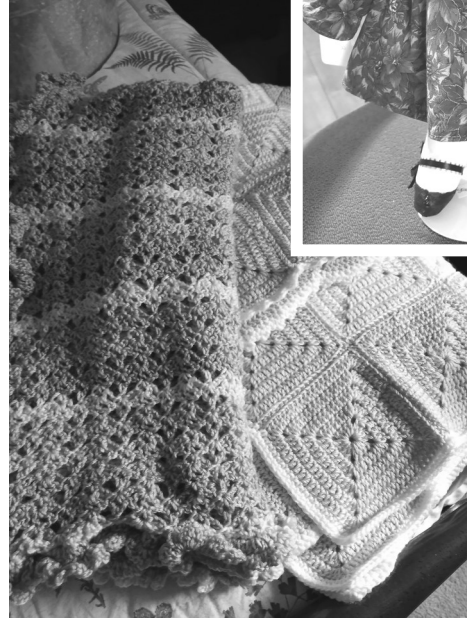
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MAY DISPLAY CASE ARTIST: BRENDA RICKARD

Variety of colorful & cute knitted, sewn and crocheted items

Brenda Rickard is a self-taught knitter, crocheter, and “amateur seamstress” (No, she doesn’t do alterations!) . She has created many items from mittens, scarves and sweaters, home décor items, and Halloween costumes, to wedding gowns, and even made many of her own clothes while in high school, where her love of sewing and crafting began in Home Economics class. She lives here in Ellington with her husband Ron, their dog Cricket, and cat Margie. Brenda retired from Trinity Biotech USA in 2015, but spent many years as a local substitute teacher, and in management at JoAnn Fabrics. She is an avid reader of everything from contemporary British romance to historical fiction to Stephen King. She has also served as Board of Trustees President at this library since 2019. You can see many of her handmade items at the Sinclairville History Fair in September, Dusty Acres Gift Shop in Frewsburg during the Christmas holiday season, and hopefully some other local craft shows this year, as life gets back underway. Thank you for patronizing our library!

Article submitted by artist



HOME ALONE SAFETY COURSE

The Library will be hosting a free Home Alone Safety class for youth in grades 3-8th on Wednesday July 20th from 11am–12:30pm. This is a great course taught by experienced leaders from the Chautauqua Safety Village. They highly recommend you have your child attend as it’s very informative and will provide parents peace of mind as they leave their children home alone, especially in the summer months. Below is a description of what participants will be learning.

The students will explore four topics that comprise the home alone safety plan: kitchen, fire, first aid and personal safety. They will develop an awareness of dangers in the kitchen, they will learn how to respond if there is a fire in their home, they will learn basic first aid procedures, understand what it means to be safe, and understand the importance of decision-making and how it effects their safety.

The students will learn to;

- Recognize and verbalize the potential dangers in their kitchen.
- Visually identify items that can get hot and can start fires.
- Understand how to check a door to see if it is hot.
- Understand how to use an escape ladder.
- Understand the importance of knowing two ways out of every room.
- Understand the importance of not returning to a burning building.
- Observe a mock 911 call.
- Observe and understand appropriate first aid treatment for basic medical emergencies.
- Practice decision-making skills.
- Recognize and identify unsafe situations.
- Understand and develop internet safety guidelines.
- Develop a personal safety plan.

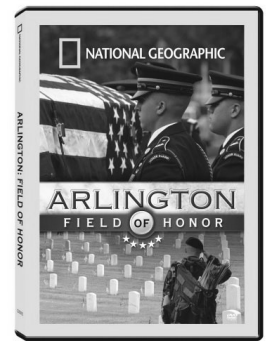


**FREE COURSE
REGISTRATION
REQUIRED
CALL 716-287-2945
TO REGISTER**

**No limit on class size but registration requested by July 11th.
Funding for this program is from the Falconer Region Community Fund at the
Chautauqua Region Community Foundation.**

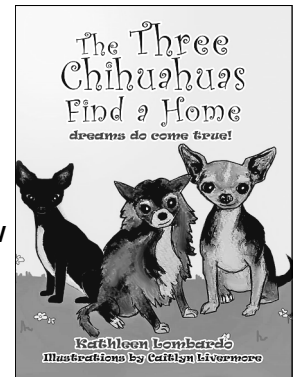
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC DOCUMENTARY THURSDAY MAY 26TH- 6:30-7:30pm ARLINGTON; FIELD OF HONOR

Once little more than a potter's field, Arlington National Cemetery has become a national shrine and treasury of American history. Discover how this revered site came to be, and how it serves as the final resting place for both the famous and obscure, from John F. Kennedy to the Unknown Soldier. Through rare archival footage and captivating, true-life accounts, experience the moving stories of heroes and gain a privileged glimpse into the daily activities and official rituals of the dedicated staff. From fallen soldiers and daring explorers to political leaders, the hallowed history of Arlington reveals a powerful portrait of this iconic and venerated landmark.



CHILDREN'S BOOK AUTHOR TO VISIT SATURDAY MAY 7TH AT 10:30am

Kathleen Lombardo, Clymer Central School teacher and adjunct instructor at Jamestown Community College, will be at Ellington Farman Library on Saturday, May 7th from 10:30 - 11:30am to read her new children's book; *The Three Chihuahuas Find a Home*, touching story about a little girl who wished to make new friends and three abandoned Chihuahuas. Every night Katie would wish for friends and every night the little doggies would wish for a person to love them. Fate brings them together in this loving story that will make you smile. Kathleen will have help reading her new book with a guest reader- one of the little Chihuahuas from the book! The book is illustrated by Caitlyn Livermore and is available to purchase from the author and on Amazon.



EASTER EGG HUNT AT THE LIBRARY!

The Library was all abuzz with activity as children hunted for eggs, enjoyed Mike Morton's baby animals and made some simple Easter Crafts! What fun it was to see all the children back in the library. Thank you to the Town of Ellington for their help in funding this event and for the appearance of the Easter Bunny himself (herself!)



BABYSITTING CERTIFICATION COURSE
WEDNESDAY JULY 6; 9:30am- 2pm



The Library, in partnership with the Chautauqua Safety Village, will be providing a Babysitter Certification course on Wednesday July 6th from 9:30am—2pm. This hands-on lesson is designed for youth ages 10 through 16. Participants will learn how to care for infants and young children, communicate effectively with children and their parents, offer age appropriate games, meals, and snacks, recognize safety issues and learn how to respond in an emergency. At the end of class, each student will receive their own babysitting bag. This course is an important step in preparing older youth to be in charge of their younger siblings. Upon completion of the course, students will receive a two year certification from the American Heart Association (for youth 12 and older) and will be trained in choking relief and basic first aid. Participation in this course should help youth find babysitting jobs by showing future clients they are well qualified for the job.

Objectives:

1. Learn and demonstrate the proper CPR technique for adults and infants.
2. Learn and demonstrate the proper choking relief for adults and infants.
3. Demonstrate the ability to prepare child-friendly meals and snacks.
4. Learn and practice basic first aid techniques.
5. Demonstrate how to properly care for an infant.
6. Discuss behavior and discipline techniques.

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CLASS SIZE IS LIMITED TO 10 YOUTH AGES 10-16. YOU MUST BE PREREGISTERED TO ATTEND.
Lunch will be provided. Funding for this program is from the Falconer Region Community Fund at the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation.



**EASTER EGG HUNT
AT THE LIBRARY**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 11am-1pm Craft Group 4-5pm Bible Study Group meets 5-6 Yoga	3	4 5-6pm Yoga	5	6	7 10:30-11:30am Childrens Author Visit; Kathleen Lombardo
8	9 4-5pm Bible Study Group meets 5-6pm Yoga	10 1-3pm Cribbage Group	11 5-6pm Yoga	12	13	14
15	16 11am-1pm Craft Group 4-5pm Bible Study Group meets 5-6pm Yoga	17 1-3pm Cribbage Group	18 5-6pm Yoga	19 11am Book Club	20	21
22	23 4-5pm Bible Study Group meets 5-6pm Yoga 7pm Board Meets	24 1-3pm Cribbage Group	25 5-6pm Yoga	26 4-5pm Lego Club 6:30-7:30pm Movie Field of Honor: Arlington	27	28
29	30 LIBRARY CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY	31 1-3pm Cribbage Group		<div> OPEN HOURS 11AM -7PM MONDAY THRU THURSDAY CLOSED FRIDAY & SUNDAY 10AM-1PM ON SATURDAY </div>		