



The Ellington Reader

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MONDAY 11-7

TUESDAY 11-7

WEDNESDAY 11-7

THURSDAY 11-7

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FILL YOUR BOOK WITH LOVE

Valentines Day is in February so that makes this month a great time to talk about some love! In my childhood years I always thought the holiday was centered too much on “couples” love, or at least “friend” love. I’m thinking everyone has at least one memory of waiting anxiously at your desk in school to see if anyone would deliver a special valentine made just for you.



All grown up now we realize that the holiday does not have to be all about that kind of love. There’s a lot of people in our little sphere that we could say we “love”. Just in the library alone I have come up with the following people I would like to recognize who do something I love. There are so many of them and I’m not able to mention them all but here’s a start on that list...

- To the woman who regularly donates books, including audio, and magazines to our library. She lives in another town with their own library but she always brings items to our library to share with us. I love your kindness.
- To the group who brainstorms and comes up with some really interesting ideas for our display case and then follows through with donating the items and setting it all up; I love your creativity.
- To the patron who hardly checks out a book all year but never fails to ask if we need any items for our children and then purchases them; I love your generosity.
- To the Grandmas who faithfully bring their children to our programs; I love seeing you all come through the door.
- To the woman who is willing to read a variety of nonfiction books on all kinds of topics because she loves to learn new things; I love your sense of curiosity and eagerness to learn.
- To the folks who come for Potluck Breakfast, bring delicious food and then clean up; I love your willingness to help.
- To the “regulars” who walk in almost every day and want to engage in conversation; I love your stories.
- To the patrons who are always waiting for the new books by their favorite authors to arrive; I love your patience.
- To the ones who come twice a week to exercise even when it’s cold, snowy and they would rather be home; I love your resolve to be healthy.
- To the one who brings me food with healthy recipes and frugal ideas; I love to learn from you.
- To the child who regularly uses our Catalog Computer and places his own holds; I love your excitement.
- To the adults who try so hard to introduce their children and grandchildren to interesting books and encourage them to read and explore their world through literature; I especially love your perseverance.

Go ahead and start making your own list this month. May your list of people you love always be so long that it could fill a book. Happy Valentine's Day!

Judith Whittaker, Library Director

The Ellington Farman Library Board of Trustees meets on the last Monday of each month with exception of December. Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. The Public is welcome to attend. Agenda & documents to be discussed at the monthly meeting can be requested from the library 24 hours prior to the open meeting at which the documents will be discussed.

NEXT MEETING

FEBRUARY 27th AT 7PM

NEW TO OUR LIBRARY

ADULT FICTION

LOUISE KENNEDY	TRESPASSES
LINDA BYLER	ALL IN GOOD TIME
CHARLES CUMMING	JUDAS 62
MARC CAMERON	RED WINTER: JACK RYAN SERIES
AMITA PARIKH	THE CIRCUS TRAIN
OLIVIE BLAKE	ALONE WITH YOU IN THE ETHER
LOUISE PENNY	A WORLD OF CURIOSITIES
DANIELLE STEEL	WITHOUT A TRACE
ETHAN JOELLA	A QUIET HOPE
IRIS JOHANSEN	MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE
JONATHAN KELLERMAN	UNNATURAL HISTORY
J.D.ROBB	ENCORE IN DEATH

ADULT NONFICTION

AMANDA HELD OPELT	A HOLE IN THE WORLD
KURDO BAKSI	STIEG LARSSON

JUNIOR FICTION

DAV PILKEY	COMIC CLUB COLLABORATIONS: CAT KID SERIES
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JUNIOR NONFICTION

KIMBERLY BRUBAKER BRADLEY	ROSALIND FRANKLIN: SHE PERSISTED SERIES
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CHILDRENS EASY READ

ERIN GUENDELSBERGER	CAN YOU PUT ME TO BED?
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DVDS

DINOSAURS BIG AND SMALL
LIFE WITH DOG
THE TIME GUARDIANS
A TALE OF TWO GUNS

AUDIO BOOKS

JOHN RINGO	TO SAIL A DARKLING SEA
CHRISTOPHER RICE	BLIND FALL

FAVORITE AUTHOR RELEASES COMING SOON

MARCH

MARGARET ATWOOD	OLD BABES IN THE WOOD
ELIZABETH BERG	EARTH'S THE RIGHT PLACE TO LIVE
JAMES PATTERSON	COUNTDOWN
DANIELLE STEEL	WORTHY OPPONENTS

ADULT BOOK CLUB MONTHLY SELECTION

The Adult Book Club meets the third Thursday of every month at 11am. In February they will meet on the 16th. The book club members choose their monthly titles and the library provides copies to all members if needed. They will be discussing the book "Mill Town: Reckoning with What Remains" by Kerri Arsenault. New members are always welcome.

BOOK REVIEW:

A galvanizing and powerful debut, Mill Town is an American story, a human predicament, and a moral wake-up call that asks: what are we willing to tolerate and whose lives are we willing to sacrifice for our own survival?

Kerri Arsenault grew up in the rural working class town of Mexico, Maine. For over 100 years the community orbited around a paper mill that employs most townspeople, including three generations of Arsenault's own family. Years after she moved away, Arsenault realized the price she paid for her seemingly secure childhood. The mill, while providing livelihoods for nearly everyone, also contributed to the destruction of the environment and the decline of the town's economic, physical, and emotional health in a slow-moving catastrophe, earning the area the nickname "Cancer Valley."

Mill Town is a personal investigation, where Arsenault sifts through historical archives and scientific reports, talks to family and neighbors, and examines her own childhood to illuminate the rise and collapse of the working-class, the hazards of loving and leaving home, and the ambiguous nature of toxics and disease. Mill Town is a moral wake-up call that asks, Whose lives are we willing to sacrifice for our own survival?

Review: <https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/49127470-mill-town>

Thank you for supporting our library when you have used Amazon to purchase items. The Amazon Smile Charitable donation program will be ending mid February. Once Amazon Smile closes charities will still be able to seek support from Amazon customers by creating their own wish lists. Our library is planning to start a wish list but have not created one yet. We'll keep you updated when we have that available should you wish to support us in that manner.



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Email: info@ellingtonlibrary.org with your email address and every month you'll get a copy of our newsletter in PDF form delivered straight to your inbox.

**PLEASE NOTE
LIBRARY CLOSED MONDAY FEB. 20TH
FOR PRESIDENTS DAY**

Book Highlights of the Month

ADULT FICTION: A QUIET LIFE BY ETHAN JOELLA

From the author of A Little Hope—a Read with Jenna Bonus Pick—comes an enormously powerful and life-affirming novel about three individuals whose lives intersect in unforeseen ways.

Set in a close-knit Pennsylvania suburb in the grip of winter, *A Quiet Life* follows three people grappling with loss and finding a tender wisdom in their grief.

Chuck Ayers used to look forward to nothing so much as his annual trip to Hilton Head with his wife, Cat—that yearly taste of relaxation they'd become accustomed to in retirement, after a lifetime of working and raising two children. Now, just months after Cat's death, Chuck finds that he can't let go of her things—her favorite towel, the sketchbooks in her desk drawer—as he struggles to pack for a trip he can't imagine taking without her.

Ella Burke delivers morning newspapers and works at a bridal shop to fill her days while she anxiously awaits news—any piece of information—about her missing daughter. Ella adjusts to life in a new apartment and answers every call on her phone, hoping her daughter will reach out one day.

After the sudden death of her father, Kirsten Bonato set aside her veterinary school aspirations, finding comfort in the steady routine of working at an animal shelter. But as time passes, old dreams and new romantic interests begin to surface—and Kirsten finds herself at another crossroads.

In this beautifully crafted and profoundly moving novel, three parallel narratives converge in poignant and unexpected ways, as each character bravely presses onward, trying to recover something they have lost.

Review by <https://www.goodreads.com/en/book/show/60321484>
Hardcover, 304 pages, Published November 29th 2022 by Scribner

ADULT NON FICTION: A HOLE IN THE WORLD: FINDING HOPE IN RITUALS OF GRIEF AND HEALING BY AMANDA HELD OPELT

When Amanda Held Opelt suffered a season of loss—including three miscarriages and the unexpected death of her sister, New York Times bestselling writer Rachel Held Evans—she was confronted with sorrow she didn't know how to face. Opelt struggled to process her grief and accept the reality of the pain in the world. She also wrestled with some unexpectedly difficult questions: What does it mean to truly grieve and to grieve well? Why is it so hard to move on? Why didn't my faith prepare me for this kind of pain? And what am I supposed to do now?

Her search for answers led her to discover that generations past embraced rituals that served as vessels for pain and aided in the process of grieving and healing. Today, many of these traditions have been lost as religious practice declines, cultures amalgamate, death is sanitized, and pain is averted.

In this raw and authentic memoir of bereavement, Opelt explores the history of human grief practices and how previous generations have journeyed through periods of suffering. She explores grief rituals and customs from various cultures, including:


- the Irish tradition of keening, or wailing in grief, which teaches her that healing can only begin when we dive headfirst into our grief
- the Victorian tradition of post-mortem photographs and how we struggle to recall a loved one as they were
- the Jewish tradition of sitting shiva, which reminds her to rest in the strength of her community even when God feels absent
- the tradition of mourning clothing, which set the bereaved apart in society for a time, allowing them space to honor their grief

As Opelt explores each bereavement practice, it gives her a framework for processing her own pain. She shares how, in spite of her doubt and anger, God met her in the midst of sorrow and grieved along with her, and shows that when we carefully and honestly attend to our losses, we are able to expand our capacity for love, faith, and healing

Review by <https://www.goodreads.com/en/book/show/59568630>
Hardcover, 256 pages, Published July 19th 2022 by Worthy Books

UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

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
FEBRUARY 6th
meeting just once this month

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

ELLINGTON FARMAN LIBRARY

TUESDAY
Cribbage Time
AT THE LIBRARY
1-3PM



CRIBBAGE IS BACK EVERY TUES STARTING October 4th

Anyone who likes to play is invited to come on Tuesdays
You are welcome to bring a snack

Non Competitive- Just for Fun!

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FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK OR AT ellingtonlibrary.org

National Take Your Child to the Library Day!

Share your love of the library with your child on

SAT. FEB 4th

Library Love

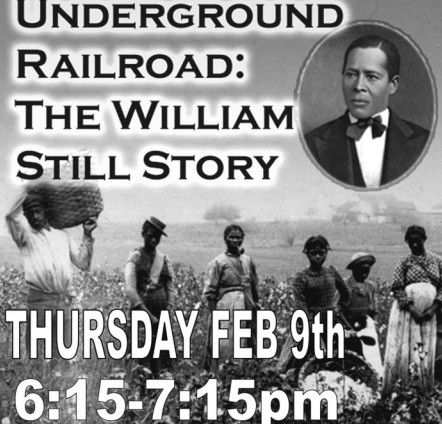
WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

EASY COOKING ACTIVITY
SIMPLE CRAFT
GIVE AWAYS

Stop in anytime from 10:30am-12:30
Ellington Farman Library

There's Lots to Do at the Library!

UNDERGROUND RAILROAD:
THE WILLIAM STILL STORY



THURSDAY FEB 9th
6:15-7:15pm
ELLINGTON FARMAN LIBRARY

PBS FILM DOCUMENTARY ON THE LIFE OF WILLIAM STILL

IN HONOR OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Super Fun MARBLE RUN!
SAT. FEB. 11
10:30AM



Independent Activity in the Maker Space
Under 5 must be accompanied by an adult

BOOK CLUB MEETS THURSDAY
FEBRUARY 16
11am

They will be discussing the nonfiction book
"Mill Town" by Kerri Arsenault
NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!


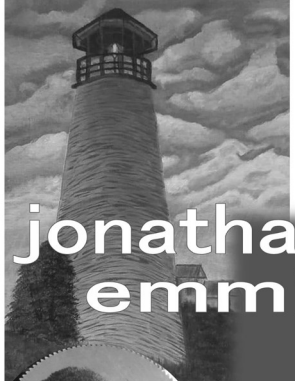
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Back by popular demand!
BREAKFAST POTLUCK

EVERY LAST SATURDAY OF MONTH
FEBRUARY 25TH
ELLINGTON FARMAN LIBRARY

Coffee is on at 8am
Serving POTLUCK at 8:30am
Bring a breakfast food to share or just come and enjoy meeting with your neighbors & friends

NO RESERVATIONS
JUST COME GATHER AT THE LIBRARY
STAY AS LONG AS YOU LIKE!

Ellington Farman Library
acrylic mixed media and carvings

jonathan emmick

ON DISPLAY
JAN 19-FEB 18

5 TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL TRIP TO THE LIBRARY WITH A TODDLER

Article from Growing Book By Book website. Written by Founder Jodie Rodriguez

"I have been an educator for over 20 years teaching the little ones in early childhood schools. I've also enjoyed my time as a Reading Specialist, Literacy Coach, Curriculum Coordinator, Federal Programs Coordinator and most recently as Head of School. Two advanced degrees in education and administration have helped me hone in on what really matters when teaching young readers and connecting home and school for awesome literacy growth.

<https://growingbookbybook.com/5-tips-for-a-successful-trip-to-the-library-with-a-toddler/>

1. BUILD UP THE EXPERIENCE

We did a lot of talking in the days prior to our first visit about how the library was full of books that we could borrow to bring home and read. For days my son went around our house gathering books that showed more books by that same author on the back cover. He would point out books from that grouping that he wanted to borrow from the library on our next visit. To help build some prior knowledge for the visit, your child might enjoy *Lola at the Library*. The story tells of the library experience that Lola has each Tuesday with her mother. It's a cute read and helps to introduce a library routine. I really like that it portrays a trip to the library as such a special part of the week.

2. SET EXPECTED BEHAVIORS

I explained my expectations for his behavior once we got there. These were discussed prior to going, once we got there and upon every return visit!

We walk in the library.

We take one book off the shelf at a time to look at.

We talk in a soft voice.

We listen to Mommy.

We stand next to Mommy during checkout time.

3. EXPLORE ON YOUR FIRST VISIT

Simply let your toddler explore on the first visit. He or she will want to look at everything! My little one wanted to sit at every table, look at every display case and walk up and down every aisle. Most of all he wanted to play! Our library has a train table, stuffed animals, and puzzles for the children. This is where he wanted to spend most of his time.

On return visits, our time usually starts with playing and then we select books. We generally page through each one to see if he is interested in bringing it home. He usually knows before we get there what he is interested in getting. This week he wanted, "EEK books". Also known as books with mice in them!

4. CHECK OUT BOOKS

Even though the first visit is mostly about exploring, it is important to bring some book home with you. You might draw their attention to some special display of books to pick from or pull a few on topics or authors that you know they will enjoy. I would recommend just sticking with books in the beginning. You can gradually start to check out different kinds of items from the library. When you are ready check out this post on all the offerings of the library.

Don't forget to bring a "special" library bag with you to transport your books. I like to use canvas bags with strong handles. Lots of books can be heavy and when you may be holding a toddler and a stack of books, a strong carrying bag is a must!

5. TEACH BOOK CARE

Once you take your books home, you will want to find a special spot to store them. It may be a basket in their room or a shelf in the living room. It is helpful to keep them stored separately from your other books so that you can retrieve them easily when it's time to return them.

Library books have some special features that books from your home library do not. The little ones also have a fascination with the clear plastic book covers on many of the books. Again, a reminder that these are not to be taken off will save you some library fines.

You are now set to head to the library with your toddler! What books will you get?

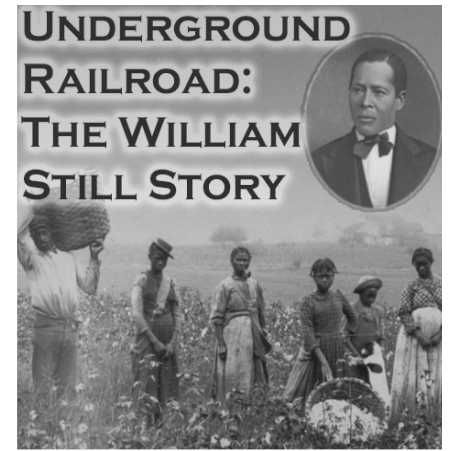
FILM SHOWING IN HONOR OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black History Month, celebrated in February, was created to focus attention on the contributions of African Americans to the United States. It honors all Black people from all periods of U.S. history, from the enslaved people first brought over from Africa in the early 17th century to African Americans living in the United States today. In honor of Black History month we will be showing the film documentary: *Underground Railroad; the William Still story*. The film is the story of a humble Philadelphia clerk who risked his life shepherding runaway slaves to freedom in the tumultuous years leading up to Americas Civil War. William Still was the director of a complex network of abolitionists, sympathizers and safe houses that stretched from Philadelphia to what is now Southern Ontario. This makes him one of the most important, yet largely unheralded heroes of the Underground Railroad.

He was determined to get as many runaways as he could to “Freedom’s Land”, smuggling them across the US border to Canada. Bounty Hunters could legally abduct former slaves living in the so-called free northern states, but under the protection of the British, Canada provided sanctuary for fugitive slaves.

William Still kept meticulous records of the many escaped slaves who passed through the Philadelphia ‘station’ of the Underground Railroad. His notes provided some of the best evidence of the workings of the Underground Railroad, detailing the freedom seekers who used it, including where they came from, how they had escaped and the families they left behind. Today, Still’s book, a compilation of the secret notes he kept during those years, is regarded as the most authentic account of some of America’s most heroic stories. It was an extraordinary risk to keep such records. He risked his own freedom to be able to tell the stories of those who had the courage to run. It was worth the risk. After meeting his long -lost brother while working in the Pennsylvania Anti-Slavery office, he was determined to reunite families separated by slavery. His compelling story is one of North America’s greatest sagas.

This PBS Film Documentary will be shown at the library on Thursday, February 9th from 6:15-7:15pm.



NATIONAL TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY CELEBRATION

Just in time for Valentine’s Day we’re asking that you share some love with your little ones! We’re talking about love for the library. Bring your young child to our library on Saturday February 4th and let them explore with you all the wonderful things a library has to offer. National Take Your Child to the Library is celebrated on that day and we have some special activities planned that you can do with your child from 10:30am—12:30pm. In our Community Room you will find a simple “Make Your Own Monster Valentine” craft



activity that your child can enjoy making and taking home to give to their someone special. We’ll be “cooking” up a little Pie in a Cup Recipe which you both can enjoy making and eating together. In our Community Room you will also find our new Puppet Theater complete with a variety of fun puppets available. Go ahead and try out some of your best theatrical voices as you act out some stories of your own. The Makerspace will be open for you both to play with puzzles, games, Legos and other building blocks. A trip to the library wouldn’t be complete without visiting our Children’s Room. There’s more games, activities and a great big yellow chair you both can curl up in and read. We have toddler board books for the very young, easy picture books and early literacy chapter books all located in the children’s room. Special for this day only we are giving out a limited number of “Love Your Library” drawstring bookbags to those who are visiting the library for the first time. Perfect for carrying a few books home with you. Located on page 5 of this newsletter you will find a helpful article sharing five tips for visiting the library with your toddler. Stop in on Saturday and introduce a child to all the things they can do in a library. Don’t forget to check out some books to continue that love of reading at home.

FEBRUARY DISPLAY CASE ARTIST: JONATHAN EMMICK



“ I have been a resident of Ellington for most of my life. I have been happily married for 53 years, have two daughters, three grandsons, and three great grand children. At the age of 14 or so I began an interest in taxidermy and animal arts. After a career as a taxidermist that spanned over 50 years, I felt the need to expand further into other forms of art, using the same media and techniques learned in my field and adding others. I'm happiest while painting, sculpting, carving, always trying to add something new. Though I'm self taught I've always tried to take my inspiration from what God has revealed in his nature.”



Article submitted by artist

PAINTING ON A SAW BLADE

2022 STATS

544 TOTAL

Patron registrations

4,860

Patron Visits

1,485

Program attendance

200

Total programs presented to all ages

5,819

Total circulation Of All items

37 times

Community Room usage

1,361

Computer usage

AROUND THE LIBRARY!



A couple of our patrons enjoying creating with markers.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 5-6pm Yoga	2	3	4 10:30-12:30pm Take Your Child to the Library Day; Crafts, food, fun for young children
5	6 11- 1pm Craft Group 3-5 pm Community Room in use 5-6pm Yoga	7 1-3pm Cribbage	8 5-6pm Yoga	9 6:15-7:15pm Documentary: Underground Railroad- William Still Story	10	11 10:30-12:30am Makerspace Fun: Marble Mazes! Ages 7 and up
12	13 3-5pm Community Room in use 5-6pm Yoga	14 1-3pm Cribbage	15 5-6pm Yoga	16 11am Book Club	17	18
19	20 LIBRARY CLOSED Presidents Day	21 1-3pm Cribbage	22 1-3pm Independent Activity: Spirographs 3-5 Community Room in use 5-6pm Yoga	23	24	25 8am-10am Potluck Breakfast
26	27 3-5pm Community Room in use 5-6pm Yoga 7pm Board Meets	28 1-3pm Cribbage	OPEN HOURS 11AM -7PM MONDAY THRU THURSDAY 10AM-1PM ON SATURDAY CLOSED FRIDAY & SUNDAY			