



The Ellington Reader

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MONDAY	11-7
TUESDAY	11-7
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SUNDAY	CLOSED

YOU'RE READING WHAT?

A Cardinal rule in librarianship is that you do not pass judgement on anyone's reading tastes. The titles and authors someone chooses to read does not reflect on their intelligence, sensibility or their awareness of the world. It is our responsibility to offer books in our library for (hopefully) every type of reader. For adults we have everything from mass market pulp fiction writer James Patterson to "A Brief History of Time" by scientist Stephen Hawking. We even have a shelf of Graphic novels, although admittedly it is a small amount of titles we offer in that genre.

I know that adults sometimes cringe at the reading tastes of our tweens and teens, those aged 10 to 15. We want to introduce to them the wonders of the authors C.S. Lewis, Jack London, Gary Paulson or Lois Lowery. Wouldn't they still identify with one of the sisters in Little Women by Louisa M. Alcott? Can their imagination be pricked by reading the science fiction worlds of Ray Bradbury? Would their tears fall like mine did when reading Sounder or could they get lost playing on the Banks of Plum Creek? It is every generation of readers wish that they could bestow on the next generation the jewels of their favorite authors. What moved us and helped make us life long readers we can't wait to expose our children to. We have absolute assurance that they will fall in love with reading if only they would read.... fill in the blank with your favorite book title.

A few words of encouragement to you. If your kids are reading independently and actually looking for books on their own to read then you're doing your job. Maybe their reading choices leave you a little disappointed. Are they getting lost in the Minecrafters novel; Potion of the Turtle Master? Are they excitedly waiting for the new installment in the Cat Kid Comic Club series? Don't fall into the trap of trying to dictate to your children what they have to read. Try having a discussion about what they have chosen to read. Ask what part about that book they really like. Point them in the direction of other books about that topic. You can still take the time to expose them to some great literature classics but take your cues from topics they are already interested in. If you give them your encouragement and the confidence to explore all their interests in a wide variety of books then they'll eventually become some great future readers.

As to the adults, refer back to the first line of this article. Who knows? You might be required to read in depth scientific journals all day at your job and a little beach read or formulaic CIA operative thriller in the evening is just what you need to cool off and still enjoy reading. Cozy books like The Tea Shop Mysteries have just enough mystery to them but will still allow you to sleep at night without graphic scenes of violence. When our current world presents us with quickly changing and sometimes scary events there are some who like to lose themselves in books with characters who show epic human endurance in the face of catastrophe. Those folks might be getting lost in a Justin Cronin series. When the world overwhelms me I personally like to read something in nonfiction from the social sciences field. I want to understand the reasons why people make the choices they do. So you absolutely love Danielle Steel and have faithfully read every book she's ever written. Can't get enough of Prince Lestat and the vampire world of Anne Rice? Check out anything you want. No judgement here. We just hope you keep on reading!



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

APRIL 24th AT 7PM

Judith Whittaker, Library Director

NEW TO OUR LIBRARY

ADULT FICTION

ERIC VAN LUSTBADER	FIRST DAUGHTER
DEEPAK CHOPRA	THE RETURN OF MERLIN
REBECCA MAKKAJ	I HAVE SOME QUESTIONS FOR YOU
KATHY WANG	IMPOSTER SYNDROME
BRAD THOR	FULL BLACK
ERIC VAN LUSTBADER	LAST SNOW
JAMIE FREVELETTI	THE GENEVA STRATEGY
JACQUELINE HOLLAND	THE GOD OF ENDINGS
C.J.TUDOR	THE DRIFT
LAURA CHILDS	LEMON CURD KILLER
COLLEEN HOOVER	HEART BONES
MARGARET ATWOOD	OLD BABES IN THE WOOD
ELIZABETH BERG	EARTH'S THE RIGHT PLACE TO LIVE
JAMES PATTERSON	COUNTDOWN
DANIELLE STEEL	WORTHY OPPONENTS
DAVID BALDACCI	SIMPLY LIES
JUDE DEVERAUX	MY HEART WILL FIND YOU
DENNIS LEHANE	SMALL MERCIES
JAMES PATTERSON	THINGS I WISH I TOLD MY MOTHER
EMILIA HART	WEYWARD
WILLIAM LANDAY	ALL THAT IS MINE I CARRY WITH ME

ADULT NONFICTION

THOMAS HEALY	SOUL CITY
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YOUNG ADULT FICTION

SABAA TAHIR	ALL MY RAGE
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JUNIOR FICTION

CHRISTINA COLLINS	THE TOWN WITH NO MIRRORS
KATE KLIMO	DASH; DOG DIARIES
KATE KLIMO	GINGER; DOG DIARIES
KATE KLIMO	SUNNY; DOG DIARIES
LOIS LOWRY	THE WINDEBY PUZZLE
HELEN PETERS	A COLLIE CALLED SKY

JUNIOR NONFICTION

EMMA CARLSON BERNE	BALTO
ELIZABETH CARNEY	WOOF: 100 FUN FACTS ABOUT DOGS
DALE JONES	SERVICE DOGS
DALE JONES	SEARCH AND RESCUE DOGS

CHILDRENS EASY READ

NATHAN CLEMENT	BIG TRACTOR
FRANK X WALKER	A IS FOR AFFRILACHIA

AUDIO BOOKS

STEPHEN HUNTER	SNIPER'S HONOR
LISA GENOVA	LEFT NEGLECTED

LARGE PRINT

MARGARET ATWOOD	BLUEBIRD'S EGG
PAUL RUSESABAGINA	AN ORDINARY MAN
C.S. LEWIS	THE LAST BATTLE
C.S. LEWIS	THE SILVER CHAIR
C.S. LEWIS	PRINCE CASPIAN
C.S. LEWIS	VOYAGE OF THE DAWN TRADER
C.S. LEWIS	THE MAGICIAN'S NEPHEW
C.S. LEWIS	THE HORSE AND HIS BOY

ADULT BOOK CLUB MONTHLY SELECTION

The Adult Book Club meets the third Thursday of every month at 11am. In April they will meet on the 20th. The book club members choose their monthly titles and the library provides copies to all members if needed. They will be discussing the book "The Last Garden in England" by Julia Kelly. New members are always welcome even if they have not read the book selected for that month. Discussion includes hearing about other books that members have read.

BOOK REVIEW:

Five women living across three different times whose lives are all connected by one very special garden.

Present day: Emma Lovett, who has dedicated her career to breathing new life into long-neglected gardens, has just been given the opportunity of a lifetime: to restore the gardens of the famed Highbury House estate, designed in 1907 by her hero Venetia Smith. But as Emma dives deeper into the gardens' past, she begins to uncover secrets that have long lain hidden.

1907: A talented artist with a growing reputation for her ambitious work, Venetia Smith has carved out a niche for herself as a garden designer to industrialists, solicitors, and bankers looking to show off their wealth with sumptuous country houses. When she is hired to design the gardens of Highbury House, she is determined to make them a triumph, but the gardens—and the people she meets—promise to change her life forever.

1944: When land girl Beth Pedley arrives at a farm on the outskirts of the village of Highbury, all she wants is to find a place she can call home. Cook Stella Adderton, on the other hand, is desperate to leave Highbury House to pursue her own dreams. And widow Diana Symonds, the mistress of the grand house, is anxiously trying to cling to her pre-war life now that her home has been requisitioned and transformed into a convalescent hospital for wounded soldiers. But when war threatens Highbury House's treasured gardens, these three very different women are drawn together by a secret that will last for decades.

First published January 12, 2021

Review: <https://www.goodreads.com/en/book/show/54304262>

LIBRARY FUNDRAISER: BEEF ON WECK SATURDAY APRIL 22; 4-6:30PM

Includes Beef on Weck Sandwich with au jus, side of potato salad and dessert for \$12.00!
**PREORDER BY APRIL 15TH FOR PICKUP ON
APRIL 22 BY 6PM. PAY AT TIME OF PICKUP.**

**Call 716-720-3099 or
the library 716-287-2945 to preorder**

Book Highlights of the Month

ADULT FICTION: OLD BABES IN THE WOOD: STORIES BY MARGARET ATWOOD

A dazzling collection of short stories from the internationally acclaimed, award-winning author of The Handmaid's Tale and The Testaments, stories that look deeply into the heart of family relationships, marriage, loss and memory, and what it means to spend a life together

Margaret Atwood has established herself as one of the most visionary and canonical authors in the world. This collection of fifteen extraordinary stories—some of which have appeared in The New Yorker and The New York Times Magazine—explore the full warp and weft of experience, speaking to our unique times with Atwood's characteristic insight, wit and intellect.

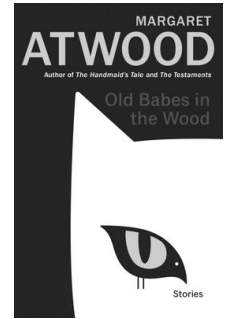
The two intrepid sisters of the title story grapple with loss and memory on a perfect summer evening; "Impatient Griselda" explores alienation and miscommunication with a fresh twist on a folkloric classic; and "My Evil Mother" touches on the fantastical, examining a mother-daughter relationship in which the mother purports to be a witch. At the heart of the collection are seven extraordinary stories that follow a married couple across the decades, the moments big and small that make up a long life of uncommon love—and what comes after.

Returning to short fiction for the first time since her 2014 collection Stone Mattress, Atwood showcases both her creativity and her humanity in these remarkable tales which by turns delight, illuminate, and quietly devastate.

Review by <https://www.goodreads.com/en/book/show/61489616>

272 pages, Hardcover

First published March 7, 2023



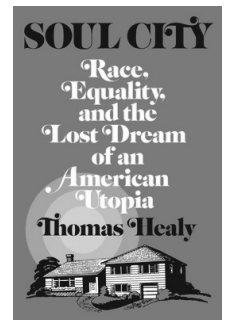
ADULT NON FICTION: SOUL CITY: RACE, EQUALITY, AND THE LOST DREAM OF AN AMERICAN UTOPIA BY THOMAS HEALY

In 1969, with America's cities in turmoil and racial tensions high, civil rights leader Floyd McKissick announced an audacious plan: he would build a new city in rural North Carolina, open to all but intended primarily to benefit Black people. Named Soul City, the community secured funding from the Nixon administration, planning help from Harvard and the University of North Carolina, and endorsements from the New York Times and the Today show. Before long, the brand-new settlement – built on a former slave plantation – had roads, houses, a health care center, and an industrial plant. By the year 2000, projections said, Soul City would have fifty thousand residents.

But the utopian vision was not to be. The race-baiting Jesse Helms, newly elected as senator from North Carolina, swore to stop government spending on the project. Meanwhile, the liberal Raleigh News & Observer mistakenly claimed fraud and corruption in the construction effort. Battered from the left and the right, Soul City was shut down after just a decade. Today, it is a ghost town – and its industrial plant, erected to promote Black economic freedom, has been converted into a prison.

Was it an impossible dream from the beginning? Or a brilliant idea thwarted by prejudice and ignorance? And how might America be different today if Soul City had been allowed to succeed?

Review by https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/53138153-soul-city?ac=1&from_search=true&qid=BrCZR6mWiR&rank=1
448 pages, Hardcover



“There’s no such thing as a kid who hates reading. There are kids who love reading, and kids who are reading the wrong books.”

James Patterson

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**
APRIL 3 & 17

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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Ellington Farman Library
EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday
April 8th
11am

PLEASE DO NOT BRING YOUR OWN EASTER BASKETS—
THE LIBRARY WILL SUPPLY THEM TO EACH CHILD

EGG HUNT outside @11am
CRAFT for young children in
Community Room after the Hunt

Program partially funded by ELLINGTON FARMAN LIBRARY,
TOWN OF ELLINGTON & PRIVATE DONATIONS

FILM DOCUMENTARY SHOWING

THE REAL STORY:
CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE THIRD KIND

Ellington Farman Library
Thursday April 13
6-7pm

Are we alone in the Universe?

Steven Spielberg's sci-fi classic was actually
inspired by real-life witness testimony, as well
as a series of UFO sightings in Michigan in the summer of 1966.
Separate science fact from science fiction as we examine
government documents and put old witness testimonies to the
test using modern technology.



Maker Space
MARSHMALLOW
CREATIONS

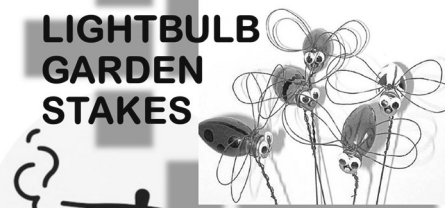
WHAT CAN YOU BUILD
WITH

MARSHMALLOWS?
SAT. APRIL 15
10:30—11:30AM

ELLINGTON FARMAN LIBRARY

APRIL ADULT
SOUP
& CRAFT

LIGHTBULB
GARDEN
STAKES



SATURDAY
APRIL 22
10:30-12:30

REGISTRATION
REQUESTED

BOOK CLUB
MEETS
THURSDAY
APRIL 20
11am

They will be discussing
"The Last Garden in England"
By Julia Kelly
NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

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LAST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

BREAKFAST
POTLUCK

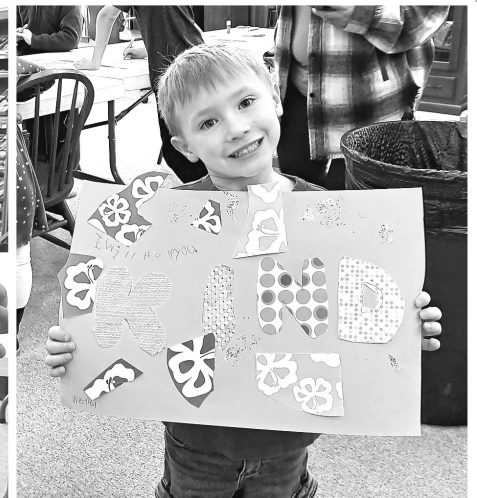
→ SAT. APRIL 29 ←
ELLINGTON FARMAN LIBRARY

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!



AROUND THE LIBRARY!



Some of our younger patrons showing us the Kindness posters they created when children's author Amy Bedell visited our library. Other children enjoying our Makerspace.



ELLINGTON COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT

It's that time of year again! The library will be hosting the Ellington Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday April 8th from 11am—noon. Children age 11 and under will gather in the back yard of the library to hunt for eggs. There will be 2 sectioned off areas with age designations— one for those aged up to age 5, another for those aged 6-11.

New this year— please note that all children will be given Easter Bags with handles to be used in the egg hunt so we ask that they do not bring any bags or baskets from home. This will make sure all children have the same size bags. They are cute and decorated with an Easter motif so please feel free to take them home. Each bag will also contain a book as a gift from the library. There will still be plenty of room to add their egg hunt candy. The books for the younger children were generously donated by a patron of the library.

After the hunt all children are invited to come into the Community Room where there will be a table set up for them to create an Easter themed craft.

Funding for this event was made possible by the Ellington Farman Library, Town of Ellington and private donors. Our appreciation goes out to the Kennedy Crafting/Quilting Group of ladies who personally filled over 700 eggs for the children to find! Without the group filling the eggs we would have to wait for the Easter Bunny to do that task and I hear he is quite busy this time of year!

A Little Library Trivia Game!

Our newsletter goes out early enough so patrons can see the next month's calendar and events. Unfortunately that means we still had one week left on our March Trivia contest so we can't announce a winner yet. The March prize was donated by Steve Rexford and as soon as we pick the winner we'll let you know.

In the meantime we have the April Trivia question...

- **Guess how many total visitors our library had in 2022?**
 - ⇒ 4,860
 - ⇒ 1,879
 - ⇒ 2,999
 - ⇒ 3,270

Make your guess at the circulation desk in the month of April. Correct answer wins a little something fun and bragging rights! This month's prize donated by Bryan Whittaker.

FILM DOCUMENTARY: THE REAL STORY: CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE THIRD KIND THE FACTS BEHIND THE FICTION THURSDAY APRIL 13; 6–7PM

Close Encounters of the Third Kind was an instant smash hit when it hit theaters in 1977 and reawakened man's obsession with the eternal question; "Are we alone in the Universe?" Though a work of fantasy, few realize that Steven Spielberg's sci-fi classic was actually inspired by real-life witness testimony, as well as a series of UFO sightings in Michigan in the summer of 1966. Separate science fact from science fiction as we re-examine government documents and put old witness testimonies to the test using modern technology.

ANIMALS AND ART

Have you seen our Waterfowl Diorama located above the adult fiction book shelves? We are currently showing ducks that were provided by taxidermist Jon Emmick from Twin Pines Taxidermy. There is also a nice collection of reference books on the topic of ducks and other waterfowl. A simple one page information sheet is available for patrons to take home with them. This information includes habitats, nesting instincts, migration patterns and much more.

Please take notice of the original artwork we have presented to compliment this waterfowl diorama. We have photographer Don Armstrong and local wildlife painters Eric Lundsten and Janet Mandel as well as local wildlife wood carver Linda Whitacre displaying their works. The artwork and taxidermy animals all combine to make a nice display that we hope patrons will enjoy and learn from.

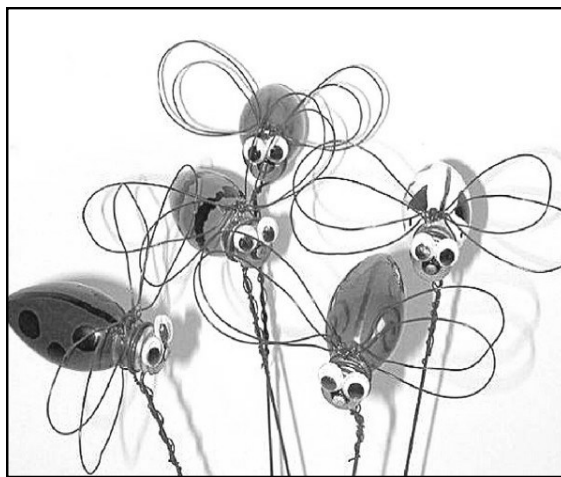


IT'S SOUP AND CRAFT TIME AT THE LIBRARY

Just in time for Spring we'll be making these cute Lightbulb Garden Decorations at the Adult Soup & Craft Program on Saturday April 22 from 10:30am—12:30pm. This is a free program and all materials are provided but we do request that you register by April 15th so we have enough supplies for everyone. Speaking of supplies we are asking folks if they have some lightbulbs they could donate. We specifically need C-9 colored Christmas Bulbs. If you have some burnt out ones that you were planning on throwing away then bring them down to the library. We'll use them for the craft and hopefully every participant will be able to make a few of these cute little bugs for their garden or to be used indoors as a plant decoration.

We always have a nice time with the addition of soup and breads or muffins to our craft time. Usually 3 crockpots of soup and a few loaves of bread or packages of rolls are all we need. Let the library know if you would like to make soup, bring bread or any kind of dessert.

Come join us for a fun time crafting and enjoying a homemade lunch with friends.



APRIL DISPLAY CASE: MONTH OF THE YOUNG CHILD BY KENNEDY CRAFTERS

The Kennedy Crafters are at it again. This month their display is toys in recognition of Month of the Young Child and Week of the Young Child. These were started in 1971. It is celebrated in April and this year the Week of the Young Child is April 1-7. This recognition was established by the National Association for the Education of Young Child (NAEYC). The Week of the Young Child is an opportunity to focus public attention on the needs of young children (ages birth-8) and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs. This year's theme is Music at Home.

Source:NAEYC.org

With this in mind, the crafters dug in their cupboards and pulled out toys that their children and they themselves played with in their youth. Some may even have been played with by their parents!

Enjoy this display and reminisce about your childhood toys and games. Do you play these with your own children or grandchildren? What games and activities do you enjoy with them? Tiddlywinks, Old Maid, Go Fish, puzzles, hiking and exploring, tea parties, taking them to the zoo and more. How about a musical parade? Get out those pots and pans, wooden spoons, kazoos, or anything else to make music. Let yourself go and have fun with your little ones. Help create great memories for them and yourself!

Submitted article by Kennedy Crafters

We cannot thank enough this group of creative women for their fun ideas and how much they contribute in so many ways to our library! Thank you Ladies.

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ELLINGTON FARMAN LIBRARY Beef on Weck Fundraiser



**SATURDAY
APRIL 22
4 - 6:30pm**

**TAKE OUT ONLY
PRE ORDER BY APRIL 15**

\$12

**Pickup preorders on
April 22 by 6pm
PAY AT TIME OF PICKUP**

**WALK-INS 6-6:30PM
AS AVAILABLE**

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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
OPEN HOURS 11AM -7PM MONDAY THRU THURSDAY 10AM-1PM ON SATURDAY CLOSED FRIDAY & SUNDAY						
2	3 11am–1pm Craft Group 5-6pm Yoga	4 1-3pm Cribbage	5 5-6pm Yoga	6	7	8 11am-12pm Community Easter Egg Hunt
9	10 5-6pm Yoga	11 1-3pm Cribbage	12 5-6pm Yoga	13 6:15-7:00pm Documentary: The Real Story, Close Encounters of the Third Kind	14	15 10:30-11:30AM Makerspace Fun Marshmallow Creations
16	17 11am–1pm Craft Group 5-6pm Yoga	18 1-3pm Cribbage	19 5-6pm Yoga	20 11am Book Club	21	22 10:30am -12:30pm Adult Soup & Craft Bulb Garden Decorations 4-6:30PM Fundraiser: Beef on Weck
23	24 5-6pm Yoga 7pm Board Meets	25 1-3pm Cribbage	26 5-6pm Yoga	27	28	29 8am–10am Potluck Breakfast
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