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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 JUNE 26th AT 7PM

The Ellington Reader ELLINGTON FARMAN LIBRARY

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DO WE READ FOR THE PRIZE?

Summer is coming and it's the time for libraries to run their summer reading programs. The traditional way that we run these programs usually includes a registration process. We take information such as age and reading level of the child. Libraries typically advertise not only the programs they have that summer that are child focused but we always focus on the awards for those children who read the most books, the most minutes, the most chapters etc. We really do offer these reading awards, or prizes, with the best of intentions. Just like the

schools, we think if a prize is shown to the children and made it understood that they can win that prize by just reading then the result will be that more children will want to read more books. The questions I'm pondering are; do incentivized reading programs really work? Do they keep children focused on reading during the months they aren't in school? Does incentivizing reading really prevent a summer slide when it comes to reentering school in the Fall?

I'm going to answer that question using non-scientific data taken from my years as the director for this library which means, this is just an opinion. A program that turns vacation reading into something one has to do to obtain a reward has not been shown to produce children who have "learned to love books." Incentives do not encourage reluctant readers to read any more than they already do. From my experience I see that the children who are already motivated readers will be the ones to see those prizes as reading goals they can easily meet. They might even be checking out books that they can read faster and easier just so they can "up their book count" and earn that sticker which eventually might get them a prize. Does the incentive of a prize make the reluctant reader check out books? Not usually. There have been very few occasions when I've seen kids who are not avid readers already actually try to participate in these summer read programs because they like the prize offered.

If we don't see the results that we think should be there, than does it mean the whole program is a waste of time? Absolutely not. We might need to rethink how we promote our reading programs so they are more inclusive to all young readers. Summer children's programming should be thought of as "gateways" to the library. Interesting programming can be the single most important idea that gets kids in the door. Once in they can familiarize themselves to what a public library has to offer. We have lots of books on many topics but we also have craft times, fun games, Makerspace independent times, nontraditional items for them to check out and an inviting space that they can feel comfortable in.

So with that in mind I'm taking a different direction when it comes to our Summer Reading Program. We're running children's programs throughout the summer that are open to any child whether they are keeping track of their reading or just want to play mini golf in the community room. If those motivated readers would like to keep a reading log and earn stickers to earn a prize at the end of summer, we are more than happy to oblige. This year we have two small sport packs which will have books and a reading light inside for top readers. In addition we also have plans to give out weekly novelty items to any child who checks out any book, no matter how many. We want to celebrate reading in any form and quantity. The important thing I want to communicate is that no child should think they can't participate in the fun programming this summer because they haven't been reading tons of books. It does this librarian's heart good to see young readers get excited about reading but we love to see all children spending time in the library during the summer. After all, if they are not even in the library than how can we expect them to be influenced by an atmosphere of literature? So bring your kids in this summer. We'll gladly register them for the reading program and help them keep track of their reading logs if they want to. We won't be concerned if they do not officially register. Let them benefit by just being in the library.



JUNE

2023

NEW TO OUR LIBRARY

ADULT FICTION JUDE DEVERAUX DANIELLE STEEL **ELIZABETH BERG** JAMES PATTERSON SUSAN PATTERSON NICHOLAS BINGE **TRACEY ROSE PEYTON** CAT SHOOK **PARINI SHROFF CARLEY FORTUNE** MARY BETH KEANE JUSTIN CRONIN NANCY THAYER T. JEFFERSON PARKER PATTI CALLAHAN HENRY **DENNIS LEHANE** LAURIE R. KING DAVID McCULLOUGH

MY HEART WILL FIND YOU WORTHY OPPONENTS EARYH'S THE RIGHT PLACE FOR LOVE COUNTDOWN THINGS I WISH I TOLD MY MOTHER ASCENSION **NIIGHT WHEREVER WE GO** IF WE'RE BEING HONEST THE BANDIT QUEENS MEET ME AT THE LAKE THE HALF MOON THE FERRYMAN ALL THE DAYS OF SUMMER THE RESCUE THE SECRET BOOK OF FLORA LEA SMALL MERCIES THE ART OF DETECTION THE PATH BETWEEN THE SEAS

ADULT NON FICTION

NITA A. FARAHANY JEFFREY TOOBIN CONOR KNIGHTON

JUNIOR FICTION

KENNETH ODELL KATHERINE APPLEGATE CYNTHIA LORD AIDA SALAZAR KATE KLIMO THRIVE THE ONE AND ONLY RUBY HOME AWAY FROM HOME A SEED IN THE SUN STUBBY: DOG DIARIES

LEAVE ONLY FOOTPRINTS

THE BATTLE FOR YOUR BRAIN

HOMEGROWN

CHILDRENS EASY READ

MELANIIE MITCHELL BEN MANTLE JOSH CHALMERS JORY JOHN GOOD MORNING, GOOD NIGHT! FIVE LITTLE PUMPKINS CHANGE THE WORLD BEFORE BEDTIME NOTHING'S WRONG!

LARGE PRINT

KRISTIN HANNAH ROBERT BARBARD ANN BELL ANN BELL THE ENCHANTMENT A SCANDAL IN BELGRAVIA DISTANT LOVE: MONTANNA SERIES INSPIRED LOVE: MONTANNA SERIES

DVD'S

UNDERGROUND RAILROAD WILLIAM STILL STORY THE REAL STORY CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE THIRD KIND GOD'S COUNTRY

ADVENTURE PASSES ARE AVAILABLE TO CHECK OUT WITH A VALID LIBRARY CARD. THESE ARE FREE PASSES TO VARIOUS CHAUTAUQUA CATTARAUGUS ATTRACTIONS AND MUSEUMS. SOME RESTRICTIONS APPLY. SEE YOUR LIBRARY FOR A CURRENT LIST OF ATTRACTIONS.

ADULT BOOK CLUB MONTHLY SELECTION

The Adult Book Club meets the third Thursday of every month at 11am. In June they will meet on the 15th. The book club members choose their monthly titles and the library provides copies to all members if needed. They will be discussing the book "Defending Jacob" by William Landay. 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: Defending Jacob by William Landay

Landay does the seemingly impossible by coming up with a new wrinkle in the crowded subgenre of courtroom thrillers.

Assistant District Attorney Andy Barber is called to a gruesome crime scene after Ben Rifkin, a 14-year-old boy, has been brutally stabbed in a city park. One suspect seems likely, a pedophile who lives nearby and is known to frequent the park, but suspicion turns quickly to another, much more unlikely, suspect-Andy's son Jacob, one of Ben's classmates. It seems Ben was not the paragon of virtue he was made out to be, for he had a mean streak and had been harassing Jacob...but is this a sufficient motive for a 14-year-old to commit murder? Some of Jacob's fellow students post messages on Facebook suggesting he's guilty of the crime, and Jacob also admits to having shown a "cool" knife to his friends. When Andy finds the knife, he quickly disposes of it, but even he's not sure if he does this because he suspects his son is innocent or because he suspects his son is guilty. Complicating the family dynamic is Laurie, Jacob's mother, who's at least half convinced that her son might indeed be capable of such a heinous act-and it turns out Andy has concealed his own past from Laurie because both his father and grandfather have been murderers, and he fears he may have both inherited and passed down to Jacob a gene associated with aggressive behavior in males.

Landay is yet another lawyer-turned-writer, and it's inevitable that he'll be compared to Scott Turow, but this novel succeeds on its own merits.

Pub Date: Feb. 1, 2012 Page Count: 432 Book Review by https://www.kirkusreviews.com/bookreviews/william-landay/defending-jacob/

The library is the temple of learning, and learning has liberated more people than all the wars in history." Carl T. Rowan

ADULT FICTION: NIGHT WHEREVER WE GO by TRACEY ROSE PEYTON Categories: LITERARY FICTION

A searing debut novel that explores the inner lives of a community of enslaved women in Texas in the decade leading up to the Civil War.

Straining under the weight of mounting debts, plantation owners Charles and Lizzie Harlow-called "the Lucys" by the people they enslave because they were the "spawn of Lucifer"—are intent on "breeding" their slaves Junie. Patience, Lulu, Alice, Serah, and Nan. First, Zeke arrives, "trailing behind Mr. Lucy like a shadow," and the women are made to have sex with him. Then there are the half-starved and ashen Isaac and Monroe, to whom the Lucys "give" Patience and Serah as wives. Increasingly desperate, the women discreetly seek out the counsel of the cook Nan for elixirs that promise to weaken virility and cotton root, a natural remedy for getting "caught" with child. The men themselves must face the contempt of the women and the shame of being shuttled from plantation to plantation like little more than bulls or horses with the sole purpose of producing offspring, forbidden to think of the wives and children they had to leave behind. The glimmers of hope offered by true love, solidarity, and the distant promise of emancipation become both solace and weapons, powerful enough to make the women "reckless in thought and deed"-tempting them, at times, to take matters violently into their own hands. As the summer heat builds, slave insurrections are on the rise, and the Lucys become increasingly desperate themselves, coming closer and closer to discovering the women's secrets. Peyton weaves through the minds and spirits of her large cast of characters with insight and ease. The novel moves deftly between the third person and a collective "we" narrative, revealing the women's intimate interconnectedness and the intersectional interplay of age, race, gender, religion, and social status in the struggle to survive amid the horrors of life on the plantation.

Alternately suspenseful and poetic, this novel marks the beginning of a promising career for Peyton.

Publication Date January 23, 2023 304 pages Review by Kirkus Reviews Issue: Dec. 1, 2022

ADULT NON FICTION: THE BATTLE FOR YOUR BRAIN by BY NITA A. FARAHANY DEFENDING THE RIGHT TO THINK FREELY IN THE AGE OF NEUROTECHNOLOGY Categories: SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY | PSYCHOLOGY

An unsettling warning that "personal neurotech devices," now carried by 1 in 5 Americans, will soon expose our innermost thoughts to the world.

Studies show that most users are happy to allow access to findings from their smartwatches, fitness trackers, and electronic sensors in exchange for modest benefits: discounts, entertainment, personal statistics, etc. Farahany, a professor of law and philosophy at Duke, finds this unnerving. However, she is no prophet of doom, pointing out that startups are creating plenty of useful devices. Thousands of truck and train drivers wear SmartCaps that monitor brain waves, informing them (and their bosses) if they are sleepy or distracted. Future wearables will forewarn epileptics of a seizure, detect early signs of brain disease such as Alzheimer's, and perhaps enhance mental powers. Unfortunately, nothing in the Constitution or any U.S. or international law gives individuals sovereignty over their minds. "With our DNA already up for grabs and our smartphones broadcasting our every move," writes the author, "our brains are increasingly the final frontier for privacy." Relying heavily on John Stuart Mill and admirable if unenforceable U.N. statements on human freedom. Farahany casts a gimlet eve on current neurotechnology, an exuberant field led by China, whose government's obsession with an obedient citizenry is producing Orwellian electronics that American startups ignore at their peril. Traditional biometrics (fingerprints, facial IDs) can be faked, but wearable brain biometrics can accurately identify and monitor individuals over time. Popular drugs such as Adderall enhance brain function, but external devices that feed back brain waves, as well as implantable electrodes, work better. Will it be cheating to use them? Farahany delivers the pros and cons. Less pertinent to her thesis is her investigation of transhumanism, a flourishing movement that aims to push humans into the "next stage" of evolution by overcoming aging and death and supercharging brains to compete with AI and uploading them to computers to achieve immortality.

An occasionally scattershot yet insightful report.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS



AROUND THE LIBRARY!







Some of our ladies enjoying the April Adult Soup and Craft Time where they made Lightbulb Garden Bugs and enjoyed a homemade soup and muffin lunch.



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- 2. Tap Add Library
- 3. Search for **Mid-York Library System** and tap to open
- 4. Tap Sign In With My Card
- 5. Under "**Partner Libraries**," tap on
 - Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Library System to enter your library card & PIN

FILM DOCUMENTARY: TED WILLIAMS THURSDAY, JUNE 8 FROM 6:15-7:15PM

Ted Williams always knew what he wanted. Others could debate who was the best all-around player in baseball history. But Williams was a hitter. "All I want out of life is that when I walk down the street folks will say, 'There goes the greatest hitter that ever lived,'" Williams said. Mission accomplished. The debate will rage forever, but the question of "greatest hitter" will always include the longtime Red Sox left fielder. Williams won six batting titles, but that doesn't really explain his mastery at the plate. Thanks to an excellent batting eye, Williams led the American League in on-base percentage 12 times overall, including each season he played from 1940-49, when he missed three full years due to his service in the Marines. His .482 career on-base percentage is the best of all time. Williams also led the American League in home runs four times, and his .634 career slugging percentage is second to only Babe Ruth.

Williams was an all-star in every non-military interrupted season after his rookie campaign, totaling 19 All-Star Game selections. In his final season, 1960, as a 41-year-old, he hit .316 with 29 home runs. Williams retired following the 1960 season, hitting a home run in his final at-bat on Sept. 28, 1960. He finished his career with a .344 batting average, 521 home runs, 2,021 walks and 1,839 RBI. He was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1966. The "Greatest Hitter that ever lived" passed away on July 5, 2002.

This American Masters documentary presents a new biography of the Boston Red Sox player. A complex and entertaining portrait of a man who was as obsessive as he was talented, the documentary reveals his complicated relationships with family and friends and explores the impact he has had on the current generation of Major League Baseball players.

* information from the website: https://baseballhall.org/hall-of-famers/williams-ted

A Little Library Trivia Game!



April Trivia winner was Barbara Park with her winning guess of 4, 860 as the correct number of total visitors we had to our library in 2022. Congratulations Barbara! She won a handmade wooden heart pendant .

May trivia winner will be chosen on May 31st.

JUNE TRIVIA QUESTION:

Between 1883 and 1929, what Scottish-American titan of the steel industry funded more than 2,500 libraries bearing his name?

Andrew William Mellon Charles Schwab

Andrew Carnegie John Fritz

Make your guess at the circulation desk in the month of June.

OPENINGS FOR OUR DISPLAY CASE

There are some openings in the Display Case for the coming months. If you have or know of anyone who has artwork or a collection they would like to have displayed please call the library at 716-287-2945 and ask to speak with the director.



THERE WILL BE CARTS AND BOXES FULL OF BOOKS TO BE SOLD ON THE FRONT YARD DURING THE CAN DRIVE. THESE WILL BE BOOKS THAT HAVE NOT PREVIOUSLY BEEN IN ANY BOOKSALE. Titles will include adult fiction, junior paperbacks, children's books and some nonfiction.\$1 for hardcovers, 50 cents for paperbacks. \$1 DVD's

FUN PROGRAM FOR HOMESCHOOLERS COMING IN THE FALL

Our library will be partnering with some other libraries from across the two counties to participate in a Homeschooler Pen Pal Program. The library will act as the facilitator between families and the letters will be received at the various libraries so there are no personal addresses given out. After some point in time each library could host a fun get together for the families. There are not a lot of details as yet but if you are a homeschooling family and think you might be interested in your children becoming pen pals with other homeschooling children, then please let the director know and we'll get in touch with you as soon as we iron out the details. Libraries are a great resource for homeschoolers and we welcome them to participate in all activities.



LIBRARY FINANCIAL HEALTH

The following is a first in a series of educational articles written by the Treasurer and approved by the Library Board of Trustees. Their purpose is to inform the public regarding the financial health of our library.

Managing the library finances is just like how you manage your household budget. You have income from various sources and expenses that you have to pay.

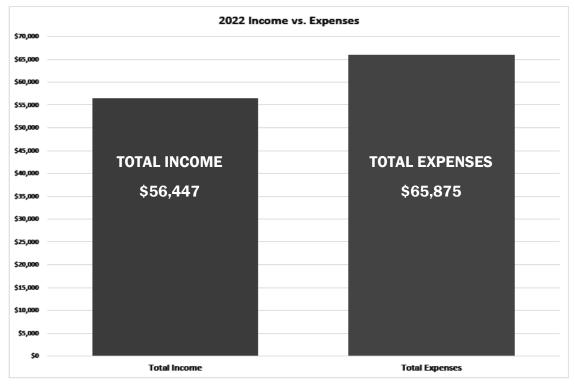
The bar graph shows that in 2022 the income for the library was less than the expenses that were paid out.

Income for the library comes from several resources including a contribution from the Town of Ellington tax revenue, grants, numerous fundraisers and personal appeals for support.

The Trustees and the Library Director work hard to find the needed funding. Expenses continue to increase because of mandated minimum wage increases, high utilities, maintenance to the building, increased cost of books and other library materials.

Despite ongoing fundraising efforts, contributions from individuals, and the contribution from the Town of Ellington, raising the funds necessary for the operation of the library has become increasing challenging. We will have to make adjustments to the services that the library provides to its patrons if we are not able to find the necessary income. If you have any questions regarding the library finances, please let the staff know and they will give you the contact information for the treasurer.

We hope that we can count on your support as we work hard to find a solution so that we can maintain the current level of services to the community.



ELLINGTON FARMAN LIBRARY 760 THORNTON RD, ELLINGTON Summer Kids Program Schedule!

CHILDREN DO NOT NEED TO BE REGISTERED FOR THE SUMMER READING PROGRAM TO ATTEND THESE EVENTS

July 12	1-2pm	Life Sized Crossword Puzzle				
July 13	11am-noon	Let's Get Moving! Cornell Cooperative Extension SNAP ED, all ages				
July 15	10:30-11:30	Backpack Beaded Crafts: ages 10 & up				
July 18	1-2pm	Summer Kids Movie TBA: all ages				
July 19	1-2pm	Mini Golf in the Library! All ages				
July 25	1-2:30pm	Into Space w/Roy: Exploring the Moon ages 10 & up				
July 26	1-2pm	Travelling Lantern Theater Group; all ages				
Aug. 1	1-2:30pm	Into Space w/Roy: Planetary Geology ages 10 & up				
Aug. 2	1-2pm	Lego Balloon Builders all ages				
Aug. 8	1-2:30pm	Into Space w/Roy: Exploring Meteorite Mysteries, 10 & up				
Aug. 10	6-7pm	Thunder in the Park Community Drumming Event Town Park; all ages				
Aug. 16	1-2pm	Marshmallow Engineers! All ages				
Aug. 19 12-1pm		Saturday Sundaes! all ages				
August 22 1-2pm		Corn Hole at the library: all ages				
August 23	3 11am-12	Cooking with Cornell Cornell Cooperative Extension, SNAP ED all ages				
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You may also Sign your kids up for our summer reading program: we can help them to keep track of how many books they read which can qualify them for small prizes throughout the summer!

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION and/or FUNDING OF OUR PROGRAMS: Chautauqua Cattaraugus Library System, Falconer Region Community Fund at the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation, Cornell Cooperative Extension, SNAP- ED NY St. Bonaventure University Art Mobile

THERE MAY BE A FEW MORE PROGRAM DATES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN CONFIRMED AS OF THIS PRINTING. UPDATED POSTERS WILL BE IN JULY & AUGUST NEWSLETTERS

Sat	3 8am-1pm Fundraiser: Can Drive, Plant Sale, Book Sale	10	10:30– 11:30am Let's Create! for ages 9 and up Aluminum Foil Pictures	17 10:30-11:30am Makerspace Fun: Light Table Exploration	24 8am—10am Potluck Breakfast	
Fri	2	6		16	23	30
Thu	1	8	6:15-7:15pm Documentary: The Ted Williams Story: the Greatest Hitter Who Ever Lived	15 11am Book Club	22	29 4-5pm End of School Party!
Wed		7	5-6pm Yoga	14 5-6pm Yoga	21 5-6pm Yoga	28 5-6pm Yoga
Tue	2	6	4-5pm Ice Cream for Everyone!	13 11am-noon Let's Get Moving! w/Cornell Adult program 4-5pm Ice Cream for Everyone!	20 4-5pm lce Cream for Everyone!	27 4-5pm lce Cream for Everyone!
Mon	OPEN HOURS 11AM -7PM MONDAY THRU THURSDAY 10AM-1PM ON SATURDAY CLOSED FRIDAY & SUNDAY	5	11am—1pm Craft Group 5-6pm Yoga	12 5-6pm Yoga	19 CLOSED June 19th Holiday	26 5-6pm Yoga 7pm Board Meets
Sun	OPEN HOURS 11AM -7PM MONDAY THRI 10AM-1PM ON SATURDAY CLOSED FRIDAY & SUNDAY	4		11	18	25

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