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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 OCTOBER 30TH

THERE IS ALWAYS A SEAT FOR YOU AT THE LIBRARY TABLE

Most everyone is undoubtedly familiar with the term "having a seat at the table."

The question is what does having a seat at a table really mean and what kind of seat are you looking for? In theory, it should mean that the person "at the table" gets the same opportunities as everyone else. Opportunities to learn and be heard, express themselves and be a part of something. What kind of seat can the library provide its patrons and the community in general? I submit that the library seat looks like the following.

- It's a comfortable seat that welcomes everyone and refuses no one a seat. The library offers a
 place to relax, read the newspaper, a magazine, use our free high speed internet on your
 own devices, listen to music videos on our patron computers, work on craft projects, curl up
 and read a book undisturbed. it's warm in the winter and a cool refuge in the summer.
- It's a seat of learning: this summer our kids learned about Astronomy from one of our retired science teacher volunteers. Adults have been learning from our Film documentaries on Nature, Health & Wellness and History which have our patrons pursuing further study into these topics. This summer they learned about the Basics of Medicare and the life of a Civil War Soldier. This year we offered film documentaries on women activists, authors, black abolitionists, baseball players and living with Black Bears. As of September 1st we have added 277 items to our collection, most of them books. When we sit in the seat of learning the possibilities are endless.
- It s a community building seat: monthly potlucks encourage friends and neighbors to
 mingle, share food, recipes and get caught up on neighbors happenings. The library is the
 place people find out about other folks who might have a need. Assistance is offered in
 gentle ways through the library. People in need know we are a place to go to connect. It's a
 seat offering connections and community.
- It's a seat of fun! How can you not have fun making alien people out of marshmallows and toothpicks? How about creating a life size marble run tower complete with spinners and tunnels? Making and devouring caramel apple and chocolate pie cups? Flinging up and then running inside a 20 ft colorful parachute? We provide a spinning, twirling colorful seat of fun!
- It's a seat of creativity: Our ladies celebrated Spring with a Lightbulb Garden Craft, made colorful foil art pictures, we're learning the basics of knitting, crafting & quilting and everything in between! It's a seat that offers an abundance of creative opportunities!

Your library is so much more than numbers, statistics, how many book checkouts, etc. Our library offers many kinds of seats at the table. A 60" rectangular table can seat 6 people comfortably. A 70" rectangular table can seat 8 people. Question; How many people can you sit at a library table? It's a trick question! The answer depends on all of you. The answer is: the library has an endless amount of seats for everyone. We invite you to stop in and come find the seat that is just right for you.

NEW TO OUR LIBRARY

ADULT FICTION
PATRICK O'BRIAN

ANGIE KIM

ALICE HOFFMAN

NICK FULLER GOOGINS

PETER HELLER

THE HUNDRED DAYS TREASON'S HARBOUR

THE REVERSE OF THE MEDAL

THE COMMODORE

THE LETTER OF MARQUE

HAPPINESS FALLS
THE INVISIBLE HOUR
THE LAST RANGER

THE GREAT TRANSITION

NINA GEORGE THE LITTLE VILLAGE OF BOOK LOVERS

KATHERINE CENTER HELLO STRANGER
LAUREN GROFF THE VASTER WILDS
DANIEL MASON NORTH WOODS
RON RASH THE CARETAKER

ADULT NON FICTION

ALLY HENNY I WON'T SHUT UP
MIROSLAV VOLF LIFE WORTH LIVING
LAURA MECKLER DREAM TOWN

RUTA SEPETYS YOU THE STORY

MELISSA BOND
BEN RAINES
BILL O'REILLY
BLOOD ORANGE NIGHT
THE LAST SLAVE SHIP
KILLING THE WITCHES

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

KAREN M. MCMANUS

KIM JOHNSON

RUTA SEPETYS

AUTUMN ALLEN

ONE OF US IS BACK

THIS IS MY AMERICA

I MUST BETRAY YOU

ALL YOU HAVE TO DO

JUNIOR FICTION

MARY POPE OSBORNE TIME OF THE TURTLE KING REBECCA STEAD THE LOST LIBRARY MATTHEW J. KIRBY STAR SPLITTER

JUNIOR NONFICTION

M.M. EBOCH

JOHN DICONSIGLIO

LIVING THROUGH WORLD WAR I

LIVING THROUGH THE MEXICAN

AMERICAN WAR

CHILDRENS

MATT LAMOTHE THIS IS HOW WE DO IT
VALERIE BOLLING THE GRAY DAY
DANA REGAN MIKE DELIVERS HARDWARE HELPER
LEIGH LUNA CLEMENTINE FOX AND THE GREAT

ISLAND ADVENTURE

SECURITOR OF THE PROPERTY OF T

BECKY FRIEDMAN DANIEL VISITS THE DOCTOR

AUDIO BOOKS

MARISA DE LOS SANTOS WATCH US SHINE

CCLS WILL BE TRYING TO HAVE OUR BOOK CLUB TITLES
AVAILABLE IN LIBBY AND IS ALSO WORKING ON A BOOK CLUB
GUIDE IN LIBBY SO PATRONS CAN SEE WHAT ALL LIBRARY BOOK
CLUB SELECTIONS ARE FOR THAT MONTH

ADULT BOOK CLUB MONTHLY SELECTION

The Adult Book Club meets the third Thursday of every month at 11am. In October they will meet on the 19th and will be discussing the book "Apples Never Fall" by Liane Moriarty. The book club members choose their monthly titles and the library provides copies to all members if needed.

APPLES NEVER FALL Book Review

From #1 New York Times bestselling author Liane Moriarty comes a novel that looks at marriage, siblings, and how the people we love the most can hurt us the deepest

The Delaney family love one another dearly—it's just that sometimes they want to murder each other . . . If your mother was missing, would you tell the police? Even if the most obvious suspect was your father? This is the dilemma facing the four grown Delaney siblings.

The Delaneys are fixtures in their community. The parents, Stan and Joy, are the envy of all of their friends. They're killers on the tennis court, and off it their chemistry is palpable. But after fifty years of marriage, they've finally sold their famed tennis academy and are ready to start what should be the golden years of their lives. So why are Stan and Joy so miserable?

The four Delaney children—Amy, Logan, Troy, and Brooke—were tennis stars in their own right, yet as their father will tell you, none of them had what it took to go all the way. But that's okay, now that they're all successful grown-ups and there is the wonderful possibility of grandchildren on the horizon.

One night a stranger named Savannah knocks on Stan and Joy's door, bleeding after a fight with her boyfriend. The Delaneys are more than happy to give her the small kindness she sorely needs. If only that was all she wanted.

Later, when Joy goes missing, and Savannah is nowhere to be found, the police question the one person who remains: Stan. But for someone who claims to be innocent, he, like many spouses, seems to have a lot to hide. Two of the Delaney children think their father is innocent, two are not so sure—but as the two sides square off against each other in perhaps their biggest match ever, all of the Delaneys will start to reexamine their shared family history in a very new light.

Book review by https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/56143578-apples-never-fall

Book Highlights of the Month

ADULT FICTION: THE VASTER WILDS BY LAUREN GROFF

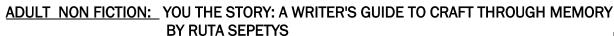
CATEGORIES: LITERARY FICTION | HISTORICAL FICTION | GENERAL FICTION

A taut and electrifying novel from celebrated bestselling author Lauren Groff, about one spirited girl alone in the wilderness, trying to survive. A servant girl escapes from a colonial settlement in the wilderness. She carries nothing with her but her wits, a few possessions, and the spark of god that burns hot within her. What she finds in this terra incognita is beyond the limits of her imagination and will bend her belief in everything that her own civilization has taught her.

Lauren Groff's new novel is at once a thrilling adventure story and a penetrating fable about trying to find a new way of living in a world succumbing to the churn of colonialism.

The Vaster Wilds is a work of raw and prophetic power that tells the story of America in miniature, through one girl at a hinge point in history, to ask how—and if—we can adapt quickly enough to save ourselves.

review by:https://www.goodreads.com/en/book/show/62952130 272 pages, Hardcover First published September 12, 2023



A gifted storyteller shares the method and memories behind her magic.

With chapters bearing labels such as "Plot," "Character Development," "Setting," and "Voice," award-winning teen historical fiction author Sepetys' first foray into nonfiction may look at first glance like an ordinary book on the craft of writing, but the introductory line, "life is story in motion," reveals a more sophisticated yet accessible approach: sideways, through the lens of memory. Her parents' early struggles and lifelong artistry gave her the sense that plots were everywhere. Discussing characterization, she recalls her 12-year-old self asking permission to paint her entire bedroom "brown like poop" (she even saved up for the paint). They agreed—and offered guidance on choosing an accent color. Eavesdropping on strangers trained Sepetys' ear

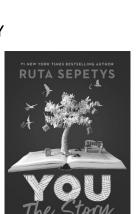
to write dialogue, and she presents lowlights from her dating career as an exercise in character research. Each themed chapter ends with a recap of the main points presented, a set of writing prompts, and an intriguing set of "Stories To Uncover and Discover." Diving further into the subject of revision, Sepetys relates an anecdote that reveals how knowing only one side of a story leads to misunderstanding and errors, critical information for anyone writing history, whether theirs or someone else's. The dedication, hard work, and attention to detail that her fiction is known for show here in every carefully considered line, but most of all it's her heart that shines through.

Instructive and inspiring for storytellers of all ages. (Nonfiction. 12-adult)

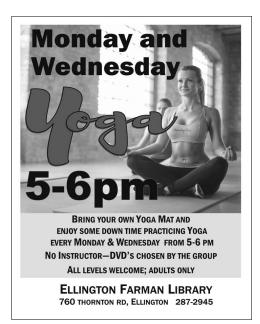
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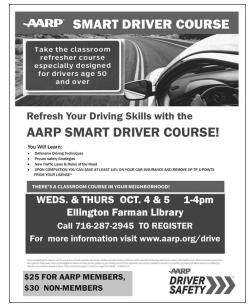
MEDICARE ASSESSMENT APPOINTMENTS

Medicare Annual Enrollment is soon approaching. The Ellington Library will be hosting "appointment only" meetings on October 26th to consult on your specific Medicare benefits analysis. Rebecca Poynton is a Senior Health Insurance Advisor. She is NYS licensed and represents 7 different carriers, and 98 locally available plans. Rebecca will compare your Doctors and Medications to plans best fitting your specific needs. If you would like an unbiased assessment on your health coverage plans, please call: Rebecca Poynton, 716-573-8783 and book an hour long appointment for a meeting at the Ellington Library.

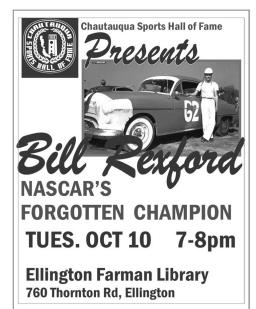


UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

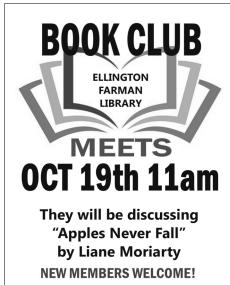


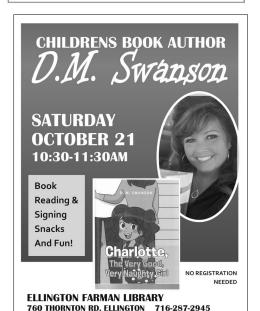


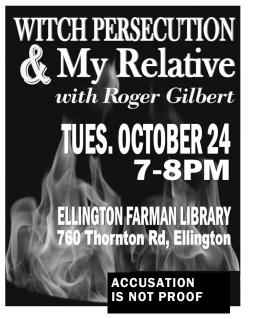














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WITCH PERSECUTION AND MY RELATIVE

Roger Gilbert, grew up on "Magsfarm" on Waterboro Hill Road in the town of Ellington. He has always had a great interest in local and family history. In 2010 he was the author of the book "Ellington and Its People" which the library has a copy of. On Tuesday, October 24 from 7-8pm he will be presenting the program "Witch Persecution and My Relative". He will briefly trace witch persecutions from the earliest of times, through the witch hunts that still happen today. The history will include biblical times, Europe in the 1500 and 1600's, US colonial history and finally modern day. You will hear the incredible true story of Roger's relative, Lydia Elizabeth Gilbert, wife of Thomas Gilbert, who was accused of being a witch in 1654. Elizabeth and Thomas came to the colonies from England on a ship in 1630 with their three children. They moved from Massachusetts Bay Colony to Windsor, Connecticut where the lives of her family took a dramatic turn. This historical program is designed for adults just in time for Halloween. There is no glorifying the practice of Satanism or Wicca in this program, rather it is an interesting and accurate portrayal of known people within certain periods of history.

A Little Library Trivia Game!

Make your guess at the circulation desk. Winner receives a little gift and bragging rights!

OCTOBER TRIVIA QUESTION:

Which President started the Presidential Library System?

- 1) Harry S. Truman
- 2) Franklin D. Roosevelt
- 3) Theodore Roosevelt
- 4) Dwight D. Eisenhower



Congratulations Josh!
August Trivia contest
correct answer was Iliad.
We had many people
guess but only one correct
guess and that was
from Josh.



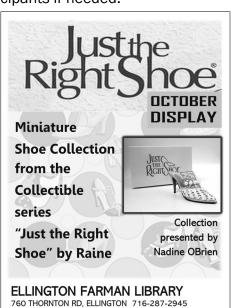
RESISTANCE BAND SENIOR FITNESS CLASS

THURSDAY OCTOBER 12 11AM-NOON

Mary Ryder, from SNAP-ED, will be returning to teach an adult strengthening and exercise class using Resistance Bands.

Resistance bands are excellent at helping to improve balance and coordination as well as building strength and muscle mass. Regular use of resistance bands in an exercise program has been found to reduce the risk of fractures in seniors. Additionally the strength training aspect can help to prevent common age-related conditions, such as osteoporosis and osteoarthritis. Osteoporosis is a condition that occurs when bones lose their mass and strength. This class will be primarily for senior adults but any adults are welcome to attend. After the class the library can discuss with the attendees as to whether they would like to schedule an ongoing resistance band class. The library is willing to purchase the bands for a limit of 6 participants if needed.

You may also bring vour own bands. We welcome any adult to come see what it's all about even if they choose to not continue with classes in the future. Registration requested by calling the library.



DISPLAY CASE COLLECTION FOR OCTOBER

NADINE OBRIEN displaying her "Just Right Shoe" collection

The "Just The Right Shoe Collection" was launched in 1998. The collection was an immediate success on both sides of the Atlantic. In 1999 the British Guild of China and Glassware Retailers awarded the collection "Best New Collectible of the Year". Raine was awarded the "Rising Star" award from the USA-based National Association of Limited Edition Dealers, who also awarded the "Collectible of the Year" award to the brand in 2000. The first "Just The Right Shoe" to be sculpted was the Ravishing Red Shoe. Now most all of the pieces are retired with no new ones being made and there are few left for sale. (Some on eBay).

Raine's whimsy, historical insight and scrupulously realistic style are combined in the creation of Just The Right Shoe; miniature collectibles which honor and memorialize the great creations in women's fashion throughout history.

Source the May 2-8, 2002 issue of the North Bay Bohemian

Although no new shoes have been sculpted since 2012, they are still available through resellers such as Ebay and can go for as much as \$2,000 for one shoe!

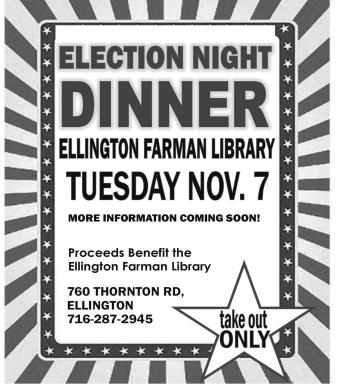
"I have lived in Ellington for 9 years and moved here from Phoenix, AZ. During those years I've had 7 major surgeries, six of those on my spine. I started collecting these tiny shoes to keep my spirits up, especially since I could no longer wear pretty shoes. I think they are so adorable and have such fine, intricate detail! I hope you enjoy them as much as I do!"

BILL REXFORD; LOCAL NASCAR CHAMPION Program on Tuesday October 10; 7-8pm

Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame will be presenting a program on our own local Nascar Champion Bill Rexford! Bill Rexford still holds the honor of being the youngest driver to ever win the coveted National Association Stock Car Automobile Racing (NASCAR) Grand National title. The former Conewango Valley resident was 23 when he captured the title and that is



why Rexford was inducted into the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame. Mark your calendars. This is a live speaker program and not a film documentary. Light refreshments will be served. No registration needed.



New Holiday/Christmas books coming soon

It's October but some of us have visions of curling up with a hot cup of tea and reading while the snow flies outside! If you're starting to get in that mood we have you covered.

The following new books are on order and should be arriving late October and throughout November. Let's hope the snow doesn't fall any sooner than that.

The Twelve Months of Christmas by Sheila Roberts
The Twelve Dogs of Christmas by Susan Wiggs
Midnight at the Christmas Bookshop by Jenny Colgan
The Book Club Hotel by Sarah Morgan
Snow Place Like Home by Lacey Baker
The Wake-Up Call by Beth O'Leary

We Three Kings by Crystal Caudill Christmas Every Day by Linda Byler

JUST IN TIME FOR A THANKSGIVING READ

Suggested books for children to help foster an attitude of gratitude.

Llama Llama Gives Thanks by Anna Dewdney

In the wonderfully rhythmic style for which Anna Dewdney is known, the ever-popular Llama Llama learns to give thanks not just on Thanksgiving, but all year long.

Otis Gives Thanks by Loren Long

Otis has so much to be grateful for — his home on the farm, the rain and sun that grow the crops, fun games and hard work, and most of all, friendship and love. A lovely introduction to developing an attitude of gratitude for toddlers and preschoolers. Ages 0 - 3)

Thanks from the Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle

"Thanks for showing me ... to be KIND to every creature, to CARE for the trees and sky and oceans, to be curious, gentle, and BRAVE." With brilliantly colored illustrations and a sweet message, this book is a beautiful way to show thanks to loved ones. (Ages 2 - 5)

Thank You Bear by Greg Foley

One morning, Bear finds a little box. But what's inside? This charming mystery picture book sees many different colorfully-illustrated animals guess what's inside the box. But little readers won't find out what's really inside until the very last page. Throughout Bear's journey, he experiences a plethora of ever-changing emotions — from joy to uncertainty — including gratitude and thankfulness for a great friend. (Ages 2 - 5)

Thanksgiving Is for Giving Thanks! by Margaret Sutherland, illustrated by Sonja Lamut

This sweet picture book reminds children what Thanksgiving is really about: giving thanks! Read this with your little ones and encourage them to remember what it means to be grateful for everything they have — including a loving family. (Ages 3 - 5)

I Am Thankful by Suzy Capozzi, illustrated by Eren Unten

In this cheerful story for early readers, a boy spends Thanksgiving Day thinking positively about the joy his life holds, even when things don't go perfectly right. (Ages 4-6)

• White Bird: A Wonder Story by R . J. Palacio

When Julian from the beloved Wonder world is assigned to write a school report about his family history, he interviews his grandmother, who tells him of growing up in France during WWII and receiving life-saving shelter from a boy she and her friends had previously snubbed. A poignant and beautiful graphic novel that inspires gratitude for friendship, forgiveness, and everyday heroism. (Ages 8 – 12)

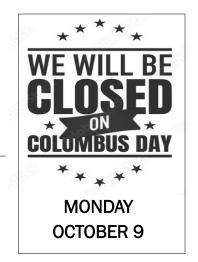
• When Stars Are Scattered by Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed,

Another stirring graphic novel, When Stars Are Scattered follows the real-life story of two young Somali brothers coming of age in a refugee camp. The narrative doesn't shy away from the difficulties and grief that Omar and Hassan share, but it also communicates their resilience through unspeakable hardship as well as their love and loyalty for each other. (Ages 8 - 12)

• The Book Thief by Markus Zusak

Markus Zusak's worldwide bestseller finds Liesel Meminger living with foster parents in Nazi-occupied Germany, where she befriends the young Jewish man that her foster parents are sheltering. While the world around them grows increasingly bleak, Max introduces Liesel to the life-saving power of words. Liesel's efforts to bring lightness to Max's life (including a heartwarming indoor snowball fight) is a meaningful reminder that even on our darkest days, there's joy to be found when we're together. (Young Adult)

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Fri	9	13	20	27	
Thu	5 1-4pm AARP Safe Driving Course	12 11-noon Senior Fitness Resistance Band Adult Class	19 11am Book Club	26 11-7pm Community Room in Use: Medicare Enrollment appointments	
Wed	4 1-4pm AARP Safe Driving Course 5-6pm Yoga	11 5-6pm Yoga	18 5-6pm Yoga	25 5-6pm Yoga	
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