

# The Ellington Reader ELLINGTON FARMAN LIBRARY

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### **LIBRARY HOURS**

MONDY 11-7
TUESDAY 11-7
WEDNESDAY 11-7
THURSDAY 11-7
FRIDAY CLOSED
SATURDAY 10-1
SUNDAY CLOSED

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.

### AT THE END OF THE DAY I NEED TO REACH OUT

An interesting thing happened a few weeks ago that taught me an important lesson. Of course the lesson has to do with the library or I wouldn't be writing about it.

Easter is coming a little earlier this year and the library tries hard every year to put on an easter egg hunt with crafts and activities inside the library for families to participate in after the great scramble for candy eggs is over. In past years we have had animal programs, the Easter Bunny visiting and lots of tables of crafts available for a variety of ages. We try to do the same thing at Christmas with the Santa Breakfast event. This year there is a possibility I will not be in town on Easter weekend. I had a difficult time figuring out how to put a program together that I probably wouldn't be here to host. There is also the concern of how to pay for a program as the craft supplies and animal presentations are not free. I apply for grants to fund most of our activities and events but the holiday is coming earlier this year and I couldn't get it covered under a grant deadline. The deadline for the application was March 1st but you would not know if you received any money until mid-May and program costs are not retroactive to before that mid-May date.

The Town of Ellington was not able to host an Easter Egg Hunt either so with the possibility of my not being here I was thinking we may not have an Easter activity for the children of Ellington this year. That's the part where the lesson was learned. Why didn't I just reach out to some of our volunteers and ask them if they would help put on the Easter event? I only had to call about 6 people in the community and in 1/2 hour there were six volunteers lined up to fill plastic eggs with candy plus three other folks who volunteered to lead the hunt in the Town Park instead of having it at the Library. All the library had to do was collect the plastic eggs from the box in the storage room and have the candy ready for them to fill. Calling on the community to run the event– what an easy solution but one I apparently don't always consider.

So what's the lesson here? I learned that the library does not **always** have to be the "center" of everything. I have held tight to the belief that a library is here to serve the community. We try to provide resources and programming that the community requests or that I think they would like if presented to them, thereby reinforcing the idea that we serve. Interestingly, serving is not the only role we should be playing. Ideally we should be partnering with the community. This town has a lot of people willing to help especially when it comes to doing something for the children. All I had to do was to coordinate things, reach out to community members with the need and they were more than willing to help get it done. It's one example of what partnering should look like.

I have now come to understand that the community is, in and of itself, an integral part of the library. The library cannot just take on the role of **serving** without learning how to reach out to those same people we claim to serve. This is their community and their library. At the end of the day we are always stronger together than alone. Thank you to the community for teaching me that lesson. Long live the Ellington Community Easter Egg Hunt!

# **NEW TO OUR LIBRARY**

**ADULT FICTION** 

ANDREW J. GRAFF
LUANNE RICE
KRISTIN HANNAH
MARGARET ATWOOD
JONATHAN KELLERMAN
JILL EILEEN SMITH
BRAD TAYLOR
SUSAN MALLERY
ELLEN WON STEIL
ROBERT J. LENNON
JILL EILEEN SMITH

TRUE NORTH
LAST NIGHT
THE WOMEN
FOURTEEN DAYS
THE GHOST ORCHID
DAUGHTER OF EDEN
DEAD MAN'S HAND
THE SUMMER BOOKCLUB
FORTUNE

FORTUNE HARD GIRLS

THE ARK AND THE DOVE

**ADULT NON FICTION** 

RICHARD DEMING GRANT S. LIPMAN

JAMES W. KEYES JOHN ALDRIDGE JOHN O'CONNER THIS EXQUISITE LONELINESS SCOUTING GUIDE TO WILDERNESS FIRST AID EDUCATION IS FREEDOM A SPECK IN THE SEA SECRET HISTORY OF BIGFOOT

JUNIOR FICTION

GORDON KORMAN MINDY NICHOLS WENDELL EMMA LORD MIXED UP LIGHT AND AIR THE GETAWAY LIST

**JUNIOR NONFICTION** 

JASON BITTEL DK PUBLISHING

THE FROZEN WORLDS
ANIMALS LOST AND FOUND

**CHILDRENS** 

MARION DANE BAUER
MARION DANE BAUER
MARION DANE BAUER

MARION DANE BAUER
MARION DANE BAUER

THE NIGHT SKY

EARTH MOON

WE. THE CURIOUS ONES

LARGE PRINT

BRAD TAYLOR DEAD MAN'S HAND

REFERENCE BOOKS

MARKET MAPS CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY MAPS MARKET MAPS CATTARAUGUS COUNTY MAPS

# HISTORY OF ECLIPSES PROGRAM

Thursday April 4, 7-8pm Presented by retired Science Teacher Roy Luksch



of events by visiting our website:
ellingtonlibrary.org
Click on the calendar on the right
Click on the appropriate month

ADULT BOOK CLUB

The Adult Book Club meets the third Thursday of every month at 11am. In March they will meet on the 21st and will be discussing "The Book of Charlie" by David Von Drehle. The book club members choose their monthly titles and the library provides copies to all members if needed. New members are always welcome.

THE BOOK OF CHARLIE Book review

One of our nation's most prominent writers finds the truth about how to live a long and happy life in the centenarian next door.

When a veteran Washington journalist moved to Kansas, he met a new neighbor who was more than a century old. Little did he know that he was beginning a long friendship—and a profound lesson in the meaning of life. Charlie White was no ordinary neighbor. Born before radio, Charlie lived long enough to use a smartphone. When a shocking tragedy interrupted his idyllic boyhood, Charlie mastered survival strategies that reflect thousands of years of human wisdom. Thus armored. Charlie's sense of adventure carried him on an epic journey across the continent, and later found him swinging across bandstands of the Jazz Age, racing aboard ambulances through Depression-era gangster wars, improvising techniques for early open-heart surgery, and cruising the Amazon as a guest of Peru's president.

David Von Drehle came to understand that Charlie's resilience and willingness to grow made this remarkable neighbor a master in the art of thriving through times of dramatic change. As a gift to his children, he set out to tell Charlie's secrets. *The Book of Charlie* is a gospel of grit—the inspiring story of one man's journey through a century of upheaval. The history that unfolds through Charlie's story reminds you that the United States has always been a divided nation, a questing nation, an inventive nation—a nation of Charlies in the rollercoaster pursuit of a good and meaningful life.

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

David Von Drehle is a Columnist for *The Washington Post*, where he writes about national affairs and politics from a home base in the Midwest. He joined *The Washington Post* in 2017 after a decade at *Time*, where he wrote more than sixty cover stories as editor-at-large. He is the Author of a number of books, including the Award-Winning Bestseller *Triangle: The Fire That Changed America*. He lives in Kansas City with his wife, journalist Karen Ball. They have 4 children.

### **BOOK SUMMARIES OF THE MONTH**

**ADULT FICTION: FORTUNE BY ELLEN WON STEIL** 

GENRES: MYSTERY, THRILLER, CONTEMPORARY

In this explosive novel about a decades-old mystery, shocking revelations of the past and the secrets of three women will be spilled when a small Midwest town announces a DNA lottery.

One drop of blood for a chance at a multimillion-dollar windfall. Is it a philanthropic gesture from a billionaire widow? Some suspect a darker motive behind the DNA lottery—one tied to the eighteen-year-old mystery of an infant's unidentified remains that mars the history of idyllic Rosemary Hills, Iowa. Right after the blood lottery is announced, three local women fall under suspicion of knowing something about that night, and their carefully kept secrets threaten to spill out too.



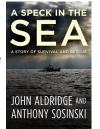
Cleo is a divorced single mom forced to return to her hometown and accept a strange job reading to an invalid recluse; Jemma is a controversial state senator whose reelection campaign and teenage daughter have her on edge; and Alex, a divorce attorney, copes with a crumbling marriage of her own and the suffocating presence of a cold, overbearing mother.

Soon, unimaginable revelations of the past will collide with the present—and not just for Cleo, Jemma, and Alex. In this seemingly ordinary community, they aren't the only ones with long-buried secrets.

Summary Posted Online: https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/68004512-fortune 347 pages, Paperback, First published October 1, 2023

# <u>ADULT NON FICTION:</u> A SPECK IN THE SEA BY JOHN ALDRIDGE AND ANTHONY SOSINSKI GENRES: SURVIAL, MEMOIR, ADVENTURE

On July 24, 2013, the very day he fell off his lobster boat into the shark-infested waters off Montauk, John Aldridge had read his horoscope in his old hometown newspaper on Long Island. It said – "You are strong and you are resilient...you will have the strength to survive the current circumstances." He did survive the current...of the swirling Atlantic Ocean, an ordeal that lasted 12 agonizing hours in the dead of night, with only his boots and a three-inch knife by his side. He wore no life vest – none of the fishermen did. His survival became the stuff of legend and song in Montauk, and soon after his rescue,



Johnny, as he's called, was featured in a nine-minute spot on "CBS Sunday Morning." The harrowing tale of his plight and rescue is now a memoir. Called "A Speck in the Sea," it was written in conjunction with his fishing partner and long -time friend from childhood, Anthony Sosinski, on board at the time. Two guys, so different in looks and behavior but united in their love of fishing. They also had assistance from editors.

Though overly detailed about the United States Coast Guard's impressive Search and Rescue Optimal Planning System – which went down at one point! – "A Speck in the Sea" pulses with dramatic excitement, quite an accomplishment since we know Johnny was saved. The book cleverly alternates Johnny's suspenseful first-hand gasping account of being in the water, with third-person chapters on the history and significance of Montauk, and on the Coast Guard technology and extraordinary volunteer efforts of family and friends.

When Anthony discovered Johnny was missing, he started calling everyone he could think of. Within minutes, it seemed as though the entire "End," as Montauk is sometimes referred to, was totally mobilized for Mayday. Learning about the origin of the word "Mayday," by the way, is one of the many info gems of the book – it comes from the French "m'aidez" – help me.

"A Speck in the Sea" is more than a tale of survival, however, even though Johnny made it against the odds. Montauk fishermen know those odds. There's a memorial in town, a tribute to the lives of commercial fishermen lost at sea. The book though essentially is about friendship, community and the United States Coast Guard, an arm of the military most of us know little about. The book is also a loving tribute to Montauk, a "tough place" to live but a close-knit commercial fishing town where every shop and bar owner – and there are lots of bars – knows everyone. Johnny and Anthony, they're hardly kids, maybe the last of their breed. Writing about what they do – 30 years after Peter Matthiessen's "Men's Lives" chronicled the plight of Long Island baymen – they know that commercial fishermen have a "fatality rate 39 times higher than the national average" as the government has pointed out and that the Northeast Atlantic has "the most dangerous fishing grounds in the country." But they love, love what they do. "A Speck in the Sea" memorably captures a moment in time when people cared about other people and Nature.

# **UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS**





RESISTANCE BANDS PROVIDED OR YOU MAY BRING YOUR OWN

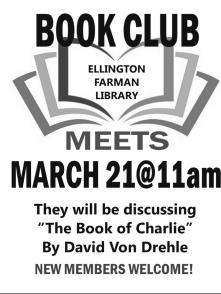














# A Little Library Trivia Game!

March Trivia Question Submitted by Edie Parkhurst

What is the Library of Mistakes devoted to studying?

- Medical mistakes with focus on theories of plagues
- Car design mistakes of the past
- Financial historical mistakes
- NASA spaceship design mistakes

Make your guess at the circulation desk.

FEBRUARY TRIVIA QUESTION: What is the best selling fiction book of all time?
A Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens
The Little Prince by Antoine de Saint-Exupery
Don Quixote by Miguel de Cervantes
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis

### FEBRUARY ANSWER: DON QUIXOTE

Don Quixote: 500 million copies sold

A Tale of Two Cities: 200 million copies sold The Little Prince: 142 million copies sold

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe: 120 million copies



Congratulations to Brenda who won the January Trivia Contest! She won a set of engraved coffee travel mugs.

### ADVENTURE DAY PASSES ARE STILL AVAILABLE

Mid-Winter is a great time for an adventure!

Looking to go on a day visit around Chautauqua or
Cattaraugus Counties? How about exploring a new
museum or attraction with your friends? Libraries still
have passes your family can check out to discover
local attractions. These passes are meant to be used
once by families to visit some of the great museums
and local organizations in our area. Check with any
library staff to see what passes are available and any
guidelines for the organization. At this time we have
the following passes available and more may be
coming soon.

Buffalo Museum of Science
Buffalo Zoo
Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame
Erie Zoo
Fenton History Center
Robert H. Jackson Center
National Comedy Center and LucyDesi Museum
(one pass for same-day entry
Roger Tory Peterson Institution
Seneca-Iroquois National Museum
Theodore Roosevelt's Inaugural Site

Use of the Day Adventure Pass is intended to serve as an introduction to each destination. The passes are not intended for repeated use by the same individual or family. Some restrictions may apply.

Use your library card to check a Day Pass out today and see what you will discover next!

### A NOTE ABOUT PROGRAM REGISTRATIONS

Some of our programs require registrations to attend. We try to clearly mark that on the posters. We need you to register so we can plan ahead and have enough supplies and food available. There are times we have a special speaker booked for a program and they require registration. If you do call and register to reserve a spot in a program, then we need you to show up at the appointed time. If you find you can't attend an event then please call the library as soon as you know you can't come. We'll try to contact other patrons who might like to take your place if we are given enough notice. Thank you for registering and attending our programs and we hope you find them entertaining, educational and always inviting.

### **CLASSIC LIBRARY JOKES**

Where does the library keep books about Big Foot? In the large-print section. Where does the library keep books about conspiracies? Right behind you.

Why did the cardiologist recommend that his patients go to the library? He heard they're good for circulation.



# AROUND THE LIBRARY







A FEW PICTURES OF CHILDREN ENJOYING OUR LIBRARY DURING NATIONAL TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY DAY

### IT'S THE CLASSICS! CLASSIC MOVIE SHOWING 1ST & 3RD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

All films will be shown on our large screen TV, will start at 1pm and need no registration.

### THE BEST OF EVERYTHING MARCH 5 HOPE LANGE, JOAN CRAWFORD

The business world of the late Eisenhower era has rarely been more chicly drawn than in The Best of Everything, a juicy soap opera of the "working girl" school. Hope Lange lands a secretarial job at a Manhattan publishing house, eventually rising to an editorial position—but not before witnessing the back-biting, fanny-pinching snakepit that is the corporate workplace circa 1959. The spunky trio of Lange, Diane Baker, and Suzy Parker have romantic misadventures aplenty; Baker falls in with smarmy young Robert Evans (he had the tan even back then) and aspiring actress Parker lands in the clutches of heartbreaker stage director Louis Jourdan. The film's males are truly pigs in gray flannel suits. Beefcake slab Stephen Boyd offers solace to Lange, while Martha Hyer is around to provide yet another example of a woman suffering for the sake of a married man. Despite all the young female talent (redhead Parker was one of the most beautiful women of the fifties, a top model with a brief movie career), nobody holds serve when Joan Crawford bulls her way on screen. As a senior magazine editor (and a presumably cautionary example of the bitter career woman), Crawford eats the other actors like hors d'oeuvres. Jean Negulesco's staid direction never notices how trashy and plodding the material is, stressing instead the designer prettiness of CinemaScope: the interiors are a parade of cool colors and postwar furniture, the location shots of Manhattan streets are as gorgeous and nostalgic as an ancient engraving.

### ALL ABOUT EVE MARCH 19 BETTE DAVIS

Smart, sophisticated, and devastatingly funny, All About Eve is a Hollywood classic that only improves with age.

All about Eve is a 1950 American drama movie. It stars Bette Davis, Anne Baxter, George Sanders and Celeste Holm. Marilyn Monroe. It is about the young woman Eve Harrington becoming a star and replacing the current star Margot Channing. The film was a critical success. All about Eve was nominated for 14 Academy Awards. It won six, including Best Director and Best Picture. It is often considered one of the best films of all time.

All About Eve is a classic film about the competition in the theater industry. Eve Harrington is a young woman who has become obsessed with Margo Channing, the most successful actress in New York. One night, she finally meets Margo, tells her sad story, and begins her climb to fame. Eve begins to study Margo, and she eventually becomes like Margo in many ways. After manipulating some of the situations in her life, Eve finally gets the chance to perform in Margo's place at an opening. When Margo receives a bad review from Addison, a critic, she is crushed, and Eve's dreams begin to come true. Finally, Eve gets the opportunity to star in her own play.



# **ELLINGTON FARMAN LIBRARY**2023 YEAR END REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

In wrapping up our 2023 Annual Reporting to NYS we recorded a total of 10,991 items in just our print collection alone. This includes books, magazines and reference books. When we count all holdings and include audio books, DVD's, local electronic collections, like Libby downloads, the total is 45,879 and they circulated 3,582 times. Those are great numbers but a library is not just the sum total of items circulated.

In 2023 we presented to the community 202 programs. That's 202 opportunities for all ages to learn, create, be inspired and stay healthy! There was great interest in historical programming with ties to our local community as attendees learned about local sports legends, witch persecutions and Civil War love stories. Local authors were invited into the library. Rich Schuller led us in a community drumming session in the Town Park on a beautiful summer evening. The community enjoyed an Easter Egg Hunt/Activity and a number of holiday craft times through out the year for children and adults. Nature themed and historical movies provided some thought provoking themes as we learned about the Underground Railroad activists, feminist leaders and more about our natural world. Potluck breakfasts provided a monthly socializing time for all in the community to attend. We were pleased to offer free books during the annual Town Picnic in August. We gave away 85 books to families and young children.

Our Sumer Read program collaborated with SNAP ED NY, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Leon Historical Society, Fenton History Museum and St. Bonaventure University. Children enjoyed 150 Take and Make Craft bags that included in them not only crafts but reading activities.

This past year we received on loan from CCLS a variety of interesting kits and activities for all ages including a light table, marble maze kits, Cubelets Robotics, magnet shapes, a Spirograph set and life size building blocks that all ages had fun with.

Just for fun and to learn a bit of trivia related to libraries in general, we started the monthly library trivia game. Our patrons had fun guessing the trivia answer, getting a chance to win a small prize and the winner holding bragging rights for the month!

In 2023 we completed installation of a Stand-by Generator thanks to funding that was made possible by the Karl Peterson Unrestricted Fund at the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation and a private donation. The generator allows the library to be fully operational during times of power

outage thereby allowing the community to charge cellphones, batteries, medical devices and use the library during regular open hours.

We would like to thank everyone who has visited our library for programs, fundraisers or item checkouts in 2023. We hope you always found it to be a welcoming, educational and entertaining place to be. Our appreciation goes out to the volunteers who donated time and those who gave financial contributions so we could continue to serve our community throughout 2023. We are excited to see what this year brings to our library, patrons and the community!

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the public.

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