



The Ellington Reader

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LIBRARY HOURS

MONDAY	11-7
TUESDAY	11-7
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THURSDAY	11-7
FRIDAY	CLOSED
SATURDAY	10-1
SUNDAY	CLOSED

WRAPPING UP 2024

It's the end of the year and so I present miscellaneous thoughts, in no particular order. Here goes....

Sadly we say goodbye to our library clerk/Assistant Suzanne Sischo. She started training a month before the pandemic and was only here running the front desk by herself for a week or two when we had to shut the library down in March 2020. She caught on to the ins and outs of our software program rather quickly. She knew many of the patrons from working at the local diner and learned the names of the ones she didn't. Suzy would make author recommendations to me for new authors she thought we should have and book recommendations to the patrons when asked. Yes, she was sarcastic, sassy and funny all rolled into one. You may still see her occasionally as a substitute on a rare Saturday, but for the most part she is working permanently at another place. Best wishes to "Sparkle", I'll miss you.

On a happier note, we are considering all the exciting possibilities for the library's future as the ballot proposition for library sustainable funding has passed. Admittedly it was close as we won by only 12 votes. Thank you to all who voted to sustain us with your taxes. To those who were opposed to the proposition I want you to know two things.

- 1) Libraries ensure that knowledge and information are accessible to all, regardless of their socioeconomic or political status. We strive to be an inclusive space. Library cards are free and they gain you access to all 38 libraries as well as Libby/Overdrive titles.
- 2) You are also the ones I personally invite to come in and sit down with me to share what reasons held you back from voting to fund us. There are always things to be learned from those who vote no. Perhaps there are ideas you have that you would like to discuss on what a library's role should be in your community. Call the library and ask to speak with the director. I promise to listen.

Speaking of funding, please look at the inside article on the Bullet Aid we will be receiving in early 2025. This aid was given to us from Assemblyman Joe Giglio and is specifically for helping bridge the digital divide. It has been targeted to help us purchase updated computers and other technology. Just so you know, your local tax dollars will not be a factor in this award amount. It is a targeted award and must be used for those purposes.

Looking back on 2024 I can say it was educational, creative and fun! The monthly Potluck Breakfast continues to be a time of community sharing with good food, friends and plenty of stories. I never thought it would have lasted this long but it has! This year we learned about various forms of espionage from a retired CIA agent. Our patrons heard about the Great Wildebeest Migration from an international photographer. Mary, from Cornell and SNAP ED-NY, educated us all on healthier food choices. We all were well prepared for the eclipse by learning from the county EMS and local fire department so we all knew what to expect and could enjoy it safely. We offered art classes through the Tri-County Arts Council who sent their well qualified artists to teach and help us unleash our own creativity. We were the only one in our county chosen to hold a movie viewing on the Tree of Life Synagogue shooting. This documentary brought some serious and thoughtful topics to the forefront of our community.

Our children and teens had the opportunity to receive their Babysitting Certificates by taking the course from The Chautauqua Safety Village. The younger teens were given real life instruction on the safety aspects of being home alone. Science Heroes entertained and educated them on STEM topics at the same time. The live reptiles program, presented by REPCO, was fascinating and fun. Our library had a wonderful time participating in the 1st annual Trunk 'n Treat in the Town Park. We gave away cider, cookies, fruit and children's books.

We will finish out the year with a soup & Craft time, nature documentary on Santa's Home, Take & Make Craft Bags for the kids and a Magic Show for the whole family. Our Yoga, Book Club and Resistance Exercise group will round out the month.

I wish you all a wonderful holiday time and hope you make some time to visit the library in the coming year!

Judith Whittaker, Library Director

The Ellington Farman Library Board of Trustees meets on the last Monday of each month in our Library Community Room. 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. **THERE IS NO MEETING IN DECEMBER.**



NEW TO OUR LIBRARY

ADULT FICTION

MICHAEL CONNELLY	THE WAITING
LEE CHILD	IN TOO DEEP
SARAH PEKKANEN	HOUSE OF GLASS
KIT TOSELLO	THE COLOR OF HOME
MARIE BENEDICT	THE ONLY WOMAN IN THE ROOM
FIONA BARTON	THE SUSPECT
C. J. TUDOR	THE CHALK MAN

SERIES: TOSHIKAZU KAWAGUCHI

TALES FROM THE CAFÉ
BEFORE YOUR MEMORY FADES
BEFORE WE SAY GOODBYE
BEFORE THE COFFEE GETS COLD

ADULT NON FICTION

B. SMITH	BEFORE I FORGET
LESLEY STAHL	BECOMING GRANDMA
ERIN ODOM	YOU CAN STAY HOME WITH YOUR KIDS
ELSA RICHARDSON	RUMBLES
FOOD & WINE BOOKS	BEST COOKBOOK RECIPES

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

JENNIFER D. LYLE	SNOW DROWNED
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JUNIOR FICTION

LOUISE HUNG	HUNGRY BONES
CHARLENE THOMAS	STREETLIGHT PEOPLE
W. BRUCE CAMERON	MY THREE DOGS
JEFF KINNEY	HOT MESS

CHILDRENS

FRANCES STICKLEY	TROLL
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THERE WILL BE TAKE 'N MAKE
CRAFT BAGS AVAILABLE TO ALL
CHILDREN IN THE MONTH OF
DECEMBER.

TAKE & MAKE BAGS!

These bags have a self contained simple craft, a coloring page, maze or word search and a little surprise. Any child may come into the library and pick up their craft bag. Please only one bag per child. While Supplies last.

PLEASE NOTE LIBRARY CLOSINGS FOR DECEMBER

TUESDAY DEC 24—29TH CLOSED FOR THE CHRISTMAS
HOLIDAY REOPENING ON DEC 30

CLOSING AT 3PM ON DEC 31ST FOR NEW YEARS EVE

ADULT BOOK CLUB

The Adult Book Club meets the third Thursday of every month at 11am. In December they meet on the 19th and will be discussing the book "Chautauqua Rising" by Jack Cashill. Club members choose their monthly titles and the library provides copies to all members if needed. New members are always welcome.

THE CHAUTAUQUA RISING BOOK SYNOPSIS

This novel is both a murder mystery and a political thriller set against the rugged beauty and fiery political past of western New York. As the ever intrusive government changes the political landscape of America and freedom slips away, a disparate group unite to spark a great insurrection.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

An independent writer and producer, Jack Cashill has written twelve books since 2000, ten of which have been featured on C-SPAN's Book-TV. He has also produced a score of documentaries for regional PBS and national cable channels, one of which won an Emmy. In addition to his work as executive editor with Ingram's Magazine, Jack has written for Fortune, The Washington Post, The Wall Street Journal, and The Weekly Standard. He has a Ph.D. from Purdue University in American studies and has taught as a Fulbright lecturer at the Universities of Nancy and Strasbourg in France.

WE OFFER THE FOLLOWING MAGAZINES FOR CHECKOUT

CONSUMER REPORTS
NYS CONSERVATIONIST
AMERICAN PATCHWORK & QUILTING
MCCALL'S QUILTING
DEER & DEER HUNTING
WOOD

We also have a wide selection of others you may read in the library but are not available for checking out. See our free basket, it often contains magazines you can take home to keep.

It the book we're reading doesn't wake us up
with a blow to the head, then what are we
reading it for?
Franz Kafka

BOOK SUMMARIES OF THE MONTH

ADULT FICTION: HOUSE OF GLASS BY SARAH PEKKANEN

GENRES; PSYCHOLOGICAL THRILLER, MYSTERY, SUSPENSE

On the outside they were the golden family with the perfect life. On the inside they built the perfect lie.

A young nanny who plunged to her death, or was she pushed? A nine-year-old girl who collects sharp objects and refuses to speak. A lawyer whose job it is to uncover who in the family is a victim and who is a murderer. But how can you find out the truth when everyone here is lying?

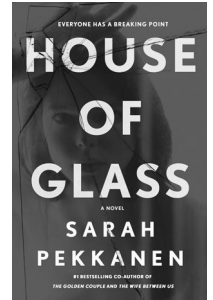
Rose Barclay is a nine-year-old girl who witnessed the possible murder of her nanny - in the midst of her parent's bitter divorce - and immediately stopped speaking. Stella Hudson is a best interest attorney, appointed to serve as counsel for children in custody cases. She never accepts clients under thirteen due to her own traumatic childhood, but Stella's mentor, a revered judge, believes Stella is the only one who can help.

From the moment Stella passes through the iron security gate and steps into the gilded, historic DC home of the Barclays, she realizes the case is even more twisted, and the Barclay family far more troubled, than she feared. And there's something eerie about the house itself: It's a plastic house, with not a single bit of glass to be found.

As Stella comes closer to uncovering the secrets the Barclays are desperate to hide, danger wraps around her like a shroud, and her past and present are set on a collision course in ways she never expected. Everyone is a suspect in the nanny's murder. The mother, the father, the grandmother, the nanny's boyfriend. Even Rose. Is the person Stella's supposed to protect the one she may need protection from?

Book review online <https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/195790531-house-of-glass>

341 pages, Hardcover, First published August 6, 2024



ADULT NON FICTION: BEFORE I FORGET: LOVE, HOPE, HELP, AND ACCEPTANCE IN OUR FIGHT AGAINST ALZHEIMER'S

"A powerful portrait of Alzheimer's...marked by strong emotions and often bleak honesty." — The Washington Post

"The vulnerability, courage, and honesty in Before I Forget are heart-opening. Fear can be paralyzing...yet B. and Dan beautifully demonstrate that there is a different way to approach this stealthy invader. Alzheimer's needs to come out of the shadows, and this book is an important step."

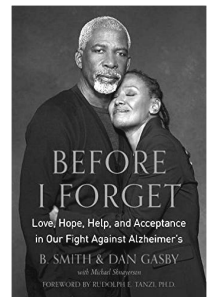
—Maria Shriver

Restaurateur, magazine publisher, celebrity chef, and nationally known lifestyle maven, B. Smith is struggling at 66 with a tag she never expected to add to that Alzheimer's patient. She's not alone. Every 67 seconds someone newly develops it, and millions of lives are affected by its aftershocks. B. and her husband, Dan, working with Vanity Fair contributing editor Michael Shnayerson, unstintingly share their unfolding story. Crafted in short chapters that interweave their narrative with practical and helpful advice, readers learn about dealing with Alzheimer's day-to-day the family realities and tensions, ways of coping, coming research that may tip the scale, as well as lessons learned along the way.

At its heart, Before I Forget is a love illuminating a love of family, life, and hope.

Book review online by <https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/25430272-before-i-forget>

Published January 19th 2016 by Harmony First Edition, Hardcover, 336 pages



DECEMBER PROGRAMS & EVENTS



**sewers
crafters
& quilters**
DEC 2 & 16

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

ELLINGTON FARMAN LIBRARY

**CHAIR
YOGA**

FOR SENIORS
AND BEGINNERS


**EVERY
MON. & WED.**

Starting January 2024
**NEW TIME
4-5pm**

NO YOGA MATS NEEDED
GENTLE YOGA EXERCISES
ALL ADULTS WELCOME



**Resistance Band
SENIOR FITNESS CLASSES**



**THURSDAYS IN DECEMBER
1:30–2:30PM**

Ellington Farman Library

NO REGISTRATION NEEDED CLASS FOR ADULTS
RESISTANCE BANDS PROVIDED OR YOU MAY BRING YOUR OWN

MIDDAY MUSINGS



EVERY WED. 1-2PM *New!*

Community Room will be Open

STARTING
JANUARY 3


Enjoy the company of your neighbors & friends!
We'll provide drinks and snacks are welcome

**Healthy Food Swaps
at Christmas**

Tips and tricks to help manage your
food choices during the holidays

**WEDS. DECEMBER 4 11AM- NOON
ELLINGTON LIBRARY**

Join Mary, SNAP-Ed Nutritionist from Cornell Cooperative Extension in
Chautauque County, as she teaches us how to have a
healthier holiday with Healthy Food Swaps



REGISTRATION
REQUIRED
716-287-2945

Cornell Cooperative Extension
Chautauque County

SNAP-Ed
New York

**THURS DEC 5
11am-12:30**



REGISTRATION REQUIRED
BY DEC 2
ALL CRAFT SUPPLIES & HOME-
MADE SOUP & BREAD LUNCH
PROVIDED

**soup & craft time
cranberry & greens candle**

Winter Magic!



JOIN US FOR MAGICIAN CRIS JOHNSON'S
WONDERFUL WINTER THEMED MAGIC SHOW
WITH AN INDOOR SNOWSTORM,
A DRAWING OF THE GRINCH THAT
COMES TO LIFE,
COLORFUL LIGHTS THAT APPEAR
FROM THIN AIR, COMEDY, MUSIC AND MORE!


**SAT DEC 14th
11AM - NOON**

FREE FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT FOR ALL AGES

**ELLINGTON FARMAN LIBRARY
760 THORNTON RD, ELLINGTON
287-2945 FOR MORE INFO**

Funding for this program from the Falconer Region Community Fund at the Chautauque Region Community Foundation

**SANTA'S
Wild Home**



**TUESDAY
DEC. 17
6-7PM**

ELLINGTON FARMAN LIBRARY

NO REGISTRATION NEEDED

PBS NATURE FILM DOCUMENTARY

Get an intimate look at the
wildlife of northern Finland,
the fabled home of Santa Claus
& actual home of reindeer,
great gray owls, wolverines,
eagles, wolves, musk oxen,
brown bears and more.

NATURE

BOOK CLUB

ELLINGTON
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**MEETS
THURSDAY
DEC 19 @ 11AM**

They will be discussing
“2006 The Chautauque Rising”
by Jack Cashill

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

WE'RE NOT COMPLETE WITHOUT YOU": A Collaborative Art Project

Attention Artists & Crafters: Please join us for a collaborative art project! Join other Ellington Library patrons in creating a large 48 piece wall puzzle (24"x36") to be displayed in the library. Stop by the circulation Desk, starting Jan. 2 to claim a blank puzzle piece and decorate that piece in a way that represents you as an individual. Limited pieces are available; one piece per person. For adults and juniors aged 11 and up. We may try another puzzle project with the younger children at a later time. Please do not lose your piece as we would have a hard time finishing the puzzle without you and your puzzle piece.

Pieces may be picked up beginning January 2, 2025 and must be returned to the library by February 27, 2025.

The finished puzzle will be assembled to hang in the Community Room.

There are some Rules:

For adults and juniors aged 11 and up.

You may paint/Sharpie, decoupage, attach 3D embellishments, etc., but do not decorate the edges or alter the shape of the piece.

No profanity, politics, or hate speech allowed.

NOVEMBER TRIVIA QUESTIONION & ANSWER:

Presidential candidate Andrew Jarrett uses the slogan "Make America Great Again" in "The Parable of the Talents," a 1998 dystopian novel by what sci-fi author? ANSWER: Octavia E. Butler

This Nebula Award-winning sequel to *Parable of the Sower* continues the story of Lauren Olamina in socially and economically depressed California in the 2030s.

Parable of the Talents is told from the points of view of Lauren Oya Olamina, her daughter Larkin Olamina/Asha Vere, and Lauren's husband Taylor Franklin Bankole. The novel consists of journal entries by Lauren and Bankole and passages by Asha Vere. In 2032, five years after the events of the previous novel *Parable of the Sower*, Lauren has founded a new community called Acorn centered around her religion, Earthseed, which is predicated on the belief that humanity's destiny is to travel beyond Earth and live on other planets in order for humanity to reach adulthood.

The novel is set against the backdrop of a dystopian United States that has come under the grip of a Christian fundamentalist denomination called "Christian America" led by President Andrew Steele Jarret. Seeking to restore American power and prestige, and using the slogan "Make America Great Again", Jarret embarks on a crusade to cleanse America of non-Christian faiths.

A NOVEMBER WINNER HAS NOT BEEN CHOSEN YET

The Joke is on Us! library jokes

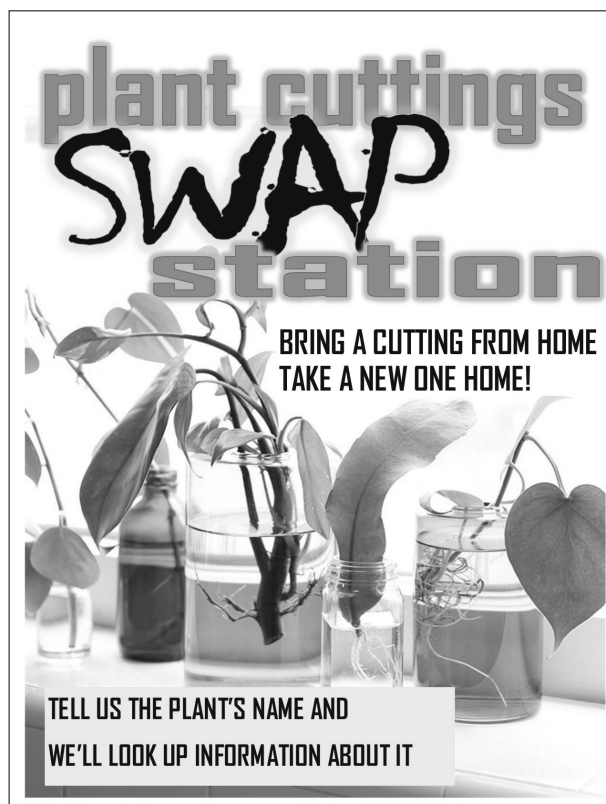


Let's end the year on a funny note!

- I went to the Med school library to get a book on abdominal pain but someone had already ripped the appendix out.
- I went to the library and asked the librarian where I could find books about conspiracy theories. She leaned over and whispered: "they're right behind you"
- "How to Write in Cursive" is currently out of print
- I asked where the self help section was in the library but the librarian wouldn't tell me.
- These jokes are hurting my "spine"

PLANTS AVAILABLE TO BE ADOPTED!

We have a few plants in our Plant Cutting Swap Station that are ready to be adopted! There are three Spider Plants and one Wandering Jew that have sprouted some good solid roots. This project is still a work in progress and could use some more plants, books on houseplants and any donations of planting soil would be also appreciated. Anyone wishing to donate to this project just see the director. In the future we could hand out little pots along with the cuttings.



OUR LIBRARY CHOSEN TO RECEIVE BULLET AID

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June 13, 2024

Assemblyman Joseph M. Giglio (R,C-Gowanda) announced a total of \$60,000 in grants to support libraries in Allegany, Cattaraugus and Steuben counties.

Assemblyman Giglio approved the release of \$30,000 to the Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Library System and \$30,000 to the Southern Tier Library Association. The library systems support 32 public libraries across the 148th Assembly District.

“As information and resource hubs, our public libraries provide essential services that help our communities grow and thrive,” Assemblyman Giglio said. “We saw how vital our public libraries are to our communities during the pandemic. Our libraries need updated technology and new books materials in their catalogue to meet the needs of library patrons, children, students and adults.”

Janice Dekoff, Executive Director of the Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Library System, said the grant will provide much-needed support for libraries in Cattaraugus County. “The Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Library System and all of the libraries in Cattaraugus County are grateful for Assemblyman Giglio’s unwavering support of libraries. The Grant in Aid funds that he has dedicated will help our libraries support their communities for the betterment of Cattaraugus County,” she said.

Even though our library is not located in Cattaraugus County, we were chosen to receive some of this aid. The \$30,000 was given to the Chautauqua Cattaraugus Library System and they awarded our library \$11, 200! We were given \$8,000 for the purchase of new computers and \$3,200 to help with the cost of the new Data Wiring Project. Our computers are 10 years old and are currently running Windows 10. They need to be updated to Windows 11 but our computers are too old to take this update. Most likely we will be purchasing 8 new Dell All -in-Ones sometime early 2025. We’re staying with this brand as it will be consistent with what we have now and patrons should have no trouble using them. There are also State Contract Education pricing available on these which will make our money go farther. Libraries fall under the education category.

Thank you to Assemblyman Joe Giglio and The Chautauqua Cattaraugus Library System for their much needed assistance in helping our library bridge the digital divide!



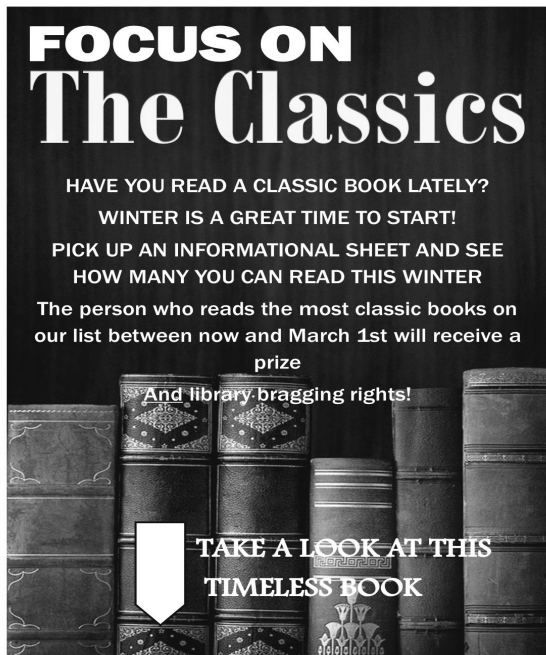
THE RING NECKED PHEASANT HAS LANDED!

Our library has a display located above the adult fiction section that has been created to place a focus on local animals, conservation education and local artists. The Waterfowl exhibit has been up for two years now. That exhibit includes a set of three taxidermy ducks that were donated by local taxidermist Jon Emmick. New, this Fall season, we have a Ring Necked Pheasant display, also donated by Mr. Emmick.

We have information sheets explaining their habitat, diet, sounds and conservation status. Works by local artists Don Armstrong, Linda Whitacre, Eric Lundsten and Janet Mandel are there to compliment the displays. If you are a nature/animal artist and would like to have your works shown in our nature dioramas, then please call the library and ask to speak to the director. Don't forget to glance up next time you are looking through the fiction section. You may feel something is looking down upon you!



WINTER- TIME TO CURL UP WITH A GREAT CLASSIC!



FOCUS CLASSIC CHOICE THIS MONTH ANIMAL FARM BY GEORGE ORWELL Originally published: August 17, 1945

A farm is taken over by its overworked, mistreated animals. With flaming idealism and stirring slogans, they set out to create a paradise of progress, justice, and equality. Thus the stage is set for one of the most telling satiric fables ever penned –a razor-edged fairy tale for grown-ups that records the evolution from revolution against tyranny to a totalitarianism just as terrible. When *Animal Farm* was first published, Stalinist Russia was seen as its target. Today it is devastatingly clear that wherever and whenever freedom is attacked, under whatever banner, the cutting clarity and savage comedy of George Orwell's masterpiece have a meaning and message still ferociously fresh.

Orwell's allegory for the Russian Revolution, *Animal Farm*, illustrates how the effective use of propaganda enables the dangerous manipulation of the masses. Because communism replaces individual freedoms with governmental control, people in these countries are more vulnerable to being manipulated.

Book review by https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/170448.Animal_Farm

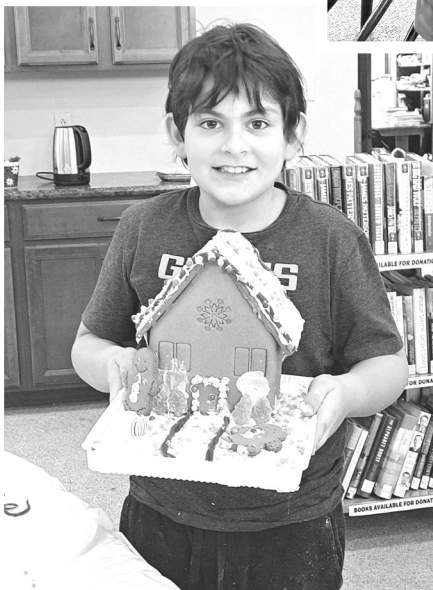
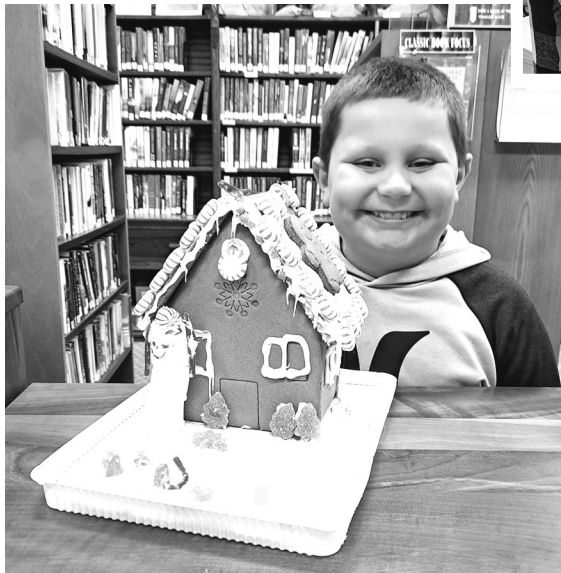
TRUNK N TREAT FUN

Wow, what fun the first Ellington Trunk 'n Treat in the Town Square was! The library gave away cookies, donuts, cider and.... Children's Books! Well, we are a library. The square had quite a few trunks decorated for the event. A great effort was made from the whole town to give the children a fun and safe Halloween. Here's a few pictures of children with their new books they picked out. We can't wait for next year.



AROUND THE LIBRARY

Some pictures from the Gingerbread House Decorating Program we held in November. This program was funded from the Falconer Region Community Fund at the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation. Everyone got to go home with a house they decorated themselves.. What a fun time!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 11– 1pm Craft Group 4-5pm Yoga	3	4 11am Holiday Food Swaps w/ Cornell Registration requested 1-2pm Midday Musings 4-5pm Yoga	5 11-12:30 Soup & Centerpiece Registration required 1:30-2:30pm Resistance Exercise	6	7 LIBRARY CLOSED
8	9 4-5pm Yoga	10	11 1-2pm Midday Musings 4-5pm Yoga	12 1:30-2:30pm Resistance Exercise Band	13	14 11am–noon Winter Magic Show
15	16 11– 1pm Craft Group 4-5pm Yoga	17 6-7pm Nature film: Santa's Wild Home	18 1-2pm Midday Musings 4-5pm Yoga	19 11am Book Club 1:30-2:30pm Resistance Exercise Band	20	21
22	23 4-5pm Yoga	24 LIBRARY CLOSED	25 LIBRARY CLOSED	26 LIBRARY CLOSED	27	28 LIBRARY CLOSED
29	30 4-5pm Yoga	31 LIBRARY CLOSING AT 3PM NEW YEARS	OPEN HOURS 11AM -7PM MONDAY THRU THURSDAY 10AM-1PM ON SATURDAY CLOSED FRIDAY & SUNDAY			