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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 **NEXT MEETING IS** JUNE 30

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THE FEEL OF SAND- JUST IN TIME FOR SUMMER!

New this summer – along with all the new programs we are running this summer we plan to have a set of Sensory Bins ready to roll out by mid-June for our youngest patrons. They are not available for check-out

but will be another resource in our children's collection that young children may use with adult supervision while in our library. They will be located behind the circulation desk and you can ask a staff member to get them out for you.

Now you know they will be available you might be asking ; What is a Sensory Bin? Sensory play is an integral part of early childhood education. It encompasses a fun activity and children are learning as they participate. Adults can choose to guide the play or not. There are many ways a child can play and learn with each bin.

The variety of bins that will be available will afford the children the opportunity to practice sorting with colors, shapes and letters. By using child sized grips they can practice finding certain colors in the bins and sort them according to the corresponding buckets. Some bins will have objects with the alphabet or numbers on them. Younger children can practice grabbing the items and placing them next to the written alphabet we'll have available. Older children might try pulling out only the letters that spell their name. Objects with numbers on them are great for learning sequencing. Slightly older children may practice simple math skills with the objects.

Sensory bins also help develop language development skills as they talk with other children or their adult about what they are finding and experiencing with the sensory materials. Sand, yarn, beans or rice may be the material they are touching. Each material feels differently and will encourage a lot of grasping, and manipulating the materials in a variety of ways. Free play also elicits imaginary talk about what they are creating or what they are feeling in the bin. All of these are great for conversational language development!

Open ended play is essential for very young children. There is no beginning or end to the play. Adults can offer directives if they like such as; Can you find all the blue items in the sand?" Can you find the white ball with the number 1 on it". The Sensory bins also can be played without adult guidelines. Who doesn't remember how it feels to let sand run through their fingers or funnel it into bright colored buckets? Remember the thrill of plunging your hand into sand and pulling out a treasure trove of shells?

So if you are visiting the library with a young child remember to ask for a sensory bin. Experience some creative play together!



JUNE

2025



CELEBRATING 100 YEARS! NEW TO OUR LIBRARY

ADULT FICTION **FLORENCE KNAPP** NITA PROSE NANCY THAYER JUHEA KIM MARK BRAZAITIS LISA SANDLIN LAURA DAVE NATHAN NEWMAN JULIA BARTZ AMBER CARON

THE NAMES THE HANDMAID'S SECRET SUMMER LIGHT ON NANTUCKET **CITY OF NIGHT BIRDS AMERICAN SEASONS** SWEET VIDALIA THE NIGHT WE LOST HIM HOW TO LEAVE THE HOUSE THE LAST SESSION **CALL UP THE WATERS**

ADULT NON FICTION

DAVE RAMSEY **GUIDEPOSTS** PAMELA BROWN THOR HANSON

BUILD A BUSINESS YOU LOVE COMFORT FOR CAREGIVERS A LEGACY OF LABOR **CLOSE TO HOME**

S.J.BAKER

YOUNG ADULT

JUNIOR NON FICTION

She Persisted Series: KEKLA MAGOON MEG MADIN SHELLI R. JOHANNES

SIMONE BILES SONIA SOTOMAYOR FLORENCE NIGHTENGALE

JUNIOR FICTION

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CALM

CHILDRENS FICTION

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TAKING A FERRY LLAMA LLAMA LOVES HIS TEACHER I CAN DO IT EVEN IF I'M SCARED THE AWESOME PET GIRAFFE **ONE SUMMER NIGHT** FAR. FAR AWAY LET'S BE FRIENDS HOW WE FEEL CHARLOTTE AND THE MISCHIEVOUS CAT THE DIFFERENT TREE

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WE SOLVE MURDERS THE BRIAR CLUB

IN HONOR OF OUR **100TH ANNIVERSARY** WE WILL BE GIVING AWAY 100 CHILDRENS BOOKS ON SATURDAY AUGUST 2ND DURING THE TOWN PICNIC, LOOK FOR OUR LIBRARY TABLE AND PLEASE HELP YOUR-SELF TO SOME FREE BOOKS!

ADULT BOOK CLUB

The Adult Book Club meets the third Thursday of every month at 11am. In June they meet on the 19th. Club members choose their monthly titles and the library provides copies to all members if needed. New members are always welcome. In June they will be discussing "Broken Country" by Clare Leslie Hall.

BOOK SYNOPSIS: BROKEN COUNTRY

"The farmer is dead. He is dead, and all anyone wants to know is who killed him."

Beth and her gentle, kind husband Frank are happily married, but their relationship relies on the past staying buried. But when Beth's brother-in-law shoots a dog going after their sheep, Beth doesn't realize that the gunshot will alter the course of their lives. For the dog belonged to none other than Gabriel Wolfe, the man Beth loved as a teenager-the man who broke her heart years ago. Gabriel has returned to the village with his young son Leo, a boy who reminds Beth very much of her own son, who died in a tragic accident.

As Beth is pulled back into Gabriel's life, tensions around the village rise and dangerous secrets and jealousies from the past resurface, this time with deadly consequences. Beth is forced to make a choice between the woman she once was, and the woman she has become.

A sweeping love story with the pace and twists of a thriller, Broken Country is a novel of simmering passion, impossible choices, and explosive consequences that toggles between the past and present to explore the far-reaching legacy of first love.

320 pages, Hardcover, published March 4, 2025

We like to give local/regional artists & collectors a place to display their work. If you have, or know anyone who has, artwork or a collection they would like to have displayed in our Community Room display case please call the library at 716-287-2945 and speak with the director.

BOOK SUMMARIES OF THE MONTH

ADULT FICTION: THE NAMES BY FLORENCE KNAPP Genre: contemporary literary fiction

The extraordinary novel that asks: Can a name change the course of a life?

In the wake of a catastrophic storm, Cora sets off with her nine-year-old daughter, Maia, to register her son's birth. Her husband, Gordon, a local doctor, respected in the community but a terrifying and controlling presence at home, intends for her to name the infant after him. But when the registrar asks what she'd like to call the child, Cora hesitates...

Spanning thirty-five years, what follows are three alternate and alternating versions of Cora's and her young son's lives, shaped by her choice of name. In richly layered prose, The Names explores the painful ripple effects of domestic abuse, the messy ties of family, and the possibilities of autonomy and healing.

With exceptional sensitivity and depth, Knapp draws us into the story of one family, told through a prism of what-ifs, causing us to consider the "one . . . precious life" we are given. The book's brilliantly imaginative structure, propulsive storytelling, and emotional, gut-wrenching power are certain to make The Names a modern classic.

336 pages, Hardcover, First published May 6, 2025 Synopsis taken from Goodreads online

NONFICTION: CLOSE TO HOME: THE WONDERS OF NATURE JUST OUTSIDE YOUR DOOR BY THOR HANSON

An award-winning natural-history writer opens the door to the nature that thrives in our yards, gardens, and parks

We all live on nature's doorstep, but we often overlook it. From backyards to local parks, the natural places we see the most may well be the ones we know the least.

In Close to Home, biologist Thor Hanson shows how retraining our eves reveals hidden wonders just waiting to be discovered. In Kansas City, migrating monarch butterflies flock

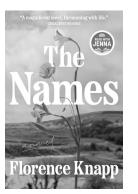
to the local zoo. In the Pacific Northwest, fierce yellowjackets placidly sip honeydew, unseen in the treetops. In New England, a lawn gone slightly wild hosts a naturalist's life's work. And in the soil beneath our feet, remedies for everything from breast cancer to the stench of skunks lie waiting for someone's searching shovel.

Close to Home is a hands-on natural history for any local patch of Earth. It shows that we each can contribute to science and improve the health of our planet. And even more, it proves that the wonders of nature don't lie in some far-off they await us, close to home.

304 pages, Hardcover, First published March 11, 2025

MANGA IS AVAILABLE IN THE CHAUTAUQUA-CATTARAUGUS LIBRARY SYSTEM

What is Manga? Manga provides a visually engaging and highly immersive experience for its readers. As with comic books, manga blends together interesting characters, clever storytelling and unique visuals that appeal to fans all over the world. Are there any benefits of reading manga? Learning to read pictures, words, and even Japanese sound words together helps you process images faster and with more accuracy. This is called multimodal thinking. In our visual society, that ability can really help! Manga is also great for people on the autism spectrum. What is the purpose of manga? The word itself is comprised of two characters: man; meaning "whimsical" and ga meaning "pictures." Manga can be for entertainment or education, although in the United States manga for entertainment is what is mostly translated and published. We now have a binder with a list of manga series that are available for checkout within CCLS member libraries and on the E-book Libby app. The binder is located on the new books shelf in the junior section.





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JUNE PROGRAMS & EVENTS



CELEBRATING 100 YEARS!

AUTHOR VISIT IN JUNE



Jason K. Bussman announces the release of his debut memoir on fatherhood and childhood. *Fumble: Just a Dad Trying Not to Drop the Ball* is an honest, unfiltered playbook for winning at parenthood. This collection of 21 standalone narrative essays and one poem capture those imperfect "dad" moments with humor, sensitivity, and honesty. Each anecdote offers a fresh perspective, allowing readers to reflect and find a piece of themselves or their loved ones within the work.

In *Fumble*, Bussman takes a candid approach to the ups and downs of parenting through the lens of humor that will resonate with dads, moms, and anyone who's ever had a "fumble" in their life. Jason K. Bussman earned his MFA in Creative and Professional Writing from Western Connecticut State University. He focuses on memoir for the most part, but occasionally dabbles

into the travel and sports writing. From time to time, he enjoys crafting a completely-made-up story or maybe even a poem, but he isn't a fan of doing things he's not that good at, like golf.

Bussman teaches writing courses at two universities in the Western New York area. In addition to guiding young minds through the writing process, he slings drinks at a local brewery. Above all else, he is a husband and a father who spends his free time with his children building LEGOs, playing Zelda, watching *My Little Pony*, and being a complete goofball. Sometimes he even takes his wife on a date, where they can hear each other talk in complete sentences.

Jason will be here on Tuesday June 10th from 6-7:30pm We have a copy of his book and I'm sure he'll bring more copies with him. "Fumble" may be the perfect Father's Day Gift for that special dad in your life.

For more information about where to find his writing, please check out jasonkbussman.com.

THE LEON HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS HARNESS RACING "SPORT OF FARMERS" TUESDAY JUNE 24, 7-8PM



During the mid 1800's our growing nation produced a growing number of roads and a growing demand for a road horse that could provide fast smooth transportation. That horse was the trotter. Local farmers began breeding faster and faster trotters

until road horses became race horses. Harness racing soon became a popular sport and harness racetracks began popping up all over the northeast. Thoroughbred racing introduced to this country by the rich and noble gentry was considered the "Sport of Kings" whereas, because of its humble beginnings, harness racing was considered the "Sport of Farmers".

Prior to the Civil War this "Sport of Farmers" was seen mostly in the Hudson River Valley. After the Civil War the harness racing fever migrated further west into Western New York. Small towns like Leon, Cherry Creek and Balcoms Corners had their own racetracks where local farmers could race their homegrown trotters.

Leon Historical Society member Tina Scherman will present Harness Racing "Sport of Farmers", an overview of the history of harness racing from it's beginnings in the Hudson River Valley to its hey day at local racetracks.

A Little Library Trivia Game!

This is how it works: every month there will be a trivia question posted in the newsletter and at the circulation desk. Anyone can submit their answer throughout the month. At the end of the month we randomly choose one winner from all the correct guesses. That winner receives a small prize. **Ready to play?**

This is one of our 100th anniversary questions. Here's our JUNE Question: What was the name of the first librarian in
our library? 1) Miss Minnie Rublee 2) Mrs. Laura Heidenreich 3) Miss Grace Farman 4) Mrs. Clara Eigenbroadt

MAY TRIVIA QUESTION & ANSWER: What book contains the quote: "We bombard people with sensation. That substitutes for thinking." ANSWER: Fahrenheit 451

Fahrenheit 451 is a 1953 dystopian novel by American writer Ray Bradbury. It presents a future American society where books have been outlawed and "firemen" burn any that are found. The novel follows in the viewpoint of Guy Montag, a fireman who becomes disillusioned with his role of censoring literature and destroying knowledge, eventually quitting his job and committing himself to the preservation of literary and cultural writings.

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS!





PATRONS LEARNING FROM MASTER GARDENER, JANET FORBES, ABOUT EDIBLE GARDENING. DOTTY FOLEY'S ANIMAL PORTRAITS DISPLAY WAS WONDERFUL AND MANY OF OUR PATRONS APPRECIATED HER TALENT. A NEW YOUNG VISITOR TO OUR LIBRARY HAD SOME CREATIVE FUN WHILE LISTENING TO CHILDREN'S BOOK AUTHOR DAWN SWANSON READ HER LATEST BOOK. WE HOSTED AN

INFORMATIVE DISPLAY COURTESY OF THE WESTERN NY LIBRARY RESOURCES COUNCIL ON IMMIGRATION IN NEW YORK STATE.







SUMMER FUN ACTIVITIES!

SUMMER BREAKFAST AND LUNCH AVAILABLE FREE AT THE LIBRARY!

Our library will be a site for members of the community to pick up free bagged breakfast and lunches from June 30 through August 28. The food will be available from 12:30-2pm and you may eat in our air conditioned Community Room or pick up your bagged food to eat it elsewhere. This program is hosted by the YMCA and is specifically for those 18 and younger. Summer meals from the YMCA are provided through the USDA's Summer Food Service Program. Meals are available to any children 18 and under. The meals can be picked up by the children themselves or by a guardian on their behalf. Registration is quick, easy, and free by using the following link: Register to Pickup Grab-n-Go Summer Meals: link; https://forms.office.com/r/5V3M8CLDUr. Or you can scan the QR Code on the poster.

They will provide prepacked breakfast and lunch meals for 5 weekdays at our location. On the Thursday distribution, we will include meals for the Friday distribution. Adults may scan the QR code on the poster to register your children right from your phone. There is no income requirement for this free program. On Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays during our summer reading program events, your children may want to eat their lunch at the library and then stay for the program we have planned to start at 2pm. We anticipate this to be a big help to our community in the summer months. Thank you to Kate Conti, Town of Ellington Clerk for making the connections with the YMCA and John Barber, Executive Director of the YMCA, for meeting with us and arranging for us to be included in all the paperwork.

Take the CCLS Road Trip and check out our Chautauqua and Cattaraugus Counties libraries. Explore, have fun, learn, and earn some prizes! Your CCLS Road Trip begins any time from June 1st through August 31st, 2025. Summer is the perfect time to become an explorer in your own backyard, and what better place to explore than libraries? Our 38 libraries have so much to offer, from local collections to knowledge of their communities, programs for kids and adults, summer reading programs, books, movies, and WIFI.



TO START YOUR ROAD TRIP...

Pick up your free official Road Trip Map at your local library or any CCLS library anytime *after June* 1. Get your 1st library stamp for your map, and plan which library you want to visit next!

Remember to get your stamp at each library you visit, and you'll be on your way to earning prizes. When you reach a prize level stop, let the library staff know!

How many of the 38 libraries that make up the Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Library System will you visit? 1st stop- Pick up your map and a pencil or pen

6th stop – Drawstring Bag – tell the library staff if they are your 6th stop

13th stop- Magnet Bookmark - tell the library staff if they are your 13th stop

26th stop- Carabiner- tell the library staff if they are your 26th stop

31st stop- Screen Cleaner and entry into a prize drawing – enter through a QR code found in library

38th stop- Journal – Scan the final QR code to let us know what library was your final stop!

ROAD TRIP BINGO – NEW

Pick up your Road Trip Bingo Sheet at your local library, or print out a copy. Complete the activities on the bingo card. Some activities are library-specific, and others can be completed at any library. All cards must be submitted for prizes by the end of the day on or before August 31st.

Cross off each box as complete. Optional: write in the date completed

Prizes

Two lines: (horizontal, vertical, or diagonal) will receive a road trip sticker and a CCLS temporary tattoo. These can be picked up at any library. Show your bingo card to a staff member. **Full Card**: Pair of road trip sunglasses, beverage cozy, and an entry into a gift card drawing. To receive prizes: Take a picture and submit to the Bingo Form-<u>https://forms.office.com/r/</u>

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SUMMER FUN ACTIVITIES!

It's summer and the library is gearing up with special programming for all ages!

LET'S START WITH THE YOUNGEST CHILDREN'S PROGRAM THEMES.

COME OUT & PLAY:

JULY 15 & AUGUST 19: "Come Out & Play " times for those aged 7 and under and their caregivers. We'll be rolling out some of our new Sensory Boxes (see front page article) and try our hand at making googly eyed caterpillars. An adult must be present as this is an interactive type program where caregivers can read themed books to their children, participate in a simple craft and use our library resources to have a great time with their youngsters.

MOVING UP TO OUR JUNIOR AGED PATRONS, THOSE AGED 8 AND UP, WE HAVE WEEKLY DAY THEMES.

MAKE IT MONDAYS: Your children will find a different building material each week to work with and create something totally unique! All supplies provided. Children must be able to independently use a hot glue gun for these projects.

JULY 7cardboardJULY14:popsicle sticksJULY 21:pipe cleaners & wireJULY 28:Legos

TRY IT TUESDAYS: Children will have creative fun participating in a new art form every week.

- JULY 8: Harry Potter Wand Making & a then the movie showing
- JULY 15: Loose Parts Self Portraits
- JULY 22: PSYCHEDELIC OWL PAINTING with artist Colleen Gaynor

JULY 29: SUNFLOWER QUILLING with artist Donna Zeiders

WRECK IT WEDNESDAYS: What kid doesn't like to take things apart? Broken electronics & tools will be set up for kids to take apart and then put back together in a themed project. They are welcome to work in groups or independently. Safety goggles, hand tools and glue will be provided. No computers or TVs will be used. Themes will be:

- JULY 9: Robots
- JULY 16: spaceships
- JULY 30: houses

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR ALL AGES

WEDS JULY 23: 2-3PM REPCO LIVE ANIMAL PROGRAM SAT. AUGUST 23: 11:30-12:30 MAGIC SHOW & TWISTED BALLOONS SHOW SAT AUGUST 16: 10am—1pm 100th Anniversary Open House Celebration; 10:30 -1pm. Speakers, art unveiling and refreshments

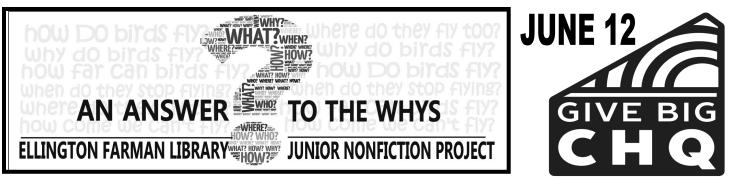
ADULT PROGRAMS

YOGA: every Monday & Wednesday from 4-5pm RESISTANCE BAND EXERCISE: every Thursday at 1:30 CRAFT GROUP MEETS: first & 3rd Monday of the month from 11am- 1pm BOOK CLUB: meeting July 17 & August 21 ADULT ART CLASS: SUNFLOWER QUILLING July 10; 5:30-7:30pm. Registration required by July 7 ADULT ART CLASS: MEDITATIVE MANDALS July 17 6-7:30PM. Registration required by July 9,

Thank you to the following for their funding of our summer Programs Chautauqua Region Community Foundation, Chautauqua Cattaraugus Library System, Private donors







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"An Answer to the Whys" " is Ellington Farman Library's 2025 Give Big CHQ fundraising theme for the one day online fundraiser, specifically for nonprofits, held June 12th. You may have donated to our library in the past or perhaps you are a person who cares deeply about small libraries and the value they bring to rural communities. This year our campaign is focused on updating our junior nonfiction book collection.

Kids love nonfiction but adults assume they don't. Think about it – children are naturally curious about the world around them. They start asking questions and want to know "why" from the earliest age.

Nonfiction can introduce children to new places, people, ideas and concepts. It increases their knowledge of the world around them. Nonfiction also can expand a child's vocabulary as it often contains words and facts not commonly used in everyday speech or fiction. It helps children follow instruction, look and find certain bits of information, and **teaches them to read with a purpose.**

We are looking for donors who wish to inspire and cultivate that curiosity in our young patrons. Adults who wish to help them learn about the fascinating world around them. We are looking for those donors who want to help children find the answer to "why" in a book they can read and understand themselves.

Donating to our campaign, "An Answer to the Whys", will help us fill our shelves with quality non-fiction books specifically tailored to those reading at grade levels roughly equivalent to grades 3–8.

Our library aims to be the place where children may browse our bookshelves to not only find the answers to their most pressing questions, but find other information that sparks more questions! Thank you for partnering with us by supporting this cause, our library and the community. **Our online giving Website is:**

https://www.givebigchq.org/organizations/ellington-farman-library-association Online financial donations are being accepted thru the site ON ONE DAY ONLY- JUNE 12TH. MORE INFORMATION WILL FOLLOW ON SPECIAL DONATION TIMES THROUGHOUT THE DAY WHEN YOUR GIVING MAY HELP US EARN AWARD MONEY!

Go to our site, read our story, click on a donate button if you wish and follow the instructions. Even if you are not able to donate you can help our cause by forwarding the information to your friends, social media pages and sharing our Facebook posts on our Give Big CHQ campaign.



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	4-5pm Yoga					
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	4-5pm Yoga	6-7:30pm Author Talk: Jason	4-5pm Yoga	1:30-2:30pm Resistance Exercise Band		
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	4-5pm Yoga	7-8pm History Program Harness Racing: the Sport of Farmers w/Tina Scherman	4-5pm Yoga	1:30-2:30pm Resistance Exercise Band		
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