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

DID A TREE REALLY FALL?

It's November. It's a short sentence with just two little words. Previous November articles have been about the things I'm thankful for at the library. That's definitely a common theme for everyone in this season of thankfulness. This year I'm bucking the thankfulness trend article and will bring up an important theme the library needs to address.

Here's the idea and cliché that everybody knows well. "If a tree falls in the forest and there is no one to hear it, did it really make a sound? There is a scientific answer to that question. Scientifically, a falling tree creates vibrations in the air that are sound waves, which exist independently of anyone whether someone is there to hear it or not. Therefore, yes, the tree makes a sound. Something may exist or happen even if it's not acknowledged. There is also a philosophical take on that question. Idealist philosophers, most famously George Berkeley, would argue that if there is no one to perceive the sound, then there is no sound. Berkeley's famous principle, *esse est percipi* ("to be is to be perceived"), says that objects only exist so long as a conscious mind perceives them. Without a conscious observer, the physical vibrations may occur, but the *sensation* of sound does not.

What, at all, does that have to do with libraries and the month of November? The connection is I'm planning next year activities in November. That happens by looking over the past years programs and seeing what attendance and attention each program received. That's one way we can figure out what the community finds interesting, enjoyable and worthy of attending.

I ran a few programs in 2025 that I thought would be popular to our patrons. One of them being the "Come Out to Play" toddler/preschool monthly program. It's goal was to provide a themed time where adults could come with their young children and interact with them in the library in specific ways. I ran that program all year but sadly, it had little to no attendance. There could be a lot of reasons for that lack of attendance, too many to speak of now.

The question is, though, if no one came to take part in the program, did it ever exist? Back to the old tree quote. I say yes, it did. It had good themes, a reading component, an intergenerational aspect but no little children to participate. In November I reevaluate programs and decide if anybody heard them. For this "Come Out to Play" program it is time to take it off the calendar. We have many other ways adults can interact with their children on any given day in the library ... reading aloud, playing puzzles, using our sensory bins, coloring in the Makerspace and more. Apparently it doesn't need to be a specific time and theme set aside on the calendar.

So that we don't have many "trees" falling in our library forest with no one hearing them, I'm asking the public for some help. You don't have to fill out a survey, return a phone call or anything like that. What I need is some feedback from you on what kind of programs you would like us to run, what days might be good for you to attend and any other ideas you have about programming. Just speak up, let us hear your ideas. In 2026 I'd like to make sure that everyone can hear our programming and that, in turn, makes it a reality.

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

NEXT MEETING IS
November 24

NEW TO OUR LIBRARY

ADULT FICTION

LACEY N. DUNHAM
KATHERINE FAULKNER
FANNIE FLAGG
WILLIAM KENT KRUEGER
CLIVE CUSSLER
TAYLOR BROWN
MARGARET ATWOOD
TIM O'BRIEN
ALDOUS HUXLEY
ALICE WALKER
GEORGE ORWELL
ROBYN CARR
HARPER LEE
RAY BRADBURY
BEVERLY LEWIS
TRACIE PETERSON
MELODY CARLSON
JEFFERY DEAVER

THE BELLES
THE BREAK IN
SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO
APOSTLE'S COVE
THE IRON STORM
REDNECKS
THE HANDMAID'S TALE
THE THINGS THEY CARRIED
BRAVE NEW WORLD
THE COLOR PURPLE
1984
FOUR FRIENDS
TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD
FAHRENHEIT 451
THE CHRISTMAS HOUSE
ON A MIDNIGHT CLEAR
ONCE UPON A CHRISTMAS CAROL
THE DEVIL'S TEARDROP

FAVORITE AUTHORS IN ADULT FICTION

*** ORDERED & SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN NOVEMBER:

MICHAEL CONNELLY
JOHN GRISHAM
JONATHAN KELLERMAN
KAREN KINGSBURY
LEE CHILD
RICHARD PAUL EVANS

PROVING GROUND
WIDOW
COYOTE HILLS
CHRISTMAS RING
EXIT STRATEGY
CHRISTMAS STRANGER

ADULT NON FICTION

JOSEPH J. ELLIS
LAURA HILLENBRAND
KEREN BLANKFELD

FOUNDING BROTHERS
UNBROKEN
LOVERS IN AUSCHWITZ

The focus bookcase now has holiday titles including new titles from some favorite authors. We have more holiday books available and they are all located near the circulation desk. Come take a look!

ADULT BOOK CLUB

The Adult Book Club meets the third Thursday of every month at 11am. In November they meet on the 20th. Club members choose their monthly titles and the library provides copies to all members if needed. New members are always welcome. In November they will be discussing "The Queens of Crime" by Marie Benedict.

BOOK SYNOPSIS: THE QUEEN OF CRIMES

The New York Times bestselling author of *The Mystery of Mrs. Christie* returns with a thrilling story of Christie's legendary rival Dorothy Sayers, the race to solve a murder, and the power of friendship among women.

London, 1930. The five greatest women crime writers have banded together to form a secret society with a single goal: to show they are no longer willing to be treated as second-class citizens by their male counterparts in the legendary Detection Club. Led by the formidable Dorothy L. Sayers, the group includes Agatha Christie, Ngaio Marsh, Margery Allingham and Baroness Emma Orczy. They call themselves the Queens of Crime. Their plan? Solve an actual murder, that of a young woman found strangled in a park in France who may have connections leading to the highest levels of the British establishment.

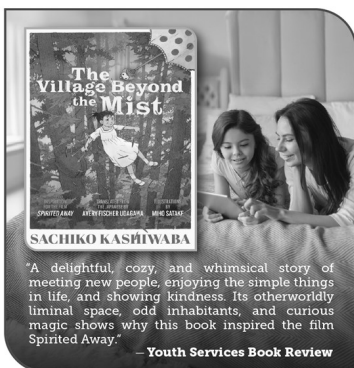
May Daniels, a young English nurse on an excursion to France with her friend, seemed to vanish into thin air as they prepared to board a ferry home. Months later, her body is found in the nearby woods. The murder has all the hallmarks of a locked room mystery for which these authors are famous: how did her killer manage to sneak her body out of a crowded train station without anyone noticing? If, as the police believe, the cause of death is manual strangulation, why is there an extraordinary amount of blood at the crime scene? What is the meaning of a heartbreaking secret letter seeming to implicate an unnamed paramour? Determined to solve the highly publicized murder, the Queens of Crime embark on their own investigation, discovering they're stronger together. But soon the killer targets Dorothy Sayers herself, threatening to expose a dark secret in her past that she would do anything to keep hidden.

Inspired by a true story in Sayers' own life, New York Times bestselling author Marie Benedict brings to life the lengths to which five talented women writers will go to be taken seriously in the male-dominated world of letters as they unpuzzle a mystery torn from the pages of their own novels.

310 pages, Hardcover, published February 11, 2025
Online book synopsis by Goodreads

JOIN LIBBY READS; NOVEMBER 18-DECEMBER 2

Libby
READS
November 18 - December 2



#LibbyReads, a digital book club connecting readers to the same ebook & audiobook with no waitlists or holds, starts November 18th! The featured title is 'The Village Beyond the Mist' by Sachiko Kashiwaba.

Borrow the featured title and join the discussion: <https://link.overdrive.com/?ef0a932d3f4b45feb-d84bd216568c200>

BOOK SUMMARIES OF THE MONTH

ADULT FICTION: BRAVE NEW WORLD BY ALDOUS HUXLEY (CLASSIC)

Aldous Huxley's profoundly important classic of world literature, *Brave New World* is a searching vision of an unequal, technologically-advanced future where humans are genetically bred, socially indoctrinated, and pharmaceutically anesthetized to passively uphold an authoritarian ruling order—all at the cost of our freedom, full humanity, and perhaps also our souls. “A genius [who] who spent his life decrying the onward march of the Machine” (The New Yorker), Huxley was a man of incomparable talents: equally an artist, a spiritual seeker, and one of history’s keenest observers of human nature and civilization.

Brave New World, his masterpiece, has enthralled and terrified millions of readers, and retains its urgent relevance to this day as both a warning to be heeded as we head into tomorrow and as a thought-provoking, satisfying work of literature. Written in the shadow of the rise of fascism during the 1930s, *Brave New World* likewise speaks to a 21st-century world dominated by mass-entertainment, technology, medicine and pharmaceuticals, the arts of persuasion, and the hidden influence of elites.

AI Generated response below to the question “Why is Brave New World an important piece of literature?”

Brave New World is important because Aldous Huxley's 1932 novel serves as a cautionary tale about technological overreach and the dangers of a superficial, pleasure-driven society that sacrifices genuine human values for stability and manufactured happiness. The book remains relevant today due to its surprisingly prophetic insights into issues like population control, recreational drug use, mass production, and the potential for technological advancements to lead to mass apathy and a loss of individual freedom.

Book synopsis taken from <https://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/brave-new-world-aldo-us-huxley/1100158848>

ADULT FICTION: REDNECKS BY TAYLOR BROWN

A historical drama based on the Battle of Blair Mountain, pitting a multi-ethnic army of 10,000 coal miners against mine owners, state militia, and the United States government in the largest labor uprising in American history.

Rednecks is a tour de force, big canvas historical novel that dramatizes the 1920 to 1921 events of the West Virginia Mine Wars—from the Matewan Massacre through the Battle of Blair Mountain, the largest armed conflict on American soil since the Civil War, when some one million rounds were fired, bombs were dropped on Appalachia, and the term “redneck” would come to have an unexpected origin story.

Brimming with the high stakes drama of America’s buried history, *Rednecks* tells a powerful story of rebellion against oppression. In a land where the coal companies use violence and intimidation to keep miners from organizing, “Doc Moo” Muhanna, a Lebanese-American doctor (inspired by the author’s own great-grandfather), toils amid the blood and injustice of the mining camps. When Frank Hugham, a Black World War One veteran and coal miner, takes dramatic steps to lead a miners' revolt with a band of fellow veterans, Doc Moo risks his life and career to treat sick and wounded miners, while Frank's grandmother, Beulah, fights her own battle to save her home and grandson.

Real-life historical figures burn bright among the hills: the fiery Mother Jones, an Irish-born labor organizer once known as “The Most Dangerous Woman in America,” struggles to maintain the ear of the miners (“her boys”) amid the tide of rebellion, while the sharp-shooting police chief “Smilin” Sid Hatfield dares to stand up to the “gun thugs” of the coal companies, becoming a folk hero of the mine wars.

Award-winning novelist Taylor Brown brings to life one of the most compelling events in 20th century American history, reminding us of the hard-won origins of today's unions. *Rednecks* is a propulsive, character-driven tale that’s both a century old and blisteringly contemporary: a story of unexpected friendship, heroism in the face of injustice, and the power of love and community against all odds.

310 pages, Hardcover, First published May 14, 2024

Book synopsis taken from <https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/195790759-rednecks>

Literary Quotes on November

“It was November—the month of crimson sunsets, parting birds, deep, sad hymns of the sea, passionate wind-songs in the pines. Anne roamed through the pineland alleys in the park and, as she said, let that great sweeping wind blow the fogs out of her soul.”

— L.M. Montgomery, *Anne of Green Gables*



NOVEMBER PROGRAMS & EVENTS



**sewers
crafters
& quilters**
NOV 3 & 17


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

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NO YOGA MATS NEEDED
ALL ADULTS WELCOME

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CHAIR YOGA
EVERY
MON. & WED.
ELLINGTON
FARMAN
LIBRARY
4-5pm



**Resistance Band
SENIOR FITNESS CLASSES**



**EVERY THURSDAY
1:30-2:30PM**
Ellington Farman Library

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



**CANDLE
LUMINARIES**
Let's make one!

The Details:
**SATURDAY NOV. 1
11-12:30
ALL AGE KIDS**
UNDER 7 MUST HAVE ADULT SUPERVISION

SUPPLIES INCLUDED
Candle luminaries made with glass
jars, tissue paper & mod-podge

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**ELECTION NIGHT
DINNER**
ELLINGTON FARMAN LIBRARY
**TUESDAY NOV. 4
4:00-6:30PM**
ADULTS **\$12** CHILDREN **\$7** ^{UNDER 12} **take out ONLY**

TURKEY DINNER includes:
Turkey & Gravy, Stuffing, Mashed potatoes,
vegetable, Dessert


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Department of Health
EPIC
Elderly Pharmaceutical
Insurance Coverage
Program




**Elderly
Pharmaceutical
Insurance Coverage
(EPIC)**

**INFORMATIONAL PROGRAM
WEDS NOV 5 11-NOON**

- 1 (EPIC) is a New York State program administered by the Department of Health.
- 2 EPIC provides seniors with co-payment assistance for Medicare Part D covered prescription drugs after any Medicare Part D deductible is met.
- 3 Seniors can apply for EPIC at any time of the year.

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FIND OUT IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE & HOW TO APPLY
After the presentation, the Outreach Representative will be available to assist with EPIC applications. If you would like to apply, please bring your 2024- and 2025-income information.



YOGURT PARFAITS
**Kids
snack
time!**
**TUES NOV 11
2-4PM** | **ELLINGTON
LIBRARY**


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Come Make a
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**SAT. NOV 15
11AM - NOON**

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ages 12 & up



BOOK CLUB
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**MEETS
THURS. NOV. 20
11am**

They will be discussing
"The Queens of Crime"
By Marie Benedict

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

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?**

NOVEMBER question: What author said this? *“ And this is what I would fight for: the freedom of the mind to take any direction it wishes, undirected. And this I must fight against: any idea, religion, or government which limits or destroys the individual.*

Answer choices: 1) Ayn Rand 2) John Steinbeck 3) William Shakespeare 4) Willa Cather

OCTOBER WINNER: Congratulations to Audrianna Spinler who correctly guessed the October question!

Question: Who founded the first lending library in America? ANSWER: Benjamin Franklin

Lending libraries are defined as board-governed and tax-funded instead of operated under a subscription model. Most importantly, they are open to all, do not charge for their services, and focus on serving the needs of the general public. Benjamin Franklin played a role in the development of the first lending library. In 1790, Franklin donated a collection of books to a Massachusetts town that named itself after him. Though the town asked Franklin to donate a bell, he determined that "sense" was more important than "sound." Franklin residents voted for those donated books to be freely available for town members, creating the nation's first public library.

EPIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING WEDS NOVEMBER 5; 11AM



Department
of Health

EPIC
Elderly Pharmaceutical
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Program

The Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage (EPIC) program is a New York State program administered by the Department of Health. EPIC provides seniors with co-payment assistance for Medicare Part D covered prescription drugs after any Medicare Part D deductible is met.

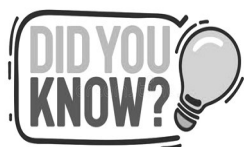
Seniors can apply for EPIC **at any time of the year** and must be enrolled or eligible to be enrolled in a Medicare Part D drug plan to receive EPIC benefits and maintain coverage.

EPIC also provides many other advantages for members. It can assist with Medicare Part D premium assistance and provides a Special Enrollment Period (SEP). The SEP from Medicare allows the EPIC member to either join or change their Medicare Part D plan one time per calendar year.

To be eligible, a Senior citizens must be a NYS resident, 65 years of age or older, have annual income below \$75,000 single or \$100,000 married, be enrolled in a Medicare Part D drug plan and not receiving full Medicaid benefits. If a senior has union or retiree benefits, they should contact their benefit office to see if they are eligible to join a Part D drug plan.

An EPIC Outreach Representative will be presenting the EPIC Program on **Wednesday, November 5th at 11 am**. After the presentation, the Outreach Representative will be available to assist with EPIC applications. If you would like to apply, please bring your 2024- and 2025-income information.

Call the toll-free EPIC Helpline at 1-800-332-3742 Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM or visit the EPIC website at www.health.ny.gov to receive more information on the program.



YOU CAN STAY HEALTHY BY VISITING THE LIBRARY!

Our library offers two different classes on a weekly basis which you can attend to help you stay healthy all year round. Sue got us started with a chair yoga class that meets on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4-5pm. Anyone can attend and no yoga mats are needed as the exercises are done in a sturdy

chair. Our large screen TV is used to show different yoga classes that the group follows and they do have some favorites but are willing to try new ones too. These are gentle yoga routines but are very valuable for stretching core muscles, assisting with balance and offer an overall calming & meditative experience.

We also offer a Resistance Band Exercise class every Thursday from 1:30- 2:15. Resistance bands offer numerous benefits, including improved strength, flexibility, and muscle activation, while also being versatile and low-impact on joints. They are a cost-effective and convenient way to work the entire body, aid in injury rehabilitation, and are adaptable for all fitness levels. You don't need to bring your own band unless you have a favorite one you use. The library has quite a few that offer different levels of resistance for you to choose from.

Both these classes are free, require no registration and you don't have to commit to coming each time. Come as you are able.

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LIBRARY HAPPENINGS



Above: Ladies enjoyed making a Fall Pumpkin Live Greens Centerpiece with master gardener instructor Cheryl Wahlstrom. This was so popular that Cheryl will be back in December, this time making a Holiday Centerpiece. Look for dates & registration in newsletter and on Facebook.

Below: We had a great group of attendees for the Down Main Street Cherry Creek program presented by Town of Cherry Creek historian Tim Nobles. People were very engaged and offering up anecdotes of their own about their memories of the area.



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HOW IS KANOPY FREE FOR ME?

Just as your library buys books to add to their collection for you to borrow, your library offers a variety of digital resources too - Kanopy is one of their more popular digital resources. Kanopy does not charge you because your library covers all associated costs, allowing you to watch for free with no ads. Kanopy is only available through libraries, so you need to be a member of a participating library to start watching Kanopy. If you are a member of a participating public library, you can start watching by signing up with a valid public library card number and PIN/password.

WHAT IS KANOPY KIDS AND CAN I ACCESS IT?

Kanopy Kids is our collection of movies and shows for kids available in public libraries only. Your public library offers unlimited plays in Kanopy Kids, so your kids are free to explore enriching, educational and entertaining films and TV series.

SIGN UP TODAY FOR FREE THROUGH YOUR PUBLIC LIBRARY

Start here: <https://www.kanopy.com/en/cclsny>. Follow the instructions to add your card



This Thanksgiving, cozy up with Kanopy's Thanksgiving Film Festival!

A curated collection perfect for family time, food for thought, and feel-good favorites. All you need is your library card!

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.

IS IT TIME YET?

Are you ready for some Winter/Christmas reading to get you in the mood for the upcoming holidays? We have just the solution! Up front by the circulation desk we will have a display of holiday books. There are some ones by known authors that have produced some great seasonal titles every year. You'll find Beverly Lewis, Melody Carlson, Tracie Peterson and Richard Paul Evans in that category but we also have added some new ones to our collection. So bring on those chilly nights. Find your favorite cozy blanket, a cup of something warm and break out the holiday titles!

NEVER MISS AN ISSUE!

Want to digitally receive our newsletter? Email: info@ellingtonlibrary.org with your email address and every month you'll get a copy of the newsletter in PDF form delivered straight to your inbox.



Remember to turn your clocks back one hour Saturday November 1st. before you go to bed. Daylight savings time ends Sunday Nov. 2nd at 2am.

events that need registration

SAT NOV 1 TISSUE PAPER LUMINARIES all ages 11am - 12:30	TUESDAY NOV 11 KIDS COOK YOGURT PARFAIT all ages 2-3pm	SAT NOV 15 BEADED ICICLE CRAFT ages 12 & up 11am-12
MONDAY DEC 8 SNOWFLAKE QUILLING adults 11:30-1:30pm	SAT DEC 13 HOLIDAY COASTER CRAFT ages 12 & up 11am-1pm	TUESDAY DEC 16 HOLIDAY LIVE GREENS CENTERPIECE adults 1-2:30pm

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<p>OPEN HOURS 11AM -7PM MONDAY THRU THURSDAY 10AM-1PM ON SATURDAY CLOSED FRIDAY & SUNDAY</p>						<p>1 TURN CLOCKS BACK 11-12pm Candle Luminaries Craft Ages 7 & up</p>
2	3 11– 1pm Craft Group 4-5pm Yoga	4 Election night dinner	5 11-12pm Presentation on NY EPIC Program 4-5pm Yoga	6 1:30-2:30pm Resistance Band Exercise	7 CLOSED	8
9	10 4-5pm Yoga	11 2-4pm Snack Time: Yogurt Parfaits, all ages Registration requested	12 4-5pm Yoga	13 1:30-2:30pm Resistance Band Exercise CLOSING AT 2:30	14 CLOSED	15 11-12 pm Beaded Icicle Ornament Craft Ages 12 & up Registration requested
16	17 11– 1pm Craft Group 4-5pm Yoga	18	19 4-5pm Yoga	20 11am-12 Book Club 1:30-2:30pm Resistance Band Exercise	21 CLOSED	22
23	24 4-5pm Yoga 7pm Board	25	26	27	28	29
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