

The Ellington Reader

ELLINGTON FARMAN LIBRARY

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LIBRARY HOURS

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

IF THE LIBRARY IS THE SETTING, WHO IS THE SUBJECT?



Please indulge me in one more article about art. I enjoyed speaking to our summer program artist, Colleen Gaynor, who is a painter and a musician. We talked about what some of our favorite things are to paint and I told her I usually work in landscapes.

Landscapes are interesting to paint as they offer the opportunity to be inventive. By that, I mean, unless you are trying to recreate an exact location, you can usually make a tree or barn to be any combination of trees or barns that you have seen before. They can also be entirely from your imagination or a loose representation of a barn & trees. The landscape itself is the subject. The atmosphere, sun, shadows, colors, all can add to the subject and provide the overall feeling to the artwork

If you insert a figure, (animal, person) into the painting then the landscape has now been turned into the setting and the figure becomes the subject. That is because people's eyes will immediately be more focused on the figure first and the rest of the painting becomes noticed afterward. The landscape then turns into a stage setting and the scene for the larger narrative of the subject. There is certainly a mood, an overall feeling about the landscape but the figure adds the narrative as we try to understand what the relationship is between the landscape and the figure.

The library is a building. With no one inside, it is a place setting with an overall feeling about it. New visitors to our library who are on the CCLS Road Trip have all remarked on the all encompassing antique, comfortable and "homey" feeling the interior of our library building offers. The library board of trustees who purchased the building did a fantastic job in keeping the woodwork, lamps and shelving that are original to the building. It is a great setting. We're proud of that welcoming environment and it's always a good feeling when visitors remark on it, but, without people inside, this building is still the main subject for a landscape painting.

The building takes precedence and is what the painting is all about. I agree the building is beautiful, especially the preserved interior. Let's not lose sight that it is our patrons that turn this building from the subject to a setting. Now the interior is the setting and the patrons are the main subject. Subjects can produce the larger narrative. They contribute to the overall feeling of the building much more than an empty interior. An empty interior makes you wonder why the artist painted it, who uses the building and for what purpose. Empty building interiors are fun to paint but the people that use those interiors are the reason they exist.

As we celebrate our 100th year of serving this community I'd like you to know I feel like the caretaker for the building. It is not until someone walks through those doors that this building goes from being the subject to the setting. It is the patrons who use the library that now provide the narrative for this building, a narrative that has been consistent for 100 years now. Thank you to the community for being the most important part of our library building! The building is the setting but you are the subjects and the reason we are here.

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
August 25TH.

NEW TO OUR LIBRARY

ADULT FICTION

MEGAN ABBOTT
LEILA MOTTLEY
RACHEL JOYCE
COLUM MCCANN
FIONA MCFARLANE
NATHAN NEWMAN
LISA SANDLIN
LAURA DAVE
MARK BRAZAITIS
BRAD THOR
ELLY GRIFFITHS
FRAN LITTLEWOOD
SUSAN WIGGS
LISA SCOTTLINE
CHARLOTTE MCCONAGHY

EL DORADO DRIVE
THE GIRLS WHO GREW BIG
THE HOMEMADE GOD
TWIST
HIGHWAY THIRTEEN
HOW TO LEAVE THE HOUSE
SWEET VIDALIA
THE NIGHT WE LOST HIM
AMERICAN SEASONS
EDGE OF HONOR
THE FROZEN PEOPLE
THE ACCIDENTAL FAVORITE
WAYWARD GIRLS
THE UNRAVELING OF JULIA
WILD DARK SHORE

ADULT NON FICTION

SUZANNE COPE
DK PUBLISHING

MARGARET HUBERT

WOMEN OF WAR
CROCHET; THE COMPLETE STEP
BY STEP GUIDE
THE COMPLETE PHOTO GUIDE
TO CROCHET

JUNIOR FICTION

MARY POPE OSBORNE
CAM HIGGINS
CAM HIGGINS

SEA OTTER SUNRISE
HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS
FIREWORKS NIGHT

CHILDRENS FICTION

CAM HIGGINS
PHUC TRAN
HOPE LIM
JARVIS
MIRKA HOKKANEN

GOOD DOG: BEACH PAWS
CRANKY MAKES A FRIEND
AT THE WINDOW
OUR PEBBLES
KITTY & CAT BENT OUT OF SHAPE

ADULT BOOK CLUB

The Adult Book Club meets the third Thursday of every month at 11am. In August they meet on the 21st. Club members choose their monthly titles and the library provides copies to all members if needed. New members are always welcome. In August they will be discussing "The Secret Lives of Booksellers", nonfiction, by James Patterson.

BOOK SYNOPSIS: SECRET LIVES OF BOOKSELLERS AND LIBRARIANS

GENRE: NONFICTION, ESSAYS

Booksellers and librarians are superheroes, saving lives every single day. Here are their amazing, inspiring true stories as told to the greatest storyteller of our time, James Patterson.

To be a bookseller or librarian... you have to play detective. Be a treasure hunter. A match-maker. An advocate. A visionary. A person who creates "book joy" by pulling a book from a shelf, handing it to someone and saying, "You've got to read this. You're going to love it."

Step inside The Secret Lives of Booksellers and Librarians and enter a world where you can feed your curiosities, discover new voices, find whatever you want or require. This place has the magic of rainbows and unicorns, but it's also a business. The book business.

Meet the smart and talented people who live between the pages—and who can't wait to help you find your next favorite book.

335 pages, Hardcover

First published April 8, 2024

<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/193767144-the-secret-lives-of-booksellers-and-librarians>

PLEASE NOTE:

During our 100th Anniversary Celebration on Sat. August 16 the circulation desk will be closed and computers will not be in use. There will be a program in the Community Room and we invite everyone to join us.

AUGUST DISPLAY CASE

**HOW DID WE GET HERE?
celebrating 100 years
of the Ellington Farman Library**



**A display focusing on 1925
and the start of the
Ellington Farman Library**

BOOK SUMMARIES OF THE MONTH

ADULT FICTION: WAYWARD GIRLS BY SUSAN WIGGS

Genre: Historical Fiction

From New York Times bestselling author Susan Wiggs, a wrenching but life-affirming novel based on a true story of survival, friendship, and redemption when six girls come together in a Catholic reform school in 1960s Buffalo, NY. Perfect for fans of Before We Were Yours, Orphan Train, and The Berry Pickers.

It was a place frozen in time, an ancient fortress haunted by echoes that whispered against the gray stone in a mysterious, heavy rhythm, as though this place was entirely separate from the rest of the world. A sign by the inner door read Our Lady of Charity Refuge and Sisters of the Good Shepherd.

Mairin's breath caught in her throat as comprehension crept over her. This place was the one mentioned in scandalized whispers from the older girls at school. It was the one people gossiped about when a girl suddenly stopped showing up to class. It was the place angry parents—like her own mother—threatened their daughters “I’ll send you to the nuns, just you see if I won’t.”

Amid the turbulence of the Vietnam Era, in the all-American city of Buffalo, New York, teenage girls were condemned to forced labor at the Good Shepherd, a dark and secret institution controlled by the Sisters of Charity nuns.

In 1968 we meet six teens thrust into confinement at the Good Shepherd—merely for being gay, pregnant, or simply unruly.

Mairin—free-spirited daughter of Irish immigrants was committed to keep her safe from her stepfather.

Angela—denounced for her attraction to girls, was sent to the nuns for reform, but instead found herself the victim of a predator.

Helen—the daughter of intellectuals detained in Communist China, saw her “temporary” stay at the Good Shepherd stretch into years.

Odesa—caught up in a police dragnet over a racial incident, found the physical and mental toughness to endure her sentence.

Denise—sentenced for brawling in a foster home, dared to dream of a better life.

Janice—deeply insecure, she couldn’t decide where her loyalty lay—except when it came to her friend Kay, who would never outgrow her childlike dependency.

Sister Bernadette—rescued from a dreadful childhood, she owed her loyalty to the Sisters of Charity even as her conscience weighed on her.

Wayward Girls is a haunting but thrilling tale of hope, solidarity, and the enduring strength of young women who find the courage to break free and find redemption...and justice.

400 pages, Hardcover

Published July 15, 2025

NONFICTION: WOMEN OF WAR: THE ITALIAN ASSASSINS, SPIES, AND COURIERS WHO FOUGHT THE NAZIS BY SUZANNE COPE

The gripping, true, and untold history of the Italian anti-fascist resistance during World War II, told through the stories of four spectacularly courageous women fighters

From underground soldiers to intrepid spies, Women of War unearths the hidden history of the brave women who risked their lives to overthrow the Nazi occupation and liberate Italy. Using primary sources and brand new scholarship, historian Suzanne Cope illuminates the roles played by women while Italians struggled under dual Nazi invaders and Italian fascist loyalists.

Cope's research and storytelling introduces four brave and resourceful women who risked everything to overthrow the Nazi occupation and pry their future from the fascist grasp. We meet Carla Capponi in Rome, where she made bombs in an underground bunker then ferried them to their deadly destination wearing lipstick and a trenchcoat; and Bianca Guidetti Serra who rode her bicycle up switchbacks in the Alps, dodging bullets while delivering bags of clandestine newspapers and munitions to the anti-fascist armies hidden in the mountains. In Florence, the young future author of Italy's new constitution, Teresa Mattei, carried secret messages and hid bombs; while Anita Malavasi led troops across the Apennine Mountains. Women of War brings their experiences as underground resistance fighters, partisan combatants, spies, and saboteurs to life.

Essential and original, Women of War offers not only a reexamination of the elision of women from vital WWII history but also a valuable perspective on the ongoing fight for gender equality and social justice. After all, these were the women who launched a feminist movement as they fought for the future of their country, and what that could mean for its women, all while under Nazi and fascist fire.

480 pages, Hardcover, Published April 29, 2025

Book synopsis taken from Goodreads

AUGUST PROGRAMS & EVENTS



**sewers
crafters
& quilters
AUG 4 & 18**

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

ELLINGTON FARMAN LIBRARY

NO YOGA MATS NEEDED
ALL ADULTS WELCOME


ELLINGTON
FARMAN LIBRARY

CHAIR YOGA

EVERY
MON. & WED.

ELLINGTON
FARMAN
LIBRARY

4-5pm



**Resistance Band
SENIOR FITNESS CLASSES**




**THURSDAYS IN AUGUST
1:30-2:30PM**

Ellington Farman Library

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

IN HONOR OF OUR 100TH ANNIVERSARY
WE WILL BE GIVING AWAY
100 CHILDRENS BOOKS
SAT. AUG. 2ND DURING THE TOWN PICNIC.
LOOK FOR OUR LIBRARY TABLE !



EVERY THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH



COME OUT and PLAY! **AUG. 19TH**

ELLINGTON FARMAN LIBRARY STARTS AT 11AM
Age appropriate special play items for those aged 3-7
ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT WHO WILL STAY WITH THEM

EACH SESSION WILL HAVE PLAY ITEMS AVAILABLE INCLUDING OUR NEW SENSORY BINS AND AGE APPROPRIATE BOOKS

BOOK CLUB


ELLINGTON FARMAN LIBRARY

**MEETS THURSDAY
THURS. AUGUST 21**

The will be discussing
"The Secret Lives of Booksellers & Librarians" by James Patterson

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

HOW TO MAKE WIZARD WANDS



FOR KIDS 8 & UP ALL SUPPLIES INCLUDED

**MONDAY AUG. 18
2-3:30PM**

ELLINGTON FARMAN LIBRARY

BALLOON Twisting WORKSHOP

**SATURDAY AUG. 23
11AM-NOON**

ELLINGTON LIBRARY
WITH CRIS JOHNSON

The workshop is taught by international entertainer/educator Cris Johnson and provides all of the materials for children & young adults to learn how to make several different balloon animals.
The workshop is intended for ages 7-15 as well as any curious adults.

**FREE WORKSHOP
NO REGISTRATION NECESSARY**

PROGRAM FUNDED BY THE FALCONER GEOGRAPHIC FUND ADMINISTERED BY THE CHAUTAUQUA REGION COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS!

A Little Library Trivia Game!

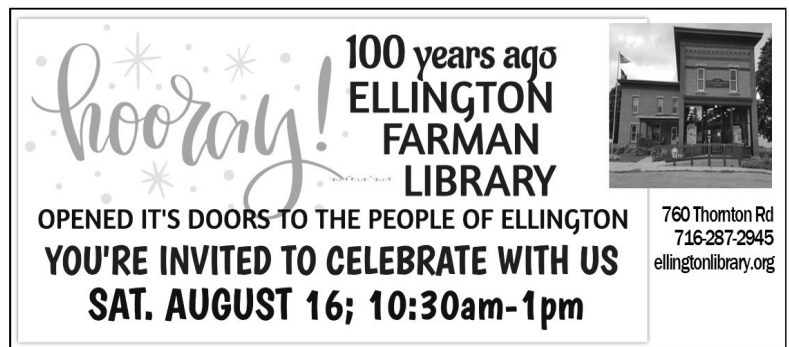
This is how it works: every month there will be a trivia question posted in the newsletter and at the circulation desk. Anyone can submit their answer throughout the month. At the end of the month we randomly choose one winner from all the correct guesses. That winner receives a small prize. **Ready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

This is one of our 100th anniversary questions. Here's our AUGUST Question: Which of these books were banned in the 1920's?

- 1) "An American Tragedy" by Theodore Dreiser
- 2) "Ulysses" by James Joyce
- 3) "The Well of Loneliness" by Radclyffe Hall
- 4) All of the them

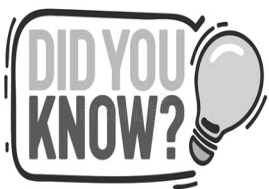
IN CASE YOU HAVEN'T HEARD, THIS IS OUR LIBRARY'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY! WE'RE CELEBRATING AND YOU'RE ALL INVITED!

We have an Open House planned for Saturday August 16th. The library is open at 10:30am and we'll be starting our program at 11am. We have a few speakers, two art unveilings and then everyone is invited to stay for refreshments. No reservations are needed. Please note you may be included in some of our picture taking. What's a celebration without food and pictures to prove we were all here! We hope you are able to join us.



100 years ago
ELLINGTON FARMAN LIBRARY
OPENED IT'S DOORS TO THE PEOPLE OF ELLINGTON
YOU'RE INVITED TO CELEBRATE WITH US
SAT. AUGUST 16; 10:30am-1pm

760 Thornton Rd
716-287-2945
ellingtonlibrary.org



TECHNOLOGY HELP IS JUST A CLICK AWAY!

**START FROM OUR WEBSITE: ELLINGTONLIBRARY.ORG
SCROLL DOWN THE RIGHT HAND SIDE UNTILL
YOU SEE THE LOGO FOR "Tech-Talk."
Click on the logo and you're in!**

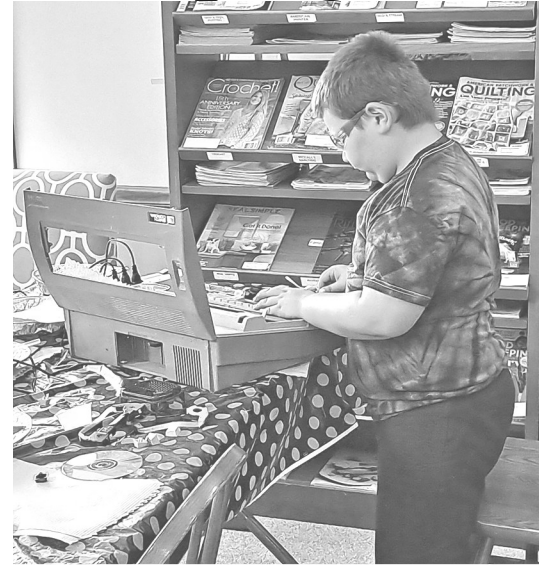


What are you in for? Tech-Talk is a learning resource that builds digital literacy, skills and confidence. Enjoy videos, articles and webinars on using technology, office suites and the internet. "Tech-Talk" arms you with the missing technology (and communications) skills you need to achieve excellence. Tech-Talk is a learning resource for non-techies to build tech literacy, skills and confidence. They offer a Newsletter, Website, Webinars and a Mobile App. If patrons use our library's website link to Tech-Talk, you will not need a username and password. Some topics offered that you can learn are: Using Email, Internet Safety, using Documents, a wide range of communication topics and plenty more! There are videos you can watch if that is easier for you to learn in that manner. You can sign up for a newsletter with Technology Tips and Tricks. There are four ways for you to search if you're not sure how to find what you need. You can search by keyword, topic, popular programs or ask a question. There are live and recorded webinars such as; How to Drop a Pin and Share Your Location, SECURITY: Simple Password Protection & Authentication, communication issues, graphic design, Excel program tips... 3 Tools to Design Stunning Visuals....Tech Talk has it all. This is just another resource your libraries provide beyond the physical building and items within. Take a look at our website, click around and see what you can learn!

AROUND THE LIBRARY: summer programs



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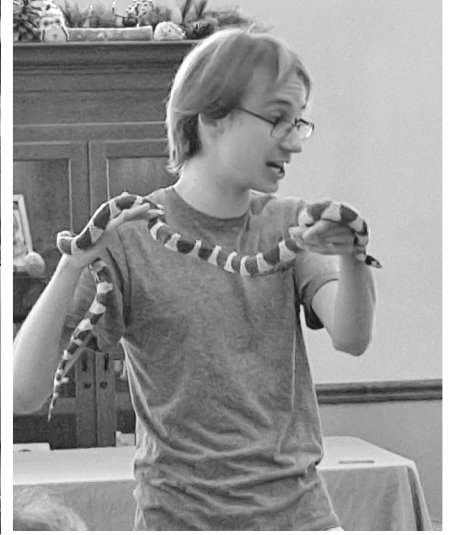


Wreck It Wednesdays, Meditative Mandalas for Adults and Psychedelic Owl Paintings with kids. They were all really colorful and the black and white photos can't show all those beautiful creations!

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AROUND THE LIBRARY: summer programs



ELLINGTON FARMAN LIBRARY
Beef on Weck
Fundraiser
SEPTEMBER
MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON!



FUNDRAISERS
FILL OUR FRONT PORCH!
CAN DRIVE
SAT. SEPT. 6
8am - 1pm
DROP OFF YOUR BAGS OF
CLEAN RETURNABLES-
WE'LL RECYCLE THEM
FOR YOU!
START
SAVING
THEM
NOW!
ELLINGTON FARMAN LIBRARY
CLEAN CANS, PLASTIC BOTTLES & GLASS
MUST BE RETURNABLE ONLY



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>OPEN HOURS 11AM -7PM MONDAY THRU THURSDAY 10AM-1PM ON SATURDAY CLOSED FRIDAY & SUNDAY</p>				1	2 FREE children's Book Giveaway at Town Picnic
3 FREE BREAKFAST/ LUNCH MON—THUR THIS WEEK 12:30-2pm ➡	4 11— 1pm Craft Group 4-5pm Yoga	5	6 4-5pm Yoga	7 1:30-2:30pm Resistance Band Exercise	8	9
10 FREE BREAKFAST/ LUNCH MON—THUR THIS WEEK 12:30-2pm ➡	11 4-5pm Yoga	12	13 4-5pm Yoga	14 1:30-2:30pm Resistance Band Exercise	15	16 10:30-1pm 100th Anniversary Celebration
17 FREE BREAKFAST/ LUNCH MON—THUR THIS WEEK 12:30-2pm ➡	18 11— 1pm Craft Group 2-3:30pm Making Wizard Wands 4-5pm Yoga	19 11am Come Out & Play! <i>Young children's special Playtime</i>	20 4-5pm Yoga	21 11am-12 Book Club 1:30-2:30pm Resistance Band Exercise	22	23 Magic Show & Balloon Workshop 11:30am-12:30
24 FREE BREAKFAST/ LUNCH MON—THUR THIS WEEK 12:30-2pm ➡	25 4-5pm Yoga 7pm Board meets	26	27 4-5pm Yoga	28 1:30-2:30pm Resistance Band Exercise	29	30 LIBRARY CLOSED
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