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

DON'T YOU HAVE A BOOK ON THAT?

To all of the generous donors who contributed to our June 2025 online fundraiser, The Give Big, we want to update you on what is happening with your financial donations.

Just to recap, back to June, we raised money with the specific goal of updating our junior nonfiction book collection. Thanks to generous folks all across the country, we have approximately \$1,300 to spend on that collection. Now it is September and it is time to accomplish that goal. It is time to order books!

The following criteria was used in selecting the books.

- 1) We needed them to be at the reading levels of approximately 3rd through 9th grade.
- 2) They needed to be on topics that we didn't already have for those reading Levels. If we had the topics already then they were books that needed to be updated. I wanted to keep the publishing dates from 2020- 2025. This would ensure we were offering currently researched books.
- 3) Only books that had starred reviews from KIRKUS Book Reviews, School Library Journal or ratings of at least 4.5 on a scale of 5.0 from various book rating companies were considered.
- 4) They should be current topics that juniors would be reading about and learning in school or that corresponded to youth culture in 2025.

It took longer than I expected to spend \$1,300 and make sure each book hit all those criteria! I also tried to only purchase hardcover or pre-bind library editions as they are made to withstand many years of use compared to paperbacks. Hardcover and library edition books do cost more but they last longer. Paperbacks were only ordered when other editions could not be found.

So the list is almost complete and so far it comes to around 70 books. In that cost estimate we have to include processing costs. I tried to use two major publishers as our library does receive a 40% discount on books we order from them. At times when the titles we chose were not available from those companies, I did use Amazon Books to order some. Library Clerk, Emily Lundsten, was a huge help in researching and recommending book topics.

Not all of the books have been ordered yet. Once received will come the task of entering them into our library database system and our accession sheets where we keep track of every item added to any of our collections through out the year. Our appreciation goes out to all who donated to the Give Big June 2025 fundraiser. Without those donors we would not have been able to purchase so many books to add to our collection. Our goal is to have them shelf-ready by October. I expect to have a listing of all the books in the October newsletter.

Hey Library Lady! Do you have a book that will help me with my batting average? How about my fastball? Yes! We will soon have a book for that. How about a book on climate change, money skills for teens or the math behind the perfect bounce pass in basketball? Yes, yes and yes!



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
September 29TH.

Judith Whittaker, Library Director

NEW TO OUR LIBRARY

ADULT FICTION

JESSIE GARCIA	BUSINESS TRIP
ALEXANDER MCCALL SMITH	THE WINDS FROM FURTHER WEST
LORETTA ROTHSCHILD	FINDING GRACE
KATE MEYERS	SALTY
MICHELLE HUNEVEN	BUG HOLLOW
STACEY ABRAMS	CODED JUSTICE
CLEMENCE MICHALLON	OUR LAST RESORT
DANIEL SILVA	AN INSIDE JOB
STEVE BERRY	THE LIST
CLAIRE DOUGLAS	THE WRONG SISTER
JOHN GRISHAM	BEST MYSTERY
BEVERLY LEWIS	CHRISTMAS HOUSE
KAREN RUSSELL	THE ANTIDOTE

ADULT NON FICTION

ADAM ALEKSIC	ALGOSPEAK
STEPHEN STARRING GRANT	MAILMAN
KATE SWANSON	AUTISM OUT LOUD
DANIELLE LEAVITT	BY THE SECOND SPRING
SHERRIE FLICK	HOMING
LISSA SOEP	OTHER PEOPLE'S WORDS

JUNIOR FICTION

AGAINST THE ODDS SERIES:

ELEANOR CARDELL	POMPEII
KRISTA SURPRENANT	SAN FRANCISCO EARTHQUAKE 1906
RACHEL SMOKA-RICHARDSON	CRASHED

CHILDRENS FICTION

CRICKET	BLUEY SERIES
LISA BROWN	THE MOVING BOOK

WE OFFER THE FOLLOWING MAGAZINES TO CHECK OUT:

CONSUMER REPORTS
NYS CONSERVATIONIST
AMERICAN PATCHWORK & QUILTING
MCCALL'S QUILTING
WOOD
RANGER RICK
THERE IS ALSO A FREE BASKET WITH MAGAZINES YOU MAY TAKE & KEEP

Thank you to all our wonderful pie bakers who answered the call, yet again, to make pies for our Town picnic pie booth. Also thanks goes out to our volunteers who cut pies, wrap pies and sell pies at the booth. After donating 20% to the Town Picnic Committee, we had a total profit of \$592.80. That was higher than the last four years of profits. Thank you to all who continue to support our library pie booth! See you next year at the picnic.

Thank You!

PLEASE NOTE: WE WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 1ST

ADULT BOOK CLUB

The Adult Book Club meets the third Thursday of every month at 11am. In September they meet on the 18th. Club members choose their monthly titles and the library provides copies to all members if needed. New members are always welcome. In September they will be discussing "The Women" by Kristin Hannah.

BOOK SYNOPSIS: THE WOMEN

Genre: HISTORICAL FICTION

Winner for Readers' Favorite Historical Fiction (2024), Nominee for Readers' Favorite Audiobook (2024)

Women can be heroes. When twenty-year-old nursing student Frances "Frankie" McGrath hears these words, it is a revelation. Raised in the sun-drenched, idyllic world of Southern California and sheltered by her conservative parents, she has always prided herself on doing the right thing. But in 1965, the world is changing, and she suddenly dares to imagine a different future for herself. When her brother ships out to serve in Vietnam, she joins the Army Nurse Corps and follows his path.

As green and inexperienced as the men sent to Vietnam to fight, Frankie is overwhelmed by the chaos and destruction of war. Each day is a gamble of life and death, hope and betrayal; friendships run deep and can be shattered in an instant. In war, she meets—and becomes one of—the lucky, the brave, the broken, and the lost.

But war is just the beginning for Frankie and her veteran friends. The real battle lies in coming home to a changed and divided America, to angry protesters, and to a country that wants to forget Vietnam.

The Women is the story of one woman gone to war, but it shines a light on all women who put themselves in harm's way and whose sacrifice and commitment to their country has too often been forgotten. A novel about deep friendships and bold patriotism, *The Women* is a richly drawn story with a memorable heroine whose idealism and courage under fire will come to define an era.

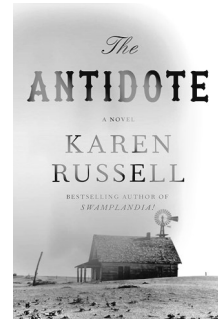
471 pages, Hardcover
First published February 6, 2024
ONLINE REVIEW BY GOODREADS.COM

BOOK SUMMARIES OF THE MONTH

ADULT FICTION: THE ANTIDOTE BY KAREN RUSSELL

Genre: Historical Fiction, magical realism

From Pulitzer finalist, MacArthur Fellowship recipient, and bestselling author of Swamplandia! and Vampires in the Lemon Grove. A gripping Dust Bowl epic about five characters whose fates become entangled after a storm ravages their small Nebraskan town



The Antidote opens on Black Sunday, as a historic dust storm ravages the fictional town of Uz, Nebraska. But Uz is already collapsing—not just under the weight of the Great Depression and the Dust Bowl drought, but beneath its own violent histories. The Antidote follows a "Prairie Witch," whose body serves as a bank vault for peoples' memories and secrets; a Polish wheat farmer who learns how quickly a hoarded blessing can become a curse; his orphan niece, a basketball star and witch's apprentice in furious flight from her grief; a voluble scarecrow; and a New Deal photographer whose time-traveling camera threatens to reveal both the town's secrets and its fate.

Russell's novel is above all a reckoning with a nation's forgetting—enacting the settler amnesia and willful omissions passed down from generation to generation, and unearthing not only horrors but shimmering possibilities. The Antidote echoes with urgent warnings for our own climate emergency, challenging readers with a vision of what might have been—and what still could be.

432 pages, Hardcover, First published March 11, 2025

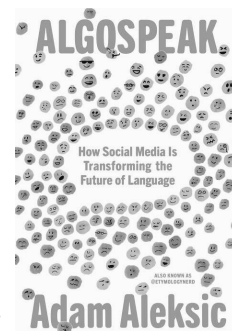
Book synopsis taken from Goodreads

NONFICTION: ALGOSPEAK: HOW SOCIAL MEDIA IS TRANSFORMING THE FUTURE OF LANGUAGE BY ADAM ALEKSIC

256 pages, Hardcover

First published July 15, 2025

Book synopsis taken from Goodreads



From linguist Adam Aleksic, known as @etymologynerd on social media, comes a captivating exploration of how internet algorithms are transforming language and communication in unprecedented ways.

Packed with fascinating facts, of-the-moment observations, and a sparkling voice, Algospeak is a gift to any word nerd. Deftly covering everything from emoji etymologies and trendbait to Taylor Swift fanilects... Adam Aleksic is the wise, yet accessible internet linguistics oracle we need." —Amanda Montell, author of *The Age of Magical Overthinking* and *Cultish*

From "brainrot" memes and incel slang to the trend of adding "-core" to different influencer aesthetics, the internet has ushered in an unprecedented linguistic upheaval. We're entering an entirely new era of etymology, heralded by the invisible forces driving social media algorithms. Thankfully, Algospeak is here to explain. As a professional linguist, Adam Aleksic understands the gravity of language and the way we use it: he knows the ways it has morphed and changed, how it reflects society, and how, in its everyday usage, we carry centuries of human history on our tongues. As a social media influencer, Aleksic is also intimately familiar with the internet's reach and how social media impacts the way we engage with one another. New slang emerges and goes viral overnight. Accents are shaped or erased on YouTube. Grammatical rules, loopholes, and patterns surface and transform language as we know it. Our interactions, social norms, and habits—both online and in person—shift into something completely different.

As Aleksic uses original surveys, data, and internet archival research to usher us through this new linguistic landscape, he also illuminates how communication is changing in both familiar and unexpected ways. From our use of emojis to sentence structure to the ways younger generations talk about sex and death (see *unalive* in English and *desvivirse* in Spanish), we are in a brand-new world, one shaped by algorithms and technology. Algospeak is an energetic, astonishing journey into language, the internet, and what this intersection means for all of us.

PLEASE NOTE Our Community Room has been reserved for private use on Tuesday September 2 and September 23 from the hours of 11am—2pm. The doors will be closed and the patrons computers in that room will not be in public use during that time.

SEPTEMBER PROGRAMS & EVENTS



**sewers
crafters
& quilters
SEPT 15**

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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ALL ADULTS WELCOME


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CHAIR YOGA


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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

ELLINGTON FARMAN LIBRARY
WELCOMES



Adrienne Ploss

author of
"Go Back. You Forgot the Flowers"

**Saturday Sept. 13
10:30 AM**

The tenacity and persistence of my
grandmother and great grandmother in the
farming way of life intuitively led a
grandaughter to carry on the family's
legacy nearly a century later

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EVERY THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH



COME OUT and PLAY! **SEPT 16**

ELLINGTON
FARMAN
LIBRARY
STARTS AT
11 AM

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


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**MEETS
THURS. SEPT. 18
11am**

The will be discussing
"The WOMEN"
By Kristin Hannah

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

How to Make A



Paper Bag Journal

**MONDAY SEPT. 22
11AM-1PM**
Craft class for adults
All supplies included
ELLINGTON FARMAN LIBRARY
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Party!**

**THURS. SEPT. 25
4-5PM**

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OF APPLES & DIPS
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**DOWN MAIN STREET
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HISTORICAL
PROGRAM
WITH
CHERRY CREEK
TOWN
HISTORIAN
TIM NOBLES

**TUESDAY SEPT. 30
6:30-7:30PM**
ELLINGTON FARMAN LIBRARY

PROGRAM FUNDED BY THE FALCONER GEOGRAPHIC FUND
ADMINISTERED BY THE CHAUTAUGUE 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 our September question

What is the common two-word name for a library which is entitled to receive one free copy of each book published in a region? These libraries are often associated with government agencies involved with intellectual property administration.

- 1) Administration Library
- 2) Copyright Library
- 3) Regional Library
- 4) Anchor Library

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



ANSWER: 4- ALL OF THEM. The answer was also found in our 100th anniversary display in the community room. Lois Kesby was our winner and she won two "summer Vibes" cups donated by Bonnie Sischo. Congratulations Lois!

GOT A BAG? MAKE A JOURNAL! Come learn how and make your own at the library

Paper bag journals are handmade journals created using paper bags as the base material. They can be used for various purposes like scrapbooking, journaling, or as a creative outlet. The bags are typically folded, cut, and decorated to form a book with pages and often include pockets and tuck spots.

Paper bag journals are essentially DIY journals where the structure is built from paper bags, often lunch bags or grocery bags. They are a form of junk journaling, where repurposed materials are used to create a unique and personalized journal.

Why they are popular:

Paper bag journals provide a fun and engaging way to express creativity and personalize a journal.

They are a great way to repurpose materials and reduce waste.

Paper bags are readily available and inexpensive, making this a low-cost craft.

Each paper bag journal is unique and can be tailored to individual preferences and needs.

Come join Emily as she teaches everyone how to make a paper bag journal from materials you probably have around the house. If you preregister by September 18th we will make sure we have plenty of supplies for you to make your own as you follow along to her instructions. Program is scheduled for Monday, September 22 from 11am-1pm.

Literary Quotes on September

"Happily we bask in this warm September sun, which illuminates all creatures," -

Henry David Thoreau

"All the months are crude experiments, out of which the perfect September is made," -

Virginia Woolf.

FILL OUR FRONT PORCH!
CAN DRIVE
SAT. SEPT. 6
8am - 1pm

DROP OFF YOUR BAGS OF CLEAN RETURNABLES- WE'LL RECYCLE THEM FOR YOU!

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CLEAN CANS, PLASTIC BOTTLES & GLASS
 MUST BE RETURNABLE ONLY

START SAVING THEM NOW!

ELLINGTON FARMAN LIBRARY
Beef on Weck
 Fundraiser

SATURDAY SEPT 20
4 - 6:30pm

\$12

INCLUDES:
 Beef on Weck Sandwich with au jus
 Side of Potato Salad, applesauce
 And Dessert

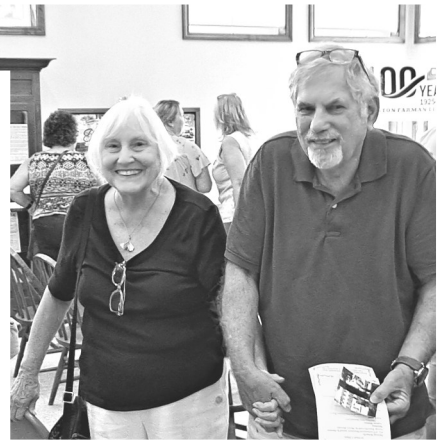
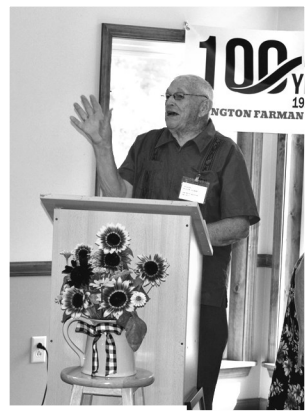
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AROUND THE LIBRARY: 100TH ANNIVERSARY!



WE HAD OURSELVES A PARTY!



AUTHOR FOCUS

Go Back. You Forgot the Flowers.: A Nudge to Plant More Flowers Comes Full Circle 100 Years Later by Adrienne J. Ploss

Stories handed down to me by my grandmother and her sister working on a flower farm tugged at me. Her Dutch neighbor Christina, loved more than flowers, resulting in deportation to the Netherlands in 1914, and a second attempt at a Transatlantic crossing to America.

My grandparents would purchase Christina's property one month before the stock market crash of 1929 and keep the property by paying the interest on the mortgage. Across the road my great-grandmother received the gift of a farm in her pact to take care of her adoptive parents until they died. The tenacity and persistence of these women in farming as a way of life intuitively led a granddaughter to carry on the family's legacy nearly a century later.

About the author: Located in southwestern New York State, Hickory Hurst Farm is owned and operated by Adrienne Ploss. She is the fourth generation of her family to operate the farm since 1908. The unexpected death of her older brother brought her back to the family farm in 2009. Adrienne plunged into farming, determined to forge new paths as a legacy to her family. Her horticultural training and experience working in the nursery and landscape industry eased the transition. She hosted a local radio gardening show for ten years, wrote a book (released March 2023), and is writing her second book (due to be released in late spring 2024). This book pays a tribute to her family who left life too soon. It also includes musings of farm life from CSA newsletters. Adrienne plans to continue farming and delving into the history of Magnolia. Adrienne is the fourth generation to own and operate her family farm in southwestern New York State. She is a trained horticulturist who also spent twenty-four years as a substitute teacher, along with ten years hosting a radio show on gardening. She teaches gardening classes on the farm and in the community. Go Back. You Forgot the Flowers combines her hobbies of local history, genealogy, and gardening into one resource. This is her first book as a solo author and she has since released a second book in March of 2024. Adrienne will be speaking on this book at our library on Saturday September 13th at 10:30am.

Information taken from author's website: <https://www.gobackyouforgottheflowers.com/ourstory>



HISTORICAL LANDSCAPE PAINTING RESTORED

Thanks to the efforts of Roger Gilbert, a painting of important significance to the Town of Ellington has been restored to its original grandeur and donated back to the library. The artist, Edgar Francis Millspaw was born in Ellington on February 2, 1878. He was the third generation of the Millspaw family to live in Ellington. Edgar displayed great artistic talent as a very young man and went to study art with Charles Ayer Whipple. Mr. Whipple was a noted artist with studios in New York City and in the 1920's he left NY to establish a studio in Washington, D.C. Whipple painted portraits of

many politicians and notables including Ulysses S. Grant and Longfellow. Whipple was later hired to complete unfinished work in the U.S. Capital Building's Rotunda and hallways. This shows the talent that Edgar must have possessed to have had the artist Whipple agree to be his mentor.

Historical information also lists Edgar Millspaw with different name spellings. In Jacobsen's Biographical Index of American Artists he is listed as Francis Edgar Millspaw, artist. He died at a young age in Ellington with his date of death listed as May 10, 1906. According to records he is buried in Valley View Cemetery with many other Millspaw family members. If Edgar had not died at an early age it is quite possible that an Ellington man could have been employed to work as an artist with Charles Whipple in the US Capital building!

Eileen Whitacre's studio, The Painting Studio in Hinckley, Ohio restored the painting for us. When the art conservationist first saw the painting she described it as a calm representation of a tonal landscape and a custom made gem with an interesting frame. The frame was not able to be restored but the colors and gash in the canvas were beautifully restored.

Funding for the restoration was provided by the Marian M. and Roger M. Gilbert Donor Advisor Fund of the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation. Mr. Gilbert unveiled the painting at our 100th Anniversary Celebration on August 16, 2025. The painting will have a permanent place hanging in our library.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	1 CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY HOLIDAY	2 11- 2pm Community room in use	3 4-5pm Yoga	4 1:30-2:30pm Resistance Exercise Band	5	6 CAN DRIVE FUNDRAISER	
7	8 4-5pm Yoga	9	10 4-5pm Yoga	11 1:30-2:30pm Resistance Exercise Band	12	13 10:30 Author Visit: Adrienne Ploss	
14	15 11- 1pm Craft Group 4-5pm Yoga	16 11am Come Out & Play! <i>Young children's special Playtime</i>	17 4-5pm Yoga	18 11am-12 Book Club 1:30-2:30pm Resistance Exercise Band	19	20 4-6:30pm Beef on Weck Fundraiser	
21	22 11am-1pm: Adult Craft: Paper Bag Journal Making 4-5pm Yoga	23 11- 2pm Community room in use	24 4-5pm Yoga	25 1:30-2:30pm Resistance Exercise Band 4-5pm Apple Tasting Bar for kids & adults	26	27	
28	29 4-5pm Yoga 7pm Board Meets	30 6:30-7:30 History Program: Down Main Street Cherry Creek w/Historian Tim Nobles	OPEN HOURS 11AM -7PM MONDAY THRU THURSDAY 10AM-1PM ON SATURDAY CLOSED FRIDAY & SUNDAY				