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MONDAY	11-7
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ARE YOU READY FOR A CELEBRATION?

On a recent trip to Philadelphia to visit the grandkids I enjoyed a quick side trip to Independence Hall. Independence Hall is considered the birthplace of the United States. In 1776, the Second Continental Congress signed the Declaration of Independence here. Eleven years later, in the same room, delegates to the Constitutional Convention created and signed an enduring framework of government - the United States Constitution. When I visited a large wing of the building was closed due to renovations that they plan to have done in time for this summer's 250th American Anniversary celebration. Due to that closure I was not able to see the whole building and accompanying exhibits. I saw enough, though, to find it absorbing and enjoyed a great sense of "walking on hallowed ground".

I was able to touch the exact desks the congressmen sat at, the Senate chambers, the offices they occupied and walked up the same stairs that our founding fathers did when they participated in intense discussions of the Declaration of Independence. (The stairs were original and not reproductions.) An interesting little tidbit; the building on the U.S. \$100 bill is an engraving showing the back of the historic Independence Hall. Benjamin Franklin's engraving on the front of the bill celebrates him as being one of the original signers of the Declaration.

If you are a lover of history then this has got to be your year! On July 4, 2026, our nation will commemorate and celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The official national initiative aims to involve all Americans in celebrating the milestone through volunteerism, storytelling, and education. Every state has a variety of events planned that focus on recognizing their pivotal role in the American Revolution and 250 years of state history. There is also a push for record-setting volunteer service across the country throughout 2026.

New York is planning extensive commemorations led by the NYS 250th Commission focusing on Revolutionary history, alongside major NYC events like the July 4th tall ships celebration at the harbor and a special Times Square Ball Drop on July 3, 2026. Events across historic sites, museums, state parks and cultural institutions statewide are all to highlight this states vital role in America's founding and growth. The other stated themes and goals for the celebration encompass 1) Education: highlighting the stories of diverse New Yorkers during the Revolution 2) Unity: Engaging communities and fostering a "culture of community service".

This is a great opportunity for libraries and patrons to participate in the events of our country. I'm not sure yet in the specific ways our library will be involved but, in the mean time, we have a nice selection of adult and junior nonfiction books that can bring you information on our nations democratic founding principles. There are biographies and history books for you to brush up on your knowledge of our nations history. Make a point in the coming months to check some out so you can be ready for this great historical event.

Many NYS events can be found on the following website:
<https://nysm.nysed.gov/revolutionaryny250/events>



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

MONDAY FEBRUARY 23

Judith Whittaker, Library Director

NEW TO OUR LIBRARY

SOME ARE ON ORDER AND SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE
DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

ADULT FICTION

WEB GRIFFIN	DIRECT ACTION
FRODE GRYTEN	THE FERRYMAN AND HIS WIFE
JOHN IRVING	QUEEN ESTHER
CHARLIE LOVETT	THE BOOKMAN'S TALE
STUART WOODS	BLOWN AWAY
JUDE DEVERAUX	ORDER OF ROYALS
BRAD TAYLOR	RING OF FIRE
CATHERINE COULTER	HEIR OF WHITESTONE
JONATHAN KELLERMAN	JIGSAW
LAURA DAVE	THE FIRST TIME I SAW HIM
FREIDA MCFADDEN (ON ORDER)	DEAR DEBBY
DELILAH S. DAWSON	KILL THE FARM BOY
FRANK DELANEY	IRELAND

ADULT NONFICTION

JAMIE OLIVER	ONE: SIMPLE ONE PAN WONDERS
MICHAEL ERIC DYSON	I MAY NOT GET THERE WITH YOU
JASON SOKOL	THE HEAVENS MIGHT CRACK
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR	ALL LABOR HAS DIGNITY
MICHAEL ERIC DYSON	APRIL 4, 1968
MICHAEL K. HONEY	GOING DOWN JERICHO ROAD
TAVIS SMILEY	DEATH OF A KING

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

JOELLE WELLINGTON	GIRLS WHO PLAY DEAD
NEAL SHUSTERMAN	MINDWORKS
CLAY CHAPMAN	SHINY HAPPY PEOPLE
E. LOCKHART	WE FELL APART

JUNIOR FICTION

ALEXA DONNE	THE BITTER END
L.S.STRATTEN	SUNDOWN GIRLS

CHILDRENS BOOKS

JARRETT PUMPHREY	THE OLD SLEIGH
SHAWN HARRIS	LET'S BE BEES
MARY TEBO	SPARROW

WE OFFER THE FOLLOWING MAGAZINES TO CHECK OUT in
2026:

- CONSUMER REPORTS
- NYS CONSERVATIONIST
- AMERICAN PATCHWORK & QUILTING
- MCCALL'S QUILTING
- WOOD
- RANGER RICK
- BACKWOODS HOME MAGAZINE (NEW
SUBSCRIPTION)

THERE IS ALSO
A FREE BASKET
OF MAGAZINES
YOU MAY TAKE
THEY REQUIRE
NO CHECKOUT

ADULT BOOK CLUB

The Adult Book Club meets the third Thursday of every month at 11am. In February 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 February they will be discussing "The Tenant" by Freida McFadden.

BOOK SYNOPSIS: THE TENANT

#1 New York Times bestselling author Freida McFadden knocks at your door with a gripping story of revenge, privilege, and secrets turned sour...

There's no place like home...

Blake Porter is riding high, until he's not. Fired abruptly from his job as a VP of marketing and unable to make the mortgage payments on the new brownstone that he shares with his fiancée, he's desperate to make ends meet.

Enter Whitney. Beautiful, charming, down-to-earth, and looking for a room to rent. She's exactly what Blake's looking for. Or is she?

Because something isn't quite right. The neighbors start treating Blake differently. The smell of decay permeates his home, no matter how hard he scrubs. Strange noises jar him awake in the middle of the night. And soon Blake fears someone knows his darkest secrets...

Danger lives right at home, and by the time Blake realizes it, it'll be far too late. The trap is already set.

368 pages, Paperback

First published May 6, 2025


Goodreads Choice Award Nominee for Mystery/

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DIFFERENCE IN YOUR
COMMUNITY?

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THE LIBRARY
THIS YEAR
& INTO THE
FUTURE!





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BOOK SUMMARIES OF THE MONTH

ADULT FICTION: *The Bright Sword* by Lev Grossman

Genre: *fantasy, fiction, historical fiction*

Nominee for Goodreads Readers' Favorite Fantasy (2024)

A gifted young knight named Collum arrives at Camelot to compete for a spot on the Round Table, only to find he's too late. The king died two weeks ago at the Battle of Camlann, leaving no heir, and only a handful of the knights of the Round Table survive.

They aren't the heroes of legend, like Lancelot or Gawain. They're the oddballs of the Round Tables, from the edges of the stories, like Sir Palomides, the Saracen Knight and Sir Dagonet, Arthur's fool, who was knighted as a joke. They're joined by Nimue, who was Merlin's apprentice until she turned on him and buried him under a hill. Together this ragtag fellowship will set out to rebuild Camelot in a world that has lost its balance.

But Arthur's death has revealed Britain's fault lines. God has abandoned it, and the fairies and monsters and old gods are returning, led by Arthur's half-sister Morgan le Fay. Kingdoms are turning on each other, warlords are laying siege to Camelot, and rival factions are forming around the disgraced Lancelot and the fallen Queen Guinevere. It is up to Collum and his companions to reclaim Excalibur, solve the mysteries of this ruined world and make it whole again. But before they can restore Camelot they'll have to learn the truth of why the lonely, brilliant King Arthur fell and lay to rest the ghosts of his troubled family and of Britain's dark past.

*Book synopsis taken from <https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/201750794-the-bright-sword>
688 pages, Hardcover, First published July 16, 2024*

ADULT NONFICTION: *The Barn: The Secret History of a Murder in Mississippi* by Wright Thompson

Genre: *true crime, race, American history*

A shocking and revelatory account of the murder of Emmett Till that lays bare how forces from around the world converged on the Mississippi Delta in the long lead-up to the crime, and how the truth was erased for so long. Wright Thompson's family farm in Mississippi is 23 miles from the site of one of the most notorious and consequential killings in American history, yet he had to leave the state for college before he learned the first thing about it. To this day, fundamental truths about the crime are widely unknown, including where it took place and how many people were involved. This is no cover-up that began at once, and it is ongoing. In August 1955, two men, Roy Bryant and J.W. Milam, were charged with the torture and murder of the 14-year-old Emmett Till in Money, Mississippi. After their inevitable acquittal in a mockery of justice, they gave a false confession to a journalist, which was misleading about where the long night of hell took place and who was involved. In fact, Wright Thompson reveals, at least nine people can be placed at the scene, which was inside the barn of one of the killers, on a plot of land within the six-square-mile grid whose official name is Township 22 North, Range 4 West, Section 2, West Half, fabled in the Delta of myth as the birthplace of the blues on nearby Dockery Plantation. Even in the context of the brutal caste regime of the time, the four-hour torture and murder of a boy barely in his teens for whistling at a young white woman was acutely depraved; Till's mother Mamie Till-Mobley's decision to keep the casket open seared the crime indelibly into American consciousness. Wright Thompson has a deep understanding of this story—the world of the families of both Emmett Till and his killers, and all the forces that aligned to place them together on that spot on the map. As he shows, the full horror of the crime was its inevitability, and how much about it we still need to understand. Ultimately this is a story about property, and money, and power. It implicates all of us. In *The Barn*, Thompson befriends the few people who have been engaged in the hard, fearful business of bringing the truth to light, people like Wheeler Parker, Emmett Till's friend, who came down from Chicago with him that summer, and is the last person alive to know him well. Wheeler Parker's journey to put the killing floor of the barn on the map of Township 22 North, Range 4 West, Section 2, West Half, and the Delta, and America, is a journey we all need to go on if this country is to heal from its oldest, deepest wound.

*Book synopsis taken from <https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/204316858-the-barn>
430 pages, Hardcover, First published September 24, 2024*

Literary Quotes about February

- On the wind in February Snowflakes float still, Half inclined to turn to rain, Nipping, dripping, chill.
—Christina Georgina Rossetti
- “In February there is everything to hope for and nothing to regret.”
— Patience Strong
- “If January is the month of change, February is the month of lasting change. January is for dreamers...
February is for doers.”
— Marc Parent

FEBRUARY PROGRAMS & EVENTS




sewers crafters & quilters

ONLY FEB 2 THIS MONTH
NO MEETING FEB 16 DUE TO HOLIDAY CLOSURE

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

— EVERY MONDAY 4-5PM —

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- NO REGISTRATION NEEDED
- GENTLE CHAIR YOGA
- PRACTICE TO DVD'S OR ONLINE YOGA CLASSES

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FARMAN LIBRARY**

NO COMMITMENT
COME ANYTIME!

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


COME EXPLORE THE LIBRARY
TOGETHER!

**NATIONAL TAKE YOUR CHILD TO
THE LIBRARY DAY!**

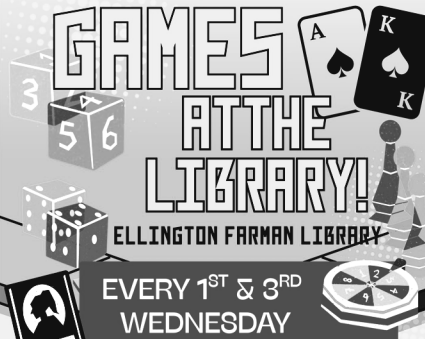
**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 7TH
FROM 10AM - 1PM**

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ABC Mouse Software on patron computers
 Books, Magazines & DVD'S for all ages
 Makerspace activities, Children's Room,
 Sensory Bins, Launchpads,
 Puzzles, Games & more!



GAMES AT THE LIBRARY!



ELLINGTON FARMAN LIBRARY

EVERY 1ST & 3RD
**WEDNESDAY
OF THE MONTH
1:30 - 3PM**


SNACKS
TOO!

**CHESS, CHECKERS, CRIBBAGE,
CARD & BOARD GAMES**
 feel free to bring your favorites or
 use the ones the library has

**GOOD SNACKS, GREAT GAMES, THE
BEST COMPANY... YOU & YOUR FRIENDS!**

NO REGISTRATION NEEDED CALL 716 287-2945 FOR INFO

Film Series at the Farman Martin Clunes ISLANDS OF AMERICA



Award-winning actor Martin Clunes travels
 the U.S. islands in this fun and informative
 voyage around America's amazing coasts.
 Along the way, he sees dazzling and diverse
 landscapes, gets up close and personal with
 wildlife ranging from endangered foxes to
 great white sharks, and chats with insightful
 historians and memorable locals. Join Clunes
 on this island-hopping quest to witness the
 wonders of America, from sea to shining sea.

**EPISODE DATES
ALL SHOWING
11:30AM-12:30PM**

MONDAY FEB 9
Hawaii and Alaska
MONDAY FEB 23
Washington State, California
 & Louisiana
MONDAY MARCH 9
Puerto Rico, Georgia, North
 Carolina, & Virginia
MONDAY MARCH 23
New York, Massachusetts &
 Maine.

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BOOK CLUB

ELLINGTON
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MEETS THURS. FEB 19 11am

They will be discussing
"The Tenant"
 By Freida McFadden

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

ALL AGES WELCOME BUT UNDER AGE 7 MUST BE
 ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT



Kids MAKER SPACE DROP IN TIME

TUES. FEB 10 & 24TH @4PM
ELLINGTON FARMAN LIBRARY

You can register your child
FOR A FREE TREE
 TO PLANT IN CELEBRATION OF EARTH DAY 2026!

ELLINGTON LIBRARY IS PARTNERING WITH

 Neighborhood Forest
 giving trees to children

Sign ups are open now through March 15th, trees
 will arrive the week of Earth Day, April 22!



THERE ARE 3 WAYS TO PARTICIPATE!
 SIGN UP: YOU MUST USE THIS LINK TO BE REGISTERED FOR OUR LIBRARY
<https://www.neighborhoodforest.org/registration-services/?school=161251>

- Register a child to receive a free tree (pick-up at our library required)
 We'll contact you when your tree is ready for pick-up at the library!
- OR: Purchase a tree to plant this spring if you don't have a child
 (Buy One, Fund One!)
- Help fund trees in our community! — \$5 donation helps place a tree
 in the hands of a child

REGISTRATION IS ONLY OPEN UNTIL MARCH 15. REGISTER NOW!

AUTHOR FOCUS for February

FREIDA MCFADDEN

Sara Cohen known by pseudonym Freida McFadden (born May 1, 1980) is an American thriller author and practicing physician specializing in brain injury. She balances her demanding medical career with writing bestselling psychological thrillers, often incorporating medical themes and knowledge from her work into her popular books like The Housemaid series

McFadden grew up in midtown Manhattan with one sibling. Her parents, who later divorced, both worked in the medical field. Her father was a psychiatrist and her mother a podiatrist. From an early age, McFadden expressed an interest in becoming a physician. She attended a highly competitive New York City high school, where she has later reflected on the academic rigor as formative to her work ethic.

McFadden went on to study mathematics at Harvard University. She later attended medical school, pursuing a career in medicine while continuing to write fiction and submit manuscripts to publishers and literary agents. During this period, she balanced her academic training with creative writing, developing material that would later inform her early published work.

After completing her medical training, McFadden began self-publishing fiction. Her first novel, *The Devil Wears Scrubs* (2013), drew heavily on her experiences as a medical intern and was based in part on observations from clinical training. The novel marked the beginning of her writing career and established her interest in blending medical settings with narrative fiction.

McFadden has stated that her background as a physician has influenced her writing, particularly in her ability to depict medical scenarios accurately. She has also explained that maintaining a stable medical career earlier in her writing life gave her financial security and allowed her to invest in marketing her books. As her author career expanded, she reduced her clinical work and now practices medicine only part time, 1–2 days a week. Growing up in New York City, McFadden has noted that the city frequently serves as a setting for her novels

Her 2022 book *The Housemaid* was an international bestseller and was adapted for Lionsgate. Filming began in January 2025, and it was released on December 19, 2025

Awards

Freida's work has been selected as one of Amazon Editors' best books of the year, she is the winner of the International Thriller Writers Award for best paperback, and she is a Goodreads Choice Award winner. Her novels have been translated into more than 45 languages

- information taken from the authors website: <https://www.freidamcfadden.com/>
- Also from https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Freida_McFadden

IT'S TIME FOR SOME GAMES AT THE LIBRARY!

Play reduces stress, enhances mood, improves cognitive function, and strengthens social connections, fostering well-being and resilience for adults. Well doesn't that all sound good? How about we reword that and just say that having a dedicated time every month to get together with others, play cards or board games and add some yummy snacks in the mix and it all makes for a great time! A few years ago, one of our patrons and long supporter of our library, Esther Bly, started a Cribbage Group time at the library. She not only found people to play but also taught those who wanted to join but needed instruction. In her spirit, we are introducing a new Adult Game Time at the library. We have cards, chess, checkers, cribbage and more to offer and we invite folks to bring their own favorite games as well. It kicked off in January with meeting every first and third Wednesdays of the month from 1:30-3pm in our Community Room. In February that means the community room will be open for games & snacks on February 4th & 18th. What's a little friendly competition without food? The library will provide refreshments but you are welcome to bring your favorite snacks also. Everyone is invited to come. Feel free to bring a friend or come alone and make some new friends!

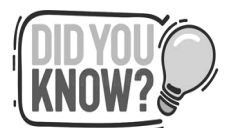


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<https://www.ellingtonlibrary.org/>

Click on the catalog tab or you can go to the site directly from this address:

<https://catalog.ellingtonlibrary.org/>



Log in with your password and pin. Don't know either of these? Call the library and we can help you.

FILMS SERIES AT THE FARMAN: FEBRUARY & MARCH: ISLANDS OF AMERICA

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All episodes start at 11:30am and run for around an hour. We'll provide the pop corn!

*Shown in the Community Room on our large screen TV.



MONDAY FEB 9 : Hawaii and Alaska

MONDAY FEB 23: Washington State, California & Louisiana

MONDAY MARCH 9: Puerto Rico, Georgia, North Carolina & Virginia

MONDAY MARCH 23: New York, Massachusetts & Maine

NATIONAL TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY DAY!

Share your love of libraries with your little ones! Bring your young child to Ellington Farman Library on Saturday February 7th and let them explore with you all the wonderful things a library has to offer.

You can make a snack together, put together puzzles, be builders with our Legos in the Makerspace where you'll also find games like Jenga, chess, checkers and a variety of card games. Do you have a child who loves computers? We have ABC Mouse installed on our patron computers. This is an interactive software that is geared towards 4- 8 years old where they will have fun while learning. New this year our library is offering Launchpads which you can play with in the library or check out to take home. Our very young children will enjoy experimenting and playing with our Sensory Bins. An adult must be present with them to play with the Sensory Bins.

A trip to the library wouldn't be complete without visiting our Children's Room. We plan to have the Children's Room redecorating done by that day. Come see our new Oceans theme and take a photo of your favorite child at the "Oceans of Possibilities" photo stop. There are more activities and a great big yellow chair you both can curl up in and read. We have toddler board books for the very young, easy picture books and early literacy chapter books all located in the children's room with junior books located in the main room. This would be a great time to register your child for a free library card. It only takes a few minutes and they will be able to have access to all the items in any of the 38 libraries in our Chautauqua Cattaraugus Library System. This includes the Libby App where you can find ebooks and audiobooks, Read by Yourself with Read-Alongs, Craftsy and Kanopy Kids movie titles.

Don't forget to check out some books to continue that love of reading at home. We invite you to come visit the library with your child on Saturday February 7th to experience the library together.

LIBRARY TRIVIA

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?**

FEBRUARY QUESTION: WHAT PSEUDONYM DOES THE AUTHOR SARA COHEN WRITE UNDER?

1) JUDE DEVERAUX 2) AMY CLIPSTON 3) BARBARA KINGSOLVER 4) FREIDA MCFADDEN

January question & correct answer: What author wrote the poem; " In January it's so nice , while slipping on the sliding ice, to sip hot chicken soup with rice. Sipping once, Sipping twice." Answer is Maurice Sendak.

Winner in January is: Congratulations go to Lauren Sharp! Lauren is actually the only one who had a correct guess in January

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LIBRARY OPEN HOURS

11AM -7PM MONDAY THRU THURSDAY
10AM-1PM ON SATURDAY
CLOSED FRIDAY & SUNDAY

FOCUS ON LIBRARY RESOURCES: LIBBY

Your library card entitles you to have access to digital items in any of the 38 libraries within our CCLS system through Libby. Are you already a Libby User or new to just using the app? For the next few months we will place a focus on the Libby app and highlight some common questions. We want to help you get so much more out of your Libby reading experience.



TIP NUMBER 2: EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT HOLDS IN THE LIBBY APP

If you've ever tapped on a book in the Libby app only to be met with the words "Place Hold," you know this isn't the time to panic. Holds are helpful—they let you plan your reading life, keep your TBR list fresh, and make sure you don't forget to borrow that new release when it's ready. So whether you're a Libby newbie or a seasoned borrower, here's your no-stress guide to making the most of your time on hold—from understanding how it works and staying in control of your place in line to getting the books you want, right when you're ready to read them.

- **LET'S START WITH THE BASICS.** A hold is your spot in line for a title that's currently checked out by another person (just like at your physical library!). When it's your turn, Libby will send you a notification and give you 3 days to either:

Borrow it

Suspend it (more on this below)

Or cancel it if you've changed your mind

- **WHERE ARE MY HOLDS?** You can find all your holds by tapping your Shelf, the stacked books icon at the bottom of the Libby app, then tapping Holds. Here, you'll see:
 - Your place in line
 - An estimated wait time
 - Options to manage or cancel your holds
 - Total people waiting
- **WHAT IF I'M NOT READY WHEN MY HOLD COMES IN?** No worries—Libby lets you suspend your hold (previously called "Deliver Later."). This means you keep your place in line, but the book goes to the next person. When you're ready to read the hold you've suspended, manually unsuspend it
- **HOW DO I UNSUSPEND A HOLD WHEN I'M READY TO READ?** Suspended holds no longer unsuspend automatically, so you'll need to manually unsuspend them when you're ready to read. To do that, go to your Shelf, tap Holds at the top of the screen, tap Unsuspend, then Unsuspend Hold. If you forget to unsuspend a hold for a whole year (365 days), Libby will cancel it for you. After unsuspending your hold, it will be delivered when you reach the top of the wait list and someone returns the title.
- **HOW DO I SORT MY HOLDS BY WHEN THEY'LL PROBABLY BE READY?** Want to see which of your holds might be available soonest? Just tap the filter button on your holds screen, choose Expected Next, and then tap Show Holds. It's a super handy way to get a sense of what's coming up next—especially if you're excited about a particular title!
- **WHAT IF I SEE "UNKNOWN WAIT" OR "CLEAN UP HOLD"?** If you see "Unknown Wait" next to a hold, it usually means the title has expired or been temporarily removed from the library's collection. You won't be able to borrow it right now, but your library may be deciding whether to bring it back, especially if there's still interest. You might also see "Clean up hold?", which is Libby's gentle nudge to consider canceling the hold so you can free up space on your library card for other holds. If the library adds the title again and you're still on the wait list, your hold will start moving like normal.
- **CAN I CANCEL A HOLD?** Absolutely. Just tap Manage Hold > Cancel Hold. It's a quick way to tidy up your shelf and a kind gesture that helps the next reader in line get their turn a little sooner.

Pro-tip: Want to avoid the wait altogether? Filter your library's catalog by "Available Now" to find books you can borrow instantly.

This information and more tips has been reprinted from <https://www.libbylife.com/blog/2025-09-17-everything-you-need-to-know-about-holds-in-the-libby-app>

REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR A FREE TREE!

Ellington Farman Library is partnering with Neighborhood Forest, a nonprofit organization which is one of the largest & fastest growing tree planting initiatives involving youth in North America. By giving free trees to children, they will..

- Reduce our carbon footprint
- Beautify our neighborhoods
- Instill a sense of magic and love for our planet in the hearts of little ones!



You can register your children for free trees! Here's how you do that.

- SIGN UP: YOU MUST USE THIS LINK TO BE REGISTERED FOR OUR LIBRARY
<https://www.neighborhoodforest.org/registration-services/?school=161251>

You can Click on the above link, or type it into your browser or find it on our Facebook page.

Register your child or grandchild to receive a free tree (***pick-up at our library required***) We'll contact you when your tree is ready for pick-up .

At that link you may also, if desired.....

- Purchase a tree to plant this spring if you don't have a child (Buy One, Fund One!)
- Help fund trees in our community! – donate \$5 to help place a tree in the hands of a child

The trees will all be species that are native to this area. You will also receive a guidebook on how to plant your tree. **Deadline: Sign ups are open now through March 15th, (trees will arrive the week of Earth Day, April 22)!**

LIBRARY HAPPENINGS



FEBRUARY 2026 ELLINGTON FARMAN LIBRARY 7 16-287-2945 ellingtonlibrary.org

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 11am -1pm Craft Group meets 4-5 Yoga	3	4 1:30- 2:30pm Game Time Cribbage, Cards, Board Games	5 1:30 Resistance Band Exercise Group	6	7 11-1pm National Take Your Child to the Library Day; Reopening of the Children's Room
8	9 11:30-12:30 Film series Islands of America Hawaii & Alaska 4-5 Yoga	10 4-5pm Makerspace Drop in Time plus snacks	11	12 1:30 Resistance Band Exercise Group	13	14
15	16 CLOSED FOR PRESIDENTS DAY	17	18 1:30- 2:30pm Game Time Cribbage, Cards, Board Games	19 11am Adult Book Club 1:30 Resistance Band Exercise	20	21
22	23 11:30-12:30 Film series Islands of America Washington State, California & Louisiana 4-5 Yoga 7pm Board Meeting	24 4-5pm Makerspace Drop In time plus snacks	25	26 1:30 Resistance Band Exercise Group	27	28

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11AM -7PM MONDAY THRU THURSDAY
10AM-1PM ON SATURDAY
CLOSED FRIDAY & SUNDAY