



The Ellington Reader

ELLINGTON FARMAN LIBRARY

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MONDAY	11-7
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SUNDAY	CLOSED

SUMMER; TIME TO READ AND TALK!

Libraries are in full swing in the summer with packed programming that includes adult and a lot of children's events. I've written before, probably numerous times, on the effectiveness of keeping children reading throughout the summer because many children tend to not read if they are not in school. There is data to support that theory but my attention in this article is not necessarily about the measurable results of libraries summer reading programs.

Today I'd like to put forth the idea that for children to get comfortable reading in school they first must have an environment that promotes language. After all, the first step in reading skills must come from the understanding that the words on the page correspond to a spoken word. If young children don't connect those dots then they would find no reason to read at all. Reading comprehension relies on the decoding of the printed text. That text must correspond to oral language in order for it to have any meaning to the child. It's not just the sounds of the letters but the concept of the word.

The number of vocabulary words a young child knows and uses has been shown to be a key predictor of future school success. As children develop language they gradually increase their vocabulary. How can parents/caregivers help them with this? One simple way is for adults to practice conversational skills with their children ie.; speaking out loud to their child. It seems simple as any parent would say, of course they speak but the question becomes, what are they actually communicating? Parents speak a lot of commands to their children such as; no, don't touch, stop that and others. I'm not referring to that form of language. It has been proven that if we just engage more in speaking, asking questions and responding in words young children can understand, then we are actively building the first concepts of reading. We can ask open ended questions that will elicit responses of more than just yes or no. When in the store we can point out colors, shapes of objects and ask them about what they see. If you use a lot of adjectives in your descriptions they will learn how to describe things also. Make it a back and forth conversation and tell them what you see too. Ask them what they think of things and offer your point of view too. Try playing rhyming word games or singing songs even if you think they are silly. Storytelling is a great communication tool also and, boy do we know that children have a lot of stories to tell us! Let them express themselves freely and give them time to finish their thoughts.

Both reading and listening serve as the brains interpretive communication tools. Research has indicated that children exposed to rich language environments, such as frequent discussions with adults tend to have higher language and social skills. Higher communication skills helps them get a good start on their life long literacy journey. So don't think you have nothing to offer a child in the form of reading skills just because you are not an avid reader yourself. Just talk to them. Really talk and encourage them to use words themselves. Just about everyone is capable of accomplishing that first step. Schools will teach the reading skills to your children and libraries work alongside schools and families to help reinforce those skills. So happy summertime- a perfect time to read, sing and talk with your children!



The Ellington Farman Library Board of Trustees usually meets on the last Monday of each month in our Library Community Room. 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 JULY 20 @ 6PM.

WE WELCOME NEW BOARD

MEMBERS. If you would like

to serve as a Trustees please

stop in and speak with the

director or any of the trustees

for more information.

Judith Whittaker, Library Director

NEW TO OUR LIBRARY

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

ADULT FICTION

JOHN CONNOLLY	A RIVER RED WITH BLOOD
DAVID BALDACCI	HOPE RISES
KIMI CUNNINGHAM GRANT	THESE SILENT WOODS
WALLY LAMB	THE RIVER IS WAITING
KAREN ROBARDS	THE MOONLIGHT RUNNER
ANGE CRAWFORD	HOW TO BE NORMAL
BRAD THOR	CHOKE POINT
JESS KIDD	MURDER AT THE SPIRIT LOUNGE:
JESS KIDD	MURDER AT GULLS NEST
LISA JEWELL	IT COULD HAVE BEEN HER
BRAD THOR	CHOKE POINT

THESE BOOKS ARE STILL ON BACKORDER:

DANIEL KRAUSE	ANGEL DOWN
SARAH DAMOFF	THE BURNING SIDE
KRISTY WOODSON HARVEY	SUMMER STATE OF MIND
ALLEN LEVI	THEO OF GOLDEN
CAMMIE MCGOVERN	THE LAST LETTERS OF SALLY & WALTER

ADULT NONFICTION

MARTHA RADDATZ	THE HERO NEXT DOOR
MICHAEL EDISON HAYDEN	STRANGE PEOPLE ON THE HILL
SCOTT SIMON	ULYSSES S. CAT AND OTHER ANIMALS I HAVE KNOWN
	SNARKY CROCHET: IRREVERENT PATTERNS, JOKES & PUNS FOR SILLY STITCHERS
STEPHEN SAUTNER	EVERY CAST: CHRONICLES OF A DEEPLY HOOKED ANGLER

YOUNG ADULT

BOOK STILL ON BACKORDER

SARAH DESSEN	CHANGE OF PLANS
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JUNIOR NONFICTION

MIKE JOHNSON	INSPIRATIONAL BASEBALL STORIES
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CHILD

BRAD MELTZER	YOU CAN CHANGE THE WORLD
ANNA WILSON	SHINE LIKE THE STARS
OMAR ABED	THE BOOK THAT ALMOST RHYMED
CAROLE WEATHERFORD	FOURTEEN WAYS OF LOOKING AT JELLYFISH
CHRISTIAN ROBINSON	DAD

ADULT BOOK CLUB

The Adult Book Club meets the third Thursday of every month at 11am. In July they meet on the 16. Club members choose their monthly titles and the library provides copies to all members if needed. New members are always welcome. In July they will be discussing "The Thursday Murder Club" by Richard Osman.

SYNOPSIS FROM GOODREADS

The Thursday Murder Club # 1

Four septuagenarians with a few tricks up their sleeves

A female cop with her first big case

A brutal murder

Welcome to... THE THURSDAY MURDER CLUB

In a peaceful retirement village, four unlikely friends meet weekly in the Jigsaw Room to discuss unsolved crimes; together they call themselves The Thursday Murder Club. When a local developer is found dead with a mysterious photograph left next to the body, the Thursday Murder Club suddenly find themselves in the middle of their first live case.

As the bodies begin to pile up, can our unorthodox but brilliant gang catch the killer, before it's too late?

About the author: Richard Osman is an author and television presenter. His novels, The Thursday Murder Club, The Man Who Died Twice, The Bullet That Missed, and The Last Devil to Die, were number one, million-copy international bestsellers as well as New York Times bestsellers. He lives in London with his wife, Ingrid, and Liesl the cat. We Solve Murders is his fifth novel.

382 pages

First published September 3, 2020

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your passport to adventure.

If you need a FREE

library card, come see us and we will help you get one. If you haven't renewed your card, we can take care of that too!

Welcome to a world of adventure!

Want to digitally receive our newsletter? Email:
director@ellingtonlibrary.org with your email address and the
word "subscribe" in the subject line. Every month you'll get a newsletter in
PDF form delivered straight to your inbox.

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Ellington Farman Library



BOOK SUMMARIES OF THE MONTH

ADULT FICTION: THE RIVER IS WAITING BY WALLY LAMB

GOODREADS CHOICE AWARD; NOMINEE FOR READERS' FAVORITE FICTION (2025)

Genre: *Contemporary, Literary, Mystery*

Mark Help

Corby Ledbetter is struggling. New fatherhood, the loss of his job, and a growing secret addiction have thrown his marriage to his beloved Emily into a tailspin. And that's before he causes the tragedy that tears the family apart.

Sentenced to prison, Corby struggles to survive life on the inside, where he bears witness to frightful acts of brutality but also experiences small acts of kindness and elemental kinship with a prison librarian who sees his light and some of his fellow offenders, including a tender-hearted cellmate and a troubled teen desperate for a role model. Buoyed by them and by his mother's enduring faith in him, Corby begins to transcend the boundaries of his confinement, sustained by his hope that mercy and reconciliation might still be possible. Can his crimes ever be forgiven by those he loves?

Review online from Goodreads

466 pages, First published June 10, 2025

ADULT NONFICTION: THE HERO NEXT DOOR: STORIES OF PATRIOTISM AND PURPOSE BY MARTHA RADDITZ

"I have read hundreds of books on the military, and none has impacted me as profoundly as this one. Raddatz has captured the humanity and heroism (and the humor) of our nation's troops and their loved ones. Riveting, inspiring, and beautifully told." —Andrew Carroll, author of *War Letters* and *Behind the Lines*

"An antidote to the cynicism that surrounds us, a celebration of sacrifice, selflessness, and moral courage. It is exactly the book we need." —Mitchell Zuckoff, *New York Times* bestselling author of *13 Hours*

Emmy Award-winning ABC News anchor Martha Raddatz shares inspiring profiles in courage of the 9/11 generation of warriors and their families. For twenty-five years Martha Raddatz has witnessed the grit and resilience of the soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines who have been fighting America's wars since 9/11. What motivates them to do such impossible things? How do they find the courage to put their lives on the line, or the strength to start over when things don't go as planned?

The Hero Next Door offers a dozen portraits of servicemen and women who are every bit as inspiring as those of the Greatest Generation. Every one of them has shown awe-inspiring strength of character, creativity, and drive, faced daunting odds, and come out stronger.

Take Kevin Shaeffer, a naval officer working at the Pentagon on 9/11, whose life-changing experience on that day fueled his determination to hunt down Osama bin Laden. Or Mark Little, who made it his mission, after an IED blew up his convoy in Iraq, to help veterans rebuild their lives when they were down. Or Josh Webster, who dangled by a rope under enemy fire to rescue a fallen officer in the mountains of Afghanistan. Or Rocco Armonda, a highly skilled surgeon who pioneered a new way of treating traumatic brain injury in Iraq. Or Danielle "Purple" Thiriot and Charles "Wingnut" Wickware, who, once they started flying, knew exactly what their mission was. Or Derek Herrera, who gives new meaning to transformative second acts.

Life can turn on a moment, and who's to say what we'll do? That, we learn, is when you spot the real when no one is watching. "Individually, their stories are deeply inspiring," Raddatz writes. "Together, they offer something beyond insight into what it means to live with a life-defining courage and sense of purpose."

Book synopsis online <https://www.goodreads.com/book>
368 pages, Hardcover Published May 26, 2026



Just for Kids!

Hey Kids (and Parents)
check out what the library has just for you!

-  **LAUNCHPADS**
LEARNING TABLET PRELOADED WITH INTERACTIVE, EDUCATIONAL & FUN GAMES AND LEARNING TOOLS AVAILABLE FOR CHECK OUT OR TO USE IN THE LIBRARY
-  **SENSORY BINS**
FOUR SENSORY LEARNING BINS ADULTS & CHILDREN CAN USE TOGETHER COMES WITH SUGGESTED GAMES OR FREE PLAY TIME AVAILABLE TO USE IN THE LIBRARY
-  **OUTDOOR TOYS BASKET**
A VARIETY OF OUTDOOR BALLS & GAMES THAT CAN BE USED OUTSIDE ON LIBRARY PREMISES OR IN THE TOWN PARK FOR 1 HOUR TIME LIMITS
-  **MUSICAL PACK**
SPROUT LEARNING PACK FILLED WITH MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, BOOKS & IDEAS ONE PACK AVAILABLE FOR CHECK OUT
-  **MAKERSPACE**
LOCATED IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM AND FILLED WITH GAMES, ART SUPPLIES, PUZZLES & MORE! MAY BE ACCESSED ANYTIME THERE IS NO PROGRAM SCHEDULED

ASK STAFF ON DUTY FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO CHECK OUT

JULY PROGRAMS & EVENTS



CHAIR YOGA

EVERY MONDAY 3:30-4:30PM

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

ELLINGTON 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



sewers crafters & quilters

JULY 6 & 20

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

ELLINGTON FARMAN LIBRARY



ELLINGTON LIBRARY OUTDOOR FUN & GAMES!

SUMMER

WEDS JULY 15 & 29
WEDS AUG 5 & 12

STARTING AT 1PM
FOR AGES 6 & UP

NO REGISTRATION
NEEDED
BRING SOME
FRIENDS!

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LOCATION
IS INSIDE
LIBRARY

Contact Us 716-287-2945
760 Thornton Rd, Ellington

ELLINGTON LIBRARY KIDS CRAFT DAYS!

TUESDAYS

ALL START AT
1 PM



JULY 14: CRAYON RESIST PAINTING ages 7 & up
JULY 21: POPSICLE STICK DINOSAURS ages 3 & up
JULY 28: HOT AIR BALLOON CRAFT & FUN ages 3 & up
AUG 4: TREE SCULPTURE CRAFT ages 7 & up

CALL 716-287-2945 TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFO

THE ERIE TRAVELING ZOO

ERIE ZOO

COMING TO
ELLINGTON
LIBRARY!

**WEDS.
JULY 8 1-2PM**

UNEARTH A STORY- MEET THE LIVING DINOSAURS
HOW DO SCIENTISTS LEARN ABOUT DINOSAURS AND ANCIENT WORLDS WHEN NO ONE WAS
THERE TO SEE THEM? THEY READ CLUES HIDDEN IN THE EARTH—JUST LIKE READING A STORY!
IN THIS INTERACTIVE, FAMILY-FRIENDLY PROGRAM, MEET LIVE ANIMALS FROM THE ZOO AND
DISCOVER HOW REPTILES, BIRDS, AND EVEN INSECTS ALIVE TODAY HELP SCIENTISTS
UNEARTH STORIES FROM MILLIONS OF YEARS AGO.

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED: FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

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BOOK CLUB

ELLINGTON
FARMAN
LIBRARY

MEETS THURS. JULY 16 11am

THEY WILL BE DISCUSSING
"THE THURSDAY MURDER
CLUB" BY RICHARD OSMAN

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!



CHECKERS THE INVENTOR

COMING TO ELLINGTON LIBRARY

Checkers the Inventor is a children's
performer, author, and creator of
The Reading Road Trip, a nationally
recognized literacy series used by
schools and libraries.

WED. JULY 22 @ 2PM
ELLINGTON LIBRARY

The Great Dinosaur Discovery Show

The Great Dinosaur Discovery Show is a fast-paced,
interactive variety program that features comedy magic,
juggling, stunts, audience participation,
and more exciting surprises!

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED * CALL 716-287-2945 FOR MORE INFO * 760 THORNTON RD, ELLINGTON
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DINOSAUR DIG OPEN PLAY TIME!

COME TO THE LIBRARY AND
DIG FOR DINOSAURS WITH
OUR SENSORY BIN

THURS JULY 23 3-4PM
**SAT. JULY 25
10AM - 12:30**

ASK A STAFF MEMBER FOR DETAILS

SENSORY BINS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE
AT OTHER TIMES WITH ADULT SUPERVISION

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113th ELLINGTON TOWN PICNIC

JULY 31, AUGUST 1-2, 2026

Friday Evening, July 31st

- 5:00 Vendors Open
- 5:00 Music by James Patrick Hackett
- 6:00 Fire Truck Pull hosted by Ellington Volunteer Fire Department
On Mill Street in front of the Post Office. Registration closes at 5:45
- 6:30 Crowning of Miss Ellington
- 7:00 Music by "Happy Days Band" (50's Music) Prize for Best 50's Costume!

Saturday, August 1st

- 9:30 Registration for Baby Show (Babies newborn to 18 months)
- 10:00 Baby Show at the Fire Hall
- 10:30 Pet Show (Pets should be on a leash or in a carrier)
- 11:00 Wood Cutting Contest
- 11:30 Chicken BBQ by Ellington Volunteer Fire Department
- 12:00 Children's Games - Meet at the Band Stand
- 12:30 Music by Jamestown Municipal Band (Musical Celebration of USA 250th)
- 1:00 Amusements by "Bounce About Inflatables" Open
- 1:00 Registration for Decorated Cupcake & Cake Contest at the Fire Hall
- 1:30 Family Bingo at the Fire Hall - Donated Prizes
- 2:00 Announce Winners of Decorated Cupcake & Cake Contest in the Park
LIVE AUCTION for Cupcakes & Cakes (Proceeds benefit Town Picnic)
- 3:00 Music by "Tennessee Whiskey"
- 4:00 Petting Zoo in the Park
- 4:30 Smorgasbord Dinner at the Fire Hall
by Town Picnic Association
- 5:00 Parade Line-up at Town Ball Field
- 6:00 Parade down Main Street
- 7:00 Music by "Bottoms Up" with Brian Hicks
- 10:00 Fireworks Display

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Sunday, August 2nd

- 10:00 Church Service in the Park Pot Luck Picnic to follow.
EVERYONE WELCOME!

Rainbow the Clown
Fireworks by Gibson Fireworks

Bounce About Inflatables
Sundance Kids Petting Zoo

MARK YOUR CALENDARS- UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST 19 @ 6PM: Celoron Park Remembrance film presented by the Fenton History Center. Historic Celoron Park was a famous amusement destination located on the shores of Chautauqua Lake in Celoron, NY. There are still many people who have childhood memories of attending the park. Often referred to as the "Coney Island of Western New York", it operated from 1894 until 1962, featuring classic rides, a massive ferris wheel, a grand ballroom, and vaudeville shows. Established by the Broadhead family, the park boasted top-tier entertainment, a wooden roller coaster, and a 165-foot ferris wheel called "The Phoenix". Today, the amusement park is gone, but the site serves as the Lucille Ball Memorial Park to honor the village's most famous resident. The film is produced by and based on the book by Thomas J. Goodwill. The book was published in 2009 and the film produced in 2024. Mr. Goodwill is the Board President of the Fenton History Center. At this time we are hoping to have him be able to come to the film and add any insights or answer questions from the audience. Even if he cannot attend we will be showing the film. If you have any memories of the park we would welcome you to share them also.

INTERESTED BECOMING A LIBRARY TRUSTEE? We have open spots available on our Board WHAT ARE THE BASIC RESPONSIBILITIES OF A TRUSTEE?

The board is seeking applicants who:

- Have an interest in public libraries, literacy, education, or civic engagement;
- Value community service and public access to information;
- Are willing to attend monthly board meeting in person and participate collaboratively in board discussions and decision-making
- Act as an advocate for the library. Become informed about the services offered by the library and promote these services in the community
- Can commit time for regular meetings and related committee meetings

Residents with diverse backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives are encouraged to apply. Interested parties are welcome to attend a Library Trustee Board meeting and stop in the library to pick up a copy of the Trustees Handbook.

The library is located at 760 Thornton Rd, Ellington and sits across from the Town Park. Our open hours are Monday – Thursday 11am – 7pm and Saturday 10am-1pm. We invite you to stop in during open hours to see our beautiful library, pick up a copy of the newsletter, use our library resources and get acquainted with what we have to offer. Call us at 716-287-2945 for more information. Mostly we are looking for committed people; ones who want to make a difference in the community by working with the library. That might just be you!

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 & bragging rights. **Ready to play?**

JULY QUESTION: What classic Leo Tolstoy novel, tells of the doomed love affair between the sensuous and rebellious Anna and the dashing officer, Count Vronsky?

The Countess Anna Anna Karenina The Count and the Lady Levin's Journey

June Question: What term is often featured in literature as a time in June when the veil between the human world and the fairy world is thin? Famously used in Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. **Answer: Summer Solstice**
Congratulations to June Trivia Winner Barbara P. Park! Thank you all for playing.

Each seasonal shift carries a deeper meaning and message. At midsummer, the metaphors are luminous. The sun at its height reminds us of what it means to take up space with grace. The return to darkness shows us how to surrender to change with trust.

LITERARY QUOTES ABOUT SUMMER

"Summer was on the way; Jem and I awaited it with impatience. Summer was our best season: it was sleeping on the back screened porch in cots, or trying to sleep in the tree house; summer was everything good to eat; it was a thousand colors in a parched landscape; but most of all, summer was Dill."

— Harper Lee, *To Kill a Mockingbird*

TOWN OF ELLINGTON NEWS

The library is pleased to dedicate a page in their monthly newsletter to events happening in the town of Ellington. If you are an organization or nonprofit with an announcement you would like to have placed on our page, then please email it to: director@ellingtonlibrary.org with the subject heading of "announcement submission". This needs to arrive by the 16th of the previous month in order to get in the newsletter. The goal is to help reach more members of the community. So, thank you to everyone for passing on information. Let's stay informed and celebrate this great little town together!

- **GET NOTIFICATIONS FROM THE TOWN OF ELLINGTON!**

Keep up to date on meetings and other important events. In an effort to better serve the needs of the residents and keep folks informed of important information we will be using a new texting service for the town. Text "**ELLINGTON**" to 91896 to receive Town-Wide Notifications. After the initial keyword is sent you will receive a confirmation message asking you to reply "YES" to verify opt-in. You may receive multiple text messages a month. Notifications may include upcoming events, public meeting notices, road closures, and other important information.

- **SHOW YOUR RED, WHITE & BLUE FOR OUR COUNTRY'S 250TH!**

The Ellington Town Clerk's office has Patriotic Bunting for sale. They are perfect for your porch, fence or deck railing. Each bunting comes with an 8"x5.5" American Flag. The Bunting and Flag are available for only \$6.00 for the set. Join us as we transform our community into a vibrant center of civic pride as we honor our nation's history. Purchase your bunting & flag by stopping in to the town offices. They request payment in cash or check. Bunting sets are available now

- **REMINDER:** All dogs must be licensed and have current rabies vaccination

It is NYS law that all dogs be licensed in the Town of Ellington and that the Dog Control Officer will be conducting a dog enumeration and additional fees will be applied to unlicensed dogs.

- **ELLINGTON SUMMER BAND CONCERTS!** Concerts held in the Town Park from 6-9pm. Rain location will be the Ellington Firehall. Refreshments will be available. Stop down a for wonderful summer evening of music and don't forget to bring your lawn chairs. **JULY 14: BRIAN HICKS & DERRICK DAVIS**



**CALL the Town Hall at
716-287-2026
for more information on
Town activities**

**Town of Ellington *
813 West Main Street
PO 344**

Ellington NY 14732

The Town Hall functions as the center of government for the Town of Ellington. The main facility houses the office of the Assessor, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Supervisor, Court Room and Judge's Office, and a Board/Public Meeting Room.

ELLINGTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS:

- **OUR ANNUAL FIRE TRUCK PULL** will be July 31 @ 6pm during Town Picnic. Our first 2 sponsors this year are Fransen Fire Equipment Sales and Service and Emmick Collision Services. Thank you for helping sponsor our event. For more info reach out to ellingtonfire431@gmail.com. Preregistration is \$100, after July 23 \$200. Teams of 4 compete to see which team can pull our firetruck 50 feet in the fastest time. Best time of 2 pulls will be used. Limited to 20 teams. Prizes: 1st place \$500, 2nd \$300, 3rd \$200. Trophy for each place



- **CHICKEN BBQ AT THE TOWN PICNIC: SAT AUGUST 1 starting @ 11:30am at the Firehall.** It's always delicious and they sell out fast!

ELLINGTON TOWN PICNIC ASSOCIATION: Ellington Town Picnic; see the whole schedule of events in this newsletter. July 31, August 1 & 2. Family friendly event going on it's 113th year! Events located in the Town Square and at the Fire Hall. Food, rides, contests, parade, vendors, plenty of music and finishing up with a great fireworks show! Come out and celebrate with the whole community.

COMMUNITY LUNCHEON: FREE MONTHLY SOUP & SANDWICH LUNCH : Come socialize and enjoy lunch with your neighbors every third Thursday of the month from noon-1pm. Sponsored, cooked and served with love by the Ellington United Methodist Church volunteers. No registration necessary. In July it is happening on the 16th. The church is located at 776 West Main Street, Ellington.

ELLINGTON LIBRARY KIDS SUMMER EVENTS

****ALL AGES FAMILY EVENTS****

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED

WEDS JULY 8: 1-2pm ERIE TRAVELING ZOO

WEDS JULY 22: 2-3pm GREAT DINOSAUR DISCOVERY SHOW

YOUNG CHILDREN'S CRAFT TIMES AGES 3-7

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED

TUES JULY 21: 1-2pm POPSICLE STICK DINOSAURS

TUES JULY 28: 1-2pm HOT AIR BALLOON CRAFT

****CHILDREN'S CRAFTS AGES 8 & UP****

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

TUES JULY 14 1-2:30pm CRAYON RESIST PAINTING

TUES AUG 4: 1-2:30pm TREE SCULPTURE CRAFT

OUTDOOR GAMES PLAY TIMES ALL AGES

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED

WEDNESDAYS 1- 2:30pm JULY 15, 29, AUGUST 5 & 12

ALL PROGRAMS HELD AT ELLINGTON LIBRARY

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check our website: ellingtonlibrary.org

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	OPEN HOURS 11AM -7PM MONDAY THRU THURSDAY 10AM-1PM ON SATURDAY CLOSED FRIDAY & SUNDAY		1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Closed	11am -1pm Craft Group meets 3:30-4:30 Yoga	Dinosaur Fun kit available in Makerspace to play with until July 13	1:15-2pm ERIE Traveling Zoo Program Closing at 4:30pm	1:30 Resistance Band Exercise Group	closed	Closed for the holiday
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
closed	3:30-4:30 Yoga	1-2:30pm Children's Craft Crayon Resist Painting Ages 8 & up Registration requested	1-2:30pm Outdoor Games: ages 6 and up	11am-noon Adult Book Club 1:30 Resistance Band Exercise Group	closed	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
closed	11am -1pm Craft Group meets 3:30-4:30 Yoga 6pm Board Meets	1-2:00pm Young Children's Craft: Popsicle Stick Dinosaurs Ages 3-7 Registration requested	2-3pm The Great Dinosaur Discovery Show w/Checkers the Inventor	1:30 Resistance Band Exercise Group 3-7pm Open Dino Dig Time	closed	10-12:30 Open Dino Dig Time
26	27	28	29	30	31	
closed	3:30-4:30 Yoga	1pm- 2pm Young Children's Craft: Hot Air Balloon Craft & Fun Registration requested	1-2:30pm Outdoor Games: ages 6 and up	1:30 Resistance Band Exercise Group	closed	