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"Public libraries, open to all, are a basic freedom in this country as a result of the First Amendment to the Constitution - allowing folks to explore the full world of ideas and information. Public libraries are an American value, born of the idea that a free people should have free access to all kinds of information. In practice this means that libraries give citizens access to a full spectrum of ideas that allows us to learn what we want, explore many points of view, and make informed decisions. This even includes some types of materials and ideas we might not necessarily agree with or choose for our children or ourselves.

In 1953, President Eisenhower wrote, "The libraries of America are and must ever remain the home of free, inquiring minds. To them, our citizens must be able to turn with clear confidence that there they can freely seek the whole truth."

Libraries should contain all kinds of ideas and content. When those ideas and content may not be the same as the staff (and even the majority of the community), it is difficult to be magnanimous about having them around, but that is more than just our job, it's our duty - no ifs, ands, or buts."

Donald Reynolds, retired director of Nolichucky Regional Library.

"Celebrating Our Community Heroes" is the theme of this year's summer reading program. And it's not just for kids! Adults and teens are encouraged to participate in the program as well.

Adults keep track of books they read starting June 1, come in to register for weekly drawings, do the word puzzles and fun quizzes provided to win even more prizes. Then of course the two who read the most books, will win yet another prize. All in fun, and maybe a little something will be learned along the way.

Teens are similar to adults except they record the number of pages read instead of book titles. They meet at the library the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. There is a fieldtrip scheduled to one of the Lawton fire stations. We always have a great time with this group of 6-12th graders.

And of course the two levels of younger kids... Kindergarten through 5th meets on Tuesdays at 1:30 and birth through pre-k meets on Wednesdays at 10:30 at the 6th grade cafeteria. We have lots of fun things planned for the next seven weeks to keep them entertained and thinking.

Ms Twinkles will return this year, as will Russell Turner (professor) doing a show on Every Hero Has A Story. A new performer will come later in June doing Heroes: Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow using puppets and ventriloquist act. We will also hear about firemen, police, Air Evac, Search & Rescue, the medical field, and animal rehabilitation.

Come join us for an event filled summer!



Please join us to paint this beautiful waving American flag, just in time for Flag Day and Independence Day!

This is a guided project with the flag already traced on the 11 x 14 canvas.

Friday June 12, 2015

6:30 PM

Elgin 6th Grade Building Cafeteria

\$35 per person

Sign up at www.apigmentofyourimagination.com

or call 580-248-2700 to reserve your spot
(Cash & credit cards accepted at the event)

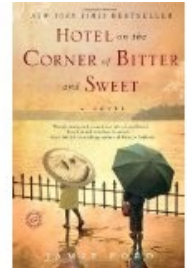


A portion of every fee goes toward purchasing an AWE Early Childhood Literacy Tablet for the Elgin Community Library.

This event is sponsored by the Elgin Friends of the Library; paint instruction by A Pigment of Your Imagination staff.

June 30 @ 9:30: *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford

In the opening pages of Jamie Ford's stunning debut novel, *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*, Henry Lee comes upon a crowd gathered outside the Panama Hotel, once the gateway to Seattle's Japantown. It has been boarded up for decades, but now the new owner has made an incredible discovery: the belongings of Japanese families, left when they were rounded up and sent to internment camps during World War II. As Henry looks on, the owner opens a Japanese parasol.



This simple act takes old Henry Lee back to the 1940s, at the height of the war, when young Henry's world is a jumble of confusion and excitement, and to his father, who is obsessed with the war in China and having Henry grow up American. While "scholarshipping" at the exclusive Rainier Elementary, where the white kids ignore him, Henry meets Keiko Okabe, a young Japanese American student. Amid the chaos of blackouts, curfews, and FBI raids, Henry and Keiko forge a bond of friendship—and innocent love—that transcends the long-standing prejudices of their Old World ancestors. And after Keiko and her family are swept up in the evacuations to the internment camps, she and Henry are left only with the hope that the war will end, and that their promise to each other will be kept.

Forty years later, Henry Lee is certain that the parasol belonged to Keiko. In the hotel's dark dusty basement he begins looking for signs of the Okabe family's belongings and for a long-lost object whose value he cannot begin to measure. Now a widower, Henry is still trying to find his voice—words that might explain the actions of his nationalistic father; words that might bridge the gap between him and his modern, Chinese American son; words that might help him confront the choices he made many years ago.

Upcoming Book Selections:

July 28: *Family Blessings* by LaVyrle Spencer

Aug 24: *The Girl on the Train* by Paula Hawkins

Sept 29: *Rebecca's Promise* by Jerry Eicher

We now have an app *Atrium On the Go* that is available to you to check out our selection of books, reserve a book, or re-new a book that you aren't quite done with, plus edit a certain amount of your personal info such as phone, email, etc.

☐ **It will ask server: eclok.booksys.net; port: 80; library: Elgin.**

☐ **To log in to your account is the first initial, last name, all lower case (jdoe) and library card number is your pin.**

*****Don't forget to save your Best Choice labels for the library.**

*****When shopping on Amazon go to www.smile.amazon.com, click on Friends of ECL as your charity of choice, and continue shopping. No extra money out of your pocket and Amazon will give a percentage of your sale to the Friends group.**

E-Books are also now available. You can choose from literally thousands of books to download to your device. There is a link on our website www.elginlibrary.org for both of these benefits.

Crochet



Join us in a fun crocheted square swap. How does it work? We need 15 people to crochet 15 ten inch squares, your choice of yarn color and pattern using Red Heart type 4 ply yarn. On August 29, we will meet at the library and swap squares. Just another fun event at the library to bring crafty people together.

**The Book N'Hookers meet
at the library every
Saturday morning from
9-12, or however much time
fits into their schedules.
They have committed to
make lap rugs for area
nursing homes as their
community service project.**



**We are always looking
for more
crocheters/knitters to
join in the group to share
knowledge and
comradery.**

Don't know how to crochet/knit? Stop in for free lessons.

June 2015

Audio Book Appreciation Month



Sun closed	Mon closed	Tue 10-6	Wed 10-6	Thu 10-6	Fri 9-12	Sat 9-12
	1	2 SRP 1:30 <i>Fire Department & Sparky</i>	3 SRP 10:30	4	5	6
7	8 Cham- ber @ 12 City Council 6	9 SRP 1:30 <i>Police Department & McGruff</i>	10 SRP 10:30	11 Teens 5pm <i>Air Evac</i>	12 Flag Canvas Painting 6:30	13 Teens trip to Lawton fire station
14	15	16 SRP 1:30 <i>Air Evac</i>	17 SRP 10:30 <i>Medical Heroes</i>	18	19	20
21	22	23 SRP 1:30 <i>Ms. Twinkles: Hunting for A Hero</i>	24 SRP 10:30	25 Teens 5pm <i>Search & Rescue</i>	26	27
28	29 Book Club <i>9:30</i>	30 SRP 1:30 <i>Heroes: Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow</i>				