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Good Books by Edgar Guest

Good books are friendly things to own.
If you are busy they will wait.
They will not call you on the phone
Or wake you if the hour is late.
They stand together row by row,
Upon the low shelf or the high.
But if you're lonesome this you know:
You have a friend or two nearby.

The fellowship of books is real.
They're never noisy when you're still.
They won't disturb you at your meal.
They'll comfort you when you are ill.
The lonesome hours they'll always share.
When slighted they will not complain.
And though for them you've ceased to care
Your constant friends they'll still remain.

Good books your faults will never see
Or tell about them round the town.
If you would have their company
You merely have to take them down.
They'll help you pass the time away,
They'll counsel give if that you need.
He has true friends for night and day
Who has a few good books to read.

January 13: National Poetry at Work Day

With the first half of the fiscal year over, I thought I would share a few library statistics. *Bear in mind that we are only open 30 hours per week.* We have 9,469 books in our collection. 494 new books were added this past six months and a few were deleted due to age, wear, or weren't returned. We collect an average of \$32 per month in late fines. Think about it, that is a lot of nickels. We have had 4,328 people walk in our doors, 526 computer uses, and issued 231 new cards. While some people seem to have the impression that we are strictly a children's library, nothing could be further from the truth. We have checked out 1,887 adult books, hosted 25 individual adult programs and held an author event. We also have 2 book clubs that meet the last Tuesday of each month.

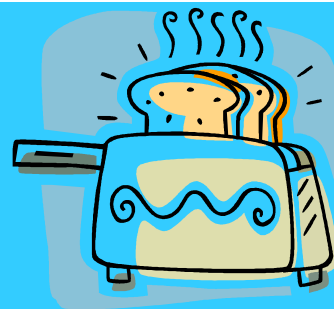
There were 4,160 children's books checked out, 39 story times with 539 attendees, 6 library tours from the school, and 11 teen programs.

We are currently converting to a new automation system that will benefit both patrons and staff. Once this conversion is complete, I'll share on facebook many of its features. Also, once the new system is up and going, we will finally be able to offer e-books. I know this has been something you the patron have requested many times and we are getting close. It has taken more time than I expected, but I am hopeful that we should have e-books by the end of January or shortly after.

Besides books and public computers, we offer printer and fax services, can scan documents, and provide information about the local area. The library is a vital part of any community, and I am so glad you, the community supports this library. Anytime you have ideas for programs or book suggestions, feel free to send us a facebook message, email to coe_library@tds.net or call 580-492-6650.

FUNDRAISERS

January 24 the Mason's organization and the Friends of ECL team up again for a breakfast fundraiser. Breakfast will be from 7-10:30am or until food runs out. Come get your eggs, bacon, sausage, biscuits & gravy, pancakes, juice, and coffee. Members of the Friends group will have advance tickets for \$5 each, or they may be purchased at the library. Of course, you may always pay at the door that morning.



With the various fundraising that the Friends of ECL does, you might ask, "Where is this money going?" From the statistics on page 1, you can tell that we are a very busy little library. The City of Elgin provides an operating budget that covers utilities and some of the other expenses associated with running a library. However, they cannot afford all the "extras." This is where the Friends group comes in. They fundraise for new books, help with craft projects for story times, support the adult and children's programs, and other needs as they arise. Last month they purchased \$1000 worth of new books and they have agreed to pay for the training needed on the new automation system, which is about \$900. Without both the City's and Friends funds we would not be able to offer everything that we do. Interested in becoming a Friend? Let me know!

*****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.**

December 5 Trivet's hosted a fundraiser for the library. 10% of the sales from 3-9pm netted us \$200 plus additional funds were donated by people who came to eat. We really appreciate Trivet's and those that came to eat.

November 30 we drew the winning names. Left to right: Sarah Kirkpatrick, Lauren Fultz and Kori Eslick. We appreciate everyone who purchased raffle tickets in hopes of winning a one of a kind

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Do you know what Drop Spinning is?

A **spindle** is a straight spike usually made from wood used for [spinning](#), twisting [fibers](#) such as [wool](#), [flax](#), [hemp](#), [cotton](#) into [yarn](#). It is often weighted at either the bottom, middle, or top, commonly by a disc or spherical object called a [whorl](#). The spindle may also have a hook, groove, or notch at the top to guide the yarn. Spindles come in many different sizes and weights depending on the thickness of the yarn one desires to spin.

History

The origin of the first wooden spindle is lost to history because the materials did not survive. Whorl-weighted spindles date back at least to [Neolithic](#) times; spindle whorls have been found in archaeological digs around the world.



Drop spindles are so named because they are dropped to swing from the yarn after rotation has been started on one's thigh or any other convenient body part, allowing for a greater length of yarn to be spun before winding on. They also permit the spinner to move around while spinning, going about their day. However, there are practical limits to their size/weight.

Spindles can also be used for [plying](#): inter-twining 2 or more single strands of yarn together in order to create a stronger, more balanced, more durable yarn.



A series of 3 drop spinning classes will be offered at the library on Saturdays January 24, 31 and February 7 starting at 9am. Cost to each student is \$20. You will be provided a spindle and some raw fiber to learn how to make your own yarn.



January is National Book Blitz Month

Book blitz was originally created to help writers promote their books to the public in hopes of the book becoming a best-seller.

Now the month is more about getting people to find the time to actually read a book. With so much going on in our lives it's almost impossible to take time to sit back and read a real book.

If you like to read but haven't made the time, then maybe this month will help you get started, look around your house for books you've already purchased thinking that you would read it when you got the chance, you probably have a library full of books you didn't have time to read.

Get a group of friends and start a book club so that at least once a month you will be reading a book that you can discuss with others.

Read anything that motivates you do better, if you are struggling financially read books that encourages financial freedom, read something that inspires you if you need inspiration, read how to books, to learn how to fix something yourself.

Read to the kids, bring them to storytelling events in your community, and get them involved in reading,

If you don't have time to go to the library, it's OK to download books to read on your computer or e-reader.

No matter what you do, use National Book Blitz month to get you to start reading again.

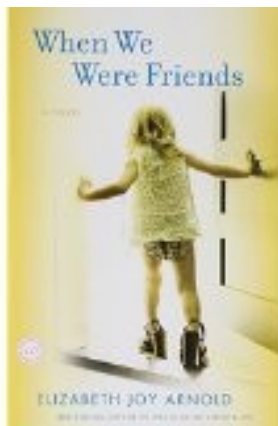
We have two book clubs that meet at the library on the last Tuesday of the month.
One starts at 9:30am and the other at 6pm.

Everyone is welcome even if you have not read the book.

*****Several people from the evening book club have moved. We need more people to participate in order to keep offering this time. Grab a friend and come join**

January 27 @ 9:30: *When We Were Friends* by Elizabeth Joy Arnold

Lainey Carson and Sydney Beaumont were the closest of friends—until they reached high school and Sydney's burgeoning popularity made it easy for her to leave the contemplative, ungainly Lainey behind.



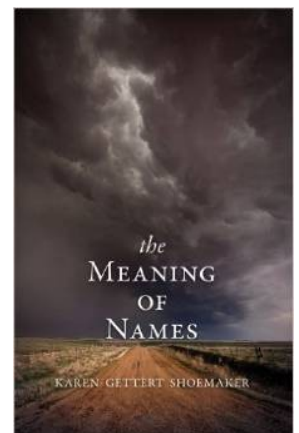
Eighteen years later, Lainey, who lives at home caring for her mother, is an artist who's never found the courage to live her dreams. When Sydney shows up on her doorstep with her infant daughter, insisting that Lainey is the only friend she can trust, Lainey reluctantly agrees to take temporary custody of the baby to protect her from an abusive father. But that very night, Sydney appears on the evening news—claiming that her daughter has been kidnapped. Unsure of whom she can trust, Lainey is forced to go on the run with a child who is not her own—but whose bond with her grows stronger every day they spend together. In search of a safe place to stay, Lainey befriends a man who, concerned for their welfare, offers them a home. But as the two grow closer she starts to realize that he may be harboring his own secrets.

***The Meaning of Names* by Karen Shoemaker**

6pm



Stuart, Nebraska is a long way from the battlefields of Western Europe, but it is not immune to the horrors of the first Great War for Peace. Like all communities, it has lost sons and daughters to the fighting, with many more giving themselves over to the hatred only war can engender.

Set in 1918 in the farm country at the heart of America, *The Meaning of Names* is the story of an ordinary woman trying to raise a family during extraordinary times. Estranged from her parents because she married against their will, confronted with violence and prejudice against her people, and caught up in the midst of the worst plague the world has ever seen, Gerda Vogel, an American of German descent, must find the strength to keep her family safe from the effects of a war that threatens to consume the whole world.



Would you be interested in a book club that catered to nonfiction readers? Fantasy/Sci-fi? Teen? Youth boy and/or girl? There would have to be enough committed participants to schedule these in. Let me know your thoughts.

JANUARY 2015

SUN CLOSED	MON CLOSED	TUE 10-6	WED 10-6	THU 10-6	FRI 9-12	SAT 9-12
				1 CLOSED	2 National Science Fiction Day	3 Crochet group 9
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