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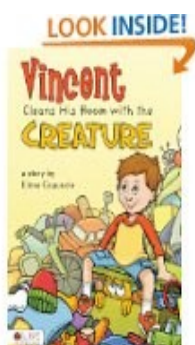


February 2-8: Children's Author Week

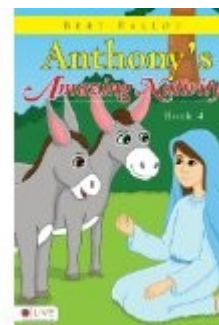
LOCAL AUTHOR'S

ELENA CAPUCCIO & BERT BALLOU

Elena is an Elgin native and graduate who decided after her boys were raised to start writing children's books. Her goal is to write a series of children's books featuring "The Creature" that have life lessons intertwined in the stories. She currently has three that are published and plans on writing several more. Vincent Meets The Creature, Vincent Cleans His Room With The Creature, and the latest, Vincent and the Creature Makes A Promise. Her books are available through her, Amazon.com or Tate Publishing.



Bert Ballou is also an Elgin native and graduate. Because of his strong Christian beliefs he felt compelled to write books reflecting Jesus' life through the eyes of the donkey, Anthony. He has four published books: Anthony's Amazing Journey, Anthony's Amazing Garden, Anthony's Amazing Sunrise and the latest, Anthony's Amazing Nativity. Bert's books are also available through Amazon.com, Tate Publishing, or through him.



Elena and Bert can also be found on facebook.

New Hours

The City Council voted January 14 to extend the hours of the library from the current 25 hours per week to 30 hours per week.

New hours

Sunday:	closed
Monday:	closed
Tuesday:	10-6
Wednesday:	10-6
Thursday:	10-6
Friday:	9-12
Saturday:	9-12

***Thanks to everyone that participated at the breakfast fundraiser. Approx \$2400 was raised to benefit the library.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

February 11: Chamber of Commerce meeting at noon in the High School Library
City Council meeting at 6pm in the City Hall

February 25: Biblioposse meets at 11am and at 6pm. Everyone is welcome to join.

Birth through pre-k story time each Wednesday at 10:30am

Elementary After School Program each Tuesday during the school year at 3:30pm.

Teen Council (6th-12th grade) meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 5pm

February is Library Lovers Month

How To Love Your Library

Contribute @your library

Consider a tax-deductible gift to your library.

- *donate your time, money, and expertise to your library*
- *honor a friend or relatives birthday with a book to your library*
- *honor the memory of a friend or loved one with a book for the library*
- *donate a book...or a whole shelf of books*
- *remember your library in your estate planning*
- *write a check to your library's Friends group*

Be A Friend @your library

Join the Friends of the Library, a support group of volunteers who provide fundraising and other assistance for the library. As a member, you will be kept informed of library funding issues.

- *give the gift of membership to a friend or relative*
- *donate your used books for the Friends book sale*
- *use your skills to help with programs and fundraising events*
- *find new resources for the Friends*
- *develop and publish a Friends "wish list" for potential donors*
- *volunteer to work in the Friends booksale*

Volunteer @your library

Volunteer your time. Opportunities might include delivering reading materials to shut-ins, helping kids with homework after school or being a "grandparent" reader to preschool children. Other ways to volunteer include:

- *offer a committed helping hand to your library's staff.*
- *become a literacy tutor.*
- *shelve books.*
- *clean up after emergencies.*
- *present an adult program.*
- *read stories to children or help with class visits.*
- *mend materials or maintain local information or history files.*
- *help out the Friends of the Library.*

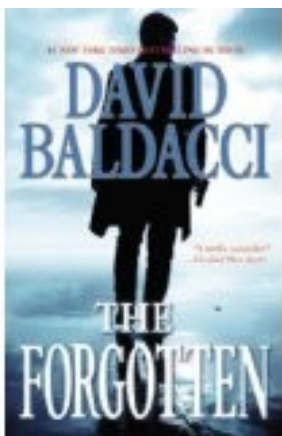
Promote @your library

Research has shown that everyone loves libraries, but no one thinks about them very much. That's where you come in. You don't have to be a public relations expert to promote your library. You just have to talk about your library. Here are some ways to do it

- *attend local government meetings to urge city and county legislators to invest in libraries as a vital community resource, one that will save substantial tax dollars in helping people of all ages to be more literate and productive*
- *support library referenda in elections.*
- *write to your state and federal legislators and demand that library service be viewed (and funded) as a necessary public service.*
- *urge school and college administrators to make library funding a high priority*
- *write a letter to the editor of your newspapers or call in to a radio talk show to express your concern. Share your concern with friends, family neighbors and co-workers. Many people are not aware of the funding problems libraries are experiencing nationally - or in their own communities. Encourage others to get involved.*
- *if you are a writer or have contacts with the media, suggest a story about the many ways libraries serve their communities and the need for support.*
- *speak up for libraries at campus or community groups that you belong to - the PTA, Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis, faculty groups. Invite your librarian to talk about library services and needs.*

****taken from www.librarysupport.net*

We have two book clubs that meet at the library on the last Tuesday of the month. One starts at 11am and the other at 6pm. Everyone is welcome even if you have not read the book.



February 25 at 11am: The Forgotten by David Baldacci

Army Special Agent John Puller is the best there is. A combat veteran, Puller is the man the U.S. Army relies on to investigate the toughest crimes facing the nation. Now he has a new case--but this time, the crime is personal: His aunt has been found dead in Paradise, Florida.

A picture-perfect town on Florida's Gulf Coast, Paradise thrives on the wealthy tourists and retirees drawn to its gorgeous weather and beaches. The local police have ruled his aunt's death an unfortunate, tragic accident. But just before she died, she mailed a letter to Puller's father, telling him that beneath its beautiful veneer, Paradise is not all it seems to be.

What Puller finds convinces him that his aunt's death was no accident . . . and that the palm trees and sandy beaches of Paradise may hide a conspiracy so shocking that some will go to unthinkable lengths to make sure the truth is never revealed.

February 25 at 6pm: Love In A Nutshell by Janet Evanovich

Kate Appleton needs a job. Her husband has left her, she's been fired as a magazine editor, and she's got nothing left but the Nutshell—her parents' summer house in Keene's Harbor, Michigan. Kate hopes to turn the Nutshell into a bed-and-breakfast. Problem is, she needs cash, and the only job she can find involves beer and espionage.

Matt Culhane wants Kate to spy on his brewery employees. Someone has been sabotaging his company, and if Kate finds the culprit, Matt will pay her a \$20,000 bonus. Unfortunately, Kate despises beer, her co-workers don't trust her—and she's falling hard for her boss. Can these two smoke out a saboteur, save Kate's B&B, and keep a killer from closing in...all while resisting their undeniable attraction to one another?

