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HAPPY  
*Valentine's*  
DAY

FEBRUARY

2025

## LIBRARY LOVER'S MONTH

EACH FEBRUARY WE HOLD A SILENT AUCTION ON FACEBOOK  
OF DONATED ITEMS FROM INDIVIDUALS, ORGANIZATIONS AND  
BUSINESSES. IF YOU CAN DONATE ANYTHING,  
REGARDLESS OF SIZE, WE WOULD TRULY APPRECIATE IT.  
AUCTION WILL TAKE PLACE FEB. 28 FROM 12-6  
DEADLINE TO DONATE IS FEB. 15

# THIS MONTH AT THE LIBRARY

## Adult-ish Game Night

Feb. 4 @ 6:30 PM



## LIFE SKILLS LAB

This recurring class helps individuals with essential skills for adulthood, covering topics like budgeting, time management, communication, and career-building. Each month we will have a different speaker focus on a practical life skill.

Feb. 10

6:30-7:30 PM

ELGIN COMMUNITY  
LIBRARY

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## READ & FEED BOOK CLUB

### NEXT MEETING

Mon, Feb. 24  
@ 6:30 PM

### THEME

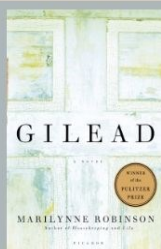
Book From  
Another Country

## BIBLIOPOSSE Book Club

Feb. 25 @ 9 AM

Title Begins w/ Your First Initial

March 6 @ 6:30 PM



## CUDDLE & READ TO THE ELGIN ANIMAL SHELTER PETS

ELGIN COMMUNITY  
LIBRARY

Tues,  
Feb. 11  
4-5 PM

108  
Thoma  
Drive



## GROW GETTERS

Sat, Feb. 15 @ 10 AM

## Houseplant Club

## Connect + Thrive

We will discuss energy testing and how to minimize the negative energy that is around us.

*Bring a favorite necklace!*

Followed by member questions, discussions, and sharing of experiences.

Thursday, Feb. 20 6:30-7:30 pm

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# BIBLIO- 2025 POSSE

Join us at 9 a.m. to discuss  
a book of your choice based  
on our monthly prompts!



Jan. 28:

New (to you) Genre

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Feb. 25:

Title Begins w/ Your First Initial

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March 25:

Forest Setting

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April 29:

Book-to-Screen Adaptation

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May 27:

Librarian's Pick

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June 24:

Vacation Setting

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July 29:

Western

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Aug. 26:

2025 Bestseller

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Sept. 30:

Banned Book

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Oct. 28:

Oklahoma Nonfiction

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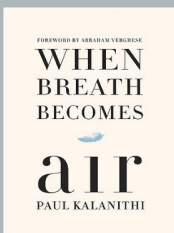
Nov. 25:

Cookbook (Share Recipe)



# LIVING WITH LIMITS – LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

**1/2/2025 @ 6:30 PM | Discussion will be led by Dr. Judy Neale**

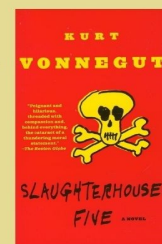


“For readers of Atul Gawande, Andrew Solomon, and Anne Lamott, a profoundly moving, exquisitely observed memoir by a young neurosurgeon faced with a terminal cancer diagnosis who attempts to answer the question 'What makes a life worth living?'”

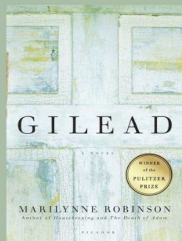
- From the Publisher

**2/6/2025 @ 6:30 PM | Discussion will be led by Dr. William Carney**

“Centering on the infamous World War II firebombing of Dresden, the novel is the result of what Kurt Vonnegut described as a twenty-three-year struggle to write a book about what he had witnessed as an American prisoner of war. It combines historical fiction, science fiction, autobiography, and satire in an account of the life of Billy Pilgrim, a barber’s son turned draftee turned optometrist turned alien abductee.” - From the Publisher



**3/6/2025 @ 6:30 PM | Discussion will be led by Dr. John Morris**



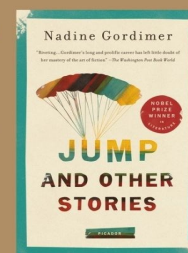
“Winner of the Pulitzer Prize and National Book Critics Circle Award, GILEAD is a hymn of praise and lamentation to the God-haunted existence that Reverend Ames loves passionately, and from which he will soon part.”

- From the Publisher

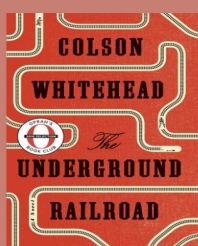
**4/3/2025 @ 6:30 PM | Discussion will be led by Dr. Tonnia Anderson**

*“In these sixteen stories ranging from the dynamics of family life to the worldwide confusion of human values, Nadine Gordimer gives us access to many lives in places as far apart as suburban London, Mozambique, a mythical island, and South Africa.”*

- From the Publisher



**5/1/2025 @ 6:30 PM | Discussion will be led by Dr. Margery Kingsley**



*“In Whitehead's ingenious conception, the Underground Railroad is no mere metaphor--engineers and conductors operate a secret network of tracks and tunnels beneath the Southern soil... The Underground Railroad is at once a kinetic adventure tale of one woman's ferocious will to escape the horrors of bondage and a shattering, powerful meditation on the history we all share.” - From the Publisher*

# February 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
closed	10-6	10-6	10-6	10-6	10-6	9-12

						1 <i>Book n'Hookers</i>
2 <i>Children's Authors &amp; Illustrators Week</i>	3	4 <i>Game Night @ 6:30</i>	5 <i>Wigglers @ 10:30</i>	6 <i>STEAM @ 10:30</i> <i>LTAI @</i>	7	8 <i>Book n'Hookers</i>
9	10 <i>LSL @ 6:30</i>	11 <i>Chamber @ 12</i> <i>EAS @ 4</i> <i>City Council @ 6</i>	12 <i>Wigglers @ 10:30</i>	13 <i>STEAM @ 10:30</i>		15 <i>Book n'Hookers</i> <i>Grow Getters @ 10</i>
16	17 	18	19 <i>Wigglers @ 10:30</i>	20 <i>STEAM @ 10:30</i> <i>C&amp;T @ 6:30</i>	21	22 <i>Book n'Hookers</i>
23	24 <i>Read &amp; Feed @ 6:30</i>	25 <i>Biblioposse @ 9</i>	26 <i>Wigglers @ 10:30</i>	27 <i>STEAM @ 10:30</i>	28 <i>Silent Auction Fundraiser 12-6</i>	