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Mark Your Calendars for Community Read!

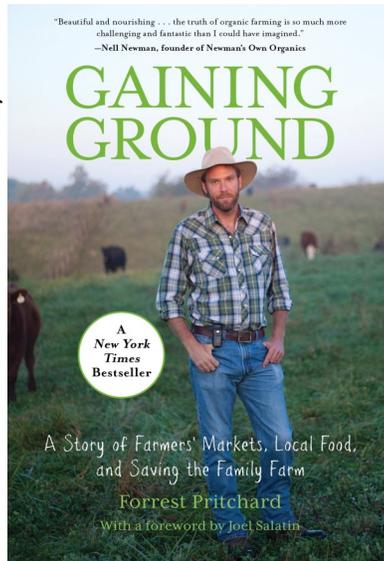
Tiffin-Seneca Public Library has selected "Gaining Ground: A Story of Farmers' Markets, Local Food, and Saving the Family" by Forrest Pritchard as the 2017 Community Read title.

The best-selling author will speak on Thursday, March 30 at 7 pm at Sentinel Career and Technology Center.

As part of the annual Community Read, the library encourages the Seneca County community to read the book and come together for special events and discussions celebrating it. Dates will be announced very soon. The Library is also providing books and discussion opportunities to Seneca County schools.

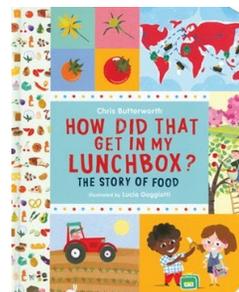
According to the website Booklist, "Gaining Ground" is the story of a family farm, once on the brink of virtually disappearing that has enjoyed a resurgence, due to the popularity of organic livestock and produce. Disenchanted with a looming desk job and eager to save his family's multigenerational Shenandoah Valley farm, Pritchard celebrated his mid-1990s college graduation by rolling up his sleeves and brainstorming ways of keeping his parents' 400-plus acres of land from being portioned off to agribusinesses. This engaging first-person account is filled with gentle humor and colorful anecdotes about the false starts and pitfalls Pritchard faced before finally settling on raising grass-fed cattle and sheep.

Anyone who has been bit by the farming bug will find lessons aplenty here, while urban readers will enjoy a vicarious slice of farm life.



Pritchard is a seventh generation farmer and New York Times bestselling author, holding degrees in English and Geology from the College of William & Mary.

The Library has also selected related books for children so that patrons of all ages can be part of the Community Read. "Farmed Out" by Christy Goerzen has been selected for late elementary students, and is the story of 15 year-old Maddie, who has big-city dreams and has found her chance to visit New York. An art magazine is holding a portrait contest, and the first prize is an all-expenses-paid trip to the Big Apple. Maddie plans to win, but her mother has different ideas for her: a mother-daughter adventure in organic farming. Maddie is furious. How will she find an inspiring subject for her portrait amid the goat poop and chickens?



"How Did That Get In My Lunchbox" by Chris Butterworth has been selected for early elementary students and focuses on how that delicious food got in a lunchbox. From planting wheat to mixing dough, climbing trees to machine-squeezing fruit, picking cocoa pods to stirring a vat of melted bliss, here is a clear, engaging look at the steps involved in producing some common foods. Health tips and a peek at basic food groups complete the menu.

All books are available for check out for 14 day circulation now at the Check-Out Desk. Books may be ordered for purchase at Paper and Ink.

The Community Read is made possible through a grant from the White Family Charitable Fund, of the Tiffin Community Foundation and generous local donors.

For more information or to be involved with the event series, please call the library at (419) 447-3751.

Thank you Allen Eiry

The Library's Senior Citizen Outreach program has received a grant of \$5,000 from the Allen Eiry Fund of the Columbus Foundation.

This is the 31st consecutive year that Allen Eiry has donated money to the library for its original programming for senior citizens throughout the county.

The program is designed to help brighten the lives of Seneca County's senior citizens who reside in nursing home and assisted living facilities. T-SPL staff presents themed interactive events each month that are designed to instill a sense of independence and trigger residents'

memories.

Without the grant, the Library would not be able to provide this programming. Thank you for your ongoing support, Allen Eiry!



Thank you B.A. Seitz!

T-SPL's Board of Trustees and staff would like to take the time to thank the B.A. Seitz Fund, for supporting the Library year after year.

Their generous donation of \$1,000 will be used to purchase a video gaming system, which will include a Nintendo Wii U, four controllers, and a selection of eight popular games. Having an up-to-date video gaming system will provide the Library with more opportunities to serve the teens of Seneca County.

The B.A. Seitz Fund's goodwill and support of the Library makes us so grateful to have such caring community members and organizations that help to make Seneca County a great place to live – for all ages.

We appreciate it more than you know. Thank you.



Need help?

Did you get a new device over the holidays? Need some extra help figuring it out? Or, figuring out how to access the Library's download services?

Good news: we are here to help.

Every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon, the Library hosts the technology help program "One-On-One Tech Time." Patrons may call to set up one-on-one appointments with a library staff member to get help with computer and internet basics, eReaders and downloads, smartphones, as well as Microsoft programs.

Patrons are even asked to bring their device to the meetings, so they use through all of the information they learn right away.

Please keep in mind, however, that Library staff members are unable to help with computer, hardware or virus repair.

To make an appointment, call the Library at 419-447-3751.

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Call now to set up your **FREE** appointment for one-on-one help with library staff in the morning or afternoon in the Kernan Computer Lab.

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For more information, call (419) 447-3751, go to the online calendar at www.tiffin-senecalibrary.org, like us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter @t_spl.

Get your Legos out

It's the BIG TIME! The culmination of all of our Lego Saturdays throughout the year...it's time for the annual Lego Contest!!

The Junior Department will host the annual "Lego Contest" on Saturday, January 21 at 1:00 to 2:00 pm in the Frost Kalnow Room.

Children, ages 4 and up are encouraged to create an original Lego creation in advance of the competition to be judged the day of the event. Registration will begin December 17 until January 20, the day before the event.



On the day of the contest, participants will bring their Lego creation to the Frost Kalnow Room to put them on display so the public can judge them. "Crowd Favorite" will be announced for each age category: ages 4 to 6, 7 to 9, 10 to 12 and 13 and up. Friends and family are encouraged to come and vote the day of the contest. Prizes will be awarded to the creations receiving the most votes. Participants must be present to win.

For more information, for a listing of the rules, or to register for the event, please stop by the Junior Library or e-mail juniorlibrary@tiffinsenecalibrary.org.

Mixing things up

We are mixing things up and changing the name of our cooking club to "Cook by the Book Cooking Club" - and our first meeting will be on Tuesday, January 24 at 6:30 pm in the Junior Home Room.

Every month, participants are invited to discuss everything cooking, including successful and unsuccessful recipes, kitchen trends and gadgets and tips and suggestions that help in the kitchen. Each month will feature a different theme or a cookbook. January is National Soup Month, so participants are invited to bring their favorite soup.

Open to adults, no registration is needed. For more information, please give us a call!

COOK by the BOOK

Tuesday, **January 24** at 6:30 pm in the Junior Home Room

Every month, join Library staff members to celebrate everything cooking! Cook using recipes from a new cookbook and discuss successful dishes, talk tips and share trends, gadgets, and tips that will help in the kitchen. Prepare and bring a recipe that goes with each month's theme. **January is National Soup Month, so bring your favorite soup and warm up with friends.**

Open to all adults, there is no charge and no registration necessary.

For more information on the program, please ask at the Information Desk, call the Library at 419-447-3751 or log onto the online calendar at www.tiffinsenecalibrary.org.

A special note from the Friends

The Friends of Tiffin-Seneca Public Library would like to thank the Seneca County Community for another very successful Books for Kids fundraiser in 2016.

This past holiday season, Books for Kids placed 1,089 new, age-appropriate books into the hands of local children through various local non-profit groups. These groups included the Salvation Army, St. Paul's Sharing Kitchen, the Tiffin Fire Department, CASA, PatchWorks House, the YMCA's preschool program, the Morrison House, First Step, the NOAH Foundation, Tiffin-Seneca Teen Center and Help Me Grow.

The Friends and the Library would especially like to thank those who supported the program with their generous donations and to the Friends members who helped count, package and deliver the books. The program would not be a success without all of you.



Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Just a reminder that the Library will be closed Monday, January 16 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. We will reopen Tuesday, January 17 with regular hours.