



Do you have children between the ages of 9 and 11?

Would you like to spend more time talking about things together?

Do you want to take part in a fun program?

THE TOGETHER BOOK TALK
is a fun, free, program
where 9 to 11-year-olds & their adults get
together to talk about books & ideas.

**BOOKS, SNACKS, AND CHILDCARE FOR YOUNGER
SIBLINGS WILL ALL BE PROVIDED!!**

A FUN, FREE FAMILY PROGRAM

at Ellenville Public Library & Museum
40 Center Street, Ellenville (Rte 52W off Rte 209)

Please come to the library on Tuesday, September 29 at 6:30pm for pizza
and learn more about how you can be a part of The Together Book Talk. We'll choose
times that work best for us all, and show you which picture books and
chapter books we'll read on great themes like freedom, courage and being an American.

For More Information, please call 647-5530



Ellenville Public Library & Museum invites you to share in a family program that supports and encourages lifelong reading and learning would be of benefit to all, building a sense of community through shared experience and strengthening relationships.

The Together Series, made possible by a grant from The New York Council for the Humanities, will help develop critical thinking skills, promote literacy skills outside the classroom, and cultivate family involvement in children's reading; both of these have been shown by studies to contribute to student and lifelong success.

The Together Series also offers a vehicle to encourage reading for pleasure, not just for study, work or school. It encourages independent thought about books and ideas without academic pressure on either students or their parents (or the adult who participates with them) to perform, fulfill expectations or pass tests, and yet it still offers participants a sense of achievement.

The Together Series discussions at Ellenville Public Library will create a safe space for children and adults to explore a variety of topics and learn that it is acceptable to have different opinions, feelings and responses to a story, as well as learn how to express their ideas respectfully. Learning to listen to others is a critical part of this process. This can improve communication among family members and friends.

The book discussions will be moderated by Sara Mitchell from Ellenville Central School and Susan Mangan, Children's Librarian at Ellenville Public Library. There will be refreshments at each meeting, and occasionally, a light dinner.

At the end of the program, Ellenville Public Library will create a special event acknowledging the families who participate, and will send press releases to local print media announcing the series and celebrating its conclusion. Participation by clubs and organizations such as Homework Clubs, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Big Brothers & Sisters is most welcome. Please call 845-647-5530 for more information. We hope you will join us on September 29th to talk about

"TOGETHER" !!

