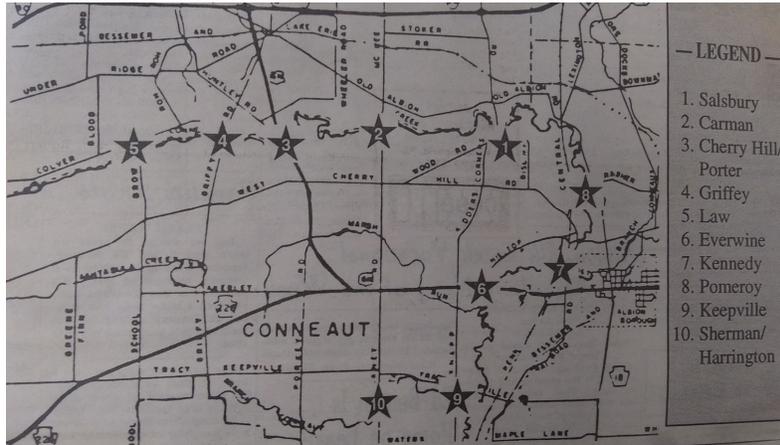


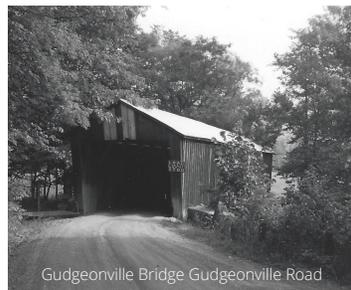
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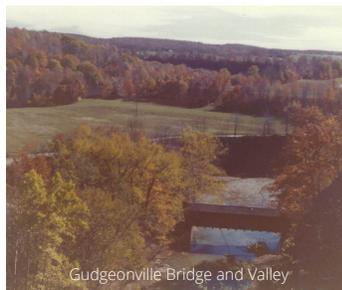


Local covered bridge map April 1995

Here is our much beloved and sadly missed Gudgeonville Bridge, once rated the Most Picturesque Site by a California artist after he had travelled the entire country. It was built in 1868, southwest of Girard over Elk Creek, and was a 90 foot span.



Gudgeonville Bridge Gudgeonville Road



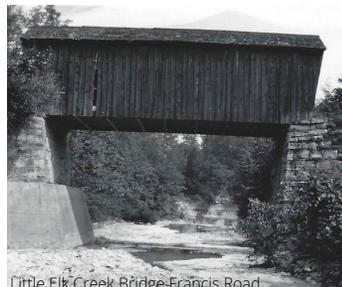
Gudgeonville Bridge and Valley

Tragically, it was burned down in 2008 by two young delinquents whose names I will not include here, as they don't really deserve to be immortalized. I know I am not alone in saying that it still makes me sad to think that this gorgeous historical site was destroyed in such a pointless way.

The Sherman Bridge, also called the Harrington Bridge was located on Townline Road. It was one of the many covered bridges built in the 1870s by Jay Sherman, and spans the west branch of Conneaut Creek.



Sherman/Harrington Bridge Townline Road



Little Elk Creek Bridge-Francis Road

This photo is labelled Little Elk Creek Bridge, but I can't find any other information on it. It probably was more commonly known by another name, and I just haven't found it yet. I'll keep trying and update everyone if I find anything!

Built in 1888 by W.J. Sherman, Law Bridge was 88 ft long, 17 ft wide, and 17 1/2 feet tall at the peak. It was the victim of an arson fire started by 3 young men from Erie on October 13th, 1953. They were caught and charged, but the bridge was already fully engulfed in flames by the time firemen arrived, and could not be saved.



Law Bridge Ackerly Road



Keepville/Barney Bridge Keepville Road

Keepville Bridge was built in 1872 by a man named Brockway. It was 88 ft with an overhanging roof which made it 100 ft long in total. This bridge is one of the few covered bridges which are still standing today

Cherry Hill Bridge was built in the 1870s by Jay Sherman, and stood until it was replaced in 1927 by a concrete & steel span. It was a two lane bridge, only 24 feet wide in total, so local farmers had to take another route with a full hay wagon, as they were too wide and high to fit through.



Cherry Hill Bridge Cherry Hill Road



Carmen/Perry Bridge McKee Road

The Carmen Bridge, sometimes called the Perry or Van Camp Bridge, was on McKee Road north of the Harrington Bridge, built around 1870 by Jay Sherman. Its' final name was taken from its' closest neighbors, Grace and Jess Carmen.



ALBION AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY NAMED A 2020 STAR LIBRARY!

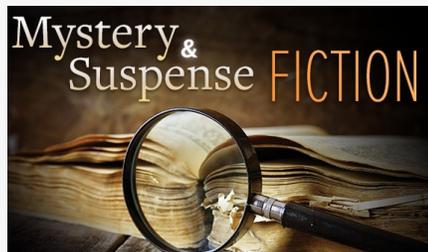
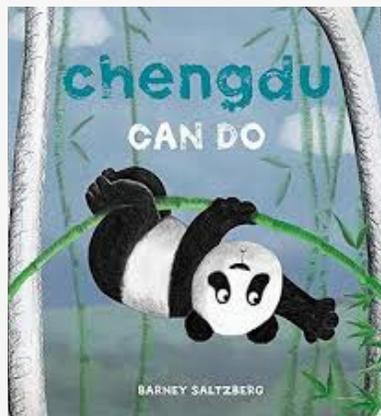
We are so proud to announce that the Albion Area Public Library has been included on the Library Journal's "2020 Star Library List"!!! We have never before been included, and we have been given a 4 out of 5 star rating in the \$10K-\$49.9K expenditure range! We are one of only 7 Pennsylvania libraries to rate the honor this year!! Inclusion on the list is decided using statistics such as circulation, visits, and program attendance based on per capita population served by the library. Thank you to all our wonderful, much loved patrons for your continued support! In this tough year, we have really worked hard to try to be a more positive and lighthearted distraction from some of the day to day realities that might bring you down! Here's hoping that we all have a much healthier, safer, and happier New Year in 2021!!

We're planning some big changes for our little library in 2021! Please Bear With Us!!

Our January Take Home Book Program Selections

"Chengdu Can Do" for Ages 0-6

Chengdu can do many things all by himself. He can get down from his branch, and he can look for breakfast. Chengdu can jump, he can push, and he can pull. He can climb, he can stretch, and he can swing. But sometimes even the most capable young panda could use a little help. Independent-minded kids will love following along as the determined Chengdu reaches for his goal of some tasty leaves. The gentle text is a delight to hear read aloud, and a variety of fold-out pages add to the fun.



Adult Mystery & Suspense Fiction

This month receive a gently used mystery/suspense title, along with some brain-teasing puzzles to solve! Titles are randomly selected from our collection of mystery and suspense titles!

2020 NOVEMBER-JANUARY VERY BEARY SNACK LIBRARY BASKET RAFFLE BEGINS NOVEMBER 23rd, DRAWING WILL BE JANUARY 30TH.



Hand Crafted Fleece Bear, Record-A-Story Book, "If" by Frank Boylan, 4 "My Very First Winnie The Pooh" Books by Disney, Teddy Grahams, Chocolatey Chip Bear Cookies, Kodiak Cakes Bear Bites, Chocolate Crackers, Annie's Berry Patch Bunny Fruit Snacks, Annie's Snack Mix, Little Debbie Zebra Cake Rolls, Cheetos Paws, Pepperidge Farm Cheddar Gold Fish, Wegmans Animal Cookies, & Vanilla & Almonds Granola

Benefits The Friends of the Albion Area Public Library
1 ticket for \$1.00 or 3 tickets for \$2.00 Name & Phone Number

Library Art Auction winning tickets were drawn November 21st. Congratulations to the winning tickets. Winners will be announced.

"The One and Only Ivan" for Ages 9-11



This unforgettable novel from renowned author Katherine Applegate celebrates the transformative power of unexpected friendship. Inspired by the true story of a captive gorilla known as Ivan, this illustrated book is told from the point of view of Ivan himself.