

THE WEEK OF GIVING ISSUE



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# G WEEK OF GIVING

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March 16-20

[bbcfgives.org](http://bbcfgives.org)



What is the Week of Giving?



What ORLA Can Do With Your Support



How You Can Support Local  
Libraries During the Week of Giving

HELP US  
REACH OUR



\$13,500  
GOAL

# WHAT IS WEEK OF GIVING?

Bridge Builders Community Foundations encourages philanthropy and supports community development by inviting local non-profits to participate in the annual Week of Giving to help raise awareness and provide financial support to important local causes! We are appreciative of their efforts and excited to participate.



## MARCH 16-20

### Why should I donate through BBCF's Week of Giving rather than directly to my library?

**It's easy!** It takes as little as 2 minutes to make a positive impact on your libraries.

**Your donation goes further!** A dedicated match pool and potential prizes increase your donation!

### What forms of donations are accepted?

**Online** - via [www.bbcfgives.org](http://www.bbcfgives.org). Minimum online donations are \$25. All major credit/debit cards accepted. The deadline is 5 pm Friday Mar. 20.

**Cash or Check** - Write a check to one of our libraries with "WoG" in the memo and drop it off at your local branch Monday Mar. 16- Wednesday Mar. 18 so we can turn it in before the Thursday deadline.

**Donations are tax deductible!** - You'll receive a donation receipt to use for your tax returns.

### How will my information be used?

BBCF will provide our libraries with your name, email, billing address, phone number, and contribution amount shared unless you choose to give anonymously. In that case, we will just be made aware of an "anonymous" gift in the amount you chose to contribute.

## HOW TO DONATE

1

Visit the BBCF website at:  
**[www.bbcfgives.org](http://www.bbcfgives.org)**



2

Search for the library you want to support:

 

3

\$25

\$50

\$100



Choose the amount you'd like to give!

# HOW IS ORLA SERVING VENANGO COUNTY?

## BY SPARKING CURIOSITY



**50**  
MAKER KITS



**5**  
PAFORWARD LITERACIES



**250**  
STEM PROGRAMS

**40,000**

area residents qualify for  
a free library card



## BY PROVIDING EQUAL ACCESS

**165,000**

physical resources to utilize

**3 LOCATIONS**

24/7 DIGITAL ACCESS

## BY INSPIRING CRITICAL THINKING

**5,500**  
documentaries

**200**  
newspaper  
and magazine  
subscriptions



## BY BROADENING

monthly  
Job & Career  
Workshops

**32**  
digital  
databases

**110,500**  
physical items  
circulated

## HORIZONS



numerous  
Community  
partnerships

## BY SAVING TIME AND MONEY



**\$5**

value in services  
for every **\$1**  
spent

**\$5**  
**MILLION**

worth of  
resources

**18**

trained Staff  
Members

**775**  
programs

**105,000**  
visits

## AND BY BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER



**500**  
Meeting Room bookings

**∞**  
countless gatherings &  
conversations



OIL REGION  
Library  
ASSOCIATION

# FEATURED PROGRAMS & EVENTS

All workshops, programs, & events are free unless stated otherwise.  
Check your library's website for other current program offerings & events.



## COOPERSTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

### **Storytime - NEW!**

Every other Saturday, 11:00 am, beginning March 14.

Open to all children (recommended ages 3-6) & caretakers.  
Come for a fun time reading books & singing songs.

### **Cooperstown Hookers**

Tuesday, March 10 & 24, 10:30-11:30 am.

Thursday, March 5 & 19, 6:00-7:00 pm.

Stitching, sewing, and more! Bring your crocheting, knitting,  
sewing, or any other projects you can haul in.

### **Colorful Dreamers**

Thursdays, 1:00-2:30 pm.

Come hang out & color your way to calm.

### **Brick Build Up**

Mondays, 4:00-7:00 pm.

For ages 6+, come & build a new LEGO creation!



## OIL CITY LIBRARY

### **Full STEAM Ahead**

Mondays at 1:30 pm.

6 week session: March 23-April 27

Program for preschool children and their caregivers. Enjoy  
science, technology, engineering, art, and math activities!

### **Learning Lab**

Mondays at 4:00 pm.

6 week session: March 23-April 27

For ages 5-8 come learn with us for a 6 week session of  
Learning Lab! Enjoy STEM projects and cool experiments!

### **'Using the Internet to Get Your Next Job' Workshop**

Monday, March 16th, 9:30 am.

Learn which sites are the best to use when searching for jobs.  
Gain the skills necessary to confidently complete online  
applications and pass pre-screenings. Learn how social media  
can either help or hinder your job search.

### **Dungeons & Dragons Club**

Saturdays, 12:00-4:30 pm

For ages 12+. Meet other local Dungeons & Dragons players for  
adventures and fun! Come explore fantastic worlds, clash with  
dark monsters, spin lore and commit heroic feats while playing  
one of the greatest RPGs of all time. BEGINNERS WELCOME!



## FRANKLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

### **If You Build It - NEW!**

Monday, March 23, 3:30-4:30 pm.

For children & adult caregivers, come enjoy LEGOs & friends  
at the library! LEGO play promotes logical problem-solving &  
scientific reasoning.

### **Paws 4 a Cause Reading Group - NEW!**

Wednesday March 4, 11, 18, 25, 6:30-7:30 pm.

Join the therapy dog teams for this hourlong reading session.  
Children can practice their reading skills with dogs from Paws  
4 a Cause! Registration is encouraged.

### **'Steps to a Successful Interview' Workshop**

Tuesday, March 24, 2:30-4:30 pm.

Walk through 4 steps to completing a successful interview.  
Review ways to practice and prepare for an interview, polish  
the way you will present yourself, and perfect your  
post-interview follow-up.

### **Northwest PA Medicare 101**

Monday, March 23, 12:30-1:30 pm.

Have questions or concerns about Medicare? Attend this free,  
informational workshop!

### **Opossum Program**

Saturday, March 21, 1:00-2:00 pm.

A representative of Tamarack Wildlife Rehab Center will be  
holding a free informational session about opossums. This  
program is open to all!

### **Anne of Green Gables Meet & Greet**

Saturday, March 7, 1:00-3:00 pm.

Come join us for a tea party with cast members and the  
director from the upcoming Barrow Civic Theatre production  
of 'Anne of Green Gables'. All ages are invited to attend an  
afternoon of teacakes, games, and guest appearances of  
Young Anne and Older Anne! All guests will be entered into a  
raffle for 2 tickets to an upcoming production, generously  
donated by the Barrow Civic Theater. Registration is  
encouraged.

**THIS IS JUST SOME OF WHAT  
ORLA CAN DO WITH YOUR WEEK  
OF GIVING SUPPORT!**



# DID YOU KNOW?

## AMERICANS WENT TO THE LIBRARY MORE OFTEN THAN THE MOVIES IN 2019

The debate over whether public libraries are on their way to becoming obsolete has heated up in recent years. Can these institutions survive, some have wondered, when such a wealth of information is easily accessible online? But in the United States, at least, libraries remain very much in use. Per a new Gallup poll, visiting the library was “by far” the most common cultural activity among Americans in 2019.

Based on telephone interviews conducted in December of last year, the poll includes a sample of 1,025 adults across all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Gallup asked participants how many times they had engaged in nine different leisure activities over the past year. **Going to the library was the clear winner, averaging 10.5 trips.** Seeing a movie at the theater was the second-most common activity, with an average of 5.3 visits, followed by attending a live sporting event, with 4.7 visits. At the bottom of the list was going to the zoo, which averaged just 0.9 visits.

Cost seems to be a key factor driving these trends. Visiting the library is free, as are the variety of services libraries offer, including Wi-Fi. In fact, a Pew Research Center study conducted in 2016 found that while most respondents visited libraries to borrow books, 29 percent of library-going Americans over the age of 16 went to use computers, the internet or a public Wi-Fi network.

Activities that tend to be pricey—like going to a casino, visiting an amusement or theme park, and going to the zoo—lingered at the bottom of Gallop’s list. Indeed, the new survey found that libraries are “visited most by adults in low-income households and least by adults in high-income households.” The largest gap between high- and low-income households were in reports of going to a live sporting event, a live music or theater event, or the movies—all things often associated with significant ticket prices,” McCarthy notes.

The survey offers heartening evidence that however people are using libraries today—be it to read, research or surf the internet—these much-loved institutions remain an important fixture in communities across the country.

**By Bright Katz**

**Read the full article here:**

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/americans-went-library-more-often-movies-2019-180974091/>

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## HELP US REACH OUR



**\$13,500  
GOAL**

**\$25**  
Pays for 1 Youth Program

**\$50**  
Pays for 2 Adult Books

**\$75**  
Pays for 3 Picture Books

**\$100**  
Pays for 4 Weeks of Interlibrary Loan Service

**\$500**  
Pays for New Furniture

**\$1000**  
Pays for 2 New Computers

*Thank you for your support!*