



the ORLA newsletter.

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Highlighting Important Female Authors for Women's Equality Day



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Women's
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WHAT'S NEW?

Stay up to date on what's happening at your libraries.

EXCUSE
OUR
MESS!



The Franklin Public Library is currently preparing for major space and collection changes. Thank you for your understanding and patience while we upgrade our facility!



ORLA Board Welcomes New Member, Officers

Pat Gavin, a retired school educator, most recently a Superintendent, has joined the ORLA Board for a 3 year term. Pat hopes to utilize his administrative experience by helping ORLA develop a new Strategic Plan. The group also renewed terms for Paula McElhaney and Cinda Richards. Finally, new officers were selected for the next 12 months:

David Mayer, **Chair**
Sarah Margherio, **Vice Chair**
Debbie Rosen, **Treasurer**
Anne Bakker, **Secretary**

Our other members include Sarah Margherio, Judy Etzel and Jessica Rudegeair. We are appreciative of their efforts!



Cooperstown Receives Miese Support

Cooperstown Public Library was among a handful of recipients who recently benefited from the Frank & Eleanor Miese Charitable Fund managed by BBCF. \$10,000 was provided to develop Children and Family Programs at the Library!



Good to Bee Back!

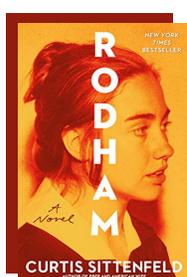
Library staff and patrons are all glad to have physical services back. We're also happy to welcome back our observation hives at Oil City and Franklin!



Franklin Friends Group Holds Book Sale

Join us Saturday, August 1st from 10am-5pm in the small building next to the Franklin Public Library to pick up a bundle of your next great reads! All proceeds raised will help the Friends in their efforts to provide continued support to the Franklin Public Library. There has been a lot of work over the past several months to provide this opportunity with hopes of making it a regular public offering. Please practice social distancing and bring your mask.

ADULT



RODHAM

CURTIS SITTENFELD

In RODHAM, American author Curtis Sittenfeld has penned a powerfully imagined and witty fictionalized version of the alternate road one of the most well-known women of our time chooses for her life. Interweaving actual historical events, the path verges following her days at Yale Law School and the beginning of her relationship with Bill Clinton. Sittenfeld explores the feelings of loneliness, determination, moral ambivalence and sometimes painful compromises demanded of female ambition in a world still run mostly by men. -- Cheri Pearce, Oil City Library

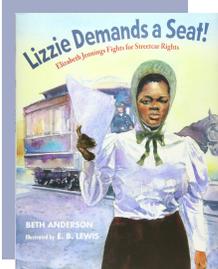
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LIZZIE DEMANDS A SEAT!

BETH ANDERSON

100 years before Rosa Parks, Lizzie Jennings stood up for her right to have a seat. This picture book tells the story of how Lizzie, a respected teacher and church organist who was late for church, tried to board a streetcar reserved for whites. Her respectable clothes and manners usually earned her a seat on these cars, leaving it up to the passengers to object, which hadn't happened to Lizzie before. This time, despite empty seats, the conductor told her she'd have to wait for another car. Lizzie, born a "free black" in a "free state", still experienced inequality in every aspect of her life, and this was the last straw. She stood firm and fought for equality. Learn about Lizzie Jennings' protest, and how she paved the way for future trailblazers. -- Annie Welsh, Oil Region Library Association



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OF THE 21ST CENTURY



Helen Oyeyemi

is a British novelist & writer of short stories. Her work is described by many as dark & is often influenced by fairy tales or magical realism. She was a finalist for the Shirley Jackson Award & won a Somerset Maugham Award in 2010. **Read:** *Boy, Snow, Bird* or *Gingerbread*



Zadie Smith

is an English novelist, essayist & writer of short stories. Her debut novel, *White Teeth*, won numerous awards & was included in Time Magazine's list of the 100 Best English-language novels from 1923-2005. **Read:** *White Teeth*, *Swing Time* or *On Beauty*



Barbara Kingsolver

is an American novelist, essayist & poet. Her work is often influenced by biodiversity, social issues & communities. Her most notable novel, *The Poisonwood Bible*, won the National Book Prize of South Africa. **Read:** *The Poisonwood Bible*, *Unsheltered* & more!



Chimamanda Ngozi

Adichie is a Nigerian writer of nonfiction & novels. Her work primarily focuses on African culture & feminism. She has received the Orange Prize for Fiction & the O. Henry Award. **Read:** *We Should All Be Feminists* on OverDrive or Libby



Celeste Ng

is an American novelist. Her most recent & notable title, *Little Fires Everywhere*, has become a bestseller & was named a Best Book of the Year by over 25 publications. **Read:** *Little Fires Everywhere* or *Everything I Never Told You*



Ann Patchett

is an American novelist. Her novels tend to feature overlapping lives of disparate characters. Her most recent novel, *The Dutch House*, was a finalist for the 2020 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction. **Read:** *Bel Canto*, *The Dutch House* & more!



Otessa Moshfegh

is an American novelist & writer of short stories. Her work has been described as glum, suspenseful & psychotic. Her debut novel, *Eileen*, won the Hemingway Foundation award & was shortlisted for the Booker Prize. **Read:** *My Year of Rest and Relaxation* or *Death in Her Hands*



Angie Thomas

is an American Young Adult novelist. Her work sheds light on the controversial issue of police brutality, the treatment of minorities & the Black Lives Matter movement. **Read:** *The Hate U Give* or *On the Come Up*



Emma Donoghue

is an Irish-Canadian playwright & novelist. She primarily writes contemporary & historical fiction. Her most notable work, *Room*, was a finalist for the Booker Prize & eventually was adapted into a movie. **Read:** *Room*, *The Pull of the Stars* & more!



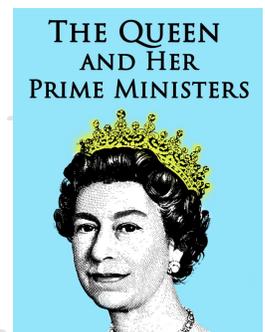
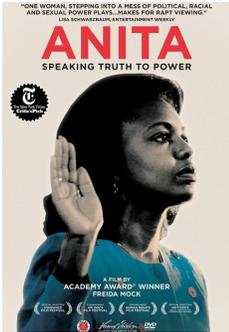
Margaret Atwood

is a Canadian poet & novelist. Since 1961, she has published 18 books of poetry, 18 novels, 11 books of nonfiction, 9 collections of short fiction, 8 children's books & 2 graphic novels. She has won the Booker Prize twice. **Read:** *The Handmaid's Tale*, *Oryx and Crake* & more!

FEATURED DIGITAL RESOURCES

Available at www.oilregionlibraries.org

'Women in Business & Politics' films available on **kanopy**



Stream these & more for free with your library card.



Don't Miss Out On Virtual Programs

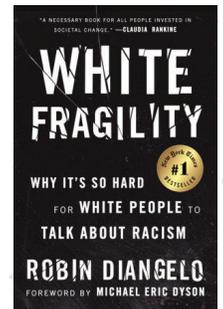
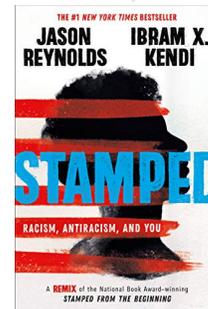
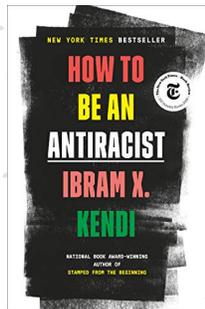
- Storytime
- STEM Activities
- Crafts
- Fortnite Gaming
- Puzzles
- & more!



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