

Spotlight on



September 27 - October 3



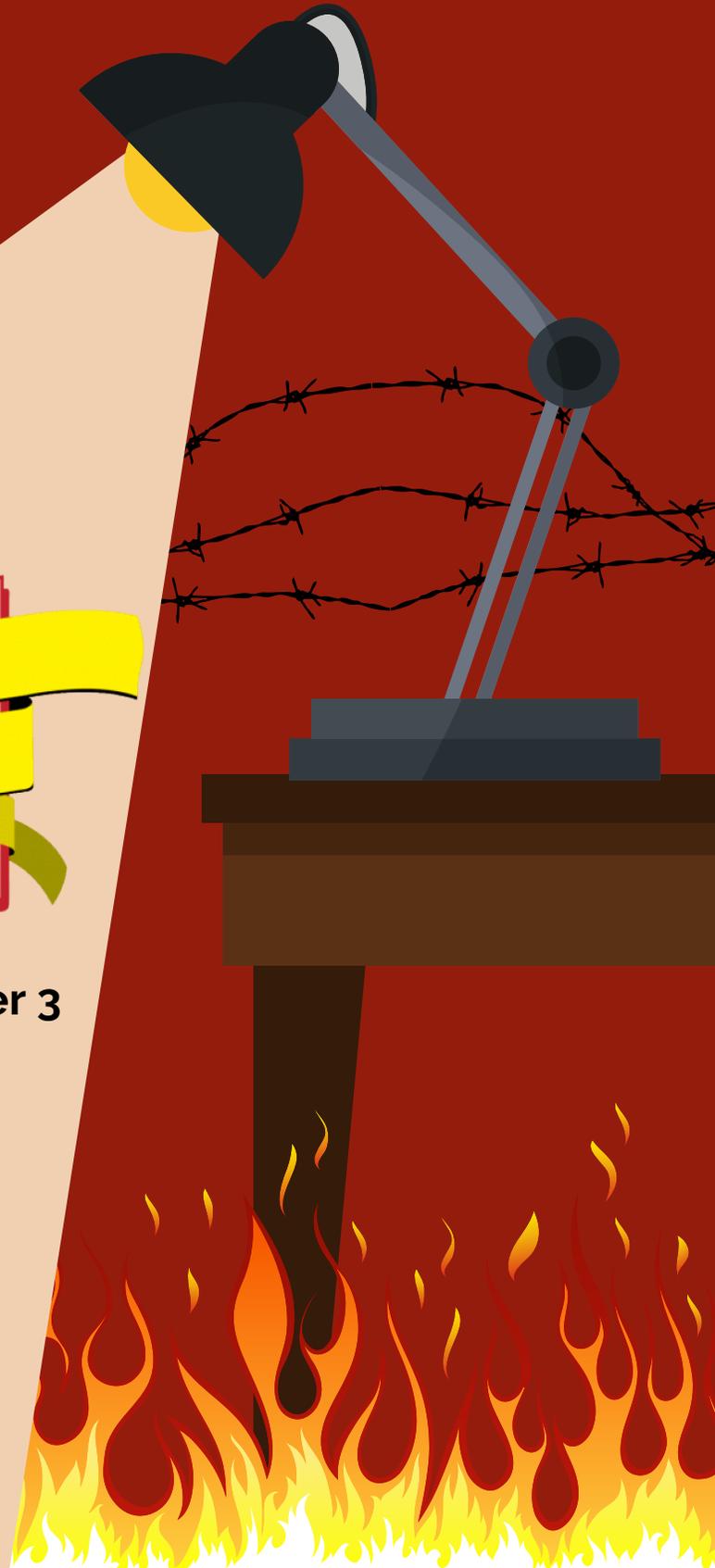
Taking a Look at Our Favorite
Challenged Books



Stand Up for Libraries
This Fall



How Many Minutes Did We
Read This Summer?



LIBRARIES
=
STRONG COMMUNITIES



I ♥ MY
PUBLIC
LIBRARY



ADVOCATE FOR
LIBRARIES NOW!



LIBRARIES
MATTER



HAVE YOU
USED YOUR LIBRARY
LATELY?



STAND UP FOR LIBRARIES

Local libraries need YOU to help spread the word about the value of our services to neighbors, friends, and decision-makers. Here's some ways you can advocate for your local libraries this fall:



REACH OUT TO LOCAL LEADERS.

Visible community support helps your libraries secure much-needed funding and reminds local school district, municipal, and county leaders that your libraries are valued by the communities they serve.



ENCOURAGE LIBRARY USE.

The more you use your library, the greater the amount of resources your library can provide for you. Educating your friends and family who may not have library cards is also a great way to encourage library use!



CONTACT YOUR LEGISLATORS.

Your elected officials have the power to make important decisions about library funding. Reminding legislators of the value of libraries and sharing a story of how your library makes a difference can go a long way.

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SERVICE CHANGES



Hours Changing at Franklin Public Library

Effective September 1st, our hours at Franklin are changing on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. All other hours remain the same. The updated hours are as follows:

Tuesday	9:00am - 7:00pm
Wednesday	9:00am - 7:00pm
Thursday	9:00am - 7:00pm

Interlibrary Loans (ILLs) Returning This Month



Interlibrary Loan requests will be accepted again at all ORLA locations some time this month. Thank you for your patience and understanding during our delay. Stay tuned to our social media for updates!



In-Person Programming Suspended Until at Least October 1st

ORLA is excited to return to in-person programming, but all programs will stay virtual until at least October 1st. These practices will be monitored and evaluated on a month-to-month basis, and are subject to change at any time.

YOUNG ADULT



CINDERELLA IS DEAD

KALYNN BAYRON

In this rendering of Cinderella, Bayron takes us to a place *far far away* from the enchanting story we've become accustomed to. Instead, she immerses us in a turbulent world where magic is wielded for power, love is not always what it seems, and fighting for what we believe in must come before all else. But not to worry, the heiress will prevail! This LGBTQ+ tale reminds us that we can always have a chance at a happy ending, and we might just have to create it for ourselves... Who has time to wait for a Fairy Godmother anyway? -- *Daidre Green, Oil City Library*

STAFF PICKS

JUVENILE

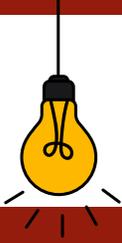
GEORGE

ALEX GINO

George is a fourth grader who, regardless of appearance, knows she is a girl. George has been keeping this secret for a long time, and when she is told she cannot audition for the part of Charlotte in her school play because she is a boy, she knows she has to do something. While George encounters bullying along the way, she also finds a support network as she begins to confide in those closest to her. This is a heartwarming story, and while things are tied up a little too neatly at the end (which may not reflect every experience), this book tells other Georges out there that they are not alone and that there are options available to them.

-- *Annie Welsh, Oil Region Library Association*





Shining a Light on Censorship

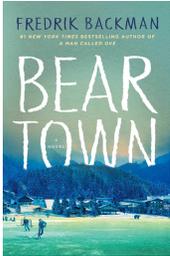
OUR FAVORITE



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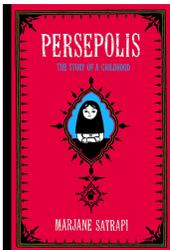
BANNED BOOKS

Check out these favorites at any ORLA location!



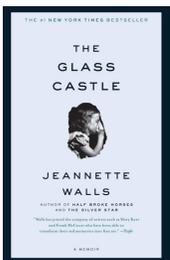
BEARTOWN
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VULGAR LANGUAGE, EXPLICIT SCENES	



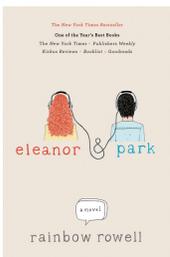
PERSEPOLIS
MARJANE SATRAPI

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VULGAR LANGUAGE, EXPLICIT SCENES, VIOLENCE	



THE GLASS CASTLE
JEANNETTE WALLS

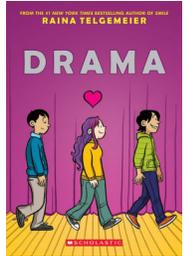
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EXPLICIT LANGUAGE, GRAPHIC DESCRIPTIONS	



ELEANOR & PARK
RAINBOW ROWELL

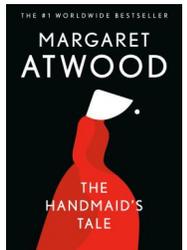
B	BANNED
VULGAR LANGUAGE, SEXUALLY EXPLICIT	

DRAMA
RAINA TELGEMEIER



B	BANNED
SEXUALLY EXPLICIT, OFFENSIVE POLITICAL VIEWPOINTS	

THE HANDMAID'S TALE
MARGARET ATWOOD



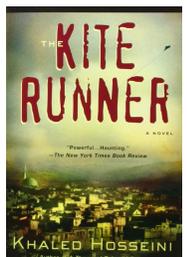
B	BANNED
PROFANITY, EXPLICIT SCENES, RELIGIOUS THEMES	

THE HATE U GIVE
ANGIE THOMAS



B	BANNED
ANTI-POLICE	

THE KITE RUNNER
KHALED HOSSEINI



B	BANNED
OFFENSIVE LANGUAGE, VIOLENCE	

Why censorship?

Books can be censored for a variety of reasons, but most commonly they are censored to protect children and communities from topics and language that can be deemed offensive.

Censorship can take many forms, including burning books, hiding books, destroying pages, & even removing books from their collections completely.

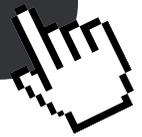
Shining a light on censorship by reading banned books is crucial to maintaining intellectual freedom & stopping the spread of disinformation and ignorance.

Learn more about banned books at www.ala.org/bbooks.

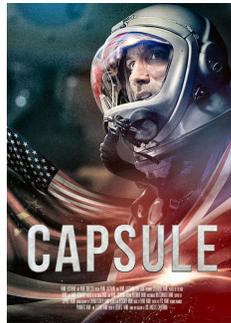
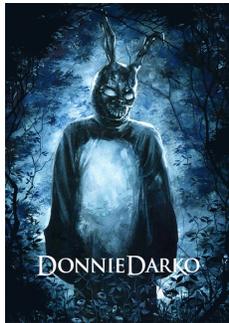


FEATURED DIGITAL RESOURCES

Available at www.oilregionlibraries.org



'Contemporary Sci-Fi' films available on **kanopy**

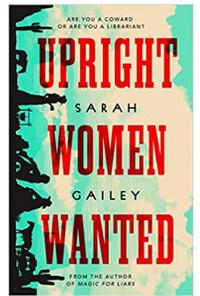
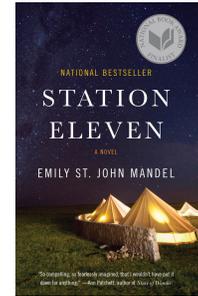
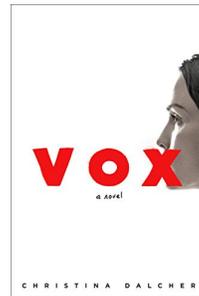
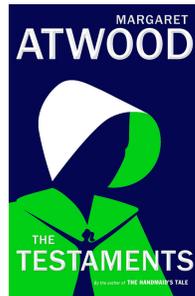


Stream these & more for free with your library card.



IT COULD ALWAYS BE WORSE...

a collection of dystopias on
OverDrive & Libby



Read & listen for free with your library card.



The 2020 Presidential Election

Are you registered to vote? To register to vote or apply for a mail-in or absentee ballot, visit <https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/> or pick up a paper application at your library!

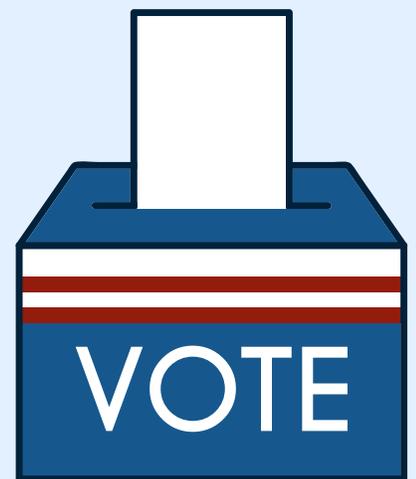
LAST DAY TO
REGISTER TO
VOTE



LAST DAY TO
APPLY FOR MAIL-IN
OR ABSENTEE
BALLOT



2020 PRESIDENTIAL
ELECTION



IMAGINE YOUR STORY



Despite the strange circumstances surrounding us this summer, we had many families engaged in our summer program. While we were unable to have large groups of children in the library, we quickly pivoted to offering take and make activities, as well as virtual tutorials to follow along with. Each activity kit provided most if not all of the materials families would need to do the project, and most projects had a STEM component to them. We aimed to encourage exploration and design thinking in a new way this summer, allowing participants to think outside the box. Many families gave us positive feedback on the activities and our virtual stories and tutorials. We are pleased we were able to offer a summer program this summer, different though it looked. **Together, participants at our three libraries read for a whopping 54,414 minutes this summer. That's equivalent to approximately 37 days!** Thanks to all who participated!



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