



the ORLA newsletter.

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during the

WINTER OF READING



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Congratulations to Amateur Photography Contest Winners!

Last month, patrons were invited to participate in an Amateur Photography Contest to benefit the Franklin Public Library. Submissions were accepted for two weeks under the theme of "Enjoying Life". One winner was selected for each age group & were awarded prizes. The winner of the 7-16 age group won a Book Bundle and gift card to Daffin's Candies. The winner of the 17+ age group was awarded a Dinner for Two at Bella Cucina, graciously donated by the restaurant. Congratulations to both winners and thank you to all participants for your submissions!



Winner, Ages 7-16 Group
Nate Amon, "Rock Tower"

Franklin Public Library Awarded Teen Reading Lounge Grant

The Franklin Public Library is excited to announce that it has been awarded the Teen Reading Lounge grant for a second year! Teen Reading Lounge is an award-winning, interactive book discussion series created by the Pennsylvania Humanities Council to encourage teens to explore popular young adult literature through discussion and hands-on activities alongside peers, artists, educators, and other humanities experts. Get ready to join us again for a non-traditional book club for ages 12-18. Book topics and projects are inspired and created by the teens to express who they are and how they relate to the topics and other people. Please look for updates on the Franklin Public Library Facebook page or speak with Stephen, Teen Services Coordinator, by calling (814) 432-5062.



Winner, Ages 17+ Group
Rick Waleko, "Stairway"

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INTO DARKNESS

TERRY GOODKIND

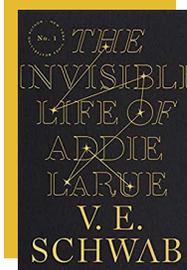
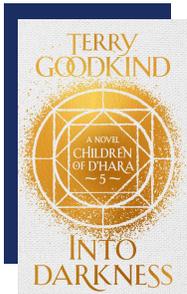
Fantasy lovers roll up your sleeves and get ready to dive into Terry Goodkind's newest installment of the epic fantasy series, Children of D'hara. Richard, Khalan, and the Mord-Sith escape the Peoples Palace and begin their original quest to reach the safety of the Wizards Keep. What dangers will they face? Is the Law of Nine enough to protect them? Will the Golden Goddess prevail?

-- Zoe Oakes, Franklin Public Library

THE INVISIBLE LIFE OF ADDIE LARUE

V.E. SCHWAB

A slow but fantastic blend of fantasy and romance. Addie LaRue traded her soul away to a devil for freedom. She gets to live forever but at the price that no one remembers her. Ever. When she's out of eyesight of someone they immediately forget she exists. This book is her life and how she lives when no one can even recall her name. Until one day she finds someone who can. This book took a while to get into, but kept me interested enough that I had to know the end. -- Amanda Barker, Cooperstown Public Library



THE ORLA WINTER OF READING

DECEMBER 14TH
TO
FEBRUARY 28TH

Introducing Our
New Winter
Reading
Challenge For
All Ages!

READ

Read whatever you want
throughout the winter months.

TRACK

Track your reading using the
ReaderZone app or website.

WIN

Win prizes based on the
amount of minutes you read!

 Reader Zone

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Enter the code above &
register with your age
group today!

RETURN TO VIRTUAL & TAKE-AND-MAKE PROGRAMS

Due to the recent spike in COVID-19 cases in our area, in-person programs are now temporarily suspended at all ORLA locations until further notice. Instead, we've shifted again to providing you with both virtual & take-and-make programs that can be enjoyed safely at home. Check with your local ORLA branch for specific program information & offerings!

Virtual Storytime

Virtual Storytime is back at all ORLA branches! Stay tuned to our website and social media for a weekly recorded Storytime with an option to pick up a take-and-make activity to go along! Oil City Library is also offering a Zoom Storytime every Friday at 10am. Call (814) 678-3072 for the Zoom ID & password.



Take-and-Make Activities

ORLA branches are also offering portable programs by providing you with kits consisting of materials and instructions to complete activities safely from your own home! For specific take-and-make program information, call your local ORLA branch.



Crafting & Sewing

Ms. Terrie at Franklin Public Library is offering 'Crafting With Ms. Terrie' and 'Library Bobbins' (a sewing program) specifically for ages 7-12. Check our website for the virtual instruction of both of these programs & pick up materials at Franklin Public Library to complete at home! Registration is required. Call the branch at (814) 432-5062 for specific dates and program information.

Access All Virtual Programs at www.oilregionlibraries.org



Support Your Library in ORLA's 2nd Annual Appeal

No doubt this past year has been full of uncertainty, disruption and disorder. It has also been a time of new opportunities, unique situations and an amazing level of support from you and others. Today, we are encouraged and deeply grateful for your continued support of the Oil Region Libraries and our mission to enrich the lives of our community, encourage lifelong learning and provide access to information and resources.

When our libraries temporarily suspended physical services, you responded with record-breaking use of our digital collections and you tuned in to our virtual programs. As we launched a new, unified website (oilregionlibraries.org) you continued to impress us with your adaptability and feedback. When we eased back into normal operations, your appreciation of our curbside offerings and commitment to SummerQuest learning activities (over 55,000 logged reading minutes!) amazed us! Upon our return to physical services, your respect and understanding of our rules combined with your enthusiasm for our service continue to humble and inspire us.

We are excited to share some recent developments with you! In January, we launched a monthly newsletter to keep you updated and informed. You can pick up print copies at any of our locations or sign up for our digital version. The Oil City Library now has an outdoor music garden for your enjoyment. We are relocating and completely renovating the Children's Area at the Franklin Public Library and installing new carpet throughout the main level. We've experienced a change in leadership at the Cooperstown Public Library by bidding farewell to longtime stalwart Jane Beach and welcoming Amanda Barker to create new patron opportunities. We've provided a safe environment for you with our protective measures in place due to COVID-19. Our Board of ORLA (Oil Region Library Association) is currently developing a new Strategic Plan to guide all our libraries into the foreseeable future.

All these decisions allow us to continue delivering on our commitment to you to provide expanded and quality services. However, these efforts wouldn't be possible without your support. We rely on your feedback and financial commitment to provide these services throughout Venango County. Last year during this Annual Appeal we raised over \$15,000! This year we hope to grow our support to \$20,000.

Please know that your generous gift, whether large or small, once a year or every month will truly make a difference in your libraries and your community! Donations can be made via cash or check to your library or online through our website (www.oilregionlibraries.org). Thank you in advance for your generous support!

'Managing Depression and Anxiety' Webinar

WITH ANGIE SHIREY OF SPERO GROUP, LLC

Join us for a webinar presented by licensed clinical social worker Angie Shirey as she gives strategies for coping with depression and anxiety. There will be a one-hour presentation plus time for questions and answers. The presentation will be recorded. **Register at oilcreek.org/events.** Developed resources reported in this project are supported by the National Library of Medicine (NLM), National Institutes of Health (NIH) under cooperative agreement number UG4LM012342 with the University of Pittsburgh, Health Sciences Library System. The content is solely the responsibility of the authors and does not necessarily represent the official views of the National Institutes of Health.

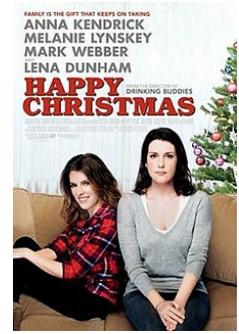
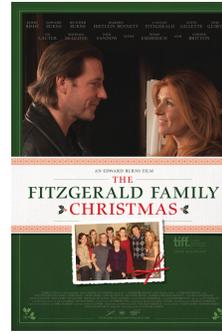


FEATURED DIGITAL RESOURCES

Available at www.oilregionlibraries.org



'Holiday Flicks' available on **kanopy**



Stream these & more for free with your library card.

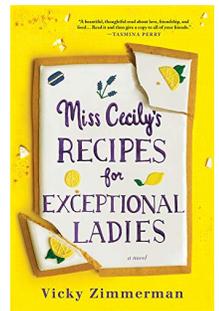
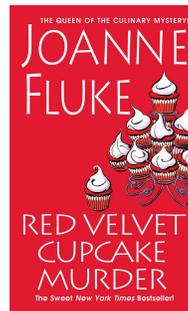


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