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LET'S TRY THIS AGAIN.



Add the Best Books of 2020 to Your Reading List



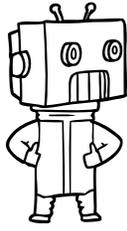
Learning Code with the Library & How to Get Involved



Returning to Curbside & Virtual Services at Your Library



JOIN THE
Holiday
CODING CONTEST



Check out this cool, free coding contest the libraries are hosting! This is for kids ages 8-18 of all skill levels. Never coded before? Not a problem! Participants will create accounts in our free digital resource, Prenda Code Club, where you can learn how to code and build a special Holiday themed project. Enter in **Oil City Library** at sign up as your library! Any interested child can participate - you don't need a library card to sign up! The best projects will be awarded a drone, robot, or a Makey Makey! The contest runs from Dec 15 through Jan 31.

Get Started on Your
Holiday Project at
[www.prendacodeclub.com/
holiday-2020](http://www.prendacodeclub.com/holiday-2020)

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ADULT

BEOWULF
A NEW TRANSLATION

MARIA DAHVANA HEADLEY

I have never been able to get through a couple pages of this poem without annotations until now (though it still did take some time to get through in order to really sink in!). This translation doesn't stray TOO far from the tone

of earlier versions, and I thoroughly enjoyed Headley's choices of modern language and phrases sprinkled throughout. She doesn't often disappoint. I was pleased with her intent on providing a "feminist" translation of the poem because of earlier translations changing the view of how we see the characters, but I didn't experience that as much as I wanted to. I was hoping for a more justified portrayal of Grendel's mother (much like that of *The Mere Wife* by the same author) & sadly I just didn't see that. BUT, this is a translation, not a retelling, and for that reason I suppose Headley didn't have as much to work with as she would've liked. Nevertheless, a fantastic, weird, funny, crazy translation of a great epic poem. -- *Natalie Cubbon, Oil Region Library Association*

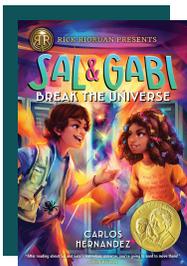
STAFF
— favorites of 2020 —
PICKS

JUVENILE

SAL & GABI BREAK THE UNIVERSE

CARLOS HERNANDEZ

When a raw chicken suddenly appears in a bully's locker at school, Gabi Real is determined to prove that new kid Sal Vidón put it there. There's no evidence, however, and no one saw him do it. Sal prides himself on being an expert magician - and he has a talent no one could ever guess. Sal can open portals to other worlds. Gabi doesn't miss much, and when she realizes Sal can conjure bigger things than a chicken (including his dead mother) she doesn't bat an eye, and the two develop a friendship. However, you can't just go around opening portals without consequences to our universe. This story will have you rooting for all the characters and laughing out loud. I didn't want to put it down, and I'm looking forward to reading the sequel to reunite with all of these lovable characters. For fans of Rick Riordan, Roshani Chokshi, and fantasy and science fiction. -- *Annie Welsh, Oil Region Library Association*



NOTABLE BOOKS OF 2020

Last year was rough, but we've picked out some of the best bookish parts for you to start out the new year with some fresh reads. Pick up these front-runners at any ORLA location!

-  The Splendid and the Vile: a Saga of Churchill, Family, and Defiance During the Blitz *by Erik Larson*
The Boy in the Field *by Margot Livesey*
-  A Burning *by Megha Majumdar*
-  Caste: the Origins of Our Discontent *by Isabel Wilkerson*
A Children's Bible *by Lydia Millet*
The Quiet Americans: Four CIA Spies at the Dawn of the Cold War *by Scott Anderson*
Cleanness *by Garth Greenwell*
Deacon King Kong *by James McBride*
The Dead are Arising: the Life of Malcom X *by Les Payne*
The Death of Vivek Oji *by Akwaeke Emezi*
Fallout: the Hiroshima Cover-Up and the Reporter Who Revealed It to the World *by Lesley M.M. Blume*
Hamnet *by Maggie O'Farrell*
-  Hidden Valley Road: Inside the Mind of an American Family *by Robert Kolker*
-  His Only Wife *by Peace Adzo Medie*
Homeland Elegies *by Ayad Akhtar*
Jack *by Marilynne Robinson*
Just Us: an American Conversation *by Claudia Rankine*
Luster *by Raven Leilani*
Memorial *by Bryan Washington*
The Mercies *by Kiran Millwood Hargrave*
-  The Mirror & the Light *by Hillary Mantel*
Missionaries *by Phil Klay*
-  Monogamy *by Sue Miller*
A Promised Land *by Barack Obama*
Shuggie Bain *by Douglas Stuart*
Sisters *by Daisy Johnson*
Uncanny Valley: a Memoir *by Anna Wiener*
The Undocumented Americans *by Karla Cornejo Villavicencio*
-  The Vanishing Half *by Brit Bennett*
War: How Conflict Shaped Us *by Margaret MacMillan*



RETURN TO CURBSIDE PICK-UP



As of Monday, December 14th, all ORLA buildings have closed to the public due to the recent increase of COVID-19 cases in our area. In order to keep our patrons & staff members safe, ORLA locations are providing curbside pick-up, virtual programs, Take-and-Make Kits (while supplies last!), digital resources available 24/7, remote print/fax/copy/scan services & 30-minute computer use appointments. We sincerely apologize for any inconveniences this may cause & thank you for your understanding!



Curbside Pick-Up

Pick out your books online or by calling the library, & we'll schedule a time for you to pick them up. Call your local branch for more information & available times.



Computer Appointments

ORLA buildings can offer 30-minute computer use appointments for 1 person per hour. Call your local branch for available times.



Take-and-Make Kits

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



Print, Fax, Copy & Scan

Printing, faxing, copying and scanning can all be done at your library remotely & via curbside pick-up. Call your local ORLA branch for more information & available service times.



Virtual Programs

Virtual programs are back at all ORLA branches! Stay tuned to our website and social media for weekly recorded programs with an option to pick up a take-and-make kit to go along. Virtual programs consist of Storytime, crafting & sewing, gaming, & more! Access all virtual programs at www.oilregionlibraries.org.

CURBSIDE PICK-UP

Available at all
3 ORLA locations!



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How can I choose what I want from the library?

Search the Online Catalog - Searching the catalog will tell you what items we have, what ORLA location they belong to, & whether they are currently available. If you see an item you'd like, you can place a hold on it or call the library.

Call the Library - Can't search our catalog? No problem! Give your local branch a call & we'll be happy to help you find items you're looking for. If you're unsure of what you want, we can even give you some recommendations based on what you like to read or watch!

How do I schedule a curbside pick-up?

Place Holds on the Online Catalog - Once you're logged in to your online account, you have the ability to place holds on items you'd like to check out. When your item is available, you'll receive an email or text prompting you to call the library to schedule a pick-up, OR the library will call YOU to schedule a pick-up (depending on your notification settings).

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How can I print, fax, copy or scan?

Printing - You can email your prints to print@oilregionlibraries.org & call the library. We'll confirm that we received your prints & schedule a time with you to pick them up.

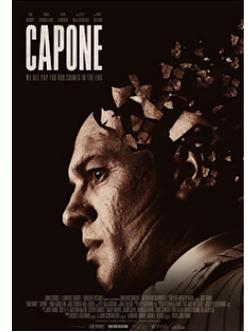
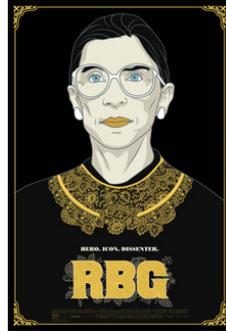
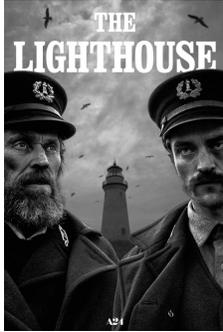
Faxing, Copying, & Scanning - Call the library to let us know which service you'll need. We'll schedule a time with you to come by. A staff member will meet you at your car & pick up your documents to complete the service for you inside of the building.

FEATURED DIGITAL RESOURCES

Available at www.oilregionlibraries.org



'Most Watched' Films of 2020 Available on [kanopy](https://www.kanopy.com/)



Stream these & more for free with your library card.

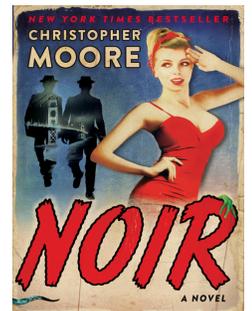
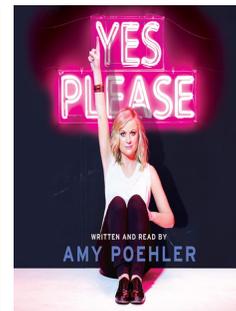
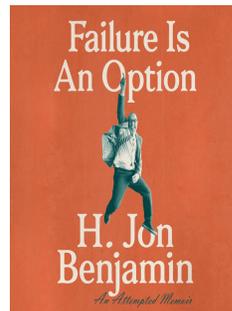
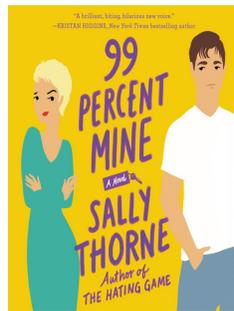


NEVER STOP LEARNING

Niche Academy is your go-to for tutorials! This free resource provides access to tutorials on popular software items, such as Microsoft Excel and Word, how to use library resources, such as POWER Library, computer basics, such as how to get started using Facebook, Zoom and Google, and workforce tutorials, including resume writing!



Joke's on You
a collection of humor on
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