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FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

BOOK LOVERS

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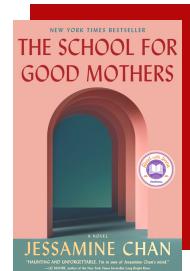


"While I don't generally read romance books, I loved this and read it in two days! Our main character Nora is a ruthless type-A literary agent who always seems to get left behind by her boyfriends that want a nice safe housewife. Convinced by her sister to leave the city and spend the summer together in a tiny town taken right out of a romance book, the last person she expects to run into is Charlie—the surly editor she's avoided ever since their disastrous first meeting. Hijinks ensue and, well you know the rest - it's a rom-com! What I really like about this is that the main character never had to change her personality in order to get her man. It's ok that she's a type-A, city loving, career woman and it even makes her more attractive in his eyes. The only negative for me is the part where they got hot and heavy at the local library. Please don't do this, you will make your librarians sad. I recommend this to anyone that wants a light read for summer, doesn't mind a bit of spice and enjoyed the author's other books. -- Amanda Barker, Cooperstown Public Library

STAFF PICKS

THE SCHOOL FOR GOOD MOTHERS

JESSAMINE CHAN

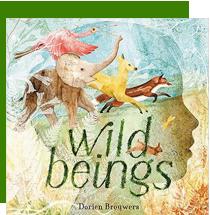


"Have you ever read a book that you were uncertain if you liked but still couldn't dare to look away from? That is what I experienced with this novel by Jessamine Chan. I read this in almost one sitting. The plot was fast paced, the characters were diverse, the storyline was intriguing, but still to this very day I couldn't tell you my exact feelings for this book. *The School For Good Mothers* is categorized as a dystopian, which I typically love! However, when I think dystopian, I think complete governmental collapse, dusty roads barren of all life, or at the very least a world vastly different from the one we currently live in. Chan's dystopian world has only one difference from our own - and that's how they treat parents deemed unfit. It was our world to a tee, where unfortunately we do experience parental scrutiny by our peers, but the stark difference in this reality was one slip up, lapse in judgment, or what some may call a 'very bad day' as a parent results in your child being taken away, and yourself fighting to prove your worthiness within the confines of a state facility. This resemblance to our everyday life managed to cause me a large amount of anxiety for new or struggling parents. I CAN tell you that I ended this story with tears streaming down my face, make of that what you will. " -- Daidre Green, Franklin & Oil City Libraries

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WILD BEINGS

DORIEN BROUWERS



"Ahh...to be a wild being! This beautifully illustrated picture book aims to show the many connections between nature and human beings. The book has an inspiring message for readers: You can be curious, strong and fierce. You can be a creator, explorer and seeker. You can climb, leap and run. So be a wild being and be determined to be you... the best you can be. Dare to be anything you want to be. Explore around you with wide eyes and open minds, following your instincts to create magical new things and new worlds. I definitely recommend this to parents with nature-loving children to encourage them to dare to be themselves... to be curious and explore and to be the best they can be." -- Kathy Lynch, Oil City Library



WANNA SUBMIT YOUR OWN BOOK REVIEW?

Email a review of a book you read recently (good or bad!) to promotions@oilregionlibraries.org to be featured in a future issue of the ORLA Newsletter!

Franklin Kicks Off Community Conversation Series

The Franklin Public Library will be hosting a series of Community Conversations covering a vast array of topics by fellow community members. The series kicked off last month with "Why Was I Born Black?" with presenter Major Smith. The following Community Conversations are scheduled for Thursdays from 5PM - 6PM:

July 14th - **Kitchen Herbs and Your Health** with Leslie Alexander

July 21st - **Who Wants to Be a Vegetarian?** with Sonja Hunt

July 28th - **Let's Keep Bees!** with Debra Houser

August 11th - **Whodunnit? a Murder Trial** with Bill Cisek

August 18th - **Using Video & Audio Production to Create an Online Media Brand** with Tad Oakes

August 25th - **Oil & Gas Fracking: Step 1 in the World Pollution Problem** with Peter Fitzpatrick

If there is a topic you would like to present at a Community Conversation session, please contact the Franklin Public Library at (814) 432-5062 or info@oilregionlibraries.org

SUMMER SLIDE

and how to prevent it.



Summer Slide is the tendency for students, especially those from low-income families, to lose some of the achievement gains they made during the previous school year. Research findings have shown:

- Children in low-income households fall behind an average of 2 months in reading during the summer. And, Summer Slide is cumulative, with these learning losses building up each summer.
- Summer learning loss accounts for two-thirds of the 9th grade achievement gap in reading between students from low-income households and their higher-income peers.
- Students from low-income households with access to books over the summer see significantly more gains in reading scores from spring to fall than students from high-income households with access to books and those from low-income households without access to books.
- Differences in children's summer learning experiences during their elementary school years can ultimately impact whether they earn a high school diploma and continue to college.

The good news is, we have a great prevention method! Summer reading programs, like Summer @ Your ORLA Library, keep kids of all ages engaged during the summer months by encouraging reading. Reading just 4 to 6 books over the summer has the potential to prevent a decline in reading achievement scores from the spring to the fall, so even small steps are very beneficial. When children select reading materials themselves and read for enjoyment, they receive the most gains in reading achievement, including better reading comprehension, writing style, vocabulary, spelling, and grammatical development.

Register today for Summer @ Your ORLA Library - it's not too late!



GET INVOLVED AT YOUR LIBRARY THROUGH FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

WHAT IS A FRIENDS GROUP?

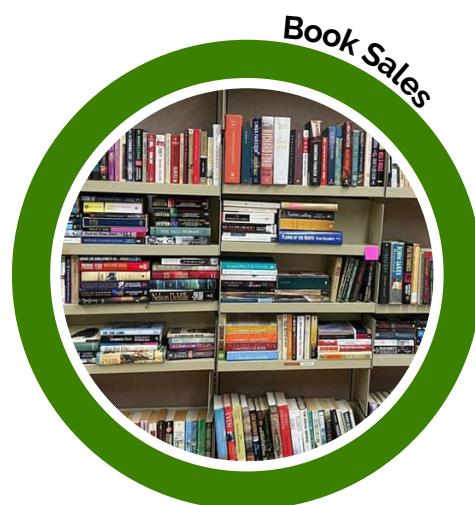
Friends of the Library groups seek to promote readership, usage of library materials and involvement of library patrons through volunteerism. The commitment of these organizations is to provide ongoing support to the Oil Region Libraries.

WHAT DOES A FRIEND DO?

Promoting the Library - Friends fundraising efforts include annual bake sales, book sales, raffle drawings, the sale of commemorative Library items and more.

Volunteering - Some Friends volunteer on a regular basis and help with shelving materials and making sure that the shelves are in order and neat. Other Friends are very willing to contribute to bake sales, help with programming, plan fundraisers and more.

Providing Supplemental Financial Support - Over the years, the Friends have provided funds raised through fundraisers for programming and facility needs, which are outside the parameters of the regular Library budget.



WHAT KINDS OF LIBRARY PROJECTS DO FRIENDS SUPPORT?

- Sponsoring Summer & Winter Reading Programs
- Sponsoring Adopt-a-Magazine
- Recognizing Staff & Retirees
- Funding Special Building Projects (such as our recent RFID conversion)
- Donating to Annual Library Fundraisers
- Creating Raffle Baskets
- Providing Refreshments at Library Events
- Volunteering to Run Book Sales & Bake Sales
- Planning Special Library Events (such as the popular Bunco games at the Franklin Library!)



Bake Sales



WHEN DO FRIENDS MEET?

The Friends of the Oil City Library meet on the 3rd Monday of every month at 4:00PM in the Heritage Room at the Oil City Library.

The Friends of the Franklin Public Library meet on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6:00PM at the Franklin Public Library.

HOW CAN I BECOME A FRIEND?

To join the **Friends of the Oil City Library** or the **Friends of the Franklin Public Library**, pick up a membership application at your library or visit <https://oilregionlibraries.org/information/friends-of-the-library/> to download one.

Cooperstown Public Library has an Advisory Council that functions similarly to a Friends of the Library group. If you're interested in supporting the Advisory Council, please contact Amanda Barker, Branch Manager, by calling (814) 374-4605 or via email at cplbranchmanager@oilregionlibraries.org.



BECOME A FRIEND OF THE LIBRARY TODAY!

Oil Creek Library District Offers Free 'Sign with Your Child' Webinar

Research shows that signing with all children stimulates language development, eases communication, supports early literacy, and defuses frustration for parents and children alike. Kathy MacMillan, author of *Little Hands and Big Hands: Children and Adults Signing Together*, introduces the whys and hows of signing with children ages birth to six and shares hands-on activities you can use throughout the day.

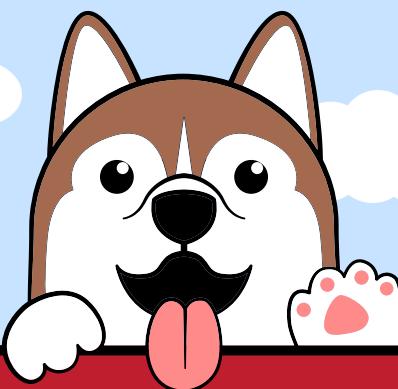
This webinar is offered free of charge to all ORLA patrons. Attend the webinar live or request a recording. For more information contact our District Consultant, Erin Joyce, at consultant@oilcreek.org or call (814) 499-1772.



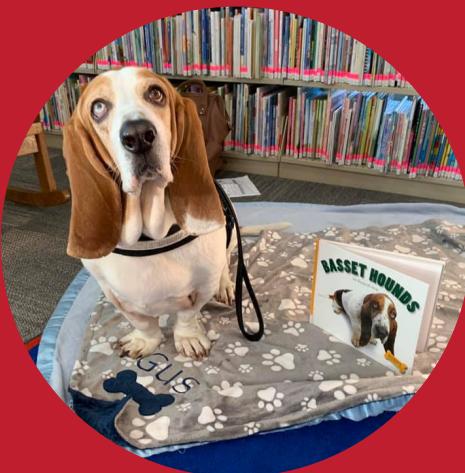
REGISTER ONLINE AT
<https://tinyurl.com/signwithyourchild>

July 19
6:00 - 7:30PM
on Zoom

Oil Heritage Week Festivities at the Oil City Library



PAWS 4 A CAUSE THERAPY DOGS AT THE FRANKLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY



Join us at the Franklin Public Library as we celebrate the "Dog Days of Summer". Back by popular demand, the Paws 4 A Cause therapy dogs will be visiting us twice a month in July and August. These trained and friendly dogs are eager to see you and hear stories read to them. This is a great opportunity for children to keep up with their reading over summer break! No registration is needed and the program is open to all ages. Questions? Call (814) 432-5062.

Wednesdays from 5PM - 6PM

July 6th

July 20th

August 3rd

August 17th

The 44th Annual Oil Heritage Festival is scheduled for July 21-24 in Oil City this year. We're excited to hold two popular events once again during Oil Heritage Week: Touch-a-Truck & the Friends of the Library Book Sale.

Touch-a-Truck On Thursday, July 21st from 11AM – 2PM, the Central Avenue Plaza will be closed to traffic and will instead be filled with all kinds of trucks, cars, and heavy equipment! Following a special Storytime inside the library at 10AM, kids can explore the trucks right outside and even meet some of the people who operate them. This event is sure to be a ton of fun for kids of all ages and is free to the public.



Friends of the Library Book Sale The annual Friends of the Library Book Sale is scheduled for Thursday, July 21st – Saturday, July 23rd in the Oil City Library basement. Come discover tons of used books available for purchase by donation! All sales benefit Friends of the Library projects.

BOOK SALE SCHEDULE

Thursday 7/21 9AM - 7PM

Friday 7/22 9AM - 5PM

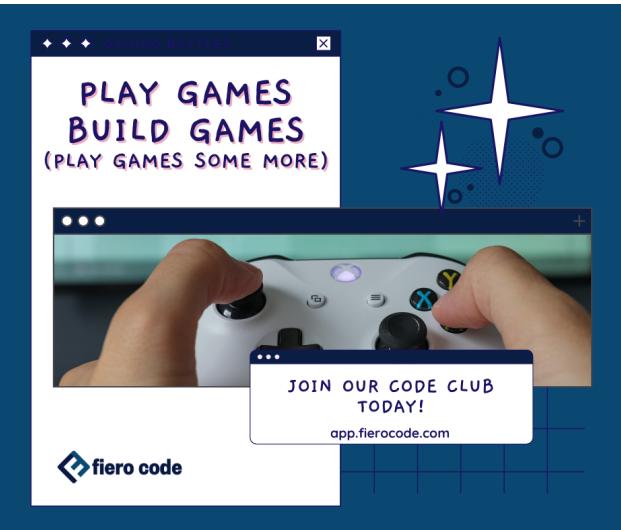
Saturday 7/23 9AM - 3PM

Farmer's Market Returns to Central Ave. Plaza

Now that summer is finally here, the Oil City Farmer's Market has returned to the Central Ave. Plaza on Thursday mornings. Stop by on your way into the library and find fresh produce, plants, baked goods, jellies, crafts, salves, beadwork, jewelry, fair trade coffee, tea, chocolates, handmade soaps & more! Supporting the Farmer's Market means supporting local farmers and entrepreneurs, which helps our community thrive.



Photos courtesy of Oil City Main Street Program.



CODE CLUB IS BACK!

Join our Fiero Code Club and make something awesome! In this informal educational setting, kids will learn computer programming skills through a series of tutorials and projects. They will work towards building websites, video games, phone apps, animations and more, all the while, learning how to become better problem solvers and critical thinkers. We've changed the meeting time for summer, but hope you'll still join us to create something amazing!

MONDAYS @ 3PM / OIL CITY LIBRARY

Next Teen Reading Lounge Session to Begin July 6th

The second session of TRL will begin on Wednesday, July 6th from 4-5PM at the Franklin Public Library, and will continue on that day and time for a 6 week session. Teens will participate in programs that connect this year's theme, **Cultural Diversity**, to tangible action in the community. Join us for book discussions, activities, field trips, prizes, and a chance to make a difference in our town through a Civic Engagement Project.

Register online at <https://bit.ly/3mK2vs3> Once registered, please stop by the library to receive your swag bag and the schedule! All teens ages 13-18 are welcome!



Upcoming Workshops



COMPUTER BASICS WORKSHOP
OIL CITY LIBRARY
10AM - 11AM
FREE



CAREER EXPLORATION
FRANKLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY
11AM - 1PM OR 4PM - 6PM
FREE

Join us at the Oil City Library on Monday, July 11th at 10AM for a Computer Basics Workshop, courtesy of Pennsylvania CareerLink! Almost all workplaces require some computer skills. Learn to confidently navigate your way through basic systems, including the desktop environment, internet searching, emailing, and Microsoft word. This workshop is free & open to anyone. Register at the Oil City Library or by calling (814) 678-3072. Walk-ins are okay too!

Join us at the Franklin Public Library on Tuesday, July 26th at 11AM or 4PM for a Career Exploration Workshop, courtesy of Pennsylvania CareerLink! Wondering why you're not getting call backs after an interview? Looking for new employment and not sure what steps to take? We'll explore how to apply for jobs and what career is best for you. This workshop is free & open to anyone. Register at the Franklin Public Library or by calling (814) 432-5062. Walk-ins are okay too!

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