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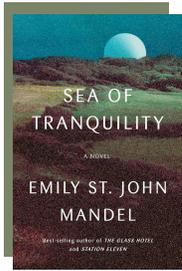


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SAVE OUR SUMMER.

6 Weeks of Mystery, Clues & Prizes





SEA OF TRANQUILITY

EMILY ST. JOHN MANDEL

"It's hard to describe this book without giving things away or making it sound complicated, but I will try because I enjoyed it so much! This is a time travel story involving one man in the future trying to figure out what makes one little spot in time and

space so special, while also trying not to change things in the past. The story introduces several characters in the past, present, and future. We get to spend a little bit of time with each of them, to get to know them and see what effect this spot in space has had on them. Not all the characters are written equally; I enjoyed my time more with the woman author in the 2200s than the exiled British man in 1912. But they are all important and add to the reader's understanding of what is going on. As their stories weave together and overlap, it starts to create an overall whole that brings the book together. While this sounds like it would be hard to keep straight, the author writes in such a clear and concise manner that I had very little trouble keeping track of what was happening. This book is not for everyone but I recommend it to people who want to examine what

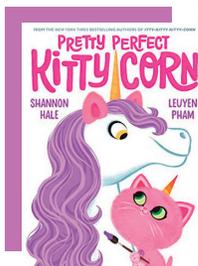
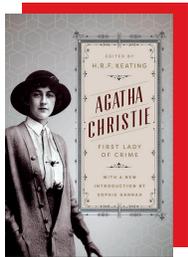
time travel might mean in the future and how it might affect the past." -- *Amanda Barker, Cooperstown Public Library*



AGATHA CHRISTIE: FIRST LADY OF CRIME

EDITED BY H.R.F. KEATING

"Outsold only by the Bible and Shakespeare, Agatha Christie is the best-selling novelist of all time. She is best known for her 66 detective novels and 14 short story collections, as well as the world's longest-running play – The Mousetrap. Though she is the best-selling novelist of all time, does this make her one of the best? *Agatha Christie: First Lady of Crime* was originally released in 1977, a collection of fourteen essays that analyzed her life and body of work. Lovers of Dame Christie's mysteries will thoroughly enjoy this collection of essays compiled by the late H.R.F. Keating and hopefully will learn something new about their favorite mistress of murder." -- *Zoe Oakes, Franklin Public Library*



PRETTY PERFECT KITTY CORN

SHANNON HALE AND LEUYEN PHAM

"Everyone loves Unicorn. They think he is perfect—his horn is shiny, his coat is clean, his tail is as purple as a dream. Unicorn's best friend, Kitty Corn decides she wants to paint Unicorn who holds as still as a marble statue and who does all kinds of poses. But poor Kitty Corn feels something is missing from the portrait. When Kitty Corn finally adds the last detail to the portrait, Gecko and Parakeet are stunned at the masterpiece. Unicorn was very sad though because his best friend saw him with a painted bum and he worries that unless he's perfect, Kitty Corn might not want to be his friend. To prove Unicorn wrong, Kitty Corn gets messy too. The moral of the story is that you should always embrace your flaws and share the messy part of yourself!" -- *Kathy Lynch, Oil City Library*



WANNA SUBMIT YOUR OWN BOOK REVIEW?

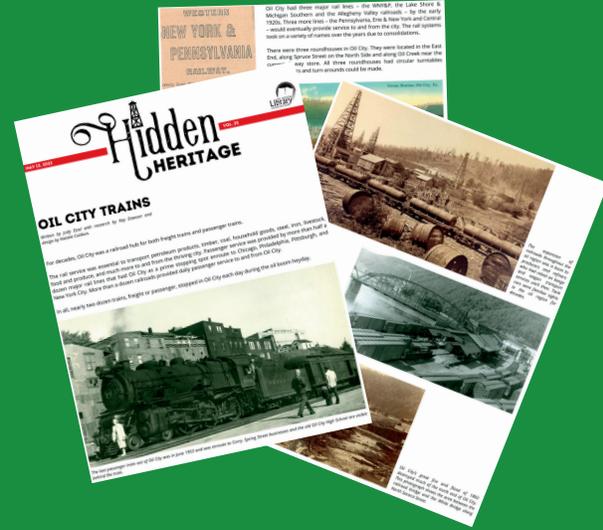
Email a review of a book you read recently (good or bad!) to promotions@oilregionlibraries.org to be featured in a future issue of the ORLA Newsletter!

Hidden Heritage Wins Historic Preservation Award



We are excited to announce that *Hidden Heritage*, a bi-monthly publication focused on Oil City history, has been awarded a Historic Preservation Award from the Oil Region Alliance. The *Hidden Heritage* publication is written by Judy Etzel, researched by Kay Dawson, and designed by Natalie Cubbon. All articles are freely available online at <https://oilregionlibraries.org/hidden-heritage> and made available in print for a limited time at the Oil City Library.

According to the Oil Region Alliance, "The Oil Region Historic Preservation Awards, first given in 1997, honor and encourage preservation. The awards program was created to: recognize projects that represent appropriate standards of preservation, restoration, and rehabilitation; acknowledge individuals and groups for initiatives, services, or commitment to the preservation of historic structures; to create advocacy for historic preservation through greater public awareness of the built environment; and to enhance a region-wide preservation ethic in both the public and private sectors."

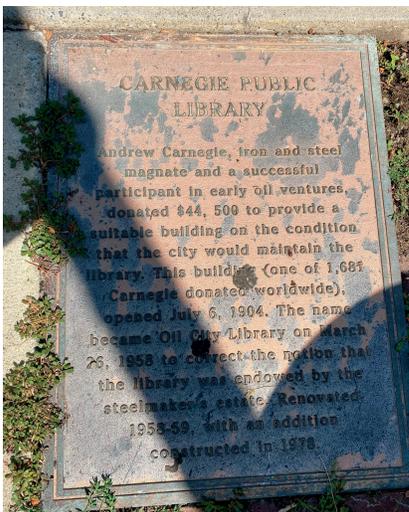


A special thanks to the Heritage Society of Oil City for the award nomination. Congratulations to Judy, Kay, and Natalie!

Carnegie Plaque Restored at Oil City Library

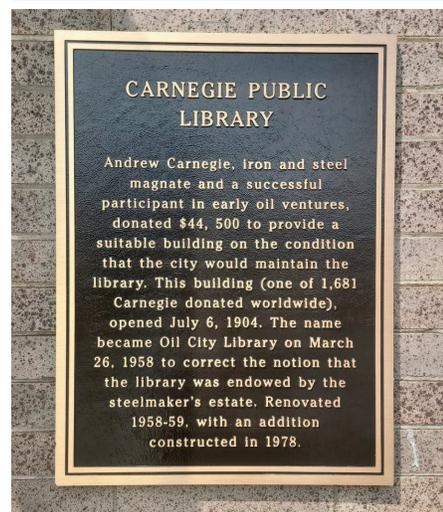
Speaking of historic preservation, the Carnegie Public Library plaque at the Oil City Library was recently restored by Franklin Bronze Plaques. The plaque was in very poor shape due to years of residing in the ground outside the library. It was given an exceptional repair and is now hung on the front of the building. The plaque reads "*Andrew Carnegie, iron and steel magnate and a successful participant in early oil ventures, donated \$44,500 to provide a suitable building on the condition that the city would maintain the library. This building (one of 1,681 Carnegie donated worldwide), opened July 6, 1904. The name became Oil City Library on March 26, 1958 to correct the notion that the library was endowed by the steelmaker's estate. Renovated 1958-59, with an addition constructed in 1978.*" Thank you, Franklin Bronze Plaques, for giving this piece new life!

BEFORE



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AFTER



S.O.S.

JUNE 20
through
JULY 30

summer @ your



LIBRARY

SAVE OUR SUMMER

(AGES 5+) Join us for 6 weeks of mystery, clues, and prizes.
Attend in-house programs OR take home activities!

SOS! Your dedicated librarian decided to take an ocean expedition in order to gather artifacts and knowledge for this year's program. But her ship missed its arrival date, and no one knows what happened! Can you help find your missing librarian and save her from possible marooning - can you save our summer?! For ages 5+, weekly programs at your local branch will include clues, puzzles and more. Can't attend a program? No problem, clues are also available as take home activities or on oilregionlibraries.org!

The best part? You get to create a cumulative keepsake using STEM & craft activities! Help & hints are available each week at designated programs to solve the case. Help is also available at your local branch during open hours. Track your reading online or on your mobile device with Reader Zone & record your minutes in your case file. You also have the opportunity to get a scratch-off ticket each time you visit your library for a chance to win some awesome prizes!

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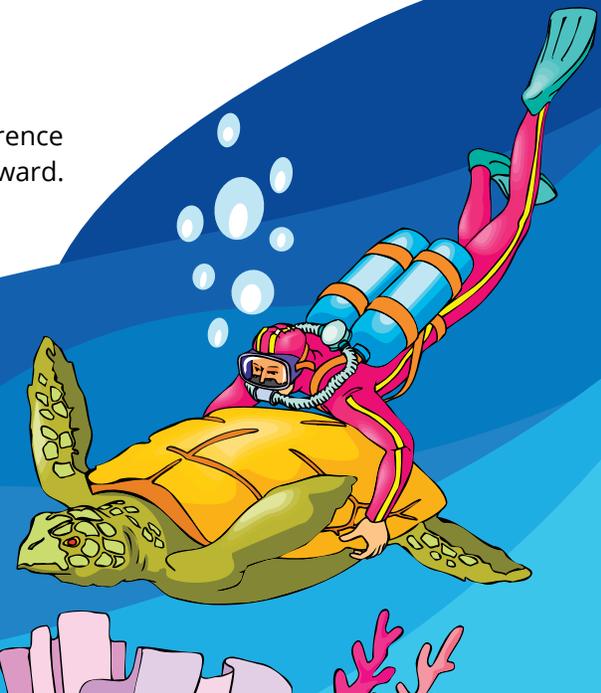
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AGES 3-5

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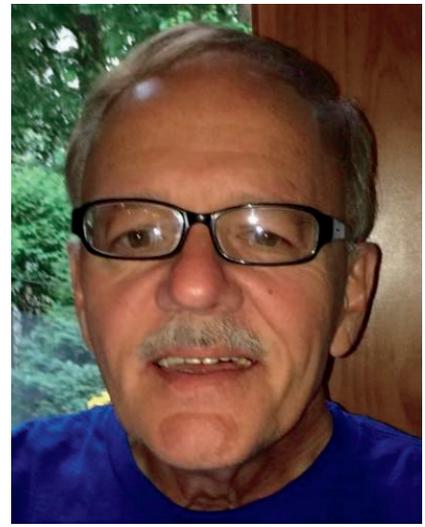


In Loving Memory

Sam Amendola



The Oil City Library suffered a great loss in March with the passing of Sam Amendola. Sam was the President of the Friends of the Oil City Library group, a longtime library supporter & volunteer. He will always be in our hearts & minds. If you'd like to place a book in memory of Sam, please call (814) 678-3072 or stop by the 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
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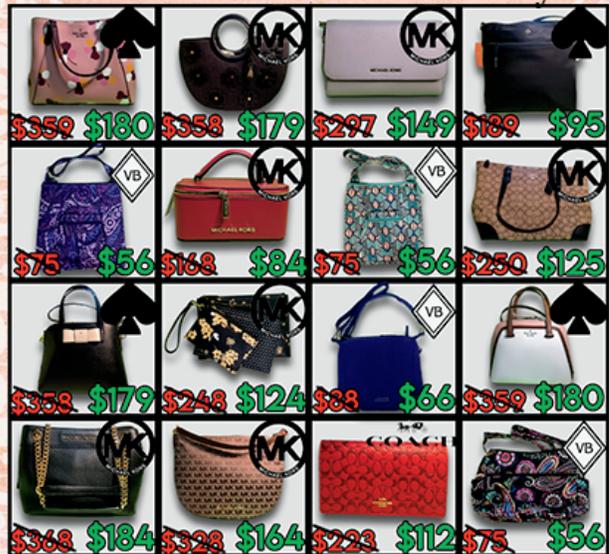
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Join us at the Oil City Library on Tuesday, June 21st at 10AM for a Computer Basics Workshop, courtesy of Pennsylvania CareerLink! Almost all workplaces require some computer skills. Learn to confidently navigate your way through basic systems, including 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!

Franklin Friends Sponsoring Designer Purse Bingo

The Friends of the Franklin Public Library are currently sponsoring a No-Show Designer Purse Bingo! See a bag on the board you've just got to have? Pay a heavily discounted price for it while also supporting Friends of the Library projects! Designer brands include Michael Kors, Coach, Vera Bradley, and Kate Spade. Purses are available to purchase on a first-come, first-served basis. For additional information, please call (814) 432-5962.



Restroom Renovations Finished at Oil City Library

We're excited to announce that the restroom renovations at the Oil City Library are officially complete! Perry Construction Group, Inc. started work at the end of March and concluded on May 20th. Both public restrooms and a staff restroom were completely gutted and rebuilt. The two public restrooms are now both single-occupancy unisex, affixed with changing tables in each one. The restrooms also now have motion sensor lights, fans and sinks. Finished with a beautiful dark tile and grout, we feel the restrooms have seen a tremendous facelift and a more modern look. We thank you for your patience as this project was in progress and we hope that these updates will serve our patrons well for years to come. Thank you to Perry Construction Group, Inc., and especially Bruce Stallsmith, for all of the beautiful work that was done!

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Perry Construction Group, Inc.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Jayleigh



OIL CITY LIBRARY

Jayleigh has been such a big help at the Oil City Library over the past few months. Jayleigh completes tasks such as shelving books, organizing shelves, cleaning up the children's area, sorting newspapers and much more on a weekly basis. She loves volunteering at the library and we're so grateful for her help! She always maintains a positive attitude and we've thoroughly enjoyed her time as part of our team! If you see her around, please thank her for all she does!

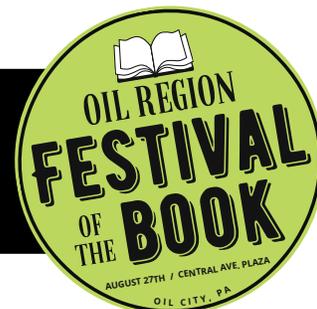
Touch-A-Truck, Oil Region Festival of the Book Scheduled

Touch-A-Truck returns to the Central Avenue Plaza this summer in Oil City! On Thursday, July 21st, 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, 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. It's a great way to kick off the Oil Heritage Festival in Downtown Oil City.

Additionally, we're excited to announce that the **2nd Annual Oil Region Festival of the Book** will be held Saturday, August 27th in the Central Avenue Plaza! The Oil Region Festival of the Book provides an opportunity for community outreach to local & regional published authors. Participating authors will be provided space at the festival to engage with our community and to share and sell their works. Food vendors, guest speakers, and children's activities will also be present at the Oil Region Festival of the Book alongside local authors.

INTERESTED IN BEING A FEATURED AUTHOR?

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Franklin Public Library Celebrates 100 Years

The Franklin Public Library enters triple digits this year as it turns 100 years old! The celebration of a century of existence sets in motion for the next 100 years a continuation and enhancement of the quality library service that our patrons expect and depend on. In celebration, we'll be holding an entire week of programs and activities for all ages. During the week of June 13th-17th, join us for programs such as:

- **We're More Than Books**
- **Beyond the School**
- **Digital Resource Crash Course**
- **Realia: What Is It & What Can I Do With It?**

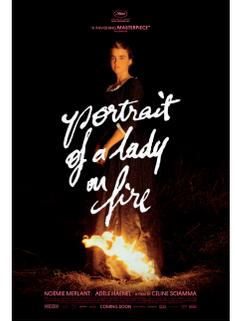
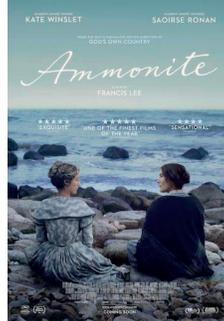


We'll conclude the week with an Open House on Friday, June 17th. For more information, please call the Franklin Public Library at (814) 432-5062.

FEATURED DIGITAL RESOURCES

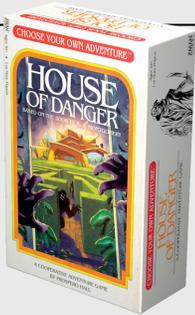
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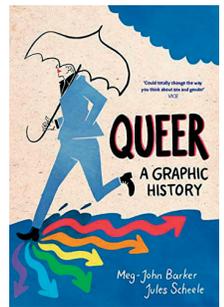
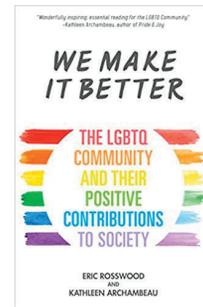
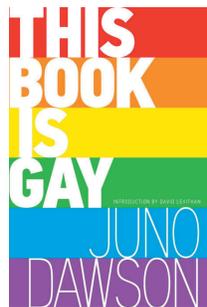


HOUSE OF DANGER CARD GAME

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