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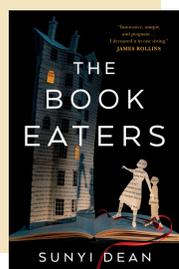
NOVEMBER 2022

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NATIONAL NOVEL
WRITING MONTH



*Become a writer at
your library.*



THE BOOK EATERS

SUNYI DEAN

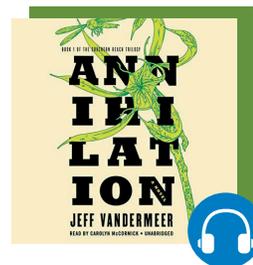
"When I first saw the title of this book, I imagined bookeaters must be clever, meager beings that loved sitting in a cozy library while snacking on a good book. However, Dean has created some otherworldly beings entirely, and they're exactly what I didn't know I needed.

Devon was raised on fairy tales and cautionary stories. She was excluded from any meaningful discussions and kept locked away in her life like the princesses in the books she consumed. Maybe that existence would have been sufficient for her if the ruling families of bookeaters didn't require each female to have two children with two different families before being able to retire to their childhood homes. After these women birthed their first babies, they were only allowed to spend 3 years with their infants before moving on to the next family house to repeat the process. When Devon saw her daughter for the first time though, everything changed. She was no longer complacent with the families controlling her life. Matters went from bad to worse when she was forced away from her daughter and made to have her second child. This time though, her son was born a mindeater. Instead of being sustained by the pages of a book, he craved the minds of those around him. When her second husband decided he must be put down, Devon had had enough. This is when I couldn't help but truly admire Devon's fierceness. She makes some HARD decisions, and battles with the selfishness of a mother's love, but none of that matters when you have a child. You live and breathe for them. This book will keep you on the edge of your seat the entire way through." -- *Daidre Green, Oil Region Library Association*

WHAT WE'RE READING

ANNIHILATION

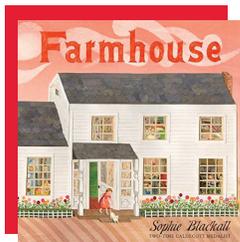
JEFF VANDERMEER



"I listened to this audiobook on the Libby app - I didn't read it and I think that made a big difference. What a weird and fascinating book! The main character is a biologist who is never given a name. She goes into a secluded zone with a surveyor, a psychologist and an anthropologist. They are there to examine what this zone does to people and what happened to the last expeditions. They find out in spades. I finished it weeks ago and I keep coming back to its themes of identity and nature and dreams and what makes you, you. I can't stop thinking about it. It's a slow burn and gets really weird at the end, but I recommend it. Listen to it if you can. I'm going to try the sequels when I have more time."

-- *Amanda Barker, Cooperstown Public Library*

JUVENILE



FARMHOUSE

SOPHIE BLACKALL

"My children and I really enjoyed the new picture book 'Farmhouse' by Sophie Blackall. Inspired by an actual rundown farmhouse the author stumbled upon, Blackall creates a beautiful tale of this once cherished dwelling place. She walks you through the life of a beloved farmhouse and the family who makes it a home. The illustrations are beautiful, perfectly complementing this touching story. This moving picture book makes you want to slow down and savor the memories you make together as a family in your own unique space you call home." -- *Emily Gibson, 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!

Podcast Program Taking Shape at Oil City



The Venango Speaks Podcast was created by participants of the Leadership Venango Class of 2022. The class participants recorded the first 2 episodes of the show, then taught local teens how to record, edit & come up with topics for the continuation of the project. The podcast is now primarily conducted by teens in the local area. If you are between the ages of 12-18 and would like to join the Venango Speaks Podcast, please register on our website, www.oilregionlibraries.org/teens. We release one new episode a month about topics chosen by you and your peers. The Venango Speaks Podcast meets weekly at the Oil City Library on Tuesdays from 4-5PM. This will allow us to pick the topics, decide our discussion points, and create interviews for our episodes. Questions? Email oc1teen@oilregionlibraries.org

Franklin Children's Coordinator Leaving, Position Open

Tracy, our Children's Coordinator at the Franklin Public Library, is leaving the Oil Region Library Association and pursuing a different career path. She's brought a huge spotlight to the Children's Department during her time at ORLA and has done such an amazing job with programs (like the popular Teddy Bear Picnics in Franklin and Cooperstown!). We're thankful for her service to the Oil Region Libraries and we wish her all the best!

The position for Children's Coordinator at the Franklin Public Library is currently open and applications are being accepted. This is a Full-Time (37.5 hours/week) position with a wage range of \$12 - \$14/hour. Interested individuals can pick up an application at any ORLA location or email fplbranchmanager@oilregionlibraries.org for more information.

Teen NERF Night After Hours at Oil City Library

On December 1st, join us for a NERF Battle between the stacks! This event will take place after normal business hours, from 5:30-7:30PM. You can bring your own NERF gun or have us provide one for you. This event is for ages 12-18 only. Make sure to register because spots are limited! *No Rival or Mega Guns - only guns that require normal-sized darts, please! Register by visiting the Oil City Library or call (814) 678-3072.

Healthy Habits Celebration at FPL

Join us for fall crafts, games, treats and a free book at the Franklin Public Library for a Healthy Habits Fall Celebration on **Thursday, November 17th from 4-6PM!** Open to the public & free to attend. Questions? Contact hartles3@upmc.edu or call (814) 518-2054.



FPL COMMUNITY CONVERSATION SERIES



TUESDAYS, 6-7 PM

QUILTS OF VALOR
TUES. NOV. 15TH / 6PM

LET'S KEEP THE BEES
TUES. NOV. 22ND / 6PM

FRANKLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Franklin Public Library is currently hosting a series of Community Conversations covering a vast array of topics by fellow community members. The series kicked off in June with "Why Was I Born Black?" with presenter Major Smith. All Community Conversations are scheduled for Tuesdays from 6PM - 7PM.

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

NA•NO•WRI•MO

NATIONAL NOVEL WRITING MONTH

Become a writer at your library.

NaNoWriMo (short for National Novel Writing Month) is a nonprofit organization with a mission to promote creative writing all over the world. Every November, they present writers (both amateur and professional) with a challenge: write a novel in 30 days. 50,000 words seems like a lot, but NaNoWriMo provides a vast array of tips, resources and pep-talks free of charge to help you reach your goal with ease. Supplement that with programs & resources available at your library, and you're off to a very good start!



NaNoWriMo's 6 tips for getting started.

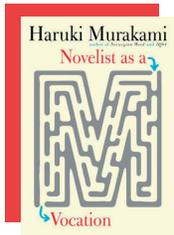
- 1 Develop a story idea you're passionate about** that will take you all the way to 50,000 words.
- 2 Create complex, believable characters** strong enough to shoulder a novel and hold your interest.
- 3 Construct a detailed plot or outline** that will keep you on track with your story.
- 4 Build a strong world for your characters** that your readers will want to explore, too.
- 5 Organize your life to support your writing goals** and get your community involved.
- 6 Find, schedule, and manage your time** so you can write as much as possible.

$$\begin{array}{r} 1,650 \text{ words} \\ \times \\ 30 \text{ days} \\ = 49,500 \text{ words} \end{array}$$



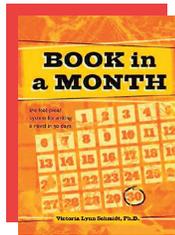
Writer's reads

Available through any ORLA location.



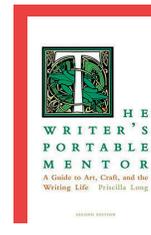
NOVELIST AS A VOCATION HARUKI MURAKAMI

A charmingly idiosyncratic look at writing, creativity, and the author's own novels, from the beloved and best-selling author of 1Q84 and Norwegian Wood.



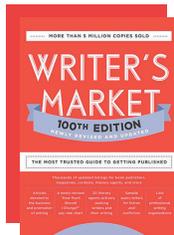
BOOK IN A MONTH VICTORIA SCHMIDT, PHD

What can you accomplish in 30 days? Using flexible weekly schedules, clear instruction, & detailed worksheets, Victoria Schmidt leads you through a proven 30-day novel-writing system without the intimidation factor.



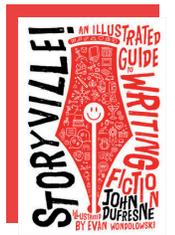
THE WRITER'S PORTABLE MENTOR PRISCILLA LONG

The Writer's Portable Mentor offers a wealth of insight and crafting models from the author's 20+ years of teaching and creative thought.



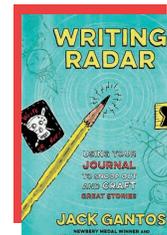
WRITER'S MARKET 100TH EDITION

The most trusted guide to getting published, with up-to-date listings of publications, editors, magazines, contests, awards, literary agents and articles that describe how to find, manage, & promote an author's work.



STORYVILLE! : AN ILLUSTRATED GUIDE TO WRITING FICTION JOHN DUFRESNE

A smart, funny guide to writing with engaging infographics that bring storytelling techniques to life. The bold graphics take you inside the writer's comfortingly chaotic mind & show you how stories are made.



WRITING RADAR JACK GANTOS

The Newbery Award-winning author of Dead End in Norvelt shares advice for how to be the best brilliant writer in this funny and practical creative writing guide perfect for all kids who dream of seeing their name on the spine of a book.

Writer's programs

NA•NO•WRI•MO for ages 12-18

Starting November 4th from 4-5PM and continuing every Friday until the end of the month (excluding Black Friday), join us at the Franklin Public Library for National Novel Writing Month, AKA NaNoWriMo!

This workshop will be held by a professional editor, Jennifer Schoonover, who not only has edited for several publishing and gaming companies, but has also written her own book titled "The Spirit of Halloween"! This book is available for checkout at the library.

If you are between the ages of 12-18 and just need that extra push to get your ideas onto paper, let the library and Jennifer be there to assist you! Registration is required - stop in to the Franklin Public Library or call (814) 432-5062 to register!



A group specifically for writers! Discuss & explore writing ideas with fellow writers to strengthen your writing skills & refresh your perspective. This group also offers the opportunity to both give AND receive feedback on each members' writings on a consistent basis. The group meets every 1st & 3rd Monday of each month at the Oil City Library from 6:30PM - 8:00PM in the Meeting Room downstairs.

Franklin Friends Hold Lottery Wreath Raffle

Tickets are on sale now for the Friends of the Franklin Public Library's Lottery Wreath! This gorgeous holiday wreath is loaded with various PA Lottery tickets, giving you numerous chances to win some extra cash for the holiday season. **Tickets for this raffle can be purchased at the Franklin Public Library for \$5 each or 5 for \$20 until December 15th, 2022.** The winner will be drawn on December 16th at 4PM. All proceeds benefit the Franklin Public Library.



Questions? Email fol.franklin@gmail.com

Light Up Night

COOKIE WALK

AT FRANKLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

It's that time of year again! The Friends of the Franklin Public Library will be holding their annual Cookie Walk during Light Up Night in downtown Franklin on **Saturday, November 19th from 12-3PM**. We'll have many different varieties of homemade cookies available for you to mix and match for \$8/dozen. Stock up on holiday treats and help us raise some money for the Franklin Public Library!

Questions? Email fol.franklin@gmail.com

NOV. 19TH / 12-3PM

Upcoming Workshops



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

Join us at the Oil City Library on Monday, November 7th 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!



COMPUTER BASICS WORKSHOP
FRANKLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY
11AM - 1PM OR 3PM - 5PM
FREE

Join us at the Franklin Public Library on Tuesday, November 15th at 11AM or 3PM 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 Franklin Public Library or by calling (814) 432-5062. Walk-ins are okay too!

Franklin Receives New Book Return Door

A BIG thank you to Dr. and Mrs. Cenedella for sponsoring the purchase of a new book return door for the Franklin Public Library! We think it's a huge improvement and are so grateful for their generosity.



BEFORE



AFTER

News From the Beekeeper



You may have noticed recently that I have removed the bees from our libraries. I took them to my home apiary for the winter - they don't fare well during the cold months in the observation hives. Not to worry though, they will be back again in the spring! Weather permitting, I will install them again in May 2023. In the meantime, I hope you can join me at the "Let's Keep the Bees!" Community Conversation on Nov. 22, 6PM at the Franklin Public Library. We will be discussing backyard pollinators (like honey bees!) & how to keep them healthy. I've learned so much while researching this subject & look forward to sharing with all of you. Thank you for enjoying the observation hives!

- The Beekeeper 



Christmas PAST

SAT. DECEMBER 3RD
OIL CITY LIBRARY



"ELF" MOVIE SHOWINGS 10AM AND 1PM

Join us for a screening of "Elf" (2003) starring Will Ferrell in the library's historic theater upstairs. Pick from two times - 10AM or 1PM. Popcorn will be available! Open to all ages & free to attend. **Sponsored by Deborah and John Wells**



OIL CITY STUDENT ART SHOW 9AM-3PM



Artwork by Oil City students grades K-12 on display throughout the main level of the library.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT WORKSHOP 10AM - 1PM

Make your own stuffed Candy Cane Reindeer, along with other Christmas crafts for all ages! Open to the public & free to attend. **Sponsored by the Friends of the Oil City Library**



FEATURED RESOURCES



libby

The one-tap reading app from your library.



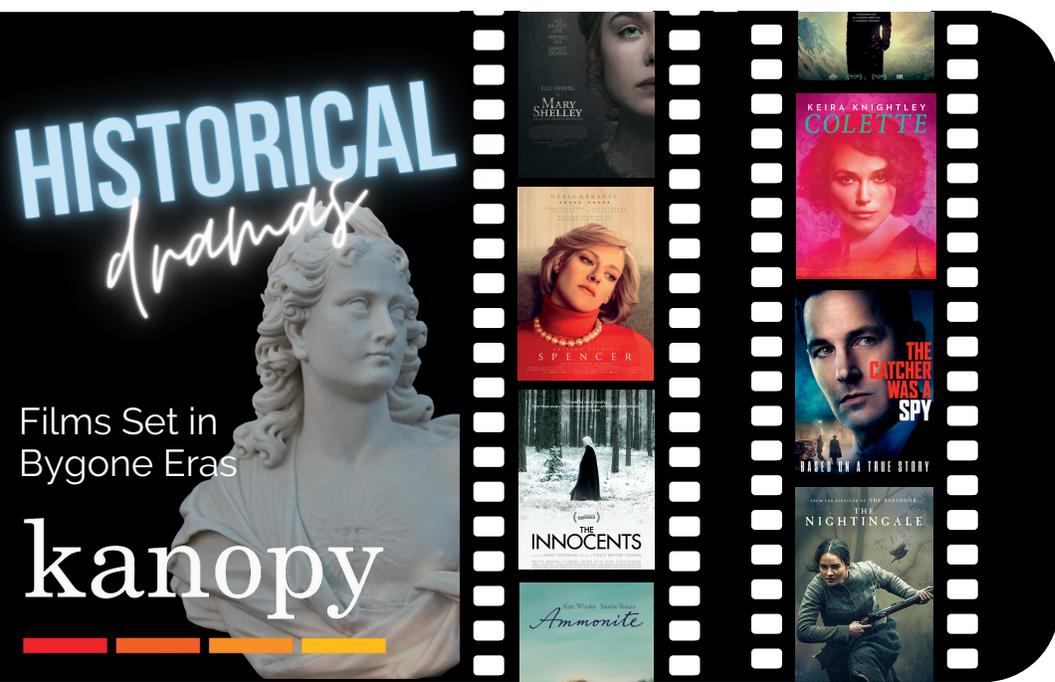
'til death do us part: marriage thrillers



LibraryCall

FROM THE FOLKS AT THE GALECIA GROUP

Library Call is a Dial-a-Story service that offers children & families access to weekly recorded stories featuring expert children's librarians & storytellers. This service is free to the public & available from any phone. Waiting at the doctor's office? Need a few extra minutes to cook dinner without interruptions? The library can support you by offering your child an engaging recorded story while they wait. Dial **(878) 788-7980** to listen to a weekly story in English.



HISTORICAL dramas

Films Set in
Bygone Eras

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Oil City Library

2 Central Ave.
Oil City, PA 16301
(814) 678-3072

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| Monday | 8:30am-8:30pm |
| Tuesday | 8:30am-8:30pm |
| Wednesday | 8:30am-8:30pm |
| Thursday | 8:30am-5:00pm |
| Friday | 8:30am-5:00pm |
| Saturday | 9:00am-3:00pm |
| Sunday | CLOSED |

Franklin Public Library

421 12th St.
Franklin, PA 16323
(814) 432-5062

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| Monday | 12:00pm-5:00pm |
| Tuesday | 10:00am-6:00pm |
| Wednesday | 10:00am-6:00pm |
| Thursday | 10:00am-6:00pm |
| Friday | 12:00pm-5:00pm |
| Saturday | 10:00am-3:00pm |
| Sunday | CLOSED |

Cooperstown Public Library

187 N. Main St.
Cooperstown, PA 16317
(814) 374-4605

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| Monday | 2:00pm-7:00pm |
| Tuesday | 10:00am-4:00pm |
| Wednesday | CLOSED |
| Thursday | 2:00pm-7:00pm |
| Friday | 10:00am-4:00pm |
| Saturday | CLOSED |
| Sunday | CLOSED |

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