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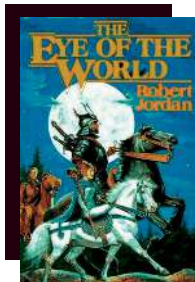
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THE WHEEL OF TIME SERIES

ROBERT JORDAN

"The Wheel of Time books are immense. 14 books comprise the main series (plus a prequel) with each averaging over 800 pages; or, in my case, 19+ days of listening (460+ hours)! For many, that can be enough to move on to another read. However, to those of you who can find yourself enraptured by character arcs, world building and enjoyment of fantasy stories, this is for you! Years-long recommendations and a new TV adaptation finally pushed me to try it out. In short, it is the absolute best fantasy series I've encountered. Once I got into the heart of the first book, I knew I wouldn't stop until the series was finished! The reader learns of the overarching storyline very early on: the 'Dragon' has been reborn to face the 'Dark One' that seeks escape from centuries of confinement – a familiar struggle throughout their shared history over the ages. You must wait until the very end to learn of the world's fate while each book generally does a good job of introducing and resolving subplots throughout to keep you engaged. The 'rules' (i.e. magic) are explained well, and are limited enough to buy in while also allowing for further development as the series unfolds. Most importantly, the number of character arcs, the depth of their journeys and the amount of intertwined storylines keeps the reader invested on countless levels." -- *Dan Flaherty, Oil Region Library Association*

WHAT
WE'RE
READING

GRAPHIC NOVEL

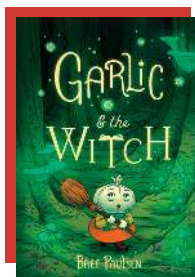
DAVID BOWIE IN COMICS



"Travel with the original Starman, David Bowie, and rediscover his incredible journey from *Space Odyssey* to *Black Star* and the thousand styles in between in this graphic novel biography. Honoring one of the most influential and creative artists of the 20th century (and personal favorite), each of this book's twenty chapters is illustrated by a different artist reflecting his style at the time. A must read for all Bowie fans!"

-- *Zoe Oakes, Franklin Public Library*

JUVENILE



GARLIC & THE WITCH

BREE PAULSEN

"I was so excited to read this sequel to the adorable children's graphic novel, *Garlic and the Vampire*, by Bree Paulsen. It did not disappoint and was equally adorable! When Garlic (an always-anxious, bulbous vegetable person) wakes up with human hands, she is shocked and scared. Does this mean she's turning into a human? What about the other vegetable people who live with Witch Agnes? What will CARROT THINK?!? Witch Agnes assures Garlic that she'll be okay, but there may be a chance she will turn human... and the other vegetable people will likely have the same fate. To take her mind off of the possible

impending humanity, she goes on an adventure with her vampire friend to run errands for Witch Agnes. Along the way, Garlic has a journey of self-transformation and realizes that though change may be uncomfortable, it is necessary. In addition to her lovable characters and delightful illustrations, Bree Paulsen weaves several important lessons into a cozy little story that will leave you smiling until the last page." -- *Natalie Cubbon, Oil Region Library Association*



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!

LOVE YOUR LIBRARY



FRANKLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY
SAT. FEB. 4TH / 11-1PM

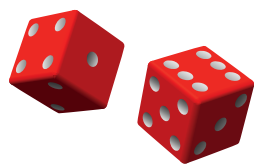
Come celebrate Love Your Library month at the Franklin Public Library! This event will include crafts, a student artwork display, Dr. Seuss themed storytimes every 1/2 hour (11:00AM, 11:30AM & 12:30PM), refreshments, and a Cat in the Hat meet and greet. No registration is required and all ages are welcome!

The Friends of the Franklin Public Library Book Sale will also be open for additional hours from 10AM - 3PM on Saturday, February 4th in celebration of Love Your Library month!

Franklin Library Hosting Bunco Party

Join us at the Franklin Public Library for a Bunco Party on Friday, February 17th! Registration is required - sign up at the Franklin Public Library or by calling (814) 432-5062. Registration fee is \$20/player and includes lunch (served at 12:30PM)! Games begin at 11AM. All proceeds benefit the Franklin Public Library.

Bunco is a dice game generally played with twelve or more players, divided into groups of four, trying to score points while taking turns rolling three dice in a series of six rounds. A bunco is achieved when a person rolls three-of-a-kind and all three numbers match the round number.



Library Assistant Position Open at Oil City Library

Interested in joining our team? We're looking to hire a Part-Time Library Assistant at the Oil City Library! This will be a 20-22 hours/week position @ \$9.50/hour. General duties include working the circulation desk, material processing, managing overdues, and other library tasks. The schedule will be consistent from week to week and does include some regular evening hours and alternating Saturdays. If interested, please pick up an application at the Oil City Library.



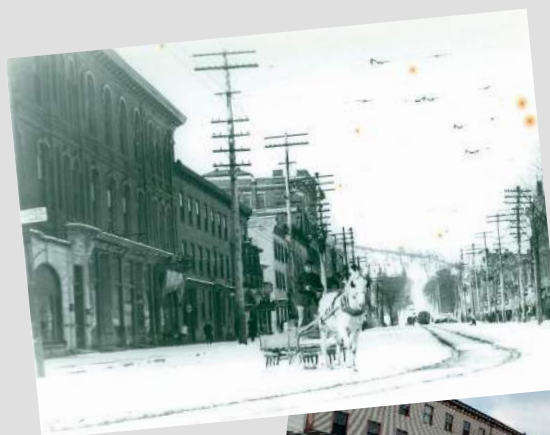
PICTURE THIS

WRITTEN AND CREATED BY **EMILY ANTKOWIAK**

Welcome to a new local history column, exclusive to the ORLA newsletter! Each month, I take one historical image & photograph it superimposed over the same area as it appears today. This allows you to see what Venango County looked like in the past with a modern reference. My hope is to share neat photos from the library's archives to make them and their history more attainable.



This month, we're looking at another winter scene - this time of Liberty Street in Franklin. A man is out on the town with his horse and sleigh, and you can see the tracks of a streetcar that just passed. If you look closely, you can make out the triangle at the top of the Bleakley Block and the Liberty Building behind it, both of which look the same today!



THEN

NOW



Do you have an image or location you'd like to see featured?
Email eantkowiak@oilregionlibraries.org with your suggestions!



The Arc

Clarion and Venango Counties

INCLUSION LIBRARY

**A New Partnership Between the Oil Region Library Association and
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WHAT IS THE INCLUSION LIBRARY?

The Inclusion Library is a collection of games, sports and outdoor equipment that was developed by The Arc of Clarion and Venango Counties Inc. in collaboration with the Oil Region Library Association. The purpose of the library is to afford everyone with the opportunity to be fully included in the community through activities that promote access, diversity and belonging.

As part of efforts to enhance awareness and provide a greater community impact, the Inclusion Library has recently made some significant changes. For one, the collection of items has been drastically increased to provide users with more diverse options to choose from and opportunities for more enjoyable experiences. Secondly, the collection of items has found a new home at the Oil City Library!

WHO CAN BORROW ITEMS FROM THE INCLUSION LIBRARY?

Items are available for use by anyone who has a Venango County library card or has an affiliation with The Arc of Clarion and Venango Counties Inc. You must check items out from and return directly to the Oil City Library. All items will check out for 1 week.

WHAT IS THE ARC?

The Arc of Clarion and Venango Counties Inc. is a grassroots, non-profit organization offering fully inclusive quality supports to people who experience intellectual and developmental disabilities. Founded in 2003, The Arc has become a leading advocate for individuals and their families in Clarion and Venango Counties.

WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE ARC?

Visit Them Online at <http://www.thearcclarion.org/>

Call 814-226-7033, Ext. 4

Email info@thearcclarion.org



AVAILABLE ITEMS



BASKETBALL



SKI SHOES & POLES



RC BOAT



SCOOTER



FOAM SLIDER SLED



BICYCLE (SPEED CONTROL)



LADDER TOSS



SKATEBOARD



CORNHOLE



FOOTBALL



GEOCACHING KIT



BOTTLE BASH



SOCCER BALL



PICKLEBALL SET



BICYCLE (CRUISER)



YARDZEE



BOCCE



VOLLEY BALL



FISHING EQUIPMENT



SAFETY GEAR



DISK GOLF SET



SNOWBOARD



KAN JAM



TENNIS SET



METAL DETECTOR



SNOW MAKER SET



BEACH PADDLE SET



TELESCOPE



WIFFLE BALL SET



WICKED BIG PONG



RC TRUCK



CROQUET



BIRD VIEWING KIT



WATER GAMES



WASHER TOSS



SPIKE BALL



DRONE



BIKE RACK

Visit the [Oil City Library](#) to check out an item today!

ADULT CRAFT CLUB

Spring 2023

Adult Craft Club at the Oil City Library is starting up again this February! We're so excited to get back to crafting with you. Adult Craft Club is free to attend & all materials will be provided. Registration is OPEN NOW, so sign up for your preferred session (or any combination of them) and choose between a 5:30PM or 6:30PM time slot. Visit the Oil City Library or call (814) 678-3072 to register.

Bleeding Tissue Paper Art



Wednesday, February 22nd

Monogrammed Keychain



Wednesday, March 29th

Melted Crayon Jewelry



Wednesday, April 26th

Grape Cork Ornaments



Tuesday, May 16th

Register Today!

Upcoming Workshops

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COMPUTER BASICS WORKSHOP
OIL CITY LIBRARY
3PM - 4PM
FREE

Join us at the Oil City Library on Tuesday, February 7th at 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 Oil City Library or by calling (814) 678-3072. Walk-ins are okay too!

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2023 ANNUAL
OIL REGION LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

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Tickets are still available!
Library Lotto tickets are
good for the entire 2023
year.

EACH TICKET
\$20
ONLY 1000 SOLD

JANUARY WINNERS!



KATIE W.
OIL CITY, PA



PANNI F.
OIL CITY, PA



DIANE P.
ERIE, PA

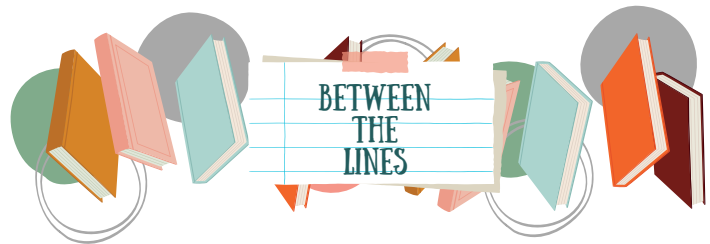
A total of 36 winners will be determined by the **Pennsylvania Daily Pick 3** evening drawing at 7:00PM on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd days of each month in 2023. One additional winner will win \$500 determined by the Pennsylvania Daily Pick 3 evening drawing on July 25th, 2023!

New Teen Programs Starting at Oil City & Franklin Libraries

Two new programs for teens are debuting at Oil City and Franklin libraries that focus on reading and writing! Both programs are open to teens ages 12-18 and are free to attend. Another new program, *Adulting 101*, will debut at Franklin Public Library in the next few months!

Between the Lines - a book club just for teens!

Join us at the Oil City Library every other Thursday from 4-5PM for *Between the Lines*, a teen book club. We'll choose a genre, you'll choose the book, and then every other week we'll discuss what you think! If interested, please register on our website at oilregionlibraries.org/youth/teens.



The Ink Society - a teen writer's group!

Join us at the Franklin Public Library for our new writer's group - *The Ink Society*. We will share ideas, discuss your current works, and complete creative writing prompts and challenges! This group began meeting on Friday, Jan. 27th, and will continue meeting bimonthly from that date. Hope to see you there!



Adulting 101 - COMING SOON!

A program at the Franklin Public Library designed for teens offering an introduction to different skillsets & careers, preparing them for life after schooling. Each month will focus on a different theme & the program as a whole will include events, both informative & hands-on, to better prepare teenagers for their adult lives.

**JANUARY 9
THROUGH
FEBRUARY 17**

**THE 3RD ANNUAL
WINTER OF
READING**
read. track. win.

Join the 3rd Annual Winter of Reading Challenge for ages 5+ and track your reading for a chance to win some cool prizes! Last year, we read **47,394 minutes!** Track your minutes read using the ReaderZone app on your smart device, or at readerzone.com. For every 60 minutes you read, earn an entry into our grand prize raffle!

Use code **edg4d**

FEATURED RESOURCES



The one-tap reading app from your library.



into the wild
books to get lost in.

Oil City Library

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

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.....	8:30am-3:30pm
Sunday.....	CLOSED

Franklin Public Library

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

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

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



GALE EBOOKS

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