



# the ORLA newsletter.

JUNE 2023

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# In your Element





## THE NEIGHBOR FAVOR

KRISTINA FOREST

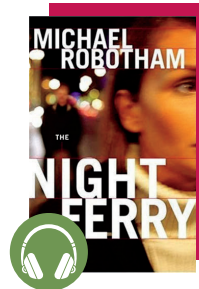
"In this heart-fluttering romance, a shy bookworm enlists her charming neighbor to help her score a date, not knowing he's the obscure author she's been corresponding with. Contrary to what I went into reading expecting, the email part of the relationship is in the first half of the book, so they are not doing the

*You've Got Mail* thing throughout the entirety. It took some of the squicky aspects I was bracing myself for away to do it this way. Both Nick and Lily have to grow and work on themselves in order to make this relationship successful, and it feels earned when they get there. They've chosen to be with each other knowing their weaknesses and aren't blinded by the meet cute. *The Neighbor Favor* featured two quiet characters as the main leads, which was a nice change from many of the ones I read. The supporting characters were fleshed out but didn't take up too much of the pages for me. It's a great one for my shelves." – Erin Joyce, Oil Creek Library District

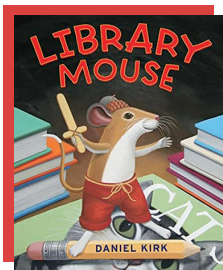
# WHAT WE'RE READING

## THE NIGHT FERRY

MICHAEL ROBOTHAM



"One of my recent favorite authors is Michael Robotham. I recently listened to his 2007 book, *The Night Ferry*. The narrator was excellent at providing the voices of the characters. The book itself starts off easily enough with an uncomfortable reunion between estranged besties that quickly takes a violent turn and the search for answers is on! Since the main character is a British detective, she has access to plenty of clues and info that take her on a wild ride learning about human trafficking, surrogacy and adoption. In the meantime, she is navigating her own confused love life, coming to terms with events of her past, various co-workers and the languages and jurisdictions of other countries. Ali is brave, resourceful, dedicated. She's backed by loyal friends and co-workers; she'll need them to get answers and those in danger to safety. I don't recall any blue language or sex scenes. There are adult themes and some violence." – Debra Houser, Franklin Public Library



## LIBRARY MOUSE

DANIEL KIRK

"Sam, the library mouse, lived in a small hole in the wall behind the children's reference books. At night he would go looking for adventures between the covers of books. Oh how he loved to explore! All of a sudden, out of the corner of his eye, he sees another mouse parachuting right in front of him. Sarah also lived in the library and loved to be an explorer like Sam. And explore they did - book, after book, after book. They explored a pyramid in Egypt, how pharaohs dressed, how to climb a mountain (using a string and paperclip) and how to drive a jeep. They even jumped in an airplane and went off to see the

world: the Eiffel Tower, the Great Wall of China, the Statue of Liberty, and the Great Pyramids. They sailed past coral reefs and deserts, volcanoes and mountain tops and rows and rows of bookshelves. At the end of the night, Sam ran back through his hole in the wall. Working on his new project about their adventures, he was remembering that readers and writers were explorers too. I loved this book for a couple of reasons. It would be cool to live in the library surrounded by books all the time. Also, the possibility of exploring so many things by just picking up a book and reading is portrayed well in this story. You really can learn so much by not really going anywhere at all, as long as a book is in your hands." – 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](mailto:promotions@oilregionlibraries.org) to be featured in a future issue of the ORLA Newsletter!

# NEW

## SPANISH COLLECTION

at the Franklin Public Library

The Franklin Public Library is excited to announce that a new collection will be added to the Children's section very soon: a collection of Spanish books written mostly in Spanish! This will include chapter books, picture books, and nonfiction books. We have had a growing number of Spanish-speaking families move into the area and it has inspired the Children's Coordinator to create this collection.

Whether you are just interested in learning Spanish, getting ready for a trip to a Spanish-speaking destination, or have Spanish as a primary or secondary language, you can enjoy this new section at the library! This collection is made possible by funding provided by the Venango Area Community Foundation.

## Oil City Curb Market Returns for the Summer

The Oil City Curb Market, formerly known as the Farmer's Market, is officially back for the season in the Central Avenue Plaza in front of the Oil City Library. The market operates on Thursdays from 11 am - 5 pm & features locally grown fresh fruits & veggies, plants & flowers, homemade baked goods, original art, handcrafted items, and much more! The Oil City Library will be featuring Pop-Up Storytimes on the front steps on June 15, July 13 & August 17 during the Curb Market at 11:30 am.

Are you or your business interested in becoming a Curb Market vendor? Call (814) 677-3152 for more information!



## Touch-A-Truck Slated for July in Oil City

Touch-A-Truck returns to the Central Avenue Plaza this summer in Oil City! On Thursday, July 20 from 11 am - 2 pm, the Central Avenue Plaza will be closed to traffic and will instead be filled with all kinds of trucks and heavy equipment! Following a special automotive-themed Storytime inside the library at 10 am, 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!



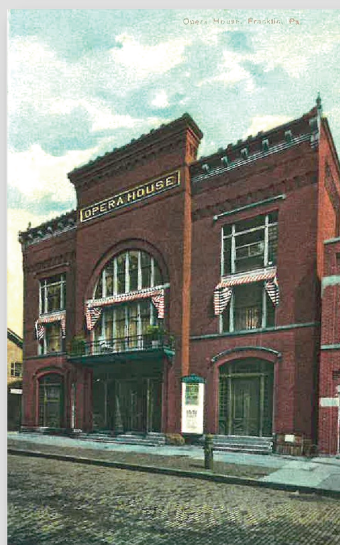
# PICTURE THIS

WRITTEN AND CREATED BY **EMILY ANTKOWIAK**

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 heading back to Franklin to take a look at their Opera House by present day City Hall. The Opera House opened in 1886 and the Emma Abbot Grand Opera Co. was the first to perform. They performed the opera "Mignon." The most expensive orchestra seats for the grand opening cost just \$1.75! In later years, there were attempts to convert the Opera House into a movie theater, though the building was eventually demolished in the spring of 1953.



## THEN & NOW



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



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**JUNE 19TH - JULY 28TH**

**EXPLORE. EXPERIMENT. CREATE.**

for all ages!

Experiment with food science, exploding art, electricity, and more!  
Adults will compete to be ORLA's Top Crafter!

**FRANKLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Ages 5-8: Wednesdays at 1 pm  
Ages 9-12: Wednesdays at 3 pm  
Teens: Mondays at 2:30 pm  
Adults: Thursdays at 5 PM



**OIL CITY LIBRARY**

Ages 5-8: Thursdays at 10 am  
Ages 9-12: Thursdays at 1 pm  
Teens: Thursdays at 2:30 pm  
Adults: Wednesdays at 7 pm



**COOPERSTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Ages 5-8: Fridays at 1 pm  
Ages 9-12: Fridays at 2:15 pm  
Teens: Fridays at 3:30 pm



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# Community Conversations Continue at Franklin

The Franklin Public Library is continuing to host a series of seminars covering a vast array of topics by fellow community members. The following are scheduled for Thursdays in June from 6:00 - 7:00 PM:

## JUNE 8 Berry Up Your Kitchen

with *Leslie Alexander*

Leslie Alexander is a clinical herbalist, currently based in Erie, PA. She works with clients and teaches about herbs, both in person and online. At this conversation, she will share quirky tips on culinary and medicinal berries.

## JUNE 15 Prisons: How They Differ

with *Major Smith*

The running of prisons and the prison environment differ widely by management, location, size, intake, ownership, and more. This presentation will cover the main issues and their consequences.

## JUNE 22 Genealogy: Dig Into Your Roots!

with *Sandy Baker*

Genealogy has been a popular hobby for millions of people of all ages over the last 45 years. Most of us have an innate desire to know more about our own family "roots". Join Sandy Baker, our Wednesday volunteer in the PA Room, as she shares some ideas to help you on your own family history journey.

## JUNE 29 Difficult Conversations About Racism

with *Barbara Rumore*

Attendees will be invited to join in a discussion on racism and participants will be encouraged to examine their own attitudes and feelings and debate them.

# All of Us Research Program to Hold Pop-Up Enrollment

Learn how you can be included in shaping the future of health care for you, your family, your community, and generations to come by joining us at the Franklin Public Library for any three Pop-Up Enrollment days. Plus, you'll receive a \$25 gift card for your participation!

- ✓ Thursday, June 22, 9 am - 2 pm
- ✓ Wednesday, July 12, 9 am - 2 pm
- ✓ Thursday, July 22, 9 am - 2 pm

**All of Us**  
RESEARCH PROGRAM

To learn more & begin the enrollment process, visit [www.joinallofuspa.org](http://www.joinallofuspa.org)



# THE HISTORY OF THE Blues

A FREE PRESENTATION

WITH PRESENTER **CECE OTTO**  
OF FRANKLIN PRESERVATION

Join us at the Franklin Public Library on Saturday, June 17th at 11:00AM for a free presentation with Cece Otto of Franklin Preservation. Contact the Franklin Public Library for more information by calling (814) 432-5062.

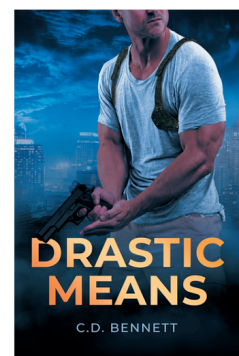
SATURDAY, JUNE 17TH / 11:00 AM  
FRANKLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

# Local Author to Hold Meet & Greet at Franklin Library

Join local author C.D. Bennett as she discusses her newest release, "Drastic Means", at the Franklin Public Library on Saturday, June 24th from 11 am - 2 pm.

"Special Agent Tyler McCoy is working undercover to bring down a suspected criminal when his cover is blown trying to save an innocent witness. His actions take a hefty toll when he is reassigned to the witness's protection detail. The situation becomes more complicated when Tyler finds himself feeling much more than he should for someone in his care, especially when she has made it abundantly clear that she still questions his loyalties. Jordan Parish lived a well-ordered and comfortable life as a private educator for wealthy families living busy lives. Until her world is turned upside down when she is abducted at gunpoint by a ruthless criminal. Locked in a dangerous game of cat and mouse with deadly consequences, Jordan is forced to place her life into the hands of an agent she is not entirely sure she can trust but is inherently drawn to. Evil and greed come in maviolence, Jordan Parish finds herself unable to escape the focus of a ruthless criminal bent on gaining power by any means necessary. As the bond between her and Agent McCoy deepens, Jordan joins his small team of agents in a desperate race to thwart a cruel mastermind convinced she has access to the information he needs to infiltrate a very lucrative government security contract.

Drastic Means is a fast-paced, exciting blend of romance and thrilling intrigue sure to keep the pages turning."



2023 ANNUAL  
OIL REGION LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

# LIBRARY LOTT

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

EACH TICKET  
**\$20**  
ONLY 1000 SOLD

## MAY WINNERS!



**WILLIAM C.**  
FRANKLIN, PA



**AMY H.**  
OIL CITY, PA



**RICHARD & LINDA W.**  
CLARION, 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!

# OIL CREEK STATE PARK PROGRAM SERIES

at the Oil City Library



## PA SALAMANDERS

What is a salamander, & where do they live? Learn about PA's diversity of salamanders with the Oil Creek State Park naturalist. Play a giant salamander matching game, read a fun story about a salamander, & create your own unique salamander craft to take home.

**TUES. JUNE 6 • 6PM**

## PROGRAMS ARE FREE + OPEN TO ALL AGES!

Register at the Oil City Library, or by calling (814) 678-3072.

## Northwestern Legal Services to Hold Legal Outreach Programs

Come to our next information session with Northwestern Legal Services presenter Emily D. Wig, Esquire to discuss **Public Benefits: Law & Application**. Join us this month at your local ORLA branch on the following dates:

- ✓ Tuesday, June 20th at 3:00PM - Franklin Public Library
- ✓ Tuesday, June 27th at 2:00PM - Cooperstown Public Library
- ✓ Tuesday, June 27th at 6:00PM - Oil City Library

Note: No personal advice will be given during these presentations. To get those questions answered, you are encouraged to apply for services through NWLS. Learn more at <https://www.nwls.org/>



## Franklin Friends Group Looking for New Members

Would you like to be more involved with your library? Do you have energy & ideas that could benefit the Library? The Friends of the Franklin Public Library help support the library & its programs and services. They raise money & promote the library with special events such as the annual Quiltathon, Cookie Walk & Bunco Parties, plus raffles & 50/50 drawings. New ideas & energy are always welcome! The Friends also run the Book Sale room with regular hours & maintain the library's courtyard & flowerbeds. Some even volunteer regularly at the library! Recently, the Friends have been able to make substantial contributions to the library's requests for building maintenance & computer upgrade projects. They have also sponsored many youth programs. The Friends meet on the second Tuesday of most months from 6 - 7 pm. Join us either in person or virtually! Membership applications are available at the library and at [oilregionlibraries.org](http://oilregionlibraries.org).

# ADULTING 101

Adulting 101 is a new program at the Franklin Public Library targeted for teens between the ages of 12-18 and will provide useful tips and career options on a vast amount of topics. Each month will focus on a new theme and will hold several workshops, including informational presentations, outreach tours of businesses, and hands-on activities that coincide with the theme.

Participants can attend one of these workshops or all of them!

This program is free to attend & does not require a library card. Registration will need to be completed at the beginning of each month for the current theme.

## ADULTING 101



### MONTHLY THEMES

- March - Cooking Essentials
- April - Mending & Caring for Clothing
- May - Car Maintenance
- June - Knowing Your Body & Communication  
(Learning about vitals, CPR, and the correct way to communicate with your peers)
- July - Budgeting and Handling Money
- August - Lawn Care & Power Tool Safety
- September - Connecting to the Arts & Your Community
- October - IT & Technology
- November - Electricity  
+ Plumbing
- December - Safety



Register for June Sessions

## KNOWING YOUR BODY & COMMUNICATION

- June 10th - Developing Leadership Skills (2 sessions)
- June 14th - CPR Certification
- June 16th - First Aid
- June 16th - Immunocompromised Disorders & Triggers
- June 21st - Tour of Community Ambulance

Register Now at  
[oilregionlibraries.org/teens](http://oilregionlibraries.org/teens)

## Upcoming Workshops



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



**COMPUTER BASICS WORKSHOP**  
FRANKLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY  
3PM - 4PM  
FREE

Join us at the Oil City Library on Tuesday, June 6th 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!

Join us at the Franklin Public Library on Tuesday, June 13th 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 Franklin Public Library or by calling (814) 432-5062. Walk-ins are okay too!

# FEATURED RESOURCES



**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

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## Belly Laughs

Humorous Books for Kids



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# FAMILY flicks

Films for the Whole Family



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