


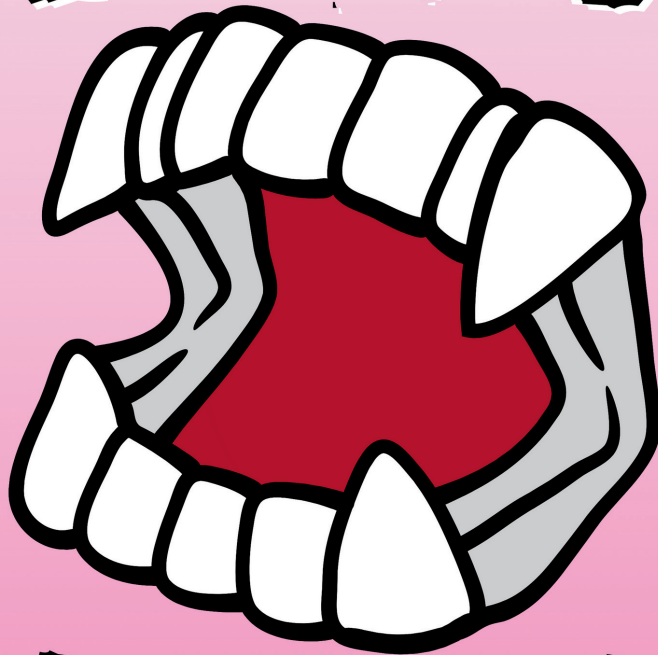


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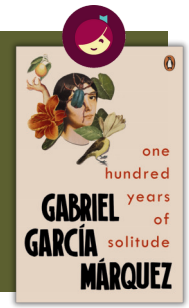


FANG-TASTIC



READS





## ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF SOLITUDE

GABRIEL GARCÍA MÁRQUEZ

"*One Hundred Years of Solitude* tells the story of the rise and fall of the mythical town of Macondo through the history of the Buendía family. I reread this recently and it still holds up as one of my favorite books. Márquez's

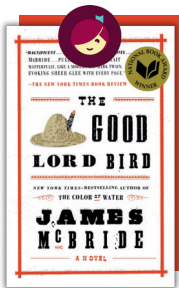
characters and plot come alive in a way that few books can manage. Every time I read this book I get lost in it until it's late in the night and I wake up from the dream that is reading it. The strange and mystical events that happen within like a storm of flowers instead of rain or a woman that is so beautiful she ascends to heaven are so tied into the story that they feel normal and just as real as the rest of it. I recommend this book to anyone that wants a good story." – *Amanda Barker, Franklin & Cooperstown Libraries*

# WHAT WE'RE READING

 Also Available on Libby!

## THE GOOD LORD BIRD

JAMES MCBRIDE



"Henry Shackelford, a young slave living in the Kansas Territory in 1857, likes his life. His Master makes sure he and his Pa are clothed & fed, he learns to trim hair & shine shoes working in the local salon, and he stays entertained listening to his Pa's incessant (& often inaccurate) ramblings about the Bible. Henry's life is turned upside down when famous abolitionist John Brown suddenly begins a fire fight in the salon one day, accidentally killing his Pa & taking Henry with him to fight back against the 'infernal institution' that is slavery in America. Affectionately nicknaming him 'Onion' & mistaking him for a girl, John Brown & his pathetically small army of men consider Henry a good-luck charm that influences their victories in battle. Henry, too scared to correct the men, goes on living as a girl & taking care of the men during their travels. Despite marching hundreds of miles with the army and continually looking for a way to escape back into bondage, Henry always finds himself back with Old John Brown. When John Brown announces a plan to attack the nation's largest armory in order to 'arm the negro people', Henry finds himself in the middle of arguably the largest catalyst for the American Civil War: John Brown's Raid on Harpers Ferry. In addition to John Brown & his family, this story also features notable historical figures like Frederick Douglass & Harriet Tubman, giving a more intimate glimpse into an extremely important & contentious time in American history. With themes of survival, identity & unconditional love, McBride has weaved a powerful (& at times humorous) story of what it means to fully be yourself. I highly recommend this *National Book Award* winner, and any of this author's other works, to anyone who loves historical fiction or wants to learn more about Black History." – *Natalie Cubbon, Oil Region Library Association*

## YOUNG ADULT



## CHAOS THEORY

NIC STONE

"Nic Stone, most known for her debut novel *Dear Martin*, has once again written a thought-provoking piece tailor-made for young adults who might need a deeper understanding of mental health and overcoming the trauma of loss. Shelbi and Andy meet under less than ideal circumstances - Andy wrecking his car and getting a DUI might not be the typical meet-cute, however Shelbi, who is trying to connect to those around her again without people judging her past, finds this all too relatable. Shelbi is bipolar and, while trying to understand her drastic mood swings, turned to alcohol as an easy solution. Andy, on the other hand, has recently lost a

sibling and is dealing with emotional detachment from his mother and once again uses alcohol as a means to not delve into his problems. Both are at a confusing crossroads in their adolescent lives and need another person to help keep them afloat. In this book, they find this connection in each other, and it's quite a wholesome experience. They also work towards finding healthy resolutions to their conditions, and this in itself could provide our teens with useful tools to help get them through any similar struggles." – *Daidre Green, Oil City & Franklin Libraries*



### WANNA SUBMIT YOUR OWN BOOK REVIEW?

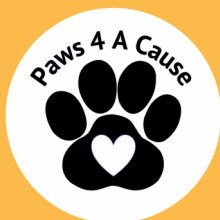
Email a review of a book you read recently (good or bad!) to [promotions@oilregionlibraries.org](mailto:promotions@oilregionlibraries.org) to be featured in a future issue of the ORLA Newsletter!

# Survival Mindset to Hold Program at Cooperstown This Month

Survival Mindset, started and taught by Rick Capozzi, aims to effectively communicate and provide average citizens with an enhanced awareness and a better and faster response time in high pressure active shooter scenarios.

Since 1991, Rick Capozzi (a native of Franklin, PA) has been delivering personal growth and development training as well as providing global marketing services. The world has been his classroom. As an international speaker, consultant, and writer, his travels have taken him to South America, Mexico, Canada, Japan, throughout Eastern and Central Europe, and to all but 9 states in the USA. He delivers as many as 160 speaking engagements per year.

Join us at the Cooperstown Public Library on **Monday, October 23rd from 5:30 - 6:30PM** for a presentation on basic protection & awareness with Rick Capozzi of Survival Mindset! This event is free & open to the public. Register today by visiting or calling the Cooperstown Public Library at (814) 374-4605.



## PAWS 4 A Cause Therapy Dogs return to Oil City & Franklin Libraries

Come join us for a fun time reading to the PAWS 4 A Cause Therapy Dogs! These trained and friendly dogs are eager to see you and hear stories read to them. Practice your reading skills in a fun and engaging way! No registration required & all ages welcome.

### OIL CITY LIBRARY

NOVEMBER 13, 2023  
 JANUARY 8, 2024  
 MARCH 11, 2024  
 MAY 13, 2024  
 JULY 8, 2024

### FRANKLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

OCTOBER 11, 2023  
 DECEMBER 13, 2023  
 FEBRUARY 14, 2024  
 APRIL 10, 2024  
 JUNE 12, 2024  
 AUGUST 14, 2024



# 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.



Who's ready for Applefest?! This year Franklin's beloved fall festival turns 40. This month's *Picture This* is not so much a true "then & now," but more of a celebration of fall in Venango County. Take a look at this shot from the 2nd Applefest in 1984. Looks pretty similar to what we see today, right? The festival had a quite different, humble beginning as a pie baking contest with just a few local vendors set up in the park. Today we know it as a weekend-long event featuring 300+ arts, crafts and food vendors, lots of entertainment, & additional events that bring in thousands & thousands of visitors to Franklin.



## 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!



# fall

# READING CHALLENGE

Embrace the cozy vibes of fall as you embark on a literary journey through this enchanting season. Whether you're snuggled up with a cup of hot cider, surrounded by falling leaves, or exploring a pumpkin patch, this reading challenge is designed to make your autumn reading experience truly magical. How many challenges can you complete before winter arrives?

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- Read a book with a fall-themed cover (featuring autumn leaves, pumpkins, etc.).
  - Read a cozy mystery novel.
  - Read a book set in a small town.
  - Read a classic novel you've never read before.
  - Read a non-fiction book about nature.
  - Read a book set in a place you'd like to visit in the fall.
  - Read a book with a spooky or supernatural element.
  - Read a book that celebrates food or harvest.
  - Read a memoir or autobiography.
  - Read a book recommended by a friend or family member.
  - Read a book that you can finish in one day.
  - Read a book that has been adapted into a movie or TV show.
  - Read a historical fiction novel.
  - Read a book with an orange, brown, or yellow cover.
  - Read a thriller or suspense novel.
  - Read a book about change or transformation.
  - Read a poetry collection.
  - Read a book that celebrates diversity and inclusion.
  - Read a book with a strong female protagonist.
  - Read a book by a local author or set in your hometown.

# Applefest

at the Franklin Public Library

## Friends of the Library Book Sale

Friday, Oct. 6 & Saturday, Oct. 7 | 10 AM - 5 PM

Find great deals in our Used Book Sale room! Proceeds benefit the Franklin Public Library.

## Kids Art Show

Friday, Oct. 6 | 12 PM - 5 PM & Saturday, Oct. 7 | 10 AM - 3 PM

Come check out artwork on display from students at Central Elementary, Bouncing Babies, Storytime, and the Franklin YMCA Preschool! We'll also have FREE hot chocolate & a basket raffle (tickets are \$1 each or 5 for \$3)!

## Teen Art Stall

Saturday, Oct. 7 | 10 AM - 3 PM

Support Franklin Public Library's Teen Reading Lounge participants by checking out the teen art stall during Applefest! The teens have focused this session on learning about different mental health struggles, the resources available, and creating healthy habits that can help. Art can be one of those healthy outlets, and the teens have dedicated a lot of time and effort into creating some really amazing pieces. Their creations will be for sale at their stall located in the Franklin Public Library's front yard during Saturday's festivities. They will be there for one day ONLY, so make sure to stop by! All proceeds will benefit a mental health organization of their choosing. If you do not want to purchase any of their pieces but would still like to contribute, donations will be accepted!

AFTER HOURS

# MOVIE NIGHT

IN THE OIL CITY LIBRARY HALL



### SHOWS

- POLTERGEIST (1982) RATED PG
- SCREAM (1996) RATED R



### SNACKS

- POPCORN
- CANDY
- SPOOKY SHIRLEY TEMPLES



### RAFFLE

ENTER OUR FREE RAFFLE FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A SPOOKY BASKET

OCTOBER 28, 2023 | 7PM-MIDNIGHT

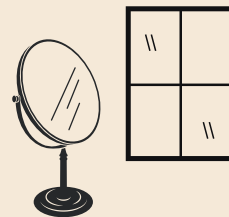
FREE TO ATTEND. LIBRARY HALL HAS NO HEATING. PLEASE DRESS ACCORDINGLY WITH OCTOBER WEATHER.

RSVP AT THE OIL CITY LIBRARY FRONT DESK OR CALL (814) 678-3072



A SERIES EXPLORING HOW LIBRARIES CONTRIBUTE TO OUR DEMOCRACY & EXPAND OUR FREEDOMS

# WINDOWS AND MIRRORS



CONTRIBUTED BY DAN FLAHERTY  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, OIL REGION LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

We continue our deep dive into the core of our library services this month by exploring what we deem as "windows and mirrors." We reference this while considering specific purchases and services that help us meet our overarching goals of providing access and making connections.

### Windows

Windows in their literal interpretation are an opening in a wall or roof, typically covered in glass, that allow us to see to the other side and light to pass through. How does this thought translate into library materials and services? We strive to provide resources and services that open up windows into new learning, opportunities and adventures. New learning allows us all to become more knowledgeable and well-rounded. Exposure to different ideas, cultures and stories can help develop empathy and further understanding.

### Mirrors

A mirror is a reflective surface, typically glass, that reflects a clear image. Our libraries focus on self-reflection in regards to our decisions here. In this regard, we strive to provide resources and services that are a reflection of YOU! You have your specific interests and needs that we try to represent and make available. It is also powerful for people to see themselves in the stories and information they read. In doing so, you can gain deeper connections, a boost of motivation and further enjoyment by directly relating to the characters and ideas presented.

### Windows AND Mirrors

Separately, they each provide their value. Together, they enhance experiences, learning and growth. No standard house or building is comprised of solely windows OR mirrors. Instead, you'll find a combination of them throughout. We strive for the same in our library resources and services. We feel it is important to both represent - or reflect - and to also explore new ideas, adventures and cultures - or expose. Your windows and mirrors will be unique to you, so this allows for a great variety of resources and services at each of our locations!

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## SEPTEMBER WINNERS!



**AMY M.**  
CRANBERRY, PA



**NOAH G.**  
WADSWORTH, OH



**RICH L.**  
FRANKLIN, 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.

# ADULTING 101



at the Franklin Public Library

Adulting 101 is a 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 focuses 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.

Register for October Sessions  
**IT & TECHNOLOGY**

- Computer Care & Repair Basics with Matt Russo
- Intro to Graphic Design & Branding with Natalie Cubbon
- Professional Correspondences & Creating Business Cards with Daidre Green

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

## Franklin Library to Hold Pumpkin Carving Contest

In partnership with *Baytree Farm* & *The Printer's Cabinet & Curiosities*, the Franklin Public Library will hold a Pumpkin Carving Contest on **Saturday, October 21 from 12 - 2PM** outside the library. This contest is open to ages 8+ and the cost to enter is \$10.00 per person. Please bring your own carving materials! Register at the Franklin Public Library's front desk.



in partnership with  
**THE PRINTER'S  
CABINET & CURIOSITIES**



Adult Craft Club at the Oil City Library is back! We're so excited to get back to crafting with you. Adult Craft Club is free to attend & all crafting materials will be provided. On Oct. 25th, we will be making decoupage pumpkins. We'll also have a seasonal bonus activity for all participants this month!

**Registration is OPEN NOW & you can choose between a 5:30PM or 6:30PM time slot. Visit the Oil City Library or call (814) 678-3072 to register.**

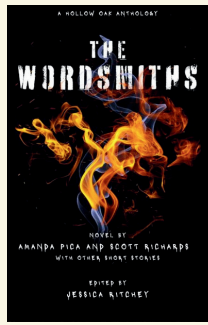
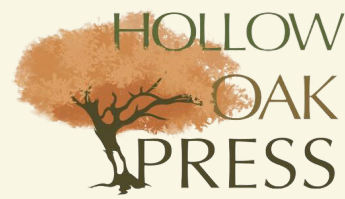
This month,  
we're making...

## Decoupage Pumpkins

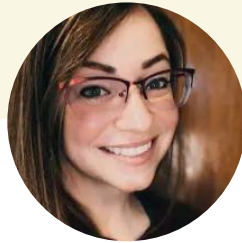
October 25

# New Local Publisher to Hold Launch Party at the Oil City Library

Help Hollow Oak Press, a new local publisher, celebrate the release of their first novel, *The Wordsmiths*, at the Oil City Library on **Saturday, October 7th from 11AM - 2PM**. This event will include guest speakers, appetizers & more! Join them for the entire time or drop by when you can! They'll do short readings from the novel and will be speaking about the process of writing a book in the Oil Region. This event is free and open to the public, and is sponsored in part by the Creative Ventures Grant through ARTS Oil City and the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts.



MEET  
THE  
CREATORS



**Amanda Pica**  
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Layout Editor



**Scott Richards**  
Creative Consultant

## Community Conversations Continue at Franklin Library

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 October:

### OCT 5 **Conversations on the Neighborhood** with John Pozza **5-6PM**

John Pozza, an author living in Brookville, is an early childhood education advocate and veteran broadcast journalist. Join him as he discusses Fred Rodgers and his legacy and effect on the area.

### OCT 19 **Being a Doula** with Hannah Newbury **6-7PM**

A Doula is an individual who is employed to provide guidance and support to a pregnant woman during labor. Come and learn what being a Doula entails, as well as some of the training and expertise that is needed to become one.

*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 [manager@oilregionlibraries.org](mailto:manager@oilregionlibraries.org)*

## Cooperstown Library to Hold Craft Night

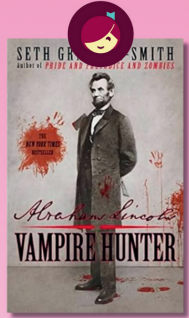
Terrie Grove will once again be holding a craft night at the Cooperstown Public Library on **Thursday, November 9th from 5 - 7PM!** This time, we'll be making Snowman Pavers (pictured below).

Participating is free and all materials will be provided, but spots are limited! Make sure to contact the Cooperstown Public Library by calling (814) 374-4605 or email [manager@oilregionlibraries.org](mailto:manager@oilregionlibraries.org) to claim your spot today.

**SNOWMAN  
PAVER CRAFT**

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NOV. 9**

**COOPERSTOWN  
PUBLIC LIBRARY**



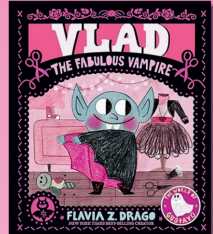
**ABRAHAM LINCOLN: VAMPIRE HUNTER**  
SETH GRAHAME-SMITH



**CERTAIN DARK THINGS**  
SILVIA MORENO-GARCIA



**MY ROOMMATE IS A VAMPIRE**  
JENNA LEVINE

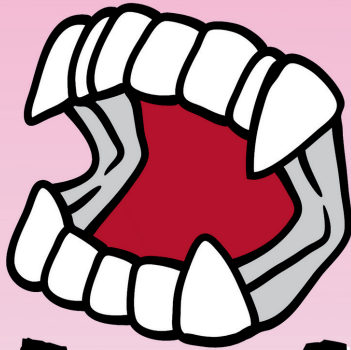


**VLAD, THE FABULOUS VAMPIRE**  
FLAVIA Z. DRAGO



**CUTTING TEETH**  
CHANDLER BAKER

# FANG-TASTIC



# READS



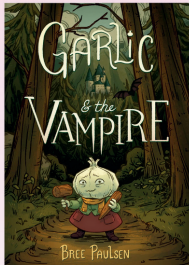
**COURT OF THE UNDYING SEASONS**  
A.M. STRICKLAND



**THE LOST GIRLS**  
SONIA HARTL



**THE GOD OF ENDINGS**  
JACQUELINE HOLLAND



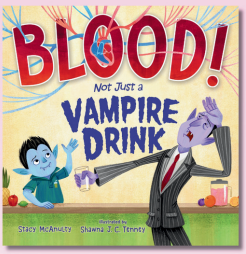
**GARLIC & THE VAMPIRE**  
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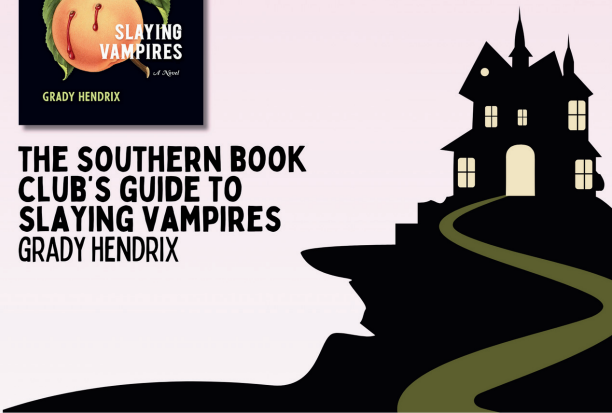
**THE SOUTHERN BOOK CLUB'S GUIDE TO SLAYING VAMPIRES**  
GRADY HENDRIX



**BLOOD! NOT JUST A VAMPIRE DRINK**  
STACY MCANULTY

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# Local Artists to Host Artist Masterclass at the Oil City Library

Join us for a fun-filled opportunity for all creatives – artists, performers, writers, musicians, artisans, and hobbyists – to learn how to master your creative business. Join us on October 10th, 2023, for this free, full-day workshop at the Oil City Library.

Are you an aspiring or seasoned artist or creative in Northwestern PA with dreams of running a successful creative business? Do you want to demystify the complex world of art marketing, art sales, pricing, and more? Look no further! Local artists Rafi Perez & Klee Angelie are thrilled to announce their upcoming full-day workshop that will provide you with the essential knowledge and tools to take your artistic journey to the next level.

This FREE (supported by a grant from Erie Arts & Culture, with funds from the National Endowment for the Arts) workshop is designed to help creatives master the business of being full-time creatives.

## THIS WORKSHOP WILL INCLUDE:

- Networking
- Artist Q&A
- Presentations
- Lunch & snacks from local businesses
- & much more!



**TUESDAY, OCT. 10TH**  
**OIL CITY LIBRARY**

Creatives can register for this workshop online at <https://rafiandklee.com/masterclass/> to attend in-person. In addition to the workshop, you'll get a goodie bag with posters and resources. Can't make it to the event in person? No worries. Rafi & Klee will be recording the event and streaming it online for non-local creatives.

## Upcoming Workshops



**STEPS TO A SUCCESSFUL INTERVIEW**  
**OIL CITY LIBRARY**  
3PM - 4PM  
FREE



**STEPS TO A SUCCESSFUL INTERVIEW**  
**FRANKLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
3PM - 4PM  
FREE

Join us at the Oil City Library on Tuesday, October 3rd at 3PM for a **Steps to a Successful Interview** Workshop, courtesy of Pennsylvania CareerLink! This workshop aims to walk you through the 4 steps of completing a successful interview: Preparation, Practice, Presentation, Post-interview. Review ways to practice and prepare for an interview, polish the way you will present yourself, and perfect your postinterview follow-up. 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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# FEATURED RESOURCES



**Scary Good** Reads to Keep You Up at Night

## 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

# BOARD GAMES



Looking for something fun to do with family & friends during a night at home? Check out a board game or card game with your library card! Many popular board games can cost anywhere from \$20 - \$60, but checking one out from the library is completely free. Choose from several titles, such as **Ticket to Ride, Mastermind, Pandemic, Catan Junior, Robot Turtles, Taco vs. Burrito, Hanabi, Best Treehouse Ever, The Oregon Trail, House of Danger, Headbands & many more!**

## 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

182 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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