

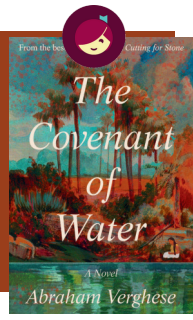


the ORLA
newsletter.

DECEMBER 2023

COZY
WINTER
READS





THE COVENANT OF WATER

ABRAHAM VERGHESE

"A family epic that follows three generations of an Indian family from 1910 to the 1970s. The family is affected by 'The Condition', in which every generation at least one person dies by drowning - and in Kerala where they live, water is everywhere. Despite the depressing focus, the book was full of joy and triumph as well as hardship and loss. While I do think it dragged somewhat in the middle, I enjoyed this novel very much. All of the characters feel very real and it was fun to go off on a tangent with the side characters that eventually ends with them meeting the main family and affecting them in some way. I recommend this book to anyone who wants a good, long epic to get lost in during the winter months."

- **Amanda Barker, Franklin & Cooperstown Public Libraries**

WHAT WE'RE READING

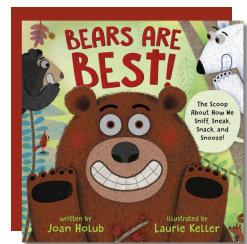
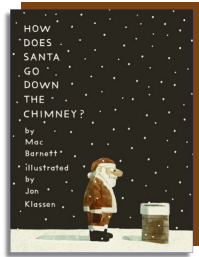
 Also Available on Libby!

HOW DOES SANTA GO DOWN THE CHIMNEY?

MAC BARNETT, ILLUSTRATED BY JON KLASSEN

"HO! HO! HO! Who doesn't love Santa? But did you ever wonder how he is able to leave presents under your tree? Nobody really knows how Santa does it. There are many ways possible. Can he make himself small or skinny or stretch to make himself longer? But what if he gets stuck in the chimney? Do his reindeer come to his rescue? And if there's no chimney, what then? Maybe he finds a house key under a rock or flowerpot or slides under the door or through a mail slot like a letter. Getting past the family pet could be very tricky... Maybe Santa has treats for the furry creatures. Once in the house, how does he find the trees and stockings in the dark? Must be magic! Hopefully snacks are left for Santa and the reindeer... He must get hungry delivering all those presents and trying to get in and out of the house. Speaking of Santa getting out of the house, does he go out the same way he gets in? You'll have to read this book to find out. You gotta love Santa and his magic... No matter how he is able to leave your presents under the tree."

- **Kathy Lynch, Oil City Library**



BEARS ARE BEST!

JEAN HOLUB, ILLUSTRATED BY LAURIE KELLER

✨ THE FOLLOWING REVIEWS OF THIS BOOK ARE PROVIDED BY ✨
3RD GRADE STUDENTS AT SEVENTH STREET ELEMENTARY IN OIL CITY

"Have you ever read *Bears are Best*? If you like getting facts about bears then this is the book for you. In the beginning, brown bear is the only bear in the book until polar bear showed up. Then, six other bears showed up and brown bear was not happy. At the end, you might want to look out because there is a surprise at the end. Just wait until you read this book to see the surprise. What I liked about this book is it gave me a whole bunch of educational facts. I would recommend this book to 6-14 year olds because of all the facts. I give this book ten stars." - **Suzie B.**

"Which kind of bear do you like best? Read this book to find out eight different kinds of bears. In the beginning, brown bear thought he was the only bear in the book until polar bear proved him wrong. Then, two more bears came, then two more came, and brown bear was not happy. At the end, an imposter bear came along and was not even close to being a bear. You won't believe who it is! What I liked about this book is the tons and tons of facts in the book. I would recommend this book to ages 2-9 and ages 2-5 would like the illustrations and ages 6-9 would like all of the facts in the book. On a scale of 1-5, I would rate it 5 stars." - **Noah K.**

"Which bear do you like the most? If you like all bears then this book is for you. In the beginning, brown bear thought he was the only bear until polar bear came along and started to talk. Then he got mad because six other different bears came along. At the end, an intruder came along and tricked all seven bears. You have to read the book to find out who the intruder was. What I liked about this book is all the interesting facts. I would recommend this book to 1st grade - 5th grade because 4th and 5th grade would like the facts and 1st - 3rd grade would like the pictures." - **MacKenzie L.**

Library Assistant Position Available at Oil City Library

WE'RE HIRING at the Oil City Library! We're looking for a friendly, team-oriented individual to fill the position of Part-Time Library Assistant. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to: assisting library patrons, performing circulation desk duties, providing technology support, sorting & shelving materials, assisting with library programs, and more!

- \$9.50/hour
- 25 Weekly Hours (varying shifts, includes 2 evenings & a Saturday rotation)

Pick up an application & job description at the Oil City Library, or email director@oilregionlibraries.org for more information. When complete, drop off applications & resumes at the Oil City Library front desk or email to director@oilregionlibraries.org.



Holiday Closures This Month

ORLA locations will have the following closures this month in observance of the Christmas holiday:

- December 22**.....All Locations Closed
- December 23**.....All Locations Closed
- December 25**.....All Locations Closed

We hope you have a wonderful holiday & we'll look forward to seeing you when we reopen for normal business hours on **Tuesday, December 26th!**



TICKETS \$5 EA.

FRIENDS OF THE FRANKLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

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 16th, 2023. The winner will be drawn on December 16th at 4PM. All proceeds benefit the Franklin Public Library. Questions? Email fol.franklin@gmail.com



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.



We are closing out the year in Franklin at the Alsace Hotel. Better known as the Park Hotel, the original name came from the region of France Gen. Charles Miller was born in. The hotel opened in 1902, and the name changed to Park Hotel a few years later, reflecting its location across from Franklin's South Park. One of its most notable guests was Thomas Edison & his family. Fire broke out in the building in early 1944 and left the hotel so damaged, it was torn down shortly after.



THEN

NOW



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

FICTION



BEST OF 2023 VOTE NOW

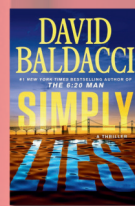
As the current year comes to an end, we're counting on you to give some of the best books of the year the recognition they deserve! **Vote now** for your favorites in each of the following categories:



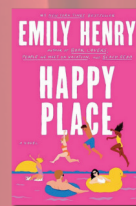
THE VILLA
RACHEL HAWKINS



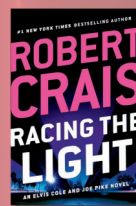
THE 23RD MIDNIGHT
JAMES PATTERSON & MAXINE PAETRO



SIMPLY LIES
DAVID BALDACCI



HAPPY PLACE
EMILY HENRY



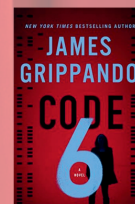
RACING THE LIGHT
ROBERT CRAIS



EXILES
JANE HARPER



SOMEONE ELSE'S SHOES
JOJO MOYES



CODE 6
JAMES GRIPPANDO



THE SOULMATE
SALLY HEPWORTH

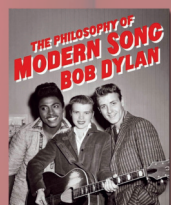


THE PRISONER
B.A. PARIS

NON-FICTION



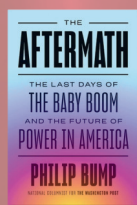
BIG BOOK OF BOTANICAL CRAFTS
STEPHANIE ROSE



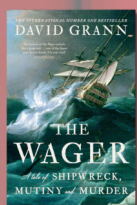
THE PHILOSOPHY OF MODERN SONG
BOB DYLAN



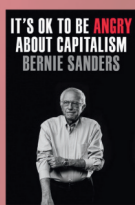
THE NAZI CONSPIRACY
BRAD MELTZER



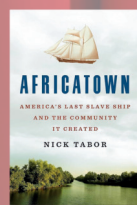
THE AFTERMATH
PHILIP BUMP



THE WAGER
DAVID GRANN



IT'S OK TO BE ANGRY ABOUT CAPITALISM
BERNIE SANDERS



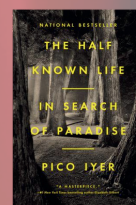
AFRICA TOWN
NICK TABOR



A FEVER IN THE HEARTLAND
TIMOTHY EGAN



HANGED!
SARAH MILLER



THE HALF-KNOWN LIFE
PICO IYER

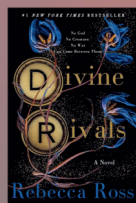
YOUNG ADULT



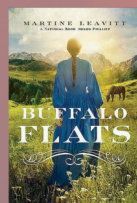
ISSUNBOSHI
RYAN LANG



CHOUJIN X
SUI ISHIDA



DIVINE RIVALS
REBECCA ROSS



BUFFALO FLATS
MARTINE LEAVITT



THE VERMILION EMPORIUM
JAMIE PACTON



WHEN YOU WISH UPON A LANTERN
GLORIA CHAO



CHILDREN OF RAGNAROK
CINDA WILLIAMS CHIMA



CURSED
MARISSA MEYER



SILVER IN THE BONE
ALEXANDRA BRACKEN



BLOOD MARKED
TRACY DEONN

KIDS FICTION



KIDS GRAPHIC NOVEL



PICTURE BOOK





VOTE NOW

Vote online now at oilregionlibraries.org or in-person at Oil City Library or Franklin Public Library during the month of December. Winners will be announced in January.

Holiday Happenings at the Cooperstown Public Library

Gingerbread House Storytime & Decorating Contest

The Cooperstown Public Library is having a Storytime and Gingerbread House Decorating Contest on Thursday, December 14th from 5pm-7pm! Kits will be provided (while supplies last). All ages are welcome. **Registration is required by December 5th.** Please call the Cooperstown Public Library at (814) 374-4605 for more information.



**GINGERBREAD
HOUSE STORYTIME +
DECORATING CONTEST
THURSDAY DEC. 14TH
5:00 - 7:00 PM**



**COOPERSTOWN
LIGHT UP NIGHT
CHRISTMAS TREE CONTEST
SATURDAY, DECEMBER
16TH**

Light Up Night Christmas Tree Contest

The Cooperstown Public Library is hosting a Christmas Tree Display on Saturday, December 16th! Community members are encouraged to bring in their small decorated trees starting December 4th to be voted on at Light Up Night in Cooperstown. Prizes will be awarded & refreshments will be provided. For more information, please contact the Cooperstown Public Library at (814) 374-4605.



COZY WINTER READS



**'TWAS THE
BITE BEFORE
CHRISTMAS
DAVID
ROSENFELT**



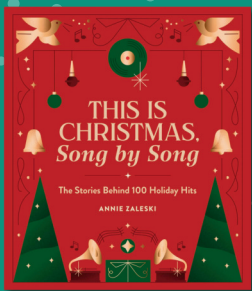
**THE
WISHING
BRIDGE
VIOLA
SHIPMAN**



**WRECK
THE HALLS
TESSA
BAILEY**



**THE
TWELVE
DOGS OF
CHRISTMAS
SUSAN
WIGGS**



**THIS IS
CHRISTMAS,
SONG BY SONG:
THE STORIES
BEHIND 100
HOLIDAY HITS
ANNIE ZALESKI**



**CHRISTMAS
AT THE
SHELTER INN
RAEANNE
THAYNE**



**THE
KINGDOM
OF
SWEETS
ERIKA
JOHANSEN**

Grab your cocoa & curl up with these reads available at any ORLA location.





HOLIDAY PARTY

Following Storytime

CRAFTS, REFRESHMENTS, GAMES,
FREE BOOK GIVEAWAY

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 13TH / 11AM

STORYTIME @ 10:30AM

FRANKLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY



THE 4TH ANNUAL
**WINTER OF
READING**

read. track. win.

COMING
SOON!

The next ORLA-wide reading challenge is almost here! Use our app, ReaderZone, to track how many minutes you read this winter for a chance to win some cool prizes! Stay tuned for more information soon.



2023 ANNUAL
OIL REGION LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

LIBRARY LOTTO

2024 Library Lotto tickets
are AVAILABLE NOW! Inquire
at your local ORLA branch for
more details.

EACH TICKET
\$20
ONLY 1000 SOLD

NOVEMBER WINNERS!



CHUCK B.
WEXFORD, PA



MICHELE A.
FRANKLIN, PA



MATT M.
SENECA, 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 December Sessions

SAFETY



- **Self Defense Workshop** This is a hands-on self defense workshop taught by Craig Westover through the Set Free organization.
- **Tour of Police Department** Take a tour of the Franklin City Police Department with Detective Saragian as your guide!

Register Now at oilregionlibraries.org/teens

2024 Library Lotto Tickets Available

Library Lotto is back for 2024 at all ORLA locations! Buy a \$20 ticket with a number from 001-999. 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 2024. If your ticket number is chosen, you automatically win! One additional winner will win \$500 determined by the Pennsylvania Daily Pick 3 evening drawing on July 25th, 2024! Inquire at your local ORLA branch to get yours today.



Fall 2023

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 Wednesday, December 27th, we will be having a Paint & Sip with a hot cocoa bar. We're limited to 30 participants, so sign up soon!

This month,
we're having a...
Paint & Sip
with hot cocoa bar!

Registration is OPEN NOW & there is only one time slot this month - 6:00PM. Visit the Oil City Library or call (814) 678-3072 to register.

December 27

intro to 3D PRINTING



a free, beginner-friendly class with Marcy Hall



Embark on an exciting journey into the world of 3D printing with this hour-long, beginner-friendly class! Dive into the basics of this cutting-edge technology to learn how you can design and make 3D objects for a wide range of uses from creative to practical!

What you'll learn:

- The fundamentals of 3D printing
- Hands-on experience with a 3D printer
- Learn about popular software for designing & downloading premade designs
- Guidance from a skilled instructor

No prior experience necessary – just bring your curiosity and explore the endless possibilities of 3D printing in a fun environment. Classes are free and open to anyone. Walk-ins are welcome!

CLASS DATES

Tuesday, December 12 @ 6 PM
Saturday, December 16 @ 1 PM
Tuesday, December 19 @ 6 PM

at the Oil City Library

SIGN UP TODAY AT THE OIL CITY LIBRARY OR CALL (814) 678-3072



**TIME MANAGEMENT
+ SELF CARE WORKSHOP**
FRANKLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY
3PM - 4PM
FREE



**TIME MANAGEMENT
+ SELF CARE WORKSHOP**
OIL CITY LIBRARY
3PM - 4PM
FREE

Join us at the Franklin Public Library on Tuesday, December 12th at 3PM for a **Time Management + Self Care Workshop**, courtesy of Pennsylvania CareerLink! This workshop aims to help you discover ways to improve your time management skills, identify ways to manage stress and practice self care. This workshop is free & open to anyone. Register at the Franklin Public Library or by calling (814) 432-5062. Walk-ins are okay too!

Join us at the Oil City Library on Tuesday, December 19th at 3PM for a **Time Management + Self Care Workshop**, courtesy of Pennsylvania CareerLink! This workshop aims to help you discover ways to improve your time management skills, identify ways to manage stress and practice self care. This workshop is free & open to anyone. Register at the Oil City Library or by calling (814) 678-3072. Walk-ins are okay too!

FEATURED RESOURCES



libby

The library reading app.



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

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

puzzles & brainteasers



Keep your mind active & your hands busy with brainteasers & puzzles borrowed from the library for FREE with your library card! Our locations offer maze spheres, puzzle cubes, brainteaser games, jigsaw puzzles, and much more suitable for all ages.

Festive FILMS

Movies to Fill You With Holiday Spirit

kanopy



FIND US ONLINE

oilregionlibraries.org



Libby, puzzles, & Kanopy are available to you for FREE with your library card at oilregionlibraries.org