

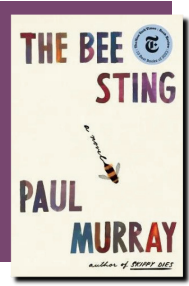


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APRIL 2024

CELESTIAL STORIES

TO CELEBRATE THE
TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE



THE BEE STING

PAUL MURRAY

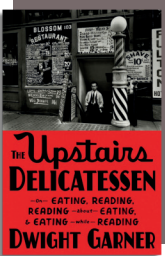
"Meet the Barnes family - Dickie, Imelda, and their teenage daughter Cass and 12-year-old son PJ. At first glance they seem like any other family, but Dickie's car business is failing, Imelda is selling jewelry on eBay to keep the family afloat, Cass is a binge drinker, and PJ is about to run away. To top it all off, Dickie's

become convinced that the end of the world is imminent and is expending all his time and energy building a survival bunker in the woods, rather than trying to build his business back. This is a sweeping family saga about the choices we make in life and the variety of paths we might take. How would one different action change the trajectory of our lives? How far back does this family have to go to pinpoint where it all went wrong and how they got to this point in their lives, miserable and growing apart? And more importantly, would they do anything differently if they had it all to do again? Each character struggles to come to terms with their current station in life while also trying to do the best they can for themselves and their family. This may sound like a depressing story, but Murray draws these sympathetic and recognizable characters well. Although the size of the book is daunting, I was quickly immersed by this novel and would recommend it to anyone who is a fan of realistic fiction and family stories." – **Annie Welsh, Oil Region Library Association**

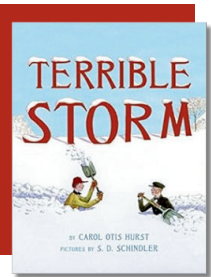


THE UPSTAIRS DELICATESSEN: ON EATING, READING, READING ABOUT EATING, & EATING WHILE READING

DWIGHT GARNER



"Mr. Garner has two big joys in his life: reading and eating. This memoir tangles the two going from memory, to anecdote, to excerpts of books, to recipes, to personal thoughts and then back again, all mixed up in a delicious stew of reading. Garner is obviously read widely and loves his food. It is a joy to follow him along in his meandering as he writes about both. Also, my to-read pile had doubled after I finished the book. I recommend *The Upstairs Delicatessen* to anyone that wants a fun and quick read." – **Amanda Barker, Franklin & Cooperstown Libraries**



TERRIBLE STORM

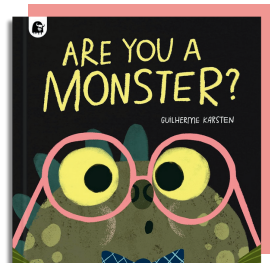
CAROL OTIS HURST, ILLUSTRATED BY S. D. SCHINDLER

"The last few winters in Pennsylvania have been pretty mild. Many of the young adults and children may not have experienced a 'major' snow storm with blizzard conditions and tons of snow like those born in the 60's and earlier. Walking to and from school with twelve inches of snow or more and wind blowing so hard that it was hard to walk was a common occurrence. This book titled *Terrible Storm* by Carol Otis Hurst is a true story about the winter storm of March 1988. Two grandfathers experienced the same three-day debilitating blizzard, but both have different

experiences to share. One finds refuge in a barn with animals, while the other is taken in by strangers in their warm home. The two get together on the front porch and reminisce of their journey to find their way back home. The pictures are amazing in this book and depict how hard it actually was to get around in those days traveling with a horse and buggy during this nasty storm. This would be a great book to teach a lesson to elementary students about the history of the year 1988, and how people lived, dressed and functioned in different scenarios." – **Deb Armbrurger, Cooperstown Public Library**

ARE YOU A MONSTER?

GUILHERME KARSTEN



"This picture book by Guilherme Karsten has a very scary monster seeking companionship with someone just like them. The monster is very skeptical in the beginning that you can fit the bill, seeing as you don't have any monster attributes, like pointy nails or spiky tails. However, after seeing your mouth full of teeth, they decide to put you through the test. Can you growl, grr, or roar? Can you stomp your feet? After seeing what you can do, they are thoroughly convinced that you ARE indeed a monster. Actually, you are a much scarier monster than even they are, prompting them to run home to their mommy. This interactive book will have you giving your very scariest ROOOOARRR, guaranteeing a monsterly good time for all involved." – **Daidre Green, Franklin & Oil City Libraries**

give to the FOUNDERS FUND

for the Preservation of Oil Region Library Services

During National Library Week, April 7-13, we are inviting you to continue your generous support for your libraries. Nine years ago, ORLA was founded with a dream of uniting all three Venango County libraries to offer and preserve quality services across our region. ORLA seeks to continue enhancing cooperation, creativity and generous community spirit through our new Founders Fund.

When you give to the Founders Fund you are supporting:

- **1 Library Across 3 Communities** – Oil City, Franklin & Cooperstown - Experience the same quality service at any location to access over 150,000 shared items. Pick up and drop off at any location with most resources provided free of charge and no late fees. In the future, we are seeking to further expand our county-wide footprint by directly serving all Venango County residents.
- **Community Centers** – We are centers of wit, insight and collective wisdom. In an average year, your libraries offer over 1,000 free educational and community programs.
- **Centers of Democracy** – In a polarized world, drown out the noise by researching ideas on your own through reputable resources representing views from all sides of the aisle.

Thanks to the support of the ORLA Board and the Oil City and Franklin Friends groups, there are matching funds that will boost all donations!

Donate online at <https://oilregionlibraries.org/founders-fund/>, or in person at your library! Please make all checks payable to: ORLA, 2 Central Ave. Oil City, PA 16301.

We thank you in advance for your support! You are helping to maintain ORLA's status as your community centers throughout our county while paving the way for future growth and development.

**ALL DONATIONS PARTIALLY MATCHED
FROM A \$5000 MATCH FUND!**



NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK - APRIL 7-13

JUNE 17 - JULY 27

Join us at your
local ORLA
branch this
summer for 6
weeks of reading,
programs &
prizes!



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MORE DETAILS
COMING SOON!



FREE + ALL AGES WELCOME!



Exploring the Eclipse

FREE
VIEWING
GLASSES!
WHILE SUPPLIES LAST



Join the Oil Creek State Park naturalist to
learn all about the upcoming solar eclipse!

We'll learn how this incredible phenomenon happens and go
over some safety tips before making our own pinhole viewers
for the big day.

Friday, April 5th

3:30 - 4:30 PM • Oil City Library

Register by emailing ikuberry@pa.gov



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.



Welcome to the Cooperstown Public Library! This small but mighty ORLA branch had its start as a public reading room in 1908 & moved to its current location in 1988. Current CPL staff Deb & Amanda have been hard at work bringing improvements to the space. In addition to the many improvement projects to the outside of the building in the past few years, staff have worked to organize the collection & add vibrancy to the inside. Deb has created a local history display & is giving the YA room a fresh coat of paint. If you haven't stopped in recently, go visit!



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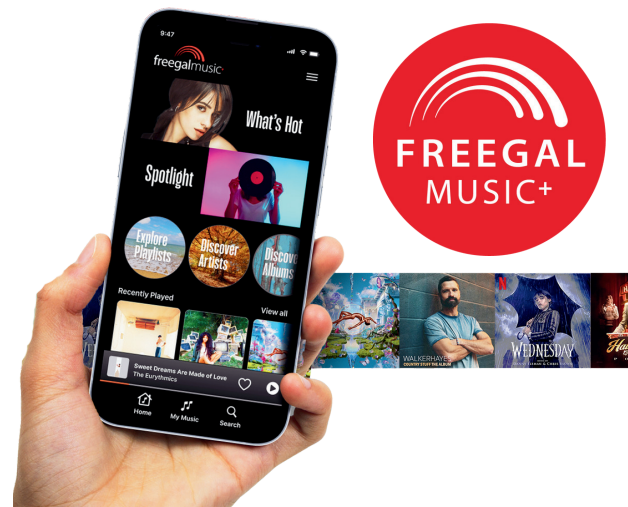


Do you have an image or location you'd like to see featured?
Email eamtkowiak@oilregionlibraries.org with your suggestions!

New Digital Resource Coming Soon

ORLA patrons will soon have access to a new digital resource, **Freegal Music**, with their library cards. Freegal is a treasure trove of over 18 million songs from over 93,000 music labels representing over 100 countries. Freegal features not only today's top hits, but also all-time favorites going back into the past century. It contains over a million classical tracks; strong collections in jazz, world music, country, alternative, blues, gospel, Christian, and kids' music; and many other genres and types of music. Users can choose which songs they listen to and when. They can curate playlists for themselves or to share with their friends – or with their library!

We expect Freegal to be available to patrons within the next couple of months, so stay tuned for more information coming soon!



Franklin Friends Hold Spring Basket Raffle

The Friends of the Franklin Public Library are holding a Spring Basket Raffle! The basket contains:

- **Springtime Sunshine by Debbie Macomber**
- **Backyard Barbecue Cookbook**
- **Projects for Small Gardens book**
- **Edison bulb drop lights**
- **Bubble stick set**
- **Local honey**
- **Boom Boom Racket yard game**
- **Fiskars garden hand tools**
- **Birdhouse decorations**
- **Decorative rain gauge**
- **Mason jar hummingbird feeder**
- **Sweet basil and tomato seeds**

Tickets are available through May 6th at the Franklin Public Library front desk for \$5/each or 5 for \$20. The winner will be drawn May 8th. All proceeds benefit the Franklin Public Library. Questions? Email fol.franklin@gmail.com

SEED-STARTING WORKSHOP

Join Penn State Master Gardener Stacey at the **Oil City Library** to learn about starting a garden & starting your own seeds.

MONDAY, APRIL 8 @ 5:30PM

All participants will take home their own seed starting greenhouse kit with seeds planted.

Registration is required & all materials will be provided for this free program!



Register for this FREE workshop by calling the Oil City Library at (814) 678-3072 or stopping by the Front Desk.

CELESTIAL STORIES

DAUGHTER OF THE MOON GODDESS sue lynn fan

Forced to flee her home on the moon after her magic flares up, Xingyin embarks on a perilous quest to save her mother, in this fantasy novel inspired by the legend of the Chinese moon goddess, Chang'e.



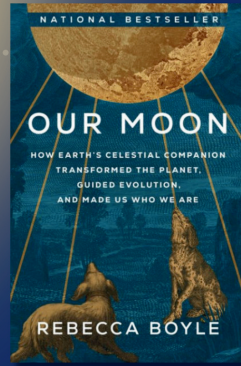
**Celebrate the total solar eclipse
this month with these titles!**



Also Available on Libby!

OUR MOON rebecca boyle

Far from being a lifeless ornament in the sky, the Moon holds the answers to some of science's central questions. Silent, dry, & barren, Earth's 4.34-billion-year-old companion is essential to life on earth. Who gets to decide how we use a celestial body that, Boyle argues, belongs to everyone & no one? How can we learn to protect this beautiful, spectral thing that we all share?



MOON! EARTH'S BEST FRIEND stacy mcAnulty

Meet Moon! She's more than just a rock--she's Earth's rock, her best friend she can always count on. With characteristic humor & charm, Stacy McAnulty channels the voice of Moon in this celestial "autobiography", paired with kid-friendly facts & beautiful illustrations.



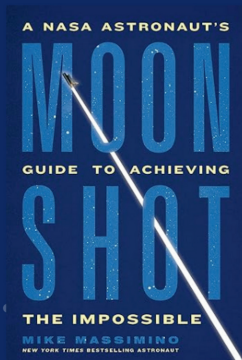
A BIG MOONCAKE FOR LITTLE STAR grace lin

This beautifully illustrated story reimagines the cycles of the moon as a mother bakes a Big Moon Cookie &, despite Mama's request to wait, Little Star begins nibbling at it every night.



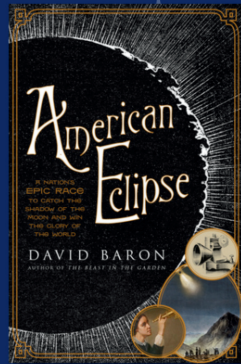
MOON SHOT mike massimino

Mike Massimino achieved his dream of exploring space. Now he distills stories & insights from NASA into an actionable guide to accomplish your biggest goals. Mike reveals how to make possible the seemingly impossible--on Earth.



AMERICAN ECLIPSE david baron

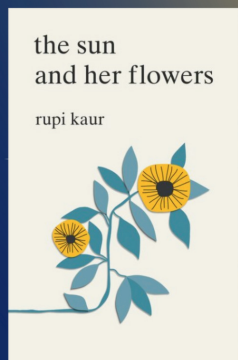
On a scorching July afternoon in 1878, at the dawn of the Gilded Age, the moon's shadow descended on the American West, darkening skies from Montana Territory to Texas. A magnificent portrayal of America's dawn as a scientific superpower, *American Eclipse* depicts a young nation that looked to the skies to reveal its towering ambition & expose its latent genius.



THE HALF MOON mary beth keane

From the beloved bestselling author of *Ask Again, Yes*, an unforgettable novel about a couple in a small town & the complexities of marriage, family, longing, & desire. With a deft eye & generous spirit, Keane explores the disappointments & unexpected consolations of midlife, the many forms forgiveness can take, & what it means to be a family.





THE SUN AND HER FLOWERS

rupi kaur

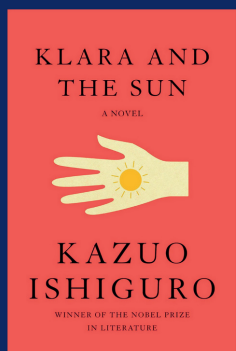
From rupi kaur, the #1 New York Times bestselling author of *milk and honey*, comes her second collection of poetry. A vibrant and transcendent journey about growth and healing. Ancestry and honoring one's roots. Expatriation and rising up to find a home within yourself.



SUN! ONE IN A BILLION

stacy mcAnulty

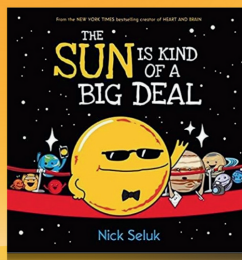
Meet Sun: He's a star! And not just any star--he's one in a billion. With characteristic humor & charm, Stacy McAnulty channels the voice of Sun in this celestial "autobiography", paired kid-friendly facts & beautiful illustrations.



KLARA AND THE SUN

kazuo ishiguro

Here is the story of Klara, an Artificial Friend with outstanding observational qualities, who, from her place in the store, watches carefully the behavior of those who come in to browse, & of those who pass on the street outside. She remains hopeful that a customer will soon choose her.



THE SUN IS KIND OF A BIG DEAL

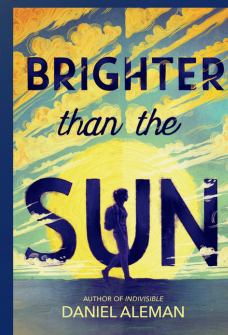
nick seluk

This funny and factual picture book explains every part of the Sun's big job: keeping our solar system together, giving Earth day and night, keeping us warm, & more.

BRIGHTER THAN THE SUN

daniel aleman

After the loss of her mother, high school junior Soledad finds herself struggling to balance classes and her new job in California to support her family in Tijuana, Mexico, in this thoughtful story about identity, immigration, and family.



THE WILDEST SUN

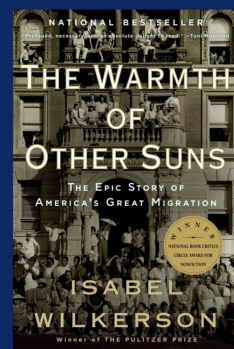
asha lemmie

Forced from her home in postwar Paris, aspiring young writer Delphine Auber embarks on a journey to New York's Harlem, and then to Havana and Key West, in search of her father, whom she believes is famed luminary Ernest Hemingway.

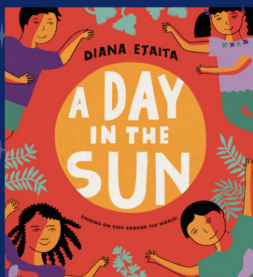
THE WARMTH OF OTHER SUNS

isabel wilkerson

In this beautifully written masterwork, Pulitzer Prize-winning author Isabel Wilkerson chronicles one of the great untold stories of American history: the decades-long migration of black citizens who fled the South for northern and western cities, in search of a better life.



According to NASA, after the total solar eclipse on April 8, 2024, the next total solar eclipse that can be seen from the contiguous U.S. will be on Aug. 23, 2044.



A DAY IN THE SUN

diana ejaita

No matter who you are or where you live, the Sun graces us all. It wakes us up, lifts our moods, grows our food, & gives us life! Illustrations & simple text depict children in different countries around the world enjoying the universal benefits of the Sun from sunup in Japan to sundown in Madagascar.

LIBRARY LOTT

Tickets are still available!
Library Lotto tickets are
good for the entire 2024
year.

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MARCH WINNERS!



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COOPERSTOWN, PA



HOLLY D.
OIL CITY, 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 2024. One additional winner will win \$500 determined by the Pennsylvania Daily Pick 3 evening drawing on July 25th, 2024!

Franklin Hires New Children's Coordinator, ORLA Gains New Board Member

This month, the Franklin Public Library welcomes Richard Spaich as their new Children's Coordinator. Richard has a background in early childhood education. He'll be working on bringing more children's programs to the Franklin Public Library very soon! He is doing amazingly & we're so happy to have him on staff. If you see Richard around, please make sure to give him a warm welcome!

Additionally, the ORLA Board of Directors has welcomed Laura Jones as a new board member. Laura has been a dedicated library patron and is the founder of GEMS (Girls Excelling in Math & Science). We're excited for her involvement and grateful for her interest in serving on our Board of Directors!

Drawing Lesson This Month at Franklin

Join us on **Thursday, April 4th at the Franklin Public Library from 4:30 - 5:30 pm** for a Drawing Lesson with Comics Artist & Illustrator Vlad Vov!

This stand-alone session is similar to the lessons Vlad provides at the Oil City Library, and will be geared toward learning to draw for comics, animation, concept art, and illustration using the constructive method.

It's free of charge & great for all ages - just bring a sketchbook, pencil & ruler! Please email vladislavovchuk@gmail.com with any questions you may have. Hope to see you there!



Spring 2024

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, April 24th, we will be making Book Page Wreaths. We're limited to 20 participants per time slot, so sign up soon!

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...

Book Page Wreaths

April 24th

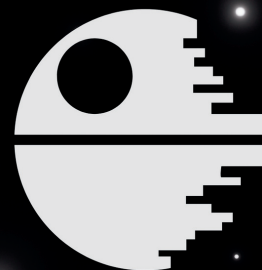
MAY THE 4TH BASKET RAFFLE

Tickets are on sale now at the **Oil City Library** for our 'May the 4th' Star Wars-themed basket raffle! Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. The winner will be drawn on May 4th, 2024 (Star Wars Day!). All proceeds benefit children's programs & projects.

- Multicolor Rechargeable Lightsaber
- LEGO® Mandalorian BrickHeadz Set
- LEGO® Clone Trooper & Battle Droid Set
- Mandalorian Wild Game
- 2 Star Wars Action Figures
- Little Bits R2D2 Set
- Darth Vader Helmet 4D Model
- Star Wars Timelines Book
- Star Wars Visual Encyclopedia
- 3D Star Wars Vehicle Lamp
- Darth Vader Mug
- Lightsaber Chopsticks
- Roaring Chewbacca Mask
- 'Where's the Wookiee?' Search & Find Book
- Tervis Star Wars Travel Tumbler
- 400-Piece Star Wars Jigsaw Puzzle
- Baby Yoda Wooden Puzzle

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Join us at ORLA locations this month for a **Steps to Be Successful at a Job Fair Workshop**, courtesy of Pennsylvania CareerLink! Learn how to develop your resume, prepare for an interview, & land a new job with a strategic elevator speech. This workshop is free & open to anyone. Register at your library in person or by phone call. Walk-ins are okay too!

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Oil City, PA 16301
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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

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