



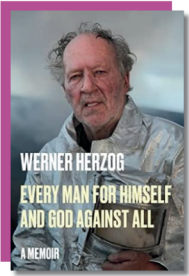
the ORLA
newsletter.

MAY 2024

Shelf - Help



self-help books that will
inspire & motivate you



EVERY MAN FOR HIMSELF AND GOD AGAINST ALL

A MEMOIR

WERNER HERZOG

"This memoir is so different from my everyday life that it feels like half of the book might be fiction. I decided to pick it up because I was interested in Herzog's work as a director and because the title was eye-catching. I'm glad I did - it was a wild ride. The book details his life, growing up in extreme poverty in Germany during WWII and after, and the start of his interest in film at the age of 15. It then goes on to describe his wild life, including being a rodeo clown in Mexico, walking from Germany to Paris to visit a friend, breaking both of his legs from skiing and hitting a jump wrong, and many other strange adventures. Interspaced between these stories are his views on his own films and the films of others, his general philosophy of life, his relationships with his family and projects he wishes he had the time for. Everything is colored by his dry wit and humor, which also makes it hard at times to tell fact from fiction! In all, I enjoyed this book even if I don't know whether I should take the whole thing seriously. I recommend it to anyone who wants to read about a crazy life and enjoys a good story." - **Amanda Barker, Franklin & Cooperstown Libraries**



THE GRUFFALO'S CHILD

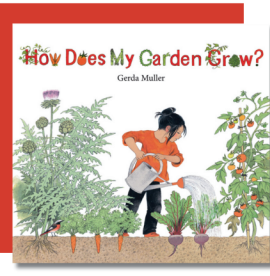
JULIA DONALDSON, PICTURES BY AXEL SCHEFFLER



"This is the story of what happened to the Gruffalo long ago, retold to his little girl. The Gruffalo tells the story with vivid details of the Big Bad Mouse that lives in the woods. One night, the bored Gruffalo's child decides to enter the woods while her parent sleeps. On her journey, she meets different animals that seem similar to the descriptions she was told. At one point, she sits down & doubts that there is a Big Bad Mouse. Then she spies a small mouse that would make a nice snack, but the mouse asks her to come see a friend first. This is a delightful read & the illustrations perfectly mesh with the story." - **Terrie Grove, Oil Region Library Association**

HOW DOES MY GARDEN GROW?

GERDA MULLER



"Sophie lives in the big city & goes to the nearby supermarket to buy her vegetables. One summer, Sophie goes to visit her grandparents in the countryside. Her grandparents grow vegetables & she soon realizes there's a lot to learn about how things grow & how to plant vegetables. Sophie helps her grandfather plant a garden, learning about raking, mulching, weeding, digging, picking vegetables, & even composting. At the end of the summer, Sophie & her grandfather prepare the garden for the next spring, pulling up dead stems & cleaning their tools. When it's time for Sophie to go home, her grandfather has a surprise for her-- packets of seeds so Sophie can start a garden at home. I loved this book. It was amazing to read what goes into planting, growing & taking care of a garden. Thinking of growing your garden? Have you heard about the Oil City Library's Seed Library? We have many packets of different kinds of seeds that you can take for free & start your garden. Happy planting!" - **Kathy Lynch, Oil City Library**

PIE IN THE SKY

REMY LAI



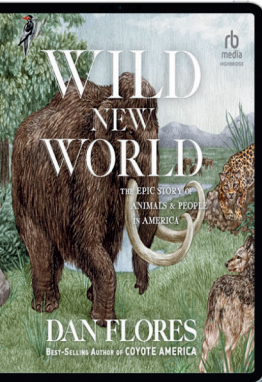
"If you ever had to move to a different town and begin at a new school when you were young, then you know how scary and upsetting it can be. Imagine moving to a different country, not speaking the language well, and trying to navigate a new school! This is the situation we find our main character, Jingwen, dealing with in *Pie in the Sky*. His family has moved to Australia and left his beloved grandparents at home. Jingwen has a limited grasp on English and feels like those around him are aliens speaking Martian. A lot gets lost in translation, school is torture for him, and he doesn't even want to try to make friends because they won't understand him. On top of these burdens, Jingwen carries a lot of pain with him due to his father's death two years prior. So how does a twelve year old deal with all of this? He makes cakes! The illustrations lend a lot to the story, depicting aliens when Jingwen does not understand those around him, or when he himself feels like an outsider. The relationship Jingwen has with his younger brother is extremely relatable, as is his single mother trying to do the best for her children. The ways in which they sometimes don't understand each other is heartbreaking and moving. Jingwen describes his grief and confusion as seashells in his pocket, which fluctuate in weight as the story progresses. This book was chosen as part of our Lunch with a Librarian program for fourth grade, and I recommend it to anyone who wants an engaging read that builds empathy and helps us walk a mile in another's shoes." - **Annie Welsh, Oil Region Library Association**

Big Library Read Happening This Month

From May 9-23, book lovers with a valid library card can join thousands of others around the globe in borrowing Dan Flores's *Wild New World: The Epic Story of Animals and People in America* from the Libby app. Library card holders may read the eBook & audiobook for free without waitlists or holds on the Libby app or by visiting libbyapp.com, then discuss online.

Wild New World begins in 1908, near Folsom, New Mexico, where a cowboy discovered the remains of a herd of extinct giant bison. By examining flint points embedded in the bones, archeologists later determined that a band of humans had killed and butchered the animals 12,450 years ago. This discovery vastly expanded America's known human history but also revealed the long-standing danger humans presented to the continent's evolutionary richness.

Distinguished author Dan Flores's ambitious history chronicles the epoch in which humans and animals have coexisted in the "wild new world" of North America—a place shaped both by its own grand evolutionary forces and by momentous arrivals from Asia, Africa and Europe. With portraits of iconic creatures such as mammoths, horses, wolves and bison, Flores describes the evolution and historical ecology of North America like never before.



This is a magnificent achievement – a sweeping saga stretching across thousands of years. With his sharp eye for compelling anecdotes, Flores weaves an unfolding story that keeps you turning the pages.”
– Dayton Duncan,
author of *The National Parks: America's Best Idea*

Libby.
The library reading app

Cooperstown to Hold Storytime Every Other Friday

After a successful Storytime last month with Venango County Housing Initiatives, we are happy to announce that the Cooperstown Public Library has started offering Storytime programs every other Friday at 10:30 am beginning Friday, April 26th. The next scheduled Storytime at Cooperstown will be Friday, May 10th.

We invite you to come read stories, sing songs & do an activity with Miss Deb! This program is free & open to all ages.



STORYTIME
EVERY OTHER
FRIDAY AT 10:30AM



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.



Buckle up, because we'll be spending the next few months in Cooperstown! This May we're taking a look at the Cooperstown Presbyterian Church. The Presbyterian church has a long history in the Cooperstown area, with the first structure made "of hewed logs, built in 1811." In the before picture, you can see Cooperstown High School when it still stood next to the church. The high school operated for 36 years between 1904 and 1940.



THEN



NOW

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

OIL CITY'S VICTORIAN HOMES WALKING TOUR

with Neil & Lois McElwee



\$30
PER PERSON

\$50
PER COUPLE

SATURDAY, JUNE 1
1:00 PM
REGISTER AT THE OIL CITY LIBRARY

Join us on Oil City's south side for a historic walking tour of Oil City's Victorian homes on **Saturday, June 1st!** The tour is led by Lois McElwee & her husband Neil McElwee, author of *Oil City's Victorian Houses*, 1998. Neil & Lois will guide participants through several historic Oil City homes, detailing the history & architecture at every stop. Spots are limited & cost \$30 per person or \$50 per couple. Please register at the Oil City Library, or by calling (814) 678-3072. All funds raised from this tour will benefit the Oil City Library Theater Restoration project.

Next Month's **BOOK CLUB** Selections

JUNE 2024

Oil City Library Book Club

Oil City Library

Meets First Thursday
of the Month at 10:30 AM



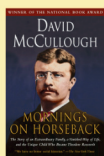
The Last Flight
Julie Clark

Also Available
on Libby!

The Bookmarkers Book Club

Franklin Public Library

Meets Second Tuesday
of the Month at 12:00 PM



**Mornings on
Horseback**
David
McCullough

Thursday Evening Book Club

Franklin Public Library

Meets Third Thursday
of the Month at 5:00 PM



**The Whole
Town's Talking**
Fannie Flagg

Also Available
on Libby!

Franklin & Cooperstown Libraries to Offer Seed Libraries

Much like Oil City Library, Seed Libraries are coming soon to Franklin & Cooperstown locations!

Thank you to Rural King in Franklin for their donation of seeds to the Franklin Public Library. With them, we were able to quickly set up and have one of our own Seed Libraries here at the Franklin Public Library.

Seed Swaps operate by providing packets of fruit, vegetable & flower seeds for people to take home & plant, while also giving the opportunity for people to leave their own seeds for others to take home & grow.

This initiative helps to support community growers, saves money & allows growers to try different varieties of fruits, vegetables and flowers. We welcome any donations of unopened seed packets, partially used or harvested seeds from your own garden in the fall!

Be on the lookout at Cooperstown too! We plan to have a Seed Library at all three ORLA locations very soon.



GAMES ON TUESDAY



1 PM - 2 PM

Every Tuesday

Franklin Public Library

FREE & NO
REGISTRATION
REQUIRED!

STARTING JUNE 11TH, AGES 9-12 CAN COME TO
FRANKLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY TO ENJOY SOME
SNACKS, DRINKS, & GAMES WITH THEIR FRIENDS!

ADVENTURE BEGINS HERE.

summer @ your



ALL
AGES

JUNE 17TH
-
JULY 27TH

DETAILED
SCHEDULE COMING
SOON!



EXPLORE.
EXPERIMENT.
CREATE.



CELEBRATE!

GAMES

SNACK

CRAFTS

Join us 'for real life' as we honor everyone's
favorite Australian heeler family!

NO DOLLAR BUCKS REQUIRED



Franklin
Public Library

Friday, May 17th
3:30 PM

Oil City Library

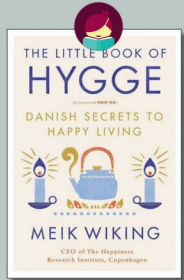
Saturday, May 18th
10:00 AM

Cooperstown
Public Library

Friday, May 24th
10:00 AM

Shelf-Help

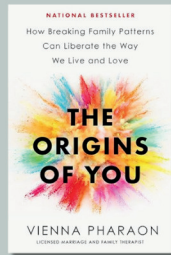
self-help books that will inspire & motivate you



The Little Book of Hygge

Meik Wiking

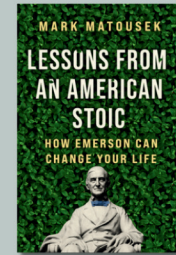
Embrace Hygge (pronounced hoo-ga) & become happier with this definitive guide to the Danish philosophy of comfort, togetherness, & well-being.



The Origins of You

Vienna Pharaon

From licensed therapist & relationship expert Vienna Pharaon comes a profound guide to understanding & overcoming wounds from your Family of Origin - the foundation of how we relate to others, ourselves, & the world around us.

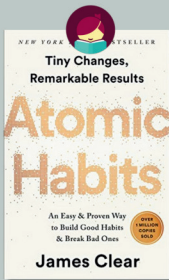


Lessons From an American Stoic

Mark Matousek

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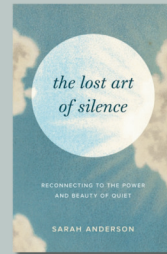
A lifelong Emerson lover, teacher, & spiritual seeker reveals how American philosopher Ralph Waldo Emerson's 12 essential teachings hold the answer to living an authentic & fulfilling life, one that is in harmony with our souls.



Atomic Habits

James Clear

A leading expert on habit formation reveals practical strategies to form good habits, break bad ones, & master the tiny behaviors that lead to remarkable results.



The Lost Art of Silence

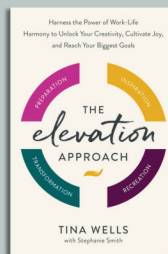
Sarah Anderson

Silence is habitually overlooked - after all, it has to compete with the cacophony of the outside world & our near-constant interior dialogue that judges, analyzes, compares, & questions. But, if we can get past this barrage, there lies a quiet place that's well worth discovering.

The Elevation Approach

Tina Wells

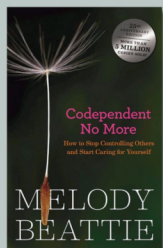
Make room for your dreams & revolutionize how you manage your time & energy using this innovative framework for finding work-life harmony from an accomplished entrepreneur & business strategist.



Healing Your Inner Child

Natasha Levinger

In *Healing Your Inner Child*, energy worker Natasha Levinger guides you on finding your inner child, learning about them, & becoming a parent to the most valuable parts of yourself to self-soothe even when the world around you is chaotic.



Codependent No More

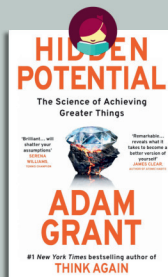
Melody Beattie

Melody Beattie's compassionate & insightful look into codependency - the concept of losing oneself in the name of helping another - has helped millions understand that they are powerless to change anyone but themselves & that caring for the self is where healing begins.

Hidden Potential

Adam Grant

Adam Grant weaves together groundbreaking evidence, surprising insights, & vivid storytelling, showing that progress depends less on how hard you work than how well you learn. Growth is not about the genius you possess, it's about the character you develop.



Permission to Speak

Samara Bay

Use your voice to lead us to a better future with this game-changing guide to redefining what power & authority sound like - from a speech expert who's worked with Hollywood's biggest stars, political powerhouses, & businesspeople shaking up the status quo.

 Also Available on Libby!

RAISING THE CURTAIN ON ACT II

Oil City Library Hall Restoration Project

FUNDRAISING GOAL MET!

O V E R \$ 8 0 0 , 0 0 0 T O T A L R A I S E D

Thanks in very large part to your local support, we've been able to meet our initial fundraising goal in less than 2 years of concerted efforts! Sarah Margherio and Judy Etzel, our amazing Theater Committee Co-Chairs, led a grassroots effort of local fundraising through events, direct asks, and other means. Your public response has been encouraging, validating and immensely helpful! Your direct support allowed us to apply for grant money that combined to help us meet our initial budget. Therefore, we're very much looking forward to officially Raising the Curtain on Act II in the near future. Our architect is in the final phases of design completion and putting it through an updated budget review. As long as the initial budget generally stands, we'll be looking to bid the project as early as this month with expectations of construction beginning in the fall. This will allow for a permanent, bookable community space for 2025! We'd like to expressly thank all the individuals, groups and businesses who donated time, money, advice and more to help us get this far! We'd also like to recognize PNC Charitable Trusts, Senator John Fetterman's Appropriations team and an area family that made significant investments in this project. We can't wait to keep you updated and celebrate soon!

2024 ANNUAL
OIL REGION LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

LIBRARY LOTT

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

EACH TICKET
\$20
ONLY 1000 SOLD

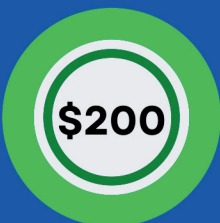
APRIL WINNERS!



BOB F.
OIL CITY, PA



NO WINNER



NO WINNER

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!

FROM UFOs TO UAPs SHOULD WE BE CONCERNED?

Are things really different since the Congressional UAP hearings of July 2023? Join local UAP enthusiast Reg Rice for an open discussion on UAP hearings, sightings, conspiracies, crop circles, ancient alien theories & more. Participants will be free to ask questions & share opinions/experiences.

TUESDAY
MAY 14
6:30 PM



THURSDAY
MAY 23
10:00 AM

FREE / NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED


Oil City Library
2 Central Ave.
Oil City, PA 16301



Franklin Library to Hold Remake Learning Days Event

For this year's Remake Learning Day event with ORLA, learn how to design a custom 3D printed keychain using Tinkercad at the Franklin Public Library.

This free event will be on May 4th from 12-2 PM and is open to ages 11-18! Please stop into the library or call (814) 432-5062 to register.

There will be 2000+ in-person & virtual Remake Days learning events taking place between April 20 - May 31. To find other locations near you, visit <https://bit.ly/RemakeDaysNWP>!



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, May 29th, we will be making Cork Air Fresheners. 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...

Gork Air Fresheners

May 29th

MEET MR. RICHARD!

the new Children's Coordinator
at the Franklin Public Library

Hi, everyone! I am Richard Spaich, your new Children's Coordinator at the Franklin Public Library. I am so excited to embark on this journey & try my best to bring new and exciting programs for all the children! Below is a little section about me!



ABOUT MR. RICHARD

Favorite Food: Chinese food

Favorite Book: Anything "Llama Llama by Anna Dewdney"

Favorite Drink: Snapple Fire

Children: I have one daughter who has my whole heart and more! I also have a nephew who is my sister's child who I love just like my own.

Favorite Show: Bluey!



I am a big family man and family means the world to me! Especially my mom and my sister! I'm also engaged to be married to the most amazing fiancée.

Upcoming Workshops

STRESS MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

Learn Techniques to Deal With Stress, Create More Peaceful Environments & Calm Your Life

FREE & OPEN TO ALL!

PROVIDED BY Pennsylvania CareerLink®



STRESS MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP / FREE

may
07 3PM

OIL CITY LIBRARY

may
23 1PM

FRANKLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

may
23 3PM

COOPERSTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Join us at ORLA locations this month for a **Stress Management Workshop**, courtesy of Pennsylvania CareerLink! Learn short term and long term techniques to deal with stress, create more peaceful environments, and calm your life. This workshop is free & open to anyone. Register at your library in person or by phone call. 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

Mythical Musings

Fiction inspired by mythology from different cultures.

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

GARDENING TOOLS



Whether you're embarking on the initial steps of the planting season or seeking assistance as your crops flourish, the library offers a diverse array of gardening tools ready for borrowing to support your home gardening endeavors! Our collection features essentials such as an electric tiller & cultivator, soil tester, hand tools, soil blocker & more!

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

ANIME favorites

Popular Anime Shows & Movies on

kanopy



FIND US ONLINE

oilregionlibraries.org



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