

Oak Harbor Public Library

BEYOND THE PAGES

JULY 2024

Movie of the Month

By Alex Huizar

Oppenheimer

Director: Christopher Nolan

Starring: Cillian Murphy, Emily Blunt and Robert Downey Jr.

Christopher Nolan, director of such classics as *Memento* (2000), *The Dark Knight* trilogy (2005-2012) and *Inception* (2010), delivers his best film of his career with *Oppenheimer* (2023) which recently won the Oscar for Best Picture earlier this year. The first half of the film is part heist/team building and the second half of the film acts as a courtroom drama.

The three-hour long film is heavily dialogue driven, but the dialogue

is so rich and dense that you'll be captivated by the performances. Although the film is based on the life of J. Robert Oppenheimer (Father of the Atomic Bomb), don't expect a lot of action scenes, save for the detonation of the atomic bomb, which is so well done it is one of the best scenes ever put in film.

If you like a film that doesn't rely on relentless action but you do enjoy performances from a caliber of actors, then this film is for you.

I don't normally give out five out of five stars, but this is one of those rare films that deserves it.

If you would like to reserve *Oppenheimer*, click [here](#).

5 out of 5 stars



Be Kind: Rewind

Remember those words? Remember the annoyance when you borrowed a video from the library and had to rewind it before you could watch it?

It's been



a while since we circulated videos at the Oak Harbor Public Library. Today we offer DVDs, Blu-Rays, and streaming movies instead of videos. But the sentiment is the same.

At the Oak Harbor Public Library, we take pride in serving our community with a diverse range of offerings. From bestsellers to timeless classics, movies, music, and even internet-on-the-go, we've got everything you need. When you borrow a book from us, you're not just holding a story in your hands,

you're stepping into a realm of imagination and knowledge waiting to be explored. Our young readers can enhance their skills with books tailored to their reading level, fostering a love for reading from an early age. Remember, returning your library books on time ensures that everyone can embark on their reading adventures without delay. Let's nurture our reading community by honoring due dates and library policies together. Join us in keeping the love of books alive and thriving at Oak Harbor Public Library! #BookRespect #FreebiesForDays

NEW RELEASES

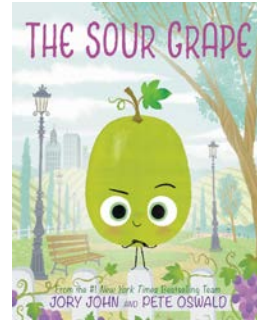
By Robin Vail

Summertime and we have new books to enjoy all summer long. There are great summer reads like RaeAnneThayne's *15 Summers Later*, Jill Shalvis *The Summer Escape* and Emily Giffin's *The Summer Pact*.

We have plenty of new thrillers coming. Lisa Jewell debuts *Breaking the Dark*. Shari Lapena's new title is *What Have You Done?* There is a new entry in Linda Castillo's Amish series

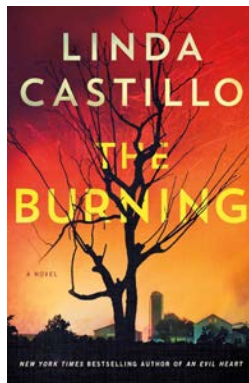
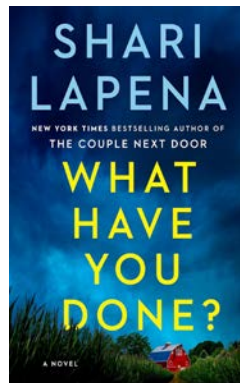
Check out our new Audio Enabled children's books. Each book has a built-in speaker that will read the story aloud. Some of these titles include *The Sour Grape*, *The One and Only Bob* and *What Would You Do in a Book About You?*

Other fun books for kids include *The Big Squeeze* about a hard-working sponge; *Pig in Jeans* tells of an extraordinary pig who loves his pants with pockets and *King Lion* just wants to find a friend!



called *The Burning*. *The Body in the Back Yard* by Lucy Score and *Like Mother like Daughter* by Kimberly McCreight also look to be spine-tin-gling reads.

Have a great summer and keep reading!



To request these or any other books, go to [our website](#).

SNAPSHOTS



The Ottawa County Job Store held its first Computer Class for seniors in June. These class are offered in July, August and September.



Several people took a flower arranging class at the library led by a Master Gardener. Participants walked out with a beautiful flower arrangement.



Summer Fun at the Log Cabin Park



Our Summer Reading Program began with a bang at the Log Cabin Park. We entertained children with early settlers, Wild Hooves, The Michael Mage Experience, and the Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge. Kids and their adults had a great time.

PROGRAMS

By Jennifer Wilkins

For Kids

Storytime every Wednesday at 11:30

Summer Reading Program:

July 2nd at 6pm: Party at the Park (log cabin)

The Ottawa County Sheriff's Office will be at the Summer Reading Program July 2nd to offer ID's and fingerprinting services to children. Parents must accompany their child to sign necessary forms.

Celebrate Christmas in July all month long! There will be crafts for children and other fun activities.

Join the Friends of the Library!

Be part of the exciting things that are happening at the library!

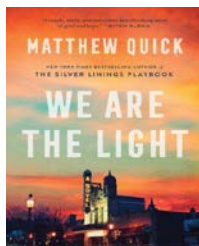
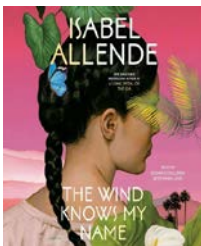
Oak Harbor Local History Museum

Open on Tuesdays 1-5, Thursdays 10-2 & 5-7. Or call for an appointment 419-898-7001.

4th Tuesday Book Club

Meets Tuesday July 23rd at 5:30pm. Discussion will be on *The Wind Knows My Name* by Isabel Allende.

Coffee & a Book meets Wed. July 10th at 11am. Discussion will be on *We Are The Light* by Matthew Quick.



For Adults and Families

Tai Chi every Tuesday at 10am

All month long in July we will have a donation box for The Ottawa County Dog Warden, the items they are looking for the most are dish soap, bleach, and dry bagged dog food.

We will be **CLOSING EARLY July 3rd for the Oak Harbor Independence Day Celebration which kicks off at 4pm**

We will be **CLOSED July 4th in observance of Independence Day.**

Family Game Night July 10th from 5:00 to 6:30. Join us for family friendly games of all ages. We will provide the games and snacks. **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.** Register online or by calling 419-898-7001

Friends of the Library meeting will be held July 12th at 11am. We are open to new members.

60 Plus Clinic Wednesday July 10th at 9:30 to 11:30 with the Ottawa County Health Department. Call 419-734-6800 for an appointment.

Watercolor Group meets every Wednesday 12:30 to 4. Bring your own supplies

Needle Crafts meets every Thursday 9:30 to noon. Bring your own supplies.

Pinochle Fridays at 11

Computer Classes every Tuesday at 10:30 and Friday at 2 pm. **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.** Please register online or by calling 419-898-7001

Ottawa County Job Store Computer/Digital Literacy Classes will be held July 26th from 10-12. **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.** Register by online or by calling 419-898-7001

Did you know you can have the Oak Harbor Public Library deliver books or DVDs right to your home if you are homebound?

LAST WORD

By Kathy Huffman

July is a time to celebrate our country with impressive firework displays and over-the-top BBQs. However, we must not forget our humble beginnings or our Founding Fathers.

In October of 1832 Joseph Wardlow staked a claim to a section of land on the northern bank of the Portage River. The first settlers braved the muck and mosquito infested Great Black Swamp to carve out a small town along the banks of the river. In April of 1835 the land was plotted as the Village of Hartford. Products manufactured from the surrounding oak and other timber helped in making Hartford successful and well-known beyond its borders.

In 1838 Adolphus Kraemer came to the small village of Hartford and soon became the driving force behind the improvements and development of the village. An industrious man, Kraemer would later be known as the "Father of Oak Harbor".

The first Kraemer residence was a simple log cabin. In later years, he built a two-story frame house on the north side of Water Street just east of the Hartford Bayou. Prior to the 1850's anyone staying in the Hartford area would stay at the Adolphus & Eliza home. The first hotels in Hartford did not open until the mid to late 1850's. An old wife's tale, told during the day, was if you drank from the Kraemer's family well you would either remain in Hartford or soon return.

In 1839 Kraemer was appointed Postmaster of Ottawa (Hartford post office) and served roughly 10 years. Ottawa (Hartford) was said to have been the first Post Office in Ottawa County.

In the 1850's, Kraemer built and ran a sawmill on the north bank of the Portage River on the east side of what was known as the Hartford Bayou, at the foot of present-day Brooklyn Street.

It is said that Kraemer started the Ottawa County Exponent newspaper. He bought a secondhand printing press and materials in Toledo and moved them to Hartford. Digitized copies of the Exponent can be found on the Oak Harbor Library's website.

Kraemer was known for many accomplishments during his years in Hartford. He was the 1st Justice of Peace in Salem Township and the 1st Salem Township Treasurer. In 1850 he served as the Ottawa County Surveyor for 6 years. In 1856 he was appointed Ottawa County Probate Judge and from 1862-1868 he was the Prosecuting Attorney for Ottawa County. Kraemer also influenced the railroad companies to run their railroad lines through Hartford.

To avoid confusion with another village named Hartford, in Ohio, the village changed its name to Oak Harbor, on March 27, 1863. Kraemer was both a lawyer and signer in the lobbying to change the name and is given the key credit for coming up with the name Oak Harbor. In July of 1870

a petition to incorporate the village of Oak Harbor was signed and granted in 1871. This is the date carved on the cornerstone of the Municipal building.

Since Kraemer's time, Oak Harbor has undergone many changes. In the late 1800's much of the land which supported the timber industry, had been cleared and the swamp drained to make way for small farms. Then by the early 1900's, Oak Harbor had become a booming agricultural center for both field crops and fruit orchards. After WWII, the emphasis on manufacturing or agriculture shifted to small specialty shops, convenience stores, and businesses centered around service.

On October 10, 2009, during the Apple Festival, the Log Cabin Association officially changed the 'log cabin' park to Adolphus Kraemer Park to honor the Father of Oak Harbor.

The dreams of the early settlers of Hartford are still alive today. It is seen in the daily lives of its people. Activities such as the annual fourth of July, and the Apple Festival which had its humble beginnings as the Fall Fair. Oak Harbor has come a long way from the muddy banks of the Portage. Adolphus Kraemer would be proud.

(*Photo of Adolphus Kraemer placque at the Adolphus Kraemer Park is on page 6.)



July 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Programs in Blue are for adults Programs in Green are for children	¹ Programs with an R, Please Register online or by calling 419-898-7001	² Tai Chi 10 R Computer Class 10:30 Local History Museum 1-5 SRP: Party in the Park (log cabin)	³ Storytime 11:30 Watercolor 12:30 We will be closing early 4pm	⁴ Closed-4th of July	⁵ Pinochle 11 R Computer Class 2	⁶
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ADOLPHUS KRAEMER PARK

DEDICATED OCTOBER 10, 2009

ADOLPHUS KRAEMER

JUNE 17, 1810 - AUGUST 15, 1885



OAK HARBOR PIONEER, ADOLPHUS KRAEMER, WAS BORN, RAISED, AND EDUCATED IN GERMANY. AFTER IMMIGRATING TO THE UNITED STATES, HE PURCHASED THE HEAVILY FORESTED LAND THAT IS NOW OAK HARBOR FROM JOSEPH WARDLOW AND MOVED HERE IN 1838. HE FOUNDED A SAW MILL AND LUMBER COMPANY, AND OPERATED A GENERAL STORE, SERVING THE FLEDGLING VILLAGE OF HARTFORD AS A PROBATE JUDGE, COUNTY SURVEYOR, LAWYER, AND PROSECUTING ATTORNEY. MR. KRAEMER ALSO PRACTICED MEDICINE, FARMED, AND WAS A MEMBER OF THE STATE OF OHIO CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION IN 1873-74. HE DONATED LAND FOR MANY OF THE AREA CHURCHES AND PARSONAGES, AND SEEING THE NEED FOR A LOCAL NEWSPAPER, FOUNDED THE OTTAWA COUNTY EXPONENT. MR. KRAEMER SAW HIS DREAM OF FOUNDING A CITY COME TRUE, AND GAVE IT FURTHER IMPORTANCE BY ASSISTING IN CHANGING ITS NAME TO OAK HARBOR. AFTER A LONG LIFE OF SERVICE TO HIS COMMUNITY, ADOLPHUS KRAEMER DIED ON AUGUST 15, 1885 AND IS INTERRED IN UNION CEMETERY, OAK HARBOR.