

Oak Harbor Public Library

BEYOND THE PAGES

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Who remembers the little white library? The cards, the stamps, the librarians, the quiet rooms?

We've come a long way, baby.

Today's libraries are full of services our grandmother's never dreamed of. Computers, internet-to-go, talking books. We even have a 3D printer, something I had to witness to understand. We have book group, story-time, crafts, local history, meeting and quiet rooms, interlibrary loans and a knowledgeable staff to answer your questions. The card catalog is now accessible from our phones. Our collection of books would fill up several little white libraries. Since we can't purchase every book ever published, we can have books delivered from other libraries. And in addition to interlibrary loans, we can get robots, Legos, games, cake pans, puzzles, the list can go on and on.

Tell your friends and family how valuable the library is to the community. And let them know what the library can do for them.



Movie of the Month

Abigail

Directed By: Tyler Gillett and Matt Bettinell-Olpin

Starring: Melissa Barrera, Joey, Alisha Weir, and Giancarlo Esposito

Reviewed By: Alex Huizar

It's spooky season and the month is October and *Abigail* (2024) is the spooky movie of the month. Although more of a horror-comedy than horror, this film still has plenty of thrills and chills to keep you on the edge of your seat.

Abigail tells the story of a young ballet dancer, Abigail, who is kidnapped by six criminals and taken somewhere

secluded, there they are told to keep an eye on Abigail for 24 hours, and if they succeed, they will get well paid for doing so, however, there is more to little Abigail than meets the eye.

If you don't know anything about this movie, then I would personally keep it that way because the trailer gives away the plot entirely.

The cast is somewhere hit-and-miss, some good performances and some not so great. Fifteen-year-old Alisha Weir steals the show as Abigail as she gives a great performance as the titular character. There are cheap jump scares throughout the film, but it is not insultingly bad as recent horror movies. There is over-the-top violence and gore but done in a comedic fashion.

Overall, I would give this film a try especially if you're looking for a horror film to watch this season. I give *Abigail* 3 ½ stars out of 5.

Call the Oak Harbor public library at 419-898-7001 or click [here](#) to reserve a copy of the film.



NEW RELEASES

By Robin Vail

Fall is here and it's time for great mystery books.



We have Paula Hawkins newest *Blue Hour* and Louise Penny's *Grey Wolf*. Reacher is back in Lee Child's *In Too Deep* and Freida McFadden's newest *The Boyfriend* will be a good read.

James Patterson is giving us twice the fun with *Lies He Told Me* and *Murder Island*.

Ina Garten, the Barefoot Contessa, tells us about her life in *Be Ready When the Luck Happens*. John Grisham's newest is called *Framed* about wrongful convictions in the American legal system. Lisa Marie Presley has a posthumous work about her life *From Here to the Great Unknown* finished by her daughter Riley Keough. Max Boot has a new look at the life of Ronald Reagan, and the late Alexei Navalny's family has released his book *Patriot* about his challenging of the Russian Superpower



Fall is the season for most writers to release their new offerings and we have several which will be well reviewed and probably on book club lists for years.



Fans of cookbooks will love Stephen Colbert's *Does This Taste Funny?* Eva Longoria writes *My Mexican Kitchen* while Stanley Tucci pens *What I Ate in a Year*.



Rachel Kushner has *Creation Lake*; Sally Rooney's is *Intermezzo*. Louise Erdrich just published *The Mighty Red*. Jean Hanff Korelitz follows *The Plot* with *The Sequel*.



For kids we have Maddie Frost's *Bear in a Bathrobe*, Christopher Denise writes and illustrates *Knight Owl and Early Bird* and Lian Cho has the very funny *Pig Town Party*. JK Rowling has a new addition to the Harry Potter series with a *Christmas at Hogwarts*.

All these and many many more can be found here at the Oak Harbor Public Library.

SNAPSHOTS



The library is the place for kids. We had Taylor Swift Week, where kids made Friendship Bracelets and blinged guitar picks



We had a PlayStation for a week, and the kids enjoyed playing games at the library.



A new book was unveiled at the Wild Pages Fox Preserve, located across the road from the Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge.



One Size Fits All Storytime meets every Wednesday at 11:30. The kids sing a few songs, hear a few stories, and do a craft. There's room for more kids.



The library is a good place to relax after school, before practice, and between games.



September was Library Card Sign-up month. If you don't have your library card, it's never too late. Stop by and sign up.



Library directors from across North-west Ohio took advantage of our large meeting room when they met for a round table.



The library has so much for everyone. Adults can learn a new craft.





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Library Hours

Monday to Thursday 9:30 am to 7 pm
Friday 9:30 am to 5 pm
Saturday 9 am to 1 pm

Oak Harbor Local History Museum

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

Join the Friends of the Library! Oct 19-25 is Friends of the Library Week

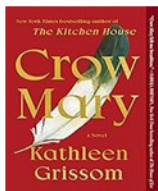
Be part of the exciting things that are happening at the library!
Their next meeting is:
October 18 @ 11:00

4th Tuesday Book Club

Meets Tuesday Oct. 22nd at 5:30.
Discussion will be on *Crow Mary* by Kathleen Grissom.

Coffee & a Book meets Wed. Oct. 9th at 11.
Discussion will be on *Just the Nicest Couple* by Mary Kubica.

Wicked Wednesdays Book Club meets Wed Oct. 16th at 5:30. Discussion will be on *Behold the Monster* by Jillian Lauren.



For Kids

Storytime every Wednesday at 11:30
Halloween Spook-tacular Storytime Wed Oct 30th at 11:30. Stop in for a story, treats, and games. Come show off your costume!
Sept 30-Oct 4: Sticker Palooza
Oct 7-11: Teen Read Week
Oct 10: Drop in Space Camp at 3 for ages 3-7
Oct 14-18: Lego Week
Oct 25: Drop in Art Camp at 3 for ages 3-7
Frightfully Fun Night October 21 at 5pm. Join us for a night filled with crafts, treats, and games. Costumes are encouraged.

For Adults and Families

Socktober For Project Noelle: we will be collecting kids socks (sizes newborn through teens) all through the month of October

Clay Pot Scarecrow Craft Oct. 7th at 2pm.
REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. MATERIALS PROVIDED, DONATIONS APPRECIATED

Medicare Program Saturday October 5th at 10am. Join Shannon Albright, a healthcare insurance specialist who will help answer your questions about Medicare. **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.** Please register online or by calling 419-898-7001

Ottawa County Genealogical Society will meet the third Tuesday of every month at 5:30pm. Next meeting is October 15th at 5:30pm

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

Flu Shot Clinic October 16 & 23 from 10—2:00. Please call 419-734-6800 to schedule appointment.

Tai Chi every Tuesday at 10am

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.

Want to learn Pinochle? Come and join us every Friday at 2pm

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

LAST WORD

By Kathy Huffman

It is that time of year again. The welcoming hum of farm equipment, a crisp northern breeze, a frosty blanket of colored leaves on the ground, and the exciting massacre of defenseless pumpkins. October is upon us and with it the telling of tales meant to entertain or send a shiver down the spine. In either case, the tidbits retold here were taken from headlines of the Ottawa County Exponent and portray how different life was back then.

In November of 1927, the remains of what appeared to be an octopus was discovered in Mud Creek by workers digging for a bridge over the creek. The specimen was noted to have been perfectly preserved. It was ten feet across with eight arms, the longest being 4 four feet in length. Apparently, it was nailed to a local barn where it drew huge crowds of spectators. Sounds fishy to me.

In April of 1902 Oak Harbor experienced an unexpected earthquake which halted people in their tracks and caused quite a stir. Come to find out, it was a herd of cattle stamping through town on their way to marshland pastures in Carroll township.

In March of 1902 an Oak Harbor man had allowed his neighbor to store hay in his log home while he was away. When he returned, the man was startled to discover both his home and hay were simply gone.

In November of 1928 a strange looking boat, thought to be a submarine, was reported ten miles off the coast of Port Clinton. It was said to be at least 75 feet in length and traveled roughly 12 mph. It appeared to have a type of periscope. However, the boat was spotted only by a few before it disappeared beneath the water.

In June of 1888 the Portage River near Oak Harbor caught fire with a spectacular display. The steady rains washed oil from an uncapped oil gusher near Cygnet into the tributaries of the river. Apparently, the river caught fire a few times throughout the summer.

In August of 1901 a strange eerie sound awoke people along the Wheeling RR during the night. People reported the noise sounded like nothing they have ever heard before. It seemed to be a cross between a scream, wail and moan. It sent shivers down the spines of everyone who heard it and they could not agree as to which direction it came from.

In July of 1922 a spook light was reported five miles southwest of Oak Harbor on Lindsay Rd. The source of the light was never determined. Various attempts to chase down the spook light resulted in either the light splitting into smaller orbs before vanishing, vanishing with an explosion of blinding light, or simply fading away.

In March of 1923 there were numerous sightings of a figure cloaked in what appeared to be a white sheet in the vicinity of Schoolhouse Park. Those that have seen the specter described it as having the figure of the tallest man they have ever seen. The wandering ghost appeared to be confined to the area from Schoolhouse Park south to Ottawa Street. Each night, for the next week, search parties were organized but failed to catch either a glimpse of the ghost or the ghost itself. However, additional sightings were reported. The specter was last reported a week later near St Boniface church.

In May of 1949 a yearling ewe gave birth to freak lamb. One of the weirdest deliveries in a long practice of veterinary surgery was performed by Dr C.M. Schaaf at the Emery Leow farm. The ewe's monstrosity of a lamb was born dead. The lamb had two bodies with four front legs, four hind legs, two tails, with one normal sized head. It weighed roughly 16-20 pounds. Delivery was possible only by breaking up the lamb. The mother ewe made it through delivery none the worse for the wear.

In July of 1964 UFOs were spotted over the southeast skies of Oak Harbor. Around 9pm that evening, three or four bright lights were observed flying erratically by numerous folks. It was the talk of the town for days.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 We will be collecting socks for Project Noelle the whole month of October	2 Programs in Green are for children/teens Programs in Blue are for adults	3 Tai Chi 10:30 R Computer Class 10:30 Local History Museum 1-5 Sticker Palooza 3	4 Storytime 11:30 Watercolor 12:30 Sticker Palooza 3	5 Needlecrafts 9:30 Local History Museum 10-2 & 5-7 Sticker Palooza 3	6 Pinochle 2 R Computer Class 2 Sticker Palooza 3	7 R Medicare Program 10
8 Programs with an R, please register online or by calling 419-898-7001	9 R Clay Pot Scarecrow craft 2	10 Tai Chi 10:30 R Computer Class 10:30 Local History Museum 1-5	11 60 Plus Clinic 9:30 Coffee & a Book 11 Storytime 11:30 Watercolor 12:30	12 Needlecrafts 9:30 Ottawa Co Job Store 12-2 Local History Museum 10-2 & 5-7 Drop in Space Camp (Ages 3-7) 3	13 Pinochle 2 R Computer Class 2 Close at 3:00 For Apple Festival	14 CLOSED for the Apple Festival
15 *See back of calendar for further details on programs and activities	16 Legos 3	17 Tai Chi 10:30 R Computer Class 10:30 Local History Museum 1-5 Legos 3 OCOGS 5:30	18 Flu Shot Clinic 10-12 Storytime 11:30 Watercolor 12:30 Legos 3 Wicked Wednesday Book Club 5:30	19 Needlecrafts 9:30 Local History Museum 10-2 & 5-7 Legos 3	20 Friends of the Oak Library 11:00 Pinochle 2 R Computer Class 2 Legos 3	21
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In June of 1958 a sea lion was seen swimming in the Portage River. “Speedy”, the sea lion, escaped from Storybook Gardens, Ontario on June 17th. The sea lion was spotted in Maumee River a few days before it was reported in the Portage River.

In June of 1963 a thunderstorm blew through the county with winds topping 69mphs and caused widespread damage. However, the storm caused an unbelievable phenomenon later that evening. Apparently, West Sister Island loomed large on the horizon, and one could clearly see the shores of Canada, 32 miles away. Not in the memory of history had this been possible.

We hope these stories have entertained, or at least caused a chuckle.