



WPL NEWSLETTER

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THE REAL "DIANA OF THE DUNES"

Many people have heard of Diana of the Dunes or at least have heard stories of her ghost walking the Lake Michigan beaches. But why is she a local legend?

Alice Gray, also known as Diana of the Dunes, was born March 25, 1881, and became famous for breaking boundaries that society placed on women in the early 20th century. In 1915, she moved into the dunes by herself and turned her back on many of the norms that society placed on well-educated, intelligent women.

When newspaper reporters found out about her, they came to the dunes to get a glimpse of this "nymph" and gave her the nickname Diana, after the Roman goddess of the hunt. They hounded her and shattered her peace, but Alice retained some privacy and a modicum of revenge by telling reporters half-truths and some outright lies. She died in the dunes in 1925.

We continue to celebrate her story to this day for the courage it took to turn her back on social conventions in order to live her life the way she wanted. We also appreciate her love for the dunes.

Although she has been gone for almost 100 years, the Westchester Township History Museum is shining a light on this fascinating woman's life and legacy, with a new video highlighting Alice's local story and the places she may have lived and visited. The video, called "Alice Gray: The Real Diana of the Dunes," will premier on March 25. Serena Ard's recent program about Alice Gray is also available on the library's [YouTube channel](#).



CURBSIDE PICKUP

Curbside Pickup hours:
Monday-Friday 1pm-6pm at both branches;
Saturday 11:30am-4:30pm at Thomas Branch;
Saturday 1:30pm-4:30pm at Hageman Branch

1. Use your Library card to place holds (online or by phone) for up to 5 DVDs and 10 other items per card, based on the following item limits: 5 DVDs, 10 Music CDs, 5 New Books, 2 Electronic Games, 10 General Books.

2. After you receive notice that your holds are ready, drive to your branch during Curbside Pickup hours. Pull into a specially-numbered parking space.

3. Call the Library phone number posted on the numbered parking space sign and staff will check-out and bring your holds to your parking space.

4. TWO options for pickup! Staff will place your holds on the table attached to your parking space for you to get, OR, pop your trunk and staff will place your holds inside the trunk and will then close it for you.

5. Pull out and enjoy your Library materials!



FOR QUICK, IN-BUILDING BROWSING AND CHECK OUT



Masks are **required** to be worn (except by those under the age of 2) before entering and **at all times** while inside the buildings.



Social Distancing is required at all times.



Browsing is to be limited to no more than 30-minutes.



Computer use is by reservation only.



Curbside Pickup will continue to be available and is encouraged.

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Join us for a friendly competition conducted in three rounds of easy, intermediate, and advanced words.

Spellers are invited to join us for a spirited night of wordplay.

The last speller standing will take home the grand prize, an eco-friendly bee hotel to help your garden grow.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31
6:30-7:30 PM

This event is for adults ages 18 and up, and will take place virtually via Zoom.

Registration is required, and opens **Wednesday, March 24**. Register online or call the Thomas Branch at 926-7696 to reserve your spot.

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THE LORD OF THE RINGS

ZOOM TRIVIA NIGHT

Wednesday, March 10

6:30-7:30 PM

**It's Lord of the Rings trivia night!
Teams of 1-4 can join us to vie for a prize.
This event will take place virtually via Zoom.**

You can form a team with friends and family in different households! Each attendee should register individually. Then, you will be given your own break-out room during the program to talk about your answers with your teammates.

**Registration is required, and opens March 3.
Reserve your spot online or call the Thomas Branch at 926-7696.**

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CHOCOLATE *and the West*

**Saturday • March 27
2 - 3 PM**

zoom

**Have you ever wondered about the history of chocolate?
Would you like to taste the differences in chocolate
from different parts of the world?**

Join KT Lowe for an interactive discussion of how Western chocolate culture has developed and continues to thrive, touching on subjects such as colonialism, witchcraft, and the rise of craft chocolate.

Registration opens March 20

This program is intended for adults age 18 and up. Reserve your spot online, or call the Hageman Branch at 926-9080. There is a Chocolate Kit included which may be picked up from HAGEMAN starting March 20.

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Although women won the right to vote in 1920, many continued to struggle for rights and positions in society and at work.

Museum Curator Serena Ard takes a look at some of the amazing Duneland women who made their marks on our community, and the world at large, during some of the most conflicted times in our history.

TUESDAY, MARCH 30
6:30 - 7:30 PM

This program will take place virtually via **zoom**

Register for this program online or call 983-9715 to reserve your spot.

Registration for this program opens Monday, March 1.

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ZOOM PROGRAMS & CRAFT KITS FOR ADULTS

INQUIRING Minds

A monthly exploration of different topics or skills

 **zoom** *Meditation*



**Thursday,
March 18
1- 2 PM**

Join Franciscan Health Fitness Center's Personal Trainer, Winona, to learn and practice several meditation styles to calm your mind and body, while cultivating peace within yourself. All levels and ages welcome. No equipment necessary.

Registration begins on Thursday, March 11

- Go online or call 926-9080 to register.
- This program will take place virtually via Zoom.

Craft Kit - Decoupage Egg with Holder



Pick-up Craft Kit

Celebrate Spring by creating a beautiful, decoupage egg that can be displayed on the stand provided.

This Craft Kit is for adults.

Reserve your craft kit online or by calling 926-9080 starting April 1.

This kit is picked up at **HAGEMAN** from April 8 - 15.

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IRELAND IN A JAR



Oh Danny Boy, the crafts the crafts are calling.... Bring a wee bit of Ireland home with you with this month's craft kit. Each kit contains supplies to create a tiny Irish countryside in a jar.

**Registration for this Craft Kit opens
March 10.**

Adults 18 and up, reserve your kit online or call the Thomas Branch at 926-7696. This kit is picked up at **THOMAS** from March 17-24.

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WPL BOOK CLUB KITS



Host your own book club with a kit from Westchester Public Library! Each kit includes 20 copies of the same title, and a list of discussion questions.

Create new friendships, strengthen bonds, and learn all sorts of interesting things by sharing a book together.



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FOR TEENS & TWEENS

The Zoom logo is centered in the upper half of the image, overlaid on a background of several slices of pepperoni pizza. The logo consists of the word "zoom" in a white, lowercase, sans-serif font, with a blue circular icon containing a white video camera symbol in place of the letter 'o'.

MURDER MYSTERY PARTY

ZOOM PROGRAM FOR TEENS IN GRADES 9 - 12

Monday, March 22 • 3 - 5 PM

There has been a murder at the local Pizzeria and it is up to us to figure out who did the deed. All participants will be given a character and script upon registration.

Registration is required and opens March 15.

Register online or call the Thomas Branch
at 926-7696 to reserve your spot.

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CRAFT KIT FOR TEENS IN GRADES 9 - 12

Is the concept of four-leaf clovers being lucky a superstition with little to no truth? Sure, but that doesn't mean we can't have fun with it! Grow your own clover with this craft kit and see if any four-leaf clovers grow for you!

Registration for this Kit opens MARCH 3

This kit is picked up at **HAGEMAN** from March 10-17. Reserve your kit online or call the Hageman Branch at 926-9080.

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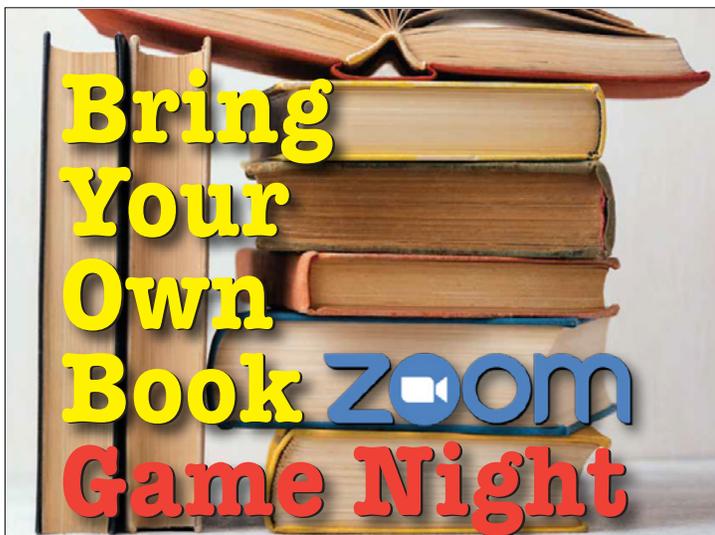
CRAFT KIT FOR TWEENS IN GRADES 5 - 8

This craft kit will help you reimagine and reuse cardboard into a useful and decorative bulletin board.

Registration for this Kit opens MARCH 11

This kit is picked up at **THOMAS** from March 18-25. Reserve your kit online or call the Thomas Branch at 926-7696.

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ZOOM PROGRAM FOR TWEENS IN GRADES 5 - 8

Friday, March 26 • 3:30 - 4:30 PM

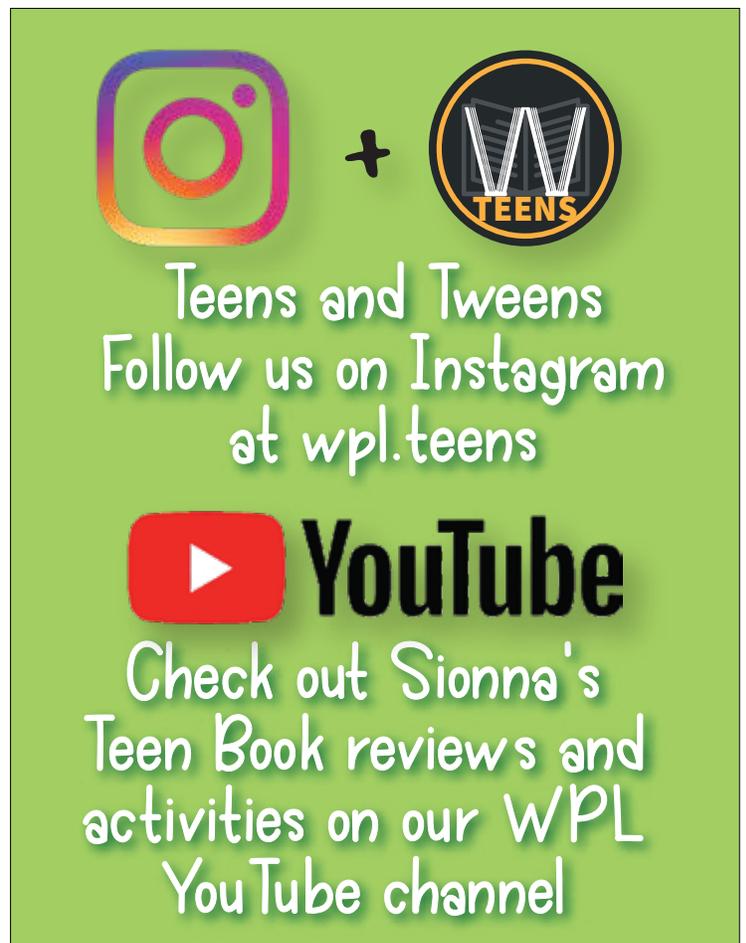
It's kind of like Apples to Apples + libraries. Here's how it works:

- Grab a stack of books and listen to the prompt
- Search your book for a sentence to match the prompt
 - Announce "I've got it!" when you find it
- When the round is over, the judge will pick their favorite answer
 - The winner of each round gets a prize!

Registration is required and opens March 19.

Register online or call the Thomas Branch at 926-7696 to reserve your spot.

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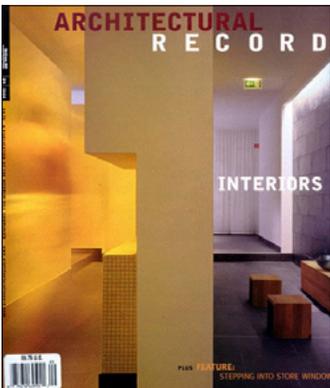


MAGAZINES OF INTEREST



Girls' Life (Overdrive Digital)

Each issue of *Girls' Life* is packed with the stuff girls crave—real information and advice. Readers will find a wealth of information and tips to deal with issues such as: academics, peer pressure, time management, stress relief, growing, and self-esteem. Plus, GL profiles real girls facing real challenges that have amazed and inspired readers for almost two decades.



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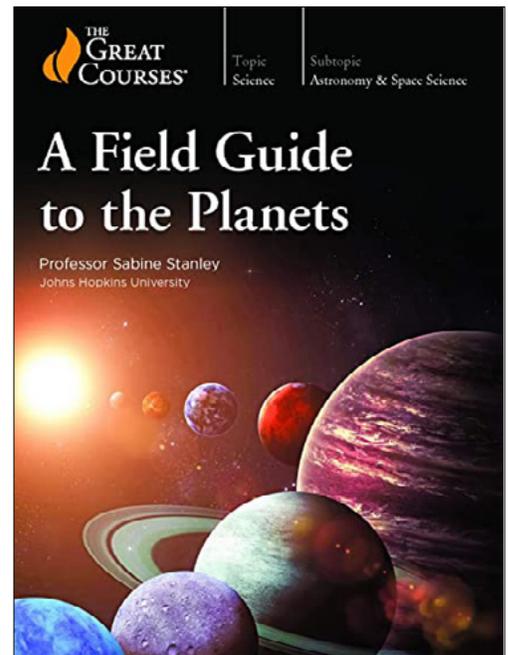
THE GREAT COURSES

A Field Guide to the Planets (DVD)

Humanity's first steps on the Moon were an immense accomplishment in 1969, and a fantastic milestone in the history of space exploration. And yet, how little we knew about our solar system then, compared to what we know now!

Since those famous steps were taken, we've discovered over 150 additional moons of all shapes, sizes, and compositions. We've sent spaceships and robotic laboratories to photograph and study each of the planets, dozens of moons, and even the Sun. We've discovered ring systems around three additional planets; landed robotic explorers on Mars, asteroids, and comets; and found thousands of exoplanets.

What an exciting time this is to explore our solar system and beyond with *A Field Guide to the Planets*. Your instructor, Sabine Stanley, Ph.D., a Bloomberg Distinguished Professor at Johns Hopkins University, will guide you on a thrilling ride of discovery, illustrated by the phenomenal images NASA has gathered through its telescopes, cameras, and laboratories throughout the solar system.





**Craft Kit:
Painting
with
Peeps**

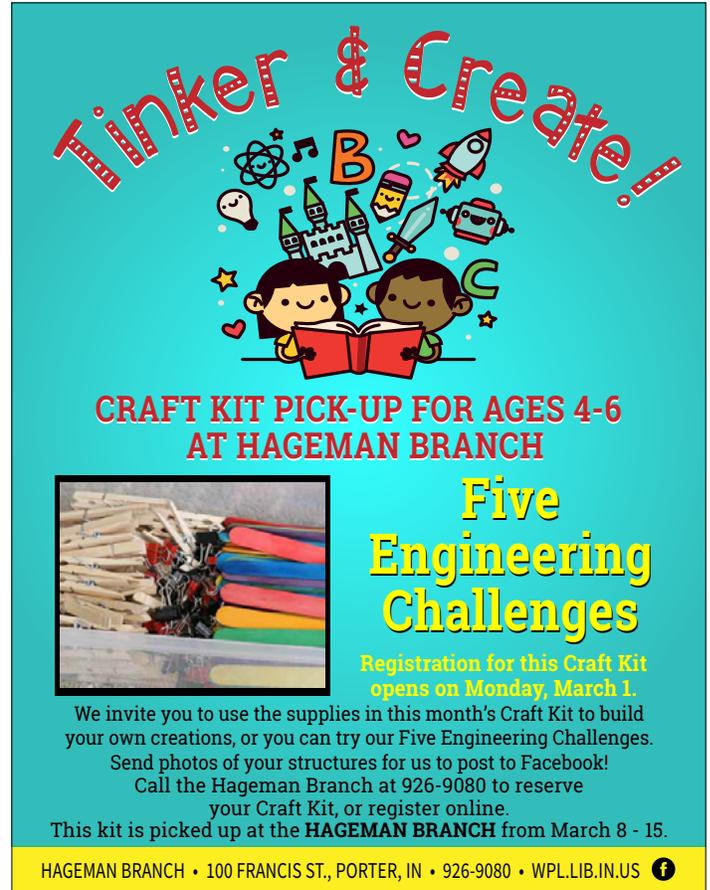
For children ages 3-5.

Peeps aren't just for eating--use their ooey-gooey texture to paint a sweet picture. Then, learn about the science of marshmallow candy through a variety of experiments. A list of recommended resources about candy is also included.

**Registration for this Kit opens
MARCH 13**

Reserve your kit online or call the Thomas Branch at 926-7696.
This kit is picked up at **THOMAS** from March 20-27.

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Tinker & Create!

**CRAFT KIT PICK-UP FOR AGES 4-6
AT HAGEMAN BRANCH**

**Five
Engineering
Challenges**

Registration for this Craft Kit opens on Monday, March 1.

We invite you to use the supplies in this month's Craft Kit to build your own creations, or you can try our Five Engineering Challenges. Send photos of your structures for us to post to Facebook! Call the Hageman Branch at 926-9080 to reserve your Craft Kit, or register online.

This kit is picked up at the **HAGEMAN BRANCH** from March 8 - 15.

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**Bird Mobile
CRAFT KIT**

For children
ages 6-9

A little bird told us that spring has arrived!
Create a mobile to help spring take wing.

Registration for this Pick-up Craft Kit opens March 20.

Reserve your kit online or call the Thomas Branch at 926-7696.
This kit is picked up at **THOMAS** from March 27-April 5

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**CRAFTERNOONS
PICK-UP CRAFT KIT**
at the Hageman Branch

**FINGERPRINT
SHAMROCK ART**

Celebrate the month of March by creating lucky shamrock.

This craft kit is for ages 2-5. It includes supplies to take home and create your own project, while supplies last.

**Registration opens
MARCH 6.**

Call the Hageman Branch at 926-9080 to reserve your Craft Kit, or register online. This kit is picked up at the **HAGEMAN BRANCH** from March 13 - 20.

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STORYTIMES

Toddler Time

For children ages 2-3.

Join Miss Cyndi and Grandma Ann for a very active, musical storytime session.

Thomas Branch Storytime Kit pickup.

MONDAYS 10-10:30 AM

4/5 • 4/12 • 4/19 • 4/26

Stories and Kicks

For children ages 4-6.

Join Miss Jessica for exciting tales, silly songs, story acting, simple crafts, and more.

Thomas Branch Storytime Kit pickup.

TUESDAYS 10-10:30 AM

4/6 • 4/13 • 4/20 • 4/27

Tickle Tales

For children 9 to 24 months.

Join Miss Ronnie for an interactive program filled with songs, short books, fingerplays, and nursery rhymes.

Hageman Branch Storytime Kit pickup.

FRIDAYS 10-10:30 AM

4/9 • 4/16 • 4/23 • 4/30

Registration for ZOOM Storytimes with kit opens March 26.

Your one-time registration will reserve your spot for the duration of this **4-week series.**

Register for this program/Storytime Kit online or call to reserve your spot.

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MUSEUM

Cupcakes and Canvas: Bluebird



PREMIERING
Tuesday, March 23
at 10 AM



Join Museum Educator Susan Swarner as she shows you how to create a spring masterpiece. She will walk you through drawing the picture step by step and you can use whatever drawing or painting materials you have available.

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Alice Gray: The Real



Diana of the Dunes

Premiering on



Thursday, March 25 at 10 AM

Join museum educator Susan Swarner to learn about the life of Alice Gray, also known as Diana of the Dunes. Learn what life in the dunes was like for Alice, and walk along in her footsteps through the sand trails. Viewers will also get a glimpse of the new Diana of the Dunes Dare at the Indiana Dunes National Park.

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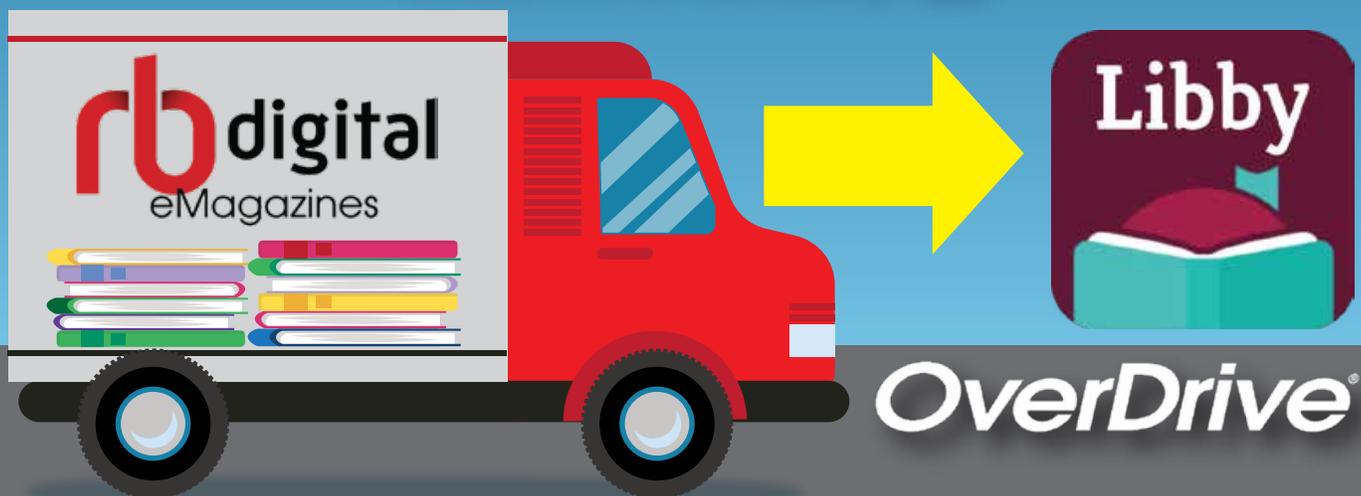


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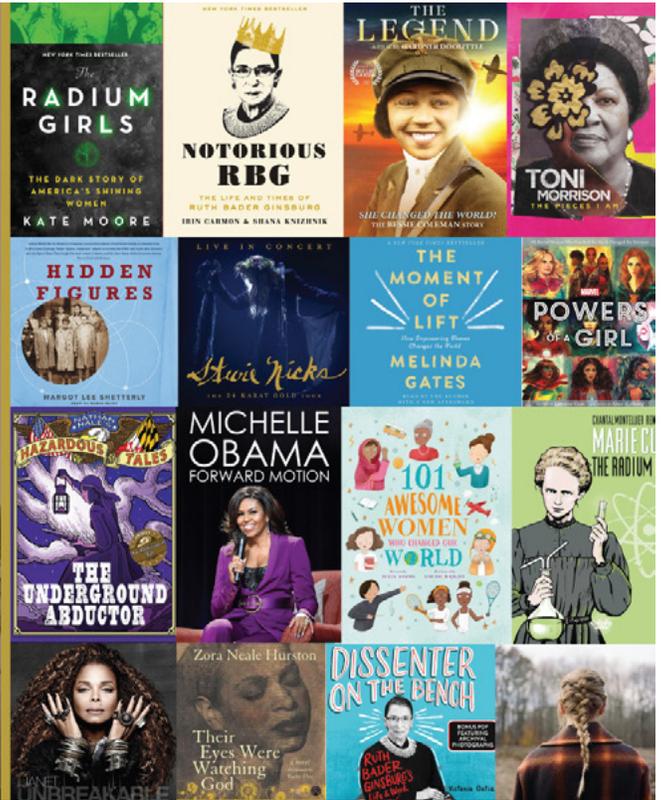
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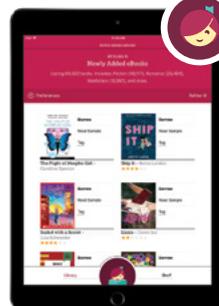
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STEAM activities, crafts and DIYs,
book reviews, and more.



NEW MOVIE & TELEVISION SERIES RELEASES

TV Series Title: *Freaks and Geeks: The Complete Series* // **Rating:** TV-14

Synopsis: A television show about two very unique cliques of teenagers dealing with life in a high school during the 1980s. The show covers everything that you remember from high school, and perhaps some somethings you may have chosen to forget.

TV Series Title: *My Hero Academia Seasons 1 and 2* // **Rating:** TV-14

Synopsis: A superhero-loving boy without any powers is determined to enroll in a prestigious hero academy and learn what it really means to be a hero.

Movie Title: *Suspiria* // **Rating:** R

Synopsis: Young American dancer Susie Bannion arrives in 1970s Berlin to audition for the world-renowned Helena Markos Dance Co. When she vaults to the role of lead dancer, the woman she replaces breaks down and accuses the company's female directors of witchcraft. Meanwhile, an inquisitive psychotherapist and a member of the troupe uncover dark and sinister secrets as they probe the depths of the studio's hidden underground chambers.