

## Adventure Begins on June 7th at Oostburg Public Library

Summer is just around the corner, which means The Summer Reading Program won't be far behind! We have a wide variety of exciting programs and offerings for all ages! With the return of Story Time for the littlest kids, an exciting slate of performers and workshops for elementary schoolers and teens, and an all-star lineup of guest speakers for adults, this is shaping up to be a summer for the history books!

Registration for all ages kicks off on June 7th from 9:00 am -5:00 pm. Kids who sign up on this day will be eligible to win door prizes and participate in other special events. Registrations will continue throughout the summer, so if you're

unable to make it that day, don't sweat it!

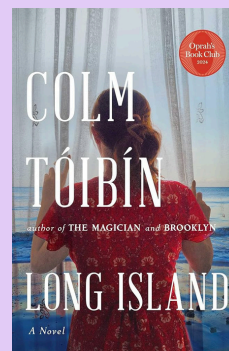
We are still looking for a few adults to help with summer reading signup on June 7th. To see what shifts are available, please stop in the library or give us a call.

We will have full details of all of the events for all ages this summer available soon, so keep an eye out for those!



**ADVENTURE** *BEGINS AT YOUR* **LIBRARY™**

### New at the Library



**Long  
Island**

Colm Tóibín

Colm Tóibín returns his attention to Enniscorthy for a third time, this time to continue the story of Eilis Lacey. Twenty years have past since we last saw Eilis at the end of *Brooklyn*, and she is now a mother of two teenagers. Her comfortable life in the suburbs is upended when a stranger knocks on her door with a startling revelation.

Tóibín clearly understands and cares deeply for all of these characters, and even when they're in the wrong, you find yourself rooting for them. The rare sequel that lives up to the original, *Long Island* is the work of a masterful writer using his powers to the fullest.



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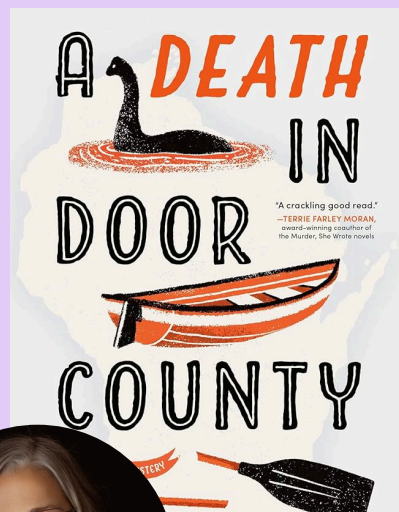
Go to [monarchcatalog.org](http://monarchcatalog.org) and select Try the New Catalog in the upper left-hand corner to use the new and enhanced Monarch Catalog! The new catalog strives to offer a more streamlined and user friendly experience.

We are currently in the soft launch phase, and we highly recommend that you fill out a survey if you try out the new catalog. The catalog will officially launch at the end of summer, but don't fret! The old catalog will remain an available option for you after launch.

The Friends of the Oostburg Public Library are sponsoring two powerhouse speakers in June! First, Annelise Ryan kicks off both our Summer Writer Series and our Adult Summer Programming on June 11th! Ryan, author of the USA Today Best Selling Monster Hunter Mysteries, is the first of three Wisconsin based authors who will be coming to the Oostburg Public Library this summer.

Two weeks later, Ben Chan, the professor from St. Norberts who took 2nd place on this year's Jeopardy! Tournament of Champions will be speaking about his time on the show, among other things. Though this is a library hosted event, it will be held on June 25th at 6:00 pm at the Oostburg High School Performing Arts Center.

## SUMMER WRITER SERIES



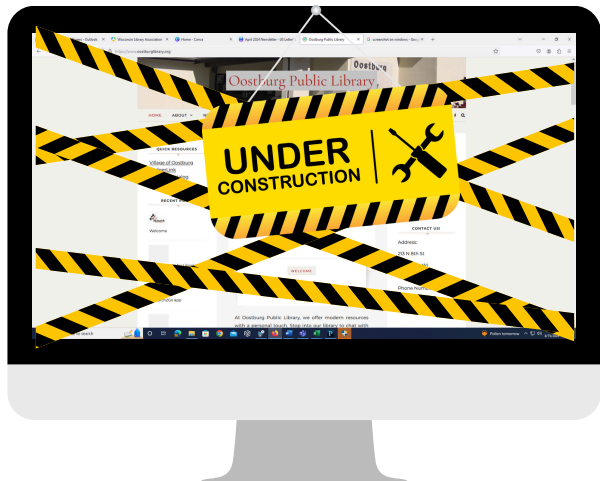
**Annelise Ryan**  
June 11  
6:00 pm



**WHO IS BEN CHAN?**

**JUNE 25TH AT  
6:00 PM  
OOSTBURG HIGH  
SCHOOL  
PERFORMING  
ARTS CENTER**

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If you've visited the Oostburg Public Library website recently, you've likely noticed that it's not the most user friendly experience. For years, the website has been pretty bare-bones. We haven't had staff with the time or the skills to keep our website up to date. Luckily, a few months ago, the Friends of the Library agreed to fund a complete overhaul of the library website!

We have hired Firespring, a company that specializes in websites for non-profits, and they've been working their tails off building a new website from the ground up. Jesse has been

similarly hard at work updating the site's content, and as of right now, the website should be ready for an initial launch before summer! Thank you to the Friends of the Library and everyone who has supported their fundraisers! This wouldn't be possible without you!

The new website will serve as the hub of information for the Oostburg Public Library, offering links to our online services, a calendar of events with details for upcoming programs, and a dedicated page for the Friends of the Library to share information. There will also be a digital archive of Newsletters, library board meeting agendas, and a full catalog of the Cake Pan Collection coming shortly after the website goes live.

This website upgrade is a long time coming, and we can't wait to share it with you once it is all finished!

## Congratulations!



2024 Sheboygan  
County Puzzle  
Champions  
"Puzzle Queens"

Winning Time : 37 minutes, 14 seconds

**Stop in at the Oostburg Public Library to see  
the trophy in person!**

## Upcoming Events

Sponsored by the Friends of the  
Oostburg Public Library

**June 11th - Summer Writers**

**Series: Annelise Ryan**

*Author of A Death in Door County*

**June 25th - Special Event: Who  
is Ben Chan?**

*The Jeopardy Champion comes to  
Oostburg*

**July 11th - Summer Writers**

**Series: Maggie Ginsberg**

*Author of Still True*

**August 15th - Summer Writers**

**Series: Lauren Fox**

*Author of Send for Me*

## A Note from the Director

Fun Fact: I have written and rewritten this newsletter no fewer than four times! This spring, things just kept popping up and changing, and as such, every time I was just about ready to distribute, the information in the newsletter was no longer correct! As a result, there was a rather lengthy pause between issues.

During that pause, we had a lovely PEEPs contest, removed all of the furniture in the library, had the old carpet ripped out and installed, got new desks for the public computer stations, and moved all of our furniture back into place. Meanwhile, I was also coordinating with the Firespring team and trying to stick to our website launch schedule, and coordinating our Adult Summer Reading Program speakers (though the majority of them could really be classified as all ages).

So there's been a lot going on around here! But I am very excited to be at the point where we can share some of the big projects we've been working on in the background.

By the way, have you seen the new carpet yet? I can't help but smile every time that I walk through the doors (not that I was frowning before). My goal with both the paint and the floor was to bring more light into the library in a way that would also complement the dark wood of our book cases. I think this mission was accomplished.

The next step in this revitalization effort is the Monarch Catalog, an update that I had to do blissfully little for. I find the new catalog to be much more straight forward and user friendly, and I hope you feel the same as you play around with the new interface. This project has been in the works at Monarch for longer than I've had this job, so it's extra satisfying to see it come to fruition. And then in early June, the new Oostburg Public Library website will launch, and I can't wait for you all to see that as well. Thank you all for your patience throughout all of these updates, and I hope to see you at summer reading signup!



Jesse Rogers Library Director

## Jesse's Pick



### ***A Magical Girl Retires***

***Park Seolyeon***

If it wasn't clear by now, I was a nerd growing up. And when I was growing up, the only way to be a nerd was to watch WB Kids on your local WB Affiliate Saturday mornings from 7:00 - 11:00. during this block of programming you would inevitably run across *Sailor Moon* or *Card Captor Sakura*.

All this to say, I'm familiar with the concept of Magical Girls, usually portrayed as teenage girls with the ability to transform Power Ranger-style into warriors of justice utilizing the power of friendship and some kind of gem.

So this story of a 29 year old girl floundering in debt who is told that she is destined to be the greatest Magical Girl of all time was a real treat. Seolyeon's novel takes the familiar tropes of the magical girl and imagines what they would look like in the real world, fighting terrorism and climate change. It's a wonderfully imaginative and all too relatable look at life in your late twenties, when you start to realize that maybe your big dreams aren't all going to come true.