

# Oak Harbor Public Library

## BEYOND THE PAGES

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Movie of the Month:

### *Alien Romulus*



Starring Cailee Spaeny as Rain , David Jonsson as Andy and Isabela Merced as Kay

Reviewed By: Alejandro Huizar

**A**lien Romulus (2024) is the seventh film in the Alien horror Franchise but this film takes place between the original Alien (1979) and its sequel Aliens (1986).

Even though it is the seventh film in

the franchise, this is one of the best films in the series. It has great suspense, some nice action scenes and some great twists along the way.

The story isn't all that new or original (which is why I am not giving it one more star to make it five) Basically you have your team that is basically fodder for the aliens and to show decent kills.

The last act of this film is where it begins to falter. It is basically the ending of *Alien Resurrection* (1997) which is, in my opinion, the worst film in the series, and the more we can forget about that film the better.

The movie also relies on some nostalgic moments from the Alien series, some memorable lines are brought up, cameos and kills that have been done before, which is another reason why it is not getting five stars.

But in contrast you do have some great characters and character development. One character in particular, Andy, who is an Android and switches between good and bad Android throughout the film. Great use of lighting and framing and a decent story up to the final act.

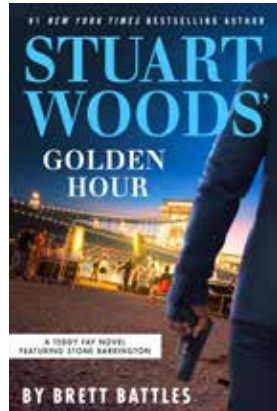
I give *Alien Romulus* four out of five stars, again it is mostly the third act where the film starts to lose it for me. You can call your local library to reserve a copy.



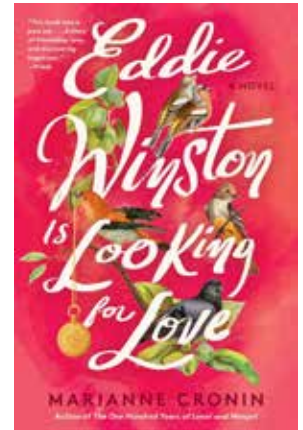
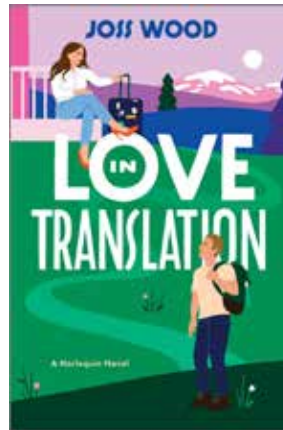
# NEW RELEASES

By Robin Vail

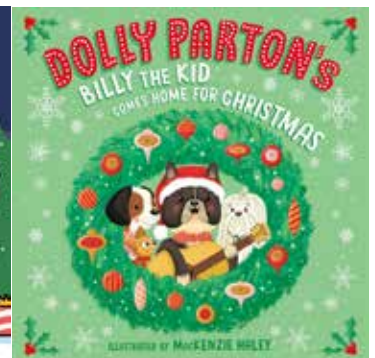
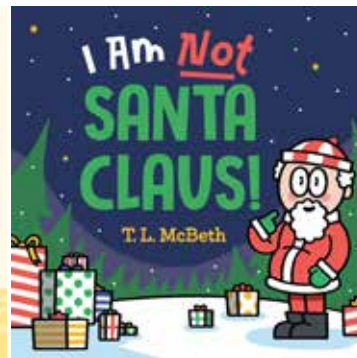
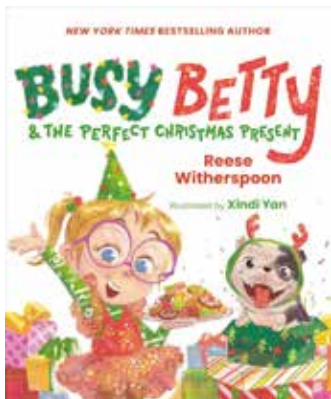
Coming this month to the Oak Harbor Library are Stuart Wood's new book *Golden Hour* and Robin Cook's newest *Bellevue*.



On a lighter note, we have *Kiss me at Christmas* by Jenny Bayliss; *Flirting with Alaska* by Belle Calhoun and *Lost in Translation* by Joss Wood. A funny story about friendship and finding unexpected love is *Eddie Winston is Looking for Love* by Marianne Cronin.



For the younger reader we have *Busy Betty and the Perfect Christmas Present* by Reese Witherspoon; *The Days After Christmas* by Maggie Rudd and *I am not Santa Claus* by T L McBeth. Dolly Parton's offering is called *Billy the Kid Comes Home For Christmas*.



# SNAPSHOTS

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# PROGRAMS

By JENNIFER WILKINS

## OPEN HOUSE

Join us for our Holiday Open House: December 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30. Music provided by OHHS students. Refreshments provided by Friends of the Oak Harbor Public Library. Come in, relax, and get in the Holiday spirit.

The Friends of the Oak Harbor Public Library are sponsoring a "Hat and Mitten Tree". Donations will be given to area schools and shared with children who are in need.

### For Kids:

Storytime: every Wednesday at 11:30

December 2-6: Make a recycled Christmas Ornament.

December 16-20: Make a paper chain.

### For Adults:

December 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 to noon—60+ Clinic with the Ottawa County Health Department. Call 419-734-6800 to schedule an appointment.

December 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30. Ottawa County Genealogical Society.

Tai Chi—Tuesdays at 10:00

Watercolor Group—Wednesdays from 12:30 to 4:00. Bring your own supplies.

Pinochle—Fridays at 2:00

Computer Classes are Tuesdays at 10:30 and Fridays at 2:00. Call 419-898-7001 to schedule an appointment.

## Tis the Season. . .

By Kathy Huffman

A blanket of white, a tree laden with festive ornaments, and twinkling lights to warm a long winter's night signal a season of hearth, friends, and family. This time of year, our thoughts drift to childhood memories and we find ourselves yearning for traditions of days past.



As long as I can remember, the streets of Oak Harbor have been aglow with colored lights. The colored globes atop the streetlights, which were first lit on August 8, 1914, have been a Christmas tradition since 1927. To achieve this spectacular display, the globes were first colored with food dye, lasting only 2 days. Then later wrapped in colored cellophane, lasting 2 weeks. Then in 1958, the Village purchased colored globes. To add a festive touch, live trees were tied to each pole beginning in 1947. Then replaced them with artificial trees in 2001.

Dotted throughout the Village, during the 1950's

and 60's, some not so traditional decorations were spotted. Does anyone remember the reindeer on the second-floor balcony on the northeast corner of Water and Maple streets? The reindeer was lit up for the holiday season. Or the reindeer mount with a lighted nose over the garage at 602 Locust Street?

Decorations aside, nothing portrays the holiday season like a Christmas tree. The first Village Christmas tree graced Oak Harbor in 1920 when the Oak Harbor Woman's Civic League placed a tree near the downtown interurban station. Throughout the next couple of decades, Christmas trees popped up here and there, however it was not until 1947 before they became a regular occurrence. The 1947 tree was located on the corner of (con't on page 5).

# LAST WORD

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Water and Church Streets. The Village tree remained downtown, at various locations, until 2002 when a large fir was decorated in Flat Iron Park. Then in 2005, a pine tree located in Kraemer (Log Cabin) Park was chosen and lit for the first time and has remained the Village tree ever since. Did you know historians speculate that the earliest known Christmas tree dates to the early 1500's when Germans brought ever-green conifers such as spruce, pine, or fir into their homes. They would decorate these trees with roses made of colored paper, tinsel, apples, wafers, and sweets.

Drawing on a childhood memory, nothing was more exciting than shopping for Christmas presents when you were a kid. Eyes big and (con't on page 5) wide at the sight of stores brimming with new toys, shiny trinkets for mom, and the perfect gift for dad. Kids, on their best behavior, spent all afternoon browsing the toys in either Felhaber's or Pitman/WR Thomas dime store. For dad, the place to shop was either the Oak Harbor Hardware, Graves Hardware, or the Portage Store. The ideal gift for mom awaited at either the Portage Store, Myland-

er Jewelry, or the Modernette. The Modernette opened on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 1935, and was run by Katherine Dubler. If one was picking out a gift for their mother, Mrs. Dubler allowed you to shop by yourself. In January of 1976, the store was sold and renamed as The Modernette Gift & Music Shoppe.

The season is not complete without a visit from the jolly old



elf himself, Santa. A busy man this time of the year, Santa has been spotted in various locations about town since even before Oak Harbor was Oak Harbor. In the 1840's, it was rumored Santa would stop by the Kraemer household for a visit. In the 1960's Santa had a small house located in front of the Police Station on Water Street. Records show from 1974 to roughly 1984, Santa's helper, played by Pete Macko,

could be found enjoying a visit at the Griest Motor Sales showroom. Then from 1997 to 2005 one could always find Santa in a little house at the Town Hall (Kraemer) park, near the Church Street sidewalk. When Mrs. Claus wanted to do a little shopping herself, they would make an appearance at Lene's Web just outside of town. Since 2007 Santa and Mrs. Claus have made regular visits to the

Log Cabin where he can still be found today.

Did you know that Santa has always preferred to arrive in Oak Harbor not by his trusty sleigh and team of reindeer but by firetruck. This year is no different. Santa will be traveling

through the Village on December 6 beginning at 5pm. Then Santa and Mrs. Claus will stop by the Log Cabin for a visit and light the Village Christmas tree.

This holiday season, slow down and take a moment to remember those childhood memories and traditions and allow them to fill you with a sense of holiday cheer. Happy Holidays.



# December 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Programs with an R, please register online or call 419-898-7001	2 Make a Recycled Christmas ornament 3	3 Tai Chi 10 R Computer Class 10:30 History Museum 1-5 Make a Recycled Christmas ornament 3	4 Storytime 11:30 Watercolor 12:30 Make a Recycled Christmas Ornament 3	5 History Museum 10-2 & 5-7 Make a Recycled Christmas Ornament 3	6 R Computer Class 2 Pinochle 2 Make a Recycled Christmas Ornament 3	7
8 Programs in Green are for children/teens	9	10 Tai Chi 10 R Computer Class 10:30 History Museum 1-5 Holiday Open House 5:30	11 60 Plus Clinic 9:30 Storytime 11:30 Watercolor 12:30	12 Needlecrafts 9:30 Ottawa Co Job Store 12-2 History Museum 10-2 & 5-7	13 R Computer Class 2 Pinochle 2	14
15 Programs in Blue are for adults	16 Make a Christmas Tree Paper Chain 3	17 Tai Chi 10 R Computer Class 10:30 History Museum 1-5 Make a Christmas Tree Paper Chain 3 OCOGS 5:30	18 Storytime 11:30 Watercolor 12:30 Make a Christmas Tree Paper Chain 3	19 History Museum 10-2 & 5-7 Make a Christmas Tree Paper Chain 3	20 R Computer Class 2 Pinochle 2 Make a Christmas Tree Paper Chain 3	21
22 Please consider donating to our hat and mitten tree during the month of December	23	24 <b>CLOSED: Christmas Eve</b>	25 <b>CLOSED: Christmas Day</b>	26 Needlecrafts 9:30 History Museum 10-2 & 5-7	27 R Computer Class 2 Pinochle	28
29 There will be no book clubs this month.	30	31 CLOSE AT 5:00 Tai Chi 10 R Computer Class 10:30 History Museum 1-5				

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