

The **BIG** Read 2023-24



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A Memoir of Survival on Stolen Land



Toni Jensen

Goal: The goal of Owens Community College's BIG Read is to bring awareness of different perspectives through books and accompanying activities on campus and in our surrounding communities.

2023-24 Themes: Toni Jensen is an indigenous person, and the themes are violence—gun violence, physical violence, violence against women, violence stemming from race; the looming threat of violence; fear; connection to people and land; race; what it means to live vs. survive; the story of one's life being told by the toll on one's body.

Where can I get it? We will have copies in a few weeks and will email you when they arrive. If you want to get started before that, it is on Libby, as an audiobook too. And, Jensen reads it, which is an extra bonus! It can also be found on [Amazon](#), [Random House's website](#), and Audible.

We will be selling bookmarks w/ a free book on September 7 for your students; details are below.

2023 Summer Events

BIG Read Book Club*

June 21—12p—CH 117

July 12—12p—CH 153

August 23—12p—CH 153

Join us as we dive into the 2023-2024 Book.

*If on the Findlay Campus, reach out to Paul Weaver, in the Findlay Library, to be linked into the Toledo Campus.

2023 Fall Events*

Bookmark Sale

September 7—All day, Owens Community College Library & FH Front Office

All bookmarks come with a free copy of the book.

Confronting Biases

September 7—11a-12p—CH 100 & Livestreamed

Unconscious biases that revolve around race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, socioeconomic status, etc. are in the background of our minds; we are often unaware of how they influence our decisions and thinking. Join us as we discuss overcoming these biases during this dynamic presentation.

Indigenous People's Day

October 9—1p—CH 100 & Livestreamed

Join us as we have indigenous speakers discuss their culture.

Human Library

November 2—10a-12p—HH 123

Humans as books? Yes! Join us as we “check out” human books to better understand someone who has experienced prejudice or has been stigmatized and ultimately, “unjudge.”

Documentary Film Showing

November 15—11a—CH 100 & Livestreamed

Join us as we watch and discuss a documentary with themes revolving around indigenous peoples; link to vote for the documentary will be posted in the summer.

“Let's Talk BIG w/ Jane & Jen”

Thursdays, All semester long—7a, 10a, 7p, & 10p—Owens Community College Radio or the OCCR YouTube Channel.

*More to come as we continue to work with other offices on campus to include activities with similar themes.

Spring 2024 Tentative Events

Bookmark Sale

Confronting Biases

Faces of Art Exhibit—See attached example assignment. Please join us if you are interested in incorporating in your classes.

Author Visit

Announcement w/ Film Showing

Instructor Workshop

What is your BIG adventure?

Use the adventure that best fits with your course.

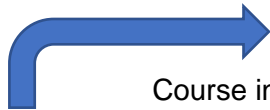
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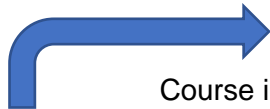
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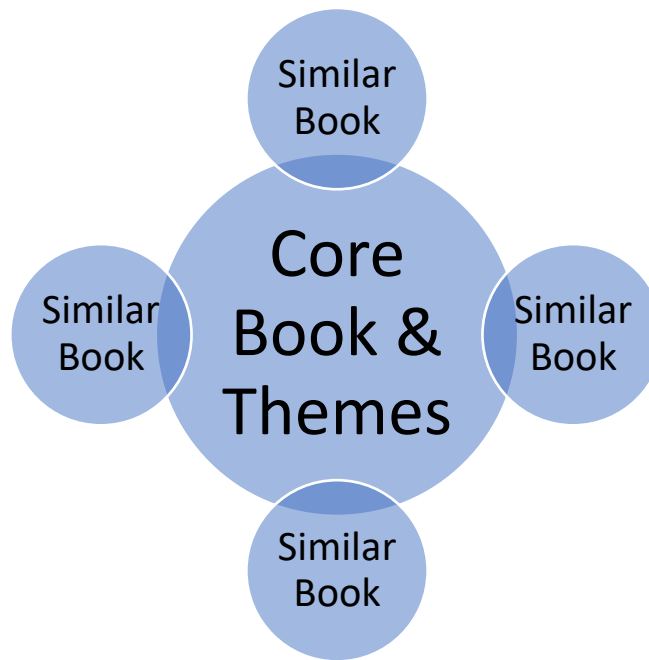
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Total BIG



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Reading Circles



Possible Reading Circle Books

*Synopses excerpted from Amazon and Goodreads.

All the books below are available by checking them out with Christine in the Founders Hall Front Office.

***Black Water: Family, Legacy and Blood Memory* by David Robertson**

"The son of a Cree father and a white mother, David A. Robertson grew up with virtually no awareness of his Indigenous roots. David grew up without his father's teachings or any knowledge of his early experiences. All he had was 'blood memory': the pieces of his identity ingrained in the fabric of his DNA..."

***Come Home Indio: A Memoir* by Jim Terry (Graphic Novel)**

"In his memoir, we are invited to walk through the life of the author, Jim Terry, as he struggles to find security and comfort in an often hostile environment. Between the Ho-Chunk community of his Native American family in Wisconsin and his schoolmates in the Chicago suburbs, he tries in vain to fit in..."

***The Firekeeper's Daughter* by Angeline Boulley**

"Eighteen-year-old Daunis Fontaine has never quite fit in, both in her hometown and on the nearby Ojibwe reservation. She dreams of a fresh start at college, but when family tragedy strikes, Daunis puts her future on hold to look after her fragile mother."

Also available on Libby as an audiobook too.

***Columbine* by Dave Cullen**

"The tragedies keep coming. As we reel from the latest horror . . . ' So begins a new epilogue, illustrating how Columbine became the template for nearly two decades of 'spectacle murders.' It is a false script, seized upon by a generation of new killers. In the wake of Newtown, Aurora, and Virginia Tech, the imperative to understand the crime that sparked this plague grows more urgent every year."

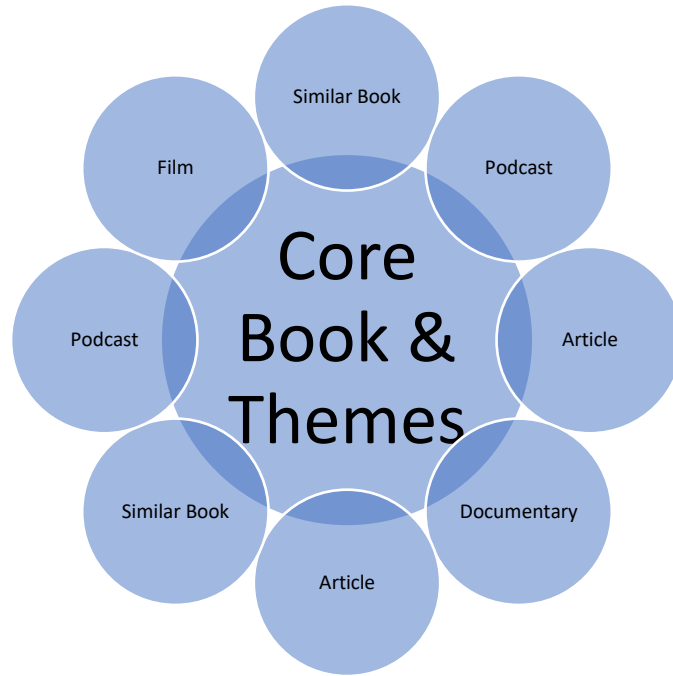
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***Heart Berries* by Terese Marie Mailhot**

“*Heart Berries* is a powerful, poetic memoir of a woman's coming of age on the Seabird Island Indian Reservation in the Pacific Northwest. Having survived a profoundly dysfunctional upbringing only to find herself hospitalized and facing a dual diagnosis of post-traumatic stress disorder and bipolar II disorder; Terese Marie Mailhot is given a notebook and begins to write her way out of trauma. The triumphant result is *Heart Berries*, a memorial for Mailhot's mother, a social worker and activist who had a thing for prisoners; a story of reconciliation with her father—an abusive drunk and a brilliant artist—who was murdered under mysterious circumstances; and an elegy on how difficult it is to love someone while dragging the long shadows of shame.”

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Podcasts

Missing & Murdered
Stolen
Muddied Water: 1870 Homeland of the Metis?
This Place
Indigenous Vision
Shaping the Narrative—[Book Club Discussion of Jensen's Book](#) Episode
Marion Roach Smith's Qwerty—[Episode 48](#) with Toni Jensen
Let's Talk BIG w/ Jane & Jen

Documentaries*

Rumble: The Indians Who Rocked the World
By Blood
The Daughter of Dawn
What was Ours
Lake of Betrayal

Feature Films*

Smoke Signals
Dances with Wolves
Wind River
Crooked Arrows
Road to Paloma
Black Robe

*All can be made available through either Kanopy or Swank Databases at the OCC Library.

Thank you for joining us!

Please let us know how we did and what questions you still have by filling out the survey after clicking on this QR code.



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