

This is a coming-of-age story and a futuristic tale that was written by female science fiction writer Leigh Brackett in 1955, at the height of the Cold War. It seemed inevitable that the U.S. and the Soviet Union would engage in nuclear war. This novel explores one of the possible outcomes of that battle. Nominated for a Hugo Award, science fiction's most prestigious award, in 1956, the novel was included in the Library of America two-volume boxed set *American Science Fiction: Nine Classic Novels of the 1950s*, edited by Gary K. Wolfe.

Copies of the book in paper format are available to borrow from many of the libraries in Trumbull County.



Two generations after the destruction of the world as they knew it, the survivors in *The Long Tomorrow* have taken up a simple existence where technology is considered evil and no cities are permitted. Religious leaders forbid any acknowledgment of what life was like before the apocalypse. Cousins Esau and Len are growing tired of their lives in a repressive farming community in northeastern Ohio. The boys stumble upon a radio and hear rumors of a functioning city in the West. They decide to risk everything and strike out for Bartorstown to see if it's more than a myth.

## ABOUT THE BOOK

One Book/One Community is an annual community initiative that encourages everyone to celebrate reading through conversations and events related to one book.

Be part of One Book/One Community 2020 as we read and discuss the futuristic 1950s science fiction novel, *The Long Tomorrow* by Leigh Brackett.

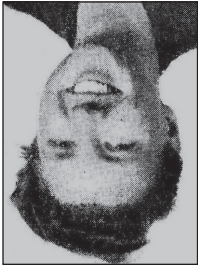
Public discussions about the book will be held at many Trumbull County libraries, and a unique series of free events is planned throughout March.

## ABOUT ONE BOOK/ONE COMMUNITY

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Leigh Brackett (1915-1978) was born in Los Angeles, California, but moved to Kinsman, Ohio, with her husband, fellow science fiction writer Edmond Hamilton. The couple spent a quarter century in northeast Ohio before her return to California. Her observation of the local Amish community heavily influenced *The Long Tomorrow*.

Brackett was specifically a science fiction author, and she has been referred to as the Queen of Space Opera. She was also a screenwriter, known for her work on such films as *The Big Sleep*, *Rio Bravo*, and *The Long Goodbye*. She worked on a draft of the *Star Wars* sequel, delivered just prior to her death, and received full screenwriting credit for *Star Wars: Episode V – The Empire Strikes Back*.



Leigh Brackett

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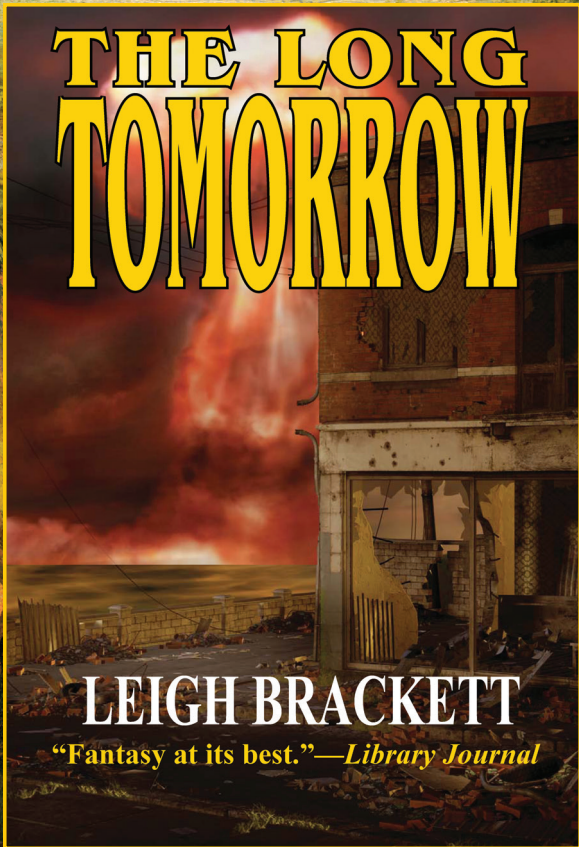
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## Free Programs & Events Guide



### *The Long Tomorrow*

is a science fiction novel written by Leigh Brackett, who lived in Trumbull County for 25 years. This classic 1955 novel was inspired by Brackett's interest in local Amish culture and the threat of nuclear annihilation during the Cold War.

Join the conversation during  
One Book/One Community

March 2020



## BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Read Leigh Brackett's *The Long Tomorrow* and then join in a lively discussion about culture, society, technology, and changes that have impact on the future of humanity. Share your impressions; hear what others think.

- **Tues., March 3 at 6:30 p.m.**  
Bristol Library
- **Thurs., March 5 at 3 p.m.**  
Niles S.C.O.P.E., 14 E. State St., Niles
- **Mon., March 9 at 6:30 p.m.**  
McKinley Birthplace Home, 40 S. Main St., Niles
- **Tues., March 10 at 6 p.m.**  
Kinsman Free Public Library
- **Thurs., March 12 at 2 p.m.**  
Warren Library
- **Thurs., March 19 at 2:30 p.m.**  
Brookfield Library
- **Thurs., March 19 at 6:30 p.m.**  
Warren Library
- **Mon., March 23 at 6 p.m.**  
Lordstown Library
- **Tues., March 24 at 6:30 p.m.**  
Cortland Library
- **Wed., March 25 at 6:30 p.m.**  
Howland Library
- **Tues., March 31 at 6 p.m.**  
Hubbard Public Library, Schafer Room
- **Tues., March 31 at 6 p.m.**  
Liberty Library

## MOVIE SHOWINGS

### *Blast From the Past*

(New Line Cinema, 1999. Rated PG-13. Runtime 106 minutes.)

A man raised in a bomb shelter ventures into the real world and falls for a cynical '90s gal.

- **Tues., March 3 at 5:30 p.m.**  
Liberty Library

### *The Vampire's Ghost*

(Paramount Pictures, 1945. Not Rated. Runtime 59 minutes.)

Leigh Brackett, our One Book/One Community featured author, wrote the screenplay for this lurid 1945 film set in an African port where strange murders are leaving the victims drained of blood! A discussion led by a reference librarian will follow the movie.

- **Mon., March 9 at 2 p.m.**  
Warren Library

### *13 West Street*

(Columbia Pictures Industries Inc., 1962. Not Rated. Runtime 80 minutes.)

After being assaulted by young toughs, a scientist decides to take the law into his own hands and track them down. Based on a novel by Leigh Brackett. A discussion led by a reference librarian will follow the movie.

- **Mon., March 16 at 2 p.m.**  
Warren Library

### *Café & Matinee*

We will be showing the *Star Wars* sequel which credits Leigh Brackett as a writer. A light snack will be provided.

- **Fri., March 20 at 1 p.m.**  
Kinsman Free Public Library

### *The Big Sleep*

(Warner Bros., 1946. Not Rated. Runtime 114 minutes.)

Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall ignite the screen in this classic film noir adaptation of Raymond Chandler's steamy detective novel. *The Long Tomorrow* author Leigh Brackett collaborated on the screenplay along with William Faulkner and Jules Furthman.

- **Mon., March 23 at 5:30 p.m.**  
Howland Library

### *Panic in Year Zero*

(Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, Inc., 1962. Not Rated. Runtime 92 minutes.)

A family try to survive looters, vigilantes and motorcycle punks as they flee a nuclear disaster in Los Angeles and head to their remote vacation spot. Ray Milland stars and also directed.

- **Tues., March 24 at 5:30 p.m.**  
Liberty Library

### *Dr. Strangelove*

(Columbia Pictures Industries, 1964. Rated PG. Runtime 95 minutes.)

In this comedy, a fanatical U.S. general launches a nuclear attack on Russia during the Cold War, but the President and his advisors are shocked to learn that the Russians have technology to destroy the world in the event of an attack on them. A discussion led by a reference librarian will follow the movie.

- **Mon., March 30 at 2 p.m.**  
Warren Library

## GUEST LECTURES

### The Life of Leigh Brackett

Don Sutton, local historian and personal friend of Leigh Brackett, will be here to reminisce about the author's time in Kinsman, Ohio. For teens and adults.

- **Wed., March 4 at 6 p.m.**  
Kinsman Free Public Library

### About the Author: The Intriguing Life of Leigh Brackett

Author Leigh Brackett was a remarkable woman. She excelled in two fields where few women had ever made a name or a living – screenwriting and science fiction stories – and succeeded at both. Spending 25 years living in Kinsman, Ohio, with her husband definitely shaped *The Long Tomorrow*, our One Book/One Community reading choice. Join us to learn more and celebrate this extraordinary woman's life and legacy.

- **Wed., March 4 at 6 p.m.**  
Howland Library
- **Thurs., March 5 at 11 a.m.**  
Cortland Library
- **Thurs., March 19 at 6 p.m.**  
Liberty Library

### The Golden Age of Science Fiction

Professor James Canacci with Kent State University Trumbull will talk about the 1950s during which the science fiction genre gained wide public attention and many classic science fiction stories were published, including *The Long Tomorrow*. Science fiction writings and films were becoming a powerful social force. Learn how it started and how it changed with the launch of Sputnik in 1957.

- **Sat., March 7 at 2 p.m.**  
Warren Library

### Union Talk

Would a union have helped or hindered Mike Dulinsky and his factory? Tony Budak, Gathering Facilitator, invites you to share and discuss unions and their impact in this open agenda conversation.

- **Mon., March 9 at 6 p.m.**  
Hubbard Public Library

### Secret Destinations Unveiled

All over the world, there are secret cities, apartments, and vaults. (Some of these places would resemble Bartorstown, a fictional city in Leigh Brackett's *The Long Tomorrow*.) Join us for this presentation, including photos and video snippets, about these real-life secret destinations.

- **Wed., March 11 at 2 p.m.**  
Warren Library

### Bartering with Time

Tony Budak, Gathering Facilitator, invites you to share and learn more about time as a method of currency. Discuss loyalty

card programs, TimeBank Mahoning Watershed, and more in this open agenda conversation.

- **Thurs., March 12 at 6 p.m.**  
Hubbard Public Library

### Moving Off the Farm and Trying to Stay Amish

Amish life is changing in some very significant ways due to economic pressures that have pushed many off the farm. Susan Trollinger, an Ohio Humanities speaker, will examine what's being called "the Amish Industrial Revolution" and explore whether the Amish can remain Amish. *This program is made possible in part by the Ohio Humanities Council a state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.*

- **Sat., March 14 at 2 p.m.**  
Warren Library

### The Cold War from the Russian Perspective

Brian Bonhomme is a Youngstown State University professor and historian of Russia and the USSR. He will contextualize *The Long Tomorrow* by looking at the early Cold War, emphasizing both the reality and the rhetoric of the arms race and focusing on popular concerns and media coverage of nuclear testing and the possibility of nuclear war.

- **Sat., March 21 at 2 p.m.**  
Cortland Library

### Amish Culture Explored

Explore the Amish way of life with Sharon Grover of the Amish Learning Center at Ridgeview Farm in Middlefield, Ohio. She will explain the history, traditions, and rules of Amish culture. Q & A to follow.

- **Sun., March 22 at 2 p.m.**  
Warren Library

### The Cold War from the USA Perspective

Written in 1955, Leigh Brackett's *The Long Tomorrow*'s central setting of a post-nuclear war America was most certainly influenced by the real-life events surrounding the escalation of the Cold War occurring at that time. Doctor Joel Baehler, an instructor of history at Kent State University, will provide a talk about those Cold War events. Registration, though not required, is requested by calling the Howland Library at 330.856.2011.

- **Sat., March 28 at 2 p.m.**  
Howland Library

## THEMED ACTIVITIES

### Tween & Teen Tech Thing: Binary Code Message

Learn how to use a computer code to write a secret message. For ages 11 – 18.

- **Tues., March 3 at 4:30 p.m.**  
Kinsman Free Public Library

### Escape From Bartorstown

Register in advance with a group of 7 or less to test your ability to escape our version of Bartorstown! Each group will have 45 minutes to solve the puzzles and be declared Free! For times and registration information, call the Hubbard Public Library at 330.534.3512 ext. 2.

- **Thurs., March 5**  
Hubbard Public Library

- **Mon., March 30**  
Hubbard Public Library

### Cookbook Club: Blast from the Past – Let's Go Retro

Join us as we explore retro food themes through cookbooks. Select and make a recipe from a cookbook or magazine. (No Internet recipes please.) Bring your dish to share along with a copy of your recipe. Registration is required; call the Liberty Library at 330.759.2589.

- **Tues., March 10 at 6 p.m.**  
Liberty Library

### Can you Hear me? Over!

Learn about the history of the ham radio and TRY ONE! You can get some "on the air" experience with operators Bruce Gibson K3BEG, Bonnie Viele N8MCX, and other hams from the Mercer County Amateur Radio Club W3LIF. Displays and handouts will be available.

- **Sat., March 14 from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.**  
Hubbard Public Library

### Creative Kids: Galaxy Painting

Reach for the stars and paint a galaxy on canvas. For ages 3 – 12.

- **Tues., March 17 at 4:30 p.m.**  
Kinsman Free Public Library

### Mini ShareFest

Mini Sharefest is a free event and forum of creativity, passion, and knowledge. A time and place where folks share their dreams, experiences, and good deed community contributions. You're invited to help make this event a success! Let's do the three R's – Reduce, Reuse and Recycle! We'll build relationships, share knowledge, and make old things like new again. Here's how it works: Everyone is welcome and everyone can participate – bring a friend (or 3 or more)! Bring something that needs to be fixed! Bring your repair skills or just come and share the fun and community!

- **Sat., March 21 between 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.**  
Hubbard Public Library

### Escape Room: Stop the Robot Apocalypse

Can you figure out how to stop the Robot Apocalypse? Sign up as a team or as an individual to test your skills at solving puzzles and finding clues at our Escape Room! Registration is required; call the Warren Library at 330.399.8807 ext. 200.

- **Sat., March 21 between 1 - 5 p.m.**  
Warren Library

### Show Us Your Card *Star Wars* Swim Party

Grab your swim suit and your library card from any of the participating libraries to gain entrance to this free family fun night! Show us your library card at the door to enjoy two hours of swimming and *Star Wars* themed games and activity stations. Hosted by Kinsman Free Public Library, Newton Falls Public Library, Bristol Public Library, Hubbard Public Library, and Warren-Trumbull County Public Library.

- **Fri., March 27 from 6 to 8 p.m.**  
Held at Hubbard Community Swimming Pool, 200 Hall Ave. SE, Hubbard

### Bartorstown Bazaar

"You can't destroy knowledge. You can stamp it under and burn it up and forbid it to be, but somewhere it will survive." In a world where technology is forbidden, how does it survive? Knowledge never dies. Come enjoy an exhibit featuring technology throughout the years, such as telephones; create a binary code bracelet with a secret message; and throw yourself into a world where technology is against the law. This bazaar will teach family members of all ages about electricity, and how to live in a world where our modern conveniences are not permitted. Presented by Hubbard Public Library, Kinsman Free Public Library, McKinley Memorial Library and McKinley Memorial Museum.

- **Sat., March 28 between 2 – 4 p.m.**  
McKinley Memorial Museum and Auditorium, 40 N. Main St., Niles

### Craftnology: Binary Code Bracelet

Craftnology, the program where crafts and tech combine! Come make your own wearable computer code. For teens and adults.

- **Tues., March 31 at 4:30 p.m.**  
Kinsman Free Public Library