
The "Word of the Week" from Weeks Gone By

A list of words that have appeared as the *"Word of the Week"* on the Darlington County Library System's homepage.

Abibliophobia (noun)

The fear of running out of reading material or things to read. The Library has the cure for abibliophobia!

Absetentious (adjective)

Given to or marked by restraint in the in the satisfaction of one's appetites. This is the longest word to use all five vowels in order exactly once . Abstentious readers are encouraged to indulge in reading at the Library!

Adultescent (noun)

An adult who is still actively interested in youth culture. A young adult or middle-aged person who has interests, traits, etc., that are usually associated with teenagers. Adultecents are welcome at the Library!

Afrofuturism (noun)

A movement in literature, music, art, etc., that combines elements of futuristic, science fiction, historical fiction, fantasy, Afrocentricity, and magic realism themes incorporating elements of African American history and culture. Discover Afrofuturism at the Library!

Agathokakological (adjective)

Composed of both good and evil. Discover the stories of many agathokakological souls at the Library!

Agritecture (noun)

The art and practice of designing and making buildings that are inspired by farm buildings, or this architectural style. Examples of agritecture can be found at the Library!

Algocracy (noun)

A social system where people are governed and important decisions are made by computer algorithms. Discover the future of algocracy in science fiction and science fact through what you can find at the Library!

Amphigory (noun)

A meaningless or nonsensical piece of writing, especially one intended as a parody. Verse with apparent meaning that on further attention proves to be meaningless nonsense. Lighten your mood with a few bits of amphigory from the Library!

Anthropocene (noun)

A proposed epoch of the present time, occurring since mid-20th century, when human activity began to effect significant environmental consequences, specifically on ecosystems and climate. Discover the science behind the debate on whether we are now living in the Anthropocene era through the vetted online and print resources you will find at the Library!

Anthropocentric (adjective)

Viewing and interpreting everything in terms of human experience and values. Regarding the human being as the central fact of the universe. Assuming human beings to be the final aim and end of the universe. The Library is the perfect place to find resources to test anthropocentric viewpoints!

Apposite (adjective)

Strikingly appropriate or relevant. Well suited for the purpose. You are guaranteed to find an apposite book, DVD, program, e-book, or service for your life at the Library!

Argot (noun)

The special vocabulary, jargon, or slang of a particular profession, social group, or class. Can't make sense of a profession's argot? The Library can help you divine its meaning!

Armamentarium (noun)

The aggregate of equipment, methods, and techniques available to one for carrying out one's duties. Make the information resources at the Library part of your armamentarium!

Atemporal (adjective)

Free from limitations of time. Existing or considered without relation to time. Unaffected by time. Timeless. Permanent or unchanging. Experience atemporal moments through stories read, listened to, and watched from the Library!

Autodidact (noun)

A person who has learned a subject without the benefit of a teacher or formal education. A self-taught person. Become an autodidact by using the Library!

Aver (verb)

Assert or affirm with confidence. To say something in a strong or confident way. Aver your position on an issue with the facts you collect at the Library!

Bafflegab (noun)

Confusing or generally unintelligible jargon. Incomprehensible or pretentious language. Cut through all the bafflegab in the world using the resources you will find at the Library!

Ballyhoo (noun)

Sensational or clamorous advertising or publicity. Noisy shouting or uproar. Want to separate the ballyhoo from fact about the latest product? The Library staff can help you sort out the facts from all the hype.

Bardolatry (noun)

Great or excessive adoration of or reverence for William Shakespeare. Indulge your bardolatry through the Library!

Bastion (noun)

Anything seen as preserving or protecting some quality, condition, etc. The Library is a bastion of knowledge, learning, and intellectual freedom.

Bellwether (noun)

An indicator or predictor of something. A person or thing that shows the existence or direction of a trend. Someone or something that leads others or shows what will happen in the future. Discover the true bellwethers of our time through the resources you will find at the Library!

Bibliosmia (noun)

The smell and aroma of a good book. The “fix” that comes from smelling the aroma of a book. Enjoy the bibliosmia of a good book you borrowed from the Library in the comfort of your home!

Bibliotaph (noun)

A person who caches or hoards books. Satisfy your urge to become a bibliotaph by visiting the Library!

Bibliotherapy (noun)

The use of reading materials for help in solving personal problems or for psychiatric therapy. Guidance in the solution of personal problems through directed reading. Find your prescribed bibliotherapy reading materials at the Library!

Bingeable (adjective)

Having multiple episodes or parts that can be watched in rapid succession. Why go to Amazon or Netflix when the Library has the bingeable book and video series you want for free!

Biota (noun)

The animals, plants, fungi, etc., of a particular region, habitat, or geological period. Discover more about the biota of the Pee Dee Region and South Carolina at the Library!

Blinkered (adjective)

Narrow-minded and subjective. Unwilling to understand another viewpoint. Avoid the trap of a blinkered mind with what you can find at the Library!

Bloviate (verb)

To speak pompously. To talk or discourse at length in a pompous, inflated, empty, or boastful manner. When a commentator starts to bloviate on the latest news, the Library has what you need to get to the heart of the issue!

Bonhomie (noun)

Cheerful and easy-going friendliness. A pleasant and affable disposition; geniality. a good-natured manner. Drop in any time and experience the bonhomie of the Library's staff! We are here to help you!

Bootstrap (verb)

To help (oneself) without the aid of others. Get (oneself or something) into or out of a situation using existing resources. Bootstrap yourself into a bright future with the multitude of free resources you will find at the Library!

Bracketology (noun)

A system of diagrammatically predicting and tracking the process of elimination among sequentially paired opponents in a tournament, especially an NCAA basketball tournament. Win that NCAA basketball

tournament pool by starting your bracketology research using the resources you will find at the Library!

Brevity (noun)

The quality of expressing much in few words. Shortness of time or duration. Briefness. When brevity is of the utmost importance, the Library can help you find just the right words to use.

Brouhaha (noun)

An uproar or noisy response. A noisy and overexcited reaction or response to something. Visit the Library to discover what all the brouhaha is about!

Brumal (adjective)

Characteristic of or relating to winter. Wintry. As brumal weather is now upon us, the Library is the perfect place to find something to read, listen to, or watch during those long, dark, and cold nights!

Buzzword (noun)

A word or phrase that becomes very popular for a period of time. An important sounding, usually technical, word or phrase used by members of an "in-group" having little or imprecise meaning used chiefly to impress outsiders. Catch up on the meaning of the latest buzzwords at the Library!

Byzantine (adjective)

An overly complex system. Of a system or situation that is excessively complicated, typically involving a great deal of administrative detail. The Library has the resources to help you navigate any byzantine challenge that may confront you!

Campcraft (noun)

The art of outdoor camping. Make reading a novel from the Library a part of your campcraft!

Catachresis (noun)

Use of the wrong word for the context. Misuse or strained use of words, as in a mixed metaphor, occurring either in error or for rhetorical effect. The Library can always help you prevent an embarrassing case of catachresis!

Causerie (noun)

An informal talk or chat. A short, informal essay, article, etc. Find the all the right words and data you need for your next causerie at the Library!

Censorship (noun)

The suppression or prohibition of any parts of books, films, news, etc. that are considered obscene, politically unacceptable, or a threat to security. Censorship is the focus of “Banned Book Week” at the Library with book displays and an “I READ BANNED BOOKS” button giveaway on Wednesday!

Chairdrobe (noun)

A chair piled high with clothes that is used in place of a closet or dresser. The Library can help you with tips on how to organize your wardrobe and avoid having to use a chairdrobe.

Chimerical (adjective)

Wildly fanciful or unrealistic, imaginary. Created by or as if by a wildly fanciful imagination. Indulge your imagination with the many chimerical tales to be found at the Library!

Chocolate (noun)

A preparation of the seeds of cacao, roasted, husked, and often sweetened and flavored. February is National Chocolate Lovers' Month. You will always find a new way of indulging your love of chocolate through what the Library has to offer!

Cli-fi (noun)

Climate fiction. A genre of fiction that deals with the impacts of climate change and global warming. A narrative that deal with how humans manage living in real and imaginary environments with severely altered climates. Get your cli-fi at the Library!

Climatarian (noun)

An individual who chooses to eat a diet that has minimal impact on the climate or environment. Discover climatarian recipes at the Library!

Cognoscenti (noun)

Persons who have superior knowledge and understanding of a particular field, especially in the fine arts, literature, and world of fashion. Become part of the cognoscenti through what you can find at the Library!

Cosplay (noun)

The art or practice of wearing costumes to portray characters from fiction, especially from manga, animation, fantasy, and science fiction. Learn more about your cosplay character and how to make a costume at the Library!

Colophon (noun)

An inscription at the end of a book or manuscript usually with facts about its production. An identifying mark used by a printer or a publisher. Colophons, books, and the Library are a natural trio!

Commodious (noun)

Spacious and convenient. Roomy. Ample or adequate for a particular purpose. The Library is a commodious place to discover new insights, meet friends, and relax!

Conciliate (verb)

To overcome the distrust or hostility of. Stop (someone) from being angry or discontented. Placate. Win over. To make compatible. Reconcile. The Library is a great place to start your search for what you need to know to conciliate your opposition!

Confabulate (verb)

To converse informally. Chat. Engage in conversation. To hold a discussion. Talk. Confabulate at the Library!

Conlang (noun).

An artificially created, invented, or constructed language intended for human communication that has planned and cohesive phonological, grammatical, and syntactical systems, such as Esperanto, Elvish, Klingon, etc. The Library is the perfect place to start when learning a conlang!

Contextomy (noun)

The practice of misquoting someone by shortening the quotation or by leaving out surrounding words or sentences that would place the quotation in context. Combat contextomy in today's 24 news cycles with the resources you will find at the Library!

Cosplay (noun)

The art or practice of wearing costumes to portray characters from fiction, especially from manga, animation, fantasy, and science fiction. Learn more about your cosplay character and how to make a costume at the Library!

Couplie (noun)

A selfie made of two people. A blend of the words "couple" and "selfie." Discover new words, like "couplie," through the Library's Word of the Week!

Coze (noun)

A friendly talk or chat. To converse in a friendly way. A state of comfort and warmth. The Library is the perfect place any day for relaxing coze.

Crackerjack (noun)

A person or thing of marked ability or excellence. The Library has what you need to become a crackerjack in today's world!

Craftivism (noun)

A form of political or social activism in which practitioners can use the practice of traditional crafts, such as sewing and needlework, to promote a cause. Discover ideas for your next craftivism project at the Library!

Craic (noun)

An Irish word for news, gossip, fun, entertainment, and especially good conversation and company brought into English. Check our monthly calendar for the the latest craic at the Library!

Credence (noun)

Belief in or acceptance of something as true. Hesitant to give credence to something you saw or heard? Research it at the Library!

Crowdfunding (noun)

The practice of raising money in small amounts from a large number of people, typically via the Internet, to finance a new business venture. Learn more about crowdfunding through the Library's 24/7 online information resource, DISCUS. DISCUS is South Carolina's Virtual Library of databases for individuals of all ages, educational levels, and interests.

Crowdturfing (noun)

A combination of “crowdsourcing,” meaning recruiting large numbers of people to contribute a small effort each toward a big task, and “astroturfing,” meaning false grassroots support or criticism. The action of creating of bogus online reviews or comments to tip the scales in favor of or to tarnish the reputation of something or someone. The Library has the accurate information you need to fight suspected crowdturfing!

Cryophilic (adjective)

Preferring or thriving at low temperatures. The Library is a warm and welcoming place this time of year for those who are not cryophilic types!

Cryptocurrency (noun)

A digital currency, such as bitcoin, in which computer encryption techniques are used to regulate the generation of units of the currency and verify the transfer of funds, operating independently of a central bank. Learn about the use of bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies at the Library!

Culturati (noun)

People very interested in culture, the arts, and artistic matters. The Library is a place the culturati can go to learn more about culture and the arts!

Cynosure (noun)

Something that strongly attracts attention by its brilliance, interest, etc. Something serving for guidance or direction. A person or thing that is the center of attention or admiration. Become a cynosure with the wealth of knowledge to be found through the Library!

Deglobalization (noun)

The process of making something less global and more regional in nature, focus, and impact. The process of diminishing interdependence and integration between the economies of nations. Learn about deglobalization efforts through the resources you will find at the Library!

Deciduous (adjective)

Shedding the leaves annually, as certain trees and shrubs. As fall is now upon us and the deciduous trees will be ablaze with color, the Library is the perfect place to find a guide to locales with the best fall colors!

Deipnosophist (noun)

A person who is an adept conversationalist at a meal. A person who is a master of dinner-table conversation. Someone skilled at informal chitchat. The Library is a great place for a deipnosophist to prepare to dazzle their dining companions!

Delectation (noun)

Pleasure, delight, or enjoyment. Find delectation at the Library today!

Denouement (noun)

The final outcome of the main dramatic complication in a literary work. The final resolution of a story or a series of complex events. Do you want the denouement of the next book you read from the Library to be uplifting, explosive, or serene?

Deicing (noun)

Engaging in the use of electronic devices (such as tablets, smartphones, computers, etc.). No matter when or where you are deicing, you can access a wealth of information by visiting the Library's website and Facebook page.

Discombobulate (verb)

To confuse someone. Disconcert. Sometimes an author's words can discombobulate even the most the savvy reader. Let the staff of the Library help you make sense of it all!

Disneyfy (verb)

To create or alter in a simplified, sentimentalized, or contrived form or manner. To make something (especially a location) more acceptable or marketable by removing potentially distasteful, controversial or boring elements, particularly at the cost of its history and culture. To transform (historical places, local customs, etc.) into trivial entertainment for tourists. Why Disneyfy the Library when it is already an inviting place for all?

DIYer (noun)

A person who engages in do-it-yourself activities and projects. An amateur in construction, repair, etc. A DIYer can always find a helpful activity or project guide at the Library!

Doohickey (noun)

A small object or device whose name you do not know or have forgotten. The staff of the Library is always happy to help you figure out the name of your doohickey!

Downvote (noun)

An instance of using a particular icon to register disapproval of or disagreement with a post or poster. Before using your downvote, get the facts on the issue from the Library!

Dreamt (verb)

Experience dreams during sleep. Contemplate the possibility of doing something or that something might be the case. The only word in the English language ending in "mt." Dreamt of changing your life? The Library has the guides you need to make your dreams a reality!

Druthers (noun)

One's own way, choice, or preference. Given their druthers, many folks prefer to borrow their author's latest tale from the Library!

Edgelord (noun)

Someone who attempts to seem edgy by doing or saying risqué or offensive things. Someone who says offensive or controversial things on social media in order to shock people. Someone on an internet forum who deliberately talks about controversial, offensive, taboo, or nihilistic subjects in order to shock other users in an effort to appear cool, or edgy. Shut down an edgelord with accurate information you discovered through the Library's free resources!

Edutainment (noun)

Television programs, movies, books, etc., that are both educational and entertaining, especially those intended primarily for children in the

elementary grades. The Library is a great source for edutainment in all its forms!

Egalitarian (adjective)

Asserting, resulting from, or characterized by belief in the equality of all people, especially in political, economic, or social life. Of, relating to, or believing in the principle that all people are equal and deserve equal rights and opportunities. We are an egalitarian library!

Eldritch (adjective)

Eerie, weird, sinister, unearthly, supernatural, or spooky. Find eldritch tales at the Library that will keep you up at night!

Electorate (noun)

All the people in a country or area who are entitled to vote in an election. The Library is a bulwark for an informed electorate!

Enrapt (adjective)

Completely fascinated by what one is seeing, hearing, or reading. Deeply engrossed or absorbed. Transported with emotion. Become enrapt in a story by your favorite author from the Library!

Ensorcell (verb) To bewitch, enchant, or fascinate. Visit the Library for tales that will ensorcell you!

Epeolatry (noun)

The worship of words. Be like a philologist, linguist, lexicographer, or librarian by indulging in a little epeolatry at the Library!

Epigram (noun)

A pithy saying or remark expressing an idea in a clever and amusing way. Looking for an epigram to make your point in a future debate? Find just the right epigram in the Library's collections of quotations from the famous and infamous!

Epistolize (verb)

To write a letter. When a tweet, initialism, or emoticon are not enough, epistolize! The Library can help you find the right words regardless if you do it by hand or electronically.

Epochal (adjective)

Highly significant or important, especially for bringing about or marking the beginning of a new development or era. Times or events that are very important because they involve new developments and great change. Discover epochal times at the Library!

Ersatz (adjective)

Serving as a substitute; synthetic; artificial. An artificial substance or article used to replace something natural or genuine; a substitute. Visit the Library today to discover why there is no such thing as an ersatz library!

Estival (adjective)

Belonging to or appearing in summer. Now is the estival season for sunglasses, a hammock under a shade tree, and a good story borrowed from the Library.

Evenfall (noun) Twilight. Dusk. The beginning of evening. Evenfall is a perfect time to relax in a comfortable chair with a favorite beverage and a good book from the Library!

Excogitate (verb)

To think out; devise; invent. To study intently and carefully in order to grasp or comprehend fully. To use or exercise the mind or one's power of reason in order to make inferences, decisions, or arrive at a solution or judgments. Excogitate freely at the Library!

Exoplanet (noun)

A planet that orbits a star outside our solar system. Learn more about the more than 1,800 exoplanets have been discovered in the past few years through the resources available at the Library!

Expatiate (verb)

To move or wander about intellectually, imaginatively, etc., without restraint. There is no more perfect place in which to expatiate than in the Library!

Extemporize (verb)

Compose, perform, or produce something such as music or a speech without preparation. Improvise. The Library can provide you with all you need to know to extemporize on any subject at any time!

Fascicle

(noun) A section of a book or set of books being published in installments as separate pamphlets or volumes. Let the Library be your source for the latest popular fascicle!

Fashionista (noun)

A person who dresses according to the latest fashion trends, especially unique or high fashion trends. Discover the latest trends in the fashion magazines you will find at the Library!

Federalese (noun)

Awkward, evasive, or pretentious prose said to characterize the publications and correspondence of U.S. federal bureaus. Unnecessarily obscure bureaucratic language. The Library can help you translate and understand Federalese!

Feriation (noun)

The keeping of a holiday especially by refraining from work. Before you have your next feriation, drop by the Library to pick up a good book or DVD while relaxing.

Festal (adjective)

Pertaining to or befitting a feast, festival, holiday, or gala occasion. Offering fun and gaiety. Celebrate this festal season of the year at the Library at one of our many holiday theme programs!

Fintech (noun)

New technology that seeks to improve and automate the delivery and use of banking and financial services. Any technological innovation in and automation of the financial sector emphasizing the customer, such as financial literacy, wealth management, lending and borrowing, retail banking, fundraising, money transfers/ payments, investment management,

and the development and use of crypto-currencies such as bitcoin. Learn about the latest fintech and its impact on you through the Library!

Florilegium (noun)

A collection of literary pieces. An anthology of good writing from the best writers. If you are looking for a florilegium of short stories, poems, essays, or quotations, the Library should be your first stop!

Flummox (verb)

To bewilder, perplex, confound, or confuse. Those things which flummox you can be made understandable through the resources available at the Library!

Flummoxed (adjective)

Bewildered. Disconcerted. Confused. Flustered. If you are flummoxed by something, stop by or call the Library to get the answers you need.

Foofaraw (noun)

A great deal or fuss given to a minor matter. An excessive amount of decoration or ornamentation. Wondering what all the foofaraw is about something? The Library's staff can help you figure it out!

Forgettery (noun)

A faculty or facility for forgetting, faulty memory, or the inclination to forget at convenient or opportune times. The Library has resources that might be able to help someone with a case of forgettery!

Freecycle (verb)

Give away (something used or unwanted), as opposed to selling it or throwing it away, especially in an arrangement made via the Internet. Freecycle your unwanted books, magazines, DVDs, etc. to the Library so that others may use and enjoy them!

Freegan (noun)

A person who buys as little as possible and makes use of recycled or discarded goods and materials, in an effort to reduce waste and limit environmental impact. A practice and ideology of limited participation in the conventional economy and minimal consumption of resources, particularly through recovering wasted goods like food. The free resources available at the Library help those living the freegan lifestyle to minimize their environmental and economic impact on the world.

Freemium (noun)

A pricing strategy, especially on the Internet, by which a product or service is provided free of charge, while more advanced features, versions, or updates must be paid for to use. The Library is a freemium free zone!

Friendsgiving (noun)

The celebration of Thanksgiving dinner with your friends. This usually occurs on the Wednesday before or the Friday after Thanksgiving Day, since Thanksgiving is usually reserved for family gatherings. The Library is your place for Friendsgiving recipe and craft ideas.

Frisson (noun)

A brief moment of emotional excitement. A sudden strong feeling of excitement or fear. A thrill. What end of a tale you read from the Library gave you a frisson you can't forget?

Funemployed (adjective / noun)

Without a paid job but enjoying the free time. When you are not employed and having fun (often a "status" on social media). A state of enjoyable unemployment. A great place to be funemployed is at the Library!

Furtherance (noun)

The act of helping someone or something to become more successful or advanced. The Library is dedicated to the furtherance of our community and you!

Gadabout (noun)

A restless seeker of fun. A person who goes to many places and social events for pleasure. Someone who restlessly moves from place to place seeking amusement or the companionship of others. If you are a gadabout, stop by the Library as we may have what you want to make your day more enjoyable!

Gedankenexperiment (noun)

A thought experiment. An experiment carried out only in imagination. Albert Einstein's unique approach of using conceptual rather than actual experiments in creating the theory of relativity. Collect the conceptual tools you need at the Library to conduct your next gedankenexperiment!

Genealogy (noun)

A record or account of the ancestry or descent of a person, family, or group. Create your own genealogy at the Library!

Genericide (noun)

A process by which a trademark owner loses trademark rights because the trademark is used widely and indiscriminately to refer to a type of product or service. Discover victims of genericide through the resources available at the Library!

Glocal (adjective)

Of or relating to the interconnection of global and local issues, factors, etc. or the tailoring of globally available products and services to local markets. The Library has the resources to help you navigate the glocal economy and society in which we all live!

Glocalize (verb)

To adapt a product to suit local tastes and needs. Learn how national or international companies glocalize a brand or product in order to appeal to the local culture without losing its integrity at the Library.

Gobbledygook (noun)

Speech or writing that is complicated or difficult to understand. Language that is nonsense. Unclear, wordy jargon. Drop by the Library any time for help cutting through the gobbledygook in your life!

Gonzo (adjective)

Crazy. Eccentric. Weird. Filled with bizarre or subjective ideas, commentary, or the like. The Library can help you find the truth at the heart of gonzo news reporting.

Grandiloquent (adjective)

Pompous or extravagant in language, style, or manner, especially in a way that is intended to impress. You will not find any grandiloquent staff at the Library when you stop by, call, or e-mail us for help!

Grandstand (verb)

To conduct oneself or perform showily or ostentatiously in an attempt to impress onlookers. To play or act so as to impress onlookers. To behave dramatically or showily to impress an audience or observers. Grandstand

with style by visiting the Library to read the words of, listen to, and watch those who were and are the best at grandstanding!

Gravamen (noun)

The essence or most serious part of a complaint or accusation. The substantial cause of the action. Get the information you need to support your gravamen at the Library!

Grimdark (noun)

A term used for a speculative genre of fiction that utilizes bleakly dystopian themes of violence, amorality, and despair as part of the story. A genre of fantasy fiction that portrays amoral or morally ambiguous characters engaged in violent struggles in dystopian environments. Grimdark tales may be found at the Library!

Grok (verb)

To understand profoundly and intuitively. Understand (something) intuitively or by empathy. To communicate sympathetically. Grok the world around you through what you will find at the Library!

Groupthink (noun)

The lack of individual creativity, or of a sense of personal responsibility, that is sometimes characteristic of group interaction. Combat groupthink with what you will find by visiting the Library!

Guesstimate (noun)

An estimate based on a mixture of guesswork and calculation. An educated guess. Improve the accuracy of your guesstimate with the information available to you from the Library through our online databases, onsite collections, and reference staff assistance.

Hackerspace (noun)

A community-operated workspace where people with common interests, often in computers, machining, technology, science, digital art or electronic art; can meet, socialize and collaborate. Next time you are looking for a hackerspace, take a look at what the Library has to offer!

Handsel (noun)

A gift or token for good luck or as an expression of good wishes, as at the beginning of the new year or when entering upon a new situation or enterprise. A Library Card is the perfect handsel for anyone in the new year!

Hibernaculum (noun)

A place where a hibernating animal shelters for the winter. A place in which a creature seeks refuge to overwinter. The Library is a great place to get something to read, listen to, or watch in your hibernaculum this winter.

Highfalutin (adjective)

Informal for pompous, bombastic, haughty, or pretentious, especially in relation to speech, writing, or ideas. Seeming or trying to seem great or important. Never be accused of highfalutin talk when you have the facts you found through using the Library's authoritative resources!

Hogmanay (noun)

New Year's Eve. Start of a celebration that last through the night until the morning of New Year's Day. An easy New Year's resolution to make and keep on hogmanay is to visit the Library in the coming year! You might be pleasantly surprised by what you find!

Hopepunk (noun)

An art form such as books, movies etc. whose plots and themes are optimistic and hopeful. A literary and artistic movement that celebrates the pursuit of positive aims in the face of adversity. Find hopepunk stories at the Library!

Hortatory (adjective)

Urging to some course of conduct or action; Exhorting; encouraging. In this season of nearly daily hortatory speeches by presidential candidates, get the facts by using the resources the Library has to offer!

Humblebrag (noun)

A statement intended as a boast or brag but disguised by a humble apology, complaint, etc. An ostensibly modest or self-deprecating statement whose actual purpose is to draw attention to something of which one is proud. The Library can help you expose a Facebook or Twitter post as a humblebrag!

Humbuggery (noun)

Something intended to deceive. A hoax or fraud. A person who claims to be other than what he or she is. An impostor. Nonsense. Pretense. Sham. Cut through all the humbuggery with what you can find at the Library!

Hygge (noun)

The feeling of coziness and contentment evoked by simple comforts, as being wrapped in a blanket, having conversations with friends or family, enjoying food, etc. Capture that wonderful feeling of hygge this winter with a great story you found at the Library!

Hyperbole (noun)

Exaggerated statements or claims not meant to be taken literally. A deliberate exaggeration used for effect. Not sure what you are hearing is hyperbole or fact? Check out the claims at the Library!

Illiterati (noun)

People who are not well educated or well informed about a particular subject or sphere of activity. The Library has the resources you need to no longer be an illiterati on any topic!

Imponderabilia (plural noun)

Imponderables. Things that cannot be precisely determined, measured, or evaluated. Learn about the imponderabilia in life through what the Library has to offer!

Infobesity (noun)

The state of having access to so much information that it leads to difficulties with decision-making, concentration, and understanding. Sufferers of infobesity can find relief at the Library with helpful staff that will assist in sorting through a seemingly overwhelming amount of information!

Infographic (noun)

A visual representation or graphic of data, such as a chart or diagram, used to represent information or data in a format designed to make it easily understandable at a glance. Find the infographic, or the raw data you need to create your own, by using the trusted resources available to you for free at the Library!

Infomania (noun)

The compulsive desire to check or accumulate news and information, typically via mobile phone or computer. The Library's online resources are perfect fix for those suffering from infomania because they are timely, vetted, and reliable.

Inscape (noun)

The unique essence or inner nature of a person, place, thing, or event, especially depicted in poetry or a work of art. The inscape of the Library transcends just the written page.

Instantiate (verb)

To provide an instance of or concrete evidence in support of a theory, concept, claim, or the like. To represent an abstract concept by a concrete or tangible example. Instantiate your point by using reliable, free resources at the Library!

Intercalary (adjective)

Inserted or interpolated in the calendar, as an extra day or month. Inserted in the calendar to make the calendar year correspond to the solar year. Did you take advantage of this year's intercalary day to visit the Library?

Interrobang (noun)

A nonstandard punctuation mark intended to combine the functions of the question mark and the exclamation mark or point. It is often represented by ?! or !?.

Intrapersonal (adjective)

Existing or occurring within the self or within one's mind. Guides to understanding oneself and one's emotions through intrapersonal communication can be found at the Library!

Intrapreneur (noun)

An employee who is given the freedom, authority, and support to create, develop, and deploy new products, services, systems, or programs without having to be concerned about following the organization's usual routines and protocols. A manager within a company who promotes innovative product development and marketing. Smart intrapreneurs use the resources at the Library for product and marketing research ideas!

Inveterate (adjective)

Settled or confirmed in the past and maintained over time. Firmly established by long continuance. Chronic. Learn about the origin of inveterate customs, habits, practices, and feelings through the free sources available at the Library!

Iteration (noun)

The act of repeating a process with the aim of approaching a desired goal, target, or result. Trying something small, learning from it, and improving as you go along. Before you attempt the next iteration of your project, stop by the Library for ideas!

Jólabókaflóð (Icelandic noun for "Christmas book flood")

A decades-old Icelandic tradition of giving books as the Christmas gift of choice. New books are generally published only during the Christmas season in Iceland. Stop in this holiday season and let the staff of the Library help you give the gift of reading during Jólabókaflóð.

Kadult (noun)

A person who is technically an adult due to age but still acts like a child. Explore your inner kadult through what you will find at the Library!

Kafkaesque (adjective)

Marked by a senseless, disorienting, often menacing complexity. The Library can help you make sense of a seemingly Kafkaesque reality!

Keysmash (noun)

A random string of letters, numbers, and/or symbols typed out on a keyboard or touchscreen used to signal or express in written communication intense emotion, incoherent delight, or frustration over something. The Library has the resources you need to turn that keysmash you just typed into real words!

Kidfluencer (noun)

A child who encourages people to buy a product by recommending it on social media. The Library has the consumer information resources you need to resist a kidfluencer this holiday season!

Kindle (verb)

To excite, stir up, or set going. To light up or start a fire burning. To bring into being. Kindle your passions at the Library!

Kismet (noun)

Fate. A predetermined or unavoidable destiny. Tales of kismet, great and small, can be found at the Library!

Laconic (adjective)

Using few words. Expressing much in few words. Concise. The Library can help you hone your conversations to a laconic clarity that will move others to action.

Lambent (adjective)

Dealing lightly and gracefully with a subject. Brilliantly playful. Exhibiting lightness or brilliance of wit. Clever or witty without unkindness. There are many lambent stories to be found at the Library!

Lethologica (noun)

The inability to remember an exact word, key phrase, or name for something. Suffering from lethologica? The Library's friendly staff will help you find that perfect word!

Lexicon (noun)

The vocabulary of a particular language, field, social class, person, etc. Divine the meaning of the lexicon used by today's politicians with help from the Library's many resources.

Lexpionage (noun)

The act of hunting new words and phrases. The sleuthing of new words and of old words used in new ways. Lexpionage is easy at the Library!

Lifhack (noun)

A strategy or technique adopted in order to manage one's time and daily activities in a more efficient way. Discover new lifehacks at the Library!

Linguaphile (noun)

A lover of languages and words. The Library is the perfect place for a linguaphile to indulge their passion!

Linkster (noun)

Someone born after the year 2002, said to be “linked” into technology since birth. A linkster may grow up with no land line phone (cell phones only), never holding a book (e-book reader/tablet only), never learning cursive writing, and never writing a check or walking into a bank. The Library’s Digital Branch is designed to meet the information and recreational reading and listening needs of linksters and technophiles.

Lipogram (noun)

A written work composed of words chosen so as to avoid the use of one or more specific alphabetic characters. The Library has an e-book version of the lipogram novel “Gadsby: a Story of Over 50,000 Words Without Using the Letter ‘E’”.

Locavore (noun)

A person that is interested in eating food that is produced locally, whenever possible. Locavores can find great recipes at the Library that use their locally grown foods!

Logline (noun)

A brief summary, usually one sentence, of a television program, movie, or book's plot that ideally provides an emotional "hook" to stimulate interest. Hooked by a book or movie's logline? We will get that book or movie for you at the Library!

Logomachy (noun)

A dispute over words. An argument about words. A conflict waged only as a battle of words. Arm yourself at the Library for your next logomachy! The Library has the dictionaries, encyclopedias, and databases you need to find the right words to win your battle.

Logophile (noun)

A lover of words. A connoisseur of words. The Library is a logophile's palace!

Lollapalooza (noun)

A person, event, or thing that is particularly impressive or attractive. Something outstanding for its kind. Check out the Library's lollapalooza summer reading program for children!

Lucubrate (verb)

To work, write, or study laboriously, especially at night or artificial light. The Library's "Digital Branch" at www.darlington-lib.org is the best place to go for information as you lucubrate.

Lychnobite (noun)

Someone who does work at night and sleeps during the day. Listen to a good audiobook while you work. Stop by the Library to pick up one or download one from our website tonight!

Macabre (adjective)

Gruesome and horrifying. Ghastly. Horrible. An event or story that is strange, horrible, or upsetting because it involves a bloody and gory death or injury. The Library has a host of macabre stories you can read, listen to, or watch this Halloween!

Malarkey (noun)

Speech or writing that is designed to obscure, mislead, or impress. The Library can help you cut through the malarkey in your life!

Manifold (adjective)

Many and various. Marked by diversity or variety. Something having many varied parts, forms, or features. There are manifold benefits for the community and individuals to be found at the Library!!

Masscult (noun)

The forms of culture, as music, drama, and literature, as selected, interpreted, and popularized by the mass media for dissemination to the widest possible audience. An artificial, commercialized culture popularized for the masses through the mass media. The Library is a place you can escape from the masscult surrounding you to discover a diverse multitude of voices!

Maverick (noun)

An unorthodox or independent minded person. A person unafraid of challenging conformity. Mavericks are welcome at the Library!

Meme (noun)

An idea, behavior, or style that spreads from person to person within a culture. An activity, concept, catchphrase or piece of media which spreads, often as mimicry, from person to person via the Internet. If you are confused by the latest meme, the Library's staff can help you understand it!

Mesofact (noun)

A fact that changes very slowly over the course of a lifetime. There are three kinds of facts. 1) Fixed fact, such as the height of Mt. Everest; 2) Temporary fact, such as the current temperature; 3) Mesofact, such as the number of around the Sun. You can trace change in a mesofact with the free resources available at the Library!

Metanoia (noun)

The journey of changing one's mind, heart, or self. A transformative change of heart. You can begin your metanoia at the Library. We have many spiritual and self-help guides to help you on your journey!

Micropreneur (noun)

An entrepreneur willing to accept the risk of starting and managing the type of business that remains small, ten or fewer employees, that allows him/her to do the kind of work they want to do and provides a balanced lifestyle. The Library is a fantastic free resource for information and services any micropreneur looking to grow create and grow a successful microbusiness can use.

Microstress (noun)

A small act or event that makes someone feel frustrated or anxious and that can combine with other similar acts or events over time to cause emotional harm. Let the Library be your oasis from microstress!

Microworker (noun)

Someone whose job is to carry out a number of small but important tasks online that need human input and cannot be done by a computer. Microwork consists of doing tasks such as data entry, tagging or titling images, or even creating content through a number of online crowd sourcing providers on a computer, tablet, or smartphone. The Library has the computers and public WiFi connections you need to be a successful microworker in today's high tech economy!

Mimesis (noun)

Imitation or reproduction of the supposed words of another, as in order to represent his or her character. Imitation of the real world. The showing of a story, as by dialogue and enactment of events. Never settle for a mimesis. Discover reality at the Library!

Mnemonic (noun)

A device such as a pattern of letters, ideas, or associations that assists in remembering something. Need to remember something important? Create your own mnemonic with just the right words from the Library?

Moonstruck (adjective)

Dreamily romantic or bemused. Unable to think or act normally, especially because of being in love. Lost in fantasy or reverie. Find tales of moonstruck lovers at the Library!

Mugwump (noun)

A person who is unable to make up his or her mind on an issue or remains aloof or independent, especially in party politics. A person who is neutral on a controversial issue. If you don't want to remain a mugwump this election year, visit the Library to discover the latest information on a candidate or issue.

Multitudinous (adjective)

Existing, occurring, or present in great numbers. Very numerous. Forming a multitude or great number. Comprising many items, parts, or elements. The Library is the place for multitudinous ideas, insights, inspirations, and innovations!

Multiverse (noun)

A hypothetical collection of identical or diverse universes, including our own. A theoretical reality that includes a possibly infinite number of parallel universes. A hint of all the possibilities you can find in a multiverse may be found at the Library!

Multivious (adjective)

Leading in many ways. Having many paths or roads. By many ways. On the road of life, stop at a multivious library, like Darlington County's, to discover new paths to success.

Mumblecore (noun)

A genre of low budget, narrative film focusing primarily on the intimate lives of young characters in their 20s and 30s with an emphasis on dialogue (often improvised) and minimal action over plot. If your interest is in mumblecore films, you might find something you like at the Library!

Mumoir (noun)

A book or other piece of writing based on the writer's personal knowledge of being a mother. Discover the latest insights into motherhood through a mumoir from the Library!

Mundane (adjective)

Common, ordinary, banal, dull, or unimaginative. Lacking interest or excitement. Need to escape a mundane, humdrum existence? Try a visit to the Library to discover new worlds!

Mythoclast (noun)

A destroyer or debunker of myths. Become a mighty mythoclast at the Library!

Mythopoeic (adjective)

Of or relating to the making of myths. Causing, producing, or giving rise to myths. In a time of mythopoeic reporting, the Library can help you sort through the fiction to find the facts!

Naissance (noun)

The birth or origination of a person, organization, idea, or movement. A birth, an origination, or a growth, as that of a person, an organization, an idea, or a movement. Discover the naissance of everything at the Library!

Nanoeconomics (noun)

The economic environment or activities pertaining to a single family or household. Economics dealing with individual transactions. Find ways to manage your nanoeconomics at the Library!

Nanogardening (noun)

Small-scale gardening, for example growing plants on a balcony or patio. Nanogardening made easy starts with the resources you will find through the Library!

Nascent (adjective)

Coming into being. Being born. Beginning to form, start, grow, or develop. Have a nascent idea? The Library can help you make it become reality!

Neologism (noun)

The name for a newly coined term, word, or phrase that may be in the process of entering common use, but that has not yet been accepted into mainstream. Get the story behind that neologism you heard today at the Library!

Neoteric (noun) Modern. New. Recent. A new or modern writer, thinker, etc. One accepting new ideas and practices. A person who advocates new ideas. The Library is a neoteric's single best resource for the latest information on everything!

Newsjacking (noun)

The art or science of injecting your brand's ideas into a breaking news story and generating media coverage and social media engagement as a result. The Library can help you avoid newsjacking with information resources available only through us.

Newspeak (noun)

Speech or writing that uses words in a way that changes their meaning to persuade people to think a certain way. Usually used to promote a political or ideological cause. The cure for newspeak can be found at the Library!

Nodus (noun)

A difficult or intricate point, situation, plot, etc. Whenever you are faced with a nodus, you can always turn to the Library for help!

Nomophobia (noun)

Coined from the term "no-mobile-phone-phobia," it is a fear of being without access to a working cell phone. A possible remedy for nomophobia might be a good book from the Library!

Nonversation (noun)

A completely worthless conversation. Small talk. The Library supports every citizen's right to freedom of speech, even a nonversation!

Noosphere (noun)

Sphere of human consciousness and mental activity. Sphere of human thought. The sum of human knowledge, thought, and culture. Begin your exploration of the noosphere at the Library. You may be surprised where it will take you!

Nostrum (noun)

A scheme, theory, device, etc., especially one to remedy social or political ills. Panacea. A medicine sold with false or exaggerated claims and with no demonstrable value. Quack medicine. Find the facts on the latest nostrum by using the accurate and trusted free resources available at the Library!

Nyctophobia (noun)

The extreme or irrational fear of the night or darkness. The Library is a good place for those experiencing nyctophobia to find something to keep them company during the night.

Obscurantism (noun)

Opposition to the increase and spread of knowledge. The Library is a bastion against obscurantism!

Obviate (verb)

Remove. Avoid. Prevent. Render unnecessary. To anticipate and prevent or eliminate difficulties and disadvantages by effective measures. Obviate some of the challenges in your life with information you can find at the Library!

Omnichannel (noun)

A seamless marketing strategy that uses a wide range of communications channels, including broadcast media, print, electronic, social media, and influencers. Customers can engage with a company, agency, or organization through its physical location, phone, online website, mobile

app, catalog, or social media. The Library has taken an omnichannel approach to promoting its programs, services, and collections.

Omnifarious (adjective)

Of all forms, varieties, or kinds. Comprising or relating to all sorts or varieties. Discover an omnifarious collection of good reads at the Library!

Onboarding (noun)

The act or process of orienting and training a new employee, familiarizing a new customer with one's products or services, or of converting data to digital form. The Library can help you with all your onboarding information needs!

Onomatopoeia (noun)

The creation of words that imitate natural sounds. The naming of a thing or action by a vocal imitation of the sound associated with it. Discover writers who use onomatopoeia to enhance their story and please the ear at the Library!

Operationalize (verb)

To put into operation, start working. Operationalize the Library in your life to open up a world of exciting possibilities!

Opsimath (noun)

A person who begins, or continues, to study or learn late in life. The Library is the perfect place for an opsimath to pursue a passion for lifelong learning!

Optics (noun)

In a political context, the way in which an event or course of action is perceived by the public. Discover the truth behind the optics concerning the latest political controversy at the Library!

Ossify (verb)

Cease developing. Be stagnant or rigid. Become rigid or inflexible in habits, attitudes, or opinions. The mind of a frequent reader and visitor to the Library will never ossify.

Oxymoron (noun)

A figure of speech in which apparently contradictory terms appear in conjunction. A combination of contradictory or incongruous words. Find true meaning in an oxymoron at the Library?!

Pandiculation (noun)

The act of stretching oneself, particularly the combination of yawning and stretching upon awakening from sleep. After your morning pandiculation, relax with a cup of coffee and good book you borrowed from the Library!

Pangram (noun)

A sentence, verse, etc., that includes all the letters of the alphabet. Create your own pangram with the words you discover by using the Library's online and print resources.

Pansophy (noun)

Universal wisdom or knowledge. Encyclopedic knowledge. One's quest for pansophy can begin at the Library!

Paracosm (noun)

A detailed imaginary world, especially one created by a child. A prolonged fantasy world invented by children; can have a definite geography and language and history. The Library can help a child create a paracosm full of wondrous creatures, places, and people!

Paradisiacal (adjective)

Of, like, or befitting paradise. Ideal or idyllic. Heavenly. The Library is a paradisiacal place for those who want to expand their understanding of the world!

Paralogize (verb)

To draw conclusions that do not follow logically from a given set of assumptions. In this seeming era of “fake news” reports and those who paralogize, you can always turn to the Library as a source and refuge for reliable information.

Parapraxis (noun)

A slip of the tongue or pen, forgetfulness, misplacement of objects, or other error thought to reveal unconscious wishes or attitudes. In this political campaign season, the Library can help you discover if what you heard from a candidate is a case of parapraxis or just a misstatement!

Pareodoloa (noun)

The phenomenon of recognizing patterns shapes, and familiar objects in a vague and sometimes random stimulus. Recognition of images in random patterns. A thing that looks like something it is not. Discover what is real or a case of pareidolia at the Library!

Passel (noun)

A group or lot of indeterminate number. Discover a passel of great reads at the Library!

Pauciloquent (adjective)

Uttering few words. Brief in speech. Using few words when speaking. In this week of the 150th anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, we should not forget how a pauciloquent speech can continue to move us today. Stop by the Library to learn more about President Lincoln and this historic speech, as well as many other significant pauciloquent speeches, today!

Paywall (noun)

A system that prevents Internet users from accessing webpage content without a paid subscription. A tool to monetize digital content securely and efficiently. Confronted by a paywall for information? The Library can help you get the information you need!

Pellucid (noun)

Clear in meaning, expression, or style. The Library can help you make your next public speaking engagement positively pellucid!

Perambulate (verb)

To walk around a place slowly or for pleasure. Walk or travel through or around a place or area, especially for pleasure and in a leisurely way. Perambulate anytime at the Library. You never know what you might discover!

Peripeteia (noun)

A sudden change in a story which results in a negative reversal of circumstances. A sudden turn of events or an unexpected reversal, especially in a literary work. Find tales of ordinary people triumphantly overcoming a peripeteia at the Library!

Perspicacious (adjective)

Having keen judgment or understanding. Having or showing a clever awareness and resourcefulness in practical matters: Acutely perceptive. Perspicacious people are readers and frequent the Library!

Perspicacity (noun)

Keeness of mental perception and understanding. Discernment. Penetration. Sharpen your perspicacity with what you can find at the Library!

Petfie (noun)

A pet selfie. Often includes a person in the photograph. Related words: catfie and dogfie. Find new words, ideas, and ways to take better photos, including a petfie, at the Library!

Phrontistery (noun)

A thinking place. A place for study. A place or establishment for study and learning. The Library is the perfect phrontistery for students and life-long learners!

Picaresque (adjective)

Relating to a type of story in which the main character travels from place to place and has a series of adventures. Relating to an episodic style of comedic and satirical fiction dealing with the adventures of a rough and dishonest or engagingly roguish, but appealing, hero. Picaresque heroes are found at the Library!

Pinnacle (noun)

The highest or culminating point, as of success, power, fame, etc. The most successful or admired part of a system or achievement. Reach your pinnacle through the knowledge and wisdom you will find at the Library!

Potboiler (noun)

A novel, play, opera, film, or other creative work of dubious literary or artistic merit, whose main purpose was to pay for the creator's daily expenses — thus the imagery of "boil the pot", which means "to provide one's livelihood". Cozy up with a potboiler from the Library for a fun and entertaining read while relaxing on a summer day at the beach, in the park, or in your backyard!

Problematic (adjective)

Constituting or presenting a problem or difficulty. Difficult to understand, solve, or fix. Open to question or debate. When you encounter a problematic situation, the Library just might have the solution to get you moving forward again!

Procaffeinate (verb)

To delay, postpone action, or put off doing something until have had coffee. You can procaffeinate visiting the Library because our online branch at www.darlington-lib.org will always be open if our brick and mortar branches are not!

Provenance (noun)

The place of origin or earliest known history of something. A record of ownership of a work of art or an antique. If you are unsure of the provenance of that unique item you spotted on eBay, find clues to its origin at the Library.

Psephology (noun)

The study of elections from a sociological or statistical viewpoint. Start your Presidential psephology studies this election season at the Library!

Punditocracy (noun)

Influential media pundits collectively. Fact check the punditocracy by using the information resources you will find at the Library!

Queue (noun)

A line or file, especially of people waiting their turn. Discover why people queue up at the Library's door. Visit the Library today to discover all that it has to offer!

Quidnunc (noun)

One who always wants to know what's going on. A person who is eager to know the latest news and gossip. Someone forever asking "What's the news?" Quidnuncs are always welcome at the Library! Find the latest news, and a bit of gossip too, at the Library.

Quotidian (adjective)

Usual or customary. Everyday or daily. Ordinary. Commonplace. If you are looking for a quotidian place in the community to visit, the Library is not that place!

Readgret (noun)

That empty feeling you get when you read a book way too fast and wish you would have read it much slower. The sadness or sorrow you feel that it took you so long to read a book you should have read years ago. The Library has the cure for readgret!

Resolution (noun)

A firm decision to do or not to do something. Whether your New Year's resolution is to become the writer you want to be or to read more of the writings of your favorite authors or discover new ones, the Darlington County Library System is your connection to the world of the written word!

Retromania (noun)

Enthusiasm for retro styles. Obsession with past things or events or experience. The Library is the perfect source for information on the latest retromania!

Retrospection (noun)

The action, process, or faculty of looking back on things past. The action of looking back on or reviewing past events or situations, especially those in one's own life. As you engage in some retrospection about 2019, the Library has what you need to put it into perspective as you look forward to 2020!

Riposte (noun)

A quick, sharp return in speech or action. Counterstroke. You can find just the right words for your riposte at the Library!

Ripsnorter (noun)

An active, wild or exciting person or thing. Something or someone remarkably good or exciting. Something or someone exceedingly strong or violent. Find ripsnorter tales at the Library!

Risibility (noun)

A tendency to laugh often and easily. A humorous awareness of the ridiculous and absurd. Risibility is welcome at the Library!

Rodomontade (noun)

Vainglorious boasting or bragging; pretentious, blustering talk or behavior. Sort through the rodomontade of the candidates by using the resources available at the Library!

Rosarian (noun)

A person who is fond of, develops, or cultivates roses. A person who cultivates roses, especially professionally. Rosarians know the Library is a great place for tips and ideas on how to grow the most beautiful and fragrant roses!

Sabermetrics (noun)

The science of analyzing baseball by means of objective evidence, such as statistics. We are closing in on the 2013 World Series. Pick your winner with the statistics you can find through the Library!

Salubrious (adjective)

Conductive, favorable to, or promoting health or well being. Beneficial. Healthful. Change your life for the better with a visit to the Library to discover a wide variety of salubrious books, programs, databases, DVDs, magazines, and other resources!.

Sapient (adjective)

Having or showing great wisdom or sound judgement. Possessing wisdom and discernment. Wise. Learned. The sapient advice of great minds down through the ages can be found at the Library!

Sciencey (adjective)

Of or pertaining to science. Apparently, but not actually, scientific. Of a somewhat scientific or technical nature. From the Oxford English Dictionary's March 2014 new words list. Need help sorting out all the sciencey hype from the facts about "the latest breakthrough?" The Library can help!

Selcouth (adjective)

Rarely known, strange, unusual, rare, unfamiliar, marvelous, wondrous. There are many selcouth tales to be found at the Library. Stop by and discover one today!

Seriocomic (noun)

Partly serious and partly comic. Find seriocomic stories at the Library!

Shelfie (noun)

A picture which is taken, usually by a smartphone or a similar device, of somebody with a bookshelf or bookcase in the background. A photograph of a person with an artful arrangement of objects on a shelf that appears on

social media sites, such as Instagram and Facebook. We welcome selfie taking at the Library!

Shenanigans (noun)

Secret or dishonest activity or maneuvering. Silly or high-spirited behavior. Mischief. Suspect some shenanigans going on in your world? The Library just might be able to help you get to the bottom of the shenanigans!

Showrooming (noun)

The activity of examining a product in a physical store and making the purchase with an online retailer. Before you purchase that item online, check with the Library for the latest Consumer Reports rating on the product!

Slacktivism (noun)

Actions taken to bring about political or social change but requiring only minimal commitment, effort, or risk. Go beyond slacktivism by arming yourself with information freely available at the Library!

Slake (verb)

To lessen or allay (thirst, desire, wrath, etc.) by satisfying. Slake your thirst for knowledge at the Library!

Slashie (noun)

A worker who has learned how to harness the power of our fragmented economy to create careers that include multiple roles for whom the idea of holding multiple titles is most appealing, especially those working in creative fields. The term comes from the use of a slash (/) to separate the more than one thing a person does to earn a living. The Library has the

information and access to the world you need to be a successful slashie!

Smattering (noun)

A slight, superficial, or introductory knowledge of something. A small amount of something. If have only a smattering of knowledge about something, the Library is the perfect place to learn more!

Smombie (noun)

A pedestrian who is distracted by their mobile phone or similar device. The Library has a smombie cure...recorded books!

Sniglet (noun)

A made up word, often humorous, to describe things or concepts that have no "official" word. The Library has everything you need to help you create your own sniglets!

Snuggery (noun)

A comfortable or cozy room. A snug place or position. Curl up in your snuggery with a good read from the Library!

Snowbird (noun)

A person who vacations in or moves to a warmer climate during cold weather. A northerner who moves to a warmer southern state in the winter. The Library is the perfect place for a snowbird to find something good to read while wintering in South Carolina!

Sonorous (adjective)

Rich and full in sound, as language or verse. Using imposing language. Giving out or capable of giving out a sound, especially a deep, resonant sound, as a thing or place. Hear the sonorous language of your favorite authors by listening to audiobooks from the Library!

Staycation (noun)

A vacation spent at home enjoying all that home and one's home environs have to offer. If you are planning a staycation this year, stop by the Library to pick up a few good books to read or DVDs to watch while you relax!

Steampunk (noun)

Science fiction dealing with 19th-century societies dominated by historical or imagined steam-powered technology. Get your steampunk fix at the Library!

Steelpunk (noun)

Science fiction dealing with late 20th century technology, particularly hardware, megatech, and things built with rivets. The Library is your place for steelpunk Sci-fi stories!

Supererogation (noun)

The act of performing more than is required by duty, obligation, or need. Supererogation is a daily goal for the Library's staff!

Swashbuckler (noun).

A swaggering swordsman, soldier, or adventurer; daredevil. A person or a character in a movie, book, etc., who is very brave and has many exciting

adventures. Discover tales of swashbucklers new and old, real and imagined, at the Library!

Swicheroo (noun)

An unexpected or sudden change or reversal in attitude, character, position, action, etc. Had a switcheroo pulled on you? The Library has resources that could help you figure out what happened!

Syzygy (noun)

The alignment of three celestial bodies in a straight line, such as what happens with an eclipse of the sun or moon. The only word in the English language with three "Y". Don't wait to until the next syzygy to discover the out of this world stories the Library has to offer!

Talisman (noun)

Anything whose presence exercises a remarkable or powerful influence on human feelings or actions. A stone, ring, or other object, engraved with figures or characters supposed to possess powers and worn or carried as an amulet or charm. A library card is a powerful talisman because it can open new worlds and possibilities for you!

Techlash (noun) A backlash against technology. A strong reaction against the major technology companies, as a result of concerns about their power, users' privacy, the possibility of political manipulation etc. The Library has the resources to help you understand the latest techlash reported in the mainstream media!

Technophobia (noun)

An abnormal fear of or anxiety about the effects of advanced technology or complex devices. The Library can help you conquer your technophobia!

Technorati (noun)

A person who is highly knowledgeable about technology and especially digital technology used in computing and communications. Become a technorati by using all the free resources available at the Library!

Tenebrous (adjective)

Dark, gloomy, shadowy, or obscure. Living a tenebrous life? Stop by the Library for a book, DVD, our audio book that could brighten your day!

Tergiversate (verb)

To change repeatedly one's attitude or opinions with respect to a cause, subject, etc. Equivocate. Make conflicting or evasive statements. Go into a debate prepared for an opponent who will tergiversate with information you can find through the Library's resources!

Textlish (noun)

English that is abbreviated, simplified, or rendered in unconventional spelling and used in electronic text messages. The Library can help you translate textlish into standard English!

Textspeak (noun)

Language used in text messaging consisting of abbreviations, acronyms, initials, emoticons, etc. Textspeak translations are available at the Library!

Tidings (noun)

News, information, or notification. Information about recent and important events. May the new year bring you many tidings of great joy! The latest tidings can be found at the Library!

Timeboxing (noun) A technique to manage your time more efficiently that involves planning what you are going to do in every minute of the next week. An approach to task and time management that sets rigid constraints on how long a given task or project can take to complete, with no extensions permitted. When timeboxing your week, be sure to include a timebox for an in-person or web visit to the Library!

Tintinnabulation (noun)

The ringing or sounding of bells. The sound of ringing bells. As you listen to the tintinnabulation of the bells this holiday season, discover at the Library what the creator of this word says "so magically wells " from it!

Toyetic (adjective)

Potentially marketable as a toy. Having mass marketing/ merchandising potential as a toy. The suitability of a media property, such as a cartoon or movie, for merchandising tie-in lines of licensed toys, games and novelties. Get accurate information on the latest toyetic media properties for this holiday season at the Library!

Transmundane (adjective)

Reaching beyond or existing outside the physical or visible world. Turn your life into a transmudane experience through the wisdom of the ages you will find at the Library!

Truther (noun)

One who believes that the truth about an important subject or event is being concealed from the public by a powerful government or other agency. A person who doubts the generally accepted account of an event, believing that an official conspiracy exists to conceal the true explanation. A conspiracy theorist. The Library has the resources you need to decide for yourself if a truther is on to something or not!

Truthiness (noun)

The quality of seeming to be true according to one's intuition, opinion, or perception without regard to logic, factual evidence, or the like. The quality of stating concepts one wishes or believes to be true, rather than the facts. There is no need to rely on truthiness when you have all the resources of the Library available to you for free!

Tsundoku (noun) Acquiring reading materials but letting them pile up in one's home without reading them. Books ready for reading later when they are on a bookshelf. The Library is your answer to tsundoku!

Tweetstorm (noun)

A series of related tweets posted by a Twitter user in quick succession. A storm of controversy arising from tweets posted on Twitter. The Library can help you navigate the latest tweetstorm to find the truth at the root of all the tweets!

Twixmas (noun) The days between Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Now that twixmas has past, take some time to visit the Library to discover everything it has to offer in the new year!

Tyro (noun)

A beginner, a novice, a new recruit, or someone who is just learning something. Go from tyro to expert with the free online classes available through the Library's website and Universal Class!

Ufology (noun)

The study of unidentified flying objects. Get into the science of ufology at the Library!

Unplug (verb)

To temporarily stop using electronic devices, such as smartphones, laptops and tablets. Unplug from the world to unwind and relax with a good book from the Library!

Unputdownable (adjective)

So interesting or suspenseful as to compel reading. So engrossing that one cannot stop reading it. Discover your next unputdownable read at the Library!

Upskill (verb)

Extra training given to workers to make them better at their job. Learn a new skill. Upskill through the Library by taking one of the hundreds of classes available free online via Universal Class!

Upstander (noun)

Someone who defends or stands up for a cause or belief. A person who acts to make positive change. Upstanders get their facts from the Library!

Upcycle (verb)

To process (used goods or waste material) so as to produce something that is often better than the original. Adult craft classes at the Library will show you how to upcycle things you have at home!

Usageeaster (noun) A self-styled authority on language usage. The Library has what you need to become a usageeaster!

Vagarious (adjective)

Erratic and unpredictable in behavior or direction. Characterized by vagaries. Capricious. Roving. Wandering. In a vagarious world, you just might find the refuge you seek in the Library!

Vaguebooking (noun)

The activity of wording posts on social media sites in a deliberately vague but worrying way in order to prompt the people who read them to express concern about the poster. There are so many great things happening at the Library that there is no room for vaguebooking posts on our social media sites.

Velitation (noun)

A minor dispute, controversy, contest, or fight. A skirmish. The Library has what you need to help you settle any velitation!

Veteran (noun)

A person who has served in a military force, especially one who has fought in a war. A person who has had long service or experience in an occupation. This Veterans' Day learn more about the service of our veterans by reading their stories at the Library!

Villatic (adjective)

Of or relating to the country or to a farm; village; rustic; rural. Discover the joys of a villatic lifestyle at the Library!

Voculation (noun)

Giving a word its right tone or accent. Type of speaking where you give proper pronunciation and enunciation to properly accent every word. Voculation troubles? The Library has dictionaries, encyclopedias, guides, online databases, and a helpful staff to assist you in finding just the right word for any occasion and saying it with meaning and passion!

Vox Populi (noun)

The voice of the people. Popular opinion or sentiment. The opinions or beliefs of the majority. Discover the vox populi of our times and those that have gone before at the Library!

Wassup (whassup, wussup, or sup) (interjection)

A friendly, informal greeting meaning what's up or what's happening. Wassup at the Library?

Well-nigh (adverb)

Almost or very nearly. The Library is well-nigh the first place to go for best sellers, old favorites, DVDs, audiobooks, e-books, e-magazines, research, and so much more!

Wellspring (noun)

A source or supply of anything, especially when considered inexhaustible. An original and bountiful source of something. The place

something comes from or starts at, or the cause of something. The Library is a wellspring of knowledge!

Whataboutism

(noun) A conversational tactic in which a person responds to an argument or attack by changing the subject to focus on someone else's misconduct, implying that all criticism is invalid because no one is completely blameless. The Library has the information from reliable resources you need to combat whataboutism!

Whodunit (noun)

A story dealing with a crime and its solution. A story or play about a murder(s) in which the identity of the murderer(s) is not revealed until the end. A detective story. The Library has all the popular whodunit stories available for you to check out!

Whovian (noun)

A fan of the British science-fiction television series Doctor Who. Drop by the Library to learn more about Doctor Who, the TARDIS, and the Daleks!

Winter (noun)

The coldest season of the year. A dreary time. Cozy up with a hot drink and a good story from the Library this winter!

Winterval (noun)

A blend of winter and festival. A period of holidays in midwinter covering secular and religious holidays. Discover winterval through the Library this holiday season!

Woolgathering (noun)

Indulgence in idle fancies and in daydreaming. Absentmindedness. Woolgathering is allowed at the Library!

Wordie (noun)

A person with an enthusiastic interest in words and language. An individual who appreciates the nuances, subtleties, and power of words and enjoys learning new words and studying the intricacies they offer. Wordies are always welcome at the Library!

Wordle (noun)

A piece of text arranged in a word cloud using colors and different size letters to show how frequently words are used in that text. Find the text for your next wordle at the Library!

Wranglesome (adjective)

Quarrelsome and contentious. Inclined to squabble. Win that next wranglesome debate by getting your facts from the Library!

Youthquake (noun)

A significant cultural, political, or social change arising from the actions or influence of young people. Youth in the know turn to the Library for the best in timely and accurate information resources before launching their next youthquake cause!

Zenith (noun)

Highest point. Culmination. Best or most successful point in time. The Library has a wealth of free resources to help you reach your zenith!

Zine (noun)

Short for fanzine, a noncommercial magazine created by a single person or small group. It is often a homemade (less than 100 copies) or online publication devoted to a particular topic, issue, subculture, or unconventional subject matter. The Library can help you locate a zine that will appeal to you!

Zymurgy (noun)

The branch of applied chemistry dealing with fermentation, as in winemaking, brewing, the preparation of yeast, etc. Discover the pleasures to be found in zymurgy through the Library!