

# The Community Read Book Club



September 9 to October 7, 2024

Book Discussion: Monday, Oct 7 at 6 pm

@ Ontario Community Library

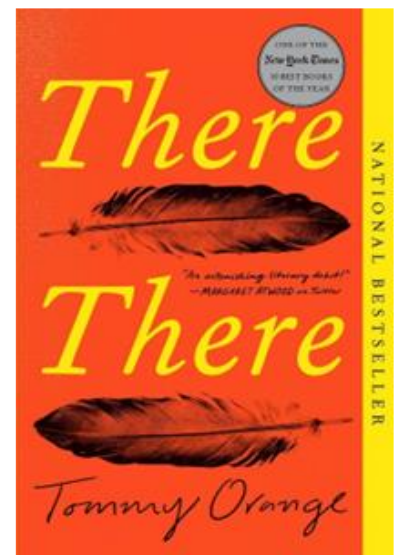
## Books Now Available at the Library

The Community Read Book Club is for adult readers interested in exploring different genres, styles, subjects and community literacy. All community members are encouraged to participate!

No Library Card Required. For information on how you can get involved, please contact the library at 541-889-6371.

### *This program sponsored by:*

The Ontario Community Library, Friends of the Ontario Community Library and Various Community Members.



## Featured Book: *There There* by Tommy Orange

This month's Community Read Book Club Choice is *There There* by Tommy Orange.

It has been praised by critics and readers alike as an instant classic, that "places Native American voices front and center" (NPR). Author Tommy Orange's debut novel was selected as one of The New York Times 10 Best Books of 2018 as well as receiving the National Book Critics Circle Award. It would go on to win several other awards and be named one of the Atlantic's Great American Novels of the Past 100 Years. This moving story is of twelve people from different Native communities, as they make their way to the Big Oakland Powwow in California. Each of these people's situation reflects a particular reality of contemporary Native American life. These people and their personal struggles and backgrounds will converge on this fateful day, showing them a connection, they never knew. The author, covers many very real topics such as cultural and ethnic identity, family, addiction, tradition, violence, sex, disadvantaged youth, and community. Orange has a unique voice and does an amazing job of identifying issues in Native communities. It is easy to see that the story is written from a personal understanding, which makes this novel truly important. *There There* is fierce, funny, contemporary and truly unforgettable. One reader (Hannah at goodreads.com) put it this way, "This debut is absolutely 100% incredible. (Writer) Marlon James called it a thunderclap and I must agree. This might be my favorite read of the year so far..."

American novelist, Tommy Orange was born 1982 in Oakland, California and is a citizen of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma. He still lives in Oakland with his family and is on the faculty of the Institute of American Indian Arts MFA Program. He has won numerous awards and has three novels, and many short stories published.

**NOTE:** Themes include strong language, violence, sexual topics, domestic violence, substance addiction, guns and other adult subjects.

**Available Formats:** Hardcover, paperback, Kindle and Audio

**Genres:** Literary Fiction, Cultural Heritage Fiction, Native American Literature

**Paperback and Hardcover:** 304 pages, Unabridged. **Audio Listening Length:** 8 hours, Unabridged

**Enhanced typesetting:** Enabled. **Text-to-Speech:** Enabled. **Screen Reader:** Supported

**Narrator(s):** Darrell Dennis, Shaun Taylor-Corbett, Alma Ceurvo, Kyla Garcia

(Information from Amazon and Goodreads)

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