Welcome to Trivia Tuesday!

Number a paper 1-27
Jot your responses
Answers follow
In George Orwell’s *Animal Farm*, what is the name of the pig leader?
In an early draft, what was Edgar Allan Poe’s Raven?

A. a nightingale
B. a parrot
C. a ghostly woman
D. an owl
Name all the March sisters from Louisa May Alcott’s *Little Women*.
How many full-length novels did Jane Austen publish?

A. 7  
B. 5  
C. 6  
D. 4
In Harper Lee’s *To Kill a Mockingbird*, what does Scout first find in the knot-hole?

A. a handmade doll
B. a jar of moonshine
C. chewing gum
D. old coins
In its title, a poem from Wallace Stevens’ first collection contains the number of short verses that follow, each describing a different way to look at blackbirds. What is this number?
In L. Frank Baum’s original *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*, what are Dorothy’s shoes made of?

A. glass  
B. silver  
C. fur  
D. rubies
In Octavia Butler’s *Parable of the Sower*, what is Lauren’s new religion named?

A. Godseed  
B. Earthseed  
C. Starseed  
D. Godself
What was the original title of Ray Bradbury’s *Fahrenheit 451*?

A. Fahrenheit 451  
B. The Fireman  
C. The Burning Times  
D. The Tempest
On what book was the 1982 film *Blade Runner* based?

A. *Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?* by Philip K. Dick
B. *Foundation* by Isaac Asimov
C. *The Left Hand of Darkness* by Ursula K. LeGuin
D. *Dune* by Frank Herbert
In J.R.R. Tolkien’s *The Lord of the Rings*, what’s another name for the Dwarves?

A. “The Old Ones”
B. “Durin’s Folk”
C. “The Children of Ilúvatar”
D. “The Miners”
CATEGORY

The 1920s and 30s
Name the author of these lines:

Let America be America again
Let it be the pioneer on the plain
Seeking a home where he himself is free
(America was never America to me)

A. Claude McCay
B. Carl Sandburg
C. Langston Hughes
D. William Carlos Williams
Gentlemen Prefer Blondes author Anita Loos had a crush on this literary star with a noted attraction to blonde women.

A. F. Scott Fitzgerald  
B. Aldous Huxley  
C. H.L. Mencken  
D. John Steinbeck
Siddhartha, by Hermann Hesse, was originally published in 1922 but not published in the U.S. until 1951. In what language was it originally released?
When Zora Neale Hurston died in 1960, she was buried in an unmarked Florida grave and her work was relatively forgotten – until a 1975 *Ms. Magazine* article by this author

A. Alice Walker  
B. Maxine Hong Kingston  
C. Maya Angelou  
D. Isabel Allende
The 1920 novel *The Mysterious Affair at Styles* is set at an English country house and introduces one of the mystery genre’s most famous detectives. Which?

A. Nero Wolfe  
B. Miss Marple  
C. Lord Peter Wimsey  
D. Hercule Poirot
This writer was the first Black woman to receive the Nobel Prize for Literature, in 1993.
Which of these is NOT the title of a book by Haruki Murakami?

A. Sputnik Sweetheart
B. Solar City
C. A Wild Sheep Chase
D. Pinball, 1973
This 1960s book by John Rechy stars an unnamed narrator who crosses the country working as a hustler.

What book set in a hotel was the Library’s most-checked-out title for both 2017 and 2018?

A. *The Shining*, Stephen King
B. *Hotel*, Arthur Hailey
C. *The Hotel New Hampshire*, John Irving
D. *A Gentleman in Moscow*, Amor Towles
This recent Jamaica-set novel encompasses several decades including the aftermath of Bob Marley’s death. Name the title and author.
In what year was the Library founded?
We moved to 53 East 79th Street eighty-three years ago.

What was the building before it was the Library?

A. the townhouse of John and Catherine Rogers
B. the Italian embassy
C. an annex for the Metropolitan Museum of Art
D. a Carnegie library
At which call number are you most likely to find poetry?

A. 821
B. 956
C. 111
D. 426
What year were George Washington’s overdue books returned?

A. 1790  
B. 2000  
C. 1856  
D. Never!
Which famous literary figure was NOT a Library member?

A. W.H. Auden
B. Herman Melville
C. Ralph Waldo Emerson
D. Willa Cather
How many escalators does the Library have?

A. 1
B. 2
C. 3
D. wait – what?
THE ANSWERS

CATEGORY: Classics
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Napoleon
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Solid editing choice there, Ed.
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- Meg (Margaret)
- Jo (Josephine)
- Beth (Elizabeth)
- Amy
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C. 6

_Sanditon_ was left unfinished, and an additional novel, _Lady Susan_, was never submitted for publication.
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C. chewing gum

Two sticks of Wrigley’s Double Mint, actually.
In its title, a poem from Wallace Stevens’ first collection contains the number of short verses that follow, each describing a different way to look at blackbirds. What is this number?
How many ways did Wallace Stevens look at a blackbird?

13!

“The blackbird whirled in the autumn winds.
It was a small part of the pantomime.”
THE ANSWERS

CATEGORY: Science Fiction & Fantasy
In L. Frank Baum’s original *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*, what are Dorothy’s shoes made of?
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**B. silver**

The rubies got in there with the 1939 MGM film.
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B. Earthseed
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B. The Fireman

Luckily, generations of schoolchildren now know the temperature at which paper burns.
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C. “The Children of Ilúvatar”

Eru Ilúvatar is the creator deity in the Tolkien legendarium, so that’s pretty special.

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Which literary star’s preference for blondes inspired Anita Loos’ *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes*?

C. H.L. Mencken’s

Alas, Ms. Loos was a brunette.
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German
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What author’s essay revived appreciation for Zora Neale Hurston?

A. Alice Walker’s

To find the grave, Walker posed as Hurston’s niece. “As far as I’m concerned, she is my aunt – and that of all Black people as well,” she said.
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D. Hercule Poirot

The book was the first of Agatha Christie’s prolific career.
THE ANSWERS

CATEGORY: More Recently
This writer was the first Black woman to receive the Nobel Prize for Literature, in 1993.
1993 Nobel Prize for Literature honoree -

Toni Morrison

She’s also been honored with the Pulitzer and the Presidential Medal of Freedom.
Which of these is NOT the title of a book by Haruki Murakami?
Which isn’t by Haruki Murakami?

B. Solar City
That’s actually a CA-based solar energy company.
This 1960s book by John Rechy stars an unnamed narrator who crosses the country working as a hustler.

What John Rechy novel inspired the film *My Own Private Idaho*?

*City of Night*
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What hotel-set book was our most circulated title in 2017 and 2018?

D. A Gentleman in Moscow, Amor Towles

Available as a print book, a book on CD, a downloadable audiobook, and an e-book!
This recent Jamaica-set novel encompasses several decades including the aftermath of Bob Marley’s death. Name the title and author.
Jamaica-set novel encompassing the death of Bob Marley -

A Brief History of Seven Killings
by Marlon James
THE ANSWERS

CATEGORY: The New York Society Library
In what year was the Library founded?
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1754

(March-April, to be precise)
We moved to 53 East 79th Street eighty-three years ago.

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The Rogers family commissioned the building in the late 1910s and lived there roughly 1918-1935.
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A. 821

There's also some in the Whitridge Room – the Lyn Chase Poetry Collection.
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D. Never!

In 2012, Mt. Vernon Estate & Gardens kindly replaced one of them.
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C. Ralph Waldo Emerson

The beloved Transcendentalist did lecture in the Library’s building in the 1840s.
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D. wait – what?

Yeah, we have two vintage elevators, but no escalators!
Thanks for playing!
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