



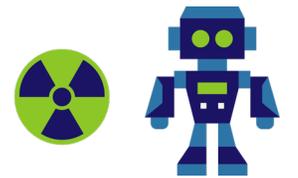
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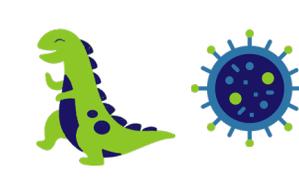
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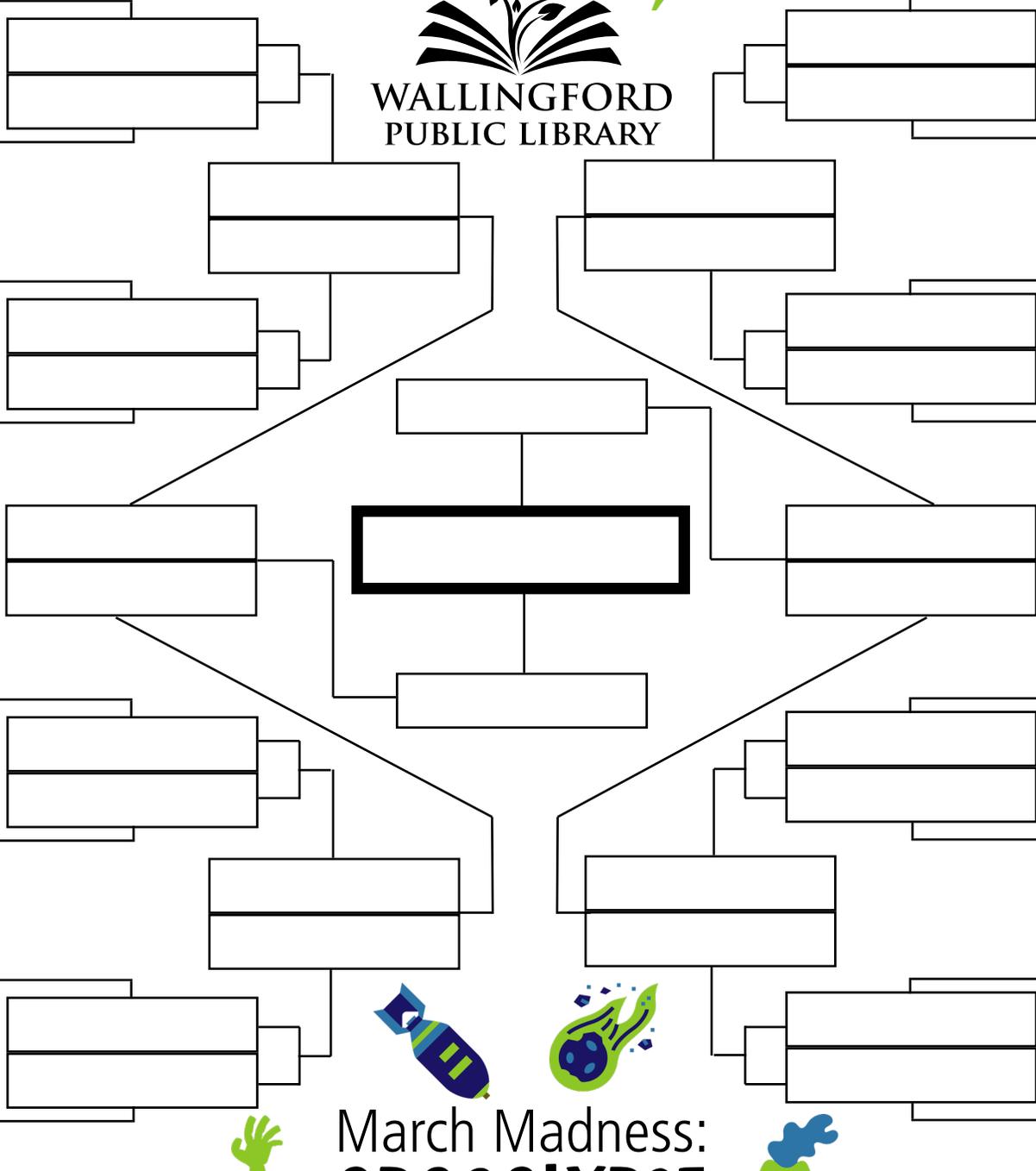


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March Madness:
APOCALYPSE



The Andromeda Strain
(Originally a novel by Michael Crichton)
A team of top scientists discover a deadly alien contagion.

Attack on Titan
(Originally a graphic novel by Hajime Isayama)
What's left of mankind has hidden in a giant, three-walled city, trapped in fear of the bizarre, giant humanoids known as the Titans.

Bird Box
(Originally a novel by Josh Malerman)
Something is out there, something terrifying that must not be seen. One glimpse of it, and a person is driven to deadly violence.

Blindness
(Originally a novel by José Saramago)
A city is hit by an epidemic of blindness. Authorities confine the blind to an empty mental hospital.

The Children of Men
(Originally a novel by P.D. James)
A world with no children and no future. The human race has become infertile, and the last generation to be born is now adult.

The City of Ember
(Originally a novel by Jeanne DuPrau)
The lights are failing in The City of Ember, the only city with electricity in a vast, dark world.

Cleo Porter and the Body Electric
(A novel by Jake Burt)
Sealed in their apartment from a disease, Cleo and her parents receive a life-saving package of medicine meant for someone else.

The Drowned World
(A novel by J.G. Ballard)
Solar radiation and global warming have melted the polar ice caps and Triassic-era jungles have overrun a submerged, tropical London.

Good Omens
(Originally a novel by Neil Gaiman & Terry Pratchett)
The Angel Aziraphale and the Demon Crowley have been living amongst Earth's mortals since The Beginning and, in all honesty, are not looking forward to the coming Apocalypse.

Half-Life
(A game by Valve)
Scientists in a desert research facility accidentally open a wormhole to another dimension allowing an imperialistic race of aliens to access Earth.

Horizon Zero Dawn
(A game by Guerilla Games)
After an unknown cataclysm wiped out much of life on Earth, humans exist in tribes across a world reclaimed by nature and animalistic machines.

Independence Day
(Originally a film by Roland Emmerich)
The aliens are coming and their goal is to invade and destroy Earth. Fighting superior technology, mankind's best weapon is the will to survive.

The Last of Us
(A game by Naughty Dog)
An outbreak of a mutant fungus ravages the United States, transforming its human hosts into aggressive creatures known as the Infected.

The Leftovers
(Originally a novel by Tom Perrotta)
Two percent of the world's population mysteriously vanishes and three years later those who remain are still struggling with their absence.

Mad Max
(Originally a film by George Miller)
In a self-destructing world, a vengeful Australian policeman sets out to stop a violent motorcycle gang.

The Matrix
(Originally a film by The Wachowski Brothers)
When a beautiful stranger leads computer hacker Neo to a forbidding underworld, he discovers the shocking truth—the life he knows is the elaborate deception of an evil cyber-intelligence.

Melancholia
(A film by Lars von Trier)
Two sisters find their already strained relationship challenged as a mysterious new planet threatens to collide with Earth.

On the Beach
(Originally a novel by Nevil Shute)
After a nuclear World War III has destroyed most of the globe, the few remaining survivors in southern Australia await the radioactive cloud that is heading their way and bringing certain death.

Planet of the Apes
(Originally a novel by Pierre Boulle)
An astronaut crew crash-lands on a planet in the distant future where intelligent talking apes are the dominant species and humans are oppressed and enslaved.

The Road
(Originally a novel by Cormac McCarthy)
A father and his son walk alone through burned America.

Severance
(A novel by Ling Ma)
Candace Chen, a millennial drone self-sequestered in a Manhattan office tower, is devoted to routine. So she barely notices when a plague of biblical proportions sweeps New York.

Shaun of the Dead
(A film by Edgar Wright)
A man's uneventful life is disrupted by the zombie apocalypse.

The Stand
(Originally a novel by Stephen King)
The world is in ruins, due to a man-made plague and a battle ensues between the survivors.

Station Eleven
(Originally a novel by Emily St. John Mandel)
A Hollywood star, his would-be savior, and a nomadic group of actors roam the scattered outposts of the Great Lakes region, risking everything for art and humanity.

The Terminator
(Originally a film by James Cameron)
A human soldier is sent from 2029 to 1984 to stop an almost indestructible cyborg killing machine.

The Umbrella Academy
(Originally a graphic novel by Gerard Way)
Millionaire inventor Reginald Hargreeves adopted seven supernaturally gifted children; when asked why, his only explanation was, "To save the world."

The Walking Dead
(Originally a graphic novel by Robert Kirkman)
An epidemic of apocalyptic proportions has swept the globe, causing the dead to rise and feed on the living.

Watchmen
(Originally a graphic novel by Alan Moore)
As the Doomsday Clock counts down to midnight, the only heroes who may be able to stop a mutually assured destruction are being hunted down.

The War of the Worlds
(Originally a novel by H.G. Wells)
When an army of invading Martians lands in England, panic and terror seize the population.

Waterworld
(Originally a film by Kevin Reynolds)
In a future where the polar ice-caps have melted and Earth is almost entirely submerged.

What in God's Name
(Originally a novel by Simon Rich)
At Heaven Inc., God has decided to retire and destroy Earth. A handful of his employed angels refuse to accept that Earth is going under.

Y: The Last Man
(Originally a graphic novel by Brian K. Vaughan)
Yorick Brown is seemingly the only male human left alive after a mysterious plague kills all Y-chromosome carriers on earth.

How It Works...
We humans are so captivated by the idea of the end of the world, we continue to tell and retell stories of humanity's apocalyptic demise and what comes afterward.

The apocalypse comes in many different mediums including books, games, shows, and films. It also comes in many different flavors such as suspenseful, contemplative, adventurous, or comedic.

We've put together a sampling of many fictional apocalypses. Some stories have even been retold in different forms. We've listed the original work in the descriptions on this sheet, but some works have been adapted for screen multiple times. Think of the adaptation you are most familiar with or like best when filling in your bracket.

In February —
Fill-in a March Madness bracket with your predictions of which apocalyptic and post-apocalyptic stories will win by popularity in a head-to-head match-up and submit it to the library **before February 28th**. Don't forget to include a winner! Make a copy for yourself if you want to follow along! Send your completed bracket to Chris Ciemniowski, Public Services Librarian at ciemniowski@wallingfordlibrary.org

In March —
Each day in March vote for your favorite apocalypse story through match-ups posted on our Facebook and Twitter pages. The winning apocalypse will move onto the next round.

Outcome —
The three people who most closely predict the final outcome on March 31st will each win a \$25 Visa Gift Card.

First and Last Name:

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"It only ends once. Anything that happens before that is just progress."

-LOST