

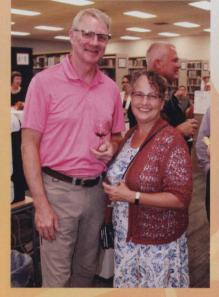
The Friends are back! After canceling the Spring beer tasting event because of Covid, this past September, The Friends of the Olean Public Library revitalized their annual Read Between the Wines fundrasier. It was truly

an evening to cheers to; with Friends raising over \$4,000 and boasting their biggest turn out yet!

Guests were serenaded by the vocal and guitar stylings of Alex Cole as they sampled the wines, food items, and perused the basket raffle prizes.

Members of the Friends would like to extend a deep thank you to all of the guests who attended, and all of the community members who donated their time/wine/raffle items/food to make this evening a night to remember.

Thank you to Mary Giardini, Tom Jacobs, Alex Cole, Cuba Cheese Shoppe, Napoli Pizza, SBU Bookstore, Tim Horton's, Olean Library Staff & Board, Darlene Connelly, Myrge Cafe, Tri-County Arts Council, Cutco, The Lindamers, Riley Eike,



Lori Clovis, Ann Marie's Homemade Baklava, Agness Cellars, Allen's Wine & Liquor, Argentieri Bros, Sanzo Beverage, and Southern Tier Security.

Friends & Volunteers include:

(back L): Riley Eike, Marlaine Robinson, Paula Bernstein, Darlene Connelly, Andrew Giardini, Lori Clovis, Betsy Matz, Dick Lindamer, Jan Comstock, Michelle LaVoie (front L) Amanda Lemon, Helen Ruggieri, Mary Giardini, Tom Jacobs, and Carole McNall



As seen at Read Between The Wines...





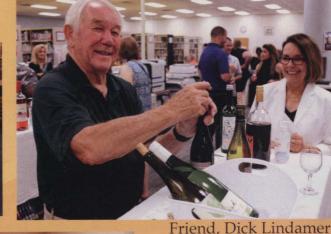
(left) There were many first-time attendees at this event making up 140 tickets sold. (below) Guests were all smiles, and we can't wait for FeBREWary!



(left) Guests enjoy the wine almost as much as each other's company.



Musician Alex Cole delighted



Al Bernstein rewards our 50/50 raffle winner!



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Darlene Connelly takes home a basket from the raffle!

Keeping up with Friends...

Together we give.

GI VING TUESDAY

Please consider giving to the Friends of the Olean Library on Giving Tuesday this year. Help us raise money for teen programing! Visit cattaragusgives.org on November 29th!



Kait Field and
Les Baker are joined
by Friends volunteer
Dick Lindamer as
they draw the
winning name for
the "Tub of Terror."
Christina Bliss was
the lucky winner!

The tub was part of a display to celebrate National Friends week.





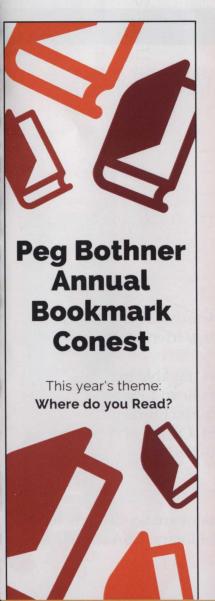


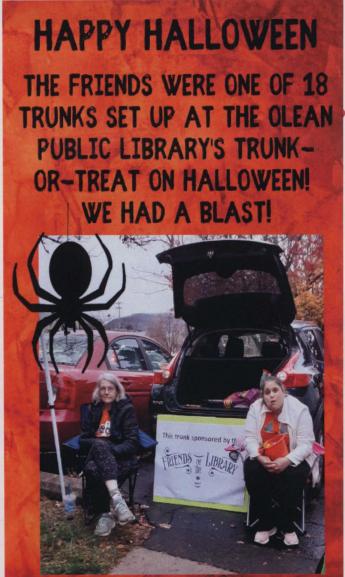
Born to Read

Our Born to Read program continues to supply new readers with gift bags including a brand new book, an Olean Public Library card application, and information about the library's infant/toddler programs. The Olean General Hospital disseminates these bags to newborns and their families like Stephanie.

"I had my daughter in August of 2021. It (The Born to Read gift bag) was a very nice surprise I was not expecting... My daughter is currently 15 months old and has really

gotten into books and reading the past couple of months (pictured above). The book is about everyday foods and has also helped her start to learn colors...This is a terrific program for Friends of the Library to take part in and as a first-time mother, it was a very nice perk to have in the hospital after having our daughter," Stephanie said.





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