



# Olean Public Library

## January 2022 Newsletter



The Library will be CLOSED on Saturday, January 1 for New Year's Day and on Monday, January 17 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

### A Note of Thanks

*from the Friends of the Library*

From the Friends of the Library board: We asked – and wow, did you answer! Your generosity helped us shatter our goal for Giving Tuesday, Nov. 30. We had hoped to raise \$1,000 for the Born to Read program, but at the end of the day, 35 donors had helped us raise \$3,145!

Our generous donors won for us the Olean Area Federal Credit Union prize for the most donations between 5 and 6 p.m. That \$500 prize is part of the \$3,145 total. We were among 40 non-profit organizations taking part in the local Giving Tuesday.

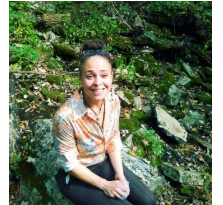
Born to Read is a program Friends has offered for a number of years. The program provides a bright-colored packet of information, plus a board book, for parents-to-be. The packets encourage the new parents to read to babies from the start of their lives and to get the family a library card. They receive the packet when they are discharged from Olean General Hospital.

Friends' involvement with Born to Read was the idea of a former board member, the late Marge Nevins. Marge introduced us to the Born to Read program, coordinated our efforts with the people at Olean General Hospital, and encouraged parents-to-be to bring books to their babies early.

We thank you for helping us to keep Marge's dream going strong.

### January in the Gallery: Fileve Palmer

Fileve T. Palmer is originally from New York City. Her paternal grandmother placed a paintbrush in her hand and dipped it into oils at the age of two.

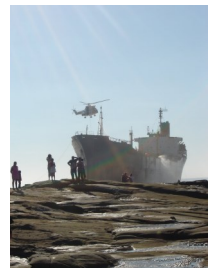


Since then, Fileve has remained inspired to involve her life in art.



Fileve's exhibit consists of watercolor paintings and ethnographic photography based on explorations of people's daily life and work across Humphrey, NY and KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa.

Fileve will be hosting a reception in the Art Gallery on **January 12th at 6:00 pm.**



### Attention Book Club Organizers!

On April 9th, 2022 Olean native **Susan Wiggs** will be in the area for a book talk. Make sure your book club picks a novel by Susan in the months preceding her visit!



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#### NEW HOURS: curbside service available by appt

M–Th: 9:00 am–9:00 pm      Fri 9:00 am–6:00 pm  
Sat 10:00 am–2:00 pm

## Story Times and Big Kid Programs

Block One: January 24—February 24

Block Two: March 14—April 14

Register by emailing [komalley@oleanlibrary.org](mailto:komalley@oleanlibrary.org), visiting our website, or calling (716) 372-0200 ext. 2023.  
Due to ongoing Covid restrictions **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**. You **can** register for both blocks, or just one.

### Story Times

*There is nothing like story time to capture the imagination and attention of young ones as well as inspire a lifelong love of books and reading. Join us for our different story times complete with songs, rhymes, flannel boards and instruments.*

*Our programs are specially designed for **babies and toddlers from birth through preschool**. We incorporate early literacy tips and practices to promote reading readiness.*

#### Stories and More: Wednesdays at 10:00 am

Program for children **ages 1 to 3**. With an adult, children listen to stories; learn songs, rhymes and fingerplays; and participate in group play and creative art projects.

#### Stories and Stretches: Thursdays at 11:00 am

Children **ages 2 to 5**. A fun movement oriented program with stories, songs, stretches and moving!



### Big Kid Programs

*These are programs for **bigger kids preschool and up**. The fun doesn't stop when a child enters school! It's only just beginning. There is often a steady decline in parents reading to their child as a child gets older. The benefits of being read to are countless. These programs include great read aloud books as well as music, STEM and creative activities.*

#### Investigation Stations: Tuesdays at 6:30 and Wednesdays at 3:30

**Kids 3 and up** participate in directed group activities, including longer stories, music and instruments followed by art and assisted exploration of the stations.

#### Reading Can Be Ruff Book Club: Tuesdays at 6:30 and Wednesdays at 3:30

Practice reading with our favorite therapy dogs. These guys are great listeners and never judge! They make reading fun. Bring a book or choose one here. Explore the Investigation Stations and enjoy some "pupcorn" while you wait.



## Kids After-School Programs (ages 7-12)

Join us every WEDNESDAY at 3:30 pm in the Gallery for a fun program!

Jan. 5: LEGO Club! We bring the LEGOs, you bring the creativity! Come ready to build!



Jan. 12: Movie Night! This month, we will be watching **Tangled**!

Jan. 19: Board Games! We have games, or you can bring your own! Spend an hour with us and your friends.



Jan. 26: Crafternoon! Bring your creativity as we craft something together with a winter theme.

## Teen Programs (ages 13–18)

*Our teen room is open every Monday through Thursday from 3 to 6 pm.*



**December – January: Winter Reading Program!** Ask at the circulation desk or check our website to print the Winter Reading Bingo Board. Hand in to the Circ desk when you're done to get a prize!



**Rainbow Alliance | Friday, January 7 | 4:00 pm in the Gallery**

Rainbow Alliance returns in January! Stop down to chat with other LGBTQIA+ teens and allies, and complete activities with them, while enjoying some tasty snacks.

**Teen Trivia | Friday, January 14 | 4:00 pm in the Gallery**

This trivia is for anyone from ages 13–18! Bring your team and your thinking caps as we compete to win a prize!



**Dungeons & Dragons | Thursday, January 20 | 6:00 pm in the Gallery**

Current campaign is full, but you can email [programming@oleanlibrary.org](mailto:programming@oleanlibrary.org) to sign up for another.

**New Year Vision Boards Craft | Friday, January 21 | 4:00 pm in the Gallery**

Join us in the Gallery as we cut out pictures from magazines to create our 2022 vision boards! Your vision boards will help depict what you are manifesting for your new year!



**Anime Club | Thursday, January 27 | 6:00 pm in the Gallery**

Anime Club is back in January! We are always taking suggestions for what anime to watch, and snacks are provided!

## Adult Programs



**December – January: Winter Reading Challenge!** Pick up and drop off your challenge cards at the circulation desk. Everyone who finishes will win a prize, but the first 10 people will receive a GOACC Chamber Ornament!

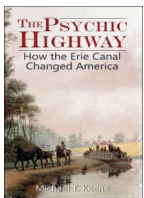


**New York History Film Series | Thursday, January 6 | 7:00 pm in the Gallery**

*The Psychic Highway: How the Erie Canal Changed America*

*The Code of Handsome Lake: The Seneca Prophet Who Saved a Nation*

Join us every first Thursday through February for showings of New York history films written and produced by Michael Keene. Popcorn and hot chocolate will be served. Each title is approximately 30 minutes long.



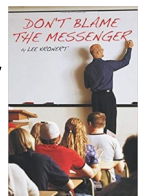
**Adult trivia | Tuesday, January 18 | 7:00 pm in the Gallery**

Must be 18+ to play, unless accompanied by an adult. Join us for three rounds of trivia, plus a bonus question. Winner receives a prize!



**Brain Dance Movement with Benjamin Berry | Thursday, January 20 | 1:00 pm in the Gallery**

In this 45-minute program, Buffalo-based teaching artist Benjamin will guide participants (**elders and adults with limited mobility**) through multiple iterations of the exercises (including seated variations for all movements), educate them about the many benefits of the BrainDance, and share resources for them so that they may continue enjoying and exploring BrainDance in their daily life.



**Local Author Visit - Leo August, Jr. (Lee Kronert) | Wednesday, January 26 | 6:30 pm in the Gallery**

Allegany resident Dr. Kronert will be discussing his works and signing copies. Refreshments available.



**Game Day | Saturday, January 29 | 11:00 am in the Gallery**

Bring your own board games and play with a group of game enthusiasts! Snacks will be available. **All are welcome to this program!** Bring friends and family to play.

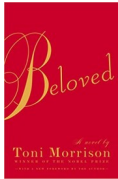


## Community Events and Outreach

### Beginning American Sign Language Class

**Tuesdays February 1, 8, 15 and March 1, 8 and 15, (NO CLASS February 22) from 6:30 to 7:30 pm in the Olean Public Library's gallery.** Call 716-372-0200 to register for class. ASL Instructor Brittany

Hutley will lead us in this 6-week ASL workshop series where you will learn basic techniques on how to communicate with people who are deaf or hard of hearing. Made available through the Outreach Department of the library, this class is free to the public as a way to promote inclusion in the community to ensure fairness, and increase accessibility to our businesses and workplaces for those who may be deaf or hard of hearing, or might communicate differently. Everyone 14+ is welcome to sign up.



### Race Unity Circle Book Club

In January we will be reading: *Beloved* by Toni Morrison

Meeting **January 11 at 7 pm** in library's Conference Room

Email outreach@oleanlibrary.org for Zoom option. Multiple copies of the book are available via the library. Open to everyone.

**Conversations Save Lives** is **The Race Unity Circle of Olean's** January topic of discussion. The program will take place on **January 13 at 6:30 pm** at the Olean Public Library.

Justin Hubbard, a Social Studies teacher at Salamanca High School will discuss community and culturally responsive teaching. Mr. Hubbard is also the faculty advisor of the **Salamanca Student Activist** club which gives students the opportunity to discuss social justice issues in their school and community and actively work on solutions. This club was responsible for erecting the Progress Pride Flag at Salamanca High School at the end of last school year.

Mr. Hubbard is also the faculty advisor for the Civic Engagement Program and the NYS Seal of Civic Readiness Pilot program. Both of these programs emphasize civic education and participation as a way to address the growing polarization and tribalism in our nation as well as an overall lack of community and culturally relevant civic education in our current K-12 Social Studies classes.

Mr. Hubbard is a graduate of Jamestown Community College and SUNY Fredonia and has a Bachelor's in Social Studies Education and History and a Master's in Literacy Education. He is also a leader and coordinator of the Jamestown Justice Coalition. Program is free and open to the public. Email outreach@oleanlibrary.org for Zoom option.



**Olean Area Crochet, Knitting & Crafting Group on January 13 at 7 p.m.** New members always welcome. Bring your current project to work on and socialize. We continue to crochet and knit new-born caps for the maternity department at Olean General Hospital. Free. All ages welcome.

### OPEN ENROLLMENT 2022

Healthcare navigator available to answer health insurance questions, help people enroll in the NYS of Health Marketplace, assist with Medicaid. (Also Elder Care Law assistance available.) Phone assistance: 716-373-4701 ext. 2015

**In library: Mondays, January 3, 10, and 31 from 10-1 p.m., also Friday, January 14 from 1-4 p.m.**



### English as a Second Language Tutoring Available

For tutoring please contact: Erica at 716-375-2890 ext.5604

### ESL Conversation group: January 4 and 18 at 7pm

An informal group to help one another gain confidence and improve English language skills by practicing listening, vocabulary, natural expressions, and pronunciation. No registration; just show up ready to practice and have fun with other learners of English as a Second Language! Community members are asked to refer folks that may benefit. Thank you.

# Library Programs—January 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<div>           Adult programs in black            Teen programs in blue            Children/family programs in red         </div>					1 CLOSED Happy New Year!
2	3 LawNY 10 am—1 pm	4 ESL Club 7 pm	5 Kids LEGO Club 3:30 pm	6 NY History Film Series 7 pm	7 Teen Rainbow Alliance 4 pm	8
9	10 LawNY 10 am—1 pm	11 RUC Book Club 7 pm	12 Kids Movie Day 3:30 pm  Fileve Palmer Artist Reception 6 pm	13 RUC Discussion 6:30 pm  Crochet & Knitting Group 7 pm	14 LawNY 1—4 pm  Teen Trivia 4 pm	15
16	17 CLOSED Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	18 Adult Trivia 7 pm  ESL Club 7 pm	19 Kids Board Games 3:30 pm	20 Benjamin Berry's Brain Dance 1 pm  Teen D&D 6 pm	21 Teen Craft 4 pm	22
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## Tribute Gift Book Plates December 2021

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<b>In Memory of:</b> Kathryn Bess	<b>Donations by:</b> The Brevetti Family, Bill Koenig MD, Olean Public Library Staff, Joyce & Mike Ermer, Anne Brungard, Charlene Granger, Sue Donner, Rondah Wilson and family, Mike & Michelle Caya and family, Margaret DiTanna, Erik Simpson & Carolyn Jacobson, the Thursday AM Stitch Group	
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