



Olean Public Library

March 2022 Newsletter



The Library is now open until 5 p.m. on Saturdays.

Bestselling Author and Olean native Susan Wiggs Slated to Speak at the historic Old Library Restaurant on April 9

Olean Public Library is pleased to present Olean native and bestselling author Susan Wiggs this **April 9, 2022 at 7 p.m.**! Tickets are now available either in person at the library by check or cash, or by card on www.eventbrite.com. Attendees can choose either a free ticket for Wiggs' talk, or a \$25 ticket to include the reception and delicious hors d'oeuvres prepared by the Old Library Restaurant.

We interviewed our library board president, former elementary teacher Lanna Waterman, about her interest in Wiggs' books.

OPL: When did you first discover Wiggs as an author?

LW: Several years ago in a stitching group a friend (who had similar tastes to mine) suggested *The Lakeshore Chronicles* as a series I might like. I really did enjoy that series, and went on and read several of her other standalone books.



Library board president Lanna Waterman

OPL: What about her stories do you enjoy the most? Who do you think would enjoy her work?

LW: I like the way her books center around strong family ties and relationships...even when they are complicated. She deals with real situations and weaves them into an intriguing story. Women would enjoy her stories, as they are usually from a woman's perspective. Any reader who likes Robyn Carr or Sherryl Woods will likely enjoy her too. I think anyone from Olean would enjoy particularly *The Lakeshore Chronicles*, as that series is based in this area and has some local references. One place that she mentions several times is Palmquist Jewelers, a local family run jewelry store in the '60s and '70s.

OPL: What interesting facts should we know about Susan Wiggs?

LW: When I first started reading her books, I had no idea she was born in Olean...the same year I was! At one point I went to her website to check it out, and the page started with a picture of the children's room at the old Olean Public Library on South Union, the same children's room I frequented as a child! That, of course, piqued my curiosity. I found out that she would probably have gone to School 10 (Ivers J. Norton) as I went to School 5 (Boardmanville).

OPL: Which Wiggs books are your favorites?

LW: It's hard to pick a favorite because they are very different. I loved *The Lakeshore Chronicles* because there were 11 books, so you really got to know the characters and felt like you were part of the Avalon Community. I even met a woman once who had named her cat Daisy Bellamy after one of the characters! Another book I particularly enjoyed was *The Oysterville Sewing Circle*. It dealt with a much more serious topic of abuse and how it can be found in the most respectable of homes and important businesses. I also enjoyed the *Bella Vista Chronicles* as they talked about the Danish Resistance during WWII, which I didn't know much about. I often don't like when stories go back and forth in time, yet she made it very easy. I also liked *Family Tree*. It talked about how family recipes can tie the current generation to the past. I loved the connection.

OPL: Some of her books have recipes. Have you made one?

LW: I did make the Polish Apple Strudel, and Happy Cake!

OPL: Which of her books would work well for book clubs?

LW: *The Oysterville Sewing Circle* would, as would *The Beekeepers Ball*, and one of her more recent ones, *The Lost and Found Bookshop*. That one deals with the question, "What would you do if you could relive your life?" And I loved the idea that "there is a book for everything." She has a new one coming out this summer too, called *Sugar and Salt*.

OPL: What are you looking forward to asking Susan about?

LW: I'm curious about her life in Olean, and how long she lived here. Did she attend summer camp like what she portrays in her stories? And maybe if her recipes are old family recipes or ones she just looked up for the novels? I'm also curious which of her books are her favorites. She's written so many ... I've still got several to go.

OPL: We're looking forward to this event, we'll see you there on April ninth!

LW: Yes! I also read somewhere that her book *The Apple Orchard* is being made into a movie, and *The Lakeshore Chronicles* might become a series, so we have that to look forward to. I can't wait!

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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—5:00 pm

"Luck of the Irish" Teddy Bear Party!



Lucky You! We are having a party! Join us on **Saturday, March 12 at 11:30 a.m.** to celebrate St. Patrick's Day and catch your own teddy bear leprechaun. Everyone will get a sweet sham-rock teddy. Together we will stuff our bears, wish on a rainbow star and place the star inside our new friend! A Naming Ceremony will follow with songs and refreshments! Registration is **required** due to a limited number of bears. You can register by phone at 372-0200 ext. 2023 or email komalley@oleanlibrary.org.

Story Time With Percy!

Join us on **Saturday, March 26th at 11:00 a.m.** to meet Percy, the miniature pony with the biggest heart. Percy will join us for story time and "hayyying" out while we do some crafts and have some snacks. Quit horsin' around and get to the library to meet Percy!



Story Times and Big Kid Programs

Winter Block Two: March 14–April 14

Register by emailing komalley@oleanlibrary.org, visiting our website, or calling (716) 372-0200 ext. 2023. Due to ongoing COVID restrictions, **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**.

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 pm and Wednesdays at 3:30 pm

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 pm and Wednesdays at 3:30 pm

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.



Parent-Child Take-Home Craft: Bubble Wrap Painting

Kits available at the Information Desk on Thursday, March 17th

Enjoy this craft together with your child, using our printed instructions as well as our video instructions available on Facebook and YouTube.

Kids After-School Programs (ages 7-12)

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

March 2: LEGO Club! We bring the LEGOs, you bring the creativity! Come ready to build!



March 9: Movie Night! This month, we will be watching **Monsters, Inc.!** Popcorn will be available.

March 16: LEGO Club Round Two! You asked for more LEGOs, and we are delivering! Stop in for LEGOs again and show off your skills!



March 23: Crafternoon! Bring your creativity as we craft something together.

March 30: STEAM Club! We will be using Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and/or Math together!

Teen Programs (ages 13–18)

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

Jackbox Games | Thursday, March 3 | 6:00 pm

Simply bring a device to be eligible to play. We always have lots of fun and snacks!

Teen Advisory Board | Monday, March 7 | 6:00 pm in the Gallery

Teen Advisory Board meeting – Do you want to have a hand in what the library offers, like books and programs, or become a volunteer? We are creating this teen advisory board to get your input on library issues. Bring a notebook and your thinking caps to be a part. Snacks provided.

Teen D&D Information Session | Thursday, March 10 | 4:00–6:00 pm in the Gallery

Interested in Dungeons and Dragons but don't know where to start? Got a character you've been dying to play but no group to join? Have you been waiting on baited breath for a new session to open? The time is now! Join Cherish for information on our second campaign and (if time allows) to begin rolling a new character to play. (Campaign capped at 8 teens. Priority given to those on our waiting list; first come first serve afterwards.)

Teen Movie: Legally Blonde | Monday, March 14 | 6:00 pm in the Gallery

Join us for this showing of a cultural phenomenon starring Reese Witherspoon. We will definitely have popcorn, so stop in to hang out!



Rainbow Alliance | Thursday, March 24 | 6:00-7:30 pm in the Gallery

This club is for any teens who identify as LGBTQIA+ or allies. We complete activities, eat snacks, and just chat about our experiences. If you'd like to play a board game, you can also bring that with you.

Teen D&D: Team A Campaign | Saturday, March 26 | 11:00 am in the Gallery

We will be continuing the campaign with our original group.



Anime Club | Thursday, March 31 | 6:00 pm

Come out to enjoy plenty of snacks and watch anime with other enthusiasts! This month's anime selection will be chosen by the winner of February's trivia game: stay tuned for a later announcement! We'll also pull titles from our Teen Room voting box.

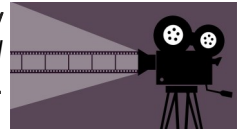


Adult Programs

In the Gallery in March: Dave Jeffers



New York History Film Series | Thursday, March 3 | 7:00 pm in the Gallery
Rescheduled from our snow closure on February 3: *In Search of White Crows: The Strange and Tragic Story of the Fox Sisters*, and *The Murder of William Lyman*, 60 minutes total.



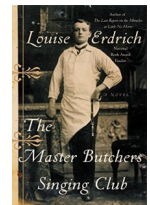
Adult Take-Home Craft: Paper Shadow-Boxes | Kits available at Information Desk on Monday, March 7. There will be printed instructions to take home, and video instruction via Facebook to create these. Anyone who needs extra support for this craft can visit the Information Desk Tuesday through Thursday 5 to 9 pm or email us at reference@oleanlibrary.org. One per person; all participants will be asked to provide name and email address. *Glue gun recommended.*

Foodie Book Club | Wednesday, March 16 | 6:00 pm in the Gallery

Those with a love for food, cooking and tradition — join us for our foodie themed book club! We will be hosting our second discussion of *The Master Butcher's Singing Club* by Louise Erdrich. Multiple copies are available through our catalog. Light snacks and refreshments will be served.

Foodie Book Club Presents—St. Patrick's Day Facebook Series

Join our Foodie Club on Facebook! For the month of March we will be sharing videos every Wednesday at 12 pm featuring traditional Irish cooking and recipes.



Foodie Book Club Presents—Recipe Giveaway

Come pick up a recipe card at our reference desk! Recipes from *A Trifle, a Coddle, a Fry: an Irish Literary Cookbook* by Veronica Jane O'Mara and Fionnuala O'Reilly. Dessert and vegetarian options available. Tag us on Facebook if you decide to make them!

Painting with Bob Ross | Monday, March 21 | 6:30 pm in the Gallery

Join us as we follow along with a Bob Ross painting tutorial. All supplies will be included. Please sign up by calling the information desk. **Only 12 participants will be admitted. If you sign up and do not call or show, you will not be able to sign up for future events.**

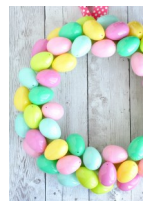


Adult trivia | Tuesday, March 29 | 7:00 pm in the Gallery

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! No registration needed. Snacks available!

Take-Home Craft: Easter Egg Wreath | Kits available at Information Desk on Monday, March 28

There will be printed instructions to take home, and video instruction via Facebook to create these fun wreaths! Anyone who needs extra support can visit the Information Desk Tuesday through Thursday 5 to 9 pm or email us at reference@oleanlibrary.org. One per person; all participants will be asked name and email address. *Glue gun recommended.*



This month's arts and crafts programs are made possible by the Frances Bean O'Connell Arts Grant. If you are interested in donating to the Frances Bean O'Connell Art Program Fund, please contact Keely Doyle, Director of Philanthropic Services at the Erie Community Foundation at 814-454-0843, ext. 101, or by email at kdoyle@eriecommunityfoundation.org.

To reserve a spot in any of our craft classes, please call 372-0200 or email programming@oleanlibrary.org.

Community Events and Outreach

Race Unity Circle of Olean Speaker Series

Conversations Save Lives is **The Race Unity Circle of Olean's** March topic of discussion. Rescheduled from January, the program will take place on **March 9 at 6:30 p.m.** at the Olean Public Library. **Justin Hubbard**, a Social Studies teacher at Salamanca High School will discuss community and culturally responsive teaching. Program is free and open to the public. Email outreach@oleanlibrary.org for Zoom option.



Olean Area Crochet, Knitting & Crafting Group on **March 10 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.

March 17 at 7 pm

Alzheimer's Info Session: In the United States alone, more than 5 million individuals are living with Alzheimer's and 16 million are serving as their unpaid caregivers. The disease is a global crisis that impacts numerous families right here in our community. However, no one has to face this disease alone or without information. Learn about the symptoms of Alzheimer's disease and other types of dementia, causes and risk factors, how Alzheimer's affects the brain, how to get a thorough diagnosis, the stages of the disease along with treatments and resources that can help. Free and open to the public.

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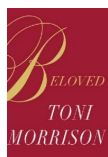
English as a Second Language Tutoring Available

For free tutoring please contact: Mary at 716-375-2890 ext.5604 or email mdayman@lwny.org

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 10 am – 1 pm on the following days: 03/07, 03/14, 03/21, 03/28



Race Unity Circle Book Club (Rescheduled from January)

We will be discussing: Beloved by Toni Morrison

Meeting **March 22nd at 7pm** 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.

Every Tuesday **Canticle Farm's Market** is open from 12pm-6pm at 3809 Old State Rd., in Allegany. They grow year-round and have a wonderful selection of fresh local certified naturally grown vegetables. In early May, Canticle will be looking to hire farm hands to work on the farm during the summer. Applications here: <https://bit.ly/3gQMGvz>
Stop by the library to see Canticle Farm's display throughout March.



The Genesis House is a homeless shelter serving the residents of Cattaraugus County. We have beds for Single men and women as well as families. We offer the homeless a safe place to stay, food and services to help them find permanent housing. We rely in a large part on fundraising to complete our mission so look for our big geranium sale coming in April. <https://www.geneshouseofolean.org/> Stop by the library to see Genesis House's display throughout March.

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Library Programs—March 2022

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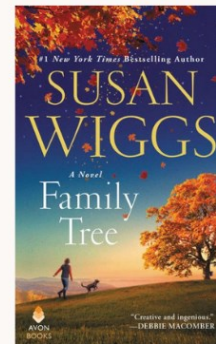
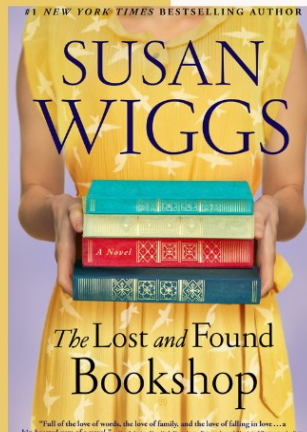
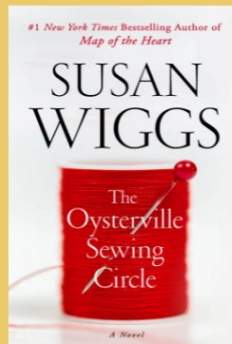




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SUSAN WIGGS

**National Library Week
AUTHOR TALK**



In Wellsville, NY:

Friday, April 8

7:00 p.m. Author talk - FREE

8:00 p.m. Reception - \$25

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In Olean, NY:

Saturday, April 9

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Hosted by Olean Public Library at the
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