



Olean Public Library

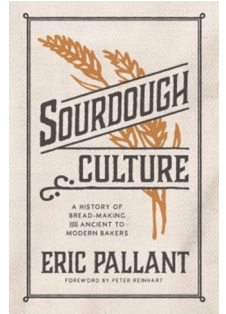
May 2022 Newsletter



The Library will be CLOSED on Monday, May 30.

Regional Author To Present Talk About Sourdough Bread

What is the greatest bread invention of all time? Author Eric Pallant will tell you: it's not the bread slicer, but instead the mysterious sourdough that humans have summoned, seemingly out of the air, for millennia. Join us on **Wednesday, May 25 at 7:00 p.m.** to learn about the 6,000-year journey of sourdough cultures, using science, history, and culinary geography. Eric will share recipes and sourdough starters, and copies of his new book, *Sourdough Culture: A History of Bread Making From Ancient to Modern Bakers*, will be available for purchase.



Author Eric Pallant of
Allegheny College

Describing himself as a “serious amateur baker,” Eric Pallant teaches environmental science at Allegheny College in Meadville, PA. He has spent the past several decades learning how to bake bread and studying how bread is made all over the world. “In complete refutation of spontaneous generation and one thousand years of church dogma,” he writes in his book, “Pasteur concluded that yeast, like other microscopic fungi, bacteria, molds, and their ilk, was as omnipresent as God. It floated about us on currents of air, covering every surface in an invisible but unmitigated film.”

Eric is an award-winning professor, a two-time Fulbright Scholar, and he serves as the Christine Scott Nelson Endowed Professor of Environmental Science and Sustainability at Allegheny College. He is acknowledged for his skill in weaving research narratives into compelling stories for the Gresham Lecture Series, London, bread symposia, podcasts, and articles for magazines such as *Gastronomica*, *Sierra*, and *Science*.

Library to Hold Annual Trustee Election

Voting to elect trustees for the Olean Public Library Board takes place at the Library on Tuesday, May 3, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. There are three open positions due to the expiration of the terms of office of Lanna Waterman and Linda Edstrom, and the resignation of Michael Kasperski. Three candidates are running for positions on the Library Board: Lanna Waterman, Patricia Shumway and John Bartimole. Patricia Shumway was appointed to fill the position vacated by Kasperski until the current election.

The 2023 Budget for the Olean Public Library again carries no increase in the Library's annual tax appropriation from the Olean City School District. The Board of the Olean Public Library has not requested a tax increase for three consecutive years.

Week of Kindness



Kayden, Des, and Alana display the beautiful blanket they worked on together during the Community Week of Kindness in April. The teens encourage others to show kindness and give back to the community in ways that matter to them.

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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

Oceans of Possibilities Summer Reading Program



Book Your Summer at the Olean Public Library!

Oceans of Possibilities 2022

Read to earn Kid Cash for prizes!

Fun Programs and Special Events for all ages!

We are ready for a jam-packed, fun-filled summer in 2022! Kid Cash, Investigation Stations, Lobster Tails Cooking Class, Waggy Tails Book Club, Story Time with Percy and more! Registration for all children's programs and Summer Reading at the Olean Public Library begins June 27 during regular library hours. Come on in to get your reading record. Register for Summer Reading and programs in person, online or by phone.

Programs and check-ins begin the week of July 11. **Registration is required for all programs except special events.** The Summer Kick-off Carnival will be held on June 25 from 11:00–1:00 featuring carnival games, face painting and the incredible magic of Magic Dave Jeffers!

Story Times and Big Kid Programs

Spring Block: May 2–May 19

Register by emailing komalley@oleanlibrary.org, visiting our website, or calling (716) 372-0200 ext. 2023.

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.



Kids After-School Programs (ages 7-12)

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

May 5: LEGO Club



May 12: Movie Night: Zootopia!



May 19: LEGO Club

May 26: STEAM Club: Springtime slime!



Raspberry Pi & Python Class for Middle Grades | May 4–6 | 4:30–6:00 pm

Learn how to program your own Raspberry Pi computer with retired teacher Don Watkins! Supplies provided for no cost. Limited space; e-mail ctaylor@oleanlibrary.org or call 372-0200 to register.

Teen Programs (ages 13–18)

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



Teen Advisory Board | Monday, May 2 | 6:30 pm in the Conference Room

Teen Advisory Board meeting – Do you want to have a hand in what the library offers, like books and programs, or becoming 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.

Star Wars Day Celebration | Wednesday, May 4 | 4:30 pm in the Gallery

May the Fourth be with you as you come celebrate Star Wars Day with us! Snacks will be available for snacking and games will be available for gaming. Stop on down!



Teen D&D (B Team) | Wednesday, May 4 | 6:00–8:30 pm in the Conference Room

Our newest DnD Group starts their adventures on the Sword Coast!

Teen D&D (A Team) | Wednesday, May 11 | 6:00–8:30 pm in the Gallery

Our group of trusty adventures continue their quest towards Phandalin. Will they succeed in escorting their goatly friends, or will some "disappear"?



Teen Spring Activity Night | Wednesday, May 18 | 6:00-7:30 pm in the Gallery

Let's celebrate springtime together! We will have lots of snacks and fun things to do. Stop by!



YA Book Club | Monday, May 23 | 4:30 pm in the Conference Room

Book will be chosen at April meeting, or bring your current read and we will discuss our favorite aspects of it. Email programming@oleanlibrary.org or check our Discord server for more information.

Oceans of Possibilities Summer Reading Program

Join us this summer for our annual summer reading program! Registration begins **June 27**. Teens and adults can enter to win prizes to log reading for the summer! Fun programs will be available for all ages. Check out our social media to stay updated on all things Summer Reading!

Adult Programs

Parent and Me Mother's Day Craft Workshop | Thursday, May 5 | 5:00 p.m. Gallery
Celebrate Mother's Day with your child! SerenHippity Crafts will be here to teach us how to do this craft. Call our circulation desk to register. 15 spots available.



Foodie Book Club Meeting | Thursday, May 19 | 6:00 pm Gallery

Join our food themed book club for a discussion about *Frida's Fiestas: Recipes and Reminiscences of Life with Frida Kahlo: A Cookbook* by Guadalupe Rivera. The cookbook features a more personal account of Frida's life, in collaboration with the Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts exhibit, *Frida Kahlo's Garden*. Snacks based on the book will be provided.

Foodie Book Club Presents: Food Insecurity Talk & Exercise | Thursday, May 26 | 6:00 pm Gallery

Food insecurity is nothing new, and we should talk about it. Join us for a discussion about food insecurity throughout the world. Patrons are encouraged to bring a (store bought) item to share. After the exercise, patrons are asked to think critically about hunger and to share their experiences. Email ameek@oleanlibrary.org with any questions.

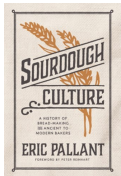


Adult Craft Program: Pebble Art | Monday, May 23 | 6:30 p.m. Gallery

Join Amy for another fun workshop! Feel free to bring pebbles or other materials from home. Limit 10 participants; call the Circulation Desk at 372-0200 to register.

Adult Trivia | Tuesday, May 24 | 7:30 p.m. Gallery

Join us for another round of adult trivia! The winner always gets a prize. All ages can play, but we do try to skew towards adults. Snacks served!



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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.

Have questions about donating books? Please check our website at <https://www.oleanlibrary.org/about/library-policies/book-donation> or call us to get more information.



Tribute Gift Book Plates April 2022

Honor  Memorialize  Acknowledge

In Memory of: Lyle Bean

Donation by: Officers of Cutco

Community Events and Outreach



See our display in library this month! **Cattaraugus County Community Services** offers a variety of services, including individual therapy and medication management. We serve all ages starting with children 5 years old. We have offices in Olean, Salamanca, and Machias. (Satellite offices at Gowanda Central School, Olean City School and at the Olean Medical Group) For appointments at the Olean and Salamanca Counseling Centers we offer a Same Day Access Clinic. For information call: 716-373-8040. Find us on Facebook: **Cattaraugus County Department of Community Services – Mental Health**.



Community Chess Club

6-8 pm Tuesdays

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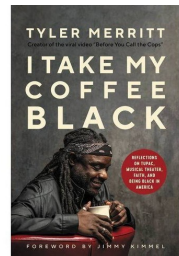
All ages. No previous experience necessary. No dues. Coaches available.

In 1922, a group of community members joined together to form the organization that is now the **United Way of Cattaraugus County**. This group, concerned that poverty was hindering treatment of polio, tuberculosis and other medical conditions, decided that a fund was needed to assist with unmet needs. The fund drive was launched in October and the rest is history! In celebration of this milestone, the United Way will have a display this month, in the library, showcasing the past 100 years.

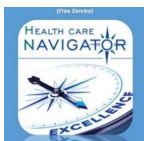


Race Unity Circle of Olean Speaker Series, May 31 at 7:00 pm

Join us as we welcome author Tyler Merritt to discuss his work *I Take My Coffee Black* and *The Tyler Merritt Project* in the library's Art Gallery. As a six-foot-two, dreadlocked black man, Tyler Merritt knows what it feels like to be stereotyped as threatening, which can have dangerous consequences. But he also knows that proximity to people who are different from ourselves can be a cure for racism. Tyler Merritt's videos "Before You Call the Cops" and "Walking While Black" have been viewed by over 60 million people. The main point of his first viral video (the more you know someone, the more empathy, understanding, and compassion you have for that person) is the springboard for the book *I Take My Coffee Black*. By turns witty, insightful, touching, and laugh-out-loud funny, Merritt's book expresses the valuable connections we miss when we do not take the time to learn about others' lives and experiences. Multiple copies of the book are available via the library in print and in e-format. Sponsored by The Race Unity Circle of Olean and open to everyone.



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 10am – 1pm on the following days: 05/02, 05/09, 05/16, 05/23

English as a Second Language Tutoring Available

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



Library Programs—May 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 LawNY 10 am—1 pm Teen Advisory Board Meeting 4:30 pm	3 Library Board Election 9 am to 8 pm Chess Club 6-8 pm Reading Can Be Ruff 6:30 pm Investigation Stations 6:30 pm	4 Stories and More 10 am Reading Can Be Ruff 3:30 pm Investigation Stations 3:30 pm Raspberry Pi for Middle Grades 4:30 pm Star Wars Day Celebration 4:30 pm Teen DnD Team B 6 pm	5 Stories and Stretches 11 am LEGO Club 3:30 pm Raspberry Pi for Middle Grades 4:30 pm Parent/Child Craft 5:00 pm	6 Raspberry Pi for Middle Grades 4:30 pm	7 Friends of the Library Bookmark contest awards ceremony - Olean schools at 11 am; Allegany, Hinsdale, Portville at 2 pm
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In the Art Gallery in May: The Friends of the Library's Bookmark Contest!
Stop by on May 7 for the awards ceremony!

Would you like to subscribe to our email newsletter instead? Or perhaps change your address, or remove a duplicate newsletter subscription? Please contact Chad Taylor, Technical Services librarian, with newsletter changes at ctaylor@oleanlibrary.org or call 372-0200 ext. 2033.

NOW HIRING: Part-Time Library Page—Children's Department

The Olean Public Library has a part-time Library Page position open in the Children's Department. Exemplary customer service and excellent computer skills required. Schedule: 18-23 hours per week (varies). Possible hours: M-Th 9-9pm, Fri 9-6p.m., and some Saturdays 9:30-5 p.m. Duties: Help customers find library items, clean and straighten play area, shelve items to their proper location, shelf reading and straightening shelves, answering phones / signing customers up for programs; other tasks may include folding newsletters, cutting shapes, stapling, copying. Required: exemplary customer service know-how, comfortable working with families and children, excellent computer skills. Assist patrons with mobile devices, computer issues, scanning, troubleshoot printers, and Internet searches; ability to push heavy book carts; ability to shelve library materials at ground level and up high (kneeling and using step stools), professional dress code, criminal background check. Applications available at Circulation Desk of library.