



OLEAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

October 2022 Newsletter



The Library will be OPEN on Columbus Day.

Celebrating National Friends of Libraries Week!

By Director Michelle LaVoie



The 17th annual National Friends of Libraries Week takes place **October 16-22** this year. This is a great opportunity to celebrate our own wonderful Friends group at the Olean Public Library!

The Friends of the Olean Library is a dedicated group of volunteers who work hard all year long providing financial support to the Library. They also assist at Library programs, in addition to running some of their own popular events, such as the annual bookmark contest and awards ceremony, and the poetry contest, both of which run in coordination with area schools.

Over the past 5 years, the Friends have been running two amazing annual fundraisers to benefit the Library—Read Between the Wines in September, and FeBREWary, a beer tasting event in February. The two events have grown in popularity over the years, drawing large crowds eager for an evening of fun, good food and drinks, music, and the popular basket raffle, all of which raise thousands of dollars for the Library each year.

Some of the many ways the Friends give to the Library include an annual Book Endowment gift to purchase circulating materials—not only books, but also audiobooks, DVDs, and music CDs. They provide funds to support programs for the public, including the Summer Reading Program. They also assist with purchasing technology, equipment, furniture, and other items. This year, the Friends have already given nearly \$20,000 to support the Library's collections, programs, and technology! They also helped sponsor best-selling author Susan Wiggs' visit to Olean in April, which was attended by over 120 people and was extremely well-received.

Finally, the Friends supply the snacks and beverages for the popular Brown Bag Book Club, which meets the third Monday of every month at 12:30 pm in the Gallery. October's book is *The Last Thing He Told Me*, by Laura Dave. Pick up your copy today and be sure to join us for a lively discussion! Bring your lunch, or nibble on some of the sweet treats provided by the Friends.

If you would like to help the Friends in their mission to support the Olean Public Library, consider becoming a member, giving a donation, or volunteering to help at any of their events. For more information, follow the **Friends of the Olean Library on Facebook**.

Pumpkin Patch Petting Zoo on Oct. 22!



Join us on Saturday, October 22 from **11 am – 1 pm** to celebrate the season with furry pals and pumpkins. Everyone gets their own pumpkin to decorate with stickers, glitter, paint and gems. No carving required!

Mike Morton from Sundance Kid's Farm will introduce us to his cuddly friends and teach us about life on the farm. Miss Amy will be here demonstrating her amazing face painting! The Southern Tier Health Care System Safe Kids will be here along with OPD to deliver some car seat and Halloween safety tips.



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M–Th: 9:00 am–9:00 pm Fri 9:00 am–6:00 pm
Sat 10:00 am–5:00 pm

Children's Programs for Fall 2022: October 17–November 18

Registration for all children's programs begins on September 26. You can register for programs in person, online or by phone at 716-372-0200 x 2023.

Baby and Me

Thursdays at 1:30 pm

Program for babies birth to 2 and their caregivers featuring stories, songs, rhymes and play interspersed with lots of cuddles.



Stories and More

Wednesdays at 10:00 am

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



Stories and Stretches

Thursdays at 11:00 am

Children ages 2 to 6. A fun movement-oriented program with stories, songs, stretches and moving!



Investigation Stations

Tuesdays at 6:30 pm or Wednesdays at 3:30 pm

Children ages 3 and up participate in directed group activities, including stories, music, and games followed by art and assisted exploration of the stations.



Reading Can Be Ruff Book Club

Tuesdays at 6:30 pm or Wednesdays at 3:30 pm

Sometimes reading can be ruff. Reading out loud with a “Paws”itive friend can reduce stress and make practice fun! Whether recommended by a teacher or just for extra practice, come read with one of our therapy dogs. Explore the Investigation Stations and have some “Pupcorn” while you wait.



Witches' Brew Contest: All month long!

Snakes, toes, and everything gross! What is your favorite witches' brew recipe? For the month of October, we will be accepting submissions for the spookiest witches' brew recipe. Submissions will be accepted through **October 29th**. On **Halloween**, we will reveal a winner for a prize! Kids and teens are able to submit recipes.

Kids' Haunted Halloween: Monday, October 17 at 6:30 pm

Kids ages 6–12 enjoy some ghoulish fun and a creepy craft! Registration is required.



Story Time Halloween Parades

We will be celebrating Halloween during story times beginning Monday, Oct. 24. Children may come in costume as we do a “parade” through the building. Other activities include Halloween stories, crafts and games. Families are welcome to bring treats for the group if they wish. Cider and donut holes are provided by our spook-tacular Friends of the Library.

Thank You Friends!



After-School Programs (ages 7–12)

Thursdays from 3:30–4:30pm

October 6: LEGO Club

Oct 13: STEAM Club: Halloween Slime!



Oct 20: Movie: Frankenweenie!

Oct 27: Crafternoon: Halloween theme



Teen Programs (ages 13–18)

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

Teen-Led Improv Classes | Thursdays in October | 5:30–7:00 p.m.

Thursdays at 5pm: Teen-Led Improv Class. Join a few of our local teens as they give beginner-friendly pointers on basic improvisation techniques! Please sign up at the circulation desk so we have a count, and please plan on attending as many classes as you can. Snacks will be provided!

Teen Advisory Board Meeting | Tuesday, October 4 | 4:30 p.m.

The Olean Teen Advisory Board will be planning programs for the rest of fall during this meeting, as well as figuring out logistics for our December art gallery exhibit. Feel free to stop down if you want to have a say in how the library uses our resources!



Teen Rainbow Alliance | Wednesday, October 5 | 4:30 p.m. in the Gallery

All LGBTQIA+ teens and their allies are welcome to come socialize and enjoy snacks. Bring your favorite board game to play, if you'd like!

Teen D&D A Team | Wednesday, October 12 | 6:00–8:30 p.m. in the Gallery

While preparing to leave Phandalin, the party found themselves in the middle of a battle between two nefarious factions. What will they do?

Two slots remain; email cinman@oleanlibrary.org to register prior to game day.



Jackbox Games | Monday, October 17 | 4:30 p.m.

We have every Jackbox Party Pack available to play! All you need is a device that can connect to the Internet and your creative brains. We do keep the family filter on so answers will be library appropriate.

Teen Anime Club | Wednesday, October 19 | 4:30 p.m. in the Gallery

Try some daigashi (Japanese penny snacks), learn how to make candy “sushi,” and enjoy a few episodes of anime with fellow fans!



Hocus Pocus Interactive Watch Party | Friday, October 21 | 3:00 p.m.

Join us as we watch the classic Halloween movie, *Hocus Pocus*, and interact with it! There will be various prompts sprinkled throughout, so make sure you pay attention! Popcorn will be served, as well as some Halloween snacks.

Teen D&D B Team | Wednesday, October 26 | 6:00–8:30 p.m. in the Gallery

A ritual of some kind has begun on the docks of Leilon's fledgling settlements, injured fishermen left unable to defend themselves. Will the party be able to stop this plot in time?

Four slots remain; email cinman@oleanlibrary.org to register prior to game day.



Cris Johnson's Psychics and Mediums | Monday, October 24 | 7:00–8:30 p.m.

This show will feature recreations of famous stunt psychics would use to convince people of their abilities. Along the way, Cris will cover some of the more famous psychics and spiritualists throughout history! Each guest will get the chance to have their fortunes told. **This program is not recommended for anyone under the age of 13.**

Adult Programs



Cinnamon Roll Day | Tuesday, October 4 | 12–1:30 p.m. in the Gallery

Cinnamon Roll Day was first created 23 years ago to pay tribute to this delicious treat. This year, we're doing the same! Cinnamon rolls, buns, snails—whatever your preference, visit us on October 4th and share one with us! Cinnamon rolls and hot drinks on us!

Tarot Card Readings | Wednesdays October 5 and 19 | 7:30 p.m.

You have two chances to attend this spooky program! Join tarot reader Jacob Goode as he takes us on a tarot journey. He will do a general overview of the study of tarot, and then perform as many personal readings as he can. Hope to see you there!



Adult Craft: Haunted House Decorating Contest | Monday, October 10 | 6:30 p.m. in the Gallery

Join us for the competition of the season! Everything you'll need to create a scary haunted house of your own will be supplied. **Registration is required for this event!**

Ghosts, Betwixt & Between! | Thursday, October 13 | 6:30 p.m. in the Gallery

Mary Quantrall studies subtle energies, the kind that seem invisible to the naked eye unless, of course, you know where and how to look for them. She will show you how. Mary has met enough apparitions in the course of her studies to be able to answer many questions about them. Join us on the 13th and invite your spirits to come along.



Brown Bag Book Club | Monday, October 17 | 12:30 p.m. in the Gallery

You bring the lunch, we supply the refreshments! This month's book is *The Last Thing He Told Me* by Laura Dave. Multiple copies of the book are available through the library system. Coming up in November, *Malibu Rising*, and in December, *People We Meet On Vacation*.

Adult Trivia Night | Thursday, October 20 | 7:00 p.m.

You missed us in September, so join us in October for some spooky Halloween-themed trivia! All ages are welcome, but the questions are geared towards adults.



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Foodie Book Club | Wednesday, October 26 | 6:00 p.m. in the Gallery

Who doesn't love baked goods and pirates? For the October meeting, we will be reading *Cinnamon and Gunpowder* by Eli Brown. Don't see the book on the shelf? Our Information Desk staff will be happy to place the book on hold for you!



Pumpkin Carving | October 27 | 6:00 p.m.

Eric Jones returns to the library for his pumpkin carving class! You all loved this program so much last year, we had to bring it back! Eric will be bringing enough supplies for **twenty-five carvers**, so sign up quickly if you want a spot. Families may work together and save space if they choose. **Children under 12 must be accompanied by a parent.**

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

Radio Reading Service Volunteer Meet-n-Greet

Do you like to read?

Do you want to help others that can't?

Join us for coffee and dessert on Tuesday, October 18th at 5:30pm

Find out how to become a volunteer reader on air, meet current volunteers, and ask all your questions.

Mark Robinson from the Niagara Frontier Radio Reading Service will be here to tell us more about this wonderful service and to help organize volunteer readers!

Contact Mark for further information or just come to this meeting!

J. Mark Robinson, Niagara Radio Reading Service, mark@nfradioreading.org



**The Niagara Frontier
Radio Reading Service**

The Niagara Frontier Radio Reading Service (NFRRS) is a not-for-profit service that broadcasts information for blind and sight-handicapped people throughout our communities. Volunteers spend one or two hours a week reading newspapers, books, magazines, and other printed materials. This is broadcast live and through recorded podcasts 24/7 to anyone with internet access! This is a great way to spend a couple hours a week doing what you really enjoy while helping provide news, information, entertainment, and hope to those that truly need it! You don't need any broadcast experience or special talents to be a volunteer reader. If you like to read and want to help others, this certainly might be for you!

Blood Drive @ the library

October 7, 2022 from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Please schedule an appointment today by calling 1-800-Red-Cross, visit <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive> or download the blood donor app. Type OPLibrary in the "Find a Drive" search bar.

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Halloween Trunk-or-Treat



Monday, October 31 from 6 to 8 pm in the Library's parking lot. "Trunk-or-Treat" is a lot like Trick or Treat, only instead of kids going from house to house, we will close our parking lot which will be lined with decorated cars that the kids can go to for treats! While you are here be sure to trick-or-treat at our neighbors, the **First Presbyterian Church** and head to Lincoln Park for the City of Olean's Trick-or-Treating event. Treats for kids!

Interested in becoming a literacy tutor? Do you need free ESL, Citizenship, or GED tutoring?

Contact: Barbara Warters @ CORE: The Learning Center. bwarters@lwny.org or 716-375-2890 ext. 5604.

Healthcare navigator available in-library 10 am – 1 pm on the following days: 10/24, 10/31.

(Also Elder Care Law assistance available.) Phone assistance: 716-373-4701 ext. 2015.



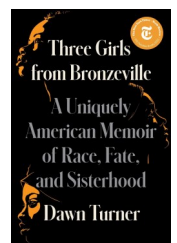
Olean Area Crochet, Knitting & Crafting Group on Oct. 13 at 7 p.m. New members always welcome. Bring your current project to work on and socialize. All ages.

The Race Unity Circle of Olean Book Club upcoming selections:

October 25, 2022 @ 7 pm: *Three Girls From Bronzeville: A Uniquely American Memoir of Race Fate and Sisterhood* by Dawn Turner.

November 29, 2022 @ 7 pm: *The Other Wes Moore* by Wes Moore .

Free and open to the public. Multiple copies available via the library.



Community Chess Club

6-8 pm Tuesdays at Olean Public Library. All ages. No previous experience necessary. No dues. Coaches available.

We would like to congratulate the Friends of the Olean Library on a wonderful and successful “Read Between the Wines” fundraiser in September!

Make sure to mark your calendars for the Friends’ beer event on February 17th, 2023!



Tribute Gift Book Plates September 2022

Honor & Memorialize & Acknowledge

In Memory of: Kathy Bess	Donation by: Maureen Curry
In Memory of: Chris McGonnell	Donations by: Tina Stetz, Mark McGonnell, Sandra Geyer, Mark & Joan McGonnell, Bobby Maloney & Billie Adams, Lambda Chi Alpha of Lock Haven University, Linda & John McCully, Ariel Weinberg
In Memory of: Barbara Chew	Donations by: Michele Fuleno, Eileen & Bob Shabala, Francie Potter, Carol Gallo, Carmen Soplop, Jen Behm, Melissa Gardner, Amy Hartwig, Meg Smith, Betsy Walters, Stasie Wanner, David & Ann Ried, Shayne Certo, Maureen Curry, Barbara McCarthy
In Honor of: The Metta Center	Donation by: Darlene Goetzman
In Memory of: Anthony “Chris” Curcio	Donation by: Ann M. Sitter-Thompkins
In Memory of: Kathleen Kent	Donation by: Karen Redding

OPL Halloween Events 2022

Witches' Brew Contest | All month long, winners chosen on Halloween | Kids & Teen program

Tarot Card Readings | October 5th | 7:30pm | Teen & Adult program

Haunted House Decorating Contest | October 10th | 6:30pm | Adult program (registration required)

STEAM Club | October 13th | 3:30pm | After-school program

Ghosts, Betwixt & Between | October 13th | 6:30pm | Teen & Adult program

Kids' Haunted Halloween | October 17th | 6:30pm | Children's program (registration required)

Tarot Card Readings | October 19th | 7:30pm | Teen & Adult program

Halloween Movie | October 20th | 3:30pm | After-school program

Adult Trivia | October 20th | 7:00pm | Adult program

***Hocus Pocus* Interactive Watch Party** | October 21st | 3:00pm | Teen program

Pumpkin Patch Petting Zoo | October 22nd | 11am–1pm | Children & Family program

Storytime Halloween Parades | October 25th, 26th, 27th | Scheduled story times

Psychics and Mediums | October 24th | 7:00pm | Teen & Adult program

Pumpkin Carving Class | October 27th | 6:00pm | Adult program (registration required)

Halloween Trunk-or-Treat | October 31st | 6:00–8:00pm | Children & Family program



In the Gallery in October: Cari Matejka's Literacy of Love exhibit! This exhibition of Cari's photos showcases the often difficult but always hopeful life in Uganda. Literacy of Love was founded by Cari in 2016 after traveling to Uganda and having her heart and mind captured by a small village school. Over the years, she developed a personal relationship with many of the children, and took an active part in ensuring they were provided for and remained in school. **Cari will host a reception on October 29 from 2–5pm in the Art Gallery.**

Library Programs—October 2022

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