



OLEAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

December 2022 Newsletter



The Library will CLOSE EARLY at 5pm on Dec. 16.
The Library will be CLOSED Dec. 24–26 for the holiday.

Library Long-Range Planning—We Want Your Feedback!

The Library is updating its long-range plan. Our current plan, available on the Library's website, expires at the end of the year. The Library board and staff have been reviewing the plan to determine which of the current goals and objectives have been achieved, which are still in progress or are no longer felt to be important, and what new goals should be added.

As a part of this process, we have identified several new priority areas to be addressed over the next few years. The major themes identified are: addressing space and capacity needs; developing additional sustainable revenue streams; strengthening the Olean Public Library as an essential resource in the community.

We also took a look at our mission statement and decided that, while the current one is a true reflection of what we strive to be and do, it needed a bit of massaging to read more smoothly. The newly proposed statement is: "The mission of the Olean Public Library is to assist all people with their information, education, and leisure needs."

While the updated plan is taking shape based on the knowledgeable input of staff and board members, input from our patrons is essential. Therefore, we are requesting your feedback on the mission statement, as well as the following newly developed priority goals:

- Address facility and capacity challenges to meet current and future needs.
- Develop new, sustainable revenue sources to support operational/programmatic growth.
- Strengthen the OPL brand as an essential resource in the Greater Olean community for informational, programming, and leisure pursuits.

We want to know if you agree with the mission statement and the above goals, and if you do not, why? Are there ways to improve them? Also, do you have suggestions for additional goals?

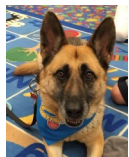
If you have feedback you would like to share, please visit the Library and pick up a feedback form, or visit our website (www.oleanlibrary.org) and complete an online form. Comments are welcome between December 1st through 15th. For more information, contact info@oleanlibrary.org.

Winter Donations for the Comfort Cabinet

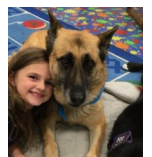
The Olean Public Library is now accepting donations of **new or slightly used winter apparel** for our Comfort Cabinet! We are looking for mittens and gloves, hats, scarves, and warm socks to help anyone in the area who may be of need. Any and all sizes will be accepted!

Donations can be brought to the Circulation Desk.

Thank you, Olean, for helping out your community!



Zena, our Reading Can Be Ruff reading partner, made such a huge impact at the Library with her gentle eyes and very huggable neck. She was an excellent listener, and she will be missed. Thank you to Jean and Mike for sharing her with us.



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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



Santa is coming to the Library!!

The jolly old elf will make a special pre-Christmas appearance on **December 10th at 1:00** before the Christmas Magic Show! You can meet Santa and have your picture taken with him before the show. Santa will check your status on his list and be sure everything is in order for Christmas morning!

Christmas Magic!

Join us on **Saturday, December 10th at 2:30** for magician Cris Johnson's wonderful Christmas-themed magic show! The show will feature an indoor snowstorm, a drawing of the Grinch that comes to life, Christmas lights that appear from thin air, comedy, music, and more! Don't miss this dazzling holiday treat!



Kids' Craft Night with SerenHippity: Christmas Tree Project! | Monday, December 12 6:30 p.m. in the Gallery

Bring the kiddos for a night of crafting fun! SerenHippity will be helping families create gorgeous Christmas tree decorations. There is a limited number of registration spots, so be sure to sign up early!

Children's Programs: Winter 2023

Children's programs are on hiatus for the month of December, but registration for our winter sessions begins on January 9th. You can register for programs in person, online or by phone at 716-372-0200 x 2023.

Baby and Me

Thursdays at 2:30 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.



After-School Programs (ages 7–12)

Thursdays from 3:30–4:30pm

<p>Dec. 1: LEGO Club Join us as we use our skills to make some wonderful LEGO creations!</p> 	<p>Dec. 8: Origami Craft Class We will be creating tree decorations for the holidays!</p> 
<p>Dec. 15: STEAM Activity Try to make a new sled for Santa out of popsicle sticks!</p> 	<p>Dec. 22: Movie We will be watching <i>The Muppet Christmas Carol</i>!</p> 

Teen Programs (ages 13–18)

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



The Olean teens would like to thank the Friends of the Library for their generosity in donating supplies and snacks to the teen room! Their contribution will help supply important necessities for the teens, as well as help the teen room continue to be open on Fridays! Thank you, Friends!



Jackbox Games | Monday, December 5 | 4:00 p.m.

AND Thursday, December 22 | 6:00 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 Advisory Board Meeting | Tuesday, December 6 | 4:30 p.m.

The Olean Teen Advisory Board will be figuring out programs for the new year, as well as how best to improve the teen spaces. Feel free to stop down if you want to have a say in how the library uses our resources!



Team A, Teen D&D | Wednesday, December 7 | 6:00–8:30 p.m. in the Gallery

Though Velleen is no more, questions remain. What were their plans in Phandalin and, furthermore, what danger does this pose for the settlers of Leilon?

This program is currently full, but email cinman@oleanlibrary.org to join Team B.

Team B, Teen D&D | Wednesday, December 14 | 6:00–8:30 p.m. in the Gallery

Our wayward adventurers and a handful of newcomers convene on a frightening scene, but it's hard to tell friend from foe or settler caught in the fray. Where will they begin?

Slots available; email cinman@oleanlibrary.org to register prior to game day.



Teen Holiday Party | Wednesday, December 21 | 4:30–6:30 p.m. in the Gallery

Come out for pizza, treats, crafts, games, and a whole lot of cheer! We'll have a limited amount of wrapping paper on hand for those who need to wrap gifts, and there may even be a small prize for those rocking their best holiday sweaters!

Adult Programs

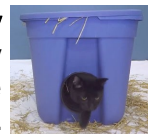


Wrap & Yap | Saturday, December 3 | 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room

Take the stress out of wrapping gifts by sharing company with others! Whether you celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, or everything in between, all are welcome. Bring the gifts you desire to wrap as well as some wrapping paper. We will supply hot chocolate and gift-wrapping tips. Hope to see you there!

Feral Cat Shelter Workshop | Saturday, December 3 | 10:30 a.m. in the Gallery

It's easy to make a cozy cat shelter! Join the SPCA, Feral Cat Focus of WNY, and Operation Pets as they help us learn to make winter shelters for cats. Class limit is 10, and a second class will be added in the following week depending on demand. Official time TBA.



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

You bring the lunch, we supply the refreshments! Join us as we discuss *People We Meet on Vacation* by Emily Henry in December! Multiple copies of the book are available through the library system. There is a Zoom option for anyone interested. Email programming@oleanlibrary.org for the link.



January: *The Happiest Man on Earth* by Eddie Jaku



February: *These Impossible Things* by Salma El-Wardany



March: *I Must Betray You* by Ruta Sepetys



April: *Black Cake* by Charmaine Wilkerson

Do You Want to Build a Snowman? | Tuesday, December 13 | 6:30 p.m. in the Gallery

Together, we will make a light-up snowman that can be used either inside or outside for decoration! **Please be advised: this is an adults-only craft.** We will be using hot glue guns and E6000 which is very fragrant.

Registration required!



Adult Trivia Night | Tuesday, December 20 | 7:00 p.m. in the Gallery

This will be a winter holiday-themed trivia! Bring your friends and family to play. Anyone is welcome! Winning team always gets a prize!



Different Perspectives of the Erie Canal | Wednesday, December 21

5:30 p.m. in the Conference Room

We will explore the differences and disputes between the Haudeonsaunee and Gov. DeWitt Clinton and the respect for nature and plant life indigenous to the Erie Canal.

Erie Canal Traveling Museum | Wednesday, December 28 | 5:30 p.m. in the Gallery

The Erie Canal Traveling Museum brings the world of the Erie Canal to life with an interactive exploration into actual artifacts from the days of the early canal. Helga MacKinnon initiated this museum with her personal collection of artifacts. Stop by to see!



These programs are made possible by the generous support of Humanities New York and Arts for Learning WNY.



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

Visit the library's stand at the **Jingle Bell Jubilee on Friday, December 9th** in Lincoln Park! The Jubilee is a holiday event featuring many activities and events. There will be a holiday market, carolers, dance groups, wreath creation class, Shop Raffle Drawing, Sips of the Season, make and take craft, horse and wagon rides, petting zoo, cocoa and cookie crawl, decorate the tree contest, cookie decorating, and even a Rudolph run! Hours for the event are **4:30 to 8 p.m.**



Olean Area *HOLIDAY* Farmers Market Saturday, December 17th from 11:00am to 1:00pm Lincoln Park Pavilion

The library will be one of the vendors at this year's Olean Area Holiday Farmers Market where we will host a table offering promotional items, library programming information, and free books! Shoppers may choose a book from our booth to gift to a friend or loved one on Christmas Eve in celebration of the Icelandic tradition of Jolabokaflod. Jolabokaflod translates to "Christmas book flood," and Icelanders cozy up on Christmas Eve with cocoa and books to read! Gift wrapping of books included! Hope to see you there!



2nd Annual Holiday Hat & Mitten Drive (December 5th thru 17th)

Help WNY families stay warm this winter! CORE The Learning Center is looking for new, unused donations of hats and mittens for children and adults. We will be accepting donations at the **Olean Public Library from December 5th thru 17th**. Help us share the warmth this holiday season.



OPEN ENROLLMENT BEGINS!

Healthcare navigator available in-library 10 am – 1 pm on the following days:

12/5, 12/12, 12/19, 12/27

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



Olean Area Crochet, Knitting & Crafting Group on Dec. 8th at 7 p.m.

It's our Holiday Social! Bring a treat to share and your current project to work on. A small festive craft project will be available. Free. All ages welcome.



Blood Drive @ the library

December 19th, 2022 from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Please schedule an appointment today by calling 1-800-Red-Cross, visit 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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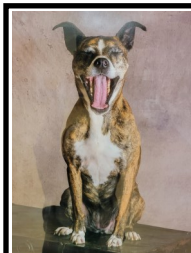
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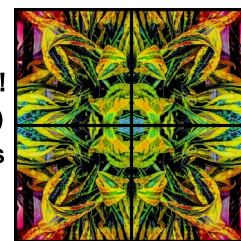
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Library Programs—December 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<div> Adult programs in black Teen programs in blue Children/family programs in red Community outreach programs in purple </div>			1 LEGO Club 3:30pm	2	3 Wrap & Yap 10am Feral Cat Shelter Workshop 10:30am
4	5 Healthcare Navigator 10–1pm Jackbox Games 4pm	6 OTAB Meeting 4:30pm	7 Teen D&D Team A 6pm	8 Origami Crafting Class 3:30pm Crochet, Knitting, Crafting Group 7pm	9 Jingle Bell Jubilee 4:30–8:00pm in Lincoln Park	10 Santa Visit 1pm Christmas Magic 2:30pm
11	12 Healthcare Navigator 10–1pm Brown Bag Book Club 12:30pm Christmas Tree Project 6:30pm	13 Snowman Craft 6:30pm	14 Teen D&D Team B 6pm	15 STEAM Activity 3:30pm	16 Library Closing at 5pm	17 Holiday Farmers Market 11–1pm in Lincoln Park
18	19 Healthcare Navigator 10–1pm Blood Drive 1–6pm	20 Trivia Night 7pm	21 Teen Holiday Party 4:30pm Different Perspectives of the Erie Canal 5:30pm	22 Movie 3:30pm Jackbox Games 6pm	23	24 Library Closed
25	26 Library Closed	27 Healthcare Navigator 10–1pm	28 Erie Canal Traveling Museum 5:30pm	29	30	Happy New Year!



Our Art Gallery has room throughout 2023 to display YOUR artwork! If you are interested, please call the Library or email programming@oleanlibrary.org to submit your exhibit! Please remember: artwork must be library appropriate (i.e., suitable for children to view) and you must be able to fill up the entire Art Gallery with your pieces. Any 2-D medium is welcome to submit!



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