



OLEAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

January 2023 Newsletter



The Library will be **CLOSED** January 16th
in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

OPL's 2022 in Review!

Thank you, Olean, for a fantastic year at the Olean Public Library! We always have so much fun hosting events and programs for you to attend. Here are some of our favorite memories from the past year.



NYT bestselling author Susan Wiggs reminded us of the importance of the public library.



Wayne Wellburn taught our teens how to (safely) sword fight each other.



Penelope received a book from our Inchy Book Vending Machine!



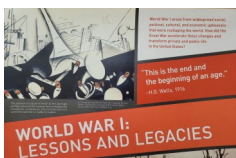
The Food Network's Eric Jones gave us a pumpkin carving tutorial for the second year in a row!



OPD read books about Halloween safety to children during our Pumpkin Patch program.



Our Trunk-or-Treat allowed many local families to safely grab candy in costume.



In the Art Gallery in January: **"World War I: Lessons and Legacies."** This is a free exhibit from the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service and the National Museum of American History. The exhibit explores the often overlooked aspects of Americans' role in the Great War and many of the innovations, complexities, and contradictions in a post-war world that seemed so suddenly modern.

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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

Children's Programs

Winter 2023

Registration for our winter session begins on January 9th, and programs begin the week of January 23rd. Registration is REQUIRED for all programs. 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>Jan. 5: LEGO Club Join us as we use our skills to make some wonderful LEGO creations!</p> 	<p>Jan. 12: Crafternoon Coffee filter snowflakes! Celebrate the winter season with these beautiful homemade snowflakes.</p> 
<p>Jan. 19: Movie</p> 	<p>Jan. 26: STEAM Fishing for Ice Cubes experiment!</p> 

Teen Programs (ages 13–18)

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



Teen Advisory Board Meeting | Tuesday, January 3 | 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, January 4 | 6:00–8:30 p.m. in the Gallery

Having returned to Leilon a few weeks prior, it's time to see what our faithful (but stronger!) adventurers are up to now. Have they amassed an army? How well-fed is their giant goat? Do crossbows still talk?



Jackbox Games | Monday, January 9 | 4:00 p.m.

AND Monday, January 30 | 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.

Team B, Teen D&D | Wednesday, January 11 | 6:00–8:30 p.m. in the Gallery

Leilon sits on the brink of destruction while our party battles faithfully to defend it from a nefarious cult. Will they stop the cultists' ritual in time, or will Leilon fall before it ever fully begins?



OTAB Presents: Hide & Seek | Friday, January 13 | 6:00–8:30 p.m.

You asked for it—and it's back! Join us as we have some dinner and get playing. This is the only time you will ever be able to run in the library, so have fun!

Teen Rainbow Alliance | Wednesday, January 18 | 4:30–6:00 p.m. in the Gallery

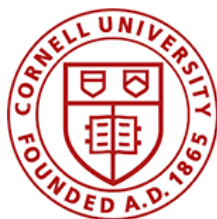
Join us for snacks, games, and good times with fellow LGBTQIA+ teens and their teen allies. Also, please bring your club ideas for the remainder of 2023!



Teen Anime Club | Wednesday, January 25 | 5:00–6:30 p.m. in the Gallery

Have a favorite anime you really want to rave about, or are you just interested in seeing what the fuss is all about? Try some daigashi (Japanese penny snacks) and enjoy a few episodes of anime with fellow fans!

Adult Programs



CCE Presents: Canning Class | Tuesday, January 17 | 6:00 p.m. in the Gallery
Cornell Cooperative Extension will host this canning class, where you will learn how to properly can and store your produce. Additionally, CCE will be bringing a dial tester if anyone would like to have their dial tested for free! By the end of the program, you should feel inspired and empowered to make your own sustainable choices!

Brown Bag Book Club | Monday, January 23 | 12:30 p.m. in the Gallery

You bring the lunch, we supply the refreshments! Join us as we discuss *The Happiest Man on Earth* by Eddie Jaku in January! 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.

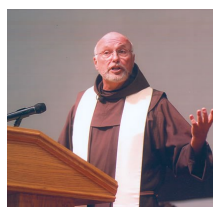


Let's Make a Book Nook! 2-part class | Monday, January 23 AND Monday, January 30 6:30 p.m. in the Gallery

We will have many different options to make your own little magical oasis! This craft is **two parts**: one to build the base, and one to fill in the details. Don't fret if you can only make one class, but two is best! Please call the library to register, as space is limited.

Adult Trivia Night | Tuesday, January 24 | 7:00 p.m. in the Gallery

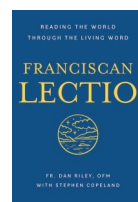
This will be a winter holiday-themed trivia! Bring your friends and family to play. Anyone is welcome! Winning team always gets a prize!



Author Talk: Fr. Dan Riley | Thursday, January 26 | 6:30 p.m. in the Gallery

Dan Riley, O.F.M. '64, is known for his powerful prayers and reflections, drawing often from the beauty of nature and the strength of relationships. Now, Fr. Dan, an alumnus of St. Bonaventure University and founder of Mt. Irenaeus, invites others on an ancient journey, seen through the eyes of a contemporary pilgrim, in his first book,

Franciscan Lectio: Reading the World through the Living Word.



Franciscan Lectio, which the author describes as an “interpretive book”, is for all those who are on a spiritual journey, who long to see the world more beautifully and deeply, and to become more attentive and present. It is divided into four parts following a model St. Clare offers: Gaze, Consider, Contemplate, and Imitate, all of which invite readers to explore with their own imagination.

Stop down to the Art Gallery to see and hear about this local author's first book and ask him any questions you may have! Refreshments will be served.



DHS's Emergency Preparedness Program | Tuesday, January 31 5:00 p.m. in the Gallery

Preparedness is defined by DHS/FEMA as “a continuous cycle of planning, organizing, training, equipping, exercising, evaluating, and taking corrective action in an effort to ensure effective coordination during incident response.” Join the Department of Homeland Security as they show us how to prepare for a disaster. Free program; all are welcome.

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



Thank you to the Friends of the Library for providing new library card holders for our patrons. Each new library card recipient will receive their new card and pin card inside one of our holders! Patrons have loved this service in the past, and we thank the Friends for supporting the purchase of the holders once again. To donate to the Friends' efforts or volunteer your time, visit <https://tinyurl.com/FriendsOPL>.



New card holder!



Recycling Fundraiser

We are now recycling used/empty and new/unused printer cartridges, cell phones/smartphones, old laptop computers, and tablets. Please remove user and password information on all phones and tablets. Hard drives will be removed from all laptops. The Library makes a profit on the sales of these items! Please include AC adaptors and cords when possible. Just drop the items in our lobby collection box. Thank you for helping us recycle!

It's almost impossible to imagine not being able to read, but surveys show that there could be as many as 60,000 print-handicapped people in WNY! Some of these friends and neighbors were born this way, others had sight at birth but now are blind, visually disabled, or suffer from macular degeneration, diabetes, glaucoma, cerebral palsy, dyslexia and other physical conditions which prevent them from being able to read. Cut off from the newspapers, magazines, and books that most of us take for granted, they need someone to read for them.

If a person is blind or has other disabilities they can access recordings of these materials via The Niagara Frontier Radio Reading Service's website www.nfradioreading.org, on podcasts through their favorite streaming service, or by asking their smart speaker to play NFRRS podcasts. Dedicated NFRRS radio devices can be requested by calling 716-821-5555. Some people may not want to admit that they are experiencing difficulty reading and others may not know they qualify for this service. Won't you help spread the word about this local service? Someone who will never see this newsletter will be very grateful you did.

Also, **volunteer readers are especially needed** to read the local newspapers and can record from home or the library. Inquire about volunteering by calling Sheryl our Outreach Librarian or emailing outreach@oleanlibrary.org.



**The Niagara Frontier
Radio Reading Service**



The Race Unity Circle of Olean Book Club

January 17th at 1pm at the Library

Kindred by Octavia Butler

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

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

Tuesday, January 3rd; Tuesday, January 17th; Monday, January 30th.

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



SNAP Helps New Yorkers Buy Food

Need help applying for SNAP? Contact:

NOEP Coordinator-Catt. Co.

Directions in Independent Living, Inc.

(716) 373-4602 x8714

Call/text: (716) 307-2088

**Stop by the library in January for help
applying for food benefits:**

Jan. 5th 9-12 noon

Jan. 11th 9-12 noon

Jan. 19th 9-12 noon

Jan. 23rd 5-7pm



Library Programs—January 2023

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Tribute Gift Book Plates December 2022

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In Memory of: Mr. and Mrs. Victor Stebbins, Sr.	Donation by: Nickey Nichoson
In Memory of: William Zimmer	Donation by: John Balacki
Donation of books for the Inchy Book Vending Machine	Donation by: Robert Hansen

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