



OLEAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

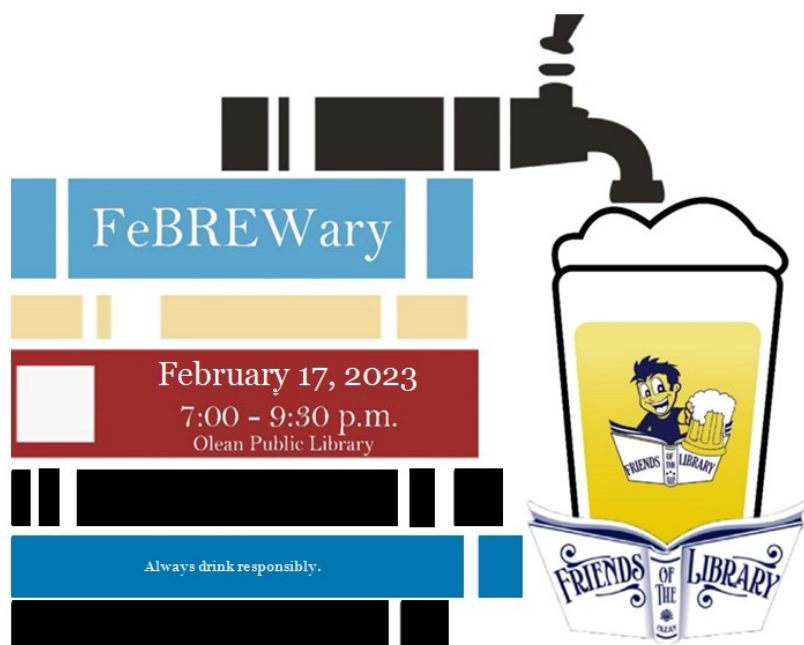
February 2023 Newsletter



The Library will CLOSE EARLY at 5 pm on February 17th.
The Library will be CLOSED February 20th
in observance of Presidents' Day.

Friends' FeBREWary Event Returns to the Library!

Save the date—and come join the Friends of the Library on **February 17th** for our next beer tasting! Doors open at 7 pm and the fun runs until 9:30. Donations of gift baskets would be appreciated; leave a message at the library. Tickets are now on sale at the Circulation Desk for \$20 each or 2 for \$35 and online through Eventbrite for \$20 each. Our designated driver tickets can be bought for \$10 at the Library only. Keep an eye on Facebook for more announcements and links!



The Promising Young Writers Club!

We are excited to offer a new club for kids and teens at the Olean Public Library! The Promising Young Writers Club will launch on March 1st. This is a club for school age children to get excited about writing and storytelling. Writing is all about sharing ideas and playing with words. We want kids to have fun and let their creative juices flow.

Let me introduce you to the faculty and students of Naelo Elementary School, a small school in the woods just outside Olean.



These animals were created by Geraldine Smith as part of a "write to read" initiative. Kids are invited to write a story involving the characters with a **mystery/puzzle solving theme**. They can add pictures as well if they like.

The stories will be compiled into a book that will be bound and added to our library collection. These stories will be on display in the Gallery throughout the month of April, and a book signing and reception will be held in April. Families will have the option to buy their own bound copy of the book to keep.

Stop by the library to see the animals in person and pick up a writing packet with all the information to get started beginning March 1st.

The stories must be returned by **March 24th**.

Kids will have the option of attending a writing workshop on March 11th at 11 AM to brainstorm, get writing tips and have fun with friends. Please register for the workshop at the library or by calling 716 372-0200 ext. 2023.

ADDRESS

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Olean, New York 14760

CONTACT

P: 716-372-0200
E: reference@oleanlibrary.org
W: oleanlibrary.org

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

The concept is simple, but the rewards are priceless. Read a book (any book) to your newborn, infant or toddler and record each book in your log. The goal is to have read 1,000 books before your child starts kindergarten.



Reading to children builds vocabulary, language skills, and helps prepare them for the skills they need for Kindergarten. ***In as little as 15 minutes a day***, families can build the skills for future school and life success.



Come to the Olean Public Library or check our website to register and pick up your 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten reading log. Once you have read 100 books return the log to the library to exchange for a new one and collect a prize! Once you have reached the goal of 1000 books, your child will receive a Ready For School Backpack and a book in their honor.

Children's Programs Winter 2023

Registration is REQUIRED for all programs. This round of programs will end on February 23rd. 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.





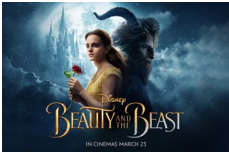

Reading Can Be Ruff Book Club Tuesdays at 6:30 pm or Wednesdays at 3:30 pm

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.



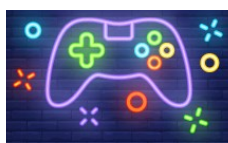
After-School Programs (ages 7–12)

Thursdays from 3:30–4:30pm

<p>Feb. 2: LEGO Club Join us as we use our skills to make some wonderful LEGO creations!</p> 	<p>Feb. 9: Crafternoon Make some beautiful Valentine's Day cards!</p> 
<p>Feb. 16: Movie: <i>Beauty and the Beast</i> (2017)</p> 	<p>Feb. 23: Pokemon Club Bring your card collection to trade cards and see what others have collected!</p> 

Teen Programs (ages 13–18)

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



Teen Gaming Club | Wednesday, February 1 | 4:30–6:00 p.m. in the Gallery

By OTAB request, we are rebranding our Rainbow Alliance into a Gaming Club! For our first ever session, we'll be having a casual Mario Kart tournament. Bring your Switch, JoyCons, and/or controllers if you're comfortable with it, or play ours. Plus, there may just be a fun surprise to play with!

Teen Advisory Board Meeting | Tuesday, February 7 | 4:30 p.m. in the Conference Room

The Olean Teen Advisory Board will be figuring out programs for the remainder of the spring, and discussing the best ways to improve the teen room.



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

The Neverwinter Soldiery are convinced the long-ruined House of Thalivar is haunted, and their eccentric leader is acting odd, even by his standards. Our wayward party has been recruited to investigate both the "hauntings" and Gallio's odd behavior. What will they find?

Anti-Valentine's Day Party | Tuesday, February 14 | 4:00 p.m. in the Gallery

Valentine's Day is a hotly-contested issue. Do you love it, or hate it? Either way, stop down to enjoy some activities and snacks as we celebrate in our own special way. We may even watch a romantic movie—or not.



Teen Anime Club | Wednesday, February 15 | 4:30–6:00 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? Are you curious about checking out the Winter 2023 new anime releases but don't have a way to watch on your own? Teens ages 13-19 are welcome to come watch with us!

Team B, Teen D&D | Wednesday, February 22 | 6:00–8:30 p.m. in the Gallery

Nixoxious and her cult have fallen, but the results of her ritual stare down the party. Will this ragtag crew, their cereal-sailing ship, and their mechanical duck be able to save the fallen settlers in time? Or will they fall prey to the elementals staring them down from the sea?



Jackbox Games | Monday, February 27 | 4:00 p.m. in the Conference Room

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.

Adult Programs



Meditation for Community Well-Being | Saturday, February 4 | 11:00 a.m. in the Gallery

All are welcome to join this monthly free, guided meditation! No experience with meditation is necessary! Please bring a yoga mat, blanket, or pillow for comfort, and chairs will be available for those unable to sit on the floor. *Guide Elaine Snyder is a certified Reiki Master and proprietor of a new business called Elemental Energy.*

Genealogy Work Session: Census Records | Saturday, February 11 | 10:30 a.m. in the Conference Room

We will work together to use census records that are accessible with the library's subscription to Ancestry Library Edition. Bring a laptop if you have one (laptops are available if needed) and your research questions. One-on-one assistance from our staff member Stephanie will be available.



Galentine's Day Craft & Chat | Monday, February 13 | 6:30 p.m. in the Gallery

Leave your SO at home and join us for a Galentine's Night! We'll have light brunch-y refreshments with an easy, fun craft to do with your gal or solo. We will make fun Valentine's-themed centerpieces that can be customized! Gnomes are only **one** of the options. **Reservation required. Must be 18+ to participate.**

Adult Dungeons & Dragons Information Session | Saturday, February 18 | 1:00 p.m.

Are you interested in being a part of an adult D&D group? Join local Dungeon Master Brian as he gets everyone set up for a running session! Make sure to bring any friends that may want to participate. No experience necessary! All are welcome.

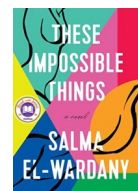


Painted Gnome Craft | Thursday, February 23 | 6:30 p.m. in the Gallery

Join local craft group SerenHippity as we create a painted gnome for Saint Patrick's Day! This little guy can be used as a decoration for the holiday. Please sign up at the Circulation Desk, as space is limited.

Genealogy Work Session: Newspaper Records | Saturday, February 25 | 10:30 a.m. in the Conference Room

We will work together to use newspaper records that are accessible in free, online archives. Bring a laptop if you have one (laptops are available if needed) and your research questions. One-on-one assistance from our staff member Stephanie will be available.



Brown Bag Book Club | Monday, February 27 | 12:30 p.m. in the Gallery

You bring the lunch, we supply the refreshments! Join us as we discuss *These Impossible Things* by Salma El-Wardany! 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.

Adult Trivia Night | Tuesday, February 28 | 7:00 p.m. in the Gallery

Bring your friends and family to play. Anyone is welcome! We play three rounds and a bonus question. You can play by yourself or with a team. Winning team always gets a prize!



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.****

Tribute Gift Book Plates January 2023

Honor & Memorialize & Acknowledge

In Memory of: Barbara Chew	Donation by: Darlene Goetzman & Mike Blumenthal
In Memory of: Amy R. Granger	Donation by: Lindsay & Don Frank
In Memory of: Rebecca Field	Donation by: Pat Stromberg
In Memory of: Charles Ross Taylor	Donation by: Royee & Robert Sisson
In Memory of: Christopher McGonnell	Donation by: Mary Ann Sawaya

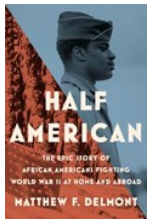
Community Events and Outreach



Native American Residential Boarding Schools: Moving from a Basic Understanding Towards Healing | February 27 at 7 pm

Speaker: Pete Hill, Special Initiatives Director Native American Community Services

This session will provide an understanding of Native American Residential Boarding Schools and the many consequences and residual impacts of that system. We will discuss recent updates and ongoing efforts for a greater understanding of how these issues can be addressed. We will also share some thoughts about being a good ally of Indigenous peoples and communities given the history of these schools. Free and open to the public. Sponsored by the Race Unity Circle of Olean.



The Race Unity Circle of Olean Book Club

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

February 15th at 1pm: *Half-American: the Epic Story of African Americans Fighting World War II at Home and Abroad* by Matthew F. Delmont



Healthcare navigator available in-library from 10am–1pm on the following days: February 6, 13, 21, and 27.

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

Get help applying for food benefits. Stop by the Library for help applying for SNAP
Feb 2nd & 16th: 9 am–12 pm

Phone help? Contact: NOEP Coordinator-Catt. Co. (Directions in Independent Living, Inc.)
716-373-4602 ext. 8714. Call/text: 716-307-2088



In celebration of Black History Month, come join an interactive commemoration of history. Share African-American poetry or a brief history of an African-American figure. Sample a taste of Africa—soul food on the tongue! Free, open to the public, all ages welcome. Registration required; please call 716-372-0200 to sign up. Sponsored by the Race Unity Circle of Olean.

February 11 1–3 p.m.

ADVENTURE PASSES!

Did you know that your library card can be used to check out passes to local museums and more? Our Adventure Pass program offers free or reduced admission to 12 destinations - now including the Fenton History Center and a dual pass for the National Comedy Center and Lucy Desi Museum! Adventure Passes are a service of the Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Library System. Inquire at the Information Desk for more info!



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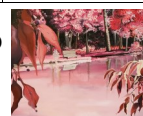


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Our Art Gallery display schedule is open for much of 2023! If you have artwork that you would like to showcase at some point this year, please email us at programming@oleanlibrary.org to set up an exhibit!



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