



March 2023 Newsletter



Poet John Rybicki Set to Visit Library on March 29th for Reading and Q&A!

If

BY JOHN RYBICKI

For Julie

If I could tie a river around my love's waist like ribbon,
make sails out of her blood
and pin down death like a squirming bug.

If I could lift and rock each coffin in my arms
I would start with hers.

Source: *Poetry* (November 2011)

John Rybicki was born in Detroit, Michigan. He is the author of three poetry collections: *When All the World Is Old*, *Traveling at High Speeds*, and *We Bed Down into Water*, all of which are available to read through the library. His poems have been published in *The Best American Poetry 2008*, *Alaska Quarterly Review*, *Field*, *Paris Review*, and *Poetry* magazine.



Rybicki teaches poetry to young writers through the InsideOut literary arts project and Wings of Hope Hospice. He is a writer-in-residence at Alma College in Michigan.

We are pleased to welcome John Rybicki to the Olean Public Library through a grant procured through the staff at St. Bonaventure University! Rybicki will be at the library on **March 29th at 7:00 pm** for a poetry reading and Q&A session.

Refreshments will be served! Please plan to stop down and chat with a world-renowned poet.

In the Gallery in March: Daniel R. Jordan's Wildlife Photography

Daniel is a professional photographer with a portrait studio in Olean. A retired chemist with a passion for photographing wildlife, Dan is a member of the Twin Tiers Camera Club. He was first introduced to photography by world famous photographer, Craig Melvin. He bought a Sony camera with 1.2 megapixels and began his passion project.



Daniel's first foray into photography was seeing a bald eagle in his front lawn. He grabbed his camera and took half a dozen photos before it flew away. He now has taken close to 300,000 photos of bald eagles alone, mostly located in Western New York and Northwest Pennsylvania.

This specific exhibit of Dan's will feature photos of a range of subjects, including songbirds, herons, hawks, vultures, beavers, highland cattle, and of course, bald eagles.



Daniel will be hosting a reception for his artwork on Thursday, March 2nd at 4:30 pm in the Art Gallery. Stop by to discuss his work with him and ask any questions. Refreshments will be served.

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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

The Promising Young Writers Club for School-Age Kids!

Let's wrap up the winter by bringing your imagination to the page! Join the club and get excited about writing and storytelling.

Become a published author! Beginning March 1st, you can visit the library to pick up a packet with all the information you will need to get started.

Write a short story (between 50-500 words), create an illustration to go with it, and have your story compiled and published into a real book that will be added into our collection! There will be a case of characters and some props on display at the library to inspire ideas.

Kids are invited to participate in a **writing workshop on March 11th at 11 am** to share ideas, get writing help, have fun, and make new friends! Registration is required for this event.

ALL STORIES AND ILLUSTRATIONS ARE DUE BACK AT THE LIBRARY **NO LATER THAN MARCH 18TH!**

An author reception and book signing will be held on April 22nd for kids to showcase their works with family and friends.



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. All programs resume the week of March 13th. You can register for programs in person, online or by phone at 716-372-0200 x 2023.

Baby and Me

Thursdays at 3:00 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.



Mark your calendars! Join us Saturday, April 1st at 2:00 pm for a magical Easter celebration with the Jeffers! There will be magic, an Easter Egg hunt, and an appearance by the Easter Bunny himself! Make sure to stop by!

After-School Programs (ages 7–12)

Thursdays from 3:30–4:30pm; NO After-School Program on March 2nd.

<p>March 9: LEGO Club Join us as we use our skills to make some wonderful LEGO creations!</p> 	<p>March 16: Pokemon Club Bring your card collection to trade cards and see what others have collected!</p> 
<p>March 23: Movie: Soul</p> 	<p>March 30: BINGO! Have fun with other kids and win prizes!</p> 

Teen Programs (ages 13–18)

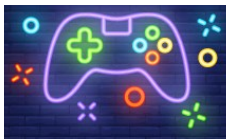
Our teen room is open every Monday through Friday from 3 to 6 pm.



Team A, Teen D&D | Wednesday, March 1 | 6:00–8:30 p.m. in the Gallery

With one small mistake by one of the party's monks, four small stone golems have awoken from their centuries-long slumber. Unsure of what's happening, they assume our famed heroes are intruders in their tower and begin their attack. Will the party drive them off, or will this be their fateful end?

Teen Advisory Board Meeting | Tuesday, March 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.



Teen Gaming Club | Wednesday, March 8 | 4:30–6:00 p.m. in the Gallery

Love video games? Have a game you've been dying to play but need others to complete the experience? Bring yourself and, if you'd like, your Switch and/or JoyCons to play games with your fellow teens. This month, we'll be featuring Super Smash Brothers Ultimate on the library's Switch.

Jackbox Games | Monday, March 13 at 6:00 p.m. AND Thursday, March 30 at 5:00 p.m. in the Conference Room

We have every party pack available to play! Bring a device and your thinking caps to compete with other teens. The family filter is kept on throughout, and answers must be library appropriate.



Teen Anime Club | Wednesday, March 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 all the fuss is about? Would you like to try some Japanese snacks or weird KitKat flavors while watching anime? Teens ages 13-19 are welcome!

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

What will this crazy, ragtag group of wanderers encounter this month? Join us for what will likely be a rousing session of our team B group as they meander their way through our current map, and hopefully drive back the raging water elemental.



Adult Programs



Artist Reception: Daniel R. Jordan's Wildlife Photography | Thursday, March 2 | 4:30 p.m. in the Gallery
Daniel's artwork will be in the Gallery for all to see this month! Stop down to ask him questions or chat about his work. Refreshments will be served.

Meditation for Community Well-Being | Saturday, March 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.*

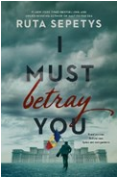


Adult D&D Introduction Session | Saturday, March 11 | 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room

Anyone interested in working with local DM Brian as he begins the task of setting up our adult session is welcome to attend. This will be a general meet-and-greet, as well as an opportunity to create a character and learn the basics of how Dungeons and Dragons works.

BYOB Club | Tuesday, March 14 | 6:30 p.m. in the Gallery

For our first ever evening book club meeting, simply BYOB (bring your own **book**) to discuss! We will be able to choose from a list of books to read in the future, but for now, let's just relax and introduce ourselves and our reading styles.



Brown Bag Book Club | Monday, March 20 | 12:30 p.m. in the Gallery

You bring the lunch, we supply the refreshments! Join us as we discuss *I Must Betray You* by Ruta Sepetys. 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.

Stained Glass Propagation Station | Thursday, March 23 | 6:30 p.m. in the Gallery

Join local craft group SerenHippity as we create a stained glass-looking propagation station for the springtime! *Registration is required for this class.*

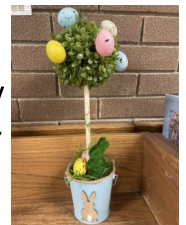


Genealogy Work Session: Military Records | Saturday, March 25 | 10:30 a.m. in the Gallery

We will work together to use military records accessible through the library. 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.

Mini Easter Topiary Craft | Monday, March 27 | 6:30 p.m. in the Gallery

Registration is required for this craft.



Adult Trivia Night | Tuesday, March 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!

Visiting Poet: John Rybicki | Wednesday, March 29 | 7:00–8:30 p.m. in the Gallery

Thanks to a grant procured by the staff at St. Bonaventure University, we are welcoming world-renowned poet John Rybicki to the Olean Public Library for one night only! He will be reading some of his poetry as well as answering any questions you may have about his work and life. Stop down to learn about his amazing history!



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



Tax Season Tip: Go online and check out myfreetaxes.com provided by the United Way!

The United Way fights for the health, education, and financial stability of every person in every community. They give people the financial education and tools to build a solid foundation that improves their lives and the lives of their children. For millions of Americans, tax refunds and credits are essential to their financial stability and success.

That's why United Way helps people save more of their hard-earned money! So far, more than 1.3 million people have used MyFreeTaxes, saving some \$260 million in tax preparation fees.

Nicky Miller, an insurance enroller for Molina Healthcare, will be in-library to help individuals or families get affordable or **free** health insurance through the New York State of Health. Every child is eligible for Child Health Plus. The application usually only takes 15-20 minutes.

In-library March 2nd and 23rd from 2–4 pm.



Healthcare navigator available in-library from 10am–1pm on the following days:
March 6, 13, 20, 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
March 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



The Race Unity Circle of Olean Book Club at the Library

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

March 15th at 1pm: *Unexampled Courage: the Blinding of Sgt. Isaac Woodard and the Awakening of President Harry S. Truman and Judge J. Waties Waring* by Richard Gergel.

Radio Reading Service Volunteer Meet-n-Greet

March 22nd. Drop in between 5-6 pm.

Do you like to read? Do you want to help others that can't? Find out how to become a volunteer reader on air 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**



Social Security Benefits Sessions presented by Directions in Independent Living, Inc.

- **Social Security Benefits Advisement:** Thursday, March 9: 1–3 pm

This session will provide an overview of our social security "Benefits Advisement" services, as well as answering questions and discussing topics regarding social security.

- **Social Security Benefits for Disabled Individuals:** Thursday, March 16: 1–3 pm

This informational session will provide an overview of some of the benefit programs offered by the Social Security Administration (SSA) for individuals who are found disabled under SSA guidelines.

- **Social Security Work Incentives:** Thursday, March 23: 1–3 pm

This workshop will discuss the impact of earnings on social security/SSI benefits and work incentives that allow a disabled individual to pursue employment while maintaining eligibility for benefits.

- **Disability Sensitivity:** Thursday, March 30: 1–3 pm

This presentation will discuss the topic of disability awareness as well as the importance of practicing good disability sensitivity and etiquette while interacting with people who have disabilities.

For more information, contact DJ Moore at (716) 373-4602 ext. 8718.

Library Programs—March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Teen D&D Team A 6 pm	2 SNAP Help 9 am—12 pm Molina Healthcare 2—4 pm Daniel R. Jordan Gallery Reception 4:30 pm	3	4 Meditation for Community Well-Being 11 am
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