



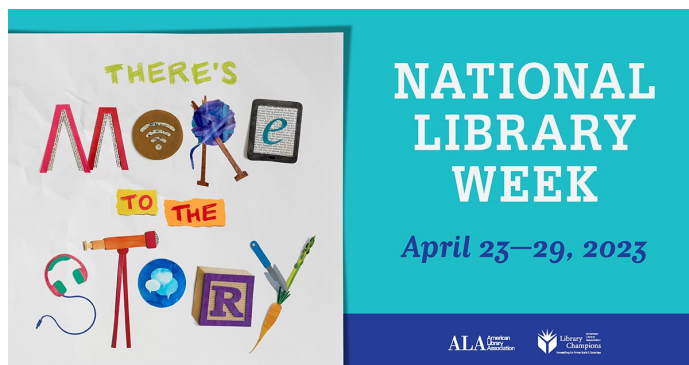
OLEAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

April 2023 Newsletter



The Library will be CLOSED on Saturday, April 8 in observance of Easter.

ATTENTION: Beginning June 1st, the Library will no longer automatically mail the monthly newsletter to your home. The escalating costs of postage and printing require that we find a more economical way to bring you news of our programs and services. We encourage you to sign up for the email version of our newsletter by contacting us at 716-372-0200. You will also be able to access the newsletter on our website at OleanLibrary.org. If you would still like a printed version of this newsletter mailed to you, please call or email us so we can add you to a new list. Thank you for your cooperation!



There's More to the Story at the Olean Public Library!

Don't come in to the library often? We still have resources and programs you can access anywhere! These include:

- Libby e-books and e-audiobooks
- Kanopy movies and TV shows
- Resources on our website, such as our cata-

log with all the holdings of our 38 member libraries in CCLS, as well as links to many area service organizations and resources

- Reference help over the phone or via email, including help with downloading e-books
- Zoom links to remotely join book clubs, such as the Brown Bag Book Club

Celebrate National Library Week at the Olean Public Library!

National Library Week is April 23–29! Join us Tuesday through Friday from 10 am–12 pm for Coffee, Coloring, and Conversation in the Art Gallery! Make sure you check out our other activities as well, including a scavenger hunt put on by OTAB, guessing competitions, and basket raffles! Happy National Library Week from us here at OPL to you!

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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

Promising Young Writers Club Gallery Exhibit and Author Reception and Autograph Session!

Come to the library to check out the work of our promising young writers. These kids have written and illustrated stories that were compiled into a book and actually published! Their original pieces will be on display all month in the gallery. An author meet and greet and autograph session will be held on Saturday, April 22 from 1:00—3:00. Come in, have some snacks, and celebrate our published authors!



The week of April 3rd the Olean Public Library will be partnering with the Olean Area Charter for Compassion and the City of Olean to celebrate the Community Week of Kindness. This is a week-long event being celebrated throughout the city. Kids, draw a Picture of Kindness. This could be any representation of an act of kindness that you have seen or experienced. Your picture will be on display all week at the library. Treats and giveaways will be available. The theme of kindness will be the highlight of all our children's programs this week!

Children's Programs Spring 2023

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 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.



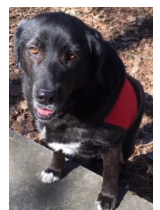
Reading Can Be Ruff Book Club

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 at 3:30 on Tuesday, May 2nd for Story Time with Percy, Delilah, and Halley! Percy the miniature pony and our special therapy dogs will join us for story time, crafts, snacks, and photo ops. Quit horsin' around and get to the library to have fun with our four-legged friends!



After-School Programs (ages 7–12)

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

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| <p>April 6: LEGO Club Join us as we use our skills to make some wonderful LEGO creations!</p>  | <p>April 13: Pokemon Club Bring your card collection to trade cards and see what others have collected!</p>  |
| <p>April 20: STEAM Club We will be using supplies to create our very own paper circuits!</p>  | <p>April 27: 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.

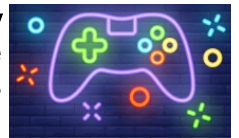


Teen Advisory Board Meeting | Tuesday, April 4 | 4:30 p.m. in the Conference Room

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, April 5 | 4:30–6:00 p.m. in the Gallery

Come out to join other teens who enjoy video gaming. We'll have our Switch set up to continue our Super Smash Brothers Ultimate games, but we'll have a few Nintendo Gamecube games ready to go as well. Feel free to bring your own controllers or systems to play with friends!



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

Our relentless adventurers were able to subdue most of the Mystra golems, but at structural expense to the tower they're investigating. How will they find their way to Gallio and sleuth out the supernatural chaos plaguing them in the High House of Thalivar?

Teen Poetry Program | Thursday, April 13 | 5:30–8:00 p.m. in the Gallery

April is National Poetry Month! Utilize your creative muscles to create either a blackout poem or a spatial poem, or simply write one with no prompts. Our favorite poems may be bound together in a collection!

national poetry month



Jackbox Games | Monday, April 17 at 4:30 p.m. AND Thursday, April 27 at 6:00 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.

Team B, Teen D&D | Wednesday, April 19 | 6:00–8:30 p.m. in the Gallery

As our party begins driving back the elemental beasts attacking Leilon's docks, new adventures rush from road, beach, and air to assist. Will they be successful, or will Leilon fall before it rises?



Hide & Seek | Friday, April 21 | 6:00–8:30 p.m.

We are once again offering your favorite program! Stop down just before we close to be let in. We'll have dinner and play a few rounds of hide and seek or freeze tag. This is the only time you can run in the library, so let loose!

Teen Anime Club | Wednesday, April 26 | 4:30–5:30 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!

ANIME CLUB



Author Talk: Sophie Labelle | Wednesday, April 26 | 6:00 p.m. in the Gallery

Sophie Labelle, author of Assigned Male Comics, will be joining us for a book reading, signing, and Q&A. All are welcome to this event! Refreshments will be served. Learn more about Sophie at serioustransvibes.com.

Adult Programs

Meditation for Community Well-Being | Saturday, April 1 | 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.*



Night Owls Book Club | Tuesday, April 11 | 6:30 p.m. in the Gallery

Join us after work and before dinner! We always have refreshments. We will be discussing *The Happiest Man on Earth* by Eddie Jaku. 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.

Upcycled Bird Feeders Craft | Thursday, April 13 | 6:30 p.m. in the Gallery

Join SerenHippity to create some beautiful upcycled bird feeders, just in time for the spring birds to arrive! Registration is required for this craft; please call us to reserve a spot.



Adult D&D Session | Saturday, April 15 | 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room

Local DM Brian will get us started on our D&D campaign. Bring a snack and get ready to play!

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

You bring the lunch, we supply the refreshments! Join us as we discuss *Black Cake* by Charmaine Wilkerson. 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.



Paper Flowers Adult Craft | Monday, April 17 | 6:30–8:30 p.m. in the Gallery

Registration is required for this craft.

Adult Trivia Night | Tuesday, April 25 | 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.****



Computer Basics Series

All sessions will be approx. 1.5 hours. There are 2 different options for 4 sessions: Thursdays 12:30–2 pm or Fridays 4–5:30 pm. Registration is required.

Week One: Computer Basics. Explore the physical and virtual environments of computing.

Topics covered: turning computer on, parts of the computer, interacting with the computer, hardware vs. software. **April 6th at 12:30 pm OR April 7th at 4 pm.**

Week Two: Websites and Internet Safety. Basic familiarity with computing environment is expected. Topics covered: Internet, URLs, browsers, search engines, evaluating information, cookies, anti-virus, phishing, pop-ups, identity theft. **April 13th at 12:30 pm OR April 14th at 4 pm.**

Week Three: Email and Internet Safety. Basic familiarity with computing environment is **required**. Topics covered: email overview, email providers, setting up an account, emailing in general. **April 20th at 12:30 pm OR April 21st at 4 pm.**

Week Four: Social Media, Internet Safety, Privacy. Email knowledge is **required**. Topics covered: social media platforms, privacy settings, social etiquette, algorithms, private messaging, sharing posts. **April 27th at 12:30 pm OR April 28th at 4 pm.**

Community Events and Outreach



Race Unity Circle of Olean Poetry Reading to Celebrate National Poetry Month April 6th, 7pm

Amber Flora Thomas is a mixed-race African American poet who has authored three collections of poetry, including *Eye of Water*, which won the Cave Canem Poetry Prize, *The Rabbits Could Sing*, and most recently *Red Channel in the Rupture*. Presenting April 6th at 7pm, via Zoom, she will read from her published works and take questions. A recipient of the Dylan Thomas American Poet Prize, the Richard Peterson Prize, and the Ann Stanford Prize, her poetry has appeared in numerous journals and anthologies. Thomas is a Cave Canem fellow and faculty member. She regularly teaches at

the Bread Loaf Environmental Writers Conference. She has received fellowships from Yaddo, Atlantic Center for the Arts, Bread Loaf Writers Conference, and Sewanee Writers Conference. She earned an MFA at Washington University in St. Louis, MO. Currently, she is an Associate Professor of Creative Writing at East Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina. Event is free and open to the public. Program and refreshments sponsored by the Race Unity Circle of Olean.

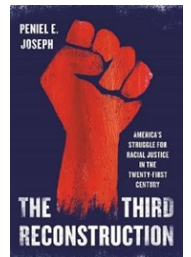
The Race Unity Circle of Olean Book Club @ the library

April 19th, 1pm.

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

Book selection: *The Third Reconstruction: America's Struggle for Racial Justice in the Twenty-First Century* by Peniel E. Joseph

In *The Third Reconstruction*, distinguished historian Peniel E. Joseph offers a powerful and personal new interpretation of recent history. The racial reckoning that unfolded in 2020, he argues, marked the climax of a Third Reconstruction: a new struggle for citizenship and dignity for Black Americans, just as momentous as the movements that arose after the Civil War and during the civil rights era.



AMERICAN RED CROSS



Blood Drive @ the library

April 24, 2023 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.

LawNY Healthcare Navigator available in-library on the following days:

April 3rd, 10th, 17th from 10am to 1pm

April 24th from 1pm to 4pm

Also—Elder Care Law assistance available.

Phone assistance: 716-373-4701 ext. 2015.



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 from 2—4 pm on April 13th, 20th, and 27th.

Get help applying for food benefits. Stop by the Library for help applying for SNAP

April 6th and 20th: 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



April 14th and 24th from 3 to 5pm stop by the library to speak to a rep from the **Veteran's Peer to Peer Program** which offers peer support from those who can relate to the struggles of transitioning into civilian life after military service.

Tribute Gift Book Plates January 2023
Honor & Memorialize & Acknowledge

In Memory of: Barbara Chew

Donation by: Laura Storm

Library Programs—April 2023

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| National Library Week! | | | | | |
| 31 | | Reminder: Make sure to stop by on May 2nd for our Trustee Election and Budget Vote! | | | |

WHAT'S YOUR LIBRARY WORTH TO YOU?

Need information or have an opportunity to enjoy some relaxation time?

The Library saved the Olean community **\$1,520,400** by loaning books that individuals would have otherwise had to purchase for an average cost of **\$20** each!

Contemplating another streaming subscription?

The Olean Public Library maintains a huge DVD collection and stays up to date with the latest DVD releases of your favorite streaming series. In 2022 we circulated **17,829** DVDs (including popular series) for free, a value to the Community of **\$71,316**. A family that borrows 3 DVDs a week would pay \$72 a month for those same movies rented through an On-Demand streaming service: a total savings of **\$864 per year!**

Looking for affordable quality entertainment for your family and friends?

In 2022 the Library offered **185** free children's programs providing **\$15,988** in value to the 2,284 Attendees! 4,570 attendees saved a total of **\$54,840** by attending our free adult and family programs!

Trying to make the community better by running a non-profit?

Olean area non-profit groups saved **\$7,210** dollars in 2022 by using Olean Public Library's meeting rooms free of charge, compared to **\$35/hour** at many other venues!

Can't afford the Internet at home, or don't want to buy your own printer?

The Olean Public Library provided **5,593** free WiFi sessions in 2022. Over 8,002 sessions, library users saved **\$96,024** by using library computers for everything from printing family photos, applying for jobs, or checking their e-mail!

Enjoy E-Audio Books?

In 2022 the Library provided **\$231,030** in value by providing **7,701** E-Audio book circulations free of charge!



Olean Public Library Budget Hearing



in the Library
Tuesday, April 18, 2023
6:00 PM

Save the Date!

Olean Public Library 2023 Trustee Election and Budget Vote for the 2024 Fiscal Year will be held at the Library on Tuesday, May 2nd. Polls open at 9 am and close at 8 pm.
We hope you will exercise your right to vote on May 2nd!

For more information on the Budget Hearing and subsequent Budget Vote, please visit our website at oleanlibrary.org. Thank you for your ongoing support of the Olean Public Library!