



June 2023 Newsletter



"All Together Now" Summer Reading Program is Right Around the Corner!

As the school year winds down, the Olean Public Library ramps up its annual Summer Reading Program! We are ready for a jam-packed, fun-filled summer in 2023! Every age group can be a part of the fun.



Kids—get ready for Kid Cash, Investigation Stations, Let's Move Together, Waggy Tails Book Club, Kindness Crafts, and **more!**

Teens will have lots of opportunities to score some **amazing prizes** through reading and checking out other library materials!

Adults receive a prize for signing up for Summer Reading, as well as entries into the **final raffle!**

Registration for Summer Reading AND all children's summer programs at the Olean Public Library begins **Monday, June 26th** during regular library hours. Come on in to get your reading log! Register in person, online via our website, or by phone. Summer Reading programs and check-ins begin the week of July 10th! **Registration is required for all children's programs except special events.**

The Summer Kick-Off Celebration will be held on June 17th from 12–2 pm! Carnival games and face painting will be available from 12–1, and Magic Dave Jeffers will perform his magic tricks from 1–2!

Don't miss out!

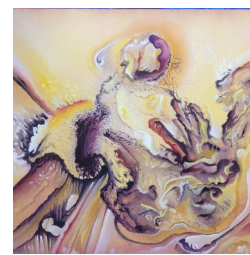
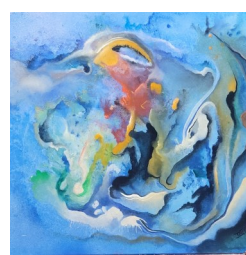
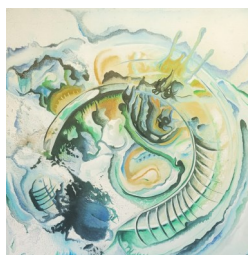


We wish to thank our supporters for coming out on May 2nd to vote on our budget, which passed by over **80 percent!** We also want to congratulate the two winners of the trustee election:



Laura Whitford who won the 5-year term, and Gretchen Copella who won the 1-year term.

In the Art Gallery in June: The Paintings of Dave Jeffers



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Sat 10:00 am–5:00 pm

**Book Your Summer at the Olean Public Library! *All Together Now* 2023 begins July 10th!
Read to earn Kid Cash for prizes! Fun Programs and Special Events for all ages!**

Introducing All Together Now Kids and Clay: Hand Building!

Kids ages 6-10 will learn how to take raw clay, form it, and make it into something really cool—like a Pout Pout Fish kitchen scrubby holder! The class will be taught by local artisan Tara Dedrick. Tara began her pottery journey 10 years ago when she was gifted an instructional class, and hasn't looked back since! She now passes her passion for pottery forward to others. "Everyone can enjoy and create with clay, and have fun and learn at the same time!"



Tara has been giving pottery lessons for over 6 years and recently moved to teaching classes out of her little studio called TShed Pottery in Allegany. Tara donates 100% of her pottery sales to Olean missionary Cari Matejka's Literacy of Love organization in Uganda. Each class will be approximately 2 hours long and one project will be created in each class. Parents can stay and assist. Registration is required. Please only sign up for one session to allow for more kids to participate.

These single sessions will be offered on:

June 28 from 6–7:30 pm

July 5 from 6–7:30 pm

June 29 from 2–3:30 pm

July 6 from 2–3:30 pm

Registration for all children's programs and Summer Reading at the Olean Public Library begins **June 26th** and continues through August 10th. Programs begin **July 10th**. Register in person, online, or by phone at (716)372-0200 ext. 2023 **Registration is required for all programs except special events.**

Baby & Me

Thursdays at 3:00

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.



Let's Move Together

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.



Waggy Tails 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.



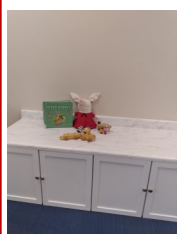
Kind Kids Club

Mondays at 5:00 pm

A special program for kids 6-12 to celebrate kindness, unity, and working together. We will come together to support the community and each other through art, crafts, and other activities.



New Cabinets Courtesy of the Friends of the Library!



Come check out our new storage cabinets in the children's play area! These cabinets were made possible by a generous donation from our Friends of the Library and are a wonderful addition to the children's area. Not only will it keep the area safer by eliminating toys, puzzles, and games scattered all over the floor, but sorting and organizing toys into the cupboards is an important brain building skill for children.

To donate to the Friends' efforts or volunteer your time, visit: <http://tinyurl.com/FriendsOPL>.

Thank you, Friends of the Library!



After-School Programs (ages 7–12)

Thursdays from 3:30–4:30pm

June 1 AND 15: LEGO Club

Join us as we use our skills to make some wonderful LEGO creations!



June 8 AND 22: Pokemon Club

Bring your card collection to trade cards and see what others have collected!



June 29: BINGO

Have fun with other kids and win prizes!



Teen Programs (ages 13–18)

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



Jackbox Games | Monday, June 5 | 3:30 p.m. in the Gallery

Stop down to play some fun games with some cool teens! We have every available party pack (1-9) so get ready for lots of crazy antics. Bring a device to play, but remember to keep the answers library-appropriate!

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

Our relentless adventurers continue their quests to rebuild Leilon and sleuth out the mysteries of the surrounding areas. Will they ever unravel the mysteries of the House of Thalivar?

(Slots remain; email cinman@oleanlibrary.org to register.)

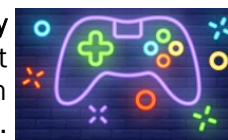


Teen Advisory Board Meeting | Tuesday, June 13 | 4:30 p.m. in the Conference Room

The Olean Teen Advisory Board will be discussing any upcoming summer program ideas and planning for our summer hiatus.

Teen Gaming Club | Wednesday, June 14 | 4:30–6:00 p.m. in the Gallery

Come out to join other teens who enjoy gaming—both video and board. We'll have our Switch set up to use, and we'll have a few Gamecube games ready to go as well. Feel free to bring your own controllers/systems, or favorite board games, to play with friends.



Teen Pride Celebration | Monday, June 19 | 5:00 p.m. in the Gallery

June is Pride Month! Let's have a discussion about what that means to us within the safe space of the library. Feel free to bring friends and we will chat about gender, sexuality, and try to answer any questions we may have together.

Teen Anime Club | Wednesday, June 21 | 4:30–5:30 p.m. in the Gallery

Come view anime in the gallery with fellow teens while enjoying various Japanese treats. While supplies last, we'll also be featuring unique KitKat flavors. What wild ones have we found this time?



Swordfighting Lessons with Wayne | Thursday, June 22 | 6:30 p.m. in the front parking lot

Join sword expert Wayne Wellburn as he teaches us some more swordfighting basics. All you will need to bring is a good pair of shoes, appropriate athletic wear, and a helmet with a face shield if you have one. Wayne supplies everything else, including the fun times!

Team B, Teen D&D | Wednesday, June 28 | 6:00–8:30 p.m. in the Gallery

Slowly, the party drives back the watery threat to Leilon as fellow adventurers join the fray. Who will rise triumphant? Are all the newcomers truly what they seem? Come find out!

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Adult Programs



Meditation for Community Well-Being | Saturday, June 3 | 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.*

SerenHippity Presents: Macramé Keychain Craft | Thursday, June 8 | 6:30 p.m. in the Gallery

Registration is required for this craft. Max 15 people.

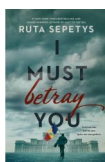


Adult D&D Session | Saturday, June 10 | 1:00 p.m. in the Gallery

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

Canvas Art Craft | Monday, June 12 OR Monday, June 26 | 6:30 p.m. in the Gallery

According to the Smithsonian Magazine in 2022, “making art can **activate reward pathways in the brain, reduce stress, lower anxiety levels, and improve mood.**” Let’s kick off Summer Reading by creating canvas art in the way the theme “All Together Now” inspires you, while boosting your mental health, tapping into your creative essence, and making friends. Registration is required. **Children are invited to participate, but must be registered AND attend with a registered adult!** Your artwork will be showcased in the Art Gallery throughout the month of July while we kick off Summer Reading.



Night Owls Book Club | Tuesday, June 13 | 6:30 p.m. in the Gallery

Join us after work and before dinner! We always have refreshments. We will be discussing *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.

Brown Bag Book Club | Monday, June 19 | 12:30 p.m. in the Gallery

You bring the lunch, we supply the refreshments! Join us as we discuss *Ninth House* by Leigh Bardugo. 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 Pride Celebration | Tuesday, June 20 | 7:30 p.m. in the Gallery

June is Pride Month! Let’s have a discussion about what that means to us within the safe space of the library. This will be a group discussion about gender, sexuality, and anything else you may want to throw at a sounding board. Snacks will be available.

Adult Trivia Night | Tuesday, June 27 | 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!



William P. Robertson and Shane White Eagle: Book Talk and Ghost Stories | Thursday, June 29 6:00 p.m. in the Gallery

Local author William P. Robertson and his colleague, leader of the Spirit Hunters paranormal group of Olean, Shane White Eagle, will be visiting to discuss William’s newest book, as well as local ghost investigations they have completed. Refreshments will be served!

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



Find us at StrOlean! **Friday, June 2nd from 3 to 7 pm**, the Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce will host StrOlean up and down North Union Street in Olean. This outdoor event aims to bring folks to the downtown shopping district for an evening of fun! StrOlean will feature a host of events and is designed so event goers can saunter, amble, wander, and walk North Union Street. There will be delicious food, music, fine arts, and fun for all ages. The library will be there!

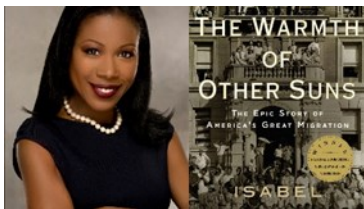
Look for the library at StrOlean near the Bluebird Square pass-thru!



Blood Drive @ the library!
June 30, 2023 from 12:00 PM to 5:00 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.

Big Brothers, Big Sisters is currently looking for volunteers ages 18-88 who would like to be a mentor to a school-aged child in the Olean community 2-3 times a month. Please visit our website at BiggerTogether.org or call us at (716) 970-0921 for more information!



The Race Unity Circle of Olean Book Club @ the library
June 28th at 1 pm

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

Book selection: Isabel Wilkerson's The Warmth of Other Suns

The Warmth Of Other Suns is the story of how and why millions of Black Americans left the South between 1915 and 1970 to escape the brutality of the Jim Crow Laws and find safety, better pay, and more freedom in what is known today as The Great Migration. *The Warmth of Other Suns* details a period in American history, of which the importance cannot be understated. The effects of the Great Migration not only affected the lives of millions of African-Americans but also shaped much of modern-day American popular culture and identity.

LawNY Healthcare Navigator available in-library 10 am—1 pm on the following days:
Mondays June 5th, 12th, and 26th.



Help for individuals or families to get affordable or **free** health insurance through the New York State of Health. Every child is eligible for Child Health Plus.
In-library Thursdays in June from 2—4 pm.

Get help applying for food benefits. Stop by the Library for help applying for SNAP
June 1st and 15th from 9 to 12 noon.



Library Programs—June 2023

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Friends of the Library
Annual Meeting
 Open to the public.
 Monday, June 12th at 7 pm
 Library Conference Room



Tribute Gift Book Plates May 2023

Honor & Memorialize & Acknowledge

In Memory of: Keith Gassman

Donation by: The Southern Tier Quilt Guild