



OLEAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

May 2023 Newsletter



The Library will be CLOSED on Monday, May 29 in observance of Memorial Day.

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!

Bookmark Contest Winners on Display in Art Gallery Throughout May!

Where do you read? Area students in grades one through five show off their answers in artwork on display through the month of May in the gallery at the Olean Public Library.

The artwork appears in the form of bookmarks, entered by the students in the Peg Bothner Bookmark Contest. The contest, sponsored by the Friends of the Olean Library, is open to students in grades one through five. This year, entries came from two Olean schools – Intermediate Middle and East View Elementary – plus Allegany-Limestone and Portville.

Chosen as school-wide winners were Daks Perry from Olean Intermediate Middle School; Nolan Mangalsingh, East View Elementary; Livia Laing, Portville Elementary; and Emily Fries, Allegany-Limestone Elementary.

The school-wide winners and individual classroom winners will be recognized during two receptions on Saturday, May 6, at the Olean Public Library. The Olean school winners will be recognized at 11 a.m. and the Allegany-Limestone and Portville winners will be honored at 1 p.m. Master of ceremonies for the receptions will be Steve Cocca of Olean.

Contest chair is Friends board member Diane Ksionzyk, also of Olean.



Gretchen Copella

REMINDER: Our budget vote and trustee election is being held on **Tuesday, May 2nd from 9 am–8 pm.** Please stop by at any time to exercise your right to vote, as well as enjoy some of our programs! Here are the nominees for the trustee election, of which you will be required to pick 2 when you cast your vote.



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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 Spring 2023

All programs resume the week of May 1st and run through May 26th. 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.



Calling all Royalty and Superheroes: You are invited to a ROYAL PARTY!

Saturday, May 20th

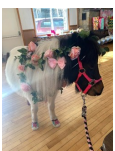


AT 12:00: there will be drinks, snacks, games, and other activities! Wear your best costume, cape, or gown! (We have limited attire in limited sizes available for loan.)

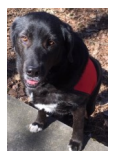
AT 11:00: We are offering a pre-party Wish Upon a Star Salon to get you ready for the Royal Party! Gals and guys can get your hair styled, get your nails done, get glittered up! Time slots will be available for a professional stylist to get you ready for the party. Appointments will start at 11 with the party to follow at 12!



Registration is required! Register in person or call 716-372-0200 ext. 2023.







Join us at 3:30 on Tuesday, May 2nd for Story Time with Percy, Delilah, and Halley! Percy the miniature horse 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

<p>May 4: LEGO Club Join us as we use our skills to make some wonderful LEGO creations!</p> 	<p>May 11: Pokemon Club Bring your card collection to trade cards and see what others have collected!</p> 
<p>May 18: Board Game Day Play our board games or bring your own!</p> 	<p>May 25: 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.

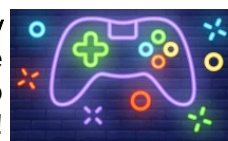


Harry Potter Day | Tuesday, May 2 | 3:00–6:00 p.m.

The OTAB and anyone else who wants to help will be hosting some small crafts for Harry Potter Day! Please see Alijah or email programming@oleanlibrary.org if you'd like to sign up.

Teen Gaming Club | Wednesday, May 3 | 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 playing games, but you are more than welcome to bring any games of your own you'd like to play, including board games!



Revenge of the Fifth: Star Wars Party | Friday, May 5 | 3:00 p.m. in the Gallery

We will be celebrating Star Wars Day in style: with pool noodle light sabers, intense music, and lots of snacks, as well as some Star Wars trivia! Stop down to have fun with fellow teens.

Teen Advisory Board Meeting | Tuesday, May 9 | 4:30 p.m. in the Conference Room

The Olean Teen Advisory Board will be discussing our Summer Reading Program and how we would like to use our resources for that time.



Team A, Teen D&D | Wednesday, May 17 | 6:00–8:30 p.m. in the Gallery

We will be continuing our foray into the depths of our current session! Please bring any materials you may need to play.

Teen Anime Club | Wednesday, May 24 | 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!



Team B, Teen D&D | Wednesday, May 31 | 6:00–8:30 p.m. in the Gallery

We will also be continuing our session from last time. Please bring any materials you may need to play!

Adult Programs

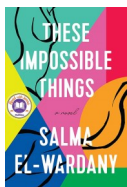
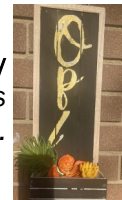


Coffee, Coloring, and Conversations | Tuesdays from 10am–12pm in the Gallery

Every Tuesday morning, drop in between 10 and noon for coffee, coloring, and conversations! We supply the beverages and stuff to do, you supply the stuff to talk about!

Address Front Porch Signs Craft | Tuesday, May 2 | 6:30 p.m. OR 7:30 p.m. in the Gallery

There are two time slots to make sure we have plenty of room for our crafty patrons! *Registration is required for this craft.*



Night Owls Book Club | Tuesday, May 9 | 6:30 p.m. in the Gallery

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

Meditation for Community Well-Being | Saturday, May 13 | 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 Session | Saturday, May 13 | 1:00 p.m. in the Gallery

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, May 15 | 12:30 p.m. in the Gallery

You bring the lunch, we supply the refreshments! Join us as we discuss *True Biz* by Sara Novic. 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.



Faux Ice Cream Sundae Craft | Monday, May 22 | 6:30–8:30 p.m. in the Gallery

Registration is required for this craft.

Adult Trivia Night | Tuesday, May 30 | 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.****

Community Events and Outreach



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2.1.1 connects families in **Western New York** to agencies that can assist with:

- Food
- Housing
- Clothing
- Employment
- Health Care
- Disabilities
- Mental Health
- and more!

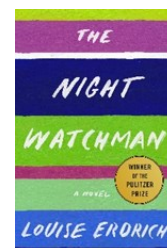
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Western New York

The Race Unity Circle of Olean Book Club @ the library May 17th @ 1pm

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

Book selection: The Night Watchman by Louise Erdrich

Based on the extraordinary life of author Louise Erdrich's grandfather, who worked as a night watchman and carried the fight against Native dispossession from rural North Dakota all the way to Washington, D.C.. This powerful novel explores themes of love and death with lightness and gravity and unfolds with the elegant prose, sly humor, and depth of feeling of a master craftsman.



LawNY Healthcare Navigator available in-library 10 am—1 pm on the following days:

Tuesday, May 2nd and

Mondays May 8th, 15th, and 22nd.

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 May 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th.

Get help applying for food benefits. Stop by the Library for help applying for SNAP
May 4th and 18th from 9—12.



Tribute Gift Book Plates April 2023

Honor & Memorialize & Acknowledge

In Memory of: Judy Moor	Donation by: Juliet Book Club
In Memory of: Dennis Dash	Donation by: Helen Ruggieri
In Honor of: Leslie Chambers on the occasion of her birthday	Donation by: Joe & Rene Hauser
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Library Programs—May 2023

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 BUDGET VOTE ALL DAY MAY 2ND 9 AM—8PM 	2 Coffee, Coloring, and Conversation 10 am Healthcare Navigator 10 am—1 pm Harry Potter Day 3 pm Story Time with Percy 3:30 pm Investigation Stations 6:30 pm Reading Can Be Ruff 6:30 pm Address Front Porch Signs Craft 6:30 OR 7:30 pm	3 Stories and More 10 am Investigation Stations 3:30 pm Reading Can Be Ruff 3:30 pm Gaming Club 4:30 pm	4 SNAP Help 9 am—12 pm Stories and Stretches 11 am Molina Healthcare 2—4 pm Baby and Me 3 pm LEGO Club 3:30 pm	5 Star Wars Day Party 3 pm	6
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Teen programs in blue
Children/family programs in red
Community outreach programs in purple