



OLEAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

September 2023 Newsletter



The Library will be closed on September 4 for Labor Day and September 15 for Staff Development. The Library will also be closing early (at 5:00 pm) on September 8.

“Read Between the Wines” on September 8th at the Library!

Grab your calendar and mark September 8th—then plan to join the Friends of the Olean Library at their annual wine tasting fundraiser! Read Between the Wines will offer wine, yummy treats, and a basket raffle. Tickets are **\$25 each** or **2 for \$40**, and designated drivers pay **\$10**. Tickets can be purchased at the Library’s circulation desk OR by following this link: <https://tinyurl.com/WineOPL>. We hope to see you there!



Celebrate Star Trek Day with the Library!

Star Trek Day is typically celebrated on September 8, the anniversary of the airing of *Star Trek*’s first episode in 1966. This year, we are celebrating on **Thursday, September 7 from 1-7pm!**

Stop down anytime to create some neat crafts, enjoy some snacks, and take a futuristic family photo! There will be lots of cool activities to complete by yourself or with friends. Make sure to check it out after work and school!



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E: reference@oleanlibrary.org
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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 (after Labor Day): 10:00 am–5:00 pm

Children's Programs: Fall 2023



Registration for all children's programs begins **September 25th**. Programs begin **October 16th**. You can register in person, online, or by phone at 716-372-0200 x. 2023.

Story Times

There is nothing like story time to capture the imagination and attention of young ones and inspire a lifelong love of books and reading. Join us for our different story times complete with songs, rhymes, flannel boards, and instruments. Our programs are specially designed for babies and toddlers from birth through preschool. We incorporate early literacy tips and practices to promote reading readiness.



Baby & Me | Thursdays at 3:30 pm

Program for babies birth to age 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. Children listen to stories; learn songs, rhymes, and finger plays; as well as participate in both group play and creative art projects.



Stories and Stretches | Thursdays at 11:00 am

Children ages 2 to 5. A fun, movement-oriented program with stories, songs, stretches, and movement.

Big Kid Programs



These are programs for bigger kids, preschool-aged and up. The fun doesn't stop when a child enters school! It's only just the beginning. There is often a steady decline in parents reading to their child as the child gets older. The benefits of being read to are countless. These programs include great read-aloud books as well as music, STEM, and creative activities.

Investigation Stations | Tuesdays at 6:30 pm OR Wednesdays at 3:30 pm

Kids ages 3 and up participate in directed group activities, including longer stories, music, and instruments, followed by exploration of creative art and STEM stations.



Reading Can Be Ruff Club | Tuesdays at 6:30 pm OR Wednesdays at 3:30 pm





Practice reading with our favorite therapy dogs. These guys are great listeners and never judge! They make reading fun. Bring a book or choose one here. Explore the Investigation Stations and enjoy some "pupcorn" while you wait.



Thank you to everyone who made our 2023 Summer Reading Program a huge success!
Thank you, Friends of the Library, for all you do. Thanks to you, we were able to offer 8 special events to our families this summer. Over **600** people attended these fun events! Thank you to Jim Mahar from Jim's Park n Shop for providing the refreshments for the Honor Book Party. This event celebrates the accomplishments of our super readers every summer. You are always a great supporter of our children's programs and an asset to the community!

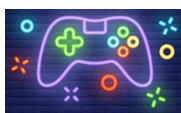
After-School Programs (ages 7–12)

Thursdays from 3:30–4:30 pm

<p>September 7: NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB We are celebrating Star Trek Day from 1–7 pm! Stop down after school to create some cool crafts and take a neat photo!</p> 	<p>September 14: LEGO Club Join us as we make some wonderful LEGO creations together!</p> 
<p>September 21: BINGO Stop down to play with friends and win some prizes!</p> 	<p>September 28: 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, September 6 | 4:30–6:00 p.m. in the Gallery

Bring your games and/or system to play with a friend, or use the library's gaming systems! Tabletop games more your jam? Bring those, too!

Sword Fighting with Wayne | Thursday, September 7 | 6:00–8:30 p.m. in the Parking Lot

Wayne Wellburn teaches us the history and basics of sword fighting. He uses foam swords so no one gets hurt! Bring a face-covering helmet if you have one.



OTAB Meeting | Tuesday, September 12 | 4:30 p.m. in the Conference Room

At our first meeting of the school year, we will be discussing our plans for the rest of 2023. Bring any program ideas you'd like to throw at us and any materials you'd like us to purchase!

Team A, Teen D&D | Wednesday, September 13 | 6:00–8:30 p.m. in the Gallery

The unnatural storm still beats down upon our adventures, the horrors of what the animated suits really are still fresh in their minds. Will they be able to help the fierce warrior battling within the storm, or will they too fall to the wrath of the elements?
(Slots available; email cinman@oleanlibrary.org to join.)



Jackbox Games | Monday, September 18 | 3:30–5:00 p.m. in the Gallery

Bring your device to play games with other cool kids! We have all available party packs, so it is sure to be a fun time!

Sword Fighting with Wayne | Tuesday, September 19 | 4:30–6:30 p.m. in the Parking Lot

Wayne Wellburn teaches us the history and basics of sword fighting. He uses foam swords so no one gets hurt! Bring a face-covering helmet if you have one.



Teen Anime Club | Wednesday, September 20 | 4:30–6:00 p.m. in the Gallery

Got a favorite show you've been dying to catch up on? Are you itching for the chance to geek out over your favorite anime with others? Come watch anime with other cool teens and enjoy snacks!

Team B, Teen D&D | Wednesday, September 27 | 6:00–8:30 p.m. in the Gallery

The animated suits of armor may have fallen, but the storm still rages around and over the Wayside Inn. What horrors await our heroes around and inside? Will anyone be left when the howling winds cease? (Slots available; email cinman@oleanlibrary.org to join.)



Save the date!

Working in Animation featuring Skylar Surra from Riot Games! | Wednesday, October 4 | 4:30–6:30 p.m. in the Gallery



In place of our usual Gaming Club meeting, the OPL is hosting Skylar Surra, a principal animator in research and development at Riot Games. He will be presenting a talk to our teenage population on his career, telling how he got to where he is today and what preparations went into his career path. A Q&A period will follow for those teens interested in either the field or what it's like working in the video game industry.

Adult Programs

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 716-372-0200 or email programming@oleanlibrary.org.****



Adult D&D Session | Saturday, September 9 | 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!

Resin Keychains Craft | Monday, September 11 | 6:30–8:30 p.m. in the Gallery

Come explore the art of resin with Amy! This is an **adults only** craft. Registrants must be 17 years of age or older.



Night Owls Book Club | Tuesday, September 12 | 6:30 p.m. in the Gallery

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

Brown Bag Book Club | Monday, September 18 | 12:30 p.m. in the Gallery

You bring the lunch, we supply the refreshments! Join us as we discuss *A Very Large Expanse of Sea* by Tahereh Mafi.

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.



SerenHippity presents: Wooden Scarecrow Decoration Craft | Thursday, September 21 | 6:30 p.m. in the Gallery

Registration is required for this craft. Max 15 people.

Adult Trivia Night | Tuesday, September 26 | 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



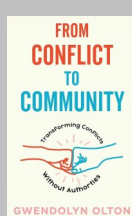
PLEASE NOTE: Registration for any program begins the FIRST OF THE MONTH, or ONE WEEK BEFORE the date of the program, whichever comes first. The Olean Public Library reserves the right to refuse your sign-up for any reason, per our program registration policy. To see the policy, please email programming@oleanlibrary.org.

Program series: Transforming Conflict into Opportunities for Peace and Growth

Nonviolence is also known as “love in action.” In honor of Campaign Nonviolence, during the whole month of September, the library will join organizations around the world to explore and promote peace. Join us this month to discover resources and meet with authors to explore what nonviolence can mean in actively making a difference—personally, socially, and environmentally—in 2023. Visit the library's book and resource display, or join us for one of the following free events.

**Thursday, September 14
6:30 pm: Meet the Author**

Join experienced peace-maker **Gwen Olton** as she shares selections from her book *From Conflict to Community: Transforming Conflict Without Authorities*. Conflict is everywhere, but



few of us have the training to successfully intervene or resolve those conflicts. If you've ever wondered, “How did we get here and what can I do to make it better?”, you will value this program and Gwen's book.

**Thursday, September 28
7 pm: Meet the Author**



Join author **Rivera Sun** as she speaks about how her Ari Ara Series reframes heroic struggle as anchored in social justice, movements for change, and building peace. Her “fantasy with a twist” challenges the common narratives of war and violence in fantasy fiction. In this talk, Rivera will look at how novelists and writers can bring forward compelling, gripping, and utterly relevant stories for our time that uplift nonviolence and peace. Program meets in the library's Art Gallery; author will join via Zoom.

**Sunday, October 1
4–6 pm: The Third Harmony
film screening and discussion**

Join the Nonviolence Study & Practice Affinity Group from home to watch the movie *The Third Harmony: Nonviolence and the New Story of Human Nature*, and then stay for an online discussion. Third Harmony tells the story of nonviolence, the greatest overlooked resource in human experience. This is a free event; register for the Zoom link here: <https://tinyurl.com/nonviolenceOPL>.



Community Events and Outreach

REMOTE AREA MEDICAL'S
FREE POP-UP
DENTAL, VISION, MEDICAL
CLINIC
SEPT. 9-10, 2023

NO ID NECESSARY • FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED • 2 DAYS ONLY

OLEAN, N.Y.

OLEAN YMCA
1101 WAYNE STREET, OLEAN, NY 14850



The RAM's Dental, Vision, and Medical Clinic runs all day September 9 & 10 at the Olean YMCA!

All are welcome to participate in a coordinating event and experience the Space Walk between Olean Intermediate Middle School and the YMCA from **10am to 12pm on Saturday, September 9th**. Find the library and other non-profit groups with freebies and fun activities at the Middle School Track.

OPEN EVERY SATURDAY
8AM-1PM, LINCOLN PARK, OLEAN NY

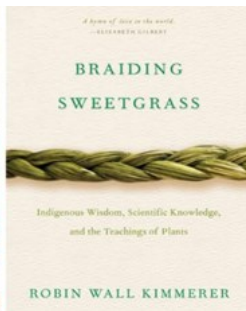


Visit the library's table at the Olean Area Farmers Market on **Saturday, September 23rd from 10 am–1 pm!**

The Race Unity Circle of Olean Book Club at the Library: September 20th at 1pm

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

Book selection: Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Wall Kimmerer

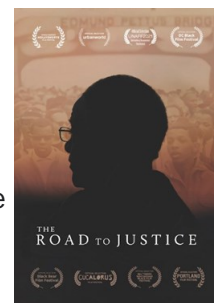


Drawing on her life as an Indigenous scientist and as a woman, Kimmerer shows how other living beings—asters and goldenrod, strawberries and squash, salamanders, algae, and yes, sweetgrass—offer us gifts and lessons, even if we've forgotten how to hear their voices. In reflections that range from the creation of Turtle Island to the forces that threaten its flourishing today, she circles toward a central argument: the awakening of ecological consciousness required the acknowledgement and celebration of our reciprocal relationship with the rest of the living world. For only when we can hear the languages of other beings will we be capable of understanding the generosity of the earth, and learn to give our own gifts in return.

The Race Unity Circle of Olean presents a viewing of "The Road to Justice": September 25th at 7pm

A film by Kaliya Warren and Brendan Hall (31 minutes; Grades 7 through Adult)

The Road to Justice follows two groups on a civil rights tour through the American South as they reckon with the country's legacy of racial injustice. The first is a group of predominately Black middle school students from Chicago, while the second is a group of older, mostly white Americans who lived through the 1960s Civil Rights era. Both groups come face-to-face with the leads and everyday activists whose courage and perseverance paved the way for future generations. Does the arc of history truly bend toward justice? What does justice mean, when the problems of our past are only a grandparent away? How can we heal as a nation without honestly engaging with our history? Discussion and refreshments to follow. Free and open to the public.



Help Tables Available at the Library for All Your Needs:



LawNY Healthcare Navigator: 10 am–1 pm on September 5th, 11th, 18th, and 25th.



SNAP Application Help: Sept 7th and 21st from 9 am–12 pm

Molina Healthcare: Thursday, Sept 7th and 21st from 2–4 pm.

- Help for individuals or families to get affordable or **free** health insurance through the NYS of Health.

Every child is eligible for Child Health Plus.



AMERICAN RED CROSS



Sign up now for the upcoming Blood Drive at the Library!

October 6th, 2023 from 12:00 pm–5:00 pm

Please schedule an appointment today by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS, visiting redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive, or downloading the Blood Donor app. Type "OPLibrary" in the search bar.

Library Programs—September 2023

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2 Giveaways, selfie station, interactive displays, and more available ALL WEEK!	3 Banned Books Open Mic Night 7:30 pm	4	5 Adult Banned Books Week Craft 6 pm	6	7
BANNED BOOKS WEEK: October 2–7, 2023!					

Adult programs in black
Teen programs in blue
Children/family programs in red
Community outreach programs in purple

Tribute Gift Book Plates August 2023

Honor & Memorialize & Acknowledge

In Memory of: William K. Sprague	Donation by: Anne M. Pierce & family
In Memory of: Thomas Opalecky	Donation by: Susan Sorokes, Amy McKeown,
In Memory of: Martha Palumbo	Donation by: Linda & Tom Churakos