



OLEAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

October 2023 Newsletter



The Library will be open October 9th 2023.



Library Installs Plaque in Recognition of Arts Endowment

In September, the Library installed a plaque in the Gallery recognizing the recently established Frances Bean O'Connell Endowment for the Arts.

Originally envisioned as a 3-year grant in 2019, Kevin O'Connell, son of the late Frances Bean O'Connell, decided to turn it into a permanent endowment in 2021 after seeing the wonderful variety of arts-related programs the Library was able to offer with the generous funding.

Frances was one of 12 children born and raised in Olean. She was always interested in sketching and had become a fairly accomplished charcoal sketch artist by her high school years in the late 1930s. During that time, she entered and won a competition to hang a piece of art in the front window of the WT Grant building on State Street. After that, some of her works were displayed in the old library on South Union.

"As young kids, our mother would take us to the Olean Public Library when they would hang various pieces of art," O'Connell said. "Later, as young school kids, we would all spend many hours at the library reading and looking at any art on exhibit. It was a cool place to hang out."

O'Connell said that the family wanted to contribute to the Library in this way because "a robust arts program...can help lift people up in so many ways." He suggested the wording for the newly installed plaque, describing Frances Bean O'Connell as "A woman who loved art and its ability to lift people up, especially young people."

Since 2019, the Library has received nearly \$35,000 in funding from the Frances Bean O'Connell grant and endowment! The family has continued to add to the endowment since its creation and welcomes others to consider contributing to it as well.

The Library is extremely grateful for this funding and the amazing programming it allows us to offer to the community.

Tailgate Party at the Library!

It's officially football season, so let's celebrate! Join us on **Saturday, October 7th from 12-2 pm** for a family-friendly tailgate party. There will be fun crafts, other activities for kids, hot dogs, popcorn, games, and prizes! Wear your team colors, and let's get ready for some great football!



2023 Summer Reading Honor Book Party!

This year over 200 kids registered for the All Together Now Summer Reading Program. Everyone did a great job keeping track of their reading and doing special bonus activities related to kindness and working together.



106 kids pushed their limits and read enough to earn an Honor Book. This is a book that is placed in the library collection in their honor. Their name was placed in the front of a book that they chose, and we had a party to celebrate their accomplishment! Besides the honorees, also in attendance were our therapy dogs and their humans, Halley and Liz and Delilah and Laurie, as well as the Big Dog herself, The Olean Husky Pup!



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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

Cris Johnson's "Spooky Magic" Halloween Show



10/17/2023 at 4 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 ext. 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. 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.







We will be celebrating Halloween beginning Monday, October 23rd! Children may come in costume as we do an annual "parade" through the building. Other activities include Halloween stories, crafts, and games! Families are welcome to bring treats for the group if they wish. Cider and donut holes are provided by our spook-tacular Friends of the Library. Thank you, Friends!!

There will be no Investigation Stations or Reading Can Be Ruff on Tuesday, October 31st.

After-School Programs (ages 7–12)

DATE CHANGE: Monday from 3:30–4:30 pm

<p>October 9th: LEGO Club Join us as we make some wonderful LEGO creations together!</p> 	<p>October 16th: Pokemon Club Bring your card collection to trade cards and see what others have collected!</p> 
<p>October 23rd: Have Fun with Paint Day</p> 	<p>October 30th: Spooktacular Halloween Celebration</p> 

Teen Programs (ages 13–18)

Banned Books Week Open Mic Night | Tuesday, October 3 | 7:30 p.m. in the Gallery
Celebrate Banned Books Week in style at the Library! Bring an excerpt from a banned book or a banned poem to share. Refreshments will be served! All ages are welcome.



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 teens interested in either the field or what it's like to work in the video game industry.

Banned Books Week Craft | Thursday, October 5 | 6:00 p.m. in the Gallery
We will be creating hollowed-out book safes to keep your valuables in a trusted place! Registration is required. **If under 16, please register with a parent, as sharp knives will be used for this craft.**



T.A.B. OTAB Meeting | Tuesday, October 10 | 4:30 p.m. in the Conference Room
For our October meeting, we will be discussing our upcoming Halloween party as well as any other programs we may want to host in the near future.

Team A, Teen D&D | Wednesday, October 11 | 6:00–8:30 p.m. in the Gallery
With the fallen animated suits of armor and the brave Leilon soldier saved, our adventurers have finally made their way to Wayside Inn. With the horrors abounding even at the inn's doors, what will they do both to calm the storm and save the inn?



OTAB-Run Pride Club | Thursday, October 12 | 4:00–4:30 p.m. in the Gallery
Anyone ages 13-18 is welcome to attend this teen-led Pride Club meeting. Our very own OTAB member, Oliver, will be hosting this club. For our first meeting, we will be introducing ourselves and performing some activities to get to know each other. Stop down for great snacks and great times!



Teen Anime Club | Wednesday, October 18 | 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! This month, we'll be sharing our scariest anime—either single episodes or shows.



Team B, Teen D&D | Wednesday, October 25 | 6:00–8:30 p.m. in the Gallery
The storm may be calming, but the party's greatest threat still lies ahead of them. Can they save the Wayside Inn, both its inhabitants and its secrets? And who are the strangers lurking ahead?
****Seats remaining; email cinman@oleanlibrary.org by October 18th to register****



OTAB Halloween Party | Tuesday, October 31 | 6:00–7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room
Join us as we celebrate the spookiest holiday with snacks, scary movies, and candy! Dress in costume to be extra festive.



Adult Programs



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Celebrate Banned Books Week in style at the Library! Bring an excerpt from a banned book or a banned poem to share. Refreshments will be served! All ages are welcome.

Dan Jordan's Gallery Exhibit Reception | Wednesday, October 4 | 6:30 p.m. in the Gallery
Local photographer Dan Jordan will be in the Gallery answering questions about his exhibit! Stop down to enjoy some refreshments while admiring the beautiful work Dan does.



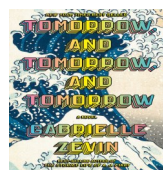
Banned Books Week Craft | Thursday, October 5 | 6:00 p.m. in the Gallery
Bring your own book to hollow out creating a book safe to keep your valuables in a trusted place!
Registration is required. Children are allowed to join but MUST be registered with a parent.

Tarot Card Readings | Monday, October 9 | 6:00–8:30 p.m. in the Gallery
Come enjoy this relaxed and spiritual tarot session done by experienced local reader, Jacob Goode. He will be doing readings for those who come. Attendants must be 16 years or older. Let the spirit of the season in with this unique and enchanting experience. No registration required.



Subtle Energies Study with Mary Quantrall | Thursday, October 12 | 7:00 p.m. in the Gallery
Mary studies, manipulates, and manifests "subtle energies." This will be an interactive discussion. Mary will also be detecting subtle energies in *you*, which you may not even have known about!

Adult D&D Session | Saturday, October 14 | 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!



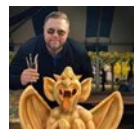
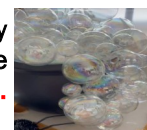
Brown Bag Book Club | Monday, October 16 | 12:30 p.m. in the Gallery
You bring the lunch, we supply the refreshments! Join us as we discuss *Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow* by Gabrielle Zevin. Multiple copies of the book are available through the library system. There is a Zoom option for anyone interested. Email ksaal@oleanlibrary.org for the link.

Cris Johnson's Horror in the Library Magic Show | Tuesday, October 17 | 6:30 p.m. in the Gallery
Cris Johnson will be here to discuss spooky subject matter, creepy and gruesome magic, mind reading, audience participation, and more! The show is intended for ages 11 and up.



Owning the Infamous Hinsdale House | Wednesday, October 18 | 6:30 p.m. in the Gallery
Come join Daniel Klaes, owner of the Hinsdale House and Executive Producer and Cast Member of the ghost finders, and other paranormal enthusiasts as Daniel gives us his inside information into one of New York State's most haunted houses!

Bubbling Cauldron Craft | Monday, October 23 | 6:30–8:30 p.m. in the Gallery
Come join us while we make a mystical and fun Halloween decoration—just in time to celebrate! **Warning: Hot glue guns will be used for this craft. Registration is required.**



Pumpkin Carving with Eric Jones | Thursday, October 26 | 4:00 p.m. AND 6:00 p.m.
You have TWO opportunities to carve a pumpkin with Eric Jones this year! **Register at the Circulation Desk** for either the 4:00 or 6:00 class and really get your pumpkin fix in before Halloween!

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

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.****

Community Events and Outreach

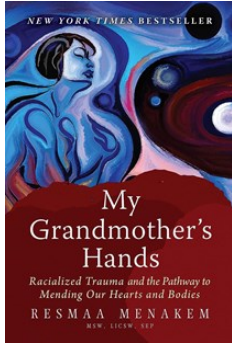
AMERICAN RED CROSS



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.



The Race Unity Circle of Olean Book Club at the Library: October 18th at 1pm

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

Book selection: My Grandmother's Hands: Racialized Trauma and the Pathway to Mending Our Hearts and Bodies by Resmaa Menakem

In this groundbreaking book, therapist Resmaa Menakem examines the damage caused by racism in America from the perspective of trauma and body-centered psychology.

The body is where our instincts reside and where we fight, flee, or freeze, and it endures the trauma inflicted by the ills that plague society.

LEARN AND PRACTICE ENGLISH

English as a Second Language Tutoring Available

For tutoring please contact: Mary at 716-375-2890 or email mLAYMAN@lwny.org

ESL Conversation Group: October 23rd at 6:00pm

An informal group to help one another gain confidence and improve English language skills by practicing listening, vocabulary, natural expressions, and pronunciation. No registration; just show up ready to practice and have fun with other learners of English as a Second Language! Community members are asked to refer folks that may benefit. Thank you.



Halloween Trunk-or-Treat

Tuesday, October 31, 2023 from 6 to 8pm in the Library's Parking Lot. "Trunk-or-Treat" is a lot like Trick or Treat, only instead of kids going from house to house, we will close our parking lot which will be lined with decorated cars that the kids can go to for treats! While you are here be sure to trick-or-treat at our neighbors, the Olean First Presbyterian Church. The Library will be open during the event. Free event - Treats for kids!

Help Tables Available at the Library for All Your Needs:



LawNY Healthcare Navigator: 10 am—1 pm on October 2nd, 16th, 23rd, and 30th.



SNAP Application Help: Oct 5th and 19th from 9 am—12 pm



Molina Healthcare: Thursday, Oct 5th and 19th 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.

Library Programs—October 2023

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 LawNY Healthcare Navigator Table 10 am–1 pm	3 Banned Book Open Mic Night 7:30 pm	4 Working in Animation ft. Skylar Surra 4:30 pm Dan Jordan's Gallery Reception 7:30 pm	5 SNAP Help Table 9 am–12 pm Molina Healthcare Table 2-4 pm Banned Books Week Craft 6 pm	6 Blood Drive 12-5 pm	7 Tailgate Party 12–2 pm
9 Lego Club 3:30 pm Tarot Card Readings 6 pm	10 OTAB Meeting 4:30 pm	11 Team A D&D 6 PM	12 OTAB Pride Club 4 pm Subtle Energies Study ft. Mary Quantrall 7 pm	13	14 Adult D&D 1pm
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Tribute Gift Book Plates September 2023

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Community outreach programs in purple

HALLOWEEN COSTUME SWAP

GET A PHOTO IN YOUR COSTUME

GET A FREE BAG OF CANDY! YUM!

STARTS AT 6 PM
OCTOBER 19TH

We are now accepting gently used halloween costumes for our Halloween Costume Swap held at the Olean Public Library on the corner of Laurens and N. 2nd Street.

This will be an amazing time with the kids so bring them down and so they can find their favorite spooktacular costume for Trick-or-Treating!!!

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