



OLEAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

November 2023



We will be open Veteran's Day (11/11/2023).
We will be closed Thanksgiving and the following day (11/23 & 11/24).

Author Visit with Local Writer Richard Robison,

Tuesday, November 7th at 6:30 p.m.

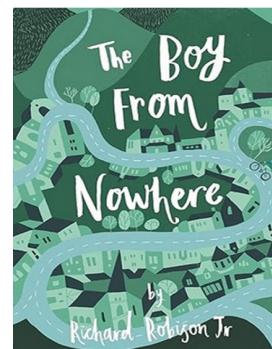
The Olean Public Library is excited to welcome local author Richard Robison for a reading from his memoir *The Boy from Nowhere* (released September 2023) with a discussion following. His reading selection will represent the local connection he has with Olean and the talk following may include local history fun facts as well.

The Boy from Nowhere is Robison's first full length book. He has previously written short stories and non-fiction including content on Robert F. Kennedy's visit to Olean during his run for the senate. While his new release is a memoir, Robison states it reads more like a novel. The story explores the difficult transitions Robison's family experienced when they relocated several times during his childhood. Significant family trials are also endured, but the book includes themes of hope and humor as well as lessons (especially of forgiveness) learned while growing up. The city of Olean plays a special part in Robison's personal history and therefore his book: he spent his 8th and 9th grade years as a resident here.

Robison currently lives in East Aurora, New York and has spent time in many New York cities including Olean, Buffalo, and Rochester. He attended SUNY colleges in Buffalo and Fredonia, has degrees in Humanities and English along with a doctorate in creative writing. He is a retired English professor, life-long skier (including competitive), coach, baseball player, and bicyclist!

More information about the author and his book can be found at:

<https://www.richardrobisonbooks.com/books> and
<https://www.blackwaterpress.com/richard-robison-jr/>



Let's Talk Turkey!



Wattle on down to the Olean Public Library on **Saturday November 11th from 12:00 until 2:00** to visit with our friend Mike Morton from Sundance Kids Farm and his terrific turkeys!

Mike will teach us everything we need to know about these remarkable birds.

The St. Bonaventure Education Association will be here to read stories and assist with crafts. Our special therapy dogs will also be on hand to be cuddled and read to!

Get up close and personal with the poultry, have some snacks and do some turkey crafts.

Don't miss this fun event!



The Olean Public Library is once again a proud donation location for the US Marine Corps Toys-For-Tots campaign. To contribute, place a new unwrapped toy in the donation bin near our Information Desk before December 1st.

If you are local family and would like to request toys from Toys For Tots, go to their online request form:

<https://tinyurl.com/toysOlean>

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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: Fall 2023

Programs begin **October 16th and continue through November 17th**. 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 | 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.



****Registration
Required****



Family Holiday Photo Opportunity

Bring a smile & your family to the library for **free** family photos taken in front of a holiday themed back drop.

November 18th 1 pm—4 pm

After-School Programs (ages 7–12)

Monday from 3:30–4:30 pm

November 6th: LEGO Club

Join us as we make some wonderful LEGO creations together!



November 13th: Pokemon Club

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



November 20th: Cookie Club

Making little cookie bags for the holiday.



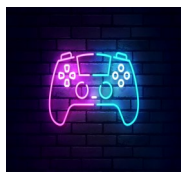
November 27th: Movie & Snack

Just like the drive in but inside, come watch

Elemental on the big screen! Bring your own pillow & blanket.



Teen Programs (ages 13–18)



Teen Gaming Club | Wednesday, November 1 | 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 Switch and Game-Cube. Tabletop games more your jam? Bring those, too! For those who just want to play, we have a few games on the Library's Switch like MarioKart 8 and Super Smash Bros. Ultimate available to play.

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

Traversing their way through the storm, our adventures have arrived at the Wayside Inn and discovered the source of the turbulent weather. The source: a ritual being performed within the inn. Can they stop the ritual in time, and what other consequences will be left from this ritual?

****Slots remaining; email cinman@oleanlibrary.org for more information****



OTAB-Run Pride Club | Thursday, November 9 | 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. This month, we will be making pride-themed buttons and getting to know each other. Stop down for great snacks and great times!

OTAB Meeting | Tuesday, November 14 | 4:30 p.m. in the Conference Room

For our November meeting, we will be discussing our two upcoming parties as well as any other programs/events we would like to host in the near future.



Teen Anime Club | Wednesday, November 15 | 4:30–5:45 p.m. in the Gallery

Got a favorite show you've been dying to catch up on? Are you itching for the change to geek out over your favorite anime with others? Come watch anime with other teens and enjoy snacks on us. For this month, we will share our most "cozy" feeling anime—the ones that you can count on to be relaxing and enjoyable.

Team B, Teen D&D | Wednesday, November 29 | 6:00–8:30 p.m. in the Gallery

The ritual has been stopped, saving the Sword Coast from all hosts of unknown horrors. What secrets can be found in the remains of the Wayside Inn, and can the kidnapped inn guests be found and saved in time?

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Teen Friendsgiving Party | Thursday, November 30 | 4:00–6:00 p.m. in the Gallery

Like eating snacks? Drinking pop and cider? Playing Jackbox Games with other teens? Eating snacks, drinking pop and/or cider, and playing Jackbox all at the same time? Come join us for all those things! All teens are welcome, even if you've never tried one of our programs before.

Adult Programs

Richard Robison Book Reading ;The Boy from Nowhere | Tuesday, November 7 | 6:30 p.m. in the Gallery

Come hear author Richard Robison, former resident of Olean, read and discuss his new book! This memoir depicts Robison as a teenage boy growing up in the 1960s, which included time in Olean. Each time his family moves, he experiences loss and difficult disconnection, but ultimately finds hope in the midst of change. Richard Robison's reading selection will represent the local connection he has to Olean and his talk afterwards may include local history as well.



Adult D&D Session | Friday, November 10 | 3:00 p.m. in the Gallery

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

Floral Arrangement Class ft. The Scarlet Lily| Monday, November 13 | 6:00 p.m. in the Gallery

Come make a beautiful floral arrangement for the holidays with step by step directions. Bring your own floral cutters or scissors. ***Registration required*** Ages 12 & up.



Scarecrow in a Jar | Monday, November 20 | 6:30 p.m. in the Gallery

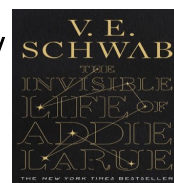
Come join for an easy & creative craft. Hot glue will be used.

Registration required Ages 12 & up.

Brown Bag Book Club | Monday, November 20 | 12:30 p.m. in the Gallery

You bring the lunch, we supply the refreshments! Join us as we discuss *The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue* by V.E. Schwab. 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.



Let's go on a Goosechase—Adult Reading Event | November 20th– December 11th

Participate in our fun community themed reading event. You will have lots of fun going on a "Goosechase" around the library and community with chances at amazing prizes!

Cookie Decorating Class ft. Angelica from ZET | Tuesday, November 21 | 6:00 p.m. in the Gallery

Come learn professional cookie decorating in a fun holiday cookie decorating class. Cookie style may differ from the picture posted. ***Registration required*** Ages 12 & up.



Doctor Who 60th Anniversary | Tuesday November 21 | 4–9 p.m.

Greetings timelords! To celebrate Dr. Who's 60th anniversary, we invite you to a Dr. Who themed library crawl going to different spots in the library to enjoy quick fun themed activities! Costumes encouraged, and have your sonic screwdrivers ready!

Bingo | Monday, November 27 | 6:30–7:30 p.m. in the Gallery

Come join our family friendly event. ***Registration required***



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.

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.

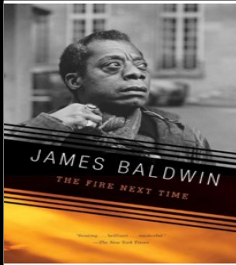
****To reserve a spot in any of our craft classes, please call 716-372-0200 or email programming@oleanlibrary.org.****

Community Events and Outreach



WHO WE ARE Race Unity Circle movie viewing:
"Who We Are – A Chronicle of Racism in America"
Part 1: Monday, November 6th at 6:30pm
Part 2: Monday, December 4th at 6:30pm

Directed by: Emily Kunstler & Sarah Kunstler, Written by: Jeffery Robinson
 Criminal defense/civil rights lawyer Jeffery Robinson draws a stark timeline of anti-Black racism in the United States, from slavery to the modern myth of a post-racial America. Free and open to the public. Refreshments and discussion to follow.



The Race Unity Circle of Olean Book Club at the Library: November 15th at 1pm

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

Book selection: The Fire Next Time by James Baldwin

The book that galvanized the nation, gave voice to the emerging civil rights movement in the 1960s—and still lights the way to understanding race in America today. "The finest essay I've ever read." —Ta-Nehisi Coates

November is Homeless Awareness Month. Have you wanted to help people experiencing homelessness in our community, but not sure how? Follow ***Connecting Communities in Action*** on Facebook through the month of November.

Every day we will share a post with ideas on how you can. Also, stop by our display to learn more and to pick up resources. Together we can end homelessness.

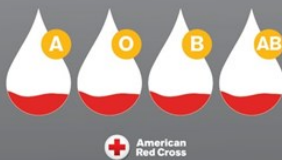


We'll be in-library November 17th from 11am—1pm to answer questions.

#TogetherWeCanEndHomelessness

<https://www.facebook.com/CattCommAction>

There's a national
blood shortage.



Sign-up now for the upcoming American Red Cross Blood Drive @ the library **December 22, 2023 from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM.**

Schedule an appointment :

redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive

Help Tables Available at the Library for All Your Needs:



LawNY Healthcare Navigator: in-library 10 am—1 pm on November 6th, 13th, 20th, 28th.

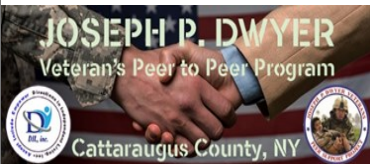


SNAP Application Help: in-library 9 am—12 pm on November 2nd & 16th.



Molina Healthcare: in-library 2—4 pm on November 2nd & 16th.


- 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.



Veteran's Peer to Peer Program: in-library 2—4 pm on November 10th

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.

Library Programs—November 2023

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Tribute Gift Book Plates October 2023 Honor Memorialize Acknowledge

In Memory of: Dr. John and June Toth	Donation by: Bob Martin
In Memory of: Patricia O'Keefe	Donation by: Sandra Milne

Daylight savings time ends **11/5/2023**.
Remember to turn your clocks back.



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