



OLEAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

December 2023



The Library will close at 4:30 pm on December 15th.
The Library will be CLOSED on Dec. 25th & 26th for the holiday.

Happy

Holidays



REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!

Join us Saturday, December 9th

at 10:30 for a

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

TEDDY BEAR WORKSHOP!

Everyone will get a sweet cuddly reindeer. Together we will stuff our reindeer, place a rainbow star inside and make a Christmas wish!

Santa will appear to meet our new friend and hear our Christmas wishes over breakfast.

You can have photos with the big guy and make sure you are on the nice list!

Santa is super busy this time of year and only **25 spots** are available for this visit.

This program is made possible by the Frances Bean O'Connell Arts Grant.

You can register by phone 716-372-0200.



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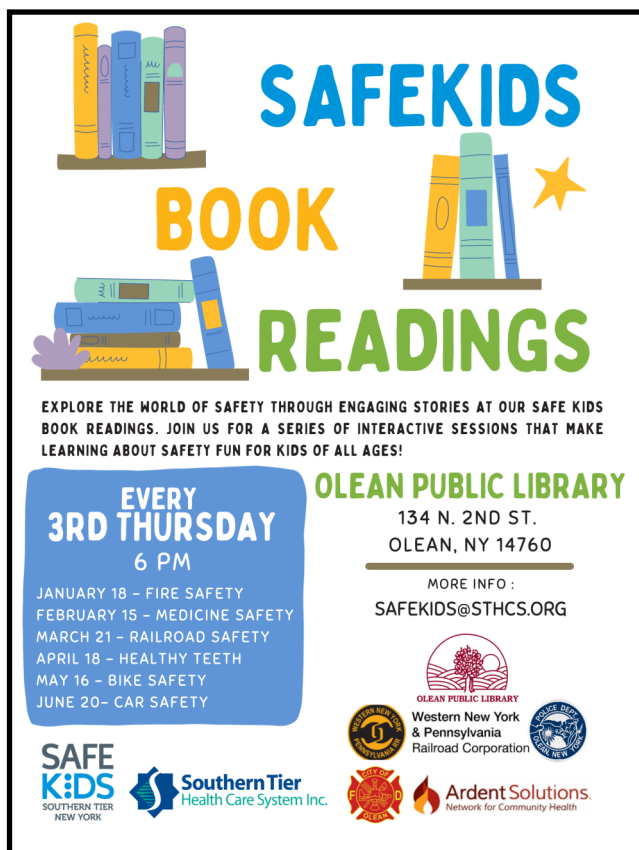
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HOURS: curbside service available by appt

M—Th: 9:00 am—9:00 pm Fri 9:00 am—6:00 pm
Sat: 10:00 am—5:00 pm



SAFEKIDS
BOOK READINGS

EXPLORE THE WORLD OF SAFETY THROUGH ENGAGING STORIES AT OUR SAFE KIDS BOOK READINGS. JOIN US FOR A SERIES OF INTERACTIVE SESSIONS THAT MAKE LEARNING ABOUT SAFETY FUN FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES!

EVERY 3RD THURSDAY 6 PM

JANUARY 18 – FIRE SAFETY
FEBRUARY 15 – MEDICINE SAFETY
MARCH 21 – RAILROAD SAFETY
APRIL 18 – HEALTHY TEETH
MAY 16 – BIKE SAFETY
JUNE 20 – CAR SAFETY

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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS: Winter 2024

Block one begins **January 22nd** and continue through **February 23rd** 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.

FREE FAMILY PHOTOS

12/21 3:30 – 6 pm in the Gallery

Back by popular demand, free family photos in front of winter themed backgrounds. Bring your family and a smile.



**REGISTRATION
REQUIRED**

After-School Programs (ages 7–12)

Monday from 3:30–4:30 pm

December 4th: Ornament Club

Make an ornament for yourself or family member.



December 11th: Grinchmas Club

Celebrating the Grinch.



Teen Programs (ages 13–18)



Teen Jackbox Games | Friday, December 1, 8, 15, & 29 | 3:30–4:30 p.m. in the Gallery

We have every party pack available to play! Bring a device and your thinking caps to compete with other teens. The family filter is kept on throughout, and answers must remain library appropriate.

Teen D&D Battle Royale | Wednesday, December 6 | 5:30–8:30 p.m. in the Gallery

By popular request, we'll be running PART TWO of this summer's showdown between Team A and Team B. We'll pick up where we left off, but there'll be a few surprise twists thrown in and a prize for both the winning team and the last character standing!

REGISTRATION REQUIRED—email cinman@oleanlibrary.org or sign up at the Circulation Desk



TEEN ART SHOWCASE RECEPTION

Teen Art Exhibit Reception | Thursday, December 7 | 4:30–5:30 p.m. in the Gallery

In honor of December's art exhibit featuring art submitted by local teens throughout the Greater Olean Area, we'll be hosting a reception for the artists and their families and friends. Light refreshments will be provided.

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

For our December meeting, we will be discussing how our current programs are going, as well as preparing for new offerings in 2024.



Teen Winter Party | Wednesday, December 13 | 4:30–6:30 p.m. in the Gallery

We'll have pizza, wings, and plenty of other treats to share. Teens can create holiday ornaments to take home, decorate cookies, play games, and do karaoke. Above all, come on out to close out 2023 with tons of fun and treats. We're happy you're here!

OTAB-Run Pride Club | Thursday, December 14 | 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!



Gallery Exhibit: December 2023

Teen Art

Hosted by our Olean Teen Advisory Board, the gallery this month is featuring art created by teens throughout the Greater Olean Area, both regular attendees of our programs and those from neighboring schools. OTAB will be hosting a reception for this exhibit on Thursday, December 7th at 4:30 in the Gallery. Stop in to speak to the exhibiting teen artists and enjoy light refreshments.

Interested in showcasing your art in our gallery? Contact the library by phone or by emailing programming@oleanlibrary.org to learn more. Please remember: artwork must be appropriate for a general library audience (i.e.: suitable if children see) and you must be able to fill the entire gallery with your pieces. Any 2D medium is welcome to submit!

Adult Programs

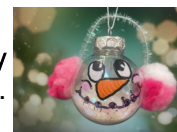


Adult D&D Session | Saturday, December 9 | 1:00 p.m. in the Gallery

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

DIY Ornaments with Amy | Tuesday, December 12 | 6:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. in the Gallery

Come and make simple and fun ornaments.



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!

Floral Arrangement Class w/ The Scarlet Lily | Thursday, December 14 | 6:00 p.m. in the Gallery

Come and join the owner of Scarlet Lily to make a professional live flower display!

16 & up. Registration required. (Registrations are limited to yourself and one guest. We strongly encourage that each patron register themselves.)



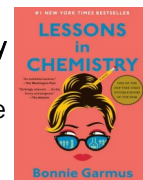
Wrap & Yap | Saturday, December 16 | 2:30–4:30 p.m. in the Gallery

'Tis the season to get your presents wrapped and ready- and we're here to help! This December, patrons are encouraged to bring their gifts to wrap, as well as conversation. Enjoy some hot chocolate and holiday tunes in the company of others. We'll show patrons how to wrap awkward shaped gifts and provide a decorative bow tutorial! Patrons are encouraged to bring some wrapping paper as supplies will be limited. Hope to see you there!

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

You bring the lunch, we supply the refreshments! Join us as we discuss *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus.

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.



Winter Wreaths with Amy | Monday, December 18 | 6:30 p.m. in the Gallery

Come make winter door wreaths with us. Hot glue will be used.

16 & up. Registration required. (Registrations are limited to yourself and one guest. We strongly encourage that each patron register themselves.)

Gingerbread House w/ Angelica from ZET Italian Ice | Tuesday, December 19 | 6:30 p.m. in the Gallery

Come and find the fun supplies you need to make a rocking gingerbread house.

Registration required. (Registrations are limited to yourself and one guest. We strongly encourage that each patron register themselves.)



Interested in an evening book club? Email programming@oleanlibrary.org to let us know. We'll be looking for a time to host one in January 2024 and would love your suggestions for times and books to read!

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



Zonta Club of Olean Says NO to Domestic Violence - 16 Days of Advocacy

Visit the library during the month of December to view Zonta's display of resources and books dealing with the subject of gender-based violence. Visit DomesticShelters.org for more info.



SAFE KIDS-Southern Tier Health Care System will be in-library December 12th from 2:30-4:30pm

Preventable injuries are the leading cause of emergency room visits and deaths among children. Raising awareness and promoting education about injury prevention is crucial to keeping your children safe. We offer a wide range of safety equipment, including cabinet locks, baby gates, smoke alarms, and baby supplies, to help prevent accidents. We also host Babysitter Trainings, Home Alone Safety Classes, and CPR/AED/FA certifications. sthcs.org/safe-kids.html



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December 5th from 10:30-3:30pm

Emily Edmunds, the new Sustainability Campaign Educator (also known as an energy advisor) for Cornell Cooperative Extension in Cattaraugus County as well as Allegany and Chautauqua county will be in-library to answer questions. She works with people to help them become more sustainable, reduce their energy costs, and improve their home to be more energy efficient which in turn improves their health, comfort, and safety. She works with contractors, PUSH green, and other partners

to help residents find the right programs to help weatherize and insulate their homes, install different heating and cooling equipment, save on energy costs, or talk about rooftop and community solar. The program helps residents of low to moderate income, disadvantaged communities, and small minority and women owned businesses find out information of the services offered and what finances can help improve their household. Information or assistance to free or reduced cost energy assessments, installation services, low-cost financing, and solar. Some programs are income eligibility based and work with people who are on SNAP, HEAP, or SSI. Come learn more about the programs and the financial incentives that are offered. Email for more info: sustainableswny@cornell.edu



The Race Unity Circle of Olean Book Club @ the library:

December 20th at 1pm

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

Book selection: The Origin of Others by Toni Morrison
America's foremost novelist reflects on the themes that preoccupy her work and increasingly dominate national and world politics: race, fear, borders, the mass movement of peoples, the desire for belonging. What is race and why does it matter? What motivates the human tendency to construct Others? Why does the presence of Others make us so afraid?

Race Unity Circle Watch Party and Discussion



"Who We Are - A Chronicle of Racism in America"
Monday, December 4th at 6:30pm

Free and open to the public. Refreshments.



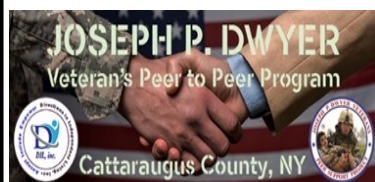
Big Brothers Big Sisters is looking for volunteers in the community 3-4 hours a month to mentor a child in our community. Get matched with a child with similar interests and explore the fun things

our community has to offer. Find more information by visiting our website: BiggerTogether.org or at the Olean Public Library on the following days:

Tues., Dec. 5th from 10-1

Wed., Dec. 13th from 10-1

Tues., Dec. 19th from 10-1



December 14th from 1 to 3 pm 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.




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

Mondays December 4th, 11th, & 18th

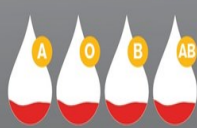



Get help applying for food benefits. Stop by the library for help applying for SNAP. **In-library Thursday, December 7th from 9 to 12 noon.**

Library Programs—December 2023


Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div> Adult programs in black Teen programs in blue Children/family programs in red Community outreach programs in purple </div>				1 Jackbox Games 3:30 pm	2
4 LawNY Healthcare Navigator Table 10:00 am—1:00 pm Ornament Club 3:30 pm Race Unity Watch Party 6:30 pm	5 PUSH Green WNY Clean Energy Hub 10:30 am—3:30 pm Big Brothers Big Sisters 10:00 am—1:00 pm	6 Teen D&D Battle Royale 5:30 pm	7 SNAP Table 9:00 am—12:00 pm Teen Art Exhibit Reception 4:30—5:30 pm	8 Jackbox Games 3:30 pm	9 Breakfast with Santa 10:30 am Adult D&D 1:00 pm
11 LawNY Healthcare Navigator Table 10:00 am—1:00 pm Grinchmas Club 3:30 pm Goosechase reading event ends!	12 SAFE Kids 2:30 —4:30 pm OTAB Meeting 4:30 pm DIY Ornaments 6:00 pm DIY Ornaments 7:00 pm	13 Teen Winter Party 4:30 pm Big Brothers Big Sisters 10:00 am— 1:00 pm	14 OTAB Pride Club 4:00 pm Floral arrangement class w/ Scarlet Lily 6:00 pm Veteran's Peer to Peer Program 1:00— 3:00 pm	15 Jackbox Games 3:30 pm Closing Early at 4:30 pm	16 Wrap & Yap 2:30—4:30 pm Holiday Farmers Mar- ket Lincoln Park 11 am—1 pm
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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.

Please schedule an appointment today by calling 1-800-Red-Cross, visit red-crossblood.org/give.html/find-drive or download the blood donor app. Type OPLibrary in the "Find a Drive" search bar.



Olean Area HOLIDAY Farmers Market

Saturday, December 16th
11:00am to 1:00pm
Lincoln Park Pavilion

The library will be one of the vendors at this year's Olean Area Holiday Farmers Market where we will host a table offering promo items, library programming information, and free books! Shoppers may choose a book from our booth to gift to a friend or loved one on Christmas Eve in celebration of the Icelandic tradition of Jolabokaflod. Jolabokaflod translates to "Christmas book flood" and Icelanders cozy up on Christmas Eve with cocoa and books to read! Gift wrapping of books included! Hope to see you there!

Tribute Gift Book Plates November 2023

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