

Teen programs for the remainder of November and first half of December have been going extremely well:

November 2023		
Date	Program Name	# Attending
11/1	Gaming Club	9
11/8	Teen DnD (Team A)	8
11/9	OTAB Pride Club	11
11/14	OTAB Meeting	7
11/15	Anime Club	10
11/29	Teen DnD (Team B)	8
11/30	Friendsgiving	21

December 2023		
Date	Program Name	# Attending
12/1	Jackbox Games*	7
12/6	Teen DnD Battle Royale 2	13
12/7	Art Show Reception	13
12/8	Jackbox Games*	5
12/12	OTAB Meeting	7
12/13	Winter Holiday Party	30
12/14	OTAB Pride Club	7
12/15	Jackbox Games*	3
12/29	Jackbox Games	--
*As of reporting, we had a total of 15 teens participate across the 3 days the program was offered.		

I hosted two teen holiday parties, a “Friendsgiving” in November and a Winter Holiday Party in December. Teen Friendsgiving Party on November 30<sup>th</sup> was a huge success: 21 teens participated, some of whom were teens I’ve not seen in programs before that date. They enjoyed pizza and hanging out, and I was able to talk to a few of them about programming ideas they have for the new year. The Teen Winter Holiday Party (December 14, 2023) was also well attended with at least 30 teens attending. Teens again enjoyed pizza and wings, decorated sugar cookies, and decorated ornaments that they could in turn take home. Thanks to Kait and Cathy W. for all their help during the party—I couldn’t have run a craft for so many teenagers without their help. I have attached some photos Kait was able to take during the party. The winter party teens asked for craft programs like the ornament decorating be offered for their age group in 2024. I’m preparing to offer one in February 2024 using some Francis Bean O’Connell Endowment funds.

In lieu of our usual club meetings, our dedicated Teen Dungeons and Dragons players made the requested December 6<sup>th</sup> Battle Royale another success, with 13 teens attending. Team A and Team B pitted their characters against each other for the coveted pizza party prize, with Team A emerging the victors. The attending teens want to see whose character can finish the player-vs-player competition as the top champion, so we’ll be offering part 3 to Battle Royale on January 31<sup>st</sup>. I’ve attached a picture from that event.

Our regular teen programs (Teams A and B DnD, Gaming Club, and Anime Club) had average attendance for November and were paused in December to reflect the drop in teen programming attendance we see annually during winter break. OTAB’s Pride Club is also doing well attendance wise, averaging 7-10 teens every month. We’ll be offering all of those programs in January; the January 2024 schedule for teen programs, as well as the December one, is attached.

The Gallery exhibit this month—an Olean High School Art Club Art Show I inherited from Alijah—fell apart at the last moment with no one bringing art. OTAB, myself, and a few staff members scrambled to put together a more generic Teen Art Show for the gallery. Eight teens from the Greater Olean Area brought in art to display, and 13 patrons attended the small reception we hosted for them on December 7<sup>th</sup>. I’ve tentatively rebooked the Art Club for June; however, I’ll be following up with their faculty advisor starting in April to be sure we have a plan in place and avoid repeating this month.

On another note, adult crafting programs had a new-to-us problem: we’re too popular. To combat large groups filling up entire program registration offerings, we limited registrations to start on the first of December. To our shock, we had a large number of patrons lined up outside the front door before opening, many voice mails on our phones starting at

12:01 am, and a handful of Facebook messages and emails all from people attempting to sign up for either one of Amy's craft offerings or Breakfast with Santa. (Photos, credited to Sheryl, attached.) Most programs were full before 9:30, and a second offering of Breakfast with Santa filled before 10 am. It took myself, two pages, Kim staffing our Information Desk, Sheryl, and Kathy O. to get everyone registered, and even that wasn't enough at points. We just weren't prepared for that level of demand. On one hand, it's an excellent problem to have: we're clearly offering something the community wants and needs! On the other hand, we need to find a way to make this fairer to patrons and less chaotic for everyone, most of all us.

For January's sign-ups, we'll be again limiting the start date to the first open day in January, but we'll be implementing a no call no show policy:

#### No Call, No Show Policy

If you cannot attend a program for which you are registered, you must notify the library to cancel. Those that do not cancel their registration prior to the start of the program will be considered a "no call, no show." A "no call, no show" will result in suspension of program registrations for the following month. They will instead be placed on the waiting list for programs for that month. This will also apply to those who excessively cancel registrations.

To cancel your registration, you may call the library at 716.372.0200 or email [programming@oleanlibrary.org](mailto:programming@oleanlibrary.org).

There was talk at our last programming meeting of also formally limiting patrons to one program a month (allowing them to sign up for the waiting list for any other adult programs that month) in addition to only allowing patrons to sign up themselves and a plus one. I am hopeful that knowing they're more likely to get into *something* will calm down the scramble to sign up at all. I'll keep the Board posted moving forward.



*1 Winter Holiday Party 12.13.2023*



*2 Winter Holiday Party 12.13.2023*



*3 Winter Holiday Party 12.13.2023*



*4 Battle Royale, 12/06/2023*



*5 Programming Signup Scramble, 12/01/2023*



*6 Programming Signup Scramble, 12/01/2023*

# Teen Programs

## In December

**Dec 01**

Jackbox Games

3:30 pm -- 4:30 pm

**Dec 06**

Teen Dnd Battle Royale 2

5:30 pm -- 8:30 pm

**Dec 07**

Teen Art Show Reception

4:30 pm -- 5:30 pm

**Dec 08**

Jackbox Games

3:30 pm -- 4:30 pm

**Dec 12**

OTAB December Meeting

4:30 pm -- 5:00 pm

**Dec 13**

Winter Holiday Party

4:00 pm -- 6:00 pm

**Dec 14**

OTAB Pride Club

4:00 pm -- 4:30 pm

**Dec 15**

Jackbox Games

3:00 pm -- 4:00 pm

**Dec 29**

Jackbox Games

3:30 pm -- 4:30 pm

# TEEN PROGRAMS IN JANUARY

<b>Jan 03</b>	Teen Gaming Club 4:30 pm -- 5:45 pm
<b>Jan 04</b>	OTAB Pride Club 4:00 pm -- 4:45 pm
<b>Jan 09</b>	OTAB January Meeting 4:30 pm -- 5:00 pm
<b>Jan 10</b>	Team A, Teen DnD 6:00 pm -- 8:30 pm
<b>Jan 12</b>	Jackbox Games 3:30 pm -- 4:30 pm
<b>Jan 17</b>	Teen Anime Club 4:30 pm -- 5:45 pm
<b>Jan 24</b>	Team B, Teen DnD 6:00 pm -- 8:30 pm
<b>Jan 26</b>	Jackbox Games 3:30 pm -- 4:30 pm
<b>Jan 31</b>	Teen Dnd Battle Royale 3 5:30 pm -- 8:30 pm