



OLEAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

February 2024 Newsletter



The Library will be closed **Monday February 19th** for Presidents' Day.
The Library will close at 5pm on **February 23rd** for FeBREWary.



The Friends of the Library will be hosting their annual FeBREWary event on **February 23rd from 7pm to 9:30pm**. Please join us for beer tasting, food, and baskets, as well as live music from Alex Cole! Tickets to join the fun will be available online through TicketBud (www.tinyurl.com/en6v22kv) or at the Circulation Desk for: \$25 each, or 2 for \$40, or \$10 for a Designated Driver. The proceeds for the event will help the Friends in their effort to support the library.

Chicken Palooza!

Celebrate Dr Seuss at the Olean Public Library on **Thursday, February 22nd at 1:00pm** with Mike Morton from Sundance Kids Farms!



Mike will be appearing with his famous chicken who lays green eggs! There will also be a special guest appearance of Thing 1 and Thing 2!



Mike will read stories and teach us all we need to know about the amazing lives of chickens— from egg to bird. Get up close and personal with some funky fowl. Snacks and crafts will be available.



Teddy Bunny Workshop & Ice Cream Social



Saturday, February 10th at 11:00am

Join us at the library to stuff a sweet bunny named Milkshake and enjoy some ice cream yourself. There will be a bunny to stuff, games, crafts, and treats!

Due to the popularity of this program and the limited number of bunnies available, PLEASE, if you have attended one of these workshops in the past, allow another child to have a chance to participate this time. We want to be sure that everyone gets a chance. We will be offering a similar program in the future.

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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: Winter 2024

Programs begin **January 22nd**. Registration requested, 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.



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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SAFEKIDS@STHCS.ORG



The New Safe Kids Staying Safe Program!

Join us at the library on **Thursday, February 15th at 6:00**. A representative from Olean General Hospital will be on hand to read “Poison Alert! My Tips To Avoid Danger Zones at Home” and discuss medicine safety and poison prevention. There will be fun activities along with safety materials and giveaways for parents and caregivers.



1000 Books Before Kindergarten encourages families and caregivers to read 1000 books with their young children before they enter kindergarten.

Studies have shown that reading aloud to children helps strengthen language skills and builds vocabulary, two very important tools when children are learning to read in kindergarten.

Register, Read and Reach the Goal

Register your child and pick up a bag with instructions and a reading log, “My First 100 Books”. You may read as many books a day as you wish and count them all, even if you read the same book over and over again.

Bring the completed reading log to the library and get a token for Inchy, our book vending machine. Get a book to keep and a new reading log for an additional 100 books.

The goal is to finish the program before your child enters kindergarten.

When you finish your child will receive a Ready for School Backpack filled with everything you need to prepare your little one for school.

The Friends of the Olean Public Library fully supports this important program and provides the Ready for School Backpacks.



After-School Programs (ages 7-12)

Monday from 3:30-4:30 pm

February 5th: Lego Club

We have a fun day planned of guess the Lego design. Each kid who attends will get a card (that they can't show anyone) with something to build, and at the end of lego club, we will all guess what they built!



February 12th: Valentine's Card Craft DIY

We will have a lot of different options to make different types of Valentines cards with instructions for each one and Miss Amy to help you if you need.



This program will run from 3:30 - 5:30pm

February 19th: No Club!

February 26th: Mario Kart Tournament

Come join us and play Mario Kart on the Switch! We will have a tournament and a leaderboard!



Teen Programs (ages 13-18)



OTAB-Run Pride Club | Thursday, February 1 | 4:00-4:30 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'll be playing games and getting to know each other. Stop down for great snacks, safe community, and great times!

Teen Jackbox Games | Fridays, February 2 and 16 | 3:30-4:30 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.



OTAB Meeting | Tuesday, February 6 | 4:30 in the Conference Room

For our February meeting, we'll continue planning for our spring programs. We'll also begin brainstorming for Summer 2024, if time allows.

Teen Gaming Club | Wednesday, February 7 | 4:30-5:45 in the Gallery

Come play games with other gamers. We'll bring the library's Switch and games like *Super Smash Bros. Ultimate*, but you're welcome to bring your own systems and games, too. Board or card games more your style? Bring those instead!



Team A, Teen DnD | Wednesday, February 14 | 6:00-8:30 in the Gallery

The Wayside Inn, finally, is safe and quiet, with all threats calmed. What lies hidden within the Inn, and what clues can our adventures use in their quest to secure Leilon's continued safety and prosperity?

REGISTRATION REQUIRED—email programming@oleanlibrary.org to join a campaign.

Teen Crafternoon—Cookie Decorating | Tuesday, February 20 | 4:30-5:30 in the Gallery

By request, we're piloting a Teen Crafternoon. This month, come down to decorate sugar cookies and discuss craft ideas for future months. (If gluten-free or other allergen-free options are needed, please emailing programming@oleanlibrary.org prior to the event, and we'll do our best to accommodate).



Teen Anime Club | Wednesday, February 21 | 4:30-5:45 in the Gallery

Thanks to an Outreach program from Crunchyroll, we have access to literally hundreds of anime to watch in our club. Come enjoy some Japanese snacks and watch anime with other teen fans.

Team B, Teen DnD | Wednesday, February 28 | 6:00-8:30 in the Gallery

The troubles within the House of Thalivar continue to plague our brave adventurers, who find themselves caught in chaos. What is the source of all the trouble, and can Galileo be saved?

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Adult Programs

Knit & Crochet Club | Saturday, February 3 | 11:30–12:30 p.m. in the Gallery

Knitters, crocheters, and other fiber artists of all levels are welcome to attend. Bring your current craft (or one you need a bit of help with), and we'll provide some light snacks and beverages. Interested but don't have a project to start? We'll have some hat kits prepared.

A Zoom option is available—email programming@oleanlibrary.org to request a meeting room link.

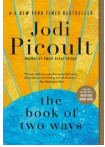


Glitter Glasses Craft DIY | Monday, February 5 | 6:30–8:30 p.m. in the Gallery

Come join Amy to make Valentine inspired glitter glasses. **Ages 15 & up. Registration is required.**

Glass Gem Magnets | Thursday, February 8 | 6:30 p.m. in the Gallery

Come on down for this cute Valentines Day craft: thumbprint heart magnets. We'll be using stamp ink, cardstock and glass gems for this simple keepsake. **Ages 15 & up. Registration is required.**



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

You bring the lunch, we supply the refreshments! Join us as we discuss *The Book of Two Ways* by Jodi Picoult. 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.

Valentine Cookie Decorating w/ Angelica Porcuri / Zet's Italian Ice | Monday, February 12 | 6:30–8:30 p.m. in the Gallery

Come learn to decorate cookies with Angelica with her professional material and easy to understand instructions.

If you were able to attend the previous cookie decorating class in November, please give a chance for others to take this class! Thank you! **Ages 18 & up. Registration required.**

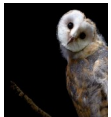


Adult DnD | Tuesday, February 13 | 6–8:30 p.m. in the Gallery

Interested in playing Dungeons and Dragons with other adults? Come join local DM Cody Green and give it a try. Players of all experience levels welcome, and bringing a snack to share, though not required, is appreciated.

Scrapbooking Club | Thursday, February 15 | 6:30–7:30 p.m. in the Gallery

Bring your work in progress, personal supplies and best scrapbooking ideas. For everyone interested, **ages 15 and older**, come enjoy casual crafting in the company of others! Basic craft supplies and refreshments will be provided!



Night Owls Book Club | Thursday, February 22 | 6–7:00 p.m. in the Gallery

For February, we will be reading *The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue* by V. E. Schwab. Light refreshments will be provided. A Zoom option is available—email programming@oleanlibrary.org to request a meeting room link.

Crayon Canvas Craft | Monday, February 26 | 6–8:00 p.m. in the Gallery

Come join Amy to make crayon wax canvas paintings. We will have a lot of fun making 3D styled art together! This craft will be using hot glue guns. **Ages 16 & up. Registration required.**



Meal Planning Basics w/ Cornell Cooperative Extension | Tuesday, February 27 | 5–6:00 p.m. in the Gallery

Do you struggle each night with what to make for dinner? Meal planning strategies can take you from dreading the kitchen to having easy and healthy options to grab for any meal of the day. This doesn't require gourmet culinary mastery or making everything from scratch! When it comes to feeding our families, flying by the seat of our pants gets expensive, repetitive, unhealthy, and stressful. But using a few simple strategies could save you from that! Join us for a free workshop that will help you get started on your meal planning adventures! **Ages 18 & up. Registration required.**



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PLEASE NOTE: Registration for any program begins the **FIRST OF THE MONTH**, or **ONE WEEK BEFORE** the date of the program, whichever comes first. You may register yourself and **ONE** guest for one program monthly; if you are interested in more than one, you may place yourself and your guest on its waiting list. The Olean Public Library reserves the right to refuse your sign-up for any reason, per our program registration policy.

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.

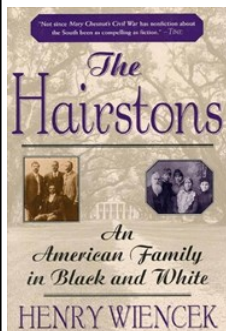
****To reserve a spot in any of our craft classes, please call 716-372-0200 or email programming@oleanlibrary.org.****

Community Events and Outreach



Join the library as we support Swizzy's Cause by attending the 2024 Love Yourself event on Valentine's Day, **Wednesday Feb. 14th from 10a-1p** at the Olean YMCA. Come and celebrate the love you hold for yourself this Valentine's Day! Attend a workshop and leave with a new coping skill. Past year events have included a stylist, massage therapist, arts-n-crafts, seminars and workshops to learn how you can address your mental health struggles so that you can live a fuller life. Can't wait to see you there! For any questions regarding the program, you can call 716-790-2414, stop at the Olean

YMCA front desk, or email KateF@TwinTiersYMCA.org for more information.



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

February 21st at 1pm

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

Book selection: The Hairstons: An American Family in Black and White by Henry Wiencek

The Hairstons is the extraordinary story of the largest family in America, the Hairston clan. With several thousand black and white members, the Hairstons share a complex and compelling history: divided in the time of slavery, they have come to embrace their past as one family.



Discussing American History

Saturday, February 24th from 2pm to 4pm.

Join the Race Unity Circle of Olean for an afternoon of collegial dialog about American history and its effect on our culture. Please bring a discussion prompt which can be a reading, poem, news article, or visual. Food provided. All are welcome to this free program.

Thurs, Feb. 22nd from 12-3pm

speak to representatives from the following organizations in-library:



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 **Wednesday, February 21st from 10-1pm.**



Get help applying for food benefits. Stop by the library for help applying for SNAP.

In-library:

Thursday, February 1st from 9am-12pm

Thursday, February 22nd from 12-3pm



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

February 5th, 12th, 20th, and 26th

Tribute Gift Book Plates January 2024

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Gallery Exhibit: February 2024 Amanda Hulbert

Amanda Hulbert is an acrylic abstract artist based in Olean, New York. Since 2022, she has been primarily creating paint pours, and experimenting with oils and mixed media. Amanda has participated in juried shows, winning first place at the Colden Art Festival in 2023. This is her first solo exhibition.

A reception will be held Tuesday, February 6 in the Art Gallery from 6-7 pm.



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 for children) and you must be able to fill the entire gallery with your pieces. Any 2D medium is welcome for submission!