



OLEAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

January 2024 Newsletter



The Library will be closed Monday January 1st for New Years & Monday January 15th for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

We know it's been increasingly harder to get a spot in many of our programs that require preregistration, so we at the Olean Public Library are implementing the two following policy changes to try and address the issue:

1) 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 program will be considered a "no call, no show." A "no call, no show" will result in suspension from 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.

2) One program per month:

When a patron registers for a program, they may sign themselves and one guest up for **one** program of their choice. If there are additional programs they are interested in, patrons can be placed on those programs' waiting lists. Note that this applies to programs in the same category: signing up for an adult craft would not place someone automatically on the waiting list for a children's or family program, nor would it prevent them from attending a program that does not require registration.

Thanks for your patience. Questions or comments can be emailed to programming@oleanlibrary.org. The full programming policy can also be requested by email.

TOP CHECKOUTS OF 2023



The new Safe Kids Staying Safe Program!

Join us at the library every third Thursday at 6:00pm beginning in January.

Each month a different community organization will present a book related to one of the Safe Kids Staying Safe Initiatives; Car, bike, medicine, fire, railroad, teeth, infant sleep, etc.

A community member in each field will read a book and offer a fun craft or learning activity! This month will feature the **Olean Fire Department!**

Join us at the library on Thursday, January 18th to check out some emergency vehicles and learn about fire safety with a real live firefighter!



ADDRESS

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Olean, New York 14760


CONTACT

P: 716-372-0200
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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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MORE INFO :
SAFEKIDS@STHCS.ORG




Children's Programs: Winter 2024

Block one of programs begin **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

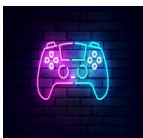
Practice reading with our favorite therapy dogs. These guys are great listeners and never judge! They make reading fun. Bring a book or choose one here. Explore the Investigation Stations and enjoy some "pupcorn" while you wait.

After-School Programs (ages 7–12)

Monday from 3:30–4:30 pm

January 8th: Lego Club 	January 15th: No Club, Library is Closed. 
January 22nd: STEAM Club     	January 29th: Pokemon Club 

Teen Programs (ages 13–18)



Teen Gaming Club | Wednesday, January 3 | 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!

OTAB-Run Pride Club | Thursday, January 4 | 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's discussion is on finding safe resources in our community, with a focus on safe people. Stop down for snacks, great discussions, and even better times with safe, supportive teens!



OTAB Meeting | Tuesday, January 9 | 4:30 in the Conference Room

For our January meeting, we'll be planning out what teen-run programs you'd like to offer throughout 2024, with a focus on April and May. We'll also begin brainstorming for Summer 2024, if time allows.

Team A, Teen DnD | Wednesday, January 10 | 6:00-8:30 in the Gallery

The storm has ended and the leader has fallen, but the threat in the basement of the Wayside Inn still looms large over the party. How will our brave adventurers rise to the occasion?

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



Jackbox Games | Fridays, January 12 and 26 | 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.

Teen Anime Club | Wednesday, January 17 | 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, January 24 | 6:00-8:30 in the Gallery

The House of Thalivar looms large in the center of Leilon, and the soldiers of the settlement fear for their leader, Galleo, who both refuses to leave and is behaving increasingly more erratic. The Council of Leilon has asked our brave adventurers to investigate. What will they encounter?

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Teen DnD Battle Royale: The Final Showdown | Wednesday, January 31 | 5:30-8:30 in the Gallery

An event so fun and chaotic it's taking us THREE tries to complete! Team A may have reigned victorious over the arena, but the tides have shifted. It's now a final showdown, Hunger Games style, where every guy, gal, and non-binary pal is on their own. Who will win the coveted spell scroll prize?

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



Adult Programs

Brown Bag Book Club | Monday, January 8 | 12:30 p.m. in the Gallery

You bring the lunch, we supply the refreshments! Join us as we discuss *Tasha: A Son's Memoir* by Brian Morton. 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.



Vision Board DIY Craft with Amy | Monday, January 8 | 6:00 p.m. in the Gallery

Join Amy to make a vision board in celebration of the new year! Vision boards use paper and pictures to let you visualize your future! Making a visual representation of what you want or hope to achieve. This helps create a positive and powerful image in your mind, making it easier to believe in your ability to achieve your goals. Bring any pictures you may want but we will have lots of supplies here as well.

Registration required. Ages 16 & up.

Adult DnD | Tuesday, January 9 | 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, January 11 | 6:30–7:30 p.m. in the Gallery

Join us as we open a new club and invite everyone interested **aged 15 and over**. Bring your work in progress, personal supplies and best scrapbooking ideas. Basic craft supplies will be provided.

Knit & Crochet Club | Saturday, January 13 | 12–1:00 p.m. in the Gallery

Knitters, crocheters, and other fiber artists of all levels are welcome to attend this information gathering meeting. Bring your current craft (or one you need a bit of help with), and we'll provide some light snacks and beverages.

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



Food Preservation 101 Workshop | Tuesday, January 16 | 5–6:00 p.m. in the Gallery

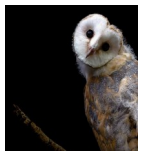
Join Master Food Preservers of Cornell Cooperative Extension to learn some essentials for canning (pressure and hot water bath) and other methods to safely preserve your garden's bounty. We hope to see you there! **Registration required. Ages 18 & up.**

Night Owls Book Club | Thursday, January 25 | 6–7:00 p.m. in the Gallery

For this first meeting, come ready to talk about your favorite (and least favorite, if you want!) reads from 2023. We'll be discussing meeting times for 2024 as well as what books we would like to read as a club.

Light refreshments will be provided.

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



Adult Game Day | Saturday, January 27 | 2–4:30 p.m. in the Gallery

Bring your charged devices and board games and let's have a board game day!

Come join like-minded adults who like to eat snacks and have some fun!

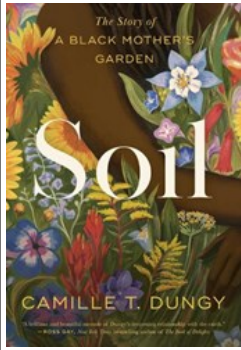


PLEASE NOTE: Registration for any program begins the **FIRST OF THE MONTH**, or **ONE WEEK BEFORE** the date of the program, whichever comes first. The Olean Public Library reserves the right to refuse your sign-up for any reason, per our program registration policy. To see the policy, please email programming@oleanlibrary.org. To register or cancel a reservation please call 716.372.0200.

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



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

January 24th at 1pm

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

Book selection: Soil by Camille Dungy

In *Soil: The Story of a Black Mother's Garden*, poet and scholar Camille T. Dungy recounts the seven-year odyssey to diversify her garden in the predominately white community of Fort Collins, Colorado. When she moved there in 2013, with her husband and daughter, the community held strict restrictions about what residents could and could not plant in their gardens.



Race Unity Circle Watch Party and Discussion Part 2

"Who We Are – A Chronicle of Racism in America"

Monday, January 29th at 6:30pm

Free and open to the public. Refreshments.



NY Connects
Your Link to Long Term
Services and Supports

Stay healthy and independent!

NY Connects, the Department of Aging, and Directions in Independent Living are partnering to bring you resources for long term services and support systems for people of all ages and needs.

Speak to a specialist in the library's lobby: January 11th from 10-1pm and January 25th from 230-530pm. Anyone - individuals, concerned family members, friends, or professionals can access NY Connects for help in finding the information, services, and supports they need. Independent Living Specialists can also assist with various referrals. Both short and long term services and supports can be provided in the home or in community-based or residential settings to help someone stay healthy and independent. This program is available in both Cattaraugus and Allegany counties. For more information in Catt Cty call: 716-378-5027 and in Allegany Cty call: 716-378-9438

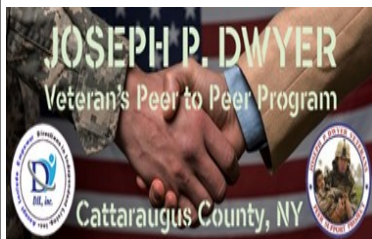


Big Brothers Big Sisters
OF ERIE, NIAGARA & THE SOUTHERN TIER

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:

Wed., Jan. 10th from 10-1

Wed., Jan. 24th from 10-1



January 8th from 2 to 4 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: **January 8th, 16th, 22nd, & 29th.**





Get help applying for food benefits. Stop by the library for help applying for SNAP. In-library **Thursday, January 4th from 9 to 12 noon.**

Help for individuals or families to get affordable or **free** health insurance through the New York State of Health. Every child is eligible for Child Health Plus. In-library **January 11th and 25th from 2-4 pm.**



Library Programs—January 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 CLOSED 	2	3 Teen Gaming Club 4:30—5:45 pm	4 SNAP 9 am—12 pm OTAB Pride Club 4—4:30 pm	5	6
8 LawNY Healthcare 10 am—1 pm Veteran's Peer Program 2—4 pm Lego Club 3:30 pm Brown Bag Book Club 12:30 pm Vision Board 6 pm	9 OTAB Meeting 4:30 pm Adult DnD 6 pm	10 Big Brothers Big Sisters 10 am—1 pm Team A DnD 6—8:30 pm	11 NY Connects 10 am—1 pm Molina Healthcare 2—4 pm Scrapbooking Club 6:30 pm	12 Jackbox Games 3:30—4:30 pm	13 Knit & Crochet Club 12 pm
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Tribute Gift Book Plates December 2023	
Honor	Memorialize
In Memory of: Jackie & Vic Stebbins	Donation by: Nickey Nichoson
In Honor of: African American Center for Cultural Development	Donation by: Robin Muscato
In Observance of: "16 Days of Activism to End Violence Against Women and Girls"	Donation by: The Zonta Club

Gallery Exhibit: January 2024 Paintings by Samantha Aldrich



A self-taught artist from Western Ny, Samantha Aldrich primarily works with acryl paint on canvas. Her work incorporates many styles, including but not limited to landscapes, realistic paintings, and abstract works.

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!