



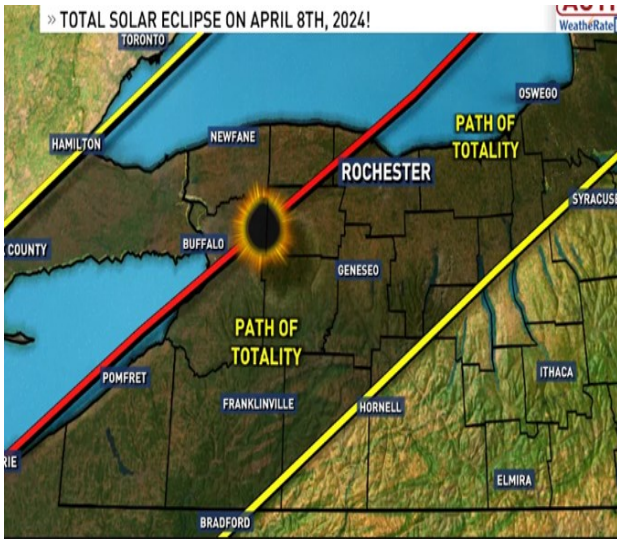
**OLEAN PUBLIC LIBRARY**

# March 2024 Newsletter



The Library will be closed Saturday March 30th for Easter.

## Solar Eclipse Glasses available at the library beginning March 1<sup>st</sup> until supply runs out. 2 pair per person limit.



On April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 the Southern Tier will experience a total solar eclipse. In preparation for the event Star Library Network (Star Net), funded through the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation, and the Space Science Institute is donating solar-viewing glasses to libraries across our region. The library's supply of glasses was also augmented by a donation of glasses from the Emergency Preparedness Division of the Cattaraugus County Health Department. A Total Solar Eclipse happens when the Moon passes between the Earth and the Sun. This causes the Moon to totally obscure the image of the sun for the viewer on Earth. Since the Moon blocks the Sun for a few minutes this will cause a period of darkness, which on average is up to 3 minutes. The Enchanted Mountains will be a part of the upcoming total solar eclipse on April 8th, 2024! Within the county, the time of the eclipse will range from 2:00pm - 4:45pm. Totality, on average, will begin at 3:18pm in the Enchanted Mountains.

Why is it a Big Deal? The last total solar eclipse to pass over New York State was on January 24, 1925. There won't be another **total** eclipse over us locally until 2045. This is a once or twice in a lifetime opportunity!

Don't look directly at the sun without proper safety filters. When buying solar glasses or filters, make sure they meet the **ISO 12312-2**

**requirements.** To avoid PERMANENT DAMAGE TO THE EYES, you MUST wear Solar Eclipse Viewing Glasses to safely view the partial phases of the eclipse!

Join us **Saturday, March 16th at 12:00** for a **Magical Easter Celebration!**



There will be a magic show by the **Marvelous Mr. J!**  
**An Eggs-cellent Easter Egg Hunt!**  
**Baby chicks and ducks!**

A visit from the Easter Bunny himself!  
**Don't miss this fun event!**



A frosty February night drew library lovers for a successful FeBREWary. Friends of the Library hosted the event, which offered beer tasting, great food, live music, basket raffles and a chance to relax with friends.

This event, and a wine tasting that takes place in September, have become the most successful fundraisers for Friends. FeBREWary 2024 brought in over \$3,000 which will be used by Friends to help with library programming and equipment.

We would like to give many thanks to this year's corporate sponsor Trylt Distribution; Five Mile Brewing who shows up and are consistent supporters of our events, SteelBound Brewery, Ellicottville Brewing and Rohrbach Brewing Company for donating product for us to pour and sample.

The success of this event and our other events would not be possible without the continued hard work and dedication of our Friends of the Library Board. Their work not only allows us to host gatherings like our tastings but also the annual Peg Bothner Bookmark Contest, a Poetry Contest and other fundraising efforts. We would like to give a special shout out to our FeBREWary Chair, Tom Jacobs.

Are you feeling a pull to help your library but don't know where to start? Start small! We are currently looking for volunteers who would like to help with hosting our Peg Bothner Bookmark Contest in May and workers for our Read Between the Wines event in September. We would love to hear from you – contact us at

[FriendsofOleanLibrary@gmail.com](mailto:FriendsofOleanLibrary@gmail.com)

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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



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## Smokey Bear Reading Challenge

**CELEBRATE SMOKEY BEAR'S 80<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY**

Join Smokey in learning about wildfires and the environment. Read books, take action, and have fun! And remember: **only you can prevent wildfires.**

January 1 through November 28, 2024.

Ask your local or school librarian how to get started or find out more at [smokeybear.com](http://smokeybear.com).

Read books about wildfire and the environment, take action, receive prizes, and help Smokey!

Challenge is geared for ages 4 to 10, but all ages are welcome.

Thank you to [smokeybear.com](http://smokeybear.com) for helping to develop this program.

The USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

Read books about wildfire and the environment, take action, receive prizes, and help Smokey!  
**Stop by the children's area to get started!**



## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS: SPRING 2024

**MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup> — APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup>**

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,

### 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!

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6 PM**

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

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## The New Safe Kids Staying Safe Program!



Join us **Thursday, March 21 at 6:00pm** for Safe Kids Staying Safe. This month a representative from the Western New York and Pennsylvania railroad will be here to talk about rail safety!

There will be fun activities and safety materials and giveaways for parents and caregivers.

Most importantly, we will learn how to stay safe around trains and train tracks!



### Congratulations to Callie Pezzimenti!

Callie has completed the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten challenge! She read books with her family, earned prizes along the way and ultimately received her Ready For School Backpack. The backpack is sponsored by The Friends of the Library and contains all kinds of fun things Callie will use to prepare for 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.

When you reach the goal of 1000 books you can get your own Ready for School Backpack!



### Mark your calendars for Cuteness Overload!

**Saturday, April 6th at 12 :00** we will be kicking off our week long

National Library Week celebration with

**Sundance Kids Farm Baby Animal -Bunny in a Basket Petting Zoo!**

Mike Morton will melt our winter hearts with his adorable baby animals just in time for spring. There will be crafts, snacks and photo ops available.



## After-School Programs (ages 7-12)

**Monday from 3:30-4:30 pm**



### March 4th: Steam Club

Crayon making.



### March 11th: Lego Club

Let's make Leprechaun traps!

### March 18th: Pokémon Club



### March 25th: Crafting Club

Diamond painting keychains.



### Kid Cookie Class w/ Angelica from ZETS Italian Ice

**Wednesday March 27 | 4:00 in the Gallery**

Come have a fun cookie decorating day where a professional baker helps each kid decorate a fun cookie for Easter! **Registration required. Ages 5–15.**

## Teen Programs (ages 13-18)



### Teen Jackbox Games | Fridays, March 1 and 15 | 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 Gaming Club | Wednesday, March 6 | 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 Meeting | Tuesday, March 12 | 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.

### Team A, Teen DnD | Wednesday, March 13 | 6:00-8:30 in the Gallery

Our intrepid adventures have returned to their stronghold in Leilon to find a new...friend? Foe? Menace? The Council awaits their presence at their next meeting, but how long will the Cult of Talos wait until they strike again? **REGISTRATION REQUIRED—email [programming@oleanlibrary.org](mailto:programming@oleanlibrary.org) to join a campaign.**



### OTAB-Run Pride Club | Thursday, March 14 | 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 Anime Club | Wednesday, March 20 | 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, March 27 | 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 terrors await the top of the House of Thalivar?

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED—email [programming@oleanlibrary.org](mailto:programming@oleanlibrary.org) to join a campaign.**

# Adult Programs

## Knit & Crochet Club | Saturday, March 2 | 11:30–12:30 p.m. in the Gallery

Knitters, crocheters, and other fiber artists of all levels are welcome. Bring your current craft (or one you need help with), and we'll provide 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](mailto:programming@oleanlibrary.org) to request a meeting room link.



## Brown Bag Book Club | Monday, March 11 | 12:30 p.m. in the Gallery

You bring the lunch, we supply the refreshments! Join us as we discuss *Radar Girls* by Sara Ackerman. Multiple copies of the book are available through the library system. There is a Zoom option for anyone interested. Email [programming@oleanlibrary.org](mailto:programming@oleanlibrary.org) for the link.

## Pour Painting w/ Miss Stacy | Monday, March 11 | 6:00 p.m. in the Gallery

Learn how to make and create a beautiful abstract painting by using the pour paint method!

**Ages 16 & up. Registration is required.**



## Adult DnD | Tuesday, March 12 | 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, March 14 | 6:30–7:30 p.m. in the Gallery

Bring your work in progress, personal supplies and best scrapbooking ideas. Come enjoy casual crafting in the company of others! Basic craft supplies and refreshments will be provided! **Ages 15 & up.**



## Vermicomposting w/ Cornell Cooperative Extension | Saturday, March 16 | 10 a.m. in the Gallery

Compost improves aeration and drainage in clay soils, holds moisture in sandy soils, eases cultivation, acts as a disease suppressant, balances pH, and helps all soils resist crusting, erosion, and leaching of nutrients. Worm castings are the most nutrient-rich, pH balanced, and consistent of all composts. Learn how worms can make fast, rich compost for your garden while disposing of your food scraps with this program. **Ages 18 & up. Registration is required.**

## Bunny Wreath | Monday, March 18 | 5:30 & 7:00 p.m. in the Gallery

Let's join together and celebrate the upcoming Spring by making some homemade bunny wreaths together.

**Ages 13 & up. Registration is required.**



## Darkness During the Day w/ David DeGraff | Wednesday, March 20 | 7:00 p.m. in the Gallery

David DeGraff from the Physics and Astronomy Department of Alfred University will join us to present: "Darkness During the Day: How to Watch a Total Solar Eclipse". The presentation will also cover partial eclipses, lunar eclipses, and how to explain these phenomena to children. All attendees will receive an eclipse viewing safety sheet and a pair of ISO 12312-2 rated solar eclipse glasses. **Ages 10 & up. Registration is required.**

## Burlap Bunnies | Thursday, March 21 | 6:30 p.m. in the Gallery

Join us to make this sweet and simple burlap bunny Easter decor! We will be using an old frame, a piece of burlap and some paint or chalk- making it a perfect beginner craft! **Ages 15 & up. Registration is required.**

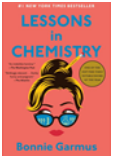


## Learning Photography with Dan Jordan | Monday, March 25 | 5:00 p.m. in the Gallery

Take photography classes starting with basic camera knowledge moving into more advanced photography. This will be a 6 session course taught by Dan Jordan while including "practice what you know" programs where we will practice using our knowledge from the classes to put to practice between his classes! These classes are meant for every person from 'interested in learning', 'beginner photographer' to 'seasoned photographers'. If you have a DSLR camera, please bring it with you but it is not required to join. Registration is required! **Registration required.**

## Night Owls Book Club | Thursday, March 28 | 6–7:00 p.m. in the Gallery

For March, we will be reading and discussing *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus. Drinks like coffee and tea, as well as some light refreshments will be served. A Zoom option is available—email [programming@oleanlibrary.org](mailto:programming@oleanlibrary.org) to request a meeting room link.



**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](mailto:kdoyle@eriecommunityfoundation.org).

**\*\*To reserve a spot in any of our craft classes, please call 716-372-0200 or email [programming@oleanlibrary.org](mailto:programming@oleanlibrary.org).\*\***

# Community Events and Outreach



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

March 20th at 1pm

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

### Book selection: **Black Berry, Sweet Juice: On Being Black and White in Canada** by Lawrence Hill

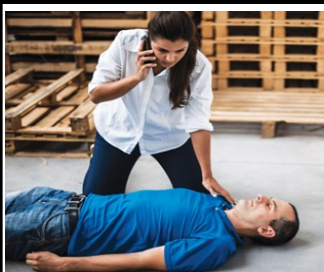
Interspersed with slices of his personal experiences, fascinating family history and the experiences of thirty-six other Canadians of mixed race interviewed for this book, BLACK BERRY, SWEET JUICE also examines contemporary racial issues in Canadian society. Hill explores the terms used to describe children of mixed race, the unrelenting hostility towards mix-race couples and the real meaning of the black Canadian experience.



Sign-up now for the upcoming **American Red Cross Blood Drive** @ the library.

**April 5, 2024 from 11:30 AM to 4:30 PM**

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



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**April 5<sup>th</sup>**

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**April 5<sup>th</sup> from 11-5pm**

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](mailto:sustainableswny@cornell.edu)



**April 6th from 11am to 2pm**, speak to a representative from the Emergency Financial Assistance Fund in-library, sign up for the Every Bottom Covered program, or to make an individual appointment for clients specific needs. Catholic Charities Emergency Financial

Assistance program is available to all Cattaraugus and Allegany county households. This program is open to anyone in these counties, regardless of religion, race, ethnicity, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, immigration status, or

disability. We are dedicated to making sure that every person who calls or walks through our doors feels welcomed and respected. We are able to assist with most emergency situations, including rental assistance, utility assistance, clothing, repairs, transportation, medical, and so much more. In addition, our offices have monthly and yearly programs to help families and individuals make ends meet when times are tough. Please reach out to us with any concerns and we would be happy to offer assistance and referrals specifically tailored to your situation. Contact Kelsie, Emergency Financial Assistant, 716-372-0101.

## Tribute Gift Book Plates February 2024

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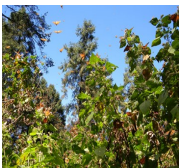
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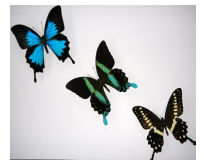
# Library Programs—March 2024

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## Gallery Exhibit: March 2024 Butterfly Experience by John MacRoy



A sneak-preview of spring will be on display at the Olean Public Library during the month of March. Olean native John MacRoy, an artist and retired educator, will showcase his eclectic, extensive collection of beautiful butterflies, moths, and giant creepy-crawlies, a collection that he has displayed at hundreds of elementary schools throughout our region while presenting an entertaining and educational assembly program. This exhibit will



display specimens from every continent on Earth ranging from the tropical equatorial forests to the arctic tundra, and our own special temperate environment will also be featured. Witness world-wide cryptic, gigantic silk moths, the dazzling iridescent morphos from tropical America, the beautiful, majestic bird-wing butterflies from Papua New Guinea, and much, much more.

A reception will be held Tuesday, March 22 in the Art Gallery from 4-5:30 pm. Mr. MacRoy will speak on his exhibit and his work for about an hour and will be available to answer questions after.

Interested in showcasing your art in our gallery? Contact the library by phone or by emailing [programming@oleanlibrary.org](mailto: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!