



OLEAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

April 2024 Newsletter



Ready for some Cuteness Overload?

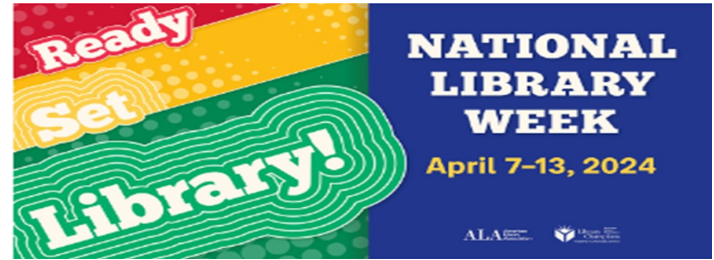
Saturday, **April 6th at 12:00PM** we will be kicking off our week long National Library Week celebration with **Sundance Kids Farm Baby Animal -Bunny in a Basket Petting Zoo!** Mike Morton will melt our winter hearts with his adorable baby animals just in time for spring. There will be crafts, snacks and photo ops available.



April 19th 3:30—6:00pm

April 20th 10am—3pm

Come join our plant swap! Bring a plant or a plant cutting to be traded for something else! We will have this running two days so you are able to bring your plants and come back to redeem! We will also have a raffle for everyone who participates to be entered!



Saturday, April 6th at 2:00PM

Solar Eclipse 2024 Presentation!

Renowned author David M. Gardner, a native of Portville NY, will return to the area just in time to blow our minds with his presentation on the 2024 eclipse!

Mr. Gardner graduated from Portville Central School in 1988 and has followed his path to become a scientist, artist, teacher and author. His unique way of exploring and explaining the world around us will make this a fascinating family program just days before this once in a lifetime event.

It's **National Library Week** and we are celebrating our freedom to **#ReadEverywhere!**

Take pics of where you read and pics of you reading **EVERYWHERE** (within good taste please). Tag us on Facebook or Instagram for an extra chance in our National Library Week basket raffle.

Come by the library everyday this week! We will be celebrating the library and our patrons with daily promo items and a basket raffle.

Annual Peg Bothner Bookmark Contest

It is once again time for our annual Peg Bothner Bookmark Contest! This year we received 1,208 entries, submitted from five local schools. The schools that participated are Allegany-Limestone, East View, Olean Intermediate Middle School, Portville, and Washington West.

Judges Gay Fish, Betsy Matz, Helen Ruggieri, Amy Windus, Betsy Price, Sheila Taylor, and Diane Ksionzyk chose one winner from each school, with the exception of Olean Intermediate Middle School, which has two winners. **Awards will be given out at a ceremony on May 4th**, and the public is invited to view all entries in the Art Gallery from the end of April until May 28th.

This contest wouldn't be possible without the continued support of our Friends membership drive – have you renewed your membership for 2024? All donations and new memberships are welcome! Please indicate if you'd like to volunteer on one of our committees or help in some other way.

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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

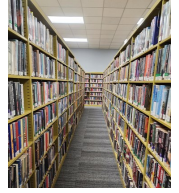
The Value of Your Library in 2023

Borrowing books from the library saved the Olean community \$769,284 over the purchase of adult fiction and non-fiction. The collection contains 89,547 adult books to choose from.

Coming in to borrow Children's books from the Library provides an opportunity for socialization, builds a sense of community, improves literacy, and saved parents nearly \$460,615 in 2023. Our collection contains 26,489 children's books to choose from.

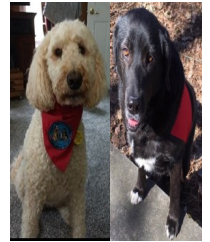
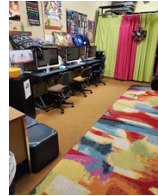
Tired of paying higher prices for more commercials on your streaming services? Don't want to pay that auto renew for that one obscure show? Borrow that favorite series or movie from the Library!! Last year we provided the community with \$68,008 in value with our DVD collection and Kanopy streaming service at a value of \$4 per rent or stream. The library has 8,609 DVD's and videos to choose from.

Our meeting spaces saved non-profit groups over \$7,125 over the cost of renting, a value they are able to then pass on to the community. A total of 285 meetings were held by non-profits in 2023.



In 2023 there were:

- 91,036 visits to the library
- 8,907 attendees at 468 programs for adults, teens, and children
- 121,798 items were checked out
- 8,291 wifi sessions and 7,801 public computer sessions



Trustee Election Candidate

Running for 5 year term



Gretchen Copella has always called Olean "home". She has worked at Community Bank, N.A. for nearly thirty years and is currently Vice President of Commercial Banking. In addition to her work at the Bank she also serves on the STEDO (Southern Tier Economic Development Organization) board, Healthy Families Allegany/Cattaraugus Advisory Board, and the City of Olean Revolving Loan Fund Committee. She has also been a member of the Zonta Club of Olean service organization for a number of years, and currently serves as the Area Director overseeing clubs in Olean, Jamestown, and Western Pennsylvania.

She sees her hours spent volunteering in the community whether it has been coaching her children on the soccer field, serving pizza at the St. John's festival, assisting in voter registration, or painting a house with Rebuilding Together as all being time well spent. She holds a Bachelor's degree from SUNY Geneseo and is a graduate of the Leadership Cattaraugus program, as well as having taken numerous professional and career development courses.

Having served a one-year term on the Olean Library Board, her decision to run for a full term stems from her continued desire to see that the library be a safe and welcoming place to not only engage one's mind but also a space that members of the community can develop their skills, seek out services, and interact with others. She welcomes the opportunity to lend her support to a place that she has always held near and dear.

Olean Public Library Budget Hearing



in the Library
Tuesday, April 23, 2024
6:00 PM

SAVE THE DATE!

Olean Public Library 2024 Trustee Election and Budget Vote for the 2025 Fiscal Year will be held at the Library on **Tuesday, May 7th.**

Polls open at 9 am and close at 8 pm.

We hope you exercise your right to vote on May 7th!





USDA Forest Service U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Smokey Bear Reading Challenge

CELEBRATE SMOKEY BEAR'S 80TH 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.

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  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 11TH — APRIL 12TH

APRIL 29TH — MAY 24TH

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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The New Safe Kids Staying Safe Program!

Join us **Thursday, April 18th at 6:00PM** for Safe Kids Staying Safe. This month Dr. Kelly Burch will be here to read My Dentist, My Friend by P.K. Hallinan and talk to us about dental health.

There will be crafts, healthy snacks and giveaways!

Most importantly, we will learn how to stay healthy and take care of our teeth!



April 5th through April 12th the Library will be partnering with the Olean Area Charter for Compassion and the City of Olean to celebrate the Community Week of Kindness.

This is a week long event being celebrated throughout the city.

Kids, draw a Picture of Kindness. This could be any representation of an act of kindness that you have seen or experienced. Your picture will be on display all week at the library. Treats and giveaways will be available. The theme of kindness will be the highlight of all our children's programs this week!

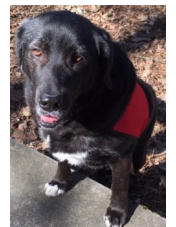
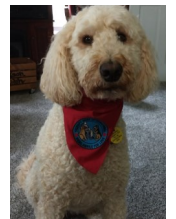


Save The Date Story Time with Percy and Pals! May 7th at 3:30PM

Join us at the Olean Public Library on Tuesday, May 7th at 3:30 to hang out with Percy the Miniature Pony and our very special therapy dogs.

They will join us for story time, some cool crafts, snacks and photo ops.

Quit horsin' around and get to the library to have fun with our four legged friends!



After-School Programs (ages 7-12)

Monday from 3:30-4:30 pm

<p>April 1st: Paper Minecraft</p> <p>We'll be building our own Minecraft creations, with an April Fool's day twist: all the blocks are made of paper! Come use our templates to create your own paper Minecraft creations.</p>	<p>April 8th: NO CLUB</p> 
 <p>April 15th: Lego Club</p> <p>Make something that looks like it came right out of Minecraft.</p>	 <p>April 22nd: Bingo!</p> <p>Come play a fun game of bingo.</p>
<p>April 29th: Minecraft Day</p> <p>Let's all play Minecraft together! Please have your own account created and ready to go! Bring your own device or use ours on a first come, first serve basis</p>	

Teen Programs (ages 13-18)



OTAB Meeting | Tuesday, April 2 | 4:30 in the Conference Room

During this meeting, we'll be planning out activities for Summer Reading, as well as finalizing our activities for the next few months.

Teen Gaming Club | Wednesday, April 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!

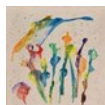


OTAB-Run Pride Club | Thursday, April 4 | 4:00-5:00 in the Gallery

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 our ice breaker Jenga game and making Pride-themed keychains and magnets with the button maker.

Teen Crafternoon | Tuesday, April 9 | 4:00-5:00 in the Gallery

Come to the gallery to paint freely with friends. We'll provide different types of paints and a small canvas per participant. Painting not your thing? We'll have some journal making supplies on hand as well to experiment with.



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

The lost patrol deep in the Mere of Dead Men have been found and saved, and our adventurers may have made new allies in the process. Will they and their large, beet-loving steed be able to escort them safely back and secure passage to Thunder Cliffs in time? **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**—email programming@oleanlibrary.org to join a campaign.

Teen Jackbox Games | Fridays, April 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, April 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, April 24 | 6:00-8:30 in the Gallery

The source of the tower's haunting has been found, but the threat still looms large. How will our adventurers rectify the situation? Fire? Spells? Aid from a possibly dead two-headed worm? The possibilities are endless.

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



Teen Sword Fighting Class with Wayne Welburn | Tuesday, April 30 | 4:00-6:00 in the Front Parking Lot

By popular demand, our local swordfighting instructor Wayne Welburn will be providing a group sword fighting class for interested teens. No experience is necessary, though participants need to wear closed-toed, athletic shoes. Face protection and safe, rubber-tipped swords will be provided for use during the class.

****Teens invited to attend Academic Writing & Research Tips and Tricks | Thursday, April 11 | 5:00 p.m. in the Gallery****

Adult Programs



Meal Planning Basics w/ Cornell Cooperative Extension | Thursday, April 4 | 5–6:00 p.m. in the Gallery
Do you struggle each night with what to make for dinner? Are you tired of winging it? Are you spending too much of your energy finding meals that are healthy and will make your family happy? Meal planning strategies can take you from dreading the kitchen to having easy and healthy options to grab for any meal of the day. Join us for a free workshop that will help you get started on your meal planning adventures! **Ages 18 & up. Registration required.**

Adult DnD | Tuesday, April 9 | 6–8:30 p.m. in the Gallery

Interested in playing Dungeons and Dragons with other adults? Come join Cherish, our library's resident game master and try it out. Players of all experience levels welcome, and bringing a snack to share, though not required, is appreciated.



Academic Writing & Research Tips and Tricks | Thursday, April 11 | 5:00 p.m. in the Gallery
An overview of the expectations of academic writing and research as well as tips and tricks for conducting writing and research in and out of college. **Ages 13 & up. Registration is required.**

Knit & Crochet Club | Saturday, April 13 | 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 the space and company of fellow crafters. Interested but don't have a project to start?

We'll have some free patterns, yarn, and some basic crochet hooks and knitting needles available to take.

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



Brown Bag Book Club | Monday, April 15 | 12:30 p.m. in the Gallery

You bring the lunch, we supply the refreshments! Join us as we discuss *The Collected Regrets of Clover* by Mikki Bramer. 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.

Learning Photography with Dan Jordan | Monday, April 15 | 5:00 p.m. in the Gallery

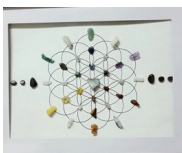
Take photography classes starting with basic camera knowledge moving into more advanced photography. This will be a 6 session course taught by Dan Jordan while including "practice what you know" programs where we will practice using our knowledge from the classes to put to practice between his classes! 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.

Practice Dates April 8th & 29th 5–6PM. Registration required.

Gem Painting Craft | Wednesday, April 17 | 6:30 p.m. in the Gallery

Gem or Diamond Painting is a combination of cross-stitch and paint-by-numbers. You use an applicator to apply hundreds of sparkling resin rhinestones, one-by-one, on an adhesive color-coded canvas painting. The end result is a vivid, shimmering work of art. Join us to learn this popular craft. Each participant receives their own kit.

Ages 13 & up. Registration is required.



Crystal Grids w/ Naturally Grounding | Thursday, April 18 | 6:00 p.m. in the Gallery

Crystal Grids are arranged stones chosen for a specific intention in a geometric pattern. This is one way to amplify specific energy in your home or wherever you decide to place it. You will have a simple description of the crystals available to choose from! **Ages 15 & up. Registration required.**

Earth Day Craft | Monday, April 22 | 6:00 p.m. in the Gallery

Join us as we celebrate Earth Day by making candles out of recycled cans!

Ages 16 & up. Registration is required.



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

For April, we will be reading and discussing *Lady Tan's Circle of Women* by Lisa See. Coffee, tea, and light refreshments will be served.

A Zoom option is available—email 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.

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

Community Events and Outreach



Be Heart Healthy, Friday, April 5th from 11:30am—4:30pm in the library's lobby.

Student interns in the Health Professions field from St. Bonaventure University will be delivering Heart Healthy educational outreach on Friday, April 5 in the lobby area of the Olean Public Library. Heart disease is a leading cause of death in the United States for both men and women but you can do a lot to protect your heart and stay healthy. This wellness outreach will provide information and tips relating to heart-healthy living. Heart-healthy living involves understanding your risk, making healthy choices, and taking steps to reduce your chances of getting heart disease.



Help save a life.
Schedule your blood donation appointment today.
American Red Cross

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 or download the blood donor app. Type OPLibrary in the "Find a Drive" search bar.



**BE READY TO
SAVE A LIFE**
with
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April 5th
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1:30, 2:30, 3:30
Free 30-minute class

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April 5th 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

Tribute Gift Book Plates March 2024

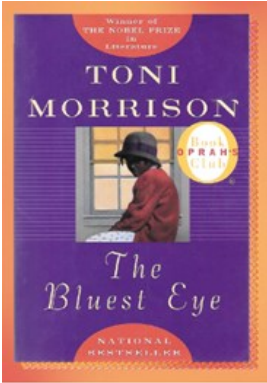
Honor ☞ Memorialize ☞ Acknowledge

In Memory of: Gary Ranney	Book Donated by: Ann Marie Sitter-Tompkins
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In Memory of: Alfred Eade	Donations by: Mary and Mark Alfieri, Michele and Steve Argentieri, Dale and Cassandra Becker, Friends of Jake & Liz Chafik, Crown Y Recycling, Cathlenn DeCrescente, Scott and Paula Derwick, The Family of Robert Eade, Michele Aaron Eade, Johanna Florez, Kefalari Mason, Paula Newcomb, Thomas and Audrey Ramage, Rachel and Mike Richmond, Raymond and Jane Sader, Lanna Waterman, Thomas and Bonita Welch

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April 6 from 11am to 2pm, speak to a representative from the Emergency Financial Assistance Fund in-library, sign up for the Every Bottom Covered program (diaper bank), 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. We are able to assist with most emergency situations, including rental assistance, utility assistance, clothing, repairs, transportation, medical, and so much more. Contact Kelsie, Emergency Financial Assistant, 716-372-0101.



The Race Unity Circle of Olean Book Club @ the library: April 17th at 1pm

Free and open to the public. Multiple copies available via the library.
Book selection: The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison

A powerful examination of our obsession with beauty and conformity that asks questions about race, class, and gender with characteristic subtlety and grace. In Morrison's acclaimed first novel, Pecola Breedlove—an 11-year-old Black girl in an America whose love for its blond, blue-eyed children can devastate all others—prays for her eyes to turn blue: so that she will be beautiful, so that people will look at her, so that her world will be different. This is the story of the nightmare at the heart of her yearning, and the tragedy of its fulfillment.



Save the Date

Watch for the library table at Healthy Kids Day **at the Olean YMCA** on Saturday, April 20, 10am—1pm.

Free and open to the public! Stop by the YMCA for events, activities, and freebies! Fun for the whole family!

Computer Basics Classes

April 16th 6-7:30pm

April 19th 1:30-3pm

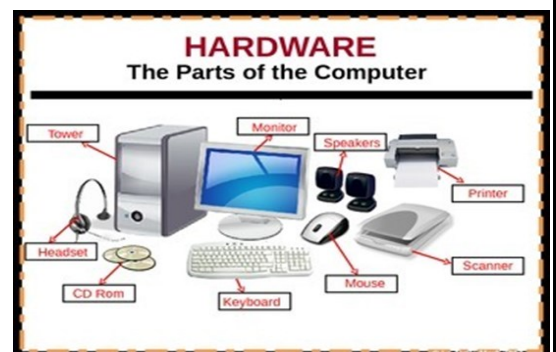
April 23rd 3:30-5pm

April 25th 5:30-7pm



From turning on a computer and making some adjustments to settings to what the internet is and how to get there. Each class will cover the same material.

No age restrictions. REGISTRATION REQUIRED



Library Programs—April 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Paper Minecraft 3:30 pm Nature Photography Gallery Reception 6:30 pm	2 Investigation Stations 6:30 pm OTAB Meeting 4:30 pm	3 Stories & More 10 am Investigation Stations 3:30 pm Reading Can Be Ruff 3:30 pm Gaming Club 4:30 pm	4 Stories & Stretches 11 am Baby & Me 3:30 pm OTAB Pride Club 4 pm Meal Planning w/ Cornell Cooperative 5 pm	5 WNY Clean Energy Hub 11 am–5 pm Blood Drive 11:30 am– 4:30 pm CPR 1:30, 2:30, & 3:30 pm Heart Healthy 11:30 am–4:30 pm	6 Catholic Charities 11 am–2 pm Sundance Kids Baby Animal Farm 12 pm Solar Eclipse Presentation 2 pm
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22 Bingo 3:30 pm Earth Day Craft 6 pm	23 Computer Basics 3:30 pm Budget Hearing 6 pm	24 Team B DnD 6–8:30 pm	25 Computer Basics 5:30 pm Night Owls Book Club 6 pm	26 Jackbox Games 3:30–4:30 pm	27
29 Minecraft Day 3:30 pm Dan Jordan Photography Practice 5 pm	30 Sword Fighting 4 pm Investigation Stations 6:30 pm			Adult programs in black Teen programs in blue Children/family programs in red Community outreach programs in purple	

Gallery Exhibit: April 2024 Jim Cook—Nature Photography

April brings to the Gallery a new artist: Jim Cook, a resident of McKean County in neighboring Pennsylvania, will be exhibiting his nature photography. With an eye for finding the beauty in nature, Cook has been seeking stunning nature shots for the past 20 years throughout Cattaraugus County here in New York as well as McKean, Potter, and Warren counties in Pennsylvania.

A reception will be held Monday, April 1st in the Art Gallery from 6:30-7:30 pm. Light refreshments will be served, and all are welcome to attend.

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!

