



OLEAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

May 2024 Newsletter



The Library will be closed Monday May 27th for Memorial Day.

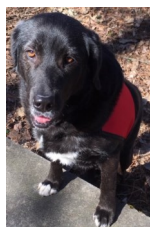
Story Time with Percy , Pups and Mr. Mike's Legendary Tortoise

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, our very special therapy dogs and Mike Morton from Sun-Dance-Kids-Farm and his tortoises!

Did you know that many Native Americans look at a turtle's back as a type of calendar representing the 13 moons of the year? Mr. Mike will teach us about the legend and all of the animals 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!



Trustee Election Candidate Running for 5 year term

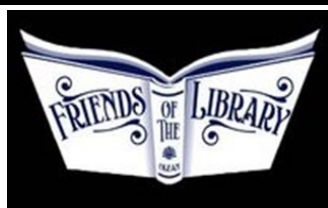
Gretchen Copella has always called Olean "home". She has worked at Community Bank, N.A. for nearly thirty years and is currently Vice President of Commercial Banking. In addition to her work at the Bank she also serves on the STEDO (Southern Tier Economic Development Organization) board, Healthy Families 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.



Friends of the Library



The Friends of the Library are proud to help fund the various summer reading program events that the library hosts. In the past, this has included programming such as: Summer Kick off carnival with the Jeffers, Super Amy, Omnipresent Puppet Theater, Cris Johnson Magic Show, and Honor Book Party w/ Tom Seiling.

In addition to this, the friends support the "1000 Books Before Kindergarten" program, which encourages families and caregivers to read 1000 books with their young children before they enter kindergarten. This program provides 100-book reading logs in order to track a child's progress, with a free book given for every completed log.

Additionally, those who complete the 1000 book goal receive a "ready-for-school" backpack with school supplies to further prepare them for kindergarten.

To donate to the Friends' efforts or volunteer your time, visit: <http://tinyurl.com/FriendsOPL>.

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!



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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: SPRING 2024

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.

Adventure Begins at Your Library! KIDS AND CLAY!

Kids ages 7-12 will learn how to take raw clay, form it and make it into something really cool.

These single session classes will be offered on:

May 6th at 3:30

May 6th at 5:30

June 10th at 3:30

June 10th at 5:30



This class will be taught by local artisan Tara Dedrick. Each class will be approximately an hour and a half long and one complete project will be created in each class. Parents, of course, are welcome to stay and assist.

Registration is required. We ask that you register for *only one* session to allow for more kids to take advantage of this cool program. Registration for all 4 sessions begins May 1st.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. AGES 7-12.



Thursday June 27th @ 1:30pm

Celebrate the last days of school and the first days of summer with our **Freddy Foam Party!**

We will transform our outdoor area into mountains of safe, fluffy, allergen-free, hypo-allergenic, and biodegradable foam.

Wear a suit, bring a towel, and hop, sing, and dance into our fabulous foamy fantasy land.



Come One! Come All!

Olean Public Library is having our Summer Kick Off Carnival!

Saturday, June 15th from 12:00-1:00

Games!* *Prizes!
Face painting!* *Balloon Animals!
Refreshments!



Magic Show with the Jeffers at 1:00!

Fun for all!



BOOK★READINGS

Bike Safety

To stay safe while riding a bike, wear a properly-fitted helmet, ride on the sidewalk or in the same direction as traffic, use hand signals, follow the rules of the road, wear bright colors and use lights, and ride with your children until they are ready to ride alone.

Book of the Month!



Safe Kids Staying Safe Program!

Join us **Thursday, May 16th at 6:00PM** for Safe Kids Staying Safe. This month we will be learning about bike safety.

There will be crafts, healthy snacks and giveaways!

Most importantly, we will learn how to stay safe on our bikes!



After-School Programs (ages 7-12)

Monday from 3:30-4:30 pm

May 6th: Mother's (Guardian) Day

Paint a pot and plant a flower as a gift for someone special.



May 13th: Lego Club



May 20th: Pokémon Club



May 27th: No Club; The library is closed.



Teen Programs (ages 13-18)



Teen Gaming Club | Wednesday, May 1 | 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, May 2 | 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 board games. Bring one to share!



Teen Art—Pour Painting with Stacy | Tuesday, May 7 | 3:30-4:30 in the Gallery

Local artist Stacy Johnson will be teaching teens how to make beautiful abstract art using a method called pour painting. All supplies will be provided!

Ages 13-19; REGISTRATION REQUIRED as seats are limited—see Circulation Desk for sign ups.

OTAB Meeting | Tuesday, May 14 | 4:30 in the Conference Room

During this meeting, we'll be planning out activities for Summer Reading (including our two summer parties), as well as finalizing our activities for the remainder of the year.



Team A, Teen DnD | Wednesday, May 15 | 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, May 17 & 31 | 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, May 22 | 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, May 29 | 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.



**Dan Jordan Photography
Session #3
Monday, May 6
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.

This session is for pre-registered patrons only.

**Seed Bomb
Tuesday, May 7
3:30—8:30 p.m.**



Come in anytime between 3:30—8:30pm and make a seed bomb!
NO registration is required.

**Knit & Crochet Club
Saturday, May 11
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.

Adult Programs

**Adult DnD
Tuesday, May 14
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.

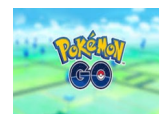
**Photography Practice
w/ OPL Staff
Monday, May 20
5:00—6:00 p.m. in the Gallery**



Practicing skills taught at the previous photography session.

OPEN to everyone!

**Pokémon Go Day
Saturday, May 18
2:00—4:00 p.m.**



Come join us if you are a Pokémon go player and meet other Pokémon go players! Add to friends, catch some Pokémon and see who's red, blue, or yellow! Maybe even battle for the local gym!

No registration required!

CRAFT CORNER



**Pressed Flower Bookmarks
Tuesday, May 7
5:30 p.m. in the Gallery**



Come enjoy this simple but charming and easy craft. Pressed floral arrangement on the front and gold speckled mod podge on the back.

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

**Pressed Flower Candle Jars
Tuesday, May 7
6:30 p.m. in the Gallery**



Come enjoy this simple but elegant DIY turning a jar into a blossoming spring decorative piece.

**15 years & up.
Registration is required.**

**DIY Mushroom
Monday, May 13
6:00 p.m. in the Gallery**



Come create a big mushroom to add to your fairy garden or for decoration.

15 years & up. Registration is required.

Patrons may only sign up for one "Craft Corner" program and be placed on the wait list for others. Patrons may only sign themselves and one other guest up during registration. If signed up for one of these programs and subsequently fail to show up without notice, a hold will be placed on the following month program registration.

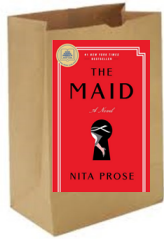
PLEASE NOTE: Registration for any program begins the FIRST OF THE MONTH, or ONE WEEK BEFORE the date of the program, whichever comes first. The Olean Public Library reserves the right to refuse your sign-up for any reason, per our program registration policy. To see the policy, please email programming@oleanlibrary.org.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

Adult Book Clubs

Brown Bag Book Club
Monday, May 13
12:30 p.m. in the Gallery

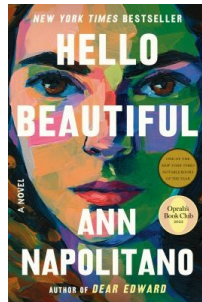


You bring the lunch, we supply the refreshments! Join us as we discuss *The Maid* by Nita Prose. Multiple copies of the book are available through the library system.

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

Night Owl Book Club
Thursday, May 30
6:00 p.m. in the Gallery



Join us as we discuss *Hello Beautiful* by Ann Napolitano. Coffee, tea, and light refreshments will be served.

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



Attention Businesses!!!

Are you looking for a way to support and be involved with the Library? We are looking for businesses that would be interested in playing a role in our Adult summer reading program. Please email achaffee@oleanlibrary.org for details.



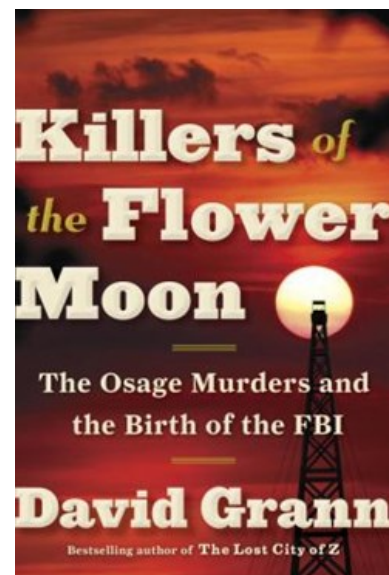
The Race Unity Circle of Olean Book Club @ the library:
May 15th at 1pm

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

Book selection: Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI by David Grann

In the 1920s, the richest people per capita in the world were members of the Osage Nation in Oklahoma. After oil was discovered beneath their land, the Osage rode in chauffeured automobiles, built mansions, and sent their children to study in Europe.

Then, one by one, the Osage began to be killed off. The family of an Osage woman, Mollie Burkhart, became a prime target. One of her relatives was shot. Another was poisoned. And it was just the beginning, as more and more Osage were dying under mysterious circumstances, and many of those who dared to investigate the killings were themselves murdered. As the death toll rose, the newly created FBI took up the case, and the young director, J. Edgar Hoover, turned to a former Texas Ranger named Tom White to try to unravel the mystery. White put together an undercover team, including a Native American agent who infiltrated the region, and together with the Osage began to expose one of the most chilling conspiracies in American history.



Community Events and Outreach



Healthcare navigator available in-library on the following days:
(Also Elder Care Law assistance available.)

Phone assistance: 716-373-4701 ext. 2015.

May 2024

5/13 and 5/20 from 11am-1pm

June 2024

6/3, 6/10, 6/17, and 6/24 from 11am-1pm



LOVE-IN-ACTION GATHERING

Thursday, May 16, at the library from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Help Build a Local Movement for Positive Change

You are cordially invited for dinner, conversation, and meaningful action-planning.



Our agenda:

To begin a process of choosing, as a group, action areas such as food justice, the environment, housing, no-more-wars, media, and/or other areas where we would like to make a difference. Plan 1-3 community-wide learning events such as films, speakers, readings, study groups, and more that focus on action areas from a nonviolent, change-making perspective.

SIGN UP REQUIRED- Register by stopping by the Olean Public Library circulation desk or calling: (716) 372-0200. Questions can also be answered by emailing, Darlene Goetzman, darlene@blumenthals.com. Attendance is limited to 20 people so there is enough room, food and time for everyone's input. Others will be put on a waitlist.



St. Bonaventure University Health Promotion Interns will be providing Olean Public Library patrons with health-related displays, outreach tables, and mini-workshops throughout 2024. See the floor display this

May for more info and watch this newsletter for upcoming events. The Dennis R. DePerro School of Health Professions at St. Bonaventure University includes graduate programs in physician assistant studies, occupational therapy and public health as well as undergraduate programs in nursing, health science, and public health. These programs are designed to help meet the growing demand for skilled and caring health care providers. From hi-tech facilities in our new \$18 million home to in-demand graduate and undergraduate degrees, the Dennis R. DePerro School of Health Professions molds you into a skilled health care provider, and a compassionate one.



The Twin Tiers Disc Golf Club


is dedicated to fostering a love of the sport among youth and adults alike in the Olean area. With a focus on inclusivity and community engagement, they are organizing both youth and adult leagues and tournaments at two picturesque courses in the area. By introducing disc golf to the local youth, the club aims to instill not only a passion for the game but also valuable life skills, promoting healthy lifestyles and lifelong friendships. Information about upcoming events can be found at <https://twintiersdiscgolf.org/> Please follow us on Facebook and Discord for additional information. See our display in-library this May!

Available now, compliments of Twin Tiers Disc Golf Club!

Check-out a beginner or intermediate disc golf kit with your library card at the Olean Public Library. Great for families to try out the Franchot and Gargoye Park courses.



Library Programs—May 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div> Adult programs in black Teen programs in blue Children/family programs in red Community outreach programs in purple </div>		1 Stories & More 10 am Investigation Stations 3:30 pm Reading Can Be Ruff 3:30 pm Gaming Club 4:30 pm	2 Stories & Stretches 11 am Baby & Me 3:30 pm OTAB Pride Club 4 pm	3	4 Bookmark Awards 11am & 1 pm
6 Mother's (Guardian) Day After School Club 3:30 pm Dan Jordan Photography Session #3 @ 5 pm	7 Investigation Stations 6:30 pm Percy & Pals 3:30 pm Budget Vote & Trustee Election 9 am—8 pm Pour Painting 3:30 pm Seed Bombs 3:30—8:30 pm Candle Jars 6:30 pm Flower Bookmarks 5:30 pm	8 Stories & More 10 am Investigation Stations 3:30 pm Reading Can Be Ruff 3:30 pm	9 Stories & Stretches 11 am CANCELLED—Baby & Me 3:30 pm	10	11 Knit & Crochet Club 11:30 am
13 Healthcare Navigator 11 am—1 pm Brown Bag Book Club 12:30 pm Lego Club 3:30 pm DIY Mushroom 6 pm	14 Investigation Stations 6:30 pm OTAB Meeting 4:30 pm Adult DnD 6 pm	15 Stories & More 10 am Race Unity Book Club 1 pm Investigation Stations 3:30 pm Reading Can Be Ruff 3:30 pm Team A DnD 6—8:30 pm	16 Stories & Stretches 11 am Baby & Me 3:30 pm Staying Safe—Bicycle Safety 6 pm Love-in-action Gathering 5:30—8:30 pm	17 Jackbox Games 3:30—4:30 pm	18 Pokémon Go 2—4 pm
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Gallery Exhibit: May 2024 Peg Bothner Bookmark Contest



It is once again time for our annual Peg Bothner Bookmark Contest sponsored by the Friends of the Olean Library! This year we received 1,208 entries, submitted from five local schools: Allegany-Limestone Elementary School, East View Elementary School, Olean Intermediate Middle School, Portville Central School, and Washington West Elementary School.

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. The public is invited to view all entries in the Art Gallery through the month of May.

Two awards ceremonies will run on May 4, 2024:

11 am: Eastview Elementary, Washington West Elementary, Olean Intermediate Middle School winners
1 pm: Allegany-Limestone Elementary School; Portville Central School winners

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!