



OLEAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

November 2024 Newsletter

134 N. 2nd Street
Olean, NY 14760
(716) 372-0200
Oleanlibrary.org

Hours:
M-Th 9am-9pm
Fri 9am-6pm
Sat 10am-5pm



Curbside service available by appointment.

The Library will be closed 11/28 & 11/29.

Friends of the Olean Library present:

Poetry contest
2024

The Friends of the Olean Public Library are once again sponsoring a poetry contest for local high school students. Cash prizes will be awarded for winning poems in each grade from 9th through 12th. Poems may be submitted through teachers or dropped off at the Olean Public Library marked for the attention of the "Friends Poetry Contest" **on or before November 27th**. Late entries can not be considered.

The rules for submissions are as follows:

- Poems may be on any topic
- Must be typed in a 12 point type in a standard font (ex: Times New Roman)
- Full name of the author, homeschool or high school attended, grade level, teacher, and email address for contact must be included in the top left corner of the submitted poem

Contact rugg3963@gmail.com for any questions.

**Join us Saturday,
DECEMBER 7th at
10:30am FOR a
BREAKFAST WITH Santa
TEDDY BEAR WORKSHOP!**



Registration begins 11/25/2024. See page 2 for additional information.



Between **November 1st and December 4th**, the Olean Public Library will be accepting donations. Please see page 5 for additional information.



*The Olean Public Library
would like to wish everyone a
Happy Thanksgiving.
If you are wondering what
we are thankful for, it's you,
the patrons.*



See page 2 for additional information on the "Let's Talk Turkey" children's program.



Registration Required



Limited Registration



Zoom Option Available



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Children/Family Programs

Stories & More

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Wednesdays at 10:00am

Story time captures the imagination and attention of young ones to inspire a lifelong love of books and reading. Our story times include songs, rhymes, flannel boards, and instruments. Our programs are specially designed for birth through preschool. We incorporate early literacy tips and practices to promote reading readiness.

Stories & Stretches

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Thursdays at 11:00am

Children ages 2 to 5. A fun, movement-oriented program with stories, songs, stretches, and movement.

Investigation Stations

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Tuesdays at 6:30pm or Wednesdays at 3:30pm

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

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Wednesdays at 3:30pm

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.

Stories & More, Stories & Stretches, Investigation Stations, and Reading Can Be Ruff Club run from 10/14/24 through 11/15/2024.

Registration begins 9/30/24 and can be completed online in addition to calling or stopping by.

Let's Talk Turkey

Saturday November 16th at 1:00pm

Wattle on down to the Olean Public Library to visit with our friend Mike Morton from Sundance Kids Farm and his terrific turkeys! Mike will teach us everything we need to know about these remarkable birds. Get up close and personal with the poultry, have some snacks and do some turkey crafts. Don't miss this fun event!

FUN Club!

Starting December

3rd (12/3, 12/10, 12/17)

Tuesdays at 3:30pm Ages 5-10

Join us for fun activities, friends and food. Each week will be a different activity with snacks and games. Ping Pong! Musical Instruments! Movie Day! Crafts! Tons of Fun!



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Breakfast with Santa Saturday December 7th at 10:30am

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Everyone will get a sweet cuddly teddy bear. Together we will stuff our bear, place a rainbow star inside and make a Christmas wish! Santa will appear to meet our new friend and hear our Christmas wishes over breakfast. You can have photos with the big guy and make sure you are on the nice list! Santa is super busy this time of year and only 25 spots are available for this visit.

Registration begins 11/25/2024.

You can register by phone at (716) 372-0200.



Don't Forget the Smokey Bear Reading Challenge

*Pick up or return the Smokey Reading Challenge packet
*Take the Smokey Pledge
*Read books
*Earn badges
*Return the packet to receive the Smokey certificate and pick a prize from Smokey's Treasure Chest!
All participants will get a raffle ticket for the Smokey Bear Teddy Bear Workshop kit.
One lucky participant will win a Teddy Bear Workshop kit with a bear to stuff and keep forever!
The raffle drawing will take place 12/7/2024!



After School Programs (Ages 7-12)/(4-5:00pm)

Lego Club

Monday November 4th at 4:00pm

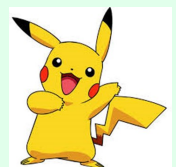
Create anything you'd like out of Legos.



Pokémon Club

Monday November 11th at 4:00pm

Trade cards, play Pokémon Go, or battle. There will be a designated spot for those wishing to battle along with printed battle rules.



Mario Kart Tournament

Monday November 18th at 4:00pm

All for fun & games.

Games & Snacks

Monday November 25th at 4:00pm

Bring your own capped drink and play different card or board games.

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Z Zoom Option Available

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Teen Programs (Ages 13-18)

OTAB Meeting (Conference Room)

Tuesday November 5th: 4:30pm

We'll be discussing our final plans for our two big holiday parties, as well as our programming goals for 2025. New members are welcome to attend, email programming@oleanlibrary.org for details.

Teen Gaming Club (Gallery)

Wednesday November 6th

4:30-5:45pm

We'll bring our Nintendo Switch and some games: you come prepared to play! We also have space ready and available to play board games or card games like Sushi Go. Any and all teens are welcome to join, and bring a game to play if you want.

OTAB Roblox Tournament: Untitled Boxing Game (Gallery)



Friday November 8th: 3:30-5:30pm

Join OTAB for a fun, low stakes tournament. We'll provide the laptops to run the game; all you'll need to do is log in and be ready to play!

Team A, Teen DnD (Gallery)



Wednesday November 13th:

6-8:30pm

Leilon, thanks to the efforts of our brave adventurers, is finally enjoying a time of peace. What will our adventurers do during this time? Will new faces emerge? How will the settlement grow, and what else is in store for them all?

Email programming@oleanlibrary.org to join a campaign.

Teen Jackbox Games (Gallery)

Friday November 15th, & 22nd

3:30-5:00pm

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 (Gallery)

Wednesday November 20th

4:30-5:30pm

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.

Teen Friendsgiving

Wednesday November 20th

6:00-8:00 pm



Stick around after Anime Club (or come after it ends) to enjoy a meal and good times with friends. Bring a side, a snack, a dessert, or even paper plates to share with everyone if able. Not able to provide? Bring your appetite!

Team B, Teen DnD



Wednesday November

27th: 6-8:30pm

The journey to Phandalin has proven to be the easy part: there are shady dealings afoot, cultish activities lurking in the shadows, and it seems that only our trusty party has the means to save the town.

Email programming@oleanlibrary.org to join a campaign.

**Stop by the Library or call
for current Teen Room
hours.**

Adult Programs

Knit & Crochet Club (Gallery)



Saturday November 2nd

11:30-12:30pm

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.

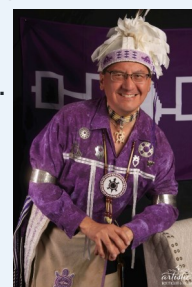
Re-Thinking Thanksgiving: Native American Views on an American Holiday

Monday November 4th: 6:00-7:30pm

Perry Ground is a Turtle Clan member of the Onondaga Nation of the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) Confederacy. Perry has been a storyteller and educator for over 25 years and enjoys working with people of all ages to teach about the history & culture of Native Peoples.

This lively, content-based presentation will give an overview of the history of this very misunderstood holiday. Based on the only primary source document that chronicles the "First Thanksgiving" and using a quiz-style format (the audience will take the 'quiz' prior to the presentation), participants will learn accurate and culturally appropriate information about the English settlers at Plymouth and the Wampanoag, the Native people who inhabited that area.

The PowerPoint presentation will discuss the actual events of 1621 in Plymouth, the relationship between the English settlers and the Wampanoag and how this story became the holiday we know today. The concept of thanksgiving held by many Native Americans will be emphasized throughout. Although they were not present in Plymouth in 1621, connections to the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) concepts of Thanksgiving will be discussed so participants will understand how Native People view Thanksgiving today.



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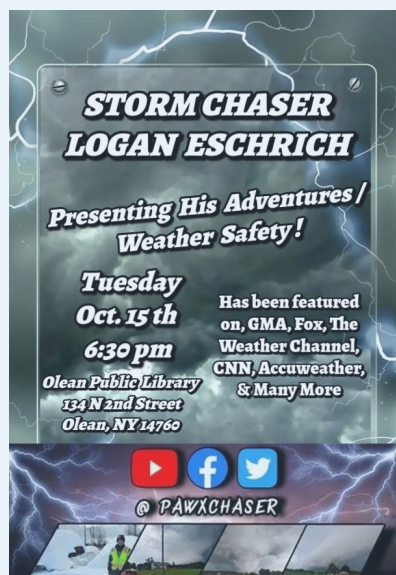
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Adult Programs

Storm Chasing with Logan Eschrich

Wednesday November 6th at 6:30pm

Presenting his adventures with storms and weather safety, Logan Eschrich will be here providing us with all his storm chasing stories! Logan has been featured on GMA, Fox, the weather channel, CNN, AccuWeather, and many more!



Cooking Club

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Thursday November 7th at 6:30pm

Bring a dish to share based on the chosen theme and we will enjoy each other's dishes and discuss our recipes, our favorite dishes, and cooking in general! This month's **theme will be Thanksgiving-** bring a Thanksgiving side dish to share! Come join us for an evening of food, fun, and friendly company!

Dungeons and Dragons (Gallery)

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Tuesday November 12th 6-8:30pm

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.

Scan the QR to create a character ahead of time!

Adult DnD Campaign



Cornell Cooperative Extension Cattaraugus County

Applesauce Preserve

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Tuesday November 19th 5:00–6:30pm

Join us for a Short program about safe food preservation, including canning. Enjoy the demonstration of Apple sauce and tasting apple sauce varieties.

Bingo

Thursday November 21st at 6:00pm

Come join Samantha to play an hour of fun and friendly Bingo! A free and fun event right before the holidays to help you relax and laugh your way through the night! *Books & other small prizes given to winners.*

Thanksgiving Jars

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Monday November 18th at 6pm

Come make cute little pie jar toppers with Amy while we get ready for Thanksgiving. We will be using Clay and limited paints. Ages 14 & up.



Wreath Bar

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Monday November 25th Time Slots starting at 6pm

Come make your own wreaths. You will be able to pick out a wreath base, and materials and create the wreath of your own imagination. Come in pairs or trios at a scheduled time (signs ups begin on November 1st). We encourage you to bring your own materials! We will have directions and pictures printed of different types of wreaths that you can try! Ages 14 & up.



LR = To allow access to as many interested patrons as possible, for these programs, patrons may sign up for one and go on the wait list for others.

*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.

Craft Programs

Live Flower Arrangements with Scarlett Lily

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Monday November 11th at 6pm

Come learn how to make this beautiful arrangement with The Scarlet Lily. You will be creating an arrangement with real flowers please bring flower cutters or scissors to this program. Ages 18 & up.



Registering for Programs at the Library is as easy as 1, 2, **OR** 3!

1). Call: 716.372.0200

2). Email: programming@oleanlibrary.org

3). Stop in:
134 N. 2nd Street
Olean Ny 14760

Book Clubs



Brown Bag Book Club (Gallery)



Monday November 18th at 12:30pm

You bring the lunch, we supply the refreshments! Join us as we discuss *The Air Raid Book Club* by Annie Lyons. Multiple copies of the book are available through the library system. Want to read ahead? For December, we'll be reading *Once Upon a Wardrobe* by Patty Callahan. Email programming@oleanlibrary.org to suggest books for 2025!

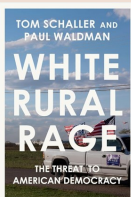


The Race Unity Circle of Olean Book Club @ the library:

Wednesday November 20th at 1:00pm

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

Book selection: White rural rage: the threat to American democracy by Tom Schaller and Paul Waldman



White rural voters hold the greatest electoral sway of any demographic group in the United States, yet rural communities suffer from poor healthcare access, failing infrastructure, and severe manufacturing and farming job losses. Rural voters believe our nation has betrayed them, and to some degree, they're right. In *White Rural Rage*, Tom Schaller and Paul Waldman explore why rural Whites have failed to reap the benefits from their outsized political power and why, as a result, they are the most likely group to abandon democratic norms and traditions.

Outreach

Toys for Tots Donations

November 1st–December 4th

The Olean Public Library is once again a proud donation location for the US Marine Corps Reserve Toys-For-Tots campaign. To contribute, place a new unwrapped toy in the donation bin near our Information Desk between November 1st and December 4th.

If you are local family and would like to request toys from Toys For Tots, go to their online request form: <https://olean-ny.toysfortots.org/>



Cattaraugus County Compeer

Wednesday November 13th 10am–11am

Cattaraugus County Compeer is a friendship program that matches volunteers from the community with persons receiving treatment for mental health. The volunteer is cleared through background checks, references, and fingerprints, and must also complete a training regimen before meeting with their friend. Volunteers and Friends meet regularly 1:1 creating their own schedule and agenda together for any number of activities. Some go fishing or shopping, walk the bike trail or see a movie, they're simply being Friends. Compeer Volunteers will then have access to on-going education and support from Compeer Staff. Hear more about it on November 13th from 10-11am when Directions in Independent Living Staff are here in-library.



Energy Workshop: Save Energy, Save Dollars



Thursday November 14th 6–8pm

Presenter: Emily Edmunds, Sustainability Educator Cornell Cooperative Extension

Energy choices have a big impact on your comfort, cost, and our climate. In this workshop, you will learn ways you can reduce energy use in your home. Whether you're insulating, sealing, or upgrading, we can help you create a healthier, more comfortable home while saving energy and money! After the workshop you get to take home a FREE energy kit! Every person that attends receives a free energy kit that includes:

- Advanced Power Strip with Surge Protection
- 2 LED light bulbs (A19)
- Window Shrink & Seal Insulation Kit
- Silicone/Rubber Weatherstripping
- Foam Tape for Windows and Doors
- Door Sweep
- 5 Foam Outlet Gaskets and 5 Foam Switch Gaskets

Registration required at following website:

<https://tinyurl.com/EnergyOPL>



Energy Workshop

Girl Scout Crafterevening with Taylor Swift Themed Crafts



Tuesday November 19th 5–6pm

RSVP is kindly requested. RSVP for our IN-PERSON event using QR code. At this free event, you & your girl are invited to learn more about our program, find troop options and register. Don't forget to invite your friends! Scholarships are available to join Girl Scouts!



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Outreach

Connecting Communities in Action

Thursday November 21st

11am–1pm

November is Homeless Awareness Month. Have you wanted to help people experiencing homelessness in our community, but not sure how? Follow Connecting Communities in Action on Facebook and stop by our display in-library to learn more and to pick up resources.

#TogetherWeCanEndHomelessness.

Find us in-library Thursday, November 21st from 11-1pm to ask questions.

<https://www.facebook.com/CattCommAction>



LawNY Healthcare Navigator

10am–1pm

Monday November 4th

Monday November 18th

Monday November 25th

Tuesday November 12th



Gallery: November 2024

Art For Equity: A Creative Call for Economic Justice:

On October 18th, 2024, the First National Bank Studios of Olean hosted a multimedia performance titled "Art for Equity: A Creative Call for Economic

Justice" featuring a song by Clarissa Spiller, a performance piece by Carleigh Spiller, and a live painting by Dr. Fileve Tlaloc Palmer. The performance was meant to engage the community in meaningful dialogue about guaranteed income and social equity and featured an artist who had direct experience with such programs. Afterwards, participants were encouraged to participate in a collective collage.

For November, the Gallery will offer a recording of this presentation to view on demand, as well as displays of images and pieces from the performance. The collage, which is meant to be a collective expression of our thoughts, feelings, and hopes around guaranteed income and economic equity, will also be on display, and patrons are encouraged to add to the collage throughout the exhibit.

The library will host an opening reception on November 13th from 3:30-5:00pm in the Gallery.



**ART FOR EQUITY:
A CREATIVE CALL
FOR
ECONOMIC JUSTICE**



Tribute Gift Book Plates October 2024

Honor & Memorialize & Acknowledge

In Memory of: Marylou Muir
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Donation by: Terry Wiltse
Donation by: Nancy & Bill Lamkey

Library Programs—November 2024

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