



OLEAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

December 2024 Newsletter



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Oleanlibrary.org

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

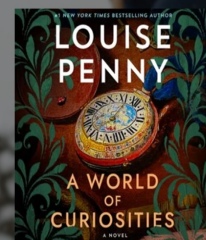
Curbside service available by appointment.

The Library will be closed 12/24–12/26/2024 and will close at 6pm on 12/31/2024.



If the Library is closed, the weather is dreadful, or you simply wish to stay in your pajamas, the Library has great **FREE** resources that can be used from the comfort of your own home.

Listen while you shovel.



Chapter 1

Libby.

The library reading app

Find Patterns in Craftsy

Craftsy

CLASSES VIDEOS PATTERNS LIVE RESOURCES SHOP

Quilt Sew Kit Crochet

Go to the Libby app to borrow a Craftsy pass



Libby	A free app where patrons can enjoy eBooks and digital audiobooks. Visit https://tinyurl.com/libbyOlean to learn how to get started with Libby.
Kanopy	Allows users to stream thousands of movies and TV shows for free.
Craftsy	Online resource for all creative makers, where you can find everything from basic instruction to advanced techniques.
The Great Courses	Lectures by experts on a variety of topics, including photography, physics, astronomy, art, history, and health.

Kanopy, Craftsy, and The Great Courses can be found on desktop by visiting <https://libbyapp.com/library/ccls> or via mobile devices by visiting your app store.

Top circulated books of 2024



Registration Required



Limited Registration



Zoom Option Available



Registration Requested 1

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 1/20/25 through 2/21/25 Registration begins 1/6/25 and can be completed online in addition to calling or stopping by.

FUN Club!

Tuesdays at 3:30pm

Ages 5–10

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Join us for fun activities, friends and food. Each week will be a different activity with snacks and games.

12/03/2024—Ping Pong & Pancakes



12/10/2024—Pine Cones & Pizza



12/17/2024—Christmas Craft & Cookies



Registration for FUN Club can be completed online in addition to calling or stopping by.



Don't Forget the Smokey Bear Reading Challenge

This challenge has been extended until 12/06/2024!!

- *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 12/07/2024!



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

Holiday Movie & Craft

Monday December 2nd at 4:00pm

We will be watching Shrek the Halls (PG) and making snowmen and small wooden ornaments.

Very Merry After School Club

Monday December 9th at 4:00pm

Come join our first ever gift exchange. Bring a toy in clean, good condition (can be gently used) and we will play games, enjoy the season, and everyone will leave with a gift. Do not wrap gifts, gift bags will be provided.

December 16th—December 30th Winter Break



Thank you to our Friends! The Friends of the Library once again graciously donated cider and donut holes for all our Halloween festivities! Thank you, Friends, for your constant support of children's programs!



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Teen Programs (Ages 13-18)

OTAB Meeting (Conference Room)

Tuesday December 3rd: 4:30pm

At this meeting, we're reflecting on how our programs for 2024 went, finalizing our Holiday Party plans, and having a bit of fun. New members are welcome to attend, though participants need to be between 13 and 18 years old; reach out to programming@oleanlibrary.org for details.

Teen Jackbox Games (Gallery)

Friday December 6th & 13th

3:00-4:30pm

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 and screen names must remain library appropriate at all times.

OTAB Holiday Party

Wednesday December

11th: 6:00- 8:00pm

Come one, come all (teens) to the annual Teen Holiday Party ran by your very own OTAB! We'll enjoy pizza and wings as well as decorate our own holiday cookies to eat and/or take home. Jackbox Games will be available to play, and there may be a surprise from your Teen Services staff!

Email programming@oleanlibrary.org, stop by the teen room, or locate any teen programs sign to register.

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

Adult Programs

Dungeons and Dragons (Gallery)

Tuesday December 10th

6:00-8:30pm

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



Join here!

Knit & Crochet Club

Saturday December 14th

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.

Cooking Club

Tuesday December 17th

6:30pm

This month, cooking club will be having a cookie swap! Bring 3-6 dozen of your favorite homemade cookies, and you'll leave with an assortment of the same number that you brought. We will also discuss our recipes, favorite cookies, and cooking and baking in general. This is a fun, laid-back program during the chaos of the holidays!

Craft Programs

Live Flower Arrangements with Scarlett Lily

Monday December 9th at 6pm

Come make gorgeous flower arrangements with the Scarlet Lily using holiday-colored LIVE flowers. Please bring scissors or stem cutters. Please join the waiting list if you attended November's flower arrangement program. Ages 18 & up.



Pop-Up TP Snowman Craft

Tuesday December 10th

Noon-7:30pm

Stop by the library to make this practical, super cute, and wintery fellow! While supplies last.



Cupcake Decorating with Angelica from ZETS

Saturday December

14th

at 2pm

Come learn how to professionally decorate holiday themed cupcakes with Angelica. Please join the waiting list if you attended the October cookie program. Ages 18 & up.

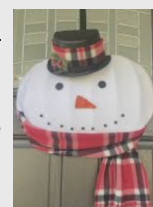


Snowman Wreaths

Monday December 16th

at 6pm

Come make snowman wreaths to celebrate the winter season. We will be using hot glue guns during this program. Ages 16 & 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

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
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Book Clubs



Brown Bag Book Club (Gallery)



Monday December 16th at 12:30pm

You bring the lunch, we supply the refreshments! Join us as we discuss *Once Upon a Wardrobe* by Patti Callahan.



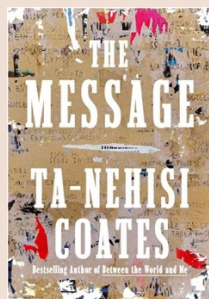
Multiple copies of the book are available through the library system. We'll also finalize our 2025 reading list at this meeting. Want to read ahead? For January 2025, we'll be reading *The Husband's Secret* by Liane Moriarty. If you need or would like a copy of our potential 2025 reads, please email Cherish ASAP.

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

Wednesday December 18th at 1:00pm

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

Book selection:
The Message by Ta-Nehisi Coates



The Message, is personal and introspective; four related but standalone essays chronicle Coates' own revelations about the role stories play in shaping and misshaping our perceptions of the world. Coates argues that writing is both an artistic and a political act: Authors must write with clarity and create narratives that explain and expose the world with urgency—and they must examine the stories we have been told as well as those we tell ourselves. How do authors extract truth from history, separate myth from fact?

Outreach



American Red Cross Blood Drive

Friday December 20th

11:30am–4:30pm

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.



Olean Area HOLIDAY Farmers Market @

Lincoln Park Pavilion

Saturday December 21st

11:00am–1:00pm

The library will be one of the vendors at the Olean Area Holiday Farmers Market where we will host a table offering promo items, library programming information, and free books! Shoppers may choose a book from our booth to gift to a friend or loved one on Christmas Eve in celebration of the Icelandic tradition of Jolabokafloð. Jolabokafloð translates to "Christmas book flood" and Icelanders cozy up on Christmas Eve with cocoa and books to read! Gift wrapping of books included!

This year, the library will be joined by Love In Action and Operation Warm Hearts. Love In Action Cattaraugus County will be offering books pertaining to the theme of non-violence to kick off their book seeding project and Operation Warm Hearts will give out children's books, new mittens, hats and gloves!



Suny Jamestown Community College

The Hatch & Workforce Development Programs

See our Display Case in-library & Library Drop-In Information Sessions:

Monday, December 2nd: 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 7th: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

The JCC Workforce Development offers short-term training programs (Welding, Machining/CNC Operating, Industrial Maintenance Technology, Building Automation Systems, Electrical Technician, CAD/CAM programming, etc.) to prepare individuals for manufacturing jobs. Our instructors are industry professionals that are ready to help you launch your new career. Most individuals qualify for funding!

The Hatch business incubator is a supportive environment that helps new and existing businesses and entrepreneurs grow and succeed. The Hatch provides resources, guidance, amenities, and physical space on campus. Think of The Hatch as a "nest" where businesses can hatch and grow safely, with access to:

- Mentors who can give you advice
- Networking opportunities to meet other entrepreneurs
- Workshops and classes to learn new skills and address common business challenges



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Outreach

LawNY Healthcare Navigator

In the Library on Mondays from
10:00am—1:00pm.

**YOU DESERVE
AFFORDABLE
HEALTHCARE.**



ART FOR EQUITY: A CREATIVE CALL FOR ECONOMIC JUSTICE



Gallery: December 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 December, 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.



A **HUGE** Thank You to the
Olean Jr-Sr League Coasters for
their generous donation in
support of children's
programming!
We are so grateful for people
like you who make it possible
to offer fun, innovative
programs for our families.

Tribute Gift Book Plates November 2024

Honor ✎ Memorialize ✎ Acknowledge

In Memory of: Irene Dieteman

Donation by: Rosalie Dieteman

In Memory of: Vicki Eddy

Donation by: Lanna Waterman

In Memory of: Victoria Eade Eddy & Fred Eade

Donation by: The Family of Victoria Eddy

Library Programs—December 2024

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16 LawNY 10:00am—1:00pm Brown Bag Book Club 12:30pm Snowman Wreaths 6:00pm	17 FUN Club!—Craft & Cookies 3:30pm Cooking Club 6:30pm	18 Race Unity Book Club 1:00pm	19	20 American Red Cross Blood Drive 11:30am—4:30pm	21 Olean Area HOLIDAY Farmers Market @ Lincoln Park Pavilion 11:00am—1:00pm
23 LawNY 10:00am—1:00pm	24 <div>Closed</div>	25 <div>Closed</div>	26 <div>Closed</div>	27	28
					
30 LawNY 10:00am—1:00pm	31 <div>New Year's Eve Hours 9am—6pm</div>		<div> Adult programs in black Teen programs in blue Children/family programs in red Community outreach programs in purple </div>		