



Olean Public Library April 2022 Newsletter



The Library will be CLOSED on Saturday, April 16.

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April 3—9, 2022 is National Library Week! Help us celebrate by stopping in to the Library and entering to win a prize!
Thank you for continuing to let us serve you.

April in the Gallery: Frida Kahlo's Garden

from the Quick Center for the Arts at St. Bonaventure University



The REGINA A. QUICK CENTER for the ARTS at ST. BONAVENTURE UNIVERSITY



Frida Kahlo (1907–1954) is considered one of the most significant artists of the twentieth century. Her body of work, consisting of some 250 paintings and drawings, is at once intensely personal and universal in scope and relies heavily on the natural world. The exhibition will serve as a satellite extension of a larger exhibition hosted by the Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts at St. Bonaventure University, offering visitors a peek into Kahlo's home and garden where they may experience her world as she did.

This satellite extension will offer a glimpse of Frida Kahlo's life inside the walls of Casa Azul in comparison to the celebrity artist status by which she is known today. Often overshadowed by her husband's career and the traumatic events in her life, "Frida Kahlo's Garden" broadens the discussion of the artist by focusing on the influence of her surrounding environment, both natural and nationalistic. This approach examines her garden, her home, and the revolutionary influences that impacted her life. Visitors to this exhibition will explore iconic photographs of the artist and her home and garden, in addition to reproductions of her paintings.

See the exhibition in its entirety at the Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts at St. Bonaventure University in their Winifred Shortell Kenney Gallery from April 6 through May 26.

Last Call for Tickets to See Bestselling Author Susan Wiggs on April 9!



Saturday, April 9

7:00 p.m. Author talk - FREE

8:00 p.m. Reception - \$25

Hosted by Olean Public Library at the historic Old Library Restaurant & Inn
116 S. Union Street
Olean, NY 14760

Tickets: Visit the library at 134 N. 2nd St or pay online at www.eventbrite.com.



The week of April 4, the Olean Public Library will be joining 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 will 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.

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NEW 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

Art Class for Kids

Ages 8–12 | Thursday, April 7 at 3:00 p.m. and Thursday, April 14 at 3:00 p.m.



Joan Stoltman, an author and artist, will present a fun, eye-opening art program for kids. While learning about Frida Kahlo, her art, and her life, young readers will be given training on how to improve their reading and listening skills through visualization. Each event will include a cool art project and the opportunity to start a take-home project.

Chaperones will have the chance to create their own take-home art project designed for adults—you deserve some fun, too! **Registration is required.** You can register for one or both classes.

“Frida’s Flowers” Friday

Friday, April 8 at 1:00 p.m.

Kids and families, join us to decorate a pot and plant some flowers in a program inspired by the blossoms and blooms of Frida Kahlo’s Garden exhibit. **Registration is required.**



These craft programs are made possible through the Francis Bean O’Connell Grant.

Story Times and Big Kid Programs

Winter Block Two: March 14–April 14

Register by emailing komalley@oleanlibrary.org, visiting our website, or calling (716) 372-0200 ext. 2023.

Due to ongoing COVID restrictions, **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.**

Story Times



*There is nothing like story time to capture the imagination and attention of young ones as well as 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.*

Stories and More: Tuesdays at 10:00 am

Program for children **ages 1 to 3.** With an adult, children listen to stories; learn songs, rhymes and fingerplays; and participate in 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 moving!

Big Kid Programs

*These are programs for **bigger kids preschool and up.** The fun doesn’t stop when a child enters school—it’s only just beginning! There is often a steady decline in parents reading to their child as a 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: Mondays at 6:30 pm and Wednesdays at 3:30 pm

Kids 3 and up participate in directed group activities, including longer stories, music and instruments followed by art and assisted exploration of the stations.

Reading Can Be Ruff Book Club: Mondays at 6:30 pm and 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.



Parent-Child Take-Home Craft: Painting Project | Kits available at Information Desk on Monday, April 25

There will be printed instructions to take home, and video instruction via Facebook to create these fun paintings! Limited availability; any reserved take-home kits will only be held for 24 hours.

Kids After-School Programs (ages 7-12)

Join us every WEDNESDAY at 3:30 pm in the Gallery for a fun program!

April 6: No after-school program.

April 13: No after-school program.



April 20: LEGO Club! You bring your creativity, we supply the LEGOs!



April 27: Movie Night! This month, we will be watching Brave! Popcorn will be available.

Teen Programs (ages 13–18)

Our teen room is open every Monday through Thursday from 3 to 6 pm.



Teen Advisory Board | Friday, April 1 | 4:00 pm in the Gallery

Teen Advisory Board meeting – Do you want to have a hand in what the library offers, like books and programs, or becoming a volunteer? We are creating this teen advisory board to get your input on library issues. Bring a notebook and your thinking caps to be a part. Snacks provided.

Teen D&D (B Team) | Thursday, April 7 | 6:00–8:30 pm in the Gallery

Our newest DnD Group starts their adventures on the Sword Coast! Three (3) additional seats available; email programming@oleanlibrary.org for more information.



Teen Game Day | Saturday, April 9 | 1:00 pm

Anyone ages 12-19 can participate. Bring your favorite board, card, or video games to compete against other local teens. Food will be served! *Hosted by our Teen Advisory Board!*

Rainbow Alliance | Thursday, April 14 | 6:00-7:30 pm in the Gallery

This club is for any teens who identify as LGBTQIA+ or allies. We complete activities, eat snacks, and just chat about our experiences. If you'd like to play a board game, you can also bring that with you. We will also be discussing how we would like this group to grow and evolve.



Teen D&D (A Team) | Thursday, April 21 | 6:00–8:30 pm in the Gallery

Our group of trusty adventures continue their quest towards Phandalin. Will they succeed in escorting their goatly friends, or will some "disappear"? (Returning players only; B Team space available)

Super Smash Bros. for Switch Tournament | Monday, April 25 | 6:00 pm

Bring your Nintendo Switch and Super Smash Bros if you have it, and compete with other teens to see who is the best player of all! Snacks will be served. *Hosted by our Teen Advisory Board!*



YA Book Club | Wednesday, April 27 | 4:30 pm

Book will be chosen at March meeting, or bring your current read and we will discuss our favorite aspects of it. Email programming@oleanlibrary.org or check our Discord server for more information.

Anime Club | Thursday, April 28 | 6:00-7:30 pm

Come out to enjoy plenty of snacks and watch anime with other enthusiasts! We pull selections from the suggestion box in the Teen Room to watch.



Adult Programs

Author Visit: Isaiah Rashad II | Tuesday, April 5 | 7:00 p.m.

Join us for the second lecture of Isaiah's in-person book talk. In part two of Isaiah's book, *Homicide of a Rat*, Isaiah will bring more heartfelt stories and will engage the audience with critical questions, while also exploring the dynamics of one of our most powerful institutions and the responsibility it has to our families. Be sure to bring your tissues! Check out his website for more information: IRashad.com.

"The Two Fridas" (1939) Inspired Nicho Craft | Tuesday, April 12 | 6:30 pm

Nichos are a common devotional type of folk art popular throughout Central & South America with designs traditionally combining Roman Catholicism, Mestizo Spirituality, popular cultural iconography, and motifs. Join us as we create our own clasp box nicho inspired by the self-portraits of Frida Kahlo. Participants will create an "artists garden portrait" using a Polaroid image and dried flowers that will be cured using UV resin. Additionally, an image of their choice will be laser engraved on the outside of the box which then can be decorated with various paints, inks, and embellishments. The boxes will be placed on display as part of the "Frida Kahlo's Garden" exhibition and can be collected at the exhibition closing event on April 25th at 7pm! **Must register for event, only 15 spots available. Once registration is confirmed, participants must email a preferred image of themselves to Quick@sbu.edu with *Frida Kahlo Nicho Activity* in the subject line.**



Foodie Book Club Meeting | Wednesday, April 13 & 27 | 6:00 pm in the Gallery

Join our Foodie Book Club as we discuss *The Particular Sadness of Lemon Cake* by Aimee Bender! Meetings will be held April 13th & 27th in the Gallery. We ask that the book be read completely by our second meeting.

Foodie Book Club Presents: Afternoon Tea | Saturday, April 30 | 11:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Gallery

Books and afternoon tea? Yes Please! Inspired by England's tea time, the Foodie Club is offering a leisurely afternoon tea session in our gallery on Saturday, April 30. Stop in for some light snacks such as scones or fresh fruit. Bring a book or stop by with a friend! Registration required.

Foodie Book Club Presents— Recipe Giveaway

Come pick up a recipe card based on *The Beekeeper's Ball* by Susan Wiggs at our reference desk! Try out some homemade recipes like fresh lavender lemonade, summer fruit salad with prosecco and much more!



Adult Craft Program: Teacup Spill | Monday, April 18 | 6 pm in the Gallery

Join us in person as we use hot glue and E6000 to make flowers appear as though they're spilling out of a teacup. Perfectly in time for spring! **Registration required**; maximum 10 participants. Limited craft kits for take-home version will be released 4/19.

National Poetry Month's Theory and History of the Sonnet: A mini introduction | Wed. April 20 | 6:30 pm

A thirty-minute lecture and slide show on how the sonnet developed from the tumult of 12th century Italy, through the Middle Ages and Renaissance, and spread throughout the world, evolving and adapting in many different languages. After getting a bit into Dante, Petrarch and Shakespeare's heads, we will dive straight into trying it for yourself! Brought to you by the Sonnet Course. This program is targeted towards adults and teens who are interested in the history of poetry.

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 372-0200 or email programming@oleanlibrary.org.

Community Events and Outreach

Identifying and Preventing the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children Workshop, April 6 at 6 p.m. at the Olean Public Library

There is a powerful ripple effect when you work in identifying, preventing and supporting the victims of **Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children** and trafficked youth. Identification of a youth survivor can lead to the recovery of other youth under the exploiters control. Thus, WHO you are and WHAT you do can halt cycles of abuse and exploitation. During this training, we will share the knowledge and tools available for working with **CSEC** and trafficked youth and will support partnerships between each of your agencies that engage in this important work. The combined expertise, experiences and resiliency found in each gathering of engaged participants can and will expose the underbelly of our county, and together we can do better for our children and future generations! We look forward to taking this journey together. Speakers: Al Meyers and Dan Butcher - Safe Harbor, Trauma Informed Care Trainers. More info at 585-933-0141.



Community Chess Club

6-8 pm Tuesdays

Olean Public Library

All ages. No previous experience necessary. No dues. Coaches available.

April is the month where we recognize **Sexual Assault Awareness and Child Abuse Prevention**. With this opportunity, we hope to discuss and create spaces where children and survivors feel safe. Connecting Communities in Action (CCA) works diligently with outreach, prevention education, and direct service efforts to make sure survivors get the resources and support they need respectively, and we hope to see community support for these causes as well. Join us in April to create safe online communities and to continue to make sure survivors and children are offered the support and comfort they need. Stop by the library to see CCA's display throughout April.



Race Unity Circle Poetry Reading, April 26 at 7 pm



Join the Race Unity Circle as they celebrate National Poetry month on April 26th at the Olean Public Library at 7pm. Race Unity Circle members will read poems by Claribel Alegria, Martin Espada, Joy Harjo, Kimberly M. Blaeser, J. Drew Lanham, Amber Flora Thomas, Natasha Tretheway, Kazim Ali and Tarfia Faizullah. Come to listen, read a poem or bring your own favorite poem by an Indigenous, Hispanic, Muslim or person of color. Books by these authors will be available at the program. Open to all.

Stop by the library to see Pfeiffer Nature Center's display throughout April! The nature center offers great diversity of ecosystems in their two properties which enhances their work providing nature based programs and activities throughout the year. Of note is the Lillibridge property's wheelchair accessible interpretive trail which winds through towering White Pine and Hemlock trees.

www.pfeiffernaturecenter.org



Save the Date! Upcoming Spring Programs and Events: Moonlit Stroll- April 9th / The Power of Native Plants- April 23rd / Bird Walk at Eshelman- April 30th / Bird Walk at Eshelman- May 7th / Eshelman Trail-Sale Fundraising Event- May 14th (rain date May 22nd) / Annual Trail Clearing and Property Project Day- May 21st.

OPEN ENROLLMENT 2022



Healthcare navigator available to answer health insurance questions, help people enroll in the NYS of Health Marketplace, assist with Medicaid. (Also Elder Care Law assistance available.) Phone assistance: 716-373-4701 ext. 2015

In library 10am – 1pm on the following days: 04/04, 04/11, 04/19, 04/25

English as a Second Language Tutoring Available

For free tutoring please contact: Mary at 716-375-2890 ext.5604 or email mLAYMAN@lwny.org.

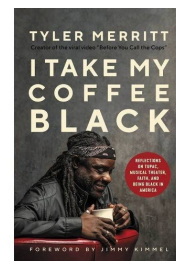


Library Programs—April 2022

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				Save the date: Library trustee election will take place on May 3rd from 9:00 am—8:00 pm in the library.		

SAVE THE DATE—Race Unity Circle of Olean Speaker Series MAY 31 at 7:00 pm

Join us as we welcome author Tyler Merritt to discuss his work *I Take My Coffee Black* and *The Tyler Merritt Project* in the library's Art Gallery. As a six-foot-two, dreadlocked black man, Tyler Merritt knows what it feels like to be stereotyped as threatening, which can have dangerous consequences. But he also knows that proximity to people who are different from ourselves can be a cure for racism. Tyler Merritt's videos "Before You Call the Cops" and "Walking While Black" have been viewed by over 60 million people. The main point of his first viral video (the more you know someone, the more empathy, understanding, and compassion you have for that person) is the springboard for the book *I Take My Coffee Black*. By turns witty, insightful, touching, and laugh-out-loud funny, Merritt's book expresses the valuable connections we miss when we do not take the time to learn about others' lives and experiences. Multiple copies of the book are available via the library in print and in e-format. Sponsored by The Race Unity Circle of Olean and open to everyone.



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