



OLEAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

August 2024 Newsletter



The Library will be closed on Saturdays from July 1st through August 31st.

THE AMAZING RACE

Calling all teens!!

Friday, August 16

12 to 3 pm

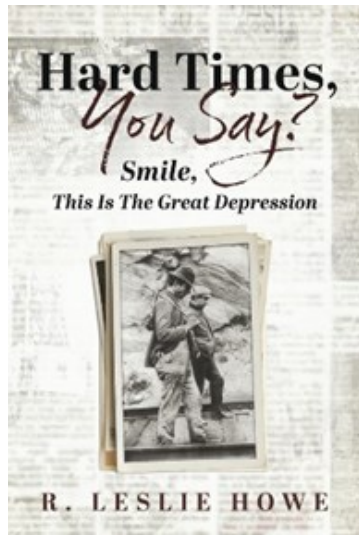
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*See teen program page for tie dye craft for an opportunity to make your team race shirts.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED—see the Circulation Desk or email programming@oleanlibrary.org to join.

Author Visit: Bob Howe
Tuesday, August 27
7:00-8:30 in the Gallery



Join us for an evening of various wine samplings, appetizers and a basket raffle

Presale:

\$25 for one
\$45 for two
\$15 for your DD

Night of:

\$25 each
\$15 for your DD

Friday
September 6
7 - 9:30 p.m.

Olean Public Library

Purchase your tickets through the Olean Public Library or one of the Friends members

*Wine will be available for purchase at the event

**Summer Reading Program
Final Check In Dates**

Children
Teen
Adult

August 8th
August 9th
August 16th



ADDRESS

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Olean, New York 14760

CONTACT

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E: reference@oleanlibrary.org
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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

Children/Family Programs

BOOK YOUR SUMMER AT THE LIBRARY!

There is still time to sign up for the Summer Reading Program!
Register for clubs and programs in person, online or by phone.

Registration is required for all programs except Special Events.

Read on your own or with someone to earn Kid Cash and buy cool prizes.

Check-ins began July 8th. NO CHECK INS ON FRIDAYS.

The last day to check in and receive prizes is August 8th.



Adventure begins at the Library!

Registration is required for all programs except special events.

Baby and Me

Thursdays at 3:30

Program for babies birth to 2 and their caregivers featuring stories, songs, rhymes and play interspersed with lots of cuddles.



Stories and Stretches

Thursdays at 11:00

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



Didgeridoo

DOWN UNDER



Special Event

Thursday August 1st at 2:00

Join us on an epic adventure to the Land Down Under.

The Didgeridoo Down Under company will perform an amazing fusion of Australian music, culture, puppetry and storytelling.

We will be introduced to the phenomenal sounds of the Didgeridoo, explore the Great Barrier Reef and learn about amazing creatures like kangaroo and koalas.

Don't miss this exciting educational event!

Children/Family Programs



Smokey the Bear's Birthday Party was so much fun! There were games, crafts, cake and fun! Smokey had a great time enjoying his 80th party with all the boys and girls who showed up to celebrate his birthday and learn about fire safety.

****This program was made possible by funds from the Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation.**



**It's not too late!
Take the Smokey Bear
Reading
Challenge!**

- *Pick up the Smokey Reading Challenge packet
- *Take the Smokey Pledge
- *Read books
- *Earn badges
- *Bring your packet in, 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 December 7th 2024!



Super Amy Variety Show!

Friday August 9th at 2:00

Special Event



Super Amy's action-packed variety show features magic, music, and aerobic feats of strength for a high energy, one-of-a-kind experience. She even puts herself into a huge, bouncing bubble! You have to see it to believe it!

SUMMER EDITION After-School Programs (ages 7-12)
Monday from 3:30-4:30 pm

August 5th: Minecraft Day



August 12th: Blind Taste Test

Pair your favorite drink w/ Pizza



Teen Programs (ages 13-18)

Teens participating in our 2024 Teen Summer Reading Program can earn additional prize raffle tickets by attending any of our teen programs before August 17! Have Cherish sign your Adventure Passport to redeem your ticket.



Teen Jackbox Games | Thursday, August 1 and 8 | 1:00-2:30 in the Conference Room

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 Crafternoon: Tie Dying | Friday, August 2 | 12:30-2:30 in the Front Lawn (weather permitting)

Come tie dye shirts together with friends. Each teen will be provided one white Tshirt to dye, but you may bring other items to tie dye (extra shirts, canvas bags, etc) if you wish. For those participating in our Amazing Race, this will also be a time to create your team shirts. *Make-up date for inclement weather will be Monday, August 5 at the same time and location.*

Please use this link for registration <https://forms.office.com/r/x3NdBPeSyb> or scan the QR code in the Teen Room.



Teen DnD: Rise of the Honkdra | Monday, August 5 | 6:00-8:30 in the Gallery

A beast has risen from the mustiest of swamps, terrorizing neighboring villages with its anger and mischief. Only the combined forces of the OPL's Team A and Team B Dungeons and Dragons clubs can possibly quell the fowl beast. What will it take to calm the Honkdra? *REGISTRATION REQUIRED—email programming@oleanlibrary.org to join.*



OTAB Meeting | Tuesday, August 6 | 4:30 in the Conference Room

We'll be discussing our Fall 2024 plans, including volunteering at other library programs and our (tentative) Steam Club offerings. 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 Gaming Club | Wednesday, August 7 | 4:30-5:45 in the Gallery

We'll bring our Nintendo Switch and some games: you come prepared to play! If participants are interested, we'll be hosting another MarioKart 8 or Super Smash Brothers tournament. Winner gets a bonus Summer Reading ticket towards our grand prize drawing!

Blind Taste Testing | Monday, August 12 | 3:30-5:30 in the Gallery

This program is jointly held with the STEAM Club and open to patrons ages 7-18. Come blind taste test some foods from local Olean businesses, then vote to see which is the favorite amongst our tweens and teens!



Team A, Teen DnD | Wednesday, August 14 | 6:00-8:30 in the Gallery

The last leg of our adventurers' voyage to the Thunder Cliffs has been anything but easy, with the elements, tooth, and claw striking at the party's every move. What will they find once they reach shore and brave the hidden caves of the Thunder Cliffs? Can Talos's minions be stopped?

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Teen Summer Reading signups continue throughout July! Please check out <https://forms.office.com/r/cuwWZeP6NB> or stop at the Information Desk to register yourself or your teen for our program. Want more information? Email programming@oleanlibrary.org. Check-ins begin July 1.

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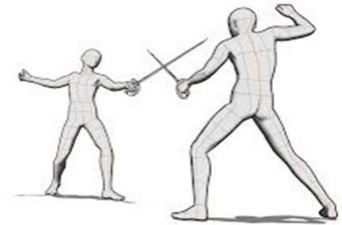
OTAB-Run Pride Club | Thursday, August 15 | 4:00-5:00 in the Gallery

Anyone ages 13-18 is welcome to attend this teen-led Pride Club meeting created by our Olean Teen Advisory Board. This month, we'll make magnets, pins, and keychains as well as enjoy snacks together.

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Teen Summer Reading Prize Party | Friday, August 16 | 3:00-4:00 in the Gallery

Immediately after the Amazing Race, we'll be enjoying some light treats and drawing for our Summer Reading grand prizes. Attendance at the party is not required to win the grand prize, but please plan to attend to celebrate an awesome 2024 Summer Reading program together!



Teen Anime Club | Wednesday, August 21 | 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, August 28 | 6:00-8:30 in the Gallery

The journey to Phandalin from Leilon has proven to be quite treacherous, though new allies found along the way could ease the load on our stalwart adventures. Will they safely deliver their goatly cargo to Phandalin, and what wonders will they find there?

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Adult Programs

BINGO!

Thursday, August 1
6:30 p.m. in the Gallery



Come play Bingo for books and other prizes. No registration required & no payment is necessary.

Indoor Walking w/ Rachel
Monday, August 12
1:00 p.m. in the Gallery

Beat the heat and join us for a low impact, high energy indoor walking class. You'll be amazed at the miles you can rack up without a treadmill.

Registration is requested.

Cardio Strength Interval
Tuesday August 6
Thursday August 22
6:00 p.m. in the Gallery

Get ready to work as you sweat your way through an effective heart pumping class. This format incorporates body weight strength and cardio intervals that will leave no muscle untouched. Low and high impact options make this class accessible for all participants. Are you ready for it?

Registration is requested.

Adult DnD
Tuesday, August 13
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.

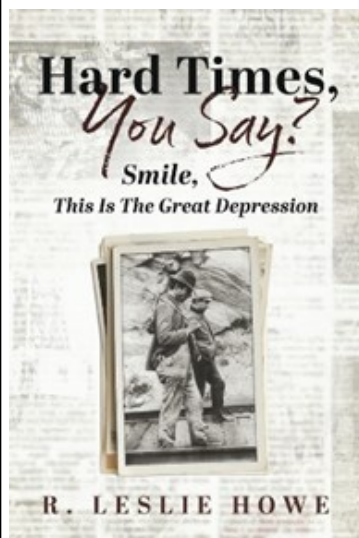
Need a virtual way to attend or have questions? Contact Cherish at programming@oleanlibrary.org for help.

Kickboxing
Tuesday, August 20
6:00 p.m. in the
Gallery

Kick, crunch and punch your way through this dynamic class. You will sweat away the stress of the day through cardio kickboxing intervals combined with strength-based movements. You are sure to leave feeling powerful, confident, and high on endorphins. Low and high impact options make this class accessible for all participants.

Registration is requested.

Author Visit: Bob Howe | Tuesday, August 27
7:00-8:30 in the Gallery



Bob Howe, author of *Hard Times, You Say. Smile, This is the Great Depression*, will speak about his book and read passages from it. Mr. Howe grew up in Pennsylvania, near the border with New York, and his family's visits to Olean as well as his life and experiences inspired portions of the novel. He will have information available for purchasing his book, and he will take questions on the novel after his talk. Light refreshments will be served.

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.

Adult Craft Programs

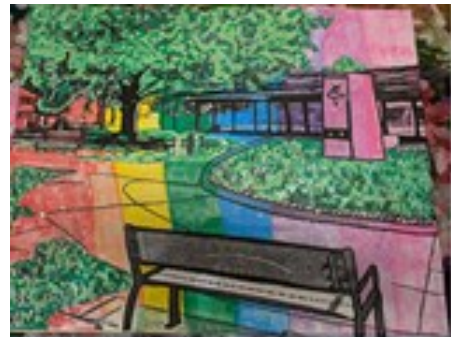
Paint w/ Me
Featuring Bonnie from Badger & Butterfly
Studios
Thursday, August 8
6:00 p.m.



Paint this beautiful landscape. Step by step directions following the artist.

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

Paint the Town
Monday, August 19
6:00 p.m. in the Gallery



Come let your artistic side out while you paint a picture of our town with any method you prefer. And then all the paintings of the town will be shown in the gallery September 2024.

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

Patrons may only sign up for one adult craft 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.

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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, August 19
12:30 p.m. in the Gallery



You bring the lunch, we supply the refreshments! Join us as we discuss *The Measure* by Nikki Erlick. Multiple copies of the book are available through the library system. Want to read ahead? For September, we'll be reading *The Reading List* by Sara Nisha Adams.

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

Night Owl Book Club
Thursday, August 29
6:00—7:00 p.m. in the Gallery

For August, we will be discussing what books we enjoyed and disliked the most that we read so far this year. Drinks like coffee and tea, as well as some light refreshments, will be served.

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

Race Unity Circle of Olean Book Club @ the library

Will meet again in September.

Adult Summer Reading Program

There is still time to sign up!

Register in person at the Library or by calling (716) 372-0200.



Enter raffles for prizes by reading books!!



Tribute Gift Book Plates June 2024

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Donated By

Evelyn Amsler

Enchanted Mountain Writers' Group

Marge Mahar

Jim Mahar

HEALTHY CATTARAUGUS COALITION (HCC) & EVERY PERSON INFLUENCES CHILDREN (EPIC) PRESENT:



AUGUST 30 | 3:30PM TO 5:30PM
 At The Olean Public Library
 134 N 2nd St, Olean, NY 14760.

This documentary explores, discovers, and explains the different landscape of substances teens and families face within their own communities.

This event is free and for Families with Teens!



Community Events and Outreach



Thursday, August 1st from 11 am - 1 pm

CATTARAUGUS COUNTY WIC PRESENTS... **Picnic in the Park** at War Veterans Park in Olean. Free. Stop by for pizza and snacks! Join WIC, Safe Kids, Ardent Solutions, Healthy Families, Olean Public Library, and more for games, prizes, crafts and fun!



Friday, August 9th from 1:30pm to 3:30pm speak to representatives from Catholic Charities Emergency Financial Assistance program. The program is available to all Cattaraugus and Allegany county households regardless of religion, race, ethnicity, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, immigration status, or disability. We are dedicated to making sure that every person who calls or walks through our doors feels welcomed and respected. We are able to assist with most emergency situations, including rental assistance, utility assistance, clothing, repairs, transportation, medical, and so much more. In addition, our offices have monthly and yearly

programs to help families and individuals make ends meet when times are tough. If you can't get to the library, please reach out to us with any concerns. We would be happy to offer assistance and referrals specifically tailored to your situation. Call Kelsie Griesbaum 716-372-0101.



**Friday, August 9th
1:30pm to 3:30pm**

City Year Buffalo is currently recruiting Student Success Coach AmeriCorps Members. These members provide additional support in under resourced schools by providing social, emotional, and academic support to students and schools to expand possibilities for learning and development. This includes working with students one on one, building relationships, encouraging attendance and good behavior, and supporting a safe and healthy learning environment. The Student Success Coach position is a full-time position lasting 10 months for anyone ages 18-25 that is interested in completing a service year. Biweekly stipends, health insurance, professional development, and \$7,395 scholarship are just a few of the benefits. If interested learning more, contact Krista Douvlos, Community Partnership Manager at krista.douvlos@cityyear.org.



LawNY Healthcare Navigator available

in-library 11am-1pm on the following days:
Mondays, August 5, 12, 19, and 26.



Get help applying for food benefits. Stop by the library for help applying for SNAP. August 1st from 3 PM-5 PM.

**Workforce Development Programs |
SUNY Jamestown Community College
Drop-In Information Sessions held at the
Olean Public Library:**

Thursday, August 1st from 1:30pm-3:30pm

Thursday, August 8th from 11am-1pm

Friday, August 9th from 1:30pm-3:30pm



The JCC Workforce Development offers short-term training programs (Welding, Machining/CNC Operating, Industrial Maintenance Technology, and Building Automation Systems) 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! Stop by during a library session to speak with a workforce representative.

Library Programs—August 2024

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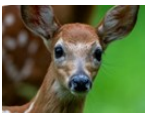
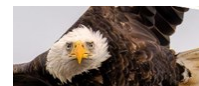
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Gallery Exhibit: August 2024 Wildlife Photography Exhibition by Dan Jordan



For the month of August, artwork from Allegany Photographer Dan Jordan will be on display in our gallery. Dan's exhibition will feature a couple of shots from Pfeiffer, as well as others from his vast collection.

Dan will be in the gallery on August 2nd from 4-5 pm for and meet-the-artist reception. Stop down, ask some questions and chat about his work! Refreshments will be served.

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!