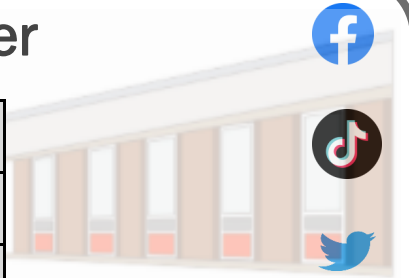


September 2024 Newsletter



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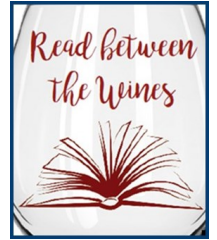
Labor Day Sept. 2nd	Closed
Read Between the Wines Sept. 6th	Closing at 5pm
Staff Development Day Sept. 13th	Closed



Big Shout Out to the Friends of the Library



Read Between the Wines is right around the corner! On **Friday, September 6, from 7-9:30 PM**, the Friends will host their annual fundraiser to benefit the Olean Public Library, a festivity which has become a beloved tradition.



The Library is fortunate to have such a dedicated group of volunteers who work year-round to raise awareness and financial resources for the Library.

Since September of last year, the Friends have given nearly \$20,000 to support Library programs and provide circulating materials. In addition, the money raised by the Friends has been used to purchase flowers for the outdoor planters, new tables, a sign displayer, and a splash tower for fun outdoor programs.

They also gave funds to purchase backpacks filled with school supplies for children getting ready to start Kindergarten (part of the annual "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten" program offered by the Library's Children's Department). Several children completed the program before the start of the 2024-2025 school year and can be seen pictured below.



Gideon & big brother Elliott

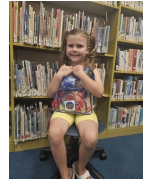


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The Friends do more than raise money for the Library. They run a number of wonderful literacy initiatives of their own which benefit families in the community. Every year, they run the Peg Bothner annual bookmark contest with area schools in which hundreds of students participate and attend an award ceremony. They run an annual poetry contest with area high schools, and they oversee the Born to Read partnership with Olean General Hospital, which provides all new parents with a board book, library card application, and literacy materials as they leave the hospital with their newborn.

If you are looking for a way to support the Library, be sure to check out the book sale in the Library run by the Friends where you can purchase affordable, gently used books for your personal library collection.

We are so grateful for all that the Friends do, and we wish to thank those of you who support them through donations, membership, attendance at their fundraisers and programs, and volunteering to help them plan and run events that benefit the Library. We hope to see you on the 6th!

Read Between the Wines event information on page 9

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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/Family Programs



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS: FALL 2024

Oct 14th—Nov 15th

Registration begins September 30th

Registration is 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.

Stories and More | Wednesdays at 10:00



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 OR Wednesdays at 3:30

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

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.



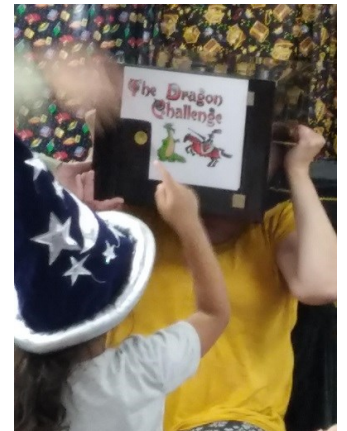
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Sum up our Summer

Summer 2024 was one for the books. It started strong with our Summer Kick Off Carnival in June and our Last Day of School Foam Party celebration!



We continued on with weekly special events throughout July and August. We celebrated Smokey Bear's 80th birthday and discovered a Treasure Trove of Magic.



Had a great time making garden stones and playing with Mike Morton's menagerie of animals.



Learned about didgeridoos and the Land Down Under.



Honored our exceptional readers and got crazy with Super Amy. It was a fantastic summer!



Children/Family Programs



Thank you to everyone who made our 2024 summer reading adventure a great success.

Thank you, Friends of The Library, for all you do. Thanks to you we were able to offer these 8 special events to our families this summer. Over 1,000 people attended these fun events!

Thank you to Jim Mahar from Jim's Park n Shop for making our Honor Book Party extra special. This event celebrates the accomplishments of our super readers every summer. Jim's Park n Shop donated 2 meat sticks and a free Slush Puppie to every kid that met their goal. Jim is always a great supporter of our children's programs and an asset to our community!



Benjamin Berry's Circus | Saturday, September 28 | 1:00 pm

Come one, come all to "Circus for All!" In this equally entertaining and educational movement workshop for children, teaching artist Benjamin Berry will teach skills and facilitate exploration with a variety of prop-based circus arts including juggling, spinning plates, silk dancing, and more!



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

September 16th: Sword Fighting

Join sword expert Wayne Wellburn as he teaches us some more sword fighting basics. All you will need to bring is a good pair of shoes and appropriate athletic wear!

REGISTRATION REQUIRED!

September 23rd: Lego Club

Come and create the circus out of LEGO pieces or create something of your very own!



September 30th: Pokémon Club

Come trade Pokémon cards with fellow Pokémon lovers or play Pokémon go together in the gallery!



Teen Programs (ages 13-18)

OTAB Meeting | Tuesday, September 3 | 4:30 in the Conference Room

We'll be discussing our Halloween, November, and December 2024 programming 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, September 4 | 4:30-5:45 in the Gallery

We'll bring our Nintendo Switch and some games: you come prepared to play! Board games or card games more your style? Bring those, too—we'll have tables set up.

OTAB-Run Pride Club | Thursday, September 5 | 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 pride flag-themed magnets, pins, and/or keychains, as well as enjoy snacks together.



Team A, Teen DnD | Wednesday, September 11 | 6:00-8:30 in the Gallery

The party has entered Thunder Caves, made allies, punished foes, and slowly drove their way through to their final battle. Will they be able to stop the cultists' plans for the Sword Coast and Leilon, or will they ultimately fall to the storms raging around them?

REGISTRATION REQUIRED—email programming@oleanlibrary.org to join a campaign.

Teen Anime Club | Wednesday, September 18 | 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.

Must be between 13-19 years old to attend.



Teen Crafternoon: Crafty Clay Day | Friday, September 20 | 3:30-5:00 in the Gallery

We'll be creating things from air dry clay. Animals? Play food? A hyper-realistic version of your video game character? Join us and see what two hands and your imagination can create!

Please plan to pick up your creations on Monday, September 23rd.

Registration is strongly encouraged; see the Teen Room or Cherish to register prior to September 13th.



Team B, Teen DnD | Wednesday, September 25 | 6:00-8:30 in the Gallery

Arriving safely in Phandalin, the party is torn between chaos and benevolence. Should they ransack the town or save it from the potential cult activities hinted at within? And who is their new ally—and does he truly want the barbarian as his father-figure in his new, redeemed life?

REGISTRATION REQUIRED—email programming@oleanlibrary.org to join a campaign.

Teen Jackbox Games | Friday, September 27 | 3:30-5:00 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. Don't have a device? Cherish will have laptops available upon request.



The Teen Room is open weekdays from 3–6pm.

Adult Programs

BINGO!

Tuesday, September 3
6:30 p.m. in the Gallery



Come join us AGAIN as we play Bingo! We've got new prizes in and we're ready to have fun!

Knit and Crochet Club
Saturday, September 7
11:30-12:30 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 Dungeons and Dragons
Tuesday, September 10
6:00-8:30 pm 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. Scan the QR to create a character ahead of time!

Adult DnD Campaign



Sword Fighting w/ Wayne
Monday, September 16
5:30-7:30 pm in the Gallery

Come learn Montante, the Spanish greatsword martial art used in the 1500's. Beginners, those with a passion for the art, or enthusiasts of the blade, all are welcome to attend and learn!

16 & older. Registration required.



Cooking Club
Thursday, September 19
6:30 pm in the Gallery

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 "your go-to potluck dish." Come join us for an evening of food, fun, and friendly company!

Registration is required.

Circus for Adults
Saturday, September 28
11:00 am in the Gallery

Circus for Adults is an accessible movement class in which adults with all levels of ability are welcome to learn! Teaching artist Benjamin Berry will share his expertise on juggling and prop-based circus arts in an equally fun and educational program. All exercises are low-impact and can be performed with seated or standing variations.

Registration required.



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

Abalone Shell Pendants
Monday, September 23
6:30 p.m. in the Gallery



Come make abalone shell pendants with Miss Stacy. Miss Stacy also has a fun game planned for participants when they are waiting for their clay to dry!

Registration is required.
Ages 16 & up.

DIY Beadable Pens
w/ Homes Creation
Monday, September 30
6:30 p.m. in the Gallery



Come join Sam in this fun craft! Pens no longer have to be boring; they can now be cute and luxe featuring all your favorite feature beads in a myriad of colors. Create your own!

Registration is required.
Ages 16 & 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.

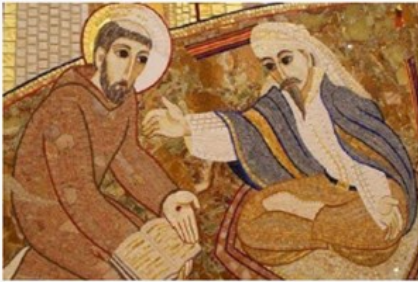
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*This month's arts and crafts programs are made possible by the **Frances Bean O'Connell Arts Grant**. If you are interested in donating to the Frances Bean O'Connell Art Program Fund, please contact Keely Doyle, Director of Philanthropic Services 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 Program Series

MAKING PEACE IN A SOCIETY AT WAR



We are currently surrounded by increasing anger, hatred and violence. War is raging in Ukraine and in the Middle East. This isn't anything new; it's happened before.

Can we do anything to bring peace?

Perhaps we could get some inspiration from the past.

Join Dr. Jean-François Godet-Calogeras as he looks at what was happening in Europe eight hundred years ago, and how Francis of Assisi and his companions got involved and worked to bring peace into their world.

Olean Public Library | September 24, 2024, 7 p.m.

134 N. 2nd St., Olean | Free and open to the public | Light refreshments

Reservations are required. Call (716) 372-0200 or text (716) 379-3351

Presented by Love In Action Cattaraugus County

Nonviolence is also known as 'love in action'.

In honor of Campaign Nonviolence, from International Peace Day (9/21) to International Day of Nonviolence (10/2), the library will join **Love in Action Cattaraugus County** and thousands of people and organizations around the world to explore and promote peace. Come into the library to discover resources, listen to a presentation, watch a film and discuss what nonviolence can mean in actively making a difference- personally, socially, and environmentally in 2024. Review the library's book and resource list. And join us for one of the following events that are **free and open to the public.**

Bridging Differences through Peace-making Skills

International Peace Day 9/21

International Day of Nonviolence 10/2



FILM SCREENING & DISCUSSION

Divided We Fall: Unity Without Tragedy

Are you tired of the division tearing our country apart?

We believe that ordinary Americans are hungry for connection and unity. Divided We Fall brings together people from different walks of life to explore what it truly means to be American and how we can bridge the divides that hold us back.

The film runs about 1 hour. A brief, low-key discussion will follow.

Olean Public Library | October 2, 2024, 7 p.m.

134 N. 2nd St., Olean | Free and open to the public | Light refreshments

Reservations are required. Call (716) 372-0200 or text (716) 379-3351

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Adult Book Clubs

Brown Bag Book Club
Monday,
September 16
12:30 p.m. in the
Gallery



You bring the lunch, we supply the refreshments! Join us as we discuss *The Reading List* by Sara Nisha Adams. Multiple copies of the book are available through the library system. Want to read ahead? For October, we'll be reading *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt.

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

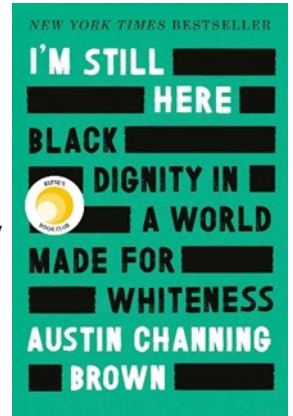
The Race Unity Circle of Olean Book Club @ the library:

September 18th at 1pm
 Free and open to the public.
 Multiple copies available via the library.



Book selection: *I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness* by Austin Channing Brown

Austin Channing Brown's first encounter with a racialized America came at age seven, when she discovered her parents named her Austin to deceive future employers into thinking she was a white man. Growing up in majority-white schools and churches, Austin writes, "I had to learn what it means to love blackness," a journey that led to a lifetime spent navigating America's racial divide as a writer, speaker, and expert helping organizations practice genuine inclusion. In a time when nearly every institution (schools, churches, universities, businesses) claims to value diversity in its mission statement, Austin writes in breathtaking detail about her journey to self-worth and the pitfalls that kill our attempts at racial justice. Her stories bear witness to the complexity of America's social fabric—from Black Cleveland neighborhoods to private schools in the middle-class suburbs, from prison walls to the boardrooms at majority-white organizations.



Tribute Gift Book Plates August 2024

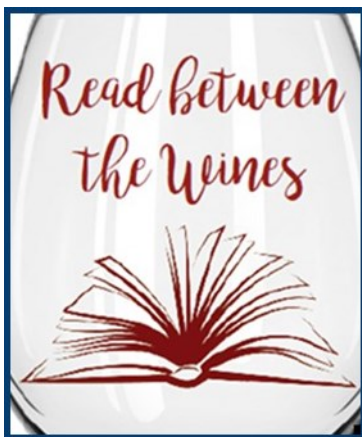
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Olean Ladies' Book Club



Friday, September 6

7:00-9:30 pm

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

Purchase your tickets at the Olean Public Library or from a member of the Friends of the Library.

Presale:

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

Night Of:

\$25 each
 \$15 for your DD

*Wine will be available for purchase at the event.

Community Events and Outreach



National Voter Registration Month

Stop by the library during the month of September to pick up voter registration forms, absentee ballot applications, and early voting info. Take time to view the League of Women Voters lobby display case which will highlight the history of Women's suffrage and the struggle that continues to this day. Every Vote Counts!

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 September 16th from 10-11am** when Directions in Independent Living Staff are here in-library.



Friday, September 20
9am—11am

Pick up information on the Medicaid Assistance Application Program for the Aged Blind and Disabled. Get assistance with completing applications for Medicaid Long Term Care, Nursing Home Medicaid, and Medicaid for Working People with Disabilities. A representative is able to schedule home visits if no transportation is available. Residents of Allegany and Cattaraugus Counties eligible.



LawNY Healthcare Navigator available in-library 11am-1pm on the following days: Tuesday September 3rd, and Mondays, September 9, 23, and 30th.



Get help applying for food benefits. Stop by the library for help applying for SNAP. September 5th from 1:30—4 PM.

Visit with representatives from the **Cattaraugus County Health Department** to find out more about lead prevention in the home, the Healthy Neighborhood Program, new telehealth services, and flu/covid clinic schedules.



Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.
Cattaraugus County Health Department


In-library on:
September 11th from 9-11 am
September 19th from 10 am-12 pm.

Workforce Development Programs | SUNY Jamestown Community College
Drop-In Information Sessions held at the Olean Public Library:
Monday, September 9th, 11am—2pm



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—September 2024

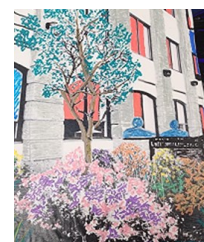
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Gallery Exhibit: September 2024 Paint the Town



September's exhibit is made up of art created by our patrons (and some staff!) during Amy's "Paint the Town" program in August. Come celebrate the paintings created by your fellow library patrons based upon photographs taken throughout the city! And thank you to all the lovely people who so generously agreed to share their artwork with us this month.



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!