



**OLEAN PUBLIC LIBRARY**

# January 2025 Newsletter

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Olean, NY 14760  
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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 1/1/25 & 1/20/25 in observance of New Year's Day & Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

**WHAT A YEAR!**

**HERE'S TO 2025!**

**Puzzle SWAP**

1/25/2025 10:30am-3:00pm  
See page 4 for details

1/25/2025 1:30-4:30pm  
See page 4 for details

**PUZZLE RACE**

**Pop-in Watercolor Painting**

1/23/25  
4:00-5:30pm  
See page 4 for details

**BRAIN BREAK**

## Children/Family Programs

### Stories & More

**R**

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

**R**

Thursdays at 11:00am

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

### Investigation Stations

**R**

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

**R**

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!

**R**

**Ages 5–10**

Join us on Tuesday 01/07/2025 at 3:30pm for fun activities, friends and food.

**01/07/2025 Ice Cream & Snow Crafts!**



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

**A special thank you to our friend Mary Ellen Fox from Jim’s Park n Shop for donating giant pinecones for our Pinecones and Pizza Fun Club in December!**



**THANK YOU MARY ELLEN!**

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

### Lego Club

Monday January 6th at 4:00pm  
Arctic Themed

### Pokémon Club

Monday January 13th at 4:00pm

### 3D Printing Pens & Valentine’s Day Crafts

Monday January 27th at 4:00pm  
Come join Mr. Chad and Miss Amy to experience and learn to use the 3D print pens. While you wait, you can make Valentines for friends and family. Please note that the 3D print pens have a hot tip. We will provide heat gloves and will be monitored but we recommend parents stay with their children for this program.



Scan the QR code for After School Club reminders & updates!

## The Safe Kids Staying Safe Program



**SAFE KIDS**  
SOUTHERN TIER  
NEW YORK



Safe Kids Southern Tier New York is led by Southern Tier Health Care System, which provides dedicated and caring staff, operation support and other resources to assist in achieving our common goal: keeping your kids safe.



Join us at the library every third Thursday at 6:00 beginning in February.

Each month a different community organization will present a book related to one of the Safe Kids Staying Safe Initiatives.

## Teen Programs (Ages 13-18)

### Teen Jackbox Games (Gallery)

Friday January 3rd & 17th  
3:30–4:30pm 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 and screen names must remain library appropriate at all times.

### OTAB Meeting

Tuesday January 7th  
4:30pm in the Conference Room

At this meeting, we'll continue planning our 2025 program offerings and begin brainstorming for Summer Reading 2025. New members are welcome to attend, though participants need to be between 13 and 18 years old; reach out to [programming@oleanlibrary.org](mailto:programming@oleanlibrary.org) for details.

### Teen DnD Team A

Wednesday January 8th  
6:00–8:30pm in the Gallery

Six months after the defeat of the Cult of Talos at the Thundercliff Caves, our team of battle-worn heroes have set off once again in service of the budding town of Leilon. They've made their way to the Tower of Storms and found, dashed upon the rocks, a terrifying dreadnaught. What awaits our heroes aboard this ship?

Team A is currently FULL, but scan the Teen DnD QR Code to request information on Teen DnD programs with openings.

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

### Teen Anime Club

Wednesday January 15th  
4:30–5:30pm in the Conference Room

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 Gaming Club

Wednesday January 22nd  
4:30–5:45pm in the Gallery

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 you can bring a game to play if you want.

### Teen DnD Team B

Wednesday January 29th  
6:00–8:30pm in the Gallery

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.

Scan the Teen DnD QR Code to request information on Teen DnD programs or to join this one.



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If interested in virtually attending a program with a virtual option, email [programming@oleanlibrary.org](mailto:programming@oleanlibrary.org)

## Adult Programs

### Knit & Crochet Club

Saturday January 4th  
11:30-12:30pm 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.

### Cooking Club

Thursday January 9th  
6:30pm in the Gallery

Join us for the first Cooking Club meeting of the new year! The theme will be soup. Bring a dish to share based on the theme and we will discuss our recipes, dishes, and cooking in general. This is a fun, laid-back program that is great for home cooks of all skill levels. New members are always welcome!

### Dungeons and Dragons

Tuesday January 14th  
6:00-8:30pm 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 are 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



## Adult Programs

### Puzzle Swap

Saturday January 25th

10:30am–3:00pm in the Gallery

Are you a puzzle lover? Bring a puzzle to the library and swap for a different one. Puzzles must be of appropriate nature with no missing pieces. All puzzle sizes are accepted.



### Puzzle Race

Saturday January 25th

1:30–4:30pm in the Gallery

Come join our puzzle race where teams of 4 will compete. There will be two categories, beginner and intermediate. Please arrive by 1:30pm as the race will start promptly at 2:00pm and will finish at 4:00pm. We encourage spectators that could fill in for no shows.

You can sign your team of 4 up now by emailing [achaffee@oleanlibrary.org](mailto:achaffee@oleanlibrary.org).

If you do not have a full team of 4 and wish to participate please email [achaffee@oleanlibrary.org](mailto:achaffee@oleanlibrary.org).

Starting January 2nd teams may sign up by calling (716) 372-0200.



## Craft Programs

### Hanging with my Gnomies

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Monday January 13th

6-8pm in the Gallery

Come upcycle old laundry pod containers and make cute little winter gnomes to decorate your house with this winter. Please note that we WILL be using hot glue guns for this program.

Ages 15 & up.



### Pop In : Watercolor Brain Break

Thursday January 23rd in the Gallery

**Stop anytime between 4:00pm & 5:30pm**

Drop by our pop-in program between 4:00pm and 5:30pm and learn how to use watercolor paints to create this cute polar bear. For most, this program will take only a half hour with step-by-step instructions. This program is great for everyone with any level of art ability. Painting can be a therapeutic method for certain ailments such as certain arthritic conditions. Painting is also very beneficial for mental health by improving mood, memory and concentration, as well as building confidence and more.



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](mailto:kdoyle@eriecommunityfoundation.org).

**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.

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

1). Call: 716.372.0200

2). Email: [programming@oleanlibrary.org](mailto:programming@oleanlibrary.org)

3). Stop in:  
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## Book Clubs



### Brown Bag Book Club

Monday January 27th

at 12:30pm in the Gallery



You bring the lunch, we supply the refreshments! Join us as we discuss *The Husband's Secret* by Liane Moriarty. 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 February 2025, we'll be reading *A Place to Hide* by Ronald H. Balson. If you need or would like a copy of our potential 2025 reads, please email Cherish ASAP.



## Book Clubs



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

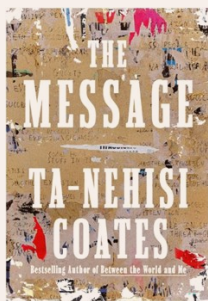
*\*\*Rescheduled from December 18th\*\**

Wednesday January 15th 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?*



The Ari Ara Series combines the classic elements of epic myths – courage, daring, adventure – with the skills of conflict resolution, anti-bullying, peace and nonviolence. Ari Ara is a young shero with spunk and spark. These novels will claim a spot on your bookshelf and a place in your heart. Rivera will speak about how her Ari Ara Series reframes heroic struggle as anchored in nonviolent conflict skills, peacebuilding, and the power of changemakers of all ages. Her “fantasy with a twist” challenges the common narratives of war and violence in fantasy fiction. In this talk, Rivera will look at how we all can bring forward compelling, gripping, and utterly relevant stories for our time that uplift nonviolence and peace. She'll answer questions about her novels, the writing process, and the power of a good story to help us navigate the challenges in our world. From fights with friends to arguments with siblings, these are ideas for all of us who seek a way between the challenges that can come up in our home, school, and life. A partnership program brought to you by Love in Action, Operation Warm Hearts, and Olean Public Library.



## Outreach

### Author Talk : Rivera Sun R

Wednesday January 15th  
4:00pm in the Gallery

Join Author Rivera Sun for an exciting author talk on the peace-waging Ari Ara fantasy series kids, parents, and educators love. Receive a free copy of book 1 or book 2. Call 716-372-0200 to register. Free for Tweens to Adults.



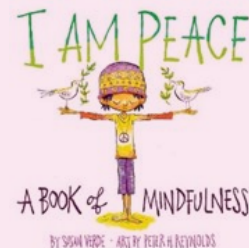
## Storytime at R Operation Warm Hearts



Saturday January 18th  
11:00am–12:30pm

Meeting at:  
Operation Warm Hearts  
920 N. 4th Street, Olean, NY

Join us to read, create a craft (or two), and enjoy a light snack. Books featured are: Can You Say Peace? by Karen Katz and I am Peace by Susan Verde. Space limited to the first ten children. Register via the library at 716-372-0200. A partnership program brought to you by Operation Warm Hearts, Love in Action, and The Olean Public Library.



LawNY  
Healthcare Navigator  
10:00am–1:00pm

- Monday January 6th
- Monday January 13th
- Monday January 27th
- Tuesday January 21st



## Outreach



### Cattaraugus County Compeer

Wednesday January 8th  
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 January 8<sup>th</sup> from 10-11am** when Directions in Independent Living Staff are here in-library.

## Gallery: January 2025

### Louise Bethune: Every Woman Her Own Architect

On loan to us for January is a traveling exhibit from the Western New York Library Resource Council (WNYLRC) entitled “Louise Bethune: Every Woman Her Own Architect.” Louise Blanchard Bethune (1856–1913) is widely considered to be the first woman to practice as a professional architect in the United States. She played a key role in the

architectural firm that she founded, going beyond simply designing buildings to supervising budgets and overseeing onsite work—a highly unusual role for a woman at that time. A strong advocate of a woman’s right to work outside the home, she firmly believed in equitable compensation for women. This exhibition allows researchers to know Bethune not only through her architectural works, but also as a unique individual outside of them.



Photo and description credited to <https://wnylrc.org/exhibit/louise-bethune-every-woman-her-own-architect>



Connect with our Integrated Services Today!

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Visit with Safe Point Lighthouse staff on January 8<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> from 9am to 12pm.

Safe Point is an integrated outpatient clinic in Dunkirk, NY that provides care to those who struggle with substance use in Chautauqua and Cattaraugus County. We educate about harm reduction and addiction in general. We also provide free harm reduction supplies such as NARCAN, drug testing strips, and bags of goodies for people experiencing homelessness. Call for more info: (716) 413-4661.



Registration Required



Limited Registration



Zoom Option Available



Registration Requested 6

# Tribute Gift Book Plates December 2024

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**In Memory of:** Ronald Anastasia

**Donation by:** Ann Marie Sitter-Tompkins

**In Memory of:** David Thomas Gaeta

**Donation by:** Ann Marie Sitter-Tompkins

**In Memory of:** Alice Irene Skroback

**Donation by:** Patricia Dean

## Library Programs—January 2025

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