

## **Programming Report, February 2025**

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January 2025 Stats		
January 14	Adult DnD	6
January 15	Teen Anime Club	1
January 17	Teen Jackbox Games	2
January 22	Teen Gaming Club	0
January 27	Brown Bag Book Club	2
January 29	Team B, Teen DnD	5

February 2025 Stats		
February 1	Adult Knit and Crochet	6
February 4	OTAB February Meeting	7
February 5	Team A, Teen DnD	8
February 7	Teen Jackbox Games	3
February 11	Adult DnD	3
February 12	Teen Gaming Club	3
February 13	OTAB Art Club	8

Teen programs have taken a bit of a hit in attendance this month. The teens have had a number of school holidays, and illness as well as the weather have been factors, too. Cathy reports from the Teen Room that many of our teens are involved in a theater production with an upcoming show, and many of their rehearsals keep them from attending programs reliably right now as they have to leave before 5 for practice. Ellie, Cathy, and I are keeping an eye on the teen room attendance and our program numbers: if they continue to be lower than wanted, we'll look to moving some programming times around for the teens so they don't have to choose between theater and library programs.

On the plus side, OTAB's first Art Club on February 13<sup>th</sup> was a success with 8 teens attending. They painted and decorated small, latching wooden boxes. Clark George, one of our OTAB teens, took the lead with planning the project, coordinating ordering the supplies they'd need and testing how long we would need to complete the boxes in program, and even taking 3 boxes that got scratched during transit to patch with wood filler as part of a project for school. I was very impressed with all the work he put into this, and the teens who attended were very happy with the program. I've attached a few pictures of the boxes they painted. Next month, they want to work with air dry clay again, and they're excited about the possibility of some joint tech-art programs with Chad in the future. It was great to see the teens so excited about a program they created happening, and I look forward to reporting more about it in the future.

Adult programs are continuing as normal. Samantha and I will be hosting our first Adult Trivia Night on Thursday, February 20. Sign ups have been slower than we would have liked, so we've been discussing dropping the team requirement (meaning we let people play as individuals instead of as part of a team) to drum up interest for the first program. Adult DnD has also dropped in numbers, mostly due to a few attendees working new shifts.

Finally, we have another WNYLRC exhibit in the gallery this month. Starting in March, we have a steady stream of new artists and regular exhibits (the Friends in April, for example) filling the gallery through the summer. I met with the Art Department at the Olean City School District in January about their plans to once again host their annual juried art show with us. The show and reception they hosted with us in June 2024 was way more popular than any of us anticipated (bringing in close to 300 people, by our best estimates), so we as a team agreed to try to come up with a better plan for their May 2025 show. Tentatively, they are planning to host two receptions on Saturday, May 10, in a similar style to how the Friends run their annual Bookmark contest: the two district Elementary Schools will have their awards and reception around 11 am, and the Middle and High Schools will have theirs around 1 pm. Our hope is to cut down on both congestion within the library (letting people actually see their kids' art) as well as parking concerns, making the entire experience more enjoyable for all. I'll report more as we get closer to the reception.





# Teen Programs

February 2025

★ Feb 04 ★

**OTAB Meeting**

4:30 pm -- 5:30 pm

★ Feb 05 ★

**Teen DnD, Team A**

6:00 pm -- 8:30 pm

★ Feb 07 ★

**Teen Jackbox Games**

3:30pm -- 4:30 pm

★ Feb 12 ★

**Teen Gaming Club**

4:30 pm -- 5:45 pm

★ Feb 13 ★

**Teen Art Club**

3:30 pm -- 4:30 pm

★ Feb 19 ★

**Teen DnD, Team B**

6:00 pm -- 8:30 pm

★ Feb 21 ★

**Teen Jackbox Games**

3:30pm -- 4:30 pm

★ Feb 26 ★

**Teen Anime Club**

4:30 pm -- 5:30 pm