



OLEAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

August 2025 Newsletter

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Olean, NY 14760
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Oleanlibrary.org

Hours:
M-Th 9am-9pm
Fri 9am-6pm



The library will be closed on Saturdays from July 1st - August 31st.
Curbside service available by appointment.

Sip, Savor, and Support the Library at Read Between the Wines

Mark your calendar for an evening of wine, laughter, and library love! The Friends of the Olean Public Library are excited to host

Read Between the Wines on Friday, September 5th at 7 p.m.
at the Olean Public Library.

This special fundraising event will feature light appetizers, a sampling of wines, live music by the one and only Brian Lothridge, and a chance to win fun prizes through raffles—all in support of library programs and services.

Tickets are available now:

\$25 per person

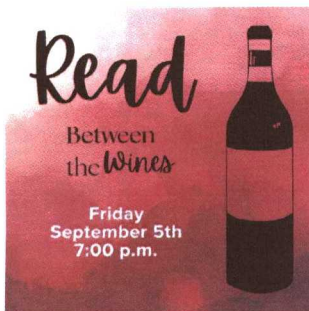
\$45 per couple

\$15 for a designated driver

Grab your friends, enjoy a relaxed night out, and help us continue making the Olean Public Library a vibrant community resource.

Get your tickets by visiting the site below or scanning the QR code

<https://tinyurl.com/bdhvu4eh>



We can't wait to see you there!



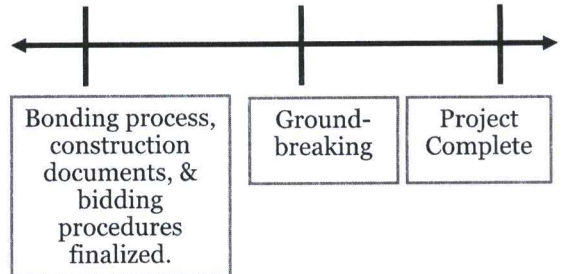
Library Project Timeline (estimated)



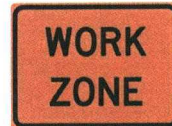
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We look forward to sharing updates along the way!



Summer Reading Celebrations in August

8/14/2025 12:00pm Honor Book Presentation

8/14/2025 1:00pm Honor Book Celebration

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8/15/2025 12-2:00pm OPL Teen Amazing Race

8/15/2025 3:00pm Summer Reading Closing Party

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8/18/2025 5-8:00pm Adult Summer Reading Bash

See pg. 4 for more information



Registration Required



Limited Registration



Zoom Option Available



Registration Requested

Children/Family Programs



BOOK YOUR SUMMER AT THE LIBRARY!

Kids of all ages can register for the **Color our World** summer reading challenge. Read on your own or with someone to earn Kid Cash and buy cool prizes. It's not too late!

The last day to check in and receive prizes is August 7th!

NO CHECK-INS ON FRIDAYS.

Art Club, Stories & More, Stories & Stretches, Investigation Stations, and Waggy Tales Book Club all end August 7th.



Color Our World Art Club R

Thursdays at 4:30pm
Kids 6–12 Color our world with a different art method each week!

Stories & More R

Wednesdays at 10:00am
Program for children ages 1 to 4 years. With an adult, children listen to stories, learn songs, rhymes, finger plays and participate in group play and creative art projects.

Stories & Stretches R

Thursdays at 11:00am
Children ages 2 to 6. A fun movement oriented program with stories, songs, stretches and moving!

Investigations Stations R

Tuesdays at 6:30pm or Wednesdays at 3:30pm
Children 5 and up participate in directed group activities, including stories, music, and games followed by art and assisted exploration of the stations.

Waggy Tales Book Club R

Wednesdays at 3:30pm
Sometimes reading can be ruff. Reading out loud with a “Paws”itive friend can reduce stress and make practice fun! Choose a book to keep and come read with one of our therapy dogs. Explore the Investigation Stations and have some “Pupcorn” while you wait.

Special Events!



August 7th @ 2:30pm
Cris Johnson Magic Show & Balloon Twisting Workshop!



August 14th @ 12:00pm
Honor Book Presentation



August 14th @ 1:00pm
Honor Book Party
Fun, games, refreshments, & activities!!



A special thank you to Jim Mahar and all our friend at Jim's Park and Shop!
To celebrate the accomplishments of our Super Readers, Jim is donating a free Slush Puppie to each kid that reaches their goal and earns an Honor Book!

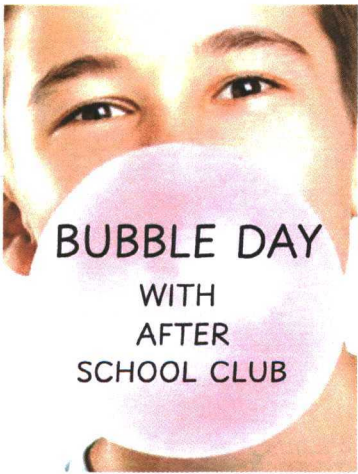
**After School Program
"Summer Edition"**
Ages 7-12 4:00-5:00pm

**Teen Programs
(Ages 13-18)**

August 4th—Lego Club
Come create a beautiful Lego portrait that we will display in our gallery for the month of August.



August 11th—Bubble Day
Come vote for the best bubble gum and have a bubble battle. Bring any bubble blowers or wands, just make sure they are labeled with a name. Let's make bubbles!



After School Program will be on break after August 11th. See everyone again in the fall!

OTAB Meeting
Tuesday August 5th
3:30pm in the Conference Room
We'll be finalizing Teen Amazing Race's events, as well as reviewing our programs. Teens ages 13-18 are welcome to attend and join OTAB. Email programming@oleanlibrary.org for details.

Team A, Teen DnD **R**
Wednesday August 6th
6:00—8:30pm in the Gallery
Our brave heroes have returned to Leilon. They've driven off the Death-Knight Dreadnaught and (for now) secured a measure of peace for the Sword Coast. What will they do next? *Team A is currently FULL, but scan the QR Code to request information on Teen DnD programs with openings.*



Teen Jackbox Games
Friday August 8th
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 your screen names and your answers must remain library appropriate throughout the program.

Teen Gaming Club
Wednesday August 13th
3:30—4:45pm 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.

OPL Teen Amazing Race **R**
Friday August 15th
12:00-2:00pm throughout the Library

Our 2025 Summer Reading program is once again ending with a race around the world! Come in teams of three to participate in a series of geography-themed challenges. The team that earns the most points by the end of the event will win small trophies as well as bonus raffle tickets for our Summer Reading grand prize raffle!
REGISTRATION REQUIRED—see the Circulation Desk or email programming@oleanlibrary.org to join.

2025 Teen Summer Reading Closing Party
Friday August 15th
3:00—4:30pm in the Gallery
Immediately following our Teen Amazing Race, join us to draw tickets for our 2025 Teen Summer Reading grand prizes. Snacks and Jackbox Games will also be available.

Team B, Teen DnD **R**
Wednesday August 20th
6:00—8:30pm in the Gallery
Our adventurers continue on their quest to secure and develop the town of Leilon.
REGISTRATION REQUIRED—email programming@oleanlibrary.org or scan the QR code to join.



The teen room is open weekdays 3—6pm.

Adult Programs

Legos

Monday August 4th

6:00-8:00pm in the Gallery

Calling all LEGO artists! Come create a portrait or a scene, in this patron led program, that we can display in our gallery for the month of August. You asked for an adult Lego day; we listened!



Spirit Time with MaryBeth & Donya

Wednesday August 6th

6:00pm in the Conference Room

This class will focus on history of spirit connection using various tools and techniques.

Ages 16 & up.



Dungeons and Dragons

Tuesday August 12th

6:00-8:30pm in the Conference Room

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.



Scan the QR to create a character ahead of time!

Adult DnD Campaign



Join here!

ADULT SUMMER READING CHECK-IN BASH

Monday August 18th

Stop by anytime between 5:00pm - 8:00pm

Come join us in the gallery to check in your adult summer reading booklet with a ton of fun things to do!

5-8pm Flower Bar—Make a mini bouquet

5-8pm Make a pair of festive sunglasses

5-8pm Festive glitter, temporary freckles, & hair tinsel

6-7pm—Sneaky Links—Get a permanent bracelet



All while supplies last! Make sure to bring your reading booklet to check in and enter raffles!

Cooking Club

Thursday August 21st

6:30pm in the Gallery

This month's Cooking Club theme is Luau! Bring a Hawaiian dish or Hawaiian-inspired dish to share and join us to try some delicious dishes and discuss food and cooking. This laid-back program is great for home cooks of all skill levels, and we always welcome new members!

Knit & Crochet Club

Tuesday August 26th

6:00pm 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 home.



If interested in virtually attending a program with a virtual option, email programming@oleanlibrary.org



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Craft Programs

Pinecone Art

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Monday August 11th
6:30pm in the Gallery

Come join us to make a rustic 3d art piece with many recycled materials. Warning: We will be using hot glue, acrylic paint and precision knives in this program.

We encourage you to bring cleaned pinecones and recycled plastic straws, although it is not necessary to participate in this program.

Ages 13 & up
with a
participating
parent.



Boho Painting with Jean Benson

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Tuesday, August 27th
6:00pm in the Gallery

Using photo &
art fusion.

Ages 16 & up.



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.

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.

Book Clubs



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Brown Bag Book Club

Monday August 18th
at 12:30pm in the Gallery

You bring the lunch,
we supply the
refreshments!

Join us as we discuss
The Comfort of Crows
by Margaret Renkl.



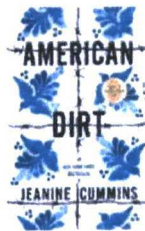
Want to read ahead? For September, we'll be reading *The Messy Lives of Book People* by Phaedra Patrick.

Multiple copies of the book(s) are available through the library system.

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

Wednesday August 20th
at 1:00pm in the
Conference Room

Race Unity Circle Book Club is free and open to the public. Multiple copies are available via the library.



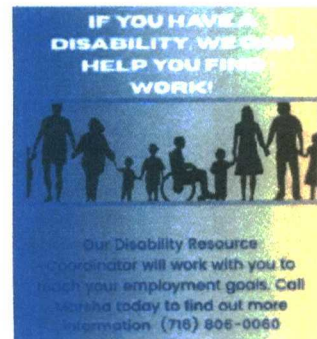
August selection: *American Dirt* by Jeanine Cummins

Outreach

WIC Picnic in the Park

Join the library and other local organizations at War Vets Park on **August 1st** to celebrate World Breastfeeding Week, at the annual Picnic in the Park! We'll enjoy great food and fun games with great prizes. Free for families with littles! Whether you're a parent, supporter, or advocate—there's a place for you at our table.

Presented by WIC, Healthy Community Alliance, Olean Public Library, Ardent Solutions, Healthy Families, Catholic Charities, Epic, Milk for Health, & More. Sponsored in part by Highmark.



If you have a disability, the Cattaraugus-Allegany Workforce Development Board can help you find work! Their Disability Resource Coordinator will work with you to reach your employment goals. Call Marsha today to find out more: 716-806-0060. Or visit us in-library every 3rd Monday from 1pm to 2pm. This month find us August 18th! <https://cawfny.com>

Have you ever thought of going back to college? Are you seeking a new career path?



SUNY Reconnect provides free community college for NYS residents 25-55 years of age who are wishing to study in high demand fields. On Wednesday August 6, the TRIO Adult Educational Opportunity Center is hosting a workshop at the Olean Public Library to share all about this new program. We will discuss all about the requirements and options for SUNY Reconnect as well as research and help you apply to desired programs that day!

Come join us on August 6th from 1:30-3:30pm and learn all about this opportunity.

TRIO AEOC is a federally funded program through the Department of Education that provides FREE college, career, and financial counselling assistance to adult learners in Genesee, Livingston, Orleans, Wyoming, Allegany, and Cattaraugus counties.

Outreach

Workforce Development Programs from SUNY Jamestown Community College

Drop-In Information Sessions held at the Olean Public Library:

July 31st 1:30-3:00pm
August 7th 2:00- 3:00pm
August 14th 11:30am-2:00pm

JCC Workforce Development offers short-term training programs (Welding Fundamentals, Machining/CNC Operating, Electrical Technician, HVAC, etc.) 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 the library session to speak with a workforce representative. More information and an inquiry form can also be found by using the QR code.



Workforce Development



Parenting with Confidence: Free STEP Classes Starting Soon!
Starting August 12, 2025, EPIC's Family Opportunity Center will offer a 7-week **Systematic Training for Effective Parenting (S.T.E.P.)** class series every Tuesday from 6:00-7:00 PM at the Olean Public Library. These free, evidence-based classes are designed to help parents and caregivers better understand their child's behavior, build stronger family communication, and apply positive, practical discipline strategies. To register-scan the QR code or to learn more, contact Ashlee Abrams, Program Coordinator, at 716-332-4192.



Our mission is to actively engage the communities we serve and ensure access to quality care that leads to better health outcomes, guided by a person-centered approach.

Jessica Gunning with Molina Healthcare will be in-library for questions on August 19 from 10am-1pm. Molina is one of the managed care plans offered in Cattaraugus County for Medicaid, Child Health Plus and The Essential Plan. Jessica is a Facilitated Enroller, certified by The NYSOH Marketplace to assist people with applying or recertifying for health insurance.



FOR CHILDREN AGES 3-8 AND THEIR CAREGIVERS

EVERY MONDAY IN AUGUST
3:30P-5:00P

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CONTACT ASHLEE ABRAMS,
PROGRAM COORDINATOR
WITH ANY QUESTIONS
716-332-4192

Summer Story Time & Craft – Mondays in August!

Join us every Monday in August from 3:30 to 5:00PM at the Olean Public Library for a special Summer Story Time & Craft series hosted by EPIC's Family Opportunity Center. Each session includes a fun, seasonal story followed by a hands-on craft that children can take home. This program is perfect for young children and their caregivers looking for creative, screen-free summer fun.

Registration is required.

Use the QR code on the flyer or contact

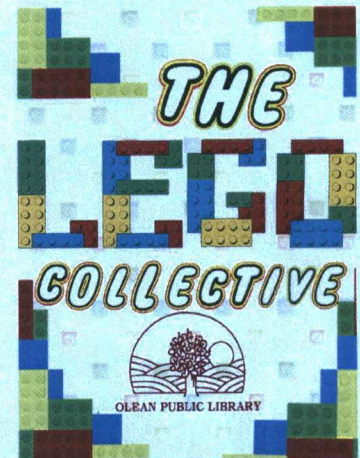
Ashlee Abrams at 716-332-4192 to sign up.

Gallery: August 2025

Come see our patrons creativity as we showcase Lego mosaics in this Lego Collective. This was inspired by an After School Club member who would create a 2D mosaic for every theme at Lego Club. We loved the idea so much that we decided to decorate our gallery with all types of talent including After School Club and Adults!

If you're interested in having your Lego mosaic showcased, please attend our After School Club on August 4th at 4:00pm (No Registration Required) or our Adult program (Registration Requested) on August 4th at 6:00pm.

For any questions, please email achaffee@oleanlibrary.org



Interested in showcasing your art in our gallery? Contact the library by phone or email 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!

Tribute Gift Book Plates July 2025

Honor OR Memorialize OR Acknowledge

In Memory of: Patricia Gimbrone

Donation by: Adola DeWolf & Laura Watts

In Memory of: Donn Norton

Donation by: Kathy Wiley

Library Programs—August 2025

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