



October 2025 Newsletter



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Hours:
M-Th 9am-9pm
Fri 9am-6pm
Sat 10am-5pm



OLEAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Curbside service available by appointment.

We will be closed October 1st, weather permitting, for the installation of two new HVAC rooftop units. Work may continue into Thursday October 2nd. Watch social media and look for signs in the library for the most up to date information on this. We WILL be open on Monday October 13th for Indigenous People's Day/Columbus Day.

HALLOWEENTOWN DOUBLE FEATURE

Saturday, October 18th
1:00pm in the Gallery

We're throwing it back to the early 2000s with a double feature screening of Disney Channel's Halloweentown & Halloweentown II: Kalabar's Revenge! We'll have themed refreshments along with Halloween-related activities to do while you watch the films.



READ BETWEEN THE WINES SETS NEW RECORD



What a night! Thanks to our incredible community, this year's *Read Between the Wines* fundraiser was our most successful yet. With a record number of attendees, over 30 beautifully donated raffle baskets, and generous support all around, we raised nearly \$5,000 for the Olean Public Library. A special thank-you to our guests, donors, and raffle contributors—you made the evening unforgettable. And of course, we're grateful to Brian Lothridge for providing wonderful live music to set the tone.



Our popular *FeBREWary* fundraiser returns on **Friday, February 27**. We can't wait to celebrate with you again!

WINNING OLEAN BACK & OLEAN PUBLIC LIBRARY




HALLOWEEN COSTUME SWAP



OLEAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

OCTOBER 14TH | 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

IF YOU'D LIKE TO DONATE COSTUMES OR ACCESSORIES, PLEASE DROP THEM OFF AT THE OLEAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Children/Family Programs

Story Times & Big Kid Programs run

Oct 20th—Nov 21st

Registration begins 9/29/25 and can be completed online in addition to calling or stopping by.



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 & More

Wednesdays at 10:00am

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 & Stretches

Thursdays at 11:00am

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.

Investigations Stations

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

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.



St. Bonaventure Lanier Literacy

Thursday October 30th at 3:30pm

Student athletes from the St. Bonaventure Lanier Literacy Project will be here to read to kids, have fun and promote literacy! There will be crafts, snacks and giveaways!



Monday October 13th at 2:00pm

Join us as we welcome Mike Morton from Sun-Dance Kids Farm and his Very different, very CREEPY creatures!

Mike usually brings the cute and fuzzy, but on 10/13 he will creep us out with reptiles, snakes, spiders and more!

If you like crawly, scaly, horrifying creatures this is the show for you!



Presenting Cris Johnson's Spooky Magic Show

Saturday October 25th at 1:00pm

Prepare to be mesmerized! There will be a visit from a playful ghost, a drawing of Frankenstein that comes to life, floating objects and much more!



Children/Family Programs



We will be celebrating Halloween as part of our regularly scheduled programs beginning Monday, Oct. 27th. Children may come in costume and we will have a “parade” through the building.

Other activities include Halloween stories, crafts and games. Families are welcome to bring treats for the group if they wish. Cider and donut holes are provided by our Spook-tacular Friends of the Library. Thank You Friends!

After School Program

(Ages 7-12)

4:00-5:00pm

October 6th

Pokémon Club

Bring your Pokémon cards to trade and your devices to play Pokémon go!



October 13th

Halloween

Bingo

Win some Halloween prizes or books!



October 20th

Lego Club

Let's make Haunted Houses!



October 27th

Halloween Hangout

Come grab snacks, watch a movie and chat with friends for this laid back Halloween hangout.

Teen Programs

(Ages 13-18)

OTAB Meeting

Tuesday October 14th

3:30pm in the Conference Room

For October, we will finalize dates and activities for our large programs throughout the rest of 2025. Teens ages 13-18 are welcome to attend and join OTAB.

Team A, Teen DnD



Wednesday October 15th

6:00—8:30pm in the Gallery

The town of Leilon Point suffers under the thumb of aquatic threats, but our party of mighty adventurers are slowly turning the tides of battle in favor of the townsfolk. What will they do next? *Email programming@*

oleanlibrary.org
or scan the QR
code to join.



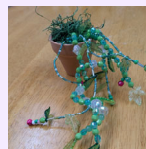
Teen Art Club



Thursday October 16th

3:30pm in the Gallery

Want to make some one-of-a-kind bling for your locker, shelf, or windowsill? Join us as we learn how to make miniature beaded potted plants, with or without a magnet. Just want to experiment with beadwork? We'll have plenty of items on hand for freeform beadwork creations, too. Because this program requires use of floral wire and hot glue, it is limited to **ages 12-19**.



Teen Gaming Club

Wednesday October 22nd

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.

Team B, Teen DnD



Wednesday October 29th

6:00—8:30pm in the Gallery

Our adventurers continue on their quest to secure and develop the town of Leilon. The vampire and his spawn are slain and new allies have joined us, but what will happen with the remaining threats to Phandalin? And what will our intrepid adventures find when they return to Leilon?

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OTAB Halloween Party

Friday October 31st

3:30-5:30pm in the Gallery

Join us before trick or treating as we celebrate the spookiest holiday with snacks, scary movies, and snacks like chips and candy! Dress in costume to be extra festive, and enjoy a spooky-themed photo booth with your friends. Also, we once again will have trophies available for the best costumes, with hidden judges awarding them.

The teen room is open
weekdays 3—6pm.

Adult Programs

Silent Writing Group

Saturday October 4th

2:00pm in the Gallery



Bring whatever writing equipment you prefer and settle in for an hour while we quietly write next to each other. You're welcome to bring your headphones if you prefer to help you focus.

This is not a workshop, so we won't be sharing or critiquing our work.

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LR Limited Registration

Z Zoom Option Available

R Registration Requested 3

Adult Programs

Moon Magic Madness Protection Class



Thursday October 9th
6:00pm in the Gallery

In this class you will learn how to cast a protection circle. You will learn why casting a protection circle is important. You will learn about the four corners and the five elements. You will learn what crystals and what candle colors match each of the four corners. This magical experience will teach you the basics of protection!

Ages 18 & up.

Knit & Crochet Club

Saturday October 11th
11:30am 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.

Halloween & Book Bingo

Monday October 13th
5:30-7:30pm in the Gallery

Pop in at any time to play a fun filled night of bingo with family and friends! Win Halloween items and books!

Dungeons and Dragons



Tuesday October 14th
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!

Cooking Club

Thursday October 16th
6:30pm in the Gallery

This month's Cooking Club theme is **Halloween Party!** Bring a Halloween-themed dish, and we'll try each others' dishes and discuss food and cooking while celebrating the spooky holiday! This laid-back program is great for home cooks of all skill levels, and we always welcome new members.

John Lewis: Good Trouble Part 2



Tuesday October 21st
6:00pm in the Gallery

Join Love in Action as we watch part 2 of the acclaimed documentary "John Lewis: Good Trouble". We will watch part 3 on November 18, 2025.

I Have Seen Bigfoot With Peter Wiemer

Wednesday October 22nd
6:00pm in the Gallery

Join Peter Wiemer, first chairman of the Ice Castle Extravaganza and creator of the Chautauqua Lake Bigfoot Expo, as he presents his experience with and research about Bigfoot. I Have Seen Bigfoot will be a Seminar on the reality of Bigfoot in Cattaraugus County, Western New York State and across the USA. Listen to and speak about yours and other eyewitness Bigfoot sightings. IHaveSeenBigfoot.com

Haunted Hinsdale House With Daniel Klaes

Monday October 27th
6:00pm in the Gallery

Join us for a spine-chilling journey through the haunted Hinsdale House, where whispers of the past echo through its eerie halls. This historic dwelling was built in 1853 and has been the site of countless paranormal encounters, from shadowy figures flitting through dimly lit rooms, to the inexplicable sounds of disembodied voices reverberating in the night. Community lore tells of

restless spirits, including the ghostly apparitions of former residents, forever bound to the home. Join the current owner Daniel Klaes as we dive into the house's haunting history. Prepare to uncover the chilling secrets that linger in the shadows, beckoning those brave enough to explore its sinister past.

Subtle Energies with Mary Quantrall

Thursday October 30th
5:00pm in the Gallery

What are subtle energies and why is their presence in our lives important? Join me, in the gallery, for an interactive exploration of the way subtle energies affect our lives. Learn how we can spot trouble and/or opportunities coming and how to turn them to our advantage. An aura, a ghost, wind, goose bumps, gossip and a Freudian slip are all subtle energies. **Ages 16 & up.**



OPL's Short Story Contest

October 1st–October
31st

In the spirit of the season the Olean Public Library is taking a leaf out of Mary Shelley's book, so to speak, and hosting a Short Story Contest! Adults (**18 & older**) wishing to participate will be able to submit one short story no more than 2000 words, adhering to the theme of Gothic Literature.

5 stories will be chosen to be published in a small "zine" which will be printed & freely distributed by the Olean Public Library. The top 3 stories will receive small commemorative prizes, and all 5 writers will be invited to read their stories later in November at the Library.

Submissions are open from October 1st to October 31st. Winners will be announced in November.

For more information, including submission guidelines and where to send your story, please visit our website.

Adult Programs

SAVE THE DATE!!

Stories from Across Turtle Island with Perry Ground

Monday November 10th

6:00pm in the Gallery

Many Native Peoples across Turtle Island (North America) share stories that explain the world around them, express beliefs, and highlight behaviors and values that are important to each distinct tribe. This NEW program is filled with stories from Tribes other than the Haudenosaunee. In addition to the stories, some information – cultural, geographic, historical – will be shared about the tribes (Cherokee, Lakota, Navajo, Inuit, and more) where the stories originate.

Told in Perry's dynamic and inclusive style, these stories will take listeners on a storytelling journey across Turtle Island. And will introduce the audience to a wide range of Native American cultures in an entertaining yet educational experience.



Craft Programs

Dragon Wreath

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Monday October 6th

6:00pm in the Gallery

Come join us to create a legendary dragon wreath. Whether you're a fourth wing fan

or love how to train your dragon, this dragon wreath will be the perfect piece to hang in your

home! This craft does require patience and moderate hand strength. We will also be using E600



and hot glue.
Craft level: intermediate
Ages 18 & up.

Cat & Moon Wreath

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Monday October 6th

6:30pm in the Gallery

Come join us to create a cute kitty wreath in

the spirit of Halloween.

We will offer Halloween colors, the cat and the moon for the wreath making! We will be using paint pens, E600, and hot glue.

Craft level: beginner
Ages 13 & up.



Pop-up Exquisite Monster Drawing

Thursday October 9th

3:00-5:00pm in the lobby

This is a delightful low-pressure drawing game where each person takes a turn creating parts of the monster, concealing

it and passing it to the next person until the piece is done. It is great for all ages and skill levels. All finished drawing will be hung in the

gallery for October and posted on our socials. Come and enjoy this fun community drawing project!



Pop-In Mini Witches Broom

October 14th,

15th, & 16th

6:00-8:00pm

Come use dried herbs, flowers, twines, and add-ons to make this little craft. Add positive energy to cast your own spell on the broom!



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



Brown Bag Book Club

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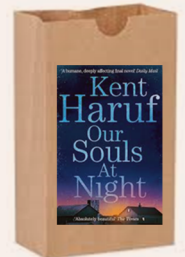
Monday October 20th

at 12:30pm in the Gallery

You bring your lunch, and we'll supply some treats and good company!

Join us as we discuss *Our Souls at Night* by Kent Haruf.

Multiple copies of the book are available physically and digitally throughout the library system.



Want to read ahead? For November, we'll be reading *House of Glass* by Sarah Pekkanen.

We'll also begin compiling our 2026 reading list at this meeting, so bring any book suggestions you have!

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

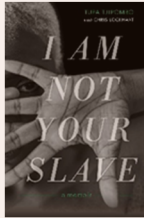
Book Clubs

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

Wednesday October 15th
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.

October selection:
I Am Not Your Slave: A Memoir by Tjipombo and Lockhart



Outreach

Bring the kiddos and a costume to swap (or not)!

You do not need to bring a costume to participate!

Tuesday, October 14th from 6-8pm
in the Olean Public Library Art Gallery

Find a new-to-you spooktacular costume! Get a photo in your new costume and a free treat bag.

No Registration necessary.

Many thanks to Winning Olean Back for sponsoring this event!



FALL STORY TIME & CRAFT
FOR CHILDREN AGES 3-8 AND THEIR CAREGIVERS

EVERY TUESDAY IN OCTOBER
3:30P-5:00P

OLEAN PUBLIC LIBRARY
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<https://forms.office.com/r/JDROXEdsR>
REGISTER

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

Join us every Tuesday in October from **3:30 to 5:00 PM** at the Olean Public Library for a special **Fall 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 fun. **Registration is required.** Use the QR code on the flyer or contact **Ashlee Abrams at 716-332-4192** to sign up.

SNAP Helps New Yorkers Buy Food

SNAP provides monthly benefits that you can use to buy food at grocery stores, farmers' markets, and some online retailers. SNAP helps millions of New Yorkers keep food on their tables. NOEP can tell you if you may be eligible for SNAP. **We can also help you with the application.**



Directions in Independent Living, Inc.
NOEP Coordinator-Catt. Co.
Office: (716) 373-4602 x8714
Call/text: (716) 307-2088

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The NOEP Coordinator in Cattaraugus County will be in-library for people interested in SNAP benefits on October 3rd from 1:00-4:00pm



Please consider donating at the American Red Cross Blood Drive @ the library Friday, October 24th from 11:30 AM to 4:30 PM. Please schedule an appointment today by calling 1-800-Red-Cross, visit redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive or download the blood donor app. Type OPLibrary in the "Find a Drive" search bar.

Outreach



In celebration of National Mental Illness Awareness Week (October 5 thru 11) the National Alliance on Mental Illness will have a display in-library through the month of October. NAMI Buffalo & Western New York, provides free services to families and loved ones of people coping with the challenges of mental illness and recovery. Services include:

- A HelpLine (716-226-6264, Option 1) for non-crisis support and referrals
- Family Support Groups for caregivers and people close to a person who lives with mental illness,
- An 8-week Family-to-Family class to help family members and others close to a person living with mental illness to be the strongest, most effective advocate possible and how to support the person's recovery
- Free awareness and education resources like the Sharing Hope project for communities of color, and Ending the Silence presentations for school students, staff and parents/caregivers.

For more information, visit www.namibuffalony.org, or contact info@namibuffalony.org or 716-226-6264 x 101.



Medicare Annual Enrollment specialist Rick Gaczewski will be in-library October 17th & 20th from 1:00pm-3:00pm to discuss Original Medicare Coverage Changes, Prescription Drug Coverage Changes, Available Private Plan Options & Benefits.

Gallery: October 2025

“Life & Wholeness” by Rose Brawn
Artist Reception:
Friday October 10, 2025
3:30-5:30pm



Rose Brawn’s art is a combination of painting and sculpture which explores the human experience through color and form. “I use various tools to ‘paint’ or mark the paper and then rip paintings to represent the wounds of life’s challenges. I glue the piece back together forming metallic scars of healing,” Brawn states.

Although originally from the deep south, Brawn has been creating art in the Cattaraugus area for the past several years. Before coming to the Olean area, she received her BFA in Printmaking from SUNY New Paltz and worked for the Alvin Loving Artist Estate for over 15 years. She gives credit to Loving for her love of abstract art.



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 September 2025

Honor OR Memorialize OR Acknowledge

In Memory of: Peter Frank Smith Sr.

Donation by: Sarah Bean

In Memory of: Barbara DeStevens

Donation by: Linda Churakos

In Memory of: Paige Drake

Donation by: Donna Lerminiaux

In Memory of: Joyce Augostini

Donation by: Ann Marie Sitter-Tompkins

In Honor of 80th Birthday : Daniel McCarthy **Donation by:** Ann Marie Sitter-Tompkins

Olean Public Library Programs Calendar October 2025

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