

November 2025 Newsletter



OLEAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Olean, NY 14760
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Hours:
M-Th 9am-9pm
Fri 9am-6pm
Sat 10am-5pm

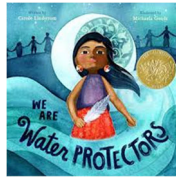
Curbside service available by appointment.



The library will be closed November 27th & 28th in observance of Thanksgiving.



thank you



Thank you, League of Women Voters of Cattaraugus and Allegany Counties, for your donation of We Are the Water Protectors by Carole Lindstrom. Every year the organization generously donates a copy of a children's book title to each of the libraries in Cattaraugus and Allegany Counties in memory of Barbara K. Chew.



The Olean Public Library is a proud donation location for the Toys-For-Tots campaign.

Donations can be dropped off November 1st through December 1st.
Please see page 6 for additional information.



Giving Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2025, is a global day of generosity spurred by the Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation. Cattaraugus Gives rallies communities to give back through donations, volunteering, and acts of kindness.

During this giving season, the Friends of the Olean Public Library are looking to direct funds raised to purchase a new microfilm reader/scanner. This asset in the library will directly benefit the genealogy and local history program that has been enhancing accessibility and improving preservation of the community's rich history.

Check back in on December 2nd to <https://tinyurl.com/57sbdsrm> or scan the QR code to visit our page for Cattaraugus Gives.

**GIVING
TUESDAY
12.2.25**



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

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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

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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

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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

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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 November 13th
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!



Give a Moose a Muffin Workshop

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November 15th @
11:00am

Muffins, brunch, games and activities.

Together we will stuff a moose, place a rainbow star inside and make a wish! Only 25 spots are available for this fun event.

You MUST register!
Register in person or by phone beginning Nov. 1st.
(716) 372-0200



Save the date!

December 20th @ 1:00pm

Join us at the library for some Christmas Magic! Watch Frosty come alive and see Magical Mister J make it snow. There will be stories, activities and a visit from Santa himself!

Fun for all ages.

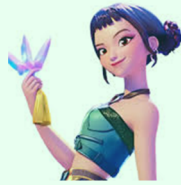


**After School Program
(Ages 7-12)
4:00-5:00pm**

November 3rd

KPOP Party

Hey Demon Hunter fans, let's join together with some fun themed activities. It's gonna be, gonna be GOLDEN!



November 10th

Minecraft Day

Come play Minecraft with your friends. There will be limited availability for a computer on the same server. Please feel free to bring Minecraft on your tablets or devices.



November 17th

Dog Listeners

Chelsea Place and Laurie Meyers from the Olean Kennel Club along with their four-pawed companions, Tilde & Delilah, will present the AKC Dog Listener class. This fun and educational program teaches children, teens, & adults how to take cues from a dog's behavior and determine how to safely and respectfully interact with them. From understanding body language to learning the right way to greet a pup, the program empowers participants to build confidence and kindness around our furry friends.



November 24th

Pokemon Club

Join your friends and trade your cards.



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

Olean Teen Advisory Board (OTAB) Meeting

Tuesday November 4th
3:30pm in the Conference Room
Are you a teen looking to directly influence what teen programs are offered at your library? Do you need volunteer hours for school or want a way to give back to your community. Teens between the ages of 13 and 18 are welcome to join any of our meetings. This month, we're finalizing our plans for Friendsgiving and our Winter Party.

Team A, Teen DnD



Wednesday November 5th
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?

Scan the QR code to join.

Teen Art Club

Thursday November 6th
3:15-4:30pm in the Gallery
Adventurers and lovers of tabletop games, bring your minis and paints or use ours! Come hang out and paint some minis for your game or just for fun. This is not class, but we will be available for help.



Teen Jackbox Games

Friday November 7th
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 November 12th
3:15—4:30pm 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 November 19th
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, but what will happen with the remaining threats to Phandalin?

Scan the QR code to join.



Teen Friendsgiving



Tuesday November 25th
3:30-4:45pm in the Gallery
Join our teen programming staff and OTAB as we welcome the holiday season through a Friendsgiving gathering. We'll provide main dishes like pizza as well as some treats, so there will be more than enough for all to enjoy. Bring yourself, your appetite, and (if you want) a treat to share and/or a friend.



The teen room is open weekdays 3—6pm.

Adult Programs

Knit & Crochet Club

Saturday November 1st
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.



Stories from Across Turtle Island with Perry Ground

Monday November 10th
6:00pm in the Gallery



All ages can enjoy this amazing presentation!!

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.

Dungeons and Dragons

Tuesday November 11th
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



John Lewis: Good Trouble Part 3

Tuesday November 18th
6:00pm in the Gallery

Join Love in Action as we watch part 3 of the acclaimed documentary "John Lewis: Good Trouble".



Cooking Club

Thursday November 20th
6:30pm in the Gallery

This month's Cooking Club theme is **Thanksgiving Dinner!** Bring your favorite Thanksgiving dish, and we'll discuss food and cooking while enjoying an early Thanksgiving dinner, potluck-style! This laid-back program is great for home cooks of all skill levels, and we always welcome new members.

Family Photo Session

Friday November 21st
3:30–5:30pm in the Gallery

OR

Saturday November 22nd
10:30am–1:30pm in the Gallery
Bring your family or friends in for a mini photo session for the holidays complete with a holiday backdrop!

Call to register for your time slot. Please arrive five minutes before your reservation and wait outside of the Gallery until the previous session is completed.



OPL Short Story Contest Celebration

Saturday November 22nd
3:00pm in the Gallery

Join us as we celebrate the winners of our short story contest! All five winning authors will be invited to give a reading of their story. We'll have light refreshments & free copies of the zine containing all 5 winning entries available.

OPL Short Story Contest Winners will be announced on Monday, November 10th so keep an eye on our social media pages!

To register for programs, please call or visit during regular library hours. We cannot take programming registration by voicemail message or messages sent to our social media platforms.
Thank you.

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

Craft Programs

Paint with Me featuring Serenhippity **LR**

Thursday November 6th
6:00pm in the Gallery

Join SerenHippity for an Instructed paint workshop. We will walk you step by step through this beautiful Fall Pumpkin Painting. We will outline the design first in pencil and add layers of paint and using various brush strokes and techniques create a stunning piece that will leave you amazed with your skills.

Craft level: beginner

Ages 18 & up.



Pop-In Origami

Thursday November 13th
6:30-8:30pm

Join us in the gallery to work on some beginner-level origami! We have origami paper in a variety of colors, as well as printed instructions, and will be there to help you work through them as needed. Pop in anytime during this program to participate. Some paper and copies of instructions will be available to take home to work on, too!

The Family Mosaic **LR**

Monday November 17th
6:00pm in the Gallery

Come for a calm relaxing night to create a decorative cutting board. This program does require some patience and very basic drawing

skills.
Craft level:
mostly beginner
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



Brown Bag Book Club **Z**

Monday November 17th
at 12:30pm in the Gallery

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

Join us as we discuss *House of Glass* by Sarah Pekkanen.

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

Want to read ahead? For December, we'll be reading *Shepherds Abiding: A Mitford Christmas Story* by Jan Karon.

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



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

Wednesday November 19th
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.

November selection:

The Night Watchman by Louise Erdrich.



Outreach

LawNY Medicare, Healthcare Navigator, & Elder Care Law assistance will be available in-library on the following days from 10am–1pm:
November 3rd
November 10th
November 17th
November 24th



Phone assistance: 716-373-4701 ext. 2015.



November 3rd & November 5th
from 1– 3pm.

Please join us this Medicare Annual Enrollment Period as Rick Gaczewski of United Healthcare provides info on original Medicare coverage changes, prescription drug coverage changes, & available private plan options & benefits. For more info call (716) 432-5785.

Outreach



FIDELIS CARE®

November 12th & 19th from
2:30–6:00pm

Fidelis Care will be offering onsite enrollment and renewals for all plans including Child Health Plus along with some cool promo items.

**Stay HEALTHY. Stay SOCIAL.
Stay INSPIRED. Stay WISE.**

November 6th, 13th, 20th
December 4th, 11th, 18th
From 10:00am to 11:30 am

Join us for this fun and FREE educational program, for adults 60 and up, that offers six lessons covering a wide range of topics. The sessions include free light snacks, free incentives, are a great way to meet new people and:

- Learn about the aging process and how to make healthy lifestyle choices
- Celebrate this exciting stage of life and all the benefits that come with it
- Discuss risk factors and behaviors you should avoid to stay healthy
- Examine how alcohol, prescription medications and over-the-counter medications affect seniors differently and how you can avoid problems
- Learn how to use simple tools to help you feel more empowered about your health and the healthcare you receive.

For questions, please contact Erica at (716) 373- 4303 ext. 521.



November 14th at 11am

Did you know that original Medicare is not the same as a Medicare Advantage Plan? It's so complicated! The Center for Elder Law and Justice invites anyone 55 or older, their children, and/or caregivers to a presentation explaining how Medicare works, eligibility, the rules, your rights, what to do if denied, understanding your Explanation of Benefits, and how to understand the billing. They will also cover utilization of Medicaid benefits.

Bring your questions and examples! Registration requested.
(716) 372-0200.



The Olean Public Library is a proud donation location for the US Marine Corps Reserve Toys-For-Tots campaign. To contribute, place a new unwrapped toy in the donation bin near our Information Desk between **November 1st and December 1st**. This program is for ages infant to 12. No clothes or realistic looking weapon donations please. If you are a local family and would like to request toys from Toys For Tots, go to their online request form: <https://olean-ny.toysfortots.org/>



Homeless Awareness Month.

Have you wanted to help people experiencing homelessness in our community, but aren't sure how? Follow *Connecting Communities in Action* on Facebook and stop by our display in-library to learn more and to pick up resources. All month we will be accepting donations to make Blessing Bags to be given to Genesis House and Epic Church. Find the donation box near the library's INFO Desk.

Accepting donations of travel sized hygiene items, shelf stable snacks, hand warmers, Band aids, gloves, hats, scarves, socks, feminine hygiene products, and hand sanitizer.

#TogetherWeCanEndHomelessness.

Find CCA Representatives in-library Thursday, November 20th from 11am-1pm to ask questions.

<https://www.facebook.com/CattCommAction>

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. NOEP 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

The NOEP coordinator for Cattaraugus County will be in-library for people interested in SNAP benefits on:
November 6th from 1–4:00pm

Outreach

Visit our display in-library throughout the month of November:

Understanding Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) is an international fellowship dedicated to helping individuals struggling with alcohol dependency achieve and maintain sobriety. AA meetings are the cornerstone of the organization.

These gatherings, which are free and open to anyone who wants to stop drinking, provide a safe and confidential environment for individuals to share their experiences, strengths, and hopes with one another.

During meetings, members may discuss their struggles, celebrate milestones in their sobriety, and offer support to newcomers. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking.

What Does AA Do?:

- Support Meetings: Organizes group gatherings for sharing experiences and offering mutual aid.
- Sponsorship: Encourages mentorship relationships, where experienced members (“sponsors”) guide newcomers.
- Literature and Resources: Publishes books, pamphlets, and online materials to educate and inspire those seeking recovery.

If you want to drink, that's your business.
If you want to stop drinking, that's ours.
Toll Free Hotline 716-372-4800



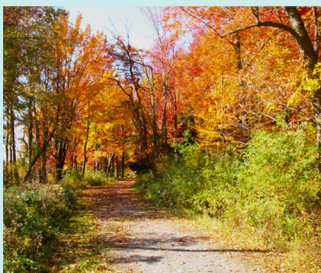
How to find us – Meeting Guide App FREE-OF-CHARGE worldwide meeting finder app

The app helps people find A.A. meetings and resources near them. A.A. service entities provide the meeting data for the app. **Meeting Guide** is available for iOS and Android smartphones.

Gallery: November 2025 Jean Benson from Photos 'n Art Fusion

Jean Benson does nature, floral and still life photography as well as abstract / textured art. She has been doing photography for several years. She is a member of both the Twin Tier Camera Club and the Tri-County Arts Council, and she has displayed art with Tri-County Arts. Her exhibit will encompass both her photography as well as her abstract and textured art.

A reception to open the exhibit will be held on Wednesday, November 12th from 5:30-7:00pm. All are welcome to attend.



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!

Tribute Gift Book Plates October 2025

Honor ✎ Memorialize ✎ Acknowledge

In Memory of: John Vanini

Donation by: Dale & Brenda Persons

In Memory of: John Vanini

Donation by: Rob & Roberta

In Memory of: Joan M. Lockwood

Donation by: Olean Teachers' Association

Library Programs - November 2025

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