

June 2026 Newsletter



OLEAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

Curbside service available by appointment.



UNEARTH A STORY Summer Reading Program

is right around the corner!



Book Your Summer at the Olean Public Library!

- Read to earn Kid Cash for prizes!
- Fun Programs & Special Events for all ages!

We are ready for a jam-packed, fun filled summer in 2026! Registration for all children's programs and Summer Reading at the Olean Public Library begins **June 29th** during regular library hours. Come on in to get a field notebook to start recording your reading finds!

Register for Summer Reading and programs in person, online or by phone. Programs and check ins begin the week of **July 13th**.

Registration is requested for all programs except special events.

Friends of the Olean Public Library : Born to Read



Born to Read is an international initiative started in the 90's in Canada to provide new parents with colorful book bags to encourage literacy with their newborns. Former Friends of the Olean Public Library board member, the late Marge Nevins, introduced the idea of bringing Born to Read to Olean via a partnership with Olean General Hospital. Our program provides bright-colored packets of information, a brand-new board book, and a library card application to parents upon discharge at Olean General to help foster early reading habits and share the multitude of programs the library has to offer babies and infants. In 2025 alone, 391 packets were distributed to parents. In 2026, 202 packets have been distributed so far. Many thanks to the staff at Olean General Hospital for their continued support of the program and to our dedicated volunteers Cookie & Coach Lindamer who ensure the hospital is well stocked with materials.

ADULT SUMMER READING IS BACK

Join us starting **June 29th** for Adult Summer Reading! This year is sure to be a **ROAR**. Sign up at the information desk during normal library hours. You will receive an adventure booklet to fill out with your reading information, programs you've attended and other activities to then be entered into basket raffles at the end of summer reading.



Our Planting Party on May 5th was a great success. Kids decorated a pot and planted a flower in it. There was face painting by Glitters and Giggles Face Painting and balloon creations by WonderTwist.

Kids could also vote for their favorite book character. They cast their ballots and got an "I voted today sticker."

It was close, but the winner by a nose was Pete the Cat!



This fun program was sponsored by The Frances Bean O'Connell fund.



Groups currently utilizing meeting rooms at the Olean Public Library will need to seek alternative locations

beginning in September 2026. Our new, updated meeting rooms will be available again once the capital project is complete. The project is estimated to be complete in February of 2028. The Library does have a zoom account available for virtual meetings which can be reserved by contacting the library. We apologize for the inconvenience.



Registration Required



Limited Registration



Zoom Option Available



Registration Requested

Children/Family Programs



Programs begin the week of July 13th.

Registration is requested for all programs except special events and can be completed online in addition to calling or stopping by.

Dino Adventures Camp
Mondays at 1:30pm



Kids 5-12 learn about dinosaurs with cool crafts and activities every week!

Stories & More



Wednesdays at 10:00am

Program for children ages 1 to 3 years. With an adult, children listen to stories, learn songs, rhymes, finger plays and participate in 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 moving!

Investigations Stations



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



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.

What Makes You, YOU? A Kids Introduction to DNA & Traits

Wednesday June 10th

3:30pm in the Children's Area
Join board-certified genetic counselor Victoria Robertson, MS, CGC, for a fun and interactive introduction to DNA, traits, and what makes each of us unique! Through colorful visuals, story time, and hands-on activities, kids will learn how DNA helps shape traits like eye color, freckles, curly hair, and more. Participants will create their own "DNA bracelet" based on their individual traits while exploring how differences make us special. Recommended for ages 5-10.

Unearth A Story: Kids & Clay!

Single session classes will be offered on:



June 15th @ 3:30pm

June 15th @ 6:00pm

Kids ages 7-12 will learn how to take raw clay, form it and make it into something really cool.



This class will be taught by local artisan Tara Dedrick. Each class will be approximately 1.5 hours long and one complete project will be created in each class. Parents are encouraged to stay and assist. We can only accommodate 10 kids per session.

This program is brought to you by the Francis Bean O'Connell Endowment



Come One! Come All!
Olean Public Library is having our Summer Kick Off Carnival!

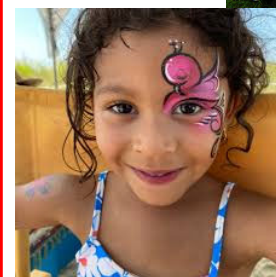
Saturday, June 13th
from 12:00-1:00PM

* Games! * Prizes! *
* Face painting! *
* Balloon Animals! * Refreshments! *

Magic Show with the Jeffers follows at 1:00PM!



* Fun for all! *



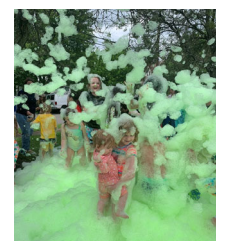
Freddy Frog's Foam Party!

Friday, June 26th at 2:00pm

Celebrate the first day of Summer Vacation!!



Don't miss this amazing event. We will transform our outdoor area into mountains of safe, fluffy, allergen-free, biodegradable foam! Wear a swim suit and non slip shoes. Bring a towel and hop, sing and dance in our fabulous foamy fantasy land.



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Z Zoom Option Available

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After School Program (Ages 7-12) / 4:00-5:00PM

After School Club will be on break during the month of June. Watch Facebook & future Newsletters for a return date.

Teen Programs (Ages 13-18)

OTAB Meeting

Tuesday June 2nd

3:30pm in the Conference Room

Want a say in what happens in our teen programs? Teens ages 13-18 are welcome to join OTAB, where OPL teens work with the programming librarian to brainstorm new programs and reflect on any challenges or concerns from previous ones.

Team A, Teen DnD



Wednesday June 3rd

6:00-8:30pm in the Gallery

A city has disappeared from the material plane, and it's up to our new group of heroic adventurers to make things right. Join us as they assist the Flaming Fist in their quest to protect Baldur's Gate. [Email](mailto:programming@oleanlibrary.org)

programming@oleanlibrary.org or scan the QR code.



Teen Gaming Club

Wednesday June 10th

3:30-4:45 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 Summer Celebration

Thursday June 11th

3:30-4:30 in the Gallery

The 2026 school year is ending, so let's get together to celebrate both our graduating seniors and the start of summer reading season! We'll have pizza and treats, as well as small gifts for our seniors.

Teen Jackbox Games

Fridays June 12th & 26th

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.

Team B, Teen DnD



Wednesday June 17th

6:00-8:30pm in the

Gallery

A city has disappeared from the material plane, and it's up to our new group of heroic adventurers to make things right. Join us as we create our new group of adventurers to embark on a new quest! [Email](mailto:programming@oleanlibrary.org)

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Teen Art Club: Tie Dying Party



Thursday June 18th

3:30-4:30pm in the Gallery

We'll provide the shirts and fabric dye: you provide the artistic vision! Registrants will each receive a t-shirt to tie-dye however they want. We'll also provide fabric markers, for those who would rather draw on their shirts. NOTE: As this is an outdoor program, please plan to be outside for the duration of the program. If weather prevents us from meeting outside, we will postpone one week to June 25th. Please watch our social media pages and library signage for any updates.

2026 Teen Tie-Dying



Register here!

The teen room is open weekdays 3-6pm.

Adult Programs

Composting with Stephanie Pikulski

Monday June 8th

6:00pm in the Gallery

Interested in making homemade, nutritious garden compost but not sure where to start? Join Master Gardener Volunteer Stephanie Pikulski and learn the basics of composting! This class will be targeted towards beginners, but more advanced gardeners may learn something, too!



Adult Dungeons and Dragons



Tuesday June 9th

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. Bringing a snack to share, though not required, is appreciated.

[Email programming@oleanlibrary.org](mailto:programming@oleanlibrary.org) for details prior to the program.



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

Adult Programs

Genetics Across a Lifetime:

How DNA & Family History Can Impact Health & Wellness at Every Age

Wednesday June 10th
5:30pm in the Gallery

Join board-certified genetic counselor Victoria Robertson, MS, CGC, for an engaging community discussion on how genetics can influence health and wellness across every stage of life. Topics will include hereditary cancer, heart disease, developmental conditions, reproductive genetics, and common misconceptions about genetics. Attendees will learn when genetic counseling or testing may be helpful, how family history can guide healthcare decisions, and how genetics can impact both individuals and families across generations. The program will include an interactive Q&A session and a take-home hereditary risk screening checklist. No science background required.

Dinosaur CSI with PaleoJoe

Thursday June 11th
6:00pm in the Gallery

PaleoJoe, award winning paleontologist, author and storyteller, takes you on a trip back in time to learn about the victims and perpetrators, life and death of the prehistoric. Learn the techniques used in the investigation of how these creatures lived and died. See the evidence and discover the stories that are told through Dinosaur CSI. **Ages 10 & up.**



Knit & Crochet Club

Saturday June 13th
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.

Cooking Club

Thursday June 18th
6:30pm in the Gallery

June's Cooking Club theme will be **Cookout!** Bring your favorite cookout/picnic dish to share and join us to celebrate the beginning of summer with some good food! Home cooks of all skill levels are welcome to join us. New members are always welcome!

Books & Braids

Saturday June 20th
1:30-3:30pm in the Gallery

Hey dads, are you ready for something different for Father's Day? Come solo or with your (pre-registered) buddies. Sara & Jessica, our amazing stylists, will teach you the basics of braiding on a mannequin in our judgement free zone. There will be snacks and time to hang out on top of being able to leave with the knowledge and confidence to help style your daughter's hair!

Sneak Peek for Summer Reading

Monday June 22nd
6:00-8:00pm in the Gallery

Are you so excited to join summer reading? Adventure begins at OUR library! Summer Reading officially starts June 29th but on June 22nd we will have a pop-in



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program with a craft, summer reading signups AND Henna Annie will be joining us as well!

Registration Required with limited spots available for Henna Annie.

No Registration required for the pop-in craft program. Ages 18 & up.

OPL Short Story Contest Celebration

Saturday June 27th
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 Saturday, June 13th, so keep an eye on our social media pages!



Craft Programs

Create Your Own Rainbow Magic

Tuesday June 16th
5:00pm in the Gallery

Join us for a hands-on class where your creativity creates magic. You will transform a vintage crystal and up-cycled jewelry, of your choice, to a beautiful handcrafted prism. Sunlight will dance through your creation hanging in your window at home and will create rainbows and joyful energy. This is a great program to bring old broken jewelry from loved ones that you'd like to remember by taking those old beads and making them into something beautiful and memorable that you can openly display!

Ages 15 & up.



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Craft Programs

America 250 Craft
Monday June 29th
6:00pm in the Gallery

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Join Miss Amy to create a beautiful door hanger just in time for America's Birthday! This program will be easy, relaxed, and fun for everyone of all skill levels!



Ages 18 & 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

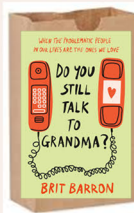


Brown Bag Book Club
Monday June 15th
at 12:30pm in the Gallery

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

Join us as we discuss Do You Still Talk to Grandma? by Brit Barron.



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

Want to read ahead? For July, we will be reading The Lions of Little Rock by Kristin Levine.

Outreach



Join the Race Unity Circle Book Club for a Special Movie Event!

Experience a landmark of American cinema at the Olean Public Library this summer. The Race Unity Circle Book Club is pivoting from books to big-screen drama for their June and July meetings, featuring the groundbreaking 1967 film: "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner". Starring the iconic trio of Sidney Poitier, Spencer Tracy, and Katharine Hepburn, this powerful comedy-drama explores love, prejudice, and interracial marriage. Witness the story of a young woman who brings her accomplished Black fiancé home to meet her surprised, liberal parents, forcing everyone to confront their own biases.

When: June 17th and July 15th
Time: 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Where: Olean Public Library Gallery
Admission: Free & Open to the Public!

Enjoy a screening of this timeless film followed by refreshments and engaging group discussion. Whether you are seeing it for the first time or revisiting a classic, all are welcome. Don't miss this opportunity to connect, watch, and discuss!



Nonviolent Communication Series with Gwen Olton

Explore a transformative model for engaging deeply with ourselves and one another. Join us for a three-part series to learn skills for building a future that works for all.

Session 1: Introduction to NVC Principles via Zoom

Wednesday June 10th
6:00-8:00pm

Session 2: Distinguishing Observations and Judgments via Zoom

Wednesday July 22nd
6:00-8:00pm

Session 3: Integration & Practice In-Person

Saturday August 29th
Time TBD

Location TBD, in Olean

Register by June 3rd!

Text Olean Public Library
at 716-373-2217

or Call 716-372-0200 with your name, phone, and email address to receive zoom link and PDF materials.

Gallery: June 2026

Collaborative Art Display

This month, we're letting YOU be the artist. Inspired by our "Paint the Town" program in the past, we'll be filling the gallery with blank "paint by numbers" posters. You'll be able to pick up supplies to participate at a service desk.

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 May 2026

Honor Memorialize Acknowledge

In Memory of: Brenda Quist

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Library Programs - June 2026

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 Community outreach programs in purple