July 2026 Newsletter

OLEAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

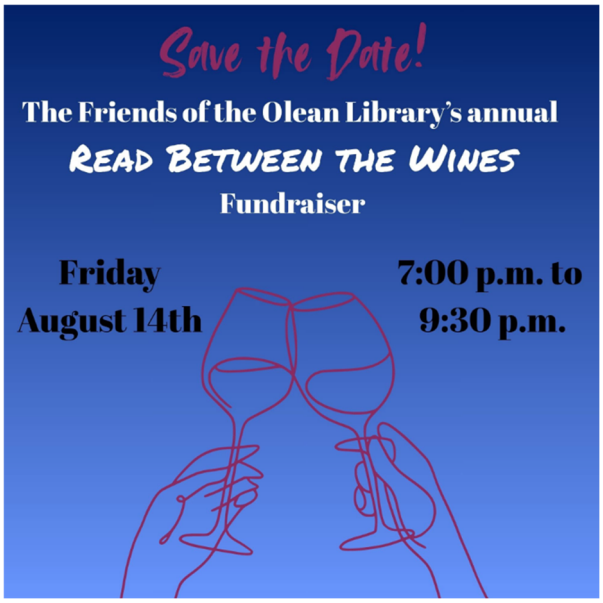
Curbside service available by appointment.
The library will be closed on Saturdays from July 1st - August 31st. The library will be closed 7/10, 7/17, & 7/31.

Friends of the Olean Public Library

The Friends of the Olean Public LIbrary are once again honored to monetarily support the Summer Reading Programming at the Olean Public Library.

Summer reading registration began the last week in June, but it's not too late. Sign up at the library and you could win some great prizes sponsored by the Friends.

Now that we've finally reached Summer, it's time to update your calendar - Read Between the Wines has been moved to August 14th! Same great wine, great food, great fun, great event with a NEW date. Tickets will be available at the Library & online soon.



The summer kick-off carnival on June 13th was a great success. There was plenty of sunshine, laughter and magic for all! Thank you Friends of the Library for once again sponsoring this fun kick-off to summer event!

The library will be closed 7/10, 7/17, & 7/31 to begin moving collections and placing items into storage in preparation for the start of the capital project.

R Registration Required | LR Limited Registration | Z Zoom Option Available | R 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 **R**
Mondays at 1:30pm
Kids 5-12 learn about dinosaurs with cool crafts and activities every week!

Stories & More **R**
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 **R**
Thursdays at 11:00am
Children ages 2 to 5. 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.

BOOK YOUR SUMMER AT THE LIBRARY!

Registration for all children's programs and the summer reading challenge at the Olean Public Library begins June 29th. Register for clubs and programs in person, online or by phone. These begin the week of July 13th.

Registration is requested for all programs except Special Events.

Kids of all ages register for the Unearth a Story summer reading challenge. Read on your own or with someone to earn Kid Cash and buy cool prizes. **Check-ins begin July 13th.**

NO CHECK INS ON FRIDAYS.

The last day to check in and receive prizes is August 6th.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Thursday, July 23rd
Omnipresent Puppet Theater presents Bonnie's Brachiosaurus—3:00pm

Friday, July 24th
Cris Johnson Jurassic Journeys Magic Show—3:00pm

Thursday, July 30th
Checkers the Inventor's Great Dino Discovery Show—2:00pm

Thursday, August 6th
Bliss from Pfeiffer Nature Center—2:00pm

Thursday, August 13th
Honor Book Presentation—1:00pm
Petting Zoo & Party—2:00pm

Children/Family Programs

Omnipresent Puppet Theater Presents: Bonnie's Brachiosaurus!

Thursday July 23rd at 3:00pm

Be sure to join us for this amazing production. Told with Omnipresent's fast-paced comic style, this show is touching and fun for all ages. Especially dinosaur lovers!

Jurassic Journeys: Dino Show

Friday July 24th at 3:00pm

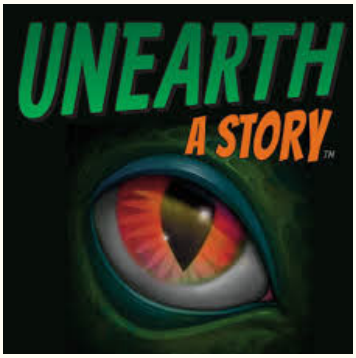
Get up close and personal with amazing dinosaurs and relics from the past. There will be adorable life size baby dinosaurs, music, kid-friendly humor, and audience interaction.

The Great Dinosaur Discovery Show with Checkers The Inventor

Thursday July 30th at 2:00pm

This show is a fast-paced, interactive variety program that features comedy, magic, juggling, stunts and audience participation. This is a true family program.

Unearth a Story with Bliss, a naturalist from Pfeiffer Nature Center



Thursday August 6th at 2:00pm

She knows all about nature and dinos. She will do a fun craft and presentation. Don't miss this fun event.

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

Pokemon Club
Monday July 13th

Minecraft Club
Monday July 20th
Limited devices available, feel free to bring your own.

Lego Club
Monday July 27th
Make Jurassic Park!

Teen Programs
(Ages 13-18)

Teen Summer Reading (ages 13-19) begins Monday, June 29 and runs through Friday, August 7. Check-ins will happen Monday-Thursday. Please stop by the Teen Room or the Information Desk for more information or to claim prizes!

OTAB Meeting

Tuesday July 7th
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

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Wednesday July 8th
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 programming@oleanlibrary.org or scan the QR code.

Interested in our Teen DnD Programs?
Scan for more information!

Teen Dino Nugget Pillows

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Thursday July 9th
3:30pm in the Gallery

What's better than dinosaurs? Dino chicken nuggets! Librarian Cherish will help participants hand sew pillows in the shape of beloved dinosaur chicken nuggets. No sewing experience necessary.

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Teen Gaming Club
Wednesday July 15th
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.

Team B, Teen DnD
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Wednesday July 22nd
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 programming@oleanlibrary.org or scan the QR code.

HONKdra 3: Jurassic HONK
Wednesday July 29th
5:30-8:30pm in the Gallery R
Everyone's third favorite Jurassic horror returns to the Olean Public Library once again. HONKdra, a goose horror of gargantuan proportions, once again terrorizes Faerun, and only our bravest teen adventurers can banish him from the land. Join OPL GM Cherish as she presents a dinosaur-themed one-shot featuring a new-and-improved HONKdra. Prizes will be awarded at random points throughout.
Email programming@oleanlibrary.org or scan the QR code.

OPL Teen Amazing Race
Friday August 7th
Report at 12:00pm
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Our third annual OPL Teen Amazing Race will be Friday, August 7, and participants will be asked to report at 12 pm. We have space for six teams of three teens. Scan the QR code to register, and email Cherish at programming@oleanlibrary.org with any questions!

The teen room is open weekdays 3—6pm.

Adult Programs

Adult Summer Reading Starts Now!
Come to the information desk to register for summer reading! Summer Reading is for everyone of all ages! Adults will get an "Adventure Booklet" with different activities and pages to track reading and hours read. Check in, in August using your "raffle tickets" to enter for different AMAZING raffle baskets! Reading is okay on any level, audiobooks, magazines, ebooks, reading bedtime stories to your children... This all counts! If you have any questions at all, please email achaffee@oleanlibrary.org!

Adult Dungeons and Dragons
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Tuesday July 7th
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 for details prior to the program.

Pollinators with Stephanie Pikulski
Monday July 13th
6:00pm in the Gallery
Bees, bats, butterflies, oh my! Join Master Gardener Volunteer Stephanie Pikulski to learn about the wonderful world of pollinators, the challenges they face, and what you can do to help save them! This class will be geared towards gardeners of all skill levels and abilities.

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

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Adult Programs

Cooking Club

Thursday July 16th
6:30pm in the Gallery

July's Cooking Club theme will be America 250! Bring a patriotic, red, white, and/or blue dish and join us to celebrate America's 250th birthday! Home cooks of all skill levels are welcome to join us. New members are always welcome!

Hobby Grab

Monday July 20th
6:00-8:00pm in the Gallery

Hey craft & hobby enthusiasts! Come to our "Hobby Grab" to pick up the supplies for that new hobby you want to try. Many different supplies for crafts, some puzzles and more will be available. We will have a table for you to sit and create or you can just pop in. If July 20th isn't open on your schedule, no worries, pop-in between July 21st and July 29th during open hours to grab a ticket at the information desk to pick up materials from tables set up outside the Gallery.

Birds, the modern living dinosaur with Dan Jordan

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Tuesday July 21st
5:30pm in the Gallery

Join Bird Enthusiast Dan Jordan as he presents to you on his encounters and knowledge of birds, the modern living dinosaur!
"The best time to watch birds is when they think no one is watching."
"Birds are direct descendants of T-Rex, not of the pterosaurs"
"Bird watching is something anyone can do, and with all the resources available to us now (like the Merlin app), we can all be good at it!"
"Watching birds can make you forget your troubles and put a smile on your face!"

Knit & Crochet Club

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Thursday July 23rd
6:00pm in the Conference Room

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.

Craft Programs

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Solo Wood Flower Art with Painting by Shelby

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Tuesday July 14th
6:00pm in the Gallery

Join Shelby as you turn simple materials into works of art!
Ages 16 & up.

Dinosaur Terrariums with Miss Amy & Stephanie from Cornell Cooperative Extension

Monday July 27th
6:00pm in the Gallery

Join us to create real living terrariums with a little bit of Jurassic Park to celebrate the summer reading theme "Unearth a Story"

If Living terrariums feel too much, I do have some fake plants that we can add instead. Please specify when registering!
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

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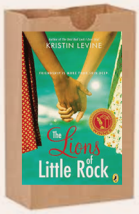
Monday July 20th
at 12:30pm in the Gallery

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



Join us as we discuss The Lions of Little Rock by Kristin Levine.

Multiple copies of the book are available physically and digitally throughout the library system.
Want to read ahead? For August, we will be reading The Correspondent by Virginia Evans.

Book Clubs

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

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: 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!

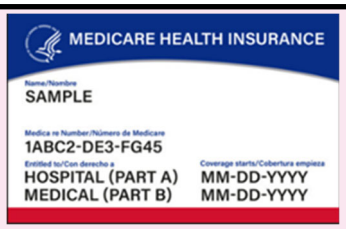
Outreach

Disability Resource Fair

Wednesday July 22nd
12:00pm—3:00pm

Visit the Olean Public Library for a community-wide Disability Resource Fair. Local organizations from across Cattaraugus County will be on hand to share information on services including career exploration, disability benefits advisement, job search support, Medicaid, employment services, independent living skills, nutrition, health care, education, and veterans' services. To become a vendor please contact Marsha Blessing Whitsell, Disability Resource Coordinator, Workforce Development Board, 716-806-0060, mblessingwhitsell@cawfny.com.

Food trucks have been invited to be on-site. This free event is open to all—stop by and connect with valuable resources in your community!



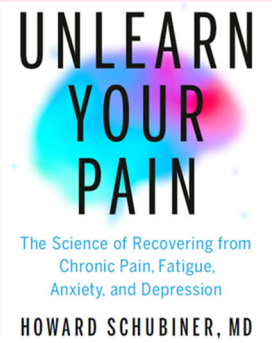
Catt County Dept. of Aging Medicare Resources

Thursday July 16th
11:00am—1:00pm

Pop-in anytime between 11am and 1pm to ask your Medicare questions and pick up info about free assistance from the Dept. of Aging.

Wednesday September 9th
6:30pm—8:00pm via Zoom

It is well known that there is an association between early life trauma and the development of pain and other symptoms later in life. In this workshop, Dr. Schubiner will explore how trauma creates brain hypersensitivities that can lead to the development of a variety of neuroplastic conditions. He will outline two emerging psychological therapies, Pain Reprocessing Therapy and Emotional Awareness and Expression Therapy, which have been shown to be highly effective in randomized, controlled trials. Book available in the library's collection. Read it this summer in preparation of this interesting event!



Gallery: July 2026

Nature's Cacophony of Color

John Macroy has had a lifelong interest in natural history, primarily Lepidoptera (butterflies and moths), and other natural forms. The aesthetic color combinations and designs were the factors that formed his interest. His exhibit this month will consist of his paintings depict nature, intersprinkled with displays of actual butterflies and photography of native birds and butterflies. The goal of the exhibit is to showcase the vibrancy of color shown by nature. Be sure to pop in a few times to view the exhibit: a few of the works may change at the artist's discretion!

Tribute Gift Book Plates June 2026

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Library Programs - July 2026

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