

August 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 close at 5:00pm on Friday, August 14th.



**OLEAN
PUBLIC LIBRARY**
growing together.

Voters overwhelmingly approved a bond to fund a major expansion and renovation of the Library. This investment ensures that the Library will continue to serve as a cornerstone of learning, connection, and opportunity in our community for generations to come.

To fully realize the vision for this transformed space, we are now launching a community campaign to raise funds to outfit the new facility and bring it to life.

Visit the in-Library display or scan the QR code to learn more and consider how you would like to be involved!



<https://oleanlibrary.org/building-project>



Friends of the Olean Public Library

Tickets for Read Between The Wines, August 14th, are now on sale! Pick up yours at the library or at:

<https://oleanfriends.ticketbud.com/2026-read-between-the-wines>

\$25 for 1 ticket

\$45 for 2 tickets

\$15 for a designated driver ticket

Money raised will assist with programming for the library and popular activities such as the biannual poetry contest and the annual Peg Bothner Bookmark Contest.

Thank you for all your support on 716 Day. With your generosity we raised \$841! Your donations to the Friends of the Olean Public Library help us continue programs that inspire literacy, creativity, and lifelong learning for the youngest members of our community while supporting the library's mission.

The Friends of the Olean Library's annual
READ BETWEEN THE WINES
Fundraiser

**Friday
August 14th**

**7:00 p.m. to
9:30 p.m.**



Children/Family Programs



Weekly programs run through August 7th and return in the fall.

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.



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

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

Thursday, August 6th at 2:00pm

She knows all about nature and birds, the modern day dinosaurs! Come learn about OWLS! There will be a fun presentation and crafts. Don't miss this fun event.



Honor Book Presentation

Thursday, August 13th at 1:00pm

Congratulations to the 2026 Summer Reading Super Readers! These are kids who worked really hard and earned an honor book placed in the library with their name.

They will be presented with the book at this special ceremony.

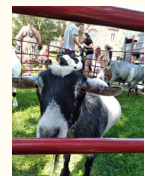


Summer Reading Party with Mike Morton and his

Awesome Animals!

Thursday, August 13th at 2:00pm

Join us to celebrate a fabulous summer with fun activities, Balloon twisting by WonderTwist, Refreshments, and Sun Dance Kids Farm's adorable animals.



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

Kids Craft Club

Monday August 3rd

Making all things DINO!

We will have a cardboard dinosaur station, a beaded dino station, and mini dino homes (bird houses).



Dinosaur Eggs & Fidget Trading

Monday August 10th

Come join Miss Amy for our last After School Club, Summer Edition 2026, for a super fun day of making your very own squishy Dinosaur Egg & fidget trading (just like you see on social media)!

4:00-4:30pm Making squishy dino eggs

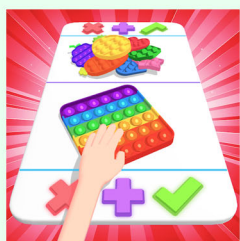
4:30-5:00pm Fidget trading

Come to both or come for one.

We request a grown up joins for both squishy making and fidget trading.

How does fidget trading work?

- Bring your own CLEAN fidgets or squishies from home that you want to trade
 - The trader chooses what they want to trade. You may ask them to add. You can accept or deny.
 - Once a trade is finalized, it is final.
 - We will have trading with miss Amy and peer to peer trading
- Lets have fun!



If you have an After School Club Kiddo who wants to participate in Fidget Trading but doesn't have fidgets or squishies, please email

achaffee@oleanlibrary.org. Everyone can participate!

Teen Programs (Ages 13-18)

Teen Summer Reading ends 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!

OPL Teen Amazing Race

Friday August 7th

12:00-3:00pm

throughout the Library!

Our 2026 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—scan the code, see the Circulation Desk, or email programming@oleanlibrary.org to join.**



2026 Teen Summer Reading Closing Party

Friday August 7th

4:00-5:00pm in the Gallery

Immediately following our Teen Amazing Race, join us to draw tickets for our 2026 Teen Summer Reading grand prizes and any remaining first-tier prizes. Snacks and Jackbox Games will also be available.

Team A, Teen DnD



Monday August 10th

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.



OTAB Meeting

Tuesday August 11th

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.

Teen Art Club: Beaded Pool Noodle Lizards

Wednesday August 12th

3:30pm in the Gallery

Ever make a lizard keychain from beads and yarn? Join Cherish as we use pool noodles and cording to make a giant pool float-sized version of this classic craft. No prior beading skills are required!

Teen Room Farewell Party

Friday August 14th

2:00-5:00pm in and around the Teen Room

In preparation of the library's Capital Project, the Teen Room is closing its current location. Come join Cathy and Cherish on its last day to remember this staple part of OPL teen services, play games, and enjoy snacks together.

The teen room is open weekdays 3—6pm.



Registration Required



Limited Registration



Zoom Option Available



Registration Requested 3

Teen Programs (Ages 13-18)

Team B, Teen DnD R

Wednesday August 19th
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.



The Teen Room is CLOSED the week of August 17th to allow for packing and moving to our temporary location.

WATCH OUR SOCIAL MEDIA, WEBSITE, AND THE CCLS TEEN DISCORD FOR INFORMATION ON OUR TEMPORARY TEEN ROOM'S HOURS AND LOCATION!

Adult Programs

Garden Soil Health with Stephanie Pikulski

Monday August 3rd
6:00pm in the Gallery

Did you know your soil is alive? Learn how to harness the power of the soil food web to grow bigger and better! Gardeners of all skill levels are welcome!

Trivia—Summer Reading Edition

Tuesday August 4th
6:30pm in the Gallery

Join Miss Samantha and Miss Amy for a super fun night of laughter as we test your knowledge on dinosaurs, history, books and more! Join us in your team of two to four and battle the others for prizes and bragging rights! If you cannot find a team, please email achaffee@oleanlibrary.org for assistance! Ages 16 & up.

Oyster Mushrooms from Cardboard with Sam Warren R

Wednesday August 5th
5:30pm in the Gallery

In this workshop we cover an easily replicable and affordable method to turn our everyday waste into a delicious, nutritious snack. Essentially all we need is a big bowl, cardboard, fresh oyster mushrooms, water, and a plastic bag. Everyone leaves with a bag of inoculated cardboard.

The Stories They Stitched: Cross-Stitch Embroidery as Education, Entertainment, Communication, and Activism R

Tuesday August 11th
6:00pm in the Gallery

Julia Overton-Healy, founder of Laughing Crone Stitchery, will lead you on a journey through one of the oldest forms of needle art: cross-stitch. Using history as a backdrop and samplers to navigate by, she'll help you discover the importance of cross-stitch and along the way you'll learn how to 'read' various symbols in antique and modern day works. Ages 13 & up.



Cooking Club

Thursday August 13th
6:30pm in the Gallery

The August Cooking Club theme will be Unearth A Recipe! Bring a dish made with a family recipe or any old recipe to share and we'll try each other's dishes. Home cooks of all skill levels are welcome to join us. New members are always welcome!

Summer Reading Check-In Party

Monday August 17th
6:00-8:00pm in the Gallery

Join us as we celebrate the end of summer reading! You can enjoy a flower bar, hair tinsel, beaded pen craft, a photo studio stand by Molly Brown and checking in for Adult Summer Reading! This program is only for Adult Summer Reading participants!

Adult Dungeons and Dragons R Z

Tuesday August 18th
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.

Herbal Salve Making with Sarah Swinko R

Wednesday August 19th
5:00pm in the Gallery

Join Sarah, a local forager and herbalist to learn what common local plants can be foraged to create your own salve. Create your own salve to take home with plantain plants, coconut oil, and beeswax.

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

Adult Programs

Knit, Crochet, & Crafting Club

Thursday August 20th

6:30pm in the Gallery

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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

Let's Get Dino-Mite on Canvas with Cheryl!

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Thursday August 6th

6:00pm in the Gallery

Come join Cheryl for an evening that will bring prehistoric giants to life. If you have a little one in your life that loves dinosaurs, then stomp on by for a "Rawring" good time.

Ages 13 & up.



DIY Bag Charms Pop-In Craft

August 3rd, August 5th,

& August 6th

6:00-8:00pm

Join us to make a super cute bag charm out of mini dinosaurs and bag charm pendants. Do you have a special charm or an adorable small toy you'd prefer to make a bag charm of instead? Bring it in! We will have other charms for the non-dino fans.

Ages 13 & up.

Beaded Pet Pop-In Craft

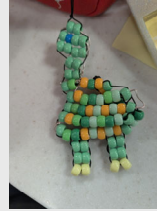
August 10th, August 12th,

& August 13th

6:00-8:00pm

Join us as we lead up to Miss Cherish's XL version of pony bead pets by making miniature version keychains! We will have dinosaurs and many other options to make.

Ages 13 & up.



Beaded Pool Noodle Lizards

Wednesday August 12th

6:00pm in the Gallery

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Ever make a lizard keychain from beads and yarn? Join Cherish as we use pool noodles and cording to make a giant pool float-sized version of this classic craft. No prior beading skills are required!



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= 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.



In preparation for our capital project, room

reservations for our Gallery and our Conference room will only be taken on a first come first serve basis for the month of August. If there are any changes to room availability before the end of August, the Library will announce it on our website and social media. Thank you for your understanding

Book Clubs



Brown Bag Book Club

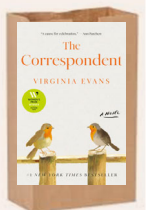
Monday August 17th

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 The Correspondent by Virginia Evans.



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

Want to read ahead? For September, we will be reading Catalina by Karla Cornejo Villavicencio.

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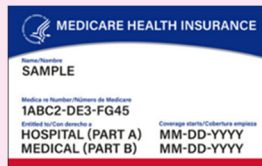
Outreach

Catt County Department of Aging Medicare Resources

Thursday August 6th

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.



Cattaraugus County Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) 2026 World Breastfeeding Week Celebration

Friday August 7th

11:00am—1:00pm at War

Veteran's Park in Olean.

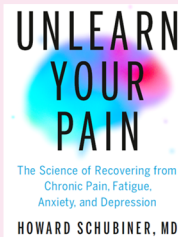
Join us for refreshments, games, face painting with Glitter & Giggles Facepainting, balloon animals with WonderTwist Entertainment, community partners like the Olean Public Library, and more! Sponsored by Fidelis Care.

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!



Twin Tiers Disc Golf Club

Available now, compliments of Twin Tiers Disc Golf Club-Check-out a beginner or intermediate disc golf kit



with your library card at the Olean Public Library. Great for families to try out at the Franchot and Gargoyle Park courses.

Join the Race Unity Circle Book Club for a Special Movie Event! Part II Rescheduled from July 15th.

"Guess Who's Coming to Dinner"

When: August 19th, 1 – 3 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.



Gallery: August 2026

RAmanda Paints by Amanda Hulbert

Amanda Hulbert is a local muralist and artist, community volunteer, and lifelong learner whose work explores color, movement, and emotion through vibrant abstract art. She enjoys experimenting with a variety of mediums, textures, and bold color combinations, creating pieces that invite viewers to find their own meaning and connection within the work.

Amanda has a deep appreciation for the Olean Public Library and its role in fostering creativity, learning, and community engagement. She is honored to share this collection with library visitors throughout the month of August.

During Read Between the Wines, hosted by the Friends of the Olean Public Library on **August 14**, 20% of all artwork sales from the exhibit will be donated to the Friends to support library programs and services for the community.



Tribute Gift Book Plates July 2026

Honor Memorialize Acknowledge

In Memory of: Brenda Quist-Chaffee

In Memory of: Phillip Bernstein

In Memory of: Carolyn Peter

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Library Programs - August 2026

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 Community outreach programs in purple