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Onondaga Free Library Winter Programming

December 2019, January & February 2020

Holiday Concert: Merry Mischief

Saturday, Dec. 14 at 2pm

Come get into the holiday spirit! Sing along with holiday favorites and hear some fun original music and poetry by this great group! Refreshments will be served.

Holiday fun for all ages! Registration requested.

Sponsored by the Friends of OFL

See next page for more holiday festivities!



Festival of Trees drawings to follow concert at 3pm!



Puzzle Swap & Social

Saturday, Jan. 4,

10:30am - 12:30pm

Back by popular demand- Join us for our 2nd ever Puzzle Swap! Bring your used puzzles, swap them out for different ones, and enjoy some refreshments with fellow puzzlers. Puzzles of various skill levels will be available to work on during the swap.

For all ages! No registration necessary.

Take Your Child to the Library Day

Saturday, Feb. 1

OFL has books, movies, puzzles, a puppet theater, blocks, LEGOs, toys, special programming and more! Celebrate *Take Your Child to the Library Day* by exploring all that OFL has to offer. Come make your own bookmark and celebrate all things library!



Spin Art at 2pm

Put a new spin on spin art-
Join us in making spin art
on old vinyl records!

For all ages!

Registration required.

HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES



Jewelry Class: Jingle Bell Rock Bracelet

Tuesday, Dec. 3 at 6:30pm

We invite you to join us in making this festive red and green beaded wrap bracelet! **Cost: \$7/person**
For adults & teens, ages 12 & up. Registration required.
More Monthly Jewelry Classes: Jan. 7 & Feb. 4
Visit our online calendar to see photos of projects.

American Girl: Christmas & Hanukkah

Monday, Dec. 9 at 6pm

Come learn about Christmas, Hanukkah and other holiday traditions from America's past. Enjoy crafts, snacks, stories, songs and more.

For ages 7-12. Registration required.

Drop-In Children's Craft: Create a Christmas Tree

Dec. 18-23

While you and your child are visiting the library, stop by our drop-in craft station to create a Christmas tree!

For all ages! Adult supervision required.



Holiday Fun with Shrek the Halls

Saturday, Dec. 21 at 2pm

Join us for gingerbread decorating, hot cocoa and a holiday movie featuring everyone's favorite ogre!

For all ages! Registration required.

Maker Club at the Y: Crafting for a Cause

Tuesdays, Dec. 3, 10 & 17 at 3pm

OFFSITE: Southwest YMCA located at OCC

Calling all MAKERS-Join our after-school club at the Southwest YMCA (located at OCC). In December, we will be crafting for a cause - Make gifts for family, friends and local organizations in need.

For middle schoolers in grades 5 & up.

Registration required for each session.

- ⇒ This club is free and open to the public- You do NOT need to be a member of the YMCA to attend.
- ⇒ If you have a student that attends Onondaga Hill Middle School, you can request to have your child dropped off on Tuesdays at the YMCA stop through Westhill Transportation.

Giving Tree for the McMahon Ryan Child Advocacy Center

Nov. 22 - Dec. 19

Join OFL in giving back during the holidays! This year, OFL's holiday tree will be right in our lobby and it will be decorated with 50 names of children (along with their age and gender) from the McMahon Ryan Child Advocacy Center who are in need this holiday season. Pick a name off the tree and while you are out doing your holiday shopping, pick up a gift you think that child would like. Bring your UNWRAPPED gifts back to the library and library staff will deliver them. *Learn more about the McMahon Ryan Child Advocacy Center at www.mcmahonryan.org.*

A Book on Every Bed for Chadwick Residence

Another way OFL is giving back this holiday season is by moving our annual Book on Every Bed program to Chadwick Residence, a local organization that provides supportive housing and a variety of professional services for homeless women and their children. **Co-sponsored with the Friends of OFL.** *Learn more about Chadwick Residence at www.chadwickresidence.org.*

Babies, Toddlers and Preschoolers



Imagination Playground with Big Blue Blocks

Dec. 20 - Jan. 2

Imagination Playground's Big Blue Blocks allow children self-directed and unstructured free play, supporting creativity, sensory exploration and concept design. Stop in our Storytime Room and construct a universe all your own!

Big Blue Blocks Playdates

Meet up with other families to play together!

- ⇒ Monday, Dec. 23 at 10am
- ⇒ Saturday, Dec. 28 at 2pm
- ⇒ Monday, Dec. 30 at 6:30pm

Music and Stories with Donna B.

Fridays, 12/13, 1/24 & 2/14 at 10:30am

Donna Butterfield will be returning monthly to the library this winter! You and your child will have a blast singing songs, dancing, sharing stories and more!

For children of all ages, even newborns!
Registration requested for each session.

Baby and Me Yoga

Sundays, 1/19, 1/26 & 2/2 at 2pm

Enjoy a fun, relaxing class that presents a wonderful opportunity to engage with your infant through gentle movements and songs. Classes also include a few open-level hatha-style yoga for adults. *No experience necessary for baby or caregiver.*

For babies up to 12 months and their caregivers.
Registration required for each session.

Baby Storytime

Tuesdays at 11am (no 12/24)

Toys, puzzles, blocks and nursery rhymes- It's playtime at the library! The little ones have a chance to get used to the library and other children as well as an opportunity for parents and caregivers to chat as their children play and interact. **For ages 2 & under.**

Family Storytimes

Wednesdays & Thursdays at 11:15am
(no 12/25, 1/1 & 1/2)

Join us each week for stories, songs, crafts and more! Have fun with a different theme each week.

Recommended for ages 2-6.

WiggleWorms

Wednesdays at 10:15am (no 12/25 & 1/1) &
NEW Time: 1 Monday a month at 6pm
12/16, 1/27 & 2/24

Parents and caregivers, get your toddler/preschooler moving and dancing with this fun, interactive program. Your kids will have a ball playing with shakey eggs, scarves and other props and musical instruments. **Recommended for ages 2-6.**

Registration required for each session.

**1,000
BOOKS
BEFORE
KINDERGARTEN**



Join our year-round reading program!

To start, visit our website or stop by the library to pick up your child's first reading log.

Prizes awarded for every 100 books submitted!

For completing the program, your child will receive a custom t-shirt and certificate!

Children's Programs

Note: Children under the age of 8 may not be left unattended in the library.

Drop-In Crafts

Each month, during the dates listed below,

- ♦ Christmas Tree Craft - Dec. 18-23
- ♦ Build a Snowman Craft - Jan. 9-15
- ♦ Valentine Love Bug Craft - Feb. 6-14

American Girl

Mondays, 12/9, 1/13 & 2/10 at 6pm

Explore the lives of the American Girls through the centuries- Enjoy crafts, games, music, stories and snacks from the past.

- ♦ Dec. 9 - Christmas & Hanukkah
- ♦ Jan. 13 - Winter Fun
- ♦ Feb. 10 - Valentine's Day

For ages 7-12. Registration required for each session.

Meet Moose

Tuesdays, 12/10, 1/7 & 2/11 at 4pm

Local news personality Laura Hand and her therapy-certified dog Moose bring dynamic programming to kids and families at OFL. Learn about topics such as K-9s, drones and the weather. Kids are encouraged to read one-on-one with Moose after each month's presentation. *Presented by Paws of CNY.*

For ages 8-10. Registration requested for each session.

Pokémon

Wednesdays, 12/11, 1/15 & 2/19 at 6:30pm

Come play this game of strategy and friendly competition. All skill levels are supported and guided. A limited supply of decks are available- Players are welcome to bring their own! *Presented by TCGPlayer.com.*

For kids, ages 7 & up. Registration requested.

Young Artists

Thursday, 12/12 at 3pm &

Saturdays, 12/14 at 11am, 1/11 & 2/8 at 2pm

Your child is invited to join our Young Artists group. Each session features a short introduction to a specific style of art followed by an opportunity for the kids to create masterpieces of their own.

For kids, ages 9 & up. Registration required.

Frozen Party

Thursday, Jan. 2 at 2pm

Celebrate winter with us- *Frozen* style! Make an Olaf bag, an Elsa bubblewand and a Sven puppet on a stick! Cut out snowflakes and feed Olaf with a snowball toss!

For kids of all ages! Registration required.



K-9 Unit Demonstration

Saturday, Jan. 4 at 2pm

Join us in welcoming the Onondaga County Sheriff's K-9 Unit to OFL! Meet one of the 4 teams from the Sheriff's Office- a deputy and his/her canine partner. You will learn about the role that the K-9 Unit plays in local law enforcement, their special training and more. The team will also provide a demonstration.

For all ages! Registration requested.

Melted Snowperson Slime Making

Saturday, Jan. 18 at 2pm

Join us in getting messy as we make our very own slime to look like a melted snowperson.

For kids, ages 5 & up. Registration required.

Homeschool for Kids: Paint a Puppy

Wednesday, Jan. 22 at 2pm

Homeschoolers, join us in learning about the color wheel and composition as you paint a puppy on canvas with step-by-step instruction.

For kids, ages 7-12. Registration required.



Explore our **NEW** **S.T.E.A.M.** **Cabinet!**

S.T.E.A.M. stands for **science**, **technology**, **engineering**, **arts** and **math**. In schools and libraries across the country, S.T.E.A.M. is the exciting new approach to learning! Our new S.T.E.A.M. cabinet is full of fun activities which allow kids to explore these areas anytime they visit the library!



Science:

Anatomy, Magnetism, Rock Identification



Technology:

Bloxels, StikBot Studio, Scratch



Engineering: Picasso Tiles, Gravity Maze, Keva Planks, LEGO Marble Maze



Arts: Tangrams, Origami, Magnetic Poetry, Story Cubes



Math: Money Linking, Rubik's Cube, Dice & Probability, Cipher Wheel

Recommended for school-age children.

Adult supervision required.

Explore



February Break Week: Feb. 15-23

Join us during February Break to learn all about your home state! Through fun interactive programs you will explore different parts of New York State without ever leaving the library!



Local History Exhibit:

Wish You Were Here: Erie Canal Postcards

Feb. 1-29

All month long you can stop by the library to learn about the history of New York State through postcards featuring the Erie Canal.



Explore New York through Virtual Reality

Tuesday, 2/18 at 2pm

Join us for some virtual reality fun as we explore cool landmarks all over New York State!

For kids & teens in grades K-12. **Registration required.**



State Bird Craft

Thursday, 2/20 at 2pm

Come learn about New York's official state bird, the Eastern Bluebird. Then, get creative as you paint one of your own!

For children of all ages! **Registration required.**



Jeff the Magic Man Explores New York

Thursday, 2/20 at 6:30pm

Don't miss this exclusive show as Jeff explores New York State with his balloon twisting magic!

For all ages! Registration requested.

Teen/Tween Programs



Junior Library Volunteers

Saturdays, 1/25 & 2/22 at 2pm

Do you want to volunteer at the library? Join our team of emerging teen leaders. Make a positive impact in your community working with peers on projects at the library. Volunteers help set up book displays, plan events and complete service projects. This group can help teens fulfill required volunteer service hours and prepare for future college and career opportunities.

All participants are encouraged to complete a JLV application to stay up-to-date on additional volunteer opportunities. Pick up an application at the library or download it from our website.

For teens in grades 7-12.

Registration requested for each session.

American Red Cross Babysitter's Training

Friday, Feb. 21, 9am - 4pm

By combining video, activities, hands-on skills training and discussion, this course gives youths the knowledge and confidence to care for infants and school-age children. **Course Fee:** \$55 cash or check - Bring to class

For ages 11-15. Registration required.

Minimum of 4 participants to hold class.

Homeschool: Art in Antiquity

Thursdays, 1/9 & 2/6 at 2pm

Homeschoolers are invited to join us for fine art adventures. Explore various artists and movements from antiquity to the present. After a short presentation, enjoy creating your own masterpiece.

♦ Jan. 9 - Cave Painting

♦ Feb. 6 - Egyptian Art

For teens, ages 10 & up.

Registration required for each session.

Maker Club at the Y

Tuesdays at 3pm

Calling all MAKERS-Join our new after-school club at the **Southwest YMCA** (located at OCC).

⇒ **Dec. 3, 10 & 17:** Crafting for a Cause - Make gifts for family, friends and local organizations in need.

⇒ **Jan. 7 - Feb. 11:** Maker Club - Work with robots, create video games, build with LEGOs and more!

For middle schoolers in grades 5 & up.

Registration required for each session.

This club is free and open to the public- You do NOT need to be a member of the YMCA to attend.

Pop-Up Game Day: Minecraft

Monday, 12/30 at 1pm



Back by popular demand- Join the Minecraft excitement!

For teens, ages 8 & up.

Registration required.

Check back during December & February break weeks for awesome programs created by teens, for teens...

Gaming tournaments, trivia contests, Dungeons & Dragons, movie nights and more!

NEW Teen Space

Coming Winter 2020

Have you heard the exciting news?

OFL is expanding the teen area to make room for our growing collection and teen programs! The new space will feature a gaming station, smart TV (perfect for working on group projects), a cozy seating area for our bookworms and much more!



COUNTRY MUSIC

A FILM BY KEN BURNS

DISCUSSION WITH FILM CONTRIBUTOR

Sunday, Jan. 12 at 2pm

Did you enjoy the PBS special Ken Burns' *Country Music* documentary series? Have you checked out the illustrated companion book? Join us in a discussion about the popular series and meet local author and film contributor Michael Streissguth. Michael will share his experience contributing to this project and highlight his favorite features in the series.

Registration requested.

Michael Streissguth has published eight books, among them *Johnny Cash: The Biography and Outlaw*; *Waylon, Willie, Kris and the Renegades of Nashville*. He has written and directed three documentary films, including the award-winning *Nighthawks on the Blue Highway*, and he has worked for the past six years as an advisor on Ken Burns' PBS documentary series *Country Music*. His writing has appeared in outlets such as the *Washington Post Magazine*, *Irish Times*, *Mojo*, *Living Blues*, and the *Journal of Country Music*, and he frequently contributes to *rollingstone.com*. His latest book—*City on the Edge: Hard Choices in the American Rust Belt*—will be published by SUNY Press in the fall of 2020. He is a professor in the Department of Communications and Film Studies at Le Moyne College in Syracuse, New York.

Adult Programs

Learning Circles

Tuesdays at 6:30pm

Learn the basics in our 3-week "learning circles". Participants will learn via video lectures and hands-on exercises. **Topics & Dates:**

- ⇒ **Google Drive Essentials** - Dec. 3, 10 & 17
- ⇒ **PowerPoint 2016 Essential Training** - Jan. 14, 21 & 28
- ⇒ **Windows 10 Essential Training** - Feb. 11, 18 & 25

For adults. Registration required for all 3 sessions.
Registering for one week registers you for all 3 weeks.

Cut the Cord

Tuesday, Jan. 7 at 6:30pm

Interested in cancelling your cable subscription to watch TV and movies over the Internet? This program will provide information and demos to help you make the transition. Topics covered will include streaming basics, devices and services, as well as pricing.

Recommended for adults. Registration requested.

2020 Census Information Session

Tuesday, Feb. 4 at 6:30pm

Join us to learn about the 2020 Census, the first online census in U.S. history. For many this will make responding easier, while for others it may be a cause for apprehension. Jerry Lord, Partnership Specialist with the U.S. Census Bureau, will highlight the safety, ease and importance of responding to the 2020 Census. Jerry will be available after the presentation to address any individual questions or concerns.

Recommended for adults. Registration requested.

Wish You Were Here: Erie Canal Postcards

Exhibit: February 1-29

In the first part of the 20th century, postcards were all the rage in America. The Erie Canal Museum is home to many of these small pieces of history. This exhibit showcases postcards with beautiful images of New York Canal sites, as well as those that tell fascinating stories and impressions of the Canal.

Lecture: Sunday, Feb. 9 at 2pm

The Museum's Curator of Collections & Exhibitions, Ashley Maready, will discuss the growth in use of postcards, or "postals," in our country, how they came to be one of our most widely used means of communication for several years, and how postcards helped to capture and preserve practically every aspect of the Erie Canal.

Recommended for adults. Registration requested.

Movie & Discussion: *The Public* (PG-13)

Saturday, Feb. 15

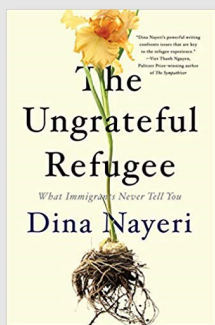
Movie at Noon | Discussion at 2:30pm

Join us in watching this timely movie about a group of homeless people who take shelter in and refuse to leave a public library during sub-zero weather. Following the movie we will discuss some of its key themes: poverty, homelessness, mental illness and the role the public library plays in addressing these issues.

Recommended for adults and teens, ages 13 & up.
Registration requested.

Book Discussions Visit our Lucky Day shelf or call the library to place a hold on these titles.

***The Ungrateful Refugee* by Dina Nayeri**



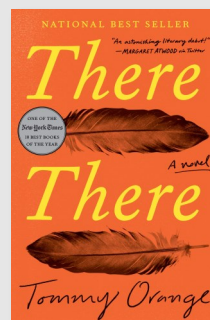
Thursday, Dec. 5 at 6:30pm

OFFSITE: InterFaith Works (1010 James St)

Read the book and join the community conversation. The author will even have a special recorded video message for our discussion you won't want to miss!

Registration required.

***There, There* by Tommy Orange**



Monday, Jan. 6 at 6:30pm

Read the **2020 CNY Reads One Book** pick- A wondrous and shattering debut novel which follows twelve characters from Native communities: all connected to one another in ways they may not yet realize.

Registration requested.

Friends of OFL



Remember when you're holiday shopping...

The Friends of OFL are a supported charity on AmazonSmile!



13th Annual Festival of Trees

Buy Tickets: 11/18-12/14

Raffle Drawings: Saturday, Dec. 14 at 3pm

Come in anytime to see a beautiful display of miniature Christmas trees decorated by local businesses, schools, community groups and families.

Take a chance at winning a tree full of holiday cheer! You might even get to take your favorite one home to enjoy during the holidays! Buy your tickets at the front desk. **Tickets: \$1 each or 6 for \$5**

Holiday Bag Sale

Nov. 15 - Dec. 31

Have you seen the Friends new book bags they debuted at the fall book sale? They're perfect for your quick trip to the library, to a holiday gathering or even to the beach (well, not in this weather!). They also make great holiday gifts— Show your loved ones you support OFL!

This holiday season, The Friends are discounting the bags— Friends members pay \$7 and non-Friends pay \$9 (regular prices are \$8 and \$10). Stop by the library's front desk to purchase yours today!

2019-20 Annual Membership Drive

The Friends continue to be a huge asset to the library!

Current Friends, look for your membership form in the mail.

If you would like to become a Friend, stop by the library to pick up a membership brochure or go to www.oflibrary.org to download and print from home.

Crafts, Coffee & Conversation

Every Thursday, 9:30-10:30am

Want to learn a new craft? Or continue your favorite craft in a fun social setting? The Friends invite you to meet, chat and share crafting/hobby ideas while you work on your current projects. There is no charge or obligation — just bring your craft/hobby and a friend! Coffee provided.

Senior Center Art Show

Exhibit: Dec. 1-31

Reception: Thursday, Dec. 5, 4-6pm

Come meet the talented members of the Town of Onondaga Senior Center Art Class at their opening reception right here at OFL! *Sponsored by the Friends.*

Can't make the opening reception? No worries.. Stop by the library anytime during December to see the beautiful display of artwork.

Friends of OFL

Monthly Meetings - Regularly 1st Wednesday at 7pm
Meeting Dates: Dec. 4, Jan. 8 & Feb. 5

OFL Board of Trustees

Monthly Meetings - Regularly 4th Wednesday at 6pm
Meeting Dates: Dec. 18, Jan. 22 & Feb. 26

Library Closings:

Christmas: Closed December 24 & 25

New Year's: Close at 5pm Dec. 31; Closed Jan. 1

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day: Closed January 20

Presidents Day: Closed February 17

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Library Hours

Monday - Thursday

9:00am - 8:30pm

Friday & Saturday

10am - 5pm

Sunday :: 1-5pm

Summer Weekend Hours
(July 1st - Labor Day)

Saturday :: 10am - 2pm

Sunday :: CLOSED