

OLEAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

June 2025 Newsletter



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

Curbside service available by appointment.

Friends of the Library Support Summer Reading & Community Engagement

The Friends of the Olean Public Library are proud to support the Library's Summer Reading Program again this year! Our contributions help provide supplies and exciting prizes that encourage readers of all ages to explore, learn, and grow throughout the summer months. Last year, 2,000 children participated in the program. This is a wonderful reminder of how vital and impactful the Olean Public Library is for our community.

The Friends also recently participated in the Olean Volunteer Fair, where we enjoyed connecting with community members who care deeply about supporting the library. We're always looking to grow our circle of supporters! If you're interested in volunteering your time, partnering with us, or making a donation, we'd love to hear from you. Together, we can continue to make the Olean Public Library a vibrant resource for all.



Trustee Election Candidate Running for 5 year term

Michael A. Morgan is a lifelong resident of Olean and is the managing attorney of Morgan & Associates in Olean. He is a graduate of Olean High School and SUNY at Geneseo, earning a B.S. in Business Administration. He earned his Juris Doctor (JD) and Masters of Business Administration (MBA) from Case Western Reserve University. Michael and his family live in the City of Olean.

Michael is admitted to practice in New York and Pennsylvania, as well as U.S. District Court, Western District of New York and U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Western and Northern Districts of New York.

His decision to run for a full term on the Olean Library Board stems from his commitment to furthering literacy amongst children and adults and access to educational and social opportunities, along with access to information technology. He is excited to support the library's expansion to update the existing structure, improve energy efficiency, and provide much needed additional space for the library to enhance its offerings and outreach to the community, along with additional small and large group meeting space, all while retaining its convenient, walkable and bikeable location in downtown Olean.



**OLEAN
PUBLIC LIBRARY**
growing together.

Olean Public Library Capital Project

Let's **GROW** together!

Did you know that since 2019:

- Library visits have increased 10%
- Registered patrons have increased 18%
- Total program attendance has increased 36%
- Physical material circulation has increased 1%
(Who says people aren't checking out books anymore?)



See page 2 for more information.

Olean Public Library 2025-26 Trustee Election, Budget Vote for the 2026 Fiscal Year, & Bond Vote for \$7.9M capital project will be held at the Library on **Thursday, June 26th.**

Polls open at 9 am and close at 8 pm.



We hope you exercise your right to vote on June 26th!

Project Vision Statement

After many years of research, deliberations, and planning, the Olean Public Library's Board of Trustees and Administration are honored to unveil their new vision for the Library; a comprehensive strategy that addresses space, flexibility, safety, and technology improvements, as well as the other amenities that collectively create the premier community information and learning center of the greater Olean area. This \$7.9 Million investment will enhance and expand programming, resources, and opportunities for patrons of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds in a welcoming, safe, and supportive environment.



- First major renovation in over 50 years
- Most cost-effective option available
- Focus on building a better future for Olean's children and families
- Substantial improvement to Olean's cultural, educational, and workforce infrastructure
- Expanded re-designed modular gathering spaces address the overcrowding at community and family events, adding 7,590 square feet and remodeling 6,615 more
- Increased safety and security measures for all library patrons
- Expansion and improvement to Children's Library, Teen Center, Olean History collections, and study areas
- Makerspace for community members of all ages to engage in learning new skills, emerging technologies, and participating in group projects
- Improved services for library patrons, including restrooms, baby-changing area, refreshments, and a permanent location for book and merchandise sales
- No major disruptions to services throughout the project



Key Library Usage Facts for 2024

- Total In-Person Visits: 95,213
- Total Library Materials Circulated: 98,155
- Total Library Card Holders: 23,856
- Total E-Books Borrowed: 10,156
- Children & Family Program Attendees: 5,974
- Teen Room Visits: 3,365
- Adult Program Attendance: 2,743
- Summer Reading Program Attendees: 2,162

Property Tax Impact

Olean homeowners with a \$75,000 assessed property valuation will see a total tax increase of \$5.41 per month - a tremendous investment in our children's future and our quality of life! AND...Just one monthly visit to the library for movie take-out, e-book download, streaming movie services, and/or regular use of the library's extensive collection of newspapers and periodicals will save the taxpayer far more than \$5 in monthly fees!

Visit the library to view poster sized renderings that are on display.

Children/Family Programs



BOOK YOUR SUMMER AT THE LIBRARY!

Registration for all children's programs and the Summer Reading challenge at the Olean Public Library **begins June 30th.**

Register for clubs and programs in person, online or by phone. These begin the week of July 14th.

Kids of all ages can register for the **Color our World** summer reading challenge. Read on your own or with someone to earn Kid Cash and buy cool prizes.



Color Our World Art Club

Thursdays at 4:30pm

Kids 6–12 Color our world with a different art method each 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.

Color Our World Art Club, Stories & More, Stories & Stretches, Investigation Stations, and Waggy Tales Book Club start 7/14/25.

Registration begins 6/30/25 and can be completed online in addition to calling or stopping by. These programs end 8/8/25. Final check-in for the summer reading challenge is also on 8/8/25.

Kids & Clay

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

These single session classes will be offered on:

- June 9th at 3:30
- June 9th at 5:30
- June 23rd at 3:30
- June 23rd at 5:30



This class will be taught by local artisan Tara Dedrick. Each class will be approximately an hour and a half long and one complete project will be created in each class. Parents, of course, are welcome to stay and assist.

R Registration is required

We ask that you register for only one session to allow for more kids to take advantage of this cool program.

Registration for all sessions begins 6/2/25

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 14th from 12:00 - 1:00pm



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

Magic Show with the Jeffers follows at 1:00pm!
Fun for all!



Planting Flowers with Percy & Pups

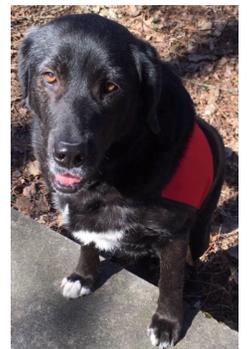


Thursday, June 26th @ 3:30pm

Our favorite animal pals will be here to cuddle, read to, help us decorate a pot and plant flowers!



Don't miss this fun event!



Teen Programs (Ages 13-18)

OTAB Meeting

Tuesday June 3rd

3:30pm in the Conference Room

During this meeting, we'll be planning out activities for Summer Reading, as well as finalizing our activities for the next few months. New members are welcome to attend, though participants need to be between 13 and 18 years old; reach out to

programming@oleanlibrary.org for details.

Team A, Teen DnD



Wednesday June 4th

6:00–8:30pm in the Gallery

Our brave heroes have returned to Leilon. They've driven off the Death-Knight Dreadnaught and (for now) secured a measure of peace for the Sword Coast. What will they do next?

Team A is currently FULL, but scan the Teen DnD QR Code to request information on Teen DnD programs with openings.

Teen Jackbox Games

Friday June 6th & 20th

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 answers must remain library appropriate throughout the program.

Teen Gaming Club

Wednesday June 11th

3:30–4:45pm 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.

Art Club: Boho Art with Photos N Art Fusion



Thursday June 12th

6:00pm in the Gallery

Local artist Jean Benson, from Photos N Art Fusion, will be presenting this month's art project. Participants will create abstract paintings with a bright, colorful background and a dark design. Space is limited, but walk-ins are welcome

Team B, Teen DnD



Wednesday June 18th

6:00–8:30pm in the Gallery

Our adventurers continue on their quest to secure and develop the town of Leilon.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED—email programming@oleanlibrary.org or scan the QR code to join.



Teen Summer Reading Kickoff & Graduation Party

Thursday June 26th

12:30–2:30pm in the Gallery

****Tie Dye in the Parking Lot****

Come enjoy pizza and wings with other teens as we get all the information on the 2025 Teen Summer Reading Program. Also, come celebrate our OPL teen graduates. We'll play games, tie-dye shirts, and wish all our high school graduates well on their new adventures!

The teen room is open weekdays 3–6pm.

Adult Programs

Trivia Night

Tuesday June 3rd

6:30pm in the Gallery

Join us for a fun adult trivia night at the library! We'll be doing general trivia in a variety of different themed

categories for 6 rounds. You can participate as an individual or with a team of up to 4. Some snacks will be provided. Bring your friends for a fun evening playing trivia!

Knit & Crochet Club



Saturday June 7th

11:30-12:30pm 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.

Dungeons and Dragons



Tuesday June 10th

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 welcome, and bringing a snack to share, though not required, is appreciated.

Scan the QR to create a character ahead of time!



Gardening for Pollinators with Stephanie Pikulski

Monday June 16th

6:00pm in the Gallery

Bees, bats, butterflies, oh my! Learn about the wonderful world of pollinators, the challenges they face, and what you can do to help save them! This class with Master Gardener Volunteer Apprentice Stephanie Pikulski will be geared towards gardeners of all skill levels and abilities!



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



Registration Required



Limited Registration



Zoom Option Available



Registration Requested 5

Adult Programs

Cooking Club

Thursday June 19th

6:30pm Outside

This month's Cooking Club theme is Summer Picnic, and weather-permitting, we will be eating outside! Bring your favorite picnic dish to share and join us to try some delicious dishes and discuss food and cooking. This program is great for home cooks of all skill levels, and we always welcome new members!

Plant Swap

Saturday June 21st

10:00am-3:00pm in the Gallery

Bring your propagations and your plants! This is open to houseplants and garden plants, but all plants should be in a pot, jar, ziplock bag or in a small cup. NO open/loose dirt or infected plants please! This swap will run similar to our previous plant swaps. You will get points based on plants you bring and use those points to swap out plants. We will also have a little station to decorate a mini pot and a botanical pop in art program.

Silent Writing Group

Monday June 23rd

2:30pm in the

Conference Room

Join us as we work on our individual writing projects quietly in the company of other writers. Open to anyone who enjoys writing, regardless of skill, age, or project type. Light refreshments will be available.



B-I-N-G-O!!!

Plant & Adult Book Edition

Thursday June 26th

6:00pm-8:00pm in the Gallery

Come join us anytime from 6-8PM to play Bingo! You can win books, plants, or snacks. This program is free and loaded with fun.

Adult Summer Reading

Registration begins June 30th.

Sign up at the information desk & receive a small gift.

Participation in the summer reading program includes reading books, participating in library programs, and so much more.

More participation means more chances to win summer reading prize baskets!



Craft Programs

Teacher Appreciation Gifts

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Monday June 9th

6:00pm-8:00pm in the Gallery

Come join Miss Amy as we show our teachers that we appreciate them by making fun Teacher gifts for the end of the year! We will be using recycled crayons.. If you have a specific idea with brand new crayons, please bring them, we will have a lot of recycled crayons ready to use! Make a wreath or a framed picture! This program will be an independent program where materials and printed instructions are provided. Glue guns will also be used during this program.

Ages 12 & up.



Pop-in Program

Guided Dot Meditation Art

Tuesday (6/17), Wednesday (6/18),

Thursday (6/19)

6:00pm-8:00pm

& Saturday (6/21)

10:00am-3:00pm

Come to the Library, bring some headphones to listen to some gentle music or your audiobook, find a comfy spot around the library and participate in some calming art.

Ages 12 & up. While supplies last!



Paper Lanterns

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Tuesday June 24th

6:00pm-8:00pm in the Gallery

Join Susan Avery, at the Olean Public Library, in crafting vibrant paper lanterns to welcome the warmth and joy of summer! All materials, step-by-step instructions, and plenty of creative inspiration are provided—just bring your imagination. This hands-on activity is not only colorful and fun, but also rooted in centuries-old traditions where lanterns lit the way for festivals, good fortune, and community celebrations. Come make a little history—and a lot of light—with us! Ages 12 & 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.

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Book Clubs



Brown Bag Book Club



Monday June 16th
at 12:30pm in the Gallery

You bring the lunch, we supply the refreshments! Join us as we discuss *The Book Swap* by Tessa Bickers.



Want to read ahead? For July, we'll be reading *The Lions of Fifth Avenue* by Fiona Davis.

Multiple copies of the book are available through the library system.

Bite-Sized Book Club



Monday June 16th
at 2:30pm in the Gallery

Join us again for our book club centered on short stories! This month we'll be reading: "The Fall of the House of Usher" by Edgar Allan Poe, "The Steam-Powered Princess" by Aimee Ogden, and "The Perfect Sourdough Loaf" by Christy Hartman.

All short stories are available to read online; links are on our Book Club page on our website.



Please email programming@oleanlibrary.org if you have any questions or need help accessing the stories!

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

Wednesday June 18th
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. Upcoming books include:

June: The Most
by Jessica Anthony



Outreach



American Red Cross Blood Drive

@ the library

Friday June 27th 11:30am-4:30pm

Please schedule an appointment today by calling 1-800-Red-Cross, visit redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive or download the blood donor app. Type OPLibrary in the "Find a Drive" search bar.



If you have a disability, the Cattaraugus-Allegany Workforce Development Board can help you find work! Their Disability Resource Coordinator will work with you to reach your employment goals. Call Marsha today to find out more: 716-806-0060. Or visit us in-library every 3rd Monday from 1pm to 2pm. This month find us June 16th! <https://cawfny.com>

Gallery: June 2025

Hand Sculpted Art Pottery

Lisa C Conn is a clay artist and the owner of Conklin Studio Pottery which is located in the Allegheny National Forest area of Pennsylvania. She creates hand sculpted pieces from stoneware and porcelain, suitable for both garden and home.

This collection of hanging sun sculptures captures a variety of whimsical characters, glazed in bright and happy colors, sure to brighten your day.



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 2025

Honor ✎ Memorialize ✎ Acknowledge

In Memory of: Joseph M. Heister

Donation by: Ann Marie, Billy, & Mary Beth

In Memory of: Jack Kelly

Donation by: Ellen F. Bergman

In Memory of: Marshall L. Dieteman

Donation by: Rosalie Dieteman

In Memory of: Jack Kelly

Donation by: Maria Messina

Library Programs—June 2025

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