Children & Teens (Grades K-12):
Read books, complete challenges, win prizes & more!
Log books and challenges June 20 - August 18

Earn Gannons & Fairmount Glen Mini Golf freebies and earn chances to win prizes from the Movie Tavern, Dave & Busters, Sky Zone, 5 Wits, WonderWorks and more!

Adults: June 20 - August 18
Don’t let the kids have all the fun - Read books and win great prizes! For each book you read, stop by the library and fill out a raffle ticket for a chance to win one of our four great prize bundles…. Worth $50 each!

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Babies, Toddlers and Preschoolers

1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN
Launch June 20
1,000 Books Before Kindergarten is a new program at OFL that promotes reading to newborns, infants and toddlers. It encourages parent/caregiver and child bonding through reading. While 1,000 books may seem like a lot, remember reading just one book to your child a night for a year is already 365! Don’t forget that repeats count, so if your child has a favorite book that you read together over and over, each time you read it, it counts!

To sign up, visit OFL and ask for your first reading log. We offer incentives to children who reach certain marks. This summer, any child in this program that reads 15 books will receive a free ice cream from Gannon’s Isle or a book. To claim your prize, show your completed reading log to library staff. This program goes all year round, so for every 100 books you read with your child, your child will receive a prize!

For more information, stop by the library or visit our website, www.oflibrary.org.

Toddlers’ Tango
Fridays, June 9, July 28 & August 4 at 10:15 & 11:00am
Join Tamar Frieden of Toddlers’ Tango for music, fun and learning. Children will play instruments, dance with streamers, play with a parachute, and learn a new language while singing and dancing.

For ages 1-5. Registration required.

YogaKids
Fridays, July 21 & August 11 at 11am
Join us in welcoming back our favorite YogaKids instructor Midge Regier! YogaKids has adapted traditional yoga techniques in playful, simple and fun ways. This class will teach kids how to stretch, breath, relax and enjoy the many benefits of yoga.

For children, ages 3 & up. Registration required.

Imagination Playground with Big Blue Blocks
June 5-16
Stop by the library anytime for free play- Build some hugely awesome structures! Then comes the fun part... Buldozing it all to the floor! For all ages!

Drop-In Crafts
June 5-25
Each week leading up to our summer reading program, we will feature a new drop-in craft:
- June 5-11: Star Wreath
- June 12-18: Father’s Day
- June 19-25: Paper Chain Snakes

For children, ages 3 & up. No registration necessary.

Family Storytime
Thursdays 11am (July 13 - August 17)
Join us each week for stories, songs, crafts and more! Have fun with a different theme each week.

Recommended for ages 2-6.
No registration necessary.

Mother Goose Time
Tuesdays at 11am (July 11 - August 15)
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. No registration necessary.

Totally Awesome Tuesdays
Each program begins at 6:30pm
- July 11 - Dan the Snakeman
- July 18 - Puppets with Pizazz: Rumplestiltskin
- July 25 - The Bubbleman
- August 1 - Harry Potter Family Fun Night

Family fun for all ages! Registration requested.
Children’s Programs

Summer Reading Kickoff ft. Gravitational Bull
Monday, June 26 at 6:30pm
Learn about all of the programs happening at OFL this summer and how you can earn raffle tickets and win prizes. Join us as we welcome back Gravitational Bull, a fun father-son comedy and juggling act!
For all ages! Registration requested.

Reading Buddies
Wednesdays at 11am (July 12 - August 16)
Building strong readers and helping develop a love of reading!
Trained teen volunteers are paired with young readers. Reading Buddies read books together, tell stories and play games – activities to help young children gain confidence in their reading skills and prevent summer learning loss. Some weeks we will also have our favorite canine Ellie available to read to!
Recommended for beginner readers, ages 4 & up.
Registration requested each week.

Kids Create It!
Thursdays at 2pm (July 13 - August 17)
Can you create a marble maze, weave using a Q-tip or make your own ice cream? Try these cool projects and many more at Kids Create It! where science meets creativity and art.
Recommended for children, ages 6 & up.
Registration requested each week.

S.T.E.A.M. Station: Discovery Hour
Wednesdays at 3pm (July 12 - August 16)
Have you heard about our new S.T.E.A.M. Station? We have cool kits you can check out and use anytime you visit OFL. Drop by during our Discovery Hour and we will show you how our new tech toys work. For those who have already played with our S.T.E.A.M. kits, come and complete new challenges during our Discovery Hour.
Recommended for ages 7-12. Registration requested.

American Girl
Mondays at 2pm (July 10 - August 14)
Travel back to historical events and culture that influenced the American Girls. Stories, crafts, music, snacks and more!
Recommended for ages 7-12. Registration requested.

Adventures in History
Mondays, July 17, 31 & August 14 at 6pm
At each session, learn about a different event in history and how it shaped the lives of children and their families who lived it.
Recommended for ages 7-12. Registration requested.

Pokémon
Wednesdays, August 2, 9 & 16 at 6:30pm
Enjoy this game of strategy and friendly competition. Players of ALL skill levels are welcome. For ages 7-11.
Registration required—2 Signups: Beginners OR Experienced Players (Official League Rules)

Science Specials
The M.O.S.T. - Tuesday, July 18 at 2pm
Registration requested.
Baltimore Woods - Tuesday, August 1 at 2pm
Registration required.

Summer Reading Finale
Friday, August 18 at 11am - 1pm
Join us as we announce our summer reading raffle prize winners!

Zoo to You! - 11am - Live zoo animals visit the library with an educator from Rosamond Gifford Zoo. Learn fascinating facts and get up close looks at furry, scaly, feathery animals!

Dave & Buster Fun Zone - Noon - D&B brings their fun arcade to the library... Even their fun basketball game! Come see how many baskets you can make!
For all ages! Registration requested.

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

Information Sessions:
Monday, June 5 at 3pm & Thursday, June 8 at 7pm

Do you want to volunteer at the library this summer? Join our new Teen Volunteer Squad! This summer, we are looking for Reading Buddies, Harry Potter Party Planners, kids craft helpers and more.

For teens entering grades 7-12 in the fall of 2017
All participants (including new and returning volunteers) must complete an application- Pick up an application at the library or download it from home by visiting www.oflibrary.org/support/volunteer.

Each volunteer will be a member of one squad:
- Reading Buddies
- Book Wranglers Squad
- Teen Tech Squad
- Harry Potter Fanatics
- Kids Create It! Squad

Applications due by Sunday, June 11th at 5pm
Return completed applications to staff at OFL.

**DIY Girls**

Thursdays, June 22 & July 20 at 7pm
Learn about exciting STEM careers and meet women working in the field. Fun hands-on activities will follow each presentation.

For girls in grades 5 & 6. Registration required.

**Babysitter’s Training**

Friday, July 14, 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 4 participants to hold class.

**Microsoft YouthSpark Coding Camp**

July 10-13, 10am - Noon
Join in this fun intermediate-level coding camp. Throughout the series, dive deeper into programming and coding concepts to gain more confidence and skills. The ultimate goal is for attendees to gain an appreciation for coding's role in the games they play and to provide an inspirational foundation for pursuing their interest in computer science.

*This is a 4-day camp- Campers must attend ALL 4 consecutive days.

For teens, ages 12 & up. Registration required.

**Game Design Coding Club**

Mondays, July 17, 31 & August 14 at 2pm
Learn how to program your own computer games using Scratch. Beginner coders welcome!

For grades 5 & up. Registration required.

**Comic Drawing & Writing Club**

Thursdays at 3pm (July 13 - August 17)
Calling all young writers - Join our writing group. Play fun games to help you develop characters and plot twists for your story, check in with famous authors for writing tips and more!

For grades 6 & up. Registration requested.

**Duel Card Gaming Club: Pokémon & Magic**

Saturdays, July 22 & August 12, 11am - 1pm
Come learn how to play dueling card games or compete against your friends in battle. Bring Your own card or we have decks you can use.

For students in grades 3 & up. Registration requested.

**Harry Potter Week: July 31 - August 4**

2017 marks the 20th anniversary of *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*. This summer, join us in celebrating this beloved series by J.K. Rowling with a week filled with wizarding fun...
- Monday, ALL DAY - Happy Birthday Harry! - Drop in and enjoy some cake!
- Tuesday at 6:30pm - Family Fun Night - For all ages! Registration requested.
- Friday at 2pm - Matinee: *Harry Potter & the Sorcerer’s Stone* (PG)
Meet the Tin Man
Sunday, June 11 at 2pm
Dennis Heaphy is a fourth generation tinsmith and the “Resident Tinsmith for the Statue of Liberty.” While demonstrating the art of Repousse, the process used to build Lady Liberty, Dennis will tell stories about the history of The Statue and Ellis Island and his family’s 169 years in Syracuse. Registration requested.

Master Gardener's Workshop:
Plant Natives & Give Bs (Birds, Bees & Butterflies) a Chance
Wednesday, June 7 at 6:30pm
Join us in celebrating National Gardening Week and learn about native plants and why so many gardeners, especially those interested in birds, bees and butterflies, are excited about them? We’ll look at some examples of great natives for our gardens and offer tips on where to buy native plants locally. Registration requested.

Jewelry Classes
Tuesdays at 6:30pm
- June 6 - Sea Life Necklaces (Cost: $7)
- July 11 - Frolicsome Necklace & Earring Set (Cost: $14)
For adults & teens, ages 12 & up. Registration required.

1-on-1 Appointments
- Computer/Tablet Basics: Mondays at 3 & 3:30pm Thursdays at 10 & 10:30am
Learn the basics! Have a new laptop or tablet and need help getting started? Bring your device to the appointment and get a one-on-one tutorial.
- Download E-Books, Audiobooks, Movies, Music & More: Wednesdays at 2 & 2:30pm
Learn how to borrow e-books, audiobooks and more through OCPL's digital catalogs—Overdrive & Hoopla. Our digital catalogs are available 24/7 and no late fees! Also, drop-in time on Sundays, 2-3pm.

OFL Book Club
- Room by Emma Donoghue - Monday, June 19 at 7pm
- Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis by J.D. Vance - Wednesday, July 19 at 7pm
- The Underground Railroad by Colson Whitehead - Tuesday, August 22 at 9:30am
Registration requested. See new display (under Lucky Day books) to check out these books today!

Summer Book Buzz
Friday, June 30 at 10:30am
Discover great book recommendations for the summer at our “tasting” event. Hear about the best beach reads, debut author recommendations, non-fiction picks and more!
Our neighbors from Wholely Grounds will offer samples of their favorite summer iced tea and coffee blends (and do an iced coffee making demonstration!). Coffee beans and teas will be available for purchase. Registration requested.

Author Event:
Hattie Davish Mystery Series by Anna Loan-Wilsey
Wednesday, June 14 at 6:30pm
Are you a fan of history and mystery? This series, set in 1890s America, features a traveling secretary who solves crimes in every historic town she visits.
Enjoy a reading from Anna’s latest book in this series, A March to Remember, and a book signing. Anna will have copies of each book in the series available for purchase- $15.00 each. Registration requested.

Policing the Erie Canal
Wednesday, July 12 at 6:30pm
Did you know that construction on the Erie Canal began 200 years ago this July 4th? Join us in celebrating this anniversary by learning about law enforcement issues surrounding the storied waterway—Presented by Lt. Jonathan Anderson of the Onondaga County Sheriff’s Office.
Registration requested.
Introducing Al Oliveras, OFL’s New Digital Services & Technology Librarian

After many years of living outside of the Central NY region (Auburn native), it is great to be back! OFL has such a beautiful facility, and the staff are equally impressive.

As the Digital Services and Technology Librarian, it will be my task to leverage technology to enhance continuous learning and community engagement efforts both inside and outside of the library building. I am looking forward to learning more about the community we serve and having the opportunity to collaborate with fellow staff members.

Feel free to introduce yourself if you see me in the library. I am interested in learning about the programs and services that are of interest to you.

OFL Board of Trustees

Monthly Meetings - Regularly 4th Wednesday at 6pm

Library Closings:

Independence Day: July 4
Labor Day Weekend: September 2-4

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Summer Hours

(July 1st - Labor Day)
Monday - Thursday 9:00am - 8:30pm
Friday :: 10am - 5pm
Saturday :: 10am - 2pm
Sunday :: CLOSED

Regular Weekend Hours

(Through June 30th)
Saturday :: 10am - 5pm
Sunday :: 1 - 5pm

Prom Dress Clothing Drive

July 1 - August 31

Our friends at The Road are hosting a prom for individuals with special needs this fall. Donate your gently used formal wear and make this an unforgettable night for someone! Drop your donations off to OFL during normal business hours.

Learn more about this event at www.wholelygroundsattheroad.org

Friends of OFL

Monthly Meetings - Regularly 1st Monday at 7pm
1 meeting during summer: Monday, June 5

Partner Projects

Book Café

Tuesday, June 6 at 5:30pm
Learn about current titles for students in grades K-12. Thanks to Sebco Books all attendees will go home with at least 2 books! You do not have to booktalk a book to attend. We have all levels of books from elementary to high school and beyond. Nonfiction and fiction! We have plenty of booktalkers.

Registration required.
Presented by CNY School Librarians.

Art Exhibits & Receptions

Town of Onondaga Senior Center Art Class
Exhibit: June 1-30
Artist Reception:
Thursday, June 1, 4:30-6:30pm
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Karen Koegel
Exhibit: July 1-31
Artist Reception:
Monday, July 17, 4:30-6:30pm