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Onondaga Free Library

Fall Programming

November & December 2020



Make Your In-Library Appointments **ONLINE** now

Planning on visiting the library? You can now book your appointments online at www.oflibrary.org.

Walk-ins are welcome– Based on availability

Curbside Holds Pickup **UPDATE:**

Curbside Pickup is still available for anyone who wants to continue limited contact holds pickup. You no longer have to call to pre-schedule an appointment-

Park in one of the designated parking spaces and call library when you arrive.



NEW Virtual Meeting Space

Coming in November

Though the library's physical meeting rooms are unavailable, OFL is pleased offer a new private virtual meeting space. This space can accommodate up to 100 logins and has webinar capability.

- ⇒ Space is only available during normal library hours.
- ⇒ First come, first serve. Reserve up to one month in advance and no later than 48 hours prior to your meeting.
- ⇒ Limit 2 hours per meeting. 1 reservation per day.

Learn more at oflibrary.org/meeting-rooms or call the library to reserve the meeting space.



Distance Learning Support

Need a quiet place to study, computer access, reliable internet, or to meet with a tutor or study partner? Need more than a 1-hour computer appointment to take self-directed online exam? Sign up for a **two-hour** study session. **Evening and weekend hours now available and open to ALL students!**

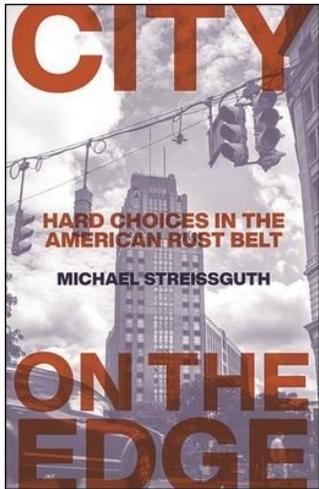
*We have installed plexiglass at each study station to ensure social distancing. Limit 2 people per table.

Space is limited: Register for sessions up to 1 week in advance. Students limited to 1 session per day.

Call the library to register.

VIRTUAL Book Discussions

Registration required for each discussion—
To register, call the library or
visit www.oflibrary.org.



Strathmore Speakers presents Michael Streissguth's *City on the Edge: Hard Choices in the American Rust Belt*

Thursday, Nov. 12 at 7pm - ONLINE via Zoom

The popular Strathmore Speakers Series is back and partnering with OFL to bring you informational and inspirational lectures about a variety of topics. For the first lecture we invite you to an evening with journalist, professor, filmmaker and longtime Syracuse resident, Michael Streissguth, as he discusses his most recent book *City on the Edge*. Following the stories of five Syracuse residents—a young survivor of the streets, a refugee from Cuba, an urban farmer, a community activist and a city elder—*City on the Edge* offers insight into the reasons why individuals chose to remain in a struggling metropolis. Streissguth will examine these motivations and will take us on a deep dive into the social, political and cultural challenges confronting Syracuse today. A brief Q&A will follow.

Michael Streissguth is a professor in the Communications and Film Studies Department at Le Moyne College, where he teaches courses on Mass Media, Film, Writing and English Literature. His work has also been featured in numerous publications, including the Washington Post Magazine, Salon, Rolling Stone, and the Irish Times. He is the author of eight books, including *Johnny Cash: The Biography*, and the producer of two documentary films, *Record Paradise* and *Johnny Cash at Folsom Prison*.

***NEW* Diverse Voices Book Club**

OFL is launching a new ONLINE book club, bringing together readers interested in discovering and discussing diverse literature. New titles each month will feature authors writing from their personal experiences in a marginalized group and encourage readers to gain a better understanding of the world around them. *New members welcome each month. No obligation - participants may join in or opt out of any meeting and discussion.*

Meeting Dates & Selections: (Meetings held online via Zoom)

- ⇒ **November 19 at 7pm - *Another Brooklyn* by Jacqueline Woodson:** A coming of age story of four best friends, telling the story of what it was like to grow up African-American in Brooklyn during the 1970s. eBook and eAudiobook available on Overdrive and Hoopla
- ⇒ **December 17 at 7pm - *A Place for Us* by Fatima Farheen Mirza:** A deeply moving and resonant story of love, identity and belonging. It tells the story of a Muslim Indian family struggling with societal expectations, cultural dynamics, and traditional aspects of Muslim life contrasting with mainstream American ways of life. eBook available on Overdrive



Timely Topics for Adults

Alzheimer's/Dementia Awareness

November is Alzheimer's Awareness Month and we are partnering with the Alzheimer's Association to bring you information sessions about memory loss.

- ◆ Dementia Conversations: Monday, Nov. 2 at 6pm
- ◆ Effective Communication Strategies: Tuesday, Nov. 3 at 7pm
- ◆ Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia: Thursday, Nov. 5 at 6pm

Registration required for each session.

Social Media in America

Tuesday, Dec. 8 at 7pm

Social media has become a significant force in our civic, economic, professional and personal lives. Simultaneously a tool that can elevate our loftiest goals or exacerbate our basest impulses, social media's impact is both shaping and shaking the very foundations of American society. Join us for a lively exploration of the role of social media in America.

Registration required.

Need tech support? OFL can help!



One-on-One Techtorials

Mondays & Fridays, 2:30-3:30pm

Looking for tech support for your computer, laptop or mobile device? Need assistance setting up your Windows PC or Macbook? Or would you like to learn how to use one of the library's many digital services, such as Overdrive/Libby, Hoopla, Ancestry or Testing & Education Resource Center? Then our one-on-one techtorials are for you! *Techtorials are 1 hour and conducted via Zoom, Google Meet or over the phone, depending on your preference.*

Call the library or visit our online calendar to register.

VIRTUAL Learning Circle: Honing Your Job Search Skills with Google Drive



Tuesdays, Nov. 3, 10 & 17, 6:30-8:00pm

(3-part series- must attend all 3 wks)

Learn how to use Google Drive to improve job preparedness and career exploration. Learn how to write a cover letter and resume, and explore helpful ways to research potential employers.

Call the library or visit our online calendar to register.



Google Classroom experts work at OFL!

*Call the library at (315) 492-1727
or email us at info@oflibrary.org
to ask a question. Learn more at
www.oflibrary.org/homework-help*

For TEENS...



Junior Library Volunteers

Volunteer at OFL! Join our team of emerging teen leaders. Make a positive impact in your community working with peers on projects for the library. Help plan events, create book displays and write book reviews. *This group can help teens fulfill required volunteer service hours and prepare for future college and career opportunities. Interested teens in grades 7-12, must complete an application at www.oflibrary.org/volunteer.*

Due to the pandemic, meeting dates/times are TBD- Meetings are currently virtual and will move to in-person when the library allows in-house programming.

Mindfulness Club

Learn ways to calm down, de-stress and feel great! Each month, pick up a project kit from the library, then join us for a virtual meetup as we work on the project as a group and practice other mindfulness activities.

- ◆ November - Gratitude Journal Kit
Kit Pickup by Nov. 1-16 / Meetup - Nov. 17 at 4pm
- ◆ December - Joy Jar Kit
Kit Pickup by Dec. 1-14 / Meetup - Dec. 15 at 4pm

For teens, ages 12 & up.

Limited space/supplies- Registration required.

Once registered, schedule an appointment to pick up your kit. Within 48 hours of picking up your kit, you will receive an email with the link to the virtual meetup.

For Kids & Families...

Take Home Kits

Family Fun Night UNPLUGGED KITS FOR CHECKOUT!

Have you been missing our games and jigsaw puzzles? You can now check out your favorite games, including Yahtzee, Scrabble, Candyland, Taboo, Chess, Checkers and more, to bring home and play with family and friends!

- ⇒ 1-Week Loan with optional 1-week renewal
- ⇒ Limit 1 kit per family.
- ⇒ Must be returned to OFL.

Recommended for grades K-12

Take & Make Kits

OFL is offering a variety of fun craft and activity kits for kids that may be picked up and brought home! Each kit includes most if not all of the supplies needed to complete the projects and instructions.

Recommended for kids in grades K-5.

No registration necessary.

Each kit is available while supplies last- no holds.

Storytime to Go Kits

Bring storytimes home with you! Encourage literacy and discovery through storytelling and interactive play at home. Each kit has a different theme and a variety of books, songs and activities to reinforce early literacy skills.

Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers.

Creative Craft Kits

Did you love our summer craft kits? If so, we have great news- We're bringing them back! Celebrate fall and winter with fun seasonal crafts.

2 kits available each month- 1 for toddlers and preschoolers AND 1 for kids in grades K-6.

Limited supplies- Registration required.

Registration for November kits begins Nov. 1.

Registration for December kits begins Dec. 1.

American Girl

Wed, 12/9 at 6pm - via Zoom

Look back at the different traditions celebrated by the American Girls of past generations.

Sign up and then call or visit our website to schedule a time to pick up a craft kit from the library. Then join us for a virtual meetup where Mrs. Zabel will walk the kids through how to do the craft and have fun sharing holiday traditions.

For ages 7-12. Registration required.

Once registered, schedule an appointment to pick up your kit. Within 48 hours of picking up your kit, you will receive an email with the link to the virtual meetup.

Family Storytimes

**Wed, 11/4 at 10am, Tues, 11/10 at 3pm &
Wed, 11/18 at 10am - via Facebook Live**

Join Mrs. Maggie and Ms. Kori for fun, live storytimes filled with songs, games and activities!

**Recommended for ages 3 & up.
No registration necessary.**

Music & Stories with Donna B.

Friday, 12/4 at 10:30am - via Zoom

Come join us for Zoom music time from the comfort of your own home! Let's start the day the musical way!

**Recommended for children, ages newborn & up.
Registration required.**



Pen Pal Project

**November 1-
December 31**

Get connected with a new friend through OFL's new Pen Pal Project! Fill out the form on our online calendar and OFL's Youth Services Librarian will match you up with a pen pal from another school. Write a letter and feel free to include drawings or photos as well. Then, drop off your letter to OFL for your new pen pal to pick up!

For kids in grades K-8.

Friends Corner

Annual Membership Drive

Current Members: Membership forms mailed out in August.

New Members: Visit www.oflibrary.org.



14th Annual Festival of Trees

November 20 - December 10

Stop by the library anytime during the festival to see the beautiful display of trees and wreaths. Purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win your favorite(s)- **Cost: \$1 each or 6 for \$5.**

NEW THIS YEAR...

- ⇒ Display on 2nd floor near fireplace
- ⇒ Purchase tickets at 1st and 2nd floor desks
- ⇒ Pictures of trees and wreaths are available at www.oflibrary.org/friends-of-ofl

Book Donations on Hold

Due to the pandemic and building capacity restrictions, the Friends were unable to hold their annual fall book sale. **The Friends ask that you hold on to your donations until they start collecting for their spring book sale.**

The Friends thank everyone for their continued support!



Friends of OFL

VIRTUAL Monthly Meetings - Nov. 6 & Dec. 2 at 7pm
Regularly the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7pm

OFL Board of Trustees

VIRTUAL Monthly Meetings - Nov. 18 & Dec. 16 at 6pm
Regularly the 4th Wednesday of each month at 6pm

Library Closings:

Election Day: Nov. 3
Veterans Day: Nov. 11
Thanksgiving: Nov. 26-27 (Nov. 25 - Close at 5pm)
Christmas: Dec. 24 & 25
New Year's: Jan. 1 (Dec. 31 - Close at 5pm)

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Current Hours

*Monday & Wednesday
10am-12pm & 1:00-8:30pm
*Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
10am-12pm & 1-5pm
(*Monday-Friday, library closes
12-1pm for cleaning)
Saturday :: 10am - 2pm