Summer Reading at Onondaga Free Library
July 1st - August 31st
Get started at www.oflibrary.org/summer-reading

Adult Program (ages 18 & up):
Simply log books online OR through the READsquared app and earn chances to win a $20 gift card to Finally Ours diner, Barnes & Noble and Target. The more you read, the more chances you have to win!

Teen Program (entering grades 6-12):
Log books to earn ice cream and mini golf FREEBIES. Also, for each book logged online, you will be entered into a drawing to win gift cards or book bundles. The more books you log, the more chances you have to win!

Kids Program (entering grades K-5):
Kids choose their own reading goal. Simply by registering you will receive a Summer Activity Kit. Keep logging books to earn ice cream and mini golf FREEBIES. Log each week to be entered into our weekly drawings.

GET THE APP! Download the READsquared app on your mobile device so you can log your reading while on the go!

Summer Reading sponsored by Friends of OFL, Gannon’s Ice Cream and Fairmount Glen Miniature Golf.

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OFL @ the Parks

Baby Storytime - Tuesdays at 10:30am
July 6, 13, 20 & 27 | Santaro Park
Aug. 3, 10, 17 & 24 | Kelley Brothers Park
Join us for lap bounces, songs and purposeful playtime at the park this summer as we meet new friends! **Special Guest Donna B. will bring songs and music for our kick-off on July 6th!**
Recommended for ages birth to 2 years, but everyone is welcome! No registration necessary.

Family Storytime - Wednesdays at 10:30am
July 7, 14, 21 & 28 | Santaro Park
Aug. 4, 11, 18 & 25 | Kelley Brothers Park
Fun for the whole family! Join us at the parks for fun animal-themed stories and activities. **Special Guest Donna B. will bring songs and music to our program on August 11th!**
Recommended for ages 3-5, but everyone is welcome! No registration necessary.

Fun Fridays: Crafts, Games & Giveaways
July 9, 16, 23 & 30, 10am-12pm | Kelley Brothers Park
Aug. 6, 13, 20 & 27, 10am-12pm | Santaro Park
Get ready to go wild this summer - Learn about amazing animals with fun games and crafts! We will make balloon animals, go on scavenger hunts, compete in relay races and more! While you visit our library activity table at the park, sign up for summer reading and win prizes all summer long.
Recommended for kids entering grades K-5, but everyone is welcome! No registration necessary.
**Bonus:** Pop-up Wi-Fi available each week!

Storywalks - July 1 - August 31
**What Do You Do with a Tail Like This? | Santaro Park**
**Owl Eyes | Kelley Brothers Park**
Enjoy fun animal-themed storywalks to go along with our Summer Reading theme, Tails & Tales. This is a great opportunity for the community to get moving and reading together! Check into our storywalks by scanning the QR code on the first sign. Fill out the brief survey to be entered to win a family prize basket at the end of the summer. **Submissions must be in by August 31st. In partnership with the Friends of OFL.**

Music & Stories with Donna B.
Tuesday, July 6 at 10:30am | Santaro Park
Wednesday, Aug. 11 at 10:30am | Kelley Brothers Park
Donna B. brings musical storytelling to the parks this summer! Enjoy interactive tunes for tots, animal puppets and felt board stories!
Recommended for ages 1-7, but everyone is welcome! No registration necessary.

The M.O.S.T.: Tails to Tell
Thursday, Aug. 12 at 11am | Santaro Park
Each animal has a tale to tell. In this live science demonstration, we will learn about the characteristics that scientists use to classify animals, take an up-close look at specimens from real animals and explore what make each on unique!
For all ages! No registration necessary.

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No registration necessary for programs at the parks.

**Rules for Programs held at the Parks:**

- In the event of inclement weather, outdoor programs may be moved indoors at the library, rescheduled or cancelled. Announcements will be made on our website, online calendar and Facebook.
- We are following CDC and NYS guidance: No masks or social distancing is required for outdoor programs for all participants, staff, volunteers or performers. **Note: These guidelines may change depending on updated state, county, and/or town directives.**
- Programs takes place in an open area, so please plan accordingly for blankets, sunscreen, etc.
For Kids...

Programs listed below are held in the library’s garden.
Registration for all summer programs opens July 1st!

**American Girl** - Mondays, 7/19, 8/2 & 8/16 at 2pm
Join us as we explore American Girls and their pets and animals through crafts, books, songs and snacks. Learn how to make candles, origami animal napkins and doll-sized poodle skirts.
For kids entering grades 2-5. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

**Pokémon** - Wednesdays, 7/21, 8/4 & 8/18 at 6pm
Enjoy a fun game of strategy and partnership while battling new friends with Pokémon cards. All skill levels are welcome! Please note that due to social distancing restrictions, each child will hold their card in play and read it out loud to the other player. No trading will be allowed.
For kids entering grades 2-5. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

**Ocean Slime** - Thursday, 7/22 at 11am & 2pm
Do you love science experiments? Do you love following recipes? Do you love getting messy? Join us in creating ocean slime as we learn fun facts about some wild, beautiful and strange ocean creatures!
For kids entering grades 2-6. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

**Hatching Baby Chicks**
July 5 - August 6
We have very EGG-CITING news... We will be hatching baby chicks again this summer! As we await their hatching, stop in to learn all about chickens and their eggs... Or is it eggs and their chickens?! Even help us name the cuties by entering a name into our suggestion box! We will be pulling names out of a hat as each chick hatches.
You are able to watch the chicks hatch and grow 24/7 right from home too-- Visit our website to watch the live feed!

**Creative Cultures**
Join our Creative Cultures art group! This summer we will explore regional art. Each session will feature a short introduction to the culture followed by an opportunity to create a personal masterpiece.
2 sessions to choose from for each topic available:
- Japanese Block Printing: July 27 OR 30 at 1pm
- Chinese Silk Printing: August 24 OR 27 at 1pm
For kids entering grades 5-7. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

**Graphic Novel Workshop** - Thursday, 7/29 at 2pm
Meet Mat Heagerty, a professional graphic novelist! Learn about the collaborative process of creating a graphic novel and then create a collaborative panel with other participants!
For kids entering grades 4-7. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

**Poop Slime** - Friday, 8/13 at 1pm & 3pm
Poop, scat, dung, waste - no matter what you call it, animals leave it! Learn fun and gross facts about all the poo in this hands-on slime-making program!
For kids entering grades 2-6. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

**Family Fun Night UNPLUGGED KITS FOR CHECKOUT**
Enjoy a family game night every week when you check out your family’s favorite board games, puzzles, and S.T.E.A.M. toys from OFL! Kids and adults alike are sure to enjoy classics like Battleship, Yahtzee and Candyland, but discover new games like Dixit, Sleeping Queens and The Floor is Lava and more!
Each kit includes 2-3 games/puzzles/toys geared towards kids in grades K-12. Loan period: 1 week
For more information, visit www.oflibrary.org/family-fun-night-unplugged-kits/.

**A BIG thank you to Rohe Farms for sponsoring this very popular program!**
Our year-round reading program for babies, toddlers and preschoolers is now available online or through the READsquared mobile app. New and currently enrolled participants can create an account and start logging books to earn prizes.

Get started at www.oflibrary.org/1000-books-before-kindergarten OR download the READsquared app.

Existing participants—Finish your current paper log and bring it to the library's front desk to claim your child's prize. Please let staff know if you plan to continue the program on paper or online/through the app.

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OFL's children's services librarians have put together great themed storytime kits for parents, grandparents, caregivers and daycare providers to checkout! Each themed bag has great read-aloud books, suggestions for ways to read, write, talk, play and sing with young children and an activity to extend the storytime fun.

1-week loan with optional 1-week renewal. 1 kit per family at any given time. Must be returned to OFL.

This is a growing collection—Look for more kits to be added throughout the end of the year!

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**Teen Gaming Station is BACK!**

**Play Microsoft Xbox One X**

*Teens, ages 12-17 are welcome to use the gaming station.*

- Check out a game controller at the Information Desk using your library card.
- You will have 1 hour to play – make your reservation at the Information Desk. *If no one is waiting, you may extend your reservation.*
- All Xbox Game Pass games are available to play! *Games limited to “E for Everyone” and “T for Teen” ratings. Online play is not available.*
- You are welcome to bring your own Xbox One X games or gaming system. See staff to get started. Games must be rated “E” or “T”.

**Gaming Station Rules:**

⇒ Respect others and keep the volume and noise to a reasonable level.
⇒ Gaming system will be shut down 15 minutes before the library closes.

View full Gaming Station policy at www.oflibrary.org.

*NEW* Puzzle Collection

OFL now has puzzles that you can check out! A variety of 500-3000 piece puzzles are available on the 2nd floor on the newspaper rack in the fireplace area.

Each puzzle is a 3-week loan with TWO optional renewals.

Limit 2 puzzles per library card at a time. Must be returned OFL.
**For Teens...**

**READ WOKE**

**Summer Launch Parties**

Thursdays, 7/15 & 8/12 at 6:30pm | Garden

Join our new reading program for teens and discover diverse books! Read titles from our Read Woke book list and win awesome prizes (including a Read Woke t-shirt!). Read Woke is an ongoing challenge, so you can start anytime and finish at your own pace.

Learn more, get matched with a Woke Book, play trivia games and more at our Summer Launch Parties!

For teens in grades 6-12. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

**What is “Read Woke”?**

“Read Woke is a movement. It is a feeling. It is a style. It is a form of education. It is a call to action; it is our right as lifelong learners. It means arming yourself with knowledge in order to better protect your rights. Knowledge is power and no one can take it away. It means learning about others so that you can treat people with the respect and dignity that they deserve no matter their religion, race, creed, or color.” - Cicely Lewis, creator of Read Woke

**What is a “Woke Book”?**

A Woke Book must: (1) challenge a social norm, (2) give voice to the voiceless, (3) provide information about a group that has been disenfranchised, (4) seek to challenge the status quo, or (5) have a protagonist from an underrepresented or oppressed group.

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**DUNGEONS & DRAGONS**

Thursdays, 7/8, 7/22, 8/5 & 8/19, 6-8pm | Garden

Join OFL’s TEEN Dungeons & Dragon Club. New and experienced players are welcome!

For teens in grades 6-12. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

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**For Adults...**

**Diverse Voices Book Club**

**Wednesdays, 7/14 & 8/11 at 7pm | Garden**

OFL has launched a book club, bringing together readers interested in discovering and discussing diverse literature.

New members welcome each month. No obligation - participants may join in or opt out of any club meeting and discussions.

**Dates & Titles:**

- July 14
  - **House of Sticks** by Ly Tran

- August 11
  - **My Remarkable Journey** by Katherine Johnson

Recommended for adults. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

**The Constitution: America’s User’s Manual**

**Tuesdays, July 13, 20 & 27 at 4pm | Garden**

Most things we interact with in our daily lives come with some kind of instruction manual—phones, cars, microwaves, even governments—but few, if any of us, ever actually pay attention to those instructions. The United States Constitution is a case in point: it informs, structures, and guides our political, social, and cultural lives, yet most of us never bother to read it. In this 3-part series, participants will read key sections from the Constitution, then join Syracuse University Political Science professor Thomas M. Keck to discuss.

Recommended for adults. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

**Computers: What’s Inside the Box?**

**Tuesdays, Aug. 3 & 10 at 6:30pm | Garden**

OFL’s Digital Services & Technology Librarian provides an in-depth look inside those mysterious boxes we call computers. Learn the differences between memory (RAM) and storage, how to evaluate different models of CPU, what a motherboard is and why it is important, and how to decide on which type of storage, HDD or SSD, is best for you.

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#booksmatter
Important Updates...

HOURS:
OFL is now back to our normal summer hours, including being open 9:00am-8:30pm Monday through Thursday!

MASK/SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES:
OFL has adopted the new CDC guidance on mask use and social distancing at this time: All unvaccinated individuals over 2 years old must wear a mask and practice social distancing inside our building.

CURBSIDE PICKUP:
Do you have problems with mobility? Or do you want to stop by the library to pick up your holds, but don’t want to get the kids out of the car? We have great news—We have made Curbside Pickup a permanent service! Simply park in one of the TWO designated Curbside Pickup parking spots, call the library and press “2”. You will need your library card or photo ID readily available.

MORE CONTACT-FREE SERVICES:
- WiFi: Available everyday 8am-9pm; accessible in library’s garden or parking lot.
- Digital Collections: Thousands of free e-book and e-audiobook titles as well as music, movie and digital magazine downloads through Overdrive/Libby and hoopla.

MEETING ROOMS:
Our private meeting rooms are now available for reservation. Please visit our website www.oflibrary.org/meeting-rooms for more information or call the library to book a room today!

Does your group need a larger space to meet? Our virtual meeting space is still available! This virtual space can accommodate large gatherings (up to 100 individuals) and can be configured as a webinar if you need to host a presentation. Visit the webpage listed above for more information or to request access to our virtual meeting space.

LIBRARY GARDEN:
Read, study or meet outdoors in OFL’s beautiful garden!
- The garden is accessible from the back parking lot OR the 2nd floor inside the library.
- Wi-Fi is available everyday from 8am-9pm and is accessible in the library’s garden or parking lot.
- Please dispose of any trash in the outdoor garbage can.
- Need to enter the library? We ask that you follow the mask and social distancing guidelines to the left.
- The garden is not available during library-sponsored programs.

Stay updated about OFL’s services and policies at www.oflibrary.org/library-reopening-updates.

Friends of OFL
Summer Meetings: July 7 & Aug. 4 at 7pm
Weather permitting, meetings are held in library garden.
Rain Location: ONLINE via Zoom

OFL Board of Trustees
Summer Meeting: July 28 at 6pm
Meeting is a hybrid of in person and online via Zoom—See online calendar for Zoom link.

Library Closings:
Independence Day Weekend: July 3-4
Labor Day Weekend: Sept. 4-6

Library Hours:
- Monday: 9:00am - 8:30pm
- Tuesday: 9:00am - 8:30pm
- Wednesday: 9:00am - 8:30pm
- Thursday: 9:00am - 8:30pm
- Friday: 10:00am - 5:00pm
- Saturday: 10:00am - 2:00pm
- Sunday: CLOSED

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