Spring Into Fun
Activity Kits & Virtual Meetups
Celebrate Spring, learn about holidays, get book recommendations and attend our live event with books and music with this awesome activity kit.

Kits & Meetups for 2 different age groups:
⇒ Toddlers & Preschoolers: Monday, 3/29 at 11am
⇒ Grades K-4: Friday, 4/2 at 2pm

Registration opens March 1st.

Due to limited quantities and high demand, we are asking families to sign up for only one kit in each age group and share as a family - REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Once your child is registered, stop by the library during normal business hours to pick up your kit.
Kits must be picked up by April 30.

Teen Mindfulness Club
Activity Kits & Virtual Meetups
Thursdays, 3/18 & 4/22 at 4pm

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.

Dates & Projects:
♦ March 18 - Vision Board
♦ April 22 - Animal Therapy/ DIY Chia Pet

For students in grades 5 & up. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.
Registration opens the 1st of each month.

Women’s Work
Wednesday, 3/31 at 6:30pm
ONLINE via Zoom

While 2021 saw the historic inauguration of the first woman of color as Vice President of the U.S., women of color have found ways to exercise power on the global stage in the past. Join us in exploring how traditional “women’s work” such as weaving, healthcare and education opened up avenues of advancement for women of color, and in some cases allowed them to shape the future of a nation.

Recommended for adults. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Presenter: Sarah Stegeman is a History PhD Candidate at Syracuse University. She completed her undergraduate work at the University of Illinois with a major in history and a minor in women and gender studies. Stegeman specializes in 19th century African American Women’s history. Her current research interests are focused on the role of African American emigrants from the U.S. to the colony of Liberia and their descendants. Stegeman’s other research interests include popular culture, fashion history, and art in the development of group identity, and women and gender issues both in the United States and in Africa.

Need Tax Forms? We have them!
And if we don’t have the one you need, we will print it for FREE!
Stop by the library anytime during normal business hours and see staff at the front desk for assistance.

Note: By law, library staff cannot assist in determining what form a patron needs.
VIRTUAL DISCUSSIONS

Center for New Americans Community Conversation

DATE CHANGE: Thursday, 3/18 at 7pm | ONLINE via Zoom
Meet author Ahmed Badr and join us for a discussion highlighting his collection of poetry, personal narratives and art from refugees around the world– While the Earth Sleeps We Travel.
Call the library to reserve your copy today! Also available as an ebook on Hoopla
Recommended for adults. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.
This program is in partnership with InterFaith Works, NYS Office for New Americans, Onondaga County Public Libraries and Manlius Library.

Diverse Voices Book Club

Thursdays, 3/25 & 4/22 at 7pm | ONLINE via Zoom
OFL has launched an ONLINE 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.
♦ March 18 at 7pm - Searching for Sylvie Lee by Jean Kwok
♦ April 22 at 7pm - His Only Wife by Peace Adzo Medie
Call the library to reserve copies today!
E-books and audiobooks also available on Hoopla.
Recommended for adults. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Strathmore Speakers Series

Thursdays, 3/11 & 4/8 at 7pm | ONLINE via Zoom
The popular Strathmore Speakers Series is partnering with OFL to bring you informational and inspirational lectures about a variety of topics.
♦ March 11 - Dr. Samuel Gruber, “Warding off the Virus: A Virtual Tour of Ward Wellington Ward’s Syracuse Houses”
♦ April 8 - Eddie Brennan, “Beak & Skiff: A Family at the Core of CNY Agriculture”
Recommended for adults. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Need to host a meeting? We have the space!
Does your organization need to meet? Or want to start your book club back up? Though the library’s physical meeting rooms are unavailable, OFL is pleased to offer a private virtual meeting space. This space can accommodate up to 100 logins and has webinar capability.
Learn more and request access at oflibrary.org/meeting-rooms.

Jewelry Classes

Wednesdays, 3/10 & 4/14 at 6:30pm
ONLINE via Zoom
Learn how to make fun jewelry projects right at home!
Emerald Isle Necklace
March 10
Earth Day Earrings
April 14
Cost: $7/person | For adults and teens, ages 12 & up.
REGISTRATION REQUIRED– Opens 1st of each month.
After registering, stop by the library anytime during normal business hours to pickup and pay for supplies. Toolkits also available for checkout with library card.
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.

CubeeCraft: DC Comics Activity Kit & Virtual Meetup
Monday, 3/29 at 2pm | ONLINE via Zoom
Does your child love superheroes and/or crafts? If so, this fun project is perfect for them! CubeeCrafts are fun paper craft toys that feature interlocking tabs for construction.
For kids in grades 3-7. REGISTRATION REQUIRED. Registration opens March 1st.

American Girl Activity Kit & Virtual Meetup
Wednesday, 4/14 at 6pm | ONLINE via Zoom
Look back at the different traditions celebrated by the American Girls of past generations. Reserve 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 students in grades 2-7. REGISTRATION REQUIRED. Registration opens April 1st.

Bop, Drop & Read
Tuesday, 3/23 at 6pm | ONLINE via Zoom
Beat those winter blues - grab your sunglasses and beach gear. Miss Sara is back for another fun, interactive movement class on Zoom! We will use our imagination to move to the beat and learn basic dance steps while having fun in the sun! Once we dance, we will end with a story.
For kids in PreK-1st grade. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Micro:bit Club Activity Kit & Virtual Meetups
Tuesdays, 4/13, 4/20 & 4/27 at 4pm
Learn to code with micro:bit, the all-in-one computer that fits in the palm of your hand! During this three-week club, we will use our micro:bits and the free MakeCode graphic code editor to explore the basics of computer programming, assemble our own code, and test it out in real time. Each week we will then meet up virtually to share our projects. No previous coding experience necessary.
Cost: $10/kit- Includes your very own micro:bit V.2 Go kit (one micro:bit, one USB cable, one battery pack and two AAA batteries) Email info@oflibrary.org to inquire about need-based scholarships.
For teens in grades 5 & up. REGISTRATION REQUIRED. Registration opens March 29th.

For Kids & Families...

Check out our new Early Literacy Webpage!
Revisit past storytimes and virtual programs, learn about 1000 Books Before Kindergarten, explore resources for parents and caregivers and more! www.oflibrary.org/early-literacy
Friends of OFL

VIRTUAL Monthly Meetings
- 3/3 & 4/7 at 7pm
Regularly the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7pm

Library Closing:
Easter: Sunday, April 4

Friends Cookbook Sale
Limited quantities available - $10 each

How to purchase:
2. Bring completed order form to library during normal business hours to pick up your order.

Book Donations on Hold
Due to the pandemic and building capacity restrictions, the Friends are unable to hold a book sale at this time. The Friends ask that you hold on to your donations until they have an update about their next book sale.

The Friends thank everyone for their continued support!

Board of Trustees Annual Meeting
Wednesday, March 24 at 6pm

The Board of Trustees invites you to their annual meeting at which they will highlight OFL’s successes during this unprecedented year and the changes the library has made in order to still provide great services and programs during a worldwide pandemic.

Friends of OFL

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