Master Gardeners Workshops

Saturday, May 8 at 2pm &
Wednesday, June 23 at 6:30pm
ONLINE via Zoom

The expert volunteers from Cornell Cooperative Extension’s Master Gardener program are back to provide the community with great gardening tips!

⇒ Companion Planting: Saturday, May 8 at 2pm
Learn the advantages and how-to’s of combining vegetables, herbs and flowers in your home garden using organic methods.

⇒ Shade Gardening: Wednesday, June 23 at 6:30pm
All shade is not equal. Learn the types of shade and plant selections for Zone 5 gardeners.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED for each program.

Puzzle Swap/Sale

Saturday, May 15, 10am-2pm
Swap Drop-Off: May 1-8

Back by popular demand– but we’re doing it a little different this time around!

1. Drop-Off: May 1-8 - Drop off your gently used puzzles to the library’s front desk anytime during normal business hours.
2. At drop-off, you will receive a voucher saying how many puzzles you can get at the swap. You will receive 1 free puzzle simply for donating your own puzzles to the swap!
3. Swap/Sale: May 15 - If you’re swapping, simply pick as many puzzles as your voucher says. If you did not swap any puzzles, each puzzle will be marked with a suggested donation price. Puzzles are while supplies last– The earlier you come, the better the selection!

Thank you to everyone who donates and purchases puzzles– All proceeds benefit OFL!

Register and learn more about any of our programs and services at www.oflibrary.org.

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Diverse Voices Book Club
Wednesday, 5/12 & Thursday, 6/17 at 7pm
IN-PERSON in the Library’s Garden (Rain Location: Zoom)
OFL has launched a new 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.
♦ May 12 - Waste: One Woman’s Fight Against America’s Dirty Secret by Catherine Coleman Flowers
♦ June 17 - The Fixed Stars by Molly Wizenberg
Call the library to reserve copies today!
E-books and audiobooks also available on Hoopla and Overdrive.

Strathmore Speakers Series
Saturday, 5/15 at 2pm & Thursday, 6/10 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.
♦ May 15 - Jeff Megivern "Mars 2020: NASA's Perseverance Rover and the Search for Ancient Life on Mars"
♦ June 10 - Joee Patterson "Icebreakers, Zodiacs and Elephant Seals: Antarctic Science and Life as a Marine Technician"

Identity Theft, Scams & Financial Exploitation of Older Adults
Wednesday, 5/19 at 6:30pm | ONLINE via Zoom
Did you receive a call that you “won” a sweepstakes that you didn’t enter? Have you ever been threatened in a phone call by the "IRS" or "Social Security"? Has a “grandchild” ever called needing bail? THESE ARE ALL SCAMS! Protect yourself or a loved one from identity theft by learning about types of scams, what populations are at increased risk, tips for prevention and safety and what local and national resources are available for support and recovery. Presented by the Onondaga County Elder Identity Theft Coalition in partnership with Vera House.

Jewelry Classes
Wednesdays, 5/12 & 6/9 at 6:30pm
ONLINE via Zoom
Just Breathe Bangle Bracelet
May 12
Whale Tail Necklace
June 9
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.

TECH CORNER
In-Person Tech Help
• 1-on-1 Techtorials: Mondays & Fridays, 2-3pm
Receive 1-on-1 tech support from our Digital Services & Technology Librarian! Sessions are 1 hour and can be booked up to 7 days in advance.
• iPads 101: Friday, 6/11 at 3pm
Learn the basics of iPad setup and use— iCloud; privacy and security; app management; navigation; Siri and more!
• Android Tablets 101: Friday, 6/18 at 3pm
Learn the basics of Android setup and use— account and email activation; WiFi; Google assistant and more!
REGISTRATION REQUIRED for each program.
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.

Summer Teen Volunteer Squads are returning in 2021! Look for updates and online application June 1st!

Mental Health Awareness Month
Join the national movement to raise awareness about mental health and end the stigma around mental illness. In May, the library will spotlight their mental wellness resources and collections and offer special programs for teens and adults:

⇒ Tuesday, May 4 at 7pm - Help & Hope for School and Pandemic Stresses: Sharing Stories and Strategies (VIRTUAL EVENT presented by National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Syracuse)
⇒ May 10-15 - Self Care Kits for Teens & Adults First come, first serve—while supplies last!
⇒ Wednesday, May 12 at 6:30pm - Jewelry Class: Just Breathe Bangle Bracelet - Ever need a reminder to simply take a deep breath? Wear that reminder right on your wrist! Cost: $7/person | For adults and teens, ages 12 & up. REGISTRATION REQUIRED. More details on previous page.
⇒ Wednesday, May 19 at 4pm - Teen Mindfulness Club: Nature Journal Activity Kit & Optional IN-PERSON Field Trip to Clark Reservation State Park - Learn ways to calm down, de-stress and feel great! Pick up a project kit from the library, then join us for a meetup as we work on the project kit as a group and practice other mindfulness activities. For teens in grades 5 & up. REGISTRATION REQUIRED (opens May 1st).

For Kids & Families...

Mars Activity Kit
Registration & Kit Pickup: May 1-15
Live Event via Zoom: Saturday, 5/15 at 2pm
NASA engineer Jeff Megivern joins us as part of the Strathmore Speaker Series to talk about Perseverance, the Mars Rover! Register for this activity kit to learn more about the red planet. If your child has any questions for Mr. Megivern, help them fill out the form linked in the online event description, so their question can be asked at our live event.

Kit recommended for kids in grades K-4.
ONE kit per family. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Baby Play & Learn Kit & a Parent Café
Registration & Kit Pickup: May 1 - June 4
Meetup via Zoom: Friday, 6/4 at 10:30am
Sing, talk, read, write and play with your child every day! This kit includes some fun items to help engage with your child in meaningful and purposeful ways. Join our VIRTUAL meetup for lap bounces and parent café to meet other new parents in our community.

For parents and children ages 2 & under.
ONE kit per family. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Music & Stories with Donna B.
Wednesday, 6/16 at 1:30pm | Zoom
Join Donna B. for a virtual music experience for kids, parents and caregivers! There are fun ways to create your own instruments to have ready for our concert time—Fill plastic eggs or small storage containers with rice, popcorn or seeds to create your own shaker to use during story and dance time!

Recommended for children, ages newborn & up.
REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Family Storytimes
Wednesdays in May at 10am
Live on Zoom & Facebook
Join Mrs. Maggie and Ms. Kori for fun, live interactive storytimes filled with songs, games and activities!
Recommended for toddlers & preschoolers.
Plan on attending via Zoom? Registration is required.
Watching on Facebook does not require registration.

National Comic Book Day
Saturday, 5/1, 10am-2pm
Stop by the library anytime to pick up a FREE Marvel CubeeCraft kit full of fun Marvel paper crafts! Limited number of kits - available while supplies last.
Recommended for ages 9 & up.
No registration required.
Friends of OFL
VIRTUAL Monthly Meetings
- 5/5 & 6/2 at 7pm
Regularly the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7pm

Library Closings:
Memorial Day Weekend: May 29-31
Juneteenth: Saturday, June 19

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OFL Board of Trustees
VIRTUAL Meeting - Wednesday, 5/26 at 6pm
Visit our website for 2021 meeting dates.

1-Day ONLY
Saturday, June 5
10am-4pm
Rain Date: Saturday, June 12
Buy gently used books, audiobooks, music, movies and more at great prices!

Donations accepted May 17-21:
Please bring gently used books, DVDs, CDs, games and puzzles to staff at the front desk during regular library hours.
We do not accept magazines, textbooks, encyclopedias or VHS or cassette tapes.
The library is required to quarantine all donations. Due to the quarantine period, the library can not accept any donations after May 21st.

Friends Cookbook Sale
$10 each– Purchase at the library’s front desk!
Over 180 recipes including those from the library’s cook-off winners, staff and Friends family favorites and members of our community.

Become a Friend! Pick up a membership brochure at the library OR download and print a form from www.oflibrary.org/friends-of-ofl.

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