Flu Clinic

Friday, Oct. 1, 10:00-11:30am

Have you gotten your flu shot yet? If not, save this date and get your flu shot at OFL!
Free with most insurances. Please bring your photo ID, insurance card and/or prescription card.
Senior dose available!
First come, first serve - No registration necessary.
Presented by Walgreens.

Inktober for Teens

Mondays in October,
3:00-4:00pm

Join the Inktober movement!
Drop in Monday afternoons to pick up materials - stick around to see what others are drawing or get some ideas!
Notebooks and pens available while supplies last.
For teens in grades 6 & up. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.
We would love for you to share your drawings with us by tagging us on social media: @OnondagaFreeLib

Pumpkin Painting Contest

For KIDS in grades K-5
Submissions accepted Oct. 1-16
Display & Voting: Oct. 18-28

Your child is invited to participate in our first ever Pumpkin Painting Contest!

Contest Rules:
⇒ All children in grades K-5 can participate—Pumpkins (sizes vary) and paint sets are available for pickup at the library Oct. 1-16 (while supplies last) OR use your pumpkins and paints.
⇒ Children may use markers instead of paints to decorate pumpkins.
⇒ NO CARVING!
⇒ Decorated pumpkins must be submitted to the library by Saturday, Oct. 16 at 5pm.
⇒ Winners will be announced Friday, Oct. 29 - TWO Grand Prize Winners: One child from the K-2 age group and one child from the 3-5 age group will win a $15 Byrne Dairy gift card.

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

Note: When registering for programs, please register each person who plans on attending. There is limited space for each program due to social distancing. All patrons over 2 years old must wear a mask at all times inside the library.

Cybersecurity 101
Tuesday, Oct. 5 at 7pm
Learn about basic cybersecurity measures you can take to defend your data, your computer, and your network from cybercriminal activity. Topics covered include: how to recognize email and phone scams; multi-factor authentication; password managers; strategies for creating secure passwords; anti-virus software; and the foundations of home network security.
Recommended for adults. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Strathmore Speakers Series:
Eric Persons, "Central Current: Local Journalism, Citizenship & Community Engagement"
Thursday, Oct. 14 at 7pm | ONLINE via Zoom
This month, we welcome Central Current, Inc. co-founder, Eric Persons. Central Current is a new nonprofit, nonpartisan and independent digital news agency based in Syracuse. Eric will discuss the Central Current project and the role of local journalism in creating an informed and engaged citizenry.
Recommended for adults. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Movie Showing: Cruella
Saturday, Oct. 9 at 2pm
Rated PG-13 | Runtime: 2 hrs, 14 mins
Join us once a month for a popular new release! This month: Academy Award winner Emma Stone (La La Land) stars in Disney’s Cruella, an all-new live-action feature film about the rebellious early days of one of cinemas most notorious and notoriously fashionable villains, the legendary Cruella de Vil.
Recommended for ages 13 & up. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Jewelry Class:
Wicked Hands Earrings
Wednesday, Oct. 13 at 6:30pm
Join us in making this fun Halloween jewelry project!
Cost: $7/person | For adults and teens, ages 12 & up. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Puzzle Swap
Drop-Off: Oct. 11-16
Swap: Saturday, Oct. 23, 10am-12pm
Back by popular demand!
1. Drop off your gently used puzzles to the library’s front desk Oct. 11-16.
2. At that time, you will receive a voucher for the swap and register for a 30-minute time slot for the day of the swap (10am-12pm).
3. On Swap day, come to the library during your designated time slot, browse and choose up to the number of puzzles your voucher states.

1-on-1 Techtorials
Mondays & Fridays, 45-minute appointments
10:30-11:15am & 2:00-2:45pm
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! REGISTRATION REQUIRED.
Due to high demand, patrons can book only 1 techtorial per month.

Crafts with Friends
Thursdays, 9:30-10:30am
You’re invited to meet, chat, share crafting/hobby ideas, and work on your current projects. Be sure to browse the library’s Crafts & Hobbies collection too! There is no fee, no obligation – just bring your craft/hobby and a friend! No registration necessary.
Presented by the Friends of OFL.

Book Clubs
Print & ebooks available. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Diverse Voices Book Club:
Stamped by Jason Reynolds
Thursday, 10/14 at 7pm
Author is visiting Syracuse on October 26 as part of the Friends of Central Library’s Rosamond Gifford Lecture Series.

Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club:
Dune by Frank Herbert
Saturday, 10/30 at 2pm
Now a major motion picture starring Jason Momoa, Josh Brolin and Zendaya.
Artist of the Month:

Fabric Handworks by Sharon Bottle Souva

Display: October 1-31

Sharon's career as a fiber artist embraces innovative ways to incorporate design, texture and color into original wall art. Along with her own exploration or original designs, she is a commission artist working with clients creating one of a kind memory quilts from the clothing of loved ones.

Sharon received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree at the SUNY at Oswego, concentrating in print-making and graduated with a Masters of Art in Studio from Oswego in fall 2017. Currently, she is an adjunct professor at Cazenovia College, teaching Design/Color Theory and Drawing/Perception and Composition, and is an instructor of her craft at various venues throughout the region.

Learn more about Sharon and her work at www.sharonbottlesouva.com.

Do you want to use our space to show off your own artwork?
Email us at info@oflibrary.org
We are currently taking requests for the 2022 calendar year.
For TEENS...

Junior Library Volunteers
Meetings: Thursday, 10/7 at 4pm & Saturday, 10/23 at 2pm
Do you want to volunteer at the library? Join our team of emerging teen leaders. Volunteers help plan library events, create book displays, write book reviews and complete community service projects. For teens in grades 7 & up. REGISTRATION REQUIRED. All participants are encouraged to complete a JLV application to stay up-to-date on additional volunteer opportunities—Visit www.oflibrary.org/volunteer for more information.

Intro to Programming
6-week series: Tuesdays, 6:30-8:00pm
Oct. 12, 19, 26, Nov. 2, 9 & 16
Explore the basics of computer programming, assemble your own code and test it out in real time. Ideal for first-time Coders and Makers alike! Each participant will receive their own micro:bit microcomputer kit, which includes 1 micro:bit, 1 USB cable, 1 flash drive, 1 battery pack, 2 AAA batteries, 2 alligator clips, and 1 servo motor. Kits will be distributed at the first meeting and are yours to keep! Laptops will be provided for in-house use during the program. For teens in grades 5 & up. REGISTRATION REQUIRED. Registering for one session registers you for all. Must attend 4 dates. Minimum 4 registrants to run.

Mindfulness Club
Tuesday, Oct. 19 at 4pm
Learn ways to calm down, de-stress and feel great! Each month, we work on a fun craft project and practice other mindfulness activities. THIS MONTH: Make a Worry Pet (fidget toy) Practice mindfulness with a fidget toy: Fidget toys or other small objects you play with in your hand can be grounding. Not only do they keep you distracted, they engage your sense of touch to bring you back to the present moment. For teens in grades 5 & up. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Dungeons & Dragons
Thursdays, 6-8pm
Join OFL's TEEN Dungeons & Dragon Club. New and experienced players are welcome! For teens in grades 6-12. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Note: Limited space due to social distancing. Drop off ONLY—Families are welcome to stay inside the library until the program is finished. All patrons over 2 years old must wear a mask at all times inside the library.

Jason Reynolds Celebration
Thursday, Oct. 14 at 5pm
Did you hear the amazing news? Jason Reynolds is visiting Syracuse on October 26th! Celebrate all things Jason at our author study and learn about our new reading club, Read Woke. Play games, learn about the award-winning author, win prizes and more. Don’t forget- If you read any book by this author, be sure to log it as part of OFL’s Read Woke Reading Club. Learn more at www.oflibrary.org/read-woke. For teens in grades 6 & up. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

READ WOKE
#booksmatter

GSA Club
Friday, Oct. 29, 3:30-4:30pm
Gender & Sexuality Alliance (GSA) clubs are student-run organizations that unite LGBTQ+ and allied youth to build community and organize around issues impacting them on their schools and communities. Help us start a GSA club at OFL - Join us for our first meeting this October! All are welcome - This club is a safe space for everyone. For teens in grades 6-12. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Explore the Teen Space!
Play the Xbox
Game Pass games rated “E” or “T”
Borrow a Chromebook to work on homework at the library
Project to the TV to collaborate on a group project
American Girl
Thursday, Oct. 28 at 6pm
Celebrate autumn with American Girl stories past and present - the sights, sounds, aromas, flavors and feeling of fall and of course Halloween!
For kids in grades 2-6. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Bad Guys Fan Club
Saturday, Oct. 16 at 2pm
Join in the International League of Heroes and meet other Bad Guys fans! Recommend your favorite books and read-alikes, play trivia, create crafts and witness a science experiment Dr. Marmalade would make.
For kids in grades 1-4. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Family Storytimes
Tuesdays, Oct. 12, 19 & 26 at 10:30am & Wednesdays, Oct. 13 & 27 at 2pm
(Same storytime presented both days each week.)
Fun for the whole family! Join us at the library for fun animal-themed stories, songs and activities.
Recommended for ages 3-5.
REGISTRATION REQUIRED for each storytime.

For Babies, Toddlers & Preschoolers...

Family Storytimes
Tuesdays, Oct. 12, 19 & 26 at 10:30am & Wednesdays, Oct. 13 & 27 at 2pm
(Same storytime presented both days each week.)
Fun for the whole family! Join us at the library for fun animal-themed stories, songs and activities.
Recommended for ages 3-5.
REGISTRATION REQUIRED for each storytime.

Notes about Storytimes:
⇒ Registration is currently required for indoor storytimes as there is limited space to ensure social distancing.
⇒ Register both the parent/caregiver AND the child(ren).
⇒ Please register for only one session of each storytime per week to allow for more families to participate.
⇒ OFL is following the CDC’s guidance on mask wearing at this time: All individuals over 2 years old must wear a mask at all times inside the library. Note: These guidelines may change depending on updated state, county, and/or town directives.
⇒ Blankets are recommended even for our indoor storytimes, as they may help children to maintain a safe social distance inside their own dedicated space.

Onondaga Free Library’s
STORYTIME TO GO

Kits for Checkout!
Our children’s 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.
List of kits is available at oflibrary.org/storytime-to-go

1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN
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 and submit your current paper log, and let library staff know if you want to switch over to online/app or continue the paper logs.

Note: Limited space due to social distancing. Drop off ONLY– Families are welcome to stay inside the library until the program is finished.
All patrons over 2 years old must wear a mask at all times inside the library.
**Important Updates...**

**HOURS:**
OFL is now open until 5pm on Saturdays! See full list of hours at the bottom of this page.

**MASK POLICY:**
OFL is following the CDC’s guidance on mask wearing at this time: All individuals over 2 years old must wear a mask at all times inside the library. In addition, no food or drink may be consumed in the library at this time.

**HOW BUSY IS OFL?**
While our doors are open and no appointments are needed, you can still keep an eye on our occupancy. Visit our website to view our density counter software and view our busy times.

**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.
⇒ Mobile Printing: Send print jobs to our printers from anywhere. Then, visit OFL that day to retrieve your print job via Curbside Pickup.
⇒ Digital Collections: Thousands of free e-book and e-audiobook titles as well as music, movie and digital magazine downloads through Libby (by Overdrive) and hoopla.

**MEETING SPACES:** GREAT NEWS—ALL of our meeting spaces are now available for reservation!

- Small Meeting Rooms (3 available):
  ◆ Max capacity: 4-10
  ◆ Book up to 7 days in advance, up to 2 hours per day, up to 3 active reservations
  ◆ Call or stop by the library to book a room today.

- Community Room:
  ◆ Max capacity: 15
  ◆ Book up to 30 days in advance, up to 3 hours per day, up to 3 active reservations
  ◆ Submit a request online to use our community room.

- Virtual Meeting Space:
  ◆ Max capacity: 100
  ◆ Book up to 30 days in advance, up to 2 hours per day, up to 2 active reservations
  ◆ Submit a request online to use our virtual meeting space.

Read our updated policies and learn more at www.oflibrary.org/meeting-rooms.

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

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**Friends of OFL**

**OFL Board of Trustees**

- **Monthly Meeting** - Wednesday, Oct. 6 at 7pm
  - Regularly the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7pm

- **Meeting** - Wednesday, Oct. 27 at 6pm
  - Visit our website for 2021 meeting dates.

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