How the Internet Works
2-Part Class:
Fridays, Oct. 7 & 14, 2-4pm
We spend most of our lives on the Internet: reading email, streaming music or movies, shopping, gaming, and even just hanging out. But what exactly is the Internet? And how does it work? Get answers to those questions by taking a deep dive into the history of the Internet and the technologies that make it possible. Learn how the Internet came to be, what happens when you surf the web, and examine in detail how web browsers function, the differences between various browsers, and the basic tools they all contain. Patrons are encouraged to bring their own devices.

Recommended for adults. REGISTRATION REQUIRED - Registering for one session registers you for both.

Mindfulness Matters:
Teen Nature Walk
Saturday, 10/22, 2-4pm
OFFSITE: Clark Reservation
(6105 E. Seneca Tpk., Jamesville)
Connect with nature and learn ways to calm down, de-stress and refocus. Join us on a nature walk and practice nature journaling, “forest bathing” and meditation activities. Co-sponsored by the Friends of Clark Reservation.

Recommended for families with tweens/teens in grades 5-12. Registration requested.

Tech Help
Drop-In Tech Help with LiteracyCNY:
*Mondays, 3-6pm & Fridays 1:30-4:30pm
Learn how to use a desktop, laptop, tablet or smartphone; upload a document to a USB drive; connect to WiFi; create and use an email account; find and apply for jobs; use social media; work with Microsoft Office or Google Suite; and create a resume and cover letter. *Availability subject to change.

1-on-1 Techtorials: 45-minute appointments
Mondays, 10:30am & 2pm & Thursdays, 10:30am
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, Kanopy, LinkedIn Learning, NewsBank or Ancestry? Then our one-on-one techtorials are for you! REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Fire Safety Storytime & Fire Department Visit
Saturday, 10/8 at 10:15am
To celebrate Fire Prevention Week (Oct. 9-15), join Miss Kori for fire safety stories, songs and activities. Then, a firefighter from the Onondaga Hill Volunteer Fire Department will visit and take families to our back parking lot to see one of their fire trucks! After the library program, participants are invited to walk/drive to the fire house (4831 Velasko Rd.) for a tour and to explore more fire trucks!

Recommended for families with kids in PreK & K. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Register and learn more about any of our programs and services at www.oflibrary.org.
AUTHOR EVENT:
Robin Wall Kimmerer
Wednesday, Oct. 12 at 7pm
Mother, scientist, decorated professor and New York Times bestselling author joins us as part of our Diverse Voices Book Club!

REGISTRATION REQUIRED
← Register to attend IN-PERSON at OFL
Register to attend VIRTUALLY via Zoom →

Copies of Braiding Sweetgrass will be available for purchase at the in-person event courtesy of Parthenon Books: Hardcover: $35 | Paperback: $20
Strathmore Speakers presents
Dakota Matthews: A Forest Reborn:
Reviving the American Chestnut
Thurs, 10/13 at 7pm | ONLINE via Zoom
The American chestnut has not become quite extinct, but it is no longer able to thrive. Now, through the use of cutting-edge biotechnology, SUNY ESF’s American Chestnut Research & Restoration Project has developed a blight-tolerant American chestnut tree and is working to restore this iconic and valuable cultural symbol to the forest ecosystems of the eastern U.S. Matthews, the molecular lab manager, will detail this pioneering work, provide an update on where the project currently stands, and outline the project’s ambitious goal of growing 10,000 blight-resistant American chestnut trees over the next 5 years. Recommended for adults. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

**For Adults...**

**Junior Library Volunteers** INFO MEETINGS:
Sat, 9/24, 2-3pm | In-person in Teen Space
Tues, 10/4, 3:30-4:00pm | Virtual via Google Meet
Thurs, 10/6, 6:30-7:30pm | In-person in Teen Space
Do you want to volunteer at the library? Join our team of emerging teen leaders. Volunteers help plan library events, create book displays and write book reviews, and complete community service projects. For teens in grades 7-12. REGISTRATION REQUIRED. All participants are encouraged to complete the JLV application at www.oflibrary.org/volunteer to stay up-to-date on volunteer opportunities

**Dungeons & Dragons**
Want to be part of OFL’s teen D&D clubs this fall? New and experience players welcome. Scan the code to fill out the interest form to be notified of campaigns forming this fall at the library. Program is created and led by teens in grades 6-12.

**Fan Fiction Meetup** Thurs, 10/20 at 4pm
Interested in writing or reading fan fiction? This group is for you! Meet new friends, as we read and discuss fan fiction from every genre and every fandom. For teens in grades 6-12. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

**Movie Night** Thurs, 10/27 at 6:30pm
Get in the Halloween spirit with everyone’s spooky holiday favorite - Hocus Pocus! Rated PG. For teens in grades 6-12. Registration requested. All are welcome - this program is a safe space for everyone.

**Pokémon Trading Card Game**
Mon, 10/3, 6-7pm Enjoy this fun game of strategy while battling new friends. All skill levels are welcome! For kids in grades 2-5. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

**Weekly Storytimes** *Check calendar for dates.
BABY: Prewalkers 0-18 months, Wed at 9:15am*
TODDLER: Walkers ages 1-3, Wed at 10:30am*
PRESCHOOL: Ages 4-5, Thurs at 10:30am*
Join us for fun, themed stories and activities that promote early literacy and get your child Ready to Read. REGISTRATION REQUIRED—Registration opens Mondays at 9am each week.

**Book Clubs**
New members welcome! No obligation - participants may join in or opt out of any discussion meetings.

**Diverse Voices Book Club:**
*Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer
Wed, 10/12 at 7pm
"Kimmerer eloquently makes the case that by observing and celebrating our reciprocal relationship with the natural world, one can gain greater ecological consciousness." — Sierra Magazine

**Sci-Fi/Fantasy Book Club:**
*Falling Free* by Lois McMaster Bujold
Sat, 10/29 at 2pm
The story of an average engineer set upon a collision course with a heartless mega-corporation and their exploitative practices aboard the deep-space Cay Habitat. This classic sci-fi tale examines the complex morality of bio-engineering and the nature of freedom itself.

*REGISTRATION REQUIRED for each book discussion. Call the library or visit our online catalog to check availability of titles in print and digital formats.
Friends of OFL
Monthly Meeting - Wednesday, 10/5 at 7pm
Regularly the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7pm

Friends Preview Night: Wed, 10/19, 5-8pm
Become a Friend at the door with a $10 donation.

PUBLIC SALE:
⇒ Thurs, 10/20, 9am - 8pm
⇒ Fri, 10/21, 10am - 4:30pm
⇒ Sat, 10/22, 10am - 4:30pm
All day bag sale—Fill a bag for $5

Donations accepted October 14-15 & 17-18:
Please bring gently used books, DVDs, CDs, games and puzzles to Friends volunteers at the side entrance during regular library hours.
We do not accept magazines, textbooks, encyclopedias or VHS or cassette tapes.

Crafts with Friends
Thursdays, 9:30-10:30am | 2nd floor Fireplace Area
Meet, chat, share crafting/hobby ideas, and work on your current projects, such as knitting, crocheting, word games, coloring, Sudoku, etc. Also, browse the library’s Crafts & Hobbies collection to explore new ideas and learn new skills.

Bring a friend and meet new friends! No registration required.

OFL Board of Trustees
Meeting - Wednesday, 10/26 at 6pm
Visit our website for 2022 meeting dates.

Friends Corner

Library Closing:
Indigenous Peoples Day: Oct. 10

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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-5:00pm
Sunday CLOSED