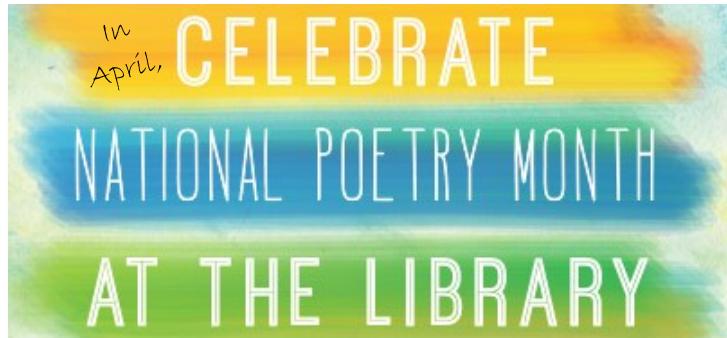


# Onondaga Free Library Spring Programming

March, April & May 2022

Registration for ALL programs (except Storytimes) opens the 20th of the month prior.



## Poetry Contest for ALL AGES April 1-30

Express yourself through poetry— Submit an original poem to be entered to win a \$10 gift card! **4 winners:**

- ⇒ Kids in grades K-3 (Gannons gift card)
- ⇒ Kids in grades 4-6 (Gannons gift card)
- ⇒ Teens in grades 7-12 (Byrne Dairy gift card)
- ⇒ Adults, ages 18+ (Wegmans gift card)

## Poetry Workshop for KIDS Saturday, 4/2 at 2pm

Learn how to write an acrostic poem, learn all about alliteration, share things about yourself in an "I am" poem, and work on a collaborative poem.

**For kids in grades 2-6. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

## TEEN Poetry Workshop Thursday, 4/7 at 6:30pm

Make your own Magnetic Poetry kit and discover amazing poets, including the National Youth Poet Laureate Amanda Gorman.



**For teens in grades 5+. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

## Poetry Reading with Local Poet, Richard Rodriguez & Special Guests

Saturday, 4/9 at 10:30am

Join us in welcoming back this talented poet and a few of his poet friends- Jianna Wittcop, Diane Bostick and Lee B. Savidge.

**For adults. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**



## Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) Gateway Training

Wednesday, 5/18 at 6pm | HYBRID: In-person & Zoom

Like CPR for the heart, QPR is a life-saving measure. A "gatekeeper" is anyone who is likely to have firsthand contact with someone who may be suicidal. Learn to recognize suicide warnings, including direct and indirect verbal clues, behavioral clues and situational clues; question a person about his/her distress and thoughts of suicide; persuade him/her to get help; refer him/her to a mental health provider or other professional.

\*The FIRST 20 Registrants will receive a free Self Care Kit (pictured).

**Recommended for adults.**

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

Program presented by  
Contact Community Services.



## Explore More Mental Wellness Programs for Kids & Teens:

- ◆ **Mindfulness Matters for Teens** - 3/17 & 5/19  
See page 6 for more info.
- ◆ **Yoga for Kids of CNY** - 5/21  
See page 8 for more info.
- ◆ **Teen Yogi for Toddlers & Preschoolers** - 5/7  
See page 9 for more info

# For Adults...

Registration for programs opens  
the 20th of the month prior.

## Puzzle Swap

Saturday, March 5, 10am - Noon



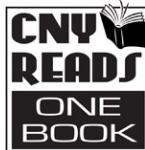
Bring your used puzzles and swap them out for new-to-you puzzles. **For all ages! No registration necessary.**  
Note: We are allowing up to 20 people in the room at a time, so there may be a short wait to go in the room.

## Introduction to Immigration & Asylum Law

Saturday, March 12 at 10:30am

Immigration Attorney Bomy Hwang will discuss her organization's services to noncitizens and the community. She will then discuss the law on asylum and DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) more in depth.

**Recommended for adults. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

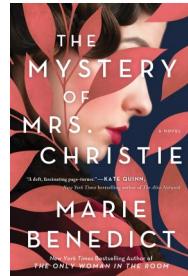


## The Mystery of Mrs. Christie by Marie Benedict

Tuesday, March 15 at 6:30pm

HYBRID: In-person OR online via Zoom

Benedict brings us into the world of Agatha Christie, imagining why such a brilliant woman would find herself at the center of such a murky missing persons story. Those who have read the book are welcome to join, and those who have not are welcome to preview this intriguing novel.



**Presented by CNY Reads One Book**, an annual reading promotion which brings members of the CNY community together to read and discuss the same literary work.

\*OFL's Book Clubs dates/selections- See next page.

## Guided Bird Walk @ Green Lakes

Friday, March 18, 10am - Noon

NYS Parks Environmental Educator Katie Mulverhill provides a guided bird walk through Green Lake's Bird Conservation Area. Explore the scenic forest tracts and expansive grassland habitat. Perfect for both experienced and first-time birders. Patrons are encouraged to bring their own binoculars, field guides, ID apps and birding journals.

**Recommended for adults. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

Patrons interested in this program may also enjoy our March 10th Strathmore Speakers event, "Backyard Birding" with Holly Anne Grant- See next page.

## Ukrainian Egg Making

Saturday, March 19 at 2pm



Learn about the history of the Pysanky tradition, what the colors and designs mean and how to make pysanka for yourself, family and friends. Class is presented by Sofika Butenko, a graduate from School of Ukrainian Studies located in Tipperary Hill.

**Recommended for adults. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

## Blood Drive

Wednesday, March 30, 2-6pm

Join us for our blood drive here at OFL!

To register, visit <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive> and type in the zip code 13215, scroll down to the OFL listing and sign up for one of the time slots listed. **Walk-ins are also welcome!**

Presented by the American Red Cross. For questions, please contact the Red Cross's CNY Chapter at 315-234-2200 or visit their website.

## Master Gardeners Workshop: Native Plants & Creating a Backyard Habitat

Saturday, May 14 at 10:30am | ONLINE via Zoom

Don't just attract hummingbirds, butterflies and native songbirds to your garden; entice them into becoming permanent residents! Learn how to make your yard a more balanced habitat by choosing the plants and other conditions that birds need to raise their young. Presented by Angela Weiler of Cornell Cooperative Extension's Master Gardeners program.

**Recommended for adults. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

## Tech Corner

### Group Classes - Fridays, 2:00-3:30pm

- iPad: Beyond the Basics: March 18 & 25
- iPhone Photography: April 1 & 8
- Windows 10: Beyond the Basics: May 6, 13 & 20

**Recommended for adults.**

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED for each multi-session class.**

## 1-on-1 Techtorials

Mondays at 10:30am & 2:00pm  
and Thursdays at 10:30am

45-minutes appointments - **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

# For Adults...

Registration for programs opens  
the 20th of the month prior.

## Jewelry Classes

Wednesdays at 6:30pm

Join us once a month to learn how to make the following beautiful seasonal jewelry projects:



### Celtic Knot Shamrock Necklace

March 9



### Earth Day Bracelet

April 20

### Feather Earrings - May 11

Cost: \$7/person For adults & teens, ages 12+.

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED for each class.**

## Strathmore Speaker Series

Thursdays at 7pm | ONLINE via Zoom

The popular local speakers series continues to partner with OFL to bring you informational and inspirational lectures about a variety of topics.

⇒ **March 10 - Holly Anne Grant, "Backyard Birding"**

Grant will share ways to make your backyard more wildlife friendly with feeders and nest boxes, offer tips for successful bird identification using the Merlin Bird ID app, and discuss ongoing citizen science projects at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, including Project FeederWatch and NestWatch. ▶

⇒ **April 14 - Alfonzo Whitehurst, "Motivation and Finding the Wisdom"**

No stranger to struggle, turmoil and pain, Whitehurst was able to triumph over his early adversity and turn the hardships of life into strength, wisdom and positivity. Now, he has made it his mission to guide others toward a path for success and, using the motivational tools he developed for "Find the Wisdom," helps at-risk kids to stay on track to achieve success in school, on the athletic field and in life.

⇒ **May 12 - M. C. Antil, "Floor Burns: Love, Passion and the 1967 Syracuse All-City Championship"**

Antil discusses his most recent work, a riveting account of a high school championship game in which two teams—one large and public, the other small and Catholic—fought for bragging rights in a small, hard-working town in the industrial northeast. "Floor Burns" is more than simply a basketball tale; it's the story of a small working-class city, its people, and the turbulent times they shared.

**Recommended for adults.**

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED for each lecture.**

## OFL Book Clubs

### Diverse Voices Book Club

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

#### Dates & Selections:

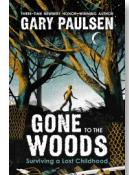
♦ **A Woman is No Man by Etta Rum - 3/10 at 7pm**

This debut novel by an Arab-American voice, takes us inside the lives of conservative Arab women living in America.



♦ **Gone to the Woods: Surviving a Lost Childhood by Gary Paulsen - 4/13 at 7pm**

Paulsen portrays a series of life-altering moments from his turbulent childhood as his own original survival story. A young adult memoir that gives readers a new perspective on the origins of Gary Paulsen's famed survival stories.



♦ **Afterparties by Anthony Vivasna So - 5/11 at 7pm**

Seamlessly transitioning between the absurd and the tenderhearted, balancing acerbic humor with sharp emotional depth, Afterparties offers an expansive portrait of the lives of Cambodian-Americans.



### Sci-Fi/Fantasy Book Club: *Project Hail Mary* by Andy Weir

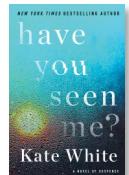
Saturday, March 26 at 2pm



Join us for a lively discussion of what the New York Times describes as "An irresistible interstellar adventure as only Andy Weir could deliver."

### Thrilling Reads Book Club: *Have You Seen Me?* by Kate White

Saturday, April 16 at 2pm

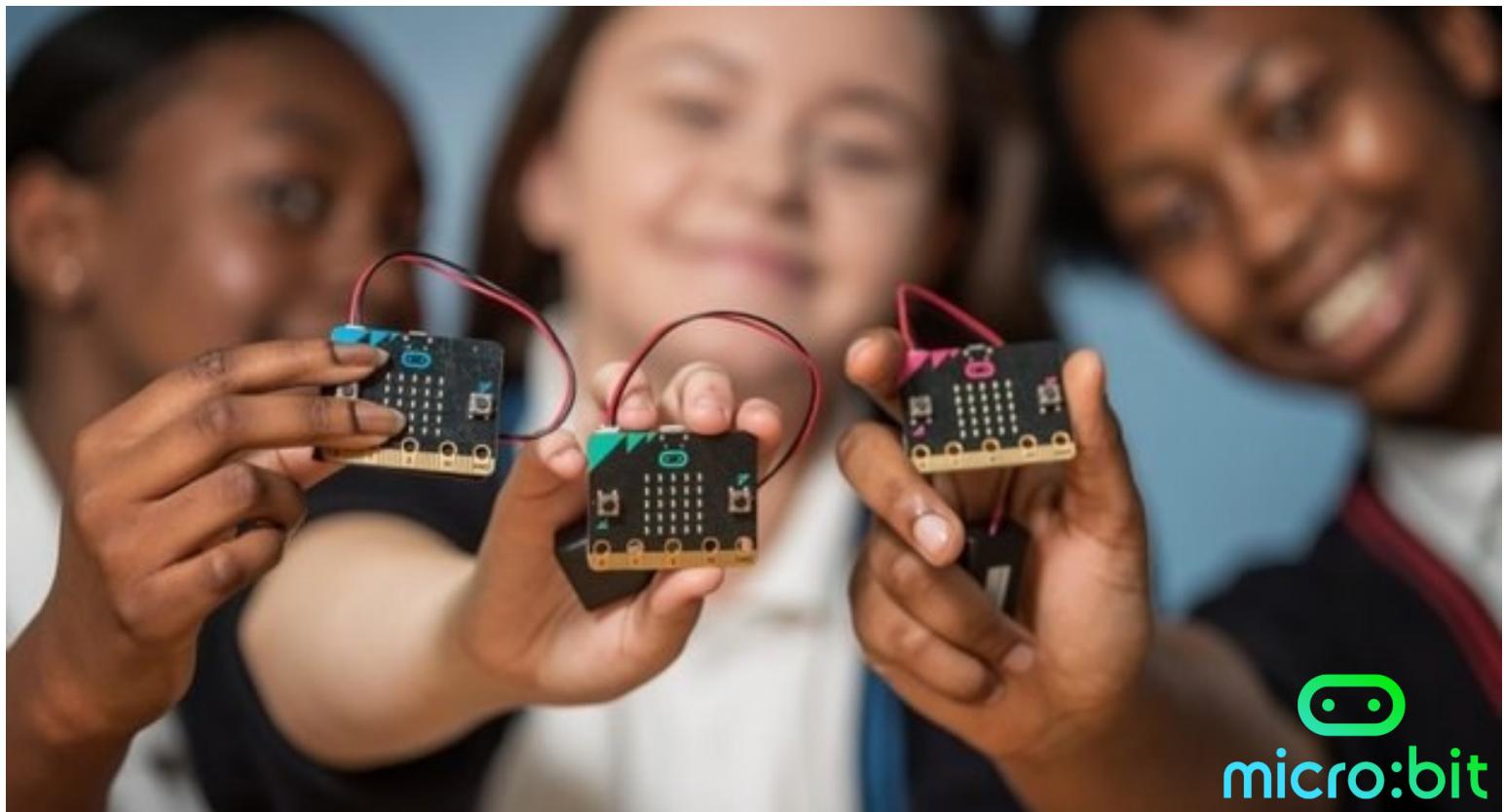


From a New York Times bestselling author comes a gripping novel about one woman's dangerous quest to recover lost memories someone would rather she never find.

**Recommended for adults.**

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED for each book discussion.**

**Call the library or visit our online catalog to check availability of titles in print and digital formats.**



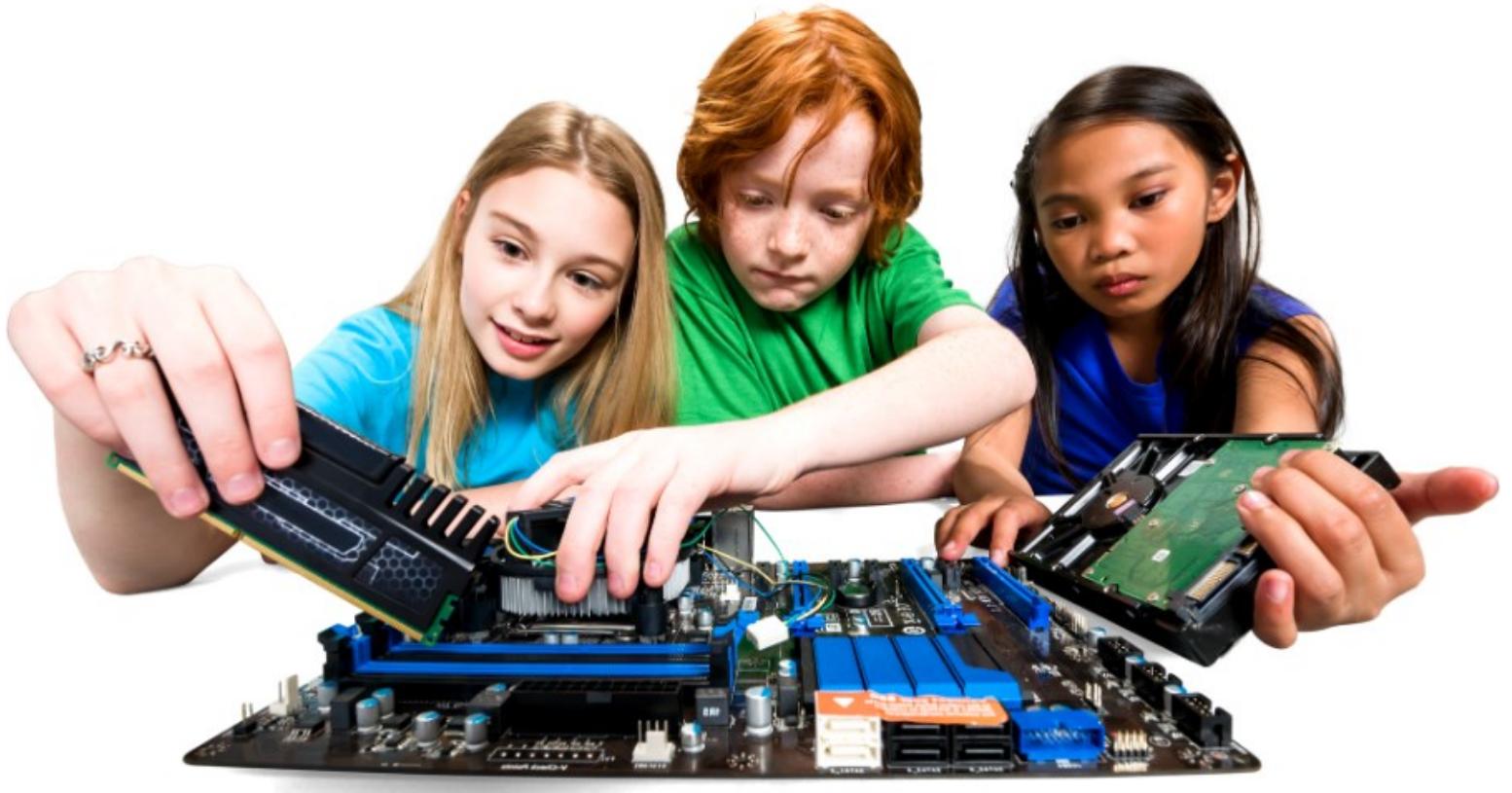
# Intro to Programming for TEENS

**Spring Break Week: April 11-15, 2-4pm**  
***Must attend all 5 days of the class.***

Use the Micro:bit all-in-one minicomputer and the free MakeCode graphic code editor to explore the basics of computer programming, assemble your own code, and test it out in real time.

Each student will receive their own micro:bit V.2 Go kit. Kits will be distributed and collected at each meeting and are yours to keep at the end of the last meeting! *Laptops will be provided for in-house use during each session.*

**For teens in grades 5+. REGISTRATION REQUIRED-**  
***Registering for 1 session registers you for all sessions.***



# Build Your Own Computer!

**4-Week Class: 4/19, 4/26, 5/3 & 5/10**

**Tuesdays, 6-8pm - Must attend all 4 weeks.**

Almost everyone today uses a computer; but only a select few know how to build one. In this class, OFL's Digital Services & Technology Librarian will guide your family through the process of building your very own computer. You'll learn about the purpose and capabilities of the various components that comprise modern computers. Together, your family will assemble those components into a functional, internet-enabled machine. At the end of the four weeks, your family will walk away with both a computer and the knowledge of computer technology.

**Workshop for families with teens in grades 6+.**

**A parent/guardian must participate in each session with their teen(s).**

Due to the limited availability of computer components, **participation in this program is by application only**. Applications can be completed at [www.oflibrary.org](http://www.oflibrary.org) or by picking up a paper copy at the library. **The deadline for applications is Friday, April 1st.**

**Eight families will be selected. Selected families will be notified by phone no later than Monday, April 11th. Selected families MUST attend all four sessions in order to successfully complete the build of their computers.**

**This program is supported with federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds allocated to the New York State Library by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).**

**It is also made possible through the generous support of the Central Libraries Resource Council (CLRC)**

# For Teens & Tweens...

Registration for programs opens  
the 20th of the month prior.



## Junior Library Volunteers

**Meetings: Saturday, 3/26, 3-4pm &  
Saturdays, 4/28 & 5/26, 6:30-7:30pm**

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+.** **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](http://www.oflibrary.org/volunteer) for more information.

## Dungeons & Dragons

Join one of the library's TEEN Dungeons & Dragons Clubs - We have 2 great teen led campaigns! New and experienced players welcome!

⇒ **Group A meets Thursdays, 6-8pm**

Weekly March through May

⇒ **Group B meets Saturdays, 1-2pm**

March 12 & 26; April 9 & 23; May 14

**For teens in grades 6+.** **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

## GSA Club

**Thursdays, 3/3, 4/14 & 5/12, 6:30-7:30pm**

**HYBRID: Attend in-person or virtually via Google Meet**

Gender & Sexuality Alliance (GSA) clubs are student-run organizations that unite LGBTQ+ and allied youth to build community and organize around issues impacting them in their schools and communities.

**Special Guest from the Syracuse Q Center joins us:**

⇒ April: Allyship Training

⇒ May: Queer History 101



**Help us grow our GSA club!** All are welcome - This club is a safe space for everyone.

**For teens in grades 6+.** **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

## Celebrate National Poetry Month in April

### Poetry Workshop

**Thursday, 4/7, 6:30-7:30pm**

See cover for more details.



**For teens in grades 5+.** **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

## Homeschool: Library Study Skills

**2-Part Series: Mondays, 3/7 & 3/14, 2-3pm**

**HYBRID: Attend in-person or virtually via Google Meet**

Working on a research project? Join us this winter for a 2-part Library Study Skills series:

- ⇒ **Week 1:** Discover library databases and resources for homework help
- ⇒ **Week 2:** Strategic searching and website evaluation

\*Students are encouraged but not required to bring a research topic.

**For students in grades 6+.** **REGISTRATION REQUIRED-**  
**Registering for 1 session registers you for both sessions.**

## Mindfulness Matters

**Thursdays, March 17 & May 19, 6:30-7:30pm**

### ♦ March - Vision Boards:

Setting goals, finding daily inspiration and reflecting on your year are important. These mindful practices can be accomplished by creating a vision board!



In this hands-on workshop, create a vision board that can be hung in your room and inspire you on a daily basis to keep working towards your goals.

### ♦ May - Self Care Kits:

Make your own "self care kit" filled with fidget toys, journaling activates, bubbles, breathing exercises and more. If you're feeling overwhelmed, or just need to take a break, these tools and resources can help you relax, de-stress and refocus.



**For teens in grades 5+.** **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**



**May is  
Mental Health  
Awareness Month**

Visit the Teen Space's "Zen Zone" all month to take a breather from the stresses of everyday life and work on mindfulness activities.



Comprehensive Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Program presents



## Start the Conversation (for Parents/Caregivers)

**Tuesday, March 8 at 5pm**

Parents/Caregivers, join us to learn about the tools needed to “start the conversation” with your young person(s) on sexual and reproductive health. This includes how to begin these conversations, and where to find age appropriate resources. This presentation is beneficial to parents and caregivers regardless of the age of their child.



## Navigating Puberty (for Kids & Teens)

**Tuesday, March 22 at 5pm**

This presentation gives youth the knowledge and tools they need to more easily navigate puberty. This will include physical changes, emotional changes, hygiene, and body image. For youth to be able to actively participate and ask questions, we ask that this be a drop-off program only. Parents and Caregivers are welcome to stay in the library while the participants are in the program. **For kids and teens in grades 4-7.**

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED for each program.**

# For Kids & Families...

Registration for programs opens  
the 20th of the month prior.

## American Girl

Thursdays, 3/3 & 4/21, 6:00-7:30pm

Explore the lives of the American Girls through the centuries- Enjoy crafts, games, music, stories and snacks from the past.

For kids in grades 2-6. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

## Pokémon

Mondays, 3/21 & 5/16, 6-7pm

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 in grades 2-5. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

## Art for Homeschoolers

Wednesday, 4/6 at 2pm

## Young Artists

Saturday, 4/9 at 2pm

Learn about the history of art. Each session will feature a short introduction to a specific period followed by an opportunity to create masterpieces of their own.

**This month:** Indigenous Art: Stained Glass Tree of Life

For kids in grades 3-7. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

## Earth Rocks!

### Spring Break Week

REGISTRATION  
REQUIRED  
for each program.

#### ♦ Volcanos: Monday, 4/11 at 6pm

Learn all about volcanos and then work in teams to build their own erupting volcano! **For kids in grades 3-5.**



#### ♦ Recycled Art: Cork Rafts:

Tuesday, 4/12 at 5pm

Become an eco-artist by creating a raft out of recycled corks! Think it will float? Test it out in our water table! **For kids in grades K-2.**



#### ♦ DIY Seed Balls:

Saturday, 4/16 at 10:30am

Plant for the planet! Grow for the future! Join us in this DIY program where you will make seed balls to help plant some seeds for Syracuse! **For kids in grades K-6.**



## Movie Showings

Join us once a month for a popular new family-friendly release!

**March 5 at 10am - Encanto - 1 hr, 42 mins**

A Colombian teenage girl has to face the frustration of being the only member of her family without magical powers.



**April & May movie showings TBA- Check online calendar for updates. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

Celebrate National Poetry Month in April

**Poetry Workshop - Saturday, 4/2 at 2pm**

See cover for more details.

For kids in grades 2-6. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

## May the 4th Be With You

**Monday, 5/4 - ALL DAY**

May the 4th be with you today and everyday!

Celebrate all things Star Wars by picking up some craft supplies to make your very own Yoda ears headband!

\*Available while supplies last. **For all ages!**

## Yoga for Kids of CNY

**Saturday, 5/21 at 2-3pm**

This yoga class for kids will be out of this world! Kids learn various breathing and visualization techniques to help enhance focus and concentration. This class includes games, music and a final relaxation for the mind and body. Yoga mats will be provided.

For kids in grades K-6. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**



## The Questioneers Fan Club

**Tuesday, 5/24 at 6-7pm**

For fans of The Questioneers: Ada Twist, Scientist, Rosie Revere, Engineer, Sofia Valdez, Future Prez, Iggy Peck, Architect and Aaron Slater, Illustrator- Join us as we explore stations representing each of our favorite characters! Build a Bridge at Iggy's Station, Make a campaign button at Sofia's and more!

For kids in grades K-4. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

# For Kids & Families (cont'd)...



## READING CHALLENGE: May 2-31

**The Challenge:** Read a book that has the "We Need Diverse Books" label on the cover, pick up an entry form at OFL then write a review and/or draw a picture. Turn in the completed entry form to staff at OFL to receive a FREE BOOK! One entry per child.

\*Entries must be returned to OFL in person for prize pickup (we can accommodate curbside contact-free submission).

\*Last day to turn in an entry form and claim a prize is Friday, June 3rd.

For kids in grades K-6.

Learn more about the We Need Diverse Books movement and get reading recommendations at [www.oflibrary.org/we-need-diverse-books](http://www.oflibrary.org/we-need-diverse-books).

## For Babies, Toddlers & Preschoolers...

Registration for programs opens the 20th of the month prior-

**EXCEPTION: Registration for storytimes opens Monday at 9am each week.**

### Books, Balls & Blocks: Overall Development

Monday, 3/14 at 10:30am

Because your child's first 5 years of life are so important, we want to help you provide the best start for your child. We will share fun, low-cost activities and books that you can share with your child at home to encourage development from birth until kindergarten. Discuss the 5 areas of development milestones in children: communication, gross motor, fine motor, problem solving and personal social skills.

For parents and children, ages birth to 5 years old.  
**REGISTRATION REQUIRED-** Registrants will be emailed a questionnaire within 72 hours of registering for each program. Questionnaire must be completed prior to the program, so your child(ren) can receive a full evaluation at the event.

### Teeny Yogini

Friday, 5/7 at 10:30am

Join us for this unique, fun and age appropriate family yoga class! You and your child will love barking in Downward Facing Dog, becoming partner trees and reaching for the sun as you explore this ancient practice together.

For kids, ages 2½-6 years old and their parents/caregivers. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

### Baby/Toddler Storytimes

March 1 - May 20; No storytime April 8  
Wednesdays at 9:30am & Fridays at 10:30am

(Same storytime presented both days each week.)  
Join us for lap bounces and lots of songs and fingerplays as we meet new friends!

For birth to 2 years old. *Siblings welcome!*  
**REGISTRATION REQUIRED for each storytime.**

### Preschool Storytimes

March 1 - May 20

Tuesdays & Wednesdays at 10:45am

(Same storytime presented both days each week.)  
Join us at the library for fun animal-themed stories, songs and activities.

For ages 3-5. *Siblings welcome!*  
**REGISTRATION REQUIRED for each storytime.**



### 1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

To start, download the **READsquared app** OR pick up your child's first reading log at OFL.

Prizes awarded for every 100 books submitted!

For completing the program, your child will receive a custom t-shirt and certificate!



# Friends of OFL

Meetings - 1st Wednesday of each month at 7pm

Annual Meeting - April 6<sup>th</sup>

Learn more about the Friends of OFL at [www.oflibrary.org](http://www.oflibrary.org).

## Shamrock & Spring Plant Sale

March 4 & 5,  
10:30am - 3:30pm

Bring some luck into your life and support OFL at the same time! Purchase a shamrock or other spring plant at their annual 2-day Spring Plant Sale.

**Cost:** \$5/plant

The Friends will also be taking donations of gently used CHILDREN'S BOOKS during the sale to help restock our Little Free Library located near Green Hills.

## Board of Trustees Annual Meeting

Wednesday, March 23 at 6pm

The OFL Board of Trustees invites the community to join them in highlighting the library's accomplishments in 2021, including:

- ⇒ CLRC Library of the Year Award, partnerships, programming and services.
- ⇒ New board officers and trustees will be nominated and appointed.

The meeting will be held in the library community room with capacity limitations.

## Library Closings:

### Onondaga Free Library

4840 West Seneca Turnpike  
Syracuse, NY 13215  
Phone: (315) 492-1727  
Fax: (315) 492-1323  
Email: [info@oflibrary.org](mailto:info@oflibrary.org)  
Web: [www.oflibrary.org](http://www.oflibrary.org)

## Geology Day - Saturday, April 23

### Mineral Identification at 10am

Can you answer these questions:  
What is a rock? What is the most famous rock in New York State?  
What are 3 varieties of quartz? No worries... The Roc Doc is in!  
Identify 3 rocks that you will be able to take home with you!

**Recommended for  
kids in grades 2+.**

### Geology Potpourri at 2pm

Dr. Millis will touch on at least 4 different geology related subjects including Adirondack Mountain rocks, the Bering Land Bridge, quartz including watches and computers, and dinosaur body temperature.

**Recommended for  
adults & teens, ages 16+.**

### REGISTRATION REQUIRED for each program.

Dr. David Millis holds a PhD in physics and has been collecting rocks since 1997. He has written 5 rock collecting field guides and developed the pendant wire wrap. He is an avid fisherman having caught over 100,000

## Long Range Plan

The long range plan process is underway as we focus on the next 5 years.

We will have several opportunities for the library community and stakeholders to provide feedback. Stay tuned for more details.

Easter

Closed April 17

Mother's Day

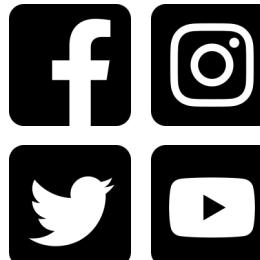
Closed May 8

Memorial Day Weekend

Closed May 28-30

## Connect with Us:

@OnondagaFreeLib



## 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 - 5:00pm
Sunday	Closed