Summer Reading at Onondaga Free Library
July 1st - August 20th
Get started at www.oflibrary.org/summer-reading

Adult Program (ages 18 & up):
Log books online OR through the READsquared app and earn chances to win a $20 gift card to Finally Ours diner, Crazy Daisies or Barnes & Noble. The more you read, the more chances you have to win!
Monthly Drawings: July 20th and August 20th

Teen Program (entering grades 7-12):
Log books to earn a Gannon’s Ice Cream token and chances to win gift cards—The more books you log, the more chances you have to win!
NEW THIS YEAR: Complete Change Makers missions IN READSquared to win even MORE prizes—Learn more on page 4.

Kids Program (entering grades K-6):
Sign up to receive a Summer Activity Booklet and goodie, then choose your own reading goal. Receive a Gannon’s Ice Cream token when you reach the halfway mark and a free book when you complete your goal. Keep logging each week to be entered into our weekly drawings.

NEW THIS YEAR: Last day to sign up is July 31st

GET THE APP! Download the READsquared app on your mobile device so you can log your reading while on the go!

Summer Reading is sponsored by Friends of OFL and Gannon’s Ice Cream.

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Baby & Toddler Storytimes
Fridays, 6/17, 6/24 & 7/1 at 10:30am
Join us for lap bounces and lots of songs and fingerplays as we meet new friends!  
Recommended for ages 0-2 years, but everyone is welcome!  REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Preschool Storytimes
Tuesdays, 6/14, 6/21 & 6/28 at 10:30am
Join us at the library for fun themed stories, songs and activities.  Recommended for ages 3-5 years, but everyone is welcome!  REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Baby/Toddler Meetups
Mondays, 10:30-11:30am | 7/11 - 8/15
Playing is learning!  Babies, toddlers, caregivers and their families are invited to spend time in library's back playroom to socialize and play together.  Friends of OFL will host this meet-up and bring out special toys for this age group.  Recommended for ages 0-2 years.  No registration necessary.

Summer Storytimes
Tuesdays & Wednesdays at 10:30am | 7/12 - 8/17
Join Miss Kori for a theme-inspired, mixed-age adventure with stories, rhymes, movement, music and props.  Recommended for ages 0-5 years.  REGISTRATION REQUIRED- Registration for storytimes opens Monday at 9am each week.

Music & Stories with Donna B.
Fridays, 7/15, 7/29 & 8/12 at 10:30am
Donna Butterfield returns to OFL this summer!  Have fun singing songs, dancing, sharing stories and more.  Recommended for ages 0-5 years.  No registration necessary.  Limited space - Admission will be on a first come, first serve basis.  Doors open 15 minutes prior to program’s start time.

OFL’s children’s services 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.

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 your current paper log and bring it to the library’s front desk to claim your child’s prize.  Please let staff know if you plan to continue the program on paper or online/through the app.

We’ve done a toy refresh in the children’s play area.  Stop by with the little ones anytime this summer to discover and play with all the fun, new toys!
SUMMER FAMILY FAVORITES

No registration necessary. Limited space. Admission will be on a first come, first serve basis. Doors open 15 minutes prior to program's start time.

Zoo to You! Tuesday, 7/12 at 5pm
The world of reading comes alive with this fun and educational program that will bring you face-to-face with exciting zoo animals. Get hands-on with the Rosamond Gifford Zoo’s one-of-a-kind animal artifacts, ask a zoo educator your animal questions, and learn how you can make a difference to wildlife. Recommended for kids entering grades K-5.

The M.O.S.T. presents Oceans of Possibilities Monday, 8/15 at 6pm
Explore marine habitats and the species that live there! Discover the diversity of ocean life, the effects of climate change on animal ecosystems, and more through hands-on samples and live science demonstrations with a M.O.S.T. Science Educator. Recommended for kids entering grades K-5.

Pokémon
Mondays, 7/11, 7/25 & 8/8 at 4pm OR 6pm
2 sessions each date – Register for 1 timeslot only
Enjoy a fun game of strategy and partnership while battling new friends with Pokémon cards. All skill levels are welcome! For kids entering grades 2-5. REGISTRATION REQUIRED for each session.

Yoga for Kids of CNY
Grades K-2: Thursdays, 7/14 at 10am OR 8/4 at 6:30pm
Grades 3-6: Thursdays, 7/14 at 6:30pm OR 8/4 at 10am
2 sessions available for each age group!
This yoga class for kids will be sea-riously fun and kids are sure to have a great time! Kids will learn various breathing and visualization techniques to help enhance focus and concentration. This class includes ocean themed games, music and a final relaxation for the mind and body. The world is your oyster. Make the most out of it! Bring own yoga mat if possible. REGISTRATION REQUIRED for each session.

American Girl
Tuesdays, 7/19, 8/2 & 8/16 at 3pm OR 6pm
2 sessions each date – Register for 1 timeslot only
Let’s celebrate the traditions and history of the American Girls with stories, crafts and songs. Share your own stories of family traditions as well! For kids entering grades 2-6. REGISTRATION REQUIRED for each session.

Ocean Slime
Tuesdays, 7/26 OR 8/9 at 2pm
2 dates – Register for 1 date only
Do you love science experiments? Do you love following recipes? Do you love getting messy? Join us in creating ocean slime as we learn fun facts about some wild, beautiful and strange ocean creatures! For kids entering grades 4-6. REGISTRATION REQUIRED for each session.

Kids Create It!
Wednesdays, 7/27 & 8/10 at 1:30pm OR 3:00pm
2 sessions each date – Register for 1 timeslot only
Join us for Kids Create It, where kids can dive in and create three to four awesome ocean themed projects - guided by our Teen Volunteer Squad! For kids entering grades K-3. REGISTRATION REQUIRED for each session.
Hatching Baby Chicks  
July 11 - August 8

Very EGG-CITING news... We are incubating chicken eggs again this summer! **The eggs are scheduled to arrive by July 11th and the chicks are expected to hatch the week of July 25th.** As we await their hatching, stop in to learn all about chickens and their eggs... Or is it eggs and their chickens!?! Help us name the cuties by entering a name into our suggestion box! We will be pulling names out of a hat as each chick hatches. **The chicks are expected to leave for their forever home around August 8th.**

Even when you're not at the library, you can watch them as they hatch and grow via our nest cam at www.oflibrary.org/chicks

More Drop-In Fun...

**Board Games**
When you are visiting the library with your family or friends, discover a fun selection of games including Bananagrams, Scrabble, Checkers, Chess and more in the Juvenile Non-Fiction area and Teen Space. Play a quick game or spend the day playing a variety of games. **Recommended for grades K-12. For in-house use only.**

**Puzzles for Checkout**
Did you know we now have a kids puzzle collection? Stop by the library anytime to browse the puzzles located with the park passes on the display next to the front desk. **3-week loan. Limit 2 puzzles per library card at a time. Must be returned OFL.**

**Big Blue Blocks** 8/22 - 9/2
Imagination Playground's Big Blue Blocks allow children self-directed and unstructured free play, supporting creativity, sensory exploration and concept design. Stop in our Storytime Room and construct a universe all your own!
Looking to volunteer this summer?  
Join our team at OFL!  
For students entering grades 7-12

AVAILABLE SQUADS:

♦ **KIDS CREATE IT:** Are you creative and love arts and crafts projects? Do you like working with kids? Help plan and lead a fun ocean themed craft program for young kids.

♦ **BOOK WRANGLERS:** Love reading and talking about books? Discover new and popular teen titles this summer and help write book reviews. Create book displays and work on additional book projects in the library’s new Teen Space.

♦ **VIDEO GAMERS:** Do you love playing video games? Help lead a weekly gaming program for your peers using the library’s X-Box One gaming station. Host gaming nights and tournaments featuring your favorite X-Box games.

Online applications due by June 24, 2022.  
More details can be found on our website, www.oflibrary.org/volunteer.
For Teens

Dungeons & Dragons Interest Meetings
Thursdays, 6/16 OR 7/7, 6-7pm
Want to be part of the TEEN Dungeons & Dragons Clubs this summer? We are looking for DMs and players. Come to an info meeting to help us create new campaigns and clubs. At the meeting you will meet other players and create your character for the summer. New and experienced players welcome! Can’t come to a meeting – scan the code and fill out the Google form to get on the waitlist for clubs forming this summer.
For teens entering grades 6+. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Video Game Nights
WEEKLY: Tuesdays, 7/12 - 8/16 6-8pm
Calling all gamers - come to a weekly gaming night hosted by our Teen Volunteer Squad! Join your friends and compete in tournaments featuring your favorite video games, including Smash Bros, Madden and more! Check back weekly for updates on the games/tournaments scheduled.
For teens entering grades 6+. REGISTRATION REQUIRED for each session.

GSA Club
Thursday, 6/23 at 6:30-7:30pm
Special Guest: Syracuse Q Center presents Allyship Training
Become an LGBTQ+ Ally and come to an Allyship Training presented by the Syracuse Q Center! This presentation covers the components of gender and sexuality, and how to be the best ally you can be. Great for first time learners, and those looking to become better allies.
Summer Meetups: Thursdays, 7/21 & 8/4, 3-4pm
Help us grow our GSA Club at OFL this summer! All are welcome - This club is a safe space for everyone.
What is a GSA Club? 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.
For teens entering grades 6+. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Video Game Creation
2-Part Series: Fridays, 8/5 & 8/12 1:30-4:00pm
Are you an avid gamer? Have you ever wondered what it takes to make the games you love to play? Learn the basics of video game development. Using Microsoft’s MakeCode Arcade block-code editor, you will design, code and test a simple platformer game in the vein of the original Nintendo smash hit, Mario Brothers. Then, you'll play against each other to see who is the MakeCode Arcade champion!
No previous coding experience necessary. Laptops will be provided for in-house use during each session.
For teens entering grades 5+. REGISTRATION REQUIRED-Registering for one session registers you for both.

Mindfulness Matters:
Nature Walk
Wednesday, 8/17, 9-11am
OFFSITE: Clark Reservation
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. If you’re feeling anxious about going back to school or just need to take a break, join us on this field trip. Learn self-care tips to help you prepare for this school year.
Note: Transportation will not be provided to Clark Reservation State Park (6105 E Seneca Tumpike, Jamesville, NY). We will meet at Clark Reservation parking lot for student drop-off/pickup. No parking fee for drop-off/pickup.
For teens entering grades 6+. REGISTRATION REQUIRED-Minimum of 3 registrants must be signed up to run program - Will cancel 24 hours in advance.

Change Makers
Changing the world, one book at a time!
What are the Change Makers MISSIONS?
Read AMAZING diverse books to learn about the world around you and think critically about how you can help make your community a better place! Complete 3 MISSIONS in READsquared to earn an exclusive invitation to our end of summer Ice Cream Party on Thursday, 8/18 at 6pm, where you can win even more prizes!
**Guided Bird Walk @ Green Lakes**
Friday, 6/3, 9-11am | OFFSITE: Green Lakes State Park
NYS Parks Central Region Trails Coordinator Billy Sullivan 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 bird journals.
**Recommended for adults. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

**Jewelry Class: Sea Turtle Anklet**
Wednesday, 6/15 at 6:30pm
Get ready for “Oceans of Possibilities” this summer. Join us in making a sea turtle anklet (inspired by photo).
Cost: $7/person
**Recommended for adults. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

**Lafayette’s Farewell Tour: Onondaga Hill, 1825**
Tuesday, 6/21, 6:30-8:00pm
**HYBRID: Attend in-person or ONLINE via Zoom**
Julien Icher of the Lafayette Trail Organization and Andrew Mileonis of the Town of Onondaga Historical Society tell the tale of Lafayette’s Farewell Tour, its impact on the Town of Onondaga and the Central New York Region, and its greater significance to the continued development of the United States.
**Recommended for adults. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**
- Minimum of 3 registrants must be signed up to run program - Will cancel 24 hours in advance.

**Camping Skills for Beginners**
Friday, 6/24, 2:00-3:30pm | OFFSITE LOCATION: TBA
NYS Parks Environmental Educators Katie Mulverhill and Cara Gannon give an informative look at the essential skills every camping enthusiast should know. Learn how to safely start and maintain a fire, how to use the most common camping tools, how to pitch a tent, how to administer basic first aid and more!
**Recommended for adults. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

**iPhone Photography**
Friday, 8/19, 1:30-4:00pm
Learn how to unlock the incredible power of your iPhone’s Camera and Photos apps: from camera modes to color correction, focus assist to filters, and much, much more. No previous photography or photo editing experience necessary. Just bring your iPhone and a willingness to learn! **Note: Patrons are encouraged to bring their own iPhone or iPad, ideally running iOS 13 or higher.**
**Recommended for adults. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

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**BOOK CLUBS**

**Diverse Voices Book Club**
OFL has launched a book club, bringing together readers interested in discovering and discussing diverse literature.
**Dates & Selections:**
- **The Henna Artist** by Alka Joshi - 6/9 at 7pm
  Escaping from an abusive marriage, 17-year-old Lakshmi makes her way to Jaipur, where she becomes the most highly requested henna artist—and confidante—to upper-class women.
- **Such a Fun Age** by Kiley Reid - 7/13 at 7pm
  A page-turning and big-hearted story about race and privilege, set around a young black babysitter, her well-intentioned employer, and a surprising connection that threatens to undo both.
- **An American Marriage** by Tayari Jones - 8/10 at 7pm
  This stirring love story looks into the hearts and minds of three people who are at once bound and separated by forces beyond their control. An intimate look deep into the souls of people who must reckon with the past while moving forward—with hope and pain—into the future.

**Sci-Fi/Fantasy Book Club:**
The Goblin Emperor by Katherine Addison
**Saturday, 6/25 at 11am**
The youngest, half-goblin son of the Emperor who has lived his entire life in exile must quickly adjust to life as the Goblin Emperor after his father and brothers are killed in an “accident.”

**Thrilling Reads Book Club:**
The Last Mrs. Parrish by Liv Constantine
**Saturday, 7/16 at 11am**
A mesmerizing psychological suspense about a coolly manipulative woman and a wealthy “golden couple.” With shocking turns and dark secrets that will keep you guessing until the very end, this is a fresh, juicy, and utterly addictive thriller from a diabolically imaginative talent.

**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.
Friends of OFL

BOOK SALE

FRIENDS PREVIEW NIGHT: Thursday, 6/9, 5-8pm
Friends get in FREE!
Become a member at the door for $10
Friday, June 10, 10:00am-4:30pm
Saturday, June 11, 10am-3pm
Bag Sale begins at Noon- $5 fill a bag!

DONATIONS
The Friends are accepting donations June 3-8 during regular library hours ONLY (Note: The library is CLOSED Sunday, June 5th). Bring gently used books, DVDs, CDs, games and puzzles to Friends volunteers through the side entrance during regular business hours. Please no magazines, encyclopedias, textbooks, VHS or cassette tapes.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
Stop by the library to sign up in the Friends Corner if you would like to help with the book sale (accepting donations, setup, breakdown and the sale itself).

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...
Programs lead and sponsored by the Friends of OFL:

♦ Crafts with Friends: Thursdays, 9:30-10:30am
Meet, chat, share crafting/hobby ideas, and work on your current projects. There is no fee, no obligation – just bring your craft/hobby and a friend! Recommended for adults. No registration necessary.

♦ Town of Onondaga Senior Art Reception: Wednesday, 6/22, 4-6pm
Come meet the talented members of the Town of Onondaga Senior Center Art Class. Can’t make the reception? No worries... Stop by the library anytime during June to see the beautiful display of artwork. No registration necessary.

♦ Soapstone Carving with the Rock Doc
Saturday, 7/16, 10:30am - 12:30pm
OFFSITE at Santaro Park (4979 Velasko Rd.)
Learn about the ancient art of soapstone carving with David Millitis and create a carving of your own! Equipment and soapstone are provided. For kids entering grades K+. Must be accompanied by parent/guardian. REGISTRATION REQUIRED–Registration open June 1-30.

QUESTIONS: Please email oflfriends@gmail.com

Friends of OFL
Summer Meetings: June 1, July 6 & Aug. 3 at 7pm
Learn more about our Friends at www.oflibrary.org/friends-of-ofl

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OFL Board of Trustees
Summer Meeting: July 27 at 6pm | Community Room
Learn more about our Board at www.oflibrary.org/board-of-trustees

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 - 2:00pm
10:00am - 5:00pm through 6/18
Sunday CLOSED

Juneteenth: June 20
Independence Day Weekend: July 2-4
Labor Day Weekend: Sept. 3-5

THANK YOU to the Friends for fully funding summer for the 3rd year in a row!