What is Mindfulness?

Saturday, 2/11, 10:30am-12:30pm

“Meditation” is a familiar one in today’s modern world, but what does it mean? How does one practice meditation, or mindfulness? Learn all about mindfulness and how it is practiced with a group of fellow learners. This workshop is open to anyone of any age, identity and faith background.

Presented by Dr. Rebecca Alexander of Terra Physical Therapy Wellness

Recommended for adults | REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Family Movie

Tues, 2/21 at 2pm

Join us for a FREE showing of a newly released family-friendly movie at the library. Feel free to bring snacks and a cozy blanket to sit on!

For ALL AGES | REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Video Game Creation

3-day class: Feb. 21, 22 & 23, 2-4pm

Learn the basics of video game development. Design, code and test a game, then play against each other! No coding experience necessary.

For teens in grades 5-12 | REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Musical Instrument Petting Zoo

Wed, 2/22 at 11am

Join Miss Kori as we explore various musical and rhythmic instruments. Test drive our Triangles, Boomwhackers, Glockenspiels, and other fun items.

For kids in grades 1-5 | REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Elementary Art

Thurs, 2/23 at 11am

Paint and embellish your very own African Mask.

For kids in grades 1-4 | REGISTRATION REQUIRED

A.I. Art for Tweens & Families

Fri, 2/24, 2-4pm

You and your family will learn about AIs and their application to creative fields. You will even get an opportunity to use Midjourney’s AI to produce artwork of your own.

For tweens in grades 5-7 and their families | REGISTRATION REQUIRED

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

**Diverse Voices Book Club**
A book club that brings together readers interested in discovering and discussing diverse literature.

**Dates & Selections:**
- *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee - Thurs, 1/12 at 7pm • National Book Award Finalist and New York times bestseller, this sweeping saga chronicles the hopes and dreams of a Korean immigrant family across four generations as they leave their homeland in an indomitable quest to survive and thrive.
- *The Nickel Boys* by Colson Whitehead - Wed, 2/8 at 7pm • In this Pulitzer Prize-winning follow-up to *The Underground Railroad*, Whitehead brilliantly dramatizes another strand of American history through the story of two boys unjustly sentenced to a hellish reform school in Jim Crow-era Florida.

**Sci-Fi/Fantasy Book Club**
*Foundation* by Isaac Asimov Sat, 1/28 at 2pm • The first in its series, *Foundation* tells the story of an institute founded by psychohistorian Hari Seldon to preserve the best of galactic civilization after the collapse of the Galactic Empire.

**Thrilling Reads Book Club**
*Never Saw Me Coming* by Vera Kurian Sat, 2/18 at 2pm • Chloe is one of 7 students at her college who are part of an unusual clinical study of psychopaths. When one of the students in the study is murdered Chloe races to identify the killer.

**Html for Beginners**
2-part class: Fridays, Jan. 13 & 20, 2-4pm
Discover the basics of coding with HTML. Learn what a markup language is, how it is formatted, and how it functions. Then, after a brief introduction to two closely allied web technologies, CSS and JavaScript, you’ll code your very own web page, complete with pictures, videos, and interactive elements.
No previous coding experience necessary. Patrons are encouraged to bring their own laptops. Laptops will be made available for those without their own devices. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

**Facebook: Basics & Beyond**
Fri, 1/27, 2-4pm
Take an in-depth look at the social media platform that started it all! Begin with an overview of Facebook's basic features—from the home screen, to the wall, posting, commenting, liking and adding friends—then journey on to more advanced features and tools, including pages, messenger and Facebook Marketplace. Strategies for responsible and safe social media use will also be discussed.
Patrons are encouraged to bring their own devices and set up a Facebook account prior to the program. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

**Tech Help**
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**

**Tech Help Appointments with LiteracyCNY:**
*Wednesdays, 10am-1pm | 45-minute appointments
3 appointments available - Begin on the hour
Learn how to use a desktop, laptop, tablet or smartphone; 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. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

*Availability subject to change.*

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**Board Game Café**
Thurs, 6-8pm | 2nd Floor - Meeting Rm 222
Join our new tabletop gaming group. Learn new games, play the classics, and bring your favorites. Games will be Disney themed in celebration of Disneyland’s 100th Anniversary!
**Registration requested each week**
Program led by Community Volunteer.
Micron, Innovation Policy and the Future of Onondaga County

Thursday, 1/12 at 7pm
LOCATION: TBA | REGISTRATION REQUIRED

When Micron Technology, Inc. announced its plans to build a semiconductor manufacturing plant just outside of Clay, it sent ripples of jubilation throughout the county. An economic game-changer, the construction of the foundry could see nearly $100 billion invested in the county over the next 20 years, and could create as many as 50,000 jobs. Professor Charles Wessner assesses the potential economic impact of the Micron announcement, and will place it within the wider context of New York's emerging Nanocluster—a technology partnership between industry, universities and local government that includes the highly successful Global Foundries semiconductor plant in Saratoga.

Professor Charles Wessner (Georgetown University) served for two decades as a National Academies Scholar where he founded and directed of the National Academy of Sciences' Technology, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship Program and now advises technology agencies, universities, and governments on innovation policy.

This program is made possible through the generous support of Onondaga Free Library, Baldwinsville Public Library, Liverpool Public Library, Northern Onondaga Public Library, On Point for College and the Gifford Foundation.

Arts Management in Turbulent Times

Tuesday, 2/7 at 7pm | HYBRID: In-person at OFL & Online via Zoom | REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Those who choose to make the orchestra enterprise their life's work face a host of challenges that have beset orchestra managers since the very beginning of the art form, alongside new challenges that continue to arise in the 21st century. Travis Newton, author of the Orchestra Management Handbook, joins us to discuss his book which provides a significant head-start for people entering this complicated, exciting, and challenging line of work.

Travis Newton is Associate Professor of Music at Le Moyne College where he is director of the Arts Administration program. Also an active performer, he conducts Le Moyne's Symphony Orchestra and maintains a steady performing schedule as a violinist. He is a former board member of the Association of Arts Administration Educators (AAAE) and has worked in orchestra management and arts administration for nearly 20 years.
For TEENS & TWEENS...

Junior Library Volunteers
CURRENTLY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS*
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.
*Scan the code or visit www.oflibrary.org/volunteer to complete the volunteer application.

Homeschool Meetups
Wednesdays, 1/11 & 2/8, 2:30-4:00pm | Teen Space
Join our new peer-led teen homeschooler meetup at the library. Teens in this program play games, craft and share their interests with their peers - activities vary each month. Looking for new members to share ideas and be part of this new adventure!
For teens in grades 6-12 | Registration requested

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

Fandom & Writing Meetups
Thursdays, 1/19 & 2/16 at 4pm | Teen Space
Interested in writing or reading fan fiction? This group is for you! Meet new friends as we read, write, create and discuss fan fiction from every genre, including Marvel, Star Wars, Hamilton and more!
For grades 6-12 | Registration Required

PC Gaming Club: Plan & Play Session
Tuesdays, 1/24 & 2/21 at 2pm
Teen Space
Calling all gamers! Come play on our brand new Gaming PC during our monthly PC gaming night! Join your friends and compete in tournaments featuring your favorite PC video games.
Have a suggestion for a PC game to add to our collection? Let us know during the session.
New and experienced PC gamers welcome.
PC games must be rated “E” or “T”.
For teens in grades 6-12 | Registration required

The new teen gaming PC was built by OFL’s Digital Services & Technology Librarian as part of his Build Your Own Computer class in April/May 2022, which was supported with federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds allocated by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). It is also made possible through the generous support of the Central Libraries Resource Council and the Friends of OFL.

Get homework HelpNow
Free online tutoring for all learners.
Get started at www.oflibrary.org/databases-and-online-reference
TWEEN SCENE

Tween Time
Are you interested in hanging out with other kids your age and looking to have some fun at the library? If so, you should come to this *NEW* monthly program.
⇒ January: Board Games & Puzzles
   **Sat, 1/7, 2:00-3:30pm OR Tues, 1/17, 6:00-7:30pm**
   Meet up with friends to play OFL’s games and puzzles OR bring your favorite games to teach each other and play together!
⇒ February: Graphic Novels & Storybook Animation
   **Sat, 2/4, 2:00-3:30pm OR Tues, 2/14, 6:00-7:30pm**
   Meet and chat about your favorite graphic novels and even create your very own storybook animation.
Recommended for tweens in grades 4-6. 
*Drop-in; no registration necessary.*

A.I. Art for Tweens & Families
**Friday, 2/24, 2-4pm**
See cover for details.

For Babies, Toddlers & Preschoolers...

Baby Meet & Play
**WEEKLY: Mondays at 10am (not 1/2, 1/16 & 2/20)**
Calling all babies and caregivers for a casual session of socialization and PLAY! Meet other caregivers and play with your baby. Age appropriate toys will be available and Miss Jill will join in for a quick story and song!
For babies (0-24 months) and their parents/caregivers. 
No registration necessary.

Wiggleworms
**WEEKLY: Wednesdays at 10:30am (not 1/18 or 2/22)**
Join Miss Kori for fun, music-filled movement sessions featuring popular songs, rhymes and props.
For toddlers & preschoolers | **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**
Registration opens Mondays at 9am each week.

Family Storytime
**WEEKLY: Thursdays at 10:30am (not 1/19 or 2/23)**
Join Miss Kori for fun, themed stories and activities that promote early literacy and get your child(ren) Ready to Read.
For preschoolers | **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**
Registration opens Mondays at 9am each week.

Sensory Play
**MONTHLY: Fridays, 1/27 & 2/17, 10:00-10:45am**
Introducing this *NEW MONTHLY PROGRAM* where young children will have the opportunity to explore their senses through play. At each session we will create a sensory experience that can be replicated at home at minimal cost.
* **January:** Fake Snow
  2 ingredients: baking soda and hair conditioner
* **February:** Ice Painting
  2 ingredients: ice cubes and washable paints
For toddlers & preschoolers | **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**
Registration opens the 20th of each month.

Check out OFL’s Early Literacy webpage!
Learn about 1000 Books Before Kindergarten, discover unique collections, explore resources for parents and caregivers and more! **www.oflibrary.org/early-literacy**
Please join us in thanking the Friends of OFL for a very generous 2022! Last year, the Friends gifted nearly $15,000 to OFL, which funded the following and more:

- Caterpillar Hanger Rack for Storytime-to-Go Kits
- Teen Manga Collection
- Teen Gaming PC Upgrades
- Juvenile Non-Fiction
- Holiday Concert and Reception
- Teen Space Art Hanging System
- Strathmore Speakers Lecture ft. Dennis Connors

In 2023, the Friends have already approved funding in the amount of $8,165, which supports legacy gifts and new programs, such as OFL’s Lucky Day collection, ebooks, Empire Passes to state parks, teen art classes and Summer Reading.

Crafts with Friends
Thursday, 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.