



# Summer Reading 2023 at Onondaga Free Library June 20th - August 31st

## Adult Program (ages 18 & up):

Signup and log books to earn chances to win \$20 gift cards to Byrne Dairy, Crazy Daisies, Finally Ours, Green Hills and Velasko Pizzeria & Deli. The more you read, the more chances you have to win!

## Teen Program

### (entering grades 7-12):

Sign up and log 2 books to earn a Gannon's Ice Cream token. Keep logging to be entered into our monthly raffle drawings for Target gift cards. The more books you log, the more chances you have to win!

## Kids Program

### (entering grades K-6):

Set your own reading goal! Earn a Gannon's Ice Cream token when you reach the halfway mark and a free book when you complete your goal. Keep logging to be entered into our monthly raffle drawings!



Get started online at

[www.oflibrary.org/summer-reading](http://www.oflibrary.org/summer-reading)

OR download the **READsquared** app so you can log your reading while on the go!

Summer Reading is sponsored by [Friends of OFL](#) and [Gannon's Ice Cream](#).

## Onondaga Free Library

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# For Kids & Families

POLICY UPDATE:

Children under the age of 12  
may not be left unattended in the library.



## HATCHING BUTTERFLIES

### Starting in early July

We're hatching butterflies at OFL this summer! Stop by the children's area to see the progress of a caterpillar turn into a beautiful butterfly.

## SUMMER FAVORITES

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR BOTH PROGRAMS**

### Zoo to You! Calling All Conservationists

**Tuesday, 7/11 at 5pm**

Learn what it means to be a conservationist and how our community can work together to save our planet. Join the Zoo To You crew from Rosamond Gifford Zoo to find out what we do to help the Earth, and how you can help too. Meet some of our small but mighty friends who we can team up with to advocate and act for the good of our environment! Artifacts and living specimens will be on-hand for families to interact with.

### The M.O.S.T.: Systems of the Human Body

**Tuesday, 8/8 at 5pm**

Learn about the human body by exploring the different systems within it. Discover the main purpose of each system and the ways they interact, allowing us to accomplish the amazing things we do!



## CAYUGA NATURE CENTER

### Feel the Wind Tuesday, 8/1 at 6pm

Join Ingrid Zabel from the Cayuga Nature Center and Museum of the Earth in Ithaca, NY to learn all about wind and what it can do! We'll read *Feel the Wind* together, and then each child will get to build and take home a tiny, wind-powered elevator.

**For kids in grades K-5 | [REGISTRATION REQUIRED](#)**

### Food Web Animal Program

**Thursday, 8/10 at 11am**

Join Cayuga Nature Center to learn about animal food webs and the interconnection of an ecosystem.

**For all ages | [REGISTRATION REQUIRED](#)**

### Pokémon Mondays, [7/10](#), [7/31](#) & [8/14](#) at 6pm

Enjoy a fun game of strategy and partnership while battling new friends with Pokémon cards. All skill levels are welcome!

**For kids entering grades 2-6.**

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED for each session.**

### Craft with Friends FOR KIDS

**Thursdays, [7/13](#) & [7/27](#) 9:30am**

Get crafty with the Friends of OFL this summer! We will make crafts together to celebrate the summer reading themes of kindness and unity. Projects will include origami, plantings, and painting kindness rocks. **For kids in grades K-5.**

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED for each session.**

### Stories & S.T.E.A.M.

**Tuesdays, [7/18](#) at 2pm & [8/15](#) at 6pm**

Explore hands-on S.T.E.A.M. activities and challenges based on chosen books and stories. Be sure to bring your imagination and creativity! **For kids in grades K-4.**

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED for each session.**

## For the Littles

Registration opens 1 week prior to each session.

### Family Storytimes

**Thursdays, [7/20](#), [8/3](#), [8/17](#) & Wednesday, [8/2](#) at 11am**

Join us for special summer storytimes where we will explore the amazing work of our community helpers with stories, songs and activities! Special guests will be available for a meet and greet! **For all ages!**

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED for each session.**

### Sensory Play

**Wednesdays, [7/12](#), [7/26](#) & [8/9](#) at 10am**

Children get the opportunity to explore their senses through play! We will create hands-on sensory experiences that can be replicated at home at minimal cost. Be sure to wear play clothes, as things could get messy! **For toddlers, PreK & Kindergartners.**

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED for each session.**

### Baby Storytimes

**Mondays, [7/10](#), [7/17](#), [7/24](#), [7/31](#), [8/7](#) & [8/14](#) at 10am**

Stories, songs and play for babies and caregivers! Explore books, music and more about friendship, community helpers, science, expanding our world, working and playing together and KINDNESS! Age appropriate toys and activities will also be available.

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED for each session.**



***What programs do you plan on attending this summer?  
What books are on your summer reading list?***

Take photos/videos and tag us: @OnondagaFreeLib  
#SummeratOFL #SummerReading #AllTogetherNow

## READING RECOMMENDATIONS

Did you know there are several ways to get book recommendations from the library?

Sign up for our [NextReads e-newsletters](#):

Scan code with smart device to receive book recommendations from your favorite genres.



Visit the [Reading Recommendations page](#) on our website:

- ◆ Discover new releases and staff picks for all ages
- ◆ Check out the online edition of Book Page
- ◆ Find read-alikes using Book Browse and NovelList databases

## E-NEWSLETTER SIGNUP

Sign up for our [monthly e-newsletter](#) to get news about OFL's programs and services delivered right to your inbox!



We also have [age-specific or special interest e-newsletters](#) you can sign up for:

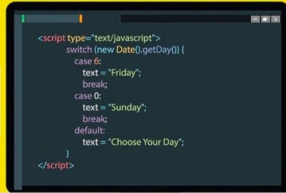


- ◆ Programs for Babies, Toddlers & Preschoolers
- ◆ Programs for Kids & Families
- ◆ Programs for Tweens & Teens
- ◆ Programs for Adults
- ◆ Book Clubs/Discussions
- ◆ Lectures
- ◆ Technology Programs

# Tech for Teens and/or Adults

Programs are open to both teens AND adults-  
Teens may attend without adults and adults may attend without a teen.  
Each participant must register separately.

## Javascript



### JavaScript II: Memory Game

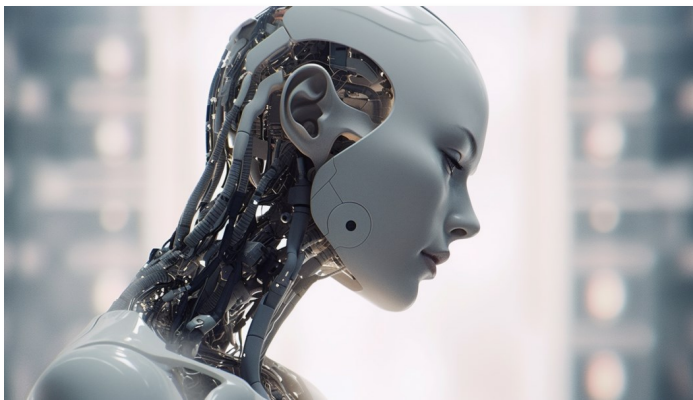
**3-day class: 7/17, 7/18 & 7/19, 6-8pm**

In this intermediate-level course, hone your JavaScript skills through the use of several key concepts in computer programming: arrays, objects and loops. Use these concepts, in combination with some basic HTML and CSS, to design, construct and test a JavaScript-powered Memory Card game. *Prior experience with JavaScript is strongly encouraged, but not required. Class is designed for those with a beginner's understanding of JavaScript.*

Laptops provided for in-house use during each session. Participants encouraged to bring their own USB flash drive (4GB+) to save their program code.

**For adults an/or teens in grades 5-12**

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**– *Registering for the first session registers you for all sessions.*



### Intro to A.I.

**2-part class: Fridays, 8/4 & 8/11, 2:00-3:30pm**

Artificial Intelligence (A.I.) is changing the world around us. From self-driving cars to facial recognition software, A.I. is being used in a variety of ways to make our lives easier and more efficient. But what exactly is A.I., how does it work, and what are the consequences of its use? This two-session program will provide a basic overview of A.I., including its history, types, and applications, and will allow participants to interact with Google's Bard A.I. chatbot and Midjourney's art generation A.I. A discussion of the political, social, economic, and ethical implications of A.I. will accompany the use of these powerful tools.

No prior experience with Bard or Midjourney is required. *Program description authored in collaboration with Google Bard. Image generated in collaboration with Midjourney.*

**For adults an/or teens in grades 7-12**

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## Weekly Tech Help

*By appointment only*

### Tech Help Appointments with Literacy CNY

**Wednesdays at 10am, 11am & 12pm - 45-minutes**

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.

### 1-on-1 Techtorials

**Mondays, 10:30am & 2pm & Thursdays, 10:30am**

Receive tech support for your computer, laptop or mobile device; get assistance setting up your Windows PC or Mac; or learn how to use one of the library's many digital services, such as Libby, Hoopla, Kanopy, NewsBank or Ancestry.

# For Teens

## Dungeons & Dragons

**Group A:** [Mondays, 7/10 - 8/28, 6-8pm](#)

**Group B:** [Wednesdays, 7/12 - 8/30, 6-8pm](#)

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

**For teens in grades 6+ | REGISTRATION REQUIRED- Registering for one week registers you for all weeks.**

## Donuts & Art [Wednesday, 7/19 at 2pm](#)

Explore art, while chatting and mingling with old friends and new! Learn about famous artists Wassily Kandinsky and Wayne Thiebaud, then you will paint your very own DONUT masterpiece! All materials will be provided, including delicious donuts for snacking.

**For grades 5-12 | REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

## Garden Rock Painting

[Saturday, 8/5 at 11am](#)

Create colorful garden rocks for our library garden!

**For grades 6-12 | REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

## Sharpie Tie-Dye T-shirts & Kindness Buttons

[Wednesday, 8/16 at 2pm](#)

Create tie-dye t-shirts and kindness buttons! **Participants need to bring a clean, white t-shirt to tie-dye-** All other materials will be provided!

**For grades 5-12 | REGISTRATION REQUIRED**



## Discover the Teen Space this summer!

**Play the Xbox:** All Xbox Game Pass games are available, plus purchased games like *Madden '23!* Controllers available for checkout.

**Display your artwork:** Do you have a favorite piece of artwork that you did this year? Show it off!

Email [info@oflibrary.org](mailto:info@oflibrary.org) to get started.

**Get comfy and read:** Browse our book displays, read book reviews from your peers and find the perfect summer read!

# For Adults

## With the 149th: Onondaga County Infantry in the Civil War [Tuesday, 7/25, 6:30-8:00pm](#)

On the evening of July 2, 1863, soldiers of the 149th Infantry Regiment waited nervously atop Culp's Hill for the Confederate charge they knew to be imminent. Mustered in Syracuse the previous October, these men of Onondaga County found themselves at the center of a pivotal moment in the Battle of Gettysburg. Their courage and resolve to hold Culp's Hill would turn the tide of the engagement and, ultimately, of the Civil War. OFL's Digital Services & Technology Librarian and Andrew Miledonis of the Town of Onondaga Historical Society, will focus on the Battle of Gettysburg and the decisive role played by Onondaga County's own 149th Infantry Regiment. We'll examine how the battle unfolded, describe the actions taken on Culp's Hill, and hear first-hand testimony of what it was like with the 149th.

**Recommended for adults | Registration requested**

## BOOK CLUBS

### Diverse Voices Book Club

*Crying in H Mart* by Michelle Zauner

[Wednesday, 7/12 at 7pm](#)

In this exquisite story of family, food, grief, and endurance, Zauner proves herself far more than a dazzling singer, songwriter, and guitarist. With humor and heart, she tells of growing up one of the few Asian American kids at her school in Eugene, Oregon; of struggling with her mother's particular, high expectations of her; of a painful adolescence; of treasured months spent in her grandmother's tiny apartment in Seoul, where she and her mother would bond, late at night, over heaping plates of food.



### Thrilling Reads Book Club:

*The Paris Apartment* by Lucy Foley

[Wednesday, 8/16 at 7pm](#)

The longer her brother Ben stays missing, the more Jess starts to dig into his situation, and the more questions she has. Ben's neighbors are an eclectic bunch, and not particularly friendly. Jess may have come to Paris to escape her past, but it's starting to look like it's Ben's future that's in question.



**Recommended for adults.**

**Registration requested 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

THANK YOU to the Friends for fully funding summer for the 4th year in a row!

Thank you to the Friends for leading/sponsoring the following programs this summer:

- ◆ **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.**
- ◆ **Crafts with Friends FOR KIDS: Thursdays, 7/13 & 7/27, 9:30-10:30am**  
Get crafty with the Friends of OFL this summer! We will make crafts together to celebrate the summer reading themes of kindness and unity. Projects will include origami, plantings, and painting kindness rocks. **Recommended for grades K-5. REGISTRATION REQUIRED for each session.**

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Fall Book Sale

**September 27-30**

Please hold on to any book/media donations as the Friends are already planning their next book sale! Donations of gently use books, movies, music, games, puzzles and more will be accepted the week prior to the sale.

*Thank you to everyone involved in the Friends Spring Book Sale– it was a record breaking fundraiser for the Friends!*

## BECOME A FRIEND

Attend monthly meetings to share ideas, volunteer to help with fundraisers and/or donate to make a difference!

**Questions: Email [oflfriends@gmail.com](mailto:oflfriends@gmail.com)**

### Friends of OFL

Summer Meetings: July 5 & Aug. 2 at 7pm  
Learn more about our Friends  
at [www.oflibrary.org/friends-of-ofl](http://www.oflibrary.org/friends-of-ofl)

### OFL Board of Trustees

Summer Meeting: July 26 at 6pm | Community Room  
Learn more about our Board  
at [www.oflibrary.org/board-of-trustees](http://www.oflibrary.org/board-of-trustees)

## Library Closings:

Independence Day : July 4  
Labor Day Weekend: Sept. 2-4

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### Summer 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
Sunday	CLOSED