

Onondaga Free Library March-April 2023

Registration opens the 20th of each month.



Senior Fair

Tuesday, 4/25, 10am-Noon

We invite everyone, especially seniors, caregivers and potential caregivers, to join us for this free information fair. Representatives from several local organizations will be onsite to provide information and answer any questions. **No registration necessary.**

Presented by [Community Living Advocates](#)

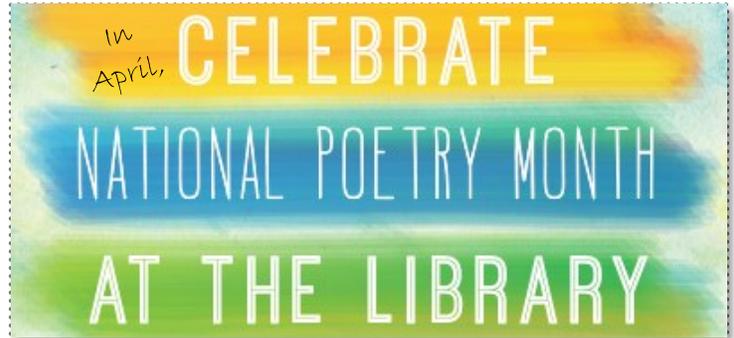


Welcoming Refugees Family Fair

Saturday, 4/15, 11am-1pm

OFL's Junior Library Volunteers are partnering with InterFaith Works of CNY and Onondaga Hill Middle School to host a special family event at the library. This year, the students have been learning about the global refugee crisis and have been inspired to help welcome refugees to the Syracuse community. Your family is invited to join us in learning how you can help refugees in our community.

For all ages! No registration necessary.



Poetry Contest

April 1-29

Express yourself through poetry— Submit an original poem to be entered to win a prize bundle.

4 winners, 1 in each of the following age groups:

- ⇒ Kids in grades K-3
- ⇒ Kids in grades 4-6
- ⇒ Teens in grades 7-12
- ⇒ Adults, ages 18+

Entry forms are available [online](#) or in person at the library.

Contest Rules:

Poems must be submitted Saturday, April 1st through Saturday, April 29th at 5pm.

Submissions must be original work.

Winners will be notified in May. Winners must pick up prizes at OFL.

Poems will not be returned to patrons- Please make a copy of your poem if you would like it for your records.

Join us for fun poetry events during Spring Break Week!

See page 6 for more details

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

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Books & More for Adults...

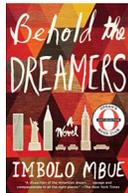
BOOK CLUBS

Diverse Voices Book Club

A book club that brings together readers interested in discovering and discussing diverse literature.

Dates & Selections:

- ◆ **[Behold the Dreamers by Imbolo Mbue](#) - [Thurs, 3/9 at 7pm](#) • A compulsively readable debut novel about marriage, immigration, class, race, and the trapdoors in the American Dream—the unforgettable story of a young Cameroonian couple making a new life in New York just as the Great Recession upends the economy.**
- ◆ **[All My Rage by Sabaa Tahir](#) - [Wed, 4/12 at 7pm](#) • 2023 Printz Award Winner - From one of today's most cherished and bestselling young adult authors comes a breathtaking novel of young love, old regrets, and forgiveness—one that's both tragic and poignant in its tender ferocity.**



Sci-Fi/Fantasy Book Club

[Recursion by Blake Crouch](#) - [Sat, 3/25 at 2pm](#) • At first, it looks like a disease. An epidemic that spreads through no known means, driving its victims mad with memories of a life they never lived. But the force that's sweeping the world is no pathogen. It's just the first shock wave, unleashed by a stunning discovery—and what's in jeopardy is not our minds but the very fabric of time itself.



Thrilling Reads Book Club

[The Woman in the Library by Sulari Gentill](#) - [Sat, 4/15 at 2pm](#) • The tranquility is shattered by a woman's terrified scream. Security guards take charge immediately, instructing everyone inside to stay put until the threat is identified and contained. While they wait for the all-clear, four strangers, who'd happened to sit at the same table, pass the time in conversation and friendships are struck. Each has his or her own reasons for being in the reading room that morning—it just happens that one is a murderer.



Strathmore Speakers presents Jim McKeever and Nina Wickett, Providing Hope at the Border

Thurs, 4/13 at 7pm | ONLINE via Zoom

Central New Yorkers Jim McKeever and Nina Wickett, both of whom have made several volunteer trips to the US-Mexico border to work with migrants and the organizations that support them. They have volunteered in Tijuana and San Diego, and Jim has also worked with Team Brownsville in Texas. In this insightful talk, Jim and Nina will share their experiences, including working alongside migrants in a community kitchen in Tijuana, escorting recently released ICE detainees to the San Diego airport to reunite with loved ones across the U.S., placing life-saving water and supplies in the desert, and delivering groceries to shelters in Tijuana. Jim and Nina say they have witnessed the extraordinary courage, resilience and gratitude of the migrants who are hopeful that the U.S. will welcome them. **[REGISTRATION REQUIRED](#)**

Families are invited to join us for our Welcoming Refugees Family Fair on Saturday, 4/15 - See front cover for details.

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.

[Registration requested each week](#)

Program led by Community Volunteer.

**Registration requested
for each book discussion**

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



**Overdrive is now Libby
Need help with the switch?**

Visit www.oflibrary.org/ebooks-and-digital-downloads OR
see staff while visiting the library.

Tech for Adults...



Pocket Full of Progress: A Retrospective Look at the Machines Found in our Smartphones

Friday, 3/3 at 10:30am | OFFSITE at [Onondaga Historical Association \(OHA\)](#) - 321 Montgomery St.

Today, our smartphone is our office computer, our home entertainment system, our camera, our bank, our map, our library, and much more. But only a few decades ago, it took a wide range of machines and tools to perform all these functions. Join us for a guided tour of OHA's current exhibition, "A Pocketful of Progress" which highlights the evolution of machines-including many built right here in Syracuse.

Participants will be able to view OHA's other exhibitions free of charge following the tour.

*Participants meet at OHA | **REGISTRATION REQUIRED***

Presented by Robert J. Searing, OHA's Curator of History | Sponsored by the Friends of OFL

Windows 10/11 Basics

2-Part Class: Tuesdays, 3/7 & 3/14, 6:30-8:00pm

Join us for an introductory look at Windows 10/11. Start by learning about the essential features, then basic functionality and personalization, including how to create files and folder, navigate File Explorer, create desktop shortcuts, use common keyboard shortcuts, connect to WiFi, and install applications. *Participants are encouraged to bring their own Windows devices. Laptops with Windows 10/11 will be made available for those without a personal device.*

REGISTRATION REQUIRED | Presented by [LiteracyCNY](#)

Zoom Basics & Beyond

Friday, 3/24, 2-4pm • Learn basic functions and features of the world's most popular video conferencing platform, from scheduling a meeting, to using the in-meeting toolbar, setting up a virtual background, and communicating in the chat. *Participants are encouraged to bring their own devices with the latest version of the Zoom app installed. Laptops will be provided for in-library use to those without a personal device.*

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Data Management for Mortals

Friday, 4/14, 2-4pm • Leading a digital life creates a lot of data. Everywhere we look, on every device we own, we're confronted with a deluge of files, videos, folders, downloads, contacts, photos, music, and much, much more. Learn the tools and strategies of sound data management, from creating folders, to moving files, implementing naming conventions, and backing up both locally and to the cloud. *Patrons are strongly encouraged to bring their own devices.*

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Explore Virtual Reality (VR)

Friday, 4/28, 2-4pm | 2nd Floor - Meeting Rm 222

Have you ever wanted to walk with a dinosaur? Explore ancient ruins? Tour the International Space Station? Or jump through a video game world like Super Mario? VR allows you to do just that! Enjoy a VR experience or just stop in to learn about VR.

CAUTION: VR may induce nausea in those who experience motion sickness. Please let staff know if you are prone to motion sickness before using the system. **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**

Learn more with

LinkedIn Learning

Visit www.oflibrary.org/databases-and-online-reference/

For TEENS...

All are welcome -
OFL is a safe space for EVERYONE!



Junior Library Volunteers (JLV)

CURRENTLY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS*

Do you want to volunteer at the library? 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, 3/8 & 4/12, 2:30-4:00pm | Teen Space

Join our peer-led teen homeschooler meetup. Teens 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 group!

For teens in grades 6-12 | [Registration requested](#)

PC Gaming & VR Club

Tuesday, 3/21, 6-8pm | Teen Space

Calling all gamers- Come play on our new Gaming PC or use our VR headset! "Portal 2" and "Deliver Us the Moon" are currently available on our Gaming PC. "Land's End," "Daedalus," and "Jurassic Park: Blue" are among the many games and experiences currently installed on our Oculus. Have suggestions for PC or VR games to add to our collection? Let us know!

For teens in grades 6-12 | [Registration requested](#)

Fandom & Writing Meetups

Thursdays, 3/30 & 4/20 at 4pm | Teen Space

Interested in writing or reading fan fiction? Meet new friends as we read, write, create and discuss fan fiction from every genre and fandom!

For grades 6-12 | [REGISTRATION REQUIRED](#)

Art Class: Spring Scene

Saturday, 3/25, 2:00-3:30pm | Teen Space

Back by popular demand! Shades of Orange is visiting the library to lead a Spring-themed art class! Learn to paint, and you will get to bring home your masterpiece after it is on display in the NEW Teen Art Gallery in April.

For teens in grades 6-12 | [REGISTRATION REQUIRED](#)

Class sponsored by the Friends of OFL



Intro to JavaScript for Teens & Adults

4-week class: Tuesdays, 4/4-4/25, 6-8pm

JavaScript is by far the world's most popular programming language, powering everything from interactive web pages, to smart devices, mobile apps and more! Learn the fundamentals of JavaScript programming then use these concepts to write progressively more complex programs, culminating in the creation of a "Rock, Paper, Scissors" game. *Laptops will be provided for in-house use during each session. Participants are strongly encouraged to bring their own USB flash drive of at least 4GB to save to their program code.*

For teens in grades 6-12 and adults

[REGISTRATION REQUIRED](#)



NAILED IT!

Library Edition

Wednesday, 4/5, 2-3pm

Join us for the library edition of this hilariously popular Netflix show. Compete in teams of 2 to make a themed treat in just 30 minutes. The library will provide the inspiration and supplies. No baking required, just decorating. Will you nail it or fail it? *Led by Teen Volunteers*

For teens in grades 6-12 | [REGISTRATION REQUIRED](#)



Get homework HelpNow

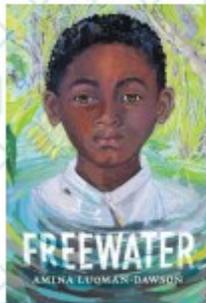
Free online tutoring for all learners.

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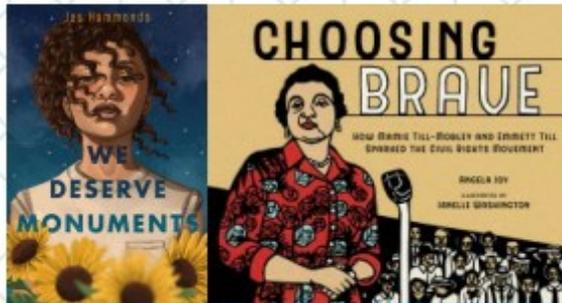
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YOUTH MEDIA AWARDS

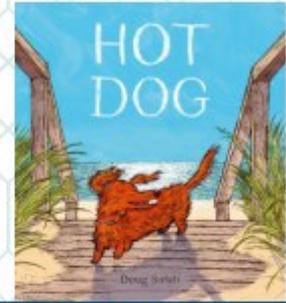
2023 Winners



Coretta Scott King & Newberry Awards Winner



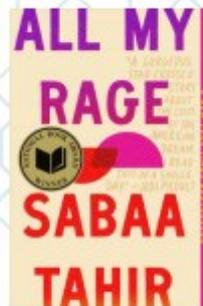
John Steptoe Award Winners



Caldecott Medal Award Winner



Stonewall Book Award Winners

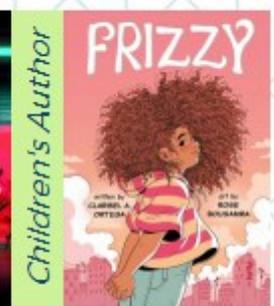


Printz Award Winner

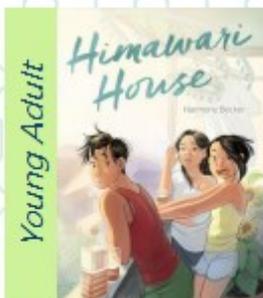


Young Adult Author

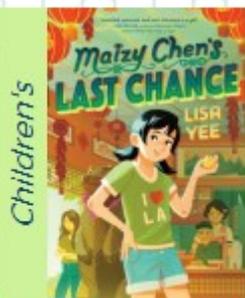
Pura Belpré Award Winners



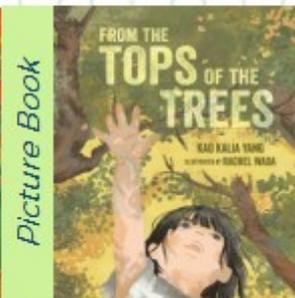
Children's Author



Young Adult



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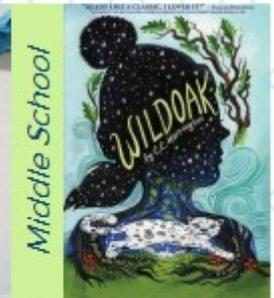


Picture Book

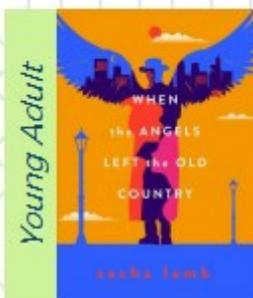
Apala Award Winners



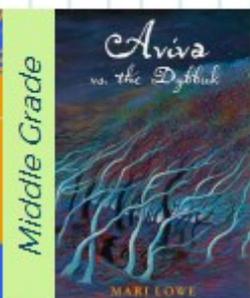
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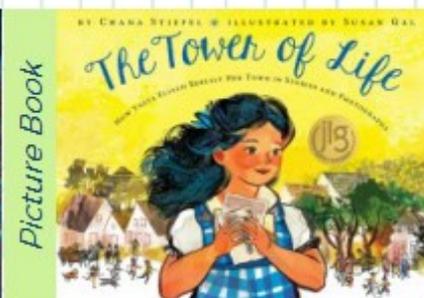
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Young Adult

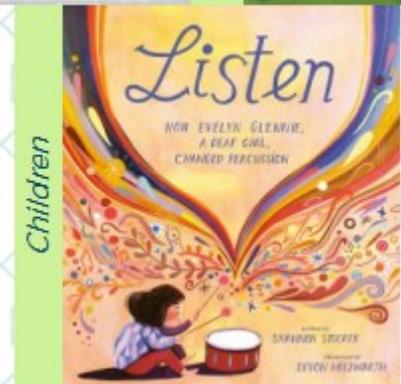


Middle Grade



Picture Book

Sydney Taylor Award Winners



Children

Schneider Family Book Awards

Celebrate National Poetry Month - Spring Break

Families are invited to join us during Spring Break for fun poetry programs all week long!



Poetry Scavenger Hunt • Monday, 4/3 - Friday, 4/7

To participate, simply stop by the Children's Reference Desk and pick up a scavenger hunt sheet. Then, take a stroll through the kid's area and check out a variety of fun poems! Find as many featured poems as you can and get a prize for participating! **No registration necessary.**

Family Matinee: *Mulan*

Tuesday, 4/4 at 2pm | Runtime: 1hr, 27mins

Did you know that the story of *Mulan* is based on an ancient poem? The *Ballad of Mulan* is believed to be written sometime around 400 AD during the era of Northern Wei. Join us in watching Disney's animated version of this classic tale. **FOR ALL AGES** | [Registration requested](#)



Hello Haiku • Wednesday, 4/5 at 11am

Learn all about the Haiku, a type of Japanese poetry! The art of the Haiku uses very specific rules, seventeen syllables and are often about nature. Participants will explore Haikus that have been written by other poets as well as write and illustrate a Haiku of their own!

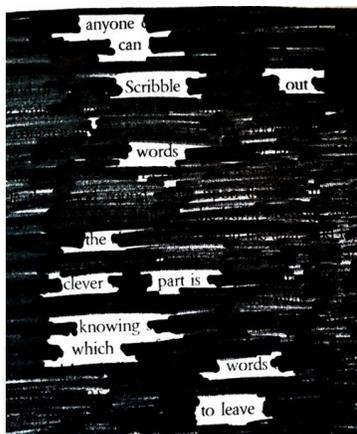
For kids in grades 1-5 | [REGISTRATION REQUIRED](#)



Shel-ebrate Shel Silverstein • Thursday, 4/6 at 11am

Shel Silverstein is a famous author and illustrator who published several books of poetry for children. One of his most famous being *Where the Sidewalk Ends*. Participants will explore Silverstein's works, write a poem of their own inspired by his work and create a poster to go along with it!

For kids in grades 1-5 | [REGISTRATION REQUIRED](#)



Blackout Poetry • Friday, 4/7 at 2pm

Are you looking for a fun way to create poetry? If so, check out Blackout Poetry! Participants will black out words from an old book page, leaving words they will then organize into a meaningful poem. You can even turn your blacked out page into a piece of artwork!

For kids in grades 4-6 | [REGISTRATION REQUIRED](#)

Poetry Contest for Kids, Teens & Adults: April 1-29

See front page for more details

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.

- ⇒ **March: Movie Showing: *Bad Guys* (PG)**
Sat, 3/4, 2:00-3:45pm OR Tues, 3/21, 6:00-7:45pm
Watch the hilarious movie based on the graphic novel series by Aaron Blabey | Runtime: 1hr, 40mins | Popcorn will be served.
- ⇒ **April: LEGO Book Challenge**
Sat, 4/15, 2:00-3:30pm OR Tues, 4/18, 6:00-7:30pm
Take on the challenge of building a scene from your favorite book using only LEGOs! All materials will be provided, just bring your creativity!

Recommended for tweens in grades 4-6.
Drop-in; no registration necessary.

Elementary Fun

Pokémon Trading Card Game

Mondays, [3/13](#), [3/27](#) & [4/10](#) at 6pm

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

For kids in grades 2-5 | **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

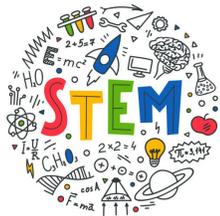


Learn ~ Explore ~ Create

Do you enjoy learning about science, technology, engineering and/or math? Join Miss Jill for our monthly S.T.E.M. program!

- ◆ **March: Rainbow in a Jar**
[Tues, 3/28, 6:00-6:45pm](#)
- ◆ **April: Seed Bombs & Launcher**
[Tues, 4/25, 4:00-4:45pm](#)

For kids in grades 1-5 | **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**



ART-ventures

Looking for something fun and creative to do? Join Miss Jill for our monthly art program for kids!

- ◇ **March: Leprechaun Trap**
[Sat, 3/4, 11:00-11:45am](#) OR [Tues, 3/7, 4:00-4:45pm](#)
- ◇ **April: Tissue Paper Art**
[Tues, 4/11, 4:00-4:45pm](#)

For kids in grades K-3 | **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

American Girl Mon, 4/17, 6:00-7:30pm

Celebrate Earth Day with stories, crafts and songs of the American Girls. Bring your own stories/traditions to share. **For grades 2-6 | **REGISTRATION REQUIRED****

For Babies, Toddlers & Preschoolers...

Baby Meet & Play

WEEKLY: Mondays at 10am (not 4/3)

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: 2 sessions on Wednesdays (not 4/5)

9:30-10:15am OR 11:00-11:45am

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 4/6)

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, [3/24](#) & [4/21](#), 10:00-10:45am

During this monthly program, 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.

- * **March: Rainbow Rice**
Ingredients: white rice, vinegar, food coloring
- * **April: Homemade Play-doh**
Ingredients: all-purpose flour, salt, cream of tartar, vegetable oil, food coloring, water

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

Friends Corner

Become a Friend! Pick up a membership brochure at the library OR download and print a form from www.oflibrary.org/friends-of-ofl



Shamrock & Spring Plant Sale

Friday, 3/3 & Saturday, 3/4, 10:00am-4:30pm *While supplies last

We're lucky to have so many great FRIENDS! Help support them and OFL- For just **\$5 a plant**, the Friends will be selling shamrocks (both white and purple flowering), tulips, daffodils and hyacinths. They will also be selling raffle tickets for a chance to win gift cards to local businesses. Hopefully the luck of the Irish is on your side!



Spring Book Sale

SALE DATES: May 4-6 | Friends Preview Night: 5/3

ACCEPTING DONATIONS:

4/28-4/29 & 5/1-5/2 during normal library hours

Accepting gently used books, movies, music, games and puzzles. Not accepting textbooks, magazines, encyclopedias or VHS/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.*



Friends of OFL

Meetings - Wednesdays, 3/1 & 4/5 (Annual) at 7pm
Regularly the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7pm

OFL Board of Trustees

Annual Meeting - Wednesday, 3/22 at 6pm
Visit our website for 2023 meeting dates.

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Current 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