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Onondaga Free Library January-February 2024

Registration opens the 20th of each month.



NYS Citizen Preparedness Course

Wednesday, 1/17 at 6pm | Community Room

With severe weather events becoming more frequent and more extreme, it is more important than ever that New Yorkers are prepared for disasters. This class teaches residents about tools and resources to help prepare for any type of disaster (including developing a family emergency plan and stocking up on emergency supplies), respond accordingly and recover as quickly as possible. **Each FAMILY that attends will receive one Preparedness Kit.**

To register and for additional information, visit www.dhss.ny.gov/citizen-preparedness-corps

For adults | **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

Google Suite: Gmail & Drive

Fridays, 1/19 & 1/26, 2-4pm | Community Room

Take an in-depth look at two of Google's most powerful tools: Gmail and Google Drive, Google's cloud storage and backup platform. Topics to be discussed include: email organization; sending, forwarding and filtering emails; email security; cloud file storage; Drive file sharing; how to back up your computer or mobile device to Drive and much more.

An active, accessible Google account is suggested, but not necessary, for this program. Patrons are encouraged to bring their own devices.

Recommended for adults | **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**



SAVE A LIFE

Monday, 1/29 at 6:30pm | Community Room

STOP THE BLEED® is a nationwide campaign to empower individuals to act quickly and save lives. What stops bleeding? In this STOP THE BLEED® course, you'll learn three quick techniques to help save a life before someone bleeds out: (1) How to use your hands to apply pressure to a wound; (2) How to pack a wound to control bleeding; (3) How to correctly apply a tourniquet. These three techniques will empower you to assist in an emergency and potentially save a life.

Presented by the Trauma Department Staff at Upstate University Hospital

For adults | **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

Google Maps: The Basics & Beyond

Friday, 2/16, 2-4pm | Community Room

Where would we all be without Google Maps? From finding the best route, to avoiding traffic and tolls, learning about new destinations, or checking to see if your favorite library is still open, Google Maps is an indispensable tool. Take an in-depth look at the service that changed the way we travel.

Participants are encouraged to bring their own laptops or mobile devices with the Google Maps app installed. Please note that a Google account is not required to use Google Maps.

Recommended for adults | **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

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

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For Adults...

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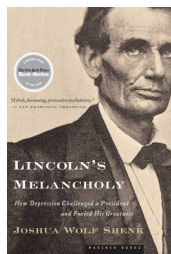
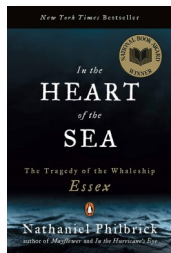


HISTORY ROUNDTABLE

If you are passionate about history, curious about what trends and forces shaped our past, or simply want to learn more about the human enterprise, where it's been, and where it might be going, then this group is for you! Join retired history professor Tim LaGoy for OFL's newest discussion group.

Dates & Topics:

- ♦ ***In the Heart of the Sea* by Nathaniel Philbrick** - **Tuesdays, 1/16 & 1/23, 6:00-7:30pm** | **Meeting Room 222** • Winner of the National Book Award In 1820, the whaleship Essex was rammed and sunk by an angry sperm whale, leaving the desperate crew to drift for more than ninety days in three tiny boats. Nathaniel Philbrick uses little-known documents and vivid details about the Nantucket whaling tradition to reveal the chilling facts of this infamous maritime disaster.
- ♦ ***Lincoln's Melancholy* by Joshua Wolf Shenk** - **Tuesdays, 2/20 & 2/27, 6:00-7:30pm** | **Meeting Room 222** • Giving shape to the deep depression that pervaded Lincoln's adult life, *Lincoln's Melancholy* reveals how this illness influenced both the President's character and his leadership. Shenk draws on seven years of research from historical record, interviews with Lincoln scholars, and contemporary research on depression to understand the nature of Lincoln's unhappiness. In the process, Shenk discovers that the President's coping strategies—among them, a rich sense of humor and a tendency toward quiet reflection—ultimately helped him to lead the nation through its greatest turmoil.



Call the library or visit catalog.onlib.org to check availability of titles in print and digital formats.

Recommended for adults

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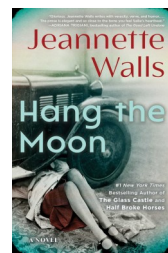
BOOK CLUBS

Diverse Voices Book Club

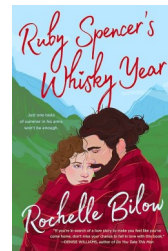
A book club that brings together readers interested in discovering and discussing diverse literature.

Dates & Selections:

- ♦ ***Hang the Moon* by Jeannette Walls** - **Wed, 1/10 at 7pm** • "You'll fall in love with Sallie on the very first page and keep rooting for her all the way through to the last" (Good Housekeeping) in this thrilling read that "goes down easy...like the forbidden whisky that defines the life of Sallie Kincaid" (Associated Press).

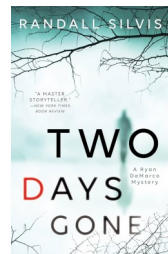


- ♦ ***Ruby Spencer's Whisky Year* by Rochelle Bilow** - **Wed, 2/14 at 7pm** • A thirty-something American food writer moves to a Scottish village for one year to find inspiration--and love--and fulfill her dream of writing her own cookbook in this charming debut romance.



Thrilling Reads Book Club

- Two Days Gone* by Randall Silvis** - **Sat, 2/17 at 2pm** • Perfect for readers of Tana French and Dennis Lehane, this masterful thriller by acclaimed author Randall Silvis is a taut, suspenseful story that will break your heart as much as it will haunt your dreams.



Make new friends and share the love of reading!
Attend as many or as few meetings as you would like - No obligation!
Registration requested for each book discussion
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Looking for reading recommendations?

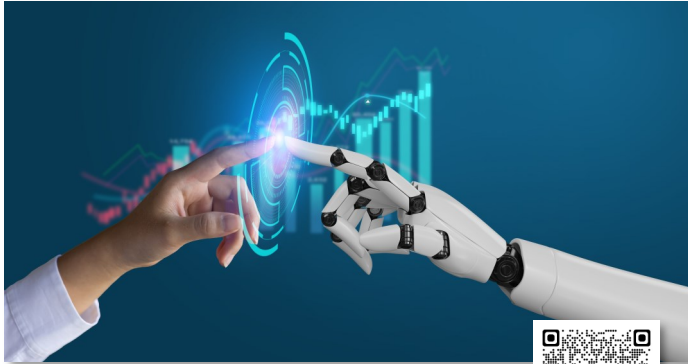
Sign up for **NextReads e-newsletters** and get new releases from your favorite genre(s) delivered right to your inbox!

SCAN CODE...



Tech Corner

Registration opens the 20th of each month.



REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Registering for one session registers you for both sessions.



Intro to A.I.

2-part class: Tuesdays, Jan. 9 & 16, 6-8pm

Community Room

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is changing the world around us. AI is being used in a variety of ways to make our lives easier and more efficient. But what exactly is AI, how does it work, and what are the consequences of its use? Get a basic overview of AI, including its history, types, and applications. Participants will get a chance to interact with Google's Bard AI chatbot and Midjourney's art generation AI. Political, social, economic and ethical implications of AI will also be discussed while participants are working with these powerful tools.

Recommended for TEENS (grades 7-12) and/or ADULTS



REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Registering for one session registers you for all 4 sessions.



Python I: Intro to Python Programming

4-part class: Tuesdays, Feb. 6, 13, 20 & 27, 6-8pm

Community Room

Python consistently ranks as one of the most popular programming languages in use today. Versatile, powerful, and easily understood, Python can be used to solve all kinds of computational problems. Learn the fundamentals of Python programming: variables, conditional logic, loops, Boolean operators, commenting, lists, and functions. Each week, you'll use these concepts to write progressively more complex programs, culminating in the creation of a Python-powered "Rock, Paper, Scissors" game.

Laptops will be provided. Participants are encouraged to bring a USB flash drive (4GB +) to save their work.

Recommended for TEENS (grades 6-12) and/or ADULTS

Weekly Tech Help

By appointment only

Tech Help Appointments with LiteracyCNY

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

Saturdays at 10:30am - 1 hour

1-on-1 Techtorials with OFL's

Digital Services & Technology Librarian

Mondays at 10:30am & 2:00pm - 45 minutes

The tech gurus are in and ready to help! Sign up for 1-on-1 appointments to learn new computer/tech skills. Learn how to use your computer, laptop or mobile device; create and use an email account; find and apply for jobs; use social media; work with Microsoft Office or Google Suite; create a resume and cover letter; or learn how to use one of the library's many digital services, such as Libby, Hoopla, NewsBank or Ancestry- All free with your library card!

For Tweens & Teens...

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

What's New in the Teen Space?



When entering the Teen Space, you will be greeted by Theodore (his friends call him Teddy) the Dragon as he keeps watch on this brand new **SEASONAL BOOK DISPLAY**. Cuddle up with a blanket and hot chocolate to combat the winter vibes this display is giving off!

The teen **NEW BOOKS** now face our fireplace— hint, hint, wink, wink ;) Find a book, cozy up in a comfy chair and read for as long as you want (or until the library closes).

Looking for teen **NON-FICTION** titles, including books about history, social issues, health and wellness, STEAM, crafts, writing and more? Check out our cube shelving which also houses our teen board games and a couple new friendly felines!



*Looking for
reading recommendations?*

Check out Miss Nicole's #bookstagram:
[@nicoleknowsbooks](https://www.instagram.com/nicoleknowsbooks)

Calling Teen Artists...

Display your artwork
(paintings, photographs,
digital art, etc.)
in OFL's Teen Space!



Journal Making

Monday, 1/8, 5:30-8:00pm
Community Room

Learn a simple book binding technique to create your own super custom journal.

For grades 6-12 | REGISTRATION REQUIRED



Tiptoe into Tarot

Monday, 2/5, 5:30-7:30pm
Fireplace Area

Perfect for teens curious about tarot decks and their many uses and meanings.

Learn the basics of card meanings, how to do a simple reading, and explore several different styles of decks. **For grades 6-12 | REGISTRATION REQUIRED**



Custom Book Binding

**4-day workshop: Feb. 20-23,
1-4pm | Community Room**

Have a favorite book but wish it had a cooler cover? Here's your opportunity to give your favorite book the cover it deserves. Teens will rebind a book of their choosing with a custom, faux leather and vinyl cover completely designed by them.

**For grades 9-12 | REGISTRATION REQUIRED—
Registering for the first session registers you for all 4 sessions.**



GAMING @ OFL

Xbox One

Pre-loaded with Madden.
See staff to suggest more games.



Gaming PC

Pre-loaded with Roblox, Portal 2
and Deliver Us the Moon.
See staff to suggest more games.



**Live FAFSA
Application
Assistance**

Don't miss out on potential grants,
loans and work-study opportunities -
Start your FAFSA application via



BRAINFUSE





Meet Victoria, OFL's New Children's Librarian

Victoria is excited to work with the children and families of OFL. Ey is originally from Florida, where ey got eir MLIS from Florida State University and worked as a reference and makerspace librarian in Sarasota County. In eir free time, Victoria weaves, knits, and plays tabletop roleplaying games.

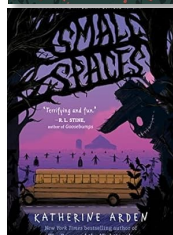
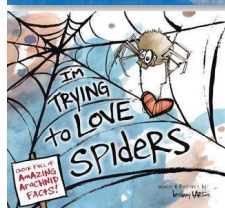
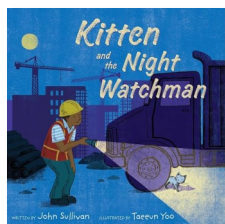
Victoria's Top Picks for Kids & Families:

Kitten & the Night Watchman by John Sullivan • A kitten changes the way the watchman sees nighttime in this tender book based on a true story.

I'm Trying to Love Spiders by Bethany Barton • Fresh and very funny non-fiction picture book shares lots of fascinating facts about spiders.

The Tea Dragon Society by K. O'Neill • A gentle fantasy that follows the story of a blacksmith apprentice, and the people she meets as she becomes entwined in the enchanting world of tea dragons.

Small Spaces by Katherine Arden • New York Times bestselling adult author makes her middle grade debut with a creepy, spellbinding ghost story destined to become a classic.



Fun & Games

Stop by OFL anytime during normal library hours for meaningful play time with family and/or friends! We have numerous toys and games for babies all the way up to pre-teens. Every visit to OFL is sure to be a fun learning experience!



For Kids & Families



Pokémon Trading Card Game

Mondays, 1/22 & 2/26, 6-7pm

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

For kids in grades 2-6

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Family Storytime

Thursdays at 10am (not 1/4 & 2/1)

Storytimes are back- With a new, friendly face! Each week, children and their caregivers are invited to join our new Children's Librarian, Victoria, for an exploration into stories, songs and fun early literacy activities!

Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers, but all ages are welcome! Registration requested

Family Play & Parent Meetup

Fridays, 10:00-11:30am | Drop-in

Playing is learning! Babies, toddlers and preschoolers along with their parents/caregivers are invited to spend time playing together. Children get the chance to interact with each other while parents/caregivers meet and chat. Special toys will be featured in this program.

For families with children ages 0-5 years. No registration necessary.

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



Please join us in thanking the Friends of OFL for a very generous 2023! Last year, the Friends gifted over \$15,000 to OFL, which funded the following and more:

- ◆ Guided Tour of Onondaga Historical Association
- ◆ 2 sets of Dance Classes with Walt Medicis Dance Studio
- ◆ 3 Teen Art Classes with Shades of Orange Art Studio
- ◆ Take & Make Activity Kits for February Break Week
- ◆ Gaming Monitor & Mouse for the Public Gaming PC
- ◆ Memory Care Kits for Seniors
- ◆ Launchpads for Kids
- ◆ 2 Endcap Book Display Units
- ◆ 3 Aunt Flow Feminine Product Dispensers & Supplies

In 2024, the Friends have already approved funding in the amount of \$8,360, which supports legacy gifts and new programs, such as OFL's Lucky Day collection, ebooks, Empire Passes to state parks, and Summer Reading.

OFL's Board of Trustees is currently seeking trustees...

Anyone who resides or works in the Town of Onondaga is eligible to serve.

Board meets 8 times per year.

For more information, visit www.oflibrary.org/board-of-trustees

Contact: trustees@oflibrary.org

Friends of OFL

Meetings - Wednesdays, 1/3 & 2/7 at 7pm

Regularly the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7pm

OFL Board of Trustees

Meetings - Wednesday, 1/24 & 2/28 at 6pm

Visit our [website](http://www.oflibrary.org) for more upcoming meeting dates.

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Regular Hours

Monday	9:00am-8:30pm
Tuesday	9:00am-8:30pm
Wednesday	9:00am-8:30pm
Thursday	9:00am-5:00pm
Friday	10:00am-5:00pm
Saturday	10:00am-5:00pm
Sunday	CLOSED

Summer Hours:

Saturday: 10am-2pm
(3rd Sunday in June - Labor Day)