An Afternoon with Former Onondaga Cty. Medical Examiner, Dr. Mary Jumbelic

Saturday, 3/9 at 2pm
Join us in welcoming back Mary Jumbelic, M.D., former Chief Medical Examiner of Onondaga County. Jumbelic will speak about her 25-year career in forensic pathology and provide insights into the field and its impact on her writing. She will also read from her new literary memoir, Here, Where Death Delights. Copies will be available for purchase at the event. Recommended for adults

Unlocking Family Secrets: Genealogy with FamilySearch & More

Saturday, 3/23 at 2pm

Learn the art of genealogy research using Ancestry Library Edition, FamilySearch and other valuable tools. Explore case studies, discover the nuances of deciphering historical records, and unravel the fascinating journey of one family’s quest for identity. Don’t miss this opportunity to master genealogical techniques and unearth the hidden stories within your own family tree! Recommended for adults

Poetry Contest April 1-30
Express yourself through poetry—Submit an original poem to be entered to win a prize bundle, including a framed copy of your poem!

4 winners, 1 in each of the following age groups:
⇒ Kids in grades K-4
⇒ Kids in grades 5-8
⇒ Teens in grades 9-12
⇒ Adults, ages 18+

Entry forms are available online (scan code) or in person at the library.

Contest Rules:
♦ Poems must be submitted Monday, April 1st through Tuesday, April 30th at 8:30pm.
♦ 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.

Need inspiration? Check out our poetry displays throughout the library!

Registration opens the 20th of each month.
Registration required
Registration required AND closes early—See calendar

Be the first to know...
Sign up for OFL’s e-newsletters!
For Adults...

**BOOK CLUBS**

**Diverse Voices Book Club**
Fireplace Area (2nd floor)

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

**Dates & Selections:**

- **The Only Woman in the Room**
  - by Marie Benedict
  - Wed, 3/13 at 7pm
  - Based on the incredible true story of the glamour icon and scientist, this powerful book is a masterpiece that celebrates the many women in science that history has overlooked.

- **Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents**
  - by Isabel Wilkerson
  - Wed, 4/10 at 7pm
  - The Pulitzer Prize–winning, bestselling author examines the unspoken caste system that has shaped America and shows how our lives today are still defined by a hierarchy of human divisions.

**Thrilling Reads Book Club**

- **The Wrong Family**
  - by Tarryn Fisher
  - Sat, 4/20 at 2pm
  - After her grim diagnosis, Juno, a retired therapist wants a place to live out the rest of her days in peace. But that peace is shattered when Juno overhears a chilling conversation between the couple she moves in with.

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

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

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**History Roundtable - Rm 222 (2nd floor)**

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 OFL’s newest discussion group is for you! *Facilitated by a local retired history professor.*

**Dates & Topics:**

- **Founding Mothers**
  - by Cokie Roberts
  - Tuesdays, 3/12 & 3/19
  - 6:00-7:30pm

- **Killers of the Flower Moon**
  - by David Grann
  - Tuesdays, 4/16 & 4/23
  - 6:00-7:30pm

**Spirituality of Aging Book Discussion Group**

4-part series: Wednesdays, 4/3, 4/10, 4/17 & 4/24, 1:30-3:00pm

Community Room

Join us for this limited-time discussion series in which we will discuss *Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life*, a book about aging, with a spiritual element. Richard Rohr, OFM, the founder of the Center for Action and Contemplation, wrote this marvelous little book that is applicable to people of all backgrounds. Facilitated by local chaplain Dave Pasinski. All participants will receive a personal copy of the book to keep at no cost to them.
Tick Talk
Monday, 4/29 at 6:30pm
Community Room
Learn tick basics, prevention methods, symptoms and treatments for Lyme disease, and much more. With over 500,000 estimated cases of Lyme disease each year in the United States, there has never been a better time to learn how to stay protected outdoors before the warm weather arrives. Presented by CNY Lyme and Tick-Borne Disease Alliance.

*Must have at least 10 registrants by Monday 4/22 at 1pm to host program.

Longhouse Construction: Howlett Hill & Beyond
Tuesday, 4/30, 6:30-8:00pm
Community Room
Over the summer of 1967, archaeologists from Syracuse University excavated a Haudenosaunee site located in the Howlett Hill area of the Town of Onondaga. Their efforts uncovered a wealth of information about Haudenosaunee society, culture, technology, burial practices and—significantly—long house construction, revealing the remains of an impressive 320 foot-long structure, one of the largest long houses ever discovered in New York State. Receive an overview of the Howlett Hill site, its excavation, and the development, construction, and significance of the incredible long houses that defined it. Presented by Dr. Sara French, professor of Landscape Architecture at SUNY ESF.

Walt Disney World Tips & Tricks
Saturday, 4/13 at 2pm
Community Room
Planning a trip to Walt Disney World? Get tips and trick from an expert on how to get the most out of your trip—From learning what it means to “stack genie+ rides” to which restaurants have the best quick service meals, Liz will walk you through it. Also, learn about what times of the year are the best for traveling to Walt Disney World, what special offers are happening now, how to optimize your time in the parks and more. Participants are encouraged to bring questions and the My Disney Experience (MDE) app! Presentated by local travel agent Liz LaRochelle.

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.
TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE

MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2024

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

⇒ LIBRARY CLOSING: OFL is closing 2:30-4:00pm the day of the eclipse, Monday, 4/8

⇒ GLASSES: OFL will be giving out solar eclipse glasses Monday, 3/25 at 9am through Saturday, 4/6 at 5pm—1 pair per family—See front desk. WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!

⇒ SAFETY: Except during the brief total phase of a total solar eclipse, when the Moon completely blocks the Sun’s bright face, it is not safe to look directly at the Sun without specialized eye protection for solar viewing. Scan code to read NASA’s safety recommendations.

ECLIPSE-RELATED PROGRAMS:

BUILD AN ARDUINO ECLIPSE MONITOR
7-part series:
⇒ Tuesdays, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26, 6-8pm
⇒ Saturday, 3/30, 1:30-3:30pm
⇒ Monday, 4/8, 1-5pm - ECLIPSE DAY!
⇒ Tuesday, 4/9, 6-8pm - Analyzing the Data
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Are you looking to form or grow a club/group?

Use one of our meeting spaces and we will help you get the word out!

Our meeting spaces are perfect for:
- Book Clubs
- Hobby/Interest Groups
- Homeschool Groups
- Support Groups

i.e. writing, crafting/art, gaming (D&D, Pokémon, chess, trivia, etc.), tech/coding, foreign language conversation/ESL, gardening, auto, science, history discussion groups, etc.

**Room Reservations:** Request up to 30 days in advance | 3 hours/day
* All group meetings must be free and open to the public *

Learn more at www.oflibrary.org/meeting-rooms
OR email us your idea(s) at info@oflibrary.org
**For T(w)eens...**

**Volunteer Meetups**

TWO meetups each month:

- Saturday, 3/16 & Monday, 3/18 at 3:30pm
- Wednesday, 4/17 & Saturday, 4/20 at 3:30pm

Teens interested in volunteering at the library can meet up to get information and discuss available opportunities and areas of interest.

For teens in grades 7-12

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**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.

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For Kids & Families...

**Graphic Novel Book Club**
Mondays, 3/4 & 4/1 at 3pm
Join us to discuss a graphic novel and have some fun. At our first meeting, we are discussing The Accursed Vampire by Madeline McGrane. Find it on the shelf or borrow it from Hoopla! We will be choosing the April selection as a group at the March meeting.
Recommended for kids under the age of 12, but all are welcome!

**Pokémon Trading Card Game**
Mondays, 3/25 & 4/8 at 6pm
Enjoy a fun game of strategy and partnership while battling new friends with Pokémon cards. All skill levels are welcome! For kids in grades 4-6

**Tabletop Adventurers**
Friday, 3/22, 3:00-4:30pm
ADVENTURERS WANTED: Roll the dice and join our party! We will play a tabletop roleplaying game, using dice, paper, and pencil to tell a story. Participants should be comfortable reading, writing, and doing simple arithmetic; beginning gamers are welcome.
For kids in grades 3-6

**Take Flight**
Tuesday, 4/23, 2-4pm
Flex your engineering skills and watch your creation take flight! Use OFL’s homemade wind tunnel to test and refine your paper airplane designs. All ages welcome, but participants will have the most fun if they can fold their own airplane.
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**For Babies, Toddlers & Preschoolers...**

**Family Storytime**
Thursdays at 10am (not 3/28 & 4/4)
Children and their caregivers are invited to join our Children’s Librarian, Victoria, for an exploration into stories, songs and fun early literacy craft activities!
Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers, but all ages are welcome!

**Family Play & Caregiver Meetup**
Fridays, 10:00-11:30am
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.
For families with children ages 0-5.

**Junior Artist Club**
Saturdays, 3/2 & 4/6 at 10am
Busy during the week and can’t make it to storytime? Come visit us on the weekend with your young artist for a hands-on art activity! Things may get a little messy, so we encourage participants to wear “play” clothes.
Recommended for children ages 2-5, but all ages are welcome!

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**POLICY UPDATE May 2023:** Children under the age of 12 may not be unattended in the library or on the premises.
**FUNDRAISER: Birdhouse Raffles**

Calling all artists, crafters and creatives...

In anticipation of Spring, we will be raffling off community-decorated birdhouses and we’re looking for decorators. This is a great opportunity to express yourself and support the library!

- One birdhouse per person/family/organization
- Decorate in a weather resistant fashion (paint, pyrography, decoupage, etc.).
- Interested? Email info@oflibrary.org with subject “Birdhouse”
- Pickup starts Friday, 3/15; decorated birdhouse must be returned by Monday, 4/8

**Display & Purchase Raffle Tickets**

*Friday, 4/12 - Thursday, 5/9*

Stop by OFL to see our beautiful display of decorated birdhouses in our front lobby. Purchase raffle tickets at the front desk: $1 each OR 6 for $5

There will be a special birdhouse crafted by local woodworker Jerry Holbrook—Raffle tickets for that birdhouse are $5 each OR 5 for $20

**Raffle Drawings** - Friday, 5/10

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**Friends of OFL**

Meetings - Wednesdays, 3/6 & 4/3 at 7pm
Regularly the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7pm

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**OFL Board of Trustees**

ANNUAL MEETING - Wednesday, 3/27 at 6pm
Visit our website for more upcoming meeting dates.

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**Shamrock & Spring Plant Sale**

March 1 & 2, 10:30am-4:30pm *While supplies last*

The Friends are selling shamrocks and other spring plants- **$5 per plant**.

They will also be selling raffle tickets for a chance to win gift cards to local businesses.

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**Become a Friend!**

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

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**Summer Hours:**

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