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Onondaga Free Library May-June 2024

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MAY
IS MENTAL HEALTH
AWARENESS MONTH
#breakthestigma

Let's Talk about Mental Illness ✓

Monday, 5/13 at 6:30pm | Community Room

Let's get the conversation started- Let's talk about mental illness. Get an overview of mental illness diagnoses, early warning signs, the importance of early intervention, coping strategies and resources for families and persons impacted by mental illness.

Presented by Marla Byrnes,
Interim Executive Director



Recommended for adults

Mental Health Kit Making ✓

Tuesday, 5/7 at 4pm | Teen Space

Build your own mental health kit, full of stress-relieving items/activities including fidget spinners, stress balls, journals, fun pens and more.

For teens in grades 7-12.

De-Stress Your Mess ✓

Monday, 6/10 at 6:30pm | Community Room

So many people are overwhelmed by the clutter in their homes. They don't know where to start the decluttering process. Join us to learn the basics of how to declutter and organize your home using the S.P.A.C.E. method.

Presented by Kimberly Schultz, a certified Organizational Specialist

Recommended for adults



Books, Balls & Blocks

Friday, 5/17 at 10:30am
Community Room

The Books, Balls & Blocks program is fun and engaging. Parents learn new activities and games and how these interactions help stimulate their child's healthy development. Help Me Grow staff will also help assess children for developmental delay, so they can be quickly connected to high-quality services.

Presented by [Help Me Grow Onondaga](#).

For parents and children, ages birth to 5 years old

Welcoming Beneficials to Your Garden

Saturday, 5/11 at 10:30am | Community Room ✓

Learn how to create a thriving ecosystem in your garden! By providing a welcoming habitat for beneficial insects, you'll be inviting a team of natural pest controllers and pollinators to take up residence, leading to a healthier and more productive harvest!

Presented by [Cornell Cooperative Extension's Master Gardeners Volunteers](#) | Recommended for adults

Meet Your Local Pollinators ✓

Saturday, 6/1 at 2pm

Storytime Room

Spring has sprung! Which means pollinators are everywhere! Pollinators like bees, butterflies and hummingbirds perform an important job in our environment. Join us for a fun look at what pollinators do, why they are so special, and how you and your family can attract, nurture, and protect them.

Presented by Dr. Paige Cheshire of [SUNY ESF](#)
Recommended for families with children of all ages



Registration opens the 20th of each month.

✓ **Registration required** 📅 **Registration required AND closes early- See calendar**



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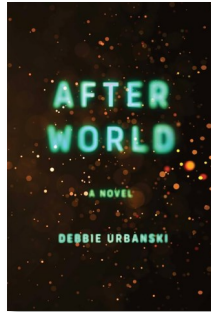
Author Visit & Book Signing with Debbie Urbanski

Tuesday, 5/14 at 6:30pm

Community Room

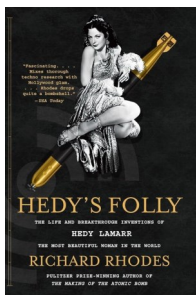
Interested in humans, AI, and/or the fate of planet Earth? If so, join us for a conversation with local science fiction author Debbie Urbanski, whose debut novel, *After World*, was voted one of the *San Francisco Chronicle*'s Favorite Books of 2023 and one of the *Los Angeles Times*' Best Tech Books of 2023. "After an artificial superintelligence targets humanity with a sterilization virus, it invites the last people to have their 'post-body' lives preserved and uploaded to a new virtual world through the Digital Human Archive Project (DHAP). One 'storyworker' is tasked with converting the life and death of a young woman into an optimized narrative format, but it struggles to maintain the authorial distance that DHAP requires. This inventive love story is meticulously experimental with time and structure." — *Scientific American*

Autographed copies will be available for purchase at event courtesy of [Parthenon Books](#)— Price: \$22 plus tax.



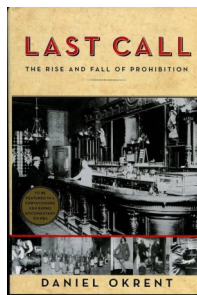
History Roundtable - Rm 222 (2nd floor)

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.*



Hedy's Folly
by Richard Rhodes
Tuesdays, 5/14 & 5/21
6:00-7:30pm

Last Call: The Rise and Fall of Prohibition
by Daniel Okrent
Tuesdays, 6/11/ & 6/18
6:00-7:30pm



BOOK CLUBS

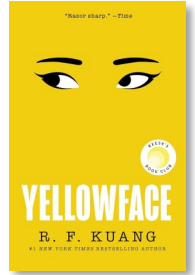
Diverse Voices Book Club

Fireplace Area (2nd floor)

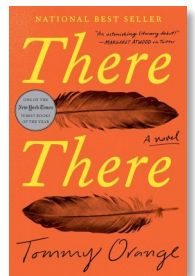
A book club that brings together readers interested in discovering and discussing diverse literature.

Dates & Selections:

♦ **Yellowface by R.F. Kuang - Wed, 5/8 at 7pm** • White lies. Dark humor. Deadly consequences... Bestselling sensation Juniper Song is not who she says she is, she didn't write the book she claims she wrote, and she is not Asian American—in this chilling and hilariously cutting novel

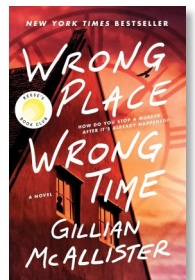


♦ **There There by Tommy Orange - Wed, 6/5 at 7pm** • A wondrous and shattering award-winning novel that follows twelve characters from Native communities: all traveling to the Big Oakland Powwow, all connected to one another in ways they may not yet realize.



Thrilling Reads Book Club

Wrong Place Wrong Time by Gillian McAllister - Sat, 6/15 at 2pm • After witnessing her teenage son kill a man, a mother falls asleep in despair, wakes up and it is yesterday, and wakes up again and it is the day before yesterday, getting chance after chance to stop the murder and save her son.



Looking for reading recommendations?

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Get reading recommendations delivered to your inbox.

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

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Call the library or visit [catalog.onlib.org](#) to check availability of titles in print and digital formats.

For Adults...

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Rural Housing with Southern Hills Preservation Corp (SHPC) Tuesday, 5/7 at 7pm ✓

SHPC was established as a private, nonprofit organization in 1986 to provide needed housing services to low- and moderate- income residents of southern Onondaga County, including in the Town of Onondaga. Learn about SHPC's efforts to promote affordable housing and community revitalization through development, financing, advocacy, counseling and education. Also, learn how to support SHPC's mission or apply for assistance.

Presented by **Natalie Dimovski** of [SHPC](#)

Let's Dance! Wednesdays at 7pm ✓ *

May 8 & 15 - Cha-Cha | May 22 & 29 - Rumba

Learn the steps to two of the most popular Latin dances: Cha-Cha and Rumba. Each week, you and your dance partner will learn the most common basic and intermediary movements used in both dances.

Presented by [Walt Medicis Dance Studio](#)

Sponsored by the [Friends of OFL](#) ***Registering for one session registers you for all 4 sessions.**

Senior Fair Tuesday, 5/14, 10am-Noon

Everyone, especially seniors and caregivers, is invited to this free information fair. Representatives from several local organizations will be onsite to provide information and answer questions.

Presented by [Community Living Advocates](#)

Guided Bird Walk Tuesday, 5/21, 7:30-9:30am 📅

OFFSITE at Green Lakes State Park • Spot Eastern Meadowlark, Bobolink, Grasshopper Sparrow, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Eastern Wood-Pewee, American Redstart, and more, as we explore Green Lakes Bird Conservation Area's scenic forest tracts and expansive grassland habitat. Perfect for both experienced and first-time birders alike.

Presented by [NYS Parks Central Region Wildlife Tech Billy Sullivan](#)



First-Time Home Buyer's Guide ✓

Tuesday, 5/21, 6:30-8:00pm • Thinking about buying your first home? Unsure what to look for, how mortgages work, or what you'll need at closing? Learn the need-to-knows as a first time home buyer: from interests rates to down payments, securing a loan, credit checks, home inspections, and more.

Presented by [AmeriCU Credit Union's Financial Center Manager Katie Kowatch](#)



Intro to Python Programming ✓ *

Tuesdays, June 4, 11, 18 & 25, 6-8pm

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 | *Registering for one session registers you for all 4 sessions.**



Digital Wallets: Apple Pay & Google Pay ✓

Friday, 6/14, 2-4pm • Safe, secure, and easy to set up, Apple Pay and Google Pay offer unparalleled security and convenience, whether paying online or in person. No pulling out a credit, debit, or other payment card. Just tap your phone or choose the Apple Pay or Google Pay option and you're on your way. Patrons are encouraged to bring their own up-to-date iPhone or Android smart phone. Assistance setting up apps will be provided.



Puzzle Derby Saturday, 6/29, 11am-1pm ✓

Love puzzles and friendly competition? Sign up for OFL's first ever Puzzle Derby! Teams of 1-4 people compete to be the first group to finish your puzzle and win a prize! 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes awarded.

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 Techorials 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!

ADVENTURE — BEGINS AT — YOUR LIBRARY™



SUMMER READING AT OFL

June 20th - August 20th

Adult Program

(ages 18 & up):

Sign up and log books to earn chances to win \$20 gift cards to Byrne Dairy, Crazy Daisies, E.A.T., Green Hills and Velasko Pizzeria & Deli— All located right here in the Town of Onondaga! 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 all summer 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 50% and a free book when you complete your goal. Reach your goal early? Keep logging to be entered into our monthly raffle drawings! Plus, complete out Smokey the Bear Challenge to be entered into a special raffle at the end of summer!



Get started online at

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 the Friends of OFL and Gannon's Ice Cream.



Share your summer adventures with us!

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#SummeratOFL #AdventureBeginsatYourLibrary



SUMMER READING KICK-OFF

Thursday, 6/27 - ALL DAY

For one day only, in honor of this year's theme, *Adventure Begins at Your Library*, OFL is transforming into an adventure mini golf course!

Stop by to sign up for summer reading and enjoy a round of mini golf!



FOR ALL AGES | NO REGISTRATION NECESSARY

For T(w)eens...

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Volunteer Meetups

TWO meetups each month:

⇒ Saturday, 5/18 at 3:30pm & Monday, 5/20 at 6pm

⇒ Saturday, 6/15 at 3:30pm & Monday, 6/24 at 6pm

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

Tarot Club

Mondays, 5/6 & 6/17, 6:00-7:30pm | Fireplace Area

Interested in Tarot? Grab your deck and head up to our fireplace area for a casual hangout of Tarot enthusiasts. No deck? No problem! The library has beginner decks available for in library use.

For teens & tweens in grades 7-12

Yarn Club



Fridays, 5/10, 5/24 & 6/7, 3:30-4:30pm | Teen Space

Enjoy fiber arts, or always wanted to learn? Drop by OFL with a project you're working on or come learn using our supplies. Knitting and crochet are regular offerings, but other crafts are welcome too!

For teens & tweens in grades 6-12



Anime Club



Fridays, 5/17 & 6/21 at 3:30pm | Teen Space

Anime at the library? Believe it! Come watch a favorite with your librarians, talk to other interested teens, and have some fun at our casual hang-out.

For teens & tweens in grades 6-12

Teen Mental Health Kit Making



Tuesday, 5/7 at 4pm | Teen Space

Build your own mental health kit, full of stress-relieving items/activities including fidget spinners, stress balls, journals, fun pens and more. For teens in grades 7-12.

Murder Mystery Box



Monday, 5/13, 5-8pm | Fireplace Area

Any teen who loves a good mystery but doesn't want to do a full murder mystery party will love this self contained murder mystery box program- Everything you need to solve the murder is in the box!

For teens in grades 8-12

Pronoun Pin Making

Tuesday, 6/4, 3-5pm | Teen Space

Drop in and make your own customized pronoun pin with our button maker. Whether you're part of the LGBTQIA+ community, an ally, or just a big fan of grammar, everyone is welcome.

For teens and tweens in grades 6-12



GAMING @ OFL

Xbox One

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



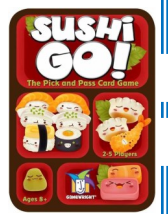
Gaming PC

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



Board Games

We've just added new board games- Stop by the library anytime to challenge a friend or sibling to one of these fun games!



Calling Teen Artists...

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



For Kids & Families...

Registration opens the 20th of each month.



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May the Fourth:

Makey Makey Lightsabers!



Saturday, May 4th (of course!) at 2pm

Community Room

Celebrate Star Wars day at the library! We will build our own soft lightsabers and use OFL's Makey Makeys to have them crackle to life. Caregivers should accompany their aspiring Jedi. **For kids in grades 1-4.**



Pokémon Trading Card Game



Mondays, 5/20 & 6/17 at 6pm | Community Room

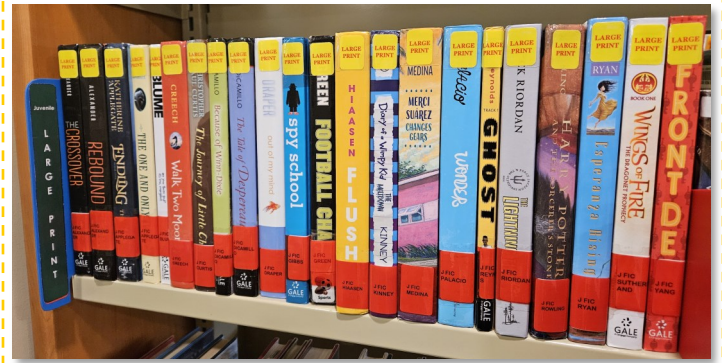
Enjoy a fun game of strategy and partnership while battling new friends with Pokémon cards. All skill levels are welcome! **For kids in grades 2-6**

Tabletop Adventurers



Friday, 5/24, 1:30-3:30pm | Rm. 222

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 3-7**



NEW COLLECTION ALERT: Juvenile Large Print

Check out our new collection of large print chapter books, now right at the beginning of the juvenile fiction section downstairs! The collection includes some recent favorites alongside reliable classics. Large print books are for everyone, but we hope that they will be especially useful for our patrons with vision disabilities or dyslexia.



← SCAN CODE to see full list of Juvenile Large Print books at OFL

For Babies, Toddlers & Preschoolers...

Family Storytime



Thursdays, 5/9, 5/16 & 5/23 at 10am

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.



Year-Round Reading Program for Babies, Toddlers & Preschoolers!

Stop by the library or scan the code to learn more and get started with your child(ren)!



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

FRIENDS OF OFL

Become a Friend & Attend a Meeting

Visit www.oflibrary.org/friends-of-ofl to learn more!



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ACCEPTING DONATIONS:

5/31-6/1 & 6/3-6/4,
during regular library hours
Gently used books, DVDs,
puzzles and games.

FRIENDS PREVIEW NIGHT:

Wednesday, 6/5, 5-8pm
Not a Friend? Join at the door!

PUBLIC SALE:

Thursday, 6/6, 9am-8pm
Friday, 6/7, 10am-4:30pm
Saturday, 6/8, 10am-4:30pm
(ALL DAY- Fill a bag for \$5)



Thursdays 9:30-10:30am

The Friends of OFL invite you to meet, chat, share craft/hobby ideas, and work on your current projects together! No fees or obligation – just bring your craft/hobby and a friend!

Birdhouse Raffles

NOW through Thursday, 5/9
Raffle Drawings - Friday, 5/10



Stop by OFL to see our beautiful display of birdhouses in our front lobby!

Raffle Tickets:
\$1 each OR 6 for \$5

There will be a special birdhouse crafted by local woodworker Jerry Holbrook—

Raffle Tickets:
\$5 each OR 5 for \$20

OFL Board of Trustees

Meeting - Wednesday, 5/22 at 6pm
Visit our [website](http://www.oflibrary.org) for more upcoming meeting dates.

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
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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)