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# Onondaga Free Library March-April 2026

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## Micron Cleanroom Simulation Lab Tour

**Tuesday, 3/31 at 5pm** | OFFSITE: Meet in lobby of Whitney Applied Technology Center at OCC

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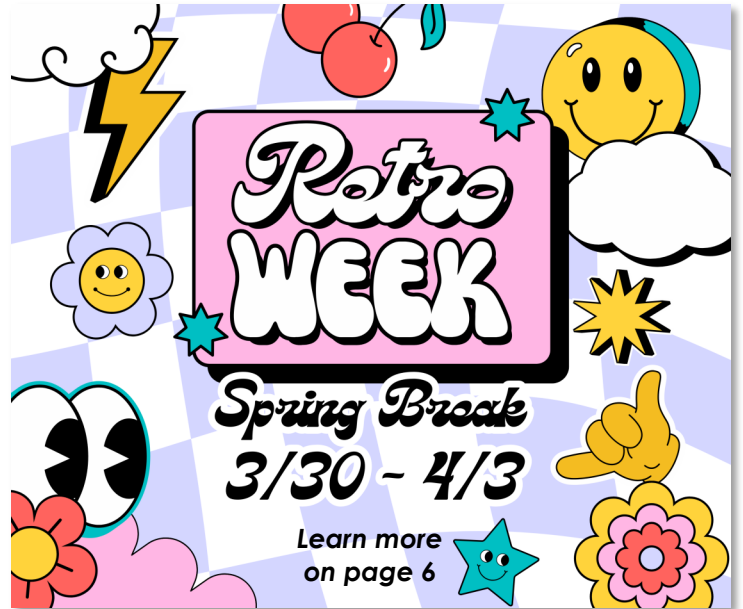
**Recommended for adults and teens, ages 11+**  
*Presented by Michael Grieb, OCC's assistant professor in the engineering, science and technology dept.*



**ANYTHING BUT COLLEGE FAIR**


**Monday, 4/27, 4-7pm**

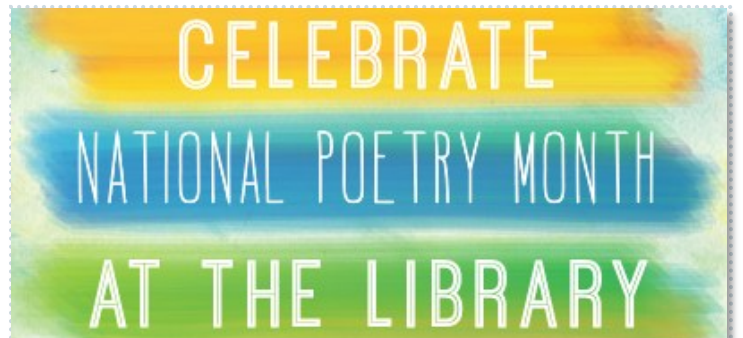
Explore career paths and meet representatives from local direct-to-career organizations. **Learn more on page 5.**



**Retro WEEK**

**Spring Break**  
**3/30 - 4/3**

Learn more on page 6 



**CELEBRATE NATIONAL POETRY MONTH AT THE LIBRARY**

### Poetry Contest for ALL AGES! 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.**

**Learn more on page 4**



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# For Adults...

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Registration Required

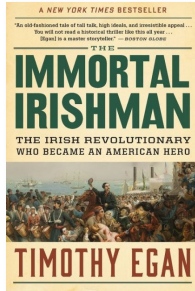


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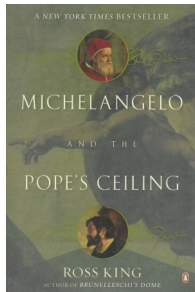
## History Roundtable

Led by local retired history professor

- ◆ **The Immortal Irishman by Timothy Egan** - Tues, 3/17 & 3/24, 6:00-7:30pm • A deep dive into the improbable life of Thomas Francis Meagher, a revolutionary hero who shaped Irish-American history. The narrative covers his leadership in Irish uprisings, his Civil War service, and his eventual governorship of the Montana Territory.



- ◆ **Michelangelo and the Pope's Ceiling by Ross King** - Tues, 4/21 & 4/28, 6:00-7:30pm • An account of Michelangelo's creation of his masterpiece, the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel, from his original commission from Pope Julius II, through the artist's four years of work, to the final acclaim at the paintings' 1512 unveiling.

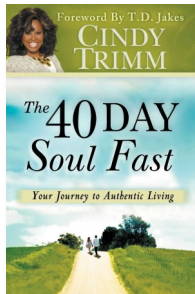


## Inspirational Women's Book Club

**The 40 Day Soul Fast: Your Journey to Authentic Living by Dr. Cindy Trimm**  
Saturdays, 3/21 & 4/18, 11am-1pm

This book outlines an 8-week study that will take you on a transformational expedition that will lead you on an inward journey to greater health, happiness, and success as you learn to live from the inside out.

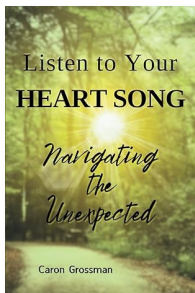
Led by community volunteer, Doris Daniels



**Author Event: Listen to Your Heart Song: Navigating the Unexpected by Caron Grossman**

Thursday, 4/9 at 6:30pm

Learn about Grossman's inspiring story of surviving a heart attack and discovering how heart disease manifests uniquely in women.



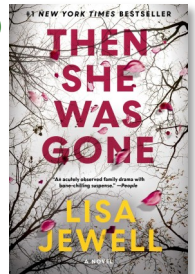
## Meet Cute Book Club

- ◆ **The Valentine's Hate by Sidney Halston** - Mon, 3/2 at 7pm • Back under the same roof and bickering like old times before her best friend's February 14th wedding, maid-of-honor Lissette and Brian, who is the reason for all her Valentine's Day hatred, call a truce when someone he's trying to avoid shows up at the reception.
- ◆ **The Irish Goodbye by Amy Ewing** - Mon, 4/6 at 7pm • It's hate-at-first-sight when a jilted Irish chef returns home to Inishmore and immediately clashes with a mouthy American tourist. Featuring a lovable band of quirky supporting characters, this is a steamy, emotionally gripping tale of love, passion, art, food and finding where you belong.



## Thrilling Reads Book Club

- ◆ **56 Days by Catherine Ryan Howard** - Sat, 3/21 at 2pm • Ciara and Oliver meet in a supermarket and start dating the same week COVID reaches Irish shores. When lockdown threatens to keep them apart, Oliver suggests moving in together. She sees a unique opportunity for a relationship to flourish without the scrutiny of family and friends. He sees a chance to hide who—and what—he really is.
- ◆ **Then She Was Gone by Lisa Jewell** - Sat, 4/18 at 2pm • Struggling to put her life back together a decade after her beloved teen daughter's disappearance, a divorced woman bonds with a charming single father whose young child eerily resembles the woman's own lost daughter and who compels a wrenching search for answers.



# NextReads

Meet your next read.



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



**Poetry Contest April 1-30**  
See page 4 for more details.

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

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## Mah-Jongg Meetups

1st & 3rd Fridays of each month, 1:30-3:30pm

Make friends and have fun playing this classic tile game. For all levels — We ask that advanced players be willing to help out novices as needed.

## Let's Dance: Salsa, Merengue & Bachata



4-part series: Mondays, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16 & 23 at 1pm

Join us for this introduction to three of the most popular Latin dances. Focus on one dance each week. The final week will be practice and review.

Presented by Walt Medicis Dance Studio

## Fall Prevention Series



7-part series: Thursdays, 3/5 - 4/16 at 12pm

This comprehensive training on fall prevention is designed to equip seniors and caregivers with essential skills and knowledge. Learn practical strategies to enhance safety, well-being and gain confidence. **Presented by the Center for Aging Resources & Enrichment (CARE)**

## Why Ellis Island: The Evolution & Its Impact

Saturday, 3/21 at 11am



Learn about the transformative history of Ellis Island, tracing its journey to becoming the busiest immigrant inspection station in the United States—and ultimately, a national symbol of the American Dream.

Presented by renowned historian **Dennis Heaphy**

## CNY Soldiers for Freedom: Black, Jewish, Christian, and Muslim Comrades in Arms

Saturday, 3/28 at 2pm



This moving play reveals the untold stories of a local Union regiment where men of vastly different faiths and backgrounds found unity in a shared struggle for freedom and the future of the United States. Featuring period-accurate songs and anthems. Ideal for both history enthusiasts and lovers of music alike.

Presented by **CNY History Players**

## Build Computer Circuits



4-part series: Tuesdays, 3/3, 3/10, 3/17 & 3/24, 6-8pm

Build the fundamental circuits that make modern computing possible: logic gates; simple "Adders" for binary math; and "Flip-Flop" memory circuits, similar to the type of memory that Micron manufactures.



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## Spring Bird Migration



Monday, 4/6 at 9am | OFFSITE: Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge (3395 US-20, Seneca Falls, NY)

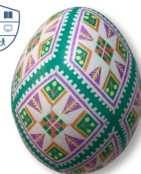
Witness one of the great spectacles of the natural world: the spring geese and waterfowl migration at Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge. Watch as tens of thousands of geese, ducks, and birds of prey stop over at Montezuma on their way north to their summer breeding grounds.

## Pysanky: Ukrainian Egg Making



Saturday, 4/11, at 10:30am OR 2:00pm

Learn about the beautiful practice of writing pysanky, traditional Ukrainian Easter eggs! Pysanky are made using a stylus to apply melted wax, then dyed with vivid colors to create intricate designs. Learn about the symbolism of the colors and motifs and the history of this ancient art form, and write your own pysanka! **For adults and teens, ages 14+ | Presented by Katie St. Laurent**



# Weekly Tech Help

By appointment only | 45-minutes each  
See calendar for specific dates appts. are available

## 1-on-1 Techtorials

Wednesdays, 3/11, 3/25,  
4/8 & 4/22 at 11am, 12pm &  
1pm

Wednesdays, 3/4-3/25 &  
4/8-4/29 at 2pm & 3pm



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!

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**POETRY**  
MONTH

APRIL

at Onondaga Free Library

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### Contest Rules:

- ◆ Poems may be submitted Wednesday, 4/1 through Thursday, 4/30
- ◆ Submissions must be original work- Submit your poem in-person at the library or online
- ◆ 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.



### Poetry Open Mic Night

**Monday, 4/13, 6:00-7:30pm**



Unleash your inner poet! All levels of poets are invited to share their original work as well as poetry lovers to recite some of their favorites.

Connect with the community, gain stage experience and enjoy an evening of diverse and inspiring poetry. **For adults**

**All are welcome to attend- Only those planning to do a reading are asked to register.**

**In April, share EVERYTHING POETRY with us on social media!**

Tag us @OnondagaFreeLib on Facebook and Instagram.

#NationalPoetryMonth #OFLPoetryContest

# For TEENS...

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

## JLV Meetings

**Mondays, 3/16 & 4/20, 6-7pm**

Do you want to volunteer at the library? Join other teens in your community to make a positive impact at OFL.

Volunteers will help set up book displays, plan and host library events, and help care for our Teen collection! This group can help teens fulfill required volunteer service hours and prepare for future college and career opportunities.

Teens interested in volunteering are encouraged to complete our online form at [www.oflibrary.org/volunteer](http://www.oflibrary.org/volunteer) | For grades 7-12



## Service Project Saturday 4/4, 2:30-3:30pm

Join us for a monthly service project to help our community! This month, celebrate Earth Day with us by making native seed packets to give back to our patrons. **For all ages!**



## Craft Nights Mondays, 3/9 & 4/13, 6-7pm

Come craft with OFL's Teen Librarian! Drop in for a guided craft or create your own artwork using a variety of craft supplies. **For ages 12-18**

- ◆ March: Paper Succulents
- ◆ April: DIY Window Clings



## STEM Fridays Fridays, 3/13 & 4/10, 3:30-4:30pm

Perform fun STEM experiments at the library! Join OFL's Teen Librarian to work through a different science exercise each month. **For ages 9-13**

- ◆ March: Rain Cloud in a Jar
- ◆ April: Jelly Bean Structures



Celebrate National Poetry Month with

## BLACKOUT POETRY

**Poetry Contest** April 1-30

Teens, stop by our **BLACKOUT POETRY STATION** in the Teen Space and create one of a kind poetry. Use the recycled book pages provided to create a unique poem and enter it into our poetry contest!

Learn more on page 4

Registration opens the 20th of each month.



Registration Required



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## Mind the Gap Trivia Monday, 3/30 - 2 sessions

**2pm - Teens vs Librarians | 6pm - Teens vs Parents**

"Classic Rock" generation vs the "TikTok" era! Join us for a full day of nostalgia and new-age knowledge as we pit teens against OFL staff and parents in a cross-generational battle for pop culture supremacy!

## Retro Game Con Tuesday, 3/31, 2:00-3:30pm

Level up as Syracuse's premier gaming expo arrives with a ton of interactive fun. Come hang out with us as we explore the creativity and nostalgia of classic gaming. Join us for lots of video and tabletop games!

## National Library Week Zine Workshop

**Monday, 4/20 - Friday, 4/24 | ALL DAY DROP-IN**

**FIND YOUR JOY!** this National Library Week by making a Zine in OFL's Teen Space. All week long, materials will be available to make create an original zine or mini-comic sharing your library story and why you love your local library.



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## FAIR

**Monday, 4/27, 4-7pm**

OFL's ABC Fair is a great opportunity for teens looking to explore career paths that don't require a traditional 4-year degree.

Representatives from local direct-to-career organizations will be onsite, ready to answer questions and provide information about training programs and career opportunities available to students.



# Retro WEEK

## Spring Break

MON

**3/30**

2 TIMES

### Mind the Gap Trivia

2pm Teens vs OFL Staff | 6pm Teens vs Parents/Caregivers  
Registration requested for 6pm session- Opens Feb. 20th



TUES

**3/31**

2-3:30PM

### Retro Game Con

Explore the creativity and nostalgia of classic gaming.  
For kids and teens, ages 5-18



WED

**4/1**

6-7:30PM

### Retro Museum Night

Bring in items from early 2000s and before for a community-driven show and tell night. For all ages!

THURS

**4/2**

2:30-4PM

### Retro Crafternoon

Boondoggle, bead lizards, perler beads and more. For all ages!

FRI

**4/3**

1:30PM

### Vinyl Spin Art

Turn old vinyl records into colorful new artwork!  
For ages 5+ | REGISTRATION REQUIRED- Opens March 20th



# For Kids & Families...

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## Pokémon Trading Card Game

**WEDNESDAYS, 3/18 & 4/22 at 6pm**

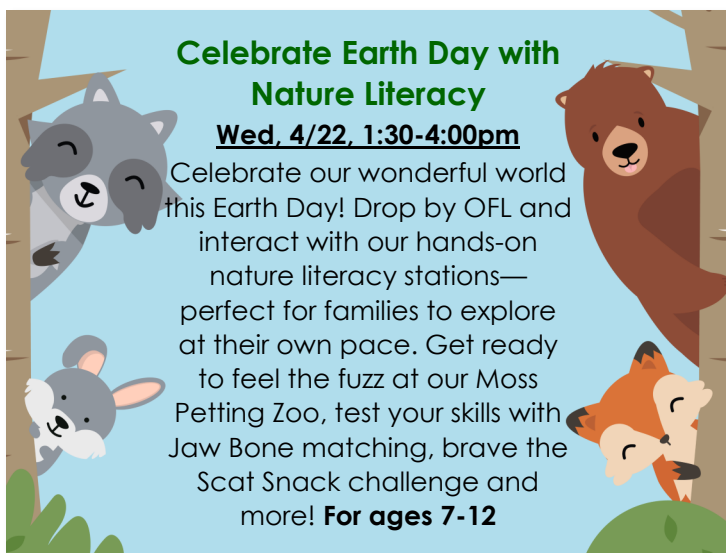
Enjoy a fun game of strategy and partnership while battling new friends with Pokémon cards. All skill levels are welcome! **For ages 7-12**

## Spring Seed Bombs Wednesday, 3/11 at 11:30am

Celebrate the beginning of Spring by making seed bombs from recycled paper. Learn about seeds and how they germinate while making this simple craft. You will leave with your seed bomb ready to dry overnight, and instructions for how to help your seeds get started, so you can watch them grow.

## Service Project Saturday 4/4 at 2:30pm

Join us for a monthly service project to help our community! This month, celebrate Earth Day with us by making native seed packets to give back to our patrons. **For all ages!**



### Celebrate Earth Day with Nature Literacy

Wed, 4/22, 1:30-4:00pm

Celebrate our wonderful world this Earth Day! Drop by OFL and interact with our hands-on nature literacy stations—perfect for families to explore at their own pace. Get ready to feel the fuzz at our Moss Petting Zoo, test your skills with Jaw Bone matching, brave the Scat Snack challenge and more! **For ages 7-12**



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## Retro Museum Night Wednesday, 4/1, 6-7:30pm

History isn't just found in textbooks—it's sitting in your basement. Step back in time for a community-driven "show and tell" night. Bring in one item from the early 2000s and before and share its history with a room of fellow time-travelers. **For all ages!**

## Retro Crafternoon Thursday, 4/2, 2:30-4:00pm

Parents and caregivers, find yourself missing summer camp crafts? Introduce your kids to crafts from your childhood including boondoggle, bead lizards, perler beads and more! **For all ages!**

## Vinyl Spin Art Friday, 4/3 at 1:30pm

Get colorful and design your own spin art using old vinyl records! Using a turntable and paint, Geoff Clough will help you turn vinyl records into new artwork. **For ages 5+**

# For Babies, Toddlers & Preschoolers...

## Family Storytime Wednesdays at 10am

3/4, 3/18, 3/25, 4/8, 4/15 & 4/29

Children and their caregivers are invited to the library for an exploration into stories, songs and fun early literacy activities!

## Music with Donna B.

Wednesday, 4/22 at 11am

Get ready to move, shake, and play! Join us for an special interactive musical storytime with Donna B. that will be filled with bubbles, stickers, and lots of fun.

## Family Play & Caregiver Meetups

Fridays, 10:00-11:30am

Playing is learning! Babies, toddlers and preschoolers along with their parents/caregivers are invited to meet and spend time playing together.

**For families with children ages 0-5.**

## Baby Book Club Fridays, 3/13 & 4/10 at 10:30am

Join us as we all hold and read the same board book together. And just like our Family Storytime, we will do some simple finger plays and rhymes.

**POLICY: 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 [fundraising@oflibrary.org](mailto:fundraising@oflibrary.org) with subject "Birdhouse"**
- ◆ Pickup starts Monday, 3/30; decorated birdhouse must be returned by Friday, 4/17

## Display & Purchase Raffle Tickets

Friday, 5/1 - Saturday, 6/6

Raffle Drawings - Monday, 6/8

*All birdhouses have been handcrafted and donated by local artisan woodworkers.*

*Thank you for your generous contributions to OFL!*

## Friends of OFL

Meetings - Wednesdays, 3/4 & 4/1 at 1:30pm

Regularly the 1st Wednesday of each month at 1:30pm

## OFL Board of Trustees

ANNUAL MEETING - Wednesday, 3/25 at 6pm

Visit our website for more upcoming meeting dates.

## Shamrock & Spring Plant Sale

Fri, 3/13 & Sat, 3/14, 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.



## Become a Friend!

Pick up a membership brochure at the library OR download and print a form from [www.oflibrary.org/friends-of-ofl](http://www.oflibrary.org/friends-of-ofl)

## YOU'RE INVITED...

**ANNUAL MEETING: Wednesday, 3/25 at 6pm**

OFL's Board of Trustees and staff invite the community to join them while they take a look back at the 2025 calendar year.

*For more information, visit*

**[www.oflibrary.org/board-of-trustees](http://www.oflibrary.org/board-of-trustees)**

**Contact: [trustees@oflibrary.org](mailto:trustees@oflibrary.org)**

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## Regular 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

### Summer Hours:

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