SUMMER READING AT
ONONDAGA FREE LIBRARY

July 1st - August 31st

Get started at www.oflibrary.org/summer-reading

Adult Program
(ages 18 & up):
Simply log books online OR through the READsquared app and earn chances to win a $20 gift card to Finally Ours diner, Barnes & Noble and Target. The more you read, the more chances you have to win!

Teen Program
(entering grades 6-12):
Log books to earn ice cream and mini golf FREEBIES. Also, for each book logged online, you will be entered into a drawing to win gift cards or book bundles. The more books you log, the more chances you have to win!

Kids Program
(entering grades K-5):
Kids choose their own reading goal. Simply by registering you will receive a Summer Activity Kit. Keep logging books to earn ice cream and mini golf FREEBIES. Log each week to be entered into our weekly drawings.

GET THE APP! Download the READsquared app on your mobile device so you can log your reading while on the go!

Summer Reading sponsored by Friends of OFL, Gannon’s Ice Cream and Fairmount Glen Miniature Golf.
**OFL @ the Parks**

**Baby Storytime** - Tuesdays at 10:30am

- July 6, 13, 20 & 27 | Santaro Park
- Aug. 3, 10, 17 & 24 | Kelley Brothers Park

Join us for lap bounces, songs and purposeful playtime at the park this summer as we meet new friends! *Special Guest Donna B. will bring songs and music for our kick-off on July 6th!*

Recommended for ages birth to 2 years, but everyone is welcome! No registration necessary.

**Family Storytime** - Wednesdays at 10:30am

- July 7, 14, 21 & 28 | Santaro Park
- Aug. 4, 11, 18 & 25 | Kelley Brothers Park

Fun for the whole family! Join us at the parks for fun animal-themed stories and activities. *Special Guest Donna B. will bring songs and music to our program on August 11th!*

Recommended for ages 3-5, but everyone is welcome! No registration necessary.

**Fun Fridays: Crafts, Games & Giveaways**

- July 9, 16, 23 & 30, 10am-12pm | Kelley Brothers Park
- Aug. 6, 13, 20 & 27, 10am-12pm | Santaro Park

Get ready to go wild this summer - Learn about amazing animals with fun games and crafts! We will make balloon animals, go on scavenger hunts, compete in relay races and more! While you visit our library activity table at the park, sign up for summer reading and win prizes all summer long.

Recommended for kids entering grades K-5, but everyone is welcome! No registration necessary.

**Music & Stories with Donna B.**

- Tuesday, July 6 at 10:30am | Santaro Park
- Wednesday, Aug. 11 at 10:30am | Kelley Brothers Park

Donna B. brings musical storytelling to the parks this summer! Enjoy interactive tunes for tots, animal puppets and felt board stories!

Recommended for ages 1-7, but everyone is welcome! No registration necessary.

**The M.O.S.T.: Tails to Tell**

- Thursday, Aug. 12 at 11am | Santaro Park

Each animal has a tale to tell. In this live science demonstration, we will learn about the characteristics that scientists use to classify animals, take an up-close look at specimens from real animals and explore what make each one unique!

For all ages! No registration necessary.

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**Storywalks** - July 1 - August 31

**What Do You Do with a Tail Like This?** | Santaro Park

**Owl Eyes** | Kelley Brothers Park

Enjoy fun animal-themed storywalks to go along with our Summer Reading theme, Tails & Tales. This is a great opportunity for the community to get moving and reading together! Check into our storywalks by scanning the QR code on the first sign. Fill out the brief survey to be entered to win a family prize basket at the end of the summer. *Submissions must be in by August 31st. In partnership with the Friends of OFL.*

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**Rules for Programs held at the Parks:**

- All programs are weather permitting- Program will be canceled due inclement weather. Announcements will be made on our website, online calendar and Facebook.
- We are following NYS guidance regarding outdoor mask wearing: When maintaining 6ft. social distance, program participants, staff, volunteers and performers do not have to wear masks. **Note:** These guidelines may change depending on updated state, county, and/or town directives.
- Programs takes place in an open area, so please plan accordingly for blankets, sunscreen, etc.

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**No registration necessary for programs at the parks.**
For Kids...

American Girl - Mondays, 7/19, 8/2 & 8/16 at 2pm
Join us as we explore American Girls and their pets and animals through crafts, books, songs and snacks. Learn how to make candles, origami animal napkins and doll-sized poodle skirts.
For kids entering grades 2-5. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Pokémon - Wednesdays, 7/21, 8/4 & 8/18 at 6pm
Enjoy a fun game of strategy and partnership while battling new friends with Pokémon cards. All skill levels are welcome! Please note that due to social distancing restrictions, each child will hold their card in play and read it out loud to the other player. No trading will be allowed.
For kids entering grades 2-5. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Ocean Slime - Thursday, 7/22 at 11am & 2pm
Do you love science experiments? Do you love following recipes? Do you love getting messy? Join us in creating ocean slime as we learn fun facts about some wild, beautiful and strange ocean creatures!
For kids entering grades 2-6. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Creative Cultures
Join our Creative Cultures art group! This summer we will explore regional art. Each session will feature a short introduction to the culture followed by an opportunity to create a personal masterpiece.
2 sessions to choose from for each topic available:
♦ Japanese Block Printing: July 27 OR 30 at 1pm
♦ Chinese Silk Printing: August 24 OR 27 at 1pm
For kids entering grades 5-7. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Graphic Novel Workshop - Thursday, 7/29 at 2pm
Meet Mat Heagerty, a professional graphic novelist! Learn about the collaborative process of creating a graphic novel and then create a collaborative panel with other participants!
For kids entering grades 4-7. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Poop Slime - Friday, 8/13 at 1pm & 3pm
Poop, scat, dung, waste - no matter what you call it, animals leave it! Learn fun and gross facts about all the poo in this hands-on slime-making program!
For kids entering grades 2-6. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Hatching Baby Chicks
July 5 - August 6
We have very EGG-CITING news… We will be hatching baby chicks again this summer!
As we await their hatching, stop in to learn all about chickens and their eggs… Or is it eggs and their chickens?! Even help us name the cuties by entering a name into our suggestion box! We will be pulling names out of a hat as each chick hatches.
You are able to watch the chicks hatch and grow 24/7 right from home too– Visit our website to watch the live feed!

A BIG thank you to Rohe Farms for sponsoring this very popular program!

Rules for Programs held in Library Garden:
⇒ All unvaccinated individuals over 2 years old must wear a mask and maintain 6ft. social distancing at all times.
⇒ Due to space limitations, this is a drop off program only. Families are welcome to stay inside the library until the program is finished.

Family Fun Night UNPLUGGED KITS FOR CHECKOUT
This summer, enjoy a family game night every week when you check out your family’s favorite board games, puzzles, and S.T.E.A.M. toys from OFL! Kids and adults alike are sure to enjoy classics like Battleship, Yahtzee and Candyland, but discover new games like Dixit, Sleeping Queens and The Floor is Lava. Keep your young minds active with brain teasers, LEGO and Keva challenges, puzzles and word games.
Choose from 19 kits- Each kit includes 2-3 games/puzzles/toys geared towards kids in grades K-12 and will get checked out for a week.

For more information, visit www.oflibrary.org/family-fun-night-unplugged-kits/.
Our year-round reading program for babies, toddlers
and preschoolers is now available online or through
the READsquared mobile app. New and currently
enrolled participants can create an account and start
logging books to earn prizes.

Get started at www.oflibrary.org/1000-books-before-kindergarten
OR download the READsquared app.

Existing participants—Finish your current paper log and
bring it to the library's front desk to claim your child’s
prize. Please let staff know if you plan to continue the
program on paper or online/through the app.

KITS FOR CHECKOUT

OFL's children's services librarians have put together
great themed storytime kits for parents, grandparents,
caregivers and daycare providers to checkout! Each
themed bag has great read-aloud books, suggestions
for ways to read, write, talk, play and sing with young
children and an activity to extend the storytime fun.

1-week loan with optional 1-week renewal. 1 kit per
family at any given time. Must be returned to OFL.
This is a growing collection—Look for more kits to be
added throughout the end of the year!

Teen Gaming Station is BACK!

Play Microsoft Xbox One X

Teens, ages 12-17 are welcome to use the gaming station.

Check out a game controller at the Information Desk using your library card
You will have 1 hour to play – make your reservation at the Information Desk. If no one is
waiting, you may extend your reservation.
All Xbox Game Pass games are available to play! Games limited to “E for Everyone”
and “T for Teen” ratings. Online play is not available.
You are welcome to bring your own Xbox One X games or gaming system. See staff to
get started. Games must be rated “E” or “T”.

Gaming Station Rules:
⇒ Respect others and keep the volume and noise to a reasonable level.
⇒ Gaming system will be shut down 15 minutes before the library closes.

*NEW* Puzzle Collection

OFL now has puzzles that you can check out! A variety of 500-3000 piece
puzzles are available on the 2nd floor on the newspaper rack in the
fireplace area.
Each puzzle is a 3-week loan with TWO optional renewals.
Limit 2 puzzles per library card at a time. Must be returned OFL.
For Teens...

READ WOKE

Summer Launch Parties

Thursdays, 7/15 & 8/12 at 6:30pm | Garden
Join our new reading program for teens and discover diverse books! Read titles from our Read Woke book list and win awesome prizes (including a Read Woke t-shirt!). Read Woke is an ongoing challenge, so you can start anytime and finish at your own pace.

Learn more, get matched with a Woke Book, play trivia games and more at our Summer Launch Parties!

For teens in grades 6-12. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

What is “Read Woke”? “Read Woke is a movement. It is a feeling. It is a style. It is a form of education. It is a call to action; it is our right as lifelong learners. It means arming yourself with knowledge in order to better protect your rights. Knowledge is power and no one can take it away. It means learning about others so that you can treat people with the respect and dignity that they deserve no matter their religion, race, creed, or color.” - Cicely Lewis, creator of Read Woke

What is a “Woke Book”? A Woke Book must: (1) challenge a social norm, (2) give voice to the voiceless, (3) provide information about a group that has been disenfranchised, (4) seek to challenge the status quo, or (5) have a protagonist from an underrepresented or oppressed group.

Diverse Voices Book Club
Wednesdays, 7/14 & 8/11 at 7pm | Garden
OFL has launched a book club, bringing together readers interested in discovering and discussing diverse literature.

New members welcome each month. No obligation - participants may join in or opt out of any club meeting and discussions.

Dates & Titles:

July 14
House of Sticks
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August 11
My Remarkable Journey
Katherine Johnson

Recommended for adults. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Tuesdays, July 13, 20 & 27 at 4pm | Garden
Most things we interact with in our daily lives come with some kind of instruction manual—phones, cars, microwaves, even governments—but few, if any of us, ever actually pay attention to those instructions. The United States Constitution is a case in point: it informs, structures, and guides our political, social, and cultural lives, yet most of us never bother to read it. In this 3-part series, participants will read key sections from the Constitution, then join Syracuse University Political Science professor Thomas M. Keck to discuss.

Recommended for adults. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Computers: What’s Inside the Box?
Tuesdays, Aug. 3 & 10 at 6:30pm | Garden
OFL's Digital Services & Technology Librarian provides an in-depth look inside those mysterious boxes we call computers. Learn the differences between memory (RAM) and storage, how to evaluate different models of CPU, what a motherboard is and why it is important, and how to decide on which type of storage, HDD or SSD, is best for you.

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Important Updates...

HOURS:
OFL is now back to our normal summer hours, including being open 9:00am-8:30pm Monday through Thursday!

MASK GUIDELINES:
OFL has adopted the new CDC guidance on mask use and social distancing at this time. Unvaccinated individuals, under both CDC and state guidance, must wear masks within our building. Although mask wearing for vaccinated people is not required, we encourage everyone inside the library to wear a mask out of consideration for all our library visitors. We appreciate our visitors responsible and respectful cooperation with this revised policy, as some of our library visitors have not had access to the vaccine, are not yet fully vaccinated or have a compromised health issue.

CURBSIDE PICKUP:
Do you have problems with mobility? Or do you want to stop by the library to pick up your holds, but don’t want to get the kids out of the car? We have great news–We have made Curbside Pickup a permanent service! Simply park in one of the TWO designated Curbside Pickup parking spots, call the library and press “2”. You will need your library card or photo ID readily available.

MEETING ROOMS:
TWO of our private meeting rooms are now available for reservation. Updates to our meeting room policy include:
→ Up to 3 active reservations can be made by the same individual/group.
→ Due to social distancing requirements, a maximum of 2 people are permitted in each meeting room.
→ Meeting rooms may be reserved up to 7 days in advance. Meeting rooms may be reserved for up to 2 hours per day.

Virtual meeting space is still available!

Library Garden:
Read, study or meet outdoors in OFL’s beautiful garden!
→ The garden is accessible from the back parking lot OR the 2nd floor inside the library.
→ Wi-Fi is available everyday from 8am-9pm and is accessible in the library’s garden or parking lot.
→ Eating is permitted in the garden– Please dispose of any trash in the outdoor garbage can.
→ Need to enter the library? We ask that you follow the mask and social distancing guidelines to the left.
→ The garden is not available during library-sponsored programs.

Library Closings:
Independence Day Weekend: July 3-4
Labor Day Weekend: Sept. 4-6

Friends of OFL
Summer Meetings: July 7 & Aug. 4 at 7pm
Weather permitting, meetings are held in library garden.
Rain Location: ONLINE via Zoom

OFL Board of Trustees
Summer Meeting: July 28 at 6pm
Meeting is a hybrid of in person and online via Zoom–See online calendar for Zoom link.

Stay updated about OFL’s services and policies at www.oflibrary.org/library-reopening-updates.

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Tuesday 9:00am - 8:30pm
Wednesday 9:00am - 8:30pm
Thursday 9:00am - 8:30pm
Friday 10:00am - 5:00pm
Saturday 10:00am - 2:00pm
Sunday CLOSED