Onondaga Free Library
Fall Programming
September, October & November 2019

Halloween Costume Swap
Drop-Off: Sept. 30-Oct. 3, 9am - 8:30pm
Swap: Saturday, Oct. 5, Noon - 3pm
Costumes available for purchase 2-3pm
Bring your gently worn costumes to staff at the library’s front desk anytime during drop-off times listed above. Costumes for babies all the way through adults will be accepted- Even pet costumes are welcome! Fashion jewelry and other accessories are welcome too—You never know what will be the finishing touch to a costume! For each clean, gently worn costume, you will receive 1 swap ticket to be used at the swap.
No costume to swap but still want to shop? Come to the costume swap from 2-3pm and purchase any costume for $5 (suggested donation). Cash only.

More Fall Fun…
Spooky Campfire Stories: Oct. 5 at 2pm

Disney Travel Planning Workshop
Wednesday, Oct. 30 at 6:30pm
Thinking of taking the family on a Disney vacation? It’s never too soon to start planning! To make amazing memories and get what you want requires advance planning. Learn how to decipher the ins and outs of this magical world. Registration requested.
Presented by Lisa Andino, a graduate of the College of Disney Knowledge program and overall Disney enthusiast.

Dan the Snakeman
Monday, Nov. 18 at 6:30pm
Join us for the ultimate reptile experience! Learn about animals and meet them up close and personal with Dan the Snakeman as your guide.
For all ages! Registration requested.

Food for Fines: November 18-24 Bring in unopened, undamaged, unexpired non-perishable food items and get your library fines reduced. All food items collected at OFL during Food for Fines Week will be donated to a local food pantry. $1.00 will be waived from your overdue fees for each food item brought in— up to $10.00 per card.
Lyme: The Great Imitator  
Wednesday, Oct. 9 at 6:30pm
More people are now aware of the possibility of contracting tick-borne diseases, but not everyone knows how debilitating these diseases can be. Local author Martha Conan discusses her own diagnosis, medical treatments and life changes she’s had to make. Conan documents her medical journey in her book, *They Didn’t Know: My Personal Journey with Lyme Disease*, which will be available for purchase at this event. In her presentation, Conan will also provide literature, answer questions and even refer doctors. Registration requested.

Red Cross Blood Drive  
Wednesday, Oct. 16, 3-7pm
The American Red Cross needs your help! Currently, blood donations are being distributed to hospitals faster than donations are coming in. Please join us for our blood drive here at OFL! Drop-ins are welcome or reserve a time slot at redcrossblood.org/give.html. For questions, please contact the Red Cross’s CNY Chapter at 315-234-2200 or visit www.redcross.org.

Healthy Living for Your Brain & Body  
Tuesday, Oct. 29 at 6:30pm
We’ve always known that the health of the brain and body are connected. Now, science provide insights into how to make lifestyle choices that can help keep your brain and body healthy as you age. Learn about research in the areas of diet and nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity and social engagement. Learn how to incorporate these recommendations into a plan for healthy aging. Presented by the Alzheimer’s Association’ CNY Chapter. Registration requested.

Essential Oils 101  
Saturday, Nov. 9 at 10:30am
Discover the benefits of the most popular essential oils and how to use them. Leslie Eimas, founder of My Oils Life, will explore pure, safe, effective, chemical-free ways to improve your health and wellness! Even sample some! Registration requested.

Jewelry Classes  
Tuesdays at 6:30pm
- Sept. 10 - Flower Child Earrings
- Oct. 1 - Think Pink Bracelet
- Nov. 5 - Make What You Want!
Make up to 3 projects, $7 per project
Cost: $7/person
For adults & teens, ages 12 & up.
Registration required for each class.

Trivia Nights  
Tuesdays, 9/3, 10/1 & 11/5 at 6:30pm
Are you a Wise Guy or a Smarty Pants? Prove it! Come out and test your knowledge and exercise your mind! Prizes will be awarded, refreshments will be served and it’s free! For adults & teens, ages 16 & up. Registration requested for each session.

Learning Circles  
Tuesdays at 6:30pm
Learn the basics in our 3-week “learning circles”. Participants will learn via video lectures, short readings and discussion. Topics & Dates:
⇒ Windows 10 Essentials - Sept. 10, 17 & 24
⇒ Cybersecurity & the Internet of Things - Oct. 8, 15 & 22
⇒ Creative Writing: The Craft of Plot - Nov. 12, 19 & 26
For adults. Registration required for all 3 sessions. Registering for one week registers you for all 3 weeks.

Podcast Discussions  
Fridays at 2pm
TED is a global nonprofit devoted to spreading ideas, usually in the form of short, powerful talks (usually 18 mins or less). Become better informed about a wide range of topics by watching these influential videos from experts on education, business, science, tech and creativity. Join us each week as we listen to and discuss a select episode of TED Talks Daily Podcast. Visit our online calendar to view the selected topics. Registration requested for each discussion.
Looking for that perfect book club? Help us create it!

Do you love reading a particular genre - mysteries, romance, westerns, sci-fi, fantasy, true crime, biographies/memoirs, etc.? Want to revisit the classics? Interested in a cookbook book club?

Start a new book club at our library this fall!
You pick the titles, meeting dates and lead the discussion. We will provide comfortable meeting spaces, help you build your group and find extra copies of the books each month.

Interested volunteers…
Email Alyssa Newton at info@oflibrary.org or call the library at (315) 492-1727.
Ready to write a novel? Join NaNoWriMo!

National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) is a fun, seat-of-your-pants approach to creative writing. On November 1st, participants begin working towards the goal of writing a 50,000-word novel by November 30th. Learn more at www.nanowrimo.org.

**NaNoWriMo Kick-Off Party**  
Friday, Nov. 1, 5:00-6:30pm  
Come to the kick-off party to learn more about this national program and meet other local writers participating in this contest. Let’s get you started on your novel - eat snacks, pick up some writing tips and have fun! For adults & teens. Registration requested.

**NaNoWriMo Meetups**  
Thursdays, Nov. 7, 14 & 21, 5-8pm (More dates TBA)  
All month long we will also host regular meetups at OFL - check in with your peers, overcome your writer’s block or just come to find a cozy spot to sit and write. We want to help you finish that novel!

Have you participated in NaNoWriMo before? Want to help us plan the kick-off party and meetups at OFL? Email Alyssa Newton at info@oflibrary.org or call (315) 492-1727.
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For middle schoolers in grades 5 & up. This club is free and open to the community - You do not need to be a member of the YMCA to attend.

American Red Cross Babysitter’s Training
Monday, Oct. 14, 9am - 4pm
By combining video, activities, hands-on skills training and discussion, this course gives youths the knowledge and confidence to care for infants and school-age children. Course Fee: $55 cash or check - Bring to class
For ages 11-15. Registration required– Minimum 4 participants to hold class.

Girls Who Code
Thursdays, 9/12-11/21, 6-8pm (not held 10/31)
Learn to code! Join our 10-week club for teen girls this fall. Explore coding and learn computer science skills in a fun and friendly environment.
For beginner girl coders, ages 10-18. Registration required– Registering for the first week, registers you for all 10 weeks.

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Saturday, Oct. 26 at 10:30am
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NanoWrimo Young Writers Program

National Novel Writing Month

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**Children’s Programs**

**American Girl**

Mondays, 9/9, 10/28 & 11/25 at 6pm
Explore the lives of the American Girls through the centuries. Enjoy crafts, games, music, stories and snacks from the past.

**Dates & Themes:**
- Sept. 9 - Back to School
- Oct. 28 - Halloween
- Nov. 25 - Thanksgiving

For ages 7-12. Registration required for each session.

**Spooky Campfire Stories**

Saturday, Oct. 5 at 2pm
Join us if you dare... Get ready for fall as Mrs. Maggie shares some spooky stories about ghosts, ghouls and goblins around a cozy “campfire”.

You’re invited to wear a costume if you’d like as well!

Recommended for ages 8-12. Registration requested.

**KinderCode**

4 consecutive days: Oct. 8, 9 & 10, 4-5pm & Oct. 11, 4-4:30pm
Kindergartners learn how to sequence and code over 3 days of games and fun! On the final day, families are invited to come see what they’ve learned!

Each day will build off the previous, so signing up for Tuesday, Oct. 8 registers your child for all 4 days.

For kindergarteners.
Registration required for each session.

**Pokémon**

Wednesdays, 9/11, 10/16 & 11/13 at 6:30pm
Invite your friends to play this fun game of strategy and sportsmanship! All skill levels are welcome.

**Overseen by TCGPlayer professionals.**

Recommended for kids, ages 7 & up.
Registration requested for each session.

**Young Artists**

Thursdays, 9/12, 10/17 & 11/7 at 3-5pm
Saturdays, 9/14, 10/19 & 11/9 at 2-4pm
Kids are invited to join our new Young Artists group. This quarter, explore fine art. Each session, receive a short introduction to a specific style of art. Then get an opportunity to create masterpieces of your own.

For children, ages 9 & up.
Registration required for each session.

**S.T.E.A.M.**

**Discovery Hour**

Thursdays, 10/24 & 11/21 at 4pm & Saturday, 11/16 at 2pm
Families are invited to our fun S.T.E.A.M. (science, technology, engineering, art and math) petting zoo. Make, play and discover all things S.T.E.A.M. during this self-lead program.

Recommended for families with kids, ages 7 & up.
No registration required.

**Drop-In Fun**

- **Grandparents Day Craft - Sept. 3-8:** Stop by to make a special gift for Grandma and/or Grandpa!
- **Treasure Hunt - Sept. 16-21:** Follow clues around the library to find the pirate’s hidden treasure! Don’t forget... Talk Like a Pirate Day is Sept. 19!
- **Paper Pumpkin Craft - Oct. 21-31:** Dive into fall with this festive seasonal project!
- **Thankful Pie Craft - Nov. 18-27:** Let everyone know what you are thankful for this year!

**Is your child turning 5?**

If so, they’re old enough to get their very own library card!

Parent/guardian must present their own library card or ID.
**Homeschool Parent Meeting**

**Thursday, Oct. 3 at 1pm**

Onondaga Free and Liverpool Public Libraries are hosting a meeting for parents to discuss future homeschool services and programs at the library. OFL and LPL librarians will be available to answer questions about our current offerings and share new programming ideas. If you have ideas about the services our libraries can provide for your family, please consider attending this meeting.

*Registration requested.*

*See previous page for info about our monthly Young Artists program for homeschoolers—Note time change.*

**Costume Swap**

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**Swap: Saturday, Oct. 5, Noon - 3pm**

Get new-to-you Halloween costumes for the whole family when you swap out your gently used costumes. For each clean gently worn costume you donate, you will receive 1 costume voucher.

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**WiggleWorms**

**Wednesdays at 10:15am (no 9/18 & 9/25) & Fridays, Oct. 4, 11, 25, Nov. 1, 8 & 22 at 10:30am**

Parents and caregivers, get your toddler/preschooler moving and dancing with this fun, interactive program. Your kids will have a ball playing with shakey eggs, scarves and other props and musical instruments. *Recommended for ages 2-6.*

*Registration required for each session.*

**Baby Storytime**

**Tuesdays at 11am**

Toys, puzzles, blocks and nursery rhymes- it’s playtime at the library! The little ones have a chance to get used to the library and other children as well as an opportunity for parents and caregivers to chat as their children play and interact. *For ages 2 & under.*

**Family Storytimes**

**Wednesdays & Thursdays at 11:15am**

Join us each week for stories, songs, crafts and more! Have fun with a different theme each week. *Recommended for ages 2-6.*

**Music and Stories with Donna B.**

**Fridays, 9/13, 10/18 & 11/15 at 10:30am**

Donna Butterfield will be returning monthly to the library this fall! You and your child will have a blast singing songs, dancing, sharing stories and more!

*For children of all ages! Registration requested.*

**1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN**

Join our year-round reading program! To start, visit our website or stop by the library to pick up your child’s first reading log.
Friends of OFL
Monthly Meetings - Sept. 4, Oct. 2 & Nov. 6 at 6:30pm
Regularly the 1st Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm

Sept. 26, 5-8pm ($5 admission + free kids book)
Sept. 27 & 28, 10:00am-4:30pm
& Sept. 29, Noon-3pm ($5 Bag Sale)
Buy gently used books, audiobooks, music, movies and more at great prices!

Donations: Accepting donations of gently used books, DVDs, CDs, games and puzzles Sept. 16-25 during library hours.
No magazines, textbooks, encyclopedias or VHS tapes.

Volunteers: Look for a volunteer sign up sheet in the Friends corner starting mid-August.

Crafts, Coffee & Conversation
Thursdays, 9:30-10:30am
The Friends invite you to share crafting/hobby ideas and work on your current projects, such as knitting, crocheting, coloring, Sudoku, etc. Interested in learning a new craft? Check out our Crafts & Hobbies collection for fun new ideas as well! Coffee provided.

National Friends of Libraries Week
Oct. 20-26
The Friends want to know what you want here at OFL! Write your wish on a leaf and drop it in the wishing well in the Friends Corner - a book you would like added to the collection, a program idea, a new service, etc. The Friends will help make all your wishes come true!

12th Annual Festival of Trees
Call for Decorators...
Seeking decorators in October and November - Interested? Email the Friends at oflfriends@gmail.com. Trees will be available for pickup at the library on Friday, Nov. 1. Display and raffles will run from the last week of November through Saturday, Dec. 14.

Friends of OFL
OFL Board of Trustees

Library Closings:
Labor Day Weekend: Aug. 31 - Sept. 2
Staff Development Day: Saturday, Oct. 12
Veterans Day: Monday, Nov. 11
Thanksgiving: Close at 5pm Nov. 27; Closed Nov. 28-29

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Regular Hours
Monday - Thursday
9:00am - 8:30pm
Friday :: 10am - 5pm
Saturday :: 10am - 5pm
Sunday :: 1-5pm

Summer Weekend Hours
(July 1st - Labor Day)
Saturday :: 10am - 2pm
Sunday :: CLOSED