



SUMMER AT OFL

June, July & August 2019

Blast off to OFL this summer!

Read and win prizes, attend out of this world programs and more!

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SUMMER READING FOR KIDS & TEENS

Students entering grades K-12

Online registration begins June 1.

Log minutes online July 1 - August 30.

Log **minutes** read to earn Gannon's Ice Cream and Fairmount Glen Mini Golf freebies when you reach specified reading goals.

(300 minutes = ice cream; 600 minutes = mini golf)

CHALLENGES:

Visit OFL during July and August to complete challenges and earn chances to win even more prizes.



SUMMER READING FOR ADULTS

Ages 18 & up

***Don't let the kids have all the fun this summer—
You too can read books and win prizes!***

Online registration begins June 1.

Log books online July 1 - August 30.

Create an account on our new website to help you track your reading progress. For each book logged, you will be entered into a drawing to win gift certificates to popular local food and entertainment venues.

*5 winners will be drawn on July 31st & August 31st
for a total of **10 chances to win!***

Note: Winners drawn on Aug. 31 will be notified on Tuesday, Sept. 3.

Adult Programs

Registration for June events opens May 20.
Registration for July events opens June 20.
Registration for August events open July 20.



This new 6-hour documentary premieres across three nights on PBS: July 8-10 at 10pm

Preview & Discussion at OFL Saturday, June 1 at 2-3pm

The excerpt we will be showing takes a look back at the tension and excitement surrounding the launch of Apollo 11 on July 16, 1969, all the way up until the lunar module finally lands on the moon.

Recommended for teens and adults.

Learning Circles

Tuesdays at 6:30pm

These 3-week courses will cover all the basics. Participants will learn via video and in-person instruction, as well as by working through hands-on exercises. *Laptops provided.*

⇒ **Excel Skills for Business:** June 11, 18 & 25

⇒ **Writing Winning Resumes:** Aug. 13, 20 & 27

Registration required for all 3 weeks of each course.



Crafts, Coffee & Conversation

Thursdays at 9:30am

The Friends of OFL invite you to meet, chat, share crafting/hobby ideas, and work on your current projects, such as knitting, crocheting, word games, coloring, Sudoku, etc. Coffee will be provided.

Summer Series: In June, we are hosting a special Summer series- All 4 Thursdays in June, we will create specific craft projects that we can use all summer...

- ◆ June 6 - Flip-Flop Welcome Sign
- ◆ June 13 - Homemade Lip Balm & Sunscreen
- ◆ June 20 - Mason Jar Herb Garden
- ◆ June 27 - American Flag Sign

**Cost: \$5/person per class- Pay at start of program.
Limited space- Registration required for each session.**

Advance Care Planning

Tuesday, June 4 at 5:30pm

Experts in law emphasize the importance of having a conversation with the appropriate persons in your life about creating a well-coordinated plan to help you as you age or in the event of loss of capacity to make decisions or at death. Learn about the documents that are available to serve as directives to insure that your wishes are honored including a will, a health care proxy, a power of attorney and a living will.

Registration required through Onondaga County's Office for Aging: Call (315) 435-2362 ext 4993

Jewelry Class:

Man in the Moon

Necklace & Earrings Set

Tuesday, June 4 at 6:30pm



Join us in making a necklace and earrings set featuring these cool moon face beads in honor of the start of this year's summer reading program, *A Universe of Stories*. **Cost: \$10/person per class - Pay at the class**

For adults and teens, ages 12 & up.

Registration required.

Essential Oils 101

Saturday, June 8 at 10:30am

Discover the benefits of the most popular essential oils - and how to use them - in this fun, free, interactive class. These are the "go-to" oils families around the world use daily to maintain vibrant health. Explore pure, safe, effective, chemical-free ways to improve your health and wellness today! *Presented by Leslie Eimas, Founder and President of My Oils Life.*

Registration requested.

Master Gardeners Workshop: Welcoming Beneficials Into Your Garden

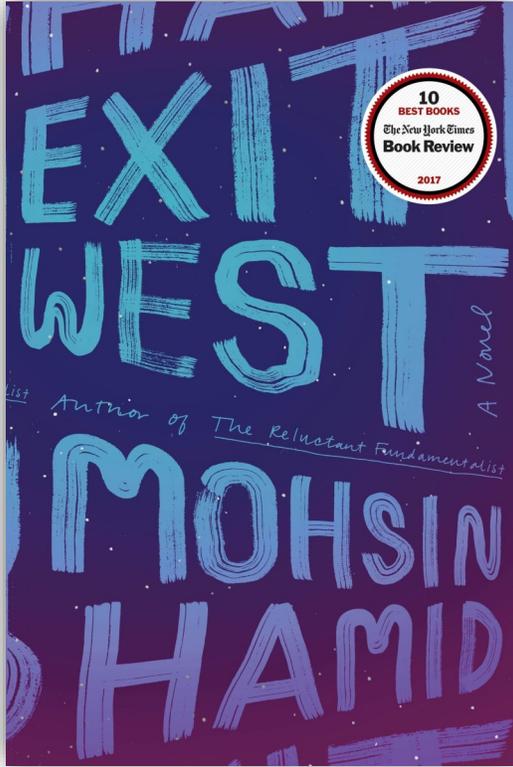
Wednesday, June 12 at 6:30pm

Learn to identify beneficial insects (the "good guys") and how to attract them to your garden.

Presented by Cornell Cooperative Extension.

Registration requested.

Read the Books & Join the Conversations!



World Refugee Day

Thursday, June 20 at 6pm

Location: InterFaith Works

(1010 James St., Syracuse)

A *New York Times* bestseller, the astonishingly visionary love story that imagines the forces that drive ordinary people from their homes into the uncertain embrace of new lands.

RSVP for this event at www.oflibrary.org.

For more information, call (315) 449-3552.

Skype with the Author!

Thursday, Aug. 8 at 7pm

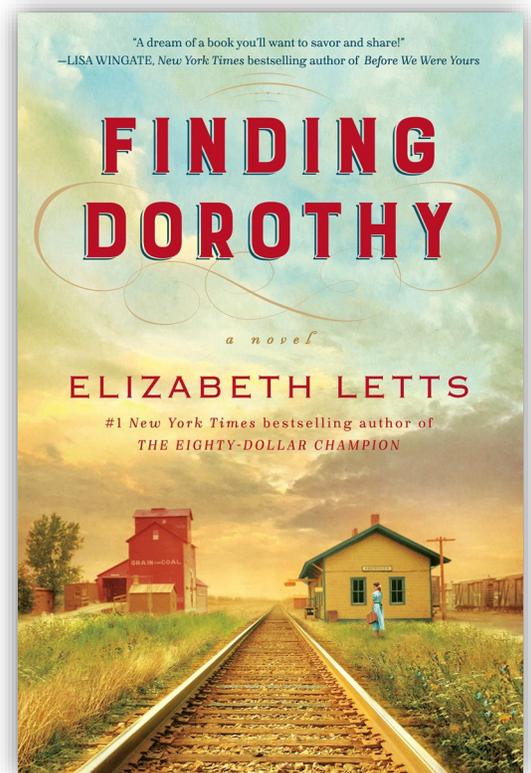
With local history ties, readers will fall in love with this fictional novel about Maud Baum, wife of *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* creator L. Frank Baum. **Registration requested.**

Matilda Joslyn Gage Home Tour

Thursday, Aug. 1 at 1pm | 210 E. Genesee St.

Join us for a guided tour of Maud Baum's childhood home in Fayetteville.

For adults. Registration required.





BIG AWESOME BBQ

Food Truck at OFL

Saturday, Aug. 10, 11am-1pm

Bring family and friends and enjoy a picnic or grab take-out.

Menu items range from \$10-12 a meal.

Vegan options available!

Stay & Play: Lawn games and picnic areas will be set up in the library. Bring your own lawn chair or blanket to enjoy your meal in our garden.

For all ages!



Check out their menu at www.BigAwesomeBBQ.com

Teen Programs

Registration for June events opens May 20.
Registration for July events opens June 20.
Registration for August events open July 20.



Summer Volunteer Squads

For teens entering grades 7-12 this fall.

Want to add impressive work experience to your college resume? Still trying to complete volunteer hours for school? Join OFL's Teen Volunteer Squad this summer! We are looking for techies, marketing moguls, gamers and bibliophiles.

July and August positions available!

All participants (including new and returning teen volunteers) must complete an application—Applications can be picked up at the library or downloaded from our website, www.oflibrary.org.

Applications due Sunday, June 23 at 5pm

Babysitter's Training

Friday, June 28, 9am - 4pm

This American Red Cross course gives youths the knowledge and confidence to care for infants and school-age children. Combining video, activities, hands-on skills training and discussion for a complete learning experience, this Babysitter's Training course teaches youths how to:

- Respond to emergencies and illnesses with first aid, rescue breathing and other appropriate care
- Make decisions under pressure
- Communicate with parents to learn household rules
- Recognize safety and hygiene issues
- Feed, diaper and care for infants
- Start their babysitting business

Course Fee: \$55 cash or check - Bring to class

For ages 11-15. **Registration required.**

Minimum 4 participants to hold class.

Summer Reading Challenges:

Complete fun reading and activity challenges for chances to win great prizes in July and August from:



SKY ZONE®

Visit the Teen Scene area at OFL to participate.



Weekend Matinee

Sunday, June 23 at 2pm

Rated PG-13.

No registration required.

Comic Drawing & Writing Club

Thursdays at 2pm (July 11 - August 15)

Are you up for a writing or drawing challenge this summer? Complete a short story or sketchbook to be added to the library's collection! Each week, we will introduce new writing and drawing prompts to help us with our stories and sketchbooks. Learn new writing tips and drawing skills from special guest speakers.

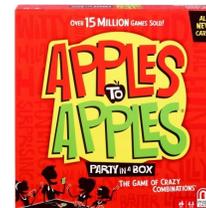
For ages 10 & up. Registration requested each week.

Games on a Roll

Thursday, July 25 - Teen Time 5:45-7:00pm

Back by popular demand, this custom video game party trailer is equipped with the newest video game consoles, coolest games (all of which are rated "E" for everyone), comfortable stadium seating, high tech video and sound and an amazing laser light show. Up to 20 can play numerous games simultaneously!

For teens, ages 10 & up. Registration required.



#GameOn at OFL

Come check out our *NEW* board game collection! All summer long (and beyond), we invite you to stop by the library and play one of our crazy many fun games, including Apples to Apples, Bananagrams, Dixit, Twister, Chess, Quirkle, Jenga and more!

Are you on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter?

If so, take a picture/video of you and your friends and family playing our games. When posting, tag us @OnondagaFreeLib and use hashtags #GameOn and #SummeratOFL. And be sure to LIKE & FOLLOW us too!

Children's Programs

Note: Children under the age of 8 may not be left unattended in the library.



Family Matinee

Saturday,
June 8
at 2pm

Stuffed Animal Workshop

Monday, July 22 at 6:30pm

The Kissing Hand is a beautiful story about a mother raccoon who kisses her baby's paw to help remind the baby of its mother's love when they are apart. In this program, children will get to create their own stuffed baby raccoon with a special heart on its paw.

Cost: \$10/child - Pay at the start of the program.

For children, ages 3-9. Registration required.

Yoga for Kids of CNY

Tuesday, July 30 at 10am

Kids learn various breathing and visualization techniques to help enhance focus and concentration. This class includes games, music and a final relaxation for the mind and body.

Yoga mats will be provided.

For kids, ages 5-12. Registration required.

SciExcite presents Mad Scientists

Wednesday, July 31 at 11am

In this high school student-led program, children will explore the properties of Gallium - a metal that is solid at room temperature, but melts in hot water.

SciExcite Inc. is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to bringing the joy of S.T.E.A.M. learning to young minds. Through innovative experiments, SciExcite helps inspire young students to explore the world of science by mentors they can connect with. Their programs include demonstrations and fun, interactive, hands on activities.

For kids, ages 8 & up. Registration required.

Rain Barrel Art

Wednesday, Aug. 7 at 11am

Save the Rain is donating a rain barrel to OFL- Come help us design and paint it as you learn the importance of storm water management in our community. *Learn more at SavetheRain.us.*

For kids, ages 10 & up. Registration required.

Pokémon

Wednesdays, 7/10, 7/24 & 8/7 at 6:30pm

Come play this game of strategy and sportsmanship! Pokémon is overseen by TCGPlayer.com professionals and all skill levels are welcome.

Recommended for kids, ages 7 & up.

Registration required for each session.

American Girls

Mondays, 7/15, 7/29 & 8/12 at 2pm

Explore the lives of the American Girls through the centuries- Enjoy crafts, games, music, stories and snacks from the past. **90 minute program.**

- ♦ July 15: 18th century candlemaking
- ♦ July 29: 19th century baking
- ♦ August 12: 20th century jewelry making

Recommended for ages 7-12.

Registration required each week.



S.T.E.A.M. Show & Tell

Wednesdays, July 10-30 at 2pm

& Fridays, Aug. 2-16 at 2pm

Explore our STEAM Station featuring fun science, technology, engineering, arts and math activities. Teen volunteers will demonstrate how to use the library's robotics and technology kits.

Recommended for kids, ages 7 & up.

No registration required- This is a drop-in program and space is first come, first serve.

Special Guests

First come, first serve. Doors open 15 minutes early. 75 max capacity.

The Bubbleman

Monday, July 8 at 6:30pm

The M.O.S.T.'s Traveling Science Show

Wednesday, July 17 at 11am

Games on a Roll: Kid Time (ages 5-12)

Thursday, July 25, 4:00-5:15pm

Registration required.

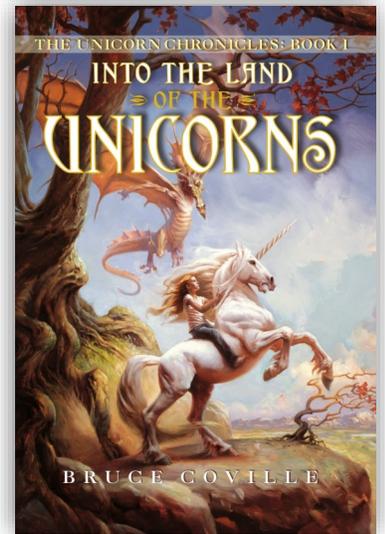
Zoo to You!

Thursday, Aug. 15 at 6:30pm

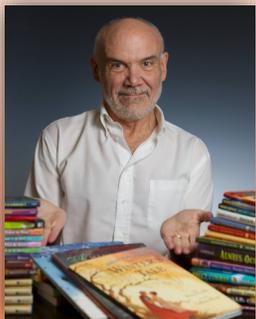
STORYWALK

This summer, starting July 1st
Location: Santaro Park (4979 Velasko Rd.)

Check out our first ever storywalk this summer! OFL is creating a storywalk at Santaro Park that will highlight Bruce Coville's *Into the Land of Unicorns*, Book 1 of *The Unicorn Chronicles* series. Signs will allow you to read the first chapter of the book as you walk through the park. Then, visit the library to finish the rest of the story.



AND thanks to the Friends of OFL...
the first 100 kids who complete the Storywalk and
visit the library will receive a free copy of the book!



Don't miss the author himself-
Bruce Coville will be doing a book signing
at Santaro Park on Saturday, July 20 at 10am.

This event is
sponsored by:

Onondaga Free Library
Town of Onondaga Parks & Rec
Friends of Onondaga Free Library

Babies, Toddlers and Preschoolers

1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN



Year-Round Reading Program

For each 100 books read, your child will receive a prize. When they've read 1,000 books, they will receive a custom t-shirt that they can wear with pride! *Claim prizes by turning in your child's completed reading logs to library staff.*

Sign up now! Visit OFL and ask for your first reading log or print one from our website.

For more information, stop by the library or visit our website, www.oflibrary.org.

Teeny Yogini

Thursday, Aug. 1 at 10am

Join us for this unique and fun family yoga class! You and your child will love barking in Downward Facing Dog, becoming partner trees and reaching for the sun as you explore this ancient practice together.

For parents and children, ages 2½-6.

Registration required.

Drop-In Activities

• Rigamajig Jr: June 10-22

Building with this simple set helps children combine imagination with cognitive thinking and empowers them to be makers of their own worlds.



• Big Blue Blocks are back!: June 25 - July 8

With lots of fun shapes and sizes, come construct a universe all your own with Imagination Playground!

• Monthly Craft Projects:

- ⇒ Rocket Ship: June 17-26
- ⇒ Galaxy Twirler: July 15-24
- ⇒ Sun Wall Hanging: August 12-20

Baby Storytime

Fridays at 11am (July 12 - Aug. 16)

Toys, puzzles, blocks, nursery rhymes and felt board activities- It's playtime at the library! This gives the young ones a chance to get used to the library and other children as well as an opportunity for parents and caregivers to chat.

For children, ages 2 & under. No registration required.

Family Storytime

Thursdays at 11:15am (July 11 - Aug. 15)

Join us each week for stories, songs, crafts and more! Mrs. Maggie & Mrs. Kori will present a different theme each week.

For children, ages 2-6. No registration necessary.

Wiggleworms

Thursdays, July 11, 18, 25 & Aug. 15 at 10am

Get your toddler/preschooler moving and dancing with this fun, interactive program. Kids will have a ball playing with shakey eggs, scarves and other props and musical instruments.

Recommended for children, ages 2-6.

Registration required for each session.

Music and Stories

with Donna B.

Thursday, Aug. 8 at 10am

Have fun singing songs, dancing, sharing stories and more!

For children, ages newborn & up.

Registration required.



We're hatching baby chicks again this summer!

The eggs will arrive the week of July 8th and the chicks are expected to hatch the week of July 29th.

As we await their hatching, stop in to learn all about the life cycle of chickens and their eggs.

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.

Even when you're not at the library, you can watch them as they hatch via our nest cam!

LIBRARY OF THINGS

Try before you buy! Discover the cool gadgets we have in our Library of Things collection! This collection consists of 9 technology devices that you can now borrow from OFL before you decide to buy.



What you can check out:

- ⇒ Home assistant speakers (Google Home Mini and Amazon Echo Dot)
- ⇒ Digital reading devices (android tablet, Kindle Paperwhite and Bluetooth FM transmitter)
- ⇒ Streaming devices (Chromecast and Roku)
- ⇒ A FitBit and a GoPro camera.

Adults (ages 18 & up) can borrow these devices for 7 days. Available first come, first serve.

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Exploring this summer?

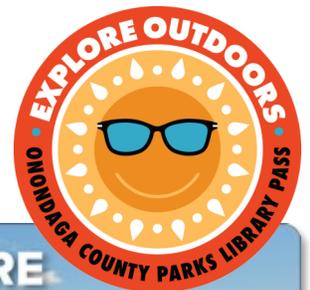
Are you and your family or friends planning on doing some exploring this summer? If so, stop by OFL and check out one of our Onondaga County Park Passes or NYS Empire Passes for free admission to local parks!

⇒ **Explore Outdoors Onondaga County Park Pass:**

2 available (first come, first serve); 3-day loan
Beaver Lake Nature Center, Highland Forest, Jamesville Beach, Oneida Shores, Pratt's Falls and Rosamond Gifford Zoo

⇒ **New York State Empire Passes:**

10 available (first come, first serve); 7-day loan
Chittenango Falls, Chimney Bluffs, Clark Reservation, Green Lakes, Niagara Falls, Verona Beach, Watkins Glen and many more!

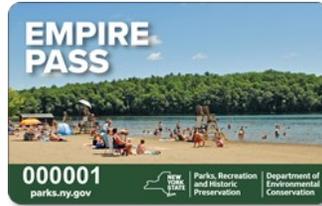


Sponsored by the Friends of OFL...

Adult Summer Reading Program

July 1 - August 30

Once again, our Friends have donated \$200 towards prizes for the adult summer reading program. Be sure to read and log your books online this summer for chances to win gift cards to popular local food and entertainment venues. The more you read, the more chances you have at winning!



Get in to any NYS park for free this summer when you check out one of OFL's 10 Empire Passes. Explore Chittenango Falls, Green Lakes, Clark Reservation and more!

Passes are available on a first come, first serve basis and will be checked out for 7 days.

Senior Center Art Exhibit & Reception

Exhibit: June 1-30

Opening Reception:

Thursday, June 6, 4-6pm

Join us for refreshments and meet the talented members of the Town of Onondaga Senior Center Art Class at the opening reception for their annual month-long display here at OFL!

Storywalk at Santaro Park

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Don't miss Bruce Coville himself as he will be doing a book signing at Santaro Park on Saturday, July 20 at 10am. Refreshments provided by the Friends.

Library of Things

In 2018, the Friends funded the start of a new collection at OFL- the Library of Things! This collection consists of 9 technology devices that you can now borrow from OFL to try out before you decide to buy.



The devices include home assistant speakers (Google Home Mini and Amazon Echo Dot), digital reading devices (android tablet, Kindle Paperwhite and Bluetooth FM transmitter), streaming devices (Chromecast and Roku), a FitBit and a GoPro camera.

Friends of OFL

Summer Meetings: June 19, July 17 & Aug. 14 at 6:30pm
Regular meetings schedule will resume in the fall -
1st Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm

OFL Board of Trustees

Monthly Meetings - Regularly 4th Wednesday at 6pm
2 meetings during summer: June 26 & July 24

Library Closings:

Memorial Day Weekend: May 25-27
Independence Day: July 4
Labor Day Weekend: Aug. 31 - Sept. 2

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Summer Hours

(July 1st - Labor Day)

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

Regular Weekend Hours (Through June 30th)

Saturday :: 10am - 5pm
Sunday :: 1 - 5pm