



CONNECTION Spring Newsletter

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EVENTS FOR ADULTS

SPECIAL EVENTS



THE DAY OF FLOWERS

Saturday, May 31 from 10am-4:30pm

Do you love flowers? This day is dedicated to you!

The Day of Flowers is a day to celebrate flowers and will feature a full day of flower-related programs and activities, including seed-paper making, floral tea mixing, a raffle fundraiser, and more.

The full schedule is available online.

***Please register for each program separately**

EXTENDED: WINTER READING CHALLENGE FOR ADULTS

January 6-March 19

Complete five out of fifteen reading prompts and automatically win a prize! Complete all fifteen for a chance to win a grand prize.

The last day to submit completed challenges is March 19.

Find more information on our website.

SUNNY SANTORINI PUZZLE DERBY

Saturday, March 1 at 11am

Take a break from the end-of-winter glum and escape to beautiful Sunny Santorini! Sign up your team of 1-4 people and compete to see which team can finish their puzzle first. The winners will win a basket of Mediterranean-themed foods and goodies.

***Registration required**



READATHON

Saturday, March 29 from 10am to 4pm

Join us for a cozy day full of reading! Relax and read with other book lovers, win prizes, and catch up on your TBR list.

Come solo or bring your friends.

Snacks, beverages, books, & ambience provided.

RECYCLED ART CONTEST & EXHIBIT

Deadline: April 22 / Exhibit: May 2025

Take part in the library's first ever recycled art contest and exhibit, which will celebrate art made with 100% recycled or upcycled materials. Call or visit our website for more information.



***Register online at manliuslibrary.org or call (315) 682-6400**

EDUCATION AND WORKSHOPS

GREAT DECISIONS*

*Note: not accepting new participants

Wednesdays through April 9 at 10:30am

In this distinguished program from the Foreign Policy Association, read a short chapter from the 2025 Briefing Book on current events, then join others for a discussion.

THE FUTURE OF ONONDAGA COUNTY WITH SAM GORDON

Monday, April 7 at 6:30pm

Join environmental planner Sam Gordon for a discussion of the future of Onondaga County with all the upcoming changes, including a discussion of Micron, I-81, and housing.

***Registration required**



HEALTH AND WELLNESS

YOGA

Wednesdays at 10:30am

Start your day off with a relaxing and invigorating vinyasa flow with Glenda. All skill levels are welcome.

Registration is no longer required;

we just ask that you sign in when you arrive.



UPSTATE NEW YORK POISON CENTER

POISON PREVENTION 101

Tuesday, March 25 at 11:45am

Learn about household hazards, storage, and what to do in an emergency with Emilie Felicia, MPH, from Upstate NY Poison Center. This will take place immediately after story time so it is perfect for parents and caregivers, but all adults are welcome.

***Registration required**

TECH PROGRAMS

INTRO TO AI

Tuesday, April 29 at 11am

What is AI, exactly? Should I be worried? How do I use it?

Learn the answers to these questions and more with

Scott Lipkowitz from Onondaga Free Library.

***Registration preferred**

TECH TIME AT THE MANLIUS SENIOR CENTRE

Fridays from 11am-12pm

Call 315-682-7889 to make an appointment for 1-on-1 tech help from a librarian at the Manlius Senior Centre.



SPRING 2025 MANLIUS LIBRARY SCAVENGER HUNT

April 13 through April 26

Get outside and discover the wonderful businesses in the Village.

Scan the QR code in the windows of participating businesses, submit what you see, and be entered to win one of three amazing prize baskets. Check our website for details.



EVENTS FOR ADULTS

BOOK CLUBS

***NEW DATE AND TIME* Drawn In: 4th Saturdays at 1pm**

March 22: *Lore Olympus Vol. 1* by Rachel Smythe

April 26: *Monstress Vol. 1 (Awakening)* by Marjorie M. Liu

May 17*: *Watchmen* by Alan Moore

*Note date change

Bookmarks: 1st Tuesdays at 1:30pm

March 4: *Mary Jane* by Jessica Anya Blau

April 1: *Hello Beautiful* by Ann Napolitano

May 6: *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks



Forensic Filers: 4th Sundays at 2pm

March 23: *The Third Rainbow Girl* by Emma Copley Eisenberg

April 27: *We Keep the Dead Close* by Becky Cooper

May 18*: *The Doomsday Mother* by John Glatt

*Note date change

Historically Speaking: 4th Mondays at 6:30pm

March 24: *Beneath A Scarlet Sky* by Mark Sullivan

April 28: *The Glass Maker* by Tracy Chevalier

May 19*: *The Spy and the Traitor* by Ben Macintyre

*Note date change

Mystery Lovers: 4th Mondays at 10:15am*

*Note: not accepting new members

March 24: *The Edge* by David Baldacci

April 28: *Everyone On This Train is a Suspect* by Ben Stevenson

May 19*: *First Lie Wins* by Ashley Elston

*Note date change



Romance for All: 3rd Mondays at 6:30pm

March 17: *The Awakening* by Nora Roberts

April 21: *We Could Be So Good* by Cat Sebastian

May 19: *A Lot Like Adiós* by Alexis Daria

Thrills & Chills: 4th Thursdays at 6:30pm

March 27: *In Cold Blood* by Truman Capote

April 24: *The Talented Mr. Ripley* by Patricia Highsmith

May 22: *A Simple Plan* by Scott Smith

MOVIES

MONDAY MATINEES

Mondays at 2pm

A newly released, popular film will show every Monday at 2pm.



FEEL-GOOD FLICKS

Tuesdays at 5:45pm



Enjoy a feel-good favorite with others, every Tuesday evening. Snacks included!

MOVIES & MUNCHIES: THE PARENT TRAP (PG)

Thursday, May 15 at 6pm



Eat food straight from the screen as you watch the movie! This time we're watching the 1998 remake of *The Parent Trap*.

***Registration required**

ADULT ARTS & CRAFTS



OPEN WATERCOLOR PAINTING

Friday, March 21 from 2:30-4:30pm

Love watercolor painting? Come to an open paint session and paint whatever you'd like! Paint, brushes, and paper supplied.



PROJECT LINUS COMMUNITY QUILT

Saturday, April 5 from 1-4pm

Help the next stage of our community project! Assemble already-prepped quilt blocks & learn to sew with Karen from Project Linus.

All are welcome! Many hands make beautiful quilts together!

***Registration preferred, walk-ins welcome as space allows**

90s CRAFT NIGHT

Thursday, April 17 at 6pm

Travel back to simpler times with boondoggle, sand art,

Perler beads, and more! There will even be some

90s-themed snacks. All ages welcome.

***Registration preferred**

DIY PHOTO SOAP

Thursday, May 1 at 6pm

Bring your own picture(s) from home and we will put it in a bar of clear soap! These can be funny or sentimental, it is up to you.

Please make sure the image in your photo is small enough to fit in a 3x2" bar. While supplies last.

PAINT AND CHAT

2nd Mondays at 6:30pm

Every month we will paint together alongside a video tutorial.

Come for a new project every month!

***Registration required**

HOOKS & NEEDLES

Every Friday at 10:30am

Crochet, knit, crewel, embroidery... all fiber arts welcome! Bring your own project or use supplies provided. Learn and practice!

LANGUAGE & WRITING

MANLIUS LIBRARY WRITERS*

*Note: not accepting new members

**Thursdays (except 2nd Thursdays) at 3pm and
2nd Saturdays at 2pm**

Join other creative minds to share your work for feedback. For inquires and guidelines, email zstvan@manliuslibrary.org.

ASPECTS OF WRITING

2nd Thursdays at 3pm

Join fellow writers in discussing the craft of writing, from finding inspiration to getting published.

Please note that this is not a critique group.

Email zstvan@manliuslibrary.org with questions.

WORDS ON STAGE

1st Tuesdays at 6pm

A casual gathering of writers & performers to share their work.

Stories, screenplays, poetry, stage plays, & more.

Email Anna at afrost@manliuslibrary.org with submissions or inquiries.



FREE ENGLISH CLASSES FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES

Mondays and Wednesdays from 5-8pm,

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30am-12:30pm

All adult speakers of other languages are welcome to practice their English skills. Sponsored by OCM BOCES.



EVENTS FOR YOUTH

PRE-K: AGES 0-4

KIDS JIGGLEBUGS

Mondays (except May 26) at 10:30am

Join Miss Windy for some music and movement fun! Appropriate for toddlers to preschool, but all ages are welcome.

Must be accompanied by an adult caregiver.

TODDLER STORY TIME

Tuesdays at 10:30am

Children ages 0 to 3 are invited to share stories, rhymes & songs! Please see our calendar for featured story time themes!

Must be accompanied by an adult caregiver.

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

Wednesdays at 10:30am



Preschool Story Time is geared to children ages 2 ½ to 5 years old, but all are welcome.

Please see our calendar for our featured story time themes!

Must be accompanied by an adult caregiver.

LIL EXPLORERS

Thursdays at 10:30am



Sensory and discovery play for toddlers and preschoolers.

Must be accompanied by an adult caregiver.

FAMILIES

CREATE YOUR OWN LEPRECHAUN TRAP

Saturday, March 15 at 10:30am



Drop in to design a clever leprechaun trap with various recycled and other materials. Will this be the year you finally catch the swift and tricky leprechaun?

FREE TREE FOR EARTH DAY



Register by March 15 to receive a tree on or around April 22

Manlius Library Kids is partnering with Neighborhood Forest for their free tree program. Receive a free tree for your child by

registering online via this QR code:



*Registration required

FAMILY TOGETHER TIME

Wednesdays at 6pm

Drop in with your family or meet your friends for a simple story or song, game or craft each week. All ages welcome!

FAMILY TOGETHER TIME: RAMADAN

Wednesday March 19 at 6pm



This session we will explore and learn about Ramadan and Eid with a craft station, treats and more.



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ANNUAL MINI ART SHOW

Saturday, April 5 at 10:30am OR 11:30am

Paint your own mini masterpiece to be put on display in the kid's area through April 21!

You may pick up your art from April 21-April 30 at the kid's desk.

*Registration required for each participant individually

COMMUNITY BABY SHOWER & EARLY LITERACY FAIR

Saturday, May 3 at 10:30am

Are you expecting? Have young ones? Stop in for some "oh baby!" fun, chat with early literacy professionals, and enter free raffles!

FAMILY SPRING CONCERT WITH AARON

Saturday, May 3 at 2pm



Join us with our friend Aaron for some sunshine music fun!

KIDS: AGES 5-8

KIDS STEAM PLAY

Wednesdays 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26 from 3-6pm

Stop by to create, design, and explore with a different STEM-/STEAM-based toy!



KIDS PAWS & READ

Wednesdays 3/12 and 4/9 from 4-5pm

Sign up your child for a 1-on-1, 15-minute session with a registered therapy dog from Pet Partners.

Encourage a reluctant reader and build your child's confidence!

***Registration required**

TWEENS: AGES 9-12

TWEEN WRITER'S BOX

2nd Mondays at 6:30pm

Join Miss Anna in creating stories, with tips and tricks to inspire great writing!

***Registration required**

TWEEN SNACK ATTACK BOOK CLUB

3/24 and 4/28 from 4-4:45pm

Register to receive a free book to read, and prepare to share out during our club meeting. We will create or learn about a snack or treat inspired by the monthly book.

March 24: *Popcorn* by Rob Harrell

April 28: *Loser's Club* by Andrew Clements

***Registration required**



EVENTS FOR TEENS

MANLIUS LIBRARY SCHOLARSHIP

DEADLINE: APRIL 22



This \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a successful candidate who is a high school senior living in the Fayetteville Manlius school district. Special consideration for those involved with the library. Applications can be found at manliuslibrary.org, please send completed applications to scholarship@manliuslibrary.org.

TEEN THEATRE INTENSIVE 13+ (NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED)

3rd Thursdays from 6-7pm

Learn and grow in your theatre skills! Guest artists will go over different theatrical techniques to strengthen your craft.

March 20: Scenic Painting April 24*: Greek Masks

May 15: Musical Theater Dance

***Note date change**

***Registration required**

SNACK & STUDY

2nd Sundays from 2-4pm

Enjoy a quiet space to study for Regents, with snacks and studying resources through BrainFuse.



TEEN CRAFT HOUSE: JEWELRY EDITION

3/13 and 4/10 at 6:30pm

Join us for teen jewelry making (ages 13+)!

March 13: Pony Bead bracelets & keychains

April 10: Charm bracelets

***Registration required, limited supplies**

LOCAL PIZZA TASTE TEST (TEENS ONLY)

Thursday, April 17 at 6pm

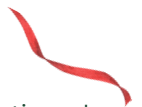
Love pizza? Come sample several local pizza shops all around our area and blind rank your favorites!

***Registration required**

WATCH PARTY: ECLIPSE (PG-13)

Thursday, May 8 at 5:30pm

Back by popular demand, the Twilight saga continues!



Manlius Library
1 Arkie Albanese Ave.
Manlius, NY 13104

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 9am - 8pm
Friday & Saturday: 10am - 5pm
Sunday: 1pm - 5pm

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Easter:

Saturday, April 19
Sunday, April 20

Memorial Day:

Saturday, May 24
Sunday, May 25
Monday, May 26

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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Spring is coming! I promise! Spring brings us a sense of hope, renewal, and growth. Join us at the library to embrace those buzzwords and try something new. Ever wanted to try to paint? Paint and Chat is your answer. How about a book club in a genre you don't normally read? We've got plenty (true crime anyone?). Come grow with us and celebrate at our Day of Flowers. Kids have a random day off from school? Bring them to a story time or to play and read in Pooh Corner. However you choose to spend your time in spring, our welcoming staff is looking forward to seeing you.

-Alyssa Tassone, Manlius Library Director

FARMERS MARKET

From May to October, visit our booth at the Fayetteville Farmers Market in Towne Center, the second Thursday of the month.

We'll have info about our programs and events, free books and library merch, and smiles – those are free, too!
Stop by and say hi!

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Please check our website, social media, and the collection bin in the library for up-to-date F-M food pantry requests.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Here at Manlius Library, we are always looking for new ways to partner with our community. If you have an idea for how you or your organization can get involved, please email help@manliuslibrary.org!