



CONNECTION Winter Newsletter

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EVENTS FOR ADULTS

SPECIAL EVENTS

WINTER READING CHALLENGE FOR ADULTS

January 6-February 28

Complete five out of fifteen reading challenges and automatically win a prize! Find more information on our website.

***Registration required**

HOT COCOA & HOLIDAY MOVIES

Saturday, December 7 all day

Stop in and snuggle up for a holiday movie marathon, complete with hot cocoa and cookies. Movies will play all day long.

HOLIDAY WRAPPING PARTY

Saturday, December 14 from 1-4pm

Bring your presents and wrapping paper and join us for movies, hot chocolate, and music!

Some wrapping supplies will be provided.

PUZZLE SWAP

December 19-March 19

It's puzzle season! The shelf in the vestibule will serve as an ongoing puzzle swap, all winter long. Take some or leave some.

CRAFT SWAP

\$5 Entry Fundraising Preview: Friday, January 10th 1:30-3:30pm

Free entry: Saturday, January 11th 10:30am-4pm

New year, new hobby! Bring gently used or like new craft supplies and pick up something new to try!

Accepting donations starting December 10th.

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS WEEK

February 14-20

A random act of kindness can go a long way, and this week we are celebrating! Check out our display for ideas and ways to participate.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

NARCAN TRAINING

Wednesday, December 4 at 3pm

You could save a life. Learn how to administer Narcan with MJ from Prevention Network.

***Registration required to receive a free kit**

WINTER FOREST BATHING

Saturday, February 1 at 1:30pm

Take a winter walk with Certified Forest Therapy Guide June Leo-Randazzo, as you learn the Japanese art of Shrin-yin-Yoku, also known as "forest bathing." Space is extremely limited.

***Registration required**

YOGA

Wednesdays at 10:30am

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

***Registration required**

EDUCATION AND WORKSHOPS

MODERN GRANDPARENTING CLASS WITH THE DOULA CONNECTION

Wednesday, December 11 from 10am-12pm



Join Christine from CNY's The Doula Connection to learn all about up-to-date newborn and baby information, caring for your family and the baby, and new technology and gadgets.

***Registration required**

MOCKTAILS WITH TALLMAN COCKTAIL CLUB

January – Date TBD

Ring in the New Year (and Dry January!) by learning to make delicious mocktails from a pro.



***Registration required**

PATHWAY OF RESISTANCE: THE ERIE CANAL AND THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD

Tuesday, February 18 at 3pm



Join Steph Adams from the Erie Canal Museum to talk about the fight of African-Americans for abolition along the Erie Canal Corridor. *Note from the museum:* While parts of this story are unpleasant, slavery, racism, and resistance are crucial to understanding our society today.

***Registration preferred**

GREAT DECISIONS

Wednesdays beginning February 19 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.



Free briefing books available mid-January.

***Registration required**

DISASTER PREP TRAINING

Thursday, February 20 from 1:30-2:30pm

With this training provided by the Citizen Preparedness Corps (National Guard), you will gain the knowledge and tools to prepare for emergencies and disasters, and respond accordingly.

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

SOCIAL

ACTIVITIES FOR ADULTS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

3rd Mondays (note date changes): 12/16, 1/27, 2/24 at 10am

Come with your mentor and enjoy a craft, movie, game or activity!

VALENTINE'S PARTY FOR ADULTS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES



Friday, February 14 at 1pm at Fayetteville Free Library

We're very excited to be teaming up with our neighbor, Fayetteville Free Library, for this Valentine's Party!

Come with your mentor or helper to celebrate!

***Please call (315) 637-6374 to register**



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

EVENTS FOR ADULTS

BOOK CLUBS

***NEW* Drawn In: 2nd Tuesdays at 3pm**

January 14: *Arca* by Van Jensen, illustrated by Jesse Lonergan

February 11: *The Complete Persepolis* by Marjane Satrapi

Bookmarks: 1st Tuesdays at 1:30pm

December 3: Holiday party and title planning

January 7: *Listen for the Lie* by Amy Tintera

February 4: Title TBD



Forensic Filers: 4th Sundays at 2pm

December 29*: *In Cold Blood* by Truman Capote

January 26: *The Road to Jonestown* by Jeff Guinn

February 23: *Blood on Their Hands* by Mandy Matney

*Note date change

Historically Speaking: 4th Mondays at 6:30pm

December 16*: *Isaac's Storm* by Erik Larson

January 27: *Daisy Jones and the Six* by Taylor Jenkins Reid

February 24: *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon

*Note date change

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

*Note: not accepting new members

December 16*: Holiday party and title planning

January 27: *Central Park West* by James B. Comey Jr.

February 24: Title TBD

*Note date change



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

December 16: *Written in the Stars* by Alexandria Bellefleur

January 27*: *A Fate Inked in Blood* by Danielle L. Jensen

February 24*: *Wild Rain* by Beverly Jenkins

*Note date change

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

December 19*: *The Christmas Guest* by Peter Swanson

January 23: *NOS4A2* by Joe Hill

February 27: *Beloved* by Toni Morrison

*Note date change

MOVIES

MONDAY MATINEES

Mondays at 2pm*

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

*Note: From December on, there will be no Thursday matinees.

FEEL-GOOD FLICKS

Tuesdays at 5:45pm



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

MOVIE & MUNCHIES: EDWARD SCISSORHANDS (PG-13)

Thursday, February 20 at 6pm

Enjoy a screening of Edward Scissorhands with snacks straight from the movie. It's going to be a great time, any way you slice it!

***Registration required. 13+**

TECH PROGRAMS

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.

ASK ALEX: NEW DEVICES WORKSHOP

Monday, January 13 from 11am-12pm



Did you get new technology over the holidays and are overwhelmed at the thought of setting it up?

Or, do you already have a device and need some help?

Our IT Manager will be available to help you out.

ADULT ARTS & CRAFTS



COZY COLLAGE WITH ANNA

Tuesday, January 21 at 6pm

Snow date: Tuesday, January 28 at 6pm

Get in touch with your creativity as we get "cozy" and collage.

***Registration preferred**



DIY LOVE POTION

Thursday, February 6 at 6pm

Mix up a love potion for Valentine's Day! (Just kidding, but we will be making a roll-on rose oil.) While supplies last.

VALENTINE'S COOKIE DECORATING

Tuesday, February 11 at 6pm

Stop by to decorate heart-shaped sugar cookies.

All ages are welcome! While supplies last.



PROJECT LINUS COMMUNITY QUILT

Saturday, January 4 from 1-4pm

Do you sew? Great! Help our next stage of our community project and assemble already prepped quilt blocks. Do you want to learn to sew? Join our friend, Karen from Project Linus for a mini beginner lesson. Not into sewing but might be interested in cutting, prepping or ironing quilt squares? Come on in!

Many hands make beautiful quilts together!

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



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 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.



WORDS ON STAGE

1st Tuesdays at 6pm

A poetry slam-style 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

Mondays and Wednesdays from 5-8pm,

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

All adults are welcome to practice their English skills.

Sponsored by OCM BOCES.



EVENTS FOR YOUTH



PRE-K: AGES 0-4

KIDS JIGGLEBUGS

Mondays (except 1/20 and 2/17) 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 WITH MISS KAREN

Tuesdays at 10:30am (except 12/24 and 12/31)

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

Must be accompanied by an adult caregiver.

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME WITH MISS KAREN

Wednesdays at 10:30am (except 12/25 and 1/1)

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 (except 12/26) at 10:30am

Sensory and discovery play for toddlers and preschoolers.

Must be accompanied by an adult caregiver.

FAMILIES

FAMILY TOGETHER TIME

Wednesdays (except 12/25 and 1/1) 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 PRESENTS: MUSIC WITH DONNA B AND SPECIAL GUEST SANTA!

Wednesday, December 18 at 6pm

This is a special holiday event during the regular weekly session!



CREATE YOUR OWN HOLIDAY ORNAMENTS

Saturday, December 7 at 10:30am

Drop in and create a holiday ornament!



FAMILY LET'S PLAY A GAME!

1st Saturdays at 11:30am

Meet up with your friends and family to play a game of chess or other family-friendly games.



FAMILY HOLIDAY CONCERT

Saturday, December 21 at 10:30am

Stop by to join us with our friend Aaron as he shares some holiday sing-along songs!

FAMILY CRAFTING TIME

Saturday, January 4 at 10:30am

Drop in and create crafts together.



FAMILY STEM EXPLORATION WITH FM ROBOTICS

Saturday, January 18 at 10:30am

Come check out and tinker with LEGO Mindstorm Robotics Kits, Finch Robots, Sphere Bots, and a First Tech Competition Robot



FAMILY FRIENDSHIP DAY

Saturday, February 1 at 10:30am

Join us in celebrating friendship, including stories and songs with Miss Karen. Stay to create a craft too!



KIDS: AGES 5-8

KIDS LEGO FREE PLAY

Wednesdays 3-6pm (except 12/25 and 1/1)

Stop by to create and design with Legos. Share your creation with Miss Windy and Kids Desk Staff for display!

KIDS PAWS & READ

Wednesdays 12/11, 1/8, 2/12 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**



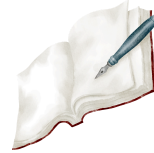
TWEENS: AGES 9-12

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 ATTACK SNACK BOOK CLUB

12/16, 1/27, and 2/24 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.

December 16: *Out of Range* by Heidi Lang

January 27: *The Big Sting* by Rachele Delaney

February 24: *The Unteachables* by Gordon Korman



EVENTS FOR TEENS

TEEN THEATRE INTENSIVE 13+ (NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED)

3rd Thursdays from 6-7pm (no December meeting)

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

January 16: Puppet making

February 20: Shakespeare

***Registration required**



TEEN 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: LEFTOVERS EDITION

Thursday, December 12 at 6:30pm

Join us for crafts with everything the Teen Craft House has done!

***Registration required**

WILL IT JAR?

Thursdays 12/19, 1/30, and 2/13 at 6:30pm

Come make three unique jarred creations. Perfect for gifts, meal planning, or just fun!

December 19: Cookie baking jars

February 13: Ramen jars

February 27: Hot cocoa jars

***Registration required**



WINTER BREAK MOVIE NIGHT:

NEW MOON (PG-13)

Thursday, January 2 at 5:30pm

Back by popular demand, the Twilight saga continues!



TEEN ART THERAPY WITH MARIAH: BOOK ART

Thursday, January 9 at 6:30pm

Our friend and art therapist, Mariah, is back! And this time she will be doing a mindful art project using old books.

***Registration required**

Manlius Library
1 Arkie Albanese Ave.
Manlius, NY 13104

LIBRARY HOURS

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

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Christmas:

Tuesday, December 24
Wednesday, December 25
Thursday, December 26

New Year's:

Tuesday, December 31
Wednesday, January 1

Martin Luther King Day:

Monday, January 20

President's Day:

Monday, February 17

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FUNDRAISING AT THE LIBRARY

Look for upcoming fundraising opportunities for Manlius Library! In December, we'll have an ornament fundraiser, where a family could make a donation to help decorate our book tree. We'd like to thank our community for always generously supporting and donating to the library, and we look forward to a great 2025!
-Alyssa Tassone, Manlius Library Director



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

Library by Mail

Manlius Library's Library by Mail service provides items to patrons who have difficulty getting to the library. It is easier than ever to qualify! Find the application on our website or at the reference desk. Questions? Call the library or email outreach@manliuslibrary.org.



Companion Pets

We are very excited to announce that our two new furry robotic friends, Pup and Cat, are ready for you to borrow from the library!



Book Match:

Personalized reading recommendations from a real-life librarian! Submit a request and receive 5-10 book recommendations.



Thank you to the Fall 2024 Manlius Informed speakers:

Meghan Vitale	Rhonda Vesey
Mario Colone	Monica Gullotta
Derek Walter	Sam Gordon
Kenda Carfagno	Paul Muench
Awad Osman	WCNY's Ivory Tower

