



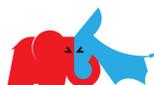
CONNECTION Spring Newsletter

March • April • May 2026 [No. 123]

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF MORE SPACE, STORIES, AND SERVICES

We are celebrating 20 years since Manlius Library's expansion, becoming the library you know today! Join us for cake, crafts, presentations on our history, giveaways, and more! See website for more details.

EVENTS FOR ADULTS



SPECIAL EVENTS

BRIDGING THE DIVIDE:

RECONNECTING IN A FRACTURED AMERICA *VIA ZOOM*

Thursday, March 12th at 6:30pm

With so much polarization in today's world, it can be hard to communicate with those you disagree with. Learn how to "bridge the divide" with Kee Dunning, licensed clinical professional counselor, acclaimed speaker, educator, & communication expert.

*Registration required to receive Zoom link



SPEED FRIENDING (18+)

Monday, March 30th from 5:30-7pm

Making friends as an adult is hard, so why not let the library help? With conversation prompts, you'll chat with new people in a safe, welcoming space. Afterwards, hang out and craft with your new friends while enjoying some free snacks! Questions? Email shuiber@manliuslibrary.org

*Registration required

RETROGAMECON + ZELDA 40TH ANNIVERSARY

Thursday, April 2nd from 2-4pm

Syracuse's RetroGameCon is coming to the library! Game through the ages with a variety of consoles and gaming options. Plus, a special display honoring Zelda's 40th anniversary! There will be something for everyone; all ages are welcome.



LOCAL AUTHOR SERIES

Select Wednesdays in April at 6:30pm

Enjoy presentations by a variety of local authors.

4/8: Yvonne Conte: 7 Habits of Supremely Happy People

4/15: Marilyn Higgins: *Dreams of Freedom*

4/22: Ronald Bagliere: *Hearts of Nepal* series

4/29: Caron Grossman: *Listen to Your Heart Song: Navigating the Unexpected*

*Register for each session separately



THRIFT STORE POP-UP SHOP

Friday, May 1st through Saturday, May 2nd 10am-4:30pm

"Shop" at our pop-up thrift shop, where everything is FREE!

Collecting donations of clothing, shoes, and accessories from April 1st-30th



CELEBRATING THE LORD OF THE RINGS 25TH ANNIVERSARY WITH DEAN LYON

Wednesday, May 13th at 6pm

Come hear stories from behind the scenes with Dean Lyon, world-renowned visual effects creator and computer animation innovator. Dean will talk about his work on LOTR and beyond, with tales from Hollywood, New Zealand, and Syracuse!

*Registration required



EDUCATION & WORKSHOPS

HOMESCHOOL HELP BY APPOINTMENT

Mondays: 3/2, 4/6, 5/4 from 4-6pm

Need help with homeschooling? Sign up for a 15-minute appointment with our in-house homeschool veteran, Anne.

COLLEGE SAVINGS WITH STEFANO SELENU

Wednesday, March 25th at 5pm

It's never too late (or early) to start saving for you or your child's college education. Learn how to take educated action with financial advisor Stefano Senu from Edward Jones.

*Registration preferred

VEGETABLE GARDENING 101

Thursday, March 26th at 3pm

Join Pat, the Bville Tomato Lady, to learn how to start your own vegetable garden!

*Registration required



ONONDAGA COUNTY CLERK SERVICES PRESENTATION

Thursday, April 9th from 2-3:30pm

Learn about services available to you and how to navigate them, spot deed fraud, access records, & more.

*Registration preferred



CARFIT PRESENTATION & FITTINGS

Tuesday, May 19th at 1pm & Tuesday, June 16th at 1pm

Did you know that car accidents involving seniors are on the rise? Learn to protect yourself with this presentation by Traffic Safety Coordinator Lacey Leonardi. After the 25-minute presentation, there will be appointments available from 1:30-4pm for a hands-on CarFit assessment of your vehicle with the Manlius Police Department.

*Separate registration for the presentation & the appointments required

MOVIES & GAMES

MOVIE & MUNCHIES: THE PRINCESS BRIDE (PG)

Thursday, March 19th at 6pm

Watch the movie & eat like the characters eat! Anybody want a peanut?

*Registration required



BRUNCH IN PARIS PUZZLE DERBY

Tuesday, April 14th at 6pm



Sign up your team of 1-4 people and compete to see which team can finish first! Winners will receive a themed gift basket.

*Registration required

MONDAY MATINEE

Mondays at 2pm

A newly released, popular film will show every week.

FEEL-GOOD FLICKS

Tuesdays at 5:45pm

Enjoy a feel-good favorite with others. Snacks included!



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

EVENTS FOR ADULTS

BOOK CLUBS

Bookmarks: 1st Tuesdays at 1:30pm*

*Note: not accepting new members

March 3rd: *The Rose Code* by Kate Quinn

April 7th: *Heartwood* by Amity Gaige

May 5th: *West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge

Forensic Filers: 4th Sundays at 2pm

March 22nd: *Slenderman* by Kathleen Hale

April 26th: *Every Last Tie* by David Kaczynski

May 24th: *The Girl on the Velvet Swing* by Simon Baatz

Historically Speaking: 4th Tuesdays at 6:30pm

March 24th: *The Woman with the Cure* by Lynn Cullen

April 28th: *The Fishermen and the Dragon* by Kirk Wallace

May 26th: *Life After Life* by Kate Atkinson

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

*Note: not accepting new members

March 23rd: *Beautiful Ugly* by Alice Feeney

April 27th: *The Bangalore Detectives Club* by Harini Nagendra

May 18th*: *Guide Me Home* by Attica Locke

*Note: date change

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

March 16th: *The Games Gods Play* by Abigail Owen

April 20th: *A Caribbean Heiress in Paris* by Adriana Herrera

May 18th: *Before I Let Go* by Kennedy Ryan

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

When Birds Attack!

March 26th: *The Birds* by Daphne du Maurier

April 23rd: *One For Sorrow* by Sarah A. Denzil

May 28th: *Jurassic Park* by Michael Crichton

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 at the Manlius Senior Centre.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

POISON SAFETY AT HOME: PREVENTION, RESPONSE, AND RESOURCES

Monday, March 16th at 5pm

This presentation covers common household poisoning risks for children and adults, practical prevention strategies, and what to do in an emergency.

Participants will learn how to recognize potential hazards, safely store medications and chemicals, and when to contact the Poison Center.

Hosted by a public health graduate student working with the Upstate New York Poison Center.

*Registration required

COVID BOOSTER CLINIC

Tuesday, March 24th from 9:30-11am

Did you receive a Covid shot in 2025 and need a booster? Must be 65+ or immunocompromised. \$0 copay with most insurances.

Please bring your insurance card

SPRING MEDITATION WITH ANNA

Monday, April 6th at 5:30pm and Thursday, April 9th at 10:30am

Relax, unwind, and calm your mind with Anna.

*Registration required

STRENGTH CLASS

Thursdays in April and May at 5:30pm

Build muscle and have fun in this class with a certified instructor.

*Registration required for each class; bring your own dumbbells

YOGA

Wednesdays at 10:30am

Start your day off with a vinyasa flow with Glenda.

Please sign in when you arrive; all skill levels welcome



ADULT ARTS & CRAFTS

Project Linus

PROJECT LINUS COMMUNITY QUILT

Saturdays: 3/7 and 5/16 from 1-4pm

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

*Registration preferred, walk-ins welcome as space allows

DIY COFFEE LIP SCRUB

Wednesday, April 1st at 6:30pm

Wake up your lips with a delicious-smelling coffee exfoliator.



LEARN TO KNIT FOR BEGINNERS

Monday, April 27th from 6-7:30pm

This class is suitable for absolute beginners. Supplies provided. Geared towards right-hand knitting. Adults and teens welcome.

*Registration required

PAINT YOUR OWN BOOK EDGES (18+ ONLY)

Monday, May 4th from 5:30-7:30pm

Join Liz from Edgy Pages to paint your own book edges! Bring your own 300+ page paperback or choose from ones provided.

*Registration required; please provide title of book to paint



VEGGIE STAMP ART

Wednesday, May 20th at 6:30pm

Embrace the patterns of nature and use fresh veggies as stamps!

We will have a variety of materials to stamp with paint, including notecards, tote bags, and napkins.

*Registration required.



JUNK JOURNALING CLASS

Wednesday, May 27th at 6pm

Join Monika from Handmade Bay Studio for a beginner friendly, hands-on class that uses index cards and paper to create a simple "junk journal". You will explore techniques for building pages, pockets, and more using everyday materials.

*Registration required

HOOKS & NEEDLES: EVENING EDITION

1st Mondays at 6pm

An evening edition of our fiber arts drop-in program!



PAINT AND CHAT

2nd Mondays at 6:30pm

Every month we will paint together alongside a video tutorial.

*Registration required

TV & CRAFTING WITH GILMORE GIRLS

3/23, 4/27, 5/18 from 5:30-7:45pm

Bring a quiet craft project and watch Gilmore Girls!

*Registration preferred; drop in and stay as long as you like



HOOKS & NEEDLES

Fridays at 10:30am

Crochet, knit, crewel, embroidery... all fiber arts welcome!



LANGUAGE & WRITING

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.



MANLIUS LIBRARY WRITERS

Thursdays at 3pm and 2nd Saturdays at 2pm

Join others to share your work for feedback and critique.

Email zstvan@manliuslibrary.org with inquiries.



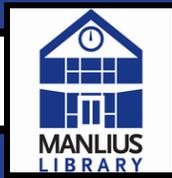
ENGLISH CONVERSATION GROUP

Fridays at 10:30am

Come practice English with a trained tutor!



MANLIUS LIBRARY



2025 IN REVIEW

166,135

LIBRARY VISITS

↑ 7,790 visits!



281,821

ITEMS
CHECKED OUT

↑ 8,317 items!



\$3,784,413

SAVED BY USERS
by checking out items
from the library



we have

33,990

ACTIVE
BORROWERS



we added

1,260

NEW
CARDHOLDERS



we added

6,858

ITEMS TO THE
COLLECTION



4,617

PEOPLE
ATTENDED

120

STORY
TIMES



882

SUMMER
READING
PROGRAM
PARTICIPANTS
(kids, teens & adults)

↑ 132 PEOPLE



26,012

VISITORS
ATTENDED

1,264

VARIOUS
PROGRAMS

MANLIUS LIBRARY



2025 IN REVIEW

7,465
SESSIONS ON
PUBLIC COMPUTERS



10,987
uses of
ONLINE RESOURCES



18,343
uses of
WiFi
CONNECTION  3,987



94,611
E-BOOKS
CHECKED OUT



21,502
MOBILE APP
SESSIONS



1,015
DOCUMENTS
NOTARIZED



 159



18,850+
REFERENCE
QUESTIONS
ANSWERED

 5,466

32,415
COUNTY
LOAN
REQUESTS
FILLED



108 INTERLIBRARY
LOAN REQUESTS

294
PARK &
MUSEUM
PASSES
CHECKOUTS



422
SEED LIBRARY
SEED PACKETS
'BORROWED'

 175



9,950+
ITEMS DONATED
TO COMMUNITY
NONPROFITS



2,167
VOLUNTEER
HOURS
by adults
& teens



Thank you for being a crucial part of our journey this year!

EVENTS FOR YOUTH

All children under age 10 attending youth programs must be accompanied by an adult (18+) caregiver.



PRE-K: AGES 0-4

LIL JIGGLEBUGS WITH MISS WINDY

Mondays (except 4/6 and 5/25) at 10:30am

Join Miss Windy for some music and movement fun!

TODDLER STORY TIME WITH MISS KAREN

Tuesdays at 10:30am

Support your toddler's language & social development.

Children are invited to share stories, rhymes, songs, and more!

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME WITH MISS KAREN

Wednesdays at 10:30am

Children ages 2½ to 5 come share stories and social experiences!

LIL EXPLORERS WITH MISS WINDY

Thursdays at 10:30am

Follow your toddler or preschooler as they discover through several sensory exploration stations.



FEATURED STORY TIMES WITH MISS KAREN

EGGCELLENT EASTER ADVENTURE AT BOOKDALE

Thursday, March 26th at 4:30pm at Brookdale Senior Living in Manlius

FAMILY STORY TIME: LET'S CELEBRATE MANLIUS, IT'S TREE-MENDOUS!

Saturday, April 25th at 10:30am in the Story Time Room

FAMILIES

FAMILY INTERACTIVE TRAFFIC SAFETY PRESENTATION

Saturday, March 7th at 10:30am

Join us for a fun, interactive traffic safety presentation by the Onondaga County Traffic Safety Advisory Board.

FREE TREE FOR EARTH DAY

Register by March 15th 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 CONCERT W/MUSIC BY AARON CELEBRATING SPRING

Saturday, March 21st at 10:30am

Join us for a family concert with Aaron to celebrate spring!

KIDS: AGES 5-8

KIDS PAWS & READ WITH PET PARTNERS

Wednesdays: 3/11 and 4/8 from 4-5pm, 15-minute sessions

Sign up for a 1-on-1 session with a registered therapy dog.

***Registration required**

TWEENS: AGES 9-12

TWEEN STEMSTERS

Wednesdays: 3/4, 3/18, 4/1, 4/15, 4/29, 5/13, 5/27 from 4-5pm

Join the FM High School STEMsters Volunteers to explore and learn about a different STEM topic each session.

***Registration required for each session and each participant**

TWEEN SNACK ATTACK BOOK CLUB

Wednesdays: 3/18 and 4/15 from 6-6:45pm

Prepare to share out your thoughts, and enjoy a snack or treat inspired by the monthly book.



3/18: *How to Steal a Dog* by Barbara O'Connor • 4/15: *Wishtree* by Katherine Applegate

***Registration required**

TWEEN WRITER'S BOX

Tuesdays: 3/31, 4/21, 5/19 at 6pm

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

***Registration required**



EVENTS FOR TEENS



TEEN SNACK & STUDY (13+)

2nd Sundays from 2-4pm

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

TEEN LET'S TACO BOUT BOOKS (13+)

3rd Thursdays at 6:30pm

This is nacho-average book club! Join us for Taco Bell and to talk about your own choice of book that you are reading!

***Registration required**

TEEN COOKIE DECORATING (13+)

Thursday, March 5th at 6:30pm

Are you a future pastry chef? Or just like sweets?

Join us for Cookie Decorating!

***Registration required**



TEEN FLORAL CHARM BRACELETS (13+)

Thursday, March 12th at 6:30pm

Head into Spring in style with floral charm bracelets!

***Registration required**

TEEN OIL PASTEL BOOKMARKS (13+)

Tuesday, March 31st at 3pm

Spend your Spring Break with us & make oil pastel bookmarks!

***Registration required, supplies limited**



20TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL

WATCH PARTY (13+)

Thursday, April 2nd at 6pm

Get your head in the game and celebrate 20 years of High School Musical with our watch party! We'll have snacks and drinks!

***Registration required; teens only**



TEEN BOOK EDGE PAINTING (13+)

Thursday, April 9th at 5:30pm

Join Liz from Edgy Pages to paint your own book edges! Bring your own 300+ page paperback or choose from ones provided.

***Registration required; teens only**

TEEN DIY TRAIL MIX (13+)

Thursday, April 23rd at 6:30pm

Create your own custom trail mix blend, perfect for a hike in the great outdoors!

***Registration required; use caution if you have nut allergies**



TEEN SPRING CANDLE MAKING WORKSHOP (13+)

Thursday, May 14th at 6:00pm

Bring the smells of spring to your house with floral candles!

***Registration required; supplies are limited**



TEEN OUTDOOR WATERCOLOR PAINTING (13+)

Thursday, May 28th at 6:00pm

Take in the scenery outdoors and paint it with watercolors!

***Registration required; supplies are limited**



MANLIUS LIBRARY SCHOLARSHIP

Due April 6th

This \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a successful candidate who is a high school senior living in the Fayetteville-Manlius school district. Note: Special consideration will be given to seniors who have worked or volunteered at Manlius Library, or who have served on the Manlius Teen Council. Applications can be found at manliuslibrary.org. Please send completed applications to scholarship@manliuslibrary.org.

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 4th
Sunday, April 5th

Memorial Day:

Saturday, May 23rd
Sunday, May 24th
Monday, May 25th

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Public meeting schedule:
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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

What does spring mean to you? To me, it's new beginnings, brighter days, and positive growth. This spring, the library will celebrate 20 years of more space, stories, and services in our current location. Don't get me wrong, we've existed since 1915, but 20 years since the expansion that has allowed us to meet the needs of our community is something to be proud of. Come and celebrate with us on May 7th, with cake, giveaways, a historical talk, and more. Speaking of growth, 2025 was one of our busiest years! Check out the annual report insert to see why. Thank you to our community for attending programs, checking out materials, and continuing to make us a valuable part of Manlius.

-Alyssa Martin, Manlius Library Director



In March we say farewell to board president Kim Kutzer and board treasurer Bruce Ruppert. We are so grateful for their years of service to Manlius Library, and we wish them well in the future! Congratulations to the new President Brian Lee, new Vice President Corry Derschang, and new Treasurer Kevin Fletcher!

Free Drive-Through Paper Shred Event with ProShred

Saturday, April 18th from 9am-12pm, Parking Lot behind SnoTop

Safely dispose of your personal confidential papers with the mobile ProShred truck. Drive up with a maximum of 4 bankers boxes worth of documents in your trunk. We'll remove the boxes for you and hand them over to ProShred. Sponsored in part by Seneca Savings. For additional details check our website or contact Michelle at outreach@manliuslibrary.org.

Volunteer Expo

Saturday, April 18th from 11am to 1pm, Village Auditorium

Want to volunteer in the community but don't know where to start? More than fifteen local nonprofit organizations will be available to share their current volunteer opportunities. For more information check our website or contact Michelle at outreach@manliuslibrary.org.

Check out our website to see the current artists on display in the Art Hall and the Display Window!

April 19th-25th is Volunteer Appreciation Week! We appreciate everyone who volunteers at our library. We couldn't do it without you!

Mời bạn tới thực hành tiếng Anh trong các buổi trò chuyện nhóm của chúng tôi vào 10:30 sáng thứ Sáu hằng tuần!

欢迎在周五上午 10:30 参加我们的英语会话小组练习英语!

Cuma günleri saat 10:30'da konuşma grubumuzla İngilizce pratik yapın!

매주 금요일 오전 10시 30분에 열리는 영어 회화 모임에 참여해 영어를 연습해 보세요!

शुक्रवार को सुबह 10:30 बजे हमारे कन्वर्सेशन ग्रुप में शामिल होकर अंग्रेजी का अभ्यास करें!

¡Ven a practicar inglés en nuestro grupo de conversación los viernes a las 10:30 a. m.!

Venha praticar inglês em nosso grupo de conversação às sextas-feiras às 10:30!

تفضل لتمارس اللغة الإنجليزية من خلال مجموعتنا للمحادثة أيام الجمعة الساعة 10:30 صباحًا!

