



# CONNECTION Summer Newsletter

June • July • August 2026 [No. 124]

## EVENTS FOR ADULTS

### SPECIAL EVENTS

#### READ, WHITE & BLUE WEEK

Monday, July 6th through Saturday, July 11th

A week of celebrations for the nation's 250th birthday!

7/6 at 2pm: Hamilton: An American Musical (PG-13) screening

7/7 at 3pm: Revolutionary Waterway: The Erie Canal & The American Revolution presented by the Erie Canal Museum

7/8: Free Rocket Pops all day in the café (while supplies last)

7/8 at 6pm: The Abolitionist Movement presented by the Historic Oakwood Cemetery Preservation Association

7/9 at 6pm: The Excelsior Cornet Band Concert & Festivities:

The Civil War-era brass band will play period music on authentic instruments outside at the Amphitheater! Hot dogs & lawn games to boot.

7/10 at 10:30am: "Knitting Bee"

7/11 at 11am: Founding Mothers: Women of the "New World" a talk by Renee-Noelle Felice

#### PLANT SWAP

June 1st through August 31st

Take some, leave some, or both! Located on the shelf inside the front doors.

#### BOARD GAME MEETUP FOR ADULTS

4th Mondays: 6/22, 7/27, 8/24 from 5:30-7pm

A casual, monthly meetup for adults to hang out and play board games. Bring your own game to share or choose from the ones provided!

#### OUTDOOR MOVIE SCREENING: FERRIS BUELLER'S DAY OFF (PG-13)

Friday, June 26th at 9:15pm

End the school year with the ultimate school-skipping flick! The movie will be outside in the back parking lot by the garden. Bring your own chairs and/or blankets.

Please note: the building will be closed during this program and no entry will be possible.

#### OUTDOOR MOVIE SCREENING: JURASSIC PARK (PG-13)

Friday, July 24th at 9pm

The 1993 classic will be screened outside in the back parking lot by the garden. Bring your own chairs and/or blankets.

Please note: the building will be closed during this program and no entry will be possible.

#### SPEED FRIENDING 2.0

Saturday, August 22nd at 1pm

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 play games with your new friends while enjoying some free snacks!

\*Registration required

#### CHEEZ-IT PUZZLE DERBY

Tuesday, August 25th at 6pm

Sign up your team of 1-4 people and compete to see which team can finish their puzzle first. Winners will receive a basket of Cheez-It-y goodies.

\*Registration required

### EDUCATION AND WORKSHOPS

#### HOW TO BUY KITCHEN CABINETS WITH SPOCA KITCHEN AND BATH

Wednesday, June 17th at 6pm

Get informed before your remodel with this presentation!

\*Registration preferred

#### GEOLOGY WALK

Saturday, July 18th at 10:30am

Take a guided hike and learn about local geological and glacial features.

\*Registration required

#### SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

Wednesday, July 22nd at 6pm

Retired Lieutenant Jonathan Anderson teaches personal safety, security, situational awareness points, threat level recognition, mindset traps, and plan of action considerations.

\*Registration preferred

#### GETTING STARTED WITH ANCESTRY LIBRARY EDITION

Tuesdays: August 4th and August 11th at 3:15pm

Did you know you can access Ancestry.com at the library? Join local history and genealogy librarian Kate Kesselstein to learn how to explore historical records, understand genealogy basics, and trace your family tree.

\*Registration required

#### WRITTEN IN STONE: WHAT FOSSILS CAN TEACH US

Wednesday, August 12th at 6:30pm

Learn what fossils can teach us, how they are made, and more with real-life paleontologist Dr. Linda C. Ivany of Syracuse University.

\*Registration required

#### HOMESCHOOL HELP

1st Mondays from 6-7pm

6/1: Letter of Intent

7/6: Individualized Home Instruction Plan (IHIP) • 8/3: Drop-In Help on IHIP

\*Registration required for each session

### MOVIES

#### DINO DOC SERIES

Select Thursdays at 5:45pm

7/16: *Dino Birds* (G) • 7/30: *Alaskan Dinosaurs* (PG) • 8/13: *Day the Dinosaurs Died* (PG)

#### THE LOST WORLD (1926) SCREENING

Thursday, August 6th at 6pm

Before *Jurassic Park* there was *The Lost World*. Released in 1926, this silent film was the precursor to the movies you know today! Popcorn provided.

#### MOVIE & MUNCHIES: THE GOONIES (PG-13)

Thursday, August 20th at 5:45pm

Eat like a Goonie! Watch the movie while eating foods from the film!

\*Registration is required for every attendee

#### FEEL-GOOD FLICKS

Tuesdays at 5:45pm

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

\*Register online at [manliuslibrary.org](http://manliuslibrary.org) or call (315) 682-6400

# EVENTS FOR ADULTS

## BOOK CLUBS

### Forensic Filers: Last Sundays at 2pm

June 28th: *The Man No One Believed* by Joshua Sharpe

July 26th: *Little, Crazy Children* by James Renner

August 23rd\*: *We Carry Their Bones* by Erin Kimmerle

\*Note: date change



### Historically Speaking: 4th Tuesdays at 6:30pm

June 23rd: *The Feather Thief* by Kirk Wallace Johnson

July 28th: *Looking for Jane* by Heather Marshall

August 25th: *Red Notice* by Bill Browder

### Bookmarks: 1st Tuesdays at 1:30pm

\*Not accepting new members

June 9th\*: *Three Days in June* by Anne Tyler

July 7th: *Sandwich* by Catherine Newman

August 4th: *James* by Percival Everett

\*Note: date change



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

\*Not accepting new members

June 22nd: *Murder Takes a Vacation* by Laura Lippman

July 27th: *Broken Country* by Clare Leslie Hall

August 24th: *Happiness Falls* by Angie Kim

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

June 15th: *Red, White & Royal Blue* by Casey McQuiston

July 20th: Title TBD

August 17th: Title TBD

### Thrills & Chills: 4th Thursdays at 6:30pm: Unearth a Story

June 25th: *Tides of Fire* by James Rollins

July 23rd: *Old Bones* by Preston & Child

August 27th: *The Crossing Places* by Elly Griffiths



## LANGUAGE & WRITING



### UNEARTH A STORY WRITING WORKSHOP \*VIA ZOOM\*

Wednesday, July 15th from 6-7:30pm

Dig into your imagination and uncover the stories inside you!

All experience levels and ages are welcome.

\*Registration required to receive Zoom link

### UNEARTH A POEM: BLACKOUT POETRY WITH JULIAN

Monday, August 10th from 6-7:30pm

Join acclaimed local poet Julian Guy for blackout poetry!

\*Registration required; materials provided

### WORDS ON STAGE

1st Tuesdays at 6pm



A casual gathering of writers & performers to share their work.  
Email Anna at [afrost@manliuslibrary.org](mailto: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](mailto:zstvan@manliuslibrary.org) with inquiries.

### ENGLISH CONVERSATION GROUP

Fridays at 10:30am

Come practice English with a trained tutor!



## TECHNOLOGY

### 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.



## ADULT ARTS & CRAFTS



### BRUSH OF HARMONY: AN INTERACTIVE CHINESE CALLIGRAPHY EXPERIENCE

Thursday, June 11th from 3-4pm

A hands-on introduction to the history, philosophy, and meditative art of Chinese calligraphy with the Zhengdao Chinese Language Association.

\*Registration required

### EN PLEIN AIR PAINTING: 5-WEEK SERIES

Saturdays: 6/13, 6/20, 6/27, 8/1, 8/8 from 10am-12:30pm

Local artist Amy Sopchak will lead this very special 5-week en plein air (outdoor) watercolor painting class.

Each week will be at a different off-site location.

\*Registration required for the entire series; supplies provided

### SUMMER BUCKET LIST BOARDS

Tuesday, June 16th at 6pm

Set your intention by making a summer 2026 bucket list vision board.

\*Registration required



### AFTERNOON CRAFT FOR ADULTS (6-WEEK SERIES)

Thursdays from 7/9 through 8/13 at 3pm

A different craft each week!

\*Registration preferred; walk-ins welcome as space allows

### PROJECT LINUS COMMUNITY QUILT



Saturday, July 18th from 1-4pm

Help the next stage of our community project!

\*Registration preferred; walk-ins welcome as space allows

### HOOKS & NEEDLES

Fridays at 10:30am

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

### TV & CRAFTING WITH THE MUMMY (1999) (PG-13)

Saturday, August 8th from 2-4pm

Bring a quiet craft project and watch *The Mummy*!

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



## HEALTH & FITNESS

### NALOXONE TRAINING WITH MJ FROM PREVENTION NETWORK

Wednesday, June 10th at 3pm

Learn to administer the life-saving spray. Free kit included.

\*Registration preferred; walk-ins welcome

### TICK TALK WITH THE CNY LYME & TICK-BORNE DISEASE ALLIANCE

Thursday, June 25th at 6pm

Tick rates are projected to be at an all-time high this summer.

Learn to protect your health while still enjoying the outdoors.

\*Registration required



### PICKLEBALL 101 WORKSHOP

Friday, July 17th at 9am

Curious about the game but don't know where to start? Come learn!

\*Registration required; equipment provided



### MOBILE MAMMOGRAPHY

Monday, July 27th from 10am-4pm



Upstate University Hospital's mobile mammogram bus will be parked outside the Library and Senior Centre. Simply call 315-464-2588 or visit [upstate.edu/noexcuses](http://upstate.edu/noexcuses) to make an appointment. No insurance required.

Must be 40+ and have not had a mammogram in the last year.

### MEDITATION WITH ANNA

August 30th at 2pm

Relax your mind with a summery meditation with Anna.

\*Registration required



### 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



Download the app:  
**beanstack**



Reading  
challenge site



Events  
calendar

# ALL AGES SUMMER READING 2026

Challenge dates: July 6th through August 14th  
Registration opens June 1st

Use tickets to enter raffles for each challenge, listed on Beanstack! Prize drawings will be on 8/17.

Age	Sign-up prize	Earn 5 tickets	Halfway-there prize	End prize
0 through 4	Lucky Clover Growable	For every 10 books read	Read 30 books and pick a prize, plus 5 extra tickets	Read 60 books, earn free book of choice
5 through 8	Lucky Clover Growable	For every 100 minutes read	Read 300 minutes and pick a prize, plus 5 extra tickets	Read 600 minutes, earn free book of choice
9 through 12	Lucky Clover Growable	For every 150 minutes read	Read 450 minutes and pick a prize, plus 5 extra tickets	Read 900 minutes, earn free book of choice
13 through 19	Sunflower Grow Kit	For every 200 minutes read	Read 600 minutes, earn 5 extra tickets	Read 1200 minutes, earn free book of choice
18 and older	Seed Paper Bookmark	For every 200 minutes read OR for every 5 Scavenger Hunt Stops	Read 600 minutes, earn 5 extra tickets	Read 1200 minutes, earn coupon to Manlius Library book sale

# EVENTS FOR TEENS



## TEEN SNACK & STUDY (13+)

Every Sunday from May 31st to June 14th

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

## TEEN END OF YEAR STUDY ROOM (13+)

Thursday, June 4th at 6pm

Need a space to work on final projects or study for finals and regents?

Join us in the Story Time Room, where we will have snacks, study resources you can use with your library card, and plenty of materials for any projects you need to make!



## TEEN GRADUATION CAP DECORATING (13+)

Tuesday, June 16th from 2:30-4:30pm

Wednesday, June 17th from 2:30-4:30pm

Congratulations graduating seniors!

Need a spot to decorate your grad caps?

Drop into the teen room for all sorts of craft materials for decorating.

## TEEN DIY FELT SUCCULENTS (13+)

Thursday, June 18th at 6:30pm

Live plants too hard to maintain?

Join us in making long-lasting felt succulents!

\*Registration required



## READ, WHITE, AND BLUE WEEK:

### TEEN OLD TIMEY TASTE TEST (13+)

Tuesday, July 7th at 3pm

Celebrate the USA's 250th by trying snacks and candy from another time!

\*Registration required



## TEEN SNACK AND VIBE (13+)

Tuesdays from 7/14 to 8/11 at 3pm

Join us in the Teen Room every Tuesday for crafts, games, and snacks to have nothing but chill vibes all summer!



# Happy Graduation!

On behalf of Manlius Library, to the all the seniors, especially our teen volunteers, we wish you a happy graduation! Good luck on all your future endeavors!

-Phoenix, YA Librarian



# Congratulations Claire!

Claire G. has been awarded the 2026 Manlius Library Scholarship, worth \$1000, by the Manlius Library Scholarship Committee & Board of Trustees. Congratulations, we wish you all the best!



## TEENS DIG INTO SCIENCE (13+)

Select Wednesdays at 3pm

Join us as we dig into some fun science experiments this summer!

7/15: Ecosystem Jars

7/29: Paper Rollercoasters

8/12: Candy Earthquake Simulator

\*Registration required for each event



## TEEN TAKE AND MAKE: BEADED LIZARD KEYCHAIN (13+)

Kits available to pick up Thursday, July 16th at the Kids Desk

Snag a super fun Beaded Lizard Keychain

Take & Make kit for the summer!

\*Registration required



## TEEN DIY DINO NUGGET PILLOWS (13+)

Thursday July 23rd at 6pm

Teens dig into a sew your own Dino Nugget Pillow! Sauce not included.

\*Registration required



## TEEN SUMMER TROPICAL CANDLE MAKING WORKSHOP (13+)

Thursday, July 30th at 6pm

Perfect for summer, come make a candle that transports you to a tropical vacation!

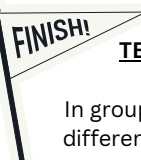
\*Registration required

## TEEN THEATRE HISTORY: GREEK MASK MAKING (13+)

Thursday, August 6th at 6:30pm

Dig into Theatre History by making theatre masks inspired by Ancient Greek Theatre!

\*Registration required



## TEEN AMAZING RACE: DIG INTO ADVENTURE!

Thursday, August 13th at 6pm

In groups of 2, teens (13+) will compete by racing around different stations for a chance to win a \$50 VISA gift card

\*Registration required,

only one person per group needs to register

## TEEN TAKE & MAKE: DINOSAUR ORIGAMI KIT (13+)

Kits available to pick up Thursday, August 20th at the Kids Desk

Snag a super fun Dinosaur Origami

Take & Make kit for the end of summer!

\*Registration required



# 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 from 6/8 to 6/22 at 10:30am in the Story Time Room  
Mondays from 6/29 to 8/24 at 10:30am at the Village Amphitheater  
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

### PRESCHOOL STORY TIME WITH MISS KAREN: TEDDY BEAR PICNIC

Wednesday June 17th at 10:30am

We will celebrate a Teddy Bear Picnic right after story time.



### PRESCHOOL STORY TIME WITH MISS KAREN: READ, WHITE, & BLUE

Wednesday July 8th at 10:30am

Celebrate READ, White & Blue week at the library!



## KIDS: AGES 5-8

### KIDS TALKING HANDS

Wednesdays from 7/8 to 8/12 at 1pm

Join Miss Windy for Talking Hands to learn how to communicate using American Sign Language. Each session will focus on different signs.

**\*Registration required; please register each participant for each session**

### KIDS CRAFTING TIME

Fridays from 7/10 to 8/14 at 10:30am

Join Miss Windy for some crafting time!



**\*Registration required; please register each participant for each session**

### KIDS LEGO FREE PLAY

Sundays from 7/12 to 8/30 from 2-4pm

Meet some friends or bring your favorite adult to create and design with Legos together.



### KIDS DROP IN CRAFTING TIME: THE LEFTOVERS EDITION

Tuesday, August 25th from 2-4pm

Drop in and create a craft with some random items, including possible leftovers from other programs.



## TWEENS: AGES 9-12

### TWEEN CRAFT STUDIO

Mondays from 7/6 to 8/10 at 1pm

Join Miss Anne for a new weekly opportunity to create.

**\*Registration required; please register each participant for each session**

### TWEEN WRITER'S BOX FUN

Thursdays from 7/9 to 8/13 at 1pm

Join Miss Anna for a summer edition of Tween Writer's Box! Each week will be focused on a different style including comic books, poetry, fan fiction, and more!



**\*Registration required; please register each participant for each session**

## FAMILIES

### FAMILY FUN CONCERT WITH AARON

Saturday, June 6th at 10:30am

Join our friend Aaron for some sunshine musical fun!



### SUMMER READING: FAMILY OPEN HOUSE

Monday, June 29th from 1-3pm

Pop in for some fun crafting, and a treat too! Learn about our summer reading challenge for all ages. Grab some books and start your journey!



### SUMMER READING: FAMILY FUN FLICK: THE GOOD DINOSAUR (PG)

Tuesday, June 30th at 2pm

Meet your friends and bring your family for a family-friendly movie.



### FAMILY TOGETHER TIME OUTDOORS WITH MUSIC BY AARON

Wednesday, July 1st at 6pm at the Village Amphitheater

Bring a blanket or chair and join Miss Windy outdoors for a special concert with our friend, Aaron!



### SUMMER READING: FAMILY FUN EVENTS

Tuesdays from 7/7 to 8/11 at 1pm in the Village Auditorium

Join us for fun with a variety of special guest performers each week!

July 7: READ, White & Blue Celebration with music by Donna B.

July 14: The MOST

July 21: The Rosamond Gifford Zoo

July 28: REPCO Wildlife

August 4: Doug with Bubble Mania

August 11: Jeff the Magic Man's DINO-tastic Show



### FAMILY TOGETHER TIME WITH THE FM STEMSTERS

Wednesdays from 7/8 to 8/5 at 6pm

Join our FM STEMster volunteers for a family version of our popular series.



**\*Registration required; please register each participant for each session**

### FAMILY DROP IN CRAFT

Sundays: 7/12 and 8/9 from 1:30-3pm

Drop in to create a simple craft with your young ones.



### FAMILY TOGETHER TIME: FUN WITH WORLD CLASS TAE KWON DO

Wednesday, August 12th at 6 pm at the Village Amphitheater

Join Miss Windy outdoors for a special visit with our friends from World Class Tae Kwon Do. Master McDowell and his team will do a reading of a Taekwondo book called "Taekwondo Dinosaurs" written by Y.H. Park and Jeff Leibowitz, and teach us with a mini demonstration too.

### FAMILY FUN FLICK: WILLY WONKA & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY (G)

Tuesday, August 18th at 2pm

Meet your friends and bring your family to celebrate the 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the movie! Enjoy Wonka-inspired treats too.



### FAMILY TOGETHER TIME OUTDOORS WITH THE MANLIUS FIRE DEPT.

Wednesday, August 19th at 6pm at the Village Amphitheater

Join Miss Windy and our friends from the Manlius Fire Department outdoors to learn more about being a firefighter and explore one of their trucks!



## Summer No-Show Policy

Program space is limited and can have long waiting lists. Please register for the program date(s) you know you can attend. If, after registering, you find you are unable to attend, please call the library 315-682-6400 or email [wcardarelli@manliuslibrary.org](mailto:wcardarelli@manliuslibrary.org) to cancel with at least 24 hours notice. This gives the opportunity for us to notify the next in line on the waitlist! Note: if you register and miss two or more programs without the required cancellation notice, you will be withdrawn from all other summer programming for which you have registered.

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Manlius, NY 13104

## LIBRARY HOURS

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

## LIBRARY CLOSINGS

### Juneteenth:

Friday, June 19th

### Fourth of July:



Saturday, July 4th  
Sunday, July 5th

## Board of Trustees

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## MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

We are deeply grateful to our community for your resounding support in passing the library budget. Your vote affirms the value you place on free access to information, lifelong learning, and the vital role our library plays in enriching lives. Thanks to your commitment, we can continue to provide essential services, expand our collections and programs, and ensure the library remains a welcoming space for all. This support empowers us to invest in the future and better serve the needs of our growing and diverse community. Thank you for believing in the power of libraries. We look forward to continuing this important work - together.

-Alyssa Martin, Manlius Library Director

## MUSEUM AND PARK PASSES

This summer, check out one of our Museum or Park Passes! We have passes to the the MOST, the Everson, and the Stone Quarry Art Park, as well as Empire Passes and Onondaga County Parks Passes (which includes the zoo)!



## FARMERS MARKET

Visit our booth at the Fayetteville Farmers Market in Towne Center on the second Thursday of every month until October! 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!

## FOOD PANTRY

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



## ICED TEA DAY

Wednesday, June 10th all day  
Celebrate National Iced Tea Day with a free, refreshing cup in the café!  
While supplies last.

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