



CONNECTION Fall Newsletter

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REGISTRATION KEY

Registration required ⓘ

Registration preferred ★

EVENTS FOR ADULTS

SPECIAL EVENTS

SYRACUSE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL: BY GEORGE ★

Thursday, September 24 at 6pm

The kickoff for the Syracuse Int'l Film Fest is happening right here at the library with a screening of the documentary *By George* with a visit from the filmmaker, H. Paul Moon!

See our website for more information.

BOOK READING AND Q&A WITH JULIE ANNE STRATTON ★

Wednesday, October 14 at 6pm

Local author Julie Anne Stratton will read from her 2nd book, *The Secret of Hunter Mountain*, followed by a Q&A and book signing. Copies of the book will be available for purchase.

LIBRARY AFTER DARK (18+) ⓘ

Friday, October 23 from 7-10pm

What happens at the library... after the lights go out? Library After Dark is an exclusive chance to visit the library after hours with music, mocktails, crafts, tarot readings, and more.

Advance registration is required for entrance; ages 18+ only

HEALTH & WELLNESS

FOREST BATHING (14+, OFFSITE PROGRAM) ⓘ

Saturday, September 12 at 10:30am

Learn to relax, improve your mood, boost your health, and experience the feeling of aliveness. Stemming from the Japanese practice of Shinrin-yoku, "forest bathing" can deepen your connection with nature, with others, and yourself.

BREATHWORK CLASS ⓘ

Saturday, September 19 from 10-11:30am

This class is a powerful journey to help you connect with the deepest parts of yourself, release what no longer serves, and reclaim your sense of freedom, clarity, and self-love.

Class led by Caron Grossman.

BYOM (bring your own mat)

CPR CERTIFICATION ⓘ

Monday, September 21 from 9:15am-12:15pm

Receive your CPR certification with this 3-hour class led by the Manlius Fire Department.

VACCINE CLINIC

Thursday, September 24 from 10am-12pm

Get ahead of flu and covid season with Wegmans Pharmacy. Please bring your insurance cards if you have them.

YOGA

Wednesdays at 10:30am

Start your day off with a vinyasa flow with Glenda from Sky Yoga. Note: September classes will be held in the Manlius Rec Building.

Please sign in when you arrive; all skill levels welcome

EDUCATION & WORKSHOPS

TED TALK DISCUSSION SERIES ⓘ

Wednesdays: 9/16 and 9/23 from 10:30am-12pm

Watch a short Ted Talk and discuss with fellow attendees.

9/16: Artificial Intelligence and Society

9/23: Health Risks and Breakthroughs

Please register for each session separately

CREATING AN EARTH-FRIENDLY LANDSCAPE ★

Wednesday, September 16 at 3pm

By using earth-friendly landscaping practices, we can create a healthy yard for our family and a healthy planet for future generations. Join Janet Allen from local Wild Ones Chapter, Habitat Gardening in CNY (HGCNY), for this free presentation.

CNY WORKS INFORMATION SESSION ⓘ

Wednesday, September 16 at 6pm

Learn about how CNY Works... works! This longstanding non-profit provides a single point of entry to the workforce system.

HOMESCHOOL HELP DROP-IN ★

Monday, October 5 from 6-7pm

Stop by to ask a veteran homeschooler about your quarterly reports or any other homeschooling questions.

DISNEY 101 ★

Wednesday, October 7 at 6:30pm

Join Stacy Peios with Light Travels Inc. to learn everything you need to know to get the most out of your Disney trip.

CARFIT PRESENTATION AND FITTINGS ⓘ

Thursday, October 8 at 1pm

Learn to protect yourself with a 25-minute presentation by Traffic Safety Coordinator Lacey Leonardi. Appointments will be available from 1:30-4pm for a hands-on CarFit assessment of your vehicle with the Manlius Police Department & NYS Governors Traffic Safety Committee.

Please register separately for the presentation & appointments

OAKWOOD CEMETERY WALKING TOUR ⓘ

Tuesday, October 13 from 1-3 pm

Take a walk at the historic Oakwood Cemetery in Syracuse and learn about local figures, gravestone art and symbolism, and stories. Moderate fitness level required.

ENERGY MADE SIMPLE ⓘ

Thursday, November 5 at 5:30pm

Learn how to save on energy bills this winter with a free workshop by EnergySmart CNY. Complimentary light dinner will be served. Sign up via the link in the calendar event.

Limited spots available

LIBRARY 101 ⓘ

Thursdays: 11/12 and 11/19 from 10:30-11:30am

Join us for one or both parts of this educational series where we'll explore the ins and outs of our library!

11/12: Library Tour, How to Search the Library Catalog

11/19: Library Tour, Library Apps (Libby, Hoopla, and Kanopy)

Please register for each session separately

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

EVENTS FOR ADULTS

BOOK CLUBS

***NEW* Science Is For Everyone: 1st Mondays at 6:30pm**

Oct 5: *Dinner with King Tut: How Rogue Archaeologists Are Re-creating the Sights, Sounds, Smells, and Tastes of Lost Civilizations* by Sam Kean

Nov 2: *Replaceable You: Adventures in Human Anatomy* by Mary Roach

Bookmarks: 1st Tuesdays at 1:30pm

Not currently accepting new members

Sept 8: *The Girl With the Louding Voice* by Abi Dare

Oct 6: *My Friends* by Fredrik Backman

Nov 3: *Famous Last Words* by Gillian McAllister

Forensic Filers: Last Sundays at 2pm

Sept 27: *Catch the Sparrow* by Rachel Rear

Oct 25: *Behold the Monster* by Jillian Lauren

Nov 29: *The Idaho Four* by James Patterson

Historically Speaking: 4th Tuesdays at 6:30pm

Sept 22: *North Woods* by Daniel Mason

Oct 27: *Facing the Mountain: An Inspiring Story of Japanese American Patriots in World War II* by Daniel James Brown

Nov 24: *The London Bookshop Affair: A Gripping Historical Spy Romance Set in London During the Cold War* by Louise Fein

Mystery Lovers: 4th Mondays at 10:15am

Not currently accepting new members

Sept 28: *Gray Dawn* by Walter Mosley

Oct 26: *The God of the Woods* by Liz Moore

Nov 23: *The Frozen People* by Elly Griffiths

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

Sept 21: *Murder at Sunrise Lake* by Christine Feehan

Oct 19: *Part of Your World* by Abby Jimenez

Nov 16: *The Soulmate Equation* by Christina Lauren

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

Sept 24: *The September House* by Carissa Orlando

Oct 22: *The Exorcist* by William Peter Blatty

Nov 19: *Date Change* *The Caretaker* by Marcus Kliewer

LANGUAGE & WRITING

***NEW* THE MANLIUS EPISTOLARY SOCIETY ❶**

3rd Monday of the month at 1pm

A new society with an old mission: appreciating and preserving the art of the handwritten letter. With others, you can develop/share your love for snail mail, write to people near and far, and enjoy letters from epistlers past. Light refreshments provided. Please RSVP.

WORLD POSTCARD DAY POP-UP

Thursday, October 1

Visit our pop-up postcard writing station to celebrate World Postcard Day! While supplies last.

WORDS ON STAGE

1st Tuesdays at 6pm

A casual gathering of writers & performers to share their work. Email Anna at afrost@manliuslibrary.org with submissions or inquiries. Audience members are always welcome!

MANLIUS LIBRARY WRITERS

Thursdays at 3pm and 2nd Saturdays at 2pm

Join others to share your work for feedback and critique.

Email Zack at zstvan@manliuslibrary.org with inquiries.

ADULT ARTS & CRAFTS

FALL BUCKET LIST BOARDS ❶

Wednesday, September 9 at 6pm

Manifest your perfect fall with a bucket list vision board.

BOOK BEDAZZLING ❶

Wednesday, September 16 at 6:30pm

Take your book cover from blah to bling! BYOB (bring your own book); paperback is recommended for best results.

AFTERNOON CRAFT FOR ADULTS (6-WEEK SERIES) ❶

Thursdays: 9/17, 10/15, 11/19 at 3pm

Enjoy a simple craft on the 3rd Thursday of every month.

HALLOWEEN POM-POM TREES ❶

Thursday, October 8 at 6pm

Make a festive pom-pom tree for Halloween!

THANKSGIVING PIE BUNTING ❶

Thursday, November 12 at 6pm

Make a cute and delicious-looking decorative garland for your Thanksgiving celebration.

TV & CRAFTING WITH GILMORE GIRLS (13+)

Mondays: 9/14, 10/5, 11/9 from 5:30-7:45pm

Bring a quiet craft project and watch the second half of Season 1 of *Gilmore Girls*! Limited supplies provided.

PROJECT LINUS ONE BLOCK QUILT SEWING ★

Saturdays: 9/19 and 11/21 from 1-4pm

Many hands make beautiful quilts together! All experience levels welcome; feel free to BYOSM (bring your own sewing machine).

Walk-ins welcome as space allows

HOOKS & NEEDLES

Fridays at 10:30am

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

MOVIES & GAMES

MONTHLY MATINEES

Mondays: 9/14, 10/5, 11/9 at 1pm

A monthly movie series featuring newer releases of all kinds!

9/14: *Project Hail Mary* (PG-13)

10/5: *Five Easy Pieces* (R)

11/9: *Sirāt* (R)

AN OLD-FASHIONED FALL PUZZLE DERBY ❶

Tuesday, November 17 at 6pm

Sign up your team of 1-4 people and compete to see which team can finish their puzzle first. The top 3 teams will win a fresh-baked pie from Holland Farms.

BOARD GAME MEETUP FOR ADULTS

4th Mondays from 5:30-7pm

A casual, monthly meetup for adults to hang out and play board games.

FEEL-GOOD FLICKS

Tuesdays at 5:45pm

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

TECHNOLOGY

SHUTTERFLY FREE PRINTS TUTORIAL ❶

Tuesday, November 10 at 1pm

Pop in and learn how to utilize the Shutterfly app to get unlimited free printed photographs. Please note that you'll have to pay for tax and shipping. Cell phone with Shutterfly app capability required.

TECH TIME AT THE MANLIUS SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTRE ❶

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 Activity Centre.

EVENTS FOR YOUTH

FAMILIES

***NEW* FAMILY DISCOVERY ZONE ❶**

Sundays: 9/13, 10/11, 11/8 at 1pm

Explore and create together through STEAM topics and activities.

Please register each child separately

FAMILY BUILD WITH ME ❶

Saturday, September 19 from 10:30-11:30am

Drop in for family building fun with Keva, Legos & More...oh my!

FAMILY FUN: CELEBRATES PASTA MONTH

Saturday, October 3 at 10:30am

Join us for pasta-inspired crafts and activities!

FAMILY HALLOWEEN CONCERT WITH MUSIC BY AARON

Saturday, October 17 at 10:30

Special Halloween-themed concert. Costumes encouraged!

FAMILY FUN: TISSUE PAPER MOSAIC NIGHT LIGHTS ❶

Saturday, November 21 at 10:30am

Create your own paper mosaic night light using a repurposed jar.

Please register each child separately

FAMILY STEM PLAY

Wednesdays beginning 9/9 from 3-6pm

Try out a STEM featured toy or manipulative each week.

PRE-K: AGES 0-4

***NEW* LIL JIGGLEBUGS AT NIGHT**

Wednesdays at 6pm

The same beloved program with a nighttime twist!

LIL JIGGLEBUGS WITH MISS WINDY

Mondays at 10:30am

Join us for some music and movement fun!

TODDLER STORY TIME WITH MISS KAREN

Tuesdays at 10:30am

Support your toddler's language & social development.

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME WITH MISS KAREN

Wednesdays at 10:30am

Preschoolers are welcome to share stories and social experiences!

LIL EXPLORERS

Thursdays at 10:30am

Your toddler or preschooler will discover sensory stations.

Note: No Lil Explorers on November 5

FEATURED STORY TIMES W/ MISS KAREN

SWAN FEST: FAMILY STORY TIME

Saturday, September 26 at 10:30am

Story Time will be followed by swan crafts! Geared for children 2 years through elementary school but all ages are welcome.

HALLOWEEN STORY TIME AND TRICK-OR-TREATING AT

BROOKDALE SENIOR LIVING

Thursday, October 22 at 4:30 pm

Make sure to bring your treat bag! Costumes encouraged.

FAMILY TRICKS, STORIES & TREATS STORY TIME

Saturday, October 24 at 10:30am

Costumes are encouraged! Geared for children 2 years through elementary school but all ages are welcome.

HALLOWEEN-THEMED TODDLER STORY TIME

Tuesday, October 27 at 10:30am

Followed by Trick-or-Treating! Costumes are encouraged.

HALLOWEEN-THEMED PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

Wednesday, October 28 at 10:30am

Followed by Trick-or-Treating! Costumes are encouraged.

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

KIDS: AGES 5-8

KIDS CRAFT LAB ❶

Mondays: 9/28, 10/26, 11/23 at 4pm

Join Miss Anne for some crafting time! Exclusively for ages 5- 8.

Please register each child separately

KIDS PAWS & READ ❶

Wednesdays: 10/14 and 11/4 from 4-5pm

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

KIDS LEGO FREE PLAY

Sundays from 1-4pm

Create and design together with Legos!

TWEENS: AGES 9-12

TWEEN STEMSTERS ❶

Mondays: 10/5, 11/2, 11/16, 11/30 from 4-4:45 pm

Join Miss Windy & the FM STEMsters to explore and learn about a different STEAM topic each session. For third graders and up.

Please register for each session separately

TWEEN WRITER'S BOX ❶

Tuesdays: 10/13 and 11/10 at 6pm

Join Miss Anna to create your own stories with tips and solutions to inspire great writing!

TWEEN SNACK ATTACK BOOK CLUB ❶

Wednesdays: 10/21 and 11/18 from 4-4:45pm

Register to receive a free book to read and prepare to share about it. We will enjoy a snack/treat inspired by the book!

EVENTS FOR TEENS

TEEN TOTE BAG DECORATING (13+) ❶

Thursday, Sept 17 at 6pm

Want a new bag to carry your books in?
Stop by and decorate tote bags!

TEEN MINI PUMPKIN PAINTING (13+) ❶

Thursday, October 8 at 6pm

Teens join us as we celebrate the season with mini pumpkin painting!

TEEN DIY BEADED PUMPKIN KEYCHAIN (13+) ❶

Thursday, Oct 15 at 6pm

Get into the Halloween spirit in style with a DIY Beaded Pumpkin Keychain!

TEEN SEW YOUR OWN GHOST PLUSH (13+) ❶

Thursday, Oct 22 at 6pm

Boo! Stop in and make a ghost plush just in time for Halloween.

FALL CANDLE MAKING WORKSHOP (13+) ❶

Thursday, November 12 at 6pm

Perfect for Fall, teens can come in and make a candle that captures all the cozy vibes of the season! Supplies are limited.

TEEN CRAFT HOUSE: LEFTOVERS (13+) ❶

Thursday, November 19 at 6:30pm

Join us for teen crafts with the supplies of all the crafts we've done this year! Supplies are limited.

SNACK & STUDY

2nd Sundays

Teens enjoy a quiet space to get their work done with snacks and Regents resources using BrainFuse.

Manlius Library
1 Arkie Albanese Ave.
Manlius, NY 13104

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 9am - 8pm

Friday & Saturday: 10am - 5pm

Sunday: 1pm - 5pm

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Labor Day:

Saturday, September 5

Sunday, September 6

Monday, September 7

**Indigenous Peoples' Day / Columbus
Day / Staff Development Day**

Monday, October 12

Veterans Day:

Wednesday, November 11

Thanksgiving:

Wednesday, November 25 at 3pm

Thursday, November 26

Friday, November 27

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See our public meeting
schedule at manliuslibrary.org

THANK YOU SO MUCH

to all of our Summer Reading
prize donors and all of the
locations that participated in
the Village Scavenger Hunt!



OCPL: THE PASSPORT

Starting September 8, get ready to fill your passport. Not a passport to other countries, but to all of the libraries in Onondaga County. Introducing OCPL: The Passport. This initiative has two goals: explore all of the public libraries in Onondaga County and collect their unique trading cards.

Visit any OCPL library to pick up your passport tracker and to get that library's passport sticker and trading card featuring fun facts. Then, visit as many OCPL libraries as you can to receive more stickers and trading cards! Be on the lookout for bonus trading cards at outreach events. Collect 30 library stickers to earn a prize.

SEPTEMBER: LIBRARY CARD SIGN UP MONTH

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month! Open a NEW library card account and be entered into a raffle to win two tickets to Manlius Cinema!

BOOKMARK CAFE CORNER

BACK TO SCHOOL SPECIAL! September 8 and 9:

Free fruit snack pouch, while supplies last.

RAFFLE! October 25-31: Guess the number of candy corns in the jar and win two tickets to Manlius Cinema.

FREE BOOKS! September 1-15: Grab some free kids books from the cafe bookshelf.

NATIONAL CIDER DAY! November 18: Celebrate with a free glass of hot or cold apple cider in the cafe.

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Summer was extremely busy here at the library! I'm very pleased to announce that we had 941 participants of all ages in our Summer Reading Program, with 6,276 books read and 744,717 minutes logged! Wow! We also had so many people walk through our doors; in July we had 12,200 people spend time here. If we didn't see you this summer, fall is a great time to see what we are all about. More programs, new releases from your favorite authors, new hobbies to try... come see us to get involved.

– Alyssa Martin, Manlius Library Director

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