April

Outside the Box

The newsletter of the Box of Books Library

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Upcoming Events

Raven Steals the Sun Thursday, April 4 pm

Native American storyteller, Perry Ground will share stories about eclipses from indigenous cultures. This event will take place at Herrick Memorial Library.

Eclipse Sidewalk Chalk Friday, April 5 | 4 PM



Weather permitting, we'll be decorating the sidewalks in celebration of the solar eclipse!

Eclipse Party Sunday, April 7 | 1 pm

Let's have some solar eclipse fun! Make UV bead bracelets, a keepsake ornament and more!

Community Read Wednesday, April 17 | 4 PM

The libraries of Alfred are hosting a second community read. Pick up a copy of Slaughterhouse Five by Kurt Vonnegut and join us for the discussion at Terra Cotta Coffeehouse.



Post It Trivia Friday, April 19 | 6 pm

We will host trivia night with Jason Macool. These will take place at Susan Howell Hall on the Alfred University Campus.

Caledonian Highlanders Pipe and Drum Band

Saturday, April 20 | 12:15 Immediately following the Hot Dog Day Parade, the Caledonian

Highlanders will perform at the Village Bandstand.

STEM Tales

Thursday April 25 | 5 PM

The third part of our STEM Tales program. Will meet at Alfred Montessori School.

Braided Rugs & Baskets

Sunday, April 28 | 12 PM-4 PM Workshop led by Peggyann Watts to teach braided rugs and baskets. All materials provided. Cost \$35

Class size limited.



Visit our website: www.alfredboxofbookslibrary.org/events for more events and info. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram!

Eclipse Information:

Unfortunately, Alfred is just outside the path of totality for the total solar eclipse on Monday, April 8th. But the good news is, you only have to travel a few miles to get into totality. There are several locations right here in Allegany County: Angelica (experiences 56 seconds of totality), Belfast (1 minute 44 seconds), Cuba (1 minute 7 seconds), Fillmore (2 minutes 29 seconds), and Houghton (2 minutes, 21 seconds).

The eclipse will begin around 2:05pm, and totality will happen at 3:19pm. The eclipse will be completely over around 4:30pm.

What if it's cloudy?

April in Western New York is really hit or miss. Be prepared for bad weather (clouds, rain...snow?!). If we do get unfortunate weather, watch a NASA livestream of the event from another part of the country. Even if it's cloudy, it will still get dark! While you might not see the phases of the eclipse, but you can experience darkness in the daytime!

Eclipse Glasses

You will need eclipse glasses to protect your eyes while looking at the sun. During totality (and ONLY during totality) you can remove your glasses. It's important to supervise young children to ensure they are being safe. We have eclipse glasses at the library, and have provided glasses to several local businesses: the Rogue Carrot, Community Bank, the Collegiate, Terra Cotta Coffeehouse, Duke's Main Street Pizza, Hinkle Library (Alfred State), the Alfred Post Office.

Share your photos with us

If you have glasses provided by the Box of Books library, you can share a photo with us. Email photos to alfred@stls.org!

Looking for more info?

Check out our website: www.alfredboxofbookslibrary.org/eclipse-2024.

