

Finishing Up Summer Reading

Summer is arguably the busiest time for libraries, particularly those libraries hosting a summer reading program. Here is a highlight of summer reading this year:

- 82 people registered. (That's 50 children, 26 adults, and 6 teens).
- We hosted 27 programs between June 26 and August 21.
- Programs were attended by over 350 people!
- Participants read over 1,350 books!



Community Scarecrow Contest

Beginning September 1 you can pick up an entry form for our first ever community scarecrow contest.

How does it work? Enter to create a scarecrow. You can enter as a family, and individual, a group of friends, a business, a club or organization. Entries are accepted until September 22.

Then start decorating. We're awarding prizes for the best business or organization; most likely to scare a crow, best character from a book or film, and best fantastical or whimsical entry.

Place your scarecrows on the library lawn on the posts provided between September 27 and September 29 between 12:00pm-5:00pm.

Judging will take place and winners will be determined October 21 during FestiFall!

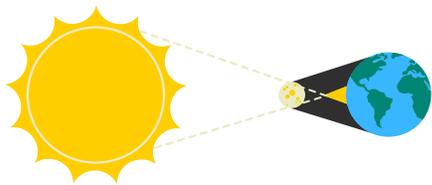
What is FestiFall? We're excited to partner with Alfred University to provide a community-wide festival on Saturday October 21 from noon-8pm. AU will have vendors, music, and food trucks. We will be providing family oriented activities including a glowing orb hunt, cider and donut fundraiser, bounce house, and many other activities. Stay in the know about FestiFall by visiting our website or social media pages OR by stopping by the library!



Upcoming Events

Here is a list of upcoming programs at the library. Visit our website events page for details.

- September 10 from 1:00-4:00pm Visible Mending workshop with Kim Donius.
- September 24 from 1:00-4:00pm a guided autumnal mushroom foray with guides Sam Warren and Brandon Miller.
- October 1 from 2:00-4:00pm make your own Silly Eye-ball decorations
- October 8 from 9:00am-4:00pm we will be hosting a fiber arts workshop with Joanne Staley. There is a \$25 fee for this workshop. All materials and lunch will be provided.
- Solar Eclipse programming will include Day/Night storytime on Wednesday October 11 at 11:00am.
 - Thursday October 12 at 4:00pm is Eclipse 101 for understanding eclipses.
 - Friday October 13 is Eclipse Art at 4:00pm



The Great Give Back

For all our fall programming, we're requesting that participants bring a package of new socks as part of the Great Give Back. The Great Give Back is a state-wide project in which libraries give back to their communities. This year the library will be collecting donations of new socks to donate to Genesis House of Olean, a faith based organization that provides temporary housing and services to individuals and families. If you're attending a program at the library in September or October, OR if you just want to donate, bring a pack of new socks to the library. You can learn more about the Great Give Back here:

<https://thegreatgiveback.org/>



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DID YOU KNOW?

Special Collections

With the additions of our 5 laptops, we also want to share other items you can check out of the library that aren't books!

- Wireless Mobile Hotspots
- Telescope
- SkyMaster Binoculars
- Digital Microscope (coming soon!)
- Projector and screen
- Board games
- Literacy kits
- STEM Kits
- Educational posters
- Museum passes

Never miss a library event!

Stay up to date on all the events and programs happening at the library:

- Follow us on social media (Facebook and Instagram)
- Check our website Events Calendar
- Subscribe to our newsletter
- Visit the library in person
- Read our column in the Alfred Sun

