

July
2025

Outside the Box

The newsletter of the Box of Books Library

ALFRED
BOX of Books
LIBRARY

Upcoming Programs

SUMMER READING BEGINS JULY 7TH!



Monday, July 7 | 4:00-6:00pm

Summer Reading Kick Off

Sign up for summer reading, make your own reading buddy teddy bear, get free books and more! We'll also have live music by Garegin Grigoryan.

Wednesday, July 9 | 5:00pm

Art Book Club with ACAM

Join us at the Alfred Ceramic Arts Museum for a book discussion of *The Creative Act: A Way of Being* by Rick Rubin.

Thursday, July 10 | 4:00pm

Draw Your Own Comic with Doogie Horner

Join us for a workshop with bestselling author and illustrator, Doogie Horner! All ages welcome!



Sunday, July 13 | 1:00pm

Family Day at ACAM

It's family day at the Alfred Ceramic Arts Museum. Participate in a treasure hunt and win a prize!



Tuesday, July 15 | 5:00pm

Fun That Pops Magic Show

Fun That Pops will include a 45 minute magic show and balloon animal making.

Wednesday, July 16 | 1:00pm

Color in the Garden

Join us for a talk by master gardener, Mary Lu Wells about the science of color and using color in your gardens.

Tuesday, July 22 | 1:00-6:00pm

Spoon Rings with Kim Chebalo

Artist Kim Chebalo will lead 3 sessions to make your own spoon ring. Visit our website for full details. Space is limited.

Monday, July 28 | 4:00pm

Petting Zoo with Mike Morton

Mike from Sun Dance Kids Farms will be bringing furry friends for hands on fun. This event will take place at the bandstand.

THURSDAY CRAFTERNOONS

Every Thursday throughout summer reading we'll have a craft at 1:00pm. (Take and Make Kits will be available, too.)

- July 10- DIY Reading Buddy
- July 17- Tissue Paper Bookmark
- July 24- Painted Tote Bag
- July 31- Stained Glass Art

Make Your Mark Bookmark Contest



The Southern Tier Library System is holding a contest beginning June 1. Stop by the library and complete a bookmark template. Turn it in to the circulation desk by July 31 and collect your sticker. Voting will take place and a winner from each category will be announced on September 8th and their designs will be distributed to all libraries within the system! Scan the QR code for more info!



Recurring Programs

Mah Jongg

Tuesdays from 2:00-4:00pm

Anyone interested in playing with others and learning about mah jongg can join in!

True Crime Book Club

First Tuesday of the month @ 5:00pm

Get a FREE copy of the book and join us for a great discussion every month.

Dungeons and Dragons Club

Every Other Wednesday @ 6:00pm

Club is scheduled to meet May 7 and 21 from 6:00-8:00pm. Contact fesmirec@stls.org for more info.

Storytime

Wednesdays at 11:00am

Storytime is for children ages 0-5 and their caregivers!



1000 Books Before Kindergarten

1000 Books Before Kindergarten is an early literacy program for children from birth to starting kindergarten. Children will earn small prizes at every 100 books read. Sign up by visiting our website or completing a paper form at the library. Participants will be given a free book and a keepsake journal. Track your reading and come back to the library every 100 books for a small prize! Visit our website to learn more or stop by and ask!



Digital Library Services



MANGO®

kanopy

You can now access Mango Languages, Mango ASL, and Kanopy with your library card! Visit our website to learn more! Stream movies, brush up on a language, or learn American Sign Language with these great services.