



Onondaga County Public  
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**Petit Branch Library**

**May 2026 Events**

The library will be closed Friday, May 1 for Staff Development Day and Saturday, May 23 to Monday, May 25 for the Memorial Day Weekend.

**Art Exhibit**

**The Mountains are Calling and I Must Go**  
**Ginny DeLucia Donohue**  
**Throughout May**

From the artist: I love the mountains and discovered that I was a landscape painter at the age of 72. I told myself since 6<sup>th</sup> grade that I had no art talent, and then a Paint and Sip in Minnesota changed it all. The paintings on display are acrylic and were guided by online tutorials or they are originals.

Prior to retirement I was the founder of On Point for College, an organization that helps individuals who are the first one in their family to go to college. Currently, I am supporting an On Point for College grad, Fidele Dhan, one of the “Lost Boys of South Sudan.” He is the founder of South Sudan Villages Clinic and all of the proceeds from my paintings are given to this clinic. Most of the paintings are available for sale. If interested please contact me by email here: [ginnydonohue99@gmail.com](mailto:ginnydonohue99@gmail.com)

For more information about the artist, please see the calendar event listing at onlib.org.

**Art Reception**  
**Thursday, May 28**  
**4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

Join us for a meet the artist gathering. Coffee and cookies will be served. Additional paintings will be available for sale.



**For Adults**

**Ethnomycology: A Survey of Medicinal Fungi Used by Humans**  
**Saturday, May 2**  
**2:30 p.m.**

ESF Professor Tom Horton will present a survey of traditional uses of fungi by human cultures from Neolithic and Chinese medicine to current psychotherapy. Along the way he will highlight those fungi that are relatively easy to find in our woods. He will touch on the current successes in psychotherapy using magic mushrooms to treat patients struggling with addiction, PTSD, and depression.

**Community Soul: The Power of True Stories in Syracuse**  
**Saturday, May 16**  
**2:30 p.m.**

Syracuse journalist, writer, and storyteller, Sean Kirst, will share stories from his best-selling book *The Soul of CNY*. The book features a collection of columns by Kirst spanning almost a quarter-century, featuring heartfelt stories about the people of Syracuse. For more information about the event please see the calendar event listing at onlib.org

**Onondaga Audubon:**  
**Bird Sketching and Intro to Birding**  
**Saturday, May 30**  
**10:00 a.m.**



Join Onondaga Audubon educator Anna Stunkel to learn some fun tips for sketching our feathered friends! We will also spend part of the program birding in areas surrounding the library. Please bring binoculars if you have them; a few extra pairs will also be available.



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**For Children**

**Make Your Own: Paper Ladybug**  
**Monday, May 4 – Saturday, May 16**

Create your own ladybug from paper and googly eyes.



**Story Time: Read, Sing, and Play**  
**Tuesdays, 5, 12, 19, & 26**  
**10:30 a.m.**

Combined toddler and preschool story time for children ages 1½ to 5 and their families or caregivers. Includes stories, rhymes, fingerplays, and songs. We ask that daycare centers, nursery schools, preschools, and pre-kindergarten programs please make an appointment for a special story time.



**Pony Bead Flower Keychain**  
**Thursday, May 7**  
**3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

Celebrate spring by making your own flower keychain out of pony beads! The pattern used is beginner friendly and beads in a variety of colors will be provided. **Best for ages 7 and up.**



**Saturday Story Time**

**Saturday, May 9**

**10:30 a.m.**

All the fun of Tuesday’s “Read, Sing, and Play” but on Saturday! Combined toddler and preschool story time intended for ages birth to 5 years and their families or caregivers. Includes stories, rhymes, fingerplays, and songs.

**Make Your Own: 3D Paper Butterfly**

**Monday, May 18 – Saturday, May 30**

Stop in anytime to make your own 3D butterfly using construction paper and stickers.

**Dinosaur Bones Fun**

**Friday, May 29 – Thursday, June 4**

Stop by to play with large dinosaur bone blocks and see what dinosaurs you can create.



**Tutoring**

**EmpowerCNY Tutoring at Petit**

**Saturdays, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

High school volunteers from EmpowerCNY are available on Saturdays to tutor students in upper elementary and middle school grades. Registration is required. **Please register at: [empowercny.org](http://empowercny.org).**

