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Petit Branch Library
May 2025 Events

The Library will be closed Friday, May 2 for Staff Development Day.

Art Exhibit

A Glimpse Over Time: The Art of Chrissy Burd
Chrissy Burd
Throughout May

A Glimpse Over Time is a captivating solo exhibition that traces the artistic evolution of a Westcott Nation resident, featuring works created from 1986 to 2021. Each piece tells a unique story of personal growth, shifts in memory, and the intersection of technique and experimentation. For more information about the exhibit please see the event listing through the calendar at onlib.org. Join us for a reception with the artist on Monday, May 5 from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

For Everyone

Sew Your Own: Avocado and Lemon Buddies
Saturday, May 10
2:30 p.m.

Join us in sewing some simple and cute stuffed food buddies! This beginner sewing program is intended for participants of all ages and skill levels. All materials, including patterns and felt in a variety of colors, will be provided. **Recommended for ages 8 and up. Registration required. Call or drop by to register.**



For Adults

Healthy Cooking on a Budget
with Syracuse Vegan Living Program
Saturday, May 3
2:30 p.m.

Let Jacqueline Cappello of the Syracuse Vegan Living Program show you how to create nutrient-packed meals that the whole family will love, using simple, affordable ingredients. Attendees will receive several recipes, practical cooking tips, as well as some tasty samples! **Registration required. Register by Saturday, April 26. Register through the event listing at onlib.org.**

Vegetable Gardening 101
Thursday, May 8
6:30 p.m.



This presentation is designed to help beginners get started with planning, preparation, and proper gardening techniques for a successful vegetable garden. It will also fine-tune the skills of intermediate gardeners. **Registration recommended. Please register through the calendar event listing at onlib.org.**

Migratory Birds under Starry Skies
Thursday, May 15
6:30 p.m.

Learn the science behind bird migration and simple yet powerful solutions we can take to help migrating birds. You will come away inspired and knowing more about the secret lives of migrating birds! Presented by Meredith Barges, a bird-friendly researcher at ESF and chair of Lights Out CNY.

Ikebana Workshop:
The Japanese Art of Flower Arrangement
Saturday, May 17
2:30 p.m.

Jia Man will introduce the basic principles, history and philosophy of Ikebana. In addition to learning its techniques, the workshop will focus on mindfulness and relaxation. Make your own arrangement and leave with a digital photo of your work. Jia Man is an Adjunct Professor of Japanese, Chinese, and Asian Culture at Le Moyne College. **Registration required. Minimum of 15 participants needed to run the program. See the calendar event listing at onlib.org for registration and more information.**



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Adult Programs Continued...

Westcott Readers: Book Discussion Group
Monday, May 19
6:30 p.m.

Join us to discuss *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury. We will discuss the themes of censorship, the dangers of conformity, the suppression of knowledge, and the importance of free thought and individuality. Attend either in person or via Zoom. If attending via Zoom, please register in advance through the calendar at onlib.org.

Westcott Remembers
Saturday, May 31
3:00 p.m.

The Westcott Neighborhood Association's 3rd Annual Westcott Remembers ceremony will honor neighbors who have passed away in 2024. Come and share your memories of departed Westcotters and their contributions to friendship and community. Share some laughs and a few tears. Our neighbors are gone, but not forgotten. Ceremony will be followed by light refreshments.

Creating an Earth-Friendly Landscape
Thursday, June 5
6:30 p.m.

Caring for our yards is the most direct way we care for the earth. By planting native plants, we provide habitat for even the smallest creatures. By using earth-friendly landscaping practices, we can create a healthy yard for our family and a healthy planet for future generations. And by observing some basic design principles, we can make it beautiful, too! Presented by Janet Allen, Co-founder and President of Wild Ones Habitat Gardening in CNY.



For Children

Make Your Own: Clothespin Tulips
Monday, May 5 – Saturday, May 17

Stop in anytime during the week to create spring tulips from cardstock, clothespins, and markers.



Read, Sing, and Play: Story Time
Tuesdays, May 6, 13, 20, & 27
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.

Boredom Busters STEM Kits – OSMO Mania
Saturday, May 10
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

OSMO learning kits are once again back at Petit! OSMO merges hands-on exploration with innovative technology, engaging children in the learning process. Best for age 5-12.

Make Your Own: Handprint Butterfly
Monday, May 19 – Saturday, May 31

Stop by Petit to make a butterfly by tracing your own hand. Decorate its wings and popsicle stick body to make it truly unique!

