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Petit Branch Library
August 2026 Events

Art Exhibit

Textural Explorations
Carol Boyer
Throughout August

As a fiber artist, I thrive on exploration and play. I collect various bits and pieces, often supplemented by items sent by friends, and enjoy making them with the textures of stitches and fabric to create small-scale works.



For Everyone

Chess for all Ages
Mondays, August 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Stop in to play chess at Petit Branch every Monday in August. All ages and all levels of players are welcome. A representative from Syracuse Chess will be in attendance.

Summer Concert Series: Sydney Irving
Thursday, August 13
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Sydney Irving is a singer-songwriter from Syracuse, NY, known for her heartfelt lyrics and pop-rock sound. Her new album, *Unfashioned Creatures*, is out now following her recent record deal with DEKO Entertainment/Warner Music ADA. Sydney will be playing an intimate acoustic set, blending pop, alternative, and acoustic styles. She'll perform songs from her new album along with a selection of favorites that have inspired her, including music by Carly Simon, Tom Petty, Sheryl Crow, and Taylor Swift, among others. **Performance will be outdoors weather permitting. Please bring your own lawn chair.**

For Adults

Adult Summer Reading Program
Saturday, June 27 – Saturday, August 22

Read books this summer for the chance to win a prize. For every book you finish during the summer reading event, stop by Petit to fill out a raffle entry ticket. There will be different prizes every two weeks and one lucky winner for each prize.

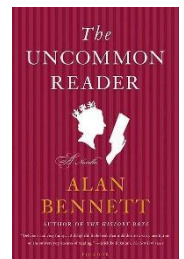
Ayurvedic Masala Spice Grind
Saturday, August 8
2:30 p.m.

Come and make beautiful, seasonal masala with Naomi & Brian Kenealy of Elemental Ayurveda and Polarity Center of Syracuse. This session begins with a short, guided meditation to awaken your senses, leading into a spice grinding and mixing activity, and finally a demonstration on how to incorporate the spices into a lovely seasonal snack. Show your mind and soul some love by learning about the healing qualities of spices and how you can use them in your kitchen as both medicine and flavoring. **Registration required. Registration is available through the calendar event listing at onlib.org.**



Westcott Readers: Book Discussion Group
Monday, August 24
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Join us for an engaging discussion of *The Uncommon Reader* by Alan Bennett, a witty and charming novella about Queen Elizabeth II's unexpected love of reading. Whether you've been with us before or are joining for the first time, we'd love to have you! Attend in person or via Zoom. **If attending via Zoom, please register in advance through the calendar event listing at onlib.org.**





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For Teens

Melt and Pour Soaps
Saturday, August 1
2:30 p.m.



Make your own fragrant soap in this beginner friendly melt and pour program! Choose from a variety of fragrances, shapes, and colors to make your soap one-of-a-kind. **For ages 12+.** **Registration required. Call, drop by, or visit the calendar event listing at onlib.org to register.**

Young Authors Academy Reading
Saturday, August 29
1:00 p.m.

The Young Authors Academy, a program for writers in 6th-12th grade hosted by the Writers Voice at the Downtown YMCA, shares poetry, fiction, memoirs, and monologues written during the summer session.

For Kids and Teens

Tiny Paintings
Tuesday, August 4
3:00 p.m.

Get ready to think big while painting small. Make your own unique miniature art using tiny stretched canvases. All materials including paint in a variety of colors, will be provided. **Registration required. Call, drop by, or visit the calendar event listing at onlib.org to register.**

Summer Reading Final Party:
Dinosaur Dirt Cups
Wednesday, August 12
3:00 p.m.



Celebrate the end of Summer Reading with us! Make a delicious dinosaur dirt cup from pudding and Oreos. **Registration required. Call, drop by, or visit the calendar event listing at onlib.org to register.**

Shrinky Dink Keychains
Saturday, August 15
2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Turn your drawings into your own keychain with Shrinky Dink plastic! Create your own design, and when you are done, watch it shrink down to one-third its size. **Recommended age: 7+** (younger if accompanied by an adult)

For Children

Story Time: Read, Sing, and Play
Tuesdays, August 4, 11, 18, & 25
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.

Bubblemania
Wednesday, August 5
3:00 p.m.

Bubble maker Doug Rougeux is back with bubbles as big as a dinosaur! Marvel at a multitude of bubbles in this eye-popping, interactive, fun-filled, science-y program for the whole family. *Supported by funds from the M&T Charitable foundation.*



Saturday Story Time
Saturday, August 15
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.