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Petit Branch Library
August 2025 Events

The library will be closed Saturday, August 30 and Monday, September 1 for the Labor Day weekend.

Art Exhibit

Mixed Media: Ikebana and Photography
Jia Man

Throughout August

Jia Man's work bridges the ephemeral beauty of Ikebana (Japanese flower arranging) with the permanence of photography. This exhibition invites views into a meditative space where tradition meets modernity, encouraging mindfulness and a deeper appreciation for nature's quiet simplicity.

For Everyone

Chess for All Ages
Mondays, August 4, 11, & 18
6:30 p.m.

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

For Adults

Cheese and Produce Pairing Class
with The Curd Nerd
Saturday, August 23
2:30 p.m.

Join the Curd Nerd, Sarah Simiele, for a vibrant and delicious Cheese & Produce Pairing class, where we'll explore how cheese and seasonal produce can create colorful, exciting plates. Sarah is a certified Cheese Professional and Award Winning Cheesemonger. In this class, you'll taste and learn to pair four artisan cheeses with the late summer bounty of fruits and vegetables, showcasing how to "eat the rainbow" and bring more color – and flavor – to your meals. **Space is limited. Please register through the calendar event at onlib.org.**



Westcott Readers: Book Discussion Group
Monday, August 25

6:30 p.m.

Join us to discuss *Playground: A Novel* by Richard Powers. The story centers around the interconnected lives of several characters, exploring themes of friendship, environmentalism, and the impact of technology on the natural world, particularly the oceans. Attend either in person or via Zoom. If attending via Zoom, please register in advance through the calendar event at onlib.org.

For Teens

Painting Swap
Tuesday, August 5
2:30 p.m.

Join us in making acrylic paintings on canvas as a group. One person starts the painting, then passes it to the next person, and so on, until everyone has helped make multiple masterpieces. **Best for ages 12 and up. Registration required. Call or drop by to register.**



Dungeons and Dragons One-Shot:
The Owlbear Conspiracy
Saturday, August 16
1:30 p.m.

Join local Dungeon Master Patrick Schmitt for a beginner-friendly D&D one-shot for teens. Dice, Player's Handbooks, and unique, pre-made characters to play as will be provided. Players can bring their own books or their own pre-made level 3 characters as long as they adhere to the 2014 rule set. Participants of previous one-shots are welcome to bring their previous characters. **For ages 13 and up. Registration required. Call or drop by to register.**



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For Children and Teens

Perler Bead Fun!

Saturday, August 2

2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Come and create your own perler bead designs! Bring your own pattern or use the ones provided.

Best for ages 6 and up. Registration required.

Call or drop by to register.

Final Party Tie-Dye

Wednesday, August 13

3:00 p.m.

Join us for our end of Summer Reading celebration by designing your own wearable artwork! Bring a white t-shirt, socks, or even pillowcases (or use the library-provided handkerchiefs) to create your own tie-dye items. Be sure to wear old clothes because the dye will stain. *Supported by funds from Summit Federal Credit Union.* **Registration required. Call or drop by to register.**



For Children

Read, Sing, and Play: Story Time

Tuesdays, August 5, 12, 19, & 26

Fridays, August 1, 8, 15, & 22

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. **For August, Petit's Story Time will be offered two times a week. The final Friday will be August 22.**

The Color of Magic with Jeff the Magic Man

Wednesday, August 6

3:00 p.m.

Come along with Jeff the Magic Man for a show where colors fly out of the story books! We'll draw magical pictures with the colors of the world around us. Each child will also receive a balloon art creation after the show. *Supported by funds from the M&T Charitable Foundation.*



Toddler Time

Saturday, August 16

10:30 a.m.

Come join Miss Jenette in our creative toddler's story time! We'll interact with books, sing, move, explore, and make friends. Come prepared to get a little messy as we extend our books into play! **Best for 1½ to 5 year olds. Registration required. Call or drop by to register.**

Weekly Children's Crafts

Rainbow Cloud

Monday, July 28 – Saturday August 2

Colorful Collages

Monday, August 4 – Saturday, August 9

Tissue Paper Turtles

Monday, August 11 – Saturday, August 16

Handprint Fish

Monday, August 18 – Saturday, August 23

Paper Plate Caterpillar

Monday, August 25 – Saturday, August 30

