

SOULE BRANCH LIBRARY

May 2026 Programming

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HOLIDAY CLOSINGS Onondaga County Public Libraries' city locations, including Soule Branch, will be closed Saturday, May 23 through Monday, May 25 for Memorial Day.

ADULT EVENTS

Neighborhood Advisor Office Hours @ Soule

Monday, May 4, Noon-2 p.m.

Neighborhood Advisor Joseph Ndagijimana assists adults aged 60+ with referrals to services and activities, including health care, legal advice, transportation, housing, nutrition and exercise, socialization, and help with medical application forms. Joseph speaks French, Kinyarwanda, and Swahili. Interpretation is available.



10 Tips for Adults: Choose MyPlate @ Soule

Thursdays, May 7, 14, 21, and June 4, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

During this 4-week workshop series, you will learn about the USDA's "MyPlate": an updated version of the old Food Guide Pyramid. Geared toward adults age 60+ (though all adults age 18+ are welcome), the classes focus on understanding the food groups and how to follow a healthy eating pattern. They include discussion, some physical activity, and a recipe demonstration. Each class in the series is on a Thursday at 1:30pm: • 5/7: Introduction to MyPlate • 5/14: Make Half Your Plate Fruits and Vegetables • 5/21: Make Half Your Grains Whole Grains • 6/4: Vary Your Protein Routine. Presented by SNAP-Ed New York, in partnership with Onondaga County Dept. Of Adult and Long-Term Care Services. Funded by the USDA's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Registration is required.

Silent Book Club @ Salt City Coffee

Friday, May 8, Noon-1:30 p.m.

This monthly silent book club is a BYOB (Bring Your Own Book) gathering where members can read together in the comfort of a cozy café, with no pressure to read what others are reading! Not sure what to read? There will be a small selection of fiction and nonfiction books available to choose from. Food and beverages are available for purchase. NOTE: This event is held at the Salt City Coffee shop in the McNeil Firehouse, 1150 Salt Springs Rd., Syracuse, NY, every first Friday of the month except May 1 and July 3.



Computer Intruction and Basic Tech Help

May 16, by appointment

This hands-on workshop series is designed for adults new to using a PC or who want to feel more confident with the Windows 11 operating system. You'll learn how to: navigate the desktop, manage applications, organize files, and more. Laptops will be provided, or you're welcome to bring your own. Registration is required, and space is limited to 5 participants to ensure individualized attention. Everyone who attends will receive a complimentary thumb drive!



Artistic Creations with Ola: Blooms

Tuesday, May 19, 5:30-7 p.m.

Come explore the bloom technique in watercolor painting. Ola will guide us through making a painting of blooming flowers using watercolor paint, colored pencil, and gold ink on watercolor paper. This class is for adults ages 18 and up; no experience is needed!

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English for New Learners

Tuesdays, Noon–2 p.m.

Refugee and Immigrant Self-Empowerment (RISE) provides free English language classes designed specifically for non-native adult learners. All materials are provided at no cost. For adults ages 18 and up. Registration forms are available at Soule or through RISE.



Play Together Drop-In Game Time

Wednesdays, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.

Adults with disabilities and their caregivers can join us every Wednesday for this casual group activity. Pick a tabletop game, coloring book, or puzzle from our large collection. Movies and video games are temporarily suspended due to our elevator being out of service. If you have any concerns, please contact us.

Spice-of-the-Month Club: Parsley

Throughout May

Stop by the Adult Services Librarian desk for a sample packet of the spice and three recipes.

YOUTH EVENTS

Family Story Time

Fridays, 10:30 a.m.

Babies and children up to age five, with their caretakers, are invited to join us for this fun, new story time program. Weekly beginning February 13.

Sidewalk Chalk Day

Saturday, May 2, 2–4 p.m.

Help make the library walkway pop with color! Kids and families are invited to decorate the library sidewalk with the colorful chalk we'll have available

Teen Craft Club

Tuesdays May 5 and 19, 3:30–4:30 p.m. (Every other Tuesday)

A club where teens can explore their creativity and learn new crafts. Crafting ideas include learning how to crochet, draw, explore cut-out crafts, and more. All materials provided.

Mother's Day Cards

Friday, May 8, All day

Make a Mother's Day card at the library! Kids can make something special for mom at our card making station.

Bring Your Own Book Club

Mondays, May 11, 3:30–4:30 p.m. (Every other Monday)

A casual book club where teens can bring whatever they are currently reading and discuss it with others. Teens can share their feelings on their book and inspire others to try new books and explore new genres.

Flower Crafts - Rainbow Flowers and Spring Tulips

Saturday, May 16, All day

Spring has finally sprung! Make some colorful rainbow flowers or some tulips out of our paper supplies.

Retro Movie Night: "The Outsiders"

Wednesday, May 20, 5–7 p.m. (Every 3rd Wednesday of the month.)

Teens and tweens join us for a screening of this coming-of-age crime drama directed by Francis Ford Coppola. Snacks provided.

Family Board Game Day

Saturday, May 30, All day

Pull up a chair and play something fun! Play an old favorite or discover something new in our extensive board game collection for all ages. We'll have suggestions of you can try, and we can even help you learn the rules!

"Are You Cooking or Are You Cooked?" Monthly Recipe Booklet

New each month

Teens can learn how to cook and have fun making food with new recipes each month. Drop by the Children's/Teen Services Librarian desk to pick up your copy.