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Petit Branch Library

July 2026 Events

The library will be closed Friday, July 3rd and Saturday, July 4th for Independence Day.

Art Exhibit

BLOOM

Chrissy Burd

Throughout July

BLOOM – Definitions and Meaning

- the flowering state
- a state of beauty, freshness, and vigor
- to support abundant plant life and yield to flowers
- to mature into achievement of one's potential

Paintings on canvas and paper that celebrate summer, color, flowers, and those ephemeral things that define us by how they hold us.

July Artist Meet and Greet: Chrissy Burd

Thursday, July 9

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Light refreshments will be provided.

For Everyone

Chess for all Ages

Mondays, July 6, 13, 20, & 27

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

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



Summer Music Series:

Dani Rocca & Joel Michael Herbert

Thursday, July 23

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Join us for an evening of stories, songs and laughter with The World in Lights, the singer-songwriter duo of Dani Rocca & Joel Michael Herbert. Their music will bring inspirations of Folk-Americana with a mix of original tunes and reimagined covers, reminiscent of The Civil Wars and Fleetwood Mac. **Performance will be outdoors weather permitting. Please bring your own lawn chair.**

For Adults

Adult Summer Reading Program

Saturday, June 27 – Saturday, August 22

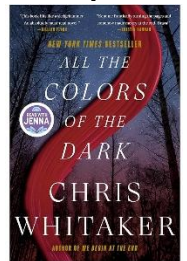
Read books this summer for the chance to win a prize. For every book you finish during the summer reading event, stop by Petit to fill out a raffle entry ticket. There will be different prizes every two weeks and one lucky winner for each prize. All left over entries for each raffle will be automatically entered to win our Unearth a Story Grand Prize Basket.

Westcott Readers: Book Discussion Group

Monday, July 20

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Join us this month for an engaging discussion as we dive into Chris Whitaker's sweeping epic, *All the Colors of the Dark*. Part missing-persons mystery, part intense love story, and part serial killer thriller, this brilliantly written novel spans decades as it follows the indelible bond between two childhood friends. Attend in person or via Zoom. **If attending via Zoom, please register in advance through the calendar event listing at onlib.org.**



For Adults & Teens

Book Edge Painting

Saturday, July 11

2:00 p.m.

Join Liz Camardo from Edgy Pages in creating a one-of-a-kind edition of your favorite book by painting the page edges. Workshop includes all supplies, over 60 paint colors, and dozens of stencils for a variety of genres. Bring a thick (around 300 pages) paperback book with smooth edges or use one provided by the library.

For ages 13+. Registration required.



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For more detailed descriptions of our Teen and Children events in July, please pick up our Summer Reading Pamphlet at the library. Drop by to ask about signing up for the Teen and Children Summer Reading Program!

For Kids & Teens

REPCO Wildlife Encounters

Wednesday, July 8

3:00 p.m.

Join us for this interactive reptile program featuring ten animals from around the world. *Supported by funds from the M&T Charitable Foundation.*



Retro Game Con

Wednesday, July 15

3:00 p.m.

Join us for video games, tabletop games, and kids' crafts. *Supported by funds from the M&T Charitable Foundation.*

Dinosaur Terrarium Lanterns

Saturday, July 18

2:30 p.m.

Come make your own light-up dinosaur terrarium.

For ages 6+. Registration required.

Pony Bead Dinosaur Keychains

Tuesday, July 21

3:00 p.m.

Join us in making a cute dinosaur keychain.

For ages 8+. Registration required.



Dino Egg Slime

Wednesday, July 29

3:00 p.m.

Join us for a messy afternoon making slime.

Registration required.

For Children

Conservation to You with the Zoo:

Unearth the Mystery

Wednesday, July 1

3:00 p.m.

Become a paleoartist and see if you can figure out what mystery animal we will be learning about.

Story Time: Read, Sing, and Play

Tuesdays, July 7, 14, 21, & 28

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.

Saturday Story Time

Saturday, July 18

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.

Jeff's DINO-tastic Show with Jeff the Magic Man

Wednesday, July 22

3:00 p.m.

Join Jeff the Magic Man on a prehistoric adventure where a mysterious dinosaur egg is getting ready to hatch. *Supported by funds from the M&T Charitable Foundation.*

