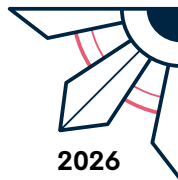


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## FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER



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### FREE TUTORING

**Empower CNY Tutoring**  
**Saturdays, February 7, 14, 21, 28**

**1:30-3:00 pm**

**3rd Fl. Community Room**

Free tutoring for kids in grades K-8, with volunteer high school tutors. Call to confirm and please visit <https://www.empowercny.org/> to register.



### CENTRAL TECH HELP

If you need help with digital job applications, resumes, emails, or cell phone assistance, Central Library **tech help** are at during the following times:

- **Mondays** 9-12 & 12-3 p.m.
- **Tuesdays** 9-12 p.m.
- **Wednesdays** 9-12 & 12-3 p.m.
- **Thursdays** 2-5 p.m.
- **Fridays** 12-3 p.m.



For additional **tech help**, please schedule an appointment with staff by calling 315-435-1900.

### 1st FLOOR ART EXHIBIT:

#### DJUNA DIRLAM

Local artist, Djuna Dirlam, is an acrylic painter who also creates collages from donated items and other materials such as bookmarks, buttons, stickers, and patches. Her work will focus on women shaping a sustainable future and will be featured on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor in February and March.



### LOCAL HISTORY & GENEALOGY

**New Zeta Book Scanner Available in Local History and Genealogy!**

Thanks to a generous donation from FOCL (Friends of the Central Library), the LHG department is now equipped with a new Zeutschel Zeta Book Scanner, designed to produce high-quality digital images while protecting fragile materials.



The scanner features an adjustable cradle for bound volumes, thirty-two available languages, and direct output to a USB flash drive.

Staff are available upon request to assist you.

### FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH



**OCPL Genealogy Group:**  
**"Following the Fleur-de-Lis:**  
**Exploring French & Acadian Family History"**  
**Friday, February 27**



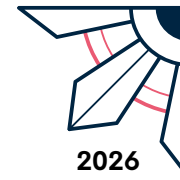
**10:00 - 11:00 am EST**

Explore French and Acadian roots through migration stories, settlement patterns, and key records that shaped French-speaking communities in North America. **Please register online at [onlib.org](https://onlib.org)** to receive the Zoom link to this program. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED. \***



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### SPECIAL EVENTS

**Glitter Tattoos with the Face Paint Lady**  
**Tuesday, February 17**

**2:00 pm, 2nd Floor Laptop Lab**

Fast, fun, and extra sparkly! These skin-safe glitter tattoos apply in minutes, last for days, and kids love choosing from 100+ designs. **Walk-Ins welcome!**



**Balloon Animals with Jeff the Magic Man**  
**Friday, February 20**

**2:00 pm, Community Room**

All ages are welcome! Learn how to make winter themed balloon creations. There will also be a few fun surprises and a balloon snowball battle! Everyone will get to keep all of the balloons made in class. **Walk-Ins welcome!**



**Saturday, February 21**

**Tiny Martians, Big Emotions**  
**Presented by Syracuse Stage**  
**10:00 am, Community Room**



Discover how colors & textures shape our emotions in an interactive performance by Syracuse Stage Theatre for the Very Young. **Registration limited to 25 children ages 1.5 to 5 years old.**


**Books, Balls, and Blocks**  
**Presented by Help Me Grow**

**10:30 am, 2nd Floor Laptop Lab**

Check in on your children's (birth- age 5) development. Kids explore fun, developmentally appropriate activity stations, while parents get resources, speak to trained professionals, & more.



**CLOSED: FEB 16**

Central Library will be **CLOSED**   
**Monday, February 16 for Presidents' Day.**

### ADULT PROGRAMS

**Your Community's Health Resources**

**Tuesday, Feb 17 & Wednesday Feb 18**

**12:00 - 2:00 pm**

**Free Community Health Resources**

Speak to representatives from the following organizations:

- The Prevention Network
- Planned Parenthood
- Helio Health Outreach
- Syracuse VA Medical Center
- Helio Health Recovery Center
- Nascentia Health
- PCHC (Reach CNY)
- Salvation Army Day Program



*Organizations subject to change*

### MONDAY MOVIE MATINEE

**Black Panther (2018) - PG-13**

**Monday, February 23**

**12:00 pm, Community Room**

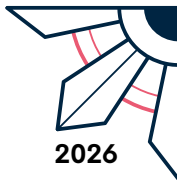
Based on the Marvel Comic book series, this movie centers on T'Challa, who after the death of his father, returns home to the African nation of Wakanda to take his rightful place as king. **Walk-ins welcome! 135 mins.**





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### BOOK CLUB

#### Page Turners Book Club

**Tuesday, February 17**

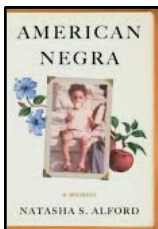
**5:30 pm - 6:30 pm**

**3rd Fl. CNY Meeting Room**

Join the Page Turners for book discussions via Zoom or in person in the 3rd floor CNY Meeting Room.

**February's Title:**

**"American Negra" by Natasha S. Alford**



Register online at [www.onlib.org](http://www.onlib.org), \*  
by phone, or in-person!

### MAKERSPACE PROGRAMS

#### NEW WEEKLY PROGRAM!

#### Cricut Vinyl Cutter Training

**Wednesdays,**

**February 4, 11, 18, 25**

**5:00- 7:00 pm**

Learn about our Cricut Maker, and how to prepare designs on the Cricut Design Space so you can make vinyl decals, stickers, T-shirts, mugs & more. \*



#### Appliqué Mini Quilting With Sydney

**Fridays,**

**February 6, 13, 20, 27**

**2:00 pm- 4:00 pm**

Learn to create imaginative mini-quilts using appliqué. All experience levels welcome!

**Ages 12+. Walk-ins welcome!**



### MAKERSPACE PROGRAMS

#### Makerspace Repair Clinic

**Saturday, February 7**

**10:00 am- 1:00 pm**



Bring your broken items to the Makerspace's first Repair Café to get it fixed by one of our volunteer repair coaches. Our repair coaches can help with small appliances, clothing, electronics, hemming and more. **Ages 12+. REGISTRATION REQUIRED \***

#### Makerspace Sewing Open Studio

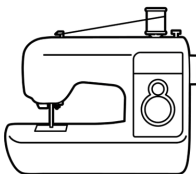
**Tuesday, February 10**

**5:00 pm - 7:00 pm**

Learn how to sew using our Brother CS - 6000i sewing machines, including how to load the spool, some basic stitching, edges, and embroideries.

No experience required. All materials are provided. Instructor will also provide help with any ongoing sewing projects you may have.

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED Ages 12+. \***



**FEB 14: HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY**



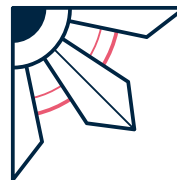
#### Dungeons & Dragons:

#### One-Shot Campaign

**Saturday, February 21**

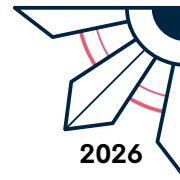
**1:00 pm - 4:00 pm**

Join us for our monthly D&D program with a seasoned DM. Patrons may print some minifigs with our 3D printers! New and experienced players welcome. **REGISTRATION ENCOURAGED. Ages 12+.**



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### MAKERSPACE TRAININGS

**Ages 12+. REGISTRATION REQUIRED \***

#### Music Studio + GarageBand Training

**Wednesdays, February 4, 11, 18 25**

**10:00- 11:30 am**



### FOR THE KIDS

#### Monthly Grab and Go Craft:

#### Popsicle Stick Mug

**While supplies last.**



#### Master Builders

**Ages 3 to 12**

**Tuesdays @ 3:00 pm**

**in KidSpace**

Each week we will use different building materials to expand your creative building and design skills including LEGO® and more! **Walk-ins welcome!**



#### Game On!

**Ages 3 to 12**

**Wednesdays @ 3:00 pm**

**in KidSpace**

Play board and video games with your friends and family! **Walk-ins welcome!**

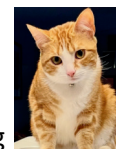


#### Read to a Therapy Cat - Phoebe

**Saturday, February 14**

**@ 10:30 am in the Laptop Lab**

Stop by and read to Phoebe, a therapy cat! She loves tunnels, cuddling, running crazy and playing with water. **Walk-ins welcome!**



### STORYTIMES

#### Little Listeners

**Ages 18 to 36 months**

**Mondays @ 10:30 am**

**in the Laptop Lab**

A fun storytime featuring books, songs, games, and playtime with our toys and sensory bins! **Walk-ins welcome!**



#### Alphabet Academy

**Ages 3 to 5**

**Thursdays @ 10:30 am**

**in the Laptop Lab**

Let's practice the alphabet together! This storytime will feature a letter of the week to help your child learn the shapes and sounds of letters. If you start attending mid-alphabet, that's ok, we'll start again from the A after Z! Following storytime, participants can enjoy the stations for hand-on practice with the letter of the week and sensory activities.



**Walk-ins welcome!**

#### Books 'n Babies

**Ages Birth to 18 months**

**Fridays @ 10:30 am**

**in the Laptop Lab**

A lapsit storytime featuring books, songs, and bounces! After storytime is over little ones and their parents can play and visit in the storytime room.



**Walk-ins welcome!**

#### Family Storytime

**All Ages**

**Saturdays, February 14 & 28 @ 10 am**

**in the Laptop Lab**

An all-ages storytime program featuring songs, rhymes, movement, and stories! **Walk-ins welcome!**

