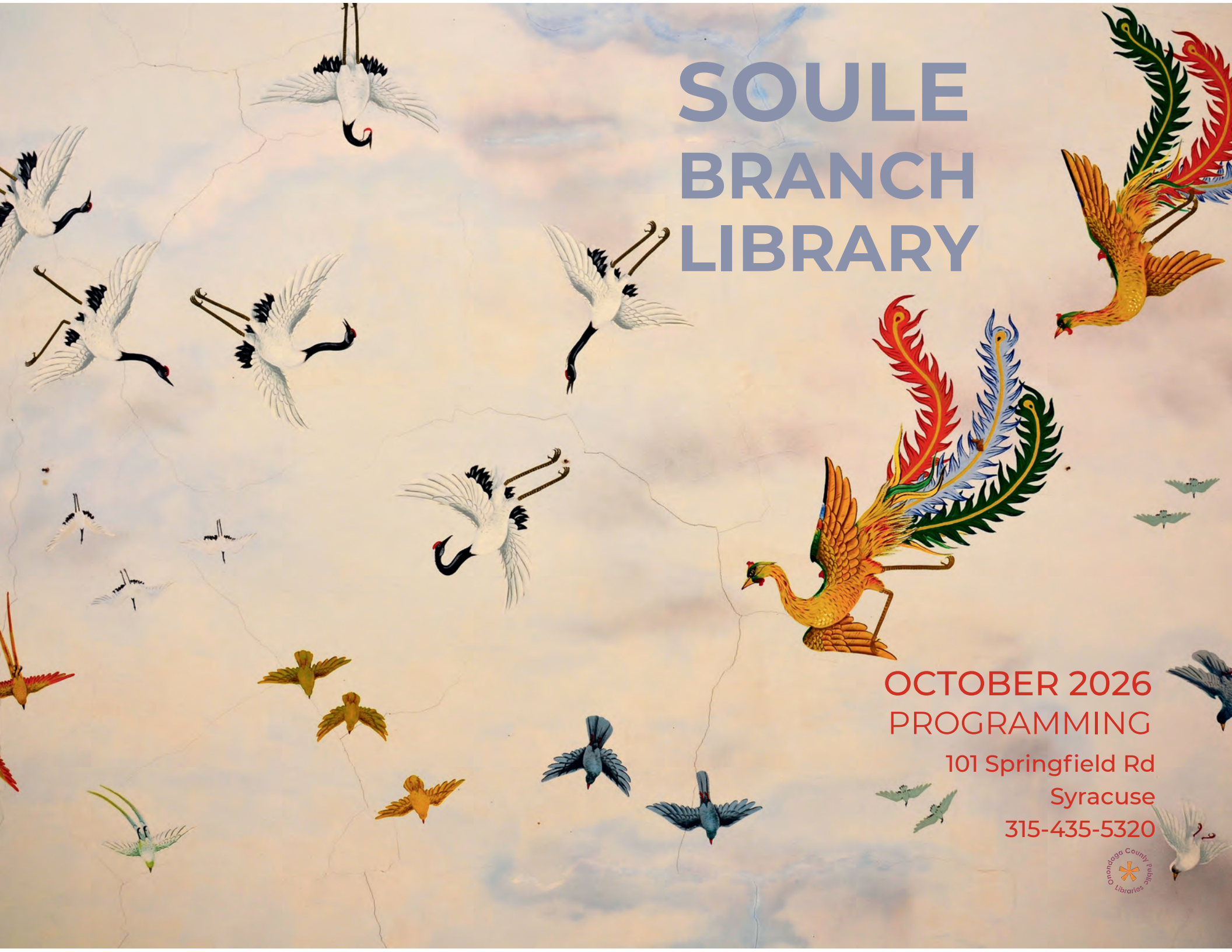




SOULE BRANCH LIBRARY

OCTOBER 2026
PROGRAMMING

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ADULT PROGRAMMING

Art Exhibition: "The 2027 Peace Calendar: Art to provoke, inspire and offer vision"

On display September 8–October 29



Started in 1982, Syracuse Cultural Workers strives to nourish communities that honor diversity and creative expression, and inspire movements for justice, equity and liberation while respecting our Earth and all its beings. This exhibit features 13 panels displaying the artwork and cover from the 2027 Peace Calendar, the 56th edition. The calendar includes a diverse array of artists – muralists, painters, collage artists, digital creators and photographers – from across the country. It speaks to a wide range of interconnected social and political issues.

Silent Book Club Presents: Julie Anne Stratton Friday, October 2, Noon–1:30 p.m.



Local author Julie Anne Stratton will discuss her series of novels about Goddess magic, religious conspiracy, and ancient prophecy. She'll read from the second book in the series, "The Secret of Hunter Mountain" and lead the club in a discussion of the book's themes. There will be a drawing to win a copy of the book and a Q&A session.

PLEASE NOTE: This event is held at the Salt City Coffee shop in the McNeil Firehouse, 1150 Salt Springs Rd., Syracuse, NY.

Neighborhood Advisor Office Hours @ Soule Monday, October 5, Noon–2 p.m.

Neighborhood Advisor Joseph Ndagijimana assists adults 60+ with referrals to services and activities, including health care, legal advice, transportation, housing, nutrition, exercise, and socialization. Interpretation available.



Read to a Therapy Dog

Wednesday, October 14, 4–5 p.m.

Come visit with Olive, the therapy dog! From Pet Partners of CNY, Olive will be available to spend time with anyone who wants to say hi. You can even read to her!

Trick-or-Treat Tables and Halloween Fun

Saturday, October 31, 10:30 a.m.–2 p.m.



Put on your costume and come visit the library for a day of Halloween fun! Soule library and the Salt Springs Neighborhood Association will be offering a day full of Halloween activities. The day will begin with a special spooky storytime for the younger kids at 10:30. Then at 11:00, volunteers will begin handing out candy to trick-or-treaters, and there will also be pumpkin painting, multiple Halloween crafts, and games!



Halloween Craft: Paper Bats

Friday, October 30, 2–4 p.m.

With Halloween just one day away, we'll get in the spirit with a special, spooky craft! We'll make some paper bats with funny faces to hang up as a decoration.



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 story time program.

TEEN EVENTS



Teen Craft Club

Saturday, October 10, 2:30–4:40 p.m.

Join us this month where we explore crafting with a spooky twist with Frankenstein-toys. Awaken your inner Dr. Frankenstein and give plushies new life by creating your own unique mishmash plush. Club is open to tweens and teens and will run from 2:30–4:30 on Saturday. If you have any questions, feel free to ask Lyann.

Retro Movie Night: Ghostbusters (1984)

Wednesday, October 21, 5–7 p.m.

Every 3rd Wednesday, teens and tweens can join us for a screening of a retro movie in our community room. Snacks provided.



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

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

Lit Snacks

Read for 15 minutes to get a snack.

KIDS' PROGRAMMING



The Labyrinth of Lost Letters

Saturday, October 3, 3–4 p.m.

Local arts company Breadcrumbs Productions presents "The Labyrinth of Lost Letters," a show that blends storytelling, movement, and music into an interactive adventure for kids pre-k through grade 2.



Tech Night with Erie 21

Wednesday, October 14, 5–7 p.m.

Come join the folks from Le Moyne College's ERIE 21 program, as we talk about recent developments in consumer technology and how AI and similar computer technology influence our media. We will watch a few movie clips, discuss their technology themes, and consider how tech influences our lives; as both a positive feature and an (often) exploitative tool. Registration required. You must register by Monday, October 13.

Birding for Beginners

Friday, October 16, Noon–1 p.m.



Join us for an educational walk down the Le Moyne Woods nature trail, an important refuge for urban wildlife. We will meet at Le Moyne College, behind the athletic complex on Springfield Road, in the gravel parking lot AA (a map can be downloaded from this event on our online calendar, or stop by the library to pickup a paper map). This walk will be under 1 mile long with gradual inclines. The trail is well-maintained, but be sure to wear comfortable footwear with good tread. This is a great way for budding birders to get started and become familiar with local bird species. Birding backpacks from NYS DEC are available to borrow from Soule Branch Library and we will be using them during this walk. Rain date: Friday, October 23 at 12:00pm.

Free-Paint Session

Tuesday, October 20, 5:30–7 p.m.



Come to Soule Branch Library each month for a painting experience! Drop in during this casual, self-directed painting session to relax and keep up on your skills in the company of others. All supplies will be provided, allowing you to focus on the fun of creation. For all skill levels, adults ages 18 and up. Registration is required.

Know Your Rights with NYIC @ Soule

Saturday, October 24, Noon–2 p.m.

Join us in person or online for a presentation that includes:

- A general overview of the branches of the Department of Homeland Security.
- Immigrants' rights during interactions with ICE and Customs & Border Protection.
- How to develop a safety plan to protect individuals during interactions with law enforcement.
- Where to direct an individual seeking immigration legal resources.

This information is geared towards adults, ages 18 and up. Registration is required if you plan to attend online (via Zoom) (hyper link when posting to: <https://onlib-central.libcal.com/event/17419948>). Registration is recommended if you wish to attend in person. Please fill out the comments section on the registration form if you need interpretation (and what language you read) or any other accommodations.

Intro to AI

Saturday, October 17, 2–3 p.m.



Artificial Intelligence (AI) is changing the world around us. From self-driving cars to facial recognition software, AI is being used in a variety of ways to make our lives easier and more efficient. But what exactly is AI, how does it work, and what are the consequences of its use? This one-hour program will provide a basic overview of AI, including its history, function, and significant applications. Along the way we'll also discuss the political, social, economic, and ethical implications of AI tools and their widespread adoption in our daily lives.

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. The 1st Wednesday of every month a movie starts at 11:30 a.m. in the meeting room. The 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month, Nintendo Wii games are available. Please contact the library with questions about accessibility and accommodation requests: (315) 435-5320.

Spice-of-the-Month Club: Cinnamon While Supplies Last



Get creative in the kitchen! Try using this month's featured spice to make three recipes: one savory dish, one sweet dish, and one drink. A sample packet of the spice and three recipes are included.