



SOULE BRANCH LIBRARY

April 2026 Programming

101 Springfield Rd, Syracuse, New York, (315) 435-5320



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ALL OCPL LIBRARIES WILL BE CLOSED ON SUN., APRIL 5 FOR EASTER.

APRIL IS NATIONAL POETRY MONTH

Celebrate with us! Join us for a sonnet writing workshop, attend our poetry reading, and interact with our community Poem-a-Day display featuring a range of poetry to spark thought, reflection, and your creative response. Kids can participate in a fun poetry challenge!

APRIL 19-25 IS NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

National Library Week celebrates the valuable role libraries play in our communities. Fill out an appreciation card in the lounge and add it to our Wall of Gratitude as a way to say "thank you" to your library workers. And join us for a Drop Everything and Read challenge!

LET'S PLAY A GAME! Soule has a variety of classic games, new games, and indie games! All for free with your OCPL library card. Ask to see the list of Tabletop Games at the front desk.

SOULE'S ELEVATOR IS OUT OF SERVICE

The lounge and community room are open but are accessible by stairs only. If you have any questions or concerns, please call (315) 435-5320.

ADULT EVENTS

CARE Fall Prevention Program @ Soule

 Fridays, April 3, 10, and 17, 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

This program covers a new topic each week, including how to modify daily activities, practice personal safety skills, and improve your surroundings. The guided exercise class features chair yoga, Tai Chi, bodyweight movements, and resistance training. Registration required. **Note:** This program is being held in the library's meeting room, which is only accessible by stairs. Contact Sarah at 315-435-5320 with questions or concerns.

Silent Book Club @ Salt City Coffee (Located at 1150 Salt Springs Rd., Syracuse, NY)

Friday, April 3, Noon–1:30 p.m. (Every first Friday of the month except May 1 and July 3)

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! Selection of books available.



Reading and Writing the Sonnet

 Saturdays, April 4 and 11, 2–4 p.m.

The sonnet has been, for centuries, a container for love, contemplation, wit, and experimentation and remains a popular and ever-evolving form. In this course led by poet Deb Diemont, we'll read classic and contemporary masters of the sonnet, and we'll write our own. For all skill levels.

Neighborhood Advisor Office Hours @ Soule

 Monday, April 6, 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.

Modern Heritage Kitchen @ Soule: Vegetable Gardening 101

Saturday, April 11, 2–3 p.m.

Join Westcott Vegetable Club farmers Pat Dunn and Emma for a crash course in home gardening. This class will help you understand the tools and tricks you need to try your hand at growing vegetables and herbs this season. For adults ages 18 and up. Registration is required.



Free-Paint Session

 Tuesday, April 21, 5:30–7 p.m.

Drop in during this casual, self-directed painting session. All supplies provided. All skill levels, adults 18+. Registration is required.

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Drop Everything and Read Thursday, April 23, 11 a.m.–3 p.m.

You are invited to a Drop Everything and Read (D.E.A.R.) challenge at Soule Branch Library! We're celebrating National Library Week (April 19–25) by gathering in the library's reading lounge with some tasty snacks, engaging books, and good company. Sign in and each hour you spend reading with us earns you an achievement badge – will you be merely “bookish”, or will you reach the coveted “bibliophile” level? All ages welcome!

Open-Mic Poetry Reading Saturday, April 25, 2–4 p.m.

Join us for a relaxing afternoon of live poetry and light refreshments in Soule's lounge area. Enjoy a welcoming creative atmosphere to listen, share, and connect with fellow poetry lovers.



Artist's Reception and Exhibition

Richard Baldwin: Art of Assemblage

Reception: Tuesday, April 28, 5–7 p.m. On display from March 28–April 28

In these pieces, Baldwin used wood, piano wire, cloth, bike parts, metal, slides, music sheets, and other found objects in combination with oil and acrylic paint.

English for New Learners Tuesdays, Noon–2 p.m.

Refugee and Immigrant Self-Empowerment (RISE) provides free English language classes designed for non-native adult learners. All materials provided at no cost. Registration forms 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 for this casual group activity. Pick a tabletop game, coloring book, or puzzle from our large collection. Movies and video games are temporarily suspended.

Spice-of-the-Month Club: Oregano Throughout April

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

YOUTH EVENTS

Kids' Spring Craft All day Saturday, April 4

Celebrate the arrival of spring with a colorful craft for kids.

Teen Craft Club

Tuesday April 7 and 21, 3:30–4:30 p.m. (Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month.)

A club where teens can explore their creativity and learn new crafts. All materials provided.

Retro Movie Night: The Princess Bride (1987)

Wednesday, April 15, 5–7 p.m. (Every 3rd Wednesday of the month.)

Teens and tweens join us for a screening of this fantasy adventure full of friendship and swordfights. Snacks provided.

Bring Your Own Book Club

Mondays April 13 and 27, 3:30–4:30 p.m. (Every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month.)

A casual book club where teens can bring whatever they are currently reading and discuss it with others.

Family Board Game Fest All Day Saturday, April 18

Play an old favorite or discover something new at the library! Our extensive board game collection has something for all ages.

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.

Kids' Poetry Challenge Throughout April

Celebrate National Poetry Month by taking on a poetry challenge! Kids can complete different poetry challenges and prompts to earn badges! We'll write, read, and respond to poetry in fun ways to earn different badges. Can you collect them all?

“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 Children's/Teen Services Librarian desk to pick up your copy.