

# SOULE BRANCH LIBRARY

## February 2026 Programming

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



**SOULE'S ELEVATOR IS OUT OF SERVICE FOR THE FORSEEABLE FUTURE.** The reading lounge and community room are open but are currently accessible by stairs only. If you have any questions or concerns, please call (315) 435-5320. We apologize for the inconvenience.

**HOLIDAY CLOSINGS** Onondaga County Public Libraries' city locations, including Soule Branch, will be closed Monday, February 16 for President's Day.

### ADULT EVENTS

#### Neighborhood Advisor Office Hours @ Soule

**Monday, February 2, 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.

#### Silent Book Club @ Salt City Coffee

**Friday, February 6, Noon–1:30 p.m.**

Share the joy of reading at Salt City Coffee in a low pressure, no commitment atmosphere. 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 Basics Workshop: Windows 11

**February 14 and 21, Noon–1 p.m.**

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!



#### Modern Heritage Kitchen @ Soule: Ayurvedic Seasonal Spice Grind

**Staurday, February 14, 2–4 p.m.**

This Valentine's Day, show your mind and soul some love by creating a seasonal masala with Naomi & Brian Kenealy of Elemental Ayurveda and Polarity Center of Syracuse. Enjoy a guided meditation to awaken your senses, a hands-on spice grinding and mixing activity, and a hummus snack board demo while learning about the healing power of spices. For adults 18+. Registration required. Learn more at [elementalayurveda.net](http://elementalayurveda.net) and [syracusepolarity.com](http://syracusepolarity.com). Modern Heritage Kitchen @ Soule is supported by the Central New York Community Foundation's Off-Cycle Grants & Initiatives Fund.

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### Free Paint Session

*Tuesday, February 17, 5:30–7 p.m.*

Drop in during this casual, self-directed painting session to relax and keep-up on your skills in the company of others. All supplies provided. For all skill levels, adults 18+. "Free-Paint Sessions" will continue every other month throughout 2026; "Artistic Creations with Ola" will be held on the opposite month. Registration is required.



### "Images for Animal Lovers"

**Acrylic and watercolor paintings by Ute Oestreicher**

**On display from January 2–February 28**

This exhibition showcases paintings of pets, farm animals, and wildlife in their natural environment and in domestic life. Ute is conscious of environmental threats and seeks to raise awareness about the importance of a healthy balance.

### 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: Cumin Seeds

*Throughout February*

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

## YOUTH EVENTS

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### Bring Your Own Book Club

**Mondays, 3:30–4:30 p.m. UPDATED HOURS**

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.

### Teen Craft Club

**Every other Tuesday, 3:30–4:30 p.m.**

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.

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

**Throughout February**

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.

### Family Story Time

**Fridays, 10:30 a.m. — Beginning February 13!**

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.