The library will be closed Monday, February 17, for Presidents’ Day.

The Charles E. White Branch Library is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday, and from 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday. We’re conveniently located at 763 Butternut St., on Syracuse’s Northside, just three blocks from North Salina Street. Free parking is available behind the building. We can be reached at 435-3519 during regular business hours.

Art Exhibit - Throughout February
Artist Reception Thursday, February 27 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Local artist Jazlise Thomas will exhibit her work at the library throughout February. Her work is a juxtaposition of surrealism and realism involving realistic and dream-like settings and characters. Meet the artist at a reception where she will discuss her work and inspirations.

For Adults:

English Language Conversation Group
Saturdays, February 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 | 11:00 a.m.
Anyone looking to practice speaking English to improve their language skills is invited to join the library’s free English Language Conversation Group. Topics involve small talk, American customs and common expressions. This will help grow vocabulary, pronunciation, grammar and speaking skills. Learners of all levels are welcome to participate in this casual environment.

Basic Computer Skills Class
Tuesdays, February 4, 11 and 18 | 2:00 p.m.
These free computer classes provide hands-on training for adults to boost computer literacy. Learn mouse skills, online safety, typing practice or Microsoft Office applications such as MS Word and Excel. It’s never too late to learn! Call 435-3519 to reserve a place in class.

Volunteer Lawyers Project of Onondaga County - Talk to a Lawyer Clinic
Thursdays, February 6, 13, 20 & 27
4:30 to 6:00 p.m.
A volunteer attorney will be at the library to provide free legal assistance or referrals for family, housing, business, immigration or civil legal issues. No appointments necessary, but please sign in at the circulation desk upon arrival.

Census2020 Jobs Recruiting Event
Thursday, February 27 | 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
A U.S. Census Bureau official will be on site from 4:00-6:00 to answer questions and help you apply for a 2020 Census job. Learn more about Census jobs, earn money and help your community. Local census positions are available for 5 to 40 hours per week with pay starting at $18/hr. Mileage is reimbursed and census income does not count against SNAP, TANF, Medicaid, or HEAP benefits.

For Children & Teens:

Dungeons & Dragons (D&D) with TCGplayer
Tuesday, February 11 at 3:00 p.m.
In this role-playing board game led by TCGplayer staff, you will be invited to help write the adventure story that will take your team on an unforgettable odyssey! In addition to playing the game, we will discuss and create uniquely designed 3-D printed characters and other objects relevant to the game. For all ages (children 8 and under with adult supervision). No registration necessary.
For Children & Teens - continued

Open Art Studio
Fridays, February 14 and 28 | 3:30 p.m.
Bring your creative ideas to life at these bi-weekly open art studio sessions. Although open art studio is self-guided, library staff and occasional visiting artists and volunteers will provide guidance and feedback. We provide a variety of art supplies for your enjoyment. Bring your existing project or start a new one! For all ages (children 8 and under with adult supervision). No registration necessary.

RISE Tutoring Academy
Thursdays February 6, 13, 20 and 27 | 4:30 p.m.
RISE’s Saturday Academy is an opportunity for students in grades 6-12 to access academic assistance and enrichment activities in a safe space that is close to home. By providing refugee and immigrant students with engaging, educational activities and one-on-one advisement, students are encouraged to plan and attain their educational and personal goals.

Audio Production Basics for Producers, Songwriters and Podcasters
Wednesdays February 5, 12, 19 & 26 | 3:30 p.m.
Learn audio production basics using GarageBand or Logic Pro X. We will cover recording techniques and equipment, mixing and mastering, and build on skills necessary to produce instrumentals. These classes, led by audio producer Khalid Richardson, will help you to bring your music, podcast or oral history projects to life. For beginners and established producers alike – receive one-on-one assistance with almost anything audio production related. For all ages, but children 12 and under must be with an adult. Register online or by calling 435-3519.

Saturday Sewing Workshop
Saturdays, February 15 and 29 | 12:00 p.m.
These ongoing sewing workshops will teach you how to properly use and maintain a sewing machine, choose and read patterns, measure and cut fabric, and bring various fiber art projects to life! We will support beginners, intermediate and advanced users alike! For all ages (children 8 and up with adult supervision). Please bring your own sewing machine if you have one, although sewing machines are available on a first come, first served basis. No registration is necessary.

Make a Valentine’s Day Card
February 10 through February 14 | 3:00 to 5:00
Make a beautiful handmade Valentine’s Day card at the library! All materials will be provided in this self-guide craft activity. All ages are welcome but children under 8 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. No Registration is necessary.

For Everyone

For Seniors:

Gather Around
Tuesdays and Thursdays, February 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, and 27 at 10:00 a.m.
Gather Around is a conversational English class for older adults with limited English. In this 8-week class, older adults will learn basic conversational skills, learn more about their community, and become more confident speaking English. No prior English is required. To register, contact Toma Tracy at InterFaith Works, (315) 449-3552 x203 or ttracy@ifwcny.org.

Please advise the Onondaga County Public Library at least five days in advance should you need a sign or other language interpreter, an assistive listening system, or any other accommodation to facilitate your participation at an event.

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