



SOULE BRANCH LIBRARY

January 2026 PROGRAMMING

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



HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Onondaga County Public Libraries' city locations will be closed Thursday, January 1, for New Year's Day and Monday, January 19, for Martin Luther King Jr. day.

PLEASE EXCUSE THE INCONVENIENCE

Soule's elevator is out of service for the foreseeable future. The library's reading lounge and community meeting room are currently accessible by stairs only. If you have any questions or concerns, please call (315) 435-5320.

ADULT EVENTS

Neighborhood Advisor Office Hours @ Soule

Monday, January 5, Noon–2 p.m.

Neighborhood Advisor Joseph Ndagiijimana 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.



"Images for Animal Lovers"

Acrylic and watercolor paintings by Ute Oestreicher

Reception: January 13, 4–6 p.m., On display from Jan. 2–Feb. 28

This exhibition showcases paintings of pets, farm animals, and wildlife in their natural environment and in domestic life. Ute is conscious of threats to the environment and seeks to raise awareness about the importance of a healthy balance. Ute is a local artist and active member of several art guilds, including the Associated Artists of CNY and the Cazenovia Watercolor Society.

Artistic Creations with Ola: Watercolor Collage Landscapes

Tuesday, January 20, 5:30–7 p.m.

Come join us in this creative exercise as we paint and build watercolor landscapes using collage techniques. All materials provided. For adults ages 18 and up; no previous experience is needed! Registration is required.

Come to Soule Branch Library each month for a painting experience! "Artistic Creations with Ola" will continue every other month throughout 2026; "Free-Paint Sessions" will be led by Sarah on the opposite month. Registration is required; check our calendar of events online for more information.



Age Well Day @ Soule: Palliative Care

Friday, January 23, Noon–2 p.m., *online only* via Zoom

Older adults and their caregivers are invited to join us online for an educational presentation about palliative care, to hear from local organizations offering services, and the chance to schedule a one-on-one consultation. Contact Jessica Luis, jluis@ifwcny.org, (315) 449-3552 ext. 210 with questions. Age Well Days @ Soule are a collaboration between Soule Branch Library and The Aging Services Coalition. Registration is required to receive an emailed Zoom-meeting invitation.



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, emphasizing spoken and situational English for everyday use. All textbooks and study 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, 11a.m.–2 p.m.

Adults with disabilities and their caregivers can join us every Wednesday for this casual group activity. Pick a tabletop game from our large collection and find a cozy spot to play. Coloring books and puzzles are also available. These activities will be held in the adult section of the library; movies and video games are temporarily suspended due to our elevator being out of service. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Soule Branch Library by calling (315) 435-5320.

Spice-of-the-Month Club: Crushed Red Pepper

Throughout January

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

YOUTH EVENTS

Bring Your Own Book Club

Mondays, 2:30–3:30 p.m., beginning January 5

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 also inspire others to try new books and explore new genres.

Teen Craft Club

Every other Tuesday, 3:30–4:30 p.m., beginning January 6

A club where teens can explore their creativity and learn new crafts. Crafting ideas include learning how to crochet, draw, cut-out crafts, and more. All materials provided.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THIS NOTABLE FEBRUARY EVENT

Modern Heritage Kitchen @ Soule: Ayurvedic Seasonal Spice Grind

Saturday, February 14, 2–4 p.m.

This Valentine's Day, show your mind and soul some love by learning about the healing qualities of spices as both medicine and flavoring. Make a beautiful masala with Naomi & Brian Kenealy of Elemental Ayurveda and Polarity Center of Syracuse.