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# Olean Public Library

## April 2020

### Newsletter

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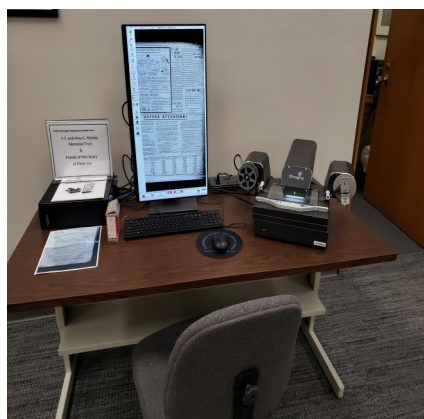
Closed until further notice.

Outside our building, our WiFi is free, available 24/7, and there is no password required.



**Important: as of March 16, the Library is closed, and now remains closed as required by New York State. We are available to assist you with card renewals and reference questions at [reference@oleanlibrary.org](mailto:reference@oleanlibrary.org).**

## Library Receives New Microfilm Scanning Station



With the assistance of a grant from the F. T. and Anna C. Manley Memorial Trust and a gift from the Friends of the Olean Library, Inc., the Olean Public Library was able to purchase a new microfilm scanning station. The new station has many features not available in older machines: one can view an entire newspaper page on the screen, crop images to capture and print specific sections, and edit to add more than one image to a page. The Library holds microfilmed Olean newspapers dating back to about 1880. Most of these newspapers have not been digitized and aren't available online, so this station is a very valuable resource! Thank you to the Manley Memorial Trust and to the Friends for bringing this technology to our patrons.

## Publisher Macmillan Backs Off Policy Restricting E-book Sales to Libraries

by Rose Friedman, NPR.org

Publishing house Macmillan is backing off a controversial policy restricting e-book sales to libraries, announcing in a letter to librarians, authors, illustrators and agents on Tuesday [March 17] that "There are times in life when differences should be put aside."

In November, NPR's Lynn Neary reported on the restrictive policy: "For the first eight weeks after an e-book goes on the market, a library system can buy only one copy. So if you are used to getting your books from a library and you are an e-book fan who has been eagerly awaiting Hilary Mantel's next book, *The Mirror and the Light*, for example, you may have a long wait when it comes out in March 2020. Under the old rules, a large library system like New York's or Chicago's might have ordered hundreds of e-book copies. Now each system — large or small — can buy only one when it goes on sale."

The idea was to boost general e-sales, rather than e-lends, in the weeks after a book's publication. Macmillan CEO John Sargent said at the time that library lending was "cannibalizing" e-sales and compared it to the movie business, where films make most of their money on opening weekends.

In response to what they called an "embargo," libraries protested and collected signatures. Some even boycotted Macmillan.

In a statement Tuesday [March 17], the American Library Association welcomed the reversal, saying, "Equitable access to digital content is more important than ever as libraries continue to serve their communities amid rapidly changing circumstances. Macmillan's return to its original lending terms signals a new starting point for all publishers to consider how they can work with libraries to ensure — and expand — access for all readers."

## Library Creates New Operating Procedures for COVID-19 Closure

Your library will continue to serve you remotely!

All loan periods have been extended. There will be no fines and overdue notices until we resume normal operations. You can continue to return books to the book drop. Please know that your account may not reflect the return until we re-open. Also, holds on books cannot be placed in our online catalog until we re-open.

If you need help with your ebook access, card renewals, or have a reference question, please contact us via email and a staff member will be in touch. Our email address is [reference@oleanlibrary.org](mailto:reference@oleanlibrary.org).

We will be active on social media, sharing resources and hosting online story times, crafts, and special events.



**Author Susan Wiggs' Visit Postponed**

Stay tuned for a rescheduling update!

# Online Library Programs During Closure

Check out our Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram pages to participate!

Sundays at 10 am

"Ask a Farmer Gardening Q & A"

Podcast with Canticle Farm

Mondays at 6:30 pm

Crafting with Christine instructional video

Tuesdays at 10 am

"Stories and More" story and a craft

Wednesdays at 1 pm

Poetry challenge

Wednesdays at 3:30 pm

"Investigation Stations" story and craft

Thursdays at 10 am

"Stories and Stretches" yoga activity

Thursdays late at night

Night Owls — What Are You Reading?

Fridays at 1 pm

Genealogy research tips, ongoing Q & A

Saturdays at 7 pm

Knit & crochet online group

Variable dates & times —

LEGO Challenges, teen events, and

ESL Conversation Club webmeetings.



From April 2-16, travel around the Olean area to find bear displays in windows and yards. Inspired by the book *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* by Michael Rosen, this nationwide movement encourages families to venture around their communities from the safety of their car or sidewalk. The weather is looking perfect for teddy bear hunting! Even businesses that are closed can join the fun with a bear in their window. Post photos of the bears you find at our Facebook event, "Teddy Bear Hunt."

## Online Access for Ebooks and Other Resources

**Ebooks and e-audiobooks:** We recommend that patrons use the Overdrive and Libby apps for free ebook access. User guides are available at the Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Library System's website, [www.cclsny.org](http://www.cclsny.org). In addition, the New York Public Library allows all residents of New York State to acquire a library card called "SimplyE." With this card, patrons can gain access to an array of digital resources, including ebooks, audiobooks, and journals, as well as databases available from home during the library's closure.

**Temporary library cards:** if you don't have a physical library card, you are able to sign up online for an "Instant Digital Card" (IDC). You can sign up with your name and mobile phone number to validate that you live in a ZIP code within the CCLS Library System. To view a video about it, visit the following link:

<https://resources.overdrive.com/library/apps-features/instant-digital-card/>

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**Ancestry Library Edition:** While the library is open, patrons can access our Ancestry Library genealogy database within the library; now, during the closure, it can temporarily be accessed from home! See our Facebook page for posts about accessing it.

**Kids' Coding Club:** The login information for these lessons can now be accessed from home temporarily during the closure! Please see our Facebook page for posts about accessing it, or email our IT librarian at [rschultz@oleanlibrary.org](mailto:rschultz@oleanlibrary.org).