

MARCELLUS FREE LIBRARY

April 2024

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Marcellus, NY 13108

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APRIL HIGHLIGHTS

ECLIPSE VIEWING PARTY



Monday, April 8 from 2:00–4:30 PM | Outside | [REGISTER ONLINE](#)

Join us in celebrating the total solar eclipse. One pair of eclipse glasses will be provided per registered household. Festivities include eclipse glasses paper plate crafts, Sun and Moon Pony Bead Bracelets, face painting, glitter tattoos, mega bubbles, and outside games (weather permitting). There will be cupcakes, hot cocoa, and coffee to celebrate the once-in-a-lifetime event! *In conjunction with the Friends of Marcellus Free Library*



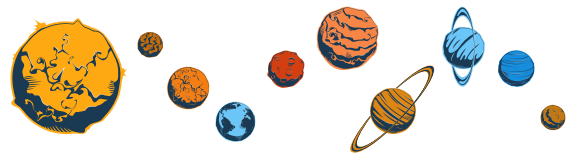
POETRY CONTEST FOR ALL AGES!

Submission Period: April 1–30



Celebrate National Poetry Month by entering our poetry contest! Prizes will be awarded in Youth and Adult categories. Youth categories are divided by grade: 4th–6th grade, 7th–9th grade, and 10th–12th grade. Adult categories are divided by age: 18–54 and 55+. Youth category prizes consist of baskets containing journals, writing utensils, poetry magnets, and stickers. The prizes for the adult categories are one seasonal workshop of the winner's choice at the Downtown Writer's Center in Syracuse offered during Summer 2024 or Fall 2024. Winners will be notified in early May. Please see our online events calendar for more details on submission guidelines.

This contest will be adjudicated by Onondaga County Poet Laureate, Georgia A. Popoff.



ASTRONOMY WITH BAREFOOT BOB Planetary Alignment

Thursday, April 11 from 7:30–10:30 PM | Outside

The moon will be clustered with the Pleiades, Jupiter, and Uranus. Be sure to get a last good look at the area surrounding Orion! As a bonus, we may get a nice view of comet Pons-Brooks. Rain date: April 12. *This program is made possible thanks to the support of the Friends of Marcellus Free Library.*

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday	9:30 AM–7:00 PM
Tuesday	9:30 AM–7:00 PM
Wednesday	9:30 AM–7:00 PM
Thursday	9:30 AM–7:00 PM
Friday	9:30 AM–5:00 PM
Saturday	9:30 AM–4:00 PM
Delayed Opening Fri., April 12: 10:00 AM	

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS



TAXPAYER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Wednesday, April 3 & 10 from 10:30 AM–6:30 PM | Martha Lollis Media Room | REGISTER ONLINE

Representatives from NYS Dept. of Taxation & Finances will provide free tax filing assistance for patrons with a federal adjusted gross income of \$79,000 or less. Note: Reps do NOT provide tax advice and do NOT file taxes for patrons. They will exclusively walk patrons through the filing process.

BASICS OF AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE 1.5

Registration Period: April 1–30 | REGISTER ONLINE



Build on your already cultivated fundamental skills and deepen your understanding of the rich history and culture of the American Deaf community in a supportive environment. Classes will run from May 14 to June 11. **For patrons 18+ only.**

This project is made possible through the CNY Arts Grants for Regional Arts and Cultural Engagement regrant program thanks to a New York State Senate Initiative supported by the NYS Legislature, the Office of the Governor and administered by the New York State Council on the Arts.

PAPER CRAFTS WITH ALYSON



Wednesday, April 3 from 5:30–6:30 PM | Friends Community Room

Friday, April 5 from 10:30–11:30 AM | Friends Community Room

Register with Alyson – aly.esposito3440@gmail.com or call 315-604-6467

Make a homemade greeting card using the rubber stamping technique.

FIBER ARTS CLUB

Tuesday, April 9 from 1:30–3:30 PM | Martha Lollis Media Room

Calling all knitters, crocheters, needle pointers, and other fiber artists! Spend an afternoon working on your latest creation in a social and comfortable setting. This is not an instructional workshop, but a patron-led gathering to give crafters a place to socialize.



AFTERNOON MOVIE

***The Color Purple* (2023) – PG 13**

Thursday, April 11 from 1:15–3:00 PM

Friends Community Room

Closed-captions provided.

AFTERNOON MOVIE FOR PEOPLE WITH LOW VISION

***The Color Purple* (2023) – PG 13**

Friday, April 12 from 1:15–3:00 PM

Friends Community Room



Audio description provided.

"Audio description is audio-narrated descriptions of a television program's key visual elements. These descriptions are inserted into natural pauses in the program's dialogue." – Federal Communications Commission

APRIL BOOK BOX



Pick-up Period: April 19–April 27 | REGISTER ONLINE

This month's theme is "Loving Local." Each FREE box will come with a surprise book and treats.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS CONTINUED

BANNED BOOKS BOOK CLUB

Saturday, April 13 from 11:30–12:30 PM | Martha Lollis Media Room

This month we will be reading *Maus* by Art Spiegelman.



This program is for ages 16+* and is meant to encourage conversations between patrons from different generations. *Minors must provide written permission, as well as a phone number, from a parent/guardian to attend.

NUTRITION TALK: Eat Smart; Age Well



Saturday, April 13 | 2:00–3:00 PM | Friends Community Room | REGISTER ONLINE

Join Syracuse University Nutrition Majors in a talk about nutrition for healthy aging. Learn about key nutrients for older adults and how to properly read food labels. Smoothie demonstration and tasting for attendees.

GARDEN TALK: Container Gardening with Cornell Cooperative Extension

Saturday, April 20 from 11 AM–12 PM | Friends Community Room | REGISTER ONLINE

Learn the pros and cons of growing different types of plants in containers!



MEET THE ARTIST OF THE MONTH: Don Crumb

Thursday, April 18 from 5:00–7:00 PM | Local History

Artist of the month Don Crumb will be speaking about his award-winning photographs and answering any questions patrons have about his work.

NATIONAL POETRY MONTH READING Georgia A. Popoff, Poet Laureate of Onondaga County

Saturday, April 20 from 1:30–2:30 PM | Friends Community Room

Celebrate National Poetry Month with the Poet Laureate of Onondaga County, Georgia A. Popoff. She will read from her work, discuss her writing process, and answer audience questions. Books will be available for purchase at this event. *Register online for a reminder.*



CRAFTERNOON FOR ADULTS Honeycomb Shadow Boxes

**Wednesday, April 24 | 1:30–3:00 PM | Friends Community Room
REGISTER ONLINE**

Create an easy, beautiful honeycomb shadow box! All materials provided.



GARDENING WORKSHOP Window Box Herb Garden



Thursday, April 25 from 5:45–6:30 PM | Friends Community Room | REGISTER ONLINE

All materials, including the window box, are supplied by Green Effects.



PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS CONTINUED

HISTORY TALK DEAF HISTORY MONTH

Saturday, April 27 from 1:30–2:30 PM | Friends Community Room

This presentation will touch on three turning points in deaf education history dating back to the early 1800s, celebrate the contributions and accomplishments of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community, and raise awareness about the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community.

This program will be professionally interpreted by American Sign Language interpreters.

Presented by WholeMe Inc.

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

PUSH, PULL, TOGETHER, APART

**Saturday, April 13 from 10:30–11:00 AM | Ages 1–5 years old
Friends Community Room | REGISTER ONLINE**

Join the Syracuse Stage in a 30-minute, interactive, non-verbal performance for children!

Specifically designed for young audiences and their families, *Push, Pull, Together, Apart* is about connection. How many different ways are we connected with each other and the world around us? In this participatory experience, young audience members will join in exploring the different ways in which brand new eyes find connection in the spontaneous. This performance will involve interactive sounds, props, and storytelling.



STORYTIME WITH MS. KRISTIN

**WIGGLEWORMS: Wednesdays from 9:30–10:00 AM
For babies and toddlers | REGISTER ONLINE**

This session will focus on simple stories, movement, and music for little ones who love to wiggle while they learn.

BOOKWORMS: Wednesdays from 10:30–11:15 AM | REGISTER ONLINE

This session will combine thematic stories, action rhymes, songs, and crafts to help preschoolers put into practice early literacy skills. Parents/caregivers, join your child in growing a love for reading and watch new friendships blossom as we are stories. Siblings welcome.



TOY-TIME TUESDAY!

**Every Tuesday in April from 10:00 AM–1:00 PM
Friends Community Room | Ages 0–5**

Come and play without the stress of cleaning up! A caregiver must be present to participate. *Funded by the Friends of Marcellus Free library.*



ARTIST OF THE MONTH

Don Crumb



After forty-five years as a dentist in Syracuse, New York, Dr. Don Crumb is now retired and focusing his attention on the art of photography. He states, “As a photographer I focus on nature’s landscapes and wildlife. Each of us has a unique perspective on our view of nature. I aspire to share my vision of nature with others through my photographs and thus, in some small way, evoke a sense of passion and appreciation of the natural beauty around us”.

You may have seen some of his award-winning photographs at the New York State Fair in recent years. Don was also privileged to have been the Grand Prize winner in the 2017 Nikon and Princess Cruises International Photo Contest for his photograph “Polychrome Pass” taken in Denali National Park.

Now that he has his own business, Don Crumb Photography, he prints and sells his photographs and photo notecards. His portfolio can be viewed on his website at www.doncrumbphotography.com

FRIENDS OF MARCELLUS FREE LIBRARY



FRIENDS OF MFL MEETING

Thursday, April 18 at 1:00 PM | Friends Community Room

The next Friends meeting will consist of rolling up our sleeves and assembling baskets for our annual Olde Home Days Basket Raffle. Volunteers are needed to assist with the basket assembly. Pizza and beverages will be provided.



If you are a business or community member interested in donating to the **basket raffle**, please contact the Friends President (Jackie Smith, 315-427-3407), any member of the Friends Board, or library staff. Items needed: finished baskets; individual items to add to baskets; materials such as empty baskets, business size envelopes, thank-you cards with envelopes, basket filler, ribbon for bows, and invisible tape. All donations must be provided by April 16th. The baskets will be on display in the library for the month of May. Raffle tickets may be purchased at Circulation beginning May 1st.

Olde Home Days Book Sale donations needed: As you are spring cleaning, don’t forget that the Friends can use your gently used books—including fiction and non-fiction, children’s books, books of local and regional interest, classic literature, poetry, gardening, puzzles, and DVDs. Guidelines for donations can be found in the Friends section of the Marcellus Library website. Donations can be dropped off at the library circulation desk during business hours. The one-box max has been waived.



April 9th is **National Library Workers Day**. Friends encourage you to visit the library and show your appreciation to our dedicated and hardworking library staff!