

Newsletter

May | June 2019

Upcoming Events



Upstate Uncovered with Chuck D'Imperio

Discover the fascinating stories of people, places, and historical sites in CNY on Saturday, May 4 at 3:00pm. Registration Encouraged.

Contra & Country Dance Demo

Enjoy live music and learn the steps as Syracuse County Dancers show you contra & English country dances on Sunday, May 12 at 2:00pm. Registration Encouraged.

CLD&J Music Series: Music by Dale

Join Dale Randall for live guitar music in the style of James Taylor and Lightfoot on Sunday, May 19 at 2:00pm. Registration Encouraged.

Meditations for Personal Growth & Wellness

Discover the benefits of shamanic meditation as Monique Lang shares techniques and tips for beginners and long-time meditators on Monday, June 3 at 7:00pm. Registration Required.

Essential Oils 101

Learn how to improve your health and wellness with essential oils. Leslie Eimas shares samples of 12 popular oils on Monday, June 17 at 7:00pm. Registration Encouraged.

Registration is encouraged for all library programs.
To sign up, stop in the Library, call 315-446-3578, or visit: www.CLDandJ.org.

Library Lingo

Do you feel as if the Library speaks a different language than the rest of the world? Learn Library language right here.

Outreach -

Services provided to those in the community who might not otherwise have access to those services. The Library has numerous Outreach programs including delivery of library materials to Seniors, visits to schools, notary and technology help, and much more.

Digital Services

Roku with Netflix, Amazon Prime & Hulu

New! Stream your favorite Netflix, Amazon Prime, & Hulu shows & more for Free with our Roku kit!



We offer free streaming services of movies and TV series with a Roku box!

Just plug in the Roku to your TV, connect it to your wifi, and start watching streaming movies and shows from Netflix, Amazon Prime & Hulu.

Ask our staff for details!



New Briefs

NYS Empire Passes & Onondaga County Passes

The CLD&J will be offering this year's NYS Empire Passes and Onondaga County Park Passes for checkout by Memorial Day. Look for the passes alongside our Quick Pick movies in the main level browsing area.

The NYS Empire Pass is your key to all-season enjoyment at New York State Parks, including Clark Reservation and Green Lakes State Park.

The Onondaga County Park Pass is your key to enjoying select Onondaga County Parks, including the zoo.

Each Pass Kit has a 3 day loan period. Ask our staff for details.

Increasing Accessibility at CLD&J

CLD&J is proud to offer captioning for library programs and lectures offered in the Community Room. This new service is made possible by <https://webcaptioner.com/>, a free resource which turns speech into text with a high level of accuracy.

Please email ecassidy@onlib.org to request captions at least one week before a scheduled library event.

Community Library HOURS

Monday - Thursday
10:00 am - 9:00 pm
Fridays & Saturdays
10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sundays
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

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www.CLDandJ.org

The Library will be closed:
Monday, May 27
for Memorial Day
& Thursday, July 4
for Independence Day.

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CLD&J Wins Award for STEM Outreach

The Technology Alliance of Central New York (TACNY) selected the Community Library of DeWitt & Jamesville as the winner of the STEM Outreach Organization of the Year Award. The award recognizes the library's efforts in increasing interest in science and technology and expanding opportunities to those with limited access through in-house and outreach programs and the library's unique STEM collections: Discovery to Go and Digital Gateway.



CLD&J Assistant Director for Technology & STEM Initiatives accepts the STEM Outreach Organization of the Year Award from Diane Plumley, President of TACNY.

The library staff's efforts in bringing awareness of STEM concepts to the community, collaborative outreach, and circulating STEM collections was honored at the 20th annual Celebration of Technology Awards, presented by TACNY on April 8th.

The Community Library created Discovery to Go, a STEM collection of circulating kits to support home-schooling efforts in the areas of science, technology, engineering, and math, through a grant from then NYS Assemblyman Sam Roberts in 2015. Since then, the collection has expanded to assist the curiosity of families exploring the wonders of STEM together, from those beginning electrical engineer careers in Pre-K to adults interested in astrophysics as a hobby. The library later added Digital Gateway, a complementary collection to expand technology kit offerings.

These collections contain more than 200 items that support library programming and educational opportunities not otherwise available to public library users in Onondaga County.

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Community Library

of DeWitt & Jamesville

Past CLD&J STEM Programs & Outreach Events

MLK Day Celebration Maker Hall, 2017



Touch of Tech: Arduino summer camp, 2018



MoST Summer of Science Social, 2016



CNY STEM campers using DTG kits, 2016



Green Screen Fun, 2019



Barnes & Noble Maker Event, 2017



CLD&J Wins Award for STEM Outreach

The Discovery to GO and Digital Gateway collections are unique in encouraging learning as a family activity in the library or in the home allowing children of all ages and their caregivers to learn about STEM subjects at their own pace, in a low-risk context that feels like play. The types of kits in the collection are selected both for their hand-on educational value and ease of understanding for first-time users. The intention is to provide supplemental learning to lend to the excitement of exploration and personal discovery in these fields.

Since 2016, when the library brought snap circuit kits to the AT&T and CNY STEM Hub Camp at LeMoyne College, these kits and other items in the Discovery to Go collection have travelled around the county, to the CNY Regional Making & Innovation Conference, to the TACNY Maker Hall, to the Barnes & Noble Maker Event. Local area teachers have borrowed the kits to supplement their curriculum, and the kits are taken to the public schools regularly for collaboration efforts. These collections have facilitated many new interactions that couldn't have been possible otherwise.

Discovery to Go kits support monthly programming for kids on a variety of topics, and Digital Gateway materials are highlighted in workshops on 3D printing sessions, media conversion to updated formats, digital art cre-

ation, and digital production. Such programming is largely staff-run but has also given the library the ability to make community connections and provide programs by experts in CNY. For example, Women in Coding, a local organization that provides coding workshops for the Syracuse community, have used our Arduino kits to run coding classes, and the Syracuse Astronomical Society have made use of our telescopes and the library's property to teach about the natural world and the night sky. Our interactive whiteboard and laptops have also facilitated a digital storytelling series by a local expert in the HIVE Makerspace.

The Community Library of DeWitt & Jamesville is committed to maintaining and updating these collections for the future, in large part due to their popularity and community support. New items are added to the collection every year. So far, in 2019, the library has a new cabinet of kits for a "Junior" DTG collection, as well as a robust and easy-to-use 3D scanner for public use in the Digital Gateway collection. Library staff is dedicated to offering new play, discovery, and learning opportunities through programming, training, and promotion of these collections.

We are proud to be awarded the STEM Outreach Organization of the Year Award and appreciated the recognition of the library and its unique collections as an asset to the community.

Erin Cassidy,
Assistant Director for Technology
& STEM Initiatives

2019 Library Budget Proposition

In December, 2018, the Community Library of DeWitt & Jamesville Board of Trustees unanimously approved a proposed 2019 budget that controls costs while allocating resources where they are most needed.

For our 2019 Budget Proposition on the upcoming May ballot, the Library is seeking an additional \$42,530, or a 3% increase over the 2018 tax levy. This modest increase, the first since 2016, will be used to cover additional payroll expenses associated with the increase in the NYS Minimum Wage, allowing the Library to maintain wage equity for affected employees over the next two years. In addition, the proposed budget will support expanded programming in the areas of literacy, STEM education, teen life skills, the arts, and outreach services to the community.

Please take the time to vote on the Library's Budget Proposition on Tuesday, May 21, 2019. The vote will be held at the Jamesville-DeWitt High School from 7:00am – 9:00pm.

Wendy Scott,
Executive Director

Librarians Experiment

You already know the staff at CLD&J is committed to helping our patrons. Did you also know they like to experiment with making sustainable and practical items like soap and beeswax wraps? "Librarians Experiment" is a new series of short, quirky videos produced and directed by Paralibrarian Fran Cacace.

"The mission of our Hive Makerspace is to encourage patrons to try, and yes, fail at making something. What kind of example would we be if we didn't give these things a shot ourselves? With this series, I wanted to combine the fun of making something with friends, with the educational element that we integrate into all of our programs. Hopefully viewers feel like they're watching a beloved TV show that they can also attempt at home or join in at a library program," says Cacace.



The fun part about the series is that you'll see staff trying to make things but not always initially getting it right.

"I'm a firm believer we learn by making mistakes. And we're not shy about showing you the mistakes we make along the way," says Librarians Experiment participant Emily Wormuth.

In the soap making video, you'll see how several of the first batches fail and what the team learns along the way. Some of the projects will turn into library programs featuring informal talks on the subject with staff, patrons and experts.

So here's your opportunity to see CLD&J staff learning something new and having way too much fun. Librarians Experiment can be found on the Community Library of DeWitt & Jamesville's YouTube channel. Search "Librarians Experiment" to find it. Select videos are also playing on the LCD monitor at the library on the lower level opposite the elevator.

Emily Wormuth,
Children's Librarian
& Librarian Experimenter

Community Connections: VolunTeen @ CLD&J

Our Summer Reading Program (SRP) last year was bigger than ever before. We had nearly 500 students in grades Pre-K through 12 register. This year we need your help! Teens currently in grades 9-12 can volunteer at the library this summer.

As a VolunTeen, your duties could include: staffing the SRP desk in the Children's Room, taking reading reports, awarding prizes, helping prepare for children's programs, shelving books, and keeping the Children's Room tidy.

Applications are due by May 31st and training will take place before school officially ends on June 26th. Volunteers will

work a set schedule of one 3 to 4 hour shift each week during SRP which will start Friday, June 28th and end Friday, August 23rd.

Come in to get an application at the front desk or print a copy of the application out from our website at <https://www.cldandj.org/Files/TeenVolunteer.pdf>. If you have any questions please ask Nan our Teen Librarian. You can email her at nbrown@onlib.org or call the library at 315-446-3578.

Nan Brown
Young Adult &
Community Outreach Services Librarian

From the Stacks

Summer Reading

The CLD&J is launching an **Adult Summer Reading Club** this summer! Here's how you can participate and win prizes for reading:

1. Sign-up at the library's information desk and grab an Adult Summer Reading Club bookmark starting June 28th.
2. Read books and mark them down on your bookmark. Books must be at least 100 pages in length. For each completed book, you'll get one entry toward our end of summer raffle.
3. Submit your bookmark to the library's information desk anytime before August 16th. Raffle prize winners will be notified by August 23rd.

We hope that you will join us this summer to celebrate reading at every age!

Recommended Read

Sing, Unburied, Sing
By Jesmyn Ward



This National Book Award winner tells the story of a young African-American boy growing up in Mississippi.

Jojo's coming of age story is a gripping one as he deals with a mother who is a drug addict, a father in jail, and a sister needing a guardian. It's a lyrical, literary tale with a Southern gothic feel.

Read the book; meet the author! Author Jesmyn Ward kicks off the 2019-2020 25th season of the Rosamond Gifford Author series on Sept. 24, 2019.