



OGDEN FARMERS' LIBRARY

April 2025 Newsletter

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

To the residents of Ogden:

A library is a vital part of any community, including Ogden. It is our mission to provide everyone a space to discover and develop ideas, information, and imagination. Libraries are a welcoming space for all and work to avoid political commentary, but we must communicate when politics is threatening our ability to succeed in our mission. Changes at the National and State level now threaten that mission.

At the Federal level, President Trump recently signed an executive order greatly reducing the services and funding provided by the IMLS, the Institute of Museum and Library Services. At the State level, Governor Hochul's proposed budget includes cuts to library funding.



Neither of these cuts would impact Ogden Farmers' Library immediately or directly. Ogden's Town Board wisely allocates enough money to provide a well-funded library to the community. However, both of these cuts would affect the library system we belong to - Monroe County Library System - and the New York State Library.

These cuts could impact Ogden residents in a variety of ways. The system provides such popular services as Libby, Kanopy, mi-fi devices, even the book delivery from other local libraries. Cuts to the State library could affect things like grants, library construction, and database access to the NOVELNY databases.

A lack of funding does not necessarily require that services be cut or reduced but it could result in cost increases. For example, MCLS could increase our cost of membership, which would mean that we need to find more funding locally. This could mean cuts to local services such as open hours or the Hoopla platform, or increased funding requests from the town, which would directly impact your taxes.

It is difficult to determine what will happen if either of these funding alterations occur. But if both funders left well enough alone, we would not be facing cuts at all. I encourage you to contact your elected officials to let them know your feelings about how important libraries are to you, and your desire to see them fully funded.

You can reach our national level elected officials at:

President Trump: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/contact>

Senator Schumer: <https://www.schumer.senate.gov/contact>

Senator Gillibrand: <https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/contact>

Representative Morelle: <https://www.morelle.house.gov/contact>

And you can contact our state level elected officials at:

Governor Hochul:

<https://www.governor.ny.gov/content/governor-contact-form>

Senator Ortt:

<https://www.nysenate.gov/senators/robert-g-ortt/contact>

Assemblyman Jensen:

<https://www.nyassembly.gov/mem/Josh-Jensen/contact>

OGDEN FARMERS' LIBRARY

TEEN Events: April



*: Registration is Required

* WED, APR 2
6:00 - 7:00

Mossy Fairy
Mirrors

* WED, APR 9
6:30 - 7:30

Donuts & Writing:
Poetry Party

* TUE, APR 15
2:30 - 3:30

Victorian
Tea Party

* SAT, APR 19
1:30 - 2:30

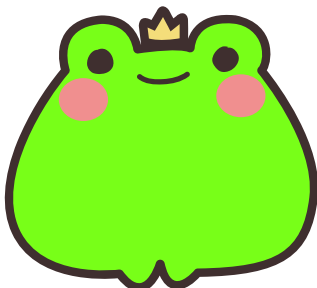
Paint & Plant

* WED, APR 23
5:30 - 6:30

LGBTQ+
Book Club

* FRI, MAY 2
4:00 - 4:45

Self Care Crafts
- Squishies



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* MOSSY FAIRY MIRRORS

Apr 2 at 6:00. We will decorate mini mirrors using materials like moss, tiny flowers, crystals, and more

* DONUTS & WRITING: POETRY PARTY

Apr 9 at 6:30. We will learn about different kinds of poetry and create our own poems through fun activities

* VICTORIAN TEA PARTY

Apr 15 at 2:30. Step back in time for an afternoon full of tea (or hot cocoa) and Victorian party games

* PAINT & PLANT

Apr 19 at 1:30. We will be painting and personalizing plant pots and then planting seeds to start our own mini gardens

* LGBTQ+ BOOK CLUB: SNAPDRAGON

Apr 23 at 5:30. Join us for our first club meeting where we'll be reading a magical graphic novel. All teens are welcome!

* SELF CARE CRAFTS - SQUISHIES

May 2 at 4:00. In this workshop, we will mold squishies out of foam and then decorate them with paint

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KIDS EVENTS: APRIL



Story Time at 10:15 every Tue & Fri

Join Mr. Steve (Tuesdays) and Ms. Bridget (Fridays)

Drawing Club at 6:30 on Thu 4/3

Calling all kid artists - come draw stuff!

*LEGO Club at 6:30 on Thu, 4/10

Build, share, and create with the Library's LEGOs

*Preschool Fun with Missy Reed at 11:00 on Sat 4/12

Sing and dance! Play and have fun! For ages 0-5

Visit with RocDog at 6:30 on Thu, 4/17

Therapy dogs from RocDog visit to spend time with you!

*Pokémon Trainers Club at 6:30 on Thu, 4/24

Trade cards, enjoy crafts, play Pokémon GO, and more

REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR EVENTS
MARKED WITH AN ASTERISK (*)

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	4/1 10:15 Story Time	4/2	4/3 6:30 Drawing Club	4/4 10:15 Story Time	4/5
4/7	4/8 10:15 Story Time	4/9	4/10 6:30 LEGO Club	4/11 10:15 Story Time	4/12 11:00 Missy Reed
4/14	4/15 10:15 Story Time	4/16	4/17 6:30 Therapy Dogs Visit	4/18 10:15 Story Time	4/19
4/21	4/22 10:15 Story Time	4/23	4/24 6:30 Pokémon Club	4/25 10:15 Story Time	4/26
4/28	4/29 10:15 Story Time	4/30			

VISIT THE EVENT CALENDAR ON OUR WEBSITE
FOR MORE INFO AND TO REGISTER:

WWW.OGDENLIBRARY.COM



Ogden Farmers' Library

ADULT EVENTS: April

Registration required events marked with an asterisk ()*

***Sea Glass Art**

10:00 - 11:00 on Saturday, 4/5

Are you dreaming of warm days on the beach?
Create a lovely picture on a mini canvas using
beautiful sea glass!

***Friday Flick:**

2:00 - 4:30 on Friday, 4/11

Join us for a screening of the 1991 movie based
on the novel "Fried Green Tomatoes at the
Whistle Stop Cafe". Popcorn will be provided!

*Register online at OgdenLibrary.com
or over the phone at (585) 617-6181*

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***Discoveries (and donuts) - Intro to Udemy**

11:00 - 12:00 on Wednesday, 4/23

Tech tutor Peter will provide an intro to UDEMY, the educational video database available to you for free with your library card.

***Genealogy Club - Evolution of Names and Searching for Relatives in College Records**

2:00 - 4:00 on Monday, 4/28

Stephan Clarke will present on two genealogical topics: *The History & Evolution of Names* and *How to Search for Relatives in College Records*.

Free Comic Book Day - All Ages

All day Saturday, 5/3

Stop by and grab some *Free Comic Book Day* exclusive comics!

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CALENDAR NOTES

Library Closed:

- Monday, April 7th (Staff Training)
- Friday, April 18th (Good Friday)

Board Meeting at 6:30pm

Thursday, April 17th

YOUR SUGGESTIONS

Here are our responses to every entry we received in our **Comments and Suggestions Box** over the past month.

Suggestions: “How about a donut day for adults, like the “ TEEN Donuts & Writing” club you put on?”

Our response: Great idea! We’re making this request a reality with our “Discoveries (and Donuts): Intro to Udemy” presentation this month. Maybe we’ll see you there!

- *Bridget and Peter*

Suggestions:

- “High Tea and Misdemeanors” by Laura Childs
- “Keeper of Lost Things” by Ruth Hogan
- “A Witches Guide to Magical Innkeeping” by Sangu Mandanna
- “Hold Strong” by Robert Dugoni
- “Up, Up, and Oy Vey” by Simcha Weinstein
- “Money for Couples” by Ramit Sethi
- “Taylor Swift - The Stories Behind the Songs” by Annie Zaleski

Our response:

We will purchase these!

- *John*

Suggestions: “The Hips on the Drag Queen Go Swish, Swish, Swish” by Lil Miss Hot Mess

Our response: I will add this to the April book order. Thanks!

- *Mr. Steve*

Suggestions:

- “Shtick Shift” by Simcha Weinstein
- “A Hidden Secret” by Linda Castillo

Our response: Unfortunately, these items do not appear to be available from our regular suppliers.

- *John*

Suggestions:

Take the shields down from the checkout desk!

Our response:

We first received a similar suggestion in mid-winter. At that time I (John, the library director) decided to **A:** not remove them during the height of flu season and **B:** poll the staff to determine how comfortable they were with removing them after flu season had ended. I have talked with the staff and while the staff has a variety of views on the subject, it has been determined that staff health is being protected by the shields. Therefore, we will be leaving the shields up. This could always change in the future, but for now, they will remain."

- *John*
