



Spring Events



March, April, May 2024



OSHKOSH PUBLIC LIBRARY

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

SAT. JUNE 1

Summer Reading Challenge

Fun and prizes for all ages

June 1 – Aug. 3

Reading in the summer helps your brain grow stronger! The Challenge starts Sat., June 1. Stay tuned for details at oshkoshpubliclibrary.org

Early Childhood Literacy

Preschool Storytime

MON | March 4 – May 20 | 9:30 a.m.

Preschoolers | Lower Level

**No storytime session on March 25.*

Enjoy stories, rhymes, and other literacy-building adventures with your children. Siblings welcome.

Baby/Toddler Storytime

WED | March 6 - May 15 | 9:30 & 10:15 a.m.

THUR | March 7 - May 16 | 10:15 a.m.

Infants and Toddlers | Lower Level

**No storytime sessions on March 27 & 28.*

Call (920) 236-5208 or visit the Children's Department Service Desk to register.

As a parent or caregiver, you want to give your child the best start in life. That's why we've created a program that combines the joy of songs, stories,

movement, and fingerplays with the essential skills needed to learn how to read. All three weekly sessions feature the same content. Siblings welcome.



1,000 Books Reading Challenge

Birth – age 5

Reading with your child from the beginning is a great way to set them up for success in school and in life. When you add in other simple activities like talking, singing, writing, and playing, it really makes a big difference in getting them ready for school. As part of this program, we'll give you a special book to track all the things you do together, including new books and educational toys to help you stay motivated. Keep track of everything online, in the book, or both, whatever you prefer!

Library Closed

Fri., March 1	Staff training
Sun., March 31	Easter
Sat., May 25	Summer schedule begins. Library closes at 1 p.m.
Sun., May 26	Library closed. (Summer schedule)
Mon., May 27	Memorial Day



Early Learning Packets

Farm Theme | Ages 1 - 4

Our kits offer art and early literacy activities to keep your little ones engaged in learning at home. Stop by the Children's Department to pick one up today while supplies last. It's yours to keep!

Elementary age

Elementary Book Club

FRI | 4:30 p.m. | Grades K - 2 | Lower Level
March 8 | April 12 | May 10

Call (920) 236-5208 or visit the Children's Department to register.

Discover new stories while making new friends! Every month is a different theme, and kids will receive a book to keep. Even if your child isn't an independent reader yet, they're welcome to join us for book discussions, snacks and activities.

- Dr. Suess
- Rainforest
- Sports



Read to a Dog

MON | March 4 – April 29 | 4 - 5 p.m.
Grades 4k - 5 | Lower Level

SAT | March 9 & 23
April 13 & 27 | 10 – 11 a.m.

Call (920) 236-5208 or visit the Children's Department to register.

Practice reading with a trained therapy dog! Our furry assistants are great listeners and help to improve children's confidence and skills. Reserve your 15-minute appointment today!

Wonderlab

THUR | 5:30 p.m. | Grades K - 2 | Lower Level
March 21 | April 18 | May 16

Call (920) 236-5208 or visit the Children's Department to register.

Explore and experiment using the principals of S.T.E.A.M. (science, technology, engineering, art and math). Registration is required to plan for supply needs.

- Silly Noisemakers
- Batteries Get Charged! | **This session is from 5 – 6:30 p.m.**
 - *Sponsored by the Northeast Wisconsin Local Section of the American Chemical Society in honor of Chemists Celebrate Earth Week. Drop in anytime during the session.
- Toy Parachutes

S.T.E.A.M. Take & Make Kits Bee Hotels | Ages 5 and older

**New kits offered seasonally.*

Create at home with this hands-on learning kit—supplies and directions included. Pick up your kit in the Children's Department while supplies last.

Saturday Surprise

SAT | 11 a.m. – noon
March 16 | April 20 | May 18
Best for ages 5 and older | Lower Level

Drop into the Children's Department to see what's up under the tree. We'll do a brief, hands-on activity meant to deliver a spark of inspiration. No registration required. Siblings welcome.

A photograph of a young woman with long dark hair, smiling and looking at a tablet computer. The image is part of a promotional graphic for Libby ebooks and audiobooks. The graphic has a white background with a teal vertical bar on the left. The text "Borrow ebooks & audiobooks free from our library" is in black. Below that, the "Libby." logo is in teal, followed by "The library reading app" in black. At the bottom, there are icons for the App Store and Google Play.

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Tweens

Tween Book Club

FRI | 4:30 p.m. | Grades 3 - 5 | Under the Dome
April 5 | May 3

Call (920) 236-5208 or visit the Children's Department to register.

Talk books and eat pizza with other kids who like to read! Receive the featured book at the Children's Service Desk or at the book club session the month before. The book is yours to keep!

- *Pages & Co.: The Bookwanderers* by Anna James
- *James and the Giant Peach* by Roald Dahl

Tween S.T.E.A.M.

FRI | 4:30 p.m. | Grades 3 - 5 | Lower Level
March 22 | April 19 | May 17

Call (920) 236-5208 or visit the Children's Department to register.

From science and technology to engineering, art and math, our interactive projects help your child explore and learn in new ways. They may even be inspired to join the next generation of innovators.

- Shoebox Foosball
- Batteries Get Charged! | **This session is from 4 – 5:30 p.m.**
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Drop in anytime from 4 – 5:30 p.m.
- Scribble Bot

Activities & more!

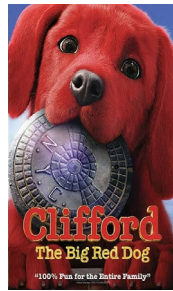


LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids

March 2 – May 31 | Lower Level

Mon – Thur	Noon – 7 p.m.
Fri	Noon – 5 p.m.
Sat	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Sun	1 – 4 p.m.

Build, play and explore during our free build times. We have a large assortment of LEGOs available for maximum creativity!



Spring Break Movies

MON | March 25 | 1 p.m.

Live Action *Clifford the Big Red Dog*

WED | March 27 | 10 a.m.

Paw Patrol: The Movie (2021)

Kids & Families | Lower Level

Celebrate Spring Break by watching two family friendly movies in the Children's Department! This event is free and is intended for kids and their grownups. Popcorn provided.



LEGOmania Design Contest

***Use our LEGOs! Check with the Children's Department for availability.**

Calling all LEGOmaniacs! Let your imagination soar while you design and build an original LEGO creation. Prizes awarded by age category.

In addition, House of Heroes Comics + Games is sponsoring a *Superhero Vehicles* category and Oshkosh Corporation is sponsoring an *Electrifying our Future* category.

Visit bit.ly/LEGOmania2024 for rules and details. All activities take place in the Children's Department.

Submissions due THURS | March 28
8 a.m. – 7 p.m. | Ages 3 - 17

Designs on public display FRI | March 29
10 a.m. – noon

Winners announced FRI | March 29 | noon

Helen Farnsworth Mears 7th and 8th Grade Art Exhibit

March 2 – 28 | Lower Level

View the winning entries in the annual Helen Farnsworth Mears (1872-1916) Art Contest sponsored by the General Federation of Women's Clubs – Oshkosh Women's Arts Club. The juried contest was established in 1927 to honor the Oshkosh-born sculptor, encourage artistic talent, and recognize student artists.

ArtFest Elementary Art Exhibit

April 6 – 28 | Lower Level

View all the cool artwork created by Oshkosh Area School District elementary school students.

Children's Summer Art Display

Theme: Adventure

Grades K-12 | Lower Level

Submit art May 1 - 24 to ensure a spot in the exhibit. However, pieces will be accepted throughout the summer while space is available.

Art displayed June 1 - Aug 31 in the Children's Department.

Show off your artistic abilities this summer at the library. Using the theme of *Adventure* create something that we can display in our Children's Department. This is a great opportunity for children and teens to share their art with Oshkosh! Please bring submissions to the Children's Desk in the Lower Level.



Teens | Grades 6 – 12

Try a book club today!



Teen Book Club

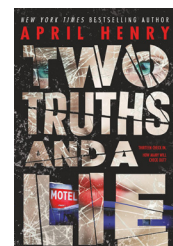
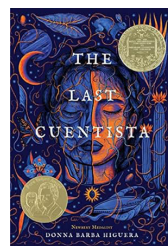
FRI | 4:30 p.m. | Grades 6-8 | Lower Level

April 5 | May 3

Register at bit.ly/OPLteens

Eat pizza, meet other readers, and talk books! Twenty free copies of the next book are given away at each meeting.

- *The Last Cuentista* by Donna Barba Higuera
- *Button Pusher* by Tyler Page



Young Adult Book Club

FRI | 4:30 p.m. | Grades 9 - 12 | Lower Level

April 5 | May 3

Register at bit.ly/youngadultbookclub

Eat pizza, meet other readers, and talk books! Twenty free copies of the next book are given away at each meeting.

- *The Last Cuentista* by Donna Barba Higuera
- *Two Truths and a Lie* by April Henry

Adults

Community

Celebrate the Heart of Giving: the Wisconsin Volunteer Ombudsman Program

WED | April 17 | 2 p.m. | Lower Level

Volunteer Advocates make a difference in the lives of older adults. These compassionate individuals volunteer in assisted living communities, offering care and support. Kim Versteegen, Assisted Living Project Coordinator at the Board on Aging and Long Term Care, will explain how you can join in and make a meaningful impact in this role.

History

Super Friends! The Men Behind Augmento, UWO's First Comic Book Hero

May — August | Second Floor Display Cases

In the 1970s, a group of UW-Oshkosh students, including artist Bill Bukowski, Rick Gilbertson, and future Marvel Comics legend Mark Gruenwald, created Augmento, UWO's very own superhero. On loan from The UWO Archives and Area Research Center, the display features the history behind Augmento and his creators, including the original Augmento comics.



Archive Dives

FRI | 9 a.m. | YouTube

March 1 | April 5 | May 3

Librarians Michael and Sandy dive into the library's collections to see what unique items lurk behind locked doors, in dark basements, and on hidden shelves. You'll be fascinated by these treasures hidden in plain sight.

- Northwestern Card Catalog
- Microfilm (Early Papers)
- Street Binders

Not All Lost—Finding Records in the Republic of Ireland

THURS | March 14 | 6 p.m. | Lower Level

Irish researchers have long been frustrated by a lack of easily available records due to historical events such as the Four Courts fire in 1922 and various famines. Deliberate destruction by the government (think early census records) complicates research. Learn how recent developments and a research trip to the Emerald Isle enriched the personal history of a local Irish immigrant family.

*Sponsored by the Winnebagoland
Genealogical Society*

Early History of Oshkosh Truck *SAT | May 11 | 10 a.m. | Under the Dome*

Tim Wright, historian, memorabilia collector, and aficionado of all things Oshkosh Truck, will speak about the early years of the Oshkosh Truck Co. Learn how this iconic Oshkosh company got its start.

Librarian Learns

FRI | May 17 | 9 a.m. | YouTube

This month, Librarian Michael shares the interesting history of the former Eagles Club (currently known as The Howard). Don't miss this episode!

Technology

Everyday Tech: Drop-in Tech Help

SUN | 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. | Lower Level

March 24 | April 7 | May 5

Drop in any time during the session for one-on-one help with computers, internet, email, social media, or other technology. Assistance provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Bring your smartphone, tablet or whatever device has you stumped! Bug Tussel Wireless LLC provides this free session.



Books and Reading



Book Buzz

MON | 8 a.m. | YouTube
March 4 | April 1 | May 6

Find your next favorite read with Librarian Sarah. She'll talk about popular new titles releasing this month and give you suggestions for what to read while you wait.

Not Your Classic Book Club

THURS | 6 p.m. | Conference Room
March 21 | April 18 | May 16

No assigned reading here! You choose the book, whether it's a favorite or a flop. Discuss what you're reading and get new ideas from fellow readers. Share your thoughts, recommendations, and an appreciation for good stories.

Banned Book Club

TUES | 6:30 p.m. | Conference Room
March 26 | April 23 | May 21

Each month we explore banned and challenged books guided by Librarian Sarah Read. Discover the reasons behind censorship and engage in safe and thought-provoking discussions with fellow readers. If you value your freedom to read, this is the book club for you.

- *The Bluest Eye* by Toni Morrison
- *The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue* by V. E. Schwab
- *Oryx and Crake* by Margaret Atwood

Vital Services

Winnebago Free

Legal Assistance Clinic

TUES | 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. | Lower Level
March 19 | April 16 | May 21

Winnebago Free Legal Assistance Clinic is a non-profit organization of volunteer attorneys and paralegals who provide free legal assistance to the community on most civil legal issues.

Each of the clinic locations are first-come, first-served. Visit oshkoshpubliclibrary.org for important information you'll need to know before attending a clinic.

If you have a question or are interested in volunteering, please contact:

Winnebagolegalclinic@gmail.com
920-312-7760 (voicemail only)

Mini Job Fair

WED | March 20 | 1 – 3 p.m. | Lower Level

Connect with up to ten local employers to discuss job opportunities within their organizations. Bring your resume and personality and speak to company representatives. Thanks to Fox Valley Job Center for supporting this event.

Visit www.JobCenterOfWisconsin.com for more information about employment opportunities and other hiring events.

Job Search Assistance

WED | March 6 – May 29 | 1 - 4 p.m.
Second Floor

To reserve an appointment: Call (920) 236-5205 or email reference@oshkoshpubliclibrary.org. Walk-ins accepted if space is available.

Get help with resumes and cover letters, interview skills, career counseling, unemployment insurance, and more!

Presented in partnership with the Fox Valley Job Center, Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development, and the Society for Human Resource Management.