

Oshkosh Public Library Highlights March 2013

1. Eighty people attended a library program on Feb. 25, presented by the authors of *Oshkosh Breweries: Their Rise & Fall*. The program focused on the history of breweries in Oshkosh and included a display of memorabilia from those businesses. The event was featured on WLUK -Fox 11, as well as on Titan TV, the UWO campus television station.
2. OPL Reference staff helped approximately 930 people download library eBooks and audio books to their eReaders, tablets and other mobile devices during 2012. Most of these were individual consultations done on the library's second floor, though some customers also received instruction during small-group sessions in the library's Technology Lab.
3. The library once again hosted an exhibit of art from the annual Helen Farnsworth Mears Art Contest. The contest features work by Oshkosh middle school artists and is sponsored by the GFWC-Oshkosh Women's Arts Club, a chapter of the WI-General Federation of Women's Clubs. A public reception for the exhibit was held on March 17, with 60 people attending.
4. The library's collection of VHS tapes was withdrawn and will be sold at the Friends of the Library Used Book Sales. Circulation of VHS tapes has been dropping over the past decade and DVDs have been purchased as replacements were needed. Increased shelving space for the DVD and game collections will make it easier for customers to use those collections.
5. More than 500 people attended the library's annual birthday party for Dr. Seuss on March 2. At the party, families read Dr. Seuss books, watched videos, made a Truffula Tree craft, signed a birthday card and enjoyed birthday cake.
6. OPL and the Friends of the Library are pleased to co-sponsor the Lakefly Literary Conference, a two-day workshop that will offer experienced and aspiring writers valuable insight into the craft and business of writing. The conference, presented in partnership with the Wisconsin Writer's Association, will be May 10-11 at the Oshkosh Waterfront Premiere Conference Center. The event features workshops with novelists of many genres, Wisconsin's Poet Laureate, political bloggers, a comic-book writer/illustrator, social media expert and more. There also will be a writing contest named for late Friends president Jean Nelson and a concert by Wisconsin author Michael Perry & the Long Beds.