

Oshkosh Public Library Highlights April 2014

1. The Friends of the Library were honored at the 2014 State of the City event with a Community Partnership Award. The group was recognized for its ongoing support of the library through fundraising, advocacy and volunteer service. Friends Board President Nancy Lichtenberg accepted the award along with board members Deanie Minniear, Brenda Reese and Coordinator of Volunteers, Dana Stolley.
2. OPL has been awarded a \$4,800 grant through the Library Services and Technology Act, to encourage and facilitate creative expression through publishing and podcasting. The service will establish a Publishing Center, which offers the public a place to write, illustrate and publish original work; and a Podcasting Studio to record podcasts that educate and inform, as well as promote library services and programs.
3. A program about the history and struggles of the Stockbridge Mohicans brought 36 people to the library on April 3. The presentation by area author Jeff Siemers was based on his book, *Proud & Determined: A History of the Stockbridge Mohicans, 1734-2014*.
4. More than 50 people attended an April 5 program at the library, *Getting Started with Vegetable Gardening*. The program was presented in partnership with the Growing Seeds of Change Community Garden.
5. The Oshkosh Memory Café held its first session at OPL on April 9, with about 34 participants and their caregivers attending. The group began planning future activities and did a planting activity coordinated by a member of the Oshkosh Garden Club. The monthly Memory Café will offer opportunities for people in the early stages of Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia to connect, socialize, learn about resources and find support.
6. A reception for the winners of the annual Create-a-Book Contest for children in grades 3-5 was held at the library on April 6, with nearly 100 people attending the event. Winners and honorable-mention entries were announced and the families attending were treated to readings of the first-place books. Contest winners also will have the opportunity to record a reading of their book using the library's new Podcast Studio.
7. OPL is partnering with Learning in Retirement to offer informational and educational programs to the group's members. Reference & Adult Services librarians have presented two programs: one on eBooks and another on social media. In addition, Jeff will speak at LIR's annual meeting in June about trends in library use and the collections, services and programs offered at OPL.