

Oshkosh Public Library Highlights

February 2014

1. The library has started conducting Customer Appreciation Day activities, with special events held in January and February. The days are designed to surprise customers with acts of appreciation and kindness and have been well-received by the public. In January, OPL served coffee and doughnut holes, held a random prize drawing for a Kindle, waived fines and offered other service perks to customers. The February event was held on Valentine's Day and staff signed a large valentine that was displayed in the front entryway; served coffee, punch and cookies; and offered chances to win a carnation, 50 cents off fines or a free book from the used book cart. At both events, staff served as goodwill ambassadors in the library entryway, greeting customers and expressing our appreciation for their use of the library.
2. OPL partnered with the Winnebago Audubon Society and the Oshkosh Bird Club to offer a program on the demise of the passenger pigeon. Sixty people attended, *Remembering a Lost Bird: Lessons from the Past for a Sustainable Future*.
3. The library is now taking nominations for the Oshkosh Teen Choice Awards for favorite books, movies, television shows, video games and more. Teens can nominate online or at the library and the top choices will be posted for final voting in March. The Teen Choice Awards is an activity of the library's Teen Action Group.
4. Overdrive, the vendor that provides content for the Wisconsin Digital Library (providing eBooks and downloadable audio books for libraries statewide), has launched the eReading Room for Kids and Teens. This new feature offers a separate location for children and teens to search for age-appropriate titles.
5. A group from Learning in Retirement visited the library on Feb. 5 to hear a presentation about the library's eBooks, online magazines and other digital services. LIR is scheduled to return to the library in March for a presentation on social media.
6. The library is partnering with the Oshkosh Area Writer's Club to present Local Author Spotlight, a monthly series that highlights the work of area authors. Authors will have the opportunity to connect with readers and writers in the community and share their writing and publishing experiences and expertise. Events were scheduled for Feb. 24, March 24 and April 28.