

## Oshkosh Public Library Highlights

### January 2014

1. Digital services librarian Sharon Schwartz presented a program in December about the library's digital services and collections to a meeting of the League of Women Voters-Winnebago County. One League member called the program "outstanding," adding "All who were there were interested and without a doubt will be accessing some of the material available soon."
2. Staff from Children's & Family Outreach read holiday stories on four Friday nights at the Oshkosh Celebration of Lights in November and December. About 160 people visited OPL staff in the Elves' Hideout, providing the opportunity to showcase OPL's services for children and families.
3. Author Qasim Rashid spoke at the library on Jan. 18, with 48 people attending. The author of ***The Wrong Kind of Muslim: An Untold Story of Persecution and Perseverance***, focused on the experiences of Ahmadi Muslims in his native Pakistan and the need for people of all faiths to fight against intolerance and persecution. The program was presented in partnership with the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community of Oshkosh.
4. The Mighty Castle Chess Club is back at the library, offering a venue for children in grades 1-12 to drop in and play informal chess games on Friday afternoons. A staff member from the library's First Floor Public Services Department is coordinating the program.
5. A new integration of Overdrive eBooks in the Winnefox shared catalog has streamlined the process for checking out an Overdrive eBook from the library's web site. The integration reduces the number of steps required to check out and download an eBook, making the process more convenient for users. Customers also can see more information in the catalog about the availability of items and the status of items they have placed on hold.