



Summer Events



June, July, August 2024



OSHKOSH PUBLIC LIBRARY
SUMMER READING CHALLENGE
 JUNE 1-AUG.3



Read for fun and earn prizes along the way! Request a summer reading tracker at any library service desk, visit oshkoshpubliclibrary.beanstack.org, or scan the code to get started.

All ages are included. Thank you to our generous sponsors!

Summer Reading is made possible with support from the Donald Hansen Fund of the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation.

Thank you to the Oshkosh Herald for providing funds to purchase prize books for children.

Save the Date



Art After Hours

SAT | Aug. 3 | 6 – 9 p.m.

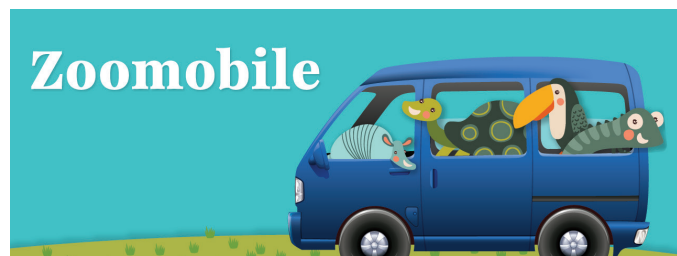
Under the Dome | Ages 16 and older

We're throwing the Washington Avenue doors wide open after hours for an event that celebrates community creativity, and we hope you'll join us! Watch for details soon on our Facebook page, in the library and at oshkoshpubliclibrary.org.

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Children & Families



Zoomobile

THUR | June 13 | 2 p.m. | Lower Level

Don't miss this exciting "edZoocal" program – one of the most popular programs of the summer. There will be a variety of animal ambassadors available to meet and greet.

CLIMB Theatre: Country Mouse, City Mouse: Adventures in the Suburbs

TUES | July 2 | 2 p.m. | Lower Level

Since the mouse cousins had such a "gouda" time when they last met, they decided to take their next adventure to more neutral grounds: The Suburbs. Country Mouse wants to explore while City Mouse wants to read. Will they learn to compro-mice? In this play, kids will learn to use their empathy skills to advocate for themselves. Stay afterwards for additional activities! Visit climb.org for additional information. Zoomobile and CLIMB Theater are made possible with support from Winnebago Community Credit Union.

Library Hours | May 28 – Sept. 1

Mon. – Thurs.	9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Fri.	9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sat.	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Sun.	Closed

Library Closed

July 4	Independence Day
Sept. 2	Labor Day

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D.I.Y. Instruments with Dr. Kickbutt's Orchestra of Death

SAT | July 13 | 10 a.m. | Under the Dome

Make an instrument and then star in the show with Dr. Kickbutt's Orchestra of Death. A local favorite, this entertaining band plays fun, upbeat Americana/folk music using a variety of traditional and homemade instruments.

Early Childhood

Preschool Storytime

MON | June 3 – Aug. 12 | 9:30 a.m.

Preschoolers | Lower Level

*No session on July 1.

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

Baby/Toddler Storytime

WED | June 5 – Aug. 14 | 9:30 & 10:15 a.m.

THUR | June 6 – Aug. 15 | 10:15 a.m.

Infants and Toddlers | Lower Level

*No sessions on July 3 & 4.

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

1000 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!

Early Learning Packets

Summer | 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 while supplies last. It's yours to keep!

Elementary Age

Elementary Book Club

FRI | 4:30 p.m. | Grades K - 2 | Lower Level

June 14 | July 12 | Aug. 9

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.

- Airplanes
- Sharks
- Dinosaurs

Read to a Dog

MON | June 3 – Aug. 5 | 4 - 5 p.m.

*No session on July 1.

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!



Paint Along with Ms. Katie

WED | 1:30 p.m. | Grades K - 2

Lower Level

June 5 | July 3 | Aug. 7

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

Let's make some art! The amazing Ms. Katie from Kids on Canvas will lead this interactive activity. Wear clothes that you don't mind getting messy.

- Rainy Day Frog
- Airplane
- Unicorn

Wonderlab

THUR | 5:30 p.m. | Grades K - 2 | Lower Level
June 20 | July 18 | Aug. 15

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

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

- Recycled Paper with Nature Accents
- Erupting Moon Rocks
- DIY Toad House

S.T.E.A.M. Make and Take Kits

D.I.Y. Chalk & Art Ideas | 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
June 8 | July 6 | Aug. 3

Activities 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. Siblings welcome.



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Films that matter

Tweens

Tween Book Club

FRI | June 7 | 4:30 p.m.

Grades 3 - 5 | Under the Dome

*No in-person sessions in July and August

Please stop by the Children's Department during July and August to receive a free goodie bag and book. You can also turn in your discussion questions to earn points for prizes!

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!

- *Smaller Sister* by Maggie Edkins Willis
- *Amira & Hamza: The War to Save the Worlds* by Samira Ahmed
- *The Case of Windy Lake* by Michael Hutchinson

Art Adventures

Grades 3 - 5 | Lower Level

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

Funding for this program was provided by The General Federation of Women's Clubs, Oshkosh. We appreciate their support.

Let's get creative! Teresa Moucha, Certified Art Teacher and Shirley Lucas, retired art teacher, will lead kids through a hands-on introduction to a variety of studio art media and techniques.

- **Basic Drawing**
WED | June 12 | 4:30 p.m.
FRI | June 14 | 10 a.m.
- **Bookmaking**
WED | June 26 | 4:30 p.m.
FRI | June 28 | 10 a.m.
- **Collage and Mosaic Art**
WED | July 10 | 4:30 p.m.
FRI | July 12 | 10 a.m.

Tween S.T.E.A.M.

FRI | 4:30 p.m. | Grades 3 - 5 | Lower Level
June 21 | July 19 | Aug. 16

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.

- Recycled Paper with Nature Accents
- Pinhole Camera
- One Board Bird House

Activities & More

ChickQuest: A journey through the life cycle of a chicken

TUES | 1 p.m. | Grades K - 5 | Lower Level
June 4, 11 & 18

From monitoring living eggs to observing fluffy chicks, these activities provide young scientists with unforgettable experiences. Kids will learn about animal agriculture and egg production. The Winnebago County 4-H Program provides the curriculum, training and supplies. This curriculum is connected to Next Generation Science Standards.

Children's Summer Art Display

Theme: Adventure

Grades K - 12 | Lower Level

Art displayed June 1 - Aug. 31

Join in on the adventure-themed fun by crafting something special to display in our Children's Department. Drop off your artwork anytime and pick it up to take home after Sept. 1.

LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids

June 3 - Aug. 31 | Lower Level

Mon - Thur	Noon - 7 p.m.
Fri	Noon - 5 p.m.
Sat	9 a.m. - noon

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

Teens | Grades 6 - 12

AniManga Club

THURS | June 6 - Aug. 29 | 1 p.m. | Lower Level

*No sessions on June 13 and July 4.

Watch anime, browse manga, eat snacks, and hang out! Whether new to anime and manga or a lifelong fan, this is a chance to watch old favorites and discover new treasures.

Teen Book Club

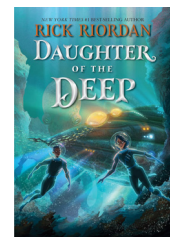
FRI | 4:30 p.m. | Grades 6-8

Lower Level | June 7 | July 5 | Aug. 2

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.

- *Zachary Ying and the Dragon Emperor* by Xiran Jay Zhao
- *How to Heal a Gryphon* by Meg Cannistra
- *Daughter of the Deep* by Rick Riordan



Young Adult Book Club

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

Lower Level | June 7 | July 5 | Aug. 2

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.

- *Zachary Ying and the Dragon Emperor* by Xiran Jay Zhao
- *A Magic Steeped in Poison* by Judy I. Lin
- *Daughter of the Deep* by Rick Riordan

Teen Lock-in

FRI | July 26 | Enter through the parking lot doors

Start: Between 7 and 7:30 p.m.

End: 10 p.m. Please plan for a ride home.

Whether you want to squeeze in some reading or escape the heat, we hope you'll join us for a fun evening. Bring a book (or check out one of ours!), dress comfortably and experience the library after hours. Snacks and games provided.

Teens Write!



The Teens Write! series offers inspiration and encouragement to aspiring authors. Meet people who are interested in storytelling and exploring self-expression through different writing styles. No experience necessary. Bring writing supplies or devices. All sessions held at 1 p.m. in the library's Lower Level.

Presented by members of the Oshkosh Area Writers Club.

Six-word Memoir

MON | July 8

At the end of the session, you'll have written your life story in six simple words. Not possible? Attend and see!

Blackout Poetry

MON | July 15

Blackout poetry is when you take a written piece of text from a book or magazine and cross out some words to come up with your own poem. Printed materials will be provided.

Writing Haiku

MON | July 29

Learn about the poetic form known as haiku. Following a brief overview of the history and style, participants will be encouraged to create a haiku of their very own. Don't worry ... the focus is on fun. It's only 17 syllables, but hey, who's counting?

DIY Tie-Dye

TUE | July 16 | 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. | Lower Level

Create a one-of-a-kind tie-dye T-shirt. We'll provide the supplies and basic instructions; the design is as unique as you are! Please wear clothes that can get messy.

Adults

Better Poetry, Better Life

MON | June 10 | 6 p.m. | Lower Level

Why dash off a poem, when you can write a poem that has the potential to change the world?

Writing experts Dr. Bill Gillard and Thomas Cannon team up to fill your poetry writing toolbox with the skills you need to craft poems, share your work and maximize your writing's impact!

V3NTO Brass Trio

Presented by the Green Lake Festival of Music

– All ages welcome!

THURS | June 13 | 10 – 11 a.m. | Under the Dome

Since 2010, this Chicago-based brass trio has been transforming brass trio music into something uniquely their own. Winners of the 2012 Chicago Brass Festival Ensemble Competition, their 2015 debut album S.O.S. captivated listeners. Learn about the artists at v3nto.com/about

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

June 7 | July 5 | Aug. 2

Librarians Michael and Sandy dive into Oshkosh Public Library's collections to see what unique treasures are hidden in plain sight!

- Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps
- Volga German Resources
- Poetry of Robert Kacher

Librarian Learns

FRI | 9 a.m. | YouTube

June 21 | July 19 | Aug. 16

Librarian Michael McArthur creates and hosts this offbeat YouTube series highlighting Oshkosh's past.

- Dunphy Boat Company
- Electric Park/White City/EWECO Park
- Morgan Door Company

Francis Gary Powers, Jr. –

One-time only event!

THURS | July 25 | 6 p.m. | Under the Dome

For more than three decades, Francis Gary Powers, Jr. has thrilled global audiences with tales of the Cold War, its veterans, espionage, and his father, Gary Powers. A CIA pilot, Gary was flying a U-2 plane when shot down over the Soviet Union on May 1, 1960. The U-2 Incident was immortalized in Steven Spielberg's 2015 film *Bridge of Spies*, depicting the pilot's exchange for Soviet KGB Spy Rudolph Able in 1962. Powers delves into his role as a film consultant, his upbringing in the shadow of a Cold War icon, and how his research led to posthumous awards for his father from the USAF and CIA in 2000 and 2012. Learn more at garypowers.com.

Technology

Internet Safety

TUES | June 4 | 1-3 p.m. | Lower Level

Learn how to stay safe while using the internet. We'll teach you about passwords, privacy, how to protect your personal information, how to avoid scams, and more. Basic tech experience needed.

This free course is provided by Bug Tussel University. Learn more at btussel.com/btu

Drop-in Tech Help

TUES | 1-3 p.m. | Lower Level

June 11 | July 9 | Aug. 6

Drop in 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!

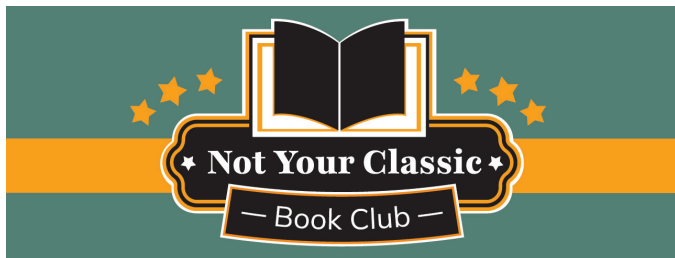
Books & Reading

Book Buzz

MON | 8 a.m. | YouTube

June 3 | July 1 | Aug. 5

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. | Lower Level

June 20 | July 18 | Aug. 15

No assigned reading here! You choose the book, whether it's a favorite or a flop. Discuss what you're reading and enjoy the company of fellow readers.

Banned Book Club

TUES | 6:30 p.m. | Lower Level

June 25 | July 30 | Aug. 27

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.

- All Boys Aren't Blue by George M. Johnson
- Nineteen Minutes by Jodi Picoult
- Maus by Art Spiegelman

Arts & Crafts

Adult DIY

TUES | 6 p.m. | Lower Level

June 11 | July 9 | Aug. 13

Craft with us at the library! Call (920) 236-5205 to reserve your seat and supplies for the in-person, instructor-led workshops. These classes are free and do not require a library card to attend.

- Embroidered Pin
- Wooden Fruit Coasters
- Wooden Barn Quilt

Stitch Together

TUES | 6:30 p.m. | Under the Dome

June 11 | July 9 | Aug. 13

Are you looking for a craft community? Join our new craft circle! Bring your work-in-progress and relax with other crafters. Beginners are welcome, and we'll have practice tools available for those who'd like to try something new. Show off your creations, share tips and tricks, and join in our community projects!

Build a One-String Instrument

SAT | June 22 | 10 a.m. - noon | Lower Level

Build a simple, one-string musical instrument in this workshop led by expert John Kestell. True to their roots, instruments will be built mostly from discarded materials. All supplies provided. Several other home-built instruments will be around for fun and inspiration.

Craft Swap

SAT | July 20 | 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. | Lower Level

Have a closet full of old craft supplies? Bring it to the craft swap! It's as easy as 1-2-3!

1. July 15 – 19

Drop off clean, gently used craft supplies at the library's First Floor Service Desk. For every bag you donate, receive one ticket to the swap.

2. July 20

Swap Day! Redeem your tickets for new-to-you supplies. Bring a bag for your treasures!

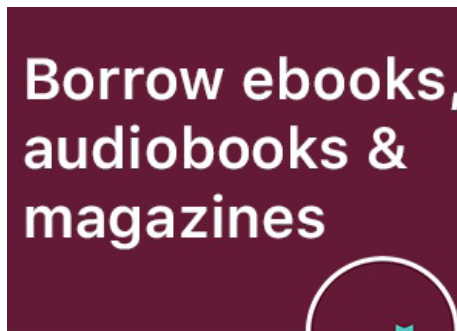
3. Don't have anything to swap?

You can still join in the fun by checking out library materials! Show us your library receipt dated July 20 to shop the swap! Questions? Call (920) 236-5205 or email Reference@oshkoshpubliclibrary.org.

Bad Art Night

THURS | Aug. 1 | 5 - 7 p.m. | Under the Dome

Give your inner editor the night off and let your creativity fly at Bad Art Night! Try something new, craft something terrible, and embrace the art of making. Select supplies from our buffet of options or select a thrift store painting to improve with your unique vision. Finished pieces can be brought home or submitted for temporary display at our Art After Hours event on Aug. 3!



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Resources & Support

Job Search Assistance

Job Search Assistance

WED | June 5 – August 28 | 1- 4 p.m. | Second Floor

Call (920) 236-5205 or email reference@oshkoshpubliclibrary.org to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins welcome if space is available.

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

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

Winnebago Free Legal Assistance Clinic

TUES | 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. | Lower Level

June 18 | July 16 | Aug. 20

Get free legal help on most civil and legal issues from volunteer attorneys and paralegals.

Each of the clinic locations are first-come, first-served. Visit oshkoshpubliclibrary.org for important information you 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)

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Exotic Pet Surrender Event

SAT | Aug. 10 | 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. | Lower Level

If you can no longer care for your:

- Fish, corals, plants, or inverts
- Small mammals, birds, or reptiles

Bring them to this event and J&R Aquatic Animal Rescue, Pet Advocacy Network, and University of Wisconsin Sea Grant/Water Resources Institutes will help find them new homes – no questions asked. For more information, please contact John Moyles at adoptions@jraar.org

*Note: Dogs, cats, pigs, rabbits and chickens will not be accepted.

