

Children & Families

All children's programs require preregistration.

Call (920) 236-5208 or visit the service desk to register.

Quick Tip for all winter readers!

Log your Wild Winter Read Off minutes online or on paper

Printed reading logs are available at the library's service desks. If you prefer an online option, download the Beanstack app from your App Store. You can also track your progress at oshkoshpubliclibrary.beanstack.org. If you've used the Beanstack app in the past, there's no need to register again. Questions? Call Information Services at (920) 236-5205.

Wild Winter Read Off

Preschool – 5th Grade

Dec. 20 – Feb. 26

Read, write, draw and do fun activities to earn prizes. Reading at home or school counts toward your ultimate reading goal! This year we're excited to set a community reading goal. If a combined total of 300,000 minutes or more is logged by all participants, the library will hand out Hip Pop Hooray goody bags filled with popcorn, hot chocolate/coffee and other treats on Fri., March 4.

Save the Date

Sat., Feb. 19 | 10:30 a.m.

Rick Chrustowski

Wild Winter Read Off Featured Author

Author and illustrator Rick Chrustowski is coming to the library, and you're invited to this special event! Follow along as he shares examples of his artwork, talks about story development, and demonstrates a unique speed drawing technique.

For a full list of Rick's books and related activities, visit rickchrustowski.com/books/books.html

Free D.I.Y. Ornaments and More Kits

Starting Dec. 1 (while supplies last)

Bring on the holiday spirit! Pick up a kit at the Children's Service Desk or call (920) 236-5208 to reserve. Kits are grouped into two age categories: children ages 4-years-old and younger or 5 – 12-year-olds.



Photo credit: Andrew Karre

Donate to the Mitten Tree

Dec. 1 – 15

We're collecting donations of new or handmade children's mittens, hats and scarves to help keep Oshkosh area kids warm this winter. Hang your item on the mitten tree in the Children's Department, and we'll deliver all donations to the Salvation Army for distribution.

Elf on the Shelf

Dec. 1 - 23

Can you find this little creature when you visit? He hides in a different place every day in the Children's Department to see if kids are being kind. If you spot him, let us know at the Children's Service Desk so we can acknowledge clever children. This fun and simple challenge encourages kids to think about how their social interactions may impact others.

Tween Book Club

Talk books and eat pizza with other kids who like to read! Receive the featured book at the Children's Service Desk, by mail, or at the book club session the month before. The book is yours to keep! If you prefer to participate virtually, call (920) 236-5208 to request the Zoom link.

Fish in a Tree by Lynda Hunt Mullaly

FRI | Dec. 3 | 4:30 p.m. | Ages 9 - 11 | Zoom or Conference Room

Family Storytime

Stories, rhymes, songs, games and activities. Kids learn early literacy skills while playing and meeting new friends! Siblings welcome.

MON | Dec. 6 & 13 | 9:30 a.m. | Preschoolers | Lower Level

Shelf Selected for Kids

Book summaries, reviews and suggestions for tots to tweens! Watch on Facebook or Instagram and discover what our librarians have pulled from the shelves each week.

MON | Dec. 6 & 13 | 6:30 p.m. | Facebook & Instagram Live

Santa Meet & Greet

We're decking the halls for Santa's arrival! Meet Santa, take a photo with him and receive a free goody bag. Write down your wish for this holiday season and we'll share them on a display board for the community to enjoy.

SAT | Dec. 11 | 12 – 2 p.m. | First Floor Reading Room

Teens

Grades 6 - 12

Wild Winter Read Off Ages 13-17

Dec. 20 – Feb. 26

Are you ready for a challenge? This winter, help us reach our community goal of 300,000 minutes read! Track your reading to earn prizes. Read an average of 15 minutes every week to be entered into a drawing for a \$50 Visa gift card!

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Adults

Wild Winter Read Off

Dec. 20 – Feb. 26

It's winter and that means it's time to curl up with a good book or seven. While you're reading anyway, why not earn some free books! Log your minutes in the Beanstack app and complete the individual reading activities to earn free stuff from the library's bookstore.

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Shelf Selected

YA novels discussed on Dec. 29.

Book summaries, reviews and suggestions for people who love to read! If you're looking for your next book, watch on Facebook or Instagram and find out what our librarians are sharing each week.

WED | Dec. 1 – Dec. 29 | 6:30 p.m. | Facebook & Instagram Live

Memory Cafe

Memory Cafe is for people who are experiencing memory loss and their caregivers. Relax and socialize in a comfortable environment at the library. This month, the Oshkosh West Madrigal Choir will perform holiday music for a special afternoon of merriment and magic.

WED | Dec. 8 | 1:30 – 3 p.m. | Under the Dome

Teen Book Club

Eat pizza, meet other readers and talk books. Fifteen free copies of the next book are given away at each meeting. Virtual option available. Visit bit.ly/OPLteens to receive the Zoom meeting link and password.

They Called Us Enemy by George Takei

FRI | Dec. 3 | 4:30 p.m. | Zoom or Lower Level

Library Closed

Fri., Dec. 24

Sat., Dec. 25

Fri., Dec. 31

Sat., Jan. 1

Adult DIY

Free Take and Make kits available to online participants. Call (920) 236-5205 or visit the Second Floor Desk to reserve and pick up. How-to video posted on YouTube.

Craft with us at the library! Call (920) 236-5205 to reserve your seat and supplies for the in-person, instructor-led workshops. Only 12 participants allowed at this time due to limited space and materials.

Sled Ornament

TUES | Dec. 14 | 6 p.m. | YouTube or Lower Level

Great Reads of 2021

There are so many great books every year, it's hard to know where to start! Staff members from the Oshkosh Public Library and Winnefox Library System talk about some of their favorite reads this year. We read everything! Fiction! Mysteries! Poetry! Sci-Fi! Memoirs! Find your new favorite book of 2021!

WED | Dec. 15 | 9 a.m. | YouTube

Not Your Classic Book Club

Let's talk about books: books you've liked, loved, or even hated. It's a book club that always has an interesting book because you're the one who picked it! Join Readers' Advisory Librarian Nancy Bell and other bookworms for fun conversation in a casual setting.

THURS | Dec. 16 | 6 p.m. | Conference Room

Librarian Learns

The show for local history buffs. Local History Librarian Michael McArthur shares stories and trivia in his continuing YouTube series. New episodes posted monthly on the library's YouTube channel.

The Athearn Hotel

FRI | Dec. 17 | 9 a.m. | YouTube

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Mon. - Thurs. 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. Friday 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday 1 - 5 p.m. | (920) 236-5205



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