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Mon., Jan 1

Winter Events

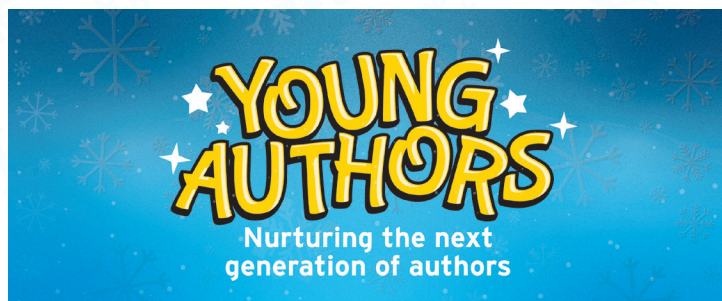
January & February 2024



**DEC. 19 -
JAN. 27, 2024**

Read for fun, track your time and earn great prizes! It's that easy to challenge yourself to read more this winter. Sign up at the library, on the Beanstack app or at oshkoshpubliclibrary.beanstack.org. Prizes and details at oshkoshpubliclibrary.org

CHILDREN & FAMILIES



YOUNG AUTHORS WRITING CHALLENGE

Nurturing the next generation of authors

Do you want to write a story?

Kindergarten – Grade 12

Submissions accepted: Jan. 1 – Feb. 1

- Write a short story using the library's writing prompts for elementary, middle and high school students.
- Submit your story to the Children's Department.
- All stories will be included in a published anthology. Free copies will be available at the Young Authors Writing Celebration on Sat., Feb. 24.

Age categories, writing prompts and submission details at bit.ly/youngauthors24

YOUNG AUTHORS WRITING CELEBRATION

SAT | Feb. 24 | Noon | Lower Level

Support the creative spirit of our community's young authors! During this event, students are invited to step into the spotlight to share their submission. Each participant will receive a free copy of the Young Authors Short Story Anthology. Light refreshments will be available.

Special thanks to the Oshkosh Area Writer's Club for reviewing stories and providing encouragement to our young authors.

MAD SCIENCE OF MILWAUKEE SOUNDS LIKE SCIENCE

SAT | Jan. 13 | 10:30 a.m.

Ages 5 and older | Lower Level

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

Back by popular demand, Mad Science of Milwaukee returns with a new show! This high energy event is all about sounds and sound waves. Watch these creative scientists use ordinary objects to demonstrate complex ideas. When the show ends, browse our shelves to find books that will help you extend your child's learning experience at home.

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EARLY CHILDHOOD LITERACY

FAMILY STORYTIME

MON | Jan. 8 – Feb. 26 | 9:30 a.m.

Preschoolers | Lower Level

Nurture your child's love for literacy by joining us for stories, rhymes, and other learning adventures. Siblings welcome.



HIGH HOPES EARLY LITERACY STORYTIME

WED | Jan. 10 – Feb. 28 | 9:30 & 10:15 a.m.

THUR | Jan. 11 – Feb. 29 | 10:15 a.m.

Infants and Toddlers | Lower Level

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

As a parent or caregiver, you want to give your child the best start in life. That is why we've created a program that combines the joy of songs, stories, movement, and fingerplays with the essential skills needed to learn how to read. Content is the same at all three weekly sessions.

EARLY LEARNING PACKETS

Winter Magic | Ages 1-4

Our Winter Magic packet includes literacy activities and a process art project meant to foster your child's imagination and self-expression. They are yours to keep. Available in the Children's Department while supplies last.

ELEMENTARY AGE

ELEMENTARY BOOK CLUB

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

Jan. 12 | Feb. 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.

- Mythical Creatures
- Kindness



READ TO A DOG


MON | Feb. 5 – Feb. 26 | 4-5 p.m.

SAT | Feb. 10 & 24 | 10-11 a.m.

Grades 4K-5 | Lower Level

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.



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WONDERLAB (New Time) MARBLE MAZE CHALLENGE

THUR | Feb. 15 | 5:30 p.m.

Grades K-2 | Lower Level

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

Explore and experiment as we lean into the wonder of the world around us. Build the foundation for your child to independently learn science, technology, engineering, art, and math skills.

*Mad Science of Milwaukee: Sounds Like Science program replaces Wonderlab on Jan. 13 at 10:30 a.m.

S.T.E.A.M. TAKE & MAKE KITS

Winter Collage | Ages 5 and older

Available in the Children's Department while supplies last.

TWEENS

TWEEN BOOK CLUB

FRI | 4:30 p.m. | Grades 3 - 5

Under the Dome | Jan. 5 | Feb. 2

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 previous month's book club session - it's yours to keep!

- *Fifty-Four Things Wrong with Gwendolyn Rogers* by Caela Carter
- *One Kid's Trash* by Jamie Sumner

TWEEN S.T.E.A.M

FRI | Feb. 16 | 4:30 p.m.

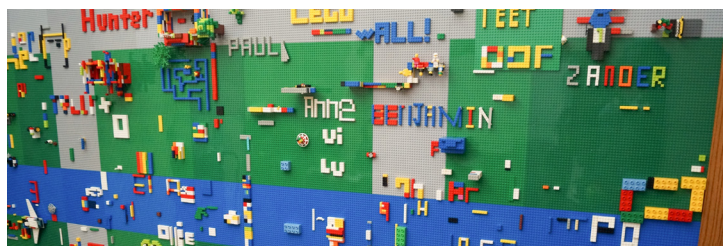
Grades 3-5 | 4:30 p.m. | Lower Level

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.

- Simple Machines: Archimedes' Screw
- *Mad Science of Milwaukee: Sounds Like Science program replaces Tween S.T.E.A.M. on Jan. 13 at 10:30 a.m.

ACTIVITIES & MORE!



LEGO WALL OPEN BUILD FOR KIDS

JAN. 2 – FEB. 29 | LOWER LEVEL

MON – THUR

Noon – 7 p.m.

FRI

Noon – 5 p.m.

SAT

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

SUN

1 – 4 p.m.

Build, play and explore during our free build times. We have a large assortment of LEGOs available for you to use. The LEGO Wall is in the library's Lower Level Children's Department.

IMAGINATION CABINET

Are you interested in sharing your creative projects or artwork with the community? We have a display case just waiting to be filled with your imaginative work. For more information, call the Children's Department at (920) 236-5208.

TEENS

TEEN BOOK CLUB

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

Lower Level | Jan. 5 | Feb. 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.

- *Chunky* by Yehudi Mercado
- *Gallant* by V.E. Schwab

YOUNG ADULT BOOK CLUB

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

Lower Level | Jan. 5 | Feb. 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.

- *These Violent Delights* by Chloe Gong
- *Gallant* by V.E. Schwab

DISPLAYS



THE WOODTURNING ART OF GEORGE HIDDENEN

February – March | Second Floor

Explore the unique designs and creations of wood turner George Hiddemen. George creates pieces that are shaped and fashioned in a way that maximizes the natural beauty of the wood, going where the character of the wood takes him. He's studied under master turners in both the U.S. and England and has won multiple awards in Wisconsin and Virginia for his exceptional work.

MOVIES

MOVIES WITH FRIENDS

SUN | 1 p.m. | Lower Level | All Ages

Jan. 14 | Feb. 11

Enjoy a Sunday movie at the library with friends. Sponsored by the River East Neighborhood Association. Everyone is welcome – we're all neighbors. We'll have treats; you're welcome to bring a pillow and blanket and get cozy!

- *Up* – Rated PG | 2009 | 98 minutes
A heartwarming animated adventure film produced by Pixar Animation Studios.
- *Rudy* – Rated PG | 1993 | 112 minutes
An inspirational sports drama that chronicles the true story of Rudy Ruettiger.

CRAFTS

ADULT DIY

TUES | 6 p.m. | Adults | Lower Level

Jan. 9 | Feb. 13

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

- Diamond Painting
- Heart Wreath

BOOKS & READING

COZY TIME UNDER THE DOME

SUN | Jan. 7 – Feb. 25 | 1 – 5 p.m.

Cozy up with a good book and a cup of apple cider in the specially lit areas under the Dome and in the First Floor Reading Room.

AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

THUR | 1:30 – 3 p.m. | Conference Room

Jan. 11 | Feb. 8

If you're looking for a welcoming group that loves to read and talk about books, join us at the library! For more information, please contact Lois Potratz at lapotratz@charter.net

- *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt
- *The Reckoning* by John Grisham

NOT YOUR CLASSIC BOOK CLUB

THUR | 6 - 7 p.m. | Conference Room

Jan. 18 | Feb. 15

No assigned reading here! You choose the book, whether it's a favorite or a flop. Discuss what you're reading and get new ideas from fellow readers. Share your thoughts, recommendations, and an appreciation for good stories.

SERVICES

JOB SEARCH ASSISTANCE

WED | Jan. 3 – Feb. 28 | 1 - 4 p.m. | Second Floor

To reserve an appointment:

Call: (920) 236-5205

Email: reference@oshkoshpubliclibrary.org

Walk-ins are accepted if space is available.

Get help with resumes and cover letters, interview skills, career counseling, unemployment insurance, and more! Details at oshkoshpubliclibrary.org.

Presented in partnership 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

Jan. 16 | Feb. 27

Winnebago Free Legal Assistance Clinic is a non-profit organization of volunteer attorneys and paralegals who provide free legal assistance to the community on most civil legal issues.

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

TECHNOLOGY

EVERYDAY TECH: DROP-IN TECH HELP

SUN | 1:30-3 p.m. | Lower Level

Jan. 28 | Feb. 25

Drop in any time during the session 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! This free session is provided by Bug Tussel Wireless LLC.

HISTORY



ARCHIVE DIVES

FRI | 9 a.m. | YouTube

Jan. 5 | Feb. 2

Librarians Michael and Sandy dive into the library's collections to see what unique items lurk behind locked doors, in dark basements, and on hidden shelves. You'll be fascinated by these treasures hidden in plain sight.

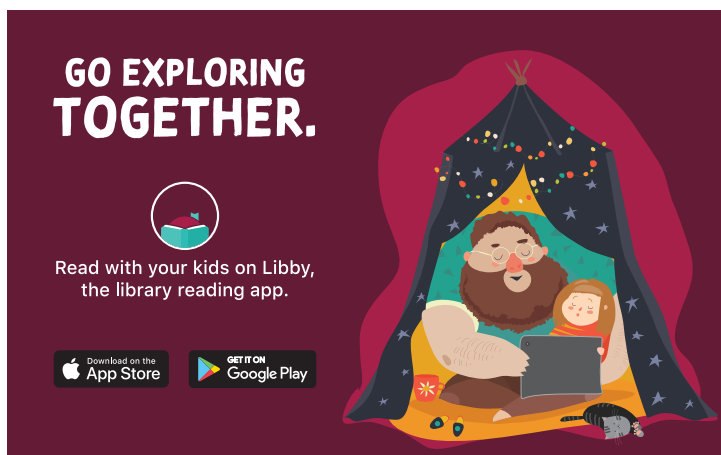
- German Genealogy Collection
- Oshkosh High School Newspapers

GENEALOGY AND LOCAL HISTORY ACQUISITIONS

THURS. | Feb. 8 | 6 p.m. | Lower Level

Local History and Genealogy Librarian Michael McArthur unveils the exciting additions to the library's treasure trove of genealogy and local history resources.

Sponsored by the Winnebago and Genealogical Society.



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