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OSHKOSH PUBLIC LIBRARY

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

JUNE 1 - AUG. 21, 2021

Did you know?

- Kids who read four or more books during the summer score better on reading comprehension tests in the fall than peers who read one or no books.
- More than 90 percent of kids say they are more likely to finish a book they picked out themselves, with 86 percent saying they felt proud when finished.

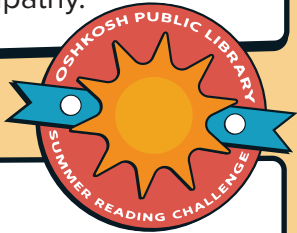
Source: *scholastic.com*

Reading offers benefits for adults too!

- Research shows that reading for just six minutes can reduce stress by 68 percent! (*University of Sussex*)
- Reading improves focus and concentration.
- A reading habit expands your general knowledge and can boost empathy.

Source: *World Literacy Foundation*

Let's read together!



Register

All ages can register at oshkoshpubliclibrary.beanstack.org and track reading and activities online or request a printed tracking log at any of the library's service desks.

Kids (Babies - Grade 5)

Read

Track how many minutes you read or how many chapter books you read OR both!

Rewards

A ball chain necklace with level up beads, brag tags, and raffle tickets for gift cards to local businesses.



Teens (Grades 6 - 12)

Read

Qualify for the Grand Prize Drawing by reading an average of 15 minutes each week. Complete bonus tasks to earn chances to win other great prizes.

Rewards

\$100 Visa gift card (Grand Prize) and additional prizes. Winners chosen on Mon., Aug. 23.

Adults

Read

Track your reading, write reviews, discover a new book, and explore resources and programs at the library during your unique challenge.

Rewards

Earn free books all summer and be entered into one of three Grand Prize Drawings for gift certificates to Downtown Oshkosh, Target, or Starbucks. Winners chosen on Mon., Aug. 23.

June, July, August 2021

Mark Gruenwald Comic Book Creation Challenge

Fri., May 7 – Tues., Aug. 31
Theme: Adversity

Creating can feel like a superpower, and comic books are a great tool for improving literacy skills! That's why for the third year in a row, Oshkosh Public Library is partnering with the Winnebago Area Literacy Council, House of Heroes Comics and Games, Zaroni's, and US Venture to bring you a creative writing/art contest open to all ages. Stay up to date on all the important details by following the MGCBC Facebook page.

Children & Families

Oshkosh StoryWalk®

Families and Children
The Shops at Oshkosh
June 1 – Aug. 31

A StoryWalk® is a book that has been taken apart and presented page by page to promote reading, exercise and family time. Stroll along the path, take your time, ask questions, and enjoy the story. View the walking path online at oshkoshpubliclibrary.org/teens or at participating businesses.

June – *If I Built a Car* by Chris Van Dusen
July – *Mother Bruce* by Ryan Higgins
Aug. – *Stand Tall, Molly Lou Melon* by Patti Lovall

The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. StoryWalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.

Storytime on Zoom (formerly Storytime Live on Facebook)

Preschoolers
Zoom
June 7 – Aug. 30 (no Storytime on July 5.)
Mondays 9:30 a.m.

Join us for an interactive storytime. We'll read stories, play games, and sing songs and rhymes with your active preschooler. Storytimes encourage kids and families to engage in literacy-building activities. Each week's Mystery Box encourages curiosity and thinking skills. Call the Children's Department at (920) 236-5208 to register for the Zoom meeting.

Wonderlab: S.T.E.A.M. Take Home Kits

Ages 5 and older
June 1 – Aug. 31 (while supplies last)

Let's explore and experiment using the principles of S.T.E.A.M. (science, technology, engineering, art, and math)! Free kits include everything you need! Request a kit by calling (920) 236-5208 or stopping at the Children's Service Desk. You can also schedule a pickup time at calendly.com/oshkoshpubliclibrary. Check out our YouTube channel for project instructions.

June 1 – 30 DIY Thaumatrope
July 1 – 31 Colorful Chameleon
Aug. 1 – 31 CD Car

Stories and Stretches

Ages 4 and older
YouTube | Oshkosh Media
Visit oshkoshmedia.org to view the program schedule
June – August

Let's expand our imaginations! Each video combines creative movement and deep breathing with a picture book for a whole-body reading experience. New stories available on the library's YouTube channel at the beginning of each month (also available on Oshkosh Media). Bookmark your favorites!

High Flyers: At Home Early Literacy Kit

(while supplies last)
6 months – 4 years

Request a kit at the Children's Service Desk or by calling (920) 236-5208 or online at calendly.com/oshkoshpubliclibrary. Talk, sing, read, write and play every day with this at-home program. Engaging in these activities is an important part of getting children ready to read and learn. Your kit includes tips, examples and activities. Receive seasonal activities throughout the year and incentives along the way! Check out the High Flyers resource page on the library website for book recommendations, or call to request a personalized Book Bundle.

Tween Book Club

Ages 9-11 years
Zoom
4:30 p.m.

Join this virtual book club to meet new friends and talk about books! Call the Children's Department at (920) 236-5208 to register for the Zoom meeting and receive your free book (ten books are given away each month).

June 4 *The First Rule of Punk* by Celia C. Perez
July 2 *The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits, and a Very Interesting Boy* by Jeanne Birdsall
Aug. 6 *Samantha Spinner and the Super-Secret Plans* by Russell Ginns

Teens

Teen Book Club

Grades 6-12

Zoom

4:30 p.m.

Teen Book Club has gone virtual. Go to bit.ly/OPLteens to register and we'll send you the Zoom meeting link and password, plus instructions on how to pick up your free book using curbside pickup (while supplies last).

- June 4** *Infinity Son* by Adam Silvera
- July 2** *The Maze Runner* by James Dashner
- Aug. 6** *Out of the Easy* by Ruta Sepetys

Teen DIY

Zoom

Feeling crafty? Meet us on Zoom to make some art! A limited number of supply kits will be available for each project. To reserve your kit and obtain the Zoom meeting information, go to bit.ly/OPLTeenDIY.

String Art

Fri., June 11 at 1 p.m. & Tues., June 15 at 4 p.m.

Create some unique art using corkboard, pins and string. Design choices include a cat, paw print, heart, ghost, or music note.

Approximate time: 1 hour

Among Us Keychain

Fri., June 25 at 1 p.m. & Tues., July 6 at 4 p.m.

Keep your crewmate (or impostor!) by your side by making one of these plush keychains.

Approximate time: 1.5 hours

Leopard Print Painting

Fri., July 16 at 1 p.m. & Tues., July 20 at 4 p.m.

Make a lavish leopard print painting monogrammed with your initial.

Approximate time: 1.5 hours

Origami Animals

Fri., July 30 at 1 p.m. & Tues., Aug. 10 at 4 p.m.

Fold your way to cute paper animals!

Approximate time: 1 hour

Library Closed

- Sat., May 29** Summer Schedule Begins.
Library closes at 1 p.m.
- Sun., May 30 & Mon., May 31** Memorial Day
- Mon., July 5** Independence Day

Hours Change

Tues., June 1 - Sat., Sept. 4

Fall Schedule begins
Tues., Sept. 7

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

Adults

Adult DIY Take Home Kit

YouTube

6 p.m.

We're here to help inspire you at home with our Adult DIY Kits. Call 236-5205 or email reference@oshkoshpubliclibrary.org to reserve your kit and schedule a time for pick up. A limited supply is made available when the instructional video is posted on YouTube.

- June 8** Lace Paper Bookmark
- July 13** Paper Beads
- Aug. 10** Canvas Painting with Tape

Librarian Learns

YouTube

9 a.m.

Local History Librarian Michael McArthur dives into Oshkosh history each month in these entertaining programs. Impress your friends with your deep knowledge of the whos, whats, whys, wheres, and hows of Oshkosh's past.

- June 18** Stein's Shop
- July 16** And Now It's a Parking Lot Part 2
- Aug. 20** The (not so) Grand 70s

Anytime Online Book Club

Facebook Live

7 p.m.

Searching for a book club? Want to participate from the comfort of your couch? Join Librarian Michael McArthur and guests on Facebook Live to discuss books and receive reading recommendations. Topics are general. No reading required.

- June 15** From Page to Screen in 2021
- July 20** Books with Pictures
- Aug. 17** Overhyped Reads

NEW!

Not Your Classic Book Club

Zoom

June 24, July 22, Aug. 26

6 p.m.

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 chose it! Join Readers' Advisory Librarian Nancy Bell on Zoom to talk (or listen) about books you've read (or are currently reading) and share recommendations with our community.

Call 920-236-5205 or email reference@oshkoshpubliclibrary.org to receive the Zoom link and password.