

January & February 2021

Children & Families

Wild Winter Read Off

Preschool - 5th Grade

To participate: Register on the Beanstack App or go to oshkoshpubliclibrary.beanstack.org
Dec. 21 – Feb. 27

Our Winter Reading program is back this year with Kate Messner as our featured author. Read for fun, complete simple activities, and tune in to virtual library programs to earn points for prizes such as an activity booklet, pencil and mini-notebook, and coupon for a Free Kids Pizza Ranch meal. For more information, please visit oshkoshpubliclibrary.org or call the Children's Department at 236-5208.

Virtual Visit: Author Kate Messner

On Sat., Feb. 27, 2021 at 10 a.m., Kate Messner will join us via Zoom for an exciting interactive author visit! Get to know this dynamic, award-winning author (and former middle school teacher) at katemessner.com. Wild Winter Read Off participants will receive an email with the Zoom link, or you can register at tinyurl.com/y2fe2oeh.

Storytime Live on Facebook

Preschoolers

Jan. 11 – Feb. 22

Mondays at 9:30 a.m.

Join Miss Cathy for stories, rhymes, songs, and other adventures for your active preschooler. Storytimes are designed to encourage kids and families to engage in literacy-building activities. Your child's curiosity and thinking skills are inspired when they guess what's in the Mystery Box! Earn points for the Wild Winter Read Off when you tune in to the program.

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

Ages 5 and older

Dec. 28 – Feb. 28 (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 to create cool projects. Make an appointment to pick up your kit at calendly.com/oshkoshpubliclibrary or call 236-5208. Check out our YouTube channel for video instructions. Earn points for the Wild Winter Read Off when you complete each kit!

Dec. 28 – Jan. 31 Colorful Corals

Feb. 1 – 28 Insects Invade

Wonderlab on Zoom!

Ages 5 and older

Zoom

Thursdays 6 p.m.

Ready to explore further? Join us on Zoom to meet new friends, show off your Take Home Kit projects, and learn more about corals and insects! Call the Children's Department at 236-5208 to receive the Zoom meeting passcode.

Jan. 21 Colorful Corals

Feb. 18 Insects Invade

Stories and Stretches

Ages 4 and older

YouTube | Oshkosh Media

Visit oshkoshmedia.org to view the program schedule

Premieres on Mon., Dec. 21

Let's expand our imaginations in fun, new ways! Each video combines creative movement and deep breathing with a picture book for a unique, whole body reading experience. Watch the entire season on the library's YouTube channel starting Dec. 21 (also available on Oshkosh Media) and earn points for the Wild Winter Read Off! Be sure to bookmark your favorites.

Wisconsin Animal Ambassadors presented by Wildlife in Need Center

Children and families

Zoom

Fri., Feb. 12 2 p.m.

Meet three native Wisconsin species. These cute critters have been rehabilitating at the WINC (helpingwildlife.org) and are ready to spend an hour with you! Email your name and phone number to youth@oshkoshpubliclibrary.com or call 236-5208 to receive the Zoom meeting passcode.

High Flyers Early Literacy Take Home Kit

Includes a Winter Activity Kit! (while supplies last)

6 months – 4 years

Pick up via curbside service

Anytime

Talk, sing, read, write and play every day with this self-paced, at-home program. These activities are an important part of getting young children ready to read and learn. Your free High Flyers Kit includes tips, examples and activities. Receive seasonal activities throughout the year as well as incentives along the way! Call 236-5208 to request a kit via curbside pick-up. Check out the High Flyers Resource Page at oshkoshpubliclibrary.org for additional reading recommendations.



Like us on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube.

NEW! Storytime in a Bag

6 months – 6 years

Available for checkout with your library card

Enjoy storytime at home or in the classroom with a themed collection of books and activities in a convenient to go bag. Log into your library account and search for “storytime in a bag” or call 236-5208 to discuss which storytime will meet your needs. Sponsored by a grant from the Mildred and Edward Baar Youth and Education Fund through the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation.

Request a Book Bundle

Fresh picks for young readers.
Call 236-5208 for details.

Dial-A-Story

Call (920) 770-2760 to hear a short story read by Oshkosh Public Library staff! Listen anytime and as often as you want! New stories are added each week.

Tween Book Club

Ages 9-11 years

Fridays 4:30 p.m.

Zoom

Join this virtual book club to meet new friends and talk about books! Ten free copies of the book are given away each month. Call the Children’s Department at 236-5208 to register and receive the Zoom meeting passcode.

Jan. 8 – *Out of my Mind* by Sharon M. Draper

Feb. 5 – *The Exact Location of Home* by Kate Messner

Teens

Teen Book Club

Grades 6-12

Fridays 4:30 p.m.

Zoom

Teen Book Club has gone virtual. Go to tinyurl.com/y3w7nsut to register and we’ll send you the Zoom meeting link and password, plus instructions on how to pick up your free book (while supplies last).

Jan. 8 - *Let it Snow* by John Green, Maureen Johnson and Lauren Myracle

Feb. 5 - *Pax* by Sara Pennypacker

Teen Winter Reading Program

Grades 6-12

To participate: Register on the Beanstack app or at oshkoshpubliclibrary.beanstack.org

Dec. 21-Feb. 27

We’re bringing back the Winter Reading Program for teens! There are plenty of chances to win lots of great prizes, and you only need to average reading 15 minutes per week to qualify for the Grand Prize Drawing! More information is available at oshkoshpubliclibrary.org or call 236-5203 for help.

Adults

Anytime Online Book Club

3rd Tuesdays

Facebook Live

7 p.m.

Discuss books with librarian Michael McArthur and guests.

Topics are general, no reading required.

Jan. 19 Science Fiction

Feb. 16 Memoir

Adult DIY Take Home Kit

2nd Tuesdays

YouTube

While we can’t gather in person, we’re here to help inspire you at home with our free 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 of kits is available when the How-to Video premieres on YouTube. Want to show off your crafty creations? Tag us, @OshkoshPublicLibrary in your photos and share with #OPLDIYAtHome!

Jan. 12 Tape Image Transfer

Feb. 9 Folded Book Art

Library Hours

Thurs., Dec. 31

Library closes at 5 p.m. for New Year’s Eve

Library Closed

Happy New Year!
January 1, 2021



ADULT WINTER READING CHALLENGE

Adult Winter Reading Challenge

Jan. 4 – Feb. 28

Register on the Beanstack app or at oshkoshpubliclibrary.beanstack.org

Don't let a long winter get you down. Embrace what's magical about Wisconsin winters, including opening some great books. The goal is to read 1,000 minutes this winter!

Every 125 minutes logged earns a Wisconsin Winter Badge! Each badge earns you one entry in the End of Winter Raffle. The more badges you earn, the more chances to win.

The raffle will be held on Mon., March 1. Three (3) winners will receive a \$25 Downtown Oshkosh Gift Card. Library staff will contact winners.

Genealogy & Local History Acquisitions

Zoom

Thurs., Feb. 11 7 p.m.

Find out what's new in the library's genealogy and local history resources and how they can help to advance your research. Call 920-236-5205 or email reference@oshkoshpubliclibrary.org to receive the Zoom link and password.

Capturing Your Family History

Zoom

Tues., Feb. 23 6 p.m.

Michael Cooney (local author, photographer, teacher) shows you how to transform those old photos and genealogical charts into a compelling book that captures your family's unique story. Learn how to establish your "core story," define your audience, find visual resources from the web, design techniques, and the basics of self-publishing. Call 920-236-5205 or email reference@oshkoshpubliclibrary.org to receive the Zoom link and password.