

Oshkosh Public Library Highlights January 2015

1. More than 200 people attended OPL's holiday events for children in December, including two sessions of Santa Storytime and several Do-It-Yourself craft programs for kids and teens. Families who attended Santa Storytime also had the opportunity to hear the Oshkosh North Madrigal Singers, who were sponsored by the Friends of the Library.
2. More than 100 children attended library events during their winter break from school between the holidays. A Pete the Cat Book Party featured stories, crafts and games on the library's Smart Board – all based on the cool cat from the popular children's books. The Noon Year's Eve Party was a sock hop with music, dancing, snacks and a countdown to the "Noon Year."
3. The library is partnering with the Winnebago County Literacy Council to offer a course in basic computer skills for job seekers. The free 15-week course will cover the basics of computer use, email and searching the Internet, along with job search skills such as writing resumes and submitting online job applications. Both WCLC and OPL staff will be involved in teaching the class, which will be held in the library's lower level computer lab starting Jan. 28.
4. Reference staff held a Drop-In & Download Day event on Jan. 12, helping 44 people learn how to download eBooks and audio books from the library's web site to their tablets and other electronic devices. Staff reported that the event drew several people who had not used the library (and were promptly issued library cards) and numerous people expressed their appreciation for the time staff devoted to assisting them and their patience. The Reference Department is considering offering this event quarterly.
5. Ninety students from Oshkosh North High School toured the library recently and selected books for a school reading assignment. The students were also able to visit the teen area on 1st floor and learn more about services, resources and programs for teens.