

Sept., Oct., Nov. 2022

Children & Families

Family Storytime

Enjoy stories, rhymes, activities and other literacy-building adventures with your children. Older and younger siblings are welcome.

MON | Sept. 12 – Nov. 28 | 9:30 a.m. | Preschoolers
| Lower Level

Supporting our Monarch Population

Girl Scouts Callie Rudoll and Natalie Larsen are working to install a Monarch Garden in Rusch Park to earn their Silver Badges. You can support their efforts during this hands-on, interactive program. Shannon Davis-Foust, Ph.D., UW Oshkosh Biology & Environmental Studies Program and President of Wild Ones Fox Valley Area Chapter, will provide a deeper understanding of the importance of this pollinator. UW Oshkosh Entomologist, Robert Mitchell, is bringing monarch and other butterfly specimens to examine up close. Callie and Natalie have also created a scavenger hunt featuring the ten stages of the monarch's life cycle.

SAT | Sept. 17 | 10 a.m. | All ages | Lower Level

High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime

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

***Smart Starts Play Stations take the place of High Hopes on Sept. 7, Oct. 5 and Nov. 2*

Enjoy songs, stories, movement and fingerplays while learning how to teach your child the skills they need to become readers.

No session on Nov. 23.

THURS | Sept. 1 – Nov. 17 | 9:30 a.m. | Infants and
Toddlers | Lower Level

WED | Sept. 14 – Nov. 30 | 9:30 & 10:15 a.m. | Infants
and Toddlers | Lower Level

Smart Starts Play Stations

Hands-on stations encourage interactive learning, discovery and early literacy skills. Drop in anytime during the session.

WED | 9 – 11 a.m. | Ages 1 - 4 | Lower Level
Sept. 7 | Oct. 5 | Nov. 2

Stories by Starlight

Meet under the tree in Explorer's Grove for a gentle evening storytime.

TUES | Sept. 6 - Nov. 29 | 6:15 p.m. | Ages 8 and
younger | Lower Level

Wonderlab

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

In this hands-on class, active learners ages 5 – 9 will explore and experiment using the principals of S.T.E.A.M. (science, technology, engineering, art and math).

- Fall Migration Challenge
THURS | Sept. 15 | 6:30 p.m. | Lower Level
SAT | Sept. 17 | 10:30 a.m. | Dome
- Volcano
THURS | Oct. 20 | 6:30 p.m. | Lower Level
SAT | Oct. 22 | 10:30 a.m. | Lower Level
- Spectroscope
FRI | Nov. 18 | 4:30 p.m. | Lower Level
SAT | Nov. 19 | 10:30 a.m. | Lower Level

S.T.E.A.M. Take & Make Kits

Pick up a free kit from the Children's Service Desk to take home. All instructions and supplies are included in the packet. Available while supplies last.

- Wind Catcher
- Catapult
- Craft Stick Lantern

Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Ages 5 and up

Fabulous Fibers

Celebrate National Chemistry Week by investigating textile fibers. Members of the American Chemical Society will lead kids through hands-on activities. Drop in any time during the event.

SAT | Oct. 15 | Ages 4 and up | 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.



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Instagram and YouTube.

Children & Families (continued)

Elementary Book Club

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

Explore new books and make new friends at our Elementary Book Club! Each month we will feature a different theme and have a free book for kids! Children do not need to be independent readers to attend, so join us to talk books, eat snacks and do fun activities!

- Mindfulness
- Spooky Creatures and Dealing with Fears
- Friendship and Sharing

FRI | 4:30 p.m. | Ages 5-8 | Lower Level
Sept. 9 | Oct. 14 | Nov. 11

Tween Book Club

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

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 book club session the month before. The book is yours to keep!

- *The Last Last-Day-of-Summer* by Lamar Giles
- *Twins* by Varian Johnson
- *Curse of the Night Witch* by Alex Aster

FRI | 4:30 p.m. | Ages 9-11 | Under the Dome
Sept. 2 | Oct. 7 | Nov. 4

Read to a Dog

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

These friendly assistants provide a nonjudgmental, safe opportunity to practice reading skills. Reserve a 15-minute time slot to read to a trained therapy dog! MON | Sept. 12 – Nov. 21 | 4-5 p.m. | Ages 5-12 | Lower Level

Explore and Discover

Explorer's Grove

Meet under the tree to play anytime we are open. Activity themes include:

- Farmer's Market (Sept. 1 – Oct. 31)
- Hibernation (Nov. 1 – Dec. 30)

NEW! 1,000 Books Reading Challenge

*Sign up at the Children's Service Desk or at oshkoshpubliclibrary.beanstack.org. Program begins on Oct. 1.

Reading with your child from birth has proven to be one of the best indicators that they will be ready to read and learn in school. When combined with other early literacy activities such as talking, singing, writing and playing, it has a powerful impact on your child's school-readiness. Receive incentives like new books and educational items when you log activities in the provided keepsake booklet. Participants may also pick up monthly early learning packets with inspiring seasonal activities.

Ages birth-5

Monarch Life-Cycle Scavenger Hunt

Ask for a playing card at the Children's Service Desk. Sept. 1 – 18 | Lower Level

Freedom to Read

Celebrate the public library's role in offering access to all – all books, all people! Educational displays will feature books that have been challenged over the years. Children are encouraged to write a postcard to a favorite featured author.

Sept. 1 – 30 | Lower Level

Creature Carnival Contest

Create an original creature inspired by your imagination!

Ages 2 – 18

Monsters, robots, magical beings – all are welcome in the Creature Carnival!

Prizes awarded in multiple categories, including People's Choice! Judges award bonus points for entries with creature names and a short description. Contest rules and details at oshkoshpubliclibrary.org. Submit at the Children's Desk Oct. 1 – 26. | Winners announced Oct. 28

LEGO Wall Open Build

Drop in and use our LEGOS to add to the wall or just free build.

WED | 4-7 p.m.

SAT | 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Sept. 7 – Nov. 30 | Lower Level

Teen DIY: Take & Make Kits

Pick up a craft kit with supplies and instructions at the library, then enjoy an art project at home. New Take & Makes are available for pickup at the First Floor Service desk on the first of each month, while supplies last and limited to one per teen.

- Resist Art Painting
- Rainbow Halloween Scratch Masks
- Woodland Animals Felt Plushie

Grades 6-12 | First Floor

Sept. 1 | Oct. 1 | Nov. 1

Teen Book Club

Eat pizza, meet other readers, and talk books! Twenty free copies of the next book are given away at each meeting. To register, visit bit.ly/OPLteens

- *The Inheritance Games* by Jennifer Lynn Barnes
- *Banned Book Club* by Kim Hyun Sook, Ko Hyung-Ju and Ryan Estrada
- *I Can Make This Promise* by Christine Day

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

Sept. 2 | Oct. 7 | Nov. 4

Young Adult Book Club

Introducing a new book club for high school students! Eat pizza, meet other readers, and talk books! Twenty free copies of the next book are given away at each meeting. To register, visit bit.ly/youngadultbookclub.

- *The Inheritance Games* by Jennifer Lynn Barnes
- *Banned Book Club* by Kim Hyun Sook, Ko Hyung-Ju and Ryan Estrada
- *Legendborn* by Tracy Deonn

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

Sept. 2 | Oct. 7 | Nov. 4

Two-Sentence Horror Story Writing Contest

Gather 'round the campfire and get ready to tell your scariest story in just two sentences. Online submission begins Oct. 1. Entries due Oct. 23 at 11:59 p.m. Winners announced Oct. 31. Contest rules and prizes at oshkoshpubliclibrary.org.

Submit entries at bit.ly/twosentence2022 or scan the QR code with your mobile device.



Oct. 1-23 | Grades 6-12

Teen Lit Loot Box

A free monthly book subscription box for teens

Sign up at bit.ly/OshkoshLitLoot

Treats, goodies, and library books selected just for you, ready for pickup every month!

Tell us what you like to read, and we'll choose 1-5 books based on your interests. Your box will be available to pick up beginning on the 15th of every month. Return the books when they're due; the treats and goodies are yours to keep! Details at oshkoshpubliclibrary.org.

Library Hours

Starting Tues., Sept. 6

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| Mon. - Thurs. | 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. |
| Fri. | 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. |
| Sat. | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. |
| Sun. | 1 - 5 p.m. |

The library has a monthly newsletter!

Subscribe at bit.ly/OPLnewsletter to receive staff book reviews and fun library updates.



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Adults

Genealogy

Starting Your Genealogy Journey

Part I: What You Need to Know

Part II: Where to Look

Sue Goodacre from the Winnebagoland Genealogical Society talks about starting your genealogical research in this two-part program.

Part I: Introduction to genealogical terminology, how to get organized and where to begin your research.

Part II: Learn where to find vital records, obituaries, census records, and other places you might find your ancestors' records.

Sue Goodacre has been conducting genealogy research for more than 25 years and is a member of multiple genealogical societies in Wisconsin.

SAT | Oct. 1 | 10 a.m. & 1 p.m. | Lower Level

Fall Genealogy Lock-In

Attend this after-hours research event and get one-on-one help from a Winnebagoland Genealogical Society member or local librarian. This year we're including anyone with a local history question. Wondering about the history of your house? A local business? Why is that statue there? Join us and satisfy your curiosity! Enter via the historic library entrance on Washington Avenue.

Participants will have access to AncestryLibrary, as well as newspapers online and on microfilm.

FRI | Oct. 7 | 6 - 8 p.m. | Under the Dome

You Don't Have to Go to The Vatican for Catholic Church Records!

Steve Herro is currently the Assistant Archivist for the Diocese of Green Bay. He is also a member of St. Norbert Abbey in De Pere. He has served in his Diocesan and Abbey Archives roles intermittently since 1988. He received his BA from St. Norbert College in 1985, MALIS from the University of Wisconsin in 1990, and MS from Minnesota State University in 1999. His presentation will focus on Catholic historical records available in the Archives of the Diocese of Green Bay and effective use of other online sources that he uses when assisting genealogists.

SAT | Oct. 15 | 10 a.m. | Under the Dome

"What's the Story?"

We've all heard some crazy stories about our ancestors, but are they true? A great-great uncle murdered during a train robbery in 1911?! A great grandmother charged with murder in 1840s Ireland? Long time genealogist Dave Miller shows how he researched, investigated, and got to the truth behind some of his family's oft-repeated stories.

Dave Miller retired from a 45-year career in radio and television in 2019. He has been researching his family history for over 40 years, recording a monthly podcast, appearing on The Travel Channel's Dead Files, and speaking on numerous genealogical topics. He is a member of the Irish Genealogical Society International.

WED | Oct. 19 | 6 p.m. | Under the Dome

Exploring City Directories

Local History Librarian Michael McArthur will dive into how city directories can enhance your genealogy and family history.

SAT | Oct. 22 | 10 a.m. | Under the Dome

History

Pioneer Churches of Wisconsin

Local author and photographer Michael Cooney will discuss his latest book, *Pioneer Churches of Wisconsin*, focusing on the small, carefully preserved churches built by first generation immigrants who settled throughout Wisconsin.

WED | Sept. 21 | 6 p.m. | Lower Level

Lewis Hine

Local author and photographer Michael Cooney will discuss the life and works of Lewis Hine, the Oshkosh native whose photographs of immigrants and everyday workers, particularly child laborers in the early 20th Century, shaped the nation's views of child labor.

WED | Oct. 5 | 6 p.m. | Lower Level

Finding Her Place: A Yorkshire Mill Girl's Journey to a Home in the Gold Coast Colony

Catherine Cruickshank will share her remarkable story of her mother, Ioné Acquah, née Crabtree, who became the first single Englishwoman to go out to the Gold Coast, present day Ghana, to marry an African in 1947.

THURS | Oct. 13 | 6 p.m. | Lower Level

Learning in Retirement: Railways of Oshkosh

Librarian Michael McArthur will explore how the railroad shaped Oshkosh's development into a lumber powerhouse and Wisconsin's largest city in the mid-19th century. We'll also look at how the railroad shaped the cityscape and what led to its eventual removal.

MON | Oct. 24 | 1:30 p.m. | Lower Level

It Seems Like Only Yesterday

Randy Domer, local Oshkosh author and president of the Winnebago Historical and Archaeological Society, will share stories from his latest book *It Seems Like Only Yesterday*, including the Alexian Brothers Hospital, The Great Train Wreck of 1900, and more.

Presented in partnership with the Winnebagoland Genealogical Society.

THURS | Nov. 10 | 6 p.m. | Lower Level

Librarian Learns

The history show for local history buffs! Librarian Michael McArthur researches and produces this offbeat YouTube series focused on Oshkosh's past.

- History of the SOBs (Society of Oshkosh Homebrewers)
- Who Put a Train Here!?

FRI | 9 a.m. | YouTube
Sept. 16 | Nov. 18

Arts & Crafts

Adult DIY

Express your creativity at the library! Call (920) 236-5205 to reserve your seat and supplies for our in-person, instructor-led workshops. Only 12 spots available due to limited space and materials. These classes are free and do not require a library card to attend.

- Fall Wood Sign
- NEW! Two crafting opportunities for October!
- Leather Crafting with guest instructor Lori Walker (In person only)
- Felted Pumpkin Soap (Take & Make Kit only)
- Macramé Leaves Wall Décor (Meet under the Dome)

Free Take & Make Kits are available each month at

the Second Floor Desk for those who prefer to do the projects at home. Limit two per adult while supplies last. Printed instructions are included and a simple how-to video is posted on the library's YouTube channel.

TUES | 6 p.m. | Lower Level
Sept. 13 | Oct. 11 | Nov. 8

CALL FOR ENTRIES: F Stop: Joy

An online photography contest sponsored by Generac

NEW! In person photo exhibit

Ages 13 and older

Entries accepted Sept. 12 - Oct. 15

We're happy to announce that this year's F Stop theme is Joy. Use your camera and creativity to capture your interpretation of this universal human emotion. Contest rules, details, submission form and prizes are at oshkoshpubliclibrary.org.

Thank you to our contest and exhibit sponsor Generac.

SAVE THE DATE: F Stop: Joy Photo Exhibit

Following the Downtown Oshkosh Holiday Parade, warm up inside the library with light refreshments and a photo exhibit that displays F Stop photographers' moments of joy.

THURS | Nov. 17 | 7 – 9 p.m. | First Floor Reading Room

Bricks and Beers

Calling all A.F.O.L. (Adult Fans of LEGOS®): Join us for Bricks & Beers at Fifth Ward Brewing Co.! The library supplies the LEGO® bricks and a building challenge each month. You supply building skills and ingenuity. The brewery has the beer. What's not to like?

Select participant creations will be put on display at the library.

WED | 6 – 7:30 p.m. | Fifth Ward Brewing Co.
Sept. 14 | Oct. 12 | Nov. 9

Mark Gruenwald Comic Book Creation Challenge Celebration

We're unmasking the Comic Book Creation Superheroes in our community, and everyone is invited to see their amazing artwork and hear their original stories! Refreshments will be provided.

SAT | Oct. 11 | 1 – 2:30 p.m. | Under the Dome

Exhibits

Wood Carved Decoy Ducks

Roger Ludwig, president of the Midwest Decoy Collectors Association, shares a part of his hand-carved, wooden, decoy duck collection. These decoy ducks were all handcrafted by Oshkosh artists, the oldest dating back to the 1920s. A lifelong Oshkosh resident and duck hunter, Roger Ludwig has been collecting decoy ducks since 1957.

September - November | Second Floor

Traveling Exhibit: I Am Not Invisible

The I Am Not Invisible traveling exhibit, featuring 32 banners measuring 6-feet tall with portraits of Wisconsin women veterans is on display under the library's Dome as part of the Wisconsin Veterans Museum's collection of traveling exhibits.

Twelve percent or 30,000 members of our state's veteran population are women. This exhibit is intended to highlight their service and increase awareness of the many challenges they continue to face in obtaining healthcare and other services that they have earned.

With support from the Center for Women Veterans (CWV) this project has crossed 50 States, 75 cities, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and 28 Native American/Alaska Native Nations to capture images of more than 3,200 women veterans. Visit the CWV Facebook page for more information.

Nov. 13 – 30 | Under the Dome

Books & Reading

Freedom to Read Program Series

Fahrenheit 451 Film Screening

Kick off the library's Freedom to Read month with a FREE showing of the 1966 movie adaptation of Ray Bradbury's novel *Fahrenheit 451*. Set in the future, a book-burning firefighter is transformed into a reading rebel.

SAT | Sept. 3 | 7 p.m. | All ages | Time Community Theater

Freedom to Read Scavenger Hunt

Starting Mon., Sept. 5, 50 books will be hidden at different locations around the city—ten copies of five titles, which are on the American Library Association's Top Ten Most Challenged Books of 2021.

Find the hidden books by following the daily clues posted on our Facebook page. The books are yours to keep! If you find a book, tag Oshkosh Public Library on Facebook and show off your Freedom to Read.

Join the conversation about these books, intellectual freedom, book banning, and censorship by attending a book discussion at Planet Perk, and the panel presentation and discussion here at the library. The Scavenger Hunt will continue through September or until all books have been found!

Support an Author Postcard

Did you know that your letter, email, or postcard to an author supporting their work can help in book challenge cases? Speaking out in support of a book and author and how their words have affected you is a great way to fight censorship! We'll have postcards and pens available in the Lower Level and on the Second Floor to make it easy to voice your support!

Book Discussions at Planet Perk

Join us at Planet Perk to discuss some of the most challenged books of 2021, the reasons behind the challenge, and the importance of upholding our Freedom to Read.

- *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury
- *All Boys Aren't Blue* by George Johnson
- *Out of Darkness* by Ashley Hope Perez
- *Lawn Boy* by Jonathan Evison
- *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie

Sept. 19 - 23 | 5 p.m. | Planet Perk

Panel Presentation and Discussion

What is the difference between “banning” and “challenging”? Can a book be un-banned? Is our Freedom to Read a protected right? Get answers to these questions and more during our presentation about the Freedom to Read. Submit your own questions to be answered by our panel of experts.

SAT | Sept. 24 | 1 p.m. | All ages | Lower Level

Banned Book Club

Keep celebrating your Freedom to Read year-round! Each month we will exclusively read books that have been banned or challenged and discuss the content, and the reason the item was banned or challenged. This is a safe place for difficult discussions, facilitated by Readers' Advisory Librarian Nancy Bell.

- *Carrie* by Stephen King
- *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee

TUES | 5 p.m. | Planet Perk
Oct. 11 | Nov. 15

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 to talk (or listen) about books you've read or are currently reading and share recommendations with our community.

THURS | 6 - 7 p.m. | Lower Level
Sept. 15 | Oct. 20 | Nov. 17

Book Buzz

Start your month with Librarian Nancy Bell talking about one popular book from bestsellers lists, review sites, or social media, breaking it down into smaller parts, and suggesting three readalikes.

MON | 8 a.m. | YouTube
Sept. 5 | Oct. 3 | Nov. 7

Vital Services

Winnebago Free Legal Assistance Clinic

Volunteer attorneys and paralegals provide free legal assistance to the community on most civil legal issues. Assistance is provided on a first-come, first-served basis. The services provided are limited and may include:

- A brief legal consultation with an attorney (or referral to an attorney if one is not available)
- Assistance with legal forms and procedures
- Guidance to additional resources

Please bring any paperwork that is relevant to your case so the volunteers can better assist you.

If you have a question, please contact:

Winnebagolegalclinic@gmail.com
920-312-7760 (voicemail only)
TUES | 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. | Lower Level
Sept. 20 | Oct. 18 | Nov. 15

Job Search Assistance

If you're unemployed or searching for a better opportunity, this service can help you land your next job and succeed in your new role. Staff from the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development and local volunteers from the Society for Human Resource Management are available to help with a variety of topics, including resumes and cover letters, interview skills, career counseling, unemployment insurance, and more!

Call 920-236-5205 or email reference@oshkoshpubliclibrary.org to schedule an appointment. Walk-Ins accepted if space is available. Presented in partnership with the Fox Valley Job Center, Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development, and the Society for Human Resource Management.

WED | Sept. 7 – Nov. 30 | 1- 4 p.m. | Second Floor

Mini Job Fair

Up to ten local employers will be onsite and ready to speak to you about joining their talent pools. Bring your resume and personality to the Oshkosh Public Library and speak directly to the company on the spot! Presented in partnership with Fox Valley Job Center.

Visit JobCenterOfWisconsin.com for more information about employment opportunities and other hiring events.

TUES | Nov. 15 | 1 – 3 p.m. | Lower Level

Mindworks

Mindworks is a facilitated program designed for people with early symptoms of memory loss. The curriculum promotes overall health and wellness, brain health and social connections through classroom activities, community engagement, service projects, and physical activity. Contact Courtney at 920-225-1724 or courtney@foxvalleymemoryproject.org for more information.

THURS | Sept. 8 – Nov. 17 | 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. | Lower Level

Memory Cafe

Memory Cafe is for people who are experiencing memory loss and their caregivers. Relax and socialize in a comfortable and safe environment at the library.

- MToxins Venom Lab
- Haunted Oshkosh (Oshkosh Public Museum)
- Bingo!

WED | 1:30 - 3 p.m. | Lower Level
Sept. 14 | Oct. 12 | Nov. 9

How to Respond to Domestic Abuse

Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Services staff hosts a one-hour educational program.

During this session, you will learn how to:

- Recognize the warning signs of domestic abuse
- Determine appropriate responses
- Connect survivors to community resources

TUES | Oct. 18 | 6 p.m. | Under the Dome