



Oshkosh Public Library

Library Hours

Mon. – Thurs.
9 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Fri.
9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Sat.
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sun.
1 – 5 p.m.

December 2024

Events at the Library

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Library Closed

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve
Dec. 25 Christmas Day

Dec. 31 Closed at 5 p.m.
Jan. 1 New Year's Day

Visit our website at
oshkoshlibrary.org for
the most up-to-date
event information.

Youth Services



Registration information Some programs require registration.
To register visit oshkoshlibrary.org, stop by the library, or call 920.236.5208.

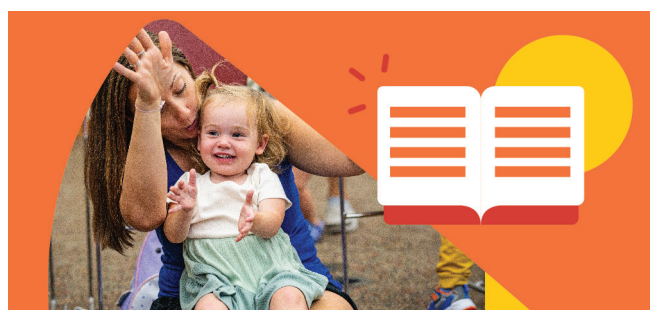
Early Childhood

Preschool Storytime

MON | Dec. 2 – 16 | 9:30 a.m.

Lower Level

Enjoy stories, rhymes, and other literacy-building adventures with your children. Siblings welcome.



Baby/Toddler Storytime

WED | Dec. 4 – 18 | 9:30 & 10:15 a.m.

THUR | Dec. 5 - 19 | 10:15 a.m.

Lower Level

As a parent or caregiver, you want to give your child the best start in life. That's why we've created a program that combines the joy of songs, stories, movement, and finger plays with the essential skills needed to learn how to read. All three weekly sessions feature the same content. Siblings welcome.

1000 Books Reading Challenge

Birth – Age 5

Reading with your child from the beginning is a great way to set them up for success! Track your reading online or in a special, keepsake book.



Elementary Age

Saturday Surprise

SAT | Dec. 7 | 11 a.m. – noon

Best for ages 5 and older | Lower Level

Need a spark of inspiration? Drop into the library's Lower Level for a fun, hands-on activity in Explorer's Grove.



Elementary Book Club

FRI | Dec. 13 | 4:30 p.m.

Grades K - 2 | Lower Level

Registration required

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.

- Favorite Characters

Wonderlab

THUR | Dec. 19 | 5:30

Grades K - 2 | Dome

Registration required

Explore and experiment using the principles of S.T.E.A.M. (science, technology, engineering, art and math). Registration is required to plan for supply needs.

- Snowstorm in a Jar

Preteens



Preteen Book Club

FRI | Dec. 6 | 4:30 p.m. | Grades 3 - 5

Under the Dome

Register to receive your free book and attend the discussion - registration opens one month in advance.

Talk books and eat pizza with other kids who like to read! Limited to 20 spots.

- *Those Kids from Fawn Creek* by Erin Entrada Kelly

Preteen S.T.E.A.M.

FRI | Dec. 20 | 4:30 p.m.

Grades 3 - 5 | Lower Level

Registration required

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!

- Bristlebots

Activities & More



Read to Rabbits and Guinea Pigs

SAT | Dec. 14 | 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Ages six years and older | Lower Level



Register for your 20-minute visit at: givebutter.com/read-to-smalls

Read to our furry friends from the Oshkosh Area Humane Society. Bring a book to share, or just come to cuddle. These animals need a forever home and are available for adoption. Registration is limited to ensure a great experience for both animals and kids.

Winter Village

Nov. – Feb. | 18 and younger | Lower Level

Questions? Call 920.236.5208

Back by popular demand! Bring your winter village creations to display in our Youth Services department!

LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids

Build and explore with our large collection of LEGOs!

Note: The library will be closed on Dec. 24, 25 & Jan. 1, and will close at 5 p.m. on Dec. 31.

Mon. – Wed.
Noon – 7 p.m.

Sat.
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Thurs.
Noon – 6 p.m.

Sun.
1 - 4 p.m.

Fri.
Noon – 5 p.m.

Teens | Grades 6 - 12



Teen Book Club

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

Registration required to receive your free book and attend the discussion - registration opens one month in advance.

Eat pizza, meet other readers and talk books!
Limited to 20 spots.

- *Flight Plan* by Eric Walters

Young Adult Book Club

**FRI | Dec. 6 | 4:30 p.m. | Grades 9 - 12
Lower Level**

Registration required to receive your free book and attend the discussion - registration opens one month in advance.

Eat pizza, meet other readers and talk books!
Limited to 20 spots.

- *Flight Plan* by Eric Walters

Hack Club

**SAT | Dec. 7 | 1 - 3 p.m.
Grades 6 - 12 | Lower Level**

Join Hack Club every other Saturday, presented in partnership with students from Oshkosh West High School. You'll learn about different software programs and new coding techniques. Please bring your own laptop, device, or school Chromebook.

Adults

Coffee & Cookies with the Cops

FRI | Dec. 6 | 9 a.m.

First Floor Reading Room

Know them before you need them. Enjoy refreshments and meet the newest member of the force: Gema, the therapy dog.

Arts and Crafts

Adult DIY

TUES | Dec. 10 | 6 p.m. | Dome

Craft with us! Visit oshkoshlibrary.org, stop by the desk, or call 920.236-5205 to reserve your seat and supplies for the in-person, instructor-led workshops. These classes are free and do not require a library card to attend.

- Candy Cane Frames



Stitch Together

TUES | Dec. 10 | 6:30 p.m. | Dome

Are you looking for a craft community, camaraderie, or conversation? Join our new craft circle! Bring your work-in-progress and join us under the dome. All tidy crafts are welcome! (Sorry—no chainsaw carving or ice sculptures currently.) Show off your creations, share tips and tricks, and join in our community projects! This winter we're gathering hats, scarves, and mittens for the library's mitten tree! If you have crafted an excess, donate your extra projects to keep Oshkosh cozy! Beginners welcome!

Music

Oshkosh Area Ukelele Players

TUES | Dec. 10 | 10 a.m. | Dome

Enjoy charming wintry tunes strummed by local musicians.

OAMTA presents: Winter

TUES | Dec. 10 | 6:30 p.m. | Lower Level

Oshkosh Area Music Teachers Association piano students will warm your hearts with cozy winter selections.

Oshkosh Youth Choir

FRI | Dec. 13 | 4:30 p.m. | Dome

Led by Ryan Lindley, the Oshkosh Youth Choir will perform seasonal songs. Warm up your voices and join the group for a sing-along of your favorite carols!

Fox Valley Flute Choir

SAT | Dec. 14 | 2 p.m. | Dome

Experience musical magic with the Fox Valley Flute Choir. Celebrating their twelfth year of performances, this group of 15 musicians, led by Dr. Marc Sackman, brings a vibrant sound to life with the traditional C-Flute, piccolo, alto and bass flutes. Tap your toes to traditional Christmas music along with classical/baroque pieces.

Books & Reading

Book Buzz

MON | Dec. 2 | 8 a.m. | YouTube

Find your next favorite read with Librarian Sarah Read. She'll talk about popular new titles releasing this month and give you suggestions for what to read while you wait.



Storytime for Grownups

TUES | Dec. 3 | 6 p.m. | Planet Perk

Why should kids have all the fun? Join librarian Sarah Read for a monthly grownup storytime. Color, work on a puzzle, craft, or cuddle with a cat while Sarah reads you a short story. Stories will be a mixture of genres, classics and contemporary, with time for discussion afterwards. It's like listening to an audiobook, but with friends!

Great Reads 2024

FRI | Dec. 13 | 9 a.m. | YouTube

Hear from the reading experts! The staff of Oshkosh Public Library and Winnefox Library System share a few of their favorite books from the past year.



Banned Book Club

TUES | Dec. 17 | 6:30 p.m. | Dome

Join us for thought-provoking discussions about challenged or banned books!

- *Flamer* by Mike Curato

Not Your Classic Book Club

THURS | Dec. 19 | 6 p.m. | Lower Level

We invite you to drop in to talk about any book you like (or don't like). This is a low-key group that offers a place to make new friends and discover new books.

Resources & Support



Winnebago Free Legal Assistance Clinic

TUES | Dec. 17 | 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Lower Level

Get free legal help on most civil and legal issues from volunteer attorneys and paralegals. First-come, first-served. Visit oshkoshlibrary.org for important information you 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)

Job Search Assistance

WED | Dec. 4, 11, 18 | 1 - 4 p.m.

Second Floor

Reservation required. Visit oshkoshlibrary.org, call 920.236.5205, or stop in at the Second Floor desk. Walk-ins welcome as space allows.

Get help with resumes and cover letters, interview skills, career counseling, unemployment insurance, and more!

Presented in partnership with the Fox Valley Job Center, Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development, and the Society for Human Resource Management.

Career Ready

WED | Dec. 11 | 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

Lower Level

Volunteer human resources professionals are here to help you navigate your career journey. This is perfect for someone new to the workforce, returning to work, or anyone looking for a change. All ages are welcome!

- Leaving a Job

Technology



Drop-in Tech Help

TUES | Dec. 3 & 17 | 1 – 3 p.m.

Lower Level

Get 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 other device with you.

History

The History of Garlic Island

TUES | Dec. 3 | 6 p.m. | Dome

Located north of Oshkosh on Lake Winnebago, Garlic Island was once the home of the Menominee, an encampment where British soldiers barely survived a harsh winter, and even a resort and summer retreat for Oshkosh's rich and famous. Local author and historian Randy Domer will offer a glimpse of the incredible history of Garlic Island. A book signing will follow the program.

Sponsored by The Winnebago County Historical and Archaeological Society.

All Mine to Give – Exposing the Truth

THUR | Dec. 12 | 6 p.m. | Lower Level

Did you know the Christmas classic movie, *All Mine to Give*, based on the book *The Day They Gave Babies Away*, is based on a local family? Deb Daubert, retired Oshkosh Public Museum curator and Butte Des Morts Historical Preservation Society Board member, will share what is fact and fiction regarding the Euson Family of Eureka.

Sponsored by the WinnebagoLand Genealogical Society and the Butte Des Morts Historical Preservation Society.

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