



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.

Winter Events January/February 2025

Events at the Library

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Library Closed

Mon., Jan. 1 Happy New Year!
Fri., Feb. 28 Staff Training Day

Visit 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 | Jan. 6 – Feb. 24 | 9:30 a.m.
Lower Level

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

Baby/Toddler Storytime

WED | Jan. 8 – Feb. 26 | 9:30 & 10:15 a.m.
THUR | Jan. 9 – Feb. 27 | 10:15 a.m.
Lower Level

Sing, move and play with your littles while building early reading skills. Siblings welcome. All sessions cover the same content.

1000 Books Reading Challenge

Birth – Age 5

Encourage early literacy and learning before kindergarten! Track your child's progress and earn rewards as you share stories, songs and activities together. Pick up an activities tracker or track online using the Beanstack app. Visit Youth Services to get started.

Elementary Age

Elementary Book Club

FRI | 4:30 p.m. | Grades K - 2 | Lower Level
Jan. 10 | Feb. 14
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.

- Mythical Creatures
- Sweets and Treats

Saturday Surprise

SAT | 11 a.m. – noon | Ages 5 and older
Lower Level | Jan. 4 | Feb. 1

Need a spark of inspiration? Drop in for fun, interactive learning activities in Explorers Grove. Siblings welcome.



Read to a Dog

MON | Feb. 3 – 24 | 4 – 5 p.m. | Lower Level
SAT | Feb. 1 & 15 | 10 – 11 a.m. | Lower Level
Registration required. Call 920.236.5208 or visit us to register for your 15 minute spot.

Practice reading with a trained therapy dog! Our furry friends help kids build confidence and improve reading skills.

Wonderlab

THUR | 5:30 p.m. | Grades K - 2
Lower Level | Jan. 16 | Feb. 20
Registration required

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

- Rainbow Snake Bubbles
- Cork Boats

Preteens

Preteen Book Club

FRI | 4:30 p.m. | Grades 3 - 5 | Lower Level
Jan. 3 | Feb. 7
Registration required

Talk books, eat pizza and meet new friends! Limited to 20 spots. Registration is required to receive a copy of the upcoming month's book and to participate. Registration opens one month in advance.

- *Salt Magic* by Hope Larson
- *Dream, Annie, Dream* by Waka T. Brown

Preteen S.T.E.A.M.

FRI | 4:30 p.m. | Grades 3 - 5 | Lower Level
Jan. 17 | Feb. 21
Registration required

Get creative with science, technology, engineering, art and math! Hands-on projects make learning fun!

- Paper Circuit Art
- Balloon Cars

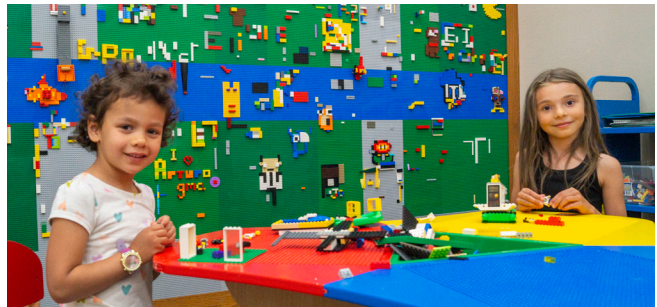
Activities & More



Winter Village

Jan. 1 – Feb. 28 | Lower Level

Back by popular demand! Help us decorate the Youth Services area with your winter village-themed creations. Drop off your crafts and we'll display them in the Lower Level.



LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids

Jan. 2 – Feb. 28 | Lower Level

Mon. – Thurs.
Noon – 7 p.m.

Sat.
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Fri.
Noon – 5 p.m.

Sun.
1 - 4 p.m.

Build, play and explore with our extensive LEGO collection. Drop in during open hours.

Stream free movies with
your library card



Libby.

The library reading app

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Films that matter

hoopla

Tap into Discovery.
Read, Listen, and Watch
with Your Library Card.



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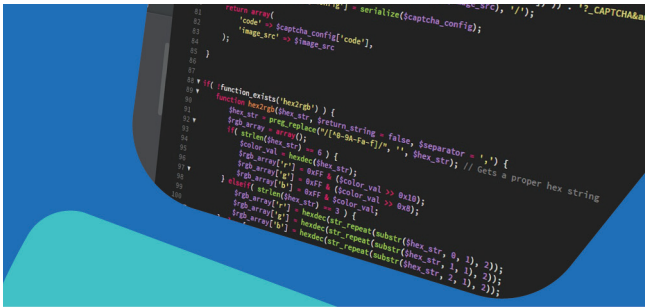
Teens | Grades 6 - 12

Teen Book Club

FRI | 4:30 p.m. | Grades 6 - 8 | Dome
Jan. 3 | Feb. 7
Registration required

Talk books, eat pizza and meet new friends! Registration is required to receive a copy of the upcoming month's book and to participate. Registration opens one month in advance. Limited to 20 readers.

- *The Assignment* by Liza M. Wiemer
- *Invisible* by Christina Diaz Gonzalez



Hack Club

SAT | 1 p.m. | Grades 6 - 11 | Lower Level
Jan. 4 & 18 | Feb. 1 & 15

Learn new coding techniques and explore a variety of software programs with friends. Bring your own computer. Presented in partnership with the Oshkosh chapter of Hack Club, an international coding club.

Young Adult Book Club

FRI | 4:30 p.m. | Grades 9 - 12 | Dome
Jan. 10 | Feb. 14
Registration required

Talk books, eat pizza and meet new friends! Registration is required to receive a copy of the upcoming month's book and to participate. Registration opens one month in advance. Limited to 20 readers.

- *Five Survive* by Holly Jackson
- *Belladonna* by Adalyn Grace

Cozy Crafts & Cocoa

MON | Jan. 20 | 4 p.m. | Lower Level
THURS | Feb. 13 | 4 p.m. | Dome
Registration required

Get cozy with fun DIY crafts and a hot cocoa bar loaded with sprinkles and whipped cream. Only 20 spots available, so be sure to register today!

- Snow Globes
- Origami Valentines

Activities | for all ages



Chess Club

THURS | Jan. 2 - Feb. 27 | 5 - 7 p.m.
Under the Dome
First Floor Reading Room

Meet new friends while improving your game. When you play chess, you're a rook-star! Good fun for all ages!

Story Shanties

FRI | Jan. 10 | 9 - 11 a.m. | Under the Dome

Who says shanties need to be on the ice? As part of the Winter Reading Program, make yourself a reading shack. We have gigantic cardboard boxes, perfect for cozy reading. Pick one up for home, decorate one to use at the library. We have 50 boxes and we'll be giving them away until they are gone.

Community Snowball Fight

FRI | Jan. 10 | Noon - 1:30 p.m.
Under the Dome

Join us for a flurry of fun at the library's indoor snowball fight—no coat or gloves needed! We'll supply the soft, fluffy yarn balls so everyone can dodge, throw, and laugh without the cold. Perfect for all ages, this is a safe and cozy way to enjoy a winter snowball fight indoors!

Adults

History & Genealogy

Probate Records for Genealogy

THURS | Jan. 9 | 6 p.m. | Lower Level

Joshua Ranger, University Archivist at UW Oshkosh, will talk about probate records as a source of genealogical research and will detail how probate records are preserved and accessed in the State of Wisconsin, including via the Area Research Centers (ARC). He will also introduce an opportunity for WinnebagoLand Genealogical Society members to help the ARC index Winnebago County probate records to assist in the discovery of these important materials.

Genealogy & Local History Acquisitions 2025

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

Librarian Michael McArthur will showcase the latest materials and resources acquired to help genealogists and local history researchers find the stories of their ancestors and the past.

Subscribe to our monthly email newsletter



Stay up to date on the latest and greatest, be the first to receive library news, and get inspired every month!

Arts and Crafts

Adult DIY

TUES | 6 p.m. | Under the Dome

Jan. 14 | Feb. 11

Reserve your spot at oshkoshlibrary.org or call 920.236.5205. These classes are free and do not require a library card to attend.

- Beaded Macramé Lanyard
- Valentine Pocket Cards

Stitch Together

TUES | 6:30 p.m. | Under the Dome

Jan. 14 | Feb. 11

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.) Beginners are welcome. 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!



Music

Community Open Jam

SAT | 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Under the Dome | Jan. 4 | Feb. 1

Find your musical crew at the library. Bring your guitar, harmonica, drum, banjo – whatever you play – and jam to the Oshkosh beat.

Books & Reading

Silent Book Club

SUN | Jan. 5 - 26 | 1 – 4 p.m.

Under the Dome

We're turning the Dome into a magical cozy silent book club locale. A silent book club is a gathering where book lovers meet to enjoy reading together, but in a quiet, individual way. Instead of discussing a single book or following a set reading list, members bring whatever they're currently reading and spend dedicated time reading silently alongside each other. It's a great way to log time for our Winter Reading Program!



Book Buzz

MON | 8 a.m. | YouTube

Jan. 6 | Feb. 3

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

Not Your Classic Book Club

THURS | 6 p.m. | Lower Level

Jan. 16 | Feb. 20

No assigned reading here! You choose the book, whether it's a favorite or a flop. Discuss what you're reading and get new ideas from fellow readers. Share your thoughts, recommendations, and an appreciation for good stories. We meet each month in the library's Lower Level Conference Room.

Storytime for Grownups

TUES | 6 p.m. | Planet Perk

Jan. 7 | Feb. 4

Why should kids have all the fun? Join librarian Sarah Read at Planet Perk 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!

Banned Book Club

TUES | 6:30 p.m. | Jan. 28 - Lower Level

Feb. 18 - Under the Dome

Each month we explore banned and challenged books guided by Librarian Sarah. Discover the reasons behind censorship and engage in safe and thought-provoking discussions with fellow readers. If you value your freedom to read, this is the book club for you.

- *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood
- *Lawn Boy* by Jonathan Evison

Resources & Support



Winnebago Free Legal Assistance Clinic

TUES | 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. | Lower Level

Jan. 21 | Feb. 25

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 questions or are interested in volunteering, please contact:
Winnebagolegalclinic@gmail.com.

Job Search Assistance

WED | Jan. 8 - Feb. 26 | 1 – 4 p.m.
Second Floor

Reservation required. Visit oshkoshlibrary.org, call 920.236.5205, or stop in at the Second Floor service 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.

Repair Café

SUN | Jan. 26 | 1 – 4 p.m. | Lower Level

Join us at the Repair Cafe where volunteer Fixers are ready to help you with your broken household items. Whether it's a beloved piece of jewelry, a malfunctioning appliance, a damaged bike, or anything in between. Fixers specialize in a wide range of repairs including sewing, electronics, computers and more.

This community event is free. Don't miss an opportunity to learn, connect, and contribute to reducing waste in our community.



Mini Job Fair

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MON | Jan. 27 | 1 – 3 p.m. | Lower Level

Connect with up to ten local employers to discuss job opportunities within their organizations. Bring your resume and personality and speak to company representatives. Thanks to Fox Valley Job Center for supporting this event.

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

Career Ready

WED | Feb. 12 | 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.
Lower Level

Volunteer human resources 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!

- Job Searching

Technology



Drop-in Tech Help

TUES | 1 – 3 p.m. | Lower Level
Jan. 7 & 21 | Feb. 4

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 for hands-on assistance.

AI at Your Fingertips: Transforming Home Management with Smart Technology

WED | Jan. 22 | 6 – 7 p.m. | Lower Level

Discover how artificial intelligence is transforming the way we live, work, and manage our homes. From smart thermostats that learn your preferences to AI-powered security systems that keep your family safe, AI is making home management easier, more efficient, and even more fun. Whether you're curious about automating daily tasks or looking for ways to optimize your energy use, this presentation will open your eyes to the smart solutions available today—and give you a sneak peek into the home of the future. Don't miss out on this exciting glimpse into the AI-powered home revolution!

Presented by StellarBlue.ai



GET HOOKED ON A GOOD BOOK! THIS WINTER

Dec. 20 – Feb. 1 | All ages

WINTER READING BINGO



Winter in Wisconsin is made for adventure – and reading!

Join the ***Hooked on a Good Book*** winter reading challenge and discover how much fun reading and exploring can be during the colder months.

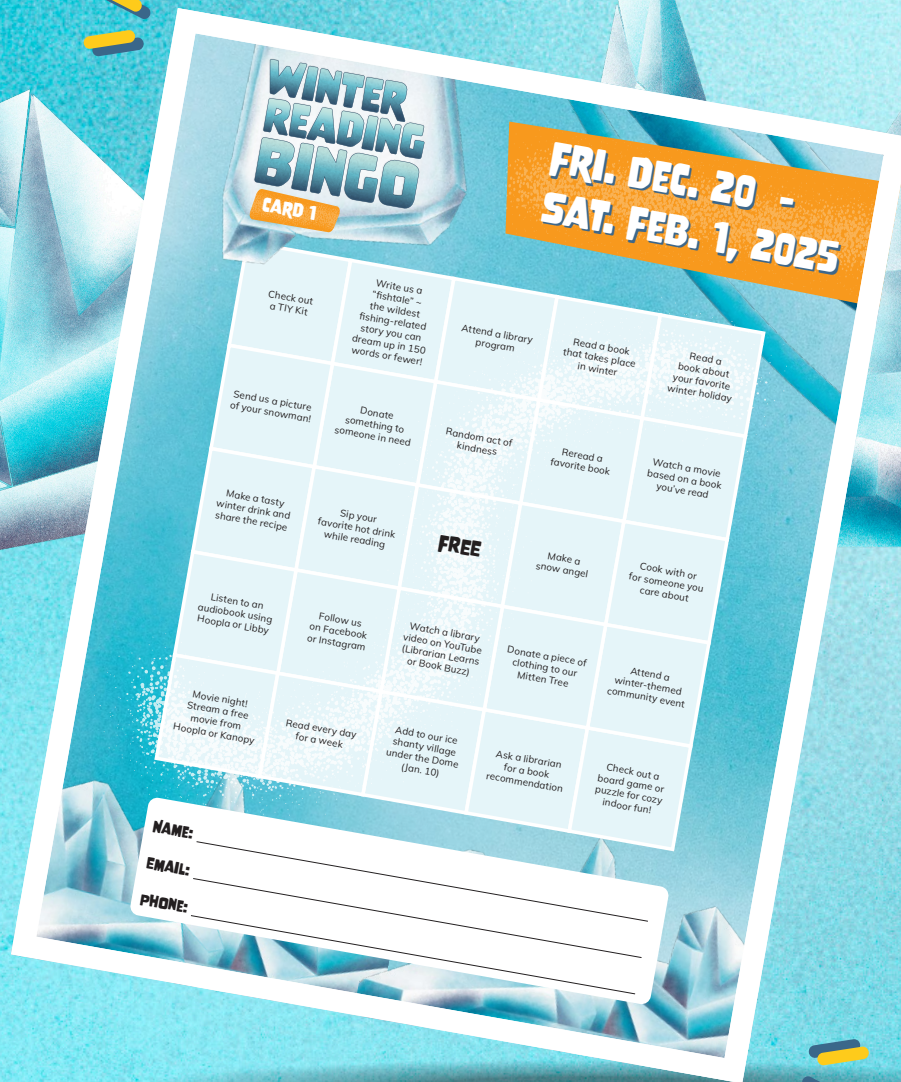
In this ice fishing-themed bingo challenge, you'll hook your next great read while enjoying the best of Wisconsin's winter season.

Choose books with a wintery theme, try a new activity, and be inspired to enjoy the best of Wisconsin's winter season.

Whether you're braving the chill for hands-on learning and exploring or finding adventure inside where it's warm, there's something memorable for all ages.

How to play

1. Pick up a bingo card at the library or download it from our website starting Dec 20.
2. Join the fun on Instagram! Share your progress with #oplwinter25 and follow us for updates.
3. Complete 12 bingos or blackout your card. Each bingo earns you one raffle ticket, and a blackout gets you 15 raffle tickets!
4. Redeem raffle tickets as you go or turn in your card when you've completed it.
5. Earn prizes! Adults get a free book from our bookstore, while kids and teens can pick out a free prize book in the Youth Services department. Want more? Fill out a second bingo card for an additional book and more raffle tickets!



Prizes include

- \$100 Kwik Trip gift card
- \$100 Fishing Gear basket
- Cozy Reading baskets for kids, teens and adults, valued at \$100 each
- \$100 Pick 'N Save gift card
- \$100 Oshkosh Swag gift cards, one each for kids, teens and adults
- \$100 Caramel Crisp Corner gift card

When you finish your bingo card

1. Turn it in at the library to receive raffle tickets and claim your prizes.
2. Prizes must be picked up at the library (curbside pickup available). We're unable to mail prizes, so come see us!
3. Deadline to enter raffles is Feb. 1. Winners will be contacted via email or phone. Please return completed bingo cards by Feb. 15 to redeem book prizes.

So, bundle up, grab your bingo card, and let the winter reading adventure begin!



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