



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.

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

March, April, May 2025

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Library Closed

Sun., April 20 Easter

Sat., May 24 Summer schedule begins. Library closes at 1 p.m.

Sun., May 25 Library closed

Mon., May 26 Memorial Day



Summer Reading

Check our website in May for program dates and details. Interested in sponsoring guest performers, hands-on learning activities and more? Your financial support makes a difference in our community. Please contact the library's Administration Office at 920.236.5211 to find out how you can help.

Spark Your Story

Activities for all ages

LEGOmania Design Contest

New! Adults can participate, too!

Calling all LEGOmaniacs! Let your imagination run wild! Design and build an original LEGO creation, no matter your age. With a category for everyone, the possibilities are endless! Show off your skills for a chance to win prizes. Beginning at 10 a.m. on Fri., March 28, all entries will be displayed in the library's Lower Level for the public to view. Winners will be announced at noon. Details at oshkoshlibrary.org.

Adult entries drop-off:

March 3 – 27

Kids & teens (under 18) entries drop-off:

March 27 | 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Sponsored by Oshkosh Corporation and House of Heroes Comics & Games.

Crafternoon

WED | March 26 | 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.

THURS | March 27 | 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Lower Level

Drop in for a fun crafting session! Help us clear out our craft supplies and create your own unique works of art without the cleanup at home! Fun for the whole family!

After Hours Open Mic

FRI | May 2 | 7 p.m. | Dome

It's your turn to take the stage under the library's dome! You'll have five minutes to read your original poetry or prose in front of an audience. Join other writers for an entertaining night of listening and sharing. Refreshments provided. Enter between the lions on Washington Avenue.

Lakefly Writers Conference

FRI & SAT | May 2 & 3

Oshkosh Convention Center

This two-day regional conference features more than a dozen workshops on the craft and business of writing designed to inspire and guide your creative journey. For more information and to register, please visit lakeflywriters.org.

Sponsored by Oshkosh Public Library in partnership with the Oshkosh Area Writers Club.

Lakefly Book Fair

SAT | May 3 | Oshkosh Convention Center

Visit with dozens of regional authors at this free event.

Youth Services



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

Early Childhood

Nibbles & Giggles

SAT | Noon - 1:30 p.m. | Infants & Toddlers
Lower Level | March 15 | April 12 | May 10
Registration required

Gather for a family-friendly lunch at the library! Enjoy a light meal, socialize with other families, and participate in fun play activities with your littles.

Tunes & Tots

TUES | 10 – 11 a.m. | Infants & Toddlers
Lower Level | March 11 | April 8 | May 13

Sing, dance and play in this music-filled program designed for early learning and social development. Create lasting memories in a welcoming environment.

Preschool Storytime

MON | March 3 – May 12 | 9:30 a.m.
Preschoolers | Lower Level
No session on March 24.

Experience the magic of stories, rhymes and other literacy-building adventures that will spark your child's imagination and love for learning. Siblings are welcome.

Baby/Toddler Storytime

WED | March 5 – May 14 | 9:30 & 10:15 a.m.
THUR | March 6 – May 15 | 10:15 a.m.
Lower Level
No sessions on March 26 & 27.

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 songs, stories, movement, and finger plays with the essential skills needed to learn how to read. Content is the same at all three sessions each week. Siblings are welcome.

1000 Books Reading Challenge Birth – Age 5

Reading with your child from the start is a great way to set them up for success in school and life. Track your progress either online or in a keepsake book. Questions? Stop by the Youth Services desk or call 920.236.5208 for details.

Spring Early Learning Take-Home Kits Toddlers & Preschoolers

Pick up a take-home kit filled with art and early literacy activities to keep your child engaged in learning at home. Available while supplies last. Kits are free and yours to keep.

Elementary Age



Elementary Book Club

FRI | 4:30 p.m. | Grades K - 2 | Lower Level
March 14 | April 11 | May 9
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.

- Dragons
- Trains
- Who would win?

Read to a Dog

MON | March 3 – April 28 | 4 - 5 p.m.

Ages 5 – 12 | Lower Level

SAT | March 1, 15, 29 | April 12

No session on March 24.

Registration required

Kids can boost their reading confidence by practicing with a trained therapy dog. Our furry friends provide a safe and supportive environment.

Wonderlab

THUR | 5:30 p.m. | Grades K - 2

Lower Level | March 13 | April 17 | May 15

Registration required

Explore science, technology, engineering, art and math (S.T.E.A.M.) with hands-on activities.

- Rainbow Slime
- Eco-friendly Plant Pots
- DIY Kite

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

Ages 5 and older

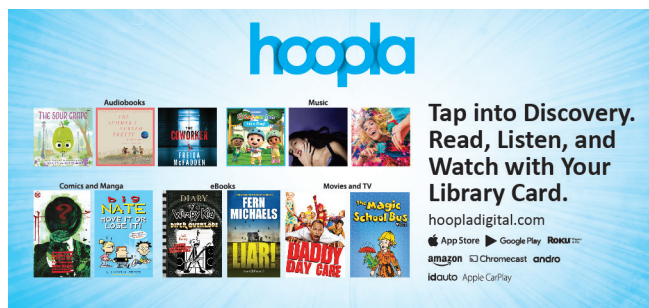
Pick up a LEGO Challenge Kit to take home and create! Available while supplies last. Kits are free, and yours to keep.

Drop-In and Create: Mini Canvas Painting

MON | March 24 | Noon – 3 p.m.

Grades K – 12 | Lower Level

Drop in for a laid-back creative afternoon. We'll provide paints and mini canvases for kids and teens to create their own masterpieces to take home!



The image shows a promotional graphic for Hoopla digital content. At the top, the word "hoopla" is written in a blue, lowercase, sans-serif font. Below it, there are several small icons representing different content categories: Audiobooks, Music, Comics and Manga, eBooks, and Movies and TV. Each category has a small representative image. To the right of these icons, the text reads: "Tap into Discovery. Read, Listen, and Watch with Your Library Card." Below this, the website "hoopladigital.com" is listed, along with logos for the App Store, Google Play, Roku, Amazon, Chromecast, and Android. At the bottom left, there are logos for "idouto" and "Apple CarPlay".

Stream with your library card at oshkoshlibrary.org.

Preteens

Preteen Book Club

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

Dome | March 7 | April 4 | May 2

Registration required

Talk books and eat pizza with other kids who like to read! Receive the featured book at the Youth Services Desk or at the book club session the month before. The book is yours to keep!

- *Dragons in a Bag* by Zetta Elliot
- *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeline L'Engle
- *The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown

Preteen S.T.E.A.M.

FRI | 4:30 p.m. | Grades 3 - 5 | Lower Level

March 21 | April 18 | May 16

Registration required

From science and technology to engineering, art and math, interactive projects help your child explore and learn in new ways. They may even be inspired to join the next generation of innovators.

- Spaghetti Towers
- Get inspired during a program led by an American Chemical Society representative!
- Levitating Ball



LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids

March 3 – May 23 | Lower Level

Sat., March 15: Closed at 1 p.m.

Open all day when OASD schools are closed.

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 during our free build times. We have a large assortment of LEGOs available for maximum creativity!

Teens

Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

WED | 4:30 p.m. | Grades 6 - 12
Lower Level | March 5 | April 2 | May 7

Make your voice heard! Join the Teen Advisory Board and help shape teen programs and events at the library. You can make a difference while gaining leadership experience and having a great time!



Animanga Club

THURS | March 6 – May 22 | 4 p.m.
Grades 6 - 12 | Lower Level
No sessions on March 27, April 24,
or May 29

Explore the worlds of anime and manga! Whether you're a new fan or a long-time enthusiast, this club is the place to watch, discuss and enjoy Japanese pop culture with friends!

Teen Book Club

FRI | 4:30 p.m. | Grades 6 - 8 | Dome
March 7 | April 4 | May 2
Registration required

Talk books and eat pizza with other teens who like to read! Receive the featured book at the Youth Services desk or at the book club session the month before. The book is yours to keep!

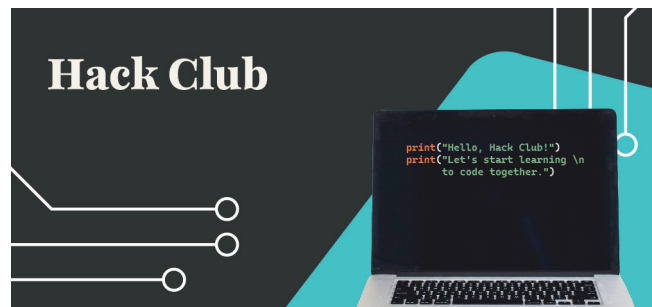
- *The Lost Year* by Katherine Marsh
- *Last Gamer Standing* by Katie Zhao
- *The Magic Fish* by Trung Le Ngyuen

Young Adult Book Club

FRI | 4:30 p.m. | Grades 9 - 12 | Dome
March 14 | April 11 | May 9
Registration required

Talk books and eat pizza with other teens who like to read! Receive the featured book at the Youth Services Desk or at the book club session the month before. The book is yours to keep!

- *Dispatches From Parts Unknown* by Bryan Bliss
- *Divine Rivals* by Rebecca Ross
- *Slay* by Brittney Morris



Hack Club

SAT | 1 - 3 p.m. | Grades 9 - 12 | Lower Level
March 15 | April 5 & 19 | May 3 & 17

Join us for coding, tech projects and fun at Hack Club! Bring your laptop and work on exciting projects while improving your coding skills. Let's get coding!



Presented in partnership with the Oshkosh Hack Club.

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!

Adults



Registration information

Some programs require registration. To register visit oshkoshlibrary.org, stop by the library, or call 920.236.5205

Let's play board games!



Chess Club

THURS | March 6 – May 29 | 5 - 7 pm.
Dome

Why was the knight asked to cut the ribbon for a new chess club? It was his opening move. Meet new friends while honing your game. When you play chess, you're a rook-star! Good fun for all ages!

125 Years of Gaming

SAT | April 26 | Noon - 4 p.m.
Lower Level

Play games from the decades since the library first opened its doors in 1900! The first installment of this three-part series highlights the early years (1900 - 1949). Step back in time and experience how generations of Oshkosh residents entertained themselves. You might just find your next favorite retro game!

History & Genealogy

This Month in Library History

FRI | 9 a.m. | YouTube
March 7 | April 4 | May 2

This year marks the 125th anniversary of the Oshkosh Public Library's home on Washington Avenue. Join Librarian Michael McArthur each month as he shares fascinating stories from our rich history. Learn about the (sometimes surprising!) events that made the library a community cornerstone.

How to Date Vintage Photos

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

Join Scott Jorgenson, president of the Omro Historical Society, to discuss how to date vintage photos. Learn to decipher clues from hairstyles to props, helping you connect to the past.

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

Librarian Learns

FRI | 9 a.m. | YouTube
March 21 | May 16

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

- The Beautiful Bars of Brand & Sons with Lee Reiherzer
- The Southside Library & Bookmobile

History, Geography and Maps of Middle Earth

TUES | March 25 | 6 p.m. | Lower Level

Celebrate Tolkien Reading Day with us! Charles A. Green, GIS/Planning Technician for St. Croix County, presents a unique look at Tolkien and his works delving into history, geography, anthropology, fantasy and literature.



Genealogy Club

Genealogy Club

WED | April 9 - May 28 | Lower Level

Discover your family's history with expert guidance from genealogist Sherry Lloyd and Librarian Michael McArthur. Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned researcher, these sessions will equip you with knowledge to dig deeper into your roots.

- Basics of Genealogy
April 9 | 1:30 p.m.
- Working in Ancestry.com
April 23 | 1:30 p.m.
- City Directories and Your Genealogy
May 14 | 1:30 p.m.
- Do More with DNA
May 28 | 1:30 p.m.

Fallingwater: The Story Behind Frank Lloyd Wright's Most Famous Architectural Design

TUES | April 22 | 6 p.m. | Lower Level

Master storyteller and expert Timothy Totten brings to life the saga of one of America's most iconic and cherished homes. Through hundreds of rare photographs and dozens of firsthand accounts from clients and Wright's apprentices, Totten peels back the dramatic story behind the design and construction of this architectural masterpiece. Conceived during the hardships of the Great Depression, the house's creation was far from guaranteed and almost didn't happen.

Modern Jungles: A Hmong Refugee's Childhood Story of Survival

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

As a five-year-old boy, Pao Lor joined thousands of Hmong people who fled for their lives through the jungles of Laos in the aftermath of conflicts. During this perilous journey, his parents and sister tragically died, but he and his surviving siblings made it safely to Thailand. Lor's survival story is one

of resilience, courage, hope and the unbreakable bond of family. Don't miss this powerful testament to the human spirit.

Oshkosh Truck in World War II

SAT | May 24 | 10 a.m. | Lower Level

Did you know that Oshkosh Truck played a pivotal role in World War II? Join Tim Wright for a discussion about how the company's vehicles—like the W-Series snowplow trucks—helped the U.S. military conquer winter conditions and stay ahead in the war effort.

Hobbies

Family & Vacation Photography

SAT | March 1 | 9 - 11 a.m. | Dome

Just in time for Spring Break! Whether you're using a camera phone or a high-end digital camera, seasoned photographer Michael Cooney will offer hands-on practical techniques that you can use to capture the beauty of the moment at home and on vacation.

Beginning Traditional Beadwork: Peyote Stitch

SAT | 1 - 3 p.m. | Lower Level

March 8 | March 22

Registration required.

Learn the basics of Peyote stitch in this beginner-friendly workshop, led by Ojibwe beadwork expert Darby Casperson. This activity will focus on how to get started with Peyote stitch, how to design beadwork projects using the stitch, and finishing techniques.

Write On! Micro Edition

WED | 5 p.m. | Lower Level

Spring into writing with four bite-sized writing methods designed to hone skills for new and veteran writers. No experience necessary; all ages welcome. Please bring writing supplies.

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| April 2 | Six Word Memoir |
| April 9 | Haiku |
| April 16 | Postcard Fiction |
| April 23 | Drabbles |

Music



Community Open Jam

SAT | 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. | Dome
March 1 | April 5 | May 3

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

Movies

And Now for Something Completely Different

SAT | May 10 | 3 - 5:45 p.m. | Lower Level

Join us for an utterly ridiculous celebration of Monty Python, where silly walks are mandatory, trivia is absurdly clever, and costumes are delightfully daft. Whether you're seeking the Holy Grail or just a Saturday of ludicrous fun —mark your calendars and prepare for shenanigans!

Arts & Crafts

Adult DIY

TUES | 6 p.m.*
March 11 | April 8 | May 13
Registration is required.

Craft with us at the library! We provide the materials – you supply your creativity!

- Embroidery Kit – Led by volunteers from the Embroiderers Guild
- Butterfly & Dragonfly Magnets
- Fairy House Planter

*We'll meet in the Dome in March and the Lower Level in April & May.

Stitch Together

TUES | 6:30 p.m. | Dome
March 11 | April 8 | May 13

Looking for a craft community, camaraderie, or conversation? Join our new craft circle where we'll share projects, tips and laughs together. Whether you're knitting, crocheting, or simply enjoying a creative hobby, there's room for everyone!

Books & Reading

Book Buzz

MON | 8 a.m. | YouTube
March 3 | April 7 | May 5

Find your next favorite read with Librarian Sarah. She'll buzz 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
March 20 | April 17 | May 15

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.



Storytime for Grownups

TUES | 6 p.m. | Planet Perk
March 4 | April 1 | May 6

Why should kids have all the fun? Join librarian Sarah at Planet Perk for a monthly grownup version of 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.*

March 18 | April 22 | May 27

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.

- *Gender Queer* by Maia Kobabe
- *Diary of a Young Girl* by Anne Frank
- *Looking for Alaska* by John Green

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Limited program series: *Braiding Sweetgrass* Book Club

WED | 6:15 – 7:30 p.m.

March 19 | April 16 | Lower Level

Don't miss the opportunity to discuss *Braiding Sweetgrass*, a bestselling book by author Robin Wall Kimmerer. The book mixes science and Native American wisdom, showing how nature gives to us and how we can give back. Whether you've read it before or this is your first time, we invite you to attend.

Copies of *Braiding Sweetgrass* are available at the library; in a book club kit; and as an eBook or audiobook on Hoopla at oshkoshlibrary.org.

Book discussions support the event series, *Bridging Past and Present: Exploring Native American Cultural Heritage*, presented by the Oshkosh Public Museum and the Oshkosh Seniors Center. Discussions will be repeated at the Seniors Center on dates to be announced.



Book Bundles

Order a customized stack of books based on your interests!

Visit oshkoshlibrary.org under Services.

Resources & Support

Winnebago Free Legal Assistance Clinic

TUES | 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. | Lower Level

March 18 | April 15 | May 20

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)

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



Job Search Assistance

WED | March 5 - May 28 | 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 | 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. | Lower Level
March 12 | April 9 | May 14

Volunteer human resources professionals from the Oshkosh Area Chapter of SHRM (Society for Human Resources Management) are here to help you find opportunities, get hired, and succeed in a new role! Attend one or more sessions based on where you are in 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!

- Interviewing and Onboarding
- Starting a New Position
- Leaving a Job

Speakers



Savvy Seniors

TUES | 2 p.m. | Lower Level
April 8 | April 15 | April 22

Don't get caught off guard by scammers. Sonia Komisar from CWAG (Coalition of Wisconsin Aging & Health Groups) offers crucial advice to help seniors avoid fraud and protect their financial well-being.

- Scams – What if it happens to you?
- Financial Abuse - Powers of Attorney and Quit Claim Deeds
- Financial Exploitation – Warning signs

Climate Reality

THUR | May 22 | 6 p.m. | Lower Level

Join Jeff Steuer, retired water engineer and Scientist Emeritus with the U.S. Geological Survey, for an engaging and eye-opening talk on climate change. Dive into the latest science, uncover its real-world impacts, and explore practical solutions. Stick around afterwards for a Q & A session.

Technology



Drop-in Tech Help

TUE | 1 – 3 p.m. | Training Room
March 4 | April 1 | May 6

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.



Exhibits

March



Helen Farnsworth Mears 7th & 8th Grade Art Exhibit March 1 | Lower Level

Admire the winning entries in the annual Helen Farnsworth Mears (1872-1916) Art Contest sponsored by the General Federation of Women's Clubs – Oshkosh Women's Arts Club. The juried contest was established in 1927 to honor the Oshkosh-born sculptor, encourage artistic talent, and recognize student artists.

April

Pinhole Photography by Nick Dvoracek April 1 – 30 Photo exhibit - First Floor Reading Room Camera display - Second Floor

Pinhole photography captures images through a tiny hole in a box – in this case a camera that Dvoracek has designed and built from product packaging. Known as *camera obscura*, the method creates beautifully distinctive photographs, with this exhibit focusing on libraries. Dvoracek has been practicing pinhole photography since 1982, and has published his blog, *Pinholica*, since 2015.

ArtFest Elementary Art Exhibit April 7 | Lower Level

Celebrate the creativity of Oshkosh's young artists with the annual ArtFest exhibit, highlighting the artistic achievements of elementary students across the Oshkosh Area School District.

May

Oshkosh Truck Memorabilia Exhibit May – August Second Floor

Explore Oshkosh's iconic legacy through the eyes of Tim Wright's stunning collection of Oshkosh Truck memorabilia. This exhibit brings to life the vehicles that helped shape the city's history—discover the passion behind the machines that powered our past!

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