



Sept., Oct., Nov. 2024



Youth Services

Early Childhood



Preschool Storytime

MON | Sept. 16 - Nov. 11 | 9:30 a.m. Preschoolers | Lower Level

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

Baby/Toddler Storytime

WED | Sept. 18 - Nov. 13 | 9:30 & 10:15 a.m. THUR | Sept. 19 - Nov. 14 | 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.

Early Learning Packets

Autumn | Ages 1 – 4 Beginning Sept. 1 while supplies last

Our kits offer early literacy activities, including process art, to keep your little ones engaged in learning at home. Stop by the Youth Services Department to pick one up today while supplies last. It's yours to keep!

Elementary Age

Elementary Book Club

FRI | 4:30 p.m. | Grades K - 2 | Lower Level Sept. 13 | Oct. 11 | Nov. 8

Call (920) 236-5208 or visit Youth Services to register.

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.

- Stories from Wisconsin
- Spinetingling Tales
- Food Traditions Around the World





Read to a Dog

MON | Sept. 16 - Nov. 11 | 4 - 5 p.m. SAT | Sept. 14, 28; Oct. 26; Nov. 9, 23 | 10 -11 a.m.

Call (920) 236-5208 or visit Youth Services to register.

Practice reading with a trained therapy dog! Our furry assistants are great listeners and help to improve children's confidence and skills. Reserve your 15-minute appointment today!

Library Closed

Sept. 27 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Staff Training Nov. 28 Happy Thanksqivinq!

Library Hours | Beginning Tues., Sept. 3

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.











Wonderlab

THUR | 5:30 p.m. | Grades K - 2 | Lower Level Sept. 19 | Oct. 17 | Nov. 21

Call (920) 236-5208 or visit Youth Services to register.

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.

- Plastic Cup Microscope
- Fantastical Flying Dragons
- Winter Village

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

DIY Kaleidoscope | Ages 5 and older Beginning Sept. 1 while supplies last

Create at home with this hands-on learning kit—supplies and directions included. Pick up your kit in the Youth Services Department while supplies last.

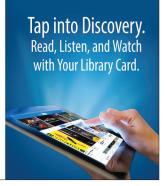


Saturday Surprise

SAT | 11 a.m. – noon | Sept. 7 | Oct. 5 | Nov. 2 Best for ages 5 and older | Lower Level

Need a spark of inspiration? Drop in to the Youth Services Department to see what's up under the tree. A hands-on, self-directed activity is offered in Explorer's Grove. No registration required. Siblings welcome.





Tweens

Tween Book Club

FRI | 4:30 p.m. | Grades 3 - 5 | Under the Dome Sept. 6 | Oct. 4 | Nov. 1

Call (920) 236-5208 or visit Youth Services to register.

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!

- Spy School: The Graphic Novel by Stuart Gibbs
- The Secret Garden by Frances H. Burnett
- The Polter-Ghost Problem by Betsy Uhrig

Tween S.T.E.A.M.

FRI | 4:30 p.m. | Grades 3 - 5 | Lower Level Sept. 20 | Oct. 18 | Nov. 15

Call (920) 236-5208 or visit Youth Services to register.

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.

- Water Wheel
- Fidget Spinner
- Winter Village

Activities & More



Creature Carnival

Ages 2 - 18

Sept. 24 – Oct. 24: Bring your creation to the Youth Services Desk.

Oct. 25: Winners announced.

Oct. 26: Creations can be picked up.

When you hear the word "creature," what comes to mind? We would love to see it! Create an original creature inspired by your own imagination. Judges will award bonus points for entries with a creature's name and a brief description. We're hosting one Drop-in & Create session with all the supplies your child needs to let their imagination run wild!







Creature Carnival: Drop-in and Create

TUE | Sept. 24 | 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. Ages 2 - 18 | Lower Level

Get crafty with other young creators during a dropin session and leave the cleanup to us. We'll have all the free supplies; you bring the inspiration! Drop-in sessions are not required to submit an entry.

Winter Village

Nov. 1 - Feb. 28 | Ages 3-18 | Lower Level March 1: Crafts can be picked up.

Questions? Call (920) 236-5208.

Back by popular demand! We're gearing up for winter by creating festive decor together! What would you add to a simple, miniature winter village to make it even more special? Your imagination is the limit but remember that whatever you build should be small enough to fit on a tabletop.



Winter Village: Drop-in and Create FRI | Nov. 8 | 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. WED | Nov. 20 | 9:30 -11:30 a.m. | 4 - 6 p.m. Grades K-12 | Lower Level

NEW! Don't miss our new Drop-In and Create sessions—perfect for warming up your creativity. We provide all the supplies you need.

Dyslexia Workshop

THUR | Oct. 3 | 6 p.m. | Lower Level

Join Kelly Steinke, M.A. Ed., NBCT, founder of READ Learning Educational Services, as she shares valuable insights on dyslexia: identifying it early, supporting your children, and ways to rethink the diagnosis. This workshop is ideal for parents, educators, reading specialists, counselors, and anyone who would like to expand their knowledge of dyslexia. To learn more, visit readlearningservices.com.

LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids

Sept. 3 - Nov. 30 | Lower Level

Mon – Thur Noon – 7 p.m. Fri Noon – 5 p.m. Sat 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. 1 - 4 p.m.Sun

We have a large assortment of LEGOs available for maximum creativity!

Teens | Grades 6 – 12

Teen Book Club

FRI | 4:30 p.m. | Grades 6-8 | Lower Level Sept. 6 | Oct. 4 | Nov. 1

Call (920) 236-5208 or visit Youth Services to register.

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

- Spy School: The Graphic Novel by Stuart Gibbs
- The In-Between by Rebecca K.S. Ansari
- Salt Magic by Hope Larson and Rebecca Mock











Young Adult Book Club

FRI | 4:30 p.m. | Grades 9 - 12 | Lower Level Sept. 6 | Oct. 4 | Nov. 1

Call (920) 236-5208 or visit Youth Services to register.

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

- Occulted by Amy Rose
- Only a Monster by Vanessa Len
- Salt Magic by Hope Larson and Rebecca Mock











Coding Club

SAT | 1 p.m. | Grades 6-11 | Lower Level Sept. 7 & 21 | Oct. 5 & 19 | Nov. 2 & 16

Starting this September, we're launching a Coding Club every other Saturday. We've partnered with Oshkosh West High School students to explore different software programs and new coding techniques. Bring your own device and let's learn together in a low stress environment. Questions? Call (920) 236-5208.

Adult Services

Exhibits

Oshkosh Quiet by Michael Esslinger *

Experience the essence of Oshkosh through the lens of local photographer Michael Esslinger. Throughout September, his images will grace the walls of the library's First Floor Reading Room, serving as the inspiration for this year's F-Stop theme: Oshkosh Quiet. Don't miss the opportunity to meet Michael and admire his work up close during September's Gallery Walk on Sat., Sept. 7 from 6 - 9 p.m.



F Stop: Oshkosh Quiet Call for submissions

Sept. 16 - Oct. 18

Explore the essence of Oshkosh in this year's F Stop photography contest! Whether you're a seasoned photographer or just starting out, we invite ages 13 and older to showcase their unique perspective on our city's quiet moments.

Submit your best images that embody Oshkosh Quiet for a chance to win photography related prizes. Get your cameras ready and share your vision of Oshkosh Quiet with us! Entry information at oshkoshpubliclibrary.org

Featured Event

What it's Worth: Antique Appraisals by Mark Moran *

SAT | Sept. 28 | 11 a.m. | Under the Dome

An antiques and collectibles appraisal event featuring author and antiques expert Mark F. Moran. Former senior editor of Antiques and Collectibles Books, Mark Moran is an impressive and well-known expert. He also appeared on the PBS program Antiques Roadshow for nine seasons.



Snap the code or find details you'll need to know to attend at oshkoshpubliclibrary.org.

Activities



Chess Club * THUR | Sept. 5 - Nov. 21 | 5 - 7 p.m. **Under the Dome**

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

History

Bizarre History of Wisconsin with Chad Lewis *

MON | Sept. 9 | 6 p.m. | Under the Dome

Chad Lewis, author and researcher of the strange and unusual, highlights more than 100 bizarre newspaper stories from Wisconsin that have not been seen in over a century. These unbelievable stories were not lost, they were simply hidden. Journey back to the early days of the state when it was filled with strange deaths, ghosts, sea serpents, peculiar people, medical anomalies, oddities, psychic phenomena, and UFOs. This will change the way you view the Good ol' Days of Wisconsin.









Exploring with a Pilgrim's Heart: Wisconsin's Shrines, Chapels, and Grottos *

WED | Sept. 11 | 6 p.m. | Under the Dome

Author Michael Cooney speaks about his new book documenting 186 sacred sites, from internationally known shrines, ethnic roadside chapels and hunter shrines, to backyard chapels located throughout Wisconsin. Part Religious Anthropology, part spiritual quest, Cooney explores the history and beauty of these physical manifestations of faith.

Neil Hansen *

WED | Sept. 25 | 6 p.m. | Under the Dome

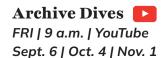
Author Neil Hansen (Flight: An Air America Pilot's Story of Adventure, Descent and Redemption) spent more than a decade in Southeast Asia as a captain for Air America, the CIA's airline that operated there during the Vietnam era and the Secret War in Laos. Neil loved the risky flying that fed his adrenaline addiction. Upon returning to the States, unable to find work and to let go of the exhilarating rush of the Air America experience, his trajectory veered off course and the profession he loved came to an end. Don't miss the rest of the story!

Genealogy Club

TUES | Sept. 3 - Nov. 19 | Under the Dome

A series of genealogy talks to help jump start your research in an organized and effective way. Presented by Genealogist Sherry Lloyd and librarian Michael, these talks will guide you in the research of your family history.

- DNA I Sept. 3 | 10 a.m.
- DNA II: The Next Step Sept. 17 | 6 p.m.
- **Basics of Genealogy** Oct. 1 | 10 a.m.
- **Using Online Databases** Oct. 15 | 6 p.m.
- **Building Family Trees** Oct. 29 | 10 a.m.
- **Finding Local Documents** Nov. 19 | 6 p.m.



Librarians Michael and Sandra dive into the Oshkosh Public Library collections to see what unique items lurk behind locked doors, dark basements, and hidden shelves. Well, none of it is really hidden, but it often feels hidden in plain sight!

- City Directories
- Lewis Hine Collection
- Monuments & Parks Binders

Puzzle-Rama SAT | Nov. 9 | 1 p.m. | Lower Level

Call (920) 236-5203 or stop at the First Floor Desk to register your team of 2-4 people.

If you're a puzzle enthusiast and enjoy a little friendly competition, this program is for you! Eight teams will have two hours to complete a 1000-piece puzzle; small prizes will be awarded. Puzzles will be provided. Open to all ages.

Librarian Learns 🔽 FRI | 9 a.m. | YouTube Sept. 20 | Oct. 18 | Nov. 15

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

- Lewis Hine
- 30th Anniversary of the Library's New Building
- Taverns & Tales on Ceape with Lee Reiherzer

Wisconsin for Kennedy: A reading and conversation with author B.J. Hollars * TUES | Sept. 24 | 6 p.m. | Under the Dome

Wisconsin for Kennedy brings to life the stories behind JFK's history-making 1960 Wisconsin primary campaign, and how Kennedy's team managed to outmaneuver his politically seasoned opponent, Hubert Humphrey. From Jackie Kennedy commandeering a supermarket loudspeaker in Kenosha, to the Wisconsin forklift driver who planned President Kennedy's final trip to Dallas, this captivating book places readers at the heart of the action. Learn more about the author at bjhollars.com





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Technology

Drop-In **Tech Help**



Drop-in Tech Help

TUES | 1-3 p.m. | Lower Level Sept. 10 | Sept. 24 | Oct. 8 | Oct. 22

Drop in any time during the session for one-on-one help with computers, internet, email, social media, or other technology. Assistance provided on a first-come, firstserved basis. Bring your smartphone, tablet or whatever device has you stumped!

ChatGPT for Beginners * WED | Sept. 18 | 6 p.m. | Lower Level

Learn the ins and outs of ChatGPT with AI Consultant. Cvetko Georgevich, from StellarBlue.ai. Unlock your Al potential, enhance your skills, and ask your burning questions! Bring your smartphone, laptop, or tablet to play along!

Books & Reading

Storytime for Grownups

TUES | 6 p.m. | Planet Perk Sept. 3 | Oct. 1 | Nov. 5

Why should kids have all the fun? Join librarian Sarah 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!

Not Your Classic Book Club

THURS | 6 p.m. | Lower Level Sept. 19 | Oct. 17 | Nov. 21

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.

Book Buzz



MON | 8 a.m. | YouTube Sept. 2 | Oct. 7 | Nov. 4

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.

Banned Book Club

TUES | 6:30 p.m. | Lower Level Sept. 24 | Oct. 22 | Nov. 26

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.

- Out of Darkness by Ashley Hope Pérez
- Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury
- I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou

Banned Book Scavenger Hunt Oshkosh | Sept. 2-27

Follow the clues to find the treasure! We've hidden 50 copies of banned books around town. Inside each book is a bookmark redeemable at the library for a special prize—AND you get to keep the book. Read it, share it, and celebrate your Freedom to Read!

- Out of Darkness by Ashley Hope Pérez
- All Boys Aren't Blue by George M. Johnson
- Beloved by Toni Morrison
- The Complete Maus by Art Spiegelman
- Flamer by Mike Curato
- The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas
- To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee
- Me and Earl and the Dying Girl by Jesse Andrews
- Looking for Alaska by John Green
- The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini

Oshkosh Reads Freely

FRI | Sept. 20 | 6 p.m. | Adults | Under the Dome

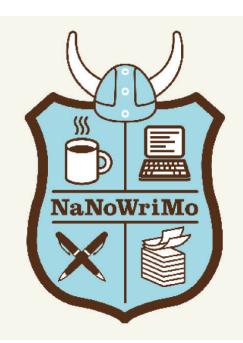
Join us for a night celebrating our Freedom to Read. Community members will gather, and selected readers will briefly read from their favorite banned book. Come to learn, listen and celebrate all our stories. Light refreshments will be served.











National Novel Writing Month



Writers & Writing

Everyone Has A Story to Tell TUES | Sept. 24 | 6 p.m. | Lower Level

In this interactive workshop, aspiring writers will improve their storytelling skills, discover their unique voice, and create a first draft of a new piece. Authors Bill Gillard and Tom Cannon will lead exercises and group discussions to help participants learn about developing plots, creating characters, using descriptive writing, building suspense, and engaging readers. Don't miss this opportunity to receive feedback and tips on getting your work published.

NaNoWriMo 2024

National Novel Writing Month is the largest writing project on the planet! We'll give you tips and tricks to write a 50,000-word novel in 30 days. Think you can't do it? Yes, you can!

Intro to NaNoWriMo SAT | Oct. 26 | 10 a.m. | Dome

Learn what NaNoWriMo is all about and get useful tips to help you succeed. You'll learn how to sign up on the NaNoWriMo website and go home with tools to keep track of your word count, ideas to find time to write and suggestions to combat writers block.

Kick-off Party

FRI | Nov. 1 | 6 p.m. | First Floor

You've committed to writing a novel this month – get off to a great start. Come with paper or laptop and be ready to write! Refreshments will be served.

Tea and Sympathy

FRI | Nov. 8 | 6 p.m. | Dome

Have you hit a writing roadblock? Have your characters gone off the rails? Maybe you just feel like you're losing steam. Join your fellow writers for snacks, commiseration, and maybe even some tips to get you back on track.

Night of Writing Dangerously SAT | Nov. 16 | 7 p.m. | First Floor

At a loss for words? Let us help you with plot ninjas, word sprints, and other support. Hang on tight – it's a wild ride to refresh your creativity during this "savage" night of writing dangerously! Refreshments will be served.

Note: Library will be closed to the general public. Use the entrance adjacent to the parking lot.

Into the Home Stretch

MON | Nov. 25 | 5 p.m. | Dome

The race is nearly over. The finish line is in sight. Don your writing caps (think Kentucky Derby with a writer's twist – there will be prizes for creativity) and head into the holidays with a plan for a solid NaNoWriMo finish.







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Arts & Crafts



Stitch Together TUES | 6:30 p.m. | Under the Dome Sept. 10 | Oct. 8 | Nov. 12

Are you looking for a craft community, camaraderie, or conversation? Join our new craft circle! Bring your workin-progress and join us under the dome. All tidy crafts are welcome! (Sorry—no chainsaw carving or ice sculptures currently.) Beginners are welcome and we'll have practice tools available. Show off your creations, share tips and tricks, and join in our community projects!

Adult DIY

TUES | 6 p.m. | Lower Level Sept. 10 | Oct. 8 | Nov. 12

Craft with us at the library! 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.

- Vinyl Record Mandala
- Gnome Door Wreath
- Stenciled Votives

Resources & Support

Job Search Assistance

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

Call (920) 236-5205 or email **reference**@ **oshkoshpubliclibrary.org** to reserve an appointment. Walk-ins welcome if space is available.

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

Presented 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 Sept. 11 | Oct. 9 | Nov. 13 | Dec. 11

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!

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

Emotional CPR (eCPR) *

THUR & FRI | Sept. 12 & 13 | 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Lower Level

Emotional CPR is a public health education program that teaches people how to assist a person experiencing emotional crisis or distress. Coffee and light pastries will be provided in the morning and a snack in the afternoon. Lunch will be on your own. This eCPR certification is FREE for folks who live or work in Winnebago County. If you are outside of Winnebago County, please contact lynn@dandalliance.com or kiversonriggers@gmail.com.

This project is funded by the Advancing a Healthier Wisconsin Endowment at the Medical College of Wisconsin and is offered by the Ebb and Flow Cooperative. **Register at**

ebbandflowcooperative.com/trainings-events







Winnebago Free Legal Assistance Clinic

TUES | 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. | Lower Level Sept. 17 | Oct. 15 | Nov. 19

Get free legal help on most civil and legal issues from volunteer attorneys and paralegals.

Each of the clinic locations are first-come, first-served. Visit oshkoshpubliclibrary.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)

Repair Café *

SUN | Sept. 22 | 1 – 4 p.m. | Lower Level

Join us at the Repair Cafe where our 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, our 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!



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