



Oshkosh Public Library

Library Hours

Regular hours starting
May 27

Mon. – Thurs.
9 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Fri.
9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Sat.
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Sun.
Closed

June, July, August 2025

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

Library Closed

Sat., May 24 Closing at 1 p.m.

Sun., May 25 Closed

Mon., May 26 Memorial Day

Tues., May 27 Summer Schedule
begins

Fri., July 4 Closed



125 Years of Stories on Washington Avenue

This summer, we're honoring the 125th birthday of our William Waters designed library. As we celebrate more than a century of community support, we invite you to be a main character in the next chapter.

The Summer Reading Program is open to all ages. For kids, it's a chance to practice their literacy skills, while adults get to bring a little magic and fun into their days.

Together, we're reaching for a one-million-minute combined reading goal. It's a milestone driven by a shared love of stories and a strong sense of community pride. If we reach our goal, we'll have a Million Minute Celebration on Fri., Aug. 22 from 7 – 8:30 p.m. Watch our website for details.

Track your reading minutes with the free Reader Zone app, pick up a printed reading tracker at the library, or download one from our website. However you join, every minute gets you closer to cool prizes and a summer worth remembering.

All ages



Magnet Fishing TUES | June 3 | 6 p.m. | Dome

Join Sawdust City Magnets, and Stuck on You Magnets for tips, tools and stories about the many treasures of magnet fishing. Learn about equipment, safety, and strategies. Don't miss this chance to see some of their most unique finds from local waters!



Summer Reading for all ages June 6 – Aug. 16



Ready to read with us?

Scan the QR code or visit our website for prizes, details and how to get started.

Summer Reading is made possible through the Donald Hansen Fund of the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation.

Community Plant Cutting Swap SAT | June 7 | 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Reading Room

Bring a cutting, take a cutting! Share, trade and grow your plant collection while connecting with fellow plant enthusiasts. Don't forget to label your cuttings and bring a friend to share in the greenery!

Community Open Jam SAT | 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. | Dome June 7 | July 5 | Aug. 2

Bring your instrument and jam out with fellow music lovers. All skill levels are welcome.

Green Lake Music Festival Presents WED | June 11 | 3 p.m. | Dome

It's always a great time when the V3NTO Brass Trio performs at the library. The unique acoustics under the Dome make this show truly memorable.

Thank you to the Green Lake Festival of Music for providing this performance free of charge to all ages.



Games at the Library All ages | Lower Level

Connect with other tabletop game lovers! Bring your own favorite games, use the library's, or jump into the staff-led theme for that session. Game on! More information on the library's website.

- Sat., June 14 | 10 a.m. – Noon
Role Playing Games
- Mon., June 30 | 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Classic Card Games
- Fri., July 25 | 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.
Mah Jong/Boba Tea
- Wed., Aug. 6 | 1 – 3 p.m.
Trading Card Games
- Sat., Aug. 23 | 10 a.m. – Noon
Classic Family Games



Make Music Day SAT | June 21 | 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Reading Room & Dome

Celebrate the universal language of music! Jam, make music-themed art, or just enjoy the vibes. For a list of the day's featured events and times, please visit heidmusic.com/mmd2025

*Presented in partnership with Heid Music.
Questions? Call 920.651.4343*

Gallery Walk: Meet the Leaders SAT | Aug. 2 | 6 - 9 p.m. | Dome

Meet the organizational leaders who will shape our community for years to come. These new faces are looking forward to connecting with you and are bringing their favorite piece of personal art with them. Where do they see beauty? Find out!

Presented in partnership with Citizens for a Strong Oshkosh.

GALE COURSES

New sessions begin every month.
Access *Gale Courses* from our library's website and enroll for free.

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Youth Services



Registration information

Some programs require registration. To register online, click on the event at oshkoshlibrary.org. You can also register in-person at the library or call 920.236.5208.



Cake Pop Making

MON | June 24 | 2 - 4 p.m. | Lower Level
Registration required

Celebrate 125 years of our William Waters designed library on Washington Avenue by crafting delicious cake pops! Learn to shape, dip and decorate with colorful toppings and creative designs. No prior baking experience necessary.

Story Garden Chalk Mural

Open in June from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m during regular library hours.

Help transform the Story Garden into a colorful masterpiece. Families and children are invited to contribute to a giant chalk mural inspired by stories, nature and imagination!

Early Childhood



Tunes and Tots

TUES | 10 a.m. | Infants and Toddlers
Lower Level | June 10 | July 8 | Aug. 12

Sing, dance and play in this music-filled program that promotes early learning and social skills.

Preschool Storytime

MON | June 9 – Aug. 11 | 9:30 a.m.
Lower Level | No session on June 30

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 | June 11 – Aug. 13
9:30 and 10:15 a.m.
THUR | June 12 – Aug. 14
10:15 a.m.
Lower Level | No sessions on July 2 & 3

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.

The Wonders of Physics

SAT | June 14 | Noon - 1 p.m.

Ages 6 and older | Lower Level

Science comes alive with this high-energy show presented by UW-Madison scientists. Be amazed, entertained and learn something new during an interactive presentation filled with demonstrations.

Summer Early Learning Take-Home Kits

Toddlers & Preschoolers

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

Elementary Age



Kids on Canvas with Ms. Katie

FRI | 1:30 p.m. | Grades K - 2 | Lower Level

June 18 | July 16 | Aug. 20

Registration required

Explore the world of art with Kids on Canvas and Ms. Katie! Perfect for young artists eager to learn new techniques.

Read to a Rabbit or Guinea Pig

SAT | 10 a.m. - Noon | June 28 & July 26

Ages 6 and older | Lower Level

**Visit our website for links
to event registration**

Practice reading to animals from the Oshkosh Area Humane Society. Bring a favorite book or choose a library book. These sessions can help build reading confidence, and the animals are available for adoption, too!

Read to a Dog

MON | June 2 | July 7 | Aug. 4 | 4 - 5 p.m.

SAT | June 7 | Aug. 2 | 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

Lower Level | Registration required

Improve reading skills in a relaxed environment with a trained therapy dog.



ChickQuest

WED | July 9 | 1 p.m.

TUES | July 15 & July 22 | 1 p.m.

Grades 3 and older | Lower Level

Join Winnebago County 4H for three drop-in sessions to learn all about the life cycle of a chicken.

- The Hatching Environment: Incubators and Eggs
- Egg Candling and Egg Anatomy
- Chicks Begin to Hatch! Brooder Box Setup

As part of the ChickQuest program, you can stop by anytime to see the eggs and, once hatched, the chicks, available through July.

Presented in partnership with Winnebago County 4H.

Elementary Book Club

FRI | 4:30 p.m. | Grades K - 2 | Lower Level

June 13 | July 11 | Aug. 15

Registration required

Discover new stories and make new friends! Each month features a different theme. Kids get a free 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.

- Pets
- The Farm
- The Titanic

Preteens

Preteen Book Club

FRI | 4:30 p.m. | Grades 3 - 5 | Lower Level
June 6 | *July | Aug. 1
Registration required

***No meeting. Visit the Youth Services desk to pick up the book and goodie bag.**

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!

- *Treasure in the Lake* by Jason Pamment
- *Save Me a Seat* by Sarah Weeks & Gita Varadarajan
- *Leonard: My Life as a Cat* by Carlie Sorosiak

Wonder S.T.E.A.M.

THURS | 4:30 p.m. | Grades K - 5
Lower Level | June 20 | July 18 | Aug. 15
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. This summer, Wonderlab and Preteen STEAM are combined into one group.

- Insect Hotels
- Summer Board Walk
- Magnetic Slime



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

Ages 5 and older (While supplies last)
Happy Birthday Oshkosh Public Library!

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

Teens

Please note: The tie-dye and candle-making sessions are creative activities so please dress for the mess.

Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

WED | June 4 & 18 | July 2 & 16
Aug. 6 & 20 | 4:30 p.m. | Grades 6 - 12
Lower Level

Make a difference while gaining leadership experience and having a great time!



Tie-Dye for Teens

FRI | June 27 | 2 - 5 p.m.
Grades 6 - 12 | Lower Level

Drop in to create a vibrant tie-dye item. While supplies last.

Candle Making

THURS | July 24 | 2 - 5 p.m.
Grades 6 - 12 | Lower Level

Drop in to create dip candles. While supplies last.

Teen Book Club

FRI | 4:30 p.m. | June 6 & Aug. 1
Grades 6 - 8 | Under the Dome
Registration required

June 6 - Meet at the Paine Art Center & Gardens Main Entrance by 4:30 p.m.

July - No meeting. Pick up your book and goodie bag from the library.

Aug. 1 - Regular session

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!

- *Braiding Sweetgrass for Young Adults* by Monique Gray Smith (June)
- *Louder Than Hunger* by John Schu (July)
- *Tree. Table. Book.* by Lois Lowry (August)

Young Adult Book Club

FRI | 4:30 p.m. | June 13 | July 11 | Aug. 15
Grades 9 - 12 | Lower Level
Registration required

June 13 - Meet at the Paine Art Center & Gardens
Main Entrance by 4:30 p.m.

July 11 & Aug. 15 – Regular sessions

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!

- *Braiding Sweetgrass for Young Adults* by Monique Gray Smith (June)
- *The Stolen Heir* by Holly Black (July)
- *Curious Tides* by Pascale Lacelle (August)



Animanga Club

THURS | June 5 & 19 | July 3, 17, 31
Aug. 7 & 21 | 4 p.m.
Grades 6 - 12 | Lower Level

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!

LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids

Check the library's website for open build times.



Online Video Classes

Browse thousands of award-winning art & craft video classes taught by recognized design experts and artists.



Adults



Registration information

Some programs require registration. To register online, click on the event at oshkoshlibrary.org. You can also register in-person at the library or call 920.236.5205.

Displays



Oshkosh Truck Memorabilia Exhibit

May – August

Second Floor Double Display Cases

Tim Wright is sharing his impressive collection of Oshkosh truck memorabilia, offering a fascinating glimpse into the history of the iconic vehicles that helped define the city's legacy.

Games

Chess Club

THURS | 5 - 7 p.m. | Dome

Every Thursday, come to learn or play the ultimate game of strategy. Meet new friends while honing your game. When you play chess, you're a rook-star! Good fun for all ages.

TIY: Yard Games

Check out a yard game with your library card!





125 Years of Gaming: 1950 - 1999

SAT | July 19 | 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Lower Level

Join us to play games from the decades that the library has been open. Learn, play and experience how folks had fun during the last century.

History



This Month in Library History

FRI | 9 a.m. | YouTube
June 6 | July 4 | Aug. 1

Watch Librarian Michael McArthur each month on YouTube as he shares fascinating stories from the library's rich history. Learn about the (sometimes surprising!) events that shaped today's library.

What it's Worth: Antique Appraisals by Mark Moran

SAT | June 21 | 9:30 a.m. | Lower Level
Registration required

Do you have a valuable collectible gathering dust in storage? How much is your rummage sale treasure worth? Get an expert appraisal from Mark F. Moran, a well-known and respected antiques expert. Limited spots available.

Librarian Learns

FRI | July 18 | 9 a.m. | YouTube

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

July: The 2008 filming of the *Public Enemies* movie.

Crafting

Adult DIY

TUES | 6 p.m. | Lower Level
June 10 | July 8 | Aug. 5
Registration required

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

- Birthday Cake Jewelry Box
- Beach in a Bottle
- Festival Flower Crown

Stitch Together

TUES | 6:30 p.m. | Dome
June 10 | July 8 | Aug. 12

Bring your latest project and join our craft circle for an evening of creativity and conversation. All types of stitchers and crafters are welcome.





Sweet Success: Cake Decorating for the Home Baker

WED | July 30 | 6 p.m. | Lower Level
Registration required

Join local baker “Sweet Jules” for a demonstration of cake decorating techniques and the chance to try your hand at creating your own tasty work of art. Participants will work to decorate a mini cake using trending piping techniques. We’ll provide fresh-brewed coffee to enjoy with your cake on the spot or take it home to share. Spark a new interest and enjoy time with other home bakers who are looking for that perfect slice of inspiration! Baked goods are gluten free.

Craft Swap

SAT | Aug. 9 | 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. | Lower Level
Questions? Call 920.236.5205 or email reference@oshkoshlibrary.org.

Have unused craft supplies? Donate them and swap for something new!

1. **Aug. 4 – 8** - Drop off clean craft supplies in good condition at the library’s First Floor Service Desk. For every bag you donate, receive one ticket for the swap. Please do not donate old cups, jars, egg cartons and other items that only have artistic potential.
2. **Aug. 9** - Swap Day! Redeem your tickets for new-to-you supplies. Bring a bag for your treasures.
3. No supplies to swap? - No problem! You can still join in the fun by checking out library materials! Show us your library receipt dated Aug. 9 to shop the swap.

Books & Reading



Book Buzz

MON | 8 a.m. | YouTube
June 2 | July 7 | Aug. 4

Find your next favorite read with Librarian Sarah. She’ll share buzz-worthy new titles releasing this month and give you suggestions for what to read while you wait.

Storytime for Grownups

TUES | 6 p.m. | Planet Perk
June 3 | July 1 | Aug. 5

Why should kids have all the fun? Join librarian Sarah at Planet Perk for a monthly version of storytime. Color, work on a puzzle, craft, or cuddle with a cat while Sarah reads a short story. Stories are a mixture of genres, classics and contemporary, with time for discussion afterwards. It’s like listening to an audiobook, but with friends.



Adult Animanga Club

THURS | 4 p.m. | Lower Level
June 12 | July 10 | Aug. 14

Explore the worlds of anime and manga! Whether you’re a new fan or a long-time enthusiast, this club is the place to sit back, relax, and enjoy Japanese pop culture with friends.

Not Your Classic Book Club

THURS | 6 p.m. | Lower Level
June 19 | July 17 | Aug. 21

No assigned reading here. Discuss what you're reading, share recommendations and discover new titles.

Banned Book Club

TUES | 6:30 p.m. | Lower Level
June 24 | July 22 | Aug. 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.

- June: *Heartstopper* by Alice Oseman
- July: *The House of the Spirits* by Isabel Allende
- August: *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee

Resources & Support



Job Search Assistance

WED | June 4 - Aug. 27 | 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.



Mini Job Fair

MON | June 9 | 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.

Winnebago Free Legal Assistance Clinic

TUES | 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. | Lower Level
June 17 | July 15 | Aug. 19

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:
WinnebagoLegalClinic@gmail.com

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

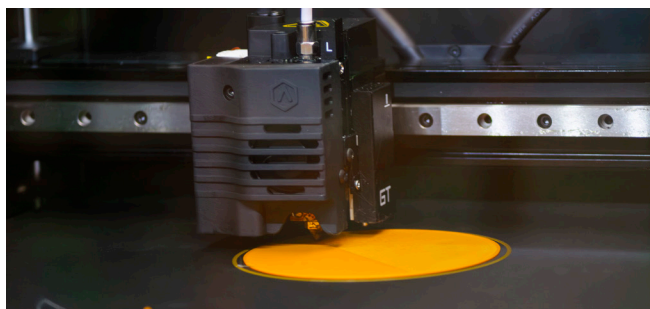
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Technology



Print a Present

SAT | June 28 | 1 - 3 p.m.

**Ages 8 and older | Second Floor
Registration required**

Learn how to design and print a 3D object. After you finish designing, you can print your creation on our new 3D printer! Gift it to someone or to yourself in celebration of the library's 125th birthday.



The Great Unbirthday Gift Exchange 125th Anniversary Event

SAT | Aug. 16 | 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Dome | Registration required

Help us spark our birthday celebration with a secret gift swap. Here's how it works:

1. **Sign up** - Visit the Aug. 16 calendar entry on our website's Events Calendar tab or snap the QR code below and fill out a short survey about your interests. Based on your answers, we'll assign you a number and anonymously pair you with another community member to exchange a small gift.



2. **Prepare your gift** - Choose a small gift valued between \$10 - \$15. Creative or handmade gifts are welcome. Please wrap your gift and label it with your partner number.

3. **Drop off your gift** - You can either drop off your wrapped gift at the Second Floor Service Desk or bring it to the Unbirthday Party on Aug. 16 to exchange it with your partner in person.
4. **Unbirthday Party** - This party is for gift swap participants only. There will be light refreshments and activities to enjoy.

Important details

- Sign-ups begin July 1.
- Wrap and label your gift with your partner number.
- You must be 18 or older to participate.

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