

Oshkosh Public Library Highlights November 2014

1. Oshkosh historian Larry Spanbauer presented a program Nov. 12 on the history of the cigar industry in Oshkosh. The program was part of a series called **A Look Back** featuring club members' collections and the periods in Oshkosh history that they represent.
2. There was a full house at Evergreen Retirement Community on Nov. 12 when staff from Reference & Adult Services did a presentation highlighting great reading and library resources for readers for the Learning in Retirement group. The audience heard book recommendations in areas including best-sellers, health and non-fiction and there were drawings for prizes.
3. Several collections have been moved or rearranged in the Children's Department to make better use of space, draw attention to specific collections and make it easier for library users to browse for books, movies and music.
4. OPL participated in the Downtown Oshkosh Chili Cook-off on Oct. 25. The library team was the Well-Read Cheeseheads and entered a green and gold chili. While our Green & Gold Chili and Cheesehead/Packers-themed tent did not win a prize, the event gave the library visibility at a community event that hundreds of people attended.
5. Writing events are underway for National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo), with an informational session, Kickoff Party, Thousand Word Thursday and Halfway Home events already in the books. In many cases these activities have brought new people into the library for support and camaraderie as they embark on the NaNoWriMo mission to write a 50,000 word novel in 30 days.