

Oshkosh Public Library Highlights

February 2015

1. OPL partnered with the Winnebago Audubon Society to present an educational program on the Wisconsin Breeding Bird Atlas. Twenty-five people attended and learned about getting involved with this effort to gather data on the distribution, abundance and habitat of our state's breeding birds.
2. The library held our annual Staff Development Day on Friday, Feb. 13. Program highlights included an exercise focused on creating a shared vision for OPL, an update on the work done by our Technical Services Department, a CPR refresher and updates on upcoming projects.
3. 4K teachers from the Oshkosh Area School District recently held a staff development program at the library. Marie Boleman, OPL's Head of Children's & Family Outreach, demonstrated Tumblebooks (electronic picture books) and other resources on the library web site; showed teachers how to request class visits, order teacher collections, and obtain a teacher card; and gave the teachers a tour of the children's department. Since that day the Children's Department has received nine requests for teacher collections and four requests for class visits. OPL will also host two family night events for 4K students and their parents this year.
4. Marie also visited the Oshkosh office of the WIC program (Nutrition Program for Women, Infants & Children) to talk to families about the High Hopes early literacy program. She will visit again in the coming months to continue educating parents about the importance of developing early literacy skills and how the library can help families.
5. Reference & Adult Services is working with customers to access federal tax forms and booklets that are not being provided in paper form because of IRS budget cuts. The library is alerting the public to the change via our web site and in the library building, providing links and phone numbers for ordering forms and booklets to be mailed to customers' homes and offering some instruction booklets that customers can check out from the library.