

Oshkosh Public Library Highlights January 2015

1. Holiday events filled the library with stories and song in December, with Santa Storytime drawing 170 people in two sessions and another 40 people attending a concert under the Dome by the Oshkosh Youth Choir. Staff from the Children's Department also read stories on four Saturday nights at the Celebration of Lights.
2. Oshkosh Public Library users downloaded more than 46,000 eBooks and digital audio books via Overdrive in 2014 – a 27 percent increase from 2013. Staff in Reference & Adult Services helped 695 individuals with questions about eBooks, digital audiobooks and online magazines. Wisconsin library users downloaded more than one million eBooks and digital audio books in 2014 from the Wisconsin Digital Library, which offers titles via local library web sites throughout the state.
3. Readers who received a new gadget during the holidays learned how to download eBooks and digital audio books from the library during a Jan. 5 session at OPL. The program was attended by 24 people.
4. An exhibit of photos from the Humans of Oshkosh project will be on display on the library's 2nd floor starting Jan. 26. ***Humans of Oshkosh*** is a photo blog by students at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. It highlights the people of Oshkosh and the stories they tell. On Monday, Feb. 2, Grace Lim, the UWO instructor who is advising the project, will present a program about the current Humans of Oshkosh collection, as well as the next phase of the project.
5. The library is now selling Go Transit bus passes as a convenience to OPL customers and others who live and work downtown. OPL also sells city parking permits.
6. OPL was involved in an event on Jan. 22 focusing on women in poverty. The Oshkosh Area United Way, League of Women Voters of Winnebago County and the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation offered a free screening and discussion of the HBO documentary ***Paycheck to Paycheck: The Life & Times of Katrina Gilbert***. The library provided a supplementary resource list for attendees who were interested in learning more about women in poverty and will be working with the League to offer follow-up programs featuring other films on the topic.