

Oshkosh Public Library Highlights September 2015

1. The library held a youth LEGO design contest in August, with 35 children building original LEGO designs. The library partnered with House of Heroes Comics & Games to promote the event and offer prizes for the winners.
2. Library staff from Children's & Family Outreach participated in the Parent Connection's Autumn Adventures event in South Park on Sept. 10, promoting our High Hopes early literacy program and previewing High Flyers, a self-paced program designed to help parents make early literacy activities a habit.
3. The library participated in the second annual Downtown Oshkosh Chalk Walk on Sept. 12, sponsoring and staffing the children's area. Children had the opportunity to try their own chalk drawings on mini chalk boards. Staff also handed out the fall schedule of library events for children and families.
4. About 30 children attended a Peanuts Party presented by Children's & Family Outreach Services on Sept. 16. The event included games, crafts and reading featuring Snoopy and the other Peanuts characters. This was the first in a series of events scheduled specifically on days when area students have early release or a day off from school.
5. Sharon Schwartz, OPL's Digital Services Librarian, did a presentation highlighting the library's online resources for students taking college-level English classes at Lourdes Academy. She focused on Literary Reference Center, the EBSCOhost magazine databases and OPL's local history resources.
6. Final numbers are in for this year's Summer Reading Program, with 1,960 children participating. That amounts to 27 percent of Oshkosh's school-age children – well above the 10 percent that is considered successful by national standards. A complete report will be shared in an upcoming board packet. A total of 166 adults participated in the program run by Reference & Adult Services, reading nearly 800 books.