FALL EVENTS
SEPT | OCT | NOV

LIBRARY CLOSED
Monday, Sept. 4
Labor Day
Thursday, Nov. 23
Thanksgiving

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

LEGO WALL OPEN BUILD FOR KIDS
SEPT. 1 – NOV. 30 | LOWER LEVEL
Closed on Sept. 4 & Nov. 23
MON – THUR
3 – 7 p.m.
SAT | Begins Sept. 9
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
FRI
3 – 5 p.m.
SUN
1 – 4 p.m.

IMAGINATION CABINET
Display your art and creative projects in the Children’s Department. Our display case is ready to welcome your imaginative work. For details, please call (920) 236-5208.

CREATURE CARNIVAL CONTEST
Rules and details at oshkoshpubliclibrary.org/content/creature_carnival2023
Submit your entries Sept. 29 - Oct. 24
Judging Oct. 25
Winners announced Oct. 26 | Ages 2-18
When you hear the word creature, what comes to mind? We would love to see it! Create an original creature inspired by your imagination. Judges will award bonus points for entries with a creature’s name and a brief description.

Special thanks to HobbyTown Oshkosh for donating gift cards for first and second place contest winners.

CREATURE CARNIVAL: DROP-IN & CREATE
FRI | Sept. 22 | 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Ages 2-18 | Lower Level
FRI | Sept. 29 | 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.
Ages 2-18 | Lower Level

Get crafty with other young creators during a drop-in session and leave the cleanup to us. We’ll have all the free supplies; you bring the inspiration! Drop-in sessions are not required to submit an entry.

EARLY CHILDHOOD LITERACY

FAMILY STORYTIME
MON | Sept. 11 – Nov. 27 | 9:30 a.m.
Preschoolers | Lower Level
Nurture your child’s love for literacy by joining us for stories, rhymes, and other learning adventures. Siblings welcome.

HIGH HOPES EARLY LITERACY STORYTIME
WED | Sept. 13 – Nov. 29 | 9:30 & 10:15 a.m.
Infants and Toddlers | Lower Level
No sessions on Nov. 22
THUR | Sept. 14 – Nov. 30 | 10:15 a.m.
Infants and Toddlers | Lower Level
Call (920) 236-5208 or visit the Children’s Department to register.

As a parent or caregiver, you want to give your child the best start in life. That is why we have created a program that combines the joy of songs, stories, movement, and fingerplays with the essential skills needed to learn how to read. Content is the same at all three weekly sessions.

SMART STARTS PLAY STATIONS
TUES | 9 – 11 a.m. | Ages 2-5
Lower Level | Sept. 12 | Oct. 10 | Nov. 14
Fun and learning go together during this drop-in playtime for littles and their grown-ups. Each activity station is designed to encourage discovery and early literacy skills.

EARLY LEARNING PACKETS
Sights & Sounds of Fall | Ages 1-4
Our seasonal take home packets include literacy activities and a process art project that fosters your child’s imagination and self-expression. They are yours to keep. Available in the Children’s Department beginning Sept. 1 while supplies last.
ELEMENTARY AGE

ELEMENTARY BOOK CLUB
FRI | 4:30 p.m. | Ages 5-8 | Lower Level
Sept. 8 | Oct. 13 | Nov. 10

Call (920) 236-5208 or visit the Children’s Department to register.

Discover new stories while making new friends! Every month is a different theme, and kids will receive a 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.

• Creative Problem Solving
• The Supernatural
• Celebrating Differences

READ TO A DOG
MON | Sept. 11 – Nov. 20 | 4-5 p.m. | Ages 5-12
Lower Level

Call (920) 236-5208 or visit the Children’s Department to register.

Practice reading with a trained therapy dog! Our furry assistants are great listeners and help to improve children’s confidence and skills. Reserve your 15-minute appointment today.

WONDERLAB
THUR | 6:30 p.m. | Ages 5-8 | Lower Level
Sept. 21 | Oct. 19* | Nov. 16

Call (920) 236-5208 or visit the Children’s Department to register.

Explore and experiment as we lean into the wonder of the world around us. Build the foundation for your child to independently learn science, technology, engineering, art, and math skills.

• The Wonder of Bubbles
• Puking Pumpkins | Under the Dome*
• Build a Winter Village

S.T.E.A.M. TAKE & MAKE KIT
Wheel of the Year | Ages 5 and older
Available in the Children’s Department beginning Sept. 1 while supplies last.

THE HEALING POWER OF CHEMISTRY
SAT | Oct. 14 | 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Ages 5 and older | Lower Level

Hands-on activities help kids learn how chemistry helps us better understand human health and medicine. Receive a free print copy of the National Chemistry Week issue of Celebrating Chemistry. Sponsored by the Northeast Wisconsin Local Section of the American Chemical Society in honor of National Chemistry Week. Drop in any time during the session.

TWEENS

TWEEN BOOK CLUB
FRI | 4:30 p.m. | Ages 9-11 | Under the Dome
Sept. 1* | Oct. 6 | Nov. 3

Call (920) 236-5208 or visit the Children’s Department to register.

Talk books and eat pizza with other kids who like to read. Receive the featured book at the Children’s Service Desk or at the previous month’s book club session - it’s yours to keep!

• Amari and the Night Brothers by B.B. Alston
  Lower Level*
• The War That Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
• The Last Kids on Earth by Max Brallier

TWEEN S.T.E.A.M
FRI | Ages 9-12 | 4:30 p.m. | Lower Level | Sept. 15
Oct. 20 | Nov. 17

Call (920) 236-5208 or visit the Children’s Department to register.

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!

• Marble Run
• Pumpkin Battery
• Build a Winter Village
**DYSLEXIA WORKSHOP: A TWO-PART SERIES**

**WED | Oct. 18 | THUR | Oct. 19 | 5 – 6:30 p.m. Lower Level**

An estimated 80 percent of people with learning disabilities have dyslexia – many of them children. Learn about dyslexia in this two-part workshop. With a focus on early identification, effective support strategies for children, and a fresh perspective on the diagnosis, the information presented will be relevant to parents, caregivers, educators, reading specialists, and counselors.

**Presenter:**
Kelly Steinke, M.A. Ed., NBCT, founder and president of READ Learning Educational Services

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**TEEN BOOK CLUB**

Register at bit.ly/OPLteens

**FRI | 4:30 p.m. | Grades 6-8 | Lower Level**

Sept. 1 | Oct. 6 | Nov. 3

Eat pizza, meet other readers, and talk books! Twenty free copies of the next book are given away at each meeting.

- *Amari and the Night Brothers* by B.B. Alston
- *The School for Whatnots* by Margaret Peterson Haddix
- *Cinder* by Marissa Meyer

**YOUNG ADULT BOOK CLUB**

Register at bit.ly/youngadultbookclub

**FRI | 4:30 p.m. | Grades 9-12 | Lower Level**

Sept. 1 | Oct. 6 | Nov. 3

Eat pizza, meet other readers, and talk books! Twenty free copies of the next book are given away at each meeting.

- *Amari and the Night Brothers* by B.B. Alston
- *A Good Girl’s Guide to Murder* by Holly Jackson
- *Cinder* by Marissa Meyer

**TEEN DIY: TAKE & MAKE KITS**

Grades 6-12 | First Floor Service Desk

Pick up a craft kit with supplies and instructions at the library, then enjoy an art project at home. Due to a limited materials budget, Take & Make Kits are available for personal use only.

- September: Paper Pinecones
- October: Mixed Media Autumn Tree
- November: Macrame Leaves

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*Hang out in our Teen Zone and find your next book or Manga.*
ADULTS

DISPLAYS

THE VIRTUAL MUSEUM OF GEOLOGY’S TRAVELING DISPLAY
October – November | Second Floor
Featuring an array of geological specimens, The Virtual Museum of Geology’s Traveling display offers a peek inside the wonders of the natural world. With a focus on mineral diversity, the process of fossil formation, and inspiring a hobby of collecting, you’ll leave with a deeper understanding of what lies beneath our feet.

CRAFTS & CONTESTS

TWO-SENTENCE HORROR STORY WRITING CONTEST
Oct. 1-23 | Winners announced Oct. 26
Teens & Adults

ADULT DIY
TUES | 6 p.m. | Adults | Lower Level
Sep. 12 | Oct. 10 | Nov. 14
Get crafty at the library! Call (920) 236-5205 to reserve your seat and supplies for the in-person, instructor-led workshops. These classes are free and do not require a library card to attend.
• Sunburst Wall Decor
• Book Page Pumpkin
• Glass Magnets

TECHNOLOGY

EVERYDAY TECH: DROP-IN TECH HELP
SAT | 10-11 a.m. | Lower Level
Sept. 23 | Oct. 28 | Nov. 18
Drop in any time during the session for one-on-one help with computers, internet, email, social media, or other technology. Assistance provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Bring your smartphone, tablet, or whatever device has you stumped! This free one-hour session is provided by Bug Tussel Wireless LLC.

CALL FOR ENTRIES: F STOP: ICONIC OSHKOSH
Ages 13 and older
Entries accepted Sep. 18 – Oct. 16
We’re happy to announce that this year’s F Stop theme is Iconic Oshkosh. Use your camera and creativity to capture your interpretation of our city. Contest rules, details, submission form and prizes at oshkoshpubliclibrary.org.

MARK GRUENWALD COMIC BOOK CREATION CHALLENGE AWARDS CEREMONY
SAT | Sep. 30 | 1 p.m. | Under the Dome
Join us as we showcase this year’s submissions, announce category winners and award prizes!

COMMUNITY

OAMTA PRESENTS: FALL RECITAL
WED | Oct. 25 | 6:30 p.m. | Lower Level
Enjoy the crisp, clean sounds of autumn during this recital performed by piano students of the Oshkosh Area Music Teachers Association.
**Books & Reading**

**Freedom to Read Program Series**

**To Kill a Mockingbird at the Time Community Theater**
SAT | Oct. 7 | 7 p.m. | All ages
Time Community Theater
Kick off Freedom to Read month with a FREE showing of the 1962 movie adaptation of *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

**Scavenger Hunt** | Starts on MON | Oct. 2
We’ll hide 50 books at different locations around Oshkosh – ten copies of five titles that have been challenged for a variety of reasons. Find the hidden books by following the daily clues posted on our Facebook account. The books are yours to keep!

Show off your Freedom to Read by sharing a photo of yourself with the book you’ve discovered. Join the conversation about these books, intellectual freedom, book banning, and censorship by attending a book discussion at Planet Perk and watching informational videos on the library’s YouTube channel. The hunt will continue until all books are found!

**Freedom to Read Book Discussions**
MON – FRI | Oct. 23 – 27 | 5-6 p.m.
Under the Dome
Join us to discuss the books included in our 2023 Scavenger Hunt and program series, the reasons why the book was challenged, and the importance of upholding our Freedom to Read. One book will be highlighted each evening.
- *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee
- *Flamer* by Mike Curato
- *Push* by Sapphire
- *The Storyteller* by Jodi Picoult
- *Looking for Alaska* by John Green

**Freedom to Read Video Series**
THUR | 10 a.m. | YouTube | Sept. 28 | Oct. 5
Oct. 12 | Oct. 19 | Oct. 26
What is the difference between banning and challenging? Can a book be un-banned? I’ve heard of Banned Books Week, but what is Freedom to Read? Is the Freedom to Read a protected right? Get answers to these questions and more by watching short videos presented by Readers’ Advisory Librarian Nancy Bell on the library’s YouTube channel.
- Brief History of Banned Books Week
- Terms and Definitions
- Public Libraries and Censorship
- The Numbers: Book Banning Today
- Protect Your Freedom to Read

**Banned Book Club at Planet Perk**
TUES | 5 p.m. | Planet Perk | Sept. 19
Oct. 17 | Nov. 14
Each month we explore banned and challenged books guided by Librarian Nancy Bell. 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.

**Not Your Classic Book Club**
THUR | 6 p.m. | Lower Level | Sept. 21
Oct. 19 | Nov. 16
No assigned reading here! You choose the book, whether it’s a favorite or a flop. Join Librarian Nancy Bell in a discussion of what you’re reading and get new ideas from fellow readers. Share your thoughts, recommendations, and an appreciation of good stories.

**Book Buzz**
MON | 8 a.m. | YouTube | Sept. 4 | Oct. 2 | Nov. 6
Find your next favorite read with Librarian Nancy Bell. She’ll break down a popular book from bestsellers lists, review sites, or social media and give you three similar titles to add to your TBR list.
- *The Invisible Hour* by Alice Hoffman
- *The Night House* by Jo Nesbø
- *The River We Remember* by William Kent Krueger
LIBRARIAN LEARNS
FRI | 9 a.m. | YouTube | Sept. 15 | Oct. 20 | Nov. 17
Perfect for local history fans, this show features in-depth research and a unique perspective on Oshkosh’s fascinating history.
• Pioneer Inn
• Alberta Kimball
• The Hiker Monument

ARCHIVE DIVES
FRI | 9 a.m. | YouTube | Sept. 1 | Oct. 6 | Nov. 3
Librarians Michael and Sandy dive into the Oshkosh Public Library Collections to see what unique collections lurk behind locked doors, dark basements and hidden shelves. You’ll be fascinated by these treasures that are hidden in plain sight!
• The Mark Gruenwald Collection
• Hidden Photos
• Geer-Murray Collection

HENRY AUER: PREMIERE 20TH CENTURY OSHKOSH ARCHITECT
SAT | Sept. 9 | 1 p.m. | Under the Dome
Discover the untold story of Oshkosh’s cityscape. Historic restoration pro Terry Laib of Laib Restoration unveils architect Henry Auler’s extraordinary contributions, using Auler’s own files. Don’t miss this fascinating presentation!

WHAT A WAY TO GO: DEATH IN OSHKOSH IN THE 1880s
WED | Sept. 13 | 6 p.m. | Lower Level
Author Edward Bentley will highlight notable stories documenting the unfortunate deaths of Oshkosh residents in the late 19th century. Before photography was commonplace, newspaper writers used a unique, graphic style of writing to allow readers to visualize the sometimes horrific and tragic events that occurred in their cities.

ECHOES OF THE PAST
THURS | Sept. 14 | 6 p.m. | Lower Level
Explore the intriguing history of the mysterious Foote Mansion in Eureka, Wis. Author Daniel Butkiewicz will draw upon his historical fiction novel Echoes from the Past to take you on a journey into yesteryear.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY COURTHOUSES: A HISTORY
THURS | Oct. 12 | 6 p.m. | Lower Level
Immerse yourself in the rich heritage of Winnebago County’s Courthouses with Austin Frederick, vice president of the Winnebago County Historical & Archeological Society. He’ll share the fascinating history of these architectural treasures.
ESTATE PLANNING WORKSHOPS
TUES | 2 p.m. | Lower Level | Oct. 10
Oct. 17 | Oct. 24
Join us for a series of informational workshops designed to help you better understand some of the elements of a solid estate plan.
• Advanced Healthcare Directives (Living Wills)
• The Importance of Powers of Attorney (Financial and Healthcare)
• Special Needs Trusts for Adult Children
Presenter: Attorney Aaron Haller of Levine Eisberner LLC.

WINNEBAGO FREE LEGAL ASSISTANCE CLINIC
TUES | 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. | Lower Level | Sept. 19 | Oct. 17 | Nov. 21
Winnebago Free Legal Assistance Clinic is a non-profit organization of volunteer attorneys and paralegals who provide free legal assistance to the community on many civil legal issues.
Each of the clinic locations are first-come, first-served. The services provided are limited and may include:
• A brief legal consultation with an attorney (or referral to an attorney if one is not available)
• Assistance with legal forms and procedures
• Guidance to additional resources
When attending a clinic, please bring any paperwork that is relevant to your case so volunteers can better assist you.
If you have a question or are interested in volunteering, please contact: Winnebagolegalclinic@gmail.com 920-312-7760 (voicemail only)

JOB SEARCH ASSISTANCE
WED | September 6 – November 29 | 1 - 4 p.m. | Second Floor
Call (920) 236-5205 or email reference@oshkoshpubliclibrary.org to reserve an appointment. Walk-ins accepted if space is available.
Area employment professionals are available every Wednesday from 1 – 4 p.m. to assist with resumes, cover letters, interview skills, career counseling, unemployment insurance and more. You can also schedule an individual appointment for another day and time.
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 | Nov. 13 | 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 individually to company representatives.
Presented in partnership with Fox Valley Job Center. Visit jobcenterofwisconsin.com for more information about employment opportunities and other hiring events.

MEMORY CAFÉ
WED | 1:30 - 3 p.m. | Lower Level
Sept. 13 | Oct. 11 | Nov. 8
Memory Cafe is for people who are experiencing memory loss and their caregivers. This welcoming program offers a relaxed and safe environment for socializing.
• Lyrics & Laughter™ Experience the power of music to create connections and lift your spirits! Lyrics & Laughter™ is a Valley VNA Senior Care Life Enriching Program.
• SPARK! Art Program Enjoy a fall themed art activity led by specially trained individuals from the SPARK! Art Program.
• Historic Oshkosh Local historian Randy Domer shares highlights of Oshkosh's history including The Mighty Oaks, Carl Laemmle, The Day the Singing Cowboy Rode Into Town, and The Mob – Just Passing Through.