It’s winter and that means it’s time to curl up with a good book or seven. While you’re reading anyway, why not earn some prizes?

**KIDS**

**Preschool – 5th Grade**
Read, write, draw, and do fun activities to earn prizes. Reading at home or school counts toward your ultimate reading goal!

**TEENS**

**Ages 13 - 17**
Track your reading to earn prizes. Read an average of 15 minutes per week to be entered into a drawing for a $50 Visa gift card!

**ADULTS**
Log your minutes and complete the individual reading activities to earn free items from the library’s used bookstore.

**Track your reading online or on paper**
Printed reading logs are available at the library’s service desks. If you prefer an online option, download the Beanstack app from your App Store. You can also track your progress at oshkoshpubliclibrary.beanstack.org. If you’ve used the Beanstack app in the past, there’s no need to register again. Questions? Call Information Services at (920) 236-5205.

**Hip Pop Hooray for Reading!**  **Sat., March 5 | 9 a.m.**
This year the library has set a community reading goal! If a combined total of 300,000 minutes or more is logged by all Wild Winter Read Off participants, the library will give away 500 Hip Pop Hooray goody bags filled with popcorn, hot chocolate/coffee and other treats.

Growing up, Rick Chrustowski drew all the time. In second grade, his parents gave him a drawing table. He has drawn at it ever since.

When Rick learned how to write stories in third grade, he realized that putting words and pictures together was his favorite art form.

Rick likes to explore new art materials. He has illustrated books using colored pencils, cut-paper collage, and watercolor paints. He has written and illustrated seven picture books and illustrated four books by other authors.

When Rick is not making books, he visits elementary schools across the country teaching kids how to write and illustrate their own books.

Rick lives with his husband Tom and their dog Mattie in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

**Meet the Author**
Funded by the Mary Malnar Children’s Program Trust

Sat., Feb. 19 | 10:30 a.m. | Dome
Call (920) 236-5208 to reserve a seat for this special event.

Thank you to the sponsors of the 2022 Wild Winter Read Off!
Winter Events
January & February 2022

Children & Families

All children’s programs require preregistration. Call (920) 236-5208 or visit the service desk to register.

Family Storytime
Stories, rhymes, songs and literacy building adventures for littles and their grown-ups.
MON | Jan. 3 – Feb. 28 | 9:30 a.m. | Preschoolers | Lower Level

Shelf Selected Kids Edition
Book recommendations for tots to tweens! Tune into Facebook or Instagram and discover what our librarians are sharing each week.
MON | Jan. 3 – Feb. 28 | 6:30 p.m. | Facebook & Instagram Live

High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime
Smart Starts Play Stations take the place of High Hopes on Jan. 19 and Feb. 16.
Enjoy songs, fingerplays, stories and movement while learning how to teach your baby or toddler the skills they need to become readers.
WED | Jan. 5 - Feb. 23 | 9:30 & 10:15 a.m. | Infants and toddlers | Lower Level

Tween Book Club
Talk books and eat pizza with other kids who like to read! Receive the featured book at the Children’s Service Desk, by mail, or at the book club session the month before. The book is yours to keep! If you prefer to participate virtually, call (920) 236-5208 to request the Zoom link.
- Short by Holly Goldberg Sloan
- Sunny Days Inside and Other Stories by Caroline Adderson
FRI | 4:30 p.m. | Ages 9-11 | Zoom or Lower Level
Jan. 7 | Feb. 4

Read to a Dog
Practice reading with a trained therapy dog! Our furry assistants are great listeners and help to improve children’s confidence and skills. These popular sessions fill up fast. Reserve your 15-minute session today.
MON | Feb. 7 – Feb. 28 | 4 – 5 p.m. | Ages 5 – 12 | Lower Level

Stories by Starlight
Meet under the tree in Explorer’s Grove for an evening storytime. Gentle activities add to the magical atmosphere.
TUES | Jan. 11 – Feb. 22 | 6:15 p.m. | Ages 8 and younger

Wonderlab
Participate in person or reserve a take-home kit.
Call (920) 236-5208 or stop by the desk to reserve and pick up. Explore and experiment using the principles of S.T.E.A.M. (science, technology, engineering, art, and math)! Our winter Wonderlab themes are based on author Rick Chrustowski’s books.
- Be a Bee: Do you have what it takes?
- A Turtle’s First Year
SAT | 1 p.m. | Ages 5 – 9 | Lower Level
Jan. 15 | Feb. 19
WED | 4:30 p.m. | Ages 5 – 9 | Lower Level
Jan. 19 | Feb. 16

Smart Starts Play Stations
Hands-on stations encourage interactive learning, discovery and early literacy skills. Drop in anytime during the session.
WED | 9 - 11 a.m. | Ages 1 – 4 | Lower Level
Jan. 19 | Feb. 16

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Tell us what you like to read, and we’ll select a customized stack of books for you!
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Eat pizza, meet other readers, and talk books. Fifteen free copies of the next book are given away at each meeting. Virtual option available. Visit bit.ly/OPLteens to receive the Zoom meeting link and password.

Patron Saints of Nothing by Randy Ribay
Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky by Kwame Mbalia
FRI | 4:30 p.m. | Grades 6-12 | Zoom & Lower Level Meeting Room
Jan. 7 | Feb. 4

Mango is more than just a tasty fruit! Mango Languages is an award-winning app that can help you learn real conversation skills in more than 70 languages. It’s so easy to use and free with your library card. Get started at bit.ly/OPL_Mango

YA Shelf Selected
Summaries, reviews and suggestions for readers of Young Adult books! If you’re looking for your next book, watch on Facebook or Instagram and find out what our librarians are sharing each week.
WED | 6:30 p.m. | Facebook & Instagram Live
Jan. 26 | Feb. 23

Library Closed
Happy New Year!
Sat., Jan. 1

Not Your Classic Book Club
Let’s talk about books: books you’ve liked, loved, or even hated. It’s a book club that always has an interesting book because you’re the one who picked it out! Join Readers’ Advisory Librarian Nancy Bell to talk (or listen) about books you’ve read or are currently reading and share recommendations with our community.
THURS | 6 p.m. | Conference Room
Jan. 20 | Feb. 17

Genealogy & Local History Acquisitions 2021
Local History Librarian Michael McArthur reviews the newest genealogical and local history resources and acquisitions the Oshkosh Public Library has to offer from the past year. This program is presented in partnership with the Winnebagoland Genealogical Society.
Thurs., Feb. 10 | 6 p.m. | Adults | Lower Level