

JOIN THE OSHKOSH PUBLIC LIBRARY SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

JUNE 1 - AUGUST 12, 2023

Dive in! Let's read.

Dive into reading and join one of the greatest traditions of summer!

Our Summer Reading Challenge is an easy way to track your reading minutes and reach your personal goals.



Kids and teens can stretch their mental muscles during the summer months. And adults can finally find time to escape into the stack of books they've been meaning to read. Earn prizes as you make progress.

Track online using the Beanstack App or pick up a printed tracker at the library beginning June 1. For details, visit oshkoshpubliclibrary.org.

Don't miss your chance to make a splash this summer!

Kids ages 3 – 17 receive a free day pass to Pollock Community Waterpark when they register.

While supplies last.



Summer Events

June, July, August 2023

Explore, Learn & Create

Green Lake Festival of Music at the Library

THE V3NTO BRASS TRIO

FRI | June 9 | 1 p.m. | Under the Dome

The V3NTO trio's music has kicked brass in front of audiences since 2010. They've brought obscure works to life, commissioned new pieces, and maintained a packed outreach schedule. Hear them push the limits of this unique repertoire.

KAYDENN STRING QUARTET

SAT | June 10 | 3 p.m. | Under the Dome

With their innovative approach, these musicians breathe life into classic works and new pieces. Experience powerful and emotional music in an historic setting.

LEGO Derby sponsored by Oshkosh Corporation

SAT | June 10 | 9 a.m. | Ages 5 – 17 | Oshkosh Corporation Global Headquarters | 1917 Four Wheel Drive

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

Design your own LEGO Derby car with expert guidance from Oshkosh Corporation engineers, and you might win a special 3D printed medal. It's sure to be an exciting race to victory!

Jazz Hip Hop

FRI | June 23 – July 14 | 10 a.m. | Ages 9 - 12 | Under the Dome

FRI | June 23 – July 14 | 10:30 a.m. | Ages 5 - 8 | Under the Dome

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

Let's dance! Led by an experienced high school student from Richard's School of the Dance, you will learn a new routine at each 30-minute session. Be sure to wear tennis shoes and comfortable clothing.

Introduction to Engineering, Electronics and Coding using Arduino

Registration is required, and space is limited to 20 participants per session. Questions? Call (920) 236-5208. Registration: bit.ly/gearboxlabs_register. Free S.T.E.A.M. Starter Kit information: bit.ly/gearbox_bundle

Unlock the potential of Arduino, a tool used to bring electronic projects to life. We have two workshops available: one for educators and another for students. Each session offers hands-on learning experiences that will help you complete five different projects related to engineering, electronics and coding. You'll also receive a S.T.E.A.M. Starter Kit and project book.

Free snacks and a meal are provided to keep you energized throughout the day. Special menu options available.

STUDENT WORKSHOP

WED | June 28 | 11:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. | Grades 5 – 12 | Lower Level

EDUCATOR WORKSHOP

Teachers, librarians, teacher aides, homeschool leaders.

THURS | June 29 | 8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. | Lower Level

Presented by Gearbox Labs

ChickQuest

FRI | July 14 - 28 | 2 p.m. | Grades 2 - 8 | Lower Level

Receive a free T-shirt when you register at bit.ly/chick_quest

Budding scientists and animal lovers are in for an egg-citing experience as they study the life cycle of chickens through hands-on experiments and activities, including the chance to see incubating eggs hatch.

This egg-ceptional program is made possible through a partnership with Winnebago County 4-H.

Exotic and Native Live Animals

TUES | July 18 | 10 a.m. | Kids & families | Lower Level

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

Experience the thrill of the animal kingdom with Nature's Niche – Exotic and Native Animal Rescue. Learn about habitats and animal behaviors from founder Dennis "Dino" Tlachac and his team of "creature teachers" during our interactive event.

Harry Potter Movie at the Time Theater

SUN | July 30 | 2 p.m. | Muggles & wizards | Time Community Theater

Celebrate Harry Potter and Neville Longbottom's birthdays with a free screening of *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* at Time Community Theater.

Enter our drawing to win a Harry Potter prize by visiting the library in July (one entry per day; winner must be present at the end of the movie to receive their prize). Pack your wands for a magical afternoon at the movies.

Book Bundles

Are you squeezed for time? Book Bundles are made for the busy reader who wants to keep their book pile stocked with great reads without breaking the bank.

Tell us your reading preferences, and our staff will hand-select up to ten books personalized for you. No need to make an appointment for pickup - we'll notify you when your books are ready. Questions? Call (920) 236-5205.

- Adults: bit.ly/adults_bookbundle
- Teens/YA enthusiasts: bit.ly/YA_bookbundle
- Children: bit.ly/kids_bookbundle

Children & Families

LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids

Lower Level

MON–THUR | June 1– Aug. 31 | 3 – 7 p.m.

FRI | June 2 – Aug. 25 | 3 - 5 p.m.

SAT | June 3 – Aug. 26 | 9 a.m. – noon

EARLY CHILDHOOD LITERACY

Family Storytime

MON | June 5 – Aug. 14 | 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 | June 7 - Aug. 16 | 9:30 & 10:15 a.m.

Infants and Toddlers | Lower Level

THUR | June 8 - Aug. 17 | 9:30 & 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's why we've 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 four weekly sessions.

Smart Starts Play Stations

TUES | 9 – 11 a.m. | Ages 1 - 4 | Lower Level | June 13 | July 11 | Aug. 8

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

Our monthly take home packets include literacy activities and a process art project that fosters your child's imagination and self-expression through a child-led approach. Available in the Children's Department while supplies last.

- June: Rainbow Colors
- July: Watermelon
- August: Sea & Beach

Elementary Age

Elementary Book Club

FRI | 4:30 p.m. | Ages 5 - 8 | Lower Level | June 9 | July 14 | Aug. 11
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.

- Community
- Under the Sea
- Outer Space

Wonderlab

THUR | Ages 5 – 8 | 6:30 p.m. | Lower Level

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

Examine basic S.T.E.A.M. principles through exploration and experimentation. Build your child's confidence in their science, technology, engineering, art, and math skills.

EDIBLE SCIENCE

- Shake 'n' Make Butter | June 8
- Ice Cream in a Bag | June 22

3D PRINTING SPONSORED BY OSHKOSH CORPORATION (ATTEND BOTH SESSIONS)

- Session 1 | July 13
- Session 2 | July 27 | Under the Dome*

TEXTURE SCIENCE

- Oobleck | Aug. 10
- Quicksand | Aug. 24

S.T.E.A.M. Take & Make Kits

Ages 5-12

Conquer boredom at home with our monthly activity kits. Each kit includes instructions and supplies to complete the activity. Available in the Children's Department while supplies last.

- June: CD Hovercraft
- July: Icy Orbs
- August: Borax Crystal Ornaments

Superhero Books & Friends

WED | July 19 | 2 – 4 p.m. | Ages 5 - 12 | Under the Dome

If superhero stories are a hot topic in your house, and you'd like some suggestions for what to read next, our librarians are here to save the day. We will be looking at our favorite books about young heroes and their sidekicks, and we hope you can join us for discussion, laughter and literacy tips.

STAY AND PLAY SATURDAYS

SAT | June 3 – Aug. 12 | 10 a.m. – noon | Lower Level

Kids and their grown-ups enjoy self-led activities, games, and projects together that are designed to spark children's imaginations. Browse our Book Nook for themed reading suggestions too.

June 3: Elephant & Piggie Party

June 10: CD Case Creations

June 17: Indoor Bookwalk: Over and Under the Pond by Kate Messner

June 24: Say Hello to Summer

July 1: DIY Windsocks

July 8: Giant Floor Crossword & Other Games

July 15: Dr. Seuss Shenanigans

July 22: Obstacle Course Medley

July 29: Modge Podge Magnets & Story Stones

Aug 5: DIY Music Makers

Aug 12: Love Bugs & Birds Crafts

Tweens

Tween Book Club

FRI | 4:30 p.m. | Ages 9 - 11 | Under the Dome | June 2 | July 7 | Aug. 4

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!

- *The BFG* by Roald Dahl
- *The Cardboard Kingdom* by Chad Sell
- *The Beatryce Prophecy* by Kate DiCamillo

Tween S.T.E.A.M.

FRI | Ages 9 - 12 | Tween S.T.E.A.M. | Lower Level

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.

THE SCIENCE OF HEAT

- Invisible Ink | June 9 | 10:30 a.m.
- DIY Solar Oven | June 23 | 4:30 p.m.

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- Session 2 | July 28 | 4:30 p.m.

EDIBLE SCIENCE

- Candy Structures | Aug. 11 | 10:30 a.m.
- Edible DNA Model | Aug. 25 | 4:30 p.m.

Teens

Animanga Club

MON | June 5 - July 31 | 3 p.m. | Grades 6 - 12 | Lower Level

Whether you're new to anime and manga or a devoted fan, join us on Monday afternoons in June and July (except for July 3) to watch your favorite anime, browse manga, eat tasty snacks, and hang out.

Teen Book Club

FRI | Grades 6 - 8 | Lower Level

June 2 · 4:30 p.m. | July 7 · 1 p.m. | Aug. 4 · 1 p.m. Register at bit.ly/OPLteens

Eat pizza, meet other readers and talk books. In July and August we'll watch movies inspired by the books we're reading. Twenty free copies of the next book are given away at each meeting.

- *The Strangers* by Margaret Peterson Haddix
- *The Knife of Never Letting Go* by Patrick Ness | Chaos Walking (PG-13)
- *Five Feet Apart* by Rachael Lippincott | Five Feet Apart (PG-13)

Young Adult Book Club

Register at bit.ly/youngadultbookclub

FRI | Grades 9 - 12 | Lower Level

June 2 · 4:30 p.m. | July 7 · 1 p.m. | Aug. 4 · 1 p.m.

Eat pizza, meet other readers and talk books. In July and August we'll watch movies inspired by the books we're reading. Twenty free copies of the next book are given away at each meeting.

- *The Strangers* by Margaret Peterson Haddix
- *The Knife of Never Letting Go* by Patrick Ness | Chaos Walking (PG-13)
- *Five Feet Apart* by Rachael Lippincott | Five Feet Apart (PG-13)

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.

- June: Honeybee Hydrator
- July: Watermelon Coasters
- August: Faux Stained Glass

Teen Lit Loot Box

Sign up for free at bit.ly/OshkoshLitLoot

Each month, we'll curate a selection of up to five library books tailored to your interests, along with treats and goodies. Let us know your reading preferences, and your personalized box will be ready for pickup by the 15th of each month. Keep the treats and goodies to enjoy while you read.

DISPLAYS

Women in Aviation Book Collection

July | Second Floor

Get ready for EAA's AirVenture 2023 by exploring the history of women in aviation. For more than two decades, Sandra Perlman has been collecting novels and short stories featuring heroes who soar through the skies. The oldest work was published only eight years after the Wright Brothers' first flight.

Archive Dives

August | Second Floor

Librarian Michael McArthur reveals the secrets of the library's local history and genealogy collections in this fascinating exhibit. Delve into unique collections that are often overlooked, including those tucked away on hidden shelves and in dark corners. Discover a wealth of knowledge that's been right in front of you all along.

CRAFTS

Adult DIY

TUES | 6 p.m. | Lower Level | June 13 | July 11 | Aug. 8

Call (920) 236-5205 to register for the in-person session.

The relaxed pace of summer makes it a perfect time to try out creative activities like Adult DIY, which can lower stress levels, enhance focus, and promote feelings of accomplishment.

If you prefer to craft at home, free kits are available at the Second Floor Service Desk. A library card is not needed for either option. Available while supplies last.

- Stamped Tote Bag
- Suncatcher
- Handmade Notepad

Crafternoon

TUES | 2 - 4 p.m. | Lower Level | June 27 | July 25 | Aug. 29

Craft to your heart's content and leave the cleanup to us. We have the art supplies; you bring the creativity.

BOOKS AND READING

Not Your Classic Book Club

THURS | 6 p.m. | Lower Level | June 15 | July 20 | Aug. 17

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 appreciation of good stories.

Book Buzz

MON | 8 a.m. | YouTube | June 5 | July 3 | Aug. 7

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.

- *Someone Else's Shoes* by Jojo Moyes
- *The Guest* by Emma Cline
- *Family Lore* by Elizabeth Acevedo

Banned Book Club at Planet Perk

TUES | 5 p.m. | Planet Perk | June 13 | July 18 | Aug. 15

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.

- *Two Boys Kissing* by David Levithan
- *Whale Talk* by Chris Crutcher
- *Fun Home* by Alison Bechdel

HISTORY

Librarian Learns

FRI | 9 a.m. | YouTube | July 21 | Aug. 18

Perfect for local history fans, this show features in-depth research and a unique perspective on Oshkosh's fascinating history.

- Twentieth Century Club
- Oshkosh Recreation Department & Gymnasium

Blazing the Yellowstone Trail

TUES | Aug. 1 | 6 p.m. | Lower Level

In 1912, a group of small-town businessmen in South Dakota were challenged to create a useful driving route across America. At a time when roads were poorly marked and maps were scarce, they persevered, and paved the way for the future of travel. Discover the historical significance, tourism potential and sheer fun of this old auto route.

Sponsored by The Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society

Library Closed

Tuesday, July 4 Independence Day

SERVICES

Winnebago Free Legal Assistance Clinic

TUES | 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. | Lower Level | June 20 | July 18 | Aug. 15

The Winnebago Free Legal Assistance Clinic is a non-profit organization made up of a group of lawyers and legal assistants who volunteer to help with various legal matters. Clinics operate on a first-come, first-served basis. 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 legal procedures
- Guidance to additional resources

Please bring any paperwork that is relevant to your case so volunteers can better assist you. If you have questions or are interested in volunteering, please contact:

- Winnebagolegalclinic@gmail.com
- (920) 312-7760 (voicemail only)

Job Search Assistance

WED | June 7 – Aug. 30 | 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.

Memory Café

WED | 1:30 - 3 p.m. | Lower Level | June 14 | July 12 | Aug. 9

Memory Café is a safe and welcoming space for people experiencing memory loss and their caregivers. You'll be in a supportive environment where you can socialize with people who can relate.

- **Birds of Wisconsin**
Sounds, colors, behaviors and what food to use in your feeders.
- **Show and Tell with Antiques Dealer Joyce Anderson**
Bring an antique item to share and Joyce may be able to add informative details. She'll also bring items of her own. Relive treasured memories from the past with friends.
- **Moving with Fusion**
Stephanie Pereira da Silva will introduce us to safe exercises for movement and flexibility.

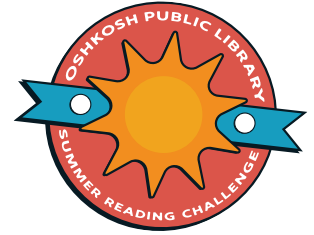
Mark Gruenwald Comic Book Creation Challenge

Deadline: Aug. 31 at 6 p.m.

Visit gbcchallenge.com for details.

Inspired by the legendary comic book creator, this contest is open to all ages. Winners receive prize packages, and their comic will be included in a special booklet. Show off your storytelling skills and be part of something super cool.

Tap into your inner superhero with these marvel-ous comic book workshops.



Storytelling & Sequencing

THURS | June 8 | 10 a.m. – noon | All ages | Under the Dome

Join Nik Shier (writer, poet, and owner of heartbrain.org) to learn how to craft a story that will keep your readers on the edge of their seats. Grab some insider tips on creating a tale that's jam-packed with action and adventure. Don't miss it, true believers!

Comic Panel Drawing

TUES | June 20 | 2 – 4 p.m. | All ages | Under the Dome

Are you ready to level up your artistic skills and create dynamic, eye-catching panels that will have your readers begging for more? Sketchy Jessi will provide examples from her own work to help you polish your skills and find your own unique style.

Character Drawing

FRI | July 7 | 2 – 4 p.m. | All ages | Under the Dome

Sketchy Jessi returns to teach you how to draw epic heroes, terrifying creatures, and dastardly villains. Grab your pens, pencils, and paper, and bring your stories to life with expert guidance.

Zine-Making

TUES | July 18 | 2 - 4 p.m. | Adults | Under the Dome

Maxwell James, a master of zine-making and cartoon/character drawing, will share his expertise as he guides you through his creative process. Learn from one of the best in the business.

Comic Creation Round Table Discussion

MON | Aug. 7 | 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. | Ages 18 and older | Under the Dome

Aspiring comic book creators won't want to miss our round table discussion with previous participants. Hear from the pros as they share their past work and answer your burning questions.

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Mon. - Thurs. 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. Friday 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sunday Closed | (920) 236-5205