

Oshkosh Public Library Highlights April 2013

1. Storyteller Brian "Fox" Ellis, portrayed John James Audubon in a program at the library on March 5 about the life one of America's greatest naturalists and wildlife artists. Presented in partnership with the Winnebago Audubon Society, 65 people attended the event.
2. OPL partnered with the Growing Seeds of Change Community Garden to offer a program on March 23 on indoor seed starting, which 42 people attended. Presenters will do a followup program on May 18 on vegetable gardening.
3. Local pastor, humorist and author Tom Willadsen presented a program March 25 on faith and laughter, with 43 people attending. The program was based on Tom's book, *OMG! Faith and Laughter*.
4. The library participated in the State of the City event at the Oshkosh Convention Center on March 25, with a display about the library's services, resources and programming.
5. OPL set up a display highlighting our services for children and families at the Oshkosh Area School District's Child Development Days in March. Storytimes, our new High Hopes early literacy program, OPL's children's book collection and pre-literacy services were featured for the families of the 206 children who were screened during the event.
6. Oshkosh author Abby Frucht shared her latest collection of short stories and discussed her writing experiences for an audience of 28 at the library on April 9.
7. The popularity of local history programs continues, with local author Randy Domer drawing a crowd of 85 people to the library to hear about his book, *Yesterday in Oshkosh, My Hometown*, on April 11. The program was co-sponsored by the Winnebago Land Genealogical Society.
8. The annual Artfest exhibit is currently on display in the library's lower level, featuring student art from Oshkosh Area School District elementary schools. A reception was held on April 13, with 400 people attending.
9. A display of "not quite new" fiction has been set up on 2nd floor to highlight recent bestsellers that readers might have missed when they were featured as new books on 1st floor. The books are expected to circulate more than they would if they were moved directly from the 1st floor to the general fiction stacks on 2nd floor.
10. The Teen Book Club connected with author Marissa Meyer via Skype at their April meeting. Having just read Meyer's book, *Cinder*, the teens enjoyed a 20-minute conversation with the author, asking questions about her work and creative writing issues. With a background in fan fiction, Meyer offered the teen group (many of whom write fan fiction), plenty of advice and encouragement in their writing.