

Oshkosh Public Library Highlights February 2013

1. RASD held an instructional session in OPL's Technology Learning Lab for 12 students in a college-level English class from Lourdes Academy. Students learned about several of the library's online resources in preparation for future assignments. The session focused on EbscoHost (magazine articles), the Literary Reference Center, our digital local history collections and newspaper archives.
2. Staff, Friends and library users showed up in force to Dine Out for the Oshkosh Public Library on Feb. 5 at Benvenuto's Italian Grill in Oshkosh. The restaurant said it was one of their most successful "Dine In" events, generating \$1,777 in sales. The restaurant even decided to round their donation up from \$266 (the standard 15 percent of sales) to \$300 because of the great turnout. Many thanks to Benvenuto's and to those who dined on our behalf.
3. OPL held our annual Staff Development Day on Feb. 15. Highlights included a presentation on the Day by Day warming shelter, an update by RASD on the power of today's research tools and a session on proper use of an Automatic Electronic Defibrillator by the Oshkosh Fire Department. Jeff also discussed the library's strategic plan and handed out awards for years of service.
4. The popularity of the library's display of Pulitzer Prize-winning and -nominated books on 2nd floor has prompted RASD to add books that have won other literary awards, such as the National Book Award, Pen/Faulkner Award and James Beard Award. Highlighting these books has prompted readers who might not have searched them out elsewhere in the collection to check them out.
5. RASD has added a chat service that allows customers to ask questions via OPL's web site. The service replaces the AskAway e-mail and chat service, which was discontinued because of reductions in state and federal funding. The service also fulfills one of the library's strategic plan goals.