

March, April, May 2022

## Hip Pop Hooray for Reading Giveaway!

The Wild Winter Read Off ended on Feb. 26 and warmer days are right around the corner! To celebrate our community of readers, the library is giving away 500 Hip Pop Hooray bags filled with a bag of popcorn from OshPop Gourmet Popcorn and a coupon for a free cookie from Caramel Crisp Corner. New Moon Café will be at the library serving free hot chocolate and coffee so you can raise a toast to winter reading. While supplies last.

Special thanks to our participating sponsors.  
SAT | March 5 | First Floor | Starting at 9 a.m.

## Children & Families

All children's programs require preregistration.

Call 920-236-5208 or visit the Children's Department Service Desk to register.

### Family Storytime

Enjoy stories, rhymes, activities and other literacy-building adventures with your children.

MON | March 7 – May 16 | 9:30 a.m. | Preschoolers | Lower Level

### High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime

*Smart Starts Play Stations take the place of High Hopes on March 16, April 20 and May 18*

Enjoy songs, stories, movement, and fingerplays while learning how to teach your child the skills they will need to become readers.

WED | March 2 – May 25 | 9:30 & 10:15 a.m.  
Infants and toddlers | Lower Level

### 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  
March 16 | April 20 | May 18

### Stories by Starlight

Meet under the tree in Explorer's Grove for an evening storytime. Gentle activities add to the magical atmosphere.

TUES | March 1 – May 17 | 6:15 p.m. | Ages 8 and younger

### Shelf Selected Kids Edition

Book recommendations for tots to tweens! Tune in to Facebook or Instagram and discover what our librarians are sharing each month.

MON | 6:30 p.m. | Facebook & Instagram Live  
March 7 | April 4 | May 2

 Like us on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube.

## Library Closed

Sun., April 17  
Sat., May 28

Easter  
Summer Schedule begins.  
Library closes at 1 p.m.

Sun., May 29  
Mon., May 30

Library closed (summer hours)  
Memorial Day

### 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 appointment today.

MON | March 7 – April 25 | 4 – 5 p.m. | Ages 5 – 12 | Lower Level

### Wonderlab

*Participate in person or reserve a take-home kit. Kits include instructions. Call 920-236-5208 or stop by the Children's Service Desk to reserve and pick up.*

Explore and experiment using the principles of S.T.E.A.M. (science, technology, engineering, art, and math)!

- Colorful Bubble Prints: Surface Tension
- Nature Weaving

THUR | 4:30 p.m. | Ages 5 – 9 | Lower Level  
March 17 | April 14

### 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.

- *The Total Eclipse of Nestor Lopez* by Adrianna Cuevas
- *Last Gamer Standing* by Katie Zhao
- *Show Me a Sign* by Ann Clare LeZotte

FRI | 4:30 p.m. | Ages 9-11 | Under the Dome or Zoom  
March 4 | April 1 | May 6

### D.I.Y. Recycled Seed Paper

Investigate the importance of insect pollinators by making your own recycled paper with embedded seeds. Take your seed paper home to plant in honor of Earth Day on April 22. Sponsored by the Northeast Wisconsin Local Section of the American Chemical Society.

SAT | April 23 | 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. | Ages 3 and older | Lower Level

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# SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

2022

All ages | June 1 – Aug. 13

Keep your reading skills sharp this summer with the library's Summer Reading Challenge. Register at [oshkoshpubliclibrary.beanstack.org](http://oshkoshpubliclibrary.beanstack.org) or pick up a paper tracker at one of the library's service desks.

Details and prizes will be posted at [oshkoshpubliclibrary.org](http://oshkoshpubliclibrary.org). If you need help or would like to register a group at your school or organization, call 920-236-5205 (Info Services) or 920-236-5208 (Children's Department) and we can help!

## Create & Explore

### LEGOmania Design Contest

Registration is not required to view entries or to attend the in-person announcement of winners.

Craft your original ideas into LEGO creations. This year, participants ages 3 - 17 may enter submissions either in-person or virtually. Top two places in five age categories receive awards.

Oshkosh Corporation is sponsoring a "Vehicles of the Future" category and House of Heroes is sponsoring a "Superhero Hideouts and Supervillain Lairs" category. Rules and submission forms are at [oshkoshpubliclibrary.org/legomania-registration](http://oshkoshpubliclibrary.org/legomania-registration).

**Virtual entries due:** WED | March 23 | 7 p.m.

**In-person entries due:** THURS | March 24 | 8 a.m. – 7 p.m. | Lower Level

**View entries:** FRI | March 25 | 10 a.m. - noon | Under the Dome

**Winners announced:** FRI | March 25 | noon | Under the Dome

Winners will be posted on Facebook and at [oshkoshpubliclibrary.org](http://oshkoshpubliclibrary.org)

### Helen Farnsworth Mears 7th and 8th Grade Art Exhibit

*150th anniversary of Helen Farnsworth Mears' birthday*

Enjoy the winning entries in the annual Helen Farnsworth Mears (1872-1916) Art Contest sponsored by the General Federation of Women's Clubs – Oshkosh Women's Arts Club. The juried contest was established in 1927 to honor the Oshkosh-born sculptor, encourage artistic talent, and recognize student artists.

March 2 – 30 | Lower Level

### Display your poem on the "Poet-Tree"

April is National Poetry Month! Whether reading or writing it, poetry is a great way to learn language, empathy, gratitude, and resilience. Kids of all ages are invited to write or attach their original poems on a paper leaf from the Children's Service Desk and add it to the library's "Poet-Tree." Help us grow our tree with your creative and inspiring thoughts.

April 1 – 30 | Lower Level

### Collection Cabinet

Show off your unique collection at the library. Items will be securely displayed for one month following approval and scheduling. Collections are things that kids have purposefully sought, saved, and worked on over time. If you are interested, please call the Children's Department at 920-236-5208.

### High Flyers

Talk, sing, read, write and play every day with this at-home, early literacy packet. These activities help lay the groundwork that prepares your child to read and learn in school. Kits include tips, examples and activities for infants, toddlers and preschoolers. Receive incentives when you log activities on the included tracking sheets. Participants may also pick up a seasonal literacy kit with inspiring activities.

**THE MARK GRUENWALD**  
**COMIC BOOK CREATION**  
**CHALLENGE**

**Mark Gruenwald Comic Book Creation Challenge**  
 All ages  
 Hey superheroes! Prepare for launch on Sat., May 7. Follow the MGCBC Facebook page to catch all the important dates.

**Teens** Grades 6 - 12

**Teen Book Club**

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](http://bit.ly/OPLteens) to receive the Zoom meeting link and password.

- Burn* by Patrick Ness
- Pet* by Akwaeke Emezi
- Reality Boy* by A. S. King

FRI | 4:30 p.m. | Grades 6-12 | Zoom & Lower Level  
 March 4 | April 1 | May 6

**A Better World Through Poetry Workshop**

In celebration of National Poetry Month in April, Oshkosh Poet Laureate Tom Cannon will lead an interactive poetry workshop for kids in grades 6-9.

Explore how poetry can help you work through feelings and problems. Going beyond the first draft turns your words into a powerful tool to improve the world around you.

All teens are encouraged to share their original work by submitting a Word document as an attachment to [mmueller@oshkoshpubliclibrary.org](mailto:mmueller@oshkoshpubliclibrary.org). Paper submissions are also welcomed at any of the library's service desks. Poems will be on display through May 15 in the teen and children's areas of the library.

Workshop space is limited. Call 920-236-5208 or stop by the Children's Department Service Desk to reserve your seat.

SAT | April 2 | 1-2:30 p.m. | Grades 6-9 | Lower Level

**Adults**

**Oshkosh Corporation historical collection on display**

Visit the library any time to view some of the most impressive and unique items from Timothy Wright's extensive Oshkosh Corporation memorabilia collection. Wright has been gathering items related to the company for decades. Experience the history of one of Oshkosh's most iconic brands through these fascinating historical objects.

March—May | Second Floor

**Mindworks**

Mindworks is a facilitated program designed for people with early symptoms of memory loss. The curriculum promotes overall health and wellness, brain health and social connections through classroom activities, community engagement, service projects, and physical activity. Contact Courtney at 920-225-1724 or [courtney@foxvalleymemoryproject.org](mailto:courtney@foxvalleymemoryproject.org) for more information.

THURS | Feb. 17 – May 26 | 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. | Lower Level

**Looking for a new job?**

If you're unemployed or searching for a better opportunity, these workshops can help you land your next job. Each session starts with a one-hour presentation followed by two hours of one-on-one assistance. Call (920) 236-5205 or email [reference@oshkoshpubliclibrary.org](mailto:reference@oshkoshpubliclibrary.org) to reserve an appointment.

Walk-Ins accepted the first three Wednesdays of the month if space is available. No appointment needed for Job Search sessions.

Presented in partnership with the Fox Valley Job Center and Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development.

WED | March 2 – May 25 | 1 - 4 p.m. | Conference Room

<b>Resume Workshop</b> March 2   April 6   May 4	<b>Career Counseling</b> March 16   April 20   May 18
<b>Job Interviewing Workshop</b> March 9   April 13   May 11	<b>What's My Next Step?</b> March 23   April 27   May 25

## Book Buzz

Start your week with Librarian Nancy talking about one popular book chosen from the lists of best sellers, review sites, or social media. She'll break the book down into smaller parts and suggest three read-alikes.

MON | 8 a.m. | YouTube

March 7 | April 4 | May 2

## Adult DIY

Free Take and Make kits available to online participants only. Call 920-236-5205 or visit the Second Floor Service Desk to reserve and pick up. How-to video posted on YouTube.

Craft with us at the library! Call 920-236-5205 to reserve your seat and supplies for the in-person, instructor-led workshops. Only 12 participants allowed at this time due to limited space and materials.

- Folded Book Art
- Blackout Poetry Postcards
- Honeybee Hydrator

TUES | 6 p.m. | YouTube or Lower Level

March 8 | April 12 | May 10

## Memory Café

Memory Cafe is for people who are experiencing memory loss and their caregivers. Relax and socialize in a comfortable environment at the library.

- Laughter and Lyrics
- For the Love of Poetry
- Flowers, Flowers, Flowers

WED | 1:30 – 3 p.m. | Lower Level

March 9 | April 13 | May 11

## 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 to discuss books you've read or are currently reading, and share recommendations.

THURS | 6 – 7 p.m. | Lower Level

March 17 | April 21 | May 19

## Crafternoon

Drop in for a fun-filled afternoon of crafting. Art supplies will be available – bring your ideas!

SUN & MON | March 20 & 21 | 1 - 3 p.m. | All ages | Lower Level

## April Poetry Walk

Enjoy a self-guided, poetry themed stroll around Downtown Oshkosh during National Poetry Month. Local writers will have a selection of their original poetry on display in storefront windows.

April 1 – 30 | Downtown Oshkosh

## Genealogy Lock-In

Attend this after-hours research event and get one-on-one help from a Winnebagoland Genealogical Society member or local librarian. This year we're including anyone with a local history question. Wondering about the history of your house? A local business? Why that statue is there? Join us and satisfy your curiosity!

\*Participants will have access to Ancestry.com, as well as newspapers online and on microfilm.

FRI | April 1 | 6:15 – 8 p.m. | Under the Dome

## Librarian Learns

The history show for local history buffs! Librarian Michael researches and produces this offbeat YouTube series focused on Oshkosh's past.

- Wisconsin National Life Insurance Building
- What's the deal with KFC?

FRI | 9 a.m. | YouTube

April 15 | May 20

## OAMTA Presents: Spring Recital

Oshkosh Area Music Teachers Association piano students perform music related to love.

TUES | April 26 | 6:30 p.m. | Lower Level

# Summer Schedule

## Starting Tues., May 31

Mon. - Thurs.	8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Fri.	8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sat.	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Sun.	Closed

# April Poetry Walk 2022

*Call for poetry submissions*

Oshkosh Public Library, in partnership with the Downtown Business Improvement District, is calling for submissions for its April Poetry Walk. A curated selection of original poetry from local writers will be displayed in storefront windows along Main Street and the surrounding area. All ages are encouraged to apply.

How it works:

- Submissions will be accepted from Mon., Feb. 14 through Mon., Feb. 28.
- Submit up to four poems for consideration.
- Contest submission form is at [bit.ly/oshkoshpoetrywalk](http://bit.ly/oshkoshpoetrywalk)
- Paper submissions can be turned in at any of the library's service desks or mailed to:  
**Oshkosh Public Library**  
**106 Washington Ave.**  
**Oshkosh, WI 54901**  
**ATTN: Sandy T.**
- If submitting on paper, be sure to attach the following information:
  - o First and last name
  - o Email and/or phone number
  - o Address
- Submissions will be anonymous to judges.
- Poems can be about any topic but must be the original work of the entrant.
- No vulgar, abusive, violent, or explicit language accepted.

Entrants whose poems are selected for the April Poetry Walk will be notified by email or phone before Mon., March 14. Please do not call the library to check on the status of your entry.

Questions? Call 920-236-5206 or email [toland@oshkoshpubliclibrary.org](mailto:toland@oshkoshpubliclibrary.org).



# RETURN OF THE JEDI

**FOR ALL AGES. SAT., MAY 7  
2 P.M. & 7 P.M.**

**Join the library at the  
Time Community Theater for a  
screening of *Return of the Jedi* (PG).**

**Cosplay strongly encouraged!**

- **Register for the Mark Gruenwald Comic Book Creation Contest.**
- **Get a library card or renew your card.**
- **Enter to win free Star Wars books from the library.**

**Time Community Theater  
445 N. Main Street  
(920) 385-3121**

**[oshkoshpubliclibrary.org](http://oshkoshpubliclibrary.org)**

**Movie licensing fee partially sponsored by Oshkosh Public Library.**



Write Now! is a series of free, fun writing sessions designed to jump start your creative engine. No experience is necessary; all ages are welcome. Please bring writing supplies/devices.

## Conquer Writer's Block

Many authors struggle with writer's block. This session highlights some core issues (character, plot, life issues) that can cause writing blockages; empowers writers to embrace a messy first draft; and includes practical writing exercises to get those creative juices flowing. Led by prolific fiction author and Oshkosh Area Writers Club member Bailey Hanson

MON | March 14 | 6 p.m. | Lower Level

## Novel Planning: The Snowflake Method

Writing a good novel starts with a solid plot. Wisconsin author David Michael Williams demonstrates how to use the Snowflake Method to plan your novel. Receive step-by-step, intentional procedures to make your book the best it can be!

TUES | March 22 | 6 p.m. | Lower Level

## Poetry and Life

Explore the many benefits of incorporating poetry into your life. Through hands-on activities, participants will learn how to write poetry that can improve their lives and mental well-being. Led by Oshkosh Poet Laureate Tom Cannon.

SAT | March 26 | 10 a.m. | Lower Level

## After Hours Open Mic

It's your turn to take the stage! At After Hours Open Mic, you'll have five minutes to read your work in front of an audience. Join other writers for a fun night of listening and sharing. Refreshments provided.

FRI | May 6 | 7 p.m. | Under the Dome (Enter through the Washington Avenue doors.)

## Lakefly Writers Conference

This two-day regional conference features more than a dozen workshops on the craft and business of writing designed to inspire and guide your creative journey. Registration required. For more information and to register, please visit [lakeflywriters.org](http://lakeflywriters.org).

FRI & SAT | May 6 & 7 | Oshkosh Convention Center

Write Now! and the Lakefly Writers Conference are sponsored by the Oshkosh Public Library in partnership with the Oshkosh Area Writers Club.