

Oshkosh Public Library Highlights April 2018

1. An event celebrating the popular children's book characters, Elephant and Piggie, drew quite a crowd on March 27. Nearly 200 people attended the event, enjoying crafts, games, books and other activities.
2. The library has some new options for community members who need assistance with technology. Tech Times is offered on the 2nd Monday of each month and is a small-group session focusing on a specific tech topic. The public can also Book a Librarian – reserving a 30-minute time slot with a librarian to get one-on-one assistance with any technology question.
3. Sixty children and teens entered the LEGOMania Design Contest in March, bringing in a slew of creative scenes, vehicles and structures that displayed a wealth of imagination and ingenuity. Prizes were given in five age categories and Judges' Choice.
4. If you want to match books with people who need them, the smart money is on OPL. The library recently received a large donation of new non-fiction books about mammals, trees, insect/spiders and reptiles/amphibians. Third grade classes in Oshkosh do a non-fiction reading unit each year. Sets of five books were packaged up in used magazine holders and delivered to all 36 third grade classrooms by six library volunteers.

A thank-you note sent in by one of the third grade teachers said, "The timing is perfect since third grade teachers are starting a nonfiction reading unit with their students. Having them delivered, packaged, and labeled so nicely made it super easy for me to get them in the hands of teachers and students. Knowing there are people willing to support our schools is so appreciated."

OPL also donated about 60 Spanish books that were no longer in use to the group Wisconsin/Nicaragua Partners of the Americas Inc. The books were taken by a local volunteer to Managua and from there, distributed to children who were very happy to receive them.

5. Art by elementary school students in the Oshkosh Area School District is now on display in the library's lower level for Artfest. A reception for the artists, their families and the community was held on April 8, with 170 people attending.
6. For the second year, OPL partnered with local businesses to offer deals and discounts to anyone who showed a library card when making their purchase. This year 80 businesses offered discounts - twice the number that participated in 2017. Additional businesses also underwrote prizes including an iPad, Kindle Fire HD, one-night downtown hotel stay, grocery store gift certificates and more. A total of 770 prize slips were returned by community members.