

Oshkosh Public Library Highlights April 2021

1. The library's LEGOMania Design Contest was held virtually again this year, with 75 entries submitted by individuals or groups ages 2-17. Participants submitted photos of their original creations, which displayed impressive creativity and imagination. The contest included two new categories this year: Vehicles of the Future and Superhero Hideouts and Supervillain Lairs. Thanks to Oshkosh Corporation and House of Heroes Comics and Games for providing judges and sponsoring prizes.
2. Magazines are now available on Wisconsin's Digital Library via Overdrive and the Libby app. Publications on food, health, home and garden, tech, gaming, news, sports and more are always available – including current and back issues. Hundreds of popular titles and niche publications cover just about any interest imaginable.
3. OPL's Information Services staff worked with Goodwill NCW recently, doing research for the agency's 50th anniversary celebration. The information assembled was included on the Goodwill website in highlights from 1971, when Goodwill was incorporated.
4. The library shared its bounty of donated books recently to help refresh the offerings in Little Free Libraries around Oshkosh. OPL recently started taking donations from the public again and the response has far exceeded what we need to stock our used bookstore. So Community Engagement Librarian Sandy Toland reached out to the network of LFLs and invited them to come and pick up a bag of books on Sat., April 24.
5. After 32 years at OPL, our own "Miss Cathy" Timar is retiring. Cathy touched thousands of children's lives with her expressive storytelling style and was instrumental in developing and maintaining our Roving Readers program. Whether reading a picture book, singing a song, or guiding little ones in making a craft, Miss Cathy made each storytime special. Her kindness, humor and enthusiasm for books and stories inspired a love of reading and learning in countless children throughout our community. We thank Miss Cathy for her years of service and wish her all the best in retirement.
6. The library was a stop on the tour when Local 5 Live celebrated Road Trip Week in early April. Reader's Advisory Librarian Nancy Bell shared examples of the books, movies, music and games the library offers to make any trip more enjoyable – while you're on the road and once you reach your destination.