

Oshkosh Public Library Highlights August 2018

1. Winnefox Library System has added Gale Courses to the online learning offerings available on member library web sites. Gale features more than 350 interactive, instructor-led courses on a wide variety of topics for professional and personal development. The six-week sessions are free with a library card. Popular topics include business and careers, health and wellness, money and investing, technology and hobbies. New sessions begin around the middle of each month.
2. The library sponsored the children's area at the fifth annual Downtown Oshkosh Chalk Walk on Aug. 4. Children made chalk drawings around Opera House Square while teen and adult artists competed for awards during the all-day community art event. OPL staff promoted family events and the Friends' Block Party and provided a Chalk Walk photo frame so visitors could snap pictures to commemorate the event. More than 700 people voted for their favorite art.
3. OPL partnered with the Oshkosh Civility Project to celebrate Civility Month in early August. A display in the front lobby featured posters of the individual civility tenets and visitors were encouraged to write examples of civil behavior on a Post-It note and attach it to the appropriate poster. OPL will also partner with the Civility Project and Citizens for a Strong Oshkosh to present *Considerations*, a monthly community discussion program starting in September. Scheduled discussions include Civic Obligations, The Great Lakes and Gratitude. The library will post related articles on our web site to help participants prepare for the discussions.
4. Several family programs drew large audiences during August. A Pete the Cat Rocks event brought in 160 people for literacy activities, songs and crafts featuring the popular children's book character on Aug. 6. Beloved children's entertainer Tom Pease drew 175 people for a library-sponsored concert in the gardens at the Paine Art Center on Aug. 14. And 76 people watched chemical reactions and built their own volcanoes at Volcanoes Rock programs on Aug. 7 & 15.
5. OPL is offering a new option for wireless printing in the library. Mobility Print is available to use with a wide variety of mobile and other devices and is expected to be a more reliable option for Wi-Fi printing.