

Oshkosh Public Library Highlights December 2023

1. On November 28, Oshkosh Area School District 4K families were invited to a special open house in the Children's Department to discover services and resources offered by the library. The kids were encouraged to vote for their favorite picture books; 4K staff offered free books and a pinwheel craft to teach kids how to calm themselves; and there was a sequencing activity designed for their morning routine. In all, 89 people attended and many of the kids got their first library cards!
2. Kids have had several opportunities during the past month to help create a cozy winter village in the library's lower level. A total of 57 kids created a piece to add to the village during Wonderlab, Tween STEAM and a visit from the Boys & Girls Club. The village is on display in the lower level throughout December.
3. Family, friends and library patrons enjoyed the annual concert by the Oshkosh Youth Choir under the Dome on Dec. 2. In a unique twist on their typical performance, the group presented a musical Christmas story, with "Grandma" narrating the tale, accompanied by the choir singing popular holiday melodies that filled the library with cheer.
4. The library continues to respond to community needs, participating in two recent collection drives to help area residents. OPL accepted donations of new warm socks for Socktober, a project of the Altrusa Club of Oshkosh. The library also collected food and hygiene items as part of drive coordinated by the City of Oshkosh.
5. OPL is once again partnering with River East Neighborhood Association to offer Movies with Friends on one Sunday each month through March 2024. All are welcome to the family-friendly movies that are sure to put a smile on your face.
6. The library's annual Great Reads video premiered on YouTube this month, with staff sharing their favorite books from 2023. Staff from across the organization participated in this much anticipated annual program, which gives readers a great start on building their 2024 TBR lists.