

Oshkosh Public Library Highlights December 2022

1. A talk by local author Randy Domer about his latest book drew 36 people to the library on Nov. 10 to hear engaging stories about Oshkosh history. Domer's book, *It Seems Like Only Yesterday*, reminisces about local places, people and events including Alexian Brothers Hospital, the Great Train Wreck of 1900 and more.
2. Librarians Nancy Bell, Justine Elliott, and Michael McArthur presented Great Reads of 2022 to Learning in Retirement at Evergreen on Nov. 30. The librarians highlighted a diverse mix of fiction and non-fiction books to 45 attendees and six others who joined the group online. The library has been providing this program to LIR for eight years and now also produces a video version that is available to view on OPL's YouTube channel.
3. The library hosted a "mini" job fair at the library on Nov. 15. Seven employers participated, including Amcor, Faith Technologies, 4Imprint, Walden LLC, the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, Block Iron and Supply Company and the Oshkosh Recreation Department. Employers and job seekers appreciated the opportunity to connect. It was also a great opportunity for staff to share information about the many services available to job seekers at OPL.
4. An exhibit of submissions from this year's F Stop: Joy Photo Contest was held at the library on Dec. 1, with 32 people attending. This visual expression of joy was uplifting and a wonderful display of creativity in our community. OPL recognizes the importance of offering opportunities for the public to create and share their talents widely and thanks community sponsors Camera Casino and Generac for their generous support.
5. On Dec. 2 the library welcomed a group of people with a refugee background who were learning to use the city's Go Transit public transportation service. World Relief Fox Valley organized the trip, during which the group received a tour of the library and learned about the many services available to them.
6. The library recently added two new online services: America's News from Newsbank and Pronunciator. America's News offers access to thousands of quality news sources, including sought after local and regional titles such as the *Oshkosh Examiner* and the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*. Pronunciator is a language learning tool that allows users to learn 163 languages. What sets it apart from other similar products is that instruction is available in 146 languages, rather than only in English.
7. The Butte des Morts Historical Preservation Society presented a program at the library on Dec. 8 chronicling the small town's pioneer beginnings and the people and events that shaped the community that continues to thrive today. Twenty-eight people attended the program.

8. Oshkosh Youth Choir returned to the library on Dec. 10 with its annual concert of seasonal music. More than 140 people attended the concert and library patrons enjoyed the music as it carried throughout the building.

9. The library is a great place to relax and get creative with craft programs throughout December. Feathers, beads, yarn, paper and more were transformed into five colorful options during DIY Decorations for kids on Dec. 7. And a full buffet of supplies was laid out for Crafternoon on Dec. 9, with crafters decorating mugs, designing colorful masks, painting pictures and making ornaments and wearable buttons. Additional sessions of DIY Decorations were held Dec. 16 and 17; Crafternoon returns on Dec. 27.