

Oshkosh Public Library Highlights February 2018

1. A painting that hangs in the library's third floor rotunda is included in Masters of the Valley, a new exhibit at the Paine Art Center & Gardens. The painting is featured prominently in the salon-style exhibit and has taken on a new luster in the museum's Main Gallery. The large landscape painting, *Forest View in the Himalayas Darjeeling*, was painted by Austrian artist Ludwig Hans Fischer and was a gift to the library in memory of Oshkosh banker and former Library Board President Thomas Daly. Several members of the library staff, as well as former and current board members, attended the exhibit opening.
2. A whimsical new event offered a different kind of gaming experience for 190 participants under the Dome on Feb. 10. Life-sized Candyland brought the popular children's game to life, sending families around the colorfully decorated game board (laid out on the Dome's marble floor) in a quest to find King Kandy. Players worked in teams, with the winners of each session receiving a free book and all participants earning treats for playing.
3. The latest session of our Get Hygge with It drop-in program featured a harpist, who played rock & roll and other familiar tunes in the first floor Reading Room. In addition to the usual Hygge fare – hot cocoa & tea; good books, treats and a relaxing atmosphere – the harpist entertained with tunes not typically heard on the harp (including the Star Wars theme) and talked with people about this instrument that people don't often have a chance to experience.
4. Library staff gathered for our annual Staff Development Day on Feb. 9, with the theme of the day being transformation. A dynamic panel of local leaders shared their experiences guiding major change in their organizations, what drove these changes and how to think differently about providing service that meets customer needs. Other sessions throughout the day addressed creating convenience, dynamic programming and updates on strategic plan projects. Staff was actively engaged in discussions and appeared ready to participate in moving the library forward as we reimagine our organization and its role in the community.
5. A total of 89 children participated in the Wild Winter Readoff during December and January. The BINGO-style reading program prompted kids to read different types of books (poetry, award-winners, graphic novels, etc.) to complete a BINGO and earn a reward.
6. OPL's teen librarian, Maggie Mueller, partnered with Christine Anne Domestic Abuse Services to offer a special program on healthy relationships on Feb. 1. Participants talked about the characteristics of a healthy relationship, created posters and ribbons and made Healthy Relationship Trail Mix to help illustrate the different aspects of a healthy relationship.