

Oshkosh Public Library Highlights

January 2019

1. Explorers Grove, a dynamic new interactive learning space in OPL's Children's Department, was unveiled Jan. 25 & 26. Local VIPs, including community partners who also serve local families, attended an Open House on Jan. 25 and the public was invited to a "big reveal" on Jan. 26. Explorers Grove features a large tree-like structure, an animal mural, reading bench, discovery station and magnetic wall. The setting and interactive activities offer families the opportunity to connect through play and begin to lay a solid foundation for early learning. The opening received widespread media coverage, including articles in both Oshkosh newspapers, live segments on Fox 11 News and a radio interview on WHBY.
2. The library has started offering book club sets for children. Currently there are 15 sets available. The popular titles are available for schools or community book clubs for kids. The service was developed to encourage book discussions for children and presents an opportunity to gauge community interest in starting a book club for children at the library.
3. More than 400 people attended 4K Family Night at the library on Jan. 17. Families participated in activities based on favorite picture books, tried out OPL's new LEGO Wall and went through stations that focused on the key activities that build early literacy skills: talk, sing, read, write and play. It was a great opportunity to showcase the library and a successful partnership with the Oshkosh Area School District's early learning team.
4. OPL is now highlighting programs and events for all ages in a single printed Events Calendar. The goal is to show the broad spectrum of dynamic programming and event opportunities in one handy guide and to highlight the library as a place where people of all ages can be inspired to learn and grow.