

Oshkosh Public Library Highlights January 2023

1. The Wild Winter Read Off is underway, encouraging readers of all ages to warm up their winter experience by snuggling up with a good book. There are prizes for reading, engaging in fun activities, writing book reviews and more. Oshkosh is in hot pursuit of a 300,000-minute community reading goal and patrons are invited to vote for a lawn game to add to the library collection if we reach that milestone. Participants can log their reading on the Beanstack app or pick up a paper reading log at any service desk. The WWRO runs through Feb. 25.
2. OPL is now offering Everyday Tech. The program includes drop-in sessions for one-on-one assistance with general technology issues, as well as one-hour sessions focusing on specific topics such as smartphone and email basics, Facebook, managing digital photos and using video chat platforms.
3. The Winnebago Free Legal Assistance Clinic served 181 people in Oshkosh during 2022. Another 235 were served at Neenah and Menasha public libraries. The clinic resumed in January after suspending service in 2020 and 2021 in response to the pandemic.
4. Library staff notarized 754 documents during 447 appointments in 2022. Moving the service to Information Services, having additional staff commissioned as notaries and offering the service during most library hours has opened up access and increased use of this high demand service.
5. Teen Services Librarian Maggie Mueller conducted book talks and promoted the Wild Winter Read Off to more than 300 students at Carl Traeger Middle School in December. Teens can earn goodie bags with treats and prizes for reading 200 minutes and enter drawings to win gift cards, autographed books and more for logging additional minutes.
6. Oshkosh Area Music Teachers Association drew 58 people to the library for their Winter Recital featuring music inspired by the wintery wonderland.
7. Children's Librarian Kallie Schell received a Standout Book award from Library Journal for academic writing in 2022. She contributed to the book, *Harry Potter and the Other: Race, Justice and Difference in the Wizarding World*. Her contribution is titled *Cho Chang is Trending: What it means to be Asian in the World of Wizarding*. Library Journal deemed *Harry Potter and the Other* "A superb and necessary collection. Purchase and share this stellar collection with all the Potterheads in your library."