

## Oshkosh Public Library Highlights July 2015

1. The library has started selling coffee on first floor. Library users and community members have said that this service would be a welcome addition to the library, so OPL is piloting the service with a self-serve Keurig station. Three types of coffee and one type of tea are available for \$1.50 per cup.
2. A program by local author Gary Beyer drew 22 people to the library on June 30. Beyer discussed his inspirational book focusing on his battle with a chronic untreatable muscle disease.
3. OPL partnered with the Oshkosh Area Humane Society for a special teen event on June 26. OAHS brought in several kittens and the teens helped to socialize them for a few hours. The kids also made crafts as a fundraiser for the humane society.
4. OPL engaged readers of all ages at the Oshkosh Saturday Farmer's Market on July 11, asking them to vote for their favorite books. Two charts with book lists were set up and visitors could mark their favorite book with a sticker. The "Vote for Reading" activity drew a lot of attention and gave library staff an opportunity to spend several hours talking with people about books and reading. Photos from the event and results of the informal poll were posted on Facebook.
5. The Bergonzi String Quartet from the Green Lake Festival of Music performed the classic Russian tale *Peter and the Wolf* under the dome on July 13. About 110 people of all ages thoroughly enjoyed the blend of classical music, humor and audience participation that the performance offered.
6. Several featured events brought dozens of children and families as part of the Summer Reading Program during the past month. OPL partnered with the Oshkosh Police Department and Oshkosh Fire Department for Super Siren Day; popular children's entertainer Randy Peterson performed two concerts; and the Miller & Mike comedy show returned to rave reviews. A total of 430 people attended these events.