

Oshkosh Public Library Highlights July 2018

1. Library events for families have been a substantial draw this summer, with more than **add Miller&Mike** people attending comedy shows, music performances, and a Patriotic Dance Party. Other popular events included live animals from the N.E.W. Zoo, which brought in 146 people and a visit by the Spektral Quartet of the Green Lake Festival of Music to Monday morning storytimes, which 176 people attended. Among the most popular events for teens so far were an ice cream social, with 40 teens attending and a Kitten Kuddle, with 78.
2. OPL is expanding our partnership with Evergreen to allow library users to pick up holds at the retirement community. Customers can place library materials on hold via the library web site and pick them up at Evergreen's newly remodeled Manor Building. The library also has a book return in the parking lot at the Manor Building, where an average of 1,000 library items are returned each month.
3. The library had a booth at the Oshkosh Farmers Market on July 14 for Kids Day. Families stopped by the booth to make shakers or butterflies and learn about library programs and services.
4. The Friends of the Library are having a fundraiser at Pot Belly Sandwich Shop 1124 S. Koeller St., on Thursday, Aug. 2. The Friends will receive 25 percent of all sales made from 5 to 8 p.m. The event is being held during the annual sales tax holiday, so the Friends are hoping to tap into hungry shoppers out taking advantage of the opportunity to make tax-free purchases. Mark your calendars to dine out for the Friends!
5. The library was well-represented recently during Trivia Night at the Grand Lounge. The library team dazzled the competition with their knowledge of the trivial, maintaining an evening-long lead to finish in first place
6. OPL literally rocked the Oshkosh July 4th Parade. Staff donned their best 80s glam band attire and rocked for reading, lip-syncing and tossing out "Oshkosh Public Library Rocks" bracelets and candy.
7. The library's first session of a new WIT4Girls Club is full, with 14 girls signed up for the 10-week program focusing on career opportunities for girls in Information Technology. Each meeting focuses on a different career path. The program, for girls in grades 4-9, is a partnership with Women in Technology Wisconsin.
8. OPL started the Online Anytime Book Club on June 5, with librarian Sara Kumerow moderating via Facebook Live. Sara talked about books set in other countries, which is a square on the adult Summer Reading Bingo card. This less traditional approach to a book club is designed to make it easier for people to talk about books, either during the live meeting or anytime afterward via Facebook. There were 721 views of the video and 26 comments made by viewers during the first session. The book club will be live on Facebook on the first Tuesday of each month.