

Oshkosh Public Library Highlights

July 2021

1. The library has added a Digital Yearbook Collection to our online resources, which offers a look at life at Oshkosh High School in the early to mid-1900s. The collection features 138 issues of The Index from 1906-1940. Current events, social activities, literary musings and advertisements of the day are not only entertaining but valuable for genealogy and local history research. A link to the collection is currently featured at oshkoshpubliclibrary.org.
2. A redesign of OPL's website launched on July 13 with surveys of staff and community members who use the site. A pop-up box on the site's front page links to the community survey so please take the survey when you have time. The five-phase redesign project is being driven by Library Development staff and the Winnefox Library System Web Developer.
3. OPL supported the Boys and Girls Club as a Class Sponsor for this year's Afternoon Tea for young girls. The tea, which featured a motivational speaker and goal-setting exercises, culminated a series of six classes focusing on character and etiquette.
4. Patrons can once again pick up library holds at Evergreen. That service had been suspended during the height of the pandemic. Patrons who live, work and shop on the west side of Oshkosh can also return library materials to the drive-up drop box in Evergreen's circle driveway.
5. OPL has launched the Not Your Classic Book Club – a chance for readers to gather on Zoom to talk about whatever book they happen to be reading. OPL staff offer reading recommendations via our eNewsletter, on our website and in Facebook live segments and book clubs, but this new offering gives community readers the opportunity to share their views on books in real time. Starting this fall the virtual club will meet in person at the library.
6. The Mark Gruenwald Comic Book Creation Challenge has 114 registrations so far for 2021, with a month left until the deadline to submit an entry. The Winnebago Area Literacy Council and its event partners have been distributing art kits at the library, the Oshkosh Farmers Market and other community events, boosting visibility and generating excitement for the challenge. A celebration of participants and winners is planned for Sat., Oct. 2 at the library.