

Oshkosh Public Library Highlights

June 2018

1. OPL offered several history programs in May, drawing 43 people to the library. Two of the programs focused on regional and Wisconsin soldiers in World War I and the third was a look at the history of swimwear.
2. A Pet Photo Contest in May brought in 83 entries, including dogs, cats, lizards, a tortoise and a goat. Photos were displayed on the library web site and the library partnered with local pet businesses to offer prizes in several genre categories, including True Crime, Romance, Humor, Historical, as well as Judge's Choice. In addition to the contest, the library also presented several pet-related programs throughout the month of May.
3. Nearly 400 people participated in the Drop In & Read summer kickoff event on June 5. Kids and teens signed up and read to earn passes to Pollock Community Water Park; adults picked up their Summer Reading Bingo card; and everyone had the chance to earn a Be Fine Free (BFF) card. The event was billed as more of an "all ages" experience and expanded beyond the lower level children's department to the Dome, with some participants even reading out on the front steps at the Washington Avenue entrance. Following the Drop In & Read event, the Kickoff with the King concert featured an Elvis impersonator who rocked the Dome, sent fans swooning and had kids dancing in the aisles in true Libraries Rock fashion.
4. A library volunteer is visiting the community room at Cumberland Court Apartments on the city's west side to make connections with kids and teens who live there. The volunteer is signing kids up for the summer reading program and the library is putting together a book club set of *A Wrinkle in Time* to read with the kids as a complement to a screening of that movie.
5. Programs connected with our Libraries Rock summer reading program are proving to be popular across multiple age groups. About 60 people attended a make-and-take drum program for kids and families; 23 teens came to make bleach-sprayed T-shirts and the folk duo Friction Farm brought in 35 people of all ages for a concert under the Dome.
6. 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.
7. 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.