

## **Oshkosh Public Library Highlights**

### **June 2020**

1. The library's 2020 Summer Reading Challenge is underway, with signup beginning June 15. Children, teens and adults can track their reading and engage in activities using Beanstack on their computer, tablet, laptop or smartphone. Readers earn badges and entries for prizes as they pursue their reading goals. Visit [oshkoshpubliclibrary.org](http://oshkoshpubliclibrary.org) to find video guides to using Beanstack and book lists to keep you reading all summer. Readers who don't have online access or prefer to do the program offline can request a paper version of the reading/activity tracker.
2. Children and families can request take-home STEAM kits to pick up via OPL's curbside pickup service starting in June. Every two weeks a new kit will be released with supplies and instructions for a STEAM-inspired activity. Kits include Botany in a Bag, Skittle Chromatography, Catapult Engineering, UV Kid with Color Changing Beads and Roll a Story - Games with Dice. The library will also offer video versions of its Wonderlab STEAM program on the library's YouTube channel throughout the summer.
3. Library lions Sawyer and Harris got their annual "buff and polish" recently, taking on a brilliant sheen at their posts guarding the historic Washington Avenue entrance. In addition, the library is saluting our 2020 graduates with a banner across the railing between the lions.
4. OPL has started a new online chat service on our website and it is already a well-used channel for patrons seeking information services. OPL Information Services staff answered nearly 400 questions in May, including those coming in via Facebook Messenger and text. Chat is a convenient way for patrons to communicate with the library digitally in real time. It also has become an important alternative form of communication given the increase in phone calls generated by curbside services.