

Oshkosh Public Library Highlights March 2018

1. OPL's Children, Teen, and Volunteer services have teamed up to make it more convenient for educators to supplement their curriculum with library resources and encourage teachers at all grade levels to bring their students in to check out materials. In addition to tours, classroom visits and teacher collections, which have traditionally been offered, library staff is now creating tailored book lists and is offering library book pick up at Oshkosh schools through our volunteer department. Turnaround time to prepare teacher collections has also moved from seven days to a two-day guarantee.
2. The library participated in two events in March that offered the opportunity to promote our services and have meaningful conversations with community members. OPL had booths at the annual State of the City event on March 19 and the City of Oshkosh Wellness Fair on March 22. While these types of events always serve as promotional opportunities, they also give staff a chance to talk with community members about their learning, leisure and work habits, in an effort to identify new services that will help us to achieve our vision: A Library in Every Life.
3. An exhibit of artwork by Oshkosh middle school students entered in the 91st annual Helen Farnsworth Mears Art Contest is on display in the library's lower level. Local legislators chose artwork to hang in their offices in the State Capitol. About 60 people attended a reception at the library on March 18, including families, teachers, community art supporters and state legislators Rep. Gordon Hintz and Sen. Dan Feyen. The student art will be on display through April 1.
4. Our Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration drew 340 people to the library for crafts, games, cake and other merriment on March 3.
5. OPL held Mango Day on March 8 to promote our Mango Language online resource and complement our Spectacular Vernacular series of language programs. Each service desk highlighted a different language and provided an activity for the public. Forty-five people completed all the Mango activities and entered a prize drawing.
6. The library partnered with the WinnebagoLand Genealogical Society on March 8 to offer a local history talk, *The Oshkosh Woodworker's Strike of 1898*. The talk was presented by UWO student Michelle Lokken, who's documentary on the topic earned her 5th place in the 2017 National History Day competition. Forty people attended the program.
7. First graders at Carl Trager Elementary were the first graduates of OPL's Sky Hero League program. At a special celebration, the 82 participants received their Libris Sky Hero key chain for completing the three in-class missions. Kids who completed additional literacy missions at the library were given additional special recognition.
8. Marie Boleman, Head of Children's and Family Outreach Services, presented an early literacy program at the annual Head Start workshop at UW-Oshkosh. Children's librarian Adeline Miller presented a picture book program to a class of English majors.