

Oshkosh Public Library Highlights March 2021

1. Local photographer and author Michael Cooney presented the program, ***Capturing Your Family History*** for the library on Zoom. Cooney's program focused on techniques and resources used to transform old photos and genealogical charts into a compelling book that captures a family's unique story. The program was taped for those who could not attend live and has 53 views on the library's YouTube channel.
2. The Oshkosh Seniors Center are once again partnering to support lifelong learning. Community Engagement Librarian Sandy Toland assisted with an Intro to Facebook class recently and starting March 22 she will offer general tech assistance during Monday sessions of the Connect with Tech program. Connect through Tech is a partnership between the Seniors Center and Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods.
3. OPL had a booth at the Winter Farmer's Market on March 13, using the opportunity to issue library cards, answer questions about library services, hand out event calendars and give away books from our stock of donations.
4. On March 1, the library launched Oshkosh StoryWalk, an outdoor reading experience, at The Shops at Oshkosh. StoryWalk combines reading, exercise and the outdoors as families follow a story that is presented page by page in the outlet mall's store windows. The colorful and engaging storyboards feature one page from the book and a fun activity related to the story. A new book will be featured each month through the end of May.
5. Children's librarian Matthew Tessmer appeared on Local 5 Live on March 2 to share reading recommendations for Read Across America Day. He presented a diverse selection of titles for a variety of ages, generating excitement for reading and demonstrating why librarians are a go-to resource for quality reads.
6. OPL joined community partners on March 17 to announce that the City of Oshkosh has joined the state's network of AARP Age-Friendly Communities. The network helps cities to become great places for all ages by adopting safe walkable streets, better housing and transportation options, access to key services and opportunities for residents to participate in civic and community activities. As a first step, area residents are invited to take a community survey that will help to shape future efforts. OPL shared the survey link on our Facebook page and will continue to explore ways the library can help make Oshkosh a truly age-friendly community. Take the survey at www.bit.ly/AgeFriendlyWinnebago.