

## Oshkosh Public Library Highlights October 2020

1. Great Reads of 2020 premiered on the library's YouTube Channel on Fri., Nov. 13. The annual review of the year's best books featured titles selected by Information Services librarians Michael McArthur and Justine Elliott. The pair highlights some of their favorites during the video program, with a complete list available on the library's website, on the YouTube channel and as a handout for distribution to readers using our curbside services. Great Reads was featured in a segment on WFRV-TV's Local 5 Live and the program will also air in its entirety on Oshkosh Media, Nov. 14 – Dec. 31.
2. The library is offering a community resource page on our website to help area residents find information and assistance related to COVID-19, food and housing, mental health, jobs, parenting, health care and other general community services. The need for carefully curated resources from a trusted source is especially high right now, but it is a key role for libraries which OPL will continue to fulfill in ways that support our community.
3. Creativity took a creepy turn when OPL invited teens to enter our Two Sentence Horror Story Contest in October. To help inspire participants, the library offered two writing workshops via Zoom. Prizes were awarded in both middle and high school categories and the tiny but terrifying tales can be found on the library website.
4. Community Engagement Librarian Sandy Toland presented to the Rotary Club of Oshkosh, sharing information about OPL's digital resources and reinforcing the ways that OPL continues to serve our community. The presentation was an opportunity to reinforce some important messages about the wide array of materials and digital resources available with a library card; and the importance of the library as a trusted local source of reliable information in a climate of misinformation and disinformation. Rotary is planning to make video of the presentation available for the library to post on our YouTube channel.