

Oshkosh Public Library Highlights September 2018

1. OPL presented a series of four programs in September on topics designed to help teach voters how to better inform themselves about issues, candidates and the political process. An Informed Electorate included presentations and panel discussions on the history of political rhetoric, the Dark Stores referendum, technology for voters and fake news. Oshkosh Media taped each session and links to the videos are on the front page at www.oshkoshpubliclibrary.org.
2. The library welcomed two history exhibits in September and is offering related programs in partnership with the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh and the Winnebago Historical and Archaeological Society.
 - ***The Lands We Share*** is an exhibit that highlights the history of food and farming in Wisconsin, particularly as it relates to race, ethnicity and cultural diversity. The exhibit, a project of the Wisconsin Farms Oral History Project, focuses on five farms and a farmer's market across three regions of Wisconsin, including the Allenville Farm in Winnebago County. Four UW campuses are involved in the traveling exhibit and Dr. Steven Kercher, a UWO history professor, presented ***Sustaining Community in Rural America: A History of Allenville*** at the library on Oct. 4, with 25 people attending. The exhibit was under the Dome through Oct. 22.
 - ***In Their Own Words: German Americans in WWI*** is currently on display on the library's second floor. The traveling exhibit from the Max Kade Institute at UW Madison, showcases German-language documents published in the United States during the WWI era, offering a glimpse into German-Americans' view of the world, as well as their position in American society. On Nov. 5, Antje Petty, associate director and outreach specialist from the institute, will speak at the library on German-Americans' view of world events and their position in American society in the years before, during and after the Great War.
3. OPL partnered with the Winnebago County Historical & Archaeological Society on Sept. 11 to offer the program, ***The Endurance: History's Greatest Shipwreck***. Journalist and author Rochelle Pennington gave a thrilling account of the events that took place on Sir Ernest Shackelton's expedition to Antarctica. Twenty people attended the event.
4. A group of 83 people from Learning in Retirement visited the library in September to learn about the audio visual walking tour of the Washington Avenue Neoclassical Historic District that the library is planning to debut next spring. Michael McArthur, OPL's local history librarian who developed the app, showed them the tour and talked about the potential for using this multi-media platform to develop other tours highlighting Oshkosh history.

5. Local author Randy Domer returned to OPL on Sept. 20 to talk about his latest book, ***We Shall Never Pass This Way Again***. It is his third book on Oshkosh's historic and treasured past. Fifty seven people attended the event.
6. A local chiropractor presented the program, ***Low Carb Living***, at the library on Oct. 3, with 29 people attending. The program included information about cutting carbs to reduce sugar intake, enhance overall health and improve quality of life.
7. Titan Steel, the steelpan ensemble from UW Oshkosh, drew 37 people to a performance under the Dome on Oct. 13. The group plays the music of Trinidad & Tobago along with popular and classical music from all over the world.
8. Our Considerations monthly discussion group continued in October, talking about issues surrounding The Great Lakes. Ten people attended the session. Next up on Nov. 13 is a discussion of gratitude – what it looks like, where we see it in our lives and more. Articles to help prepare for the discussion are available on our web site.