

Oshkosh Public Library Highlights September 2019

1. Local history continues to be a big draw at OPL, with two recent programs bringing 63 history buffs to the library. On Sept. 4, blogger and William Waters expert Richard Nebel talked about the life of the architect whose designs shaped the way historic Oshkosh looks today. On Sept. 17, local author Ron La Point gave a talk about the history of Oshkosh sports as told in his latest book, *Looking Back*.
2. The library launched its Tween Book Club on Sept. 6 for kids ages 9-11. Nine tweens attended the first meeting to learn about how the club will work and check out copies of the first selection, *The Wild Robot*. The club will meet monthly and is scheduled at the same time as our Teen Book Club, as a convenience for families who have kids in both age groups.
3. Using the tools and equipment in the library's Tech Lab, this summer's Girls Who Code class collaborated to create a sci-fi movie for the library's sci-fi film project. The short film, *Tera's Very Bad Day*, is on the library's YouTube Channel. The project is an example of the role that the library can play in providing access to new technology and supporting makers in our community.
4. The library is hitting the road for Healthy Aging Month, participating in three health expos for seniors. On Sept. 11 OPL attended the Brain Fitness Fair at the Oshkosh Seniors Center, sharing information about brain-building resources, updating library cards and gathering feedback from attendees about their needs and experiences using the library. On Sept. 25 library staff will be at the Active Aging Fair at the YMCA's 20th Avenue location and then it's on to the Time of Your Life Senior Expo on Oct. 1.
5. One way to spark interest in upcoming library programs and share knowledge from community experts is through interviews in our monthly eNewsletter. September's feature is an interview with local pharmacist JJ Allen, separating the facts from fiction about CBD oil. Allen will present *The More You Know: CBD Oil*, on Oct. 3 at the library. Past interviews have included an expert from the Oshkosh Garden Club on planting for success; a local financial expert with tips on investing; an interview with a local beer blogger previewing his talk about local brewing history; and a health and wellness expert explaining the keto diet.