Imagine if...

Use your imagination to customize this cover.

Spring Events
March - May 2019

Start planning for LEGOmania
Teens! Six Word Short Story Contest
Money Smart Week events

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Imagine if...

“Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?”
Mary Oliver, poet

Dreaming about the future. Figuring out how to get ahead. Simply finding ways to make our lives better. At some point we all think about these things – no matter our background or circumstances. It’s something that unites us as human beings. The library is a place where anyone can take their imaginings and begin to make them real.

Whether it’s a new hobby, or embarking on a life-changing experience, the journey can start with a book, a trustworthy online resource or a library staffer who will help guide you toward your goal.

• Imagine if you could advance your career by learning a new language on the library’s website, so you’re ready when your company announces plans to break into an emerging market.

• Imagine if you were able to improve your health by cooking delicious, nutritious meals with recipes found in the library’s extensive cookbook collection.

• Imagine if you could take your children on a trip around the world using books, DVDs and online resources.

• Imagine building a keepsake rocking horse for a grandchild with patterns you found at the library.

• Imagine if your teenage son found a sense of belonging in the library’s Teen Book Club.

• Imagine becoming a published author after polishing your writing skills in workshops held at the library.

Helping people to achieve their individual goals is what libraries do. It’s a cornerstone of the Oshkosh Public Library’s vision: A library in every life. And it all starts when you imagine if...

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Historic Walking Tour
Unlock the past

Step back in time and explore Oshkosh’s Washington Avenue Neoclassical Historic District using a free app that can be downloaded to any smartphone.

Oshkosh Public Library has created the city’s first interactive, historic walking tour using the VAMONDE travel app. Users will be able to watch videos, see original photos and read stories about Washington Avenue’s iconic early 20th century buildings, guided by their phones.

Local History and Genealogy Librarian Michael McArthur coordinated the project and says it offers participants an impressive level of detail.

“All of the featured buildings were built within a 30-year period after Oshkosh had recovered from the great fires and was experiencing a resurgence,” he explains. “They were constructed to withstand the test of time.”

The tour features seven well preserved locations arranged along a two-block area. Stops include:

• Oshkosh Public Library
• Oshkosh Masonic Center
• The former Wisconsin National Life Building (now Winnebago County Human Services)
• The old Post Office & Government Building (now the Oshkosh Office Center)
• Goettmann Printing Company
• Washington Place Historical Flats
• Waters Plaza

The library has all the resources you need to learn more about Oshkosh’s colorful past. Stop in and visit the Reference Desk located on the library’s Second Floor or call 236-5205.

Coming soon!

Discover the wonders of Washington Avenue’s people and places at the beginning of the 20th century.

Sat., June 1 from 6 – 9 p.m.
Oshkosh Public Library
106 Washington Avenue

Celebrate Oshkosh’s first historic walking tour with a special event recognizing the people and places that shaped the remarkable district.

Schedule: Opening remarks | Tours | Activities & Refreshments

An Evening on the Avenue

Unlock the past
Activities for little learners

Smart Starts Play Stations
March 1, April 5, May 3
Lower Level Meeting Room
Play and learn with your child in a relaxed setting.
Six to eight play-based stations encourage exploratory learning, parent/child interaction and early literacy skills.
Drop in anytime.

Family Storytime
March 4 - April 25
Lower Level Meeting Room
Enjoy stories, songs, fingerplays and rhymes while your grownups.
Infants - Preschoolers
9:30 & 10:15 a.m.
March 5 – April 24 Tuesdays & Wednesdays
Preschoolers & siblings
9:30 a.m.
March 4 - April 25 Mondays & Thursdays

High Hopes Early Literacy Storytime
Infants - 4K
Enjoy stories, songs, fingerplays and rhymes while you learn how to teach your baby, toddler or preschooler important early literacy skills at home.

Homework Helpdesk
Mondays
5 – 7 p.m.
Grades K – 8
Lower Level
Drop in to get help with homework and projects.
Even if you don’t need help, doing homework at the library is a great way to stay on track with your school work.

Maker Mondays for Families
Registration required. Call 236-5208.
4:30 p.m.
Lower Level Tech Lab
Learn, play, make and explore what’s new in technology.
Class size is limited.
March 11
Stop Action Animation
April 8
Makey Makey: An invention kit for the 21st century.
May 13
Design a 3D key chain with Tinkercad – an easy 3D design and modeling tool that helps people imagine and create.

Read to a Dog
March 4, 11, 18; April 1, 8, 15 4 - 5:15 p.m.
Registration required. Call 236-5208.
Lower Level Meeting Room
Read with a trained reading/therapy dog. Reserve your 15-minute time slot today.

Wonderlab Wednesday
6 p.m.
Ages 6 - 9
Registration required. Call 236-5208.
Lower Level Meeting Room
Create something cool using the principles of science, technology, engineering, art and math (STEAM). This popular program fills up quickly.
March 6
Intro to Coding
March 20
The Internet of the World
April 3
Bird Feeders
April 17
Build a Kite

No Homework Book Club
Grades 3 – 5
4:30 p.m.
Lower Level Meeting Room
We'll read a book together and do a craft or activity to go along with it! Supplies and snacks provided.
March 26
The Wolves In the Walls
by Neil Gaiman
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LEGO Wall Open Build for Kids
Thursdays & Saturdays
March 7 - May 23 3:30 - 5 p.m.
March 9 - May 18 1 – 2:30 p.m.
Lower Level Tech Lab
Drop in and use your imagination to free build with LEGO bricks on our new LEGO wall.

High Flyers
Infants – 4K
Getting your child ready to read and succeed in school begins at birth. This free, self-paced program helps parents track how often they engage their child in the five key activities (talk, sing, read, write and play) that build pre-reading skills.
For complete details, stop by the Children’s Department or call 236-5208.

Money Smart Treasure Hunt
April 1 – 5
Join our money smart treasure hunt! Work as a family to follow the clues on this financial quest to help make money make sense.

World Culture Series
All ages
Under the Dome
Ireland & St. Patrick’s Day
Thurs., March 14 5:30 – 7 p.m.
Sat., March 16
11 – 12:30 p.m.
Native American & Earth Day
Sat., April 27 11 – 12:30 p.m.
Tues., April 30 5:30 – 7 p.m.

Read Across America Day Author Celebration
Sat., March 2 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Lower Level
Get into the spirit of Read Across America Day as we salute beloved children’s authors Dr. Seuss, Mo Willems and Roald Dahl.

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Grades 6 - 12

Teen Book Club
4:30 p.m.
Lower Level Conference Room
Eat pizza, meet new friends and talk books. Fifteen free copies of the next book are given away at each meeting. If you like to read, this is the place for you.
Fri., March 1  Restart by Gordon Korman
Fri., April 5  When by Victoria Laure
Fri., May 3  Haunting the Deep by Adriana Mather

Teen DIY
Lower Level Conference Room
4:30 p.m.

Emoji Pillows
Fri., March 15
What’s your most used emoji? Turn your favorite smiley face into a pillow.

Paint Pour Canvas Art
Fri., April 19
Hypnotized by the paint pouring videos on YouTube? Us too. Try it yourself and make your own paint pour canvas art.

Patriotic Tie-Dye T-Shirt
Fri., May 17
Get ready for Memorial Day! Create your own one-of-a-kind red, white and blue T-shirt using different tie-dying techniques. Bring your own white T-shirt or use one of ours.

Brave, Bold & Beautiful
Sun., March 17 2 p.m.
Lower Level Meeting Room
An interactive workshop for girls in grades 3-8. Growing confidence, self-esteem and learning to love ourselves is what can help us become brave, bold and beautiful! Hosted by Kinesiology/Exercise & Fitness interns with pdsFU.S.I.O.N., a UW-Oshkosh Health & Wellness Internship Program.

Six Word Short Story Contest
May 1 - 31
May is Short Story Month and we’re celebrating by challenging all teens in grades 6 - 12 to write a story with just six words! Legend says Ernest Hemingway won a contest with this six-word story: “For sale: baby shoes, never worn.” Think you can do better? Check the library’s website for more details and submission instructions.

Thinking About Long Term Care
Mon., April 1 5:30 p.m.
Lower Level Meeting Room
Attorney Joseph McCleer discusses the planning methods you can use to get the care you need without losing your bottom dollar.

Estate Planning
Mon., April 1 6:30 p.m.
Lower Level Meeting Room
Attorney Joseph McCleer discusses wills, revocable living trusts, probate and beneficiary designations. Learn how a well-crafted estate plan can serve your family for generations.

What Are the Myths & Truths of Investing?
Tues., April 2 5:30 p.m.
Lower Level Meeting Room
Veritas Financial offers some facts on investing.

DIY Investing: What you need to know
Tues., April 2 6:30 p.m.
Lower Level Meeting Room
Veritas Financial highlights the challenges for a novice investor.

What’s Your House Really Worth?
Wed., April 3 5:30 p.m.
Under the Dome
Kevin Stein from Keller Williams Realty talks about things that will improve the value of your home, and the tools you can use to assess its value.

Buying a House: Where do you start?
Wed., April 3 6:30 p.m.
Under the Dome
Kevin Stein from Keller Williams Realty will talk about financial requirements, getting a loan, starting the home search and the A to Z process of purchasing a home.

Life Insurance: Why and how much?
Thurs., April 4 5:30 p.m.
Under the Dome
Justin Schmick of Farmers Insurance will discuss different types of life insurance, how much you need and how to make it work best for you.

How to Safely Reduce your Home and Auto Insurance Costs
Thurs., April 4 6:30 p.m.
Under the Dome
Justin Schmick of Farmers Insurance will go over a breakdown of home and auto coverage with recommendations for how to safely cut costs.

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Mon. - Thurs. 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Friday 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. | (920) 236-5205

Considerations
A community discussion of timely topics hosted by the library.
First Floor Reading Room
6 p.m. refreshments 6:15 p.m. discussion

Net Neutrality
Tues., March 12
Advocates of net neutrality believe the Internet should be freely and equally available for all. Those opposed are concerned that net neutrality stifles business growth. What do you think?

Migration and Climate Change
Tues., April 9
Climate change is a key driver of migration and food insecurity. Join your neighbors while we parse out the complexities of this issue.

Legalized Marijuana
Tues., May 14
Thirty U.S. states now have broad legislation in place that allows the use of marijuana. Is Wisconsin next? To learn more, please see our website for a list of recommended articles.
Refreshing Experiences

May 20
Lower Level Meeting Room
12:30 p.m.
Monday Movie Matinee

May 21
Design and print a 3D keychain.

What’s Cooking Book Club
6 p.m.
Under the Dome
Check out a cookbook or cooking magazine from the library and make a recipe based on the month’s theme. Bring along a sample and copies of the recipe to share.

March 13
Dessert Bars
March 5
Books about Ireland or written by Irish authors
April 2
Spring!
May 7
Books about mothers

Sunday Movie Matinee
2 p.m.
Lower Level Meeting Room
March 10
A League of Their Own
Co-sponsored by the River East Neighborhood Association.

Techy Tuesdays
6 p.m.
Registration required. Call 236-5205.
Lower Level Tech Lab
Explore what’s new in technology. Different tech tools and tips are highlighted each session.
March 19
Learn how to check out ebooks, audiobooks and music from home.
May 21
Design and print a 3D keychain.

Monday Movie Matinee
12:30 p.m.
Lower Level Meeting Room
March 18
A Wrinkle in Time
April 15
Unbroken
May 20
Book Club

LEGO Wall Open Build Ages 16 and older
Thursdays, March 7 – May 30
5 - 7 p.m.
Lower Level Tech Lab
Drop in and free build with LEGO bricks on our new LEGO wall.

Adult DIY
6 p.m.
Registration required. Call 236-5205.
Lower Level Meeting Room
Get crafty at the library with a DIY project to make and take. All supplies are provided.

March 26
Paint Your Own Pottery with Fire Escape
May 28
Soapmaking

Book a Librarian
Need help with your technology? Call the Reference Desk at 236-5205 to set up a 30-minute session with an expert librarian. One-on-one support with downloading eBooks, audiobooks, music and movies; setting up an email account; Internet basics; how to use your tablet and more.

Memory Café
1 – 3 p.m.
Lower Level Meeting Room
A comfortable way for you and your care partner to have fun and socialize with others who are living in the early stages of Alzheimer’s disease or other dementia.
March 13
50’s party
April 10
Spring is in the air.
May 8
TBD

Technology Learning Lab
Do you need to up your technology game? Drop in and use the equipment and software in the library’s Tech Lab. Check the calendars at the back of this booklet for specific times and dates.

Reserve the Tech Lab
The lab can also be reserved for filming videos, video editing, podcasting, design work and more. Call 236-5205 to make a reservation.

Chess Club
All ages
Tuesdays
5 – 7 p.m.
March 5 & 19; April 9 & 23; May 7 & 21
Under the Dome
We’re bringing chess back. For those who already have a grasp of the game, come pit your knight against someone else’s rook. We provide the board and pieces, you bring the strategy.

Health Online: Finding Info You Can Trust
Thurs., March 21
6 p.m.
Lower Level Meeting Room
Wisconsin Literacy leads this interactive, hands-on workshop showing you how to search for health information online. Participants will use provided tablets to follow along and try web searches during the session.

Plant Advice
Mon., March 25
6 – 7 p.m.
First Floor Reading Room
Every gardener knows it’s never too early to get growing on your spring garden plans. Master Gardener Mary Shepard will be here to answer your questions.

DNA Basics for Genealogists
Tues., April 2
6 p.m.
Call 236-5205 to register.
Lower Level Tech Lab
Learn DNA basics and what that information can tell you about your ancestors and heritage. We’ll discuss which over-the-counter DNA test is best for you.

Discovering the Census
Tues., April 9
6 p.m.
Call 236-5205 to register.
Lower Level Tech Lab
Get a hands-on exploration of the U.S. Census Records. Learn how to find your ancestors and what else you can discover from this resource.

Genealogy Lock-In
Fri., April 26
6 p.m.
Under the Dome
(Enter through the Washington Avenue doors)
Whether you’re new to the genealogy game or a pro, you still have that one puzzle piece that eludes you. Come to this after-hours genealogy event and get one-on-one help.

A Night of Jokes
All ages
Mon., April 1
6:30 - 7:45 p.m.
First Floor Reading Room
It’s a good, old-fashioned joke telling party. Come with a clean joke to tell or laugh while others tickle your funny bone.

Laughter Yoga
Sat., April 6
10 a.m.
Under the Dome
Laughter really is the best medicine. Certified Laughter Yoga Instructor Bernie Corsten introduces us to the meditative aspects of yoga, combined with the silliness of a good laugh.

OAMTA Presents: I’m in the mood for music
Mon., April 22
6:30 p.m.
Lower Level Meeting Room
Students of Oshkosh Area Music Teachers Association will perform.

Sierra Club Documentary: Reinventing Power
Tues., April 30
6 p.m.
Lower Level Meeting Room
Come for the movie; stay for the post viewing panel discussion with solar energy expert Jim Funk.

Oshkosh Herald: One Year Later
Tues., May 7
6 p.m.
Under the Dome
Karen Schneider, publisher of the Oshkosh Herald will talk about starting and growing a local paper. Is it a success? What’s next? Come find out!

Whitman’s Writing and the Progressive Ideals of Wisconsin
Wed., May 22
6:30 p.m.
Under the Dome
Poet Walt Whitman turns 200-years-old this year. Join John Nichols, associate editor of The Capital Times, as he extols his love for Whitman and discusses the writer’s Wisconsin connection.
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Teens  
Adults  
All Ages  
Other
Calling all writers and creatives! Whether you’re an aspiring or accomplished author or performer, Write Now! experts can help you fire up your creativity and guide you toward your goals. Get to know others in the local writing community and share your work. All classes are 1½ hours and are free and open to adults and teens. Full details on our website.

### The Prose and Poetry of Twitter and Other Social Media
- **Wed., March 20**
  - 6 p.m.
  - Lower Level Conference Room
  - Presenter: Thomas Cannon

### One-line Writing Prompts
- **Thurs., March 21**
  - 1 p.m.
- **Mon., April 8**
  - 1 p.m.
- Lower Level Conference Room
  - Presenter: Sharrie Robinson

### Writing a Grandparent Memoir
- **Sat., March 23**
  - 9 a.m.
- Lower Level Conference Room
  - Presenter: Deb Martin

### Tactics for Horror Writing
- **Sat., March 30**
  - 10 a.m.
- Lower Level Conference Room
  - Presenter: Chris Welch

### Journaling Means Writing (Almost) Every Day
- **Thurs., April 4**
  - 1 p.m. & 6 p.m.
- Lower Level Conference Room
  - Presenter: Lynn Kuhns

### Standup Comedy and Public Speaking Punch Up
- **Sat., April 6**
  - 2:30 p.m.
- Lower Level Conference Room
  - Presenter: Eric Egan

### Anatom of Humor
- **Thurs., April 11**
  - 6 p.m.
- Lower Level Conference Room
  - Presenter: Chris Welch

### Setting: It’s not just background noise
- **Mon., April 15**
  - 1 p.m.
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### Healing Through Storytelling
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### You Can Live Your Write Life
- **Thurs., April 18**
  - 1 p.m. & 6 p.m.
- Lower Level Meeting Room B
  - Presenter: Lynn Kuhns

### First Lines
- **Wed., April 24**
  - 6 p.m.
- Lower Level Conference Room
  - Presenter: Carmen Leal

### Blackout Poetry
- **Mon., April 29**
  - 6 p.m.
- Lower Level Conference Room
  - Presenter: Angela Larsen

### Roadmapping Your Novel in 90 Minutes
- **Thurs., May 2**
  - 6 p.m.
- Lower Level Conference Room
  - Presenter: Dixie Jo Jarchow

### After Hours Open Mic Night
- **Fri., May 10**
  - 7 p.m.
- Under the Dome
  - (Enter through the Washington Avenue doors)
  -Celebrate your creative endeavors by reading what you’ve written during this series. Refreshments provided.