



THE MONTH AT A GLANCE

YOUTH UPDATE

Our Youth Department will be open more hours in 2025! Staff will be available Monday thru Friday from 9am to 6pm, and on Saturdays from 9am to 2pm.

PROGRAMMING

A new programming schedule for 2025 starts now for all ages. Check the calendar on the back page for a snapshot of what we've got going on this month!

RESOURCE BUS

The Catholic Charities Mobile Resource Bus will be here on January 22nd from 1pm to 4pm. Call 913-433-2039 to make an appointment with one of their providers.

ADULT WINTER READING: STILL GOING STRONG!

DECEMBER 2, 2024 - FEBRUARY 3, 2025

Our adult winter reading activities are still in full swing throughout January! Use the calendar of events on the back page to plan your next visits, or stop by the Adult Services circulation desk to pick up a bingo card. There's still plenty of time to earn raffle tickets! This year's raffle prizes total more than \$300 in value, and there's something for everyone's tastes (including a Kindle Paperwhite and lots of bookish merch). Check out the display the next time you visit and be sure to keep track of your wins.



A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR



The last few months have flown by in a whirlwind of events, programming, holidays, and lots of big changes for our Library. For those of you I haven't had the pleasure of meeting in person yet, allow me to (re)introduce myself. My name is Sam Moon, and you may remember me "wearing a different hat" at some other time or place in the community.

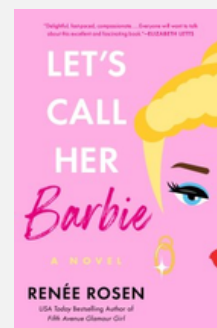
In 2019, I was a clerk here at OPL before I joined the City Manager's office at City Hall, where I filled the role of Assistant to the City Manager and Public Information Officer for the City of Osawatimie. In late fall 2024, I transitioned back over to the Library, but this time in the role of Director. I have enjoyed flexing different muscles and tackling different projects with the staff here and have really loved working with the public one-on-one again. Being able to continue serving my hometown (I grew up here, and graduated from Osawatimie High School) is such a gift. A lifelong reader and writer, I obtained a bachelor's degree in Language, Literature, and Writing (LLW) from the University of Kansas. Currently, I'm about midway through a master's degree in Public Administration through the KU School of Public Affairs and Administration. Alongside my role as Director at the library, I'm also the Director of Community Affairs for the City of Osawatimie which means I work closely with the John Brown Museum State Historic Site and continue to maintain the City's official communications. Being able to blend my three great passions of public service (libraries, museums, and communications) into one career has been the highlight of my life even in the few short months I've been at the wheel. I can't wait for the months and years to come!



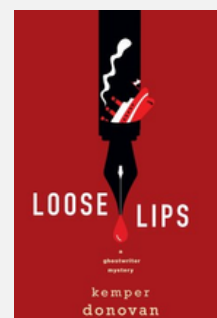
NEW RELEASES

These are just a few of the latest titles to hit our shelves this month. Visit us online or in-person to see the complete collection!

FICTION



MYSTERY/THRILLER



SCI-FI/FANTASY



NEW ADULT



NEW RELEASES (CONT.)

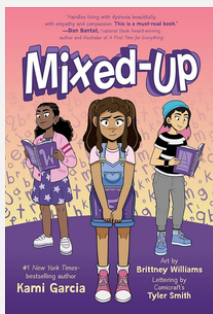
BOARD BOOK



PICTURE BOOK



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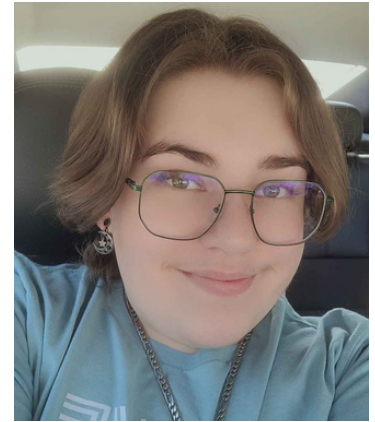


YOUNG ADULT



ANOTHER INTRODUCTION!

We're thrilled to introduce a new (but very familiar) director for Youth Services at Osawatometie Public Library: Jax Barenklau! Jax has been working at OPL in our Youth Department since 2023. She stepped into the leadership role on January 1, 2025, and we're so excited to see where her skills and experience lead us.



In addition to previous experience at Paola Free Library, Jax has a lifetime of personal and familial connections in Miami County libraries and our communities. She has a keen eye for trends in Junior and YA collections, and is especially interested in enhancing our "middle grade" programming and services to help retain younger patrons through their teen years and into young adulthood. Jax is also eager to manage our technology needs, including updating existing gaming equipment and helping develop our makerspace. Welcome aboard, Jax! We're glad you're here!



JANUARY 2025

Monday - Friday | 9:00am to 6:00pm

Saturday | 9:00am to 2:00pm

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Closed New Year's Day	2 "Hygge" At-Home Read-athon	3 Story Hour: 10am Pre-K Lab: 11am	4 Family Movie: 12pm
6	7 STEM Activity: 4pm (Ages 8+)	8	9 Junior Program: 5pm (Ages 8-12)	10 Story Hour: 10am Pre-K Lab: 11am	11
13	14 STEM Activity: 4pm (Ages 8+)	15	16 Recipe Booklet DIY: 6pm	17 Story Hour: 10am Pre-K Lab: 11am	18
20 Closed MLK Day	21 STEM Activity: 4pm (Ages 8+)	22	23 Teen Program: 5pm (Ages 13+)	24 Story Hour: 10am Pre-K Lab: 11am	25
27 Library Board: 6pm	28 STEM Activity: 4pm (Ages 8+)	29	30 Sip & Solve: 6pm	31 Story Hour: 10am Pre-K Lab: 11am	

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Lots of people go mad in January. Not as many as in May, of course.
Nor June. But January is your third most common month for madness.

-- KAREN JOY FOWLER

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