



HIGHLIGHTS AND REMINDERS

HOLIDAY HOURS

In accordance with City of Osawatomie holiday policies, the library will be closed on Monday, February 16th, 2026, in observance of Presidents' Day. Regular business will resume Tuesday!

WINTER READ

Our '25-'26 adult winter reading challenge comes to a close on Monday, February 9th. Submit cards at the circulation desk in exchange for raffle tickets. Winners will be announced Tuesday, February 10th.

RESOURCE BUS

EARLY NOTICE! The Catholic Charities Mobile Resource Bus' next visit to the Library is March 4th, 2026. Walk-up resources will be available from 1:00pm to 4:00pm, or private individual appointments can be arranged.

February Third Thursday Adult Night

Tea Bag Bookmarks | February 19, 2026 | 6:00pm | FREE!

Dearest Gentle Reader... You are cordially invited to join members of the ton for the Adult Craft Night at Osawatomie Public Library on February 19th, 2026. This month's event is a nod to the Regency era (and a popular book-to-screen adaptation) as patrons create felt tea bag bookmarks. Light refreshments will be provided to enhance this Bridgerton-inspired affair. Spots are limited, so be sure to **register through this form**, or by calling us at (913) 755-2136.



A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

by Sam Moon, Director of Community Affairs

Love is in the air at Osawatomie Public Library as we celebrate Valentine's Day and National Library Lovers' Month! February might be the shortest month of the year, but it's shaping up to be a meaningful and exciting one...

I'm pleased to share some wonderful news with our community: Osawatomie Public Library has received a \$10,000 gift from Carnegie Corporation of New York, the philanthropic foundation established by Scottish immigrant Andrew Carnegie. This award is part of Carnegie Libraries 250, a national initiative recognizing Carnegie's legacy and the libraries he funded ahead of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. We are honored to be included in this celebration of libraries and their enduring role in democracy, education, and civic life. This gift will support our ongoing efforts to strengthen services and programs for our community.

This month, you'll also see us expanding how we share information with you. The library now offers TextMyGov notifications, making it easier than ever to stay up to date:

- Text "**OZLIBRARY**" to phone number 91896 to receive general library news, updates, and reminders for all ages or adult programming. *Follow the prompts to opt-in!*
- Text "**OZLIBRARYFAM**" to phone number 91896 to receive information or reminders specifically about family-friendly events, youth programs, and summer reading activities. *Follow the prompts to opt-in!*

These opt-in text groups are a convenient way to get timely reminders and highlights straight to your phone so you never miss what's happening at the best lil' library in Kansas (that's us!).

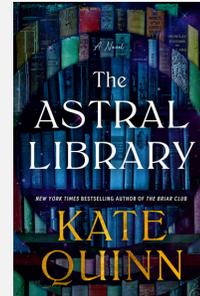
February will also bring a variety of programs and opportunities for all ages, whether you're attending an event, browsing the shelves, using our public computers, or simply enjoying a quiet place to read and stay warm. Your visits and participation help make the library a vibrant and responsive community space. Special opportunities for your feedback regarding our potential expansion will be announced soon, too.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to seeing you this month and throughout the year as we continue building a strong future for your library and our community!

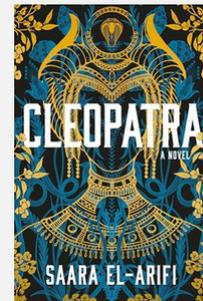
NEW RELEASES

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

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HISTORICAL FICTION



NON-FICTION

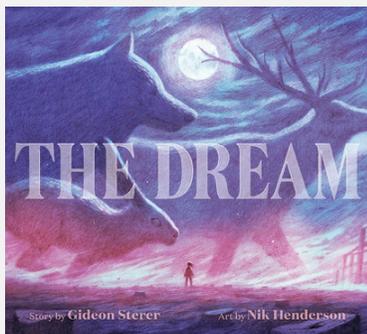


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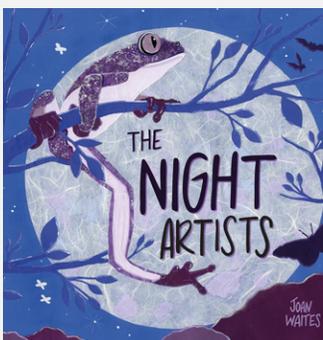


NEW RELEASES (CONT.)

PICTURE BOOK



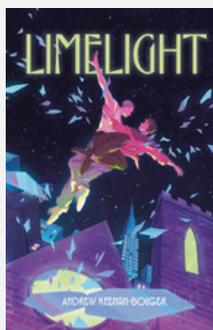
NON-FICTION PICTURE BOOK



JUNIOR FICTION



YOUNG ADULT



FROM THE YOUTH DEPARTMENT

OPL Youth Services offers programs for kids ages birth-17 as well as a safe place to socialize after school. The youth department also features an open play area for young children, dedicated online gaming computers, video game consoles, reading chairs, activity tables, and more. Just like our extensive collection of borrowable materials, all our youth programs are provided for FREE! Check out what we've got planned for February:

- **Take-and-Makes** In the spirit of Valentine's Day, we're offering paper plate hot air balloon Take-and-Make craft kits, perfect for kindergarten and elementary-aged kids! All supplies are provided except for the glue. Take-and-Makes are available while supplies last!
- **Toddler/Pre-K** Regular events continue for pre-k patrons (ages 0-5) and their guardians every Tuesday at 1:00pm and Friday at 10:00am. We'll also be celebrating Valentine's Day on Saturday, February 14th with a paper pizza craft at 11:00am!
- **Junior Patrons** aged 6-11 are invited to learn an easy after school snack and make tasty, cheesy pinwheels on February 12th at 4:00pm. Participation is FREE, though RSVP is required. Please call or stop by to register.
- **Teens** Patrons aged 12+ are invited to decorate chocolate chip cookie bars with colorful buttercream frosting on February 26th at 4:00pm. Participation is FREE, though RSVP is required. Please call or stop by to register.

Don't forget about our other cool programming offered through the year:

- **Boards & Bytes** is our after-school gaming club for teens and juniors. The club uses board games and video games to teach real life skill building and teamwork. Prizes are awarded for reaching milestones and completing assigned quests! To become part of our Quest Club, kids and teens should visit with one of our Youth Librarians. Quest Club encourages flexible attendance and is great for kids with busy sports schedules or other after school commitments.
- **Summer Reading** is a free, 6-8 week summer learning program that also incentivizes reading with killer prizes! Look for kickoff information later this spring.

FEBRUARY 2026

Monday - Friday | 9:00am to 6:00pm
Saturday | 9:00am to 2:00pm

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|--|-----------------------------------|---|
| 2 | 3 Story Hour: 1pm (Pre-K) | 4 | 5 | 6 Story Hour: 10am (Pre-K) | 7 |
| 9 | 10 Story Hour: 1pm (Pre-K) | 11 | 12 Kitchen Lab Pinwheels: 4pm (Ages 6-11) | 13 Story Hour: 10am (Pre-K) | 14 Craft Party Paper Pizza: 11am (Pre-K) |
| 16 | 17 Story Hour: 1pm (Pre-K) | 18 | 19 Felted Tea Bag Bookmarks: 6pm (Adults) | 20 Story Hour: 10am (Pre-K) | 21 |
| 23 Library Board @ 6pm | 24 Story Hour: 1pm (Pre-K) | 25 | 26 Decorated Cookie Bars: 4pm (Ages 12+) | 27 Story Hour: 10am (Pre-K) | 28 |

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Why, what's the matter, That you have such a February face, So full of frost, of storm and cloudiness?

— WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE, *MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING*

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