



HIGHLIGHTS AND REMINDERS

HOLIDAY HOURS

In accordance with City of Osawatomie holiday policies, the library will be closed on Monday, January 19th, 2026, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Regular business will resume Tuesday.

WINTER READ

Our '25-'26 adult winter reading challenge is still going strong! Challenge cards are available at the main circulation desk and completed cards can be exchanged for raffle tickets through February 9th, 2026.

RESOURCE BUS

The Catholic Charities Mobile Resource Bus will be stationed at the Library on January 21st, 2026. Walk-up resources are available from 1pm to 4pm, though individual appointments can be scheduled as needed.

January's Third* Thursday Adult Night

Punch Party | January 22nd, 2026 | 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Because of the New Year's Day holiday, our Third Thursday adult night is pushing back to the FOURTH Thursday this month. Join us on Thursday, January 22nd, for a PUNCH PARTY! Customize punch cards to help keep your resolutions on track, encourage new habits, or simply reward yourself for living your best life in 2026. This is a free event, but registration is requested. Either [click here](#), scan the QR code to the right, or give us a call at (913) 755-2136.



A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

by Sam Moon, Director of Community Affairs

Happy New Year, from Osawatomie Public Library!

Thank you for being part of our library family. We're looking forward to serving you this year and continuing our mission to support learning, creativity, and community for all. For those just finding us for the first time, welcome! Here's a snapshot of what you can expect from OPL over the course of a year:

- Free access to over 15,000 books, audiobooks, movies, and TV shows in our physical collection, including large print format and other reading devices like Kansas Talking Books
- Free access to thousands more on-demand titles through Hoopla, which is our digital catalog of e-books, audiobooks, movies, and more
- Low to no-cost social and educational programming for adults and seniors
- Free social and educational programming for kids and families
- Partnerships with community resource providers, like Catholic Charities and Parents as Teachers
- Free Wi-Fi and public access computers
- Low cost printing, copies, and fax services
- Low to no-cost access to technology and hobby equipment like 3D printers and heat presses
- and so much more!

As part of the Northeast Kansas Library System (NEKLS), our patrons also have access to titles available at other member libraries. These inter-library loans are totally free and help us get you the title you want as soon as possible. Over 5,000 items are transported between our library and other member libraries each year, making ILL one of our most popular services! If you can't find a particular title or tool on our shelves, ask a librarian about ILL – it's our favorite thing, and feels a little like a superpower.

Additionally, thanks to support from partnerships with organizations like Delta Dental and Osawatomie Rotary Club, we are able to offer hygiene supplies and personal care items in our free pantries, located near our public restrooms. Donations, including monetary, are always appreciated to keep these necessities stocked.

Whether you're a new face or a longtime friend, thank you for being a patron of Osawatomie Public Library!

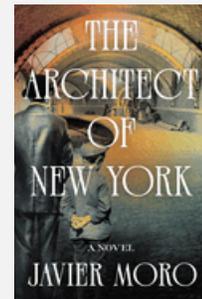
NEW RELEASES

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!

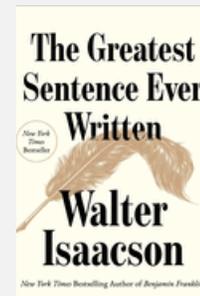
THRILLER



HISTORICAL FICTION



NON-FICTION

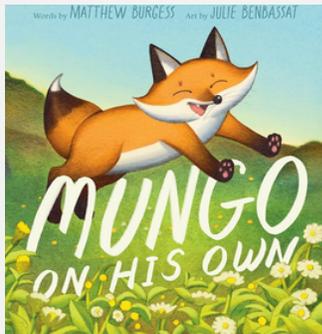


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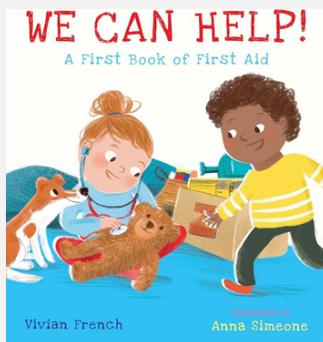


NEW RELEASES (CONT.)

PICTURE BOOK



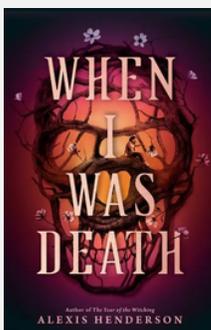
PICTURE BOOK



JUNIOR FICTION



YOUNG ADULT



FROM THE YOUTH DEPARTMENT

Did you know we hosted over 230 youth and family programs in 2025? While staff worked hard, none of it would have been possible without every single one of YOU! We hope you join us again in 2026 to continue making our library thrive. Here's your New Year reminder of what our Youth Department provides for kids ages birth-17. All youth activities at OPL are FREE!

- **Early Literacy Storytime & Labs | Fridays @ 10:00am**
 - Designed for kids aged 0-5 and their guardians, storytime includes reading, singing, dancing, and a hands-on lab to practice motor skills or make a fun treat. In 2026, we're also planning to add afternoon storytimes to our regular calendar. Stay tuned!
- **Junior Programming | 2nd Thursdays @ 4:00pm**
 - Programs range from board games to craft nights to STEM projects and kitchen labs, and all are designed for kids from 6 to 11 years old.
- **Teen Programming | 4th Thursdays @ 4:00pm**
 - Kickstart your teen's brainpower with our teen programming, designed for kids aged 12 and older.
- **Boards & Bytes** is our after-school gaming club for teens and juniors that uses board games and video games to teach real life skill building and teamwork.
- **Summer Reading** is a totally free and jam-packed program to keep kids busy all summer long, plus it incentivizes reading with killer prizes!
- **Kitchen Labs** promote independence and safety for kids of all ages.

This month's programs include:

- **Toddler/Pre-K** Regular storytimes and skills labs continue for pre-k patrons (ages 0-5) and their guardians every Friday beginning at 10:00am. This month is all about winter wonder!
- **Junior** Patrons aged 6-11 are invited to compete in the OPL Winter Games! Teams will tackle five different games to see who gets crowned Winter Champions! Join us on January 8th at 4:00pm. Participation is FREE and no RSVP is required.
- **Teens** Patrons aged 12+ are having fun at game night and playing Flip 7, a card game of chance and skill. Join us on January 22nd at 4:00pm. Participation is FREE and no RSVP is required.

JANUARY 2026

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

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 Story Hour: 10am (Pre-K)	3
5	6	7	8 Winter Games: 4pm (Ages 6-11)	9 Story Hour: 10am (Pre-K)	10
12	13	14	15	16 Story Hour: 10am (Pre-K)	17
19 CLOSED for MLK Day	20	21 Catholic Charities Resource Bus 1pm - 4pm	22 Flip 7: 4pm (Ages 12+) Punch Party: 6pm (Adults)	23 Story Hour: 10am (Pre-K)	24
26	27	28	29	30 Story Hour: 10am (Pre-K)	31



For last year's words belong to last year's language. And next year's words await another voice.
And to make an end is to make a beginning.

- T.S. ELIOT "LITTLE GIDDING"

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