

Great Stories Great Reading

MLS is one of only five libraries in Oklahoma that are participating in the American Library Association's Great Stories Club. Director of Outreach Services **Dana Morrow**, and **Emily Williams**, Young Adult Services Coordinator, have received a grant from ALA that will allow Emily to work with Emerson Alternative School to get the club up and running.

"It's pretty cool," Emily said. "We'll be running the book clubs at Emerson as an Outreach program. If anyone wants to find out more about the Great Stories Club, they can check out the website at www.ala.org/greatstories."

Here's how the site defines the goals of the Club: "The Great Stories CLUB is a reading and discussion program that targets under served, troubled teen populations. The program reaches teens through books that are relevant to their lives, inviting them to read and keep the books, and encourages them to consider and discuss each title with a group of their peers. It seeks to show that reading can be a source of pleasure, a tool for self-exploration, and a meaningful way to connect to the wider world. Its ultimate goal is to inspire young adults who face difficult situations to take control of their lives by embracing the power of reading."

MLS has always taken the lead in helping at-risk kids find ways to improve their situations.

Way to go Dana and Emily!