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Happy birthday to us! It's the 50th anniversary of the Metropolitan Library System. Even though some of our library locations have been around much longer, it wasn't until legislation made it possible for the formation of the Metropolitan Library Commission to bring all Oklahoma county libraries together in 1965 that we became the library system we are now. Stop by your favorite library this month and grab a Collector's 50th Anniversary Bookmark featuring a different topic each month.

This month, we're making a big deal about the Smithsonian Institution's Museums on Main Street exhibit that is traveling through the nation because they are making a stop right here in OKC. And later this month check out Paul Mesner when he brings his touring puppet show to libraries for Spring Fling. Find all the details inside this month's *info* magazine!

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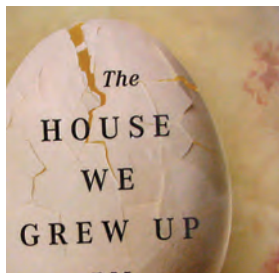
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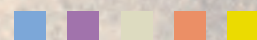


Sports in Oklahoma in 1965

In 1965, the 89ers played baseball at the All Sports Stadium, the Oklahoma City Blazers sent pucks flying in the Fairgrounds Arena, and OU & OSU both had a rough season, winning only 3 games each in the Big Eight Conference, but OSU won the bedlam game.

Read these stats and more in the Oklahoma Digital Archives available to search free with your library card on www.metrolibrary.org.





Oklahoma Images

Bertha Teague Goes Out A Champion

By Larry Johnson

Few people in the sports world get to go out on top. Ted Williams did it in 1959 when he hit a home run in his last at-bat for the Boston Red Sox. In 1999, John Elway walked off the field for the last time as a Super Bowl champion. And swimmer Mark Spitz shattered the record for Olympic gold medals then promptly retired at age 22. It happened for Bertha Teague, too.

In 1927, young Bertha Teague came from Arkansas to the little Pontotoc County town of Byng with a job teaching first grade. She soon found herself coaching the high school girls basketball team as well. She had never played a single game of basketball herself (nor would she ever), but, she said, "You don't have to play basketball to coach it. Coaching is teaching." In her definitive textbook, *Basketball for Girls*, she said, "There is no magic formula...A girl needs two essentials...(1) a desire to win and (2) physical condition." Her hints for being a better player read like a list of life lessons:

- Keep hustling
- Be alert
- Learn the fundamentals
- Put in supreme effort
- Personal glory is derived from teamwork
- Get an education

Bertha taught her players to be confident and well-conditioned and then just told them to go out and play.

And play they did! In 42 years at Byng, Bertha's teams won an astonishing 90 per cent of their games, eight state titles (including three in a row), and, in one stretch in the 1930s, they won 98 consecutive games. For decades she held the all-time record for basketball wins. Not most wins by a female coach. Most wins by anyone. Ever. 1,157 wins to be exact. And she was the first woman inducted in the National Basketball Hall of Fame.

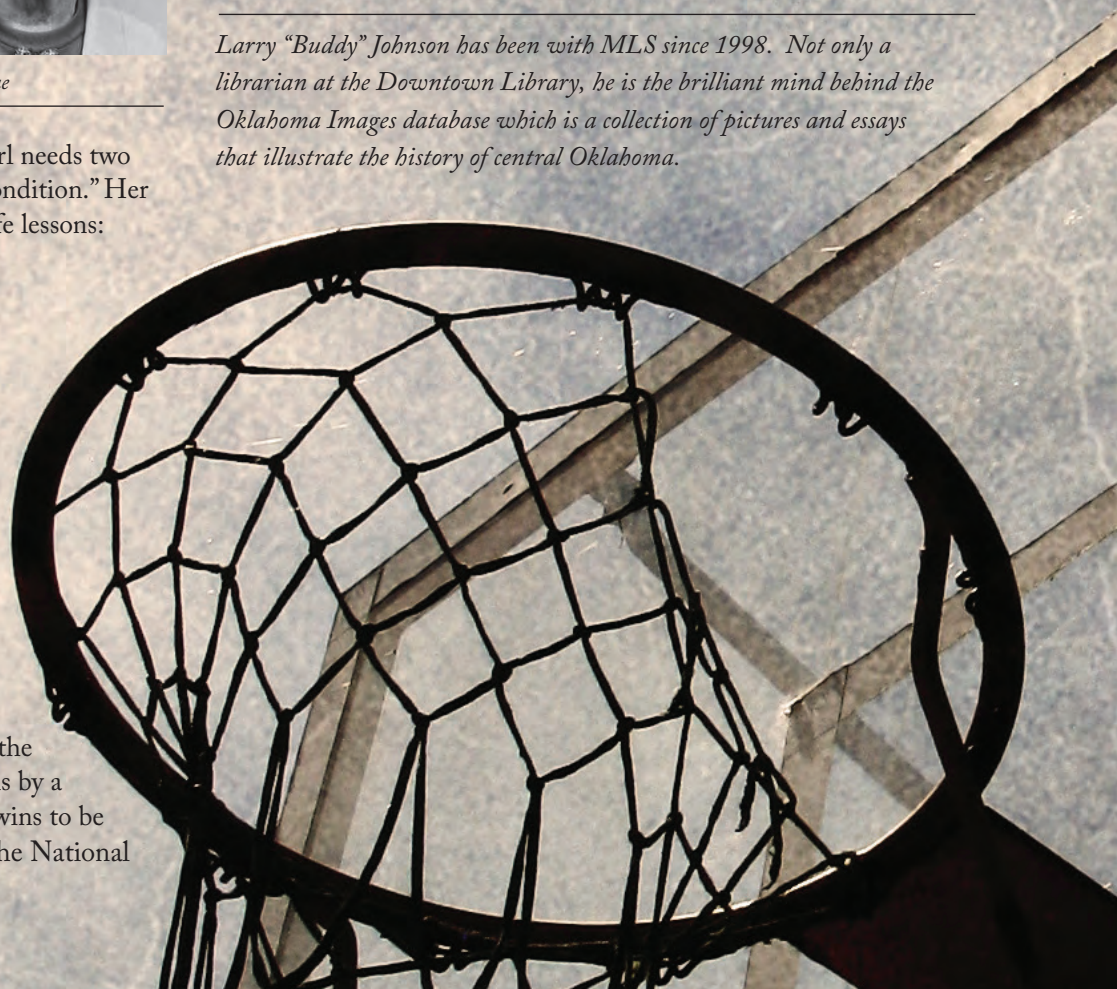


Bertha Teague

In March 1969, Bertha Teague sat courtside for the last time. It was the Class A title game against Elk City in the State Fair Arena. The Lady Pirates struggled through this emotional game and with 45 seconds remaining, Byng was down by eight points. All seemed lost. But the Pirates began grabbing rebounds and stealing passes, slowly gaining ground. With four seconds left, they were down by one point. Byng's Cindy Gardner missed a shot, snatched her own rebound, then handed it off to Judy Corvin. The final buzzer sounded as the ball left Corvin's hand and the shot dropped in to give Byng's hometown heroes a 40-39 victory.

A newspaper reporter at the game said it would've made great fiction but no writer would touch it; it was too corny. The story of Bertha and the Lady Pirates, he said, "Went down to the last line of the last paragraph of the last chapter."

Larry "Buddy" Johnson has been with MLS since 1998. Not only a librarian at the Downtown Library, he is the brilliant mind behind the Oklahoma Images database which is a collection of pictures and essays that illustrate the history of central Oklahoma.





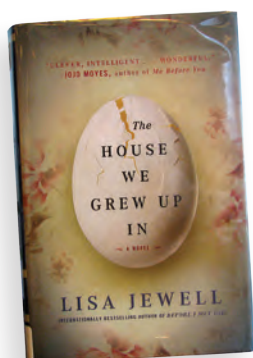
Reviews & Recommendations

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ON THE SHELF

The House We Grew Up In: a Novel

by Lisa Jewell

review by Jana Hausburg



"But now, as she edged her way into the room, she saw the armchair where her mother had been, a fat, flowery thing padded out with cheap cushions, tables at either side, holding bottles of nail polish, paperbacks, rice cakes, the oversized headphones she'd wear to listen to the radio, and instead of filth and junk, all she was aware of was the empty space at the center of it all."

All families have secrets, don't they? The Bird family has plenty to go around: free-spirited Lorelei suppresses a youthful trauma while creating a magical childhood for her four children; oldest daughter Meg harbors a tendency toward OCD; Beth hides an attraction for her sister's handsome partner; Rory's guilt becomes an almost physical presence that replaces the twin he lost at the

age of 16. As for Colin -- I'm not giving that particular subplot away.

Needless to say, the Birds are dysfunctional. A son's suicide nudges Lorelei toward mental illness, a gradual process that takes most of the family by surprise. As the family unravels and goes their separate ways, it is ultimately another tragedy that brings them back together.

The characters are beautifully written, bound together by mutual love and misunderstanding.

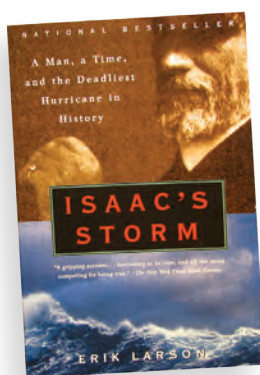
With her incredible book knowledge and sharply-boned survivor skills, Jana Hausburg is humanity's best chance in a zombie apocalypse. She is also the manager at the Capitol Hill Library.

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ON THE SHELF

Isaac's Storm

by Erik Larson

reviewed by Lloyd Lovely



Fact: In 1900, the worst hurricane in U.S. history blew through Galveston, Texas, killing more than 8,000 people.

That's how we learn history in school. But so much more lies behind that fact. Larson has expanded an event from a single fact into an entire book, including names and faces of those affected. It makes that bit of history horribly, fascinatingly real.

Isaac is Isaac Cline, then with the U.S. Weather Service and assigned to Galveston, Texas, and the storm is a completely unexpected, completely misforecasted hurricane that hits Galveston in the worst possible manner.

The author makes the calamity personal, describing the lives and backgrounds of many real inhabitants of Galveston at the time. Like the city of Galveston,

they had big dreams and bright futures that all ended on a Saturday in September. Unlike fiction, you can't appreciate the well-told story then leave it behind as you go about your daily business. The stories of real people and real suffering, told in stark truths, force you onward through an overarching sense of foreboding, knowing the fortune of these people but being unable to intercede.

Isaac's Storm is well told, with just enough detail to put you clearly in that moment, but not enough to weigh you down and keep you from getting to what happens next.

It'll blow you away!

This title is also available in digital format.

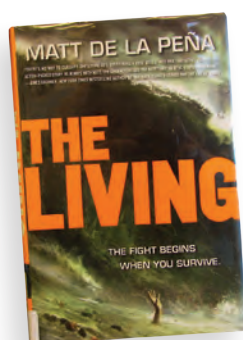
Lloyd Lovely is the MLS Deputy Executive Director for Finance and Support, which makes him feel important. Please don't tell him the truth.



The Living

by Matt de la Peña

reviewed by Elisabeth Wright



Teenager Shy is spending his summer working on a luxury cruise liner to make some much-needed money for his family. But any hopes he had of a nice, cushy summer job come crashing down when catastrophe strikes: first a massive earthquake destroys California, and then a tsunami hits the ship. Shy finds himself adrift at sea, struggling to survive in shark-infested waters alongside one of the cruise passengers, a rich blond girl with few survival skills. And, believe it or not, that's not even the worst of it.

This young adult novel has it all: a compelling Mexican-American protagonist, a natural disaster, a survival saga,

a pandemic, a conspiracy on a mysterious island, sharp social commentary, even a little romance. (Yes, I just got a little overwhelmed re-reading that list, but somehow Matt de la Peña makes it all work!) The action-packed adventure made it impossible for me to put this book down... but I don't think I want to go on a cruise any time soon!

This title is also available in digital audio formats.

Elisabeth Wright is the Young Adult Librarian at the Village Library. She'll never catch up on her "to-read" list, but that doesn't stop her from trying.



The Book of Strange New Things

by Michel Faber

review by Alexis Whitney



Michel Faber's work is always thought provoking and wildly imaginative, and *The Book of Strange New Things* is no exception. Peter, an English minister, has been through some rough times but finally feels he knows himself and his place in the world. Formerly a homeless drug addict, he now lives with his loving wife and their adorable cat Joshua, who they treat like a child. When Peter is chosen to be the pastor at a corporate outpost on a planet millions of miles across the universe, he jumps at the chance to spread his faith to such a far off place. One problem though: his wife is not invited. On this journey, Peter discovers that his beliefs about himself, his faith, and his relationship with his wife are not quite true. The

bizarre landscape and inhabitants of the planet fascinate him, and he forms very close bonds with some of the native inhabitants who are interested in Jesus. These relationships plus the secretive mission of the company he works for lead him to discover what's most important to him, and what he really left behind on Earth. By turns heartbreaking and beautiful, this book will stay with you long after you finish it.

Alexis Whitney is the Adult Services librarian at the fabulous Almonte Library. She is usually reading three or four books concurrently, which makes her stay up way too late at night.



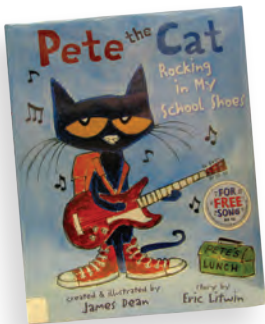
Reviews & Recommendations



Pete the Cat: Rocking in my School Shoes

Created and Illustrated by James Dean, Story by Eric Litwin

reviewed by Kelley Rhia



Who is your favorite literary cat? Seuss's *Cat in the Hat*, perhaps? After all, he does come back. Or maybe *Splat the Cat* with electrified fur and wild eyes is more your speed? While both are entertaining, according to kids across the nation and the New York Times bestseller list, *Pete the Cat* is still the current all-out favorite since he strolled on the scene in 2010.

Created and lovingly illustrated by James Dean (no relation to the actor), this cat was inspired by a sweet shelter pet he found but, it was in working with fellow Atlantian, Eric Litwin, that the cat first got his shoes and voila--- Pete the Cat was born! The easy text and swell refrain make this book a simple smooth read that lets

kids know whatever happens, it's all good.

So now, Pete is a star in *Pete the Cat and his Four Groovy Buttons*, *Pete the Cat Rocking in My School Shoes* (what could be more fun than a laid-back blue cat wearing red chucks and toting a rock'n roll guitar?), *Pete the Cat and His Magic Sunglasses*, *Pete the Cat The Wheels on the Bus*, and *Pete the Cat Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star*.

Pete's star shines in a total of 14 books and Playaways at the Metro Libraries. That's not bad for a cool cat like Pete.

Kelley Riba is Community Information Coordinator in the MLS Outreach Dept. She is a long-time performer for children and reviews books written for the youngest readers.



Trust No One

by Jayne Anne Krentz

reviewed by Tracey Thompson



Grace Elland has finally found a fulfilling career working for motivational speaker Sprague Witherspoon. That is until she finds him dead in his home. The vodka bottle left in the room brings back memories of a tragic past. To add to the horror, that night she starts receiving emails from her dead boss.

Now out of a job, she returns to her childhood home. She is not back long before her best friend sets her up on a disastrous blind date with Julius Arkwright. Julius is a former marine turned venture capitalist with a cynical outlook. His number one rule is to trust no one, yet he finds himself trusting Grace. He understands her like few can. Grace tries to look toward her future, but the past

won't let her go. Julius may be the one person who can free her.

Krentz has created another successful romantic thriller. I had difficulty putting the book down, and I read it in one night at the cost of some sleep. It is a compelling storyline with its mixture of intrigue, mystery, romance, and self-discovery. The story had some surprising twists that kept me guessing until the end.

This book is available in digital format.

Librarian by day, crime fighter by night. I am Batman!
Tracey Thompson, MLIS



TEEN TECH MONTH

*Libraries are
for making...*

Teens Get Digital at the Library

Libraries are for making. That's this year's national slogan for Teen Tech Month. Teen Tech Month is an initiative created by the Young Adult Library Services Association, a division of the American Library Association. Though libraries feature fun and games for teens during the month, Teen Tech is about more than that.

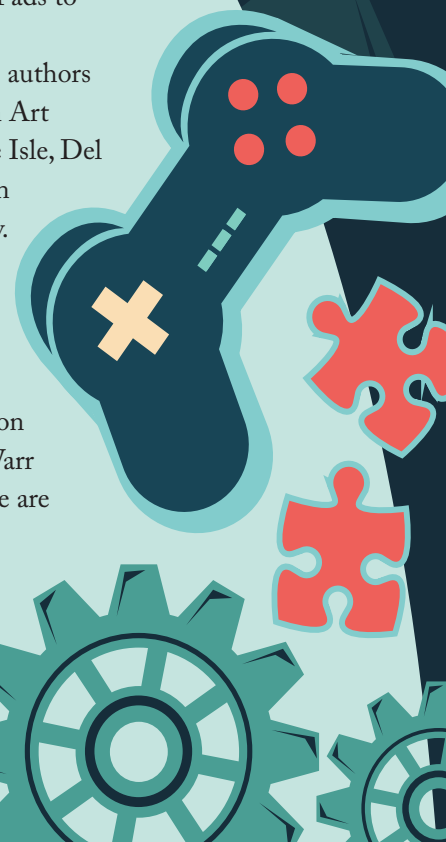
"About 25% of library users are teens or young adults who need job skills to be successful in life," said Emily Williams, Young Adult Services Coordinator. "Teen Tech month was created to enhance digital and media literacy skills. Planning these fun, yet educational events is a way for the library to bridge the gap between education and the job market, and provide tools for young adults to learn those skills," she concluded.

"Libraries are for making" comes from the maker space trend. Libraries have long been considered places to create, and continue to offer that opportunity. New technology provides more options for creating.

Physical materials, digital downloads, online research, computers and internet resources are available all the time, but this month, special events

just for teens invite young people to create and have fun.

Have you heard of Vine? It's one of the hottest things among teens these days. Almonte Library stays current with a Vine Video contest. Contestants will make a Vine video capturing their reaction to a book. Teens who don't have access to equipment can come use the library's iPads to create a Vine on March 10 from 5p-7p. Southern Oaks Library invites artists and authors to enter their annual Fan Fiction and Fan Art Contest. Have fun with Pixel Art at Belle Isle, Del City and Choctaw Libraries, or go back in time for retro gaming at Edmond Library. Geek Out with the fandoms at Midwest City and Belle Isle Libraries. Become an engineer and create a brushbot at Bethany Library or a squishy circuit at The Village Library. Find out which faction you belong to at the Insurgent Party at Warr Acres library. All of these events and more are listed on our online calendar at www.metrolibrary.org.



HOMETOWN TEAMS

Hits a Home Run!





Put me in, Coach! This spring, the Metropolitan Library System has been chosen to host a Smithsonian traveling exhibit all about sports. The Smithsonian Institution and Museums on Mainstreet present "Hometown Teams: How Sports Shape America" at the Ralph Ellison Library from March 5 through April 15.

Sports are an integral part of the American experience. The traditions and rituals are engrained in our literature, commercials, music, movies and family traditions. Ever try to plan an event on OU Texas weekend? The taboo against that illustrates the importance placed on sports in our community.

This exhibit features photos and stories of sporting events and sports legends from a wide variety of games. See the role that sports play in the American experience with displays on beloved sports movies, common phrases that originated in sports, advertising campaigns like Wheaties® cereal, collectibles like baseball trading cards, digital sports in the form of video games, and even soccer Barbie. Listen to audio interviews with athletes and participate in interactive questions. There are also displays about stadium food, the cheers, the music and much more!

The ribbon cutting for the Hometown Teams exhibit will be held on March 5 at 2pm.

"Hometown Teams companion events, like book clubs, fitness classes, themed storytimes and sports movies are happening at Ralph Ellison and other libraries throughout the library system in March and April," said Joey Shelton,

Ralph Ellison librarian.

Ralph Ellison librarians planned unique events to celebrate the Hometown Teams exhibit. Visualize yourself making the goal with See It to Be It, a guided imagery program. Jump into fitness with group jump roping on Thursdays or play Lawn Games on Team Tuesday. Learn the connection between the Kansas City Monarchs and Oklahoma City from sports writer, Phil S. Dixon, as he hosts a discussion honoring the 90th anniversary of the Monarchs' first World Championship.

Catch the featured events section or visit the online events calendar to find out more about companion events this month.

Funding for the Hometown Teams exhibit was generously provided by the Oklahoma Humanities Council.

"Hometown Teams: How Sports Shape America" is part of Museum on Main Street, a unique collaboration between the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service (SITES), and the Oklahoma Humanities Council. To learn more about Hometown Teams and other Museum on Main Street exhibitions, visit www.museumonmainstreet.org.



Hanging on to that sports memorabilia? Have baseball cards or autographs and want to know what they are worth?

Find out what your collectibles are worth with Price It! Antiques & Collectibles, available on www.metrolibrary.org.

Use your library card number to log in and search for your item. Price It! analyzes selling prices from auction sales and compares actual prices paid for the same item. Read helpful articles on identifying collectibles or restoring them. Access a directory of thousands of collectors clubs around the world, all from the convenience of your computer. Price all kinds of antiques and collectibles, not just sports memorabilia. Prices are taken from online auctions and auction house sales. Log in and see how much your collectibles are worth today!

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FEATURED EVENTS

To see the latest information about library programs and events, please click on Programs & Events on the MLS website: www.metrolibrary.org

Commission Meeting

Midwest City Library Thu | Mar 19 3:30PM
Metropolitan Library Commission of Oklahoma County Monthly Meeting



Bingo

All Ages
Del City Library Fri | Mar 13 4p

Board Games

All Ages
Del City Library Wed | Mar 11 4p

Chess Club

All Ages
The Village Library Fridays 4p
Northwest Library Thu | Mar 12, 26 5:30p
Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)
Edmond Library Mon | Mar 2, 16 4:30p

Gamefest

PreTeen (ages 9-12)
The Village Library Thu | Mar 5 4p
Capitol Hill Library Wed | Mar 11 6:30p
Ralph Ellison Library Tue | Mar 17 4p
Southern Oaks Library® Sun | Mar 22 2p

Gaming Club

Teen (ages 12-18)
Belle Isle Library Thursdays 4p
Choctaw Library Tue | Mar 24 3p

Juggling Club

Teen (ages 12-18)
Belle Isle Library Wed | Mar 18 4p

Lego Club

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)
Capitol Hill Library Thu | Mar 12 4p
Downtown Library® Mon | Mar 16 6:30p
Midwest City Library Mon | Mar 23 4p
Warr Acres Library® Sat | Mar 28 2:30p

All Ages
Choctaw Library® Wed | Mar 25 4p

Minecraft Club

Teen (ages 12-18)
Choctaw Library® Tue | Mar 10 4p

Retro Gaming Meet

Teens (ages 12-18)
Edmond Library® Sat | Mar 7 2p

Scrabble @ Your Library

PreTeen (ages 9-12)
Bethany Library Thu | Mar 19 2p

Yu-Gi-Oh!

Teen (ages 12-18)
Bethany Library Sat | Mar 7 10a
PreTeen (ages 9-12)
Edmond Library Sat | Mar 14 3p



Anime Club

Teen (ages 12-18)
Belle Isle Library Tue | Mar 3 4p
Southern Oaks Library® Sat | Mar 14 1:30p
Ralph Ellison Library Tue | Mar 24 4p

Art Time

Babies (0-12 months)
Downtown Library® Thu | Mar 12 10a

Crafts

All Ages
Midwest City Library Sat | Mar 14 3p

Crafty Art

PreTeen (ages 9-12)
Warr Acres Library® Tue | Mar 10 4p

Creative Writing

Adult
Ralph Ellison Library Thu | Mar 12 6p

Duct Tape Craft

PreTeen (ages 9-12)
Del City Library® Thu | Mar 12 6p

Family Craft Night

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)
Del City Library Thu | Mar 19 6:30p

Fashion Club

Teen (ages 12-18)
The Village Library® Thu | Mar 19 4p

Jewelry Making*Teen (ages 12-18)*Southern Oaks Library [®] Thu | Mar 12 4p**Journal Junkies***Teen (ages 12-18)*Northwest Library [®] Thu | Mar 19 4p**Kids Art***Preteen (ages 9-12)*

Ralph Ellison Library Sat | Mar 14 1:30p

Knitting Club*Adults*Southern Oaks Library [®] Mon | Mar 9 5:30p

Almonte Library Thu | Mar 12 5:30p

The Village Library Sat | Mar 14 10a

Choctaw Library [®]**Lady Crafters***Adults*

Nicoma Park Library Tue | Mar 17 10a

Maker Monday*Children (ages 12 & under)*Downtown Library [®] Mon | Mar 2 6:30p**Minecraft Crafts***PreTeen (ages 9-12)*Southern Oaks Library [®] Sat | Mar 21 1:30p**Origami Club***Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)*

Choctaw Library Sat | Mar 14 1p

Pixel Art*PreTeen (ages 9-12)*Del City Library [®] Mon | Mar 23 6p*Teen (ages 12-18)*Choctaw Library [®] Thu | Mar 12 6p**Quilting Club***Adults*

Midwest City Library Mondays 9a

Teen Crafts*Teens (Ages 12-18)*

Belle Isle Library Tue | Mar 24 4p

Tinkering Tuesdays*Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)*

Midwest City Library Tue | Mar 3, 17 6p

Watercolor Workshop*Adult*

Bethany Library Sat | Mar 21 10a

Writing Group*Adult*

Midwest City Library Mon | Mar 9, 23 6p



Book it @ the Library

Metro Library ReadUp

Online

Make an account on goodreads.com, then join the group Metro Library ReadUp.

Tailored Titles on Facebook

Online

Wed | Mar 4 2p

Looking for what to read next? We can help! Join us on our Facebook page to share the last book you read that you liked and our reading experts will create a personalized reading suggestion just for you!

Book Clubs*Adults*Edmond Library [®] Tue | Mar 3 12p*Cozy Mysteries*

Midwest City Library Thu | Mar 5 10a

Non-Fiction

Northwest Library Tue | Mar 10 6p

*Let's Talk About It, Oklahoma!*Downtown Library [®] Sun | Mar 15 2p*Read the Movie*

Midwest City Library Thu | Mar 19 10a

*Reader's Society*Edmond Library [®] Tue | Mar 23 6:30p*History*

Belle Isle Sat | Mar 28 2p

Let's Talk About It, Oklahoma!

Northwest Library Fri | Mar 6 1p

Warr Acres Library Mon | Mar 9 11a

Southern Oaks Library [®] Tue | Mar 10 11:30aThe Village Library [®] Mon | Mar 16 3p

Del City Library Thu | Mar 26 4:30p

Senior (ages 55+)

Edmond Library Sat | Mar 14 2p

*Book Bunch**Teen (ages 12-18)*

Del City Library anytime 4:30p

online at www.goodreads.com/delcityteenreads

Choctaw Library Fri | Mar 6 3p

Fandom Friday

Midwest City Wed | Mar 11 4:30p

Geek Out!

Belle Isle Library Tue | Mar 17 4p

*Random Fandom**PreTeen (ages 9-12)*

Bethany Library Tue | Mar 24 6:30p

Kid's Classics

Northwest Library Mon | Mar 9 4p

Edmond Library [®] Sat | Mar 28 10:30a

featured events

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Midwest City Library Mon | Mar 9 4:30p
Read the Movie

Choctaw Library Wed | Mar 4, 11, 25 10a
Southern Oaks Library® Tue | Mar 10 6:30p
Almonte Library® Wed | Mar 11 4p



Concerts @ the Library

Noontunes

Downtown Library Thursdays Noon
Thu | Mar 5 Susan Herndon
Thu | Mar 12 Easy Street
Thu | Mar 19 Oklahoma Strings Quartet
Thu | Mar 26 Central Oklahoma Clarinet Choir



Learn @ the Library

Adult Education and Literacy Class

Southern Oaks Library® Mondays & Wednesdays 6p

Early Learning Readiness

PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)
Capitol Hill Library Mondays & Thursdays 9:30a

GED Prep

Adults
Southern Oaks Library® Mon | Mar 2, 23, 30 1p
Wed | Mar 4, 25

Homework Help

Children (ages 12 & under)
Almonte Library Wed | Mar 4, 18 5p
Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)
Del City Library® Tue | Mar 3, 17 5p
Southern Oaks Library® Thu | Mar 5, 26 4p
Capitol Hill Library Mon | Mar 2, 23, 30 4p
Wed | Mar 4, 25 4p

Intermediate Spanish

Adults
Capitol Hill Library Mondays 5:30p

Internet Basics

Adults
Edmond Library® Wed | Mar 4, 11, 18 1p

Intro to Email

Adults
Edmond Library-R Thu | Mar 5, 12, 19 1p

Library Explorers

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)
Northwest Library Mon | Mar 23 4p

Rocket Readers

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)
Bethany Library® Mondays 5:30p

Science Sundays

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)
Del City Library Sun | Mar 1 3p

Women's Financial Literacy Series

Adult
Edmond Library Mon | Mar 2 7p



Be Well @ the Library

Intro to Yoga

Adults
Edmond Library Mondays 12p
Almonte Library Mondays 12p
Choctaw Library® Wednesdays 6:15p

Jump Rope

All Ages
Ralph Ellison Library Thu | Mar 12, 19, 26 4:30p

Tai Chi

Seniors (ages 55+)
Northwest Library Mondays & Thursdays 4p



Highlighted Events @ the Library

Please check our online calendar for even more events!

Hometown Teams Exhibit

All Ages
Ralph Ellison Library March 5- April 15
Sports are everywhere in America: on television, in our front yards, and even throughout our culture. Cooperation and competition, team work, fair play, and discipline are distinct characteristics in our country. Join the Metropolitan Library System, the Oklahoma Humanities Council and the Smithsonian Institution as we celebrate our shared passion for sports in America. On display for the first time in Oklahoma, visit the Ralph Ellison Library to experience this one-of-a-kind cultural project.

Choctaw Schools Sports Team Display

All Ages
Choctaw Library all month
A display of sports team memorabilia from our local school district, celebrating hometown school sports. This display complements the Smithsonian's Museums on Mainstreet exhibit, Hometown Teams, at the Ralph Ellison Library from March 5- April 15.

Vine Video Contest

Teen (ages 12-18)
Almonte Library all month
What was your reaction to the ending of *The Fault in Our Stars*

or *Divergent*? Did you cry, scream, throw the book down, or just sit and stare out of disbelief? Create a Vine video documenting your reaction to a book of your choice and use the hashtag #almontevines. Use the library iPads on **Tuesday, March 10 from 5p-7p** to create your video or make it on your own device using the vine app and going to <https://vine.co/> to upload your video. Winners will be announced at the end of the month and judging will be based on creativity and relevancy to the topic.

YA Lit March Madness!

Teen (ages 12-18)

Edmond Library all month

When I say basketball, you say books: basketball (BOOKS!); basketball (BOOKS!). Celebrate Teen Tech Month by going online to vote for your favorite YA books in this showdown of the hottest titles. Pick up a bookmark with the URL to vote each week, and we'll announce a winning book at the end of the month!

Intro to Essential Oils

Adult

Northwest Library Wed | Mar 4 5:30p

Family First Aid

Come learn the benefits of essential oils and what they can do for your family's health. Callie McClam, certified massage therapist, will lead a discussion on the uses of essential oils for first aid and provide information on alternatives to common over-the-counter products.

Booktalk with Author Betsy Randolph

Adult

Choctaw Library [®] Sat | Mar 7 2p

Oklahoma author Betsy Randolph will present an enthralling book talk on her Cat Carlyle Mystery series. She will also provide insight of the writing process and the publishing world. Betsy is the author of the recently published third work in the Carlyle series *Tokens of the Lost* and her first young adult work *The Elbow and the Invisible People*.

See It To Be It!

Adult

Ralph Ellison Library Mon | Mar 9 6:30p

There is always room for improvement. Whether you want to speak in public, lower your golf handicap, or play guitar like B.B. King, mental rehearsal can help advance your skills. Our certified instructor will lead you through guided imagery exercises so you can learn the skill and practice on your own. Seating is limited. Pre-register by calling (405) 424-1437.

Make a Vine Video for the Vine Video Contest

Teen (ages 12-18)

Almonte Library Tue | Mar 10 5p-7p

Use the library iPads to create your video or make it on your own device using the vine app and going to <https://vine.co/> to upload your video and enter the Vine Video Contest.

V-SIFT-Squishy Circuits

Teen (ages 12-18)

The Village Library Thu | Mar 12 4p

This month is Teen Tech month at the library, so come learn how to use homemade dough to make electrical circuits.

Irish Dance

All Ages

Northwest Library Sat | Mar 14 2p

Oklahoma Academy of Irish Dance

Join us this March for a spectacular peek into Irish culture with a performance from the Oklahoma Academy of Irish Dance. Director and trainer, Chelsea Barron Gonzales, leads this group of talented performers with a focus on teamwork and technique that creates an exciting experience for everyone!

Irish Dancers

All Ages

Bethany Library [®] Sat | Mar 14 2p

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day early at the library with a performance by Jean Hill's Irish Dancers. Get a taste of Ireland while enjoying the lively dance and colorful costumes of these talented young performers.

Irish Folk Dancing

All Ages

Del City Library Sun | Mar 15 2p

From the traditional celli to the modern variations on the step dance concocted by Michael Flatley for his hit show, Riverdance, much of the charm of Irish culture is conveyed through dance. Come check out a special performance by the Oklahoma Academy of Irish Dance!

Spring Fling 2015

All Ages

Paul Mesner Puppets return to Oklahoma City to present *The Stinky Cheese Man*, adapted from the book by Jon Scieszka and Lane Smith. The story contains zany versions of classic tales with the fabulous humor that made this Caldecott Award winning book so popular.

Downtown Library	Sun Mar 15	2p
Edmond Library	Mon Mar 16	10a
Northwest Library	Mon Mar 16	7p
Southern Oaks Library	Tue Mar 17	1p
Almonte Library	Tue Mar 17	7p
Warr Acres Library	Wed Mar 18	10a
Bethany Library [®]	Wed Mar 18	2p
Choctaw Library [®]	Thu Mar 19	1p
Belle Isle Library [®]	Thu Mar 19	7p
The Village Library [®]	Fri Mar 20	10a
Midwest City Library	Fri Mar 20	2p

Insurgent Party

Teen (ages 12-18)

Warr Acres Library [®] Thu | Mar 19 6:30p

Getting ready to see *Insurgent*? "Don't be afraid to be who you are". Feel free to dress like your favorite faction and enter our costume contest. Test your erudite skills with *Divergent* trivia. Also enjoy decadent sweets. Be brave and join us! Groups of 5 or more, please contact the library.

Baseball History

Adult

Ralph Ellison Library Thu | Mar 19 7p

"Kansas City Monarchs in Our Home Town

Most people have heard of Jackie Robinson, some have heard of Satchel Paige, many have heard of the Kansas City Monarchs but few know how connected they were to our local community. In honor of the 90th Anniversary of the Monarchs' first World's Championship in 1924, sports writer Phil S. Dixon is returning to 90 cities where the Monarchs played games to present the team's unique history and games the Monarchs played. Come to the library and enjoy this discussion of games played in Oklahoma City against Oklahoma City Indians--as well as the history of African American ball players from our community who participated in the Negro Leagues. Visit the Smithsonian's Museums on Mainstreet exhibit, Hometown Teams, at the Ralph Ellison Library from March 5- April 15.

BrushBots

Teen (ages 12-18)

Bethany Library Sat | Mar 21 2p

Libraries are for making ... Robots! Celebrate Teen Tech Month by designing and building your own moving robot from batteries and a toothbrush. BrushBots are easy to make, fun to personalize, and good, goofy fun to race.

DIY Cleaning Products

Adult

Almonte Library [®] Tue | Mar 24 3:30p

Spring cleaning time is here! Learn to make your own cleaning products at the library. Save money and don't rely on harsh chemicals to keep your home looking and smelling great!

Team Tuesday

Children (ages 12 & under)

Ralph Ellison Library Tue | Mar 24 4p

Ready to exercise, develop your sports skills, and learn about being a team player? Then visit us outside the library for some outdoor fun. Plenty of lawn games and activities will be available for you to enjoy. Remember to also step inside to check out the Smithsonian's Hometown Teams exhibit.

Home Team Adventure

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Almonte Library Wed | Mar 25 4p

Join other kids your age in working as a team to complete several challenges. If you enjoy watching teams work together for success on Big Brother and Survivor, now is your chance to try your hand at working with others to meet goals. Are you up for the challenge?

Teen Master Gardening

Teen (ages 12-18)

Midwest City Library [®] Wed | Mar 25 4p

Turn up your gardening skills while meeting new friends! Junior Master Gardening instructors will teach about compost and soil structure.

Plant a Tree for Arbor Day!

All Ages

Bethany Library Sat | Mar 28 10:30a

Come celebrate Arbor Day! Children, teens and adults of all ages are invited to help plant a tree on the grounds of Bethany Library. Participants can learn proper planting techniques and receive guidance on selecting trees for their own homes as they help plant a tree and promote the beautification of our community.

Fan Fiction & Fan Art Announcement Party

All Ages

Southern Oaks Library Sat | Mar 28 1:30p

Come see the latest fan art and hear about the latest fan fiction at the 9th annual Southern Oaks Fan-Fiction Fan-Art Contest Party!! The announcement party is open to all ages but children younger than 12 must be accompanied by an adult. You must be present to win.

Egg-cellent Babies

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Capitol Hill Library Tue | Mar 31 10a

Science is egg-citing! Bring your little one to learn about egg babies from the Oklahoma City Zoo. Explore eggs of all shapes, sizes, colors, and discover why eggs are a safe place for babies to grow. Pick out a few quacking good tales to round out your child's learning experience. Funded in part by The Oklahoma City Zoo.

Imagineering: Crazy Collaborative Chain Reaction Contraptions

Teen (ages 12-18)

Belle Isle Library Tue | Mar 31 4p

One thing leads to another in this gloriously complicated cause & effect adventure! Design and build an elaborate and ridiculously over-engineered contraption to do a simple task, then amp up the creativity and craziness with the help of your fellow engineers. Piles of pulleys, dozens of dominos, tons of tubes and a myriad of other materials will carry you through the twists and turns and get you moving to the next level.

[®] = Registration required for this event.

METROPOLITAN LIBRARY SYSTEM PRESENTS

TAX HELP

Capitol Hill Library

Tuesdays: Noon-2p

Fridays: 9a-2p

Edmond Library

Mondays: Noon-8p

Thursdays: 9a-3p

Northwest Library

Wednesdays: 10a-3p

Ralph Ellison Library

Saturdays: 10a-4p

The Village Library

Tuesdays & Saturdays:

9a-3p

Warr Acres Library

Mondays: 9a-3p

Fridays: 9a-3p

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NEED HELP ON YOUR TAXES?

Volunteers will be providing free preparation and e-filing assistance. Assistance is provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Please be sure to bring all relevant documents with you, e.g. all earning and dividend statements, copies of last year's federal and state returns, and proof of bank account numbers for direct deposit.



Metropolitan
LIBRARY SYSTEM



Kids @ the Libr

Play @ the Library

123! Play with Me!

Toddlers (ages 1-3)

Choctaw Library [®]	Fridays	10a
Edmond Library [®]	Tue Mar 3, 10, 17, 24	10a
Northwest Library [®]	Wed Mar 4, 11	9:30a
Belle Isle Library	Thu Mar 12, 19, 26	10a

Evening Family Playtime

Babies (0-12 months)

Downtown Library [®]	Mon Mar 9, 23	6:30p
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Parachute Play!

PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)

Choctaw [®]	Thu Mar 5	10:30a
Del City	Tue Mar 10	10a
Capitol Hill	Tue Mar 24	10a

Playtime

Babies (0-12 months)

Capitol Hill Library	Tue Mar 3	10a
Northwest Library [®]	Tue Mar 3, 17	10:45a & 1:45p
Northwest Library [®]	Thu Mar 5, 19	10:45a
Downtown Library [®]	Thu Mar 19	10a

Toddlers (ages 1-3)

Warr Acres Library	Wed Mar 11, 25	9:15a & 10:30a
Bethany Library	Thu Mar 12, 26	9:30a & 10:30a
Choctaw Library	Sat Mar 14	10a
Midwest City Library	Mon Mar 16	10a
Southern Oaks Library [®]	Mon Mar 30	10:30a

PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)

Northwest Library [®]	Tue Mar 3, 17	10a & 1p
Northwest Library [®]	Thu Mar 5, 19	10a

Toddler Aerobics

Del City Library	Tue Mar 17	10a
Southern Oaks Library	Mon Mar 30	10:30a
Almonte Library	Tue Mar 31	9:30a

Babytime

Babies (0-12 months)

Belle Isle Library [®]	Mondays	10a
Northwest Library [®]	Tue Mar 10	10:45a & 1:45p
Northwest Library [®]	Thu Mar 12	10:45a
Edmond Library [®]	Tue Mar 31	10a

Storytime @ the Library

Dr. Seuss Pajama Storytime

Children (ages 12 & under)

Almonte Library	Mon Mar 2	7p
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Evening Family Storytime

Toddlers (ages 1-3)

Edmond Library [®]	Thu Mar 5, 12, 19 & 26	6:30p
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PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)

Bethany Library [®]	Tue Mar 3	6:30p
Warr Acres Library [®]	Tue Mar 31	7p

Mother Goose on the Loose

Toddlers (ages 1-3)

Downtown Library [®]	Thu Mar 5	10a
Warr Acres Library [®]	Tue Mar 10, 24	9:30a
The Village Library	Thu Mar 12	10a
Southern Oaks Library [®]	Wed Mar 18	10:30a
Warr Acres Library [®]	Tue Mar 31	6p

Musictime

Babies (0-12 months)

Midwest City Library	Mon Mar 2	11a
Northwest Library	Tue Mar 24	10:45a & 1:45p

Northwest Library [®]	Thu Mar 26	10:45a
Edmond Library [®]	Mon Mar 30	9a

Toddlers (ages 1-3)

Midwest City Library	Mon Mar 2	10a
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PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)

The Village Library	Thu Mar 5	10a
Northwest Library [®]	Tue Mar 24	10a & 1p
Downtown Library [®]	Thu Mar 26	10a
Northwest Library [®]	Thu Mar 26	10a
Edmond Library	Mon Mar 30	10a & 11

Princess Storytime

Preschoolers (ages 3-5)

The Village Library	Thu Mar 19	10a
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Read 'Em and Eat

Children (ages 12 & under)

Ralph Ellison Library	Tue Mar 10	5:30p
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Storytime

PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)

Edmond Library [®]	Mon Mar 2, 9, 23	10a & 11a
Southern Oaks Library [®]	Mon Mar 2, 9, 23	
Choctaw Library	Tuesdays	10:30a
Bethany Library	Tue Mar 3	6:30p
Bethany Library	Thu Mar 5	10a
Warr Acres Library [®]	Tue Mar 10, 24, 31	10:30a
Northwest Library [®]	Tue Mar 10	10a & 1p
Northwest Library [®]	Thu Mar 12	10a
Capitol Hill Library	Tue Mar 17	10a
Almonte Library	Tue Mar 24	9:30a

Toddler time

Toddlers (ages 1-3)

Choctaw Library	Tuesdays	9:30a
Belle Isle Library [®]	Tuesdays	10a
Edmond Library [®]	Wednesdays	10a & 11a
Midwest City Library [®]	Mon Mar 9, 23, 30	10a



Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Belle Isle Library [®]	Mondays	6p
Northwest Library	Mondays	6p
The Village Library	Wednesdays	6p
Almonte Library	Mon Mar 2, 23	7p
Edmond Library [®]	Tue Mar 3, 17	6:30p
Southern Oaks Library [®]	Tue Mar 3	6:30p
Nicoma Park Library	Thu Mar 5	4p
The Village Library [®]	Thu Mar 5, 19	3:30p
Midwest City Library	Tue Mar 10	7p
Warr Acres Library	Thu Mar 12	6:30p
Capitol Hill Library	Sat Mar 14	1p
Choctaw Library [®]	Sat Mar 14	3p
Choctaw Library [®]	Wed Mar 18	4p
Southern Oaks Library [®]	Sat Mar 21	10a
Downtown Library [®]	Sat Mar 21	3p
Midwest City Library [®]	Tue Mar 24	7p

P.J. O'Rourke Provides Laughs for Literary Voices™ Dinner

Bestselling author, P.J. O'Rourke, will entertain with his satirical humor at the Library Endowment Trust's annual Literary Voices dinner on Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at 7p.m. The event will be held at the Oklahoma City Golf and Country Club. Tickets are available for purchase online at www.supportmls.org/literary-voices/donation or by calling 606-3760. "We are honored to have PJ O'Rourke as our featured author for Literary Voices 2015. A baby boomer, he has journeyed from liberal to libertarian, National Lampoon to The Atlantic," said Cindi Shelby, event chair.

"We hope you will join us for what is sure to be an entertaining evening."

This year's event will also honor retired library system director, Donna Morris, with the Lee B. Brawner Lifetime Achievement Award for her lifelong commitment to libraries and literacy.





MLS LIBRARIES

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1 ALMONTE 2914 SW 59, OKC, 606-3575	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
2 BELLE ISLE 5501 N. Villa, OKC, 843-9601	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
3 BETHANY 3510 N. Mueller, Bethany, 789-8363	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
4 CAPITOL HILL 334 SW 26th, OKC, 634-6308	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
5 CHOCTAW 2525 Muzzy Street, Choctaw, 390-8418	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
6 DEL CITY 4509 SE 15th, Del City, 672-1377	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
7 DOWNTOWN 300 Park Ave., OKC, 231-8650	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
8 EDMOND 10 S. Boulevard, Edmond, 341-9282	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
9 MIDWEST CITY 8143 E. Reno, MWC, 732-4828	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
10 NORTHWEST 5600 NW 122nd, OKC, 606-3580	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
11 RALPH ELLISON 2000 NE 23rd, OKC, 424-1437	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
12 SOUTHERN OAKS 6900 S. Walker, OKC 631-4468	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
13 THE VILLAGE 10307 N. Pennsylvania Ave., The Village, 755-0710	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
14 WARR ACRES 5901 NW 63rd, Warr Acres, 721-2616	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6

MLS EXTENSION LIBRARIES*

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15 HARRAH 1930 N. Church Avenue, Harrah, 454-2001	9:30-6	9:30-6	9:30-6	9:30-6	9-5	9-5	—
16 JONES 111 E. Main, Jones, 399-5471	—	9:30-5:30	—	9:30-5:30	—	9-5	—
17 LUTHER 310 NE 3rd, Luther, 277-9967	9:30-6	9:30-6	9:30-6	9:30-6	9-5	9-5	—
18 NICOMA PARK 2240 Overholser, Nicoma Park, 769-9452	—	9:30-5:30	9:30-5:30	9:30-5:30	9-5	9-5	—
19 WRIGHT 2101 Exchange, OKC, 235-5035	—	9:30-5:30	9:30-5:30	9:30-5:30	9-5	9-5	—

*Extensions close daily for lunch from 12:30-1 p.m.

