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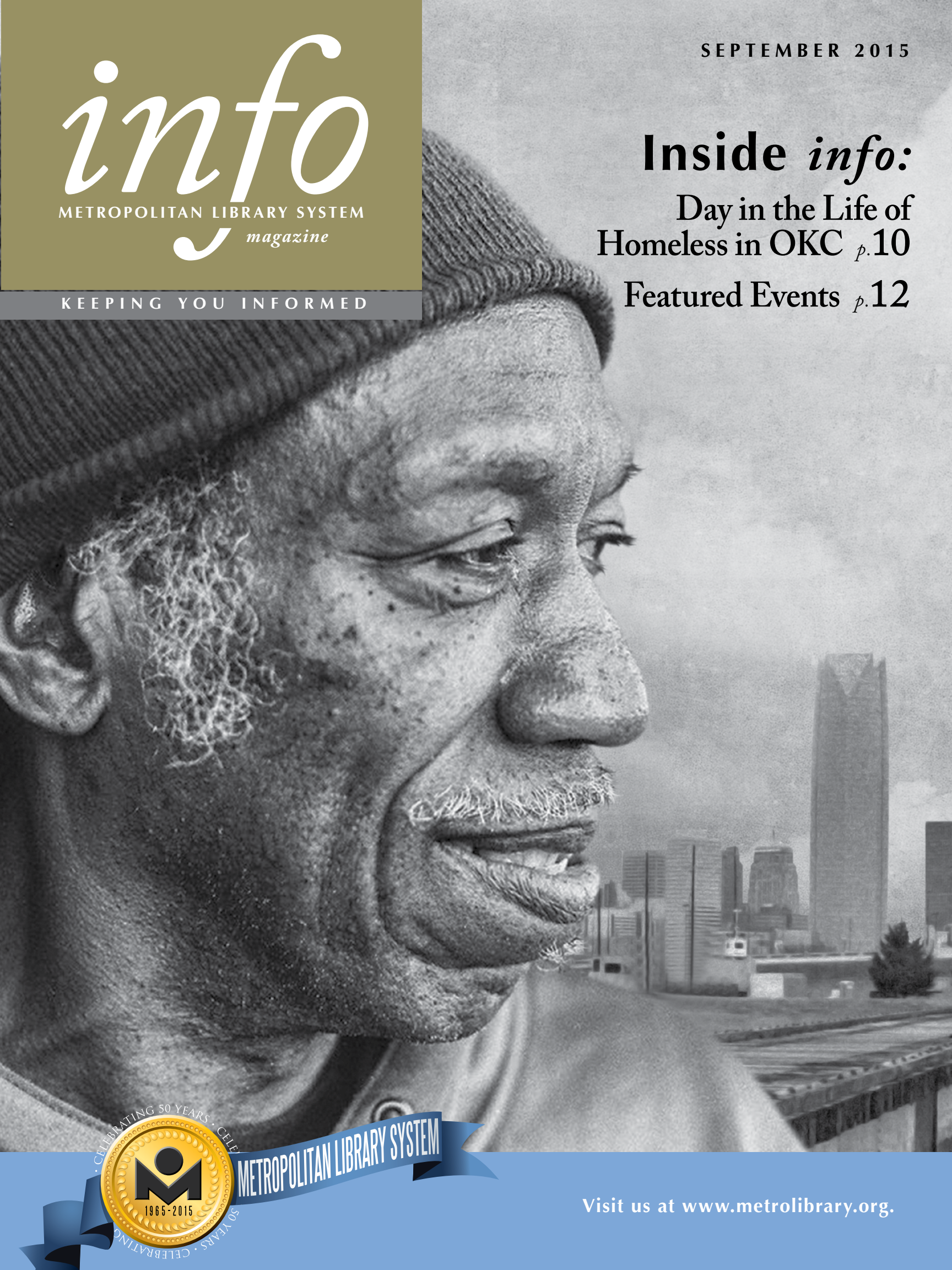
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It's the beginning of the season when the air feels electric with all that is to come. School bells are ringing, new college students are walking through the doors of their first classes, trees are in their Technicolor glory and we are all getting a break from the relentless August heat.

When you step into a library, you walk into a building full of endless potential. Carlton Sears wrote this in a blog on www.theharwoodinstitute.org: "When people think of libraries, they tend to think of books, of tables and quiet study spaces. These places still exist in libraries. This is part of their heritage that works and that is being preserved as new technologies and forms of media are being added. But people tend to think less often about what libraries are increasingly doing in the way of early childhood education and technology training. They tend not to think about how the library uses its knowledge to aid non-profits seeking funds or how individuals use the institution's resources to prepare themselves for new careers."

What potential will you reach at your library today?



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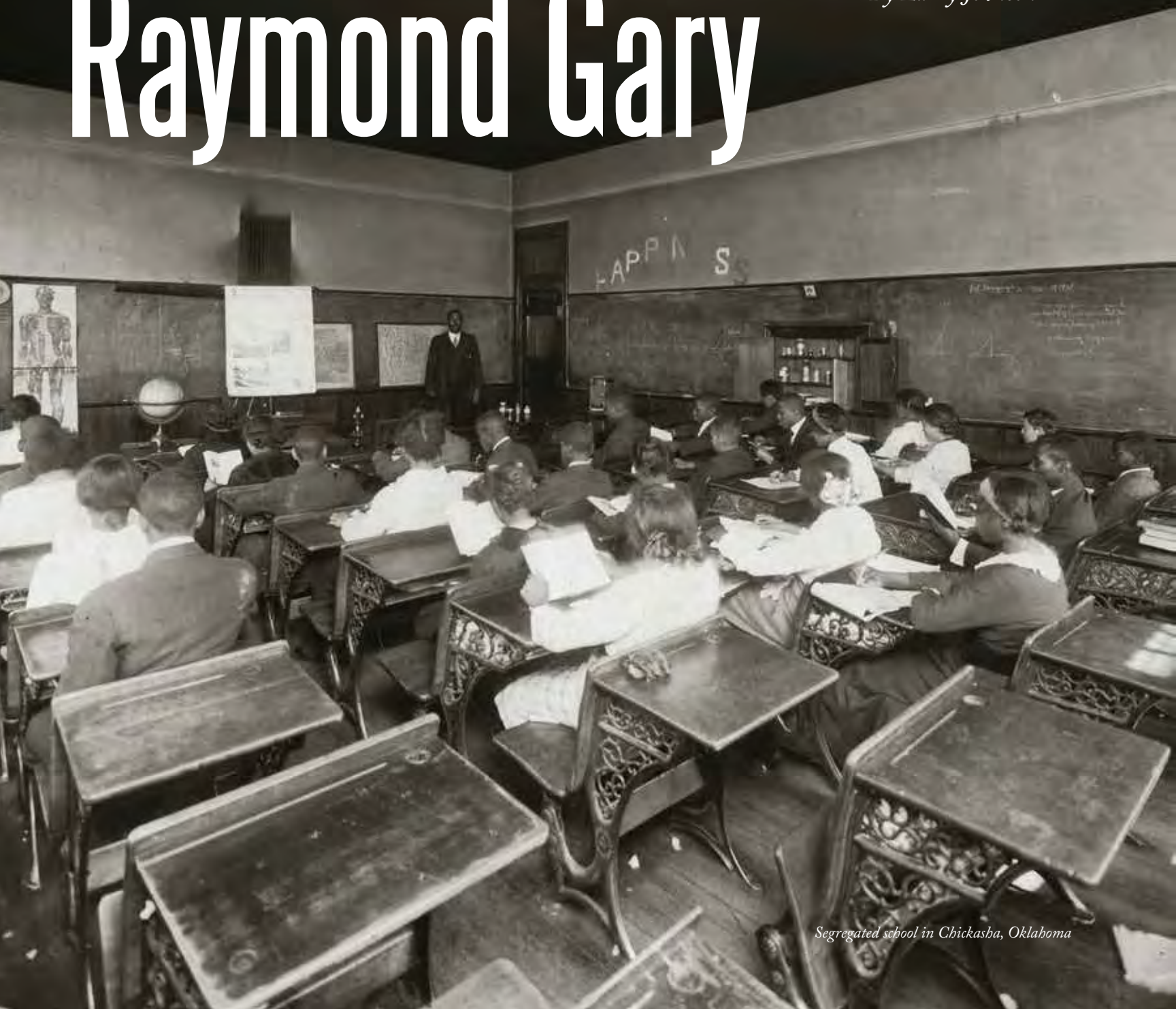
The exhibit, *How I See OKC*, features original works photographed by local artists and members of the homeless community in Oklahoma City.



Oklahoma Images

Back to School With Raymond Gary

By Larry Johnson



Segregated school in Chickasha, Oklahoma



In 1957, Little Rock, Arkansas' Central High School erupted in violence when black students tried to enroll for classes in an attempt to desegregate the school system. Meanwhile governors across the south threatened "massive resistance" to civil rights reform and thus began a turbulent era in American history.

But in Oklahoma, thousands of children went to school together peacefully in integrated schools. This was due in no small part to the superior leadership and shrewd political skill of Oklahoma's fifteenth governor, Raymond Gary.



Raymond Gary

The first governor born in the state of Oklahoma, Gary hailed from Madill. He brought 14 years of legislative experience with him to the governor's office when elected in 1954. Brilliant, and in possession of

a photographic memory, Gary delivered his speeches without prompts which enabled him to look and sound authentic. His familiar country twang soothed his rural supporters, while his investments in infrastructure impressed Oklahoma's rising urban power.

Gary won election to the governorship in November, 1954, six months after the United States Supreme Court ruled against segregated schools in *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas*. A final decision was expected later in 1955 but Gary wanted to move quickly and integrate Oklahoma schools peacefully and efficiently. Oklahoma was the only state with segregated "separate, but equal" schools written into its constitution and it would require a

constitutional amendment approved by state voters to integrate schools. Education in Oklahoma was inefficient and expensive partly because the state was essentially funding two school systems.

Even before taking office Gary crafted the Better Schools Amendment and brought it to the legislature just days after his inauguration. The amendment consolidated schools around the state and offered school districts a much sweeter pot if they integrated voluntarily – they would receive the full amount of money which was once allotted to two separate schools and, because they would be in compliance with the Supreme Court ruling, they would not lose federal funding.



Douglas High School football team 1910

For two months the House and Senate debated the amendment before settling on an acceptable compromise with Gary and scheduling a popular vote on the matter one month later. Gary took the issue to the people directly, speaking to voters all over

the state. Recalling the injustice he'd seen his African American neighbors suffer when he was a boy, he said, "I grew up in Little Dixie...but I have never understood how



Hi-Y Club, Douglas High School 1953

persons can call themselves Christians and believe God made them superior because they were born with white skin." He told a church group, "We preach one ideology but appear to practice another. I believe in the law of the land and it says to integrate. This should be done." The amendment passed with a resounding 3 to 1 majority.

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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Whistling Past the Graveyard

by Susan Crandall

reviewed by Ann Meeks



It's 1963 in Mississippi. Starla Claudelle, a "9-year-old spitfire" with red hair narrates this story. Starla is being raised by her strict grandmother while her father is working on an oil rig. Starla hasn't seen her mother, who left to become a singer in Nashville, in several years. On the day of the Fourth of July parade Starla is put on restriction yet again by her grandmother who's afraid Starla will end up like her mother. The little girl decides to go find her mother and runs away.

She accepts a ride from a kind black woman, Eula, traveling alone with a white baby. The three have many harrowing experiences. While this is a very good book that would be suitable for teens as well as adults, one irritation is Starla's grammar. Her grandmother is

quite proper and "middle class," yet the author has her character use dialect with words like "worset" and "ain't." It seemed a distraction and out of place at times.

One review compared this book to *To Kill a Mockingbird*. I don't think it ranks quite that high in American fiction or of its depiction of the south, but it is definitely worth a read.

Whistling Past the Graveyard is available in print and eAudiobook.

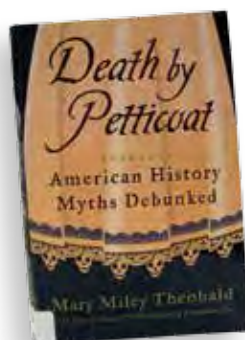
Ann Meeks has been answering reference questions at the Belle Isle for what seems like forever. She is a third generation librarian, following in the footsteps of her grandmother and father.

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ON THE SHELF

Death by Petticoat: American History myths Debunked

by Mary Miley Theobald

reviewed by Gloria Melchor



Women eating arsenic to lighten their complexions, warding off witches by placing a Bible on one's door, bathing once a year or being punished in a pillory for showing bare ankles. These myths and many others are the subject of Mary Miley Theobald's new book *Death by Petticoat: American History Myths Debunked*. In this latest work, Theobald chronicles the events and origins of some of the most prevalent myths concerning our nation's history in an attempt to dispel these outlandish and at times comical tales; not an easy task to undertake when some are still being regarded as truth to this day. In

this easy read however, you will learn the truth about 63 myths relating to our ancestors you may have been taught during your time spent in school or overheard in everyday conversations. Regardless of where you may have learned about these bizarre stories you will have no regrets about reading this book.

Gloria Melchor is a reference librarian at the Capitol Hill Library. When she's not daydreaming of the fabulous travels she'll one day take she's busy serving her community on the Hill.



Everything I Never Told You

by Celeste Ng

reviewed by Elisabeth Wright



Lydia, the favorite middle child of James and Marilyn Lee, is found dead at the bottom of a lake at the very beginning of Celeste Ng's novel, *Everything I Never Told You*. From there, the reader slowly discovers the cracks in the family's foundation that led to this tragedy. When Lydia and her siblings are young, Marilyn temporarily abandons the family to return to college, not wanting to be defined by the homemaker role, like her own mother was. Marilyn returns home and the young Lydia does everything in her power to keep the family intact by fulfilling her parents' ideas of who she should be. James, the child of Chinese immigrants, wants Lydia to have the thriving social life that he never had. Marilyn, who gave up her academic dreams when she became pregnant,

wants Lydia to become a doctor. Lydia is the family's golden child, but is suffocated with the weight of all that expectation. Meanwhile, older brother Nathan is a disappointment and younger sister Hannah is nearly invisible. *Everything I Never Told You* explores themes of family, cultural identity and belonging. If you're looking for a beautifully written, character-focused novel, look no further.

Everything I Never Told You is available in print, eAudiobook and audiobook player.

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.



Hollow City

by Ransom Riggs

reviewed by Kelley Riha



He's at it again--- Ransom Riggs' *Hollow City* moves the adventure far beyond its predecessor, *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children*. With seamless intention, many of the familiar characters from *Miss Peregrine's* continue on and in the apropos words of one character, "I'm really starting to like these weirdos."

To bring you up to speed (if that's possible), Jacob Portman and the peculiar band of children rescued from September 1940 are thrust into a world of time traveling 'loops.' Can he and his cohorts survive the hollows, the wights and any normals with an ounce of suspicion? They're only teens and children traveling alone after all, but they are on a mission and Miss Peregrine's life and the world as they know it depends on them.

Riggs' easy style reads smoothly, building event upon

event, as if he's weaving together a fanciful tale gleaned from the eyes of the vintage faces captured in his collection of antique photographs found throughout the story. The characters are hearty and rich and Riggs keeps them challenged from the git-go.

Read it and witness the story BEFORE Tim Burton puts his spin on it. Buckle your seat belts, it's going to be a bumpy ride through *Hollow City*.

Hollow City is available in print, eBook, eAudiobook and audiobook player.

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



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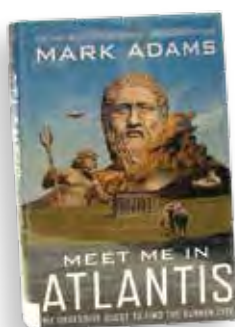
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Meet Me in Atlantis: My Quest to Find the 2,500-Year-Old Sunken City

by Mark Adams

reviewed by Todd Podzemny



Atlantis is one of those topics that it's impossible to find a good book about. Unless you think that it's the undersea base of the reptiloid aliens who have replaced the British royal family, in which case you've got enough books to last the rest of your life. And it's that kind of fringe association that generally prevents serious historians from writing books about Atlantis, for fear of being labeled a kook.

Fortunately, Mark Adams is here to save us. He doesn't believe the crazy stories about aliens and orichalcum, but he'll certainly fly to Germany to hear them. He doesn't have his own theory about the location or reality of Atlantis, but he's willing to consider the likelihood of yours. It's this lack of preconception and boundless

curiosity that lets him study such a wide swath of Atlantean theories of the past and present without picking sides or tearing anyone down.

The resulting book is part travelogue, part history, and part survey of the most plausible modern theories of the original location of Plato's Atlantis. He travels the world to talk to scholars of Classical Greece, archeologists, and yes, a few kooks. In the end, there are still no solid answers about Atlantis, but Mark Adams proves that there are still plenty of fascinating theories.

Todd Podzemny is the manager of the Choctaw Library. He doesn't know where Atlantis is, but he suspects his pet goldfish knows something it's not telling.

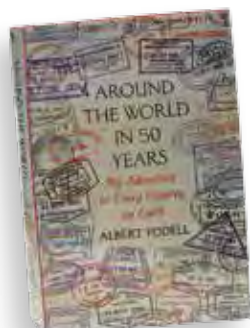
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BIOGRAPHY
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Around the World in 50 Years: My Adventure to Every Country on Earth

by Albert Podell

review by Jana Hausburg



"Mogadishu is unlike any place on earth. There is no such thing as 'going for a walk.' You cannot walk out of our compound whenever you want. You will be immediately spotted, and kidnapped within minutes."

This isn't your average travelogue. It contains neither color photographs nor recipes of delicious exotic cuisine. After a couple of chapters, I became entirely fascinated with Podell's goal: to visit every country on earth.

It took half a century, 102 trips and nearly 1 million miles. Podell traveled to places most people avoid: Chad, Rwanda, Uganda, Yemen, North Korea. Politics, pestilence, famine, war – nothing was too awful to bring his quest to an early end. As an armchair traveler, I was happy to have someone else do all the suffering while vicariously experiencing the unimaginable: a near-

lynching in Pakistan, literally being stuck in a minefield, swimming with tiger sharks.

When the conversation stalls, Podell is the kind of guy everyone wants at their next dinner party or backyard. "Hey Al, tell us about the time you had to eat the brains of a live monkey in Hong Kong, or what about that time you were attacked by flying crabs in Algeria, or say, is it really all that difficult to travel in Africa?"

Not just an adventure tale, the book is a testament to tenacity – and intestinal fortitude.

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



Local High School Senior Uses Talents to Honor Ralph Ellison

"The world is a possibility if only you'll discover it," –Ralph Ellison

The Special Friends of the Ralph Ellison Library challenged local youth with an art and essay contest during Black History Month last February. Youth with library cards could enter original art or write an essay detailing why the northeast Oklahoma City library honors

the name of author Ralph Ellison. Leondre Lattimore rose to the challenge with his original drawing of Ellison.

Lattimore was honored at the library on Ralph Ellison's birthday this spring. His winning entry was a pencil drawing of Ellison with the quote, "The world is a possibility if only you'll discover it." He chose this quote because he felt it

embodied the

path to success. "I believe that everyone has a purpose," he said. "No one has an excuse for not being successful. You have to put your mind to it. Nobody is stopping you from achieving your goals."

He learned about the contest through his art teacher at Millwood High. Aside from art class at school, Lattimore has had no formal art training. He says he has a natural given talent and has been drawing as long as he can remember.

Lattimore is a reader and found Ellison's *Invisible Man* to be interesting. He enjoys reading the *Goosebumps* books by R.L. Stein, but his favorite book is *The Giver* by Lois Lowry.

"I have always heard a quote that says the more you learn, the more you earn. That goes with reading. The more you read, the more you will gain," he says.

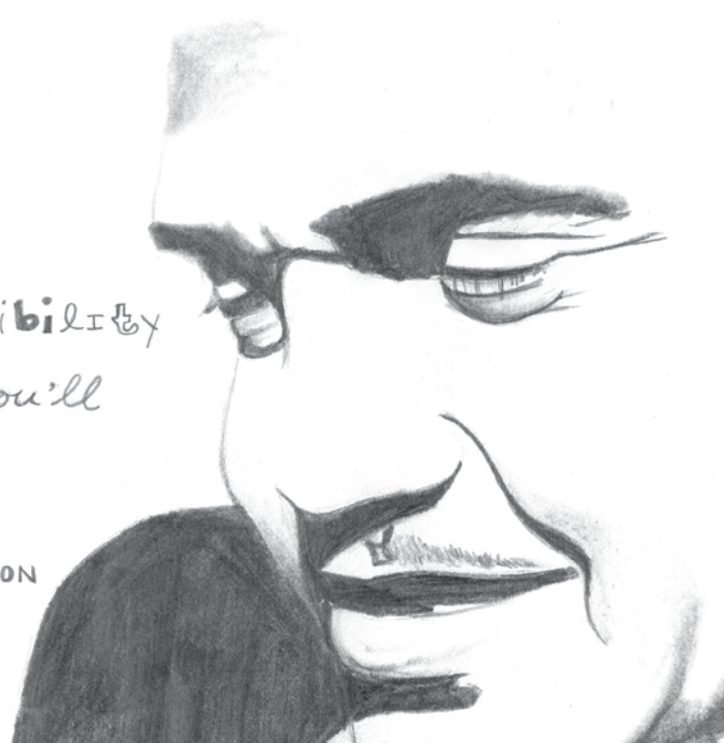
Lattimore has also been recognized for a portrait of Washington Redskin football player Robert Griffin III and a painting of Mohammed Ali. His Ali painting won the Black History Heroes Challenge. He was honored on the Oklahoma City Thunder court for his artwork that was accompanied by an essay about the boxer.



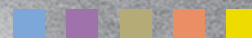
Leondre Lattimore

*The World
is a Possibility
if only you'll
discover it*

–RALPH ELLISON







Day in the Life of Homeless in OKC

We try to measure the impact of libraries on the communities we serve. It's difficult to directly link access to library services to the success of individuals in a tangible way. Having libraries is something that we just know is inherently good for us.

The exhibit, *How I See OKC*, unveiled a behind the scenes look at the humanity of a group of people who are often invisible. In the photos, the library is described as a place for mental stimulation, a place to get out of the elements, a place to find resources and help, a refuge for those who have no place to go.

Libraries offer obvious benefits: access to a wide range of materials for nearly any topic or interest; a bridge over the digital divide by providing technology that would otherwise be unreachable to some; a place for people to meet and connect as a community; classes and instruction on many topics; literacy support; a safe, productive place for children and



teens; a haven for the homeless.

Many people might not realize the importance that libraries have in the lives of the homeless or marginalized people in our community, but during this recent photography exhibit coordinated by *The Curbside Chronicle*, a street paper that helps people earn money by selling the magazines, and the Homeless Alliance, the library was a common subject in the photos that portrayed a day in the lives of several homeless citizens.

See this exhibit firsthand, and watch a short video of Robert, who participated in this project, at the Downtown Library Monday, Aug. 31, at 6 p.m. This exhibit will be located in the atrium from Aug. 31-Sept. 30 and features original works photographed by local artists and members of the homeless community. The video will be available on our Share Your Story website at www.metrolibrary.org/stories.

Have a story about how the library has impacted your life? Contact Sarah Blaney at sarah.blaney@metrolibrary.org.



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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

Del City Library Thu | Sep 17 3:30p
Metropolitan Library Commission of Oklahoma County Monthly Meeting

Our libraries will be closed on **Sunday, September 6** and **Monday, September 7** in observance of Labor Day. Visit us online to find your next book, download eBooks, audiobooks and use our research databases.



Be Well @ the Library

Children's Health: Hearing Screenings

Children (ages 12 & under)

Northwest Library Sat | Sep 19 10:30a & 1p

L.E.A.D. Live Well with Diabetes

Adult

Bethany Library® Thu | Sep 10, 17, 24 6p

Social Security Disability Session

Adult

Del City Library Sun | Sep 20 3p

Stroke Awareness

Adult

Northwest Library Wed | Sep 16 5:30p

Tai Chi

Adult

Bethany Library® Wednesdays 6p
Edmond Library® Tuesdays & Thursdays 10a
no class Sep 28

Senior (ages 55+)

Northwest Library Mon | Sep 14, 21, 28 4p
Thursdays 4p

Yoga

Adult

Northwest Library® Sat | Sep 12 10a
Choctaw Library® Wed | Sep 9, 16, 23, 30 6:15p

Families, all ages

Belle Isle Library® Sat | Sep 26 10a

PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)

Belle Isle Library® Tuesdays 11a



Book it @ the Library

Tailored Titles on Facebook Wed | Sep 2 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!

Online Book Club

Adult

Want to join a book club but can't seem to find the time? Try this one, it's online! Make an account on goodreads.com, then join the group Metro Library ReadUp. You'll get the same lively discussions as a traditional book club, but you can share your ideas anytime instead of waiting for an in-person meeting and you might win a fabulous prize! Happy reading!

Book Clubs for Adults

Edmond Library Tue | Sep 1 12p

Cozy Mystery

Edmond Library Sat | Sep 19 10:30a

Reader's Choice

Southern Oaks Library Tue | Sep 8 11:30a

Northwest Library Fri | Sep 11 1p

Warr Acres Library Mon | Sep 14 11a

Downtown Library® Tue | Sep 15 12p

The Village Library Mon | Sep 21 3p

Senior (ages 55+)

Edmond Library Sat | Sep 12 2p

Book Clubs for Pre-teens & Teens

PreTeen (ages 9-12)

Bethany Library® Tue | Sep 29 6:30p

Teen (ages 12-18)

Choctaw Library Thu | Sep 3 6p

Fandemonium

Belle Isle Library Mon | Sep 14, 21, 28 5:30p

Anime

Belle Isle Library Tue | Sep 15 4p

Fandom

Ralph Ellison Library Tue | Sep 22 4p

Shinigami Anime

Northwest Library Wed | Sep 30 6p

Book Clubs for Children

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Southern Oaks Library® Tue | Sep 8 6:30p

Almonte Library® Wed | Sep 23 4p



Concerts @ the Library

Noon Tunes

All Ages

Downtown Library	Thursdays	Noon
Thu Sep 3	Martha Stallings	
Thu Sep 10	Jim Garling and Suzanne Wooley	
Thu Sep 17	Sally Pollack Duo	
Thu Sep 24	Dr. Tess and Friends	

September Serenade

All Ages

Warr Acres Library	Sat Sep 12	2p
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Jazz on the Lawn

All Ages

Ralph Ellison Library	Mon Sep 28	6p
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Create @ the Library

Art Classes

Toddlers (ages 1-3)

Downtown Library [®]	Thu Sep 10	10a
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Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Choctaw Library [®]	Fridays	9:30a
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PreTeen (ages 9-12)

Ralph Ellison Library	Sat Sep 12	1:30p
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Family Art

Warr Acres Library [®]	Tue Sep 15	4p
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Beginning Crochet

Adult

Choctaw Library	Sat Sep 5	1p
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Crafts

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Del City Library	Thu Sep 17	6:30p
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Teen (ages 12-18)

Belle Isle Library	Tue Sep 22	4p
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Adult

Bethany Library	Wed Sep 2	10:30a
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Creative Writing

Adult

Midwest City Library	Mon Sep 28	6p
Ralph Ellison Library	Mon Sep 28	7p

Journal Junkies

Teen (ages 12-18)

Northwest Library [®]	Thu Sep 17	4p
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Knitting Club

Adult

Choctaw Library	Sat Sep 5	10a
Almonte Library	Thu Sep 10	5:30p
The Village Library	Sat Sep 12	10a
Southern Oaks Library [®]	Mon Sep 14	5:30p

Makerspace

Teen (ages 12-18)

Belle Isle Library	Tue Sep 1	4p
The Village Library [®]	Thu Sep 10	4p

Origamistad

All ages

Choctaw Library	Sat Sep 12	1:30p
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Pop & Palette

Adult

Almonte Library [®]	Thu Sep 17	6:30p
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Quilting Club

Adult

Ralph Ellison Library	Mondays and Fridays	11a
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Watercolor Painting

Adult

Edmond Library [®]	Sat Sep 19	10a
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Game On @ the Library

Board Games

(ages 12 & under)

Harrah Library	Wed Sep 2	3p
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Family Game Night!

PreTeen (ages 9-12)

Northwest Library	Thu Sep 10	4:30p
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All Ages

Nicoma Park Library	Tue Sep 8	3p
Luther Library	Thu Sep 10	3p
Harrah Library	Wed Sep 23	3p

Gaming Club

Teen (ages 12-18)

Belle Isle Library	Tue Sep 8	4p
Belle Isle Library	Thursdays	4p

Bring Your Own Device

The Village Library [®]	Thu Sep 17	4p
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Juggling Club

Teen (ages 12-18)

Belle Isle Library	Wed Sep 16	4p
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featured events

LEGOS

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Almonte Library [®]	Wed Sep 9	4p
Capitol Hill Library	Thu Sep 10	4:30p
Warr Acres Library	Sat Sep 19	10:30a
Edmond Library [®]	Sat Sep 19	3p
Del City Library	Mon Sep 21	4:30p
Downtown Library [®]	Mon Sep 21	6:30p

All ages

Choctaw Library [®]	Wed Sep 30	4p
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Minecraft

Teen (ages 12-18)

Downtown Library [®]	Mon Sep 14	6:30p
Almonte Library [®]	Tue Sep 15	5:30p
Warr Acres Library	Thu Sep 17	6:30p

PreTeen (ages 9-12)

Choctaw Library [®]	Mon Sep 14	4p
Capitol Hill Library	Thu Sep 17	4:30p

Yu-Gi-Oh!

PreTeen (ages 9-12)

Edmond Library	Sat Sep 12	3p
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Teen (ages 12-18)

Bethany Library	Sat Sep 12	10a
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Computer Corner with Don

Adult

Edmond Library [®]	Thu Sep 10 & 24	1p
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DAR Constitution Week Celebration

Adult

Choctaw Library	Mon Sep 14	6p
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Homework Help

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Capitol Hill Library	Wednesdays	4p
Southern Oaks Library [®]	Thursdays	4p

Intermediate Spanish

Adult

Capitol Hill Library	Mon Sep 14, 21, 28	5:30p
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Reading Buddies

Children (ages 12 & under)

Warr Acres Library	Sun Sep 13, 27	2p
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Rocket Readers

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Bethany Library [®]	Mon Sep 14, 21, 28	5:30p
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Science Sundays

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Del City Library	Sun Sep 13	3p
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STEAM Saturday

Teen (ages 12-18)

Belle Isle Library [®]	Sat Sep 12	10a
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Tech Talks

Adult

Edmond Library [®]	Wednesdays	1p
Internet Basics	Sep 2	
Graphic Design	Sep 9	
Google	Sep 16	
Job Search Online	Sep 23	
Email Basics	Sep 30	



Please check our online calendar for even more events!

Intro to Aviation with Legos

Northwest Library[®]

<i>PreTeen (ages 9-12)</i>	Thu Sep 3	6p
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<i>Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)</i>	Thu Sep 17	6p
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Let your mind take flight! Your child will be inspired to think creatively as they use hands-on learning tools and Legos to learn introductory concepts of aviation and aerospace engineering. Fly through our shelves or search in our nonfiction database collection to find more brain building concepts like shuttles, engineering, or flight!

Happy Birthday Wright Library!

All Ages

Wright Library	Fri Sep 18	10a-4:30p
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Celebrate 90 years of library service at the oldest building in the MLS. Visit our oasis in the Old West at our come and go celebration in Historic Stockyards City.

Bigfoot!

Adult

Choctaw Library [®]	Sat Sep 19	10a
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Bigfoot enthusiast, Farlan Huff, shares insight on Bigfoot and the lore of the elusive creature. Learn about the annual Boggy Creek Festival in Fouke, Arkansas where Bigfoot believers gather to celebrate the woodland legend.

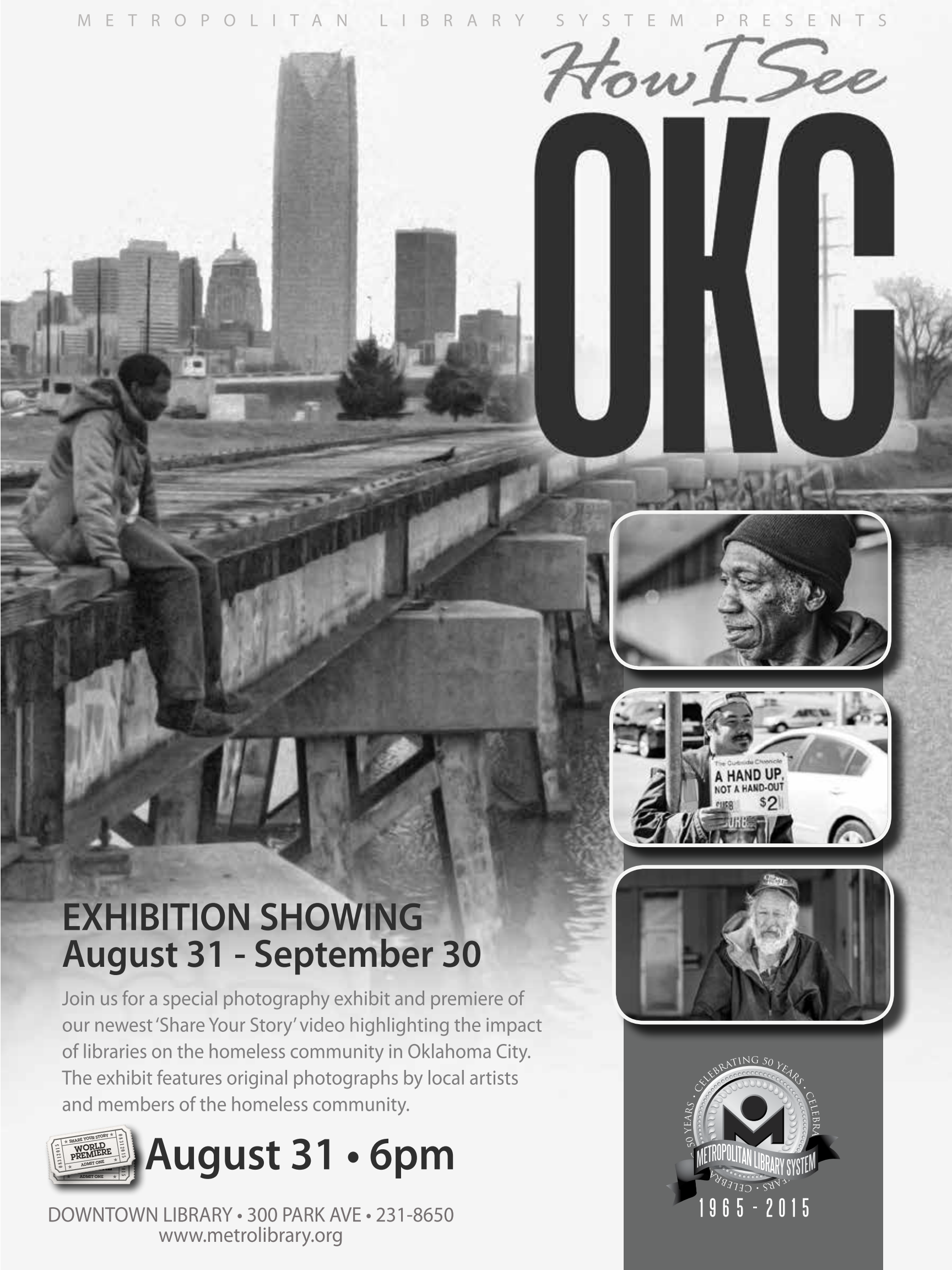
Talk Like a Pirate Day

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Southern Oaks Library	Sat Sep 19	2p
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It's International Talk Like a Pirate Day! Come celebrate with a real swashbuckling adventure. We will have a scavenger hunt, pirate costume contest, crafts, games and more. It's time to party, Matey!

How I See OKC



EXHIBITION SHOWING August 31 - September 30

Join us for a special photography exhibit and premiere of our newest 'Share Your Story' video highlighting the impact of libraries on the homeless community in Oklahoma City. The exhibit features original photographs by local artists and members of the homeless community.



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Cowboy Up with Kim Parrish

Adult

Choctaw Library Mon | Sep 21 6p
Kim Parrish, author of *Cowboy Up: John Smith Leads the Legendary Oklahoma State Wrestlers to Their Greatest Season Ever* will present an inspirational and insightful book talk for teens and adults

Prevent Crime Through Environmental Design

Adult

Northwest Library[®] Sat | Sep 26 10a
Design out crime in your neighborhood! Members of the OKC Police Department will lead this training to teach you how to effectively use your environment to decrease crime and fear while improving your quality of life.

Kids on the Block

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Northwest Library Sat | Sep 26 2p
Keep your cool at school! Join Family Builders for this safe and fun interactive puppet program that helps kids learn how to deal with tough issues like bullying.

College Paths

Teen (ages 12-18)

Writing for College Admissions

Edmond Library[®] Tue | Sep 15 6p
Meet the experts and get some tips for your college admissions essay! Representatives from the University of Oklahoma will provide guidance and advice in this workshop for high school seniors. Use this opportunity to get a jump-start on your scholarship essay, admissions paperwork, or personal statement, and learn about the library resources available to aid in your school or scholarship search.

College Prep

Belle Isle Library Sat | Sep 19 10a
College IS within your reach. An expert from the Oklahoma College Assistance Program shows you how to navigate the intricacies of college applications and college preparation.

Scholarship Paths

Belle Isle Library Sat | Sep 26 2p
Del City Library Wed | Sep 30 6:30p
A scholarship expert shows you how to navigate the intricacies of scholarship applications and college preparation. In addition, our expert librarians can show you how to access and utilize the free services of the Metropolitan Library System that will help you on the road to higher education.

[®] = Registration required for this event.

Database Spotlight:



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T H U R S D A Y

NOON TUNES

Downtown Library Atrium every
Thursday from noon to 1pm

SEPT. 3

Martha Stallings
piano & vocal

SEPT. 10

Jim Garling & Suzanne
Wooley
Cowboy & Western Swing

SEPT. 17

Sally Pollack Duo
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SEPT. 24

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Kids @ the Library

Play @ the Library

123! Play with Me!

Toddlers (ages 1-3)

Edmond Library^R Tue | Sep 1, 8, 15, 22 10a

123! Play with Me! - 123! Juega conmigo!

Toddlers (ages 1-3)

Almonte Library Mon | Sep 14, 21, 28 6p

Southern Oaks Library^R Tue | Sep 15, 22, 29 6p

Playtime

Babies (0-12 months)

Northwest Library^R Tue | Sep 1, 15 10:45a & 1:45p

Northwest Library^R Thu | Sep 3, 17 10:45a

Belle Isle Library^R Thu | Sep 3, 10, 17 10a

Belle Isle Library^R Mon | Sep 14, 21, 28 10a

Downtown Library^R Thu | Sep 17 10a

Toddlers (ages 1-3)

Warr Acres Library Wed | Sep 9, 16, 23 9:15a & 10:30a

Choctaw Library Sat | Sep 12 10a

Warr Acres Library Tue | Sep 15 10:30a

Midwest City Library Mon | Sep 21 10a

The Village Library^R Tue | Sep 22 10a

PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)

Northwest Library^R Tue | Sep 1, 15 10a & 1p

Choctaw Library^R Thu | Sep 3 10:30a

Northwest Library^R Thu | Sep 3, 17 10a

Southern Oaks Library^R Mon | Sep 28 10:30a

Storytime @ the Library

Family Storytime

PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)

Belle Isle Library Wednesdays 6:30p

Toddlers (ages 1-3)

Edmond Library^R Thursdays 6:30p

Mother Goose on the Loose

Toddlers (ages 1-3)

Downtown Library^R Thu | Sep 3 10a

Bethany Library^R Thu | Sep 10, 17, 24 9:30a & 10:30a

The Village Library^R Tue | Sep 15 10a

Warr Acres Library^R Tue | Sep 15 9:30a

Southern Oaks Library^R Wed | Sep 16 10:30a

Warr Acres Library^R Sat | Sep 26 9:30a

Musictime

Babies (0-12 months)

Northwest Library^R Tue | Sep 22 10:45a & 1:45p

Belle Isle Library^R Thu | Sep 24 10a

Northwest Library^R Thu | Sep 24 10:45a

Edmond Library^R Mon | Sep 28 9a

PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)

The Village Library^R Thu | Sep 3 10a

Northwest Library^R Tue | Sep 22 10a & 1p

Northwest Library^R Thu | Sep 24 10a

Downtown Library^R Thu | Sep 24 10a

Belle Isle Library^R Thu | Sep 24 11a

Edmond Library^R Mon | Sep 28 10a & 11a

Storytime

PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)

Choctaw Library^R Tuesdays 10:30a

Bethany Library^R Thu | Sep 3 10a

Wright Library Fri | Sep 4 3:30p

The Village Library^R Tue | Sep 8 10a

Northwest Library^R Tue | Sep 8 10a & 1p

Bethany Library^R Tue | Sep 8 6:30p

Nicoma Park Library Wed | Sep 9 3:30p

Northwest Library^R Thu | Sep 10 10a

Southern Oaks Library^R Mon | Sep 14, 21 10:30a

Edmond Library^R Mon | Sep 14, 21 10a & 11a

Harrah Library Wed | Sep 16 3:30p

Luther Library Thu | Sep 17 3:30p

Warr Acres Library^R Tue | Sep 29 10:30a

Toddler time

Toddlers (ages 1-3)

Edmond Library^R Wednesdays 10a & 11a

Belle Isle Library^R Tuesdays 10a

Midwest City Library Mon | Sep 14, 28 10a

Choctaw Library^R Tuesdays 9:30a

Babytime

Babies (0-12 months)

Northwest Library^R Tue | Sep 8 10:45a & 1:45a

Northwest Library^R Thu | Sep 10 10:45a

Belle Isle Library Mon | Sep 14, 21, 28 9:30a

Edmond Library^R Tue | Sep 29 10a

Children Reading to Dogs @ the Library

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Belle Isle Library Mondays 6p

Northwest Library Mondays 6p

The Village Library Wednesdays 6p

Thu | Aug 6, 20 3:30p

Capitol Hill Library Sat | Aug 8 1p

Choctaw Library^R Sat | Aug 8 3p

Wed | Aug 19 4p

Southern Oaks Library^R Sat | Aug 8 10a

Almonte Library Mon | Aug 10 7p

Midwest City Library^R Tue | Aug 11, 25 7p

Del City Library Thu | Aug 13, 27 6:30p

Southern Oaks Library^R Tue | Aug 18 6:30p