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A is for April and advocacy. On April 12, librarians, library leaders and library supporters join the Oklahoma Library Association to mobilize at the state capitol and meet with Oklahoma legislators about the importance of having libraries in our communities. Our goal as a library system is to build our communities. We want to impact citizens throughout their entire lifespans. That's why we continue to morph, stretch and combine our resources with other community organizations to meet the growing needs of a diverse and intelligent community.

In a *New York Times* article, San Francisco librarian Luis Herrera wrote, "The public library is a true American invention. Perhaps no other place captures the values of freedom of expression and democracy like this venerable institution. Libraries represent what we should never take for granted: the freedom to read, the freedom to choose and the freedom to share our ideas. The library's mission to provide free and open access to information in all its myriad formats remains constant."

Featured in this month's issue is an advocate for information and man on mission, award-winning journalist, Sebastian Junger. Junger will speak at the 2016 Literary Voices™ benefit April 14. His reporting experience has inspired him to advocate for veterans, fishermen and journalists.

You too can discover your cause and be inspired to become an advocate at your local library this April!



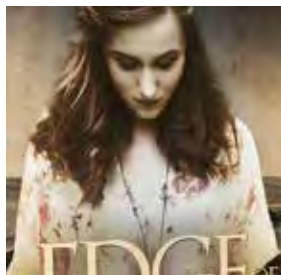
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The Day The King of Rock Rolled into Oklahoma

By Larry Johnson

In April 1956 Elvis Presley came to Oklahoma City as the “King of Cats” but left the “King of Rock n’ Roll”.

Elvis Presley was already a rising star when he made his first Oklahoma City appearance April 19, 1956. Only a couple of days before the show, he was awarded his first gold record for his first #1 single, “Heartbreak Hotel,” penned by Oklahoma songwriter Mae Boren Axton. In March, his recording contract with Sun Records of Memphis was sold to major label RCA, which promptly released his first LP, Elvis Presley.

He signed an exclusive contract with iconic manager Colonel Tom Parker later that month, which resulted in scheduled appearances on several national television and radio shows and a Hollywood screen test. It’s been called the best month a recording artist ever had.

Despite this starburst Elvis was still a rockabilly cat, referred to in news items announcing the show as a “21-year old former truck driver from Memphis,” by tragically unhip newsmen of the day. No matter—the kids knew who he was. When impresario Vinita Cravens announced the show for Thursday, April 19, it sold out the 6,500 seat Municipal Auditorium (aka the Civic Center) in a couple of hours. She was able to convince Elvis’ people to agree to a second show that night and that one sold out just as quickly.

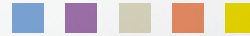


Police outside the Oklahoma City Municipal Auditorium, 1956

The day before the show Cravens hired 15 extra policemen to work the event—apparently warned by other promoters that “swooners” at Elvis’ shows often erupted into violence with objects thrown and damage done to the venues. Curiously, when you watch the rare news

footage of the event from WKY, you see Elvis shaking his leg (the famous gyration hadn’t been developed yet) and a few excited girls, but a fairly sedate crowd overall; indeed several girls were dressed to the nines in party gowns and pearls, some looking thoroughly bored.

In those days, the auditorium ushers



were fraternity and sorority members from Central High School who worked events in exchange for free admittance. Historian Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz was a member of the Red Skirts and she recalled how charged the atmosphere was. Heavily armed policemen blocked the entrances as the ushers were let through to take their stations. Suddenly thousands of teens rushed the doors as fistfights broke out and knives were flashed. Overwhelmed, the ushers could do nothing but melt into the crowd.

When Elvis emerged from the stage curtains she said aloud to



"Swooners" at the Elvis show

"Heartbreak Hotel."

Ultimately Dunbar-Ortiz remembers the violence seemed to fade away and she was "overcome by the electricity in the air, the beat, the power of all those bodies and minds acting as one person merged with the voice of Elvis. Elvis could lead us, fearless, anywhere," she thought to herself.

Days later, beginning his first two-week stint in Las Vegas and signing his first movie deal, Elvis became a genuine superstar—the King of Rock n' Roll.

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 Edge of Nowhere by C.H. Armstrong

reviewed by Alicia Ruzycki



This debut novel from Oklahoma native C.H. Armstrong tells a twisting, turning, bomb-shell-dropping story set during the Dust Bowl and the Great Depression. Inspired by stories recounted by her grandmother who lived through the Dust Bowl in El Reno, Armstrong crafted a narrative of harrowing tragedy during a period when survival sometimes meant taking desperate measures. She creates a riveting character in Victoria, the feared, callus matriarch of the Greene family. As harsh plot twists are revealed, the reader understands what caused her transformation from a loving child during peaceful times to the hard, cold woman now lying on her deathbed. A bleak picture of Oklahoma during this environmental and economic crisis

is painted complete with authentic historical details.

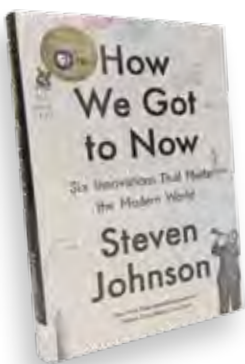
I devoured this book in two days. *The Edge of Nowhere* is filled with so many twists and turns and at times, such suspense that it made my heart race and my palms clammy. I could hear the Okie dialects in the characters' voices and being from Oklahoma I enjoyed that. This book showcases the tenacity of people in poverty and prompts readers to think about what decisions they might make to survive during desperate trials.

Alicia Ruzycki has worked at the Choctaw for nearly 13 years. She loves to read and has way too many books in her house. She admits to having a slight Garth Brooks obsession.

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ON THE SHELF

How We Got to Now by Steven Johnson

reviewed by Todd Podzemny



How much have you thought about glass lately? Humans have been making it for millennia, but for most of that time people thought of it as something to make beads or small ornaments out of. Then the printing press comes along, and hundreds of thousands of people who never had access to books realize they're farsighted. Lenses are invented to allow them to read comfortably. The new science of optics results in microscopes and telescopes, germ theory, and the fall of the geocentric model of the universe. Eventually, the internet is born, webbing the world together through the tiny strands of glass we call fiber optic cable.

Steven Johnson thinks about glass a lot. And artificial light. Artificial cold. Artificial sound. Measuring time.

And every time he starts thinking about something we take for granted, he comes across incredible insights, startling connections, and unforgettable stories from the history of science.

Released as both a book and a six-part PBS documentary, *How We Got to Now* is an endlessly compelling look at the people and inventions that made the world what it is today.

How We Got to Now the book is available in print and audio disc, and the documentary is available on DVD.

Todd Podzemny is the manager of the Choctaw Library. He once invented a better mouse trap, but it turns out that mice have nothing they want to trap and very little disposable income.



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ON THE SHELF

Korengal: This is What War Feels Like directed by Sebastian Junger

reviewed by Jennifer Jones



International correspondent, Sebastian Junger, turned his front line war experience into two documentaries. *Korengal*, the follow-up to *Restrepo*, continues the stories of the men of 2nd Platoon, Battle Company of the 173rd Army Airborne Brigade who fought in Afghanistan at one of the deadliest outposts in the Korengal Valley. In Junger's own words, "*Restrepo* was intended to be a way for civilians to experience what combat feels like; *Korengal* is very different. It tries for understanding rather than experience. How does fear work? Courage? What is it like to come home from war? Why do so many soldiers miss the war they were in?"

Junger visited the outpost 10 times, living with the soldiers, going on their missions, and getting to know them at their most raw moments while covering the war in Afghanistan. In this film he attempts to shed light

on the "altered state of mind" that comes with being engaged in combat and the difficulty that many veterans have readjusting to civilian life. Junger furthers this discussion in a Ted Talk titled "Why Veterans Miss War." You can watch this talk at www.ted.com.

Both *Korengal* and *Restrepo* are available at Metro libraries, as well as Junger's book, *War*, also based on his time embedded with the combat unit.

Hear Sebastian Junger in person at the Literary Voices™ benefit dinner April 14 at the Oklahoma City Golf and Country Club. Purchase tickets and learn more at www.metrolibrary.org/literaryvoices.

Jennifer is the Marketing Coordinator for the Metropolitan Library System. She loves reading, road trips, cooking, live music, and doing fun, spontaneous things with her kids.

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ON THE SHELF

Last Stop on Market Street by Matt de la Peña

reviewed by Sally Gray



Are you someone who sees the glass as half-empty or half-full? In *Last Stop on Market Street* by Matt de la Peña, CJ's grandmother is someone who sees it as half full. As CJ and his grandmother are riding the bus, CJ asks questions about things and events he thinks he is missing out on. Grandma answers with an ability to point out the good or positive side to each situation. She also appreciates the people they encounter every day, and is able to see their special qualities and uniqueness.

Last Stop on Market Street is this year's winner of the Newbery Medal, which is an annual award given to the author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children. The majority of the books chosen for this award are children's chapter books,

which shows how special this book is.

Be sure to check out this book whatever age you are, for a reminder of the beauty around you wherever you are. As Grandma says in the book "sometimes when you're surrounded by dirt, you're a better witness for what's beautiful."

Last Stop on Market Street is available in print, audio disc and as a read-along eBook.

Sally Gray has been an associate librarian at the Village Library for 10 years, working in children's services for the past 7 of those years. After watching her sons build creations from Legos for many years, she just built her first kit on her own, which happened to be the set of TV's The Big Bang Theory.



Reviews & Recommendations



Pretty Baby by Mary Kubica

reviewed by Alexis Whitney



Initially, *Pretty Baby* seems like a straightforward story about a married couple in Chicago coping with stressful jobs and their pre-teen daughter's growing pains. But then Heidi, the saintly wife and mother who always looks out for the underdog, recycles, and cooks healthy vegetarian meals for their daughter Zoe, finds a new cause. She keeps seeing a teenage girl with a baby milling around on the train platform. It's bitterly cold, and she can't get this sad looking girl out of her head, constantly worrying about her and the baby's well-being. So the next time she sees the girl, she introduces herself and takes the girl, Willow and the baby, Ruby to dinner. After that, Heidi doesn't want to let them out of her sight, and is driven to help them. She brings them

back to her family's small, expensive condo to stay there indefinitely. Chris and Zoe are understandably alarmed, but Heidi pays them no mind, buying clothes for the baby and making Willow eat. The tension in Chris and Heidi's marriage gets worse, and Heidi becomes a new and alarming person. Fans of Gillian Flynn will like this tale of psychological suspense and the exploration of the meaning of motherhood.

Pretty Baby is available in print, eBook and eAudiobook.

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



Sea Me See Me by Cheryl Jones

reviewed by Kelley Riha



Sea Me See Me, a Sea Life Whimsy board book is so much more than a beautiful photography board book for newborns and older. Written to assist Jones' own son in learning language to identify feelings, she states the book is used by doctors, teachers and art therapists.

Sea Me See Me is filled with colorful deep-sea images of fish in their natural habitats. Some fish camouflage and some stand out from their environments. Each page is met with closely the same text that questions, how each creature is feeling (happy, nervous, shy) and what do you (the reader) feel about them. Giving children names for their feelings helps them understand themselves and those around them better.

Author, scuba diver and photographer Cheryl Jones is one of Oklahoma's own, having graduated from Mustang High School. Her *Sea Me See Me* provides so much opportunity for interaction as readers can point-and-name colors, shapes, the parts of the face and feelings.

Looking for more awesome board books? Metro Libraries are stocked with a boatload of new titles: *Global Baby*, *Baby on Board!*, *Even Super Heroes Sleep* and well, too many to list!

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.



Award-Winning Journalist Storms Literary Voices™

Introducing Best-Selling Author and Combat Correspondent, Sebastian Junger

Since 2003 Literary Voices™ has brought a series of world-renowned authors to Oklahoma City for a fundraising dinner benefiting the Library Endowment Trust and the Metropolitan Library System. Past events have featured journalist

P.J. O'Rourke, author Harlan Cohen and former First Lady, Laura Bush. This year's speaker is front line adventurer, Sebastian Junger.

Junger is an award-winning journalist and bestselling author with more than 20 years of international reporting experience. In 2001, Junger and co-director Tim Hetherington spent a year embedded with Battle Company's Second Platoon at an outpost called Restrepo located in the Korengal valley of eastern Afghanistan. His book *WAR* and films *Restrepo* and *Korengal* document the time the two journalists spent witnessing war firsthand while living with the soldiers.

In 2011, Hetherington was killed in a mortar attack while covering the Libyan civil war. Junger pursued their project and directed the film *Korengal*, a follow-up to *Restrepo* that continued the stories of the men and their experiences in a war that raged on with little fanfare. Both films feature close-up interviews with soldiers both during and after their deployments. *Restrepo* was nominated for an Oscar for best Documentary/Feature in 2011 and won the Grand Jury Prize at the Sundance Film Festival in 2010 as well as an

Emmy for Outstanding Continuing Coverage of a News Story.

Junger has reported on human rights abuses in Sierra Leone, war crimes in Kosovo, the peacekeeping mission in Cyprus as well as hostage-taking in Kashmir. His book, *The Perfect Storm*, commanded *The New York Times Best-Seller* list for more than three years. His story about the fishermen aboard the Andrea Gail facing a dangerous storm later became a major motion picture starring George Clooney and Mark Wahlberg.

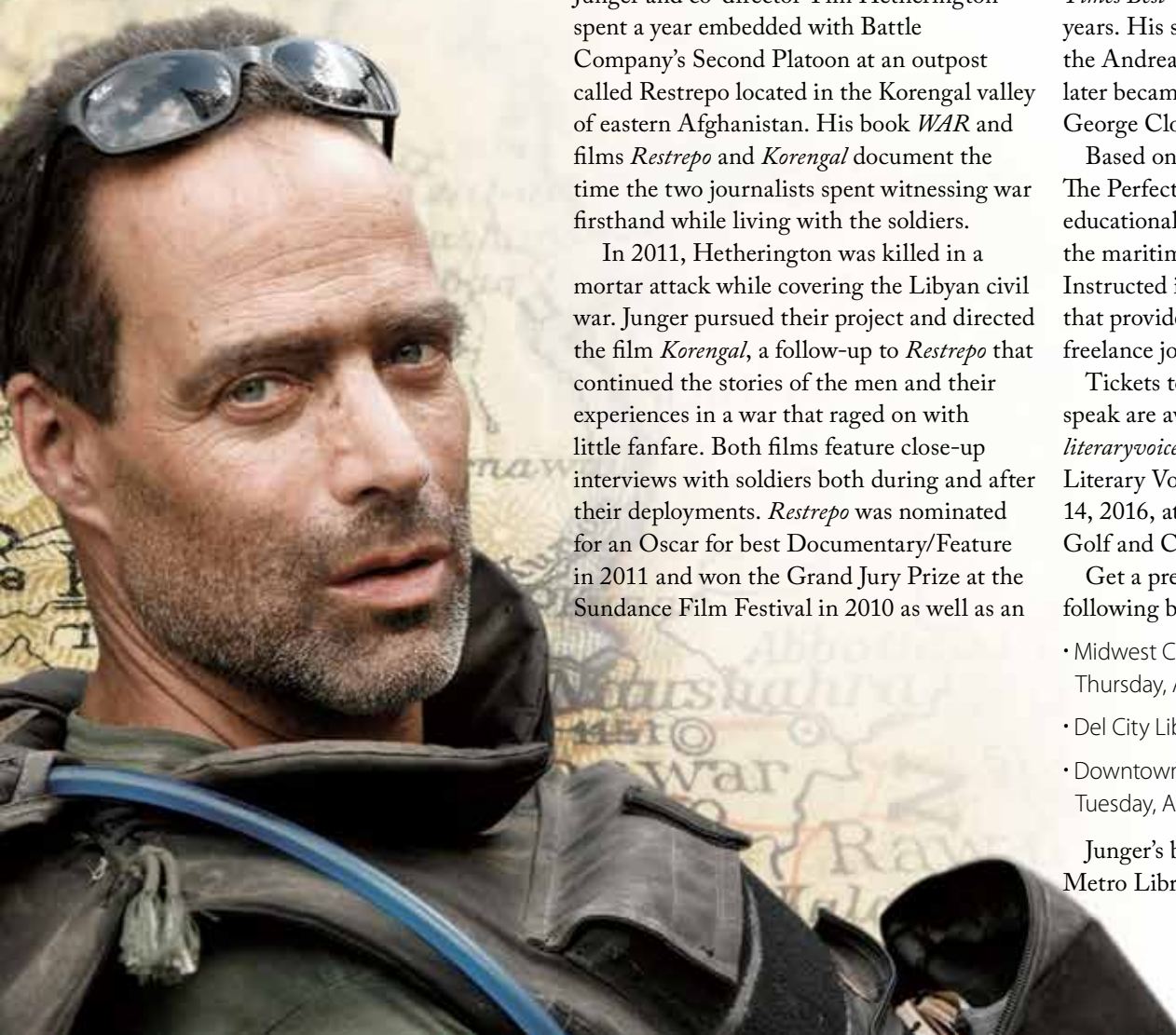
Based on his experiences, Junger created The Perfect Storm Foundation that provides educational grants for people connected to the maritime profession and RISC (Reporters Instructed in Saving Colleagues), a nonprofit that provides free medical training to freelance journalists in war zones.

Tickets to attend this event and hear Junger speak are available at www.metrolibrary.org/literaryvoices or by calling 606-3760. The 2016 Literary Voices™ dinner is Thursday, April 14, 2016, at 7 p.m. at the Oklahoma City Golf and Country Club.

Get a preview of Junger's work at the following book discussions:

- Midwest City Library: *The Perfect Storm*, Thursday, April 7 at 10 a.m.
- Del City Library: *WAR*, Monday, April 11 at 7p.m.
- Downtown Library: *A Death on Belmont*, Tuesday, April 19 at noon.

Junger's books and DVDs are available at Metro Library locations.





Early Literacy S

Creating a love for reading and visiting the library with your little tikes is easier than you think. If you are a parent who cringes at the thought of keeping your rambunctious toddler quiet and still during a library visit, well you just stop that! Today's libraries are created with all ages of lifelong learners in mind. Children's services are a big part of what we offer. From birth to preschool, we partner with parents to help get kids ready for school and grow a love for reading, learning and the library.

Our early literacy programs are presented by professional librarians or other early childhood educators and follow researched methods for introducing language and literacy to children in all stages of their development. They provide an excellent opportunity for parents and families to share quality time together. These programs also have the added benefit of allowing adults to connect with each other. And, they are just plain fun!

Convinced that maybe you can bring your adorable little wall climber to the library but not sure which program would be best for you? Read more about how you can team up with Metro Library to make learning fun for your little one!

Babytime

Babytime is a storytime for the youngest bookworms. Often referred to as a lap sit storytime, Babytime includes

knee bounces, familiar rhymes, finger plays, songs and puppets. Babytime is tailored for the attention span of the youngest learners from birth to 12 months old and usually last about 30 minutes. Older siblings can enjoy Babytime with a stuffed animal or doll.

ToddlerTime

ToddlerTime is the bridge between the lap sits in Babytime and a preschool storytime. Created with energetic toddlers in mind, toddlerTimes generally include plenty of movement, exciting rhymes, fun or silly songs and puppets or finger plays. Visual tools like flannel boards engage little minds and provide opportunities for interaction and audience participation. ToddlerTimes are usually around 30 minutes and are developed for children ages 1-3.

Storytime

Welcome to the show! Storytime is for preschoolers ages 3-5, though older and younger children can benefit from and enjoy storytimes too. Most storytimes are combined with a playtime or activity, like a craft or game. Along with books, storytimes often include opportunities for experimentation with musical instruments like maracas, bells or tambourines, scarves, puppets, flannel boards and more. Preschool storytimes are an excellent way to ease young children into school readiness.



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Playtime

Many libraries offer open playtimes for babies, toddlers and preschoolers. While playtime seems like a simple concept, children can absorb a wealth of information while playing. Playtime provides the opportunity for children to pretend and use their imaginations, develop social skills, practice following directions, use and build language skills and exercise small and large muscle groups. Some play sessions include structured activities like parachute play, toddler aerobics or yoga.

123! Play with Me!

This playtime is offered across the library system each spring and fall. Libraries host the sessions for four weeks in a row, twice a year. 123! Play with Me! incorporates free play with resource professionals who address topics like behavioral health, speech and language development, nutrition and early childhood development. Librarians use the sessions to introduce the library to families with young children and share resources available to help guide them through the early years.

Mother Goose on the Loose

Mother Goose on the Loose is an interactive, fast-paced, award-winning early literacy program that packs rhymes, songs, puppets, flannel pieces, musical instruments, books and movement into 30 minutes. Coordinated with baby brain development and school readiness in mind, these sessions offer learning through art, play, music and language. MGOL is tailored for babies and toddlers.

Musictime

Music plays a large role in learning at any age. These sessions encourage musical exploration, singing, expression and movement and are developed for babies through preschoolers. Studies have shown music to be an important part of early literacy. Songs and rhymes can help build vocabulary and recognize letter sounds. Language development and comprehension are the foundations of literacy. Music a great way to develop these skills and an early appreciation for the arts.

Try one or visit them all, these programs are offered consistently at nearly all of our library locations. Find the early childhood program that is just right for you in our event calendar section on pages 18 & 19 or online at www.metrolibrary.org/events.



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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

The Village Library Thu | Apr 21 3:30p
Metropolitan Library Commission of Oklahoma County Monthly Meeting



Be Well @ the Library

Find a Happy Place

Adult
Midwest City Library Sat | Apr 9 10a

Healthy Cooking with Herbs and Spices

Adult
Warr Acres Library Tue | Apr 26 6:30p

Tai Chi

Adult, Senior (ages 55+)
Northwest Library Mondays 4p
Northwest Library Thursdays 4p
Choctaw Library® Wed | Apr 13, 30, 27 6:15p

Tai Chi for Children

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)
Warr Acres Library Sat | Apr 23 2:30p

Yoga

Adult
Almonte Library Mondays 12p
Del City Library Mondays 12p
Choctaw Library® Wed | Apr 6 6:15p

Zumba

Young Adult (ages 18-21)
Northwest Library® Thu | Apr 7 6:30p



Book it @ the Library

Tailored Titles on Facebook

Wed | Apr 6 2p-4p
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!

Metro Library ReadUp

Adults

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. New titles announced on the first of each month.

Book Clubs for Adults

Adults

Edmond Library Tue | Apr 5 12p
Cozy Mysteries

Midwest City Library Thu | Apr 7 10a
Nonfiction

Belle Isle Library Thu | Apr 7 6p
New English Speakers

Edmond Library Mon | Apr 11 6:30p
History Book Club

Downtown Library® Tue | Apr 19 12p
Lunch Bunch

Young Adults, Teens (ages 12-21)
Belle Isle Library Wed | Apr 27 6:30p
Sci-Fi/Fantasy

Northwest Library Fri | Apr 8 1p
Warr Acres Library Mon | Apr 11 11a
Southern Oaks Library Tue | Apr 12 11:30a
Edmond Library Sat | Apr 16 10:30a
The Village Library Mon | Apr 18 3p
Midwest City Library Thu | Apr 21 10a
Del City Library Thu | Apr 28 4:30p

Senior (ages 55+)
Edmond Library Sat | Apr 9 2p

Book Clubs for Pre-teens & Teens

(ages 9-12, 12-18)

Belle Isle Library Tue | Apr 19 4p
Random Fandom

Belle Isle Library Mon | Apr 11, 18, 25 5:30p
Anime Club

Choctaw Library Wed | Apr 6, 20 11a
Bethany Library® Tue | Apr 26 6:30p
Northwest Library Wed | Apr 27 6p

Book Clubs for Children

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Choctaw Library Wednesdays 10a
Southern Oaks Library® Tue | Apr 12 6:30p
Almonte Library Tue | Apr 19 4p



Concerts @ the Library

Noon Tunes

All Ages

Downtown Library	Thursdays	Noon
Thu Apr 7	Phil Smith and the Blend , <i>acoustic folk</i>	
Thu Apr 14	Mark Galloway & Steve Crossley, <i>vocals/guitar</i>	
Thu Apr 21	Stringents, <i>rock string quartet</i>	
Thu Apr 28	Evangeline Vournasos, <i>original vocals/ukulele</i>	



Create @ the Library

After School at Your Library

Teen (ages 12- 18)

Capitol Hill Library	Mondays	4p
The Village Library	Mondays	4p
Ralph Ellison Library	Tuesdays	4:30p
Southern Oaks Library	Fridays	4:30p
Northwest Library	Tue Apr 26	4:30p

Art

Toddlers (ages 1-3)

Downtown Library ^R	Thu Apr 14	10a
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Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Choctaw Library ^R	Fridays	9:30a
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PreTeen (ages 9-12), Families

Ralph Ellison Library	Sat Apr 9	1:30p
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Teen (ages 12- 18)

Choctaw Library	Thu Apr 21	5p
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pixel art

Adult

Downtown Library ^R	Sat Apr 2	10a
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pop & palette

Choctaw Library ^R	Sat Apr 16	9:30a
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acrylic painting

Beginning Crochet

Adult

Choctaw Library	Sat Apr 2	1p
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Teen (ages 12- 18)

Edmond Library ^R	Wed Apr 13	4p
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Adult

Wright Library	Fri Apr 8	3p
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Crafts

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12), Families

Del City Library	Thu Apr 21	6:30p
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PreTeen (ages 9-12)

Warr Acres Library ^R	Tue Apr 12	4p
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An election year is an excellent time to introduce children to the ins and outs of the U.S. government. Your first thought after reading that sentence might be, 'yawn' but we have an online tool that will help you entice your kids and teens into learning more while enjoying the experience and using technology, which, let's face it, is probably the only way to get their attention anyway!

"Ben's Guide" stars founding father Benjamin Franklin in a series of learning adventures and games. The activities and information are sorted by age level starting as young as 4 years old and going up to 14 years old plus. Learning adventures take users on trips through exploring the different branches of government, the way laws are made and the electoral process. Other adventures explain the difference between the federal and state governments, showcase symbols, songs and structures that


represent the U.S.A., and introduce historical documents.

"Ben's Guide" also features a glossary of government related terms and a link to the U.S. Government Printing Office and the Federal Depository Library Program, providing access to thousands of government publications.

Using "Ben's Guide" is easy, mobile and free! Visit www.metrolibrary.org, choose *Research* and scroll to "Ben's Guide". Log in from any internet connected computer or device. You never know if you are raising the next senator or president! Check out "Ben's Guide" and find out if you have a preschool pundit or teen trailblazer on your hands.



featured events

Teen (ages 12- 18)
Belle Isle Library 
DIY magnetic poetry Thu | Apr 21 4p

Adult
Bethany Library Wed | Apr 6 10:30a

Journaling


Adult
Belle Isle Library Sat | Apr 9 2p



Teen (ages 12- 18)
Northwest Library  Thu | Apr 21 4p


Knitting Club

Adults
Choctaw Library Sat | Apr 2 10a
Almonte Library Thu | Apr 7 5:30p
The Village Library Sat | Apr 9 10a
Southern Oaks Library  Mon | Apr 11 5:30p
Northwest Library Tue | Apr 12 6p
Belle Isle Library Thu | Apr 28 7p

Makerspace

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)
Northwest Library  Mon | Apr 11 4p

Children (ages 12 & under)
Downtown Library  Mon | Apr 4 6:30p
Midwest City Library  Thu | Apr 21 4p
Creation Club

Teen (ages 12- 18)
Belle Isle Library Tue | Apr 5 4p
The Village Library  Thu | Apr 14 4p

Quilting Club

Adults
Ralph Ellison Library Mondays & Fridays 11a

Sew What?

Teens (Ages 12-18)
Midwest City Library Thu | Apr 21 4p

Writing

Adults
Ralph Ellison Library Thu | Apr 14 6p
Midwest City Library Thu | Apr 14, 28 6p
Choctaw Library Tue | Apr 19 6p
poetry reading

Ralph Ellison Library Mon | Apr 25 7p
poetry reading



Game On @ the Library


Chess Club

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)
Edmond Library Mon | Apr 4, 18 4:30p
All Ages
The Village Library Fridays 4p
Capitol Hill Library Thu | Apr 28 4p

Family Game Night!

All Ages
Luther Library Thu | Apr 14 4p
Harrah Library Wed | Apr 27 4p
PreTeen (ages 9-12)
Northwest Library Thu | Apr 28 6p

Gaming Club

Teen (Ages 12-18)
Choctaw Library Thu | Apr 14 5p
Belle Isle Library Thu | Apr 14, 28 4p
Bring Your Own Device
Almonte Library  Wed | Apr 27 5p
Al's Teen Lounge


Juggling Club

Teen (ages 12- 18)
Belle Isle Library Tue | Apr 12 4p

LEGO

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)
Midwest City Library Tue | Apr 5 4p
Harrah Library Wed | Apr 6 4p
Luther Library Thu | Apr 7 4p
Warr Acres Library  Sat | Apr 9 2:30p
Edmond Library  Sat | Apr 9 3p
Capitol Hill Library Thu | Apr 14 4:30p
Downtown Library  Mon | Apr 18 6:30p
Almonte Library  Sun | Apr 24 3p
Choctaw Library  Wed | Apr 27 4p

PreTeen (ages 9-12)

Choctaw Library  Mon | Apr 4 4p
LEGO Robotics

Minecraft

PreTeen (ages 9-12), Teen (ages 12-18)
Warr Acres Library  Thu | Apr 7 6:30p
Choctaw Library  Mon | Apr 11 4p
Downtown Library  Mon | Apr 11 6:30p
Capitol Hill Library Thu | Apr 21 4:30p

Scrabble Club

Adult
Del City Library Tue | Apr 26 6:30p

Yu-Gi-Oh!*Teen (ages 12-18)*

Bethany Library

Sat | Apr 9

10a



Learn @ the Library

Homework Help*Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)*

Capitol Hill Library

Wednesdays

4p

Almonte Library

Wed | Apr 6 & 20

5p

Southern Oaks Library®

Thu | Apr 7, 14, 21

4p

Midwest City Library

Wednesdays

4:30p

Intermediate Spanish*Adult*

Capitol Hill Library

Mondays

5:30p

Library Explorers*Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)*

Northwest Library®

Mon | Apr 25

4p

Prenatal & Parenting Prep*Adult*

Northwest Library®

Wednesdays

6p

Reading Buddies*Children (ages 12 & under)*

Warr Acres Library

Sun | Apr 3, 17

2p

Rocket Readers*Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)*

Bethany Library

Mon | Apr 4, 11, 18

5:30p, 6p, 6:30p

Science Fun*Families, Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)*

Del City Library

Sun | Apr 3

3p

PreTeen (ages 9-12)

Southern Oaks Library®

Sat | Apr 23

2p

Snakes!*All Ages*

Warr Acres Library

Thu | Apr 21

6:30p

Technology Training*Seniors (ages 55+)*

The Village Library®

Tue | Apr 12, 26

4p

devices

The Village Library®

Wed | Apr 13

1p

internet basics

Edmond Library®

Wed | Apr 20

1p

intro to computers

Award-Winning War Journalist, Director and Best-Selling Author of "The Perfect Storm"

Sebastian Junger

literary voices
2016

Thursday | April 14, 2016 | 7pm

Oklahoma City Golf & Country Club

For reservations and sponsorship information,
please email development@metrolibrary.org or call 606-3760.



Please check our online calendar for even more events!

An Afternoon with a Poet Laureate

Adult

Belle Isle Library® Sun | Apr 3 3p
Commemorate the 20th anniversary of National Poetry Month with Carl Sennhenn, Oklahoma Poet Laureate for 2001 and 2002. Sennhenn, a two-time Oklahoma Book Award winner, will read from his poetry and share what inspires him.

Cosplay Tea Party

Teen (ages 12-18)

Belle Isle Library Mon | Apr 4 5:30p
Cosplay your favorite anime, manga, comic book, or video game character and join other fans for tea, snacks, games and fun.

Protecting Oklahoma

Senior (ages 55+)

Edmond Library Tue | Apr 5 1p
Choosing the right insurance coverage can be a chore. Learn the details about choosing insurance to protect your home, family and self at this informational workshop.

Learn About Foster Parenting

Adults

Del City Library Wed | Apr 6 6p
Thinking about becoming a foster parent? Come hear experiences from individuals involved with foster care and learn where to find information about foster parenting and resources. You could make a difference in a child's life!

Drawing with Danny

PreTeen (ages 9-12)

Bethany Library® Sat | Apr 9 2p
Join award-winning Oklahoma artist Danny Gordon in an engaging drawing class for beginners.

Sebastian Junger Book Discussion: War

Adult

Del City Library® Mon | Apr 11 7p
Book discussion on the work of noted author Sebastian Junger. Don't miss meeting Mr. Junger at our Literary Voices™ event, Thursday, April 14!

3rd Annual Poetry and Palette

Teen (ages 12-18)

Almonte Library® Wed | Apr 13 6:30p
Learn how art and literature weave together as we combine poetry into the process of creating artwork. A professional artist will teach you how to paint your own version of a work of art on canvas while you sip on sparkling cider. Take home your own masterpiece to hang on your bedroom wall!

#Express Yourself

Teen (ages 12-18)

Midwest City Library Thu | Apr 14 4p
Are you ready for Poem in Your Pocket day? Learn how to express yourself through rhythm or rhyme with poetry, games & activities.

Earth Day

Adult

Northwest Library® Thu | Apr 14 7p
It's easy being green! In this class we will use recycled jars to create miniature moss terrariums for you to take home and display.

Literary Voices™ Featuring Sebastian Junger

Adult

Oklahoma Golf and Country Club Thu | Apr 14 7p
The Metropolitan Library System's Library Endowment Trust is honored to bring Sebastian Junger to Oklahoma City as the featured speaker for the 14th annual Literary Voices™ fundraising dinner. Junger is an award-winning war journalist, director and best-selling author.

Visit www.metrolibrary.org/literaryvoices to learn more about the event. The dinner benefits the Library Endowment Trust, which helps to support the Metropolitan Library System by providing additional funding for programs, materials and services.

Classics for Kids: Professor Spillsby Digs into Shakespeare

All Ages

Meet the lovable Professor Spillsby and "the Juggling Fiends" as they explore the power of William Shakespeare's plays. Soliloquies and silly sword fights explode as the Professor is introduced to Shakespeare's tragedy *Macbeth* in a fun way!

Northwest Library	Sat Apr 16	10a
The Village Library	Sat Apr 16	2p
Warr Acres Library	Sun Apr 17	2p
Southern Oaks Library	Tue Apr 19	6p
Capitol Hill Library	Wed Apr 20	10a

(Program will be off-site at Sacred Heart Catholic School, 2700 S. Shartel Ave.)

Downtown Library	Wed Apr 20	6p
Ralph Ellison Library	Thu Apr 21	4p
Almonte Library	Sat Apr 23	3p
Edmond Library	Sun Apr 24	3p

Mystery in the Library Tea

Young Adult (ages 18-21)

Bethany Library® Sat | Apr 16 2p
Will you be a suspect? Will you be the culprit? Will you solve the mystery? Join us for a mystery in the library and find out. Play along as a suspect or sleuth and listen to the masterful detective Sherlock provide clues. Be the first to solve the mystery and you may win a prize!

S.A.F.E. = Saving Animals From Extinction

Adults only

Edmond Library Sun | Apr 17 2p
Endangered means there's still time. Join the OKC Zoo and a few of our animal representatives to find out what you can do on the crusade to save animal species from extinction. Enjoy hands-on bio facts and an animal fashion show just for adults.

Amateur Paint by Number Social

Adults only

Del City Library Sun | Apr 17 1:30p
Relax with an afternoon of art, conversation and music. Express your creativity with a paint by number project that artists of any skill level can enjoy.

DIY Pet Toys

Adult

Almonte Library ^R Thu | Apr 21 6p
Don't waste money on those overpriced toys from the pet store! Come to this session where you'll learn how to make fun toys for dogs and cats. Your animal friends will thank you!

Adulting: Money!

Young Adult (ages 18-21)

Edmond Library ^R Wed | Apr 27 6p
Let's face it; adulting is hard. Especially when your paycheck is only a fraction of the amount you need to live the way you want. So, we're here to help with a Q&A panel made up of financial experts to give advice to young adults. You bring the Q's and we'll provide the A's. And coffee. And donuts. Free donuts!

Musical Inspiration Creative Writing

Teen (ages 12-18)

Midwest City Library Thu | Apr 28 5p
Develop your writing skills and creativity using music. Learn about literary styles from diverse eras and cultures and improve your craft with local hip-hop artist, Gregory Jerome.

Succulent Workshop

Adult

Downtown Library ^R Sat | Apr 30 11a
Do you have a black thumb but wish you could keep a plant alive?

Learn how to create a one-of-a-kind succulent arrangement that is sure to brighten your day all year long! The succulent experts from The Plant Shoppe will show you how to craft the perfect arrangement along with information about different types of succulents and how to care for your new plant.

Super Hero Saturday

Teen (ages 12-18)

Warr Acres Library ^R Sat | Apr 30 2p
Who's your favorite superhero? Join us as we take an epic battle to a new level. Catch villains; avoid Kryptonite! Come play our live action version of superhero Pac-Man. Practice your super powers and top it all with super snacks.

Tax Help

Adult

Need help preparing and filing your state and federal income tax returns? Volunteers from AARP will provide free tax preparation and e-filing assistance on a first-come, first-served basis. Be sure to bring all relevant documents with you, e.g. all earnings and dividend statements, copies of last year's federal and state returns, and proof of your bank account numbers for direct deposit.

Southern Oaks Library	Fri Apr 1, 8, 15	9a-3p
Southern Oaks Library	Thu Apr 7, 14	9a-3p
Warr Acres Library	Fri Apr 1, 8, 15	9a-3p
Warr Acres Library	Mon Apr 4, 11, 18	9a-3p
The Village Library	Sat Apr 2, 9	9a-2p
The Village Library	Tue Apr 5, 12	9a-2p
Ralph Ellison Library	Sat Apr 2, 9	10a-4p
Northwest Library	Wed Apr 6, 13	10a-3p

^R = Registration required for this event.



Kids @ the Library

Play @ the Library

123! Play with Me!

Toddlers (ages 1-3)

Warr Acres Library ^R	Sat Apr 2, 9, 16, 23	10:30
Belle Isle Library	Mondays	10a
Almonte Library	Mondays	6p
Edmond Library ^R	Tuesdays	10a
Southern Oaks Library ^R	Tue Apr 5	6p
Capitol Hill Library	Tue Apr 26	4:30p

Parachute Play

Toddlers (ages 1-3)

The Village Library ^R	Thu Apr 28	10a
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Playtime

Babies (0-12 months)

Belle Isle Library	Tuesdays	10a
Northwest Library ^R	Tue Apr 5, 19	9:30a
Northwest Library ^R	Wed Apr 6, 20	9:30a
Downtown Library ^R	Thu Apr 28	10a

Toddlers (ages 1-3)

Northwest Library ^R	Tue Apr 5, 19	10:15a
Northwest Library ^R	Wed Apr 6, 20	10:15a
Del City Library	Wednesdays	10a
Choctaw Library	Sat Apr 9	10a
Warr Acres Library	Wed Apr 13, 20, 27	9:15a & 10:30a
Midwest City Library	Mon Apr 18	10a

PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)

Warr Acres Library	Tue Apr 5	10:30a
Northwest Library ^R	Tue Apr 5, 19	11a
Northwest Library ^R	Wed Apr 6, 20	11a
Choctaw Library ^R	Thu Apr 7	10:30a
Southern Oaks Library ^R	Mon Apr 25	10:30a

Storytime @ the Library

Mother Goose on the Loose

Toddlers (ages 1-3)

Warr Acres Library ^R	Tue Apr 5, 19	9:30a
Bethany Library ^R	Thu Apr 14, 21, 28	9:30a & 10:30a

Southern Oaks Library ^R	Wed Apr 20	10:30a
The Village Library ^R	Thu Apr 21	10a
Warr Acres Library ^R	Thu Apr 28	6p

Musictime

Babies (0-12 months)

Midwest City Library	Mon Apr 4	9a
Edmond Library ^R	Mon Apr 25	9a
Northwest Library ^R	Tue Apr 26	9:30a
Northwest Library ^R	Wed Apr 27	9:30a
Belle Isle Library ^R	Thu Apr 28	10a

Toddlers (ages 1-3)

Midwest City Library	Mon Apr 4	10a
Del City Library ^R	Thu Apr 14	9:30a
Northwest Library ^R	Tue Apr 26	10:15a
Northwest Library ^R	Wed Apr 27	10:15a

PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)

The Village Library ^R	Thu Apr 7	10a
Downtown Library ^R	Thu Apr 21	10a
Edmond Library ^R	Mon Apr 25	10a & 11a
Northwest Library ^R	Tue Apr 26	11a
Northwest Library ^R	Wed Apr 27	11a
Belle Isle Library ^R	Thu Apr 28	11a

Pajama Family Storytime

PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)

Belle Isle Library	Wednesdays	6:30p
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Toddlers (ages 1-3)

Edmond Library ^R	Thursdays	6:30p
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Storytime

PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)

Choctaw Library ^R	Tuesdays	10:30a
Edmond Library ^R	Mon Apr 4, 11, 18	10a & 11a
Southern Oaks Library ^R	Mon Apr 4, 11, 18	10:30a
Bethany Library ^R	Tue Apr 5	6:30p
Bethany Library ^R	Thu Apr 7	10a
Downtown Library ^R	Thu Apr 7	10a
Northwest Library ^R	Tue Apr 12	11a
Northwest Library ^R	Wed Apr 13	11a
Warr Acres Library ^R	Tue Apr 19	10:30a
Northwest Library	Sat Apr 23	10a



Library Lingo for Young Readers

Storytime @ the Library

Children (ages 12 & under)

Wright Library	Fri Apr 1	3:30p
Capitol Hill Library	Tue Apr 5, 12, 19	4p
Luther Library	Thu Apr 21	4p
Harrah Library	Wed Apr 20	4p

Babytime

Babies (0-12 months)

Del City Library	Mondays	9:15a
Belle Isle Library	Mondays	9:30a
Northwest Library [®]	Tue Apr 12	9:30a
Northwest Library [®]	Wed Apr 13	9:30a

Toddler time

Toddlers (ages 1-3)

Del City Library	Mondays	10a
Belle Isle Library	Tuesdays	9:30a
Choctaw Library [®]	Tuesdays	9:30a
Edmond Library [®]	Wednesdays	10a & 11a
Midwest City Library	Mon Apr 11, 25	10a
Northwest Library [®]	Tue Apr 12	10:15a
Northwest Library [®]	Wed Apr 13	10:15a

Children Reading to Dogs @ the Library

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Northwest Library	Mon Apr 4, 18	6p
Edmond Library	Tue Apr 5, 19	6:30p
The Village Library	Wednesdays	6p
The Village Library	Thu Apr 7, 21	3:30p
Capitol Hill Library	Sat Apr 9	1p
Choctaw Library [®]	Sat Apr 9	3p
Midwest City Library [®]	Tue Apr 12, 26	7p
Del City Library	Thu Apr 14, 28	6:30p
Warr Acres Library	Thu Apr 14	6:30p
Southern Oaks Library [®]	Sat Apr 16	10a
Choctaw Library [®]	Wed Apr 20	4p
Downtown Library	Mon Apr 25	6:30p
Southern Oaks Library [®]	Tue Apr 26	6:30p

Board Books

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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 330 SW 24th, 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 HARRAH* 1930 N. Church Avenue, Harrah, 454-2001	9:30-6	9:30-6	9:30-6	9:30-6	9-5	9-5	—
10 JONES* 111 E. Main, Jones, 399-5471	—	9:30-5:30	—	9:30-5:30	—	9-5	—
11 LUTHER* 310 NE 3rd, Luther, 277-9967	9:30-6	9:30-6	9:30-6	9:30-6	9-5	9-5	—
12 MIDWEST CITY 8143 E. Reno, MWC, 732-4828	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
13 NICOMA PARK* 2240 Overholser, Nicoma Park, 769-9452	—	9:30-5:30	9:30-5:30	9:30-5:30	9-5	9-5	—
14 NORTHWEST 5600 NW 122nd, OKC, 606-3580	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
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*Closed daily for lunch from 12:30-1 pm

