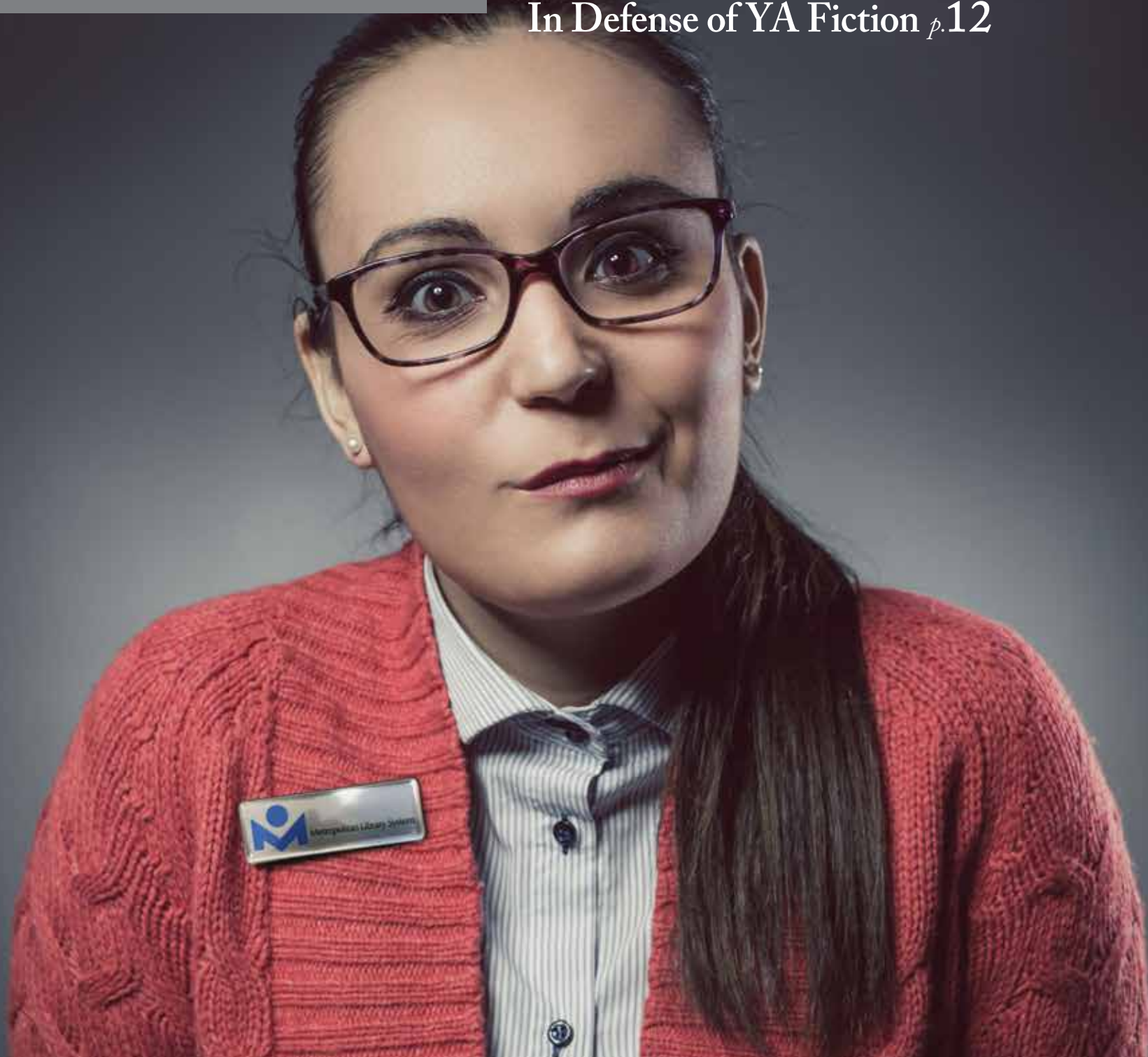


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At the beginning of last month, a fever began to grip the nation. Your friends began walking around, seemingly aimless, with a blank, fixed gaze on their phones muttering something about getting the Muk in their Pokéball. Hastily, you logged into Facebook to check if any of your connections had posted anything about a nasty virus going around or if any glowing meteorite landings had been reported, only to find a confusing mix of Doduo and Grimer jokes and Charizard cheers. What was this?! People were hunting down these so-called Pokémon on their breaks, at lunch and after work. As your feelings of desolation grew stronger while the hordes of Poké-eyed zombies seem to double their numbers around you at a startling rate, know this: There is a refuge, a safe place, a fortified stronghold against senselessness – your Library.

Yeah, yeah, we know it's just a video game. We know it's the latest fad, entertaining a great deal of the technologically-inclined populous. And that's not a bad thing. People need to get out, get exercise, explore their surroundings. But we also know that there are some who just aren't "in" to that kind of thing. And for those of you who aren't, we have plenty more to offer than a chance Bulbasaur sighting in a bathroom stall.

You can get plenty of exercise at one of our many wellness programs, like Tai Chi, Zumba, or our Healthy Brain, Healthy Mind series. Evolve your intellect by attending Science Sundays at the Del City Library or NASA Day at the Choctaw branch. Growing "Belue Berries?" Pfffft! Learn to grow real food with our Vegetable Gardening class. Sigh...and for those of you who can't get enough Pokéfun, we have Anime Clubs and Gamefests galore. Check out our event calendar for these and much more. Gotta catch 'em all!



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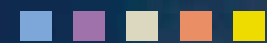
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John Aaron

by Larry Johnson

John Aaron never intended to work for NASA. Coming from tiny Vinson in southwest Oklahoma, Aaron said he really didn't know much about the space program and only had a vague notion of Sputnik.

Graduating from a high school with nine students, Aaron hadn't encountered much math or science, but as a student at Southwestern State he fell in love with math and physics. Still, his



John Aaron

chief ambition was to qualify as a science teacher and use his teacher's pay to provide for his dream career—cattle ranching.

After completing his degree in 1964, a former college buddy called with an offer to work on the Gemini program for NASA. He remembered thinking, "Well, you know, I'm broke. I'll go down there and do that a couple of years and then I'll come back and raise Herefords." He stayed for 36 years.

On arrival at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, Aaron was assigned as a flight controller responsible for the spacecraft's power, life support system, and communication systems. Despite no formal training or advanced degrees, Aaron proved to be an engineering wizard. For some reason he was able to understand the complicated electronic systems in ways even the spaceship designers didn't.

By 1969, Aaron was in mission control for Apollo XII. Seconds into the flight, the spacecraft was struck by lightning

and the guidance system went haywire. Both ground and flight crews were baffled and the flight director decided to abort the moon mission. But Aaron recalled that years earlier he had observed similar garbled navigation data during a test. Other engineers hadn't noticed the anomaly, but Aaron not only stowed the information away in his mind, he also pondered a fix should it ever happen during a live flight.

Just as Apollo XII was about to be scrubbed, John Aaron radioed, "Flight, try SCE to aux." Neither his fellow engineers in mission control nor the astronauts in the capsule knew what he was talking about—this command wasn't even in the manuals—and few of them had even heard of the little known Signal Conditioning Electronics (SCE) system which converted



NASA mission control - Aaron standing center with headset

electronic data into formats useful for the rest of the systems. Aaron had never considered that a lightning strike would have such an effect, but when he saw the strange readings something clicked.

Most of mission control looked at each other confused while Apollo 12 mission commander Pete Conrad piped up first,



Apollo 12 crew - Conrad, Gordon and Bean

"What the hell is that?!" Astronaut Alan Bean located the SCE switch on the spacecraft's control panel and flipped it to "aux," or the auxiliary setting. That reset the system and they were back in business, headed for the moon.

Aaron's ingenuity made the difference on the bad-luck Apollo 13 mission as well. He's the guy who saved the day with the brilliant power-up sequence you see in Ron Howard's movie of the same name. But that's a story for another day.

In all, John Aaron had a long and successful career in space from the Gemini program to Skylab and the shuttle program. For his initiative and coolness when lives were on the line, John Aaron earned the respect of scientists and astronauts alike, earning the distinguished title "Steely-eyed Missile Man".

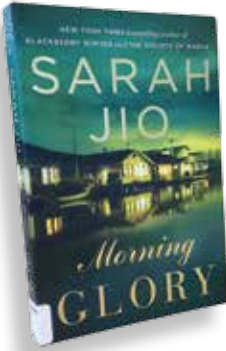
Larry "Buddy" Johnson has been with Metro Library since 1998. Not only a librarian at the Downtown Library, he is the brilliant mind behind the Oklahoma Images database which is a collection of pictures and essays that illustrate the history of central Oklahoma.



Reviews & Recommendations

Morning Glory

by Sarah Jio



Ada Santorini hopes that by leaving behind her life in New York she can escape her grief over the tragic loss of her husband and daughter. She rents a fully-furnished houseboat on Lake Union in Seattle and plans to spend the summer there.

Some of the people on Boat Street have lived there for years, and soon Ada learns that she is living in the houseboat from which Penny Wentworth disappeared during the 1950s. There seems to be a pact of secrecy regarding Penny, but after Ada finds a key that opens a trunk in her living room, she begins to learn about Penny’s life. In chapters that alternate between the two

reviewed by Phyllis Davidson

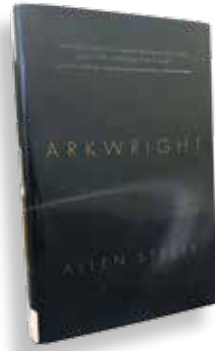
women, we learn about the source of Penny’s unhappiness and about the accident that wrecked Ada’s life. Ada makes friends with Alex, who lives in the houseboat next door. As the summer winds blow and morning glories bloom, Ada is surprised to feel her heart begin to heal. Be prepared for a surprise ending in this interesting and intriguing story.

Phyllis Davidson is a reference librarian at the Downtown Library. She is the editor of a family newsletter, teaches genealogy classes to customers at the library, and delves into her own family history outside the Library walls.

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Arkwright

by Allen Steele



Arkwright has been described as a “love letter to science fiction” and I agree. The premise is that highly successful science fiction author, Nathan Arkwright (once numbered among the ‘big four’ alongside Heinlein, Asimov, and Clarke), uses his wealth to establish a foundation with the goal of gradually seeding the galaxy with human colonies. The story takes us from the early days of pulp sci-fi to a not-too-distant future, crossing several generations of the Arkwright clan as they lead the foundation towards its goal.

Besides the grand idea at its center (human colonization of the galaxy), what I liked most about this book was how we get to know each succeeding generation of Arkwrights. We’re given a brief, albeit penetrating look into the life and times of each

reviewed by Zach Branstetter

Arkwright. Some make the foundation’s mission their own, while others rebel and refuse to be defined by the predecessor’s dream. The science underpinning the inter-stellar travel is top notch, but the science behind the ultimate seed colony is less exact and left me somewhat dubious. Plotting is well paced. The book is short because the story is tight, with nothing included which didn’t need to be.

Zach Branstetter is a librarian at the Edmond Library. He divides his time between playing with his little girl, looking forward to his next cheeseburger and reading history, sci-fi & fantasy books. Other interests include trying to connive and/or trick his family into watching Ken Burns documentaries with him (spoiler: He loses).

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The Marvels

by Brian Selznick



Ahoy and shiver me timbers!

Adventure on the high sea opens Brian Selznick’s most recent opus, *The Marvels*. His illustrator/author designs garner big awards and fans of all ages for their hand-drawn images and fast moving plots that pull readers in, keeping them captive. Written for grades 4-6, the story centers on generations of the Marvel theatrical family of London’s Royal Theatre.

The protagonist is young man, Joe Jervis, who’s running from a string of bad luck events when he seeks refuge with an uncle he’s never met (and one he will never forget). “I bet this wasn’t what you bargained for when you ran away from school, was it?” Uncle Albert guesses. “No,” says Joseph, “it’s better.” Uncle’s house has its own

reviewed by Kelley Riha

‘marvel’ous charm as it seems to be strangely alive.

Selznick’s young adult (YA) tale includes real-life issues: abandonment, terminal illness, “miracles and sadness, side by side”. Borrowing a line from the book, “maybe it was about the passage of time, and the need for patience, and the ability to forgive.” Joseph’s character matures before our eyes as he discovers the family he always wanted.

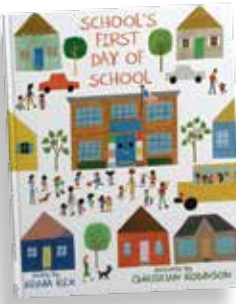
So argh, mateys — reserrrve your copy today!

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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School’s First Day of School

by Adam Rex
Pictures by: Christian Robinson



Experience the first day of class from the eyes of the school in this delightful new children’s book from Adam Rex. Frederick Douglass Elementary is a brand new school and spends the summer getting to know the only person in the building, the janitor. She is in for a surprise when the first day of school comes and now there are children – lots of them!

The illustrations by Christian Robinson (*Last Stop on Market Street*) are done in bold bright colors that reminded me of a Matisse painting. The school is drawn so her front doors almost look like a face. I especially loved the diversity of the children shown in the book – there are children of all colors and abilities prominently shown. The relationship between the janitor and the school is sweet and touching.

reviewed by Andrea Buckley

Rex does a remarkable job at making the school relatable and perhaps a little less scary for any youngsters who might be a little nervous about their first day. Children will enjoy experiencing what a real day at school looks like from the classroom to the playground to the lunchroom and even a fire drill. Parents who read *The Little House* by Virginia Lee Burton as a child will love this similar story for a new generation. (Of course there are two Aidens in the kindergarten class!)

Andrea Buckley loved school so much she took forever to get her liberal arts degree in Government from the University of Texas. She is a library aide at Belle Isle Library and moved to Oklahoma City last year from Austin, Texas, but don’t hold that against her.

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Why Librarians Wear Cardigans

by Julia McConnell

It's cold in the library.
But sometimes after storytime
it is not
so it is good to layer.
Because pullovers get caught
on librarians' glasses.
Because they are flattering
and can hide a muffin-top.
Because Raganathan's Law:
Every librarian has her/his cardigan
every cardigan its librarian.
To cover up our Dewey Decimal tattoos.
Because it is both security blanket and uniform.
Because they dress an outfit up or down.
Two words: Extra Pockets.
Because if you spill your lunch
you have something to cover it up.
Because if you are wearing white pants
and purple underpants
cardigans can save the day.
Because they match our shoes.
Because they match our glasses
on chains.
To look more librarian-ish.
Because Mr. Rogers loved librarians.
We wear our cardigans to cover up
our super hero t-shirts.

Julia McConnell wears a cardigan, a scarf, and a pair of cowboy boots every day to work as an assistant manager at the Edmond Library. Her poetry chapbook, Against the Blue, will be published by Finishing Line Press in August.

SUMMER BLOCK PARTY

Saturday, August 13, 10am-3pm

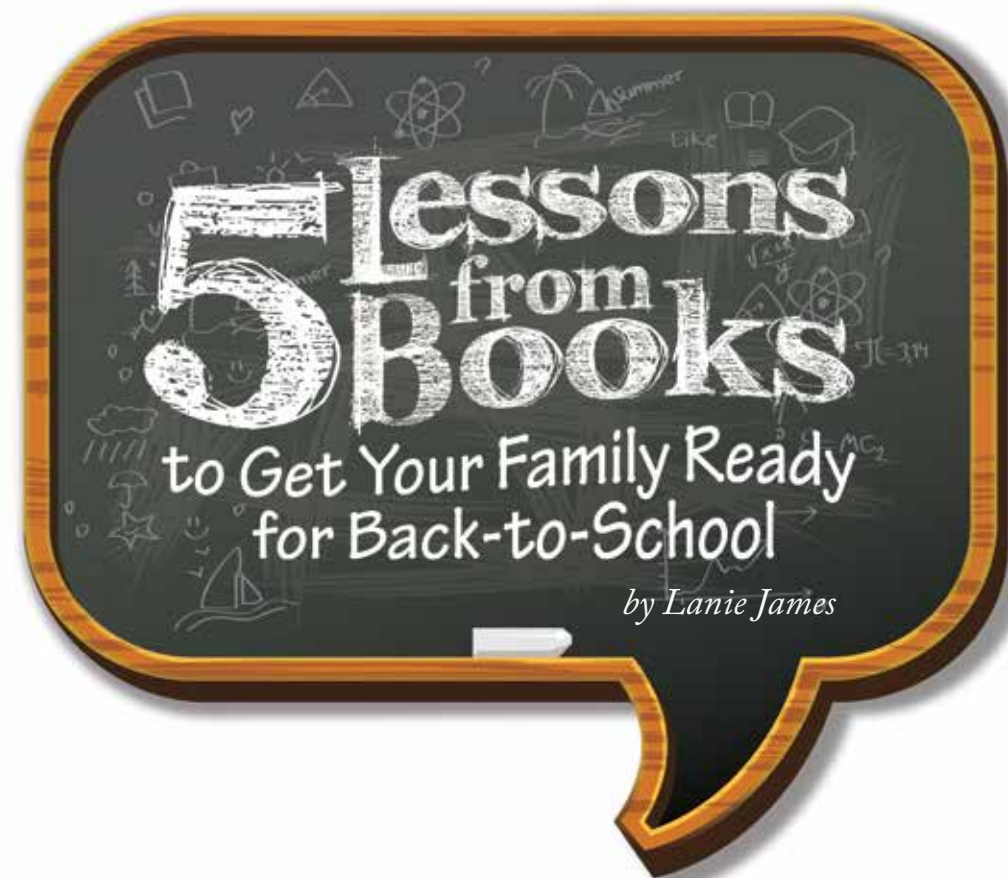
Join us for a back-to-school bash with come and go activities for children and teens! Learn how the library can assist you with school success. We will provide information about library programs and opportunities throughout the school year. There will be games and activities at both the library and community center, and food trucks at the community center.



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The summer is racing by faster than the *Winds of Winter* and the return to school is right around the corner, along with homework, routines and bedtimes. Getting back into the swing of things isn't easy but it can be fun.

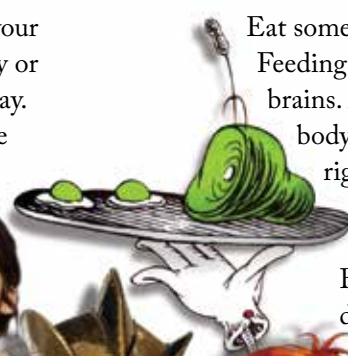
Game of Thrones - A Song of Fire and Ice: Winter is coming! Establish a countdown calendar to the first day of school and other big events during the school year. Use it as a timeline to help the entire family prepare by including deadlines for things like school clothes shopping, school supplies shopping, getting any school documents in order, PTA meetings, etc. Don't forget to add getting a library card to this list for any emerging readers or contenders for the Iron Throne in the family.

Encourage your Curious George! Check out a few books on your children's favorite subjects and start adding time to read, study or explore your children's favorite subjects for 20 minutes each day. This will help get them back into the groove of learning. Have them share what they learned in a report, song or play at the end of the week. By having them teach you, it will help them retain the information!

Avoid Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day on the first day of school by establishing the daily school routine early. Two weeks before

school starts, have your students gradually return to a school year bedtime. This is especially important for students transitioning from Pre-K to Kindergarten when an afternoon nap or rest time is often phased out.

Hunger Games - "May the odds ever be in your favor" when it comes to back-to-school clothes shopping. Increase your odds by organizing, choosing your allies and getting prepared. Eliminate school clothes that no longer fit or winter wear that will be outgrown by the time your student would be able to wear them. Make a list before you go shopping and know your child's sizes so you can quickly navigate through the obstacles (clothing racks) and fellow combatants (shoppers.)



Eat some **Green Eggs and Ham** for breakfast! Feeding young bodies also means feeding young brains. A healthy breakfast helps nourish the body and the brain, putting your child in the right mode for learning. No one ever started the day right feeling "hangry." This goes for parents, caregivers and teachers too! Breakfast is the most important meal of the day for a reason.

Lanie James is a guest author and Oklahoma City library lover extraordinaire.



TEA in the TARDIS

Calling all Doctor Who fans! Enjoy some fishsticks and custard with your afternoon tea in the TARDIS. Come in costume or as you are for a Whovian tea party.

Thursday - August 25 - 4pm



Midwest City Library

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In Defense of YA Fiction

by Kassynicholson



I have a confession to make: I am a huge proponent of YA (Young Adult) fiction. Many of you are rolling your eyes, thinking of sparkly vampires, but bear with me. Not all YA fiction is the drivel you've been led to believe it is. Some of it is innovative, profound and moving. Some of it is light, fun and escapist. It is all the things that adult fiction is, just for a younger audience.

YA fiction gets a bad rap, and that's largely because teens get a bad rap. Adults are annoyed by teenagers. They're loud and moody. They're awkward, and sometimes their hygiene game isn't on point yet. All these are valid points, but for every teen that is an angst-ridden ball of eye-rolling attitude, there is a teen (or two...or twenty!) who is kind, who is brilliant, who volunteers at the library, who is concerned with being a good person and a valuable member of society.

Remember, teens are going through huge periods of change, and it's hard. Not only are their bodies in full-out revolt, but the adolescent years are the second biggest period of brain development after early childhood. Teens are embarking on the harrowing journey of figuring out what kind of person they will be. YA fiction helps with that.

Teens are infamous for risk-taking; their brains aren't really firm on the concept of consequences yet. Fiction gives them a safe space

to take risks. They can experience all the risky behaviors which might tempt them in the pages of a book instead of in real life. Reading fiction has been proven to increase empathy. So the more teens read about different people, the more they will understand and the less they will fear those people. The more they read about people like themselves, the less alone they feel.

These are all the same benefits that adult readers of fiction experience. Which brings me to my next point: YA is not a genre, but a marketing designation. YA fiction can be anything: literary fiction, mystery, fantasy, romance, sci-fi, horror... It's all represented in the microcosm that is YA fiction. The only difference is that it's marketed to teens, and it usually features a teen protagonist. Which doesn't mean adults can't read it! *Catcher in the Rye* by J. D. Salinger features a teen protagonist. *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee features a preteen protagonist. But nobody derides these books as silly. They are classics. They are for everyone.

So give YA fiction a try. And cut the teens in your life some slack. They're working hard at becoming great future adults.

Kassynicholson is a huge book nerd and has been pretty much since birth. When she's not reading, or talking about books, or trying to foist books off on other people, she acts in community theatre, knits and crochets, and makes up songs about her dogs.

august 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

Belle Isle Library Thu | Aug 25 3:30p
Metropolitan Library Commission of Oklahoma County Monthly Meeting



Be Well @ the Library

Diabetes Workshop

Senior (ages 55+)
Almonte Library® Thu | Aug 18 6p

For Your Health

Adult
Edmond Library Wed | Aug 3 9:30a
Southern Oaks Library Fri | Aug 5 10a

Healthy Brain, Healthy Mind

Adult
Belle Isle Library Tuesdays 2p

Senior (ages 55+)
Choctaw Library® Thu | Aug 4, 11 1:30p

Healthy Cooking with Herbs and Spices

Adult
Warr Acres Library Tue | Aug 23 6:30p

How to Communicate with Your Healthcare Provider

Senior (ages 55+)
Choctaw Library® Thu | Aug 25 1:30p

Snacks in the Stacks

Teen (ages 12-18)
Bethany Library® Tue | Aug 16 4p

Tai Chi

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)
Warr Acres Library Sat | Aug 20 2:30p

Senior (ages 55+)
Choctaw Library® Wed | Aug 3, 10, 17 6:15p
Northwest Library Mondays 4p

Young Adult (ages 18-21)
Edmond Library® Wednesdays 5:30p

Yoga

Adult
Ralph Ellison Library Mon | Aug 22 6p

Zumba

Young Adult (ages 18-21)
Northwest Library Wednesdays 6:30p



Book it @ the Library

Tailored Titles on Facebook

Wed | Aug 3 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!

Book Club

Adult
Edmond Library Tue | Aug 2 Noon
Midwest City Library Thu | Aug 4 10a
Edmond Library Mon | Aug 8 6:30p
Warr Acres Library Mon | Aug 8 11a
Southern Oaks Library Tue | Aug 9 11:30a
Northwest Library Fri | Aug 12 1p
The Village Library Mon | Aug 15 3p
Downtown Library® Tue | Aug 16 Noon
Midwest City Library Thu | Aug 18 10a
Edmond Library Sat | Aug 20 10:30a
Edmond Library Wed | Aug 24 6:30p

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)
Almonte Library Tue | Aug 23 4p

Senior (ages 55+)
Edmond Library Sat | Aug 13 2p

Teen (ages 12-18)
Choctaw Library Wed | Aug 10, 24 11a
Midwest City Library Thu | Aug 11 4p



Concerts @ the Library

Noon Tunes

All Ages
Downtown Library Thursdays Noon
Maurice Johnson & Co.: Jazz Thu | Aug 4
Lee Rucker: Jazz Thu | Aug 11
Kare'n Khanagov & Thu | Aug 18
Joe Fitzgerald: violin/piano duo
Ryan Jones: piano standards Thu | Aug 25



Create @ the Library

Adult Coloring

Adult
Ralph Ellison Library Mon | Aug 8 6p

Arts & Crafts

Toddlers (ages 1-3)
Downtown Library® Thu | Aug 11 10a

Children (ages 12-under)
Almonte Library Sat | Aug 13 3p

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)
Del City Library Thu | Aug 18 6:30p

PreTeen (ages 9-12)
Ralph Ellison Library Sat | Aug 13 1:30p
Warr Acres Library® Tue | Aug 9 4p

BI Teen Space

PreTeen (ages 9-12)
Belle Isle Library Mon-Wed Thu | Aug 4,11 4p

Coffee and Crafts

Adult
Bethany Library Wed | Aug 3 10:30a
Southern Oaks Library Fri | Aug 19 10a

Color Me Calm

Adult
Choctaw Library® Sat | Aug 27 10a

Creative Writing

Adult
Ralph Ellison Library Thu | Aug 11 6p

Innovation Station

Children (ages 12-under)
Midwest City Library® Tue | Aug 16 4:30p

Knit One, Crochet Too

Adult
Northwest Library Thu | Aug 11 6p

Knitting Club

Adult
Southern Oaks Library® Mon | Aug 8 5:30p
The Village Library Sat | Aug 13 10a

LEGOs

All Ages
Choctaw Library® Wed | Aug 31 4p

Children (ages 12-under)
Midwest City Library Tue | Aug 2 4:30p
Harrah Library Wed | Aug 3 4p
Luther Library Thu | Aug 4 4p

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)
Choctaw Library® Wed | Aug 10 4p
Edmond Library® Sat | Aug 13 3p
Downtown Library® Mon | Aug 15 6:30p
Warr Acres Library® Sat | Aug 27 2:30p

Make and Take

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)
Belle Isle Library Sat | Aug 6, 20 2p

Maker Monday

Children (ages 12-under)
Downtown Library® Mon | Aug 1 6:30p

Teen (ages 12-18)
Capitol Hill Library Mon | Aug 8, 22 4p

Makerspace

Teen (ages 12-18)
The Village Library® Thu | Aug 11 4p

Minecraft

Teen (ages 12-18)
Warr Acres Library® Thu | Aug 4 6:30p
Choctaw Library® Mon | Aug 8 4p
Downtown Library® Mon | Aug 8 6:30p

Open Studio Sundays

Adult
Almonte Library Sun | Aug 14 2p

Poetry Clinic

Adult
Northwest Library® Tue | Aug 2 5:30p

Poetry Reading

Adult
Ralph Ellison Library Mon | Aug 29 7p

Quilling

Adult
Northwest Library® Tue | Aug 16 5:30p & 7p
Northwest Library® Tue | Aug 23 5:30p

Quilting Club

Adult
Midwest City Library Mondays 9a

Watercolor Painting

Young Adult (ages 18-21)
Northwest Library® Sat | Aug 13 10a

Writing Group

Adult
Midwest City Library Mon | Aug 8, 22 6p



Anime Club

Teen (ages 12-18)
Belle Isle Library Mondays 5:30p

Board Games

Teen (ages 12-18)
Bethany Library Thu | Aug 11 6:30p



PAPER QUILLING

Discover the lost art of paper quilling.
Create beautiful embellishments to decorate picture frames, scrapbook pages, gift tags, cards, and more. Registration is required.

Beginning Quilling

AUGUST 16 • 5:30 & 7PM

Advanced Quilling

AUGUST 23 • 5:30PM



featured events

Chess Club

<i>All Ages</i>		
The Village Library	Fridays	4p
<i>Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)</i>		
Edmond Library	Mon Aug 1, 15, 29	4:30p

Cosplay Tea Party

<i>Teen (ages 12-18)</i>		
Belle Isle Library	Mon Aug 1	5:30p

Gamefest

<i>All Ages</i>		
Wright Library	Wed Aug 10	3p
Luther Library	Thu Aug 11	4p
Harrah Library	Wed Aug 24	4p

Teen (ages 12-18)

The Village Library	Thu Aug 18	4p
Ralph Ellison Library	Tue Aug 23	5p

Yu-Gi-Oh!


<i>All Ages</i>		
Choctaw Library	Sun Aug 7	2



College Prep

<i>Teen (ages 12-18)</i>		
Choctaw Library 	Thu Aug 25	6p

Homework Help

<i>Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)</i>		
Capitol Hill Library	Tue Aug 16, 30	4:30p
Capitol Hill Library	Wed Aug 17, 24, 31	4:30p
Midwest City Library	Wed Aug 24, 31	4:30p
Southern Oaks Library 	Thu Aug 25	4p

Snakes in the Library

<i>Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)</i>		
Belle Isle Library	Sat Aug 13	2p


Tech Time

<i>Senior (ages 55+)</i>		
The Village Library	Tue Aug 9, 23	4p



Please visit our online calendar for even more library events.

Summer Word Fun!

<i>All Ages</i>		
Bethany Library 	Mon Aug 1	6p
Improve your reading skills by exercising your brain with word games this summer. We will be playing Scrabble, Sight Word Bingo, Quiddler, Bananagrams and many more!		

Vegetable Gardening

<i>Adult</i>		
Midwest City Library	Thu Aug 4	1:30p
Looking to grow the best fall (or next summer) vegetable garden? Whether you're a seasoned gardener or this is the first time you've broken ground, cultivate your skills throughout the growing season as well as learn how to start vegetable transplants.		


Closing Ceremony

<i>Children (ages 12-under)</i>		
Edmond Library	Sat Aug 6	3p
We've made it to the finish line! Come to the library to celebrate completing your summer reading goals. We'll play games, make crafts, and have one last chance to pick up your summer reading incentives.		


Science of Magic

<i>Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)</i>		
Del City Library	Sun Aug 7	3p
Science of Magic: Join us as we make amazing scientific discoveries through unforgettable demonstrations and hands-on experiments! Parent participation is encouraged.		


NASA Day

<i>PreTeen (ages 9-12)</i>		
Choctaw Library 	Tue Aug 9	4a
Lava Layering & 3-2-1 Pop! Come hang out with NASA Ambassador in a hands-on aerospace education learning session. We will discover how playdough & food coloring can help us understand lava flow and how toy cars & film canisters can explain Newton's First Law of Motion. Participants will be able to take home lava mountains & miniature rockets!		

Clay Totem Animals

<i>Teen (ages 12-18)</i>		
Almonte Library 	Wed Aug 10	5:30p
Clay Totem Animals?! Learn about the historical and cultural significance of totems and sculpt your own from clay in this one-hour program for teens. Be sure and check out our books on clay creations, animals, and other craft activities.		

Ashfall

<i>Teen (ages 12-18)</i>		
Warr Acres Library 	Thu Aug 11	6:30p
Beneath the simmering hot springs and geysers of Yellowstone, a super volcano erupts and blankets the planet in a thick cloud of ash, burying cities and plunging the world into a long volcanic winter. With few resources left, we will have to work together to find the strength and skills we need to survive and outlast this epic disaster. A Science Museum Oklahoma program.		


Back to School Bash

<i>All Ages</i>		
Southern Oaks Library	Sat Aug 13	10a
Join us for a back-to-school bash with come and go activities for children and teens! Get ready for a great school year by learning how the library can assist you with school success. There will be games and activities at both the library and community center, indoor and out.		

Money \$marts for Teens

<i>Teen (ages 12-18)</i>		
Midwest City Library	Thu Aug 18	4p
Are you ready for the real world? And do you have what it takes to make your dreams come true? You can go to college, sail the seas, launch your career, start a business or even start a family. No matter what you decide, you'll need money smarts to make it happen.		

Book Buzz

<i>Adult</i>		
Edmond Library 	Mon Aug 22	5p
Attention Book Lovers! Want to learn about future bestsellers BEFORE they become bestsellers? How about a chance to read books BEFORE they are published? Join us as we share the buzz about forthcoming books and give readers the inside scoop on Fall 2016 titles!		


Home Canning Workshop

<i>Adult</i>		
Bethany Library	Wed Aug 24	6p
Is your summer garden full of produce? Wondering what to do with all the excess? Home canning can make your summer bounty last year round. In this one hour workshop we will discuss the basics needed to begin home canning. Participants will learn the difference between water bath and pressure canning, learn what equipment is needed and how to use it properly, and how to safely can your own produce at home.		


Tea in the Tardis

<i>Teen (ages 12-18)</i>		
Midwest City Library	Thu Aug 25	4p
Calling all Doctor Who fans! Enjoy some fish fingers and custard with your afternoon tea in the TARDIS. Come in costume or as you are for a Whovian tea party.		

Little Yoga

<i>PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)</i>		
Southern Oaks Library 	Mon Aug 29	10:30a
Bring your toddler or preschooler to our Little Yoga class. Practicing yoga with kids is a fun and gentle way to exercise. Yoga also provides a chance to bond with your child while introducing new vocabulary words. Moo and meow in cat-cow pose or sing your favorite nursery rhymes as you hold a balance pose.		

Grilling Greatness

<i>Adult</i>		
Northwest Library 	Tue Aug 30	6p
Grilling allows you to prepare a meal while leaving the heat outside. Come make your very own spice rub and learn about grilling safety, cleaning your grill and why grilling is a healthy choice. We'll share some menu ideas and have a selection of cookbooks for you to check out, too.		

 = Registration required for this event.

THURSDAY NOON TUNES

Jam out with your pb & j in the Downtown Library Atrium every Thursday from noon to 1pm with musical performances from local musicians. Each week experience a new performance, genre and artist/band.

August 4

Maurice Johnson & Co.: smooth guitar jazz

August 11

Lee Rucker Trio: instrumental jazz

August 18

Kare'n Khanagov & Joe Fitzgerald: violin/piano duo

August 25

Ryan Jones: piano standards



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Kids @ the Library

Play @ the Library

123! Play with Me!
Toddlers (ages 1-3)
 Northwest Library® Wednesdays 9:30a
 Warr Acres Library Saturdays 10:30a

Parachute Play
PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)
 Midwest City Library® Wed | Aug 10 10a

Playtime
Babies (0-12 months)
 Belle Isle Library Mondays 10a
 Capitol Hill Library Wed | Aug 17, 24, 31 4:30p
 Downtown Library® Thu | Aug 25 10a

Toddlers (ages 1-3)
 Belle Isle Library Tuesdays 10a
 Del City Library Wednesdays 10a
 Choctaw Library Sat | Aug 13 10a
 Midwest City Library Sat | Aug 13 10:15a
 Midwest City Library Mon | Aug 15, 29 9:15a & 10:15a
 Bethany Library® Thu | Aug 25 9:30a & 10:30a

Storytime @ the Library

Babytime
Babies (0-12 months)
 Belle Isle Library Mondays 9:30a
 Del City Library Mondays 9:15a

Mother Goose on the Loose
Babies (0-12 months)
 Midwest City Library Fri | Aug 5, 19 10a

Toddlers (ages 1-3)
 Almonte Library Tue | Aug 16 10a
 Southern Oaks Library® Wed | Aug 17 10:30a
 The Village Library® Tue | Aug 23 10a

Musictime
Babies (0-12 months)
 Midwest City Library Mon | Aug 1 9a
PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)
 The Village Library® Thu | Aug 4 10a
 Downtown Library® Thu | Aug 18 10a

Toddlers (ages 1-3)
 Midwest City Library Mon | Aug 1 10a
 Del City Library® Thu | Aug 11 9:15a
 Southern Oaks Library® Tue | Aug 30 6p

Storytime
Children (ages 12-under)
 Wright Library Fri | Aug 5 3:30p
 Harrah Library Wed | Aug 17 10a
 Luther Library Thu | Aug 18 10a

PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)
 Choctaw Library® Tuesdays 10a
 Warr Acres Library® Tue | Aug 2 10:30a
 Downtown Library® Thu | Aug 4 10a
 The Village Library® Tue | Aug 9 10a
 Choctaw Library Mon | Aug 15, 29 6:30p
 Southern Oaks Library® Mon | Aug 15, 22 10:30a
 Capitol Hill Library Tue | Aug 16, 23, 30 4:30p
 Warr Acres Library® Thu | Aug 25 7p
 Midwest City Library Tue | Aug 30 6:30p

Toddlers (ages 1-3)
 Midwest City Library Mon | Aug 8, 22 10a

Storytime at Whole Foods
PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)
 Whole Foods, OKC Thursdays 10a

Toddler time
Babies (0-12 months)
 Midwest City Library Mon | Aug 8, 22 9a

Toddlers (ages 1-3)
 Del City Library Mondays 10a
 Belle Isle Library Tuesdays 9:30a
 Choctaw Library® Tuesdays 11a

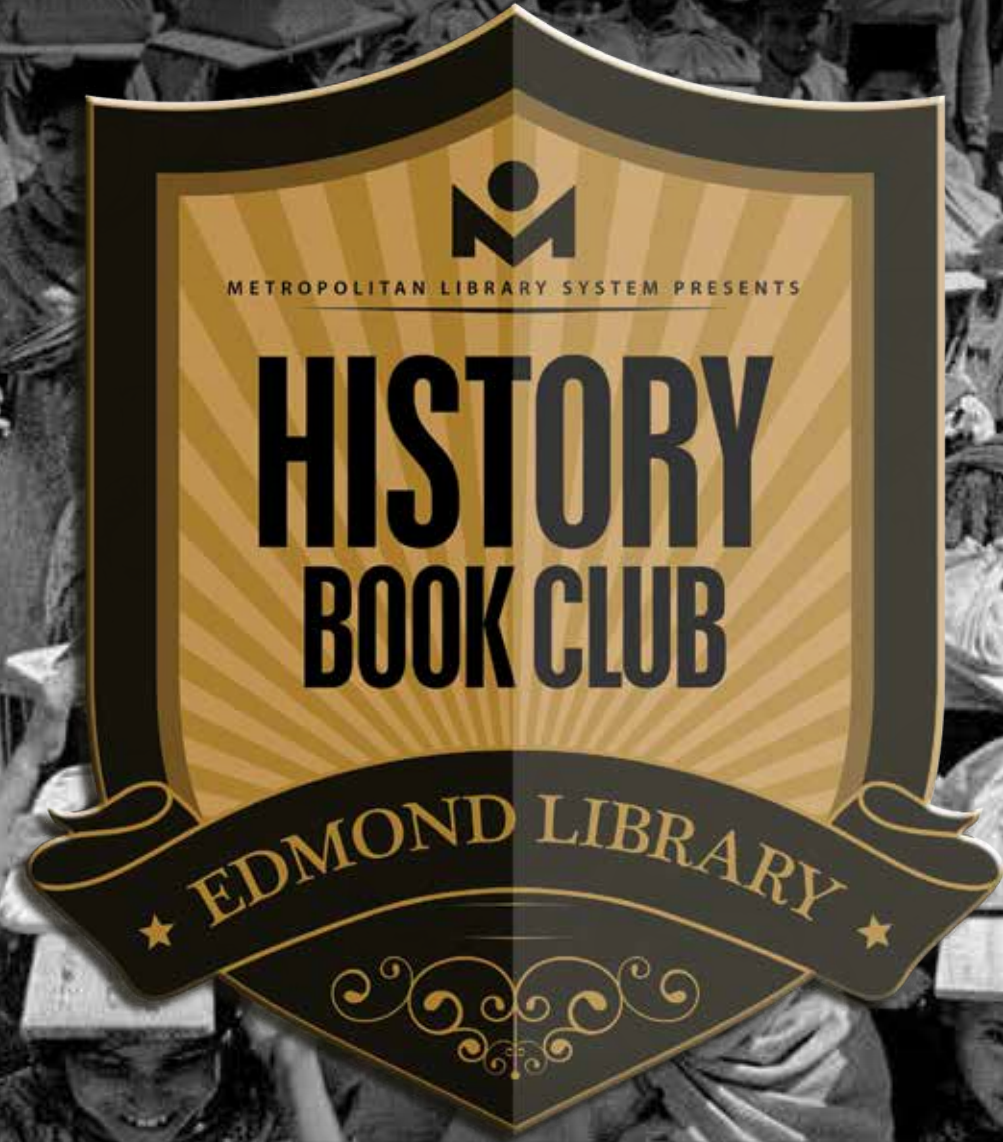
Children Reading to Dogs @ the Library

Children Reading to Dogs
Children (ages 12-under)
 Belle Isle Library Thursdays 6p

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)
 Northwest Library Mon | Aug 1, 15 6p
 The Village Library Wednesdays 6p
 The Village Library Thu | Aug 4, 18 3:30p
 Southern Oaks Library® Sat | Aug 6 10a
 Midwest City Library® Tue | Aug 9, 23 7p
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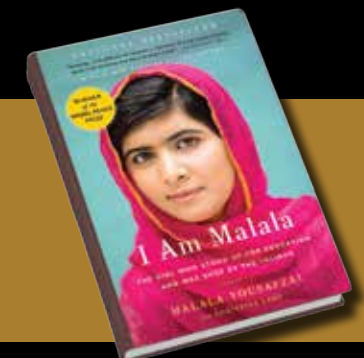
"We realize the importance of our voices only when we are silenced."

- Malala Yousafzai



Come and enjoy the discussion as Dr. Sheetz-Nguyen from the University of Central Oklahoma presents *I Am Malala* (the author of which was awarded the Nobel Peace prize).

The Edmond history book club meets on the second Monday of every other month from 6:30-8pm.



**MONDAY
AUGUST 18
6:30PM**



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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
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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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17 THE VILLAGE 10307 N. Pennsylvania Ave., The Village, 755-0710	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
18 WARR ACRES 5901 NW 63rd, Warr Acres, 721-2616	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
19 WRIGHT* 2101 Exchange, OKC, 235-5035	—	9:30-5:30	9:30-5:30	9:30-5:30	9-5	9-5	—

*Closed daily for lunch from 12:30-1 pm

