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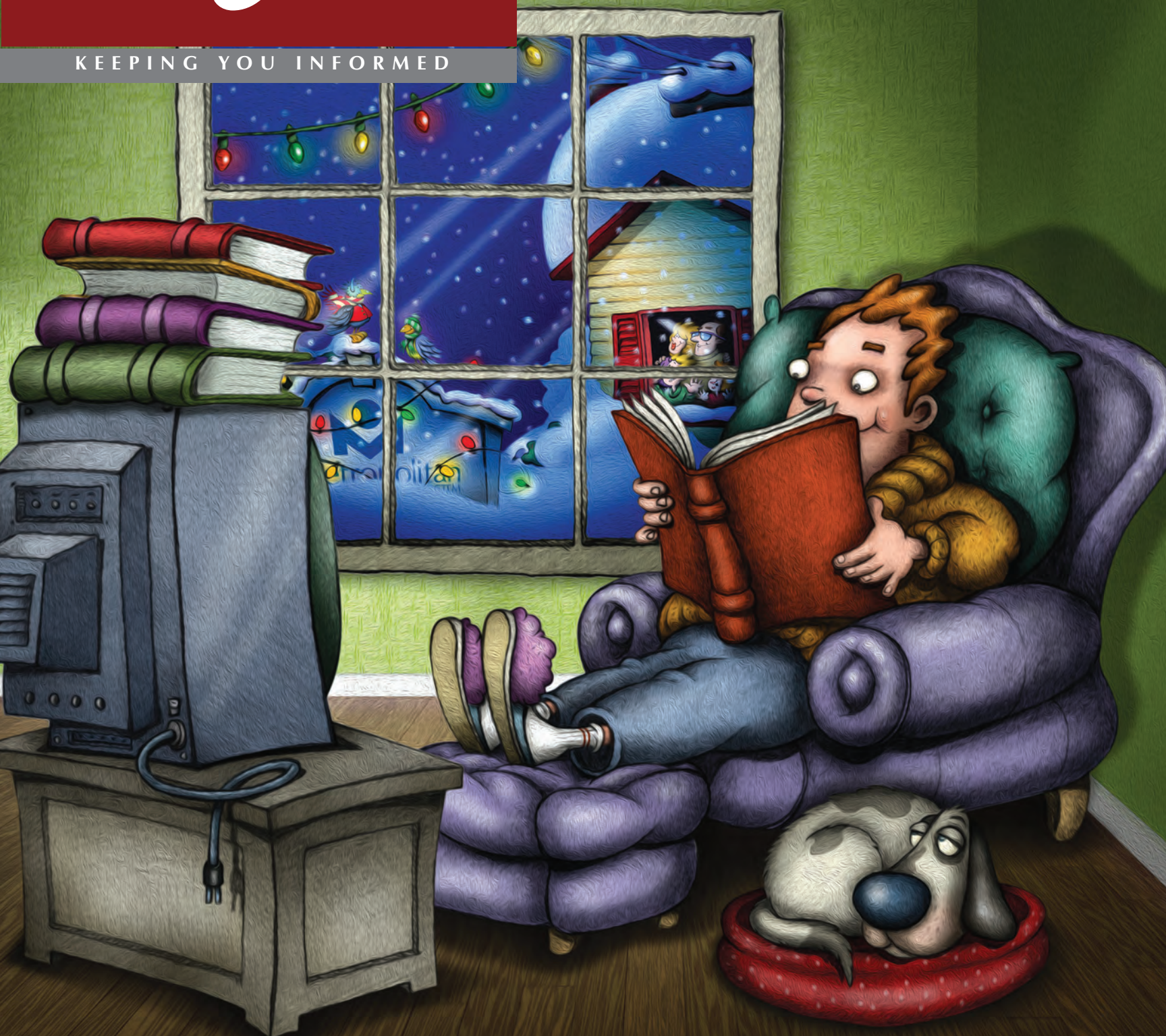
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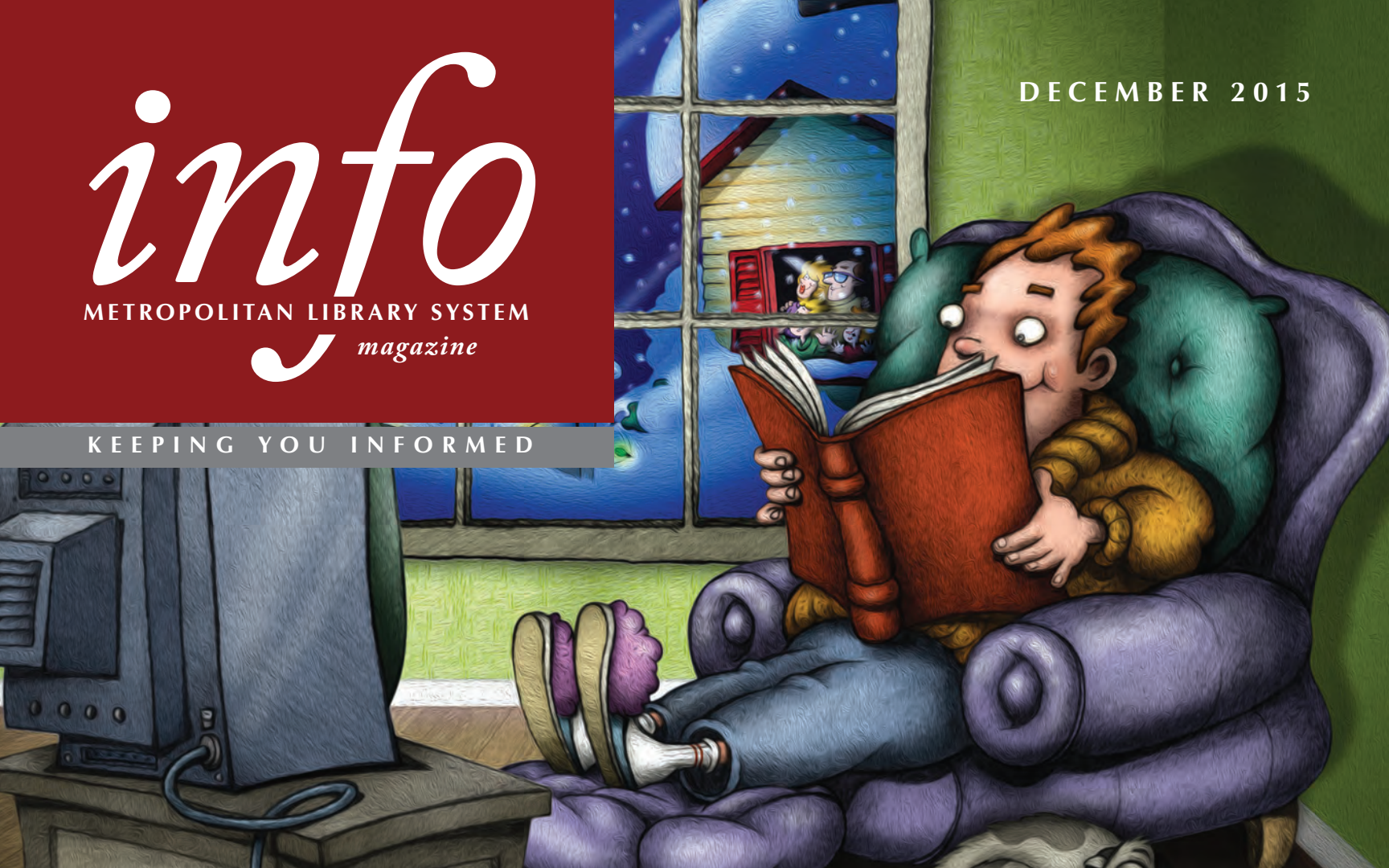
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Take a break from the hustle bustle of merry making with your library. Whether you escape with a great read, a compelling documentary, by spending the afternoon learning a new craft or by throwing an impromptu dance party with music from our shelves, you can find a place to rest with us.

One of the gifts your library has for you might be a holiday celebration or two. We bet you'll find some hot chocolate, silver bells, DIY gift making, parties, photo booths and more this month. Check out our event calendar to see what's going on in your community library and find ways to celebrate together.

Give yourself the gift of relaxation with a book from our Read What You're Watching picks. We used our expert reader's advisory skills to reach into our big red bag and pull out the perfect literary companions to your favorite TV shows while the fall season is on hiatus. We don't even care if you're naughty or nice, we have something for you!

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APOLLO SOUCEK

By Larry Johnson





"A real bad man from the land of sage bush and cactus came to learn the ways of the sea. When you want a man you can rely on and trust 'till there's skating in Hell, just page old Soakem—he's there with the goods."

Looking back at the early part of our history, I'm always fascinated by the rather remarkable naval tradition that Oklahoma built in such a short time. One of the guys you rarely read about was Medford, Oklahoma native Apollo Soucek. Nicknamed Soakem by his classmates at the Naval Academy, he went to sea during World War I, then trained to become a naval aviator—among the first in history to participate in carrier operations.

It was only natural for Soucek to take to the air. He and brother Zeus once built a glider from scrap lumber and launched themselves from a two-story building in Medford. Zeus followed Apollo to the academy and by the early 1920s, both were navy test pilots. Apollo broke a string of altitude records.



Soucek worked tirelessly to advance naval air tactics and carrier operations between the world wars. At the time Pearl Harbor was bombed in December, 1941, he was serving as Air Officer aboard the newly launched aircraft carrier USS Hornet. The Air Officer was responsible for readying and launching planes from the flight deck and so it was Soucek that gave a flight of B-25 bombers a quick course in carrier operations. Most of the world didn't believe the large planes could be launched from carriers, certainly not the Japanese Empire, but Col. James Doolittle did it. And it was Apollo Soucek who dropped the flag signaling the "go" command to the planes that bombed Tokyo in April, 1942.

Soucek was also Air Officer during one of American naval aviation's greatest victories—the battle of Midway in June, 1942.

Despite his daring test pilot feats, Apollo Soucek was at his finest during the Battle of the Santa Cruz Islands, a ferocious battle

in October, 1942. Soucek had been promoted to Executive Officer (XO) and, as second in command of the Hornet, was responsible for the ship's day-to-day operation. Soucek was tough and demanded a lot of his men, often requiring them to train in emergency

operations when they weren't on duty. During Santa Cruz, the Hornet endured a series of air attacks including direct hits from at least five bombs and a torpedo. Survivors



reported that Soucek miraculously appeared everywhere at once, directing emergency operations, evacuations, and firefighting on the sinking vessel. One crewman remembered that Soucek found an unexploded bomb in the bow, grabbed another

officer, and together they wrestled it overboard and into the sea before it could go off. Toward the end of the battle he was seen covering the bodies of fallen sailors. Soucek was one of the last to leave as the ship began its final voyage to the bottom of the Pacific. He was later awarded a Silver Star medal because his preparedness training saved over 1000 lives and nearly kept the ship from sinking.

In 1945 he got his own ship, the carrier USS Franklin D. Roosevelt, and later made the rank of Rear Admiral. Apollo Soucek field at Naval Air Station Oceana in Virginia honors his fine naval career.

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.



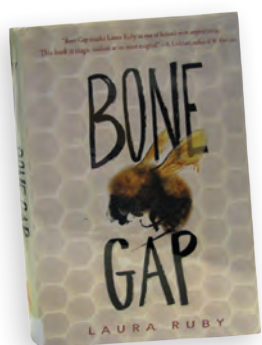
Reviews & Recommendations



Bone Gap

by Laura Ruby

reviewed by Elisabeth Wright



I admit it: I am a sucker for magical realism. (I count Isabel Allende and Gabriel Garcia Marquez among my favorite authors.) So when I heard that a new young adult book featured elements of magical realism, I snatched it up. In *Bone Gap*, by Laura Ruby, fantasy and reality are seamlessly blended together. It's such a unique book that it's hard to describe but I'll try anyway. Finn and his older brother Sean live on their own after their father died and their mother abandoned them. But then the beautiful and damaged Roza mysteriously appears in their barn. When she disappears just as mysteriously a year later, Finn is the only witness to her abduction and cannot describe the captor's face. No one in the small town of Bone Gap

believes him- he has, after all, earned the nicknames of Spaceman and Moonface for his dreamy demeanor. Meanwhile, a captor who increasingly seems not quite human has trapped Roza in a strange otherworldly realm, demanding that she love him. There's more but I don't want to confuse you by mentioning honeybees, cornstalks and magical horses. Suffice it to say *Bone Gap* is thoroughly strange and compelling.

Bone Gap is available in print, eBook and eAudiobook.

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



Board Books = Not Boring

Kelley Riha

Families get the most mileage reading books on-the-go with their littles where ever they land especially if there's waiting involved. Take books along when the family is in the car, going shopping or to the doctor's office to help keep everyone entertained and tempers calmed. Board books to the rescue!

There are many newly released titles available for check out. Even adults will look forward to reading them aloud over and over (and over). Publishers have gotten on board (pun intended) with fun stories for toddlers and babies. Favorites will always include ABC and 123 books

but now there are stories with a bit more meat in them like *Rhymoceros*, *Even Super Heroes Sleep*, and *Hide-and-Seek*, *Pout-Pout Fish*. More new stories are *Happy in Our Skin*, *I Can Roar*, and *The Fox Who Lost His Tail*.

Board books can be found in every library location in the children's area. Stop by and see what's new on your board book shelves and feed your baby reader's appetite!

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.





After Alice by Gregory Maguire

reviewed by Alexis Whitney



Gregory Maguire has written a wonderful and dark reimagining of Lewis Carroll's *Alice in Wonderland*. This time most of the events are seen from the point of view of Alice's acquaintance Ada. In the original, Alice says "I'm sure I'm not Ada," she said, "for her hair goes in such long ringlets, and mine doesn't go in ringlets at all." From this one mention, Maguire imagines Ada as a stolid little girl, not given to dreaminess or flights of imagination. She also has to wear an uncomfortable back brace/corset apparatus, which becomes a character all on its own in a surprising twist toward the end of the book. Maguire goes beyond Carroll's fanciful depictions into a critique of Victorian society's attitudes toward gender and class

roles, evolution, slavery and death. Charles Darwin even makes an appearance. *After Alice* is funny in parts, but on the whole it is a very serious trip through a scary underworld. Ada earns your respect with her tenacity and desire to live. She's a tough and unforgettable little girl, as Alice is, but in different ways.

After Alice is available in print, large print and audio-book player.

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



Gone and Done It by Maggie Toussaint

reviewed by Phyllis Davidson



Baxley Powell, the daughter of a dreamwalker, is trying to make a living for herself and her 10-year-old daughter by working as a pet-sitter and landscaper. As she is digging a hole for the final cherry tree in her latest job, she unearths a skull. When she touches it, she receives an image of a man and woman burying their little daughter; then the same grieving man throwing dirt on two bodies.

Because Baxley can't finish her job and get paid, she is forced to consider accepting a job as a police consultant. When she finds a fresh body buried under a tree she had recently planted, she becomes a suspect. With her father becoming too old and ill to continue his work as a dreamwalker, she steps into

his role. The people she meets in her dreams and the information she gathers put her squarely into the sights of a dangerous murderer. Reminiscent of the Harper Connelly series by Charlaine Harris, this new series should be popular with those who enjoy a little paranormal activity in their mysteries.

Gone and Done It is the first in the Dreamwalker Mystery series. *Bubba Done It*, the second book in the series, is also available at Metro Libraries.

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.



Reviews & Recommendations

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BIOGRAPHY
ON THE SHELF

The Oregon Trail: a new American journey

by Rinker Buck

review by Jana Hausburg



"The single biggest error newcomers to the trail make is believing that it was this single set of ruts crossing the plains ... the trail went all over the place."

The Oregon Trail is disappearing. Parts of it have been paved into roadways, laid over by railroad tracks, or reclaimed by nature. During a summer hike, Rinker Buck stumbled upon a granite monument marking a set of wheel ruts still cut into the plains. That chance encounter developed into a plan born from what he called "a crazyass passion" – the same kind passion found in Americans who settled the west, survived a depression or fought the Great War.

Buck determined to follow the historic trail from St. Joseph, Missouri, to Farewell Bend in Oregon. Two thousand miles. In a covered wagon.

Crazyass, indeed.

Accompanied by Nick, his jack-of-all-trades brother, a feisty little dog named Olive Oyl, and a trio of mules, Buck experiences seat-numbing potholes, extreme weather, broken wagon parts, dehydration, breathtaking vistas, Mormon re-enactors, rescuing angels, the kindness of strangers, and more. Much more.

It's a good read, and the librarian in me appreciated Buck's extensive research (he delved into over 100 general histories on the West) as well as his inclusive acknowledgments section (14 pages long!) Truly epic.

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

FICTION/
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ON THE SHELF

Go Set a Watchman

by Harper Lee

reviewed by Christopher Stofel



Go Set a Watchman is not a sequel of *To Kill a Mockingbird*. It was written first, and Lee's publisher, intrigued by Jean Louise's childhood reminiscences in *Go Set a Watchman*, encouraged her to write about Scout's childhood, and thus was born *To Kill a Mockingbird*. It's also not it's equal and it's definitely not a genteel Southern idyll.

Jean Louise (aka Scout) Finch, now 26, returns home to Maycomb, Alabama for her annual visit from New York and within days her world shatters around her. Like *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *Go Set a Watchman* deals with race in a jarring, ugly way. Jean Louise is confronted with painful realizations about her beloved town and family as the simmering racism of the 1950's Deep South boils over. It is a rude awakening for Jean Louise and the

reader feels for her. I almost put the book down halfway through, but Lee's word craft is strong and Scout's innocence and hope pulled me through.

Much speculation surrounded the release of this book and I find the timing of its release appropriate. I take it for what it revealed itself to me to be: a reflection of what we often see happening today.

Go Set a Watchman is available in print, large print, audiobook, eBook, eAudiobook.

Chris Stofel is manager of the Harrah, Jones, Luther, Nicoma Park, and Wright Library in the Stockyards. When not managing small but powerful libraries, he can be found searching for Oklahoma-made pottery to add to his collection, exploring cemeteries, and curled up with a good book and his two cats.



NEED TO FIND YOURSELF?

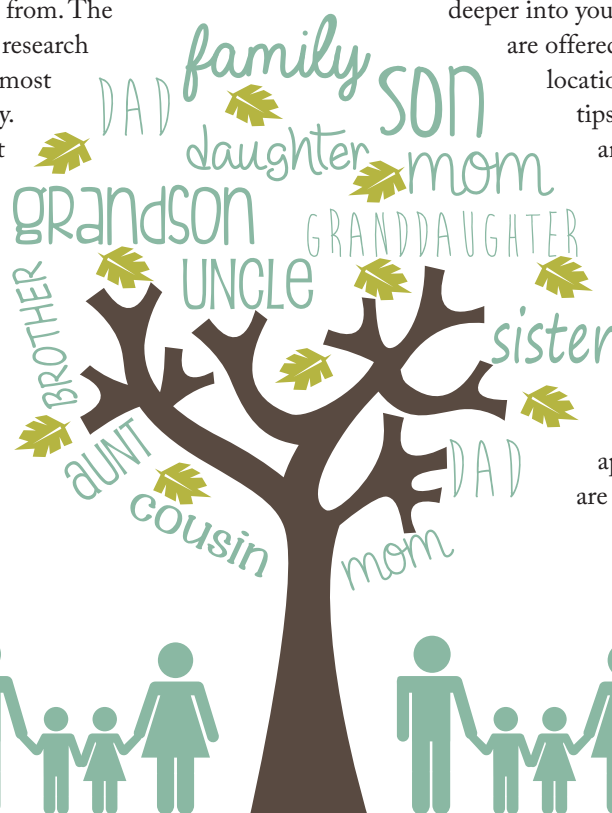
As the season for family gathering approaches, find out who you really are with library resources.

Remember that scene in the 2005 movie *Hitch*? Will Smith's character plans a thoughtful, poignant, sure-to-sweep-her-off-her-feet date for Eva Mendez's character. They jet ski to Ellis Island where he knowingly leads her to the book full of immigrant signatures which just happens to be opened to the page where her ancestor's signature rests. It is then that his plan goes wildly wrong. If only he had researched her genealogy first, he would have known that her great-great-grandfather was a serial killer known as The Butcher of Cadiz. Don't be that guy. During this season of family gatherings, you can be the one holding the keys of knowledge! Join Grandpa in his tales of family past and impress Grandma by knowing where her great-grandparents came from. The Metro Library offers several online research options for finding your roots. The most popular genealogy database, Ancestry.com, is available for your research at no cost in any Metro Library. Ancestry.com holds billions of historical records covering hundreds of years of family trees, photographs, census records, birth, marriage and death records, military records, immigration records and much more. Spend a few hours at your favorite library getting lost in the history of your heritage.

Research online anywhere with America's Genealogy Bank, Fold3, Heritage Quest Online, *The Oklahoman* Electronic Archives and more. Access these research tools at www.metrolibrary.org, choose research and type 'genealogy' in the search box. Check out *Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers*. Explore the pages of American newspapers between 1836 and 1922 and see if you can find your ancestor's name in print.

Librarians are versed in genealogy resources and can help direct history seekers to the materials and tools that will best suit their needs. They can help you access Dawes Rolls and even find other places in Oklahoma City where you can dive deeper into your search. Genealogy workshops are offered periodically at many library locations. At the workshops staff offer tips and tutorials for ancestry seekers and explain additional resources. The Oklahoma Room at the Downtown Library contains a wealth of historical information.

With all of the tools we have available, it turns out that if you need to find yourself, all you have to do is go to your Metro Library. As the season for family gathering approaches, find out who you really are with your library resources.





Read What You'

It's the holiday season and that means your favorite Fall tv shows are on hiatus. Time to set aside that T.V. and pick up a good book. But don't worry. We've got some great recommendations to fill the space between the shows so you can read what you're watching!!

If you like **EMPIRE**

Motown: Music, Money, Sex, and Power by Gerald L. Posner

Take a look at this exposé of a real-life music empire and how twenty-nine-year-old Berry Gordy borrowed eight hundred dollars and started Motown Records in a run-down Detroit bungalow sandwiched between a funeral home and a beauty shop. The stable of stars he assembled has been described as a clan of friends, lovers, competitors, and sometimes vicious foes. This book reveals how the hopes and dreams of each affected the lives of the others and illustrates why this story is a made-in-America Greek tragedy, the rise and fall of a supremely talented yet completely dysfunctional extended family.

Frankly, if you enjoy the cutthroat family dynamics, you could go way, way back to Shakespeare's *King Lear* as the once mighty, now dying, king tries to divide his kingdom among his three daughters. Isabelle Allende's *House of Spirits* has a lot of the same themes against the backdrop of upheaval in Chile.

If you like **MODERN FAMILY**

Where'd You Go Bernadette by Maria Semple

There are a number of great novels that capture the complexity and hilarity of today's families. The most recent novel I've read that captures the spirit of *Modern Family* has to be *Where'd You Go, Bernadette*. The family isn't as large as the cast of the show has gotten but it's equally funny. Author Maria Semple wrote many episodes of *Arrested Development*, so you know she has the chops for this one.

Of course almost anything by David Sedaris is just as hilarious and it's all real life - *Dress Your Family in Corduroy and Denim* is his best on family. (psst... Shakespeare's *The Comedy of Errors* has a lot of funny family interactions based on mistaken identity and miscommunication.)

If you like **SCANDAL**

Primary Colors by Anonymous

This book is from a generation ago but *Scandal* watchers may really enjoy this sordid, barely





re Watching

fictional look at a presidential administration that closely mirrored that of Bill Clinton as told through the eyes of a savvy African American protagonist (who probably isn't nearly as splendidly dressed as Olivia Pope). Though published anonymously, it was later revealed that Clinton insider Joe Klein wrote the book.

If you like THE MUPPETS

The Devil Wears Prada by Lauren Weisberger

The Muppets has been resuscitated for a new generation, this time in prime time and with a bit more of an adult theme. If you're loving this reboot, try the now classic *The Devil Wears Prada* about a behind-the-scenes look at a group of talented well-meaning employees struggling to deal with a holy terror of a boss.

If you like THE GOLDBERGS

Back to Our Future: How the 1980s Explain the World We Live in Now - Our Culture, Our Politics, Our Everything by David Sirota

If you love this hit comedy about an '80s kid with a penchant for filming his daily life, check out David Sirota's loving insightful homage to the 1980s. Sirota knows the '80s and the Goldbergs - he was regularly called a moron by Murray Goldberg growing up as Adam Goldberg's best friend in Philadelphia. There's even a recurring character named David Sirota in Season 2.

If you like AMERICAN HORROR STORY

The Hunger by Whitley Strieber

At first glance of the plot summary for the latest season of *American Horror Story*, which takes place in a scary hotel, I was going to recommend the grand dame of all haunted hotel books, Stephen King's *The Shining*. But that show is too scary for me and I don't watch it since I prefer sleeping at night. But my friend Margo tells me that it's really about blood-thirsty vampires and drug addicts in a

scary hotel and she recommends the saucy vampire classic *The Hunger*, about vampire Miriam who craves love almost as much as a juicy jugular vein, instead of *The Shining*. What the heck, read them both.

If you like QUANTICO

Quantico by Greg Bear

One of the hot new shows this season is *Quantico* about a group of FBI rookies, one of whom may be a double agent. Though Greg Bear normally writes hard science fiction, this near future look at FBI trainees in counter-terrorism is not so fanciful in 2015 as it was in 2007 when originally written. The story follows the rookie agents through an intricate plot as they hunt a homegrown bioterrorist.

If you're more interested in the inside story of a real life counter-terror FBI agent, check out Ali H. Soufan's harrowing tales of plot-foiling and interrogation in *The Black Banners: the Inside Story of 9/11 and the War Against Al-Qaeda*.

If you like FARGO

Badlands by C. J. Box

Die-hard *Fargo* fans will find numerous mystery series set in rural Minnesota, William Kent Kreueger's Cork O'Connor series and Joanna Fluke's Hannah Swenson series to name just two. There's also a brand new mystery by C. J. Box, *Badlands*, which follows female sheriff Cassie Dewell as she battles organized crime in frozen North Dakota and is fairly similar in plot element to the second season of *Fargo*.

If you're intrigued by the Kansas City organized crime angle, you may be surprised to learn that Kansas City actually does have an active mafia family (they even dabbled in racketeering in the Grand Lake area of Oklahoma in the 1970s). Though a Jewish syndicate is depicted in the show, the real life gangsters were Italian and were central to the events of Nicholas Pileggi's *Casino* about mob influence in Las Vegas casinos.

december

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

Capitol Hill Library Thu | Dec 10 3:30p
Metropolitan Library Commission of Oklahoma County Monthly Meeting

Our libraries will be closed **Thursday, December 24 & Friday, December 25**. We will close at **6 p.m. on Thursday, December 31**. Visit us online to find your next book, download eBooks, audiobooks and use our research databases.



Be Well @ the Library

Social Security Disability Session

Adult
Del City Library Sun | Dec 20 3p

Tai Chi

Adult
Choctaw Library® Wed | Dec 2 6:15p

Senior (ages 55+)

Northwest Library Thu | Dec 3, 10, 17 4p
Northwest Library Mon | Dec 7, 14 4p

Tai Chi for Children

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

Workout Wednesdays!

Adult
Ralph Ellison Library Wednesdays 6p



Book it @ the Library

Tailored Titles on Facebook Wed | Dec 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!

Book Clubs for Adults

Edmond Library Tue | Dec 1 12p
Cozy Mystery

Midwest City Library Thu | Dec 3 10a
Nonfiction

Belle Isle Library Thu | Dec 3 6p
New English Speakers Book Club

Edmond Library Mon | Dec 14 6:30p
History

Downtown Library® Tue | Dec 15 12p
Lunch Bunch

Southern Oaks Library Tue | Dec 8 11:30a
Northwest Library Fri | Dec 11 1p
Warr Acres Library Mon | Dec 14 11a
Midwest City Library Thu | Dec 17 10a
Del City Library Thu | Dec 17 4:30p
Edmond Library Sat | Dec 19 10:30a
The Village Library Mon | Dec 21 3p

Senior (ages 55+)

Edmond Library Sat | Dec 12 2p

Book Clubs for Pre-teens & Teens

Belle Isle Library Mondays 5:30p
Anime Club

Choctaw Library Thu | Dec 3 6p
Fandemonium

Belle Isle Library Tue | Dec 15 4p
Random Fandom

Ralph Ellison Library Tue | Dec 22 4p
Shinigami Anime

Northwest Library Wed | Dec 16 6p

Book Clubs for Children

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)
Choctaw Library Wed | Dec 2, 9, 16 10a
Southern Oaks Library® Tue | Dec 8 6:30p



Concerts @ the Library

Noon Tunes

All Ages
Downtown Library Thursdays Noon
Thu | Dec 3 Eric Louman Duo, cello & piano
Thu | Dec 10 Steelwind Duo, original bluegrass
Thu | Dec 17 Pierce-Hart Trio, Celtic Christmas

Do-Re-Me Family Sing-Along

All Ages
Midwest City Library Sat | Dec 5 2p

A Concert with Martha Stallings

All Ages
Ralph Ellison Library Sat | Dec 12 11:30a

Silver Strings

All Ages
Northwest Library Sat | Dec 19 2p



Create @ the Library

After School at Your Library

(Preteens (ages 9-12), teens (ages 12-18))

Capitol Hill Library	Tue Dec 1	4p
Almonte Library	Tue Dec 1, 8	5:15p
Northwest Library	Wed Dec 2, 9	4:30p
Southern Oaks Library	Fri Dec 4, 11	4:30p
Capitol Hill Library	Tue Dec 8, 15	4p

Amateur Paint by Number Holiday Social

Adult

Del City Library®	Sat Dec 19	1p
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Art

Toddlers (ages 1-3)

Downtown Library®	Thu Dec 10	10a
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Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Choctaw Library®	Fri Dec 4, 11 18	9:30a
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Adult

Northwest Library®	Wed Dec 16	6p
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Beginning Crochet

Adult

Choctaw Library	Sat Dec 19	1p
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Crafts

PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)

Almonte Library®	Tue Dec 15	6p
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Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Del City Library	Thu Dec 17	6:30p
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Children (ages 12 & under)

Downtown Library®	Mon Dec 7	6:30p
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PreTeen (ages 9-12)

Warr Acres Library®	Tue Dec 8	4p
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Adult

Bethany Library	Wed Dec 2	10:30a
Edmond Library®	Fri Dec 18	3p

Creative Writing

Adult

Ralph Ellison Library	Thu Dec 10	6p
Midwest City Library	Mon Dec 14, 28	6p

Coloring for Teens

Teen (Ages 12-18)

Edmond Library®	Wed Dec 16	4p
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DIY Peppermint Gifts

Teen (Ages 12-18)

Del City Library®	Sun Dec 13	3p
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Greeting Card Art Workshop

Adult

Choctaw Library®	Sat Dec 5	9:30a
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Holiday Card and Craft Make and Take

Adult

Warr Acres Library	Sat Dec 5	2p
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Journaling

Teen (Ages 12-18)

Northwest Library®	Thu Dec 17	4p
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Knitting Club

Adult

Almonte Library	Thu Dec 3	5:30p
The Village Library	Sat Dec 12	10a
Southern Oaks Library®	Mon Dec 14	5:30p
Choctaw Library	Sat Dec 19	10a

Makerspace

Teen (Ages 12-18)

Belle Isle Library	Tue Dec 1	4p
The Village Library®	Thu Dec 10	4p

Make a Holiday Ornament

Adult

Almonte Library®	Tue Dec 1	3p
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Origamistad

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Choctaw Library	Sat Dec 12	1:30p
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Quilling

Adult

Northwest Library®	Tue Dec 1	5:30p & 7p beginner
Northwest Library®	Tue Dec 8	5:30p advanced

Quilting Club

Adult

Midwest City Library	Mon Dec 14, 21, 28	9a
Ralph Ellison Library	Mondays	11a
Ralph Ellison Library	Fri Dec 4, 11, 18	11a

Snowman in a Jar

Adult

Bethany Library®	Sat Dec 12	2p
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Watercolor Painting

Teen (Ages 12-18)

Northwest Library®	Thu Dec 3	6p
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Game On @ the Library

Board Games

Adult

Del City Library	Thu Dec 10	3p
Del City Library	Tue Dec 22	6:30p

featured events

Chess Club

Children (ages 12 & under)

Harrah Library	Wed Dec 2	3p
Edmond Library	Mon Dec 7	4:30p

All Ages

The Village Library	Fri Dec 4, 11, 18	4p
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Family Game Night!

All Ages

Nicoma Park Library	Tue Dec 8	3p
Luther Library	Thu Dec 10	3p
Northwest Library	Thu Dec 10	4:30p
Harrah Library	Wed Dec 23	3p

Gaming Club

Teen (Ages 12-18)

Belle Isle Library	Tue Dec 8	4p
Belle Isle Library	Thu Dec 3, 10	4p

Bring Your Own Device

The Village Library®	Thu Dec 17	4p
Choctaw Library	Thu Dec 17	6p

Tabletop Gaming

Juggling Club

Teen (Ages 12-18)

Belle Isle Library	Wed Dec 9	4p
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LEGO

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Capitol Hill Library	Thu Dec 3	4:30p
Warr Acres Library®	Sat Dec 12	10:30a
Almonte Library®	Thu Dec 17	2p
Downtown Library®	Mon Dec 21	6:30p
Del City Library	Mon Dec 21	4:30p
Choctaw Library®	Wed Dec 30	4p

PreTeen (ages 9-12)

Choctaw Library®	Mon Dec 21, 28	4p
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LEGO Robotics

Teen (Ages 12-18)

Midwest City Library	Tue Dec 8	4p
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LEGO Aviation

Minecraft

PreTeen (ages 9-12), Teen (ages 12-18)

Capitol Hill Library	Thu Dec 17	4:30p
Downtown Library®	Mon Dec 14	6:30p

Yu-Gi-Oh!

PreTeen (ages 9-12), Teen (Ages 12-18)

Bethany Library	Sat Dec 5	10a
Edmond Library	Sat Dec 12	3p



Computer Corner with Don

Adult

Edmond Library®	Thu Dec 3, 17	1p
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Financial Aid Workshop

Teen (Ages 12-18)

Southern Oaks Library®	Sat Dec 19	2p
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Homework Help

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Capitol Hill Library	Wed Dec 2, 9	4p
Almonte Library	Wed Dec 2, 16	5p
Southern Oaks Library®	Thu Dec 3	4p

Intermediate Spanish

Adult

Capitol Hill Library	Mon Dec 7, 14	5:30p
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Internet Basics for Seniors

Senior (ages 55+)

The Village Library®	Tue Dec 8	1p
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Rocket Readers

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Bethany Library®	Mon Dec 7	5:30p
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Science Sundays

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Del City Library	Sun Dec 6	3p
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Tech Talks

Adult

Edmond Library®	Wednesdays	1p
Dec 2	Printing Labels	
Dec 9	Buying Online	
Dec 16	Video Chatting	



Please check our online calendar for even more events!

Deck the Teen Space

Teen (Ages 12-18)

Almonte Library	Tue Dec 1	6:30p
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'Tis the season to be jolly! Let's make the teen space merry and bright for the holiday season. Decorate a mini tree with ornaments, hang twinkle lights, put up wall and window decals, and enjoy a holiday treat while you spread cheer in your library.

Holiday Open House

All Ages

Southern Oaks Library	Sat Dec 5	2p
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This come-and-go event will feature vibraphone music provided by Clayton Stroup, local talent, storytelling, and miscellaneous holiday crafts. Children can join in our annual Christmas tree trimming. We will also have a holiday village featuring handmade buildings created by members of our community, on display.

Annual Gingerbread Scavenger Hunt

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Almonte Library®	Sun Dec 6	2p
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There is a little holiday mischief going on at the library. Come join us on a scavenger hunt with the Gingerbread Man and learn how to use the library's Dewey Decimal system. We will explore the shelves to find interesting characters and wrap things up with a tasty craft.



Share the Love

We love it when you tell us how much you love us! Here are some of the ways you love your library.

I would be lost without your online library! — Deborah

Thank you for all the great options on saving money! — Robin

It's not just books, you can check out movies and music, and download eBooks, audio books and free music! — Michelle

Super great library staff! — Joey

I'm certainly in love with MY library. Can't count how many times I've bragged about @MetroLibraryOK here in OKC. — Brennye

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featured events

All About Hanukkah

All Ages

Bethany Library® Tue | Dec 8 6:30p

Learn about the origins of Hanukkah, its meaning and traditions. Play the dreidel game and stay for a Hanukkah treat.

Charlie Brown Christmas

Children (ages 12 & under)

Edmond Library Wed | Dec 9 4:30p

Christmas season is nearly here, so why is Charlie Brown so depressed? Follow along as Edmond Memorial High School drama students share this classic musical along with familiar Christmas songs, hot chocolate and holiday cheer!

Holiday Photo Booth

All Ages

Downtown Library Thu | Dec 10 5p

Put away the selfie stick and drop by the Downtown Library for a festive holiday picture. Stop by anytime during the month of December and take pictures in front of various winter backdrops with fun props. Want to get the whole family in the photo? A photographer will be there Thursday, December 10 from 5p-7p to take pictures for you!

LEGO Build-a-Book-Report Contest

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Choctaw Library

Create a model based on any recent book you have read using 75 or less LEGO Blocks (No kits please.) Grand prize winners will be announced at the December 30th LEGO Club Meeting. Top 3 winners will be displayed in the library. All other creations will be taken home after the December LEGO Club. Please stop by the library for an entry form. Entries will be accepted beginning December 12 through December 20, 2015.

Polar Express Holiday Party

All Ages

Belle Isle Library Sat | Dec 12 10a-12p

Jump on board the Polar Express, mix up a cup of hot chocolate, make a holiday card, create a Polar Express craft, and support the Infant Crisis Center by bringing in children's books just in time to ring in the holiday with Belle Isle! Pajamas are highly encouraged!

Holly Jolly Holiday Party

All Ages

Ralph Ellison Library Sat | Dec 12 1p

Everyone is welcome at our annual ho-ho-holiday happening. Make winter crafts, munch on delicious holiday treats, receive a free gift, and more! It's all first come-first served, so come early!

Kids' Holiday Shoppe

Children (ages 12 & under)

Southern Oaks Library® Thu | Dec 17 2:30p

Let your kids experience the thrill of selecting their own gifts for family members. Children will choose two small gifts with the help of library staff and volunteers. Registration is required and you will sign up for a specific time slot.

Luau and Pizza Party

Teen (Ages 12-18)

Warr Acres Library® Sat | Dec 19 2p

Aloha! It's cold outside, but hot inside. Join us for fantastic food and great games. Bring a friend and your favorite Hawaiian shirt.

Noon Year

Children (ages 12 & under)

Edmond Library Thu | Dec 31 11a

Happy Noon Year!! Ring in the new year with an early party at your library! We'll play games, make party hats, and practice counting down to 2016!

® = Registration required for this event.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

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Eric Litwin Author Visit

Meet the #1 New York Times bestselling author of the *Pete the Cat* series and groove along with this guitar strumming, book writing, harmonica blowing, song singing, folksy, fun type of guy!

Tuesday, Dec. 1, 6pm

Belle Isle Library • 5501 N. Villa • 789-8363

Thursday, Dec. 3, 12:45pm & 1:45pm

Southern Oaks Library • 6900 Walker Ave.
631-4468



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Kids @ the Library

Play @ the Library

Babies (0-12 months)

Belle Isle Library ^R	Mondays	10a
Belle Isle Library ^R	Thu Dec 3, 10, 31	10a
Northwest Library ^R	Tue Dec 1	10:45a & 1:45p
Northwest Library ^R	Thu Dec 3	10:45a

Toddlers (ages 1-3)

Warr Acres Library	Wed Dec 9 & 16	9:15a & 10:30a
Bethany Library ^R	Thu Dec 10	9:30a & 10:30a
Choctaw Library	Sat Dec 12	10a
Midwest City Library	Mon Dec 21	10a

PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)

Northwest Library ^R	Tue Dec 1	10a & 1p
Northwest Library ^R	Thu Dec 3	10a
Choctaw Library ^R	Thu Dec 3	10:30a

Storytime @ the Library

Mother Goose on the Loose

Toddlers (ages 1-3)

Downtown Library ^R	Thu Dec 3	10a
The Village Library ^R	Tue Dec 15	10a
Southern Oaks Library ^R	Wed Dec 16	10:30a

Musictime

Babies (0-12 months)

Midwest City Library	Mon Dec 7	11a
Northwest Library ^R	Tue Dec 15	10:45a & 1:45p
Belle Isle Library ^R	Thu Dec 17	10a
Northwest Library ^R	Thu Dec 17	10:45a

PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)

The Village Library ^R	Thu Dec 3	10a
Northwest Library ^R	Tue Dec 15	10a & 1p
Belle Isle Library ^R	Thu Dec 17	11a
Northwest Library ^R	Thu Dec 17	10a
Downtown Library ^R	Thu Dec 17	10a

Toddlers (ages 1-3)

Midwest City Library	Mon Dec 7	10a
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Storytime

PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)

Edmond Library ^R	Mondays	10a & 11a
Choctaw Library ^R	Tuesdays	10:30a
Bethany Library ^R	Thu Dec 3	10a

Wright Library	Fri Dec 4	3:30p
Southern Oaks Library ^R	Mon Dec 7	10:30a
The Village Library ^R	Tue Dec 8	10a
Northwest Library ^R	Tue Dec 8	10a & 1p
Northwest Library ^R	Wed Dec 9	10a
Nicoma Park Library	Wed Dec 9	3:30p
Northwest Library ^R	Thu Dec 10	10a
Harrah Library	Wed Dec 16	3:30p
Luther Library	Thu Dec 17	3:30p
Downtown Library ^R	Thu Dec 31	10a

Families, PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)

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

Edmond Library ^R	Thu Dec 3, 10, 17	6:30p
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All Ages

Capitol Hill Library	Wed Dec 16	4p
Gingerbread Storytime		

Toddler time

Toddlers (ages 1-3)

Choctaw Library ^R	Tuesdays	9:30a
Belle Isle Library ^R	Tuesdays	10a
Edmond Library ^R	Wed Dec 2, 9 & 16	10a & 11a
Almonte Library	Sat Dec 5	2p
Midwest City Library	Mon Dec 14 & 28	10a

Babytime

Babies (0-12 months)

Belle Isle Library	Mondays	9:30a
Edmond Library ^R	Tue Dec 1, 8, 15	10a
Northwest Library ^R	Tue Dec 8	10:45a & 1:45p
Northwest Library ^R	Thu Dec 10	10:45a

Children Reading to Dogs @ the Library

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Belle Isle Library	Mondays	6p
The Village Library	Wednesdays	6p
Edmond Library	Tue Dec 1 & 15	6:30p
The Village Library	Thu Dec 3 & 17	3:30p
Belle Isle Library	Thu Dec 3, 10 & 17	6p
Northwest Library	Mon Dec 7 & 14	6p
Midwest City Library ^R	Tue Dec 8 & 22	7p
Del City Library	Thu Dec 10	6:30p
Warr Acres Library	Thu Dec 10	6:30p
Capitol Hill Library	Sat Dec 12	1p
Choctaw Library ^R	Sat Dec 12	3p
Choctaw Library ^R	Wed Dec 16	4p
Downtown Library	Mon Dec 28	6:30p
Southern Oaks Library ^R	Tue Dec 29	6:30p

Thursday NOON TUNES

Bring your lunch to the Downtown Library and join us for musical performances from local musicians. Each week experience a new performance, genre, and artist/band.

DECEMBER 3

Erin Louman Duo
classical cello & piano

DECEMBER 10

Steelwind Duo
original bluegrass

DECEMBER 17

Pierce-Hart Trio
Celtic Christmas



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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 334 SW 26th, OKC, 634-6308	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
5 CHOCTAW 2525 Muzzy Street, Choctaw, 390-8418	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
6 DEL CITY 4509 SE 15th, Del City, 672-1377	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
7 DOWNTOWN 300 Park Ave., OKC, 231-8650	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
8 EDMOND 10 S. Boulevard, Edmond, 341-9282	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
9 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
15 RALPH ELLISON 2000 NE 23rd, OKC, 424-1437	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
16 SOUTHERN OAKS 6900 S. Walker, OKC 631-4468	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
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

