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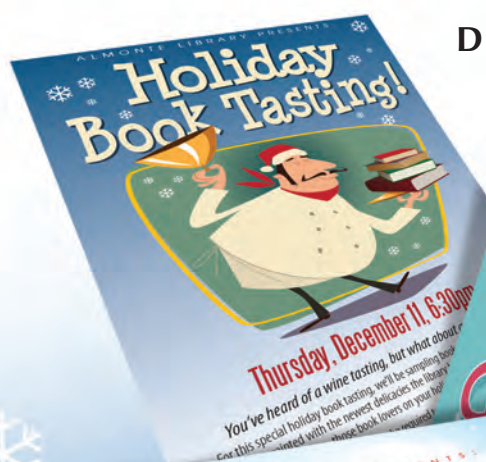
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Unwrap this issue of *info* and find gifts from your library. Have out of town guests coming to spend the holidays with you? Bring them to your local library for some seasonal fun and entertainment. We have barbershop quartets, spaces to decorate, cookies to bake, gifts to make and take, and more. Read all about the gifts we have wrapped up for you inside!

This month we also give you the harrowing WWII story of the Wereth Eleven, brave soldiers who trained at Camp Gruber and fought in Germany.

It's annual report time, so take a look at our year in review as we reflect on the services and spaces you love most.

For those quiet nights by the fire, stock up on holiday reads and movies. Hey, we even have the tunes to add that special seasonal magic to your day! Just visit Freegal Music from our downloads page.

Your Metropolitan Library System is the gift that keeps on giving in every season!





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THE WERETH ELEVEN

In the sweltering heat of an
Oklahoma City July, the men of
the 333rd Field Artillery marched
in perfect cadence down Broadway
during the Independence Day
parade in 1943.

by Larry Johnson



Oklahoma Images

At Muskogee's Camp Gruber, they were among the first African American troops in the segregated Army to receive combat training. Soon they would be marching into one of the darkest chapters in US military history – one long forgotten.



At Camp Gruber the men of the 333rd were told they had to work hard – harder than

their fellow white soldiers – because they were told the Army didn't believe they could fight. It was their job to show the Army they were wrong. They arrived in France during the D-Day landings at Utah beach on June 6, 1944 and quickly showed their mettle – even capturing a French village, a rare feat for an artillery unit. Rolling across France they proved to be a formidable unit, earning respect and renown for their accuracy and rate of fire.

By winter, they were assigned to support a quiet sector along the German-Belgian border; so quiet, in fact, the Army was rotating veteran troops out of the line for Christmas leave and replacing them with the green recruits of the 106th Infantry Division. That quiet was shattered in the early hours of December 16 as Nazi Germany made one final all-out attack to drive the Allies back into the sea. The Battle of the Bulge was on.

Nazi SS panzers burst through the lines, overwhelming the green 106th. The 333rd pulled back but Battery C, commanded by Capt. Bill McLeod of Granite, Oklahoma, was left behind to provide cover for retreating troops. Chaos erupted as the swiftly advancing tanks began crushing

American defenses. The line was broken. It was every man for himself.

McLeod and a small band of artillerymen were captured and sent to the rear of the German lines but 11 men from Battery C escaped through the woods and were trying to find the American lines. Trudging through waist-high snow in freezing temperatures they finally sought shelter in the Belgian village of Wereth. They were welcomed and hidden by farmer Mathias Langer, but a Nazi sympathizer reported them to the 1st SS Panzer Division. Within moments the eleven were rounded up and marched a short distance to a field where they were tortured and murdered.

The US Army investigated after the battle but the Wereth incident was overshadowed by the massacre of 84 troops at nearby Malmedy by the same German troops.



The episode was long forgotten in America but the Langers and the people of Wereth have maintained a monument to the Wereth 11 since war's end.

To learn more check out *The Wereth Eleven* on DVD at the library. If you feel moved to pay your respects, you don't have to travel to Belgium. You can visit the grave of Cpl. Mager Bradley who is buried in Fort Gibson National Cemetery, not far from his training base at Camp Gruber.

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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BIOGRAPHY
ON THE SHELF

Andre the Giant: Life and Legend

by Box Brown

reviewed by Emily Williams



Legendary wrestler Andre the Giant has been a cult icon for decades. Sometimes called the Eighth Wonder of the World, at his peak he was nearly seven and half feet tall and weighed 600 pounds. Andre suffered from acromegaly, which meant his pituitary gland kept releasing growth hormone and aged him prematurely. This graphic novel biography follows Andre's story as a young man in France until his death in 1993. Covering international wrestling matches, medical problems, worldwide fame and Hollywood life, Andre's story is complicated and fascinating.

With cover blurbs from Mick Foley and Mandy Patinkin, it's clear Andre's life had many sides. I really

appreciated the glossary of professional wrestling terms and source notes. After reading this graphic novel, I spent the rest of the night watching YouTube videos of late 1980s wrestling, including some of the matches the author described. This book has wide appeal and will interest fans of unusual biographies, indie graphic novels, 1980's wrestling, *The Princess Bride*, and cult celebrities.

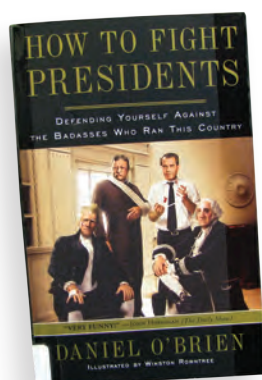
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ON THE SHELF

How to Fight Presidents

by Daniel O'Brien

reviewed by Todd Podzemny



It is important, in these uncertain times, to have a plan to ensure your safety in the face of unexpected danger. For example, if you found yourself in a dark alley with enraged eleventh President James K. Polk, how would you defend yourself? Without a good grasp of his strengths and weaknesses, he'd likely trounce you as thoroughly as he reformed the federal banking system. And that's why you need this book.

O'Brien provides a short rundown of the presumed fighting prowess of every president except those currently living, who he left out in an attempt to avoid an awkward conversation with the Secret Service (an attempt which failed.) Since most presidents didn't get in many fistfights, he is forced to translate various facts about each man's upbringing and political career into absurd extrapolations about how they'd do in a brawl.

The result is a brief but fairly accurate biographical

sketch of each president couched in hilariously hyperbolic terms. The only real exception is Millard Fillmore, who gets three pages of outrageous lies followed by a confession that eight hours of research was not enough to find anything interesting to say about Millard Fillmore.

While it's a pleasure to read about Abraham Lincoln's freakish strength and Teddy Roosevelt's propensity for killing exotic animals, the book really shines when it's providing memorable historic facts about the more obscure presidents. This is an excellent read for grownups who have forgotten most of their history classes or current students who can handle constant and creative swearing.

Todd Podzemny is the manager of the Choctaw Library. Don't blame him, he voted for Zombie Grover Cleveland.



MYSTERY/
WEB
ON THE SHELF

Gunn Zoo Series

by Betty Webb

reviewed by Phyllis Davidson



Are you tired of reading the same old big-city mysteries and wishing for a new setting? Well, if you happen to be a zoo lover, you might enjoy the Gunn Zoo series. Betty Webb, talented author of the Lena Jones series, takes us behind the scenes and inside the cages of some of the world's most-threatened and code-red-dangerous animals. Theodora, "Teddy," Bentley, born into wealth, has shrugged off that luxury lifestyle and made her home on an old trawler moored in Gunn Landing marina on California's central coast. Her experience with an overbearing, beauty-queen mother and a cheating husband has convinced her that her heart is safer with animals than with people.

In *The Anteater of Death*, a wealthy zoo patron is found in the anteater enclosure with the flesh clawed away from his bones. The temperamental, pregnant anteater is blamed, at least in the beginning. In *The Koala of Death*, Kate, the koala keeper is fished out of the harbor, but her

death wasn't from drowning. Teddy has to fill in for Kate on the local television news station, showing animals that misbehave on camera. Bowling for Rhinos and other zoo-type events are representative of a real zoo setting, as I've learned from my daughter who works at the OKC Zoo. In *The Llama of Death*, an innocent llama is the only witness to death by crossbow dart at the Renaissance Faire. This series is a refreshing change of scenery that serves up suspense and danger from both animals and humans. The language is mostly mild enough to make an audio download a good choice.

These books are also available in digital or audio formats.

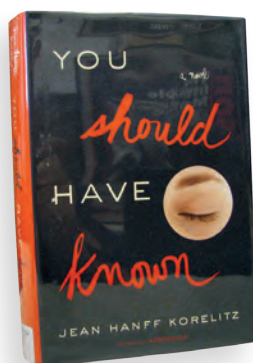
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FICTION/
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ON THE SHELF

You Should Have Known: a novel

by Jean Hanff Korelitz

reviewed by Jana Hausburg



"The end came not with a bang and not with a whimper, but with the silent blink of the envelope icon on her cell phone."

Schadenfreude. I love that word. It's that feeling you get when someone gets their comeuppance, someone like Grace Reinhart Sachs. She has the perfect marriage, is devoted to her husband (a pediatric oncologist) and her only son (a classically-trained violinist), and her practice. A therapist, Grace is poised on the edge of professional stardom when her publisher J. Colton decides to publish her manuscript, *You Should Have Known Better: Why Women Fail to Hear What the Men in Their Lives Are Telling Them*.

You can see where this is headed.

It only takes a matter of days to unravel a life carefully crafted over the course of twenty years. It's barely

enough time to process the information: a young mother, murdered!; a cell phone tucked in an out-of-the way drawer; a book safe absent of expensive jewelry. Grace hardly has time to pack a bag and get her son out of New York before the media frenzy descends.

Grace eventually must face the fact that she has been giving out advice to others that she should have been giving to herself. Her former life in ruins, it takes everything she has to begin to build a new one.

This book is also available in large print and as a Playaway audio media player.

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



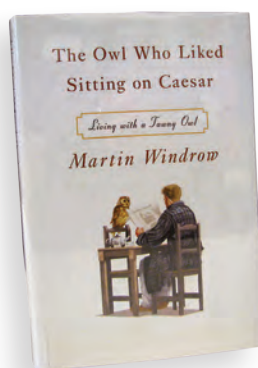
Reviews & Recommendations

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ON THE SHELF

The Owl Who Liked Sitting On Caesar: Living With A Tawny Owl by Martin Windrow

reviewed by Christine Bassett



"... a small masterpiece of animal literature." WSJ

While scanning the new book shelf at Bethany Library one day over the Summer, I came across a small white hardback that caught my attention. Inside the front cover was a black and white photo of an adorable tawny owl sitting on a bust of Caesar. I was immediately captivated by the image of Mumble and knew that I just had to read this book.

Author Martin Windrow had always been fascinated by the art of falconry. He really wanted to own a falcon himself but living in a block in South London made this idea a nonstarter. Eventually, having put his name down for an egg with a breeder, he came home with a one month old tawny owl called Mumble instead and it was love at first sight. Mumble behaved very much like a

young kitten, following Windrow around, and sitting on his bust of Caesar. Mumble was eventually given his own outdoor space when Windrow moved to the country.

The affection between bird and human is very touching in this book and at times I thought I would love to own a tawny owl, too. That is until I thought about feeding it chicks for breakfast and having to cover the house with plastic as, unlike kittens, owls don't use litter boxes!

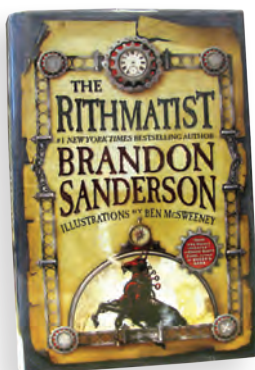
If you love reading books about pets and their owners, give this one a try.

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SCIENCE
FICTION
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ON THE SHELF

The Rithmatist by Brandon Sanderson

reviewed by Meagan Huggins



Some authors have the ability to create worlds so magical they draw the reader in, never to be seen again. Well, not really, but I think you understand what I mean. Brandon Sanderson is one such author. In *The Rithmatist*, Sanderson crafts a world that is mysterious and a little confusing, while intriguingly magical. *The Rithmatist* is your introduction to a world with springwork animals and currency, chalk drawings and creatures that come to life to both protect and destroy, and a cast of characters you'll want to know more about from your first meeting. Joel, the chalk maker's son, dreams of being a rithmatist. He works out a way to learn more about what rithmatists do and how they perform their magic by becoming a student assistant for Professor Fitch. Melody, a rithmancy student, cannot draw the circles she desperately needs to survive at The

Tower and is sent to study with Fitch. Professor Fitch is a character full of mystery, who at first seems meek and subdued, but eventually proves himself to be fiercely loyal and incredibly intelligent. These three characters build a relationship reminiscent of the relationship Dumbledore shares with Harry Potter in the popular series by J.K. Rowling. Together they must discover where missing rithmancy students are and who is responsible for what has happened to those students. Does the boastful and powerful new professor, newly returned from the battlefield at The Tower, have anything to do with the missing students? Find out for yourself in this exciting new series!

Meagan Huggins rocked the Children's collection at the Belle Isle Library. She spends the rest of her time creating adventures with the cutest curly-red-haired boy alive, her son Henry.



THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING

Much like the jelly of the month club, a library visit is the gift that keeps on giving.

Seasonal events give you extra incentives to visit your local library. Find a friendly atmosphere to hear holiday themed stories and concerts. Lounge and learn to paint winter-themed watercolors. Pick from plenty of craft and

decorating ideas and don't forget the gingerbread houses! Your library has more value than Black Friday!

Where else can you find so much entertainment, have fun learning, take home valuable resources, create gifts, greeting cards, hear music, take fun holiday photos, eat treats and

celebrate traditions from other cultures, all while making lifelong memories?

There are so many fun and educational holiday events to choose from, we can't list them all here, so take a look at our online calendar or check out the Seasonal Event section on pages 15 and 16.

'Tis the season to be giving, and we have tips and tools to help you make the perfect presents!

❄️ Create your own holiday greeting cards at the Choctaw Library on December 6 at 9:30am. Adults can use various art mediums for art creations just in time for the season.

❄️ Pull the sleigh to the Warr Acres Library to create a card or craft for that someone special at 2pm, December 6.

❄️ Sweeten the season with Santa in a Jar. Preteens can jingle to the Bethany Library to turn an ordinary jar and baking ingredients into an inexpensive gift idea also on December 6 at 2pm.

❄️ Almonte Library teaches more gift ideas from the kitchen on December 8 at 6:30pm. Come learn how to create your own tasty traditions.

❄️ The Kid's Holiday Gift Shoppe at the Southern Oaks Library gives the opportunity to enjoy the thrill of giving on Thursday, December 18 at 2:30pm. Please sign up in advance for this event.

Give yourself the gift of a library visit, and find books, movies or music to enjoy. In person or online, make us part of your holiday tradition.





We Are Here for

At the end of the year, it's a natural time to pause and reflect, measure your accomplishments, regroup and set new goals. Our number one goal is to be here for you. We've expanded our services while maintaining the quality of materials and experiences, and we are grateful when you let us know we have done a good job reaching our goal.

We love our social media fans! And if they tell us anything, it's that they love their reserves! Nothing brings joy and excitement like that 'reserve ready' text or email. Here's what you told us you love:

- Reserves
- eBooks
- Internet/Wifi
- Media Downloads
- Summer Reading program

You also told us how much you love our spaces. Many have that favorite spot in the library where they read, work or study. We strive to keep our spaces welcoming and we're glad you like our buildings and comfy chairs. What do you love best about our spaces? Here are a few things you posted about:

"It's like a home away from home," tweets one happy library user about the Northwest Library.

"The quiet comfy chair next to the outlet," tweets an Edmond Library customer.

A Downtown Library user tweets, *"The best place to study is on the 1st floor by the windows overlooking the courthouse."*

Another customer tweets, *"My favorite place to get work done is in the private rooms at the Downtown Library. It's like having a downtown office for free."*

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The library has long been the place to go when you have a question. Answers from a live librarian are at your fingertips. You sent us interesting questions, and our virtual librarian had all the answers. Here are a

few of the interesting things you asked about:

- Historic newspaper clippings reporting a murder for a book.
- Historic photos needed to honor a Navy veteran.
- Family heritage research to establish Native American roots.
- Book Club selections for a Read the Movie Club.
- Film history for movie premieres in Oklahoma

Our online databases are a vital component of the information services we offer. We subscribe to a wide array of information sources, making vetted, citable facts and tools available to all library card holders.

These are the online database subscriptions you've clicked on the most:

- Zinio; Digital Magazines
- Access Newspapers/Oklahoman Archives
- Reference USA
- Mango Languages
- Value Line

Dr You

Free wifi and public computers connect you to the online world. Our public computer use is more popular than ever. In the past year, computer usage increased 3.9%.

Computer Usage for FY 2013-2014:

- Computer Users = 60,897
- Hours = 662,661.69
- Average Visits per Customer = 12.45
- Average Minutes per Visit = 52
- Adult Customers = 79%
- Youth Customers = 21%

And, last but never least, you love our books! We order multiple copies of your favorite bestsellers so you don't have to wait long to read the next big release. Here are your most reserved authors:

John Grisham
James Patterson
Stuart Woods
Nora Roberts
Janet Evanovitch

Financial Information - Budgetary Basis

	FY 2013-14	FY 2012-13
Revenues		
Property Taxes	\$31,376,535.14	\$30,663,799.70
Fines, Fees, & Gifts, etc.	550,000.00	520,000.00
State Aid	289,549.80	287,392.00
Investment Income	199,145.20	325,335.45
Miscellaneous Revenues	627,810.17	483,196.60
Total Revenues	\$33,043,040.31	\$32,279,723.75
Beginning Fund Balance Forward	\$12,902,418.56	\$10,880,866.28
Reserves for future capital and other projects	\$16,128,950.12	\$19,333,641.14
Total Revenues & Balance Forward	\$62,074,408.99	\$62,494,231.17
Expenditures		
Personnel	\$22,578,334.97	\$21,623,592.11
Maintenance & Operations	5,084,563.34	5,005,322.64
Books & Materials	5,290,710.19	5,456,694.75
Capital Outlays	718,392.50	835,349.82
Capital Improvements	1,371,405.78	541,903.17
Total Expenditures	\$35,043,406.78	\$33,462,862.49
Ending Fund Balance	12,100,603.85	12,902,418.56
Reserves for future capital and other projects	\$14,930,398.36	\$16,128,950.12
Total Expenditures and Ending Balance	\$62,074,408.99	\$62,494,231.17

 Metropolitan
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december

FEATURED EVENTS

To see the latest information about library programs and events, please click on [Calendar of Events on the MLS website: www.metrolibrary.org](#)

Commission Meeting

Capitol Hill Library Thu | Dec 11 3:30PM
Metropolitan Library Commission Monthly Meeting

Our libraries will be closed on Dec. 24 & 25 and will close at 6pm on Dec. 31 for the holidays. Visit us online to find your next read, download eBooks, audiobooks, MP3s, digital magazines or access one of our great databases.



Anime Club

Teen, 12-18
Belle Isle Library Tue | Dec 2 4p
Ralph Ellison Library Tue | Dec 23 4p

Bingo

All Ages
Del City Library Fri | Dec 12 4p

Board Games

All Ages
Del City Library Fri | Dec 19 4p

Children (ages 12 & under)

Downtown Library Wed | Dec 10 4p

Chess Club

All Ages
Del City Library Fri | Dec 5 4p
The Village Library Fri | Dec 5, 12, 19 4p
Northwest Library Thu | Dec 11 5:30p

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Edmond Library Mon | Dec 1, 15 4:30p

Gaming Club

Teen (ages 12-18)
Belle Isle Library Tue | Dec 9 4p
Choctaw Library Tue | Dec 23 3p

Gamefest

Teen (ages 12-18)
The Village Library Thu | Dec 4 4p
Warr Acres Library Sat | Dec 20 2p

Juggling Club

Teen (ages 12-18)
Belle Isle Library Tue | Dec 16 4p

Lego Club

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)
Capitol Hill Library Tue | Dec 9 4p
Warr Acres Library R Sat | Dec 13 10:30a
Downtown Library Wed | Dec 17 4p
Midwest City Library Mon | Dec 22 4p
The Village Library R Sat | Dec 27 2p

Children (ages 12 & under)

Del City Library Mon | Dec 15 4:30p

All Ages

Choctaw Library R Wed | Dec 31 4p

Minecraft Club

Teen (ages 12-18)
Choctaw Library R Tue | Dec 9 4p

Yu-Gi-Oh!

Teen (ages 12-18)
Bethany Library Sat | Dec 6 10a

PreTeen (ages 9-12)

Edmond Library Sat | Dec 13 3p



Afterschool at Your Library

Teen (ages 12-18)
The Village Library Mon | Dec 1 4p
Almonte Library Tue | Dec 2 5p
Ralph Ellison Library Wed | Dec 3, 10 4:30p
Capitol Hill Library Thu | Dec 4 4p
Southern Oaks Library Fri | Dec 5, 12 4:30p

Art Time

Children (ages 12 & under)
Downtown Library Wed | Dec 3 4p

Babies (0-12 months)

Downtown Library Thu | Dec 11 10a

Crafts

All Ages
Midwest City Library Sat | Dec 13 3p

Family Art

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Capitol Hill Library Sat | Dec 13 2p

Fashion Club

Teen (ages 12-18)

The Village Library ^R Thu | Dec 18 4p

Winter Watercolors

Adults

Edmond Library ^R Sat | Dec 6 10a

Journal Junkies

Teen (ages 12-18)

Northwest Library ^R Thu | Dec 18 5:30p

Knitting Club

Adults

Almonte Library Thu | Dec 4 5:30p

Southern Oaks Library ^R Sat | Dec 8 5:30p

The Village Library Sat | Dec 13 10a

Choctaw Library ^R Sat | Dec 20 10a

Science Kids!

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Capitol Hill Library ^R Thu | Dec 4 4p

LEGO Robotics

PreTeen (ages 9-12)

Choctaw Library ^R Mon | Dec 22 & 29 4p

Quilting Club

Adults

Midwest City Library Mon | Dec 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 9a

Tinkering Tuesdays

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Midwest City Library Tue | Dec 2 & 16 6p



Book Clubs

Metro Library ReadUp Online

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

Adults

Downtown Library ^R Sun | Dec 21 2p

Read the Movie

Edmond Library Tue | Dec 2 12p

Cozy Mysteries

Edmond Library Sat | Dec 13 10:30a

Reader's Choice

Edmond Library Thu | Dec 11 6:30p

History

Midwest City Library Thu | Dec 4 10a
Non-Fiction

Midwest City Library Mon | Dec 8 4:30p
Read the Movie

Northwest Library Fri | Dec 12 1p

Warr Acres Library Mon | Dec 8 11a

Southern Oaks Library ^R Tue | Dec 9 11:30a

The Village Library Mon | Dec 15 3p

Midwest City Library Thu | Dec 11 10a

Senior (ages 55+)

Edmond Library Sat | Dec 13 2p

Teen (ages 12-18)

Del City Library Tue | Dec 9 4:30p

PreTeen (ages 9-12)

Northwest Library Mon | Dec 8 4p

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Choctaw Library Wed | Dec 3, 10, 17 10a

Southern Oaks Library ^R Tue | Dec 9 6:30p



Noon Tunes

All Ages

Downtown Library Thursdays Noon

Dec 4 Easy Street Trio

Dec 11 Cleveland Elementary Bell Choir

Dec 18 Celtic Trio

Barbershop Ensemble: OK City Chorus Holiday Harmonies

All Ages

Northwest Library Sat | Dec 13 2p

East Side Boys Barbershop Quartet

All Ages

Midwest City Library Dec 11 | Thu 7p

Heartland Voices: Holiday Concert

All Ages

Choctaw Library Tue | Dec 2 6p



Adult Education and Literacy Class

Southern Oaks Library ^R Mondays & Wednesdays 6p
Dec 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17

featured events

Beginning German

Choctaw Library  Mon | Dec 1, 8, 15, 22 5:30p

College Prep

Teen (ages 12-18)

Midwest City Library Wed | Dec 10 5p

GED Prep

Adult

Southern Oaks Library  Mondays & Wednesdays 1p
Dec 1, 3, 8, 10, 15

Homework Help

Children (ages 12 & under)

Midwest City Library Thu | Dec 4 4p

Almonte Library Wed | Dec 3, 17 5p

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Southern Oaks Library  Thu | Dec 4 4p

Intermediate Spanish

Adults

Capitol Hill Library Mon | Dec 1, 8 5:30p

Internet Basics

Adults

Edmond Library  Thu | Dec 4, 11, 18 1p

Intro to Email

Adults

Edmond Library  Wed | Dec 3, 10, 17 1p

Reading Help

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Capitol Hill Library Mondays & Wednesdays 4p
Dec 1, 3, 8, 10

Bethany Library  Mon | Dec 1, 8, 15 6p



Be Well @ the Library

Adults

Tai Chi

Choctaw Library  Wed | Dec 3 6:15p

Seniors (ages 55+)

Northwest Library Mondays & Thursdays 4p
Dec 1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18



Highlighted Events @ the Library

Please check our online calendar for even more events!

Meet the Author: Christiane Brandt Faris

Adult

Belle Isle Library Mon | Dec 1 6:30p

Christiane Brandt Faris, will discuss her new book, *The Nicest Nazi: Childhood Memories of World War II*. "You are the nicest Nazi I have ever met," was meant as a compliment for the author, but she regarded it as offensive and ignorant. Such comments motivated her to reflect upon her childhood during World War II and the chaotic post-war period. Books will be available for signing and purchase.

Pamper Me!


Teen (ages 12-18)

Northwest Library  Wed | Dec 3 4:30p

The OSU Extension will help you learn how to make your own safe spa products. Check out the library's collection of books and periodicals to get inspiration for your next handmade project! Supplies are limited, so register early.

Paper Quilling 101

Young Adult (ages 18-21)

Northwest Library  Thu | Dec 4 5:30p & 7p

Discover the lost art of paper quilling. Quillwork transforms simple strips of paper into intricate designs. Get inspired using the library's collection of books on paper quilling and other paper forms of paper crafts.

Being a Man in 2014

Adult

Ralph Ellison Library Sat | Dec 6 2p
Mon | Dec 8 6p

The role of men is evolving and being redefined in today's society. Often these expectations and roles are confusing, leaving men to scramble to define themselves. We will discuss male stressors, healthy relationships, male hierarchy, and more.

Sherlock Jr: Movie and Music

All Ages

Downtown Library Sun | Dec 14 2p

Come experience the sound of silent movies! A big screen showing of the 1924 silent film *Sherlock Jr.* will be accompanied by live improvisational music performed by pianist Breck McGough and followed by a presentation about silent film music and the era.

Finals Week Study Lounge

Teen (ages 12-18)

Edmond Library Dec 15, 16, 17 & 18 3p

Meet with friends to collaborate, share a hot chocolate and fit in some last minute studying! While you're here, use our reference collection and databases for research, or browse our young adult section for some winter vacation needs.

Mystery Night and Pizza Party

Teen (ages 12-18)

Warr Acres Library  Thu | Dec 18 6:30p

She was Queen of the Nile until the accident... or was it murder?! Help us solve the mystery, *The Pharaoh's Curse*. Test your sleuthing skills, get together with friends, and enjoy food and fun. Groups of 10 or more, please contact the library.



Seasonal Events @ the Library

Deck the Teen Area

Teen (ages 12-18)

Almonte Library Tue | Dec 2 6p

Teens, let's make the teen space inviting and jolly for the holidays by designing festive pixel art out of post-it notes, decorating a mini-tree with ornaments, and putting up twinkle lights!

Gingerbread Engineering


PreTeen (ages 9-12)

Del City Library Tue | Dec 2 6p

Engage your minds to figure out how to construct stable structures with gingerbread! Choose from Necco wafers, candy corn, pretzels, peppermints, mini marshmallows, licorice bites, and more to give it some curb appeal!

Holiday Story & Craft Time

PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)

Bethany Library  Thu | Dec 4 10a

Introduce your little ones to the library and create excitement about reading. Connect with others while enjoying stories, songs, and a game of dreidel and holiday refreshments.

Greeting Card Art

Adult

Choctaw Library Sat | Dec 6 9:30a

Create your own holiday greeting cards utilizing various art mediums for art creations just in time for the season. Supplies will be provided.

Holiday Open House

All Ages

Capitol Hill Library Sat | Dec 6 1p

Bring the whole family to check out some holiday themed books and movies, warm up with a hot beverage, enjoy jazzy holiday music with Mitch's Brew, and get your picture taken with Santa. A variety of activities will be offered for all ages.

Make and Take: Holiday Cards and Crafts

Adult

Warr Acres Library Sat | Dec 6 2p

Join us to make a holiday gift or card for someone special. Use our examples or create your own with the supplies provided. You can come and go or stay for the whole time. Light refreshments will be provided.

Santa in a Jar

PreTeen (ages 9-12)

Bethany Library  Sat | Dec 6 2p

Need easy, inexpensive, yet fabulous gift ideas for the holiday season? Dazzle your friends and family with a cute Santa jar filled with the ingredients for delectable cookies. We'll teach you how and provide all supplies.

Holiday Crafts & Tree Trimming

Children (ages 12 & under)

Southern Oaks Library  Sun | Dec 7 3p

Come make some holiday crafts and help decorate the library's Christmas tree. Enjoy getting into the spirit of the season with us.

Holiday Photo Drop-in

All Ages

Del City Library Mon | Dec 8 4p-7p

Want more than a selfie for your holiday cards this year? Having trouble getting the whole family in the frame because your arm just isn't long enough? Drop by the Del City Library for a quick photo shoot. We will have props and a backdrop ready!

Gifts from the Kitchen


Adult

Almonte Library Mon | Dec 8 6:30p

Come create some handmade holiday gifts this year! Want to enjoy the pleasure of holiday gift-giving but running a little low on funds? No problem! Join OSU Extension staff who'll explain how to make fun, easy, and safe gifts with items you probably already have on hand for both guys and gals.

It's Holiday Storytime

PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)

Warr Acres Library  Tue | Dec 9 10:30a
Tue | Dec 16 7p

It's a Christmas storytime just for you at your neighborhood library! A skilled librarian will introduce little ones to the library, show parents/caregivers invaluable information on reading readiness and create excitement about reading. Groups of 10 or more, please contact the library.

Cookie Decorating

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Northwest Library  Tue | Dec 9 4:30p

Learn how to add some glam to your cookies this holiday season. The OSU Extension will be available to give you some tips and tricks to transform your cookies into works of art.

Navidad, Christmas Traditions from Mexico

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Bethany Library  Tue | Dec 9 6:30p

¡Feliz Navidad! Discover Christmas traditions from Mexico through stories and songs. Come help break the piñata and enjoy holiday treats!

Holiday Preschool Storytime

PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)

Northwest Library Wed | Dec 10 10a

Connect with others while enjoying Holiday stories, rhymes and music.

featured events

Holiday Play & Storytime

Toddlers (ages 1-3)

Bethany Library ^R Thu | Dec 11 9:30a & 10:30a

A professional librarian will lead a holiday storytime and share tips on reading readiness.

Holiday Open House

All Ages

Downtown Library Thu | Dec 11 12p-5p

Join us for music and fun to kick off the holiday season. Entertainment in the Atrium featuring Cleveland Elementary Choir and Bellchoir and much more. Don't miss this festive event.

V-SIFT: Third Annual Gingerbread House Contest

Teen (ages 12-18)

The Village Library Thu | Dec 11 4p

Teens, join us this time for the Gingerbread House Contest. All materials will be provided and there will be a prize for the most creative, outrageous gingerbread house!

Holiday Book Tasting

Adult

Almonte Library Thu | Dec 11 6:30p

Come sample all types of books, and find something new and different to read! For this special holiday book tasting, get acquainted with the newest delicacies the library has to offer, and get ideas for those book lovers on your holiday gift list too!

Paperbag Scrapbooking for the Holidays

All Ages

Edmond Library Sat | Dec 13 10a

Bring 10-12 copies of your favorite photos and transform them into a treasured keepsake for yourself or someone you love. Materials and guidance provided in making your own paperbag scrapbook for the holidays. Younger children should be accompanied by an adult, but everyone is encouraged to participate.

Holly Jolly Holiday Party

All Ages

Ralph Ellison Library Sat | Dec 13 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!

Storytime: The Gingerbread Man

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Almonte Library Mon | Dec 15 4p

There is a little holiday mischief going on at the library. Come join us on a scavenger hunt with the Gingerbread Man! This is a fun and exciting way for children to 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.

Storytime: Twas the Week Before Christmas!

Children (ages 12 & under)

Edmond Library Tue | Dec 16 4:30p

Christmas is almost here, so come to the library for some holiday cheer! Young ladies from the Kids Care Club will read *The Night Before Christmas* while we sip on hot chocolate with peppermint sticks. Afterwards, we'll make a holiday craft and maybe even sing a few Christmas carols, so come by for the fun!

Almost-Gingerbread Houses

All Ages

Northwest Library ^R Wed | Dec 17 4:30p

Cook up some memories at the library! While we won't be using traditional gingerbread, you and your loved ones can spend some quality time building tiny, festive houses out of graham crackers.

Holiday Make & Take

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

The Village Library Wed | Dec 17 6:30p

Please join us for our annual Holiday Make & Take program. We will make crafts to celebrate the holidays!

Kids' Holiday Shoppe

Children (ages 12 & under)

Southern Oaks Library ^R Thu | Dec 18 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. Sign up at the Information Desk in the library or by calling 631-4468.

Read 'Em and Eat Holiday Edition

PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)

Ralph Ellison Library Thu | Dec 18 5:30p

Fahoo fores dahoo does welcome Christmas come this way. We know you're not a Grinch so you'll be sure to want to take part in our special *Dr. Seuss How the Grinch Stole Christmas* storytime. After reading this classic holiday tale, you'll make and enjoy your own delicious (and green) Grinch Kabobs and Punch.

Gingerbread House Decorating

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Southern Oaks Library ^R Mon | Dec 29 10:30a

Come decorate a gingerbread house at the library. Kids will be divided into groups and each group will decorate one gingerbread house. The houses will be put on display at the library.

New Year

Children (ages 12 & under)

Midwest City Library Wed | Dec 31 11a

Happy Noon Year! Bring in the new year with an early party at your library! We'll play games, make party hats, and practice counting down to 2015!

^R = Registration required for this event.

METROPOLITAN LIBRARY SYSTEM PRESENTS

HOLIDAY FESTIVAL OPEN HOUSE



Fill your stocking with good cheer from the Metropolitan Library System!

Enjoy an afternoon filled with music, games and holiday fun.

Sugar Free Allstars • Music from Cleveland Elementary Choir • Storytime with a local magician Michael Corley
Holiday Movie • Facepainting and Refreshments • Scavenger Hunt

Thursday, December 11 • 12-5pm



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Kids @ the Library

Play @ the Library

Little Yoga

PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)

Midwest City Library Mon | Dec 15 10:30a

Playtime

Babies (0-12 months)

Northwest Library ^R Tue | Dec 2 10:45a & 1:45p

Northwest Library ^R Thu | Dec 4 10:45a

Belle Isle Library ^R Thu | Dec 4, 11 10a

PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)

Northwest Library ^R Tue | Dec 2 10a

Northwest Library ^R Thu | Dec 4 10a

Almonte Library ^R Tue | Dec 30 9:30a

Toddlers (ages 1-3)

Almonte Library ^R Wed | Dec 2 10:30a

Warr Acres Library Wed | Dec 10, 17 9:15a & 10:30a

Choctaw Library Wed | Dec 13 10a

Storytime @ the Library

Babytime

Babies (0-12 months)

Belle Isle Library Mon | Dec 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 10a

Edmond Library ^R Tue | Dec 2, 9, 16 10a

Northwest Library ^R Tue | Dec 9 10:45a & 1:45p

Northwest Library ^R Thu | Dec 11 10:45a

Mother Goose on the Loose

Toddlers (ages 1-3)

Downtown Library Thu | Dec 4 10a

Almonte Library ^R Tue | Dec 9 9:30a

Warr Acres Library ^R Tue | Dec 9 9:30a

The Village Library ^R Tue | Dec 16 10a

Warr Acres Library ^R Tue | Dec 16 6p

Southern Oaks Library ^R Wed | Dec 17 10:30a

Toddlerobics

Toddlers (ages 1-3)

Almonte Library ^R Tue | Dec 2 10:30a

Toddler time

Toddlers (ages 1-3)

Choctaw Library ^R Tue | Dec 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 9:30a

Belle Isle Library ^R Tue | Dec 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 10a

Edmond Library ^R Wed | Dec 3, 10, 17 10a & 11a

Midwest City Library Mon | Dec 8, 22, 29 2p

Midwest City Library Sat | Dec 13 2p

Storytime

PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)

Edmond Library ^R Mon | Dec 1, 8, 15 10a & 11a

Southern Oaks Library ^R Mon | Dec 1, 8 10:30a

Capitol Hill Library Tue | Dec 2, 9, 16 10:30a

Choctaw Library ^R Tue | Dec 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 10:30a

The Village Library ^R Tue | Dec 9 10a

Northwest Library ^R Tue | Dec 9 10a & 1p

Northwest Library ^R Wed | Dec 10 10a

Northwest Library ^R Thu | Dec 11 10a

Almonte Library ^R Tue | Dec 16 9:30a

Warr Acres Library ^R Tue | Dec 16 7p

Family Storytime

Toddlers (ages 1-3)

Edmond Library ^R Thu | Dec 4, 11, 18 6:30p

Musictime

Babies (0-12 months)

Midwest City Library Mon | Dec 1 9:30a

Belle Isle Library ^R Thu | Dec 18 10a

Northwest Library ^R Tue | Dec 16 10:45a & 1:45p

Northwest Library ^R Thu | Dec 18 10:45a

Toddlers (ages 1-3)

Midwest City Library Mon | Dec 1 10:30a

PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)

The Village Library ^R Thu | Dec 4 10a

Northwest Library ^R Tue | Dec 16 10a & 1p

Downtown Library ^R Thu | Dec 18 10a

Northwest Library ^R Thu | Dec 18 10a

Children Reading to Dogs @ the Library

Children Reading to Dogs

Children (ages 12 & under)

Belle Isle Library Mon | Dec 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 6p

Northwest Library Mon | Dec 1, 8, 15 6p

The Village Library Wed | Dec 3, 10, 17 6p

The Village Library Thu | Dec 4, 18 3:30p

Southern Oaks Library ^R Sat | Dec 6 10a

Midwest City Library ^R Tue | Dec 9 7p

Warr Acres Library Thu | Dec 11 6:30p

Capitol Hill Library Sat | Dec 13 1p

Choctaw Library ^R Sat | Dec 13 3p

Choctaw Library ^R Wed | Dec 17 4p

Southern Oaks Library ^R Tue | Dec 30 6:30p

^R = Registration required for this event.

METROPOLITAN LIBRARY PRESENTS:

Thursday Noon Tunes



DECEMBER 2014

**Downtown Library
Atrium every Thursday
from Noon to 1pm**

DECEMBER 4

Easy Street, trio: classic pop

DECEMBER 11

**Cleveland Elementary Choir
and Belchoir**

DECEMBER 18

**pH Balance, Celtic 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 MIDWEST CITY 8143 E. Reno, MWC, 732-4828	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
10 NORTHWEST 5600 NW 122nd, OKC, 606-3580	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
11 RALPH ELLISON 2000 NE 23rd, OKC, 424-1437	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
12 SOUTHERN OAKS 6900 S. Walker, OKC 631-4468	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
13 THE VILLAGE 10307 N. Pennsylvania Ave., The Village, 755-0710	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
14 WARR ACRES 5901 NW 63rd, Warr Acres, 721-2616	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6

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

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

