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## New *info*

Whether you're a fan of love or cringe at the idea of Valentine's Day, you can't escape that love is in the air in February. It's a month afflicted with paper hearts in pink and red, chalky conversation hearts flirting 'U R Cute' and 'C U L8R' and enough chocolate and roses to choke a cupid. The expectations of this Hallmark Holiday leave many a star-crossed wisher feeling devoid of warm fuzzies....but there is one place that you can always go to feel the love and that's your library.

Before you pluck daisy petals while reciting he/she loves me, he/she loves me not, empty out your rolling suitcase and spend the weekend at the Friends of the Library Annual Booksale on Feb. 20 & 21. The biggest booksale of the year is the icing on your sugar cookie where you can shop to your heart's delight while still maintaining a healthy relationship with your wallet. Read more in this month's *info*.

Count the ways we love you with this month's reviews, programs and special events. We think you will find something to love here with our offerings of books, movies, music and opportunities to learn, laugh and explore. You + Us, that sounds like a partnership built to last.

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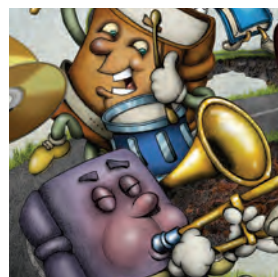




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Experience Books on Parade at the Friends of the Library Annual Booksale on February 20 & 21. The biggest booksale of the year!





Oklahoma Images

# "Yes Indeedy" Mrs. Hannah Atkins

*By Larry Johnson*

This month the Metropolitan Library System is celebrating Black History Month with performances of Rhythmically Speaking's original production of *"Yes Indeedy," Mrs. Hannah Atkins*. We're pretty excited about it, too, because Hannah Atkins was a librarian for us before she became an outspoken civil rights leader. It was only through an interesting twist in Oklahoma City's civil rights history that she was able to take the job in the first place.







Hannah Diggs was born in Winston-Salem, North Carolina in 1923 into a well-educated family. Like a lot of us librarians, she picked up her love of learning and knowledge from her parents. In 2007, she said in an oral history interview, “We grew up surrounded by books as children, and my dad [would] always bring us books instead of candy and junk things.” She married Dr. Charles Atkins while at St. Augustine’s College and eventually earned a master’s degree in library science at University of Chicago. In 1953, the family moved to Oklahoma City and Hannah was hired as the librarian at the Dunbar Branch Library at NE 4 and Durland. At the time, Dunbar was still considered a “separate” library for African Americans because Jim Crow laws were still in effect.

Even though public buildings were subject to Jim Crow, the library was not originally segregated because when Andrew Carnegie gave the money for the first library in 1898 he expressly insisted “that there be no sort of discrimination practiced in any of these temples of knowledge and that they be free of access to children of every clime and of every race.” Librarians like Mabel Peacock made sure it stayed that way.

However, in 1921, the new president of the Library Board suddenly closed

the main library to African Americans. The reason he gave was that the building was too crowded and he reasoned that closing it to African Americans would make more room. He planned to provide \$5000 (roughly 50 cents per African American) for a tiny separate library. When Roscoe Dunjee of the

African Americans he said, “While you look [at the Dunbar library] remember in your own city there is a splendid institution, the Carnegie Library, where there are priceless volumes to which our little Dunbars should have access to and for which you are being taxed to maintain.” The campaign failed.

After 30 years of segregation, when the big new Main Library was built in 1953 to replace the Carnegie, library leadership quietly opened the doors to African Americans because of the widespread support given to passage of the bond issue which paid for it.

Hannah worked at Dunbar until 1956 when she moved over to the law library at the state capitol. She learned so much as

librarian there that she was essentially recruited to run for office as state legislator. She did; and won District 97 in 1968, becoming the first African American woman to be elected to the Oklahoma House of Representatives.

We’re proud of our Hannah!



*Black Dispatch* privately asked a library employee why the president closed the library to his community, she admitted, “He’s a southerner and doesn’t believe in mixing the races.”

Incensed, Dunjee started a campaign to oppose the separate library, which opened in 1922, and the NAACP brought suit against the city to prevent construction. In an editorial he addressed white citizens saying, “We are not making an argument for the intermingling of the races. What we are talking about is the right of the Negro boy and girl to go and get a book and fill his head with knowledge.” And to

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# Reviews & Recommendations

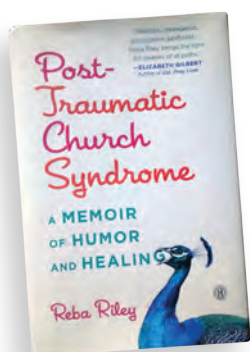
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ON THE SHELF

## Post Traumatic Church Syndrome

by Reba Riley

reviewed by Jennifer Jones



You might say Reba Riley was at rock bottom the moment she decided to reclaim her faith. Crying in a heap of dirty laundry on her closet floor, too weak from a mysterious disease to get dressed for her own birthday party, she decides to face her fear and seek the one thing that traumatized her: religion.

Raised as a devout Christian, Reba had a falling out with her religion and now suffered from what she dubbed PTCS, or Post-Traumatic Church Syndrome. Alter calls gave her hives. A chorus of hallelujahs make her nauseous. Reba sets out on a journey to heal from PTCS by experiencing 30 religions before her 30th birthday. Her raw and hilarious anecdotes from her experience are entertaining, enlightening and humbling.

Though she is bumping around like a blind-folded person in a dark room, her journey illustrates that people of different religions can have a respect and appreciation for each other. At the end of it all, the basics are very much the same.

I discovered this book while going through my own form of PTCS. The humor and humanity in her story helped me move on and made my “trauma” a little less painful. The faithful, the seeking the doubting and the curious would enjoy Reba’s journey of self-discovery in this memoir of humor and healing.

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

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ON THE SHELF

## Fortune smiles: stories

by Adam Johnson

reviewed by Jana Hausburg



Ever set out to write a short story -- set pen to paper and ended up with something between novella and novel? In a 2014 NPR interview, writer Paul Theroux said the short story is “diabolically hard to master.” Fortunately, Pulitzer Prize-winning author Adam Johnson has mastered the art. Each story left me wondering, what happens next?

In “Nirvana,” a brilliant computer programmer is plagued by insomnia. He’s made a promise to his wife that he fears he cannot keep. A byproduct of his sleeplessness leads to the creation of a “seamlessly integrated data interface,” allowing for the holographic projection of the recently assassinated president. What else might his invention do?

In “Hurricanes Anonymous,” a reluctant father is left to

care for his toddler while searching for the boy’s missing mother. “Interesting Facts” explores the feelings of a woman dying of cancer while she watches her family adjust to making their way without her. And in the final story, which gives this collection its title, two men defect from North Korea (one purposefully, the other inadvertently) and try to come to grips with their new reality.

Love, loss, disaster, technology, politics, all are interwoven with fascinating characters and unexpected circumstances.

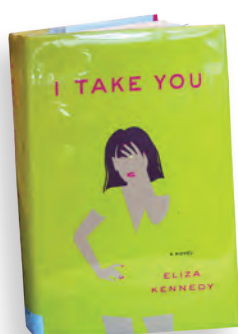
*With her incredible book knowledge and sharply-honed survivor skills, Jana Hausburg is humanity’s best chance in a zombie apocalypse. She is also the manager at the Capitol Hill Library.*



## I Take You

by Eliza Kennedy

reviewed by Alexis Whitney



There is something appealing about stories where most of the characters are horrible, weird and dysfunctional, and *I Take You* by Eliza Kennedy is populated entirely by those kinds of people. Lily and Will are engaged. She is a lawyer, he is an archaeologist. She likes to mess around with men of all sorts, including her boss, a distinguished older man. She also likes drinking to excess, and occasionally uses recreational drugs.

The story is set in Florida as the couple plans their wedding. Will meets Lily's family for the first time, (2 stepmothers, a mother, a grandmother and a rakish British father) and while they like him, they don't think they should get married. Lily's mother thinks Lily should realize she's "constitutionally unsuited for monogamy." Indeed, Lily is picking up men right and

left, in this her last week of singlehood. She loves Will, and seriously does want to marry him, but can't imagine what that would be like. Then, a jaw dropping surprise from Will makes her re-evaluate everything in her life, and leads her to finally grow up. Lily is one messed up chick, but she realizes she is, and even understands why! I thought this book was very funny, and combined humor, understanding and forgiveness in an interesting way. But if you aren't a fan of cursing, drinking, drug use and adult themes, pass on this one.

*I Take You* is available in print and audiobook player.

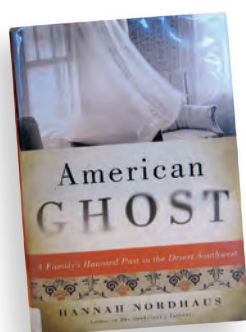
*Alexis Whitney is the lead librarian at the fabulous Southern Oaks Library. She is usually reading three or four books concurrently, which makes her stay up way too late at night.*



## American Ghost: A Family's Haunted Past in the Desert Southwest

by Hannah Nordhaus

reviewed by Christopher Stofel



Author Nordhaus had grown up hearing the ghost stories told about her ancestor whose spirit is said to haunt La Posada Hotel, her former home, just off the plaza in Santa Fe. Combing through meager records and traveling to Europe to uncover Julia's secrets, Nordhaus manages to craft a tale that reads like a novel. It is one part western with a feminine heroine, one part paranormal thriller, and one part fascinating genealogical investigation.

You will meet some surprising historical figures as this book takes you from the Civil War-era Southwest, to 1800s Germany, back to statehood-era New Mexico, to the Jewish Holocaust, and right up present day as

Nordhaus chases down the ghost of Julia and discovers long-hidden family secrets. While this is not a scary-type ghost story as some might surmise from the title, *American Ghost* is satisfying and well-researched and worth the read.

*American Ghost* is available in print, eBook, eAudiobook, audio disk and large print formats.

*Chris Stofel is manager of the Harrah, Jones, Luther, Nicoma Park, and Wright libraries. 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.*





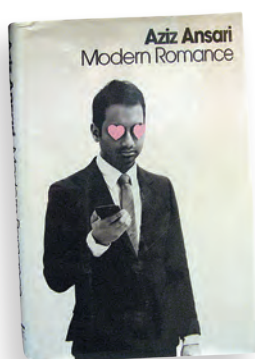
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ON THE SHELF

## Modern Romance

by Aziz Ansari

reviewed by Gloria Melchor



You may know Aziz Ansari as the ambitious and sometimes delusional Tom Haverford on the hit television program “*Parks and Recreation*” but what many might not know about is his brilliant writing ability.

In his debut book, *Modern Romance*, Ansari analyzes the confusion, uncertainty, and vulnerability that many face in the quest to find love in the modern world. After all, we have options right? With texting, online dating, and the plethora of social media apps that connect us, gone are the days of sending out smoke signals or traveling to the ends of the earth to communicate with others.

However, it may be this very “world” that is available to us that poses the problem. Backed with legitimate research conducted over a two year period in cities around the world including Los Angeles, Doha, and Tokyo, Ansari hilariously guides us through the perils of technology and the barricade it can create not only in our romantic relationships but also on the expectations

that we place on our significant other. He concludes, “we want something that’s very passionate, or boiling, from the get-go. In the past, people weren’t looking for something boiling; they just needed some water. Once they found it and committed to a life together, they did their best to heat things up. Now, if things aren’t boiling, committing to marriage seems premature. But searching for a soul mate takes a long time and requires enormous emotional investment. The problem is that this search for the perfect person can generate a lot of stress. Younger generations face immense pressure to find the “perfect person” that simply didn’t exist in the past when “good enough” was good enough.”

*Modern Romance* is available in print, audio disk, eBook and eAudiobook.

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

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ON THE SHELF

## Wonder

by R.J. Palacio

reviewed by Kelley Riha



Have you ever felt self-conscious like everyone is staring at you? Add to this awkwardness a severe physical deformity and an incredibly bright mind--- what do you get? You get one August Pullman, fifth grader; the main character and unlikely hero of *Wonder*.

“It’s like people you see sometimes, and you can’t imagine what it would be like to be that person ... somebody in a wheelchair or somebody who can’t talk. Only I’m that person to other people.... to me, though, I’m just me. An ordinary kid.”

R.J. Palacio’s *Wonder* tells the story of an irregular kid who just wants to be treated like everyone else. To his

mom, dad and Via, he’s Auggie Doggie but to the kids at Beecher Prep, he’s untouchable. Add in a bully or two, and it feels like the whole world is against you. Luckily, when real trouble starts, true friends appear.

While *Wonder* is written as a middle-grade novel, the message is for everyone--- be kind; and not only kind but ‘kinder than necessary’ as you imagine what it would be like to walk a mile in the other person’s moccasins.

*Wonder* is available in print, eBook and audio disk.

*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.*





# Learn and Love Something New

A love of lifelong learning is one of the many things we share in common with our library members. We show affection for our communities in many ways through services, skilled staff and materials. Another way is by offering access to subscription based products so that more people can use and benefit from them. Our online research databases are essentially an online library of information. You will find resources on almost any topic, and many of these resources offer valuable training and education that make you smarter, improve your skills, and give you the advantage in school, the workplace and life.

One of our newest services provides access to skill training site, lynda.com. Whether your learning goals are personal or professional, lynda.com can help you meet them with self-paced, multimedia, high quality training courses all for free! When I was hired in my current position, I was trained in most areas, but pretty clueless in others. I needed a crash course in Photoshop and InDesign software use, and I was able to learn the basics quickly through video courses on lynda.com.

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# How Books Bu







# ilt a Friendship

*It takes a village to raise a library. We are grateful that our village is full of lifelong Friends.*

**W**e met our besties, the Friends of the Metropolitan Library System, in 1978, when a non-profit was formed. Their sole purpose: to support libraries in the Metropolitan Library System. Our Friends committed to work hard to support library services, programs and ultimately, library members. The way they do that is by throwing a HUGE party every February since 1981!

So maybe a giant booksale isn't your idea of a party. Well, you haven't been to this booksale, friend! Open to the public on Feb. 20 & 21, the Friends of the Library Booksale has grown to be one of the largest in the nation. It takes hundreds of volunteers to put on such a soiree, not counting the year-round hours of sorting discarded books and donations that happens at the sort site, all done by Friends volunteers.

February is a busy time for our Friends as they move the over 600,000 items from the sort site to the Oklahoma State Fair Grounds. The party kicks off with an exclusive Member's Only sale Friday, Feb. 19 from 5:30p-9p. To get in on this opportunity for first pick of their prime stock, all you have to do is join the Friends of the Metro Library. Membership fees start as low as \$6 for seniors or \$10 for a family of 4 and come with tickets to the Member's Only sale. Go to [www.supportmls.org](http://www.supportmls.org) to join!)

If you're not a Friends Member and don't mind missing out on the Members Only day, the booksale is open to the public (free) on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 20 and 21 from 9am to 5pm. Veteran "book salers" wheel in suitcases and rolling Rubbermaid totes in anticipation of bulking up on the bargains. Most items are 50 cents or \$1 and the best part is that your purchase shows us that you love us right back! All of the proceeds from the booksale go back into library programs and services. It's the best sort of give and take relationship.

The Friends are our largest contributors to programs like Summer Reading, so when you buy at the booksale, your money is going into the community. That storytime rug your kids love to criss-cross-apple-sauce on may have been a Friends purchase. Have you been to one of our annual world culture concerts with music from Russia, Ireland or China? Those musicians were partially funded by the Friends.

So if you are wishing for more ways to love your library, spend some quality time with us at the booksale and make smart purchases that impact your community. You will love the items you take home, and your dollars will keep the love burning bright for years to come.

Love to volunteer? Go to [www.supportmls.org](http://www.supportmls.org) to sign up and be a part of spreading the love.



# february

## FEATURED EVENTS

To see the latest information about library programs and events, please click on Programs & Events on the MLS website: [www.metrolibrary.org](http://www.metrolibrary.org)

### Commission Meeting

Belle Isle Library Thu | Feb 18 3:30p  
Metropolitan Library Commission of Oklahoma County Monthly Meeting



### Be Well @ the Library

#### Dance Aerobics

Adult  
Choctaw Library® Tue & Wed 6:30p

#### Head's Up: Concussion Workshop

Adult  
Choctaw Library Sat | Feb 27 2p

#### Tai Chi

Senior (ages 55+)  
Northwest Library Mon & Thu 4p

#### Tai Chi for Children

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

#### Workout Wednesdays!

Adult  
Ralph Ellison Library Wednesdays 6p

#### Yoga

Adult  
Northwest Library Sat | Feb 6, 13 10a  
Del City Library Mondays 12p



### Book it @ the Library

**Tailored Titles on Facebook** Wed | Feb 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!

#### Metro Library ReadUp

Adults  
Want to join a book club but can't seem to find the time? Try this one, it's online! Make an account on [goodreads.com](http://goodreads.com), then join the group Metro Library ReadUp.

#### Book Clubs for Adults

Edmond Library Tue | Feb 2 12p  
*Cozy Mysteries*

Belle Isle Library Thu | Feb 4 6p  
*New English Speakers*

Downtown Library® Tue | Feb 16 12p  
*Lunch Bunch*

Belle Isle Library Sat | Feb 20 2p  
*Bestsellers to Blockbusters*

Warr Acres Library Mon | Feb 8 11a  
Edmond Library Mon | Feb 8 6:30p  
Southern Oaks Library Tue | Feb 9 11:30a  
Northwest Library Fri | Feb 12 1p  
The Village Library Mon | Feb 15 3p  
Edmond Library Sat | Feb 20 10:30a

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

#### Book Clubs for Pre-teens & Teens

Edmond Library Thu | Feb 11 4p  
*Young Adult Shippers*

Belle Isle Library Mon | Feb 15, 22 5:30p  
*Anime Club*

Belle Isle Library Tue | Feb 16 4p  
*Random Fandom*

Northwest Library Wed | Feb 24 6p

#### Book Clubs for Children

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)  
Bethany Library® Tue | Feb 23 6:30p  
*Kids' Classics*

Choctaw Library Wednesdays 10a  
Southern Oaks Library Tue | Feb 9 6:30p



### Concerts @ the Library

#### Noon Tunes

All Ages  
Downtown Library Thursdays Noon  
Thu | Feb 4 Lisa and Laura guitar/fiddle/vocals  
Thu | Feb 11 Ms. Brown to You piano/vocals/bass/  
guitar  
Thu | Feb 18 Cleveland Elementary Choir  
Thu | Feb 25 Easy Street pop/oldies

#### Silver Strings

All Ages  
Bethany Library Sat | Feb 13 2p





## Create @ the Library

### Art

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)  
Choctaw Library® Fridays 9:30a

### Adults

Midwest City Library Mon | Feb 8 7p

### PreTeen (ages 9-12)

Warr Acres Library® Tue | Feb 9 4p

### Toddlers (ages 1-3)

Downtown Library® Thu | Feb 11 10a

### Crafts

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

### Adult

Bethany Library Wed | Feb 3 10:30a  
Warr Acres Library Sat | Feb 6 2p

### Valentine Card and Crafts

Children (ages 12 & under)  
Midwest City Library Tue | Feb 9 4p

### Valentine Make & Take

Teen (ages 12-18)  
Choctaw Library Thu | Feb 11 5p  
*Friendship Bracelets*

### PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)

Almonte Library Sat | Feb 27 3p

### Crayon Craze

Adult  
Edmond Library® Tue | Feb 16 7p

### Creative Writing

Adult  
Midwest City Library Mon | Feb 1, 22 6p  
Ralph Ellison Library Thu | Feb 11 6p  
Ralph Ellison Library Mon | Feb 29 7p  
*Poetry*

### Writing Contest

### Teens

*See highlighted events for info*

### Crochet

Adult  
Choctaw Library Sat | Feb 6 1p  
Belle Isle Library Thu | Feb 25 7p

# Family events at our Community Libraries

Spending time at the library just got more exciting. Bring your preschooler to our storytimes, build imagination with your gradeschoolers at our Lego Clubs and play with the whole family at our Gamefests!



## Lego Club!

If you can imagine it, you can build it! Spark your creativity and satisfy your curiosity at Lego Club. Join other kids to engineer some fun.

### Harrah Library

Wed | Feb 3 at 4p (first Wed of each month)

### Luther Library

Thu | Feb 4 at 4p (first Thu of each month)

## Storytimes!

A storytime just for you at your neighborhood library! Skilled librarians will introduce little ones to the library and help parents and caregivers create reading readiness.

### Wright Library

Fri | Feb 5 at 3:30p (first Fri of each month)

### Harrah Library

Wed | Feb 17 at 4p (third Wed of each month)

### Luther Library

Thu | Feb 18 at 4p (third Thu of each month)

## Family Gamefests!

Bring your family and come play video games and board games at the library.

### Wright Library

Wed | Feb 10 from 3p-5p (second Wed of each month)

### Luther Library

Thu | Feb 11 from 4p-5:30p (second Thu of each month)

### Harrah Library

Wed | Feb 24 at 4p (fourth Wed of each month)



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# featured events

## Journaling

Teen (ages 12-18)

Northwest Library® Thu | Feb 18

4p

## Knitting Club

Adult

Almonte Library Thu | Feb 4 5:30p

Choctaw Library Sat | Feb 6 10a

Southern Oaks Library® Mon | Feb 8 5:30p

Northwest Library Tue | Feb 9 6p

The Village Library Sat | Feb 13 10a

## Maker Space

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Northwest Library® Mon | Feb 8 4p

Teen (ages 12-18)

Belle Isle Library Tue | Feb 2 4p

The Village Library® Thu | Feb 11 4p

## Paint a Teacup

Adult

Almonte Library® Sat | Feb 13 3p

## Quilting Club

Adult

Ralph Ellison Library Mon & Fri 11a

Midwest City Library Mondays 9a

## Teen Tie-Dye

Teen (ages 12-18)

Midwest City Library Thu | Feb 25 4p



## Chess Club

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

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

All Ages

The Village Library Fridays 4p

## Family Game Night!

All Ages

Wright Library Wed | Feb 10 3p

Luther Library Thu | Feb 11 4p

Harrah Library Wed | Feb 24 4p

Northwest Library Thu | Feb 25 6p

## Gaming Club

Teen (Ages 12-18)

Belle Isle Library® Thu | Feb 11, 25 4p

Bring Your Own Device

Choctaw Library Thu | Feb 18 5p

The Village Library Thu | Feb 18 4p

## Juggling Club

Teen (Ages 12-18)

Belle Isle Library Tue | Feb 9 4p

Wed | Feb 17 4p

## Larger Than Normal Gaming

Teen (ages 12-18)

Midwest City Library Thu | Feb 11 4p

## LEGO Club

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Harrah Library Wed | Feb 3 4p

Luther Library Thu | Feb 4 4p

Capitol Hill Library Thu | Feb 11 4:30p

Warr Acres Library® Sat | Feb 13 10:30a

Edmond Library® Sat | Feb 13 3p

Downtown Library® Mon | Feb 15 6:30p

Almonte Library® Mon | Feb 15 2p

Choctaw Library® Wed | Feb 24 4p

PreTeen (ages 9-12)

Choctaw Library® Mon | Feb 15, 22, 29 4p

LEGO Robotics

## Minecraft

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

Choctaw Library® Mon | Feb 1 4p

Warr Acres Library® Thu | Feb 4 6:30p

Downtown Library® Mon | Feb 8 6:30p

Capitol Hill Library Thu | Feb 18 4:30p

## Yu-Gi-Oh!

Teen (ages 12-18)

Bethany Library Sat | Feb 6 10a



## College Prep

Teens (Ages 12-18)

Almonte Library® Wed | Feb 10 6p

## Crazy Science Activities

PreTeen (ages 9-12)

Southern Oaks Library® Sat | Feb 27 1:30p

## Homework Help

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Capitol Hill Library Wednesday 4p

Midwest City Library Wednesdays 4p

Almonte Library Wed | Feb 3, 17 5p

Southern Oaks Library® Thu | Feb 4, 11, 25 4p

## Intermediate Spanish

Adult

Capitol Hill Library Mon | Feb 15, 22, 29 5:30p

## Library Explorers

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Northwest Library® Mon | Feb 22 4p



# METRO LIBRARY TEEN WRITING CONTEST

## In Your Own Words

Showcase your writing skills and creativity!  
You could be published on our website,  
featured in info magazine, win cash  
prizes and share your work at a  
community-wide literary festival.

- \* Ages 14-19
- \* Entries accepted February 1-29
- \* CASH PRIZES

### CATEGORIES:

- \* Fiction/short story
- \* Nonfiction essay
- \* Poetry
- \* Play
- \* Comics

### HOW TO ENTER:

Go to [www.metrolibrary.org/writingcon](http://www.metrolibrary.org/writingcon) to read the rules and complete the online entry form, or ask a library staff member to help you submit your entry at any Metro Library location.



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LIBRARY SYSTEM

[www.metrolibrary.org](http://www.metrolibrary.org)





# featured events

## NIH Senior Health FAQs

Site Map and Search Box

Senior (ages 55+)

The Village Library® Tue | Feb 9 10a

## Reading Buddies

Children (ages 12 & under)

Warr Acres Library Sun | Feb 14, 28 2p

## Rocket Readers

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Bethany Library Mondays 5:30p, 6p, 6:30p

## Snakes in the Library

All Ages

Choctaw Library Sat | Feb 20 10a

## Tech Talks: Senior Health

National Institutes of Health Senior Health Resources

Senior (ages 55+)

Edmond Library® Wednesdays 1p

Wed | Feb 3 NIHSeniorHealth.gov and Go4Life®

Wed | Feb 10 Introduction to Medline Plus

Wed | Feb 17 Medline Plus: Drugs and Supplements

Wed | Feb 24 Medline Plus: News, Doctors and Hospitals



Please check our online calendar for even more events!

## Teen Writing Contest

Teens Ages 14-19

Enter the Metro Library Teen Writing contest this February for a chance to share your work through the library and present at a literary festival! We are accepting entries of fiction/short stories, poetry, nonfiction essays, plays and comics. Don't miss your chance—entries are due February 29th. Go to [www.metrolibrary.org/writingcon](http://www.metrolibrary.org/writingcon) to enter or find out more.

## Lovesick Bookworms

Children (ages 12 & under)

Choctaw Library All month in February

Four lovesick bookworms have wiggled their way through our children's bookshelves in search of the books they love more than anything else. Can you find all four of them each week and let us know in which book they reside? Write down each title and share it with a librarian for a special sticker or bookmark!

## Blind Date with a Book

Teen (ages 12-18)

Choctaw Library All month in February

Just in time for Valentine's Day, we'll select a variety of books, wrap them all up in oh so secretive wrapping paper and you won't know the identity of your blind date till you get it home. Will it be fiction or non-fiction -- funny, informative, a mystery or romance? It's a literary guessing game! You may choose any wrapped book in our Blind Date with a Book display in the teen section and check it out

before unwrapping! Fill out the questionnaire provided and turn it back in for a special surprise.

## Fan Fiction & Fan Art Contest

All Ages

Southern Oaks Library

Submit entries Jan 4-Mar 20.

Announcement party Sat | Mar 26 1:30p

Fan art may be any medium and contain original characters, but must contain copyrighted characters as the main theme. Similar rules apply to fan fiction. For complete rules, go to [www.metrolibrary.org/fan](http://www.metrolibrary.org/fan).

## Black History Month Celebration

All Ages

"Yes Indeed, Mrs. Hannah Atkins" performed by Rhythmically Speaking

Hannah Atkins was an early rising, tea sipping, no nonsense dedicated public servant. Hannah was the first female African-American Representative elected to the Oklahoma Congress and was appointed to the United Nations in 1980. Watch this story come to life in a play written and directed by local storyteller DWe Williams.

Belle Isle Library	Mon   Feb 1	7p
The Village Library	Wed   Feb 3	6:30p
Capitol Hill Library	Thu   Feb 4	3p
Del City Library	Sat   Feb 6	3p
Choctaw Library	Mon   Feb 8	6p
Ralph Ellison Library	Tue   Feb 9	6p
Warr Acres Library	Tue   Feb 16	7p
Southern Oaks Library	Thu   Feb 18	6:30p
Northwest Library	Sat   Feb 20	10a
Bethany Library	Sat   Feb 20	2p
Midwest City Library	Sun   Feb 21	4p
Almonte Library	Mon   Feb 22	5p
Edmond Library	Sat   Feb 27	2p
Downtown Library	Sun   Feb 28	2p

## Gracie's Unexpected Journey

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Edmond Library Wed | Feb 3 4:30p

What do tornadoes, giant tortoises and Edmond, Oklahoma all have in common? Come find out as we read the story of Gracie's Unexpected Journey and meet the authors, illustrators, and even the star of the story, Gracie herself! This special tortoise has a great deal to teach us about perseverance, hope and friendship.

## Harry Potter Book Nights

Teen (ages 12-18)

We are pleased to inform you that you have been accepted at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Wizards, witches and even muggles are welcome to join us for a night of spellbinding fun.

Midwest City Library	Thu   Feb 4	4p
The Village Library	Thu   Feb 4	4p (All Ages)
Choctaw Library	Thu   Feb 4	5p
Northwest Library*	Thu   Feb 4	7p

\*Trivia contest, costumes welcome



### Valentine Pop Up Party

All Ages

Belle Isle Library Sat | Feb 6 2p

Grab the ones you love and join us for some Valentine's Day fun. We will have a Valentine's Day pop-up card demonstration and all the supplies you need to make the perfect valentine for your special someone, plus stories, music and more.

For the month of February, we are collecting soda pop to donate to the Friends of the Library volunteers at the booksale. Please bring a can or two and share the love!

### Thunder Pep Rally

All Ages

Downtown Library Thu | Feb 11 5p

Thunder up! Come to the Downtown Library to get pepped up for the Thunder game! Whether you are heading to the game or just want to show your team spirit, fans of all ages can make signs to cheer on the team. There will be face painting, Thunder themed crafts and more.

### Chocolate!

Teen (ages 12-18)

Warr Acres Library® Thu | Feb 11 6:30p

Obey your sweet tooth! Come celebrate Valentine's Day with us. Enjoy making delicious fondue, then get ready to compete in challenges created for the heart of a champion.

### Being a Man: 2016

Adult

Ralph Ellison Library Sat | Feb 13 10:30a

The role of men is evolving and being redefined in today's society. Often these expectations and roles are confusing, leaving men to define themselves. Join us in this series of discussions about historical masculinity, male socialization, the MAN Box, and much more. This series is designed for men over the age of 18.

### Anti-Valentine's Day Party

Teen (ages 12-18)

Downtown Library® Sat | Feb 13 2p

Has love got you down? Is Valentine's Day not your thing? Come celebrate the Nightmare before Valentine's Day with other teens! Craft the perfect breakup letter, smash heart candy and more. Bring your friends and take un-festive photos in a photo booth. All black clothing is encouraged but not required.

### Valentine Murder Mystery

Adult

Belle Isle Library® Sat | Feb 13 2p

Bring your Valentine and participate in a murder mystery set in Edwardian times. Fans of *Downton Abbey* will be thrilled to help solve the murder of a mysterious woman on the eve of the big wedding. Snacks will be provided, and you can dress in the time period.

### The Great Puzzle Challenge

Teen (ages 12-18)

Midwest City Library Thu | Feb 18 4p

From the Sphinx's riddle in Greek myth to the modern day Rubik's Cube, mankind has always had a deep fascination with puzzles. After all, what other pastime so effectively provides engaging entertainment while providing the opportunity to display one's

mental prowess? Join us on our own challenge course and pit your brain against a villainous set of mind benders.

### Bob Has a Blue Thumb - Do You?

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Edmond Library® Sat | Feb 20 10a

Learn about caring for the environment with award-winning teen authors Ariel, Ava and Katie. Come for a storytelling and cool interactive display that will teach us how to keep our creeks and rivers clean and healthy. Receive a signed copy of the girls' latest book, *Bob Has a Blue Thumb*.

### Crowns Tea

Adult

Midwest City Library Sun | Feb 21 1p

To celebrate the rich tradition of church hats in the African-American community, the Midwest City Library will host our Sixth Annual Crowns Tea. Attendees will partake of drinks, hors d'oeuvres and entertainment. Space is limited so please pick up tickets at the Information Desk. All attendees must wear a hat—a church hat is preferred.

### Rock and Read with the Musical Mom

PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)

Southern Oaks Library® Tue | Feb 23 6p

Musical Mom uses melody and rhythm to introduce early language and literacy skills to the youngest listeners. Kids will gain hands on experience with musical instruments while dancing, singing, and exercising their creativity.

### Leap Year Party

Children (ages 12 & under)

Midwest City Library Mon | Feb 29 4:30p

Come celebrate the day of the year so fun, it can only happen once every 4 years! Join us for fun crafts and games as we learn about Leap Year Day.

### Tax Help

Adult

Need help preparing and filing your state and federal income tax returns? Volunteers from AARP will provide free tax preparation and e-filing assistance on a first-come, first-served basis. Be sure to bring all relevant documents with you, e.g. all earnings and dividend statements, copies of last year's federal and state returns, and proof of your bank account numbers for direct deposit. Tax Help is a free service provided by community volunteers. Sessions may be canceled due to unforeseen circumstances. Please call ahead to confirm dates and times.

Warr Acres Library	Mondays and Fridays	9a-3p
The Village Library	Tuesdays	9a-2p
Northwest Library	Wednesdays	10a-3p
Southern Oaks Library	Thursdays and Fridays	9a-3p
The Village Library	Saturdays	9:30a-2p
Ralph Ellison Library	Saturdays	10a-4p

® = Registration required for this event.

# Kids @ the Library

## Play @ the Library

### 123! Play with Me!

Toddlers (ages 1-3)

Bethany Library® Thu | Feb 4 9:30a & 10:30a

### Playtime

Babies (0-12 months)

Belle Isle Library® Mon & Thu 10a

Northwest Library® Tue | Feb 2, 16 9:30a

Northwest Library® Wed | Feb 3, 17 9:30a

Downtown Library® Thu | Feb 25 10a

Toddlers (ages 1-3)

Northwest Library® Tue | Feb 2 10:15a

Northwest Library® Wed | Feb 3 10:15a

Warr Acres Library Wed | Feb 10, 17, 24 9:15a & 10:30a

Choctaw Library Sat | Feb 13 10a

Bethany Library® Thu | Feb 18, 25 9:30a & 10:30a

The Village Library® Thu | Feb 25 10a

PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)

Northwest Library® Tue | Feb 2 11a

Northwest Library® Wed | Feb 3 11a

Choctaw Library® Thu | Feb 4 10:30a

parachute play

Warr Acres Library Tue | Feb 9 10:30a

parachute play

### Toddler & Preschool Aerobics

Toddlers (ages 1-3)

Northwest Library® Tue | Feb 16 10:15a

Northwest Library® Wed | Feb 17 10:15a

PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)

Northwest Library® Tue | Feb 16 11a

Northwest Library® Wed | Feb 17 11a

## Storytime @ the Library

### Mother Goose on the Loose

Toddlers (ages 1-3)

Warr Acres Library® Tue | Feb 9, 23 9:30a

Southern Oaks Library® Wed | Feb 17 10:30a

The Village Library® Thu | Feb 18 10a

Warr Acres Library® Thu | Feb 25 6p

Almonte Library Sun | Feb 28 3p

### Musictime

Babies (0-12 months)

Edmond Library® Mon | Feb 22 9a

Northwest Library® Tue | Feb 23 9:30a

Northwest Library® Wed | Feb 24 9:30a

Toddlers (ages 1-3)

Northwest Library® Tue | Feb 23 10:15a

Northwest Library® Wed | Feb 24 10:15a

PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)

The Village Library® Thu | Feb 4 10a

Downtown Library® Thu | Feb 18 10a

Edmond Library® Mon | Feb 22 10a & 11a

Northwest Library® Tue | Feb 23 11a

Northwest Library® Wed | Feb 24 11a

### Pajama Family Storytime

PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)

Belle Isle Library Wednesdays 6:30p

Toddlers (ages 1-3)

Edmond Library® Thursdays 6:30p

### Storytime

PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)

Edmond Library® Mon | Feb 1, 8, 15, 29 10a & 11a

Choctaw Library® Tuesdays 10:30a

Downtown Library® Thu | Feb 4 10a

Wright Library Fri | Feb 5 3:30p

Southern Oaks Library® Mon | Feb 8, 15, 22 10:30a

Northwest Library® Tue | Feb 9 11a

Bethany Library® Tue | Feb 9 6:30p

Valentine Story & Craft

Northwest Library® Wed | Feb 10 11a

Bethany Library® Thu | Feb 11 10a

The Village Library® Thu | Feb 11 10a

Warr Acres Library® Sat | Feb 20 10:30a

Warr Acres Library® Tue | Feb 23 10:30a

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Harrah Library Wed | Feb 17 4p

Luther Library Thu | Feb 18 4p

Children (ages 12 & under)

Capitol Hill Library Tuesdays 4p

### Babytime

Babies (0-12 months)

Belle Isle Library Mondays 9:30a

Edmond Library® Tuesdays 10a

Northwest Library® Tue | Feb 9 9:30a

Northwest Library® Wed | Feb 10 9:30a

### Toddler Time

Toddlers (ages 1-3)

Choctaw Library® Tuesdays 9:30a

Belle Isle Library® Tuesdays 10a

Northwest Library® Tue | Feb 9 10:15a

Northwest Library® Wed | Feb 10 10:15a

Edmond Library® Wednesdays 10a & 11a

## Children Reading to Dogs @ the Library

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Northwest Library Mon | Feb 1, 15 6p

Southern Oaks Library® Tue | Feb 2 6:30p

Edmond Library Tue | Feb 2 12p

The Village Library Wednesdays 6p

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

Capitol Hill Library Sat | Feb 13 1p

Choctaw Library® Sat | Feb 13 3p

Edmond Library Tue | Feb 16 6:30p

Choctaw Library® Wed | Feb 17 4p

Warr Acres Library Thu | Feb 18 6:30p

Southern Oaks Library® Sat | Feb 20 10a

Downtown Library Mon | Feb 22 6:30p



In Celebration of Black History Month, Metropolitan Library System Presents:

*Rhythmically Speaking's  
performance of*

# "Yes Indeedy" Mrs. Hannah Atkins

Hannah Atkins was a no-nonsense dedicated public servant for 12 years and the first female African American elected to the Oklahoma House of Representatives. Yes indeedy, Hannah Atkins was a gadfly poised to prick the moral conscience of law makers.

**Mon | Feb 1 at 7p**

Belle Isle Library  
5501 N. Villa Ave | 843-9601

**Wed | Feb 3 at 6:30p**

The Village Library  
10307 N. Penn Ave. | 755-0710

**Thu | Feb 4 at 3p**

Capitol Hill Library  
330 SW 24 | 634-6308

**Sat | Feb 6 at 3p**

Del City Library  
4509 SE 15 | 672-1377

**Mon | Feb 8 at 6p**

Choctaw Library  
2525 Muzzy | 390-8418

**Tue | Feb 9 at 6p**

Ralph Ellison Library  
2000 NE 23 | 424-1437

**Tue | Feb 16 at 7p**

Warr Acres Library  
5901 NW 63 | 721-2616

**Thu | Feb 18 at 6:30p**

Southern Oaks Library  
6900 S. Walker | 631-4468

**Sat | Feb 20 at 10a**

Northwest Library  
5600 NW 122 | 606-3580

**Sat | Feb 20 at 2p**

Bethany Library  
3510 N Mueller | 789-8363

**Sun | Feb 21 at 4p**

Midwest City Library  
8143 E. Reno | 732-4828

**Mon | Feb 22 at 5p**

Almonte Library  
2914 SW 59 at 5p | 606-3575

**Sat | Feb 27 at 2p**

Edmond Library  
10 S. Boulevard | 341-9282

**Sun | Feb 28 at 2p**

Downtown Library  
300 Park Ave. | 231-8650



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## MLS LIBRARIES

	M	T	W	TH	F	S	S
1 ALMONTE 2914 SW 59, OKC, 606-3575	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
2 BELLE ISLE 5501 N. Villa, OKC, 843-9601	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
3 BETHANY 3510 N. Mueller, Bethany, 789-8363	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
4 CAPITOL HILL 330 SW 24th, OKC, 634-6308	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
5 CHOCTAW 2525 Muzzy Street, Choctaw, 390-8418	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
6 DEL CITY 4509 SE 15th, Del City, 672-1377	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
7 DOWNTOWN 300 Park Ave., OKC, 231-8650	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
8 EDMOND 10 S. Boulevard, Edmond, 341-9282	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
9 HARRAH* 1930 N. Church Avenue, Harrah, 454-2001	9:30-6	9:30-6	9:30-6	9:30-6	9-5	9-5	—
10 JONES* 111 E. Main, Jones, 399-5471	—	9:30-5:30	—	9:30-5:30	—	9-5	—
11 LUTHER* 310 NE 3rd, Luther, 277-9967	9:30-6	9:30-6	9:30-6	9:30-6	9-5	9-5	—
12 MIDWEST CITY 8143 E. Reno, MWC, 732-4828	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
13 NICOMA PARK* 2240 Overholser, Nicoma Park, 769-9452	—	9:30-5:30	9:30-5:30	9:30-5:30	9-5	9-5	—
14 NORTHWEST 5600 NW 122nd, OKC, 606-3580	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
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

