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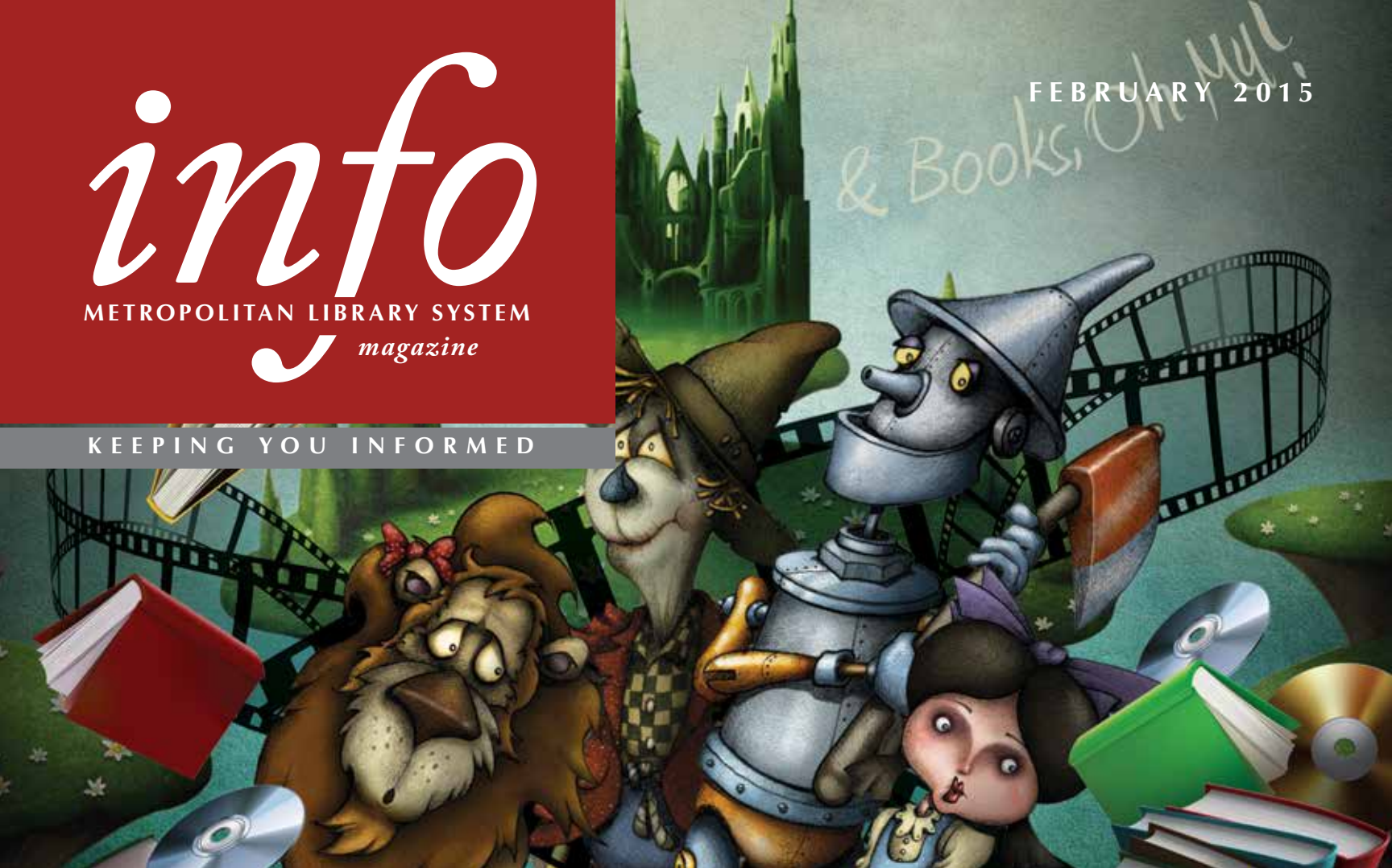
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New *info*

February is for lovers...lovers of books, trivia and history that is!

Follow the yellow brick road to all the books that your heart desires. It leads to the Oklahoma Expo Hall at the Fairgrounds on Feb. 21-22 for the annual Friends of the Library Booksale! You can find books about courage, heart, and home all while increasing your brain power. Bring your rolling suitcase and a few bucks and go nuts! Shop Saturday and Sunday from 9am – 5:30pm, Feb. 21 and 22, and for the first time ever, credit cards are accepted (with a minimum purchase of \$20). Of course, we can't sell all of those books without a lot of help, so go to www.supportmls.org to register to volunteer.

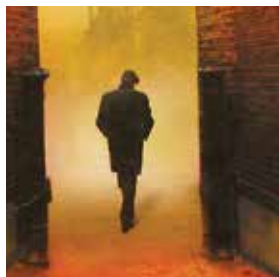
Also this month, we celebrate Black History Month with theater, trivia, history and resources aplenty.

Read about W.J. Edwards, an Oklahoma City entrepreneur who built dream houses in the 1940's for black Americans who never thought they would own a home, in our Oklahoma Images article. If that piques your interest, watch his story brought to life by Rhythmically Speaking in a series of theatrical musicals coming to a library near you.





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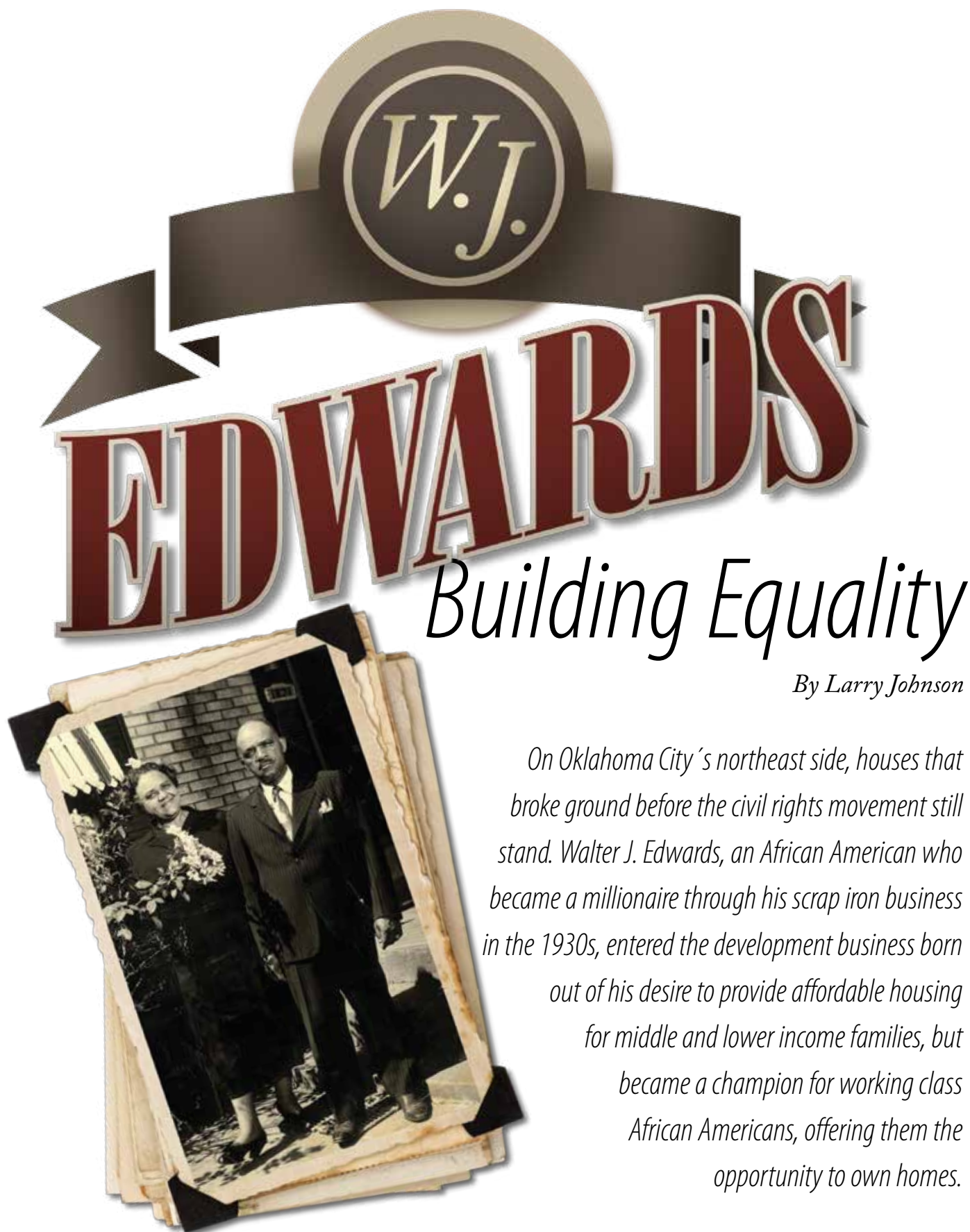
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Oklahoma Images



On Oklahoma City's northeast side, houses that broke ground before the civil rights movement still stand. Walter J. Edwards, an African American who became a millionaire through his scrap iron business in the 1930s, entered the development business born out of his desire to provide affordable housing for middle and lower income families, but became a champion for working class African Americans, offering them the opportunity to own homes.



Edwards bought a large tract of land east of the city. This area was designated by “Jim Crow” laws as the only place blacks could live. In 1941 he built himself a large beautiful home at NE 10th and Grand Blvd. The house, 2,689 square feet and one and a half

Edwards never set out to be a civil rights champion – he just wanted to help his neighbors – but he did a great service to ending “Jim Crow” segregation in Oklahoma City and the nation.

stories, is now listed on the Oklahoma Historic Places Registry, along with the Edwards Heights and Edwards districts.

Like other developers in the area in the 1940s, he saw the need for more housing for returning soldiers and working families in Oklahoma City. Even though black soldiers received the same GI Bill benefits as other soldiers,

they were prevented from using those benefits because there was no place for them to purchase new single family homes.

When Edwards tried to develop the area, he was stonewalled by the local office which handled the distribution of federal funds for housing projects. He and his wife Frances fought this injustice and went all the way to Washington, DC with their case and finally won approval there.

As it turns out Edwards may have been the first developer to secure GI Bill and FHA funds for black neighborhoods. In 1946, then, Edwards built about 175 modest single family homes on his property – Edwards Addition. He also paved the way for the Carverdale and Creston Hills developments. The three neighborhoods together make up what is referred to today as the “CEC Triangle.”

He also built the Edwards Hospital, the only hospital in the city built and operated by African Americans and later Edwards School and a neighborhood park was named in his honor. Edwards never set out to be a civil rights champion – he just wanted to help his neighbors – but he

did a great service to ending “Jim Crow” segregation in Oklahoma City and the nation.



Edwards Hospital construction.

Learn more about Edwards, and his entrepreneurial success in the Black History Month performances by Rhythmically Speaking. The local theater group will perform an original play with song and dance featuring the story of W.J. Edwards and his work in the community.

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



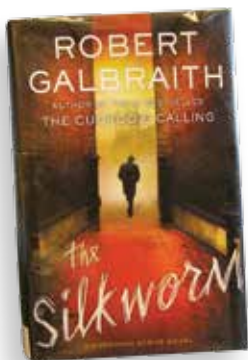
Reviews & Recommendations

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ON THE SHELF

The Silkworm

by Robert Galbraith (J. K. Rowling)

reviewed by Christine Bassett



I recently listened to the audiobook of Galbraith's latest novel with some reservations. Could J. K. Rowling actually write a novel for adults that I would enjoy reading? *The Silkworm* follows the typical detective pattern with some differences. One-legged gentle giant, private detective Cormoran Strike, who first appeared in *The Cuckoo's Calling*, is asked to find Leonora Quine's author husband, Owen. Strike's female sidekick, Robin Ellacott, uses her interpersonal skills and grim determination to help him solve the mystery of what has happened to Quine. Detective Anstis joins the mix as the inept inspector from Scotland Yard who gets it all wrong.

The story has lots of quirks. It is always snowing and you find yourself thinking, 'is it really snowing again?' Strike is not exactly a typical 30 something. Everyone has unusual names: whoever met anyone called Quine

or Strike? Owen Quine's manuscript *Bombyx Mori* (silkworm) is a weird satire which is a vicious attack on those close to him including his publisher, his agent, his editor, his mistress and his wife, Leonora.

In the audio version, Robert Glenister does a fine job of using different voices and accents to bring life and energy to Galbraith's novel. *The Silkworm* is both compelling and bizarre at the same time and will keep you hanging on until the bitter end. I'm ready for the next one!

The Silkworm is available in both print and digital formats, as well as in large print.

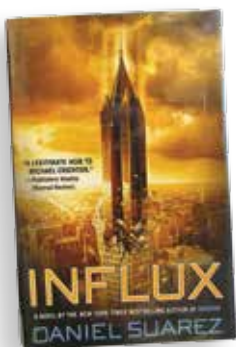
Christine Bassett has worked for MLS for over 15 years. She is a reference librarian at Bethany Library and is the Rocket Readers coordinator, a program offering reading help to kids.

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ON THE SHELF

Influx

by Daniel Suarez

reviewed by Jana Hausburg



"You can never live among normal people again. Your mind is just too dangerous."

Years in the making, Jon Grady has created the invention of a lifetime: a gravity mirror. After a team arrives to investigate the efficacy of his invention and finds that the thing does indeed work, the entire lab is firebombed by an anti-technology terrorist group. The particle physicist and his brilliant brain go up in flames.

Yet Grady awakes in a modernistic waiting room and is interviewed by Mr. Hedrick, the head of a government agency called the Federal Bureau of Technology Control (BTC). The scientist learns that some things are too technologically advanced to be let loose among humanity. Social upheaval, crumbling economies, dogs and cats living together – Hedrick outlines a nightmare scenario

to the increasingly incredulous Grady, who refuses to allow his invention to be added to the BTC's collection of innovation along with the cure for cancer, fusion, and immortality.

The nightmare is only beginning for Grady. Along with other resistors, he is imprisoned and tortured. But all is not lost. There are other brilliant brains nearby. And they are scheming.

This title is also available in audio download load and eBook format.

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.



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ON THE SHELF

Food: A Love Story by Jim Gaffigan

reviewed by Alexis Whitney



Comedian Jim Gaffigan is famous for his jokes about Hot Pockets, or “pop tarts filled with nasty meat” that he regularly eats despite how disgusting they are. In his new book, *Food: A Love Story*, he shares his passion for some other food groups: steak, bacon, cinnabon, cheese, and cheeseburgers. His rhapsodizing over the horrible things he loves to eat might make readers worry a little about his health, for instance when he says the Domino’s Pasta Bread Bowl should be served with mashed potatoes, or that he eats to smother his feelings.

But I can’t disagree with Gaffigan about how awful seafood and kale, two healthy foods are. Seafood gives him the willies and tastes like, well, fish. This is one of the few foods that people have to try to convince him to eat, usually by saying it tastes like something else. He doesn’t fall for this: “Instead of eating the halibut that

tastes like chicken, why don’t I just order the chicken?” But probably the worst seafood is oysters, which he calls “snot from a rock.” (This was a laugh out loud moment for me, as I feel the same way.) He also sees through the hype about kale: “If tasting horrible is an indication of something being healthy, kale is the healthiest thing out there.” During this winter season of eating to excess, reading this hilarious book might make you feel a little better about your own gluttonous tendencies, because if you have any, they surely aren’t as bad as Jim Gaffigan’s.

This title is also available in audio Playaway format.

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.

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ON THE SHELF

The Pigeon Needs a Bath! by Mo Willems

reviewed by Kelley Riha



Everybody’s favorite pigeon is back and more outspoken than ever. This time around, the dirty bird needs to change his ways in *Pigeon Needs a Bath* but if you know anything about this Pigeon, you know he won’t go down without a fight.

Author and illustrator Mo Willems creates another winning story for you and your littles to enjoy together. Centered on the loveable yet troublesome Pigeon, the narrator suggests Pigeon needs to clean up his act and get in the tub. Will he simply comply? No! He’s going to argue up one side and down the other, remind the reader “that he just bathed last month” and he’ll find a hundred-and-one excuses to avoid bathing. Pigeon’s

feathers get ruffled and he simply refuses to accept that he needs a bath until the flies won’t land, and instead fly by commenting, “take a bath, Dude.”

Willems’ fans will coo with delight at Pigeon’s shenanigans as he tries to fight the inevitable but (spoiler alert) the bathtub wins in the end. For parents with toddlers in the real world, this is no small accomplishment.

Need mo’? Metro Libraries carry over fifty Willems’ titles that are all good clean fun.

Kelley Riha is Community Information Coordinator in the MLS Outreach Dept. She is a long-time performer for children and reviews books written for the youngest readers.



Reviews & Recommendations



The Paper Magician by Charlie N. Holmberg

reviewed by Tracey Thompson



From debut author, Charlie N. Holmberg, comes a charming tale of a young girl who learns that life is not always what it seems. Ceony Twill graduates from the Tagis Proaff School for the Magically Inclined with dreams of becoming a smelter. She is devastated to be assigned to work with paper. Once she bonds with paper, it is for life, and her path will be set. She arrives at the cottage of Magical Emery Thane for her apprenticeship

with a heavy heart. To her surprise, he teaches her the amazing magic bound in paper and the words it can contain, and when his life is threatened by forbidden magic, she must travel through his heart to save him. The *Paper Magician* is a delightful story recommended for readers young and old.

Librarian by day, crime fighter by night. I am Batman!



Where the Heart Lives Series by Robin Lee Hatcher

reviewed by Phyllis Davidson



While standing beside his mother's deathbed, 13-year-old Hugh Brennan promised he would take care of his two sisters. The three children went from a Chicago orphanage to an orphan train headed west. Unfortunately, none of the families who met the train wanted more than one child, so they grew up separately.

In *Belonging*, the middle child, Felicia, lands a job as a schoolteacher in Frenchman's Bluff, Idaho. She loves the children and wants to make a difference in their lives, but a powerful community member wants to see her fired.

In *Betrayal*, Hugh Brennan heads west to try to find his two sisters. Out of money and food, he stops at a ranch to ask for work. Julia Grace doesn't trust him or any other man, but it's hard for a woman to round up

cattle alone, so she takes a chance on Hugh.

In *Beloved*, the youngest child, Diana, is just a day away from having her missing husband declared dead so she can announce her engagement to another man. What a shock when he reappears, very much alive, and claims to be a changed man. He wants to reclaim the wife he had abandoned seven years before.

If you like orphan train stories, you're in for a triple treat.

This series is available in both print and digital formats, as well as in large print.

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.



The New Year Brings New Director to the Metropolitan Library System

This year is the start of a new era as the Metropolitan Library System welcomes new Executive Director, Tim Rogers.

Since officially taking over the executive director role on January 5, Rogers has been visiting libraries, getting to know staff and talking with customers throughout the library system.

For the past ten years, he has been living the Tar Heel life as the Executive Director of NC LIVE, a consortium of libraries that provide digital content and services to 200 North Carolina libraries. "I'm excited to come to Oklahoma City and head one of the best library systems in the nation," Rogers says. "The Metropolitan Library System is well known in the ranks of public libraries and is nationally recognized as being on the forefront of library services and technology."

But living in the Midwest and the library environment is nothing new for him. Prior to

NC LIVE, he worked for the Johnson County Libraries in Overland Park, KS for ten years – serving as the Associate Director for seven years.

"Public libraries are an integral part of the community," Rogers says, "and the best way to be a major part of that is to get out and be active in the community and not just be seen as the librarian behind the desk," he says. "As I get to know the staff and customers and learn more about the scope of our services, I continue to be amazed at the level of dedication and passion exhibited by the staff."

Rogers is the recipient of several staff development awards, including The STARR Award for Outstanding Service and the Morale Booster of the Year.

Since moving here in late December, he and his wife, Carla, an elementary school teacher, have been discovering the local flavor of OKC, enjoying live music, good food and museums. And soon, he hopes to see the NBA's MVP show his skills on the court!

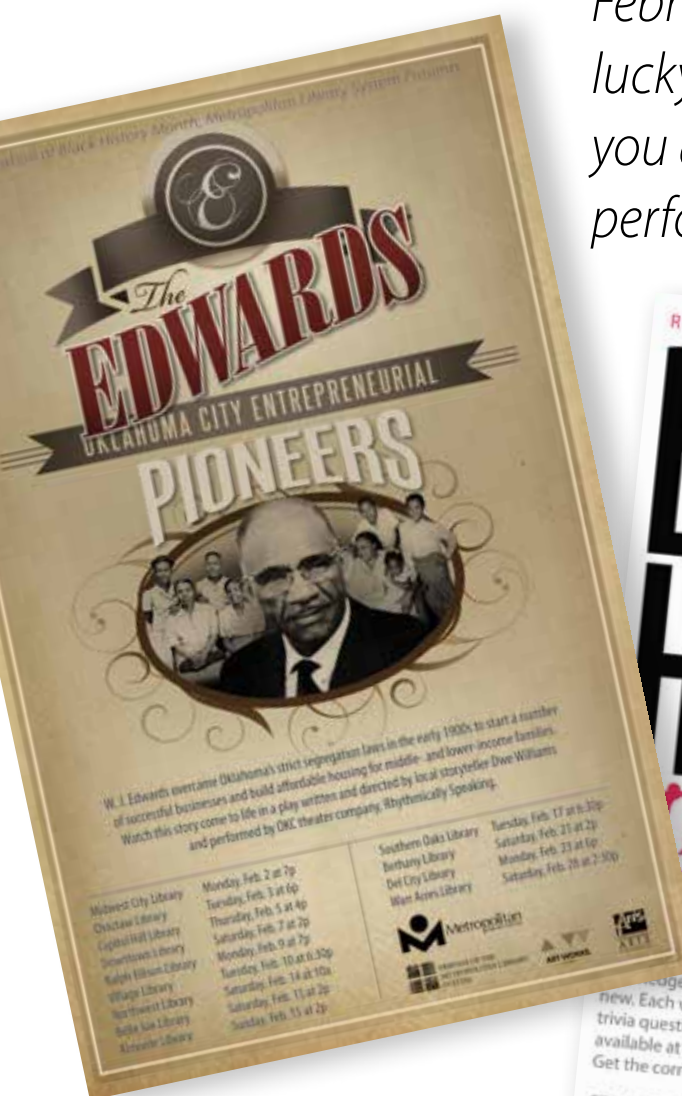
Rogers fills the vacancy left by Donna Morris, who served as executive director for 14 years, and worked for MLS for 45 years.





Black History

February is Black History Month, and if you are lucky enough to live near a Metropolitan Library you are in for a special treat- a celebration performance unique to Oklahoma.





Black History Month

Each year, MLS hosts a traveling performance featuring music, drama and dancing performed by local storytelling theater group, Rhythmically Speaking. Founded by local author and performer, DWe Williams, Rhythmically Speaking presents a brand new play in libraries each year, featuring pivotal moments in local history. This year's performance is the story of W.J. Edwards, an entrepreneur and philanthropist who created social change in 1900's OKC.

In 1907, an ordinance that segregated the black population to a small section of northeast OKC was in effect. This segregated district grew to a population of over 20,000 by 1940 and lacked housing and other basic services. Edwards purchased thirty-three acres and built housing that would be owned by black homeowners, a dream that was unheard of at the time.

Rhythmically Speaking will bring this story to life at Metropolitan libraries during the month of February. Find the performance schedule in our highlighted events section, or online in our Programs and Events section.

Ralph Ellison Library celebrates with Black History Month Trivia.

Test your knowledge and learn new facts each week with a new set of questions. If you are interested in learning more about Black history, Ralph Ellison Library is a great place to start. Their shelves hold the county's largest Black history collection and each month library staff coordinate programs and events to enhance and celebrate the community.

A special genealogy workshop led by the Muscogee Creek Indian Freedmen Band will be offered at Ralph Ellison on Saturday, Feb. 7 at 1p. Attendees can learn more about the history of the Freedmen, and get tips on doing family history research.

The Midwest City Library celebrates the rich tradition of church hats in the African American community at the 4th Annual Crowns Tea. "This celebration is based on the book by Michael Cunningham which portrays the 'hattitude' of black women and the custom of including hats as part of their Sunday best," said Suzette Chang, Midwest City librarian. "The book, *Crowns: Portraits of Black Women in Church Hats*, will be on display at our event."

Be sure to stop by your local library for displays, books, films and more in celebration of Black History Month.

African American History Research

Feed your need for information during Black History Month with our African American History database collections. Visit www.metrolibrary.org and click 'Research.' The databases are listed in alphabetical order.

Scroll down to find African American Heritage, a genealogy tool powered by ProQuest. Search historical records for African Americans including census, military, marriage and Registers of Slaves and Free(d) Persons of Color, including the Freedman's Bank.

Access the African American Newspapers database to search publications from all over the United States, dating back to the 1800's.

African-American History Online, from Facts on File, offers a searchable site full of history, biographies, events, timelines, images, videos and more on a wide variety of topics.

All of these databases and many more are free to use with a library card. Don't have a card yet? Apply online to get immediate access to these services and more.

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FEATURED EVENTS

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

Commission Meeting

Belle Isle Library Thu | Feb 19 3:30PM
Metropolitan Library Commission of Oklahoma County Monthly Meeting



Bingo

All Ages
Del City Library Fri | Feb 13 4p

Board Games

All Ages
Del City Library Wed | Feb 11 4p

Chess Club

All Ages
The Village Library Fridays 4p
Northwest Library Thu | Feb 12, 26 5:30p
Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)
Edmond Library Mon | Feb 2, 16 4:30p

Gamefest

PreTeen (ages 9-12)
Warr Acres Library® Thu | Feb 19 2p

Gaming Club

Teen (ages 12-18)
Belle Isle Library Thu | Feb 5, 12 4p
Belle Isle Library Tuesdays 4p
Choctaw Library Tue | Feb 24 3p

Juggling Club

Teen (ages 12-18)
Belle Isle Library Wed | Feb 18 4p

Lego Club

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)
Capitol Hill Library Thu | Feb 12 4p
Downtown Library® Mon | Feb 16 6:30p
Warr Acres Library® Sat | Feb 21 10:30a
Midwest City Library Mon | Feb 23 4p
Almonte Library® Wed | Feb 25 4p
Children (ages 12 & under)
Del City Library Mon | Feb 16 4:30p
All Ages
Choctaw Library® Wed | Feb 25 4p

Minecraft Club

Teen (ages 12-18)
Choctaw Library® Tue | Feb 10 4p

Teen Games

Teen (ages 12-18)
Midwest City Library Wed | Feb 25 4:30p

Yu-Gi-Oh!

Teen (ages 12-18)
Bethany Library Sat | Feb 7 10a
PreTeen (ages 9-12)
Edmond Library Sat | Feb 14 3p



Art Class

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

Art Time

Babies (0-12 months)
Downtown Library® Thu | Feb 12 10a

Be Mine!

All Ages
Ralph Ellison Library Fri | Feb 13 All Day

Crafts

All Ages
Midwest City Library Sat | Feb 14 3p

Crafty Art

PreTeen (ages 9-12)
Warr Acres Library® Tue | Feb 10 4p

Family Craft Night

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)
Del City Library Thu | Feb 19 6:30p

Fashion Club

Teen (ages 12-18)
The Village Library® Thu | Feb 19 4p

Holiday Craft

PreTeen (ages 9-12)
Del City Library® Thu | Feb 12 6p

Journal Junkies

Teen (ages 12-18)
Northwest Library® Thu | Feb 19 4p

Kids Art

Preteen (ages 9-12)
Ralph Ellison Library Sat | Feb 14 1:30p


Knitting Club

Adults

Southern Oaks Library 	Mon Feb 9	5:30p
Almonte Library	Thu Feb 12	5:30p
The Village Library	Sat Feb 14	10a
Choctaw Library	Sat Feb 21	10a

LEGO Block Party

PreTeen (ages 9-12)

Edmond Library 	Sat Feb 28	2p
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Maker Monday

Children (ages 12 & under)

Downtown Library 	Mon Feb 2	6:30p
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Minecraft Crafts

PreTeen (ages 9-12)

Southern Oaks Library 	Sat Feb 28	1:30p
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Origami Club

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Choctaw Library	Sat Feb 14	1p
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Origami Valentine Box

Adults

Bethany Library 	Sat Feb 7	2p
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Quilting Club

Adults

Midwest City Library	Mondays	9a
Ralph Ellison Library	Mondays & Fridays	11a

Sewing Circle

Adults

Nicoma Park Library	Tue Feb 3	10a
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Teen Crafts

Teens (Ages 12-18)

Belle Isle Library	Tue Feb 24	4p
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Tinkering Tuesdays

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Midwest City Library	Tue Feb 3, 17	6p
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Valentine Make and Take

All ages

Almonte Library 	Mon Feb 9	3p
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Winter Craft

PreTeen (ages 9-12)


Del City Library 	Tue Feb 24	4:30p
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Book Clubs

Adults

Edmond Library	Tue Feb 3	12p
<i>Cozy Mysteries</i>		


Midwest City Library	Thu Feb 5	10a
<i>Non-Fiction</i>		

Downtown Library 	Sun Feb 15	2p
<i>Read the Movie</i>		

Midwest City Library	Thu Feb 19	10a
<i>Reader's Society</i>		



Edmond Library	Sat Feb 21	10:30a
<i>Reader's Choice</i>		



Belle Isle Library	Sat Feb 28	2p
<i>Let's Talk About It, Oklahoma!</i>		

Warr Acres Library	Mon Feb 9	11a
Southern Oaks Library 	Tue Feb 10	11:30a
Northwest Library	Fri Feb 13	1p
The Village Library	Mon Feb 16	3p
Del City Library	Thu Feb 26	4:30p

<i>Senior (ages 55+)</i>		
Edmond Library	Sat Feb 14	2p
<i>Book Bunch</i>		

<i>Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)</i>		
Midwest City Library	Mon Feb 9	4:30p
<i>Read the Movie</i>		

Choctaw Library	Wed Feb 4, 11, 18, 25	10a
Southern Oaks Library 	Tue Feb 10	6:30p
Almonte Library 	Wed Feb 11	4p

<i>PreTeen (ages 9-12)</i>		
Northwest Library	Mon Feb 9	4p
Bethany Library 	Tue Feb 24	6:30p
Edmond Library 	Sat Feb 28	10:30a

<i>Teen (ages 12-18)</i>		
Belle Isle Library	Tue Feb 3	4p
<i>Anime</i>		

Choctaw Library	Fri Feb 6	3p
<i>Fandom</i>		

Belle Isle Library	Tue Feb 17	4p
<i>Fandom</i>		

Del City Library	Tue Feb 10	4:30p
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Metro Library ReadUp Online

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



Adult Education and Literacy Class

Southern Oaks Library  Mondays & Wednesdays 6p

featured events

Early Learning Readiness

PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)

Capitol Hill Library Mondays & Wednesdays 9:30a

GED Prep

Adults

Southern Oaks Library [®] Mondays & Wednesdays 1p

Homework Help

Children (ages 12 & under)

Almonte Library Wed | Feb 4 & 18 5p

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Del City Library [®] Tue | Feb 3 & 17 5p

Southern Oaks Library [®] Thursdays 4p

Intermediate Spanish

Adults

Capitol Hill Library Mondays 5:30p

Internet Basics

Adults

Edmond Library [®] Thu | Feb 5, 12 & 19 1p

Intro to Email

Adults

Edmond Library [®] Wed | Feb 4, 11 & 18 1p

Reading Help

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Capitol Hill Library Mondays & Wednesdays 4p

Bethany Library [®] Mondays 5:30p

Science Sundays

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Del City Library Sun | Feb 1 3p



Concerts @ the Library

Noon Tunes

All Ages

Downtown Library	Thursdays at noon
Thu Feb 5	Joe Baxter and the Lost Cause
Thu Feb 12	Classes SAS Honor Guitar Ensemble
Thu Feb 19	Miss Brown to You
Thu Feb 26	Dennis Borycki

Silver Strings

All Ages

Bethany Library Sat | Feb 14 2p

Highlighted Events @ the Library

Please check our online calendar for even more events!

Rhythmically Speaking Presents: "The Edwards: OKC's Entrepreneurial Pioneers!"

W. J. Edwards overcame Oklahoma's strict segregation laws in the early 1900s to start a number of successful businesses and build affordable housing for middle- and lower-income families. Join us as local storyteller DWe Williams brings Edwards' story to life in "The Edwards: OKC's Entrepreneurial Pioneers!"

Midwest City Library	Mon Feb 2	7p
Choctaw Library	Tue Feb 3	6p
Capitol Hill Library	Thu Feb 5	5p
Downtown Library	Sat Feb 7	2p
Ralph Ellison Library	Mon Feb 9	7p
The Village Library	Tue Feb 10	6:30p
Belle Isle Library	Sat Feb 14	2p
Almonte Library	Sun Feb 15	2p
Southern Oaks Library	Tue Feb 17	6:30p
Northwest Library	Sat Feb 21	10a
Bethany Library	Sat Feb 21	2p
Del City Library	Mon Feb 23	6p
Warr Acres Library	Sat Feb 28	2:30p

Black History Trivia

All Ages

Ralph Ellison Library

Throughout the month of February test your knowledge and learn new facts. Each week a new set of trivia questions will be available for you at the Information Desk.

Fan Fiction & Fan Art Contest

All Ages

Southern Oaks Library

February 1st, 2015, is the first day to submit entries to the Southern Oaks Library FanFiction FanArt contest. Fan fiction and art may be any medium and contain original characters, but must contain copyrighted characters as the main theme. The last day to submit your work is Sunday March 15, 2015 by 6pm.

Warm Up With a Good Book

Adults

Almonte Library [®] Mon | Feb 2 4p

Beat the winter doldrums! Help yourself to a hot drink, get info on places to get out of the cold and do something fun, and learn how to make quick and easy hand warmers for when you absolutely have to go out in the nasty weather. Be sure to take a new book with you to stay warm at home!

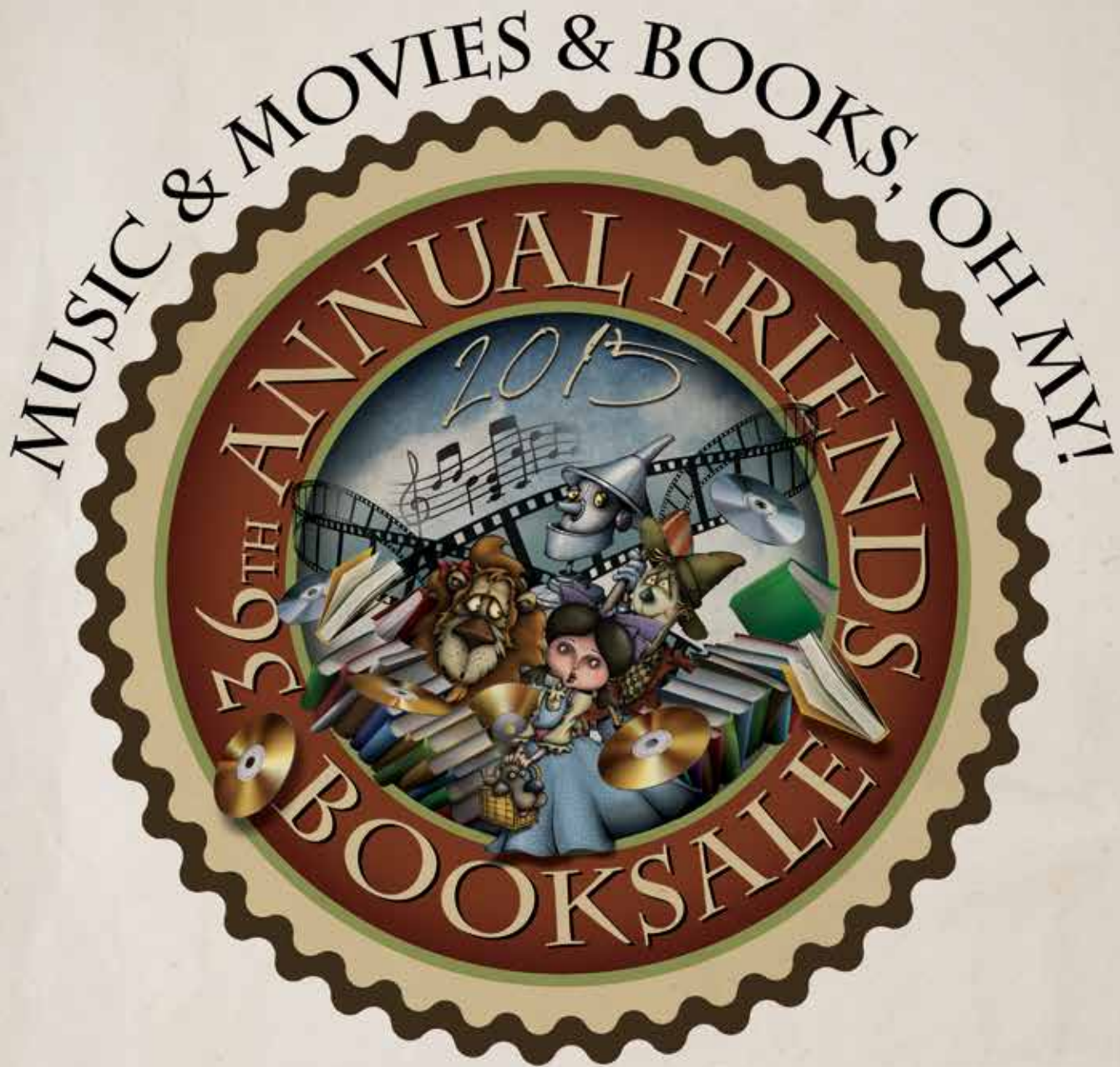
Women's Financial Literacy Series

Adults

Edmond Library [®]

Week 4: Identifying and Reducing Debt	Mon Feb 2	7p
Week 5 - Saving and Investing Basics	Mon Feb 9	7p
Week 6 - Insurance	Mon Feb 16	7p
Week 7 - Retirement	Mon Feb 23	7p

Friends of the Metropolitan Library System Present:



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College Preparation Workshop

Teen (ages 12-18)

Almonte Library [®] Tue | Feb 3 6p
Need help getting ready for college? Now's your chance to get started! A representative from the Oklahoma College Assistance Program will be available to talk about planning, preparing, and paying for college. Learn how to fill out FAFSA forms and apply for scholarships.

Harry Potter Book Night

All Ages

Midwest City Library Thu | Feb 5 4p
We are pleased to inform you that you have been accepted at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Wizards, witches and muggles are welcome to join us for a night of spellbinding fun.

Laughter Therapy

Adults

Ralph Ellison Library Thu | Feb 5 6p
Laughter really is good medicine! Laughter is known to reduce anxiety and stress, help digestion, lower blood-sugar levels, and bolster immune systems. Join a certified Laughter Therapy coach for your session and laugh away your blues.

Genealogy

Adults

Ralph Ellison Library Sat | Feb 7 1p
Celebrate Black History Month and discover how to find your roots! Learn the history of the Muscogee Creek Indian Freedmen Band and get tips for researching your own family tree.

4th Annual Crown's Tea

Adults

Midwest City Library [®] Sun | Feb 8 2p
Celebrate the rich tradition of church hats in the African-American community at our fourth annual Crowns Tea. Enjoy music, drinks, and hors d'oeuvres. All attendees must wear a hat - church hat is preferred.

STEAM for Teens

Teen (ages 12-18)

Midwest City Library [®] Wed | Feb 11 5p
Get your STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) on and make friends with other like-minded teens.

V-SIFT: Sweet Science

Teen (ages 12-18)

The Village Library [®] Thu | Feb 12 4p
Candy + Experiments = Tasty fun! Find out the science behind your favorite Valentine's candy... and indulge in some yourself.

Chocolate Fest

Teen (ages 12-18)

Warr Acres Library [®] Sat | Feb 14 2p
Obey your sweet tooth! Celebrate Valentine's Day with us. Make luscious treats for you or your sweetie! Enjoy making fondue and playing delicious games.

Flash Mob

Teen (ages 12-18)

Midwest City Library [®] Wed | Feb 18 4:30p
Make new friends and learn how to flash mob!

Barefoot Lawns

Adults

Midwest City Library Thu | Feb 19 1:30p
Spring is just around the corner and it's time to get your lawn in shape! Join us as lawn experts from the OSU Extension Office share tips on how to obtain and sustain a lush, healthy lawn that will make you want to walk barefoot on it

Snakes and Reptiles

All Ages

Choctaw Library Sat | Feb 21 2p
Yikes! Yikes! Yikes! That is one verbal reaction you hear when you mention snakes and reptiles. Come out and enjoy members of the Oklahoma Herpetological Society present an informative and entertaining show, tell, and touch seminar about snakes and other reptiles. Rephrase those verbal reactions to Wow! Cool! and "I'm not scared of snakes."

Library Explorers

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Northwest Library [®] Mon | Feb 23 4p
Calling all explorers! Be a library explorer as we use library resources like books, videos, sound recordings, databases, and electronic devices for new learning adventures each month. This month we will stick together with friends as we use magnets and modeling clay to create a story.

Race and Sports: Black American Athletes at the 1960 Olympics

Adults

Ralph Ellison Library Mon | Feb 23 6:30p
Black American Olympians in U.S. history have had unique struggles both on and off the field. During the 1960 Olympics Cassius Clay, Oscar Robertson, and Wilma Randolph were bravely representing their country at the Olympics in Rome as the Civil Rights Movement was going strong at home.

Laughter Yoga

Adults

Bethany Library [®] Sat | Feb 28 2p
Laugh your way to a healthier you! This playful laughter session presented by Ellen Mercer, a certified Laughter Yoga teacher, will guide participants through simple techniques of clapping, stretching, breathing and laughter exercises without the use of humor or comedy. To learn more about yoga and other exercises, check out the library's numerous health and exercise videos.

[®] = Registration required for this event.

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TAX HELP

Capitol Hill Library

Tuesdays: Noon-2p

Fridays: 9a-2p

Edmond Library

Mondays: Noon-8p

Thursdays: 9a-3p

Northwest Library

Wednesdays: 10a-3p

Ralph Ellison Library

Saturdays: 10a-4p

The Village Library

Tuesdays & Saturdays:

9a-3p

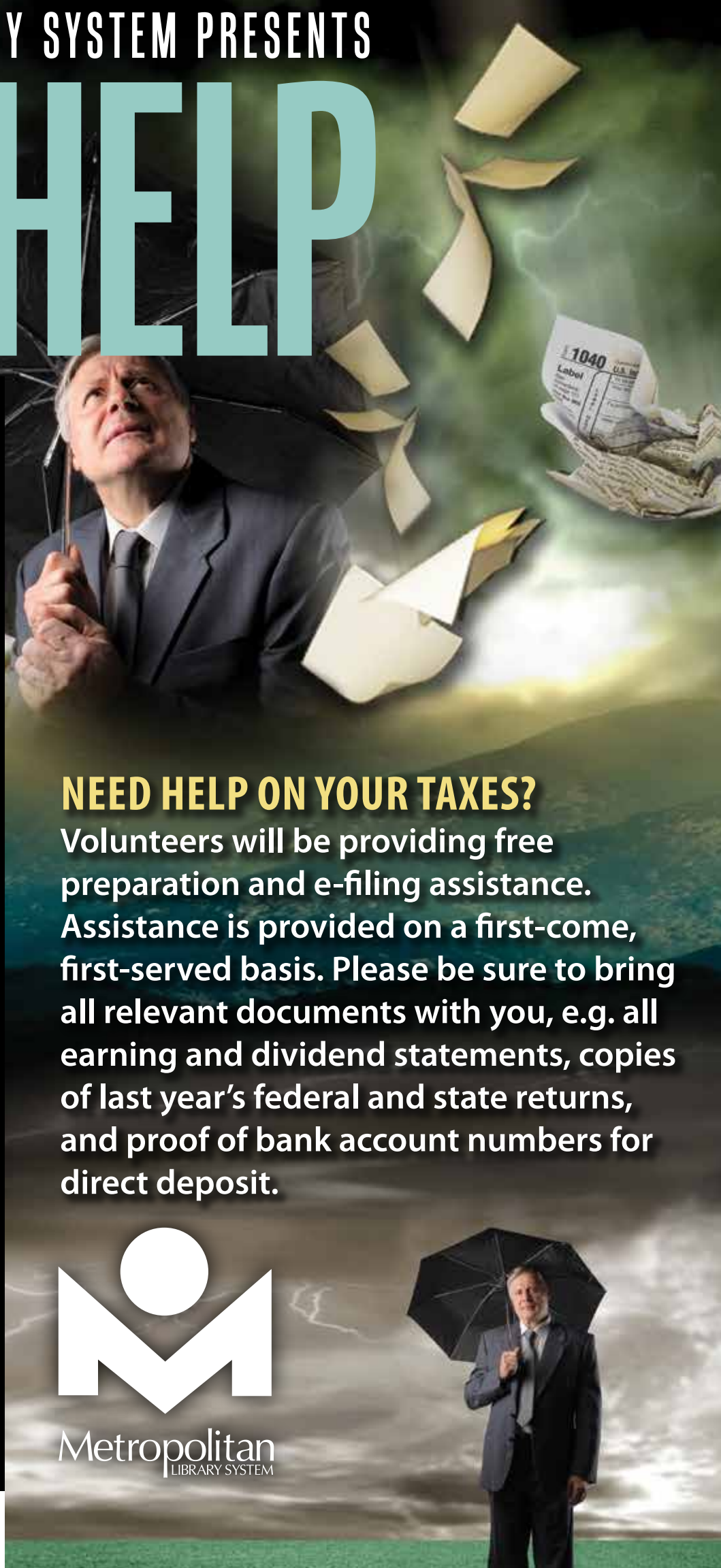
Warr Acres Library

Mondays: 9a-3p

Fridays: 9a-3p

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NEED HELP ON YOUR TAXES?

Volunteers will be providing free preparation and e-filing assistance.

Assistance is provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Please be sure to bring all relevant documents with you, e.g. all earning and dividend statements, copies of last year's federal and state returns, and proof of bank account numbers for direct deposit.



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Kids @ the Libr

Play @ the Library

123! Play with Me!

Toddlers (ages 1-3)

Southern Oaks Library ^R	Mon Feb 2	10:30a
Ralph Ellison Library	Tue Feb 10, 17	10a
Northwest Library ^R	Wed Feb 18, 25	9:30a

Evening Family Playtime

Babies (0-12 months)

Downtown Library ^R	Mon Feb 9, 23	6:30p
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Parachute Play!

PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)

Almonte Library	Tue Feb 3	9:30a
Del City Library	Tue Feb 3	10a
Choctaw Library ^R	Thu Feb 5	10:30a
Northwest Library ^R	Tue Feb 17	10a & 1p
Northwest Library ^R	Thu Feb 19	10a
Southern Oaks Library ^R	Mon Feb 23	10:30a
Capitol Hill	Tue Feb 24	10a

Playtime

Babies (0-12 months)

Capitol Hill Library	Tue Feb 10	10a
Downtown Library ^R	Thu Feb 19	10a
Northwest Library ^R	Tue Feb 3, 17	10:45a & 1:45a
Northwest Library ^R	Thu Feb 5, 19	10:45a
Belle Isle Library ^R	Thu Feb 5, 12, 19	10a

Toddlers (ages 1-3)

Warr Acres Library	Wed Feb 11, 18, 25	9:15a & 10:30a
Choctaw Library	Sat Feb 14	10a
Midwest City Library	Mon Feb 16	10a
Bethany Library ^R	Thu Feb 19, 26	9:30a & 10:30a
The Village Library ^R	Thu Feb 26	10a

PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)

Northwest Library ^R	Tue Feb 3	10a & 1p
Northwest Library ^R	Thu Feb 5	10a

Toddler Aerobics

Del City Library	Tue Feb 17	10a
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Storytime @ the Library

Babytime

Babies (0-12 months)

Belle Isle Library	Mon Feb 2, 9, 16, 23	10a
Capitol Hill Library	Tue Feb 3	10a
Edmond Library ^R	Tue Feb 3, 10, 17, 24	10a
Northwest Library ^R	Tue Feb 10	1:45p
Northwest Library ^R	Thu Feb 12	10:45a

Mother Goose on the Loose

Toddlers (ages 1-3)

Warr Acres ^R	Tues 3, 17	9:30a
Downtown Library ^R	Thu Feb 5	10a
Bethany Library ^R	Thu Feb 5	9:30a & 10:30a
Almonte Library ^R	Mon Feb 9	5:30p
The Village Library ^R	Thu Feb 19	10a
Warr Acres ^R	Tue Feb 24	6p

Babies (0-12 months)

Southern Oaks Library ^R	Wed Feb 18	10:30a
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Toddler time

Toddlers (ages 1-3)

Belle Isle Library ^R	Tue Feb 3, 10, 17, 24	10a
Choctaw Library ^R	Tue Feb 3, 10, 17, 24	9:30a
Edmond Library ^R	Wed Feb 4, 11, 18, 25	10a & 11a
Midwest City Library	Mon Feb 9, 23	10a

Storytime

PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)

Edmond Library ^R	Mon Feb 2, 9 & 16	10a & 11a
Choctaw Library ^R	Tue Feb 3, 10, 17, 24	10:30a
Warr Acres Library ^R	Tue Feb 3 & 17	10:30a
Southern Oaks Library ^R	Mon Feb 9 & 16	10:30a
Northwest Library ^R	Tue Feb 10	10a & 1p
Bethany Library ^R	Thu Feb 12	10a
Northwest Library ^R	Thu Feb 12	10a
The Village Library ^R	Thu Feb 12	10a
Northwest Library ^R	Sat Feb 14	10a
Almonte Library ^R	Tue Feb 17	9:30a
Choctaw Library ^R	Tue Feb 17	10:30a

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Evening Family Storytime

Toddlers (ages 1-3)

Edmond Library [®] Thu | Feb 5, 12, 19 & 26 6:30p

PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)

Bethany Library [®] Thu | Feb 3 6p

Warr Acres Library [®] Tue | Feb 24 7p

Musictime

Babies (0-12 months)

Midwest City Library Mon | Feb 2 9:30a

Edmond Library [®] Mon | Feb 23 9a

Northwest Library [®] Tue | Feb 24 10:45a & 1:45p

Belle Isle Library [®] Thu | Feb 26 10a

Downtown Library [®] Thu | Feb 26 10a

Northwest Library [®] Thu | Feb 26 10:45a

Toddlers (ages 1-3)

Midwest City Library Mon | Feb 2 10:30a

PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)

The Village Library [®] Thu | Feb 5 10a

Edmond Library [®] Mon | Feb 23 10a & 11a

Northwest Library [®] Tue | Feb 24 10a & 1p

Northwest Library [®] Thu | Feb 26 10a

Children Reading to Dogs @ the Library

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Northwest Library Mon | Feb 2, 9, 16, 23 6p

Southern Oaks Library [®] Tue | Feb 3 6:30p

Edmond Library Tue | Feb 3, 17 6:30p

The Village Library Wed | Feb 4, 11, 18, 25 6p

The Village Library Thu | Feb 5, 19 3:30p

Nicoma Park Library Thu | Feb 5 4p

Midwest City Library [®] Tue | Feb 10, 24 7p

Warr Acres Library Thu | Feb 12 6:30p

Capitol Hill Library Sat | Feb 14 1p

Choctaw Library [®] Sat | Feb 14 3p

Choctaw Library [®] Wed | Feb 18 4p

Southern Oaks Library [®] Sat | Feb 21 10a

Downtown Library Sat | Feb 21 3p

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.

FEBRUARY 5 Joe Baxter & the Lost Cause
Roots music

FEBRUARY 12 Classen SAS Honor Guitar Ensemble

FEBRUARY 19 Miss Brown to You
Eclectic jazz, blues, & folk

FEBRUARY 26 Dennis Borycki
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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

MLS EXTENSION LIBRARIES*

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15	HARRAH 1930 N. Church Avenue, Harrah, 454-2001	9:30-6	9:30-6	9:30-6	9:30-6	9-5	9-5	—
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.

