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# LEGACY

## New *info*

Do you ever wonder about the legacy you'll leave? If you do wonder about such things, do your thoughts stretch beyond your own family? Do your aspirations reach your neighbors? Your community? Your world?

An interesting thing about libraries is that they are all about legacy. While libraries constantly update collections to provide the most current resources and items in popular demand they are also quietly preserving the histories of our culture and archiving our story for future generations. Less tangibly, libraries create legacy with access to the written word, environments for learning, cultural experiences and opportunities to engage with others in life changing ways.

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Libraries are all about leaving a legacy.





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# The Remarkable Private Smith

*By Larry Johnson*





A few weeks ago I had occasion to help a young man in his 80s in the Oklahoma Room. He arrived at the door with an armful of documents neatly arranged in file folders and, after introductions, he told me he had a story to tell and then he would need some help.

"I was an 18 year-old private at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, in 1946," he began. "I made it into the Army, but I had missed the war. In early 1946 Chaffee was one of the processing centers where soldiers were sent for separation from the service. I was assigned to the camp newspaper, *The Armadier*, and my job was to interview all the guys who were leaving the service and send the stories to their hometown newspapers." The idea was that it might help ease the soldier's transition if people back home knew some of what he'd been through.

He was assigned to write a story about a private from Oklahoma City. He was taken aback by the thirtysomething age of the soldier as one didn't find a lot of buck privates that age. As the soldier's story unfolded he eventually learned the reason why.

The soldier was involved in several major campaigns in Europe in the fast-moving 82nd Reconnaissance Battalion. Near Mortain, France in the days after D-Day, Germany counterattacked with three Panzer divisions and the soldier's unit was cutoff and surrounded. As many of the men in his unit began surrendering, the soldier attempted to break out of the encirclement on his own. He not only broke out, he knocked out two machine gun nests, freed all the prisoners and took three prisoners of his own.

He was made a sergeant then, but a strange turn resulted in his demotion back to private a few days later. The soldier was wounded by gunfire in the shoulder, but refused treatment other than a bandage wrap. He fought on for three hours

before capturing an SS Panzer division general in a farmhouse. He was ordered to hold the general until an interrogator arrived but a



*82nd Armored Reconnaissance Battalion on the move*

leader in the French Underground decided to take out swift justice on the general while under the soldier's watch and so he was busted back to private.

A few weeks later the soldier was part of a recon patrol that was first in liberating

*The soldier returned to camp  
with two destroyed Tigers  
under his belt and 34 prisoners  
captured single-handedly,  
keeping the road open and his  
unit from being surrounded.*

Belgium but was soon in the famed Battle of the Bulge. There were reports of German tanks rolling through his area so he volunteered to setup a roadblock. His commander assigned some men to go with him but the soldier said he didn't want a bunch of children clinging to him so he grabbed a rifle and a bazooka and took off alone down a mountain lane. The problem

was, he had never learned to fire a bazooka and the bazooka was a two-man weapon anyway. Before long a monster Tiger tank rolled around the bend in the road where he lay hidden. He fired once and disabled the tread and then opened fire on the fleeing occupants. Only one survived and he ordered him to lay face down in the mud while he slowly reloaded the bazooka and took out the other tank. An infantry platoon nearby was sure that they had met the main American force and threw up their hands. The soldier returned to camp with two destroyed Tigers under his belt and 34 prisoners captured single-handedly, keeping the road open and his unit from being surrounded.

There were actually more events than I have space to report here. In all the soldier won the Silver Star medal for bravery three times, a Bronze Star, Purple Heart, and bravery medals from France and Belgium. His European Theater ribbon had six battle stars. The soldier's commanding officer told the reporter that he should have won the Medal of Honor at least once, but with his behavioral record the only way he could've gotten it was to perish on the battlefield.

So, 70 years later, this young reporter was asking me for help in finding out what happened to this soldier from Oklahoma City. Unfortunately, we've both been stumped in finding out his fate. It seems his name was Private John Smith. If you know anything about this remarkable, unsung hero, please let me know and I can pass it along.

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# Reviews & Recommendations

FICTION/  
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ON THE SHELF

## Americanah

by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

reviewed by Elisabeth Wright



Ifemelu and Obinze fall in love as teens growing up in Nigeria, but then both flee their military-ruled homeland for the West. Ifemelu goes to America to study at a university. Obinze hopes to join her, but is denied a visa. He manages to make it to London, where he faces a situation typical of an illegal immigrant, including menial work and eventual deportation. Meanwhile, Ifemelu grapples with the realities of being black in America. Her struggles to find work, her romantic relationships and other experiences, lead her to begin writing a provocative blog about race in America. After many years, she feels that she has lost her way and she decides to return to Nigeria, a country still in political turmoil. Perhaps, after all this time, a reunion with her first love, Obinze, is still possible.

*Americanah* is a love story, intimately drawing us into the lives of Ifemelu and Obinze. But *Americanah* is also a searing social commentary, reaching widely across three continents and multiple decades. Particularly effective is the discussion on race in America. Ifemelu's blog pulls no punches, and her position as non-American black gives her a unique outsider perspective. Adichie manages something few authors can: to both challenge your thinking and move your heart.

*Americanah* is available in print and audio disk.

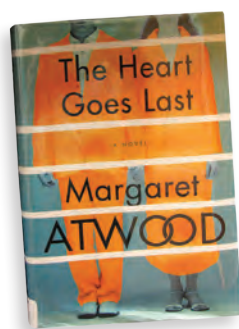
*Elisabeth Wright is the Young Adult Librarian at The Village Library. She'll never catch up on her "to-read" list, but that doesn't stop her from trying.*

FICTION/  
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ON THE SHELF

## The Heart Goes Last

by Margaret Atwood

reviewed by Alexis Whitney



Margaret Atwood's *The Heart Goes Last* is the story of Charmaine and Stan, an average couple from the northeastern U.S. After an economic collapse, they lose their jobs and must live in their car. Charmaine picks up work as a bartender, while Stan struggles to find odd jobs. This life is dangerous, because there are violent gangs prowling about, stealing and hurting people. Then they learn about a new community that has opened up nearby. It's a combination town/prison experiment. People enter with nothing and are given houses and jobs. But there's a catch: in alternating months they live in the prison. While they're in prison, other people live in their house. Everything seems great initially, because living under a roof certainly beats sleeping in a car and

narrowly escaping being robbed or killed daily. But they start to realize something sinister is happening. No one can leave, and no one ever seems to die. Residents are constantly monitored, and questioning anything is discouraged.

Fans of Margaret Atwood won't be disappointed by her latest.

*The Heart Goes Last* is available in print, large print, audio disk, audiobook player, eBook and eAudiobook.

*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.*



## Little Roja Riding Hood

By Susan Middleton Elya

Illustrated by Susan Guevara

reviewed by Christopher Stofel



I've been familiar with Elya's work for quite some time so her newest fairy tale redux immediately caught my attention when I spied it on the shelf at Wright Library. In this clever retelling of an old childhood classic, but with a multicultural, bilingual twist, our modern Little Roja travels by ATV through the woods to her abuelita's house with soup caliente and cellphone in hand and proves she needs no hunter to help her vanquish el lobo.

The best thing about this book (and Elya's others including *Rubia and the Three Osos*), is the inclusion of Spanish words throughout the story. This does not detract from the flow or the rhyme scheme of the story but in fact enhances it. By doing this, Elya has managed to bridge a cultural gap and has provided structure for language development for both Spanish- and English-

speakers. Spanish-speaking children will appreciate and find comfort in the frequent use of Spanish words and English-speakers will increase their Spanish skills while enjoying a new version of an old tale.

I read this book at story time and kids and parents alike enjoyed this revamped version of *Little Red Riding Hood*. Susan Guevara's illustrations garnered this book a 2015 Pura Belpre Award nomination for illustrations and a glossary of Spanish words is included.

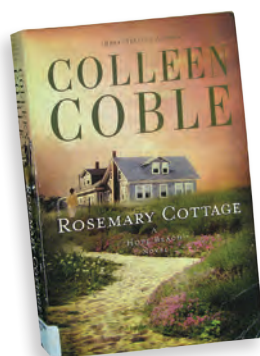
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## Rosemary Cottage: a Hope Beach Novel

by Colleen Coble

reviewed by Phyllis Davidson



*Rosemary Cottage*, owned by the Lang family, sits on an island along the banks of North Carolina. Amy Lang returns there to investigate her brother's death. Ben's drowning was ruled accidental, but Amy isn't buying that. While there, Amy becomes friends with Curtis Ireland. His sister, Gina, was hit by a boat and killed while swimming. As Amy and Curtis begin to uncover disturbing details of their siblings' lives in the time just before their deaths, they realize that someone will stop at nothing to prevent them from discovering the truth.

To complicate matters, Ben has custody of Gina's baby, Raine. Her birth certificate names Ben Lang as the father, but Curtis is reluctantly keeping that information from Amy. Amy's father is rich, powerful and ruthless, and Curtis knows he will stop at nothing to gain custody

of baby Raine. As their relationship grows closer, Curtis struggles to determine if he can trust Amy not to join in with her parents' efforts to tear Raine away from him? *Rosemary Cottage* is book two in the *Hope Beach* trilogy. Although it could be read as a stand-alone, I recommend *Tidewater Inn*, book one, as an equally enjoyable read. I look forward to book three, *Seagrass Pier*.

*Rosemary Cottage: a Hope Beach Novel*, is available in print, large print, eBook and eAudiobook.

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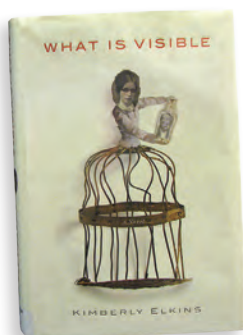
# Reviews & Recommendations



## What Is Visible: a Novel

By Kimberly Elkins

review by Jana Hausburg



*"Yes, little Miss Keller and I will rattle on about our lives in our respective cells, and since I can't taste or smell either – she's got that on me – she can tell me how the succor of roast mutton and strawberries and the odor of feces and chrysanthemums have opened enormous windows of happiness and universal feeling that I will never enjoy."*

As one who's been cursed with hypersensitivities, I've often wished (albeit briefly) for a dulling of the senses. After reading this book, however, I'll be curbing those types of thoughts.

The main character in Elkins' novel, taken directly from history, was cursed with a lack of senses: scarlet fever robbed Laura Bridgman of her sight, hearing, and the ability to smell and taste. Before Helen Keller, it was Laura who enjoyed the oddest kind of celebrity. She charmed the likes of Charles Dickens, Dorothea Dix and John Brown, yet was utterly dependent on her savior, Dr.

Samuel Gridley Howe, founder of the Perkins School for the Blind.

Laura's boundless intelligence can only be expressed by the mediation of another trained in fingerspelling. Her rich inner world is hidden; most view her as a curiosity or freak. Her sense of touch is hyper-realized. She grasps at anything and anyone with her reach, searching to understand, be understood, be loved.

Elkins describes Laura's terrifying isolation, and provides an outlet for Laura's inner voice to become audible: full of humor, rage, courage and insight.

*What Is Visible* is available in print and audiobook 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.*



## Library of Souls

by Ransom Riggs

reviewed by Kelley Riha



Lost friends, lost way  
Bird help us.  
Lost loops, new rules  
They hear, obey  
Bird brother  
Cloaked crossing  
Jacob says  
48 hours  
Freefall  
Spilling truth  
Panloopticon 87, and Bob's your uncle  
Keys to the Library  
Ambush

### The Hero

Can't reveal more  
Fast read  
Great adventure

All three volumes of the *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children* (MPHFPC) series are available at your Metro Library. You can also find them as downloadable eBooks, audio disks or on audiobook player. Check your library for availability, hurry!

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# More Than Words

*The Come Read with Me program shows children that time spent reading means more than words.*

The day-ending school bells have rung, but in classrooms around Oklahoma City students are reading books and enjoying storytimes in after school sessions with volunteers and guidance from the Metro Library's Come Read with Me program.

"The program is a unique opportunity for the library to go out in the community and create an environment for kids to fall in love with reading," said Angie Walton, program coordinator. "We provide quality, age appropriate reading materials and knowledgeable volunteers and facilitators who create excitement about books."

The concept is simple. Volunteers choose a site, then come in and read with kids after school or on school breaks. Children also have the opportunity to read aloud to volunteers or peers. Not only are they reading or listening to stories, but they are also getting nurtured with one-on-one attention. It's about caring for people in your community through a magical conduit: the written word.

Aaron Weast, who grew up with a mom who was a school librarian, recognized that the program was about more than the



opportunity to encourage reading. It was about making a difference in the life of a child.

"The difference is

that somebody outside the school system cares enough to come in and say, 'I made time for you,'" said Weast, a Come Read with Me volunteer and Chik-fil-A restaurant owner. "I think the kids buy into the idea that somebody cares enough about them to come and sit with them and take a journey

through a book," he said.

The program's success is dependent on volunteers. Over the summer, Heritage Hall student and writer, Luke Williams, spent time volunteering at the Downtown YMCA site.

"One day, the children I had read to the week before came into the room with huge smiles on their faces. They were headed straight for me. I knew right away that something truly special was happening ... in just one week this had become my group. From then on, I read to the same children, allowing us to get to know each other. I



truly began to care for them and it became increasingly important for me to instill in them one of

the most basic beliefs that I will always hold true: there are wonders to be worked with the written word," Williams wrote in the Charger Call Online, the school's online newspaper.

Spring sessions will begin Feb. 1 and continue until Apr. 28. To learn more or to volunteer, contact Angie Walton at [angela.walton@metrolibrary.org](mailto:angela.walton@metrolibrary.org) or call 606-3838. To sign up to volunteer online, go to [www.metrolibrary.org/comereadwithme](http://www.metrolibrary.org/comereadwithme).





# The Library Endowment

## Making Smarter Communities

Looking for a way to be generous to your community? Create the most impact for future generations with a gift to the Library Endowment Trust. The LET gives generous donors the opportunity to be a part of increasing educational and social opportunities for children, families and community caregivers.

In 2011, my grandmother, Marcel, passed away. She was an avid reader, especially during her retirement years. When visiting her, I would often find her in her recliner with feet propped enjoying a paperback. She loved mysteries and romance novels and always had a book on her side table. In lieu of sending flowers to her funeral, one friend made a donation to The Library Endowment Trust in her honor. It touched me deeply to know that my grandmother's memory and love of reading would be used to add value to my community.

The LET accepts gifts in any amount and uses donations to broaden access to information and enhance the quality of life. Funding supports programs for senior citizens, beginning adult readers and those learning English as a second language through access to materials, classes, events and other resources. Early literacy projects and programs that support teens also benefit from LET funding.

For 14 years, the LET has planned an annual fundraising dinner called Literary Voices™ that brings high profile authors to Oklahoma City. Library supporters

have had the opportunity to hear best-selling authors like political satirist P.J. O'Rourke, two-time-Pulitzer Prize winning author, David McCullough, famed mystery giant, Mary Higgins Clark and former first lady Laura Bush. In 2016, award-winning journalist, best-selling author and documentary film director, Sebastian Junger, will bring his front line reporting experience to attendees for an inspirational night. The Literary Voices dinner in 2016 will be held at the Oklahoma City Golf and Country Club April 14 at 7 p.m. Tickets are available at [www.metrolibrary.org/literaryvoices/](http://www.metrolibrary.org/literaryvoices/) or by calling 606-3760. Sponsorship opportunities are also available.

### Ways to give:

Your donation helps provide valuable programs and services through our Oklahoma County





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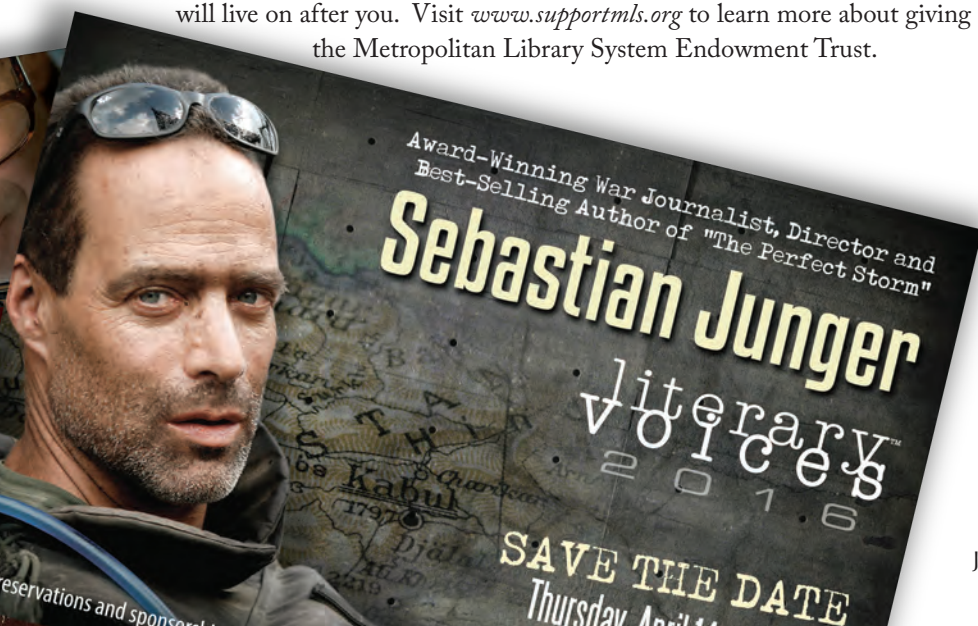
libraries. You can also choose to pledge a recurring amount or spread your gift out over time to support libraries in your community.

Planned giving is a way to include the LET in your estate. Your legacy will benefit generations to come.

Have a personal connection with libraries or learning? Honor the memories of your loved ones with Honor and Memorial Donations when you give in their name.

When you give to the LET, you also help pay for capital projects, like new libraries in Jones and Del City and renovations at the Capitol Hill Library.

The Metropolitan Library System Endowment Trust is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) that provides the public with a tax-deductible way to support libraries in Oklahoma County. Your gift to the Library Endowment Trust ensures that your name and gift will live on after you. Visit [www.supportmls.org](http://www.supportmls.org) to learn more about giving to the Metropolitan Library System Endowment Trust.



## Childhood Love of the Library Leads to Largest Gift

A lifelong love of reading drew LaVerne Taylor to the library as a child. Each Wednesday, staff at the Belle Isle Library would set aside books she liked for her weekly



visit. As LaVerne grew, her love of reading did too. At age 93, she was still coming to the Belle Isle Library on a regular basis, and the staff embraced her as family.

"We would have her mysteries and James Patterson books ready for her and carry her books out to her car," said retired circulation clerk, Regina Wolfinger. "She loved to read. She would check out a big bag of books and she'd read them in a week."

Taylor told former Development Director, Ernestine Clark, that the Belle Isle Library became her salvation when her husband of 50 years passed-away after a battle with cancer in 1988. She mailed a \$5,000 check in 2000 and told Clark that there would be more donations to come.

Taylor's love of reading books inspired her to leave \$1.4 million to the Metropolitan Library System Endowment Trust. She and her husband, Gordon Taylor, left a legacy for the Belle Isle Library that will serve her community for years to come. In 2014, the Taylors were honored by the American Library Association's United for Libraries with a Major Benefactor Citation.

# january

## 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

Ralph Ellison Library Thu | Jan 21 3:30p  
Metropolitan Library Commission of Oklahoma County Monthly Meeting

Our libraries will be closed **Friday, January 1, 2016** and **Monday, January 18, 2016**. Visit us online to find your next book, download eBooks, audiobooks and use our research databases.



### Be Well @ the Library

### Concussion Seminar

*Adult*  
The Village Library Sat | Jan 9 2p  
Belle Isle Library Sat | Jan 23 1p

### Tai Chi

*Senior (ages 55+)*  
Northwest Library Mondays & Thursdays 4p

*Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)*  
Warr Acres Library Sat | Jan 23 2:30p

### Workout Wednesdays!

*Adults*  
Ralph Ellison Library Wednesdays 6p

### Yoga

*Adults*  
Northwest Library Saturdays 10a  
Del City Library Mondays 12p

*PreTeen (ages 9-12)*  
Southern Oaks Library® Fri | Jan 15, 22, 29 4p



### Book it @ the Library

**Tailored Titles on Facebook** Wed | Jan 6 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

*Adults*  
Belle Isle Library Sat | Jan 2 10a  
*Movie Book Club*  
  
Edmond Library Tue | Jan 5 12p  
*Cozy Mysteries*  
  
Midwest City Library Thu | Jan 7 10a  
*Nonfiction*  
  
Belle Isle Library Thu | Jan 7 6p  
*New English Speakers Book Club*  
  
Downtown Library® Tue | Jan 19 12p  
*Lunch Bunch*  
  
Northwest Library Fri | Jan 8 1p  
Warr Acres Library Mon | Jan 11 11a  
Southern Oaks Library Tue | Jan 12 11:30a  
Edmond Library Sat | Jan 16 10:30a  
Midwest City Library Thu | Jan 21 10a  
Del City Library Thu | Jan 28 4:30p

*Senior (ages 55+)*  
Edmond Library Sat | Jan 9 2p

*Book Clubs for Pre-teens & Teens*  
Belle Isle Library Mon | Jan 4, 11, 25 5:30p  
*Anime Club*

Choctaw Library Wed | Jan 6, 20 11a  
Belle Isle Library Tue | Jan 19 4p  
*Random Fandom*

Bethany Library® Tue | Jan 26 6:30p  
*Kids' Classics*

Northwest Library Wed | Jan 27 6p

### Book Clubs for Children

*Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)*  
Choctaw Library Wednesdays 10a  
Southern Oaks Library® Tue | Jan 12 6:30p  
Almonte Library Wed | Jan 13 10a



### Concerts @ the Library

### Noon Tunes

*All Ages*  
Downtown Library Thursdays Noon  
Thu | Jan 7 Jenny Rucker & Miho Fisher *clarinet/piano*  
Thu | Jan 14 The Savoy Trio *30's Jazz*  
Thu | Jan 21 Adam & Kizzie *piano/vocal*  
Thu | Jan 28 Carter Sampson *singer/songwriter*





## Create @ the Library

### Art

#### Adults

Bethany Library Wed | Jan 6 10:30a

#### PreTeen (ages 9-12)

Warr Acres Library® Tue | Jan 12 4p

#### Toddlers (ages 1-3)

Downtown Library® Thu | Jan 14 10a

### Crafts

#### Children (ages 12 & under)

Downtown Library® Mon | Jan 4 6:30p

#### Adults

Bethany Library Wed | Jan 6 10:30a

#### PreTeen (ages 9-12)

Warr Acres Library® Tue | Jan 12 4p

#### Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Del City Library Thu | Jan 21 6:30p

#### PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)

Almonte Library Sun | Jan 31 3p

### Creative Writing

#### Adults

Midwest City Library Mon | Jan 11, 25 6p

Ralph Ellison Library Thu | Jan 14 6p

### Coloring for Grown-ups

#### Adults

Bethany Library® Sat | Jan 23 2p

### Journaling

#### Teen (Ages 12-18)

Northwest Library® Thu | Jan 21 4p

### Knitting Club

#### Adults

Almonte Library Thu | Jan 7 5:30p

The Village Library Sat | Jan 9 10a

Southern Oaks Library® Mon | Jan 11 5:30p

Northwest Library Tue | Jan 12 6p

### Makerspace

#### Teen (Ages 12-18)

Belle Isle Library Tue | Jan 5 4p

The Village Library® Thu | Jan 14 4p

### Origamistad

#### Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Choctaw Library Sat | Jan 9 1:30p

### Quilting Club

#### Adults

Ralph Ellison Library Mondays & Fridays 11a

### Sew What?

#### Teen (ages 12-18)

Midwest City Library Thu | Jan 14 4p

### Watercolor Painting Class

#### Teen (ages 12-18)

Warr Acres Library® Sat | Jan 16 2p



## Game On @ the Library

### Board Games

#### Adults

Del City Library Thu | Jan 14 3p

#### Scrabble Club

Del City Library Tue | Jan 26 6:30p

#### Scrabble Club

### Chess Club

#### All Ages

The Village Library Fridays 4p

Northwest Library Thu | Jan 28 5:30p

### Family Game Night!

#### All Ages

Wright Library Wed | Jan 13 3p

Northwest Library Thu | Jan 14 4:30p

Luther Library Thu | Jan 14 4p

Harrah Library Wed | Jan 27 4p

### Gaming Club

#### Teen (Ages 12-18)

Belle Isle Library Jan. 14 & 28 4p

#### Bring Your Own Device

The Village Library® Thu | Jan 21 4p

### Juggling Club

#### Teen (Ages 12-18)

Belle Isle Library Wed | Jan 12 4p

### LEGO

#### Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Harrah Library Wed | Jan 6 4p

Luther Library Thu | Jan 7 4p

Warr Acres Library® Sat | Jan 9 2:30p

Capitol Hill Library Thu | Jan 14 4:30p

Almonte Library® Thu | Jan 27 2p

Choctaw Library® Wed | Jan 27 4p

#### PreTeen (ages 9-12)

Choctaw Library® Mon | Jan 4 4p

#### LEGO Robotics

### Minecraft

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

Downtown Library® Mon | Jan 11 6:30p

Choctaw Library® Mon | Jan 11 4p

Capitol Hill Library Thu | Jan 21 4:30p

# featured events

## Yu-Gi-Oh!

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

Bethany Library	Sat   Jan 9	10a
Warr Acres Library	Thu   Jan 21	6:30p



## College Prep

Teens (Ages 12-18)

Northwest Library	Thu   Jan 7	6p
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## eBooks 101

Adults

Midwest City Library	Tue   Jan 12	10a
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## Financially Fit in 2016

Adults

Midwest City Library	Tue   Jan 5, 19	6:30p
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## Homework Help

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Almonte Library	Wed   Jan 6, 20	5p
Capitol Hill Library	Wed   Jan 13, 20, 27	4p
Southern Oaks Library®	Thu   Jan 14, 21, 28	4p

## Intro to iPads

Adults

Almonte Library®	Thu   Jan 28	6p
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## Library Explorers

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Northwest Library®	Mon   Jan 25	4p
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## Reading Buddies

Children (ages 12 & under)

Warr Acres Library	Sun   Jan 10, 24	2p
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## Rocket Readers

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Bethany Library	Mon   Jan 25	5:30p, 6p, 6:30p
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## Science Sundays

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Del City Library	Sun   Jan 3	3p
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Please check our online calendar for even more events!

## Star Trek Display

All Ages

Choctaw Library

A display of Star Trek memorabilia prequels the motion picture release of *Star Trek Beyond* in theatres July 22, 2016. Boldly drop by the library to view this unique display.

## Downton Abbey Tea Party

Adults

Edmond Library®	Sun   Jan 3	1p
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Bring your fanciest tea cup for a Parade of Cups showcase and enjoy samples of authentic tea and snacks from the Downton Abbey era. Discuss life in the "Golden Age" of British history. Costumes are encouraged but not required.

## Fan Fiction & Fan Art Contest

All Ages

Southern Oaks Library

Submit entries Jan 4 - Mar 20.

Announcement Party	Sat   Mar 26	1:30p
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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).

## Girl's Night Make-Up Party!

PreTeen (ages 9-12)

Ralph Ellison Library	Tue   Jan 5	5p
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Do you find yourself lost in YouTube makeup tutorials for hours? If you are excited about makeup and want to learn new tips, tricks and trends, then join us for a beauty party that you won't forget! Bring your favorite nail polish and makeup and let's have fun!

## Financial Fitness: 2016

Adults

Midwest City Library	Tue   Jan 5, 19	6:30p
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Ralph Ellison Library	Tue   Jan 12, 26	6:30p
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It is time to get financially fit. Attend a four-week financial education series at Midwest City Library and Ralph Ellison Library. A certified financial counselor will teach about credit scoring and reporting, ways to save, creating a spending plan and the lending process.

## Tech Talks: Senior Health

### National Institutes of Health Senior Health Resources

Seniors (ages 55+)

Edmond Library®	Wed   Jan 6, 15, 20, 27	1p
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In this series of how-tos, learn to use the NIH toolkit to find reliable, up-to-date online health information. The training features three websites from the National Institutes of Health — NIHSeniorHealth.gov, MedlinePlus.gov and Go4Life®. Laptops will be available for hand-on experience with these resources.

Attend one of these sessions on Wednesdays from 1p-3p:

Wed | Jan 6: Internet Basics

Wed | Jan 15: Intro to NIH Senior Health

Wed | Jan 20: NIHSH Quizzes and Videos

Wed | Jan 27: NIHSH FAQs, Site Map and Search Box

## Video Game Design

Teen (ages 12-18)

Choctaw Library®	Thu   Jan 7, 14	6p
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Learn the basics of computer coding and game design with Microsoft's Project Spark! Participants will work in teams to create a new and exciting video game. Friends and family will be invited to the second session on January 14th to play the new creations.



# Thursday NOON TUNES

## JANUARY 7

Jenny Rucker, Miho Fisher  
*clarinet/piano*

## JANUARY 14

The Savoy Trio  
*30's Jazz*

## JANUARY 21

Adam and Kizzie  
*piano/vocal, originals/pop*

## JANUARY 28

Carter Sampson  
*singer-songwriter*

## FEBRUARY 4

Lisa and Laura  
*guitar/fiddle/vocals*

## FEBRUARY 11

Ms. Brown to You  
*piano/vocals/bass/guitar*

## FEBRUARY 18

Cleveland Elementary Choir

## FEBRUARY 25

Easy Street  
*pop/oldies*



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Thursdays from Noon to 1pm

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

# featured events

## Heartfulness Meditation

Adult

Edmond Library® Sat | Jan 9 10a  
Still frazzled from the holiday madness? Take a deep breath, close your eyes and come to this workshop to learn how to find inner peace with meditation, guided relaxation, silent introspection and journaling.

## A Harry Potter Celebration

Children (ages 12 & under)

Belle Isle Library Sun | Jan 10 2p  
Congratulations! We are pleased to inform you that you have a place at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Enter Platform 9<sup>3/4</sup> and ride the Hogwarts Express to the Belle Isle Library. Brew a concoction in Professor Snape's Potion Class, find out which house you belong in with the Sorting Hat Ceremony and celebrate the magic of the Harry Potter series.

## Herbal Mysteries with Author Susan Wittig Albert

Adult

Belle Isle Library® Mon | Jan 11 2p  
What's blood wort and how does it play a part in a mystery? Which herbs are poisonous? Come hear Susan Wittig Albert talk about herbs and her mystery series starring China Bayles.

## Introduction to NIH SeniorHealth

Senior (ages 55+)

The Village Library® Tue | Jan 12 1p  
Developed by the National Institute on Aging to help older adults learn to find accurate online health information, this class will teach seniors how to find health topics on the NIH Senior Health website.

## Tech Time

Senior (ages 55+)

The Village Library® Tue | Jan 12, 26 4p  
Have a new phone or tablet and have questions about set up or functions? Need help downloading library eBooks? Bring in your device and a friendly teen volunteer will work with you to answer basic questions. Other electronic devices and questions (such as email, Internet or Microsoft Word) are welcome as well.

## Building Towers

Teens (ages 12-18)

Almonte Library Wed | Jan 13 6p  
Use your ingenuity to build a tall tower that would withstand a massive earthquake with basic materials like construction paper and masking tape. Test your abilities to think creatively and, through trial and error, learn basic engineering skills.

## Being a Man: 2016

Adult

Ralph Ellison Library Sat | Jan 16 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.

## Teen Alien Encounter

Teen (ages 12-18)

Edmond Library® Thu | Jan 21 4p  
Trust no one! With the release of *The Fifth Wave* as a movie and the

return of *The X-Files* to television, the alien invasion has arrived. Teens, join us to nerd out about your favorite science fiction, share some out-of-this-world snacks, and create your own UFO lamp!

## Rock and Read with the Musical Mom

PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)

Southern Oaks Library® Tue | Jan 26 6p  
Music and learning go hand in hand. Bond to the beat with the musical mom and help your child learn early language and literacy skills. Children will experience live music, get hands-on exposure to instruments, dance, sing and be creative, all while learning language and literacy skills.

## Tax Help

Adult

Village Library Sat | Jan 30 9a  
Need help preparing and filing your state and federal income tax returns? Volunteers from AARP will be providing 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 every Tuesday and Saturday during tax season.

® = Registration required for this event.

## Reviewed by You

The Internet has changed the way we make decisions. Most people want to be educated before choosing to purchase, read or watch something. Peer and professional reviews are an important part of our decision making process in the digital world.

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METROPOLITAN LIBRARY SYSTEM PRESENTS

# MINECRAFT CLUB



*It's a block party!*

Build your own 3D world with other crafters. Trade secrets of the game and learn new tricks.

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

**Downtown Library** *(Registration required)* Mon | Jan 11 6:30p  
300 Park Avenue | 231-8650

**Choctaw Library** *(Registration required)* Mon | Jan 11 4p  
2525 Muzzy Street | 390-8418

**Capitol Hill Library** Thu | Jan 21 4:30p  
330 SW 24th | 634-6308



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# Kids @ the Library

## Play @ the Library

### 123! Play with Me!

*Toddlers (ages 1-3)*

Bethany Library<sup>R</sup> Thu | Jan 21, 28 9:30a & 10:30a

### Playtime

*Babies (0-12 months)*

Belle Isle Library<sup>R</sup> Mon | Jan 4, 11, 25 10a

Belle Isle Library<sup>R</sup> Thu | Jan 7, 14, 28 10a

Northwest Library<sup>R</sup> Tue | Jan 5, 19 9:30a

Northwest Library<sup>R</sup> Wed | Jan 6, 20 9:30a

Downtown Library<sup>R</sup> Thu | Jan 28 10a

*Toddlers (ages 1-3)*

Almonte Library Sat | Jan 2 12p

Northwest Library<sup>R</sup> Tue | Jan 5, 19 10:15a

Northwest Library<sup>R</sup> Wed | Jan 6, 20 10:15a

Choctaw Library Sat | Jan 9 10a

Warr Acres Library Wed | Jan 13, 20, 27 9:15a & 10:30a

The Village Library<sup>R</sup> Tue | Jan 26 10a

*PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)*

Northwest Library<sup>R</sup> Tue | Jan 5, 19 11a

Northwest Library<sup>R</sup> Wed | Jan 6, 20 11a

Warr Acres Library Tue | Jan 12 10:30a

*Parachute Play*

Southern Oaks Library<sup>R</sup> Mon | Jan 25 10:30a

## Storytime @ the Library

### Mother Goose on the Loose

*Toddlers (ages 1-3)*

Almonte Library Sun | Jan 3 3p

Downtown Library<sup>R</sup> Thu | Jan 7 10a

The Village Library<sup>R</sup> Tue | Jan 12 10a

Warr Acres Library<sup>R</sup> Tue | Jan 12 9:30a & 6:30p

Southern Oaks Library<sup>R</sup> Wed | Jan 20 10:30a

Warr Acres Library<sup>R</sup> Tue | Jan 28 6p

### Musictime

*Babies (0-12 months)*

Midwest City Library Mon | Jan 4 11a

Belle Isle Library<sup>R</sup> Thu | Jan 21 10a

Edmond Library<sup>R</sup> Mon | Jan 25 9a

Northwest Library<sup>R</sup> Tue | Jan 26 9:30a

Northwest Library<sup>R</sup> Wed | Jan 27 9:30a

*Toddlers (ages 1-3)*

Midwest City Library Mon | Jan 4 10a

Northwest Library<sup>R</sup> Tue | Jan 26 10:15a

Northwest Library<sup>R</sup> Wed | Jan 27 10:15a

*PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)*

The Village Library<sup>R</sup> Thu | Jan 7 10a

Downtown Library<sup>R</sup> Thu | Jan 21 10a

Belle Isle Library<sup>R</sup> Thu | Jan 21 11a

Edmond Library<sup>R</sup> Mon | Jan 25 10a & 11a  
Northwest Library<sup>R</sup> Tue | Jan 26 11a  
Northwest Library<sup>R</sup> Wed | Jan 27 11a

### Storytime

*PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)*

Choctaw Library<sup>R</sup> Tuesdays 10:30a

Southern Oaks Library<sup>R</sup> Mon | Jan 11 10:30a

Northwest Library<sup>R</sup> Tue | Jan 12 11a

Northwest Library<sup>R</sup> Wed | Jan 13 11a

Bethany Library<sup>R</sup> Thu | Jan 14 10a

Warr Acres Library<sup>R</sup> Tue | Jan 19 6p

Warr Acres Library<sup>R</sup> Tue | Jan 26 10:30a

*Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)*

Harrah Library Wed | Jan 20 4p

Luther Library Thu | Jan 21 4p

### Pajama Family Storytime

*PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)*

Belle Isle Library Wednesdays 6:30p

*Toddlers (ages 1-3)*

Edmond Library<sup>R</sup> Thu | Jan 21, 28 6:30p

### Babytime

*Babies (0-12 months)*

Northwest Library<sup>R</sup> Tue | Jan 12 9:30a

Northwest Library<sup>R</sup> Wed | Jan 13 9:30a

Edmond Library<sup>R</sup> Tue | Jan 19, 26 10a

Belle Isle Library Mon | Jan 4, 11, 25 9:30a

### Toddler time

*Toddlers (ages 1-3)*

Choctaw Library<sup>R</sup> Tuesdays 9:30a

Belle Isle Library<sup>R</sup> Tuesdays 10a

Midwest City Library Mon | Jan 11, 25 10a

Northwest Library<sup>R</sup> Tue | Jan 12 10:15a

Northwest Library<sup>R</sup> Wed | Jan 13 10:15a

Edmond Library<sup>R</sup> Wed | Jan 20, 27 10a & 11a

Almonte Library Sat | Jan 30 3p

## Children Reading to Dogs @ the Library

*Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)*

Northwest Library Mon | Jan 4 6p

Belle Isle Library Mon | Jan 4, 11 6p

Belle Isle Library Thursdays 6p

Capitol Hill Library Sat | Jan 9 1p

Choctaw Library<sup>R</sup> Sat | Jan 9 3p

Midwest City Library<sup>R</sup> Tue | Jan 12, 26 7p

Warr Acres Library Thu | Jan 14 6:30p

Del City Library Thu | Jan 14 6:30p

Southern Oaks Library<sup>R</sup> Tue | Jan 19 6:30p

Edmond Library Tue | Jan 19 6:30p

Choctaw Library<sup>R</sup> Wed | Jan 20 4p

Southern Oaks Library<sup>R</sup> Sat | Jan 23 10a

Belle Isle Library Mon | Jan 25 6p

Downtown Library Mon | Jan 25 6:30p





# Play Together @ the Library!

**Family Place:**

**1-2-3**

**Play With Me!**

**You bring the child...  
we'll provide the toys.**

***It's Fun! It's Free!***

***It's for children through age 4  
with parents or guardians!***

***Registration required.***

**Bethany**

Thursdays, January  
21, 28, & February 4 @  
9:30a & 10:30a

**Del City**

Tuesdays, March 1, 8,  
15, & 22 @ 10a

**Downtown**

Thursdays, March 3, 10,  
24, & 31 @ 10a

**Choctaw**

Fridays, March 4, 11, 18,  
& 25 @ 10a

**Midwest City**

Mondays, March 7, 14,  
21, & 28 @ 10a

**Southern Oaks**

Tuesdays, March 15, 22,  
29 & April 5 @ 6p

**Warr Acres**

Saturdays, April 2, 9, 16,  
& 23 @ 10:30a

**Belle Isle**

Mondays, April 4, 11,  
18, & 25 @ 10a

**Almonte**

Mondays, April 4, 11,  
18, & 25 @ 6p

**Edmond**

Tuesdays, April 5, 12,  
19, & 26 @ 10a

**Capitol Hill**

Tuesdays, April 26,  
May 3, 10, & 17 @ 4p

**Northwest**

Mondays, May 2, 9,  
16, & 23 @ 9:30a

**Village**

Tuesdays, May, 10,  
17, & 24 @ 10a

**Ralph Ellison**

Tuesdays, May 3 & 10  
@ 4p



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## MLS LIBRARIES

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1 <b>ALMONTE</b> 2914 SW 59, OKC, 606-3575	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
2 <b>BELLE ISLE</b> 5501 N. Villa, OKC, 843-9601	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
3 <b>BETHANY</b> 3510 N. Mueller, Bethany, 789-8363	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
4 <b>CAPITOL HILL</b> 330 SW 24th, OKC, 634-6308	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
5 <b>CHOCTAW</b> 2525 Muzzy Street, Choctaw, 390-8418	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
6 <b>DEL CITY</b> 4509 SE 15th, Del City, 672-1377	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
7 <b>DOWNTOWN</b> 300 Park Ave., OKC, 231-8650	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
8 <b>EDMOND</b> 10 S. Boulevard, Edmond, 341-9282	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
9 <b>HARRAH*</b> 1930 N. Church Avenue, Harrah, 454-2001	9:30-6	9:30-6	9:30-6	9:30-6	9-5	9-5	—
10 <b>JONES*</b> 111 E. Main, Jones, 399-5471	—	9:30-5:30	—	9:30-5:30	—	9-5	—
11 <b>LUTHER*</b> 310 NE 3rd, Luther, 277-9967	9:30-6	9:30-6	9:30-6	9:30-6	9-5	9-5	—
12 <b>MIDWEST CITY</b> 8143 E. Reno, MWC, 732-4828	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
13 <b>NICOMA PARK*</b> 2240 Overholser, Nicoma Park, 769-9452	—	9:30-5:30	9:30-5:30	9:30-5:30	9-5	9-5	—
14 <b>NORTHWEST</b> 5600 NW 122nd, OKC, 606-3580	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
15 <b>RALPH ELLISON</b> 2000 NE 23rd, OKC, 424-1437	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
16 <b>SOUTHERN OAKS</b> 6900 S. Walker, OKC 631-4468	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
17 <b>THE VILLAGE</b> 10307 N. Pennsylvania Ave., The Village, 755-0710	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
18 <b>WARR ACRES</b> 5901 NW 63rd, Warr Acres, 721-2616	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
19 <b>WRIGHT*</b> 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

