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It's the changing of the guard. A new era. A new chief. The leader of the pack.

Metro Library's new executive director, Tim Rogers, begins his reign during the second week of January.

For over seven years, Rogers called the shots at NC LIVE, a consortium of libraries that provide digital content and services to 200 North Carolina libraries. But Rogers isn't just a Midwest newcomer. Before heading to the Tar Heel State, he worked for the Johnson County Library system in Overland Park, KS for 10 years, as well as in Burlington, KS as the administrator for the Coffey County Library.

So send an email, give him a call or just swing by to say hi and welcome him to the Oklahoma City metro area. And stay tuned for the February issue of *info* for an indepth exposé.





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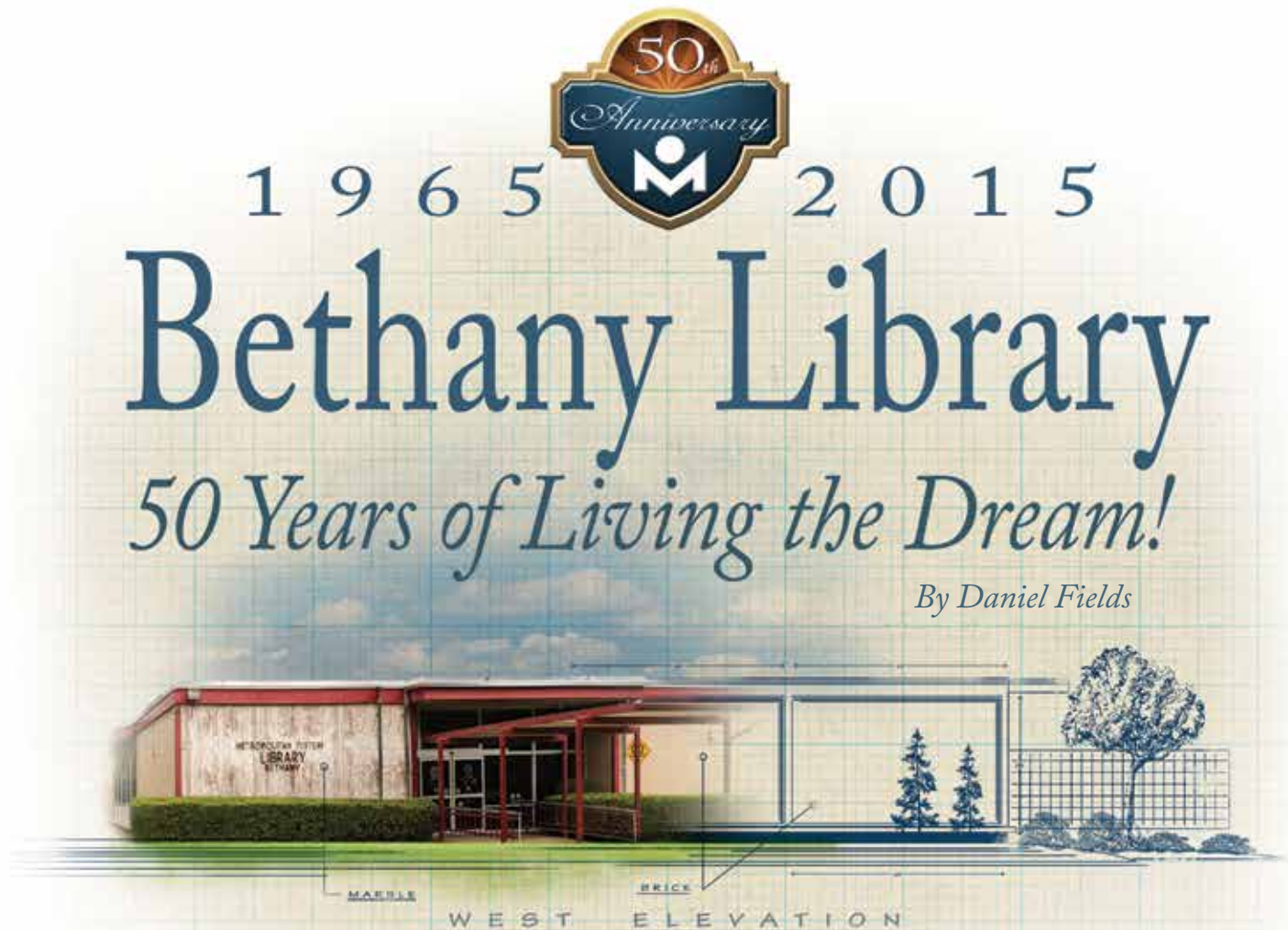
See our Featured Events for great events and programs at our libraries.

On the Cover

The design rendering of the new Jones Library.



Oklahoma Images



By Daniel Fields

Bethany Library will honor its past and look to the future on Monday, January 26, 2:00-3:30 pm, when it celebrates its 50th anniversary of serving the community with a come and go reception, including refreshments and the beautiful guitar sounds of local artist Michael Fresonke.

The building of Bethany Library was the realization of a dream that was born out of the desires of the community for a library of its own.

How did Bethany set and reach the goal of having its first public library? A look back through the archives of the local newspaper sheds light on this history.

Phillip Cowan, editor of the community newspaper *The Tribune-Review*, wrote at the beginning of 1962, "This year we have many dreams we hope come true. These dreams are possible if we work hard and keep the confidence and cooperation of the

community. . . . We must set our sights on high goals even though it may take a few years to fulfill these goals."

In March 1962, the newspaper reported, Mayor C. Harold Ripper identified some of the city's unsolved problems, "There is . . . a need for a library and a central location for the fire station and police department."

In May 1962, an editorial in *The Tribune-Review* headlined, "Bethany Needs a Public Library." Phillip Cowan



urged supporters of this movement to contact city councilmen, the Chamber of Commerce and the newspaper to show their support for this major undertaking.

A community development clinic was conducted in Bethany to solicit community input into prioritizing the city's needs. Results showed that "more people thought there was a greater need for a public library in Bethany than any single factor."

Discussions ensued and city officials envisioned a future "civic center" that would include a public library, fire station and possibly a new city hall. Phillip Cowan urged in his column, "There is a definite need for a public library now. . . . Personally, I would like to see a bond issue, with the people in this area behind it. The city council will take steps towards getting a public library, if there are enough of us who want it."

After six months of study of the community's needs, in January 1963 *The Tribune-Review* headlines reported "Bethany Calls Bond Election." Eight separate proposals were offered to Bethany voters. Heading the list of projects was an expansion of the water system at a cost of \$418,000. Second on the list was a building and necessary

equipment for a public library at a cost of \$175,000. The third major proposal was for a new fire station at a cost of \$115,000.

Mayor Ripper stated his confidence, "The City of Bethany is interested in

council. The published list of supporters totaled nearly 500 names.

Phillip Cowan wrote that the day of the vote, February 19, 1963, "may go down as one of the most important dates in the history of Bethany. . . .

A new library would be an achievement that all citizens of the community should be proud of, and we can make it a reality if we will."

The result of the vote was the overwhelming approval of all eight civic improvements. The new library was supported by 719 voters, with 249 voting no. Bethany Public Library held a dedication ceremony and open house in its new building at Northwest 35th and Mueller, Sunday, January 31, 1965.

Bethany Library, now in its 50th year of service, continues

to serve its hometown community and the larger northwest community of Oklahoma County within the same walls built from the dreams of the forward looking citizens of Bethany who decided on February 19, 1963 that their community needed a public library.



First Children's Librarian Larue Hunter at Bethany Library 1965.

building excellence into our community. Bethany is not interested in a free ride on Oklahoma City or our neighboring communities."

The "Build a Better Bethany Citizens Committee" took out full page ads in newspaper to explain and endorse the eight bond proposals. The final push for the bond issues included a two page advertising spread in *The Tribune-Review* including endorsements by the Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis Club and unanimous support of the mayor and city

Daniel Fields is known as "Mr. Daniel" to children at Bethany Library. He has served as children's librarian at Bethany Library for nearly 14 years.



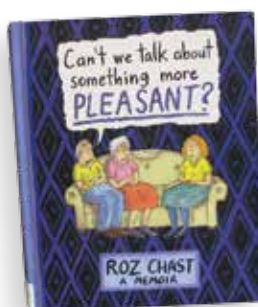
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ON THE SHELF

Can't We Talk About Something More Pleasant? A Memoir by Roz Chast

reviewed by Kelley Rhia



In *Can't We Talk About Something More Pleasant?* Roz Chast writes the story of her aging parents. Her style incorporates humorous hand-written text with colored cartoon panels telling their story. Somehow that style takes part of the sting out of the end-of-life events Roz must prepare for.

In the beginning, Roz takes readers to her childhood home in Brooklyn where her mild annoyance with her parents' idiosyncrasies becomes apparent. As things begin to happen to them, Roz is forced to accept they can no longer live unassisted. She does the best she can do when faced with such a delicate situation. She is their only child who will be the one to make their arrangements; the important financial and medical

decisions when they cannot decide for themselves.

Heartfelt and heart-wrenching, this is a valuable read for anyone going through the steps of helping loved ones to the conclusion of their lives. Roz shares the steady decline of her 90 year old parents' illnesses, falls, admittance to various facilities and finally the time when she must say goodbye.

Suggested by my personal elder lawyer for which I'm eternally grateful, now I'm one better informed only child.

Kelley Riba 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.

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ON THE SHELF

SEXTANT: A Young Man's Daring Sea Voyage and the Men Who Mapped the World's Oceans By David Barrie

reviewed by Lloyd Lovely



History is often more intriguing than fiction. When it involves explorers who sailed vast expanses of the world's oceans (prior to navigational assurances or hope of assistance in times of distress), it's downright unfathomable (in this book about sailors) how anyone in their right mind would leave the safety of the shore. But leave it they did, and eager they were to do so, for months or years at a time. Getting lost seemed to be part of the attraction.

Sextant is an extremely interesting book, at least to us ex-Navy types, that successfully weaves a three-part tale of history, science, and nautical practices into one book.

In 1972, at just twenty years of age, David Barrie is given a chance to sail across the Atlantic Ocean in a thirty-five foot sail boat. This was prior to the invention

of GPS, and the voyagers relied upon the sextant as a means of navigation. Accurate to within several hundred yards, it is a surprisingly reliable means of finding one's spot upon the earth, latitudinally. Add a chronometer, and you obtain your longitude. Along with the account of his almost current-day voyage, the author recounts the hardships on voyages of some of the greatest explorers ever, including Cook, Jean-Francois, La Pérouse, Vancouver, Flinders, Fitz-Roy, Bligh (yes, that Bligh), and Shackleton.

You'll be sad to find yourself at the end of this book.

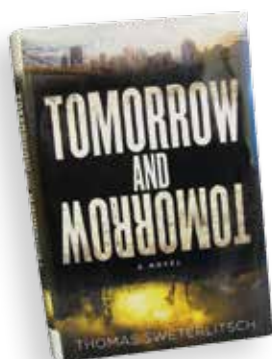
Lloyd Lovely is the MLS Deputy Executive Director for Finance and Support, which makes him feel important. Please don't tell him the truth.



Tomorrow and Tomorrow: a novel

By Thomas Sweterlitsch

"I don't seek out happiness, just pockets of alleviation – a drowning man sipping at bubbles of air."



John Dominic Blaxton is a survivor, though he'd rather not be. Instead, he wishes he'd died with his wife and unborn daughter when Pittsburgh was incinerated. Ten years after the bomb went off, John makes ends meet by investigating insurance death claims. He spends hours in the Archive exploring a digitally reconstructed Pittsburgh before it turned to ash.

The Archive is incredibly realistic, like Google Earth, only far more technologically superior. In John's world, the app of choice is Adware, installed directly into the

reviewed by Jana Hausburg

brain. Memories can be enhanced with software that stimulates all five of the senses. Combined with easy-to-score drugs like brown sugar, immersion into the Archive can be incredibly addictive, especially if reliving the past is all that keeps one from going in the future.

This is dystopian fiction at its best. Invasive social media, murder as entertainment, obsession, utter bleakness – it's all there. I couldn't put it down.

This novel is available in print and audio download.

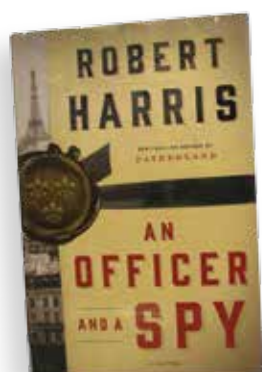
With her incredible book knowledge and sharply-honed survivor skills, Jana Hausburg is humanity's best chance in a zombie apocalypse. She is also the manager at the Capitol Hill Library.



An Officer & A Spy

by Robert Harris

"The Dreyfus affair, perhaps the greatest political scandal and miscarriage of justice in history, which in the 1890's came to obsess France and ultimately the entire world."



The Dreyfus Affair? Sounds familiar but you can't quite remember what it was about? Robert Harris can tell you all about it in his exciting new fictionalized account of the affair called *An Officer and a Spy*.

It is Paris, 1895, and the spy in question is a Jewish army officer named Alfred Dreyfus, who is convicted of treason for passing secrets to France's arch enemy, Germany. He is imprisoned on Devil's Island. He is publically humiliated, bound in chains, and banished to solitary confinement. Colonel Jacques Picquart is

reviewed by Christine Bassett

involved in his conviction and made head of a secret organization called "the statistical section." In his new position he has a growing suspicion that the wrong man has been put away. He is determined to prove that Dreyfus is innocent at the risk of his own safety and security. Major worldwide figures from both home and abroad become involved in the scandal. Harris has written a compelling novel about state corruption and individual principle that is hard to put down.

This title is available in large print, audio CD, eBook and audio download.

Christine Bassett has worked for MLS for over 10 years. She currently works as a reference librarian at Bethany Library and is a volunteer community literacy tutor in her spare time.



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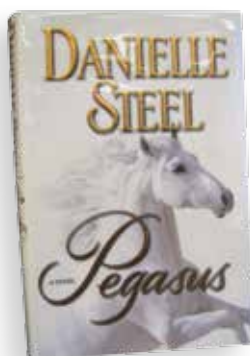
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ON THE SHELF

Pegasus

by Danielle Steel

reviewed by Ruby Soutiere



The quiet of the beautiful countryside was shattered as Hitler came to power. Nicholas von Bingen and Alex von Hemmerle had been friends since childhood. Both were widowers raising their children in the Bavarian countryside. Until now, life in the country had been idyllic.

Nicholas discovers that the mother he never knew was of Jewish descent. To the Third Reich, even a drop of Jewish blood is too much. Nicholas and his sons must escape from Germany before the ethnic cleansing of the Jews begins. As a German aristocrat, Nicholas's only job qualifications are working with horses or driving an automobile. Alex gives Nicholas two of his precious Lipizzaner horses and several Arabian horses.

It is this gift that enables Nicholas to move to America

and make a living as a circus performer with the Ringling Brothers Circus—The Greatest Show on Earth. Nicholas in his tails cuts a striking figure on his beautiful Lipizzaner stallion pegasus. Along with the beautiful trapeze artist, Christianna Markovich, they are soon stars of the circus.

It has been many years since I read a novel by Danielle Steel. She still knows how to write a romantic story that brings tears to the reader's eyes.

Pegasus is also available in both digital and audio formats, as well as in a large print edition.

Ruby Soutiere has the best job ever, selecting the adult fiction for the Metropolitan Library System. If you are quick, you might see her, in her free time, zipping around the city in a white roadster, red curls flying.

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ON THE SHELF

The Guardians of Childhood

by William Joyce

reviewed by Ann Meeks



This inventive series has action, imagination, and humor. "Of course you know the Guardians of Childhood. You've known them since you can remember, and you'll know them till your memories are like twilight: Santa Claus, the Tooth Fairy, the Sandman, the Easter Bunny, and the others."

Well-known children's author and illustrator, William Joyce, has spent most of his life deciphering the long lost and nearly destroyed records of the beginnings of these legends. The recent box office hit, *Rise of the Guardians*, was based on these series.

There are two types of Guardian books—picture books, which make great bedtime reading books, and chapter books for older readers.

The Man in the Moon, and *The Sandman*, are appropriate for younger readers. I especially love the illustrations in *The Sandman*, which features mermaids

and nightmares banished by Dreamsand.

The novels will appeal to Harry Potter and Percy Jackson fans. The first novel is Santa's story, *Nicholas St. North and the Battle of the Nightmare King*. Other legendary characters are introduced throughout the course of these books, including one of my favorite characters, Nightlight. He is an intrepid, brave boy with a moonbeam spear who guarded the Man in the Moon on his sailing moon boat. The Guardians vow to protect the children of the earth from Pitch and other dangers "for they are all that we have, all that we are, and all that we will ever be."

Ann Meeks has been answering reference questions at the Belle Isle for what seems like forever. She is a third generation librarian, following in the footsteps of her grandmother and father. She has also worked at Warr Acres, Edmond, Capitol Hill and Southern Oaks libraries. She plans concerts, Tai Chi, and other fun, educational programs for adults.



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By now you know that you can find the latest popular music on CD at the library. If you didn't know that and you are a music lover, get to the library now and be ready to be amazed when you see rows of CDs on the shelf.

Free CDs are great, but it's 2015 and they are going the way of the eight track. Who needs 100 shiny discs that get scratched or lost when you can just download the song to your mobile device? Oh, "but that can be expensive," you say. \$12-\$15 for an album? And if you have a music collection like mine on your smart phone or MP3 player, you are toting around hundreds of dollars worth of music. But not me. See, my music collection was all FREE! How did I do that, you say? I used the library's subscription to

Freegal, and downloaded five songs a week - for free! (And it's legal too!)

Freegal is a free digital music service from your library that offers access to about 7 million songs from Sony Music's catalog. In total, the collection is comprised of music from over 28,000 labels.

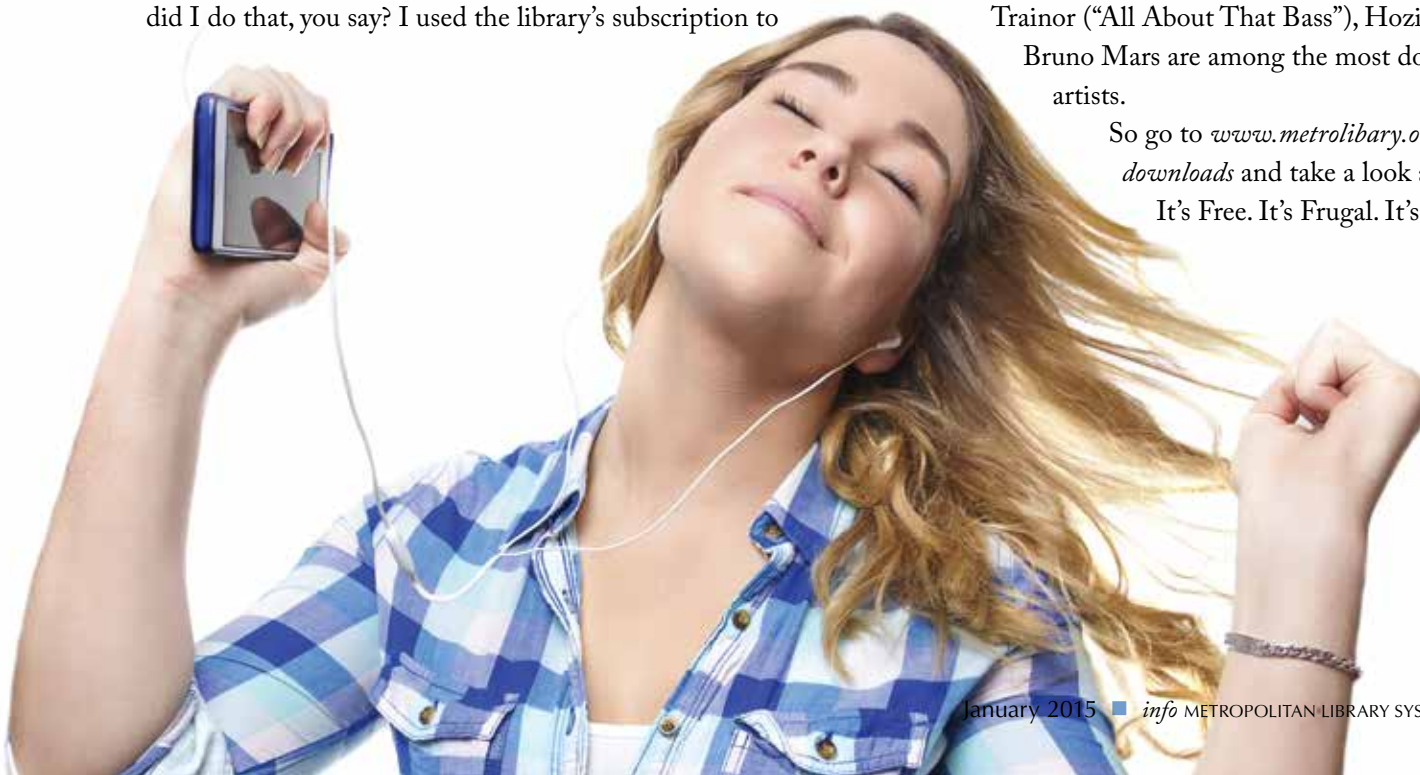
Freegal just keeps getting better. You can access it from the library website and download music to sync to your device and build your collection on the go.

When you log in you can search for your favorite new song, browse through different genres, or take a look at the Top Ten lists for your library or the U.S. As I am writing this, the latest One Direction, Carrie Underwood, Meghan

Trainor ("All About That Bass"), Hozier and Bruno Mars are among the most downloaded artists.

So go to www.metrolibrary.org/downloads and take a look at Freegal.

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Work in P

Communities change and grow, and so do the needs of the people served by Oklahoma County libraries.





progress

The Metropolitan Library system changes and grows too, keeping up with the fluid needs of our customers. Libraries are valued in our communities, and we're happy that updates, expansions, and new building needs are supported and funded.

A design rendering of the new Jones Library was recently released and Jones residents are excited. Mayor Ray Poland, a strong library advocate, remembers

when the Jones library was a bookmobile. The new Jones Library is scheduled to start construction in spring 2015 with a planned grand opening date in late summer 2016. The current building- a 640 square foot donated trailer- will be replaced with a 3,000 square foot building which will accommodate higher usage and more services for the Jones community.

The design of the long awaited renovation of the Capitol Hill Library,

in the historic Capitol Hill Mainstreet area, is finally underway. This small community library, which houses our largest Spanish language collection, was built in 1951. This library is a haven for local families, offering tutoring, art and culture events, book giveaways and community support.

Architects at MS + R and Guernsey have created an innovative design for the new space which will include a large meeting room that divides into two, several study rooms and an outdoor room for a children's space. The City of Oklahoma City is working to obtain property to allow additional square footage which will be added to the east, and for parking, which will be located on the south side of the property.

The Capitol Hill staff and collection will move to a temporary site in the fall of 2015, and plan to be back in the new building in time for Summer Reading 2017.

We are always growing with our communities. Stay tuned for more information about plans for renovations or new construction in the Bethany, Del City, Belle Isle and Edmond communities as we keep the pace with you.



A design rendering of the new Jones Library

january

FEATURED EVENTS

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

Commission Meeting

Ralph Ellison Library Thu | Jan 15 3:30p
Metropolitan Library Commission of Oklahoma County Monthly Meeting

Our libraries will be closed on Thursday, January 1 for New Years Day and Monday, January 19 for Martin Luther King Day. Visit us online to find your next read, download eBooks, audiobooks, MP3s, digital magazines or access one of our great databases.



Anime Club

Teen, 12-18
Belle Isle Library Tue | Jan 6 4p

Bingo

All Ages
Del City Library Fri | Jan 9 4p

Board Games

All Ages
Del City Library Fri | Jan 16 4p

Chess Club

All Ages
Del City Library Fri | Jan 2 4p
The Village Library Fri | Jan 2, 9, 30 4p
The Village Library Fri | Jan 16, 23 4:30p
Northwest Library Thu | Jan 8, 22 5:30p

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Edmond Library Mon | Jan 5 4:30p

Gamefest

PreTeen (ages 9-12)
Warr Acres Library R Sat | Jan 24 2p
Teen (ages 12-18)
Southern Oaks Library Sun | Jan 25 2p

Gaming Club

Teen (ages 12-18)
Belle Isle Library Tue | Jan 13 4p
Choctaw Library Tue | Jan 27 3p
Belle Isle Library Thu | Jan 8, 15, 22, 29 4p

Juggling Club

Teen (ages 12-18)
Belle Isle Library Wed | Jan 21 4p

Lego Club

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)
Capitol Hill Library Thu | Jan 8 4p
Warr Acres Library R Sat | Jan 17 2:30p
The Village Library R Sat | Jan 24 2p
Midwest City Library Mon | Jan 26 4p
Almonte Library R Wed | Jan 28 4p

Children (ages 12 & under)

Del City Library Mon | Jan 19 4:30p

All Ages

Choctaw Library R Wed | Jan 28 4p

Minecraft Club

Teen (ages 12-18)
Choctaw Library R Tue | Jan 13 4p

Teen Games

Teen (ages 12-18)
Midwest City Library Wed | Jan 28 4:30p

Yu-Gi-Oh!

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

PreTeen (ages 9-12)

Edmond Library Sat | Jan 10 3p



Art Class

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)
Choctaw Library R Fri | Jan 23 & 30 9:30a

Art Time

Babies (0-12 months)
Downtown Library R Thu | Jan 8 10a

Crafts

All Ages
Midwest City Library Sat | Jan 10 3p

Crafty Art


PreTeen (ages 9-12)
Warr Acres Library R Tue | Jan 13 4p

Drawing Class

Teen (ages 12-18)
Warr Acres Library R Thu | Jan 22 6:30p

Family Craft Night*Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)*

Del City Library Thu | Jan 15 6:30p

Fashion Club*Teen (ages 12-18)*The Village Library  Thu | Jan 15 4p**Journal Junkies***Teen (ages 12-18)*Northwest Library  Thu | Jan 15 4p**Knitting Club***Adults*

Almonte Library Thu | Jan 8 5:30p

The Village Library Sat | Jan 10 10a

Southern Oaks Library  Mon | Jan 12 5:30p

Choctaw Library Sat | Jan 17 10a

LEGO Robotics*PreTeen (ages 9-12)*Choctaw Library  Mon | Jan 5, 12 4p**Maker Monday***Children (ages 12 & under)*Downtown Library  Mon | Jan 5 6:30p**Quilting Club***Adults*

Midwest City Library Mon | Jan 5, 12, 26 9a

Ralph Ellison Library Mon | Jan 19, 26 11a

Ralph Ellison Library Fri | Jan 23, 30 11a

Teen Crafts*Teens (Ages 12-18)*

Belle Isle Library Tue | Jan 27 4p

Tinkering Tuesdays*Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)*

Midwest City Library Tue | Jan 6, 20 6p

**Book it @ the Library****Metro Library ReadUp** Online

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

Book Clubs*Adults*








Edmond Library Tue | Jan 6 2p

Cozy Mysteries


Midwest City Library Thu | Jan 8 10a

Non-Fiction

Midwest City Library Thu | Jan 15 10a

*Reader's Society*Edmond Library Sat | Jan 17 10:30a
*Reader's Choice*Downtown Library  Sun | Jan 18 2p
*Read the Movie*Edmond Library Tue | Jan 20 6:30p
*History*Northwest Library Fri | Jan 9 1p
Warr Acres Library Mon | Jan 12 11a
The Village Library Mon | Jan 12 3p
Southern Oaks Library  Tue | Jan 13 11:30a
Del City Library Thu | Jan 29 4:30p*Senior (ages 55+)*
Edmond Library Sat | Jan 10 2p*Teen (ages 12-18)*
Del City Library Tue | Jan 13 4:30p
Choctaw  Thu | Jan 15 6p
*Read the Movie**PreTeen (ages 9-12)*
Northwest Library Mon | Jan 12 4p
Bethany Library  Tue | Jan 27 6:30p
Edmond Library  Sat | Jan 31 10:30a*Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)*
Choctaw Library Wed | Jan 7, 14, 21, 28 10a
Southern Oaks Library  Tue | Jan 13 6:30p
Almonte Library  Wed | Jan 14 4p
Midwest City Library Mon | Jan 19 4:30p**Concerts @ the Library****Piano Concert***All Ages*


Belle Isle Library Sun | Jan 11 2p

**Learn @ the Library****Adult Education and Literacy Class**Southern Oaks Library  Mon & Wed 6p
Mon | Jan 5, 12, 26
Wed | Jan 7, 14, 21, 28**Early Learning Readiness***PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)*Capitol Hill Library Mon & Thu 9:30a
Mon | Jan 5, 12, 26
Thu | Jan 8, 15, 22, and 29

featured events

GED Prep

Adults

Southern Oaks Library  Mon & Wed 1p
Mon | Jan 5, 12, 26
Wed | Jan 7, 14, 28

Homework Help

Children (ages 12 & under)

Midwest City Library Thu | Jan 15 4p
Almonte Library Wed | Jan 7, 21 5p

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Southern Oaks Library  Thu | Jan 29 4p

Reading Help

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Capitol Hill Library Mon | Jan 26 4p
Wed | Jan 28 4p



Be Well @ the Library

Tai Chi

Seniors (ages 55+)

Northwest Library Mon & Thu 4p
(does not meet on Monday, Jan 12)



Highlighted Events @ the Library

Please check our online calendar for even more events!

Build It!


Children (ages 12 & under)

Ralph Ellison Library Jan 5, 6, 7 & 8

You can be an architect, engineer, and builder at your library! Stop by anytime and there will be construction materials and related books for you to explore. What will you create?

Women's Financial Literacy Series

Adults

Edmond Library 

This program consists of eight individual workshops that cover budgeting, credit, investing and saving.

Week 1 - Financial Goals and Decisions
Mon | Jan 5 7p

Week 2 - Understanding Cash Flow
Mon | Jan 12 7p

Week 3 - Budgeting and Developing Good Spending Habits
Mon | Jan 26 7p

eBooks 101

Adults

Midwest City Library Tue | Jan 6 10a
Tue | Jan 20 2p

Join us for step-by-step instructional sessions on how to check out library eBooks for your eReader, tablet computer or smart phone.

GeoBuild

Children (ages 12 & under)

Ralph Ellison Library Thu | Jan 8 5:30p

Create your own amazing (and yummy!) geometric structures. Using toothpicks and candy budding architects will design their own unique 3D engineering marvels. Kids will have a great time while also enhancing their math, visual-spatial, creative, and fine motor skills.

Healthy Pregnancy

Adults

Del City Library Thu | Jan 8 6p

If you're pregnant, you have a lot of planning ahead of you, and there's so much information out there about what's best to do during this important time that it can get overwhelming. We can help! Join a certified childbirth instructor for an informative class on how to stay healthy during your pregnancy, with tips on diet and exercise to ensure the arrival of a happy and healthy bundle of joy!

Relax, Recharge and Read!

All Ages

Del City Library 

Did the holiday season take your stress level to new heights? Take a deep breath and wind down at the library. Sip some herbal tea while you learn how to make DIY spa products. Kick back, put your feet up, and while you're at it check out our selection of books, dvds, and playaways on a plethora of non-stress inducing topics.

DIY Facials Fri | Jan 9 4p

DIY Bath Bombs Fri | Jan 23 4p

DIY Foot Soaks Fri | Jan 30 4p

FAFSA 101

Young Adult (ages 18-21)

Belle Isle Library Sat | Jan 10 10a

Need to file a FAFSA (Federal Student Aid Application) but not sure where to start? Join us for an instructional presentation with the Oklahoma College Assistance Program and learn everything you'll need to know.

VITA Tax Aide

Adults

Ralph Ellison Library Sat | Jan 10, 17, 24, 31 10a

Connect with community resources at the library. Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) is again providing free tax assistance and preparation for taxpayers with low to moderate income. Volunteers will be available to answer questions and help prepare tax forms on a first-come, first-served basis. This is a recurring event and takes place every Saturday during tax season.

Braids

All Ages

Midwest City Library Sat | Jan 17 1p

Get into the spirit for our wintry sing-along! Learn to braid your hair like your favorite princesses or try an icy cool look even a

Thursday NOON TUNES

JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2015

JAN. 1- Library closed for New Year's Day

JAN. 8- David Korbel
Standards vocals with piano

JAN. 15- Good Friends
Bluegrass Band

JAN. 22- Karen Khoury
Piano & vocals, light classics

JAN. 29- Brett and Laura Vanderzee
Folk/rock duo

FEB. 5- Joe Baxter & the Lost Cause
Roots music

FEB. 12- Classen SAS Honor Guitar
Ensemble

FEB. 19- Miss Brown to You
Eclectic jazz, blues, & folk

FEB. 26- Dennis Borycki
Classical and jazz piano improv

*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.*



Downtown Library Atrium
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featured events

snowman would envy. While you're here, check out our collection of books on hairstyling to try more looks at home.

Math Fest


Children (ages 12 & under)

Ralph Ellison Library Jan 20, 21 & 22

Throughout the week, explore a variety of hands-on math activities and books which will be out in the library for you to enjoy!

Hug in Mug

Teen (ages 12-18)

Almonte Library  Tue | Jan 20 6p

Brrrrrr...it's cold out there! Wouldn't a personalized mug of homemade hot cocoa or tea be just the perfect thing to warm you up? Teens, come in and decorate a mug to take home and make your own concoction of tasty beverages to enjoy! All supplies are included. Sign up to reserve your spot!

Flash Mob

Teen (ages 12-18)

Midwest City Library  Wed | Jan 21 4:30p

Make new friends and learn how to flash mob.

Crazy 8s


Children (ages 12 & under)

Ralph Ellison Library Thu | Jan 22 5:30p

We're having a MathFest! Why didn't the two 4's want any dinner? Because they already 8! At your library, Laughter = HA x 3. We are exploring the fun and even silly side of math at the library. There will be many hands-on activities to explore, from measuring "worms" and fishing for numbers to creating your very own geometric masterpiece.

The Art of Couponing

Adult

Northwest Library  Sat | Jan 24 10a

Want to learn how to be a savvy shopper and save money? Join us as we explore the proper use of coupons, where to find them, how to organize them, and how to shop with them. Check out the library's collection of print materials and databases to enhance your savvy shopping sensibilities.

eMedia 101: Making Peace with Your New Electronic Device

Adults

Edmond Library Sat | Jan 24 1p

Confused by your Kindle? Exasperated with your iPad? Nervous around your Nook? Join savvy eMedia users and learn how to use your device to access digital books, audio downloads, magazines, videos and much more. At this come-and-go event we can help you set up your device and become more comfortable with new technology.

Happy 50th Anniversary, Bethany Library!


All Ages

Bethany Library Mon | Jan 26 2p

Bethany Library is turning 50! To celebrate 50 years of serving the community, Bethany Library will hold a come and go reception including refreshments and the beautiful guitar sounds of local artist Michael Fresonke.

Library Explorers

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Northwest Library  Mon | Jan 26 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 explore the three properties of water.

Paying for College

Teen (ages 12-18)

Edmond Library  Tue | Jan 27 7p

Are you planning to go to college next year? Attend this program for students and parents to discover the options for financing an education. We'll introduce you to the FAFSA application for federal aid, and share some information about scholarship opportunities both locally and nationally. Library staff will also share print and digital resources available to aid in the transition to campus life. Representatives from area universities and the Oklahoma College Assistance Program will be available to answer your questions.

Valentine Make and Take

Adults

Warr Acres Library Sat | Jan 31 2p

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

 = Registration required for this event.

READ WITH ME!

It's never too late to read to your child. Children love to hear their parents', grandparents', and care givers' voices in a comfortable, unhurried setting.

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Sharing Books with Children

1. Take turns reading aloud.
2. Focus on just being with your child. Turn off the television.
3. Talk together about exciting plot points or characters. Let talking about the book lead into other discussions.
4. Don't feel obliged to finish the book in a hurry. That's what bookmarks are for.

Your local library can help find books that you and your child will enjoy - for free!

Kids @ the Libr

Play @ the Library


123! Play with Me!

Toddlers (ages 1-3)

Southern Oaks Library  Mon | Jan 5, 12, 26 10:30a

Baby Yoga

Northwest Library  Tue | Jan 20 10:45a & 1:45p

Northwest Library  Thu | Jan 22 10:45a

Evening Family Playtime

Babies (0-12 months)

Downtown Library  Mon | Jan 12, 26 6:30p

Parachute Play!


Toddlers (ages 1-3)


Capitol Hill Library Tue | Jan 27 10a

Playtime


Babies (0-12 months)

Northwest Library  Tue | Jan 6 10:45a & 1:45p

Belle Isle Library  Thu | Jan 8, 15, 29 10a

Northwest Library  Thu | Jan 8 10:45a

Capitol Hill Library Tue | Jan 13 10a

Downtown Library  Thu | Jan 15 10a


Toddlers (ages 1-3)


Choctaw Library Sat | Jan 10 10a

Warr Acres Library Wed | Jan 14, 21, 28 9:15a & 10:30a


Midwest City Library Mon | Jan 19 10a


PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)

Northwest Library  Tue | Jan 6 10a & 1p

Northwest Library  Thu | Jan 8 10a


Preschool Yoga

Northwest Library  Tue | Jan 20 10a & 1p

Northwest Library  Thu | Jan 22 10a

Toddlerobics

Toddlers (ages 1-3)

Almonte Library  Tue | Jan 27 9:30a


Storytime @ the Library

Babytime

Babies (0-12 months)

Belle Isle Library Mon | Jan 5, 12, 19, 26 10a

Edmond Library  Tue | Jan 13, 20, 27 10a

Northwest Library  Tue | Jan 13 10:45a & 1:45p

Northwest Library  Thu | Jan 15 10:45a

Capitol Hill Library Tue | Jan 6 10a

Mother Goose on the Loose


Toddlers (ages 1-3)

The Village Library  Tue | Jan 13 10a

Almonte Library  Mon | Jan 12 5:30p

Babies (0-12 months)

Southern Oaks Library  Wed | Jan 21 10:30a


Bethany Library  Thu | Jan 22, 29 9:30a & 10:30a

Toddler time


Toddlers (ages 1-3)

Midwest City Library Mon | Jan 5, 12, 26 10a

Belle Isle Library  Tue | Jan 6, 13, 20, 27 10a

Choctaw Library  Tue | Jan 6, 13, 20, 27 9:30a


Midwest City Library Sat | Jan 10 2p


Edmond Library  Wed | Jan 14, 21, 28 10a & 11a


Storytime


PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)

Choctaw Library  Tue | Jan 6, 13, 20 10:30a


Warr Acres Library  Tue | Jan 6, 20 10:30a

Edmond Library  Mon | Jan 12 10a & 11a


Northwest Library  Tue | Jan 13 10a & 1p


Bethany Library  Thu | Jan 15 10a

Northwest Library  Thu | Jan 15 10a

Almonte Library  Tue | Jan 20 9:30a

Northwest Library  Wed | Jan 21 10a

Almonte Library  Tue | Jan 20 9:30a

Choctaw Library  Tue | Jan 27 10:30a

Downtown Library  Thu | Jan 29 10a

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Evening Family Storytime®

Toddlers (ages 1-3)

Edmond Library	Thu Jan 15, 22, 29	6:30p
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PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)

Warr Acres Library®	Mon Jan 26	7p
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Musictime

Babies (0-12 months)

Belle Isle Library®	Thu Jan 22	10a
Edmond Library®	Mon Jan 26	9:15a
Northwest Library®	Tue Jan 27	10:45a & 1:45p
Northwest Library®	Thu Jan 29	10:45a

PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)

The Village Library®	Thu Jan 8	10a
Downtown Library®	Thu Jan 22	10a
Edmond Library®	Mon Jan 26	10:15a & 11:15a
Northwest Library®	Tue Jan 27	10a & 1p
Northwest Library®	Thu Jan 29	10a

Children Reading to Dogs @ the Library

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Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Almonte Library	Mon Jan 5, 26	7p
Belle Isle Library	Mon Jan 5, 12, 19	6p
Northwest Library	Mon Jan 5, 12, 26	6p
Edmond Library	Tue Jan 6, 20	6:30p
The Village Library	Wed Jan 7, 14, 21, 28	6p
Warr Acres Library	Thu Jan 8	6:30p
Capitol Hill Library	Sat Jan 10	1p
Choctaw Library®	Sat Jan 10	3p
Midwest City Library®	Tue Jan 13, 27	7p
The Village Library	Thu Jan 15	3:30p
Downtown Library	Sat Jan 17	3p
Southern Oaks Library®	Tue Jan 20	6:30p
Choctaw Library®	Wed Jan 21	4p
Southern Oaks Library®	Sat Jan 24	10a
Belle Isle Library	Mon Jan 26	6p



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2 BELLE ISLE 5501 N. Villa, OKC, 843-9601	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
3 BETHANY 3510 N. Mueller, Bethany, 789-8363	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
4 CAPITOL HILL 334 SW 26th, OKC, 634-6308	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
5 CHOCTAW 2525 Muzzy Street, Choctaw, 390-8418	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
6 DEL CITY 4509 SE 15th, Del City, 672-1377	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
7 DOWNTOWN 300 Park Ave., OKC, 231-8650	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
8 EDMOND 10 S. Boulevard, Edmond, 341-9282	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
9 MIDWEST CITY 8143 E. Reno, MWC, 732-4828	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
10 NORTHWEST 5600 NW 122nd, OKC, 606-3580	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
11 RALPH ELLISON 2000 NE 23rd, OKC, 424-1437	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
12 SOUTHERN OAKS 6900 S. Walker, OKC 631-4468	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
13 THE VILLAGE 10307 N. Pennsylvania Ave., The Village, 755-0710	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
14 WARR ACRES 5901 NW 63rd, Warr Acres, 721-2616	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6

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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.

