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Ah, summer – the highly anticipated season of freedom from responsibility. Hectic day schedules are set aside to master new skills. The best form for cannonball splashes? You're practically an expert already. The intricacies of mixing flavors for the perfect snow cone? Yeah, you've got that covered too. Easy stuff. But as laziness fully sets in with the realization that an entire month of your vacation time still lies ahead of you, remember in these fleeting days of midsummer relaxation that there is something much more frightening to contend with in August than the giant mosquitos at Grandad's house...the dreaded Summer Slide, or the tendency to forget everything you've learned during the previous school year.

Our Summer Reading program has everything you need to keep your brain tuned up while you continue your adventures for a few more weeks. Entire families have the opportunity to participate. Children have access to experiences that further their sense of discovery. Teens can prepare for the higher levels of literacy needed for college education and future employment. Even adults can challenge themselves with new goals to improve their brainpower and wellbeing. The knowledge you gain should be rewarding enough, but your library has plenty of other incentives to sweeten the deal. Readers completing each goal can win fine waivers, books and more. Each week, participate in activities to win drawing prizes. Complete Goals 1 and 2 and be eligible to win larger drawing prizes such as tablets and eReaders.

Free books, free knowledge, free prizes, free free free! What's not to love about that? Celebrate your freedom this month at the freest place of all, your library.



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HEAT WAVE

By Larry Johnson

Eighty years ago, our grandparents and great-grandparents couldn't tune in to an AccuCast on the nightly news, nor could they get a Hyper Local forecast at their fingertips with the Weather Underground app. But in the summer of 1936 it didn't matter. The forecast across the entire continent was hot. Record-breaking hot. Blast-furnace-on-the-surface-of-the-sun hot. All day. All night.



In May of that year, Oklahomans were looking forward to warm summer days with picnics and ice cream socials because they were emerging from the previous winter of 1935-36, still one of the coldest on record. Over the next few weeks it looked like it would be a beautiful summer as temperatures were in the upper 70s and low 80s thru mid-June. In those days, Oklahoma was as much a corn and cotton state as it was a wheat state and while most of the wheat had been brought in, the cotton was tall and the corn was high (as an elephant's eye, no doubt) and both on schedule for late summer harvesting.

Then on June 14, some parts of the



Oklahoma farmers idled by the drought

state saw their first 100-degree day and in Oklahoma City the temperature spiked to 101 on June 18, followed by 104- and 107-degree days later that week. For the next 87 days until September 13, some place in the state recorded a temperature over 100

degrees. Several high temperature records were broken that summer (though some fell during the heat wave of 2012), including the highest ever recorded in Oklahoma – 120 degrees in Altus and Alva. It was likely much higher, but the official thermometers for the National Weather Bureau only went to 120 yet observers reported the mercury stayed at the maximum level for several hours. In Oklahoma City, temperatures were actually much milder than the rest of the state – the record-breaking temperature here was only 113 degrees on August 11 (equaled in 2012). The existing records of 107, 109, and 112 had fallen the three days previous.

Oklahoma agriculture was already reeling from the ongoing Dustbowl, yet the oppressive heat destroyed the remaining unharvested wheat and significant acres of corn and cotton. By August, any puny crops remaining saw a new affliction – grasshoppers. These jumping pests descended on farms in great clouds and chewed through a year's a hard work. Comparisons to the fate of Egypt had some expecting a torrent of frogs while others kept an eye on their firstborn sons. Oklahoma began to see idle farmers in the now-famous Depression-era breadlines and shoveling dirt in public works projects.

In 1936 refrigerated air was still in its infancy and not found in homes or buildings in Oklahoma City. People began to suffer what was dubbed "heat hangovers" – the sluggishness brought on by lack of sleep – and it was not uncommon to find people sleeping in their yards on a blanket trying to find the slightest comfort. Large



Lake Overholser during the drought of 1936

blocks of ice were used to cool small rooms, such as at the phone company, where there was concern for the switchboard operators cooped in tight quarters, but that was not a cost-effective solution for most. The only respite from the heat were the big downtown movie theaters, which opened early and closed late so that people could enjoy a couple hours of mechanical air conditioning.

By the time the heat beat its retreat, the heatwave of 1936 would earn the dubious title of America's deadliest, causing over 5,000 deaths around the country (over 150 in Oklahoma) and deepened the Depression through crop failure and the resulting rise in food prices.

Larry "Buddy" Johnson has been with Metro Library 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

Elephant Company by Vicki Croke

reviewed by Ann Meeks



This is one of best books I've read this year. It's for fans of history, but also all those who find elephants fascinating. It tells the true story of James Howard "Billy" Williams. Originally born in Cornwall, England in 1920, Williams came to work in the teak industry in Burma as a "forest man" for a British company. The industry greatly depended on the large mammals who pushed, pulled and dragged the logs to the river. Williams came to have intimate knowledge of the elephants who worked for him, knowing their personalities, and admiring their intelligence, courage, kindness, and humor. Despite having no veterinary training, he learned to treat their injuries and established more humane treatment for these hard workers, including elephant school and hospitals. Through his eyes, we learn about individual elephants and appreciate their personalities and stories, especially his great friend, Bandoola, a "tusker" who saves his

life. We also learn about Burma, the logging industry, colonialism, and Williams marrying and starting a family.

Of course, the story is very interesting, but there's even more to the story, which made "Elephant Bill" a celebrity and earned him military honors and praise. When Imperial Japanese forces invaded Burma in 1942, he became a member of the elite Force 136, using the elephants to operate behind enemy lines. The animals carried supplies and built bridges, along with transporting refugees, including a dangerous escape over the mountains to India.

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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ON THE SHELF

Playing By Heart by Anne Mateer

reviewed by Phyllis Davidson



Lula Bowman is well on her way to fulfilling her father's dream for her. She is working on her Ph.D. in mathematics while working as a college professor. Then the husband of her sister, Jewel, dies. When Lula returns home to Dunn, Oklahoma for the funeral, she learns that her other siblings expect her to drop what she has been doing and move in with Jewel to help her raise her young children. They offer their excuses why they can't help Jewel and why "Fruity Lu" should give up her foolish pursuit of education and come back home and do her duty.

Lula feels she has little choice in the matter—she simply must help her sister. To do so, she will need a

job. The only job that is available is a teaching position in the local school, which is half good and half bad. She is capable of teaching music classes, but she is completely ignorant of how to coach a girls' basketball team. Fortunately, the boys' coach is willing to help her learn the strategies of the game—and a few things about herself as well.

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.



Out of Darkness

by Ashley Hope Perez

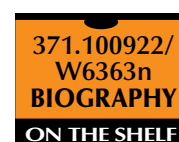
reviewed by Elizabeth Wright



Warning: do not read *Out of Darkness* in public unless you're okay with ugly-crying in front of people. Brace yourself for a read that is both beautiful and gut-wrenching. The story opens with the horrific 1937 school explosion in New London, Texas (which really happened), and then backtracks to the fall of 1936. Fifteen-year-old Naomi has just moved to New London with her two half-siblings and their father. As a Mexican-American, Naomi struggles to fit into the racially divided town, where stores display signs like "No Negroes, Mexicans, or dogs." Her only friend is Wash, an

African-American teen. Their love grows in the secrecy of the woods, but can it thrive amidst hatred, violence, and mounting tensions? *Out of Darkness* was my favorite read of 2015 and I have been telling people to read it ever since. This book is currently on the High School Sequoyah Masterlist.

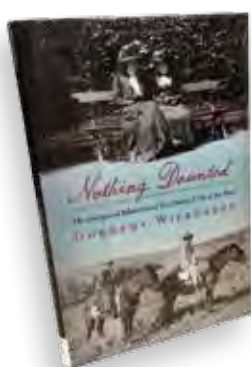
Elizabeth Wright is the Young Adult Librarian at The Village Library. She'll never catch up on her "to-read" list, but that doesn't stop her from trying.



Nothing Daunted

by Dorothy Wickenden

review by Jana Hausburg



"It is perfectly amazing to me the way in which I have changed my hours, and you would hardly believe it if you could see me getting up a little before six, actually cheerful and animated!"

Take two Yankee society girls with a thirst for adventure, throw in a pinch of social responsibility, and the result might be something like this book. Dorothy Woodruff and Rosamond Underwood's stint as teachers in a western settlement town reads like the treatment for a Netflix-original series. During their time in Elkhead, Colorado, the two women were wooed by cowboys, wowed by their surroundings and were even witnesses to a violent kidnapping.

Dorothy Woodruff's family kept all her letters home. A granddaughter came across them one weekend and was captivated by the descriptions of a frontier on the cusp of disappearing. There was also the interesting contradiction

of the women's upbringing leading them away from culture to a place of extreme poverty and hardship. Painstaking research fleshed out the backstories of the two families, as well as the history of the community which, sadly, no longer thrives.

It's still a pleasure to get to know characters such as Ferry Carpenter, the easy going lawyer-rancher, handsome coal king Bob Perry, and Russian emigrant and self-made man Isadore Bolten through the lens of Dorothy and Ros's experiences.

Nothing Daunted is available in print, large print and audio disc.

Jana Hausburg has always been fascinated by words and stories. When daydreaming, she imagines challenging literary giants Dorothy Parker, Robert Benchley and Mark Twain to a game of Scrabble.



Reviews & Recommendations



Sleeping Giants

by Sylvain Neuvel

reviewed by Zach Branstetter



As a kid, or kid at heart, did you enjoy the animated film *The Iron Giant*? If you took that movie and wrapped it inside Andy Weir's *The Martian*, then you would have this wonderful book. In this epistolary novel, the reader experiences the story through military reports, interviews, and journal entries. For me, the best aspect of this technique was the unnamed interviewer or just "agent" as I came to think of him. He's very much a character in his own right and a huge part of the novel.

What takes place is that the U.S. government accidentally stumbles on a giant metal hand buried at a depth that should mean it's approximately 3,000 years old. What's more is that the metal alloy is something almost completely unknown on Earth. What follows is

a story of intrigue, genius, romance, and even geopolitics as the research team and global community try to come to grips with what this discovery means for the future of mankind. Who made the hand? Is the hand a part of a larger whole? Will the makers come back for their creation? Reading this riveting tale is a good way to find out!

Zach Branstetter is a librarian at the Edmond Library. He divides his time between playing with his little girl, looking forward to his next cheeseburger and reading history, sci-fi & fantasy books. Other interests include trying to connive and/or trick his family into watching Ken Burns documentaries with him (spoiler: He loses).



The Day the Crayons Came Home

by Drew Daywalt

Illustrated by Oliver Jeffers

reviewed by Kelley Riha



What's in your lost and found? A sock, a lock without a key, string... for youngster Duncan, some of his drawing supplies were lost and now they are finding their way home. The first clue something's up is a stack of postcards that arrive addressed to Duncan, Duncan's room, top of the stairs. The first postcard picture boasts "Hello from Under the Rug"—it's from Maroon who's been marooned.

Daywalt shares his thoughts about writing the Crayon books on nerdybookclub.com, "...when I was brainstorming for book ideas in my studio, I was literally staring at a box of crayons on my desk, and couldn't

help but notice how unevenly they were used. Blue and red were nubs, pink was untouched, peach had had its wrapper torn off... poor little thing... I wanted (readers) to examine what it would be like if they put down their safe, usual choices and tried something new".

So whatever the weather, gather your littles, *The Day the Crayons Came Home* and your own art supplies to find your own true colors (and inner Picasso).

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



Senior Moments: A Database a Day

By Phyllis Davidson

You have surely heard someone say, "An apple a day will keep the doctor away." We all know good nutrition and physical exercise are very important to our health, but more recently we have been reading about the value of exercising our minds to help prevent Alzheimer's disease and dementia. Some of the phrases that are being used include "staying cognitively active," and "participating in social engagement."

Fortunately, our library system is here to help us keep our brains in tip-top shape. The library subscribes to dozens of databases that contain a gold mine of intellectually-stimulating information and activities. I challenge you to visit at least one of our databases a day for a month. I believe that, at the end of that month, you will be hooked on databases. To see what we have available, go to www.metrolibrary.org and click on Research. You will be taken to an alphabetical listing of databases.

Access Video On Demand

Most people enjoy watching a little television now and then, but it is getting harder and harder to find anything

worthwhile to watch. Our library has stepped in to help us out by subscribing to a database called Access Video On Demand where we can watch videos from dozens of national and international news and education sources that cover such topics as business, geography, health and wellness, history, science, and more. The videos are divided into 35 broad subjects. I enjoyed a video called Knife Skills. No, it wasn't about knife throwing, but about the best ways to pare and slice fruits and vegetables. Now I can prepare a bell pepper in seconds instead of minutes.

Mango Languages

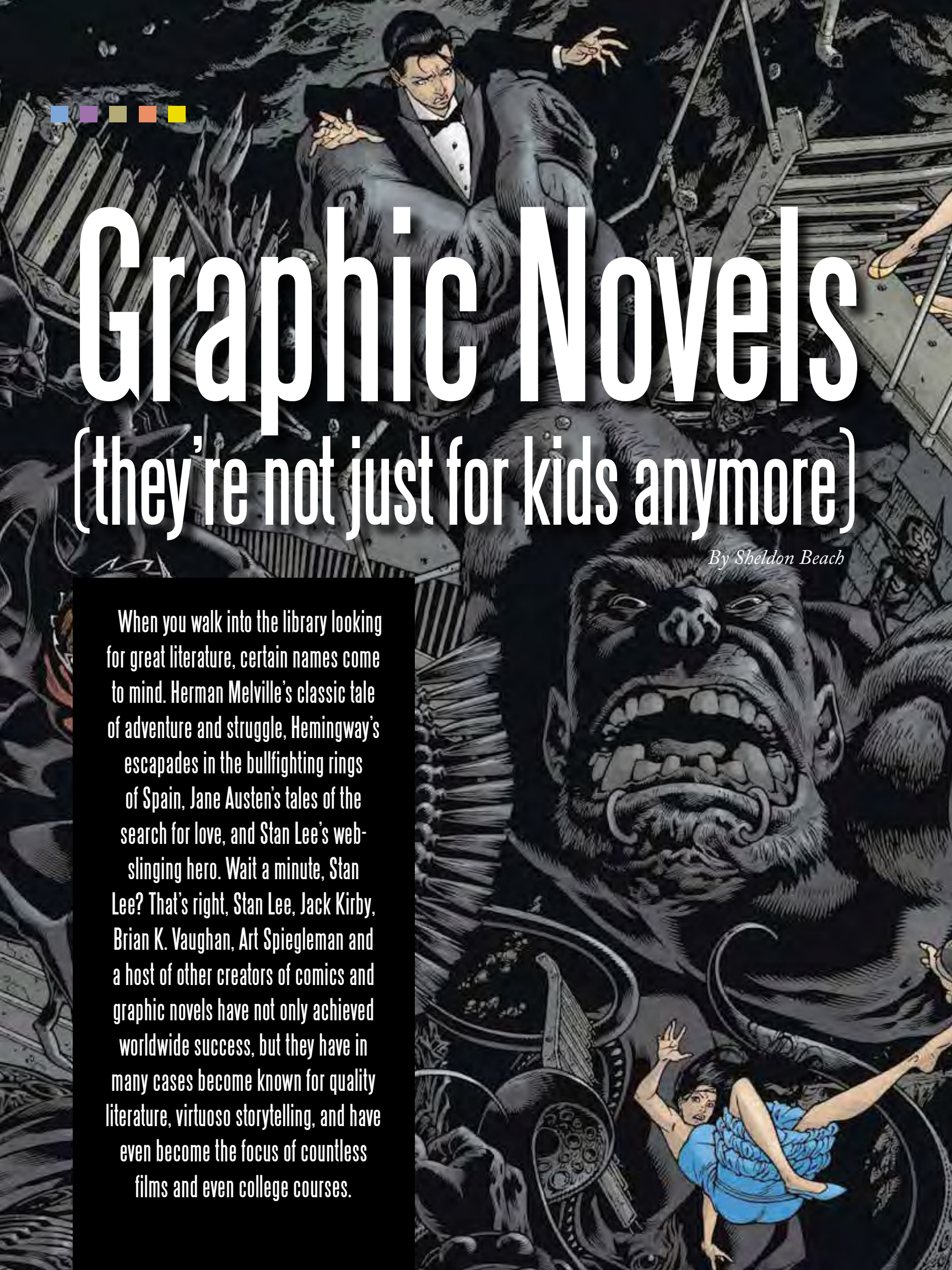
According to a news article from National Geographic, even if you don't learn a second language until after

middle age, learning one can still help stave off dementia. Certainly, joining a language class would include the benefits of social engagement, but if you can't or don't want to do that, you can still learn new languages using the library's Mango Languages database. Mango lets you choose from 71 different languages and takes you, step-by-step, through the lessons.

NoveList Plus

When I read an article about preventing dementia, one of the activities that is almost always mentioned is reading. Most people enjoy reading, but it is sometimes difficult to decide either which books to read or in what order to read them. Get up close and personal with NoveList Plus, and you won't have that difficulty any more. You can search for books by author, title, keyword, and series. If your search brings up an item in a series, you can click the series link in the book summary, and it will bring up all the books in the series in the order in which you should read them. NoveList Plus will also show a list of books that are similar to the one you have chosen. It is my most-frequently consulted database for helping customers find something to read, and I use it from home as well.





Graphic Novels

(they're not just for kids anymore)

By Sheldon Beach

When you walk into the library looking for great literature, certain names come to mind. Herman Melville's classic tale of adventure and struggle, Hemingway's escapades in the bullfighting rings of Spain, Jane Austen's tales of the search for love, and Stan Lee's web-slinging hero. Wait a minute, Stan Lee? That's right, Stan Lee, Jack Kirby, Brian K. Vaughan, Art Spiegelman and a host of other creators of comics and graphic novels have not only achieved worldwide success, but they have in many cases become known for quality literature, virtuoso storytelling, and have even become the focus of countless films and even college courses.



With a large number of new additions being recently made to the library's graphic novel collection, it seemed a good time to highlight a few titles that you may not be aware that the library carries, or that you may have not even heard of. Graphic novels aren't all super heroes/heroines with masks and capes. There are memoirs of misspent youth, science fiction stories of prison planets, post-apocalyptic adventures, and horror tales.

Disclaimer: When we say these books aren't for kids, it should be noted that some of the books are definitely geared towards adults. Between the language, artwork and violence, they might not be the best choice for children. But a great choice for fans of Robocop, cheesy 80s action movies, horror films, and of course, great stories and artwork.

***Snowpiercer* by Jacques Lob**

This is the graphic novel that inspired the post-apocalyptic film starring Chris Evans and John Hurt. It takes a look at the more deplorable side of humanity. The world is an unbearable frozen wasteland and the entirety of human civilization resides in a 1,000 cabin train that is slowly breaking down every trip around the world. The poorest are left in the tail of the train with nothing to give them hope while the richest lounge in the front. If you're looking for something a bit darker, then *Snowpiercer* is for you.

***Dresden Files: Ghoull Goblin* by Jim Butcher**

Harry Dresden: wizard for hire. Fighting the fight on his own, Dresden makes the most of his day by taking down every werewolf, goblin, and other creatures he can. If local law enforcement can't quite put their finger on the culprit of the crime, Harry Dresden is the one to call. He's packing spells and weapons up his sleeves, plus a monologue depicting his every thought. Jim Butcher's grand detective series can now also be found in graphic novel form with an original story: *Ghoull Goblin*.

***Locke and Key* by Joe Hill**

Having recently experienced a horrible tragedy, the Locke family has moved cross country into

Keyhouse, an enormous old house in Lovecraft, MA. What they don't know however, are the secrets that lie within the house or the terror they're about to face. As creepy as any of the rash of haunted house horror movies to come out in recent years, *Locke and Key* is filled with evil spirits, mass murder and ghostly apparitions, all locked up in a house full of disturbing secrets. Written by Joe Hill (*Heart Shaped Box*, *Horns*) *Locke and Key* is definitely worth a read if you like horror comics.

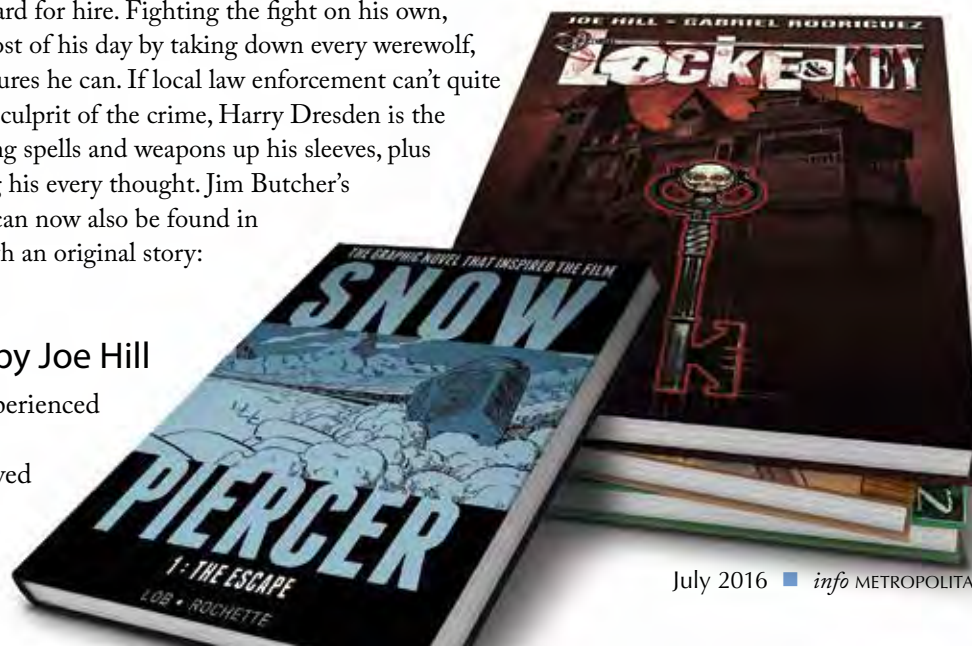
***My Friend Dahmer* by Derf**

I know what you're thinking, and yes. It's that Dahmer. Told by a high school friend of notorious serial murderer Jeffrey Dahmer, *My Friend Dahmer* offers an entirely new and unique perspective of one of the darkest, most disturbed individuals in human history. Derf adds a (sort of) human face to someone that performed heinous acts, as he recounts everything from the man who was his friend Jeff in high school to close encounters Dahmer had with neighbors while evidence hid feet away, and tells the killer's story all the way up to the call the author received telling him that someone from his own high school had been arrested for multiple murders and cannibalism.

***Long Walk to Valhalla* by Adam Smith**

Written by Adam Smith, *The Long Walk to Valhalla* is a southern fairytale filled with fantastical realism and tragic memories. When his car breaks down surrounded by fields outside of town, Rory

finds himself face to face with a young girl named Sylvia who claims to be a Valkyrie ready to take him to Valhalla. What follows is a trip through Rory's often troubled youth and the journey he's taken that has lead him to this point in his life. An existential tale of life in rural Arkansas, *Long Walk to Valhalla* is a great story told with beautiful artwork.



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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

Northwest Library Thu | Jul 21 3:30p
Metropolitan Library Commission of Oklahoma County Monthly Meeting

Our libraries will be closed **Monday, July 4** in observance of Independence Day. Visit us online to find your next book, download eBooks, audiobooks, MP3s, digital magazines or access one of our great databases and sign up for Summer Reading!



Be Well @ the Library

Color Me Calm

Adult
Choctaw Library® Sat | Jul 16 10a

Concussion and Head Injury Awareness Training

Adult
Southern Oaks Library® Sat | Jul 16 1p

Dance Aerobics

Adult
Choctaw Library® Tue | Jul 5,12 6:30p

Exercise Like an Ancient Greek

Teens (ages 12-18)
Southern Oaks Library® Tue | Jul 12 10:30a

FictionAlympics

All Ages
Choctaw Library® Fri | Jul 29 10a

Fit Teens

Teens (ages 12-18)
Downtown Library® Sat | Jul 23 2p

Healthy Brain, Healthy Mind

Senior (ages 55+)
Choctaw Library Thu | Jul 21, 28 1:30p

Hip-Hop 4 Kids

PreTeen (ages 9-12)
Southern Oaks Library® Sat | Jul 23 2p

IronScientist Triathlon

Children (ages 12 & under)
Choctaw Library® Fri | Jul 15 10a

Juggle Whatever

Children (ages 12 & under)
Almonte Library Wed | Jul 27 2p
Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)
Choctaw Library® Fri | Jul 8 10a

Just Dance-A-Thon

All Ages
Ralph Ellison Library Fri | Jul 15 2p

Kids Spa

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)
Downtown Library® Wed | Jul 20 2p

Laughter Yoga

Adult
Southern Oaks Library® Thu | Jul 7 1:30p

Tai Chi

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)
Warr Acres Library Thu | Jul 14 2:30p

Senior (ages 55+)
Choctaw Library® Wed | Jul 13, 20, 27 6:15p

Young Adult (ages 18-21)
Edmond Library® Wednesdays 5:30p

Trendy Foods

Adult
Northwest Library® Tue | Jul 26 6p

Using Medications Safely

Senior (ages 55+)
Choctaw Library Thu | Jul 14 1:30p

Yoga

Adult
Choctaw Library® Wed | Jul 6 6:15p
Northwest Library Saturdays 10a

Children (ages 12 & under)
Downtown Library® Wed | Jul 13,27 2p

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)
Northwest Library® Wed | Jul 6 2p
Belle Isle Library Thu | Jul 7 1p

ZOOMba!!

Children (ages 12 & under)
Downtown Library Tue | Jul 26 1p

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)
The Village Library Tue | Jul 5 2p
Edmond Library Tue | Jul 12 3p

PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)
Northwest Library® Tue | Jul 5 10a

Zumba

Adult
Bethany Library® Wed | Jul 6, 13, 20 6:30p

PreTeen (ages 9-12)
Southern Oaks Library® Tue | Jul 5 2p



Book it @ the Library

Tailored Titles on Facebook

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

Adult

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, then join the group Metro Library ReadUp. You'll get the same lively discussions as a traditional book club, but you can share your ideas anytime instead of waiting for an in-person meeting and you might win a fabulous prize! Happy reading! New titles announced on the first of each month.

Book Clubs for Adults

Edmond Library	Tue Jul 5	Noon
Midwest City Library	Thu Jul 7, 21	10a
Northwest Library	Fri Jul 8	1p
Warr Acres Library	Mon Jul 11	11a
Southern Oaks Library	Tue Jul 12	11:30a
Edmond Library	Sat Jul 16	10:30a
The Village Library	Mon Jul 18	3p
Downtown Library ^R	Tue Jul 19	Noon
Edmond Library	Wed Jul 27	6:30p

Senior (ages 55+)

Edmond Library	Sat Jul 9	2p
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Book Clubs for Pre-teens & Teens

PreTeen (ages 9-12)

Bethany Library ^R	Sat Jul 23	2p
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Teen (ages 12-18)

Choctaw Library	Wed Jul 13, 27	11a
Belle Isle Library	Mon Jul 18, 25	5:30p
Northwest Library	Wed Jul 27	6p



Concerts @ the Library

Noon Tunes

All Ages

Downtown Library	Thursdays	Noon
3 Amigos: Edgar Cruz, Marco Tello & Jeff Nokes	Thur Jul 7	
Simoleons: Rockin'	Thur Jul 14	
Americana	Thur Jul 21	
Shade of Blue: trumpet jazz	Thur Jul 28	
Panhandlers: Good-time Blues	Thur Jul 28	

Staci Gray Concert

All Ages

Edmond Library	Fri Jul 15	10a
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Neighborhood Arts

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Rhythmically Speaking's Animal Wisdom: A Lesson Learned, A Race Remembered.

It all started when the deer tricked the turtle out of his shoes and the rabbit lost his race against the turtle. Finally, the rabbit challenged the Hedgehog hoping to win easily. However, the slow moving Hedgehog beat the turtle without breaking a sweat.

Oklahoma Children's Theatre: Red vs the Wolf by Judy Wolfman

We've all heard the story of Little Red Riding Hood, but how often has it been told from the Wolf's point of view? Join us for this hilarious story that demonstrates there are two sides to every story.

Sugar Free Allstars: Movin' and Groovin'

Get ready to pack the dance floor, because here comes Sugar Free Allstars! This Grammy-featured, family funk super duo from OKC has been listed as one of *Time* magazine's top 12 family music acts in America. Join us for this high energy rock show experience for a funky, foot-stompin', hand-clappin', body movin' and groovin' dance-until-you-drop party for all ages!

Cimarron Opera: The Princess and the Pea

The Princess and the Pea at your local library! Come enjoy this operetta, re-telling of an old tale, where the princess has a great palate and can taste the peas in the soup.

Adam & Kizzie: Flexercise Extravaganza

Take a trip with Adam and Kizzie in their musical sketch comedy featuring sports and fitness icons of the past.

OKC Improve-Be a part of our show

Comedy input and willing audience members will be chosen by the group - join us in creating our show! No two performances are the same, so don't miss being your own comedy star!



Create @ the Library

Art Stories

PreTeen (ages 9-12)

Belle Isle Library	Saturdays	10a
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Art Time

Toddlers (ages 1-3)

Downtown Library ^R	Wed Jul 13	10a
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Arts & Crafts

Adult

Bethany Library	Wed Jul 6	10:30a
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Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Del City Library	Thu Jul 21	6:30p
Midwest City Library ^R	Sat Jul 23	2p

PreTeen (ages 9-12)

Warr Acres Library ^R	Tue Jul 12	4p
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featured events

<i>Teen (ages 12-18)</i>		
Southern Oaks Library 	Sat Jul 9	2p
Cave Dwellers for a Day		
<i>PreTeen (ages 9-12)</i>		
Southern Oaks Library 	Fri Jul 22	3p
Crafts & Coffee Corner		
<i>Adult</i>		
Southern Oaks Library 	Mon Jul 25	6:30p
Creative Coloring for Adults		
<i>Adult</i>		
Southern Oaks Library	Mon Jul 18	6:30p
Creative Writing		
<i>Adult</i>		
Ralph Ellison Library	Thu Jul 14	6p
Duct Tape Craft		
<i>Teen (ages 12-18)</i>		
Ralph Ellison Library	Fri Jul 1	3p
Engineering Squad: Toy Design Team		
<i>Children (ages 12 & under)</i>		
Midwest City Library 	Tue Jul 12	4:30p
Family Art		
<i>PreTeen (ages 9-12)</i>		
Ralph Ellison Library	Sat Jul 9	1:30p
Gaming Crafts		
<i>Teen (ages 12-18)</i>		
Edmond Library 	Tue Jul 12	3p
Innovation Station		
<i>Children (ages 12 & under)</i>		
Midwest City Library 	Tue Jul 19	4:30p
Journaling		
<i>Teen (ages 12-18)</i>		
Northwest Library 	Thu Jul 21	4p
Knit One, Crochet Too		
<i>Adult</i>		
Northwest Library	Tue Jul 12	6p
Knitting Club		
<i>Adult</i>		
Almonte Library	Thu Jul 7	5:30p
Southern Oaks Library 	Mon Jul 11	5:30p
LEGO Block Party		
<i>Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)</i>		
Edmond Library 	Sat Jul 9	3p
LEGOs		
<i>Children (ages 12 & under)</i>		
Midwest City Library	Tue Jul 5	4:30p
Harrah Library	Wed Jul 6	4p
Luther Library	Thu Jul 7	4p

<i>Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)</i>		
Downtown Library 	Wed Jul 6	1p
(robotics)		
Downtown Library 	Mon Jul 18	6:30p
Northwest Library 	Wed Jul 20	2p & 3:30p
Warr Acres Library 	Thu Jul 28	10:30a
Makerspace		
<i>Teen (ages 12-18)</i>		
The Village Library 	Thu Jul 14	4p
Matisse-Inspired Cut Paper Collage		
<i>Children (ages 12 & under)</i>		
Del City Library	Tue Jul 5	2p
<i>Teen (ages 12-18)</i>		
Almonte Library	Wed Jul 6	6p
Capitol Hill Library	Thu Jul 14	2p
Choctaw Library 	Thu Jul 21	5p
Ralph Ellison Library	Fri Jul 22	3p
Minecraft Club		
<i>Teen (ages 12-18)</i>		
Downtown Library 	Mon Jul 11	6:30p
Mobile Magic		
<i>Teen (ages 12-18)</i>		
Southern Oaks Library 	Wed Jul 20	10:30a
Open Studio Sundays		
<i>Adult</i>		
Almonte Library	Sun Jul 10	2p
Poetry Reading		
<i>Adult</i>		
Ralph Ellison Library	Mon Jul 25	7p
Quilting Club		
<i>Adult</i>		
Midwest City Library	Mondays	9a
Ralph Ellison Library	Mondays & Fridays	11a
Science Camp		
<i>Children (ages 12 & under)</i>		
Midwest City Library 	Mon Jul 11,25	3p
<i>Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)</i>		
Del City Library	Thu Jul 7,21	2p
<i>PreTeen (ages 9-12)</i>		
Choctaw Library 	Thu Jul 14, 28	10a
Upcycled Art!		
<i>Teen (ages 12-18)</i>		
Southern Oaks Library 	Wed Jul 13	10:30a
Writing Group		
<i>Adult</i>		
Midwest City Library	Thu Jul 14,28	6p



Schedule A

July 5-8
Cimarron Opera

July 11-15
Oklahoma Children's Theatre

July 18-22
Sugar Free Allstars

July 25-29
Adam & Kizzie

Mondays:

Northwest Library
(606-3580) 10:30am
Capitol Hill Library
(634-6308) 2pm

Tuesdays:

Bethany Library
(789-8363) 10am
Belle Isle Library
(843-9601) 7pm

Wednesdays:

Wright Library
(235-5035) 10:30am
*Events held off-site at
1312 S. Penn*
Warr Acres Library
(721-2616) 2pm

Thursdays:

Downtown Library
(231-8650) 10am;
11am
Village Library
(755-0710) 2pm
*June 16 held off-site
at 10255 N. Penn*

Fridays:

Harrah Library
(454-2001) 10:30am
*Events held off-site at
19625 NE 23*

Schedule B

July 5-8
Oklahoma Children's Theatre

July 11-15
Cimarron Opera

July 18-22
Adam & Kizzie

July 25-29
Sugar Free Allstars

Mondays:

Southern Oaks Library
(631-4468) 10:30am
Midwest City Library
(732-4828) 7pm

Tuesdays:

Ralph Ellison Library
(424-1437) 10:30am
Jones Library
(399-5471) 2pm
*Events held off-site at
120 W. Atlanta*

Wednesdays:

Del City Library
(672-1377) 10:30am
Choctaw Library
(390-8418) 2pm

Thursdays:

Edmond Library
(341-9282) 9:30am;
10:30am
Luther Library
(277-9967) 1:30pm
*Events held off-site at
18120 Hogback Road*

Fridays:

Nicoma Park Library
(769-9452) 10:30am
Almonte Library
(606-3575) 2pm

featured events



Game On @ the Library

2K16 Tournament

Teen (ages 12-18)

Ralph Ellison Library® Sat | Jul 23 1:30p

Chess Club

All Ages

The Village Library Fridays 4p

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Edmond Library Mon | Jul 18 4:30p

Cosplay Tea Party

Teens (ages 12-18)

Belle Isle Library Mon | Jul 11 5:30p

Gaming Club

Teen (ages 12-18)

The Village Library Thu | Jul 21 4p

Gaming Crafts

Teen (ages 12-18)

Ralph Ellison Library Fri | Jul 8 3p

Mrs. Peacock in the Library with the Revolver

Teen (ages 12-18)

Midwest City Library Thu | Jul 7 3p

Board Game Explosion!

PreTeen (ages 9-12)

Choctaw Library Mon | Jul 11 4p

Teen (ages 12-18)

Choctaw Library Thu | Jul 7 5p

Almonte Library Wed | Jul 13 6p

Bethany Library Thu | Jul 21 6:30p

Belle Isle Library Thu | Jul 28 2p

Capitol Hill Library Thu | Jul 28 2p

Game Your Way Around the World

Teen (ages 12-18)

Midwest City Library Thu | Jul 21 3p

Gamefest

All Ages

Wright Library Wed | Jul 13 3p

Luther Library Thu | Jul 14 4p

Harrah Library Wed | Jul 27 4p

PreTeen (ages 9-12)

Northwest Library Thu | Jul 28 6p

Teen (ages 12-18)

Ralph Ellison Library Tuesdays 5p

Summer Games Sports Science

Children (ages 12 & under)

Downtown Library Tue | Jul 12 1p

Teen Olympics

Teen (ages 12-18)

Warr Acres Library Thu | Jul 21 6:30p



Learn @ the Library

Acting 101

Teen (ages 12-18)

The Village Library Tue | Jul 5 4p

Southern Oaks Library® Thu | Jul 14 7p

Northwest Library® Thu | Jul 28 4p

Medical Family Tree Genealogy Workshop

Senior (ages 55+)

Choctaw Library® Tue | Jul 26 6p

Reading Buddies

Children (ages 12 & under)

Capitol Hill Library Wednesdays 4p

Southern Oaks Library Thu | Jul 7, 14, 21 3p

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Downtown Library Fridays 10a

Edmond Library® Fri | Jul 8, 22 10a

The Village Library Mondays 2p

PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)

Northwest Library Thursdays 10a

Rocket Readers

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Bethany Library® Mondays 6p, 6:30p, 7p

Senior Wii Fridays and Books

(Seniors ages 55+)

Choctaw Library® Fri | Jul 8 2p

Snakes in the Library

All Ages

Midwest City Library Wed | Jul 27 10a

PreTeen (ages 9-12)

Southern Oaks Library Wed | Jul 6 10:30a



Highlighted Events @ the Library

Please visit our online calendar for even more library events.

Animal Training

Teen (ages 12-18)

Bethany Library® Sat | Jul 2 2p

Southern Oaks Library Tue | Jul 19 10:30a

PreTeen (ages 9-12)

Choctaw Library Mon | Jul 25 4p

BEARS RIDING BIKES? NO WAY! The Oklahoma City Zoo doesn't train animals to do tricks, but does train for easy and enjoyable veterinary checkups. Learn the complete story of how and why animals are trained and the basics of behavior modification.

Back2School

All Ages

Ralph Ellison Library Sat | Jul 30 1p
It's that time once again. Back to school! Celebrate with us. We will have crafts, food, games and more.

Bath Lab 2.0

Adult

Northwest Library^R Thu | Jul 14 6p
Belle Isle Library Thu | Jul 21 6:30p
Choctaw Library^R Sat | Jul 23 10a
Which essential oils are best for relaxation? What is a natural germ-killer? Is there an herb that is good for muscle pain? Join us at our bath lab and find out! We'll explore the beneficial properties of herbs and oils, mix them together to create unique blends, and even add in a few chemistry secrets to make things bubble and fizz! You will leave prepared with a selection of your very own bath creations to cleanse, rejuvenate and exfoliate. This is a Science Museum Oklahoma program.

Container Gardening

Adult

Almonte Library^R Thu | Jul 21 6p
Big on dreams, small on space? Join us as we welcome a Master Gardener for an inspiring presentation on container gardening. Everything from raised flower beds to square-foot gardening --she'll cover it all.

Doctor Who Comics Day

Teen (ages 12-18)

The Village Library Sat | Jul 9 1p
Calling all Whovians! Join us for a wibbly-wobbly timey-wimey celebration of Doctor Who, in conjunction with the global Doctor Who Comics Day event. Enjoy Doctor Who-themed door prizes, a trivia contest, costume contest, a photo booth and DIY activities.

Financial Fitness

Adult

Choctaw Library^R Tue | Jul 19 6p
Getting Your Budget in Shape. A dynamic speaker with the Oklahoma Society of Certified Public Accountants will present a basic budgeting and getting out of debt seminar. Resource materials will be available.

Forensic Osteology

Teen (ages 12-18)

Northwest Library^R Thu | Jul 14 3:30p
Did you know you can investigate and solve crimes just by looking at bones? Discover the basics of forensic science as you evaluate the pathology of specimens. We're talking about working hands-on with skulls! Investigate our shelves for more forensic and crime lab books and resources!

Juggle Whatever

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Edmond Library Tue | Jul 5 3p
Find your inner circus performer at the library! Kelsey and Jeremy of Juggle Whatever will entertain you with hoop tricks, juggling, and unicycling, then turn it over to you to practice your balance and agility along with them!

Let's Play Ball!

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Warr Acres Library Thu | Jul 7 10:30a
The Village Library Tue | Jul 12 2p
Almonte Library Sat | Jul 16 4p
Basketball, soccer, football, baseball--we bet a fair number of your favorite sports involve a ball. Join us as we put a unique spin on things and incorporate a little science into the game. We'll investigate why certain sports balls are shaped the way they are, and explore fun activities to do with your spare balls instead of merely playing the game! It's an exciting, hands-on program that you don't want to miss!

Library Olympics

Teen (ages 12-18)

Midwest City Library Thu | Jul 28 3p
Who will take home the gold? Join us for a competitive hour of book cart races, library card discus, book stacking and more!

Mad Science

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Edmond Library Tue | Jul 26 3p
Fit Kidz Show. Using dynamic and fun science activities, Mad Science will show us what physical exercise and eating right (or not!) does to our bodies. Oozing slime, rainbow color reactions, and other exciting experiments will teach us how nourishing our minds and bodies can make us fitter, healthier and happier!

Magic Show

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Edmond Library Tue | Jul 19 3p
Steve Crawford's Magic Wild West Show. Come join magician, Steve Crawford, as he brings the wild west to life through slight of hand and illusions. Whether he can pull a rabbit out of a cowboy hat remains to be seen! After the show, check out some of the library's books and dvds on magic and put on your own show!

Mindful Meditation

Adult

Choctaw Library^R Sat | Jul 30 10a
Are you interested in learning how to relax your mind and body? Come to a safe haven to let go of your cares and worries and have fun. These classes offer simple, practical methods to improve the quality of your life and develop inner peace. Each class consists of guided meditation and practical advice to help solve daily problems and find happiness from within. The topics include instruction on meditation and teaching on topics including overcoming negative states of mind, developing love and compassion and understanding the real source of problems and happiness in life. Resource materials will be available for checkout.

Minecraft Redstone Challenge

PreTeen (ages 9-12)

Warr Acres Library^R Thu | Jul 7 6:30p
Northwest Library^R Thu | Jul 7 4p
Bethany Library^R Sat | Jul 9 2p
Choctaw Library^R Mon | Jul 18 4p
Del City Library Tue | Jul 19 2p
The Village Library Tue | Jul 26 4p
Belle Isle Library Wed | Jul 27 3p
No computers are needed for this Minecraft-inspired exploration

featured events

of circuitry! Come together and build a real-world piece of the Minecraft universe using conductive building materials, electricity and your own ingenuity. This is a Science Museum Oklahoma program.

Oklahoma City Disc Dogs

PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)

Northwest Library Tue | Jul 12 10a
Champions come in all shapes, sizes... and breeds! Join us for some tail waggin' fun with a performance from the Oklahoma City Disc Dogs! You'll love hearing about how these four-pawed furry friends keep fit and seeing these champions do wild and fun tricks. Learn how to get fit and healthy with tips from the K-9 kind, then checkout a book on your favorite animals to learn even more!

Olympic Insect Adventure

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Northwest Library® Wed | Jul 27 2p & 3p
Crawl like a spider, or hop like a cricket into this unforgettable educational activity. Dr. Andrine Shufan from Oklahoma State University will enlighten us about the athletic skills and powerful works of insects in the world during this live, hands-on petting zoo. Creepy crawl through our shelves for learning adventures on insects and more!

Rossi, The Approval Poodle

PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)

Northwest Library Tue | Jul 26 10a You
need more than physical health and strength to be a champion! Rossi, the approval poodle, is here to share a story and show you that strength of character is also needed for the heart of a champion! Join us to introduce little ones to the library and show parents/caregivers invaluable information on reading readiness and create excitement about reading. Connect with others while enjoying rhymes, songs, and books.

Ready Set Vet

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Northwest Library® Wed | Jul 13 2p
Almonte Library Tue | Jul 26 2p
Who does the zoo call when a snake has a sniffle, or flamingo has the flu? The Oklahoma City Zoo calls a special animal doctor-a veterinarian. Come learn how keepers train the animals for checkups and what these special doctors do to keep the zoo's furry and scaly friends happy and healthy. Professional librarians will be on hand to help you find information about your favorite zoo animal!

RE's Got Talent

All Ages

Ralph Ellison Library Fri | Jul 29 2p
What's your hidden talent? Can you sing, dance, draw, or is it something quirky like whistling the national anthem? Bring your talent to the library and show it off!

Saving the Universe

Teen (ages 12-18)

Downtown Library® Sat | Jul 9 2p
Belle Isle Library Tue | Jul 12 3p
Warr Acres Library® Thu | Jul 14 6:30p
Almonte Library Wed | Jul 20 6p
Choctaw Library® Thu | Jul 28 5p

Beware, there's an impending invasion! There is only one remaining hope for humanity: YOU. you've been playing video games for days at a time, honing your skills at board and card games to become a master, and consuming books like they're going out of style, and in doing so, you've been perfecting yourself to become the one unstoppable force against the threat of Armageddon. Do you think you can survive all the challenges placed before you? Then come prove it! This is a Science Museum Oklahoma program.

Summer Snowball Fight

Teen (ages 12-18)

Midwest City Library Thu | Jul 14 3p
It's Christmas in July at the library! Learn how to make snow in 100+ heat, and of course, be ready for a snowball fight.

Tortoise and the Hare

Children (ages 12 & under)

Warr Acres Library Thu | Jul 21 10:30a
The Oklahoma City Zoo brings this classic fable to life. What makes a tortoise slow? What makes a hare fast? We'll explore the history behind this timeless story and have our own real live race.

Zoo to You

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Belle Isle Library Fri | Jul 15 2p
Animals in the library?!? Whether you like to monkey around or just hang out, the library is the place to be this summer. The Oklahoma City Zoo will be at the library to help you learn more about the different creatures that live around you. This session is Little Sod House on the Prairie: Take an imaginary journey by covered wagon to discover prairie wildlife and how settlers learned to survive solely from the land.

® = Registration required for this event.

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June 1 - July 31



Metropolitan
LIBRARY SYSTEM

Kids @ the Library

Play @ the Library

Musictime

Toddlers (ages 1-3)

Southern Oaks Library^R Tue | Jul 26 6p

Parachute Play

PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)

Midwest City Library^R Wed | Jul 13 10a

Northwest Library Tue | Jul 19 10a

Playtime

Babies (0-12 months)

Belle Isle Library Mon | Jul 11, 18, 25 10a

Downtown Library^R Wed | Jul 27 10a

PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)

Choctaw Library^R Thu | Jul 7 10:30a

Toddlers (ages 1-3)

Choctaw Library Sat | Jul 9 10a

Midwest City Library Sat | Jul 16 10a

Bethany Library^R Thu | Jul 21 9:30a & 10a

Midwest City Library^R Wed | Jul 27 10a

(Toddler Dance)

Belle Isle Library Tuesdays 10a

Del City Library Wednesdays 10a

Storytime @ the Library

Babytime

Babies (0-12 months)

Belle Isle Library Mon | Jul 11, 18, 25 9:30a

Del City Library Mon | Jul 11, 18, 25 9:15a

Edmond Library^R Tuesdays 10a

Musictime

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Del City Library^R Thu | Jul 14, 28 10:30a

PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)

The Village Library^R Thu | Jul 7 10a

Bethany Library^R Thu | Jul 14, 28 10a

Downtown Library^R Wed | Jul 20 10a

Toddlers (ages 1-3)

Del City Library^R Thu | Jul 14, 28 9:15a

Storytime

Children (ages 12 & under)

Wright Library Fri | Jul 1 3:30p

Harrah Library Wed | Jul 20 10a

Luther Library Thu | Jul 21 10a

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Belle Isle Library Sat | Jul 2 10a

PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)

Downtown Library^R Wed | Jul 6 10a

Bethany Library^R Thu | Jul 7 10a

Warr Acres Library^R Sat | Jul 9 10:30a

Edmond Library^R Mon | Jul 11, 18, 25 10a & 11a

Warr Acres Library^R Tue | Jul 12, 26 10:30a

The Village Library^R Tue | Jul 19 10a

Warr Acres Library^R Mon | Jul 25 7p

Choctaw Library^R Tuesdays 10:30a

Del City Library Tuesdays 10a

Toddlers (ages 1-3)

Midwest City Library Mon | Jul 11, 18, 25 9:15a & 10a

Edmond Library^R Thursdays 6:30p

Toddler time

Toddlers (ages 1-3)

Del City Library Mon | Jul 11, 18, 25 10a

Belle Isle Library Tuesdays 9:30a

Choctaw Library^R Tuesdays 9:30a

Edmond Library^R Wednesdays 10a & 11a

Children Reading to Dogs @ the Library

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Edmond Library Tue | Jul 5, 19 6:30p The

Village Library Thu | Jul 7, 21 3:30p

Choctaw Library Sat | Jul 9 3p

Midwest City Library^R Tue | Jul 12, 26 7p

Southern Oaks Library^R Sat | Jul 16 10a

Northwest Library Mon | Jul 18 6p

Southern Oaks Library^R Tue | Jul 19 6:30p

Choctaw Library Wed | Jul 20 4p

Downtown Library Mon | Jul 25 6:30p

The Village Library Wednesdays 6p

MLS LIBRARIES

	M	T	W	TH	F	S	S
1 ALMONTE 2914 SW 59, OKC, 606-3575	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
2 BELLE ISLE 5501 N. Villa, OKC, 843-9601	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
3 BETHANY 3510 N. Mueller, Bethany, 789-8363	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
4 CAPITOL HILL 330 SW 24th, OKC, 634-6308	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
5 CHOCTAW 2525 Muzzy Street, Choctaw, 390-8418	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
6 DEL CITY 4509 SE 15th, Del City, 672-1377	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
7 DOWNTOWN 300 Park Ave., OKC, 231-8650	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
8 EDMOND 10 S. Boulevard, Edmond, 341-9282	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
9 HARRAH* 1930 N. Church Avenue, Harrah, 454-2001	9:30-6	9:30-6	9:30-6	9:30-6	9-5	9-5	—
10 JONES* 111 E. Main, Jones, 399-5471	—	9:30-5:30	—	9:30-5:30	—	9-5	—
11 LUTHER* 310 NE 3rd, Luther, 277-9967	9:30-6	9:30-6	9:30-6	9:30-6	9-5	9-5	—
12 MIDWEST CITY 8143 E. Reno, MWC, 732-4828	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
13 NICOMA PARK* 2240 Overholser, Nicoma Park, 769-9452	—	9:30-5:30	9:30-5:30	9:30-5:30	9-5	9-5	—
14 NORTHWEST 5600 NW 122nd, OKC, 606-3580	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
15 RALPH ELLISON 2000 NE 23rd, OKC, 424-1437	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
16 SOUTHERN OAKS 6900 S. Walker, OKC 631-4468	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
17 THE VILLAGE 10307 N. Pennsylvania Ave., The Village, 755-0710	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
18 WARR ACRES 5901 NW 63rd, Warr Acres, 721-2616	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
19 WRIGHT* 2101 Exchange, OKC, 235-5035	—	9:30-5:30	9:30-5:30	9:30-5:30	9-5	9-5	—

*Closed daily for lunch from 12:30-1 pm

