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Spring time is green time in Oklahoma. With the cooperative weather, we spend more time enjoying the great outdoors and relishing the vitamin D therapy (with sunscreen of course). Take your library with you on your walk in the park with digital audiobooks or MP3 downloads for free. When you stop by to visit us, take a look at our extensive collection of materials to inspire new ways for you to enjoy sunny and rainy days alike.

While we love to help you enjoy the basics like sunshine and flowers, we are also on the cutting edge of innovation and technology. This month we entice teens with Teen Tech Month activities. Teens can learn new ways to create, explore different technologies and be inspired by the possibilities.

And no spring magazine is complete without organic inspiration from the garden. Read about the history of one of Oklahoma City's botanical jewels, the Will Rogers Garden. If that makes you want to practice your green thumb skills, read about the gardening resources we have for you. Our libraries can help you grow-in more ways than one!



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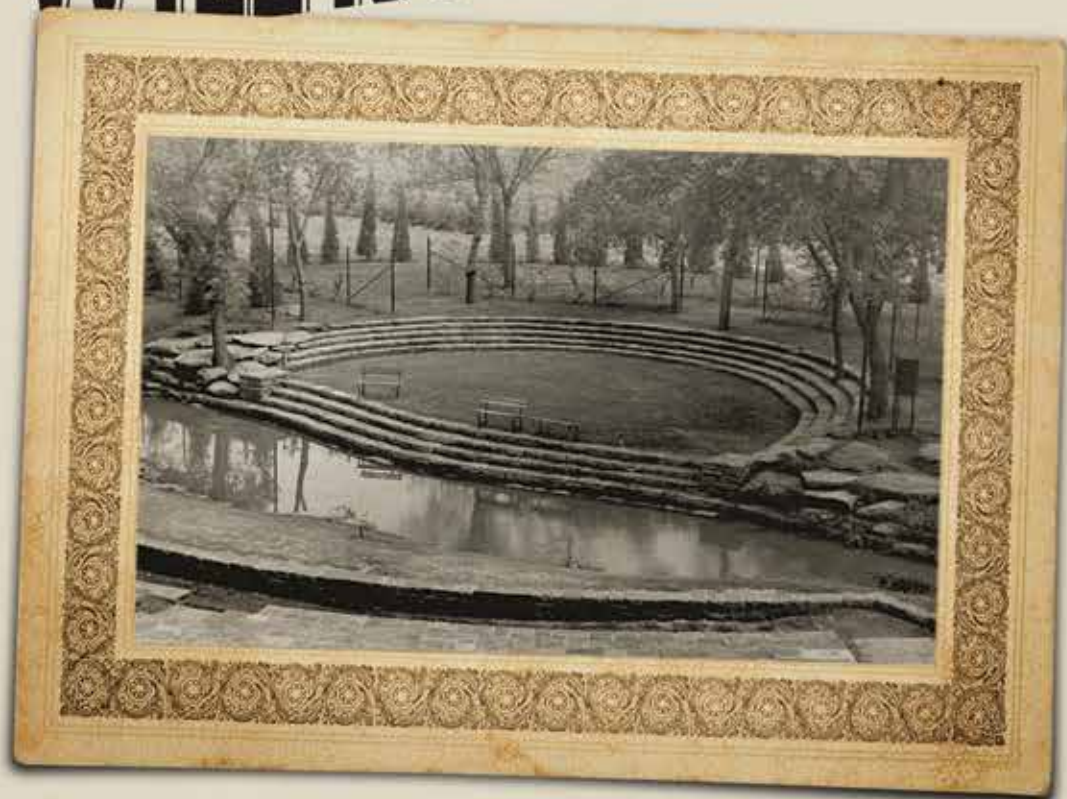
Growing organic with Metro Library.



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Oklahoma Images

# WILL ROGERS PARK

*By Larry Johnson*



As the spring comes upon us this March, it's a great time to visit the various horticulture sites at Will Rogers Park whether for the sheer beauty or for inspiration to plant your own garden. This year is the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the park's renaming in honor of Oklahoma's favorite son and of the relocation of the conservatory as well.

The park itself is quite a bit older than 80 years and was not named for Rogers originally, of course. Its origins go back to what was essentially the city's first professional urban plan, created by W. H. Dunn who was instrumental in the design of Kansas City's now legendary park and boulevard system. Dunn was a disciple of the City Beautiful movement



which desired inspiring natural beauty and monumentalism in urban design. For Oklahoma City, he recommended an encircling boulevard around the edge of the city, which he called an "auto speedway," replete with parks and lined with trees. Anchoring the

boulevard in each quadrant were large city parks for recreation. Dunn's big plans were approved by the municipal government in 1910 but never quite came to full realization because of neglect, lack of vision and sometimes direct opposition.

We still have pieces of Dunn's plan. Grand Boulevard is still around in several parts of town. And we have all four of the big parks he recommended—Lincoln (now including the zoo), Trosper Park (Southeast), Woodson Park (Southwest), and Will Rogers Park (Northwest). The land for Northwest Park was acquired by the city in 1910 but was slow to develop into park land. Some in city government thought it was folly to have a park so far from downtown and others described it as a barren, treeless landscape that would take more work than it was worth to turn it into a park. Indeed, for the first couple of decades the park was largely neglected and was leased to local farmer Ed Spivey for use as



a pasture. Commissioner Guy Blackwelder wanted to turn it into a cemetery because he wanted to be prepared for the day Fairlawn filled with dead. The right of way for the section of the Grand Boulevard that was to run through the park was given to the streetcar company for a freight line. And as late as 1930, the park was considered as a possible site for a detention hospital (for quarantines).

The park we know today really came into its own during the Great Depression. To begin with, in 1932 F. Donald Gordon was appointed as the city parks superintendent. Gordon was a professional landscape architect by trade and had been educated at the University of Kansas and studied the Kansas City system. He saw the rundown park as an opportunity instead of a millstone. Working with first the Civilian Conservation Corps and later the Works Progress Administration, Gordon made use of federal funding and cheap labor to build a beautifully landscaped park with lakes, riding trails, an amphitheater, and an elaborate rose garden and horticulture center. The ornate conservatory built in the fairgrounds area in the 1920s was relocated to the park as well. By the summer of 1936 Oklahoma City finally had a park worthy of bearing the name of the state's favorite son. Curiously, although there are a number of roads and buildings commemorating past park superintendents, there's virtually nothing to recall the memory of the man who literally saved the park from the graveyard.



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# Reviews & Recommendations



## An Ember in the Ashes

by Sabaa Tahir

reviewed by Rena Gibson



Laia was born as a storyteller. She knows that it means that the Empire is her enemy and that her family could be taken at any moment. She and her family live as best they can knowing that as storytellers, their lives are at risk every day. And that day has come. Right in front of her eyes, her grandmother and grandfather are slaughtered by an Empire assassin known as a Mask. Her brother taken to some dank prison to rot. She must run to The Resistance and find help.

Elias was born a bastard to the most powerful Mask at the military academy. Too bad she never wanted him. Too bad she hates him. Too bad he's the best assassin at the academy and he hates the very thing that he has become. He hates the mask on his face, the kills, the people and even the empire. If it weren't for Ancient Ones and the

Trials he could have been out of there. A deserter.

Laia and Elias are from opposite sides of a never-ending war between an empire of ruthless killers and tribes of storytellers. One side full of weapons of steel and another full of words. What happens when an Uprising of good isn't so good? And new evils come out of the shadows?

*Ember in the Ashes* is available in print, eBook, eAudiobook and audiobook player.

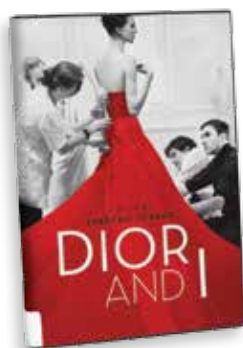
*Rena has worked at the Ralph Ellison Library since 2005. She has been an on and off again blogger since 2003 with aspirations to learn how to sew, knit and bake. She's a cat enthusiast that loves finding internet memes of cat shaming.*



## Dior and I

DVD

reviewed by Gloria Melchor



Few high profile fashion houses remain fluent in the world of haute couture. In 1947 Christian Dior introduced himself to this world and revolutionized women's fashion with avant-garde silhouettes that became their signature look. The Bar Suit, a result of this revolution, became a staple in the wardrobe of women; its cream colored morning coat boasted a cinched waist and curved lines while being complimented by a voluminous black pleated skirt. It brought a "new" femininity to dress that had been understandably silenced during World War II.

In Frederic Tchong's documentary *Dior and I*, the viewer follows Raf Simmons. As newly appointed creative director at Dior he struggles with the pressure

and enormity of bringing modernity to this iconic brand while preserving the classic elements that have long established Dior as an emblem of high fashion. Reminiscent of the *Last Emperor*, *Dior and I* is sure to captivate your attention and deepen your respect for the work created by the craftsmen and women highlighted in the film. Their work, which is more than a skill, remains an unknown art to the masses. It truly is breathtaking to watch ateliers work around the clock to fulfill Simmons' vision for Dior.

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



## The Day the Crayons Quit

by Drew Daywalt

reviewed by Kelley Riha



The trouble all starts when Duncan reaches for his crayons in his desk at school and instead of the yellow and green standard box, he finds a stack of letters with his name on them. One by one the monochromatic letter explains to Duncan why the crayons are now on strike: expressing the exhaustion, relief or sometimes, even joy that the colors feel when in use. Opposite the letter, the reader sees an illustrated page once colored by Duncan. On this page, the crayon strikes a dramatic pose emphasizing its feeling.

Geared for kids pre-K to 3rd grade, *The Day the Crayons Quit* is a worthy read for anyone who has ever owned an 8 pack. Here for once, the crayons get to have their say; each character of color has a two-page spread to sound off and sound off they do. Red is overworked, Purple just wants to stay in the lines and Green says Yellow and Orange aren't speaking--- some disagreement over the sun. What will happen?! Will

black be banished? Will white get to be something other than snow? And where do beige and peach fit in to all this, or do they? Luckily, in the end, Duncan creates a wildly inventive picture to outdo all his previous work and saves the day! Whew.

Companion books about crayons found at your favorite Metro Library might include *Monsters Love Colors*, *My Crayons Talk*, *Harold and the Purple Crayon* and there's a surprising twist in *Bad Day at Riverbend*, just to name a few. After a couple of these stories, your inner artist might put crayon to paper and find out what color your condition is in.

*The Day the Crayons Quit* is available in both print and eBook formats.

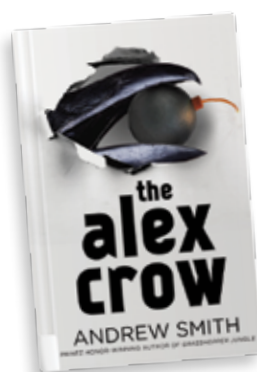
*Kelley Riha is Community Outreach Coordinator in the MLS Outreach Dept. She is a long-time performer for children and reviews books written for the youngest readers.*



## The Alex Crow

by Andrew Smith

reviewed by Elisabeth Wright



If books like *Grasshopper Jungle* hadn't already established Andrew Smith as the Master of Weird in young adult literature, then I present to you *The Alex Crow*. Ariel is a teenage refugee who has been adopted into an American family. He and his new brother, Max, are sent to Camp Merrie-Seymour for Boys, ostensibly a camp for technology-addicted boys, but perhaps subject to other whims of the Merrie-Seymour Research Group.

At the same time, another plot thread tells the story of a schizophrenic bomber. A third plot thread consists of diary entries from a failed nineteenth-century Arctic

expedition. Oh, and there's also a depressed bionic crow. All these threads eventually converge and somehow Smith makes it all work. (Yeah, I wasn't kidding. I told you Smith writes weird books.)

Verdict: if you like unusual plots and don't mind crude teenage boy humor check out *The Alex Crow*.

*The Alex Crow* 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.*



# Reviews & Recommendations

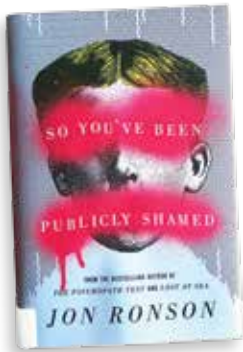
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ON THE SHELF

## So You've Been Publicly Shamed

by John Ronson

reviewed by Todd Podzemny



For most of human history, shame was a major factor in enforcing the rules of society. Do something immoral or anti-social in a small village, and the universal disapproval of everyone you know will make your life miserable. Once we started living in cities, we could escape public shame by losing ourselves in the crowd, and shame as an instrument of social control lost much of its power.

With the advent of social media, shame is back. We are living our lives more publicly than any recent generation. People who are singled out by the Internet's collective fury can find their careers and relationships in shambles with breathtaking speed, with no clear way back and with the evidence of their downfall forever preserved in their Google search results.

Ronson explores the new power of shame by interviewing several victims of Internet outrage, from academics disgraced over incidences of plagiarism to ordinary people who found their lives effectively destroyed by one joke they posted on social media.

Social media gives us all the power of free speech to an unprecedented degree. But Ronson makes a convincing case that it also gives us the ability to squelch the freedom of others in new and sometimes troubling ways.

*So You've Been Publicly Shamed* is available in print and audio disc.

*Todd Podzemny is the manager of the Choctaw Library. He finds every single person on the Internet to be kind, funny and attractive and doesn't want any trouble.*

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ON THE SHELF

## The Library at Mount Char

by Scott Hawkins

reviewed by Jana Hausburg



*"Carolyn, blood-drenched and barefoot, walked alone down the two-lane stretch of blacktop that the Americans called Highway 78."*

With an opening line like that I knew I was in for a real treat. Forget post-apocalyptic fiction, vampires, aliens, pandemics – what the reader experiences in Scott Hawkins' first novel is full-blown gory action, mythology, knowledge as power, murderous siblings, resurrections, reluctant heroes, lions, barbecues, blood-soaked tutus, nukes and more. So much more.

Carolyn, along with her brothers and sisters, lives with Father in Garrison Oaks. Their days are dedicated to studying in the Library, as are their nights. Everything centers on the theory and practice written

in 12 ancient books. Each child must concentrate on one specific catalog. They learned long ago there were terrible consequences to studying outside their subject areas.

When Father disappears, it is up to Carolyn and the rest to protect the Library. Without Father, things quickly begin to descend into chaos. Which of Father's enemies will claim the power he held over life, death and creation? Carolyn enlists the help of two Americans, Steve and Erwin. And then the blood really starts to flow.

*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.*





# Make Your Move

The trend in libraries has always been to offer more than a place for learning, entertainment and enrichment. A new way libraries are serving the community is by embracing the maker movement and finding ways to create library services that offer a

## Maker Movement:

The cultural trend that places value on the ability to create, emphasis on DIY and transcends to intellectual property, technology and tactile goods.

place for people of all ages to create. This month, for example, we offer teens exciting ways to express their creativity with programs designed for Teen Tech Month.

Libraries have also been turning their teen areas into makerspaces, also known as hackerspaces, fablabs or DIY spaces where teens can gather to create, invent and experiment with technology. When you think about DIY or makerspace at the library, you might picture arts & crafts. A makerspace offers much more variety than that, from enrichment opportunities and skill

## Makerspace:

A community center that provides technology, manufacturing equipment and educational opportunities to the public.

attainment to engineering, science, math, computer science, video production and beyond.

Dana Beach, a librarian at the Choctaw Library, has included the makerspace trend in much of her young adult programming. "The range of creation can be as basic and traditional as a crochet project to something that uses the latest technology, like the video game

design program we are offering this month through Microsoft's Project Spark," she said.

"Many people are intimidated by the makerspace idea because they think it only includes expensive technology," said Beach. "The great thing about it is that it includes all 'maker' activities from duct tape wallets to robotics and is very accessible, you just have to be creative and use the resources you have."

While these services are highlighted for teens in the month of March, resources for building, designing and creating are available at Metro Libraries all the time. Our shelves and digital collection offer a wide variety of DIY and how-to instructions. In addition, our online research options include a video database that includes instructional videos called Access Video on Demand. Cardholders can dive into an online collection of instructions and ideas for nearly any interest with access to the Hobbies & Crafts research database. Also, check out our extensive collection of virtual and physical magazines which cover an array of hobbies, ideas and other tools for creating.

Visit [www.metrolibrary.org](http://www.metrolibrary.org) to check out these online research databases or browse our catalog for maker tools. To learn more about events offered during Teen Tech Month, turn to the Highlighted Events portion of this month's magazine.





# Get Organic a





# at The Library

*“If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need.” – Cicero*

**M**arch in Oklahoma is a good time to start planting those seedlings in your garden. With so much opposing information about commercial food production these days, many agricultural adventurers have opted to grow some of their own produce, while other urban farmers and rural gardeners are veterans. Whether you want to grow plants for food or for a pleasurable hobby, think of your local library as a source of information. We have books, online resources and workshops, as well as a few green thumbs on staff who can help guide you in a new garden adventure.

Search our catalog and find books about gardening for all types of plants and all kinds of environments. You don't need a field or even a backyard to grow your own greens. Find information on container gardening and even growing herbs right in your own kitchen. Gardening how-tos are available for the kiddos too, allowing the whole family to get in on the organic trend.

Interested in the best veggies? Read *Blue Ribbon Vegetable Gardening: The*

*Secrets to Growing the Biggest and Best Prize Winning Produce* by Jodi B. Torpey.

Learn how to garden indoors with *Kitchen Gardening for Beginners* by Simon Akeroyd and add a lot of flavor

*Whether you want to grow plants for food or for a pleasurable hobby, think of your local library as a source of information.*

to your plate with herbs with *Garden Anywhere: How to Grow Gorgeous Container Gardens, Herb Gardens, Kitchen Gardens and more—Without*

*Spending a Fortune* by Alys Fowler.

Cultivate a family experience with *Garden to Table: a Kid's Guide to Planting, Growing and Preparing Food* by Katherine Hengel.

For unique and beautiful projects to make from the garden, check out *Garden Made: a Year of Seasonal Projects to Beautify Your Garden and Your Life* by Stephanie Whitney-Rose.

Get garden advice and ideas on the go. Our digital and physical magazine collection includes many titles about gardens of all kinds.

If you want more advice and tips, learn how to grow your veggies at the Warr Acres Library March 3 at 1 p.m. with tips from a horticulture and agriculture educator. Edmond Library will host a community driven garden share time where new and experienced growers can get together to share secrets and trade tips. They will meet March 10 at 1 p.m.

Of course after you grow all that delicious produce, you will need new recipes! But that's another story...



# march

## 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

Midwest City Library Thu | Mar 17 3:30p  
Metropolitan Library Commission of Oklahoma County Monthly Meeting



Be Well @ the Library

### Fit Past Fifty

Senior (ages 55+)

Northwest Library	Tue   Mar 1	4p
Northwest Library	Wed   Mar 2	4p

### Tai Chi

Senior (ages 55+)

Northwest Library	Mondays & Thursdays	4p
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### Adult

Belle Isle Library	Tue   Mar 1, 8	2p
Belle Isle Library	Wed   Mar 2, 9	2:30p
Belle Isle Library	Thu   Mar 3, 10	2p

### Tai Chi for Children

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Warr Acres Library	Sat   Mar 5	2:30p
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### Yoga

Adult

Almonte Library	Mondays	12p
Del City Library	Mondays	12p
Choctaw Library®	Wednesdays	6:15p

### Zumba

Young Adult (ages 18-21)

Northwest Library®	Thursdays	6:30p
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Book it @ the Library

### Tailored Titles on Facebook

Wed | Mar 2 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. 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 the each month.

### Book Clubs for Adults

Adults

Edmond Library	Tue   Mar 1	12p
Cozy Mysteries		

Midwest City Library	Thu   Mar 3	10a
Nonfiction		

Belle Isle Library	Thu   Mar 3	6p
New English Speakers Book Club		

Downtown Library®	Tue   Mar 15	12p
Lunch Bunch		

Southern Oaks Library	Tue   Mar 8	11:30a
Northwest Library	Fri   Mar 11	1p
Warr Acres Library	Mon   Mar 14	11a
Midwest City Library	Thu   Mar 17	10a
Edmond Library	Sat   Mar 19	10:30a
The Village Library	Mon   Mar 21	3p

Senior (ages 55+)

Edmond Library	Sat   Mar 12	2p
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### Book Talk: Go Set a Watchman

Adult

Northwest Library	Fri   Mar 25	1p
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### Book Clubs for Pre-teens & Teens

(ages 9-12, 12-18)

Belle Isle Library	Mon   Mar 14, 21, 28	5:30p
Anime Club		

Choctaw Library®	Thu   Mar 24	5:30p
Read the Movie		

Belle Isle Library	Tue   Mar 29	4p
Random Fandom		

Choctaw Library	Wed   Mar 9, 23	11a
Northwest Library	Wed   Mar 30	6p

### Book Clubs for Children

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Choctaw Library	Wednesdays	10a
Southern Oaks Library	Tue   Mar 8	6:30p
Bethany Library®	Tue   Mar 29	6:30p



## Concerts @ the Library

### Irish Dance Performance

All Ages

Northwest Library	Sat   Mar 19	2p
Bethany Library	Sat   Mar 19	2p

### Noon Tunes

All Ages

Downtown Library	Thursdays	Noon
Thu   Mar 3	Susan Herndon Trio, <i>singer/songwriter</i>	
Thu   Mar 10	Brett & Laura Vanderzee, <i>vocals/guitar</i>	
Thu   Mar 17	OTIS <sup>3</sup> , <i>piano/clarinet/cello</i>	
Thu   Mar 31	Central Oklahoma Clarinet Choir	



## Create @ the Library

### Art

Children (ages 12 & under)

Downtown Library	Mon   Mar 7	6:30p
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PreTeen (ages 9-12)

Warr Acres Library	Tue   Mar 8	4p
Ralph Ellison Library	Sat   Mar 12	1:30p

### Crafts

Adult

Bethany Library	Wed   Mar 2	10:30a
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Teen (ages 12-18)

Southern Oaks Library	Fri   Mar 18	4:30p
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### Decorate a Pet Rock

Children (ages 12 & under)

Midwest City Library	Tue   Mar 22	4p
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### Creative Writing

Adult

Ralph Ellison Library	Thu   Mar 10	6p
Midwest City Library	Thu   Mar 10, 24	6p
Ralph Ellison Library	Mon   Mar 28	7p

poetry

### Crochet

Adult

Wright Library	Fri   Mar 11	2p
Choctaw Library	Sat   Mar 19	1p

### Journaling

Adult

Belle Isle Library	Sat   Mar 12	2p
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Teen (ages 12-18)

Northwest Library	Thu   Mar 17	4p
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# Make Your List!

So many books...so little time. The struggle is real! Your friends tell you to read their latest literary find, or you read reviews that interest you and you place all those great new books on hold! But when all of your holds arrive, you realize your eyes were bigger than your schedule. What's a book lover to do? Your metrolibrary.org account can help you organize your "to read" list with a little known feature-Saved Lists. Next time you learn about something new you want to read, instead of placing multiple items on hold, just add it to your saved list. It's easy! Log in to your account with your library card number and password or use your EZ login. Search the catalog for the item and when you find the record, click 'Add to List.' You can create multiple lists and even give them unique names to help you keep track of your future reads.



# featured events


## Knitting

### Adult

Almonte Library	Thu   Mar 3	5:30p
Northwest Library	Tue   Mar 8	6p
The Village Library	Sat   Mar 12	10a
Southern Oaks Library 	Mon   Mar 14	5:30p
Choctaw Library	Sat   Mar 19	10a

## Maker Space

### Teen (ages 12-18)


Belle Isle Library	Tue   Mar 1	4p
The Village Library 	Thu   Mar 10	4p
Choctaw Library	Mar 14-20	all day

### Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)


Northwest Library 	Mon   Mar 14	4p
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## Paper Quilling

### Adults

Northwest Library 	Tue   Mar 15	5:30p & 7p
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### beginners

Northwest Library 	Tue   Mar 22	7p
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### advanced


## Quilting Club

### Adult

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

## Spring Break Shadow Boxes

### Families

Southern Oaks Library 	Sat   Mar 5	10a
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## Chess Club

### Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Edmond Library	Mon   Mar 7, 21	4:30p
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### All Ages

The Village Library	Fridays	4p
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## Family Game Night!

### All Ages

Wright Library	Wed   Mar 9	3p
Luther Library	Thu   Mar 10	4p
Harrah Library	Wed   Mar 23	4p
Northwest Library	Thu   Mar 24	6p

## Gaming Club

### Teen (Ages 12-18)

The Village Library	Thu   Mar 17	4p
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### Belle Isle Library

Thu   Mar 24	4p
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### Bring Your Own Device

## LEGO

### Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Harrah Library	Wed   Mar 2	4p
Luther Library	Thu   Mar 3	4p
Midwest City Library	Tue   Mar 8	4p
Capitol Hill Library	Thu   Mar 10	4:30p
Warr Acres Library 	Sat   Mar 12	10:30a
Edmond Library	Sat   Mar 12	3p
Almonte Library 	Mon   Mar 21	4p
Downtown Library 	Mon   Mar 21	6:30p
Choctaw Library 	Wed   Mar 30	4p




### PreTeen (ages 9-12)

Choctaw Library 	Mon   Mar 21, 28	4p
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### LEGO Robotics

## Minecraft

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

Warr Acres Library 	Thu   Mar 3	6:30p
Choctaw Library 	Mon   Mar 7	4p
Downtown Library 	Mon   Mar 14	6:30p
Capitol Hill Library	Thu   Mar 17	4:30p


## Scrabble Time!

### Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Bethany Library 	Mon   Mar 14	4:30p
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## Yu-Gi-Oh!

### Teen (ages 12-18)

Bethany Library	Sat   Mar 12	10a
Warr Acres Library 	Thu   Mar 17	6:30p




## Crazy Science Activities

### PreTeen (ages 9-12)

Southern Oaks Library 	Thu   Mar 17	4:30p
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## Homework Help

### Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Capitol Hill Library	Wed   Mar 2, 23, 30	4p
Almonte Library	Wed   Mar 2, 16	5p
Southern Oaks Library 	Thu   Mar 3, 24, 31	4p
Midwest City Library	Wednesdays	4:30p

## Intermediate Spanish

### Adult

Capitol Hill Library	Mondays	5:30p
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## Library Explorers

### Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Northwest Library 	Mon   Mar 28	4p
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## Reading Buddies

### Children (ages 12 & under)

Warr Acres Library	Sun   Mar 6, 20	2p
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METROPOLITAN LIBRARY SYSTEM PRESENTS:

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TEEN TECH MONTH - MARCH 2016

## **Video Game Design: Zombies!**

March 3 & 10, 5-6:30pm  
Choctaw Library

## **Minecraft**

March 3, 6:30-8pm  
Warr Acres Library

## **Lights! Camera! Action!**

March 5, 1-3pm  
Bethany Library

## **Knit One, Crochet Too**

March 8, 6-8pm  
Northwest Library

## **How to Be a DJ**

March 9, 5:30-6:30pm  
Almonte Library

## **Makerspace**

March 10, 4pm  
Village Library

## **Build Those Bridges**

March 12, 2-3:30pm  
Warr Acres Library

## **Film This! Book Trailers**

March 12, 2-4pm  
Downtown Library

## **Open Maker Space**

March 14-20  
Choctaw Library

## **Fan Fiction/Fan Art Contest**

Entries due March 20  
Announcement party March 26, 1:30-3:30pm  
Southern Oaks Library

## **Journal Junkies**

March 17, 4-5:30pm  
Northwest Library

## **Crazy Science Activities**

March 17, 4:30-6pm  
Southern Oaks Library

## **LEGO Robotics**

March 21, 28, April 4, 4-5:30pm  
Choctaw Library

## **Al's Teen Lounge: Strawbees**

March 23, 5-7pm  
Almonte Library

*FREE! Please check with the library  
about how to sign up for these events.*



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# featured events


## Rocket Readers

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Bethany Library Mon | Mar 7, 21, 28 5:30p, 6p, 6:30p

## NIH Senior Health Online

Senior (ages 55+)

Edmond Library  Wed | Mar 2 1p

Bethany Library  Thu | Mar 3, 10 6p

The Village Library  Wed | Mar 9 1p

## Tech Time

(Seniors ages 55+)

The Village Library  Tue | Mar 8, 22 4p



Please check our online calendar for even more events!

## Vegetable Gardening

Adult

Warr Acres Library Thu | Mar 3 1p

Help get your new veggie garden off on the right start. Join us for ideas on how to make your 2016 garden the most successful yet.

## Video Game Design: Zombie Edition!

Teen (ages 12-18)

Choctaw Library  Thu | Mar 3 & 10 5p

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 March 10th to play the new creations.

## Gem and Mineral Demo Day


All Ages

Choctaw Library Sat | Mar 5 10a-3p

Drop by the library for this come and go event with the Shawnee Gem and Mineral Club. The Club will demonstrate jewelry making and other creations with gems and minerals.

## Lights! Camera! Action!

Teen (ages 12-18)

Bethany Library  Sat | Mar 5 1p

Teens, take this crash course to learn how a movie is created. Complete a pre-designed visual story, write out a shot list and draw the storyboards. Learn how to operate a camera, compose different angle shots, work together as a crew and see how it is all edited together in post production. Roll camera! Action!

## Adulting: Food!

Adult

Edmond Library  Sat | Mar 5 2p

If you dump a big chunk of your hard-earned cash into takeout while that head of iceberg turns brown in your fridge, you might benefit from some tips on adulting. Menu planning and basic cooking skills will be covered in this program aimed at people in their 20's and 30's.

## Cosplay Tea Party

Teen (ages 12-18)

Belle Isle Library Mon | Mar 7 5:30p

Cosplay your favorite anime, manga, comic book, or video game character and join other fans for tea, snacks, games and fun. Hosted by the Belle Isle Anime Club.

## Lil Al's Seuss Celebration!

Children (ages 12 & under)

Almonte Library  Mon | Mar 7 6p

You're never too old, too wacky, too wild,  
To pick up a book and read with a child.  
You're never too busy, too cool, or too hot,  
To pick up a book and share what you've got.  
Come join us March 7th your own special way.  
And make this Almonte's Read to Kids Day.  
Put on your jammies, some slippers, some socks.  
Join us in celebrating the very good Doc!  
We'll have yummys for tummies, Crafts, and balloons.  
So hurry up, and register soon!

## Oklahoma Animals

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Downtown Library Wed | Mar 9 1p

Have you ever traveled through Oklahoma and noticed many different habitats - plains, mountains, lakes, swamps, desert? In fact, Oklahoma is one of the most diverse states in America. The Oklahoma City Zoo will guide us while we explore a few of these habitats and meet the animals who call them home.

## How to be a DJ

Teen (ages 12-18)

Almonte Library  Wed | Mar 9 5:30p

Meet the mind behind the music on 100.5 The Katt. DJs mix the music, manage the play list, and answer requests. Local DJ, Turbo, will demonstrate what goes into this career- the technology, special skills and creativity involved! This program is part of Teen Tech Week 2016

## Garden Share

Adult

Edmond Library Thu | Mar 10 1p

Experienced green-thumbers and clueless would-be gardeners are invited to come together to share tricks and tips of how to coax plants from the ground. If you delight in growing vegetables, flowers, trees or shrubbery, come share your wisdom. You may even learn a thing or two from your cohorts! If you know nothing, come to learn at the feet of the masters... of Edmond, that is. This community-led, self-driven program joins Edmondites together for a greener town.

## Kids' Talent Show

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Southern Oaks Library  Thu | Mar 10 4:30p

Do you juggle, do magic tricks, play an instrument, dance, sing or do gymnastics? Perhaps you have another talent you would like to share with the community? Kids interested in participating should sign up to secure their spot. A CD player and microphone will be

available. Call if you have other equipment needs. Children ages 10 & under must be accompanied by an adult. Everyone is invited to come watch and support the children of our community.

### Build Those Bridges!

*Teen (ages 12-18)*

Warr Acres Library <sup>R</sup> Sat | Mar 12 2p  
Can you build a bridge that will withstand a massive earthquake? Learn the basic principles of building suspension bridges out of construction paper and masking tape. A prize will be awarded to the builder of the strongest bridge.

### Film This! Book Trailers

*Teen (ages 12-18)*

Downtown Library <sup>R</sup> Sat | Mar 12 2p  
Lights! Camera! Book trailers! Celebrate Teen Tech Month at the Downtown Library. Use the library's iPads to create, film and edit a book trailer for popular young adult titles. Upload your creation to YouTube to share with friends and family after the event!

### Pi Day

*PreTeen (ages 9-12)*

Choctaw Library <sup>R</sup> Mon | Mar 14 4p  
Celebrate Pi Day with us on 3.14.16! Explore everything circular, learn fun ways to calculate pi and create your own version of pizza pie.

### The Magic of Science

*Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)*

Downtown Library Wed | Mar 16 1p  
Come join us for this high energy, fast-paced demonstration about the wonder and magic of science! Spectacular action and wild experiments abound in this assembly program that will delight and amaze audiences.

### Forensic Pathology

*Teen (ages 12-18)*

Midwest City Library Thu | Mar 17 4p  
Welcome to the world of forensic science! After a basic introduction, teens will break-up into teams to investigate the pathology of a specimen and use clues to discover possible cause of abnormalities just like crime lab scientists!

### Egg-cellent Babies

*All Ages*

The Village Library Fri | Mar 18 10a  
It's time to get cracking because egg babies are popping out all over! Come join the Oklahoma City Zoo at The Village Library to celebrate these special babies. We will explore eggs of all sizes and colors to discover why they are a safe place for babies to grow.

### Thunder Pep Rally

*All Ages*

Downtown Library Tue | Mar 22 5p  
Thunder up! Come to the Downtown Library to get pepped up for the Thunder game! Whether you are heading to the game or just want to show your team spirit, fans of all ages can make signs to cheer on the team. There will be face painting, Thunder themed crafts and more.

### DIY Baby Products

*Adult*

Almonte Library <sup>R</sup> Thu | Mar 24 5p  
Baby care products can be very expensive. Come to this fun program and learn how to save money by making your own!

### Spring Cleaning

*Adult*

Edmond Library Sat | Mar 26 10a  
Did your resolution to keep your space clean already fall to the wayside? Learn weeding and tidying skills from the professionals. Minimize stress by adopting a "less is more" attitude while decluttering your home in this information-packed program.

### Fan Fiction & Fan Art Contest Announcement Party

*All Ages*

Southern Oaks Library Sat | Mar 26 1:30p  
Check out new fan art and fan fiction at the 9th Annual Southern Oaks Fan Fiction-Fan Art Contest Party! The announcement party is open to all ages, but children younger than 12 must be accompanied by an adult. You must be present to win.

### Tax Help

*Adult*

Need help preparing and filing your state and federal income tax returns? Volunteers from AARP will provide free tax preparation and e-filing assistance on a first-come, first-served basis. Be sure to bring all relevant documents with you, e.g. all earnings and dividend statements, copies of last year's federal and state returns, and proof of your bank account numbers for direct deposit.

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

<sup>R</sup> = Registration required for this event.



# Kids @ the Library

## Play @ the Library

### 123! Play with Me!

*Toddlers (ages 1-3)*

Midwest City Library	Mondays	10a
Del City Library	Tuesdays	10a
Downtown Library	Thu   Mar 3, 10, 24, 30	10a
Southern Oaks Library <sup>R</sup>	Tue   Mar 15, 22, 29	6p
Choctaw Library	Fridays	10a

### Parachute Play

*Toddlers (ages 1-3)*

Bethany Library <sup>R</sup>	Thu   Mar 31	9:30a & 10:30a
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### Playtime

*Babies (0-12 months)*

Northwest Library <sup>R</sup>	Tue   Mar 1, 15	9:30a
Northwest Library <sup>R</sup>	Wed   Mar 2, 16	9:30a

*Toddlers (ages 1-3)*

Northwest Library <sup>R</sup>	Tue   Mar 1, 15	10:15a
Northwest Library <sup>R</sup>	Wed   Mar 2, 16	10:15a
Del City Library	Wednesdays	10a
Warr Acres Library	Wed   Mar 9, 16, 23, 30	9:15a & 10:30a
Bethany Library <sup>R</sup>	Thu   Mar 10, 24	9:30a & 10:30a
Choctaw Library	Sat   Mar 12	10a

*PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)*

Northwest Library <sup>R</sup>	Tue   Mar 1, 15	11a
Northwest Library <sup>R</sup>	Wed   Mar 2, 16	11a
Choctaw Library <sup>R</sup>	Thu   Mar 3	10:30a
Warr Acres Library	Tue   Mar 8	10:30a

## Storytime @ the Library

### Mother Goose on the Loose

*Toddlers (ages 1-3)*

Warr Acres Library <sup>R</sup>	Tue   Mar 8, 22	9:30a
Southern Oaks Library <sup>R</sup>	Wed   Mar 16	10:30a
The Village Library <sup>R</sup>	Thu   Mar 24	10a
Warr Acres Library <sup>R</sup>	Thu   Mar 24	6p
Southern Oaks Library <sup>R</sup>	Mon   Mar 28	10:30a

### Musictime

*Babies (0-12 months)*

Northwest Library <sup>R</sup>	Tue   Mar 22	9:30a
Northwest Library <sup>R</sup>	Wed   Mar 23	9:30a
Edmond Library	Mon   Mar 28	9a

*Toddlers (ages 1-3)*

Del City Library	Thu   Mar 10	9:30a
Northwest Library <sup>R</sup>	Tue   Mar 22	10:15a
Northwest Library <sup>R</sup>	Wed   Mar 23	10:15a

*PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)*

The Village Library <sup>R</sup>	Thu   Mar 3	10a
Downtown Library <sup>R</sup>	Thu   Mar 17	10a
Northwest Library <sup>R</sup>	Tue   Mar 22	11a

Northwest Library <sup>R</sup>	Wed   Mar 23	11a
Edmond Library	Mon   Mar 28	10a & 11a

### Pajama Family Storytime

*PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)*

Belle Isle Library	Wednesdays	6:30p
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*Toddlers (ages 1-3)*

Edmond Library <sup>R</sup>	Thursdays	6:30p
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### Storytime

*PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)*

Choctaw Library <sup>R</sup>	Tuesdays	10:30a
Bethany Library <sup>R</sup>	Thu   Mar 3	10a
Wright Library	Fri   Mar 4	3:30p
Warr Acres Library <sup>R</sup>	Sat   Mar 5	10:30a
Edmond Library <sup>R</sup>	Mon   Mar 7, 14, 21	10a & 11a
Southern Oaks Library <sup>R</sup>	Mon   Mar 7, 14, 21	10:30a
Northwest Library <sup>R</sup>	Tue   Mar 8	11a
Bethany Library <sup>R</sup>	Tue   Mar 8	6:30p
Northwest Library <sup>R</sup>	Wed   Mar 9	11a
The Village Library <sup>R</sup>	Thu   Mar 10	10a
Warr Acres Library <sup>R</sup>	Tue   Mar 22	10:30a

*Children (ages 12 & under)*

Capitol Hill Library	Tuesdays	4p
Harrah Library	Wed   Mar 16	4p
Luther Library	Thu   Mar 17	4p

### Babytime

*Babies (0-12 months)*

Del City Library	Mondays	9:15a
Edmond Library <sup>R</sup>	Tuesdays	10a
Northwest Library <sup>R</sup>	Tue   Mar 8	9:30a
Northwest Library <sup>R</sup>	Wed   Mar 9	9:30a

### Toddler Time

*Toddlers (ages 1-3)*

Del City Library	Mondays	10a
Choctaw Library <sup>R</sup>	Tuesdays	9:30a
Edmond Library <sup>R</sup>	Wednesdays	10a & 11a
Northwest Library <sup>R</sup>	Tue   Mar 8	10:15a
Northwest Library <sup>R</sup>	Wed   Mar 9	10:15a

## Children Reading to Dogs @ the Library

*Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)*

Belle Isle Library	Mondays & Thursdays	6p
Southern Oaks Library <sup>R</sup>	Tue   Mar 1	6:30p
Edmond Library	Tue   Mar 1, 15	6:30p
The Village Library	Wednesdays	6p
The Village Library	Thu   Mar 3, 17	3:30p
Northwest Library	Mon   Mar 7, 21	6p
Midwest City Library	Tue   Mar 8, 22	7p
Warr Acres Library	Thu   Mar 10	6:30p
Capitol Hill Library	Sat   Mar 12	1p
Choctaw Library <sup>R</sup>	Sat   Mar 12	3p
Choctaw Library <sup>R</sup>	Wed   Mar 16	4p
Southern Oaks Library <sup>R</sup>	Sat   Mar 19	10a
Downtown Library	Mon   Mar 28	6:30p

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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

