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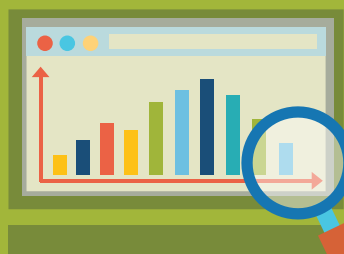
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## New info

Happy Mother's Day to all the moms out there. Much like mothers, our work here at MLS is never done. Library staff has been out in the community learning and supporting our partners, preparing for the Summer Reading Program, buying books and DVDs, adding new databases, and thinking of ways to give you more value.

Have you seen our Dog-Eared Blog? We've been doing some fun things to celebrate our 50th year as the Metropolitan Library System. Read our weekly Throwback Thursday post chronicling interesting tidbits of each year since 1965. We are highlighting a different year each week, written by library staff from all over the system. Take a look, learn, reminisce and get to know your library folks.

In this issue we reveal the secret identities of some of our library heroes, introduce a new driving test prep database, and share resources to get you ready for college, career or to volunteer.

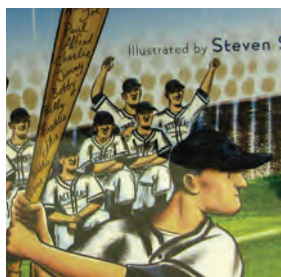


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## Oklahoma Images

# THE DOCTORS'

It was in the bowels of a troop transport that Tallie Crawford first crossed the Atlantic, headed for the trenches of World War I France. His second voyage was under far different circumstances.

Johnson Talmadge Crawford, known as Tal, or Tallie to family and friends, was born in a remote corner of the Arkansas Ozarks in 1889. His father, Johnson Crawford, was a fiery Missionary Baptist preacher who may have come to his life's calling when he was a teenaged Confederate soldier and a Yankee bullet split his hat right down the middle. Of his 12 children, a number of the boys entered the law in adulthood and three of them eventually ended up in Ada, Indian Territory. Tal was in the inaugural graduating class of East Central Normal School in Ada before moving on to the University of Oklahoma to study law. His older brother, Johnson Date Crawford, was already well-known locally as a lawyer and state legislator.

His career was interrupted by service in World War I, when, despite his advanced education, he entered the Army as a buck private. That made sense for a guy like the tall, fair-haired Crawford – upon returning to Ada he ran for county

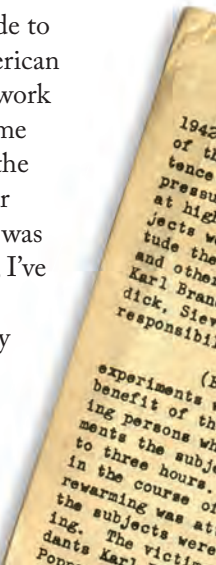


*The Nuremberg trials (Judge Crawford on far right)*

judge in 1920 as “just one of the plain people that have made Oklahoma what it is and understands the needs and aspirations of our citizenship.” With virtually no experience as a lawyer, he won the election and remained on the bench in Ada for the next 25 years as either a county or district judge.

Popular and well-respected, he inexplicably lost his fourth re-election bid in the summer of 1946. The next series of events is rather curious. The Ada News reported that Judge Crawford happened to be in

Washington, D.C. on “a business trip” and, on a lark, decide to stop in at the offices of the civil court division of the American Military Government of Germany to see if they had any work for a down-on-his-luck district judge. “Then he came home thinking little about it,” the paper said. A telegram came the following morning offering him a post at \$10,000 per year and advising him to leave for Germany immediately – he was going to try Nazi war criminals at Nuremberg. Of course, I’ve always wondered if Crawford didn’t get a little bit of help from a man who had been “adopted” by the legal fraternity in Ada and been given a boost to a career in politics – then governor of Oklahoma and future “King of the Senate” Robert S. Kerr. It seems the historical record







# TRIAL

By Larry Johnson

shows that Crawford was actually appointed by Kerr's friend and ally President Harry S. Truman.

At Nuremberg, Crawford was part of the "Doctors' Trial," a three-judge panel in the American zone that tried 23 Nazi doctors for war crimes including participation in human experimentation and devising the methods of mass murder in the concentration camps. Through the course of the trial, Crawford visited the camps and heard testimony from victims and eyewitnesses – all a world away from trying bootleggers and cattle thieves in Ada, Oklahoma.

Judge Crawford spent nearly five years in Germany aiding in de-Nazification and helping to establish new German courts. If you'd like to learn more about his work, many

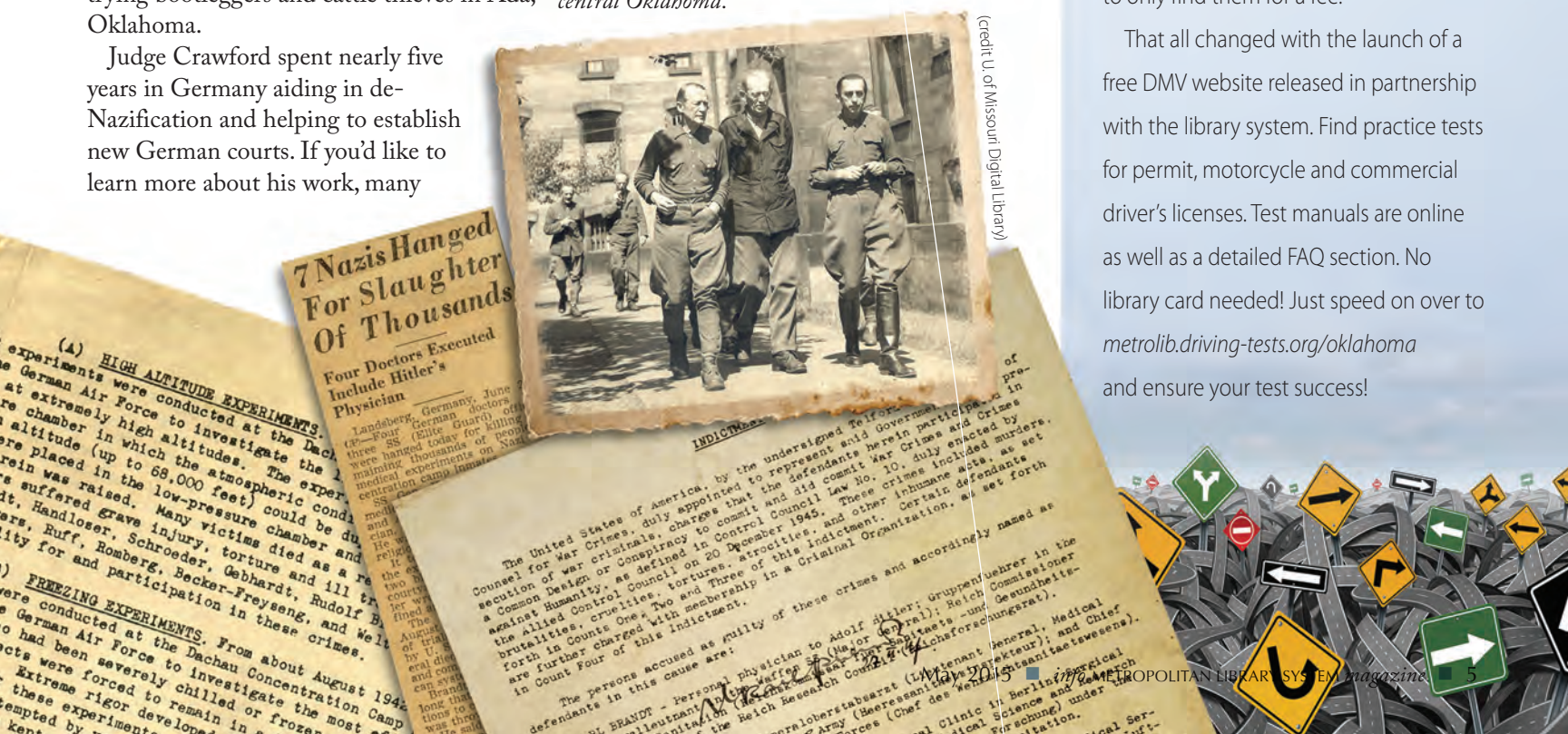
of his notes and papers were donated to the library at East Central University in Ada. You will also want to visit the Holocaust Resource Collection donated to the Downtown Library by the Jewish Federation of Greater Oklahoma City.

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

## Zoom into Driving Test Prep

I recently spent time searching the DMV website for practice tests for my 16-year-old son who was prepping for his permit test. While I was able to find the practice manuals in print format on library shelves, I knew that he would benefit from a computer practice test, and was frustrated to only find them for a fee.

That all changed with the launch of a free DMV website released in partnership with the library system. Find practice tests for permit, motorcycle and commercial driver's licenses. Test manuals are online as well as a detailed FAQ section. No library card needed! Just speed on over to [metrolib.driving-tests.org/oklahoma](http://metrolib.driving-tests.org/oklahoma) and ensure your test success!



(credit U. of Missouri Digital Library)



# Reviews & Recommendations

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## Brothers at Bat by Audrey Vernick

reviewed by Rena Gibson



The Acerra family had 16 children, and they all had one thing in common: baseball. All 12 of their sons played baseball in the 1930s. During this time, baseball was THE sport in America and played everywhere. The Acerra family was special because they formed their own baseball team and won victory after victory. They were a hometown team in New Jersey, made up of all brothers who loved the game. Although they had many victories, accidents did happen. Due to a freak accident, one of the brothers lost an eye in a game. This didn't stop him from

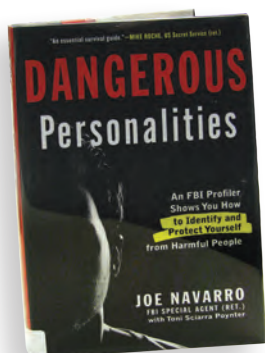
playing the game he loved. With help from his family, he slowly learned how to be a catcher with one eye. In 1997, the brothers were initiated into the Baseball Hall of Fame next to other greats like Babe Ruth.

*Rena has worked at the Ralph Ellison Library since 2005 and has a master's degree in library science with an emphasis on youth. She's a cat enthusiast who loves finding cat shaming memes and has been an on and off again blogger with aspirations to learn how to sew, knit and bake.*

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ON THE SHELF

## Dangerous Personalities: An FBI Profiler Shows You How to Identify and Protect Yourself from Harmful People by Joe Navarro, with Toni Sciarra Poynter

reviewed by Jana Hausburg



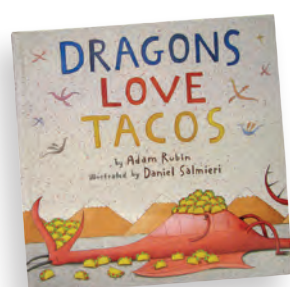
"You have no social obligation to be tormented or to be victimized --- ever."

Navarro notes that for every atrocity that makes it into the newspaper, there are a multitude of evil things perpetrated against the average citizen on a daily basis. An abusive supervisor, a toxic friend, the paranoid neighbor or a hot-headed family member – each of these exhibits signs of their dangerous personality: the Narcissist, the Predator, the Paranoid Personality and the Emotionally Unstable Personality, or a mixture of two or more. The trick is knowing what to look for. Without a

guide, the average person remains relatively clueless. As a friend of Timothy McVeigh said, "If you don't consider what happened in Oklahoma City, Tim is a good person."

Included in each section is a detailed checklist. More frightening than fiction is the realization that someone close to you is one of these dangerous types, who won't bat an eye at draining your bank account, destroying your health or even taking your life.

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



## Dragons Love Tacos

by Adam Rubin

Who can turn down warm torillas with salsa, or queso and chips? Not me, but who would have guessed that dragons love tacos? It's true according to author Adam Rubin and illustrator Daniel Salmieri who've loaded up each page of their newest kids' book with a variety of oversized lizards. Written for pre-K to 2nd graders, this story not only has oodles of dragons, there's also muy, muy tacos.

Rubin grabs readers right from the start with a 'Hey, kid!' and keeps us on the edge of our cushions as we check off the list of taco ingredients and learn what spicy things

do to unsuspecting dragons. Beware! Never give your dragon spicy salsa.

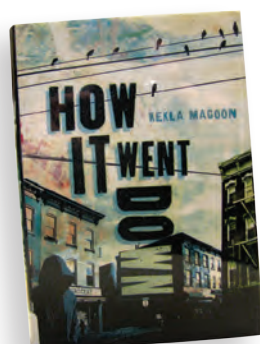
Salmieri's images are colorful fun as the dragons take on a plethora of configurations. Besides *Dragons Love Tacos*, Rubin has six other titles in print and on DVD.

Hmmm, all this taco talk has made me hungry for a book...I know--- *Dragons Love Tacos!*

*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.*



reviewed by Kelley Rhia



## How It Went Down

by Kekla Magoon

Ferguson, Trayvon Martin, Michael Brown- these words immediately spark images, opinions and controversy. Kekla Magoon's fictional novel addresses important and timely issues with sensitivity, raising tough questions without easy answers.

On the first page are the undisputable facts of the story: Tariq Johnson, a black teenager, was shot to death by Jack Franklin, a white man. From there, the narrative becomes increasingly muddled as 18 different characters alternate to offer their perspectives. Was Tariq a good student or a gang initiate? Was he holding a gun or a candy bar when he was shot?

We hear from Tina, Tariq's special needs sister, who can't understand why the big brother she idolized is gone, and Brick, a gang leader who had been pressuring Tariq

to join the gang. We hear from Jennica, who saw the shooting from across the street and rushed over to try to perform CPR, and from Reverend Alabaster Sloan, a black minister who comes to town to use the uproar over the shooting to promote his political campaign. Everyone has something to say, but it is clouded by their experiences and perceptions. There's no way to say definitively, "This is how it went down."

*How It Went Down* is available in both print and digital audio formats.

*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.*



review by Elisabeth Wright





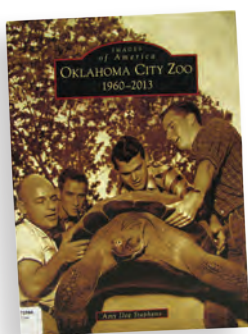
# Reviews & Recommendations

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ON THE SHELF

## Oklahoma City Zoo: 1960-2013

by Amy Dee Stephens

reviewed by Phyllis Davidson



In 2006, Amy Dee Stephens wrote *Oklahoma City Zoo 1902-1959*. Soon after, people began asking her, “When are you going to write the next book?” Now she has written *Oklahoma City Zoo 1960-2013*, and created a visual timeline of zoo history decade by decade.

Using over 200 photographs, Stephens leads us through the evolution of the zoo into a first class, accredited facility. You will see familiar faces, both human and animal, including Gayla Peevey, who recorded “I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas” when she was ten years old to raise money to buy Matilda the Hippo in 1953. She is shown as a beautiful grandmother in this book. See the transformation of the WPA

bathhouse, built in the 30s. The bathhouse barely escaped demolition, largely due to the efforts of the author, and is now the Patricia and Byron J. Gambulous ZooZeum which features frequently-changing exhibits and a small replica of the famous Monkey Ship. Who knows—maybe you or someone you know was caught on camera and has gone down in the history of the Oklahoma City Zoo.

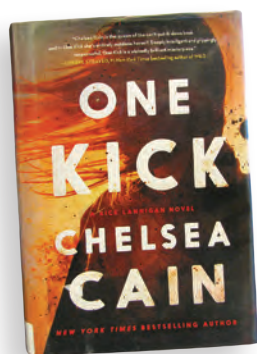
*Phyllis Davidson is a reference librarian at the Downtown Library. She is the editor of a family newsletter, teaches genealogy classes to customers at the library, and delves into her own family history outside the Library walls.*

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## One Kick

by Chelsea Cain

reviewed by Jennifer Jones



Kick Lannigan is famous for a very wrong reason, a reason that spurred her to become a vigilante who searches for missing and exploited children. Though small in stature, she is an expert at marital arts. She is not, however, an expert at staying out of danger. When kids Adam and Mia are abducted, Kick can't help but join the effort to find them. That is after all, her obsession.

As is her style, Cain crafts exquisitely messed up characters, and the people in Kick's world are no exception. Kick's closest ally is de facto brother, James, a

technology expert who never leaves his apartment. She has a strained relationship with her opportunistic mother, a twisted relationship with a father figure and a strange relationship with the shady John Bishop who leads her on the search for the missing kids.

*One Kick* is also available in print, digital, audio and large print formats.

*Jennifer is the Marketing Coordinator for the Metropolitan Library System. She loves reading, road trips, cooking, live music, and doing fun, spontaneous things with her kids.*



# College



# Career & Volunteer

## College, Career & Volunteer!

It's cap and gown season. Do you have a plan for after the cap lands?

We can help you with that! Whether your path leads to college, a career or to volunteer, we have resources to help you every step of the way.

Find college guidance with printed materials, knowledgeable staff and online resources. Test manuals and online test prep on "Learning Express Library" prepare ACT, SAT and other test takers. Click on our "Federal Student Aid" database and find a wealth of information about preparing and paying for college.

Looking for a summer job, or ready to get to work right away? Libraries are hosting job search workshops this month.

The Downtown Library offers first-time job seekers classes on how to write resumes, own the interview and land the perfect job. The workshop also focuses on job seekers that have been out of the workplace for a while. Edmond Library gets teens into the game with their job readiness event. Teens can get guidance on filling out applications, discovering their skillsets, and making a great first impression. Check out our online calendar for the times of these events.

Online library resources play a large role in guiding people to successful employment. The "Job & Career

Accelerator" database helps you learn more about careers, prepare for entrance or occupation exams or even learn about joining the military.

Access "Cypress Resume" to learn the perfect formula for a standout resume. The "Career Cruising" database has career assessments that students can take to discover which job would be right for them.

Need to brush up those tech skills? Access our "Computer and Internet Basics" database and learn with self-paced tutorials on the basics of computer use. The "Popular Software Skills Center" provides access to tutorials about Microsoft Office, Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator products as well as Windows and Mac operating systems.

And if volunteering is what you're looking for, we need volunteers like you! June and July are our busiest months, and we rely on volunteers to make it all work.

"Library volunteers learn important job skills, like working as a team, communication, customer service and many other skills," said volunteer coordinator, Heidi Port. "Library service can be a great asset to your resume!"

To find out more about volunteering or to use these valuable resources, ask a librarian or go to our website at [www.metrolibrary.org](http://www.metrolibrary.org).





*Left to right: Shren Sylvester, Mary Sholly, Kristin Williams, LaVetta Dent, Angela Walton, Emily Williams, Kelley Riba*

# LIBRARY HEROES- OUTREACH

**YOU'VE SEEN THEM ON THE STREETS, AT SCHOOLS  
AND BEHIND THE WHEEL OF THE OUTREACH  
VAN. THEY SHUTTLE IMPORTANT AUTHORS,  
INTERNATIONAL MUSICIANS, PUPPETEERS AND  
SOMETIMES A GIANT DOG. THEY ARE EVERYWHERE,  
AND THEY ARE SPREADING THE GOOD NEWS!**





***But who are these library heroes? Read on as we reveal the secret identities of the coordinators and their sidekicks who link the library and all of its powers to the community!***

**LaVetta Dent**  
***OUTREACH DIRECTOR***

"It's exciting, overwhelming, exhilarating and an absolute blast to do this job," says Director of Outreach, LaVetta Dent. Making large events happen is one of her duties, and she spends much of her time hunting for talented performers from all over the world and planning events to bring art and culture to Oklahoma County.

**Angela Walton**  
***COME READ WITH ME COORDINATOR***

She doesn't leap tall buildings in a single bound, but Angela Walton is a powerhouse at building community connections. She coordinates Come Read with Me, the MLS after school literacy initiative that brings the library to children in after care programs. "Our number one goal is to make reading fun. What a privilege!"

**Emily Williams**  
***YOUNG ADULT SERVICES COORDINATOR***

Not every teen can get to the library, but never fear, it's Emily to the rescue! She earns cool points by working with librarians who are passionate about serving teens and young adults, planning interesting events for them, booking author and artist visits and planning the Summer Reading Program. She finds her work with teens in treatment or detention facilities the most fulfilling part of her job.

**Kristin Williamson**  
***CHILDREN'S SERVICES COORDINATOR***

Kristin gets the best of both worlds, helping with programs in libraries and going out into the community to promote library resources and services, especially relating to early literacy. Kristin makes sure no child goes without owning their very own book. "There are so many little details that go into planning author visits, ordering books for summer reading or coordinating 123 Play with Me sessions for multiple libraries, so I spend a lot of time planning and preparing to bring these early literacy resources to the public," she says.

**Kelley Riha**  
***COMMUNITY OUTREACH COORDINATOR***

Kelley has the best job in the world-taking library information out to

unsuspecting Oklahoma County residents. She is fearless in her pursuit of enlightening all ages about library resources and inviting them to visit a library online or in person. Her favorite part is flying in to the library extension locations where she gets to read aloud to littles.

**Mary Sholly**  
***CONFERENCE SERVICES TECHNICIAN***

Mary is a constant companion at community events, performances and library programs of all kinds. She's the official Gnome Wrangler for MLS Summer Reading, helps plan events, reads to children and does many important behind the scenes tasks.

**Shren Sylvester**  
***ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST***

Someone has to stay at Outreach Headquarters and make sure things run smoothly, and Shren uses her super powers to keep things going while the coordinators are out fighting for libraries.

**Spoticus**  
***MASCOT AND DOG WITH SERIOUS DANCE MOVES***

Spoticus the dancing dog is often found with these library heroes.

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

### Commission Meeting

The Village Library Thu | May 21 3:30PM  
Metropolitan Library Commission of Oklahoma County Monthly Meeting

Our libraries will be closed on **Sunday, May 24** and **Monday, May 25**. Visit us online to find your next read, download eBooks, audiobooks, MP3s, digital magazines or access one of our great databases.



## Be Well @ the Library

### Diabetes Class

Adult  
Choctaw Library ® Tue | May 12 5:30p

### Eat Better, Move More

Adult  
Belle Isle Library Wed | May 6, 13 6p

### Healthy Cooking

Adult  
Choctaw Library ® Mon | May 11 6p

### Social Security Disability Session

All Ages  
Del City Library Sun | May 17 3p

### Tai Chi

Adult  
Belle Isle Library Wednesdays 2:30p  
Choctaw Library ® Wed | May 6, 13, 20 6:15p  
Bethany Library ® Thu | May 7 6p

Senior (ages 55+)  
Northwest Library Mondays & Thursdays 4p  
No session on Mon | May 25



## Book it @ the Library

**Tailored Titles on Facebook** Wed | May 6 2p  
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 Meet and Greet

Adult  
Almonte Library ® Thu | May 21 7p  
If you've joined Metro Library ReadUp, the online book club for adults, now is your chance to have a face to face meeting with the people you've been talking to all this time! We'll discuss the online book club in general, our favorite and not-so-favorite reads so far, compare suggestions for future books and enjoy some light refreshments.

### Book Clubs for Adults

Edmond Library Tue | May 5 12p  
*Cozy Mystery*

Midwest City Library Thu | May 7 10a  
*Non-Fiction*

Northwest Library ® Tue | May 12 6p  
*Let's Talk about It Oklahoma*

Edmond Library Sat | May 16 10:30a  
*Reader's Choice*

Belle Isle Library Sat | May 30 2p  
*Let's Talk About It, Oklahoma!*

Northwest Library Fri | May 8 1p  
Warr Acres Library Mon | May 11 11a  
Southern Oaks Library Tue | May 12 11:30a  
The Village Library Mon | May 18 3p  
Midwest City Library Thu | May 21 10a  
Del City Library Thu | May 28 4:30p

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

### Book Clubs for PreTeens & Teens

PreTeen (ages 9-12)  
Northwest Library Mon | May 11 4p

Teen (ages 12-18)  
Belle Isle Library Tue | May 19 4p  
*Random Fandom*


Choctaw Library Fri | May 1 3p  
*Fandom Friday*

Northwest Library Wed | May 27 6p



### Book Clubs for Kids

*Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)*

Choctaw Library	Wed   May 6, 13, 20	10a
Almonte Library 	Wed   May 6	4:30p
Midwest City Library	Mon   May 11	4:30p



### Music with Cowboy Jim Garling

*All Ages*

Belle Isle Library	Mon   May 18	7p
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### Noon Tunes

*All Ages*

Downtown Library	Every Thursday	Noon
Thu   May 7	Kyle Reid	
Thu   May 14	John Cole Trio	
Thu   May 21	Mark Galloway & Steven Crossley	
Thu   May 28	Ali Soltani & Doostan	



### Adult Watercolor

*Adult*

Edmond Library 	Sat   May 16	2p
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### After School at Your Library

*Teen (ages 12-18)*

Capitol Hill Library	Tue   May 5, 12	4p
Almonte Library	Tuesdays	5p
Southern Oaks Library	Fri   May 1	4:30p

*PreTeen (ages 9-12)*

Northwest Library 	Wed   May 6	4:30p
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### Anime Club

*Teen (ages 12-18)*

Belle Isle Library	Tue   May 5, 19	6p
Ralph Ellison Library	Tue   May 26	4p

### Art Class

*Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)*

Choctaw Library 	Fridays	9:30a
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### Art Time

*Babies (0-12 months)*

Downtown Library 	Thu   May 14	10a
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### Beginning Crochet

*Adult*

Choctaw Library 	Sat   May 2	1p
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### Crafts

*All Ages*

Midwest City Library	Sat   May 9	3p
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### Crafty Art

*PreTeen (ages 9-12)*

Warr Acres Library 	Tue   May 12	4p
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### Creative Writing

*Adult*

Ralph Ellison Library	Thu   May 14	6p
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### Fabric Flowers Craft

*Adult*

Bethany Library 	Sat   May 2	2p
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### Family Craft Night

*Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)*

Del City Library	Thu   May 21	6:30p
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### Fashion Club

*Teen (ages 12-18)*

The Village Library 	Thu   May 28	4p
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### Felty Flowers

*Teen (ages 12-18)*

Edmond Library 	Sat   May 9	2p
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### Fold it Friday!

*All Ages*

Ralph Ellison Library	Fri   May 15	9a-6p
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### Garden Craft Time

*PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)*

Almonte Library 	Tue   May 19	9:30a
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### Journaling

*Teen (ages 12-18)*

Northwest Library 	Thu   May 21	4p
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### Kids Art

*PreTeen (ages 9-12)*

Ralph Ellison Library	Sat   May 9	1:30p
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### Kids Watercolor

*Children (ages 12 & under)*

Edmond Library 	Sat   May 16	10a
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### Knitting Club

*Adult*

Choctaw Library	Sat   May 2	10a
Almonte Library	Thu   May 7	5:30p
The Village Library	Sat   May 9	10a
Southern Oaks Library 	Mon   May 11	5:30p

### Make and Take Mother's Day

*All Ages*

Capitol Hill Library	Thu   May 7	4:30p
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### Maker Monday

*Children (ages 12 & under)*

Downtown Library 	Mon   May 4	6:30p
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# featured events

## Maracas!

Children (ages 12 & under)

Ralph Ellison Library Tue | May 5 5:30p

## Origamistad

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Choctaw Library Sat | May 9 1:30p

## Paper Quilling

Young Adult (ages 18-21)

Northwest Library <sup>R</sup> Tue | May 5 5:30p

Northwest Library <sup>R</sup> Tue | May 5 7p

## Advanced Paper Quilling

Young Adult (ages 18-21)

Northwest Library <sup>R</sup> Tue | May 19 5:30p

## Quilting Club

Adult

Midwest City Library Mondays\* 9a

Ralph Ellison Library Mondays & Fridays\* 11a

\*No session on Mon, May 25

## Spring and Summer Knits

Adult

Almonte Library <sup>R</sup> Thu | May 14 6p

## Teen Crafts

Teen (ages 12-18)

Belle Isle Library Tue | May 26 4p

## V-SIFT: Marshmallow Catapults

Teen (ages 12-18)

The Village Library <sup>R</sup> Thu | May 14 4p

## Tinkering Tuesdays

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Midwest City Library Tue | May 5, 19 6p

## Writing Group

Adult

Midwest City Library Mon | May 11, 25 6p

## Bingo

All Ages

Del City Library Fri | May 8 4p

## Board Games

All Ages

Del City Library Wed | May 6 4p

## Chess Club

All Ages

Del City Library Fri | May 1 4p

Northwest Library Thu | May 14, 28 5:30p

The Village Library Fridays 4p

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Edmond Library Mon | May 4, 18 4:30p

## Gamefest

PreTeen (ages 9-12)

Warr Acres Library <sup>R</sup> Sat | May 30 2p

Teen (ages 12-18)

Midwest City Library Wed | May 27 4p

The Village Library Thu | May 7 4p

## Gaming Club

Teen (ages 12-18)

Belle Isle Library Tue | May 12 4p

Belle Isle Library Thursdays 4p

Bring Your Own Device

## Juggling Club

Teen (ages 12-18)

Belle Isle Library Wed | May 20 4p

## LEGO Club

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Capitol Hill Library Thu | May 14 4p

Warr Acres Library <sup>R</sup> Sat | May 16 2:30p

Downtown Library <sup>R</sup> Mon | May 18 6:30p

Almonte Library <sup>R</sup> Wed | May 27 4p

Children (ages 12 & under)

Del City Library Mon | May 18 4:30p

All Ages

Choctaw Library <sup>R</sup> Wed | May 27 4p

## Minecraft Club

Teen (ages 12-18)

Choctaw Library <sup>R</sup> Tue | May 12 4p

## Minute to Win It

Teen (ages 12-18)

Warr Acres Library <sup>R</sup> Thu | May 21 6:30p

## Yu-Gi-Oh!

Teen (ages 12-18)

Bethany Library Sat | May 9 10a

PreTeen (ages 9-12)

Edmond Library Sat | May 9 3p



Game On @ the Library





# Metropolitan Library System in 1965

In 1965, the Metropolitan Library System had eight libraries: Wright (Stockyards), Belle Isle, Capitol Hill, Bethany, Del City, Midwest City, Main (Central) and Dunbar, as well as six bookmobiles.

Library customers could check out art, records, films, pamphlets and photographs in addition to books, and Bethany Library had a "Listening Room" where customers could listen to records.

Circulation topped 1,094,766, and late fines were increased from \$.02 to \$.05.

Read more about library history on our website at [www.metrolibrary.org/our-history](http://www.metrolibrary.org/our-history).





# featured events



## Babysitting Workshop

Teen (ages 12-18)

Choctaw Library Thu | May 14 5p

## Early Learning Readiness

PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)

Capitol Hill Library Mon | May 4, 11, 18 9:30a  
Thu | May 7, 14 9:30a

## GED Prep

Adult

Southern Oaks Library Mon & Wed 1p

No session on Mon | May 25

## Homework Help

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Capitol Hill Library Mon | May 4, 11 4p  
Wed | May 6, 13 4p  
Southern Oaks Library Thu | May 7 4p  
Del City Library Tue | May 5, 19 5p

Children (ages 12 & under)

Almonte Library Wed | May 6, 20 5p

## Intermediate Spanish

Adult

Capitol Hill Library Mon | May 4 5:30p

## Internet Basics

Adult

Edmond Library Wed | May 6, 13, 20 1p

## Intro to Email

Adult

Edmond Library Thu | May 7, 14, 21 1p

## Library Explorers

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Northwest Library Mon | May 18 4p

## Science Sundays: Insect Habitats

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Del City Library Sun | May 3 3p



Please check our online calendar for even more events!

## Library Treasure Scavenger Hunt

PreTeen (ages 9-12)

Ralph Ellison Library Tue | May 26 - Fri | May 29

Become a library superhero even before Summer Reading starts! Find the hidden clues throughout the building and earn a library treasure.

## Super Hero Party

PreTeen (ages 9-12)

Downtown Library Sat | May 2 11a

Calling all Super Heroes! It's Free Comic Book Day, and the library is throwing a Super Hero celebration with activities and crafts including a photo booth. Wear your favorite super hero costume or create one at the party!

## Reduxion Theater Presents: Classics for Kids: Professor Spillsby Hunts for Treasure

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Reduxion Theatre brings Professor Spillsby to the library for another adventure! Enjoy this adventure as Professor Spillsby and friends go on a treasure hunt in Italy to find an important artifact of classical literature and learn about the heroines written by William Shakespeare, from his plays *Romeo and Juliet*, *The Taming of the Shrew* and *Much Ado about Nothing*.

The Village Library	Mon   May 4	10a
Belle Isle Library	Mon   May 4	7p
Warr Acres Library	Tue   May 5	7p
Northwest Library	Wed   May 6	10a
Choctaw Library	Wed   May 6	2p
Midwest City Library	Sat   May 9	10a
Downtown Library	Sat   May 9	2p
Edmond Library	Tue   May 12	7p

## Job Search Workshop Series

Adult

Downtown Library

First Job Seekers Tue | May 5, 12, 19 4p

Returning to the Workforce Thu | May 7, 14, 21 4p

Searching for your perfect job? Your library can help. Join us to gain the job search, resume, and interview knowledge you need to land the perfect job! You'll also network with other job seekers and learn about the library resources that can help you be successful in your job search.

## Mother's Day Photo Drop-In

All Ages

Del City Library Mon | May 4 4p

Celebrate Mom's Day with a fun photo-drop in. We'll provide the backdrop and props, you bring your mom, grandma, siblings or anyone else you want remember a special Mother's Day with.

## Lawyers in the Library

Adult

Downtown Library Mon | May 4 5p

Need legal advice? The Oklahoma County Law Library brings attorneys to you. Oklahoma County lawyers will be available to give free legal advice and referrals. A question and answer session and individual consultations will be available. Consultations are limited to 15 minutes and offered on a first come, first served basis.



### Selection Soiree

Teen (ages 12-18)

Edmond Library <sup>®</sup> Tue | May 5 6:30p

Choctaw Library <sup>®</sup> Thu | May 7 6:30p

Would you love an excuse to wear your spring formal attire more than once? Celebrate the release of Kiera Cass's new book, *The Heir*, by dressing to the nines and receiving the royal treatment! Get practical styling and etiquette tips from the experts, and we'll introduce you to our favorite fairy tales for teens. Cake and sparkling juice will top off the festivities!

### Life after Retirement

Senior (ages 55+)

Northwest Library <sup>®</sup> Sat | May 9 10a

Retirement brings many changes, but one thing remains the same, life is worth living each day to its fullest. Attend this seminar to get suggestions for living each day with purpose. Whether you are facing life's challenges or providing support for a loved one, there is something here for you.

### Microsoft Learn to Code

Teen (ages 12-18)

Belle Isle Library <sup>®</sup> Sat | May 9 10a

Take part in the Hour of Code movement and go behind the scenes to learn how to code, program, and play in your own gaming world. Explore technologies like TouchDevelop and Windows App Studio, and become familiar with the coding environment.

### Cheer Dance Clinic

Teen (ages 12-18)

Southern Oaks Library <sup>®</sup> Sat | May 9 2p

Learn basic stunts, turns, jumps, arm motions, injury prevention and more from the pros!

### Meet the Author

Adult

Edmond Library Mon | May 11 6:30p

Bethany Library Thu | May 14 6p

"You are the nicest Nazi I have ever met" was meant as a compliment for author Christiane Brandt Faris, but she regarded it as offensive and ignorant. Such comments motivated her to reflect upon her childhood during World War II and the chaotic post-war period in her memoir *The Nicest Nazi: Childhood Memories of World War II*.

### Community, Coffee and Conversation

Senior (ages 55+)

Southern Oaks Library Fri | May 15 10a

Join us for coffee and conversation. Meet some of your neighbors and community members. Connect through conversation and sharing. Enjoy books, board games, puzzles, dominoes and cards.

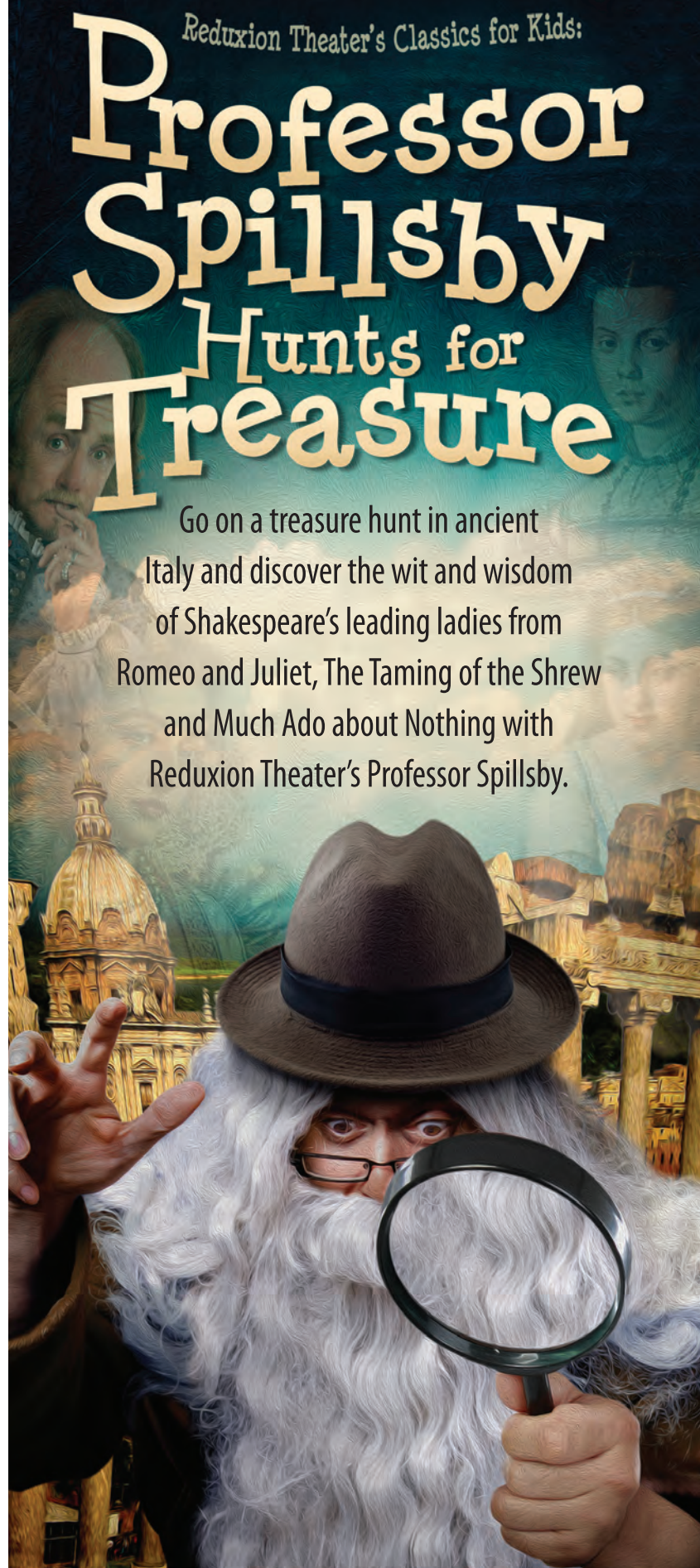
### Volunteer Fair

Adult

Midwest City Library Sat | May 30 1p

Be a hero this summer! Volunteerism allows you to give back to your community and provides vital opportunities for individuals looking to gain experience in various career fields. Visit the Midwest City Library where a number of area agencies will be on hand to educate you on the wide range of volunteer opportunities available in your community.

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



May 4, 10am Village Library  
May 4, 7pm Belle Isle Library  
May 5, 7pm Warr Acres Library  
May 6, 10am Northwest Library  
May 6, 2pm Choctaw Library  
May 9, 10am Midwest City Library  
May 9, 2pm Downtown Library  
May 12, 7pm Edmond Library





# Kids @ the Libr

## Play @ the Library

### 123! Play with Me!

*Toddlers (ages 1-3)*

The Village Library      Tuesdays      10a

### 123! Play with Me! - 123! Juega conmigo!

*Toddlers (ages 1-3)*

Capitol Hill Library      Tuesdays      10a

### Parachute Play

*Babies (0-12 months)*

Northwest Library <sup>R</sup>      Tue | May 19      10:45a & 1:45p

Northwest Library <sup>R</sup>      Thu | May 21      10:45a

*PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)*

Del City Library      Tue | May 5      10a

Choctaw Library <sup>R</sup>      Thu | May 7      10:30a

Northwest Library <sup>R</sup>      Tue | May 19      10a & 1p

Northwest Library <sup>R</sup>      Thu | May 21      10a

### Playtime

*Babies (0-12 months)*

Northwest Library <sup>R</sup>      Tue | May 5      10:45a & 1:45p

Northwest Library <sup>R</sup>      Thu | May 7      10:45a

Downtown Library <sup>R</sup>      Mon | May 11      6:30p

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

Belle Isle Library <sup>R</sup>      Mon | May 4, 11, 18      10a

Belle Isle Library <sup>R</sup>      Thu | May 7, 14, 21      10a

*Toddlers (ages 1-3)*

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

Almonte Library <sup>R</sup>      Tue | May 5      9:30a

Bethany Library <sup>R</sup>      Thu | May 14      9:30a & 10:30a

*PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)*

Northwest Library <sup>R</sup>      Tue | May 5      10a & 1p

Northwest Library <sup>R</sup>      Thu | May 7      10a

Southern Oaks Library <sup>R</sup>      Mon | May 4      10:30a

### Toddlerobics

*Toddlers (ages 1-3)*

Choctaw Library      Sat | May 9      10a

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

Del City Library      Tue | May 19      10a

## Storytime @ the Library

### Babytime

*Babies (0-12 months)*

Northwest Library <sup>R</sup>      Tue | May 12      10:45a & 1:45p

Northwest Library <sup>R</sup>      Thu | May 14      10:45a

Edmond Library <sup>R</sup>      Tue | May 5, 12, 19      10a

Belle Isle Library      Mon | May 4, 11, 18      9:30a

### Family Storytime

*Toddlers (ages 1-3)*

Edmond Library <sup>R</sup>      Thu | May 7, 14, 21      6:30p

### Mother Goose on the Loose

*Toddlers (ages 1-3)*

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

Warr Acres Library <sup>R</sup>      Thu | May 14      6p

Warr Acres Library <sup>R</sup>      Sat | May 16      10:30a

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

### Musictime

*Babies (0-12 months)*

Midwest City Library      Mon | May 4      11a

Edmond Library <sup>R</sup>      Mon | May 18      9a

Northwest Library <sup>R</sup>      Tue | May 26      10:45a & 1:45p

Belle Isle Library <sup>R</sup>      Thu | May 28      10a

Northwest Library <sup>R</sup>      Thu | May 28      10:45a

*Toddlers (ages 1-3)*

Midwest City Library      Mon | May 4      10a

Warr Acres Library      Tue | May 5, 19      10:30a

*PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)*

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

Edmond Library <sup>R</sup>      Mon | May 18      10a & 11a

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



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# Library Lingo for Young Readers

## Board Books

Tough books designed for pre-readers

## Easy Books

Picture books for reading aloud

## Readers

Designed for new readers

## Tween Fiction

First time chapter books

## JFiction

Novels for younger, more experienced readers



## Young Adult

Novels for older students and young adults

Every reader is different.









Readers should enjoy books at their own pace and comfort levels.



Northwest Library 	Tue   May 26	10a & 1p
Northwest Library 	Thu   May 28	10a

### Storytime

*PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)*

Choctaw Library 	Tuesdays	10:30a
Bethany Library 	Tue   May 5	6:30p
Bethany Library 	Thu   May 7	10a
Northwest Library 	Tue   May 12	10a & 1p
Northwest Library 	Thu   May 14	10a
Edmond Library 	Mon   May 4, 11	10a & 11a
Warr Acres Library 	Thu   May 14	7p
Southern Oaks Library 	Mon   May 18	10:30a

### Toddler time

*Toddlers (ages 1-3)*

Choctaw Library 	Tuesdays	9:30a
Belle Isle Library 	Tuesdays	10a
Edmond Library 	Wed   May 6, 13, 20	10a & 11a
Midwest City Library	Mon   May 11	10a



*Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)*

The Village Library	Wednesdays	6p
The Village Library	Thu   May 7, 21	3:30p
Northwest Library	Mon   May 4, 11, 18	6p
Warr Acres Library	Thu   May 7	6:30p
Downtown Library	Sat   May 16	3p
Southern Oaks Library	Tue   May 5	6:30p
Southern Oaks Library 	Sat   May 16	10a
Capitol Hill Library 	Sat   May 9	1p
Choctaw Library	Sat   May 9	3p
Almonte Library	Mon   May 11	7p
Midwest City Library 	Tue   May 12, 26	7p

*Children (ages 12 & under)*

Del City Library	Thu   May 14, 28	6:30p
Belle Isle Library	Mon   May 4, 11, 18	6p



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## MLS LIBRARIES

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

## MLS EXTENSION LIBRARIES\*

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15 HARRAH 1930 N. Church Avenue, Harrah, 454-2001	9:30-6	9:30-6	9:30-6	9:30-6	9-5	9-5	—
16 JONES 111 E. Main, Jones, 399-5471	—	9:30-5:30	—	9:30-5:30	—	9-5	—
17 LUTHER 310 NE 3rd, Luther, 277-9967	9:30-6	9:30-6	9:30-6	9:30-6	9-5	9-5	—
18 NICOMA PARK 2240 Overholser, Nicoma Park, 769-9452	—	9:30-5:30	9:30-5:30	9:30-5:30	9-5	9-5	—
19 WRIGHT 2101 Exchange, OKC, 235-5035	—	9:30-5:30	9:30-5:30	9:30-5:30	9-5	9-5	—

\*Extensions close daily for lunch from 12:30-1 p.m.

