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There's no question that being a teen in today's world is difficult. How many adults look back embarrassingly at their own teen years and think, "Oh my. And we didn't even have the Internet, let alone social media." Of course, parenting a teen is often just as challenging today. One of the biggest challenges parents face is finding positive ways to keep teens active and engaged with activities of interest to them.

Your library system loves its teens. The month of October has been designated Teen Read Month in celebration of some of our favorite library members. Drawing from a national initiative to get teens to read more, we've created a special teen reading program designed to engage and reward teen readers with fun activities and cool digital badges for logging their reading time.

We've also got a full slate of programs to inspire and entertain teens. In addition to science programs involving robotics and experimentation there are craft programs for knitting and creating cosplay gear. For active teens there are several Halloween-themed programs like Plants vs. Zombies, a simulated Zombie Apocalypse, and a sugar skull craft. We've also got some great workshops on developing life skills teens won't want to miss—Navigating Financial Aid, Professionalism for Teens, and Welcome to the Real World. See our events calendar in this issue or search online at metrolibrary.org to find all the exciting programs on offer.

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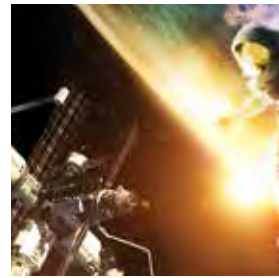
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In Ole Oklahoma

By Larry Johnson

State songs are funny things. Many of them were written in the era of marching bands and stilted language and yet the newer ones, rightly stripped of offensive lyrics, come off as antiseptic and impossible to sing.

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Pinky Tomlin

A few states have gotten around those problems by introducing already established pop songs (like Colorado's "Rocky Mountain High") as alternatives to the more somber anthems. Indiana was actually the first to use a pop song; "On the Banks of the Wabash," adopted in 1913, was one of the biggest selling songs of the 19th century. And, of course, our state song is a pop song, too. Although, unlike Indiana's, ours is the greatest state song ever. "Oklahoma" has none of the problems of the anthemic songs—it's fun, easy to learn, easy to sing, and can be belted out by large groups of people from Hugo to Kenton.

Only a few Oklahomans younger than 65 are aware that schoolchildren around the state used to sing a different state song, "Oklahoma (A Toast)," written in 1904 and made state song in 1935. Even fewer are aware that just a couple of years after that first state song was authorized, it became the target of a campaign to replace it with a pop song. Critics claimed "Toast" was stodgy and had all the crackle of Confederate currency. So the Junior Chamber of Commerce created a state song contest in 1938 in the hopes of replacing the song with something more youthful and energetic—Oklahoma qualities they were trying to sell to the rest

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of the country.

The contest was open to anyone who could submit a song emulating Oklahoma's youth, energy and swagger. Yet even though 300 songs had been submitted, Al Cook, committee chair, hedged his bets by courting a ringer. Cook approached

rising Sooner State star Pinky Tomlin to pen a song so that the contest would be guaranteed a quality song by a certified hitmaker.

Pinky Tomlin was a phenom at the time. Born Truman Tomlin in 1907 (Pinky came from his fair complexion and strawberry hair), the tall and unassuming musician grew up in the Blue River bottoms just east of Durant and ran away from home at 16 to play banjo in Louis Armstrong's riverboat jazz band. Eventually settling down, Tomlin entered the University of Oklahoma in the early 1930s where he studied law, geology and music, playing in the Boomer Band for extra cash. Inspired by a phrase from a law book, he wrote "The Object of My Affection" for his best girl and future wife, Joanne Alcorn (Miss

Oklahoma 1933). The song blazed to the top of the charts and set off a string of hits, several appearances in movie musicals and a regular radio gig with Bing Crosby. By 1938 he was a genuine star.

The song Pinky wrote for Oklahoma was "In Old Oklahoma" (though Cook quickly made him change the second word to "Ole" because, well, "old" wasn't youthful). It's essentially a cowpoke song written in a crooner's style and not one of Pinky's usual whimsical pop songs. The tune debuted at Taft Stadium during a performance by the WPA-sponsored Oklahoma Symphony and featured a group of dancers during the performance of a swing arrangement of the song.

While it's certainly more singable than "Oklahoma (A Toast)", Tomlin's song is no "Oklahoma." It failed to impress legislators and was never officially adopted as the state song. The Junior Chamber played it at a few events over the next couple years but it was essentially forgotten as a state song soon after its final notes lilted in the air.



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



The Great Pet Escape by Victoria Jamieson

reviewed by Aileen Barton



If you and your family loved the summer blockbuster movie, *The Secret Life of Pets*, your family will enjoy the comical graphic novel *The Great Pet Escape* by Victoria Jamieson. The graphic novel follows a classroom hamster named George Washington, or “GW” for short. GW has been sentenced to a second-grade classroom, but he vows he won’t be there for long. When the school closes and the children are gone, he has made a plan to not only break himself out, but also his furry friends, Barry and Biter. Biter aka Sunflower was once a fighter, but now is a peaceful guinea pig that confesses to GW she actually likes being a classroom pet. While GW tries to convince Sunflower she should escape, they stumble upon the

other grades’ classroom pets. The other classroom pets have a sinister plan for all the children at the school. Will GW and his friends be able to stop them? Or will they fail and have to stay trapped as classroom pets forever?

With vivid pictures and smart quips, children and parents alike will enjoy this tongue-in-cheek adventure. After reading this book, no one will be able to look at a classroom pet the same way again.

Aileen (Allie) Barton is an Associate Librarian at the Choctaw Library who has an incurable love for all things related to the OKC Thunder, books and chocolate chip cookies.



Dumplin' by Julie Murphy

reviewed by Kassy Nicholson



Willowdean Dixon is a Dolly Parton enthusiast and self-described fat girl growing up in small-town Texas where the only things that matter are football and the Miss Teen Bluebonnet pageant. Willowdean doesn’t give a flying flip about the pageant, despite the fact that her mother runs it, until one day she decides to enter it to prove a point. I had high hopes for this book, perhaps higher than any book could live up to. I wanted Willowdean to be more confident; for her to really be a spokesperson for body positivity. But it’s also

important for teens to hear their own thoughts and fears echoed in books, and *Dumplin’* achieves that beautifully. Willowdean struggles with wanting others to accept her while not fully accepting herself yet. Boy, do I know that feeling!

Kassy Nicholson is a huge book nerd and has been pretty much since birth. When she’s not reading, or talking about books, or trying to foist books off on other people, she acts in community theatre, knits and crochets, and makes up songs about her dogs.



The Steep and Thorny Way

by Cat Winters

reviewed by Elisabeth Wright



Was Hank Denney's death an accident or a murder? That is the question in this YA retelling of Shakespeare's Hamlet.

Something is rotten in the state of Oregon. It's 1923, the era of prohibition and the Ku Klux Klan. Biracial teen Hanalee's African-American father died after being hit by a car. But Joe Adder, who was convicted of accidentally killing Hank, is out of jail and tells Hanalee that he wasn't responsible. In fact, Joe has secrets of his own about the night that Hank died. Joe points the finger at Clyde, the doctor who treated Hank that night and later married Hanalee's mother. Hanalee struggles to believe it, even after she encounters her father's ghost in the roadway.

Hanalee lives in Elston, Oregon — not the deep South.

But she has still felt the effects of racism, from the whispers of church ladies to the signs on local business doors. Could it be that her town is haunted even more by the shadowy Ku Klux Klan than by the ghost of her dead father?

I loved the allusions to Hamlet in this book, though the retelling was loose enough to stay fresh. The Steep and Thorny Way is also a great blend of history, mystery, and the supernatural, and Winters doesn't shy away from tough topics that haunt both our history and our present.

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.



The Serpent King

by Jeff Zentner

reviewed by Elisabeth Wright



Dill's father is a Pentecostal minister — of the snake-handling variety — who has recently fallen from grace in a very public way and landed in jail for child pornography. Needless to say, this doesn't make Dill very popular at school. In their small town, everyone knows his father's failings and judges him accordingly.

Fortunately, he has two fellow outcast friends to help him make it through his senior year. Travis is a gentle giant who obsesses over a fantasy book series (reminiscent of Game of Thrones) to escape his abusive

home life. Lydia, the only one of the three with a stable home environment, hopes her high-profile fashion blog will help her escape their redneck small town.

The Serpent King is told from the alternating perspectives of all three friends as they navigate their senior year and their increasingly divergent future paths. But the story really belongs to Dill, who must wrestle with his conflicted feelings about faith, his unrequited love for Lydia, and his fear of ending up like his father.



By Emily Williams

October is Teen Read Month, which means our libraries are highlighting and appreciating teens and the books and events they enjoy at the library.

This year's theme is *Read for the Fun of It!* So teens: grab something fun to read and join October's teen reading program at www.metrolibrary.org/teenread. While you're at it, challenge your friends to see who can read more. Earn badges and enter drawings, too! And don't forget to check out all the free teen events that happen at our libraries.

For parents of teens, here's some backstory. *Teen Read Week™* is a national adolescent literacy initiative through the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) that began in 1998 and is held annually during October. Here at the Metropolitan Library System, we can't contain the festivities to just one week, so we celebrate *Teen Read Month!* *Read for the Fun of It* encourages teens to be regular readers and library users. Studies show

that reading for fun improves students' test scores. It's also important to talk about reading with family and friends. Let's increase awareness of the great resources and services our libraries have to offer teens and help us spread the word about the importance of pleasure reading in all its forms. So model reading for your children, ask them about what they're reading, visit the library, and make reading and learning part of your daily lives.

Teens will be able to earn digital badges for every 5, 10, 15, and 20 hours they read during October. Those who reach the 20 hour mark will be entered into special drawings for prizes like a huge book basket and a Kindle Fire, sponsored by the Friends of the Metropolitan Library System. Special badges can be earned for checking out titles from Teens' Top Ten, reading

widely across different formats, participating in Star Wars Read Month, attending a free teen event at a library, or "judging a book by its cover."

This reading program and the drawing prizes are specifically for ages 12-19. Outside of that age range? No worries. Adults and kids are welcome to track their reading for fun, too!

Remember, reading for fun can come in many forms: books, comics, audiobooks, magazines, eBooks, and more! It doesn't have to be a classic work of literature, or even a traditional "book". We all learn in different ways. The important thing is, we're expanding our minds. We're taking in new information. We're curious and learning and growing and experiencing new ideas and points of view. We're expanding what we know of the world. Take time to read something fun this month, just for you.

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Read for the Fun of It

TEEN READ MONTH

October 1-31



Track your reading, challenge your friends, earn badges!
Read 20 hours and be entered to win!



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MISSION TO
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Shannon Lucid's Legacy in Space

By Daniel Fields



In 1961, the United States and the Soviet Union sent the first astronauts into space. The rivalry between two nations that threatened nuclear warfare also motivated that first entry of men and women into space.

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In 1996, astronaut Shannon Wells Lucid of Bethany, Oklahoma became a part of a much more extensive cooperative effort in space exploration. Russia, heir to the Soviet space program, had the Mir Space Station where cosmonauts had lived for more than a year at a time. The United States had the Space Shuttle with the capacity to carry astronauts and cargo needed to assemble a new space station. The two nations reached an agreement to cooperate in a new era of space exploration.

Shannon Lucid became the second of seven U.S. astronauts to live aboard the Russian Mir Space Station. Lucid's work aboard Mir included numerous scientific

experiments conducted over a period of six months, but the most significant legacy of her work and that of the U.S. and Russian

During her six months on the Mir Space Station, Lucid and her Russian crewmates communicated exclusively in Russian.

Shuttle-Mir program was the foundation of international cooperation laid for the future of the two nations' space efforts.

Shannon Lucid's biographer, Carmen Bredeson, titled her story, Shannon Lucid, Space Ambassador. It was Lucid's own impression that the greatest achievement of the Shuttle-Mir program was the shared relationships among the international crew.

During her six months on the Mir Space Station, Lucid and her Russian crewmates communicated exclusively

in Russian. Lucid's preparation for her mission included intensive language study and a year in Russia studying Russian space systems.

Lucid and cosmonauts Yuri Onufriyenko and Yuri Usachev regularly ate meals together on Mir. One day while floating around the dinner table eating cookies and drinking tea, the Russian cosmonauts and their American guest shared their common experience that as children they had lived in fear of an atomic war between their two nations. They marveled that they were from countries that were sworn enemies a few years earlier and now, here they were, working together in peace and harmony. Lucid wrote in *Scientific American* (May 1998) that for her, this particular moment captured the legacy of the Shuttle-Mir program. The Russian-American cooperation continues today on the International Space Station.

On Saturday, October 22, 2-3pm, Bethany Library will welcome retired astronaut Shannon Lucid for a visit to her hometown and celebrate the twentieth anniversary of her mission aboard the Russian Mir Space Station. The event will premier new additions to the Shannon Lucid exhibit at the library that highlight her roots in Oklahoma and her career as an astronaut.

Daniel Fields, Bethany Librarian, has followed the space program with interest since February 20, 1962, his eighth birthday, also the day John Glenn became the first American to orbit the earth.

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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

Southern Oaks Library Thu | Oct 20 3:30p
Metropolitan Library Commission of Oklahoma County Monthly Meeting



Be Well @ the Library

Color Me Calm

Adult
Choctaw Library® Sat | Oct 22 10a

Fall Fruits and Veggies

Adult
Northwest Library® Tue | Oct 4 6p

Hip-Hop 4 Kids

PreTeen (ages 9-12)
Southern Oaks Library® Sat | Oct 22 2p

Tai Chi

Adult
Belle Isle Library Mon & Wed 1p

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)
Warr Acres Library Sat | Oct 15 2:30p

Senior (ages 55+)
Northwest Library Mondays 4p



Book it @ the Library

Book Club

Adult
Edmond Library Tue | Oct 4 12p
Belle Isle Library Thu | Oct 6 2p
Midwest City Library Thu | Oct 6,20 10a
Edmond Library Mon | Oct 10 6:30p
Warr Acres Library Mon | Oct 10 11a
Southern Oaks Library Tue | Oct 11 11:30a

Belle Isle Library Wed | Oct 12 11a
Northwest Library Fri | Oct 14 1p
Edmond Library Sat | Oct 15 10:30a
The Village Library Mon | Oct 17 3p
Downtown Library® Tue | Oct 18 12p
Belle Isle Library Tue | Oct 25 2p
Edmond Library Wed | Oct 26 6:30p
Del City Library Thu | Oct 27 4:30p

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Almonte Library Tue | Oct 4 4p
Southern Oaks Library® Tue | Oct 11 6:30p

PreTeen (ages 9-12)

Bethany Library® Tue | Oct 18 6:30p

Senior (ages 55+)

Edmond Library Sat | Oct 8 2p

Teen (ages 12-18)

Choctaw Library Wed | Oct 5,19 11a
Midwest City Library Thu | Oct 13 4p



Concerts @ the Library

Noon Tunes

All Ages
Downtown Library Thursdays Noon
Christian Pearson Duo: Thu | Oct 6
piano & sax
Mountain Smoke: bluegrass Thu | Oct 13
John Cole Trio: jazz Thu | Oct 20
Good Friends Bluegrass Band Thu | Oct 27



Create @ the Library

Adult Coloring

Adult
Ralph Ellison Library Mon | Oct 10 6p

Art Time

Toddlers (ages 1-3)
Downtown Library® Thu | Oct 13 10a

ATLAS

PreTeen (ages 9-12)
Belle Isle Library Mon | Oct 3,24,31 4p
Belle Isle Library Tue | Oct 25 4p

Teen (ages 12-18)

Belle Isle Library Tue | Oct 4 4p
Belle Isle Library Wed | Oct 5,26 4p
Belle Isle Library Thu | Oct 6,27 4p

Beginning Crochet*Adult*

Choctaw Library Sat | Oct 1 1p

Building Club*Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)*

Almonte Library Mon | Oct 17 4p

Coffee and Crafts*Adult*

Bethany Library Wed | Oct 5 10:30a

Cosplay Tea Party*Teen (ages 12-18)*

Belle Isle Library Mon | Oct 3 5:30p

Crafts for Kids*Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)*

Warr Acres Library Tue | Oct 11 4p

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

Del City Library Thu | Oct 20 6:30p

Innovation Station*Children (ages 12-under)*

Midwest City Library Tue | Oct 18 4:30p


Knit One, Crochet Too*Adult*

Northwest Library Thu | Oct 13 6p



Knitting Club*Adult*

Choctaw Library	Sat Oct 1	10a
Almonte Library	Thu Oct 6	5:30p
The Village Library	Sat Oct 8	10a
Southern Oaks Library 	Mon Oct 10	5:30p

LEGOs*All Ages*Choctaw Library  Wed | Oct 26 4p*Children (ages 12-under)*

Midwest City Library	Tue Oct 4	4:30p
Harrah Library	Wed Oct 5	4p
Luther Library	Thu Oct 6	4p
Del City Library	Thu Oct 6	6:30p
Downtown Library 	Mon Oct 17	6:30p

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)


Warr Acres Library 	Sat Oct 8	10:30a
Choctaw Library 	Wed Oct 12	4p

Make and Take*Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)*

Belle Isle Library Sat | Oct 1,15 2p

Maker Monday*Teen (ages 12-18)*

Capitol Hill Library Mon | Oct 10,24 4p

Maker Mondays - Toys for Tails*Children (ages 12-under)*Downtown Library  Mon | Oct 3 6:30p**Maker Space***Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)*Northwest Library  Mon | Oct 10 4p**Minecraft Club***Teen (ages 12-18)*Warr Acres Library  Thu | Oct 6 6:30p**Open Studio Sundays***Adult*

Almonte Library Sun | Oct 9 2p

Poetry Reading*Adult*

Ralph Ellison Library Mon | Oct 31 7p

Quilting Club*Adult*

Midwest City Library Mondays 9a

Teen Creative Writing Group*Teen (ages 12-18)*

Del City Library Tue | Oct 18 4p

Textile Arts Club*All Ages*

Edmond Library Thu | Oct 6 10a

Writing Group*Adult*

Midwest City Library Mon | Oct 10,24 6p

**Board Game Explosion!***Teen (ages 12-18)*

Bethany Library Thu | Oct 20 6:30p

Chess Club*All Ages*

The Village Library Fri | Oct 7,14,28 4p

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Edmond Library Mon | Oct 3,17 4:30p

featured events

Fandom Club

Teen (ages 12-18)

Midwest City Library Thu | Oct 20 4p

Gamefest

All Ages

Wright Library Wed | Oct 12 3p

Luther Library Thu | Oct 13 4p

Harrah Library Wed | Oct 26 4p

PreTeen (ages 9-12)

Choctaw Library Mon | Oct 17 4p

Gaming Club

Teen (ages 12-18)

The Village Library Thu | Oct 20 4p

Minecraft Club

Teen (ages 12-18)

Choctaw Library Mon | Oct 10 4p

Downtown Library^R Mon | Oct 10 6:30p

Scrabble Night

All Ages

Del City Library Thu | Oct 13 4p



Anime Club

Teen (ages 12-18)

Belle Isle Library Mon | Oct 10,17,24,31 5:30p

Crazy 8s

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Northwest Library^R Thu | Oct 6,13,20 4:30p

Crazy 8's Math Club: 3rd-5th Grade

Children (ages 12-under)

Choctaw Library^R Tuesdays 5:30p

Crazy 8's Math Club: K-2nd

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Choctaw Library^R Tuesdays 4p

eBooks 101

Adult

Midwest City Library Mon | Oct 10 10:30a

Family Program

All Ages

Belle Isle Library Sat | Oct 8 2p

Homework Help

Children (ages 12-under)

Capitol Hill Library Tue | Oct 4 4:30p

Capitol Hill Library Wed | Oct 5,26 4:30p

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Midwest City Library Wednesdays 4:30p

Southern Oaks Library^R Thu | Oct 6,27 4p

Rocket Readers

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Bethany Library Mon | Oct 3,10,17,31 5:30p

Science Sundays

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Del City Library Sun | Oct 2 3p

STEAM Saturday: Explorers

PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)

Choctaw Library^R Sat | Oct 29 1p

STEAM Saturdays: Tween Detectives

PreTeen (ages 9-12)

Choctaw Library^R Sat | Oct 29 3p

Tech Time

Senior (ages 55+)

The Village Library Tue | Oct 11,25 4p



Please visit our online calendar for even more library events.

Apple Pie Time

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

The Village Library^R Sat | Oct 29 10a

Kids, get your cooking skills ready for the holiday season! Our annual Apple Pie Time program lets kids practice following directions, measuring ingredients and putting together a delicious pie to take home and bake. Cookbooks for kids will be available to check out. This program fills up quickly, so registration is required.

Beginning Salsa

Young Adult (ages 18-21)

Northwest Library^R Saturdays 10a

Dance your stress away! Feeling hot! Hot! HOT! Become a Salsero with beginning lessons from the Oklahoma Salsa Fever Studio and step into the growing community of dance! You can strengthen your skills at home with our instructional dance DVDs and books! This is a six week series taking place on Saturdays.

Catch 'em All @ the Harrah Pokemon Club

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Harrah Library Wed | Oct 12 4p

Do you want to be one of the best Pokemon trainers? Come meet other fans, enjoy watching episodes, and bring your Pokemon

cards to partake in some old school card trading among other Pokemon-related activities.


Day of the Dead Celebration

All Ages

Bethany Library Sat | Oct 29 11:30a
Come celebrate Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) with the Mariachi Orgullo de America band at the Bethany Library. Dia de los Muertos is a Latino holiday that honors and celebrates family and friends who have passed on. Listen to some wonderful Mariachi music and learn more about this special holiday. Continue the celebration by decorating sugar skulls with us immediately following the musical presentation.

DIY Household Cleaners

Teen (ages 12-18)

Downtown Library  Sun | Oct 16 2p
Tired of paying high-prices for household cleaners? Worried about dangerous chemicals that linger, unpronounceable on the back label of every spray bottle? Then join us for fun fellowship at the Downtown Library where you will learn how to make natural versions of some of your home's most used cleaners. We provide the supplies and you are more than welcome to take home your creations!

Dollars and Duct Tape

Teen (ages 12-18)

Capitol Hill Library Tue | Oct 11 4p
Warr Acres Library Sat | Oct 22 2p
Join us for discussion and DIY all in one! Learn tips on how to become a savvy spender and super saver. Then create an awesome duct tape wallet to hold all that cash! You can check out additional library books and resources, too.


Fall Festival and Magic Show

All Ages

Ralph Ellison Library Sat | Oct 29 1p
Drop in and enjoy a variety of fun family activities! Get creative with autumn crafts, face painting and tasty treats! Come in costume and you might go home with an extra treat! Crafts and candy are provided on a first come, first served basis. Also at 2:00 pm join magician Steve Crawford as he continues our fall festival with some magic! Whether he can pull a rabbit out of a hat remains to be seen! After the show, check out some of the library's books on magic and put on your own show!

Financial Fitness

Adult

Midwest City Library Mon | Oct 3,17,24 6p
Choctaw Library  Wed | Oct 19 6p
It is time to get financially fit. Attend a three-week financial education series and learn about credit scoring and reporting, ways to save, creating a spending plan and the lending process. In addition, library staff will provide resources to navigate through this fitness training.


Genealogy 101

Adult

Belle Isle Library Thu | Oct 6 1:30p
Interested in climbing your family tree? Join us to learn the basics of genealogy and to see an overview of genealogy databases.

Get Organized! Bulletin Board Creations

Teen (ages 12-18)

Southern Oaks Library Fri | Oct 21 3:30p
Choctaw Library  Thu | Oct 27 4:30p
Teens, stay organized this school year by creating a decorative bulletin board. Hang it in your room and tack up reminders for homework, practices, club meetings, and inspirational quotes you've read in books or heard in your favorite songs!


Halloween Dress Up Story Time

Children (ages 12-under)

Belle Isle Library Mon | Oct 31 9:30a
Join us for a special Halloween story time! Come dressed up and ready to hear some spooky stories, and make a fun craft afterwards. Children of all ages are welcome. *This one-time event will replace the usual babytime and playtime scheduled at this hour.


Halloween Makeup for Teens

Teen (ages 12-18)

Edmond Library  Sat | Oct 22 3p
Get ready for Halloween! Join skilled local theatre artists to learn how to create and apply your own special-effects makeup to make your Halloween costume really shine. A selection of library resources will also be available to inspire your Halloween costume.


Halloween Trick to Making Treats

Adult

Warr Acres Library  Thu | Oct 20 6p
Celebrate this spooky season with unearthly goodies! We'll have all you need to make fun and original Halloween treats. While you're here, be sure to check out a scary movie or book for more holiday decorating ideas!


Ice Cream Social

Adult

Northwest Library  Thu | Oct 27 6p
I scream, you scream, "Let's eat some ice cream!" Come learn the history of ice cream, see a demonstration on how to make ice cream, and taste fun flavors made fresh just for you from the professionals at Belle Kitchen! Pair your knowledge with our ice cream making how-to's and cookbooks for fun recipes you can try at home!

Managing Your Food Money

Adult

Midwest City Library  Thu | Oct 6 6:30p
Eating Healthy without Breaking the Bank: Do you want to eat healthy but feel like it always breaks your budget? Do you find grocery shopping intimidating? We will discuss how to make healthy meals plans for you and your family, what to look for in your local market, and how having a plan can allow you eat healthy and save some cash.

Medicare Savings Program and Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage

Senior (ages 55+)

Southern Oaks Library® Tue | Oct 4 10:30a

Are you on Medicare? Do you need help paying for medicines? The Medical Savings Program is a set of four programs administered by the state Medicaid agencies that can help low-income Medicare recipients save on Medicare costs.

Mission to Mir: Twenty Year Celebration

All Ages

Bethany Library Sat | Oct 22 2p

Join us at Bethany Library as we welcome Astronaut Shannon Lucid and celebrate the twentieth anniversary of her mission to Mir. In March 1996, Bethany Astronaut Shannon Lucid launched on her fifth journey into space for a planned four month stay on Russia's Mir Space Station. Unexpectedly, her scientific research mission in orbit was extended to six months. She returned to earth in September 1996 to much acclaim as the record holder for the most time in space by any American astronaut. Tour the Shannon Lucid photo exhibit that highlights her roots in Bethany and her career as an astronaut.

Monster Movie Marathon!

All Ages

Midwest City Library Sat | Oct 22 11a

Come celebrate the spookiest time of year with us as we screen FOUR classic monster movies back-to-back! And while you're here, don't forget to check out some of our other horror classics to take home with you. Refreshments will be available to all moviegoers.

Mystery Night: Zombie Apocalypse

Teen (ages 12-18)

The Village Library® Fri | Oct 21 5:30p

Join us for the library's annual Mystery Night! This year, zombies have invaded the library! Fuel up with pizza, learn the science of survival skills, then use your library knowledge to help your team survive the zombie invasion. This program is open to 6th-8th graders. Parents must sign a permission slip.

Navigating Financial Aid

Teen (ages 12-18)

Bethany Library® Sat | Oct 1 2p

Almonte Library Wed | Oct 12 5:30p

Belle Isle Library Thu | Oct 13 6p

Edmond Library Wed | Oct 19 7p

Southern Oaks Library Thu | Oct 20 6:30p

Did you know you can fill out the FAFSA as early as October 1st this year? Kick start your college planning with this informational session! A representative from the Oklahoma College Assistance Program will be available to talk about planning, preparing,

Oklahoma City Disc Dogs

All Ages

Bethany Library Sat | Oct 15 2p

Join us for some tail-waggin' fun with a performance from the Oklahoma City Disc Dogs! Enjoy this one-of-a-kind, interactive

show featuring world-qualifying dogs doing wild and fun tricks. Meet these amazingly-talented and lovable dogs, then check out a book on animal training or about your favorite animals to learn even more!

OKPRI Paranormal Group

Adult

Almonte Library® Sat | Oct 15 2p

Join us as the OKPRI (Oklahoma Paranormal Research and Investigation) group shares their ideas on ghost hunting and some of their past investigations with an informative, spine-tingling presentation. Afterwards, stay for a book signing for OKPRI founder Christy Clark's seminal work *Spirits Among Us*.

Parenting Your Terrific Toddler

Adult

Midwest City Library Mon | Oct 3 6p

Northwest Library® Tuesdays 6p

Toddlers can be loving, curious, adorable, and sometimes challenging. This four-week class will help you encourage listening and cooperation from your young child. With the guidance of a Licensed Family Therapist you will learn tools to help you navigate the ups and downs of raising a toddler.

Plants vs Zombies

PreTeen (ages 9-12)

Choctaw Library® Mon | Oct 24 4:30p

Zombies are taking over the neighborhood! What's the best way to defeat them? Your plants, of course. Come play the popular game, "Plants vs Zombies: Garden Warfare 2," while also learning how to plant your own plants. We'll also make some Plants vs Zombies inspired food, but don't worry — no brains are listed in the ingredients. Make sure to check out our cooking and gardening books on your way out, as well as our books on how to survive a zombie apocalypse.

Professionalism for Adults and Teens

Adult

The Village Library Sat | Oct 15 1p

Adults and teens, come gain the confidence you need to ace that interview and get that job! Participate in a panel of local managers and business representatives as they discuss resumes, interview etiquette, and professionalism. Then practice your skills with mock interviews. Come with your resume and dress to impress. You'll have the opportunity to receive constructive criticism and advice that will aid you in your job-seeking process.

Spooky Crafternoon

Children (ages 12-under)

Midwest City Library® Sat | Oct 29 2p

Join us as we craft spooky creations. Staff will assist kids and families as they use their skills to make the creepiest, crawliest crafts in all of the land.

Spooky Science

PreTeen (ages 9-12)

Edmond Library ^R Tue | Oct 11 6:30p
Halloween Science! Spooky! Scary! Join us as we uncover our inner mad scientist with creepy, crawly, hair-raising, and hands-on experiments!

Spooky Stories

Teen (ages 12-18)

Northwest Library Mon | Oct 10 7p
...The call was coming from inside the HOUSE! Who doesn't love a good scare? Join us as we tell spooky stories around the "campfire" and enjoy s'mores, as part of our celebration of Teen Read Week. Creep through our shelves to find more terrifying tales and frightening fables for you to take home and enjoy!

Steampunk Art

Young Adult (ages 18-21)

Belle Isle Library Sat | Oct 22 2p
Park your zeppelin, adjust your monocle, and join fellow Steam Punks as we create original works of art featuring gears, bits, bobs, and other accoutrements. All supplies will be provided.

Sugar Skull Craft

Teen (ages 12-18)

Bethany Library ^R Sat | Oct 29 1p
Continue the Day of the Dead celebration and decorate sugar skulls with us following our musical presentation with the Mariachi Orgullo de America band. Decorating sugar skulls is another fun and culturally relevant way to celebrate Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead). Embellish your sugar skull with glitter, feathers, a hat and more. All supplies provided. Don't forget to check out library books for more information on how to celebrate Dia de los Muertos!

Teen Halloween Haunt

Teen (ages 12-18)

Midwest City Library Thu | Oct 27 4p
Enjoy ghoulish games and make terrifying treats. Costumes are encouraged but not required.

Teens Can Cook: Mug Edition

Teen (ages 12-18)

The Village Library ^R Thu | Oct 13 4p
Teens, show off your kitchen survival skills and learn how to create delicious dishes that you can microwave in a mug! It's an easy and tasty way to learn about nutrition and cooking, and you can take home library materials to continue the learning at home.

The Diabetic's Kitchen

Adult

Northwest Library ^R Wed | Oct 5,12,19 6p
L.E.A.D. Live well, Eat well, be Active, with Diabetes. In this basic diabetes management program, participants will learn helpful ways to control their diabetes through physical activity that can improve glucose levels, following a low carbohydrate diet, and take-home recipes for healthy diabetes cooking. A diabetes-

friendly recipe will be demonstrated at each lesson taught by registered dietician.

The Hungry Games

Teen (ages 12-18)

Midwest City Library ^R Thu | Oct 6 4p
Are you a culinary mastermind? And amateur foodie? Or just love to torture your friends with "unique" recipes? Then join us for an Iron Chef-style competition to see what you can create with our mystery ingredients.

Tracking Weather

Children (ages 12-under)

Downtown Library Sat | Oct 1 2p
From Chewandswallow to Your Hometown - The forecast calls for Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs. Oklahoma Mesonet Meteorologist Andrea Melvin will share author Judi Barrett's story about the town of Chewandswallow and also show off many of the weather instruments used by the Oklahoma Mesonet to collect weather data.

Weather Whiz Kids!

PreTeen (ages 9-12)

Northwest Library ^R Mon | Oct 24 4p
It's cloudy with a chance of meteorology! Snow worries, you'll be blown away by the professionals from Fox25 News who are here to guide you through identifying weather patterns, clouds, and storm tracking! You will also get a chance to try your skills at forecasting and making a weather craft! Read up a storm with our collection of children's weather and science books!

WeatherReady 365

All Ages

Downtown Library Sat | Oct 22 2p
Being WeatherReady isn't important only in the spring. Weather hazards happen all year round. Meteorologists will explain what the National Weather Service is trying to tell us, what actions we should take, putting together a disaster kit, developing a communication plan, and where to shelter. We want you to Be Prepared, Not Scared.

Welcome to the Real World

Teen (ages 12-18)

Downtown Library ^R Sat | Oct 29 1p
In the real, adult world, finances can be tricky and decisions have consequences. Educators will walk you through a mock "Real World". Using sample savings and transaction registers and deposit slips, you will learn to record and manage accounts. Throughout the "Real World" activity, you make spending choices about housing, transportation, clothing, entertainment and much more. Do you have what it takes to budget the car or house of dreams and still have money for groceries? Come find out!

^R = Registration required for this event.

Kids @ the

Play @ the Library

123! Play with Me!

Toddlers (ages 1-3)

Midwest City Library	Mon Oct 3	9:30a & 10:30a
Belle Isle Library	Tuesdays	10a
Choctaw Library	Tuesdays	2p

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

Toddlers (ages 1-3)

Almonte Library	Mon Oct 3	6p
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Parachute Play

PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)

Midwest City Library ^R	Fri Oct 14,28	10a
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Toddlers (ages 1-3)

Bethany Library ^R	Thu Oct 20	9:30a & 10:30a
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Parachute Playtime

Toddlers (ages 1-3)

The Village Library ^R	Tue Oct 25	10a
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Playtime

Babies (0-12 months)

Belle Isle Library	Mon Oct 3,10,17,24	10a
Northwest Library ^R	Tue Oct 4,18	9:30a
Northwest Library ^R	Wed Oct 5,19	9:30a
Capitol Hill Library	Wed Oct 5,26	4:30p

PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)

Northwest Library ^R	Tue Oct 4,18	11a
Northwest Library ^R	Wed Oct 5,19	11a

Toddlers (ages 1-3)

Northwest Library ^R	Tue Oct 4,18	10:15a
Northwest Library ^R	Wed Oct 5,19	10:15a
Choctaw Library	Sat Oct 8	10a
Warr Acres Library	Wed Oct 12,19,26	10:30a
Midwest City Library	Sat Oct 15	10:15a
Midwest City Library	Mon Oct 17	9:15a & 10:15a
Midwest City Library	Mon Oct 31	9:15a & 10:15a

Storytime @ the Library

Babytime

Babies (0-12 months)

Del City Library	Mondays	9:15a
Belle Isle Library	Mon Oct 3,10,17,24	9:30a
Edmond Library ^R	Tuesdays	9a
The Village Library ^R	Tue Oct 4	10a
Northwest Library ^R	Tue Oct 11	9:30a
Northwest Library ^R	Wed Oct 12	9:30a

Family Storytime

PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)

Midwest City Library	Tue Oct 25	6:30p
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Toddlers (ages 1-3)

Edmond Library ^R	Thursdays	6:30p
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Halloween Storytime

Toddlers (ages 1-3)

Southern Oaks Library ^R	Mon Oct 31	10:30a
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Mother Goose on the Loose

Babies (0-12 months)

Midwest City Library	Wednesdays	10a
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Toddlers (ages 1-3)

Warr Acres Library	Thu Oct 6,20	9:30a
Warr Acres Library	Tue Oct 11	6:30p
The Village Library ^R	Tue Oct 18	10a
Southern Oaks Library ^R	Wed Oct 19	10:30a

Musictime

Babies (0-12 months)




Del City Library ^R	Thu Oct 13,27	9:30a
Edmond Library ^R	Mon Oct 24	9a
Northwest Library ^R	Tue Oct 25	9:30a
Northwest Library ^R	Wed Oct 26	9:30a
Belle Isle Library ^R	Thu Oct 27	10a

PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)

The Village Library ^R	Thu Oct 6	10a
Downtown Library ^R	Thu Oct 20	10a
Edmond Library ^R	Mon Oct 24	10a & 11a
Northwest Library ^R	Tue Oct 25	11a
Northwest Library ^R	Wed Oct 26	11a

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Toddlers (ages 1-3)

Del City Library 	Thu Oct 13,27	10:30a
Northwest Library 	Tue Oct 25	10:15a
Northwest Library 	Wed Oct 26	10:15a

Pajama Storytime

PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)

Choctaw Library	Mon Oct 10,24	6:30p
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Puppet Storytime

PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)

Del City Library	Mon Oct 10	6p
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Storytime

Babies (0-12 months)

Capitol Hill Library	Tue Oct 4,25	4:30p
Downtown Library 	Thu Oct 6	10a

Children (ages 12-under)

Wright Library	Fri Oct 7	3:30p
Harrah Library	Wed Oct 19	10a
Luther Library	Thu Oct 20	10a

PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)

Edmond Library 	Mon Oct 3,10,17,31	10a & 11a
Southern Oaks Library 	Mon Oct 3,10,17,24	10:30a
Choctaw Library	Tuesdays	10a
Del City Library	Tuesdays	10a
Warr Acres Library 	Thu Oct 6,20	10:30a
Bethany Library 	Thu Oct 6,27	10a
The Village Library 	Tue Oct 11	10a
Northwest Library 	Tue Oct 11	11a
Northwest Library 	Wed Oct 12	11a
Warr Acres Library 	Sat Oct 15	10:30a
Warr Acres Library 	Tue Oct 25	6:30p
Northwest Library	Sat Oct 29	11:30a

Toddlers (ages 1-3)

Midwest City Library	Mon Oct 10,24	10a
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Storytime and Costume Parade

Toddlers (ages 1-3)

Downtown Library 	Thu Oct 27	10a
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Storytime at Whole Foods

PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)




Del City Library	Thursdays	10a
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Toddler time

Babies (0-12 months)

Midwest City Library	Mon Oct 10,24	9:15a
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Toddlers (ages 1-3)

Del City Library	Mondays	10a
Belle Isle Library	Tuesdays	9:30a
Choctaw Library	Tuesdays	11a
Edmond Library 	Tuesdays	10a
Edmond Library 	Wednesdays	10a & 11a
Northwest Library 	Tue Oct 11	10:15a
Northwest Library 	Wed Oct 12	10:15a



Children Reading to Dogs

Children (ages 12-under)

Belle Isle Library	Thursdays	6p
Del City Library	Thu Oct 13,27	6:30p

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Southern Oaks Library 	Sat Oct 1	10a
Northwest Library	Mon Oct 3,17	6p
Edmond Library	Tue Oct 4,18	6:30p
The Village Library	Wednesdays	6p
The Village Library	Thu Oct 6,20	3:30p
Choctaw Library	Sat Oct 8	3p
Midwest City Library 	Tue Oct 11,25	7p
Southern Oaks Library 	Tue Oct 18	6:30p
Warr Acres Library	Tue Oct 18	6:30p
Choctaw Library	Wed Oct 19	4p
Downtown Library	Mon Oct 24	6:30p

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 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

