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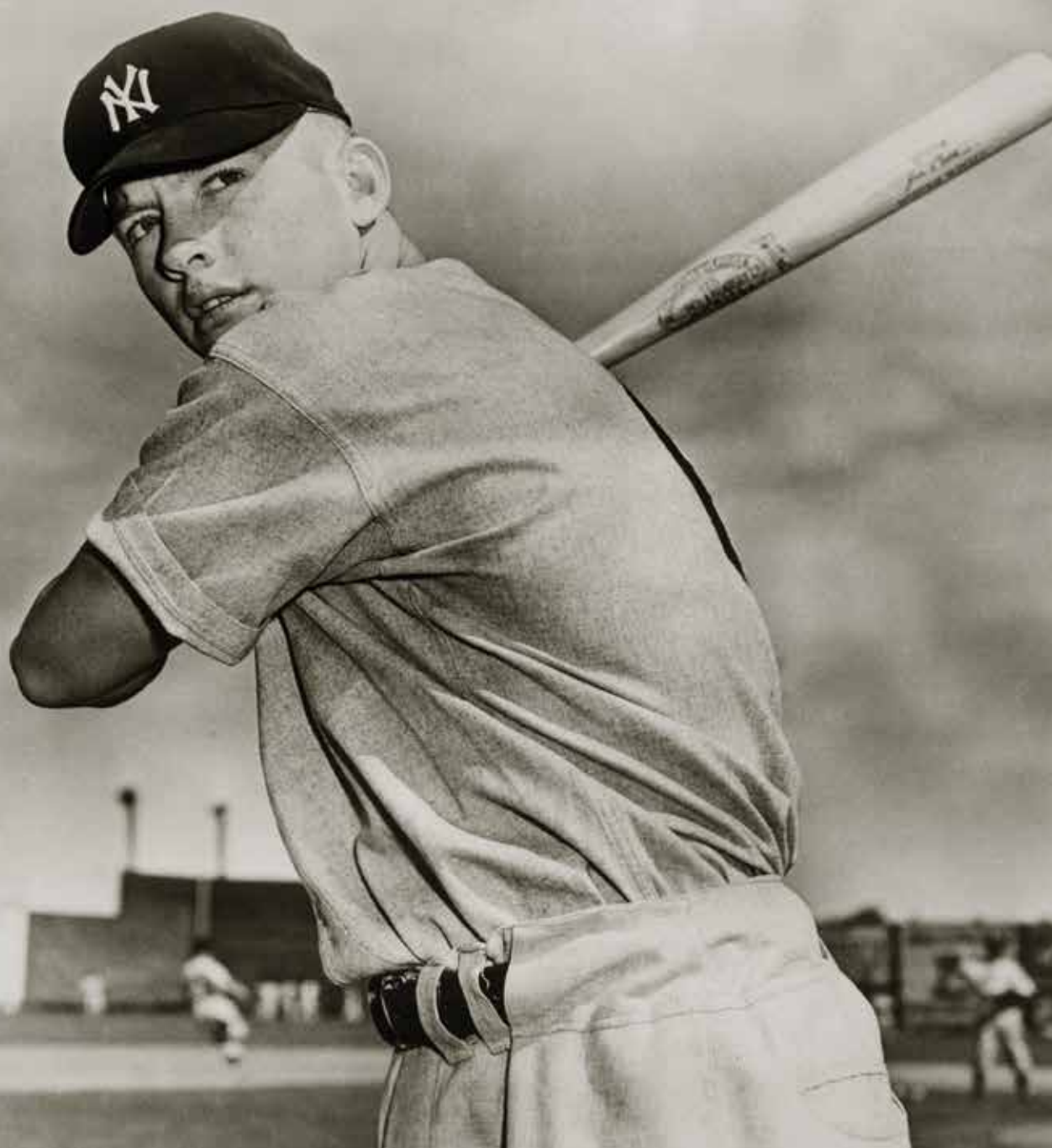
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New info

Ask any librarian what is most important to them in a library's mission and you're likely to hear about our desire to provide free access to any and all information sought by anyone who inquires. You'll hear about our significant consideration of privacy, intellectual freedom and the rights of all persons to read and express what they wish. You may hear about the importance in the diversity of our collection and the many formats it offers. But one subject that will most certainly be brought up is the necessity of education and lifelong learning, particularly among our youngest citizens.

Your library system has a virtually limitless number of resources, materials and tools under its belt to build and maintain strong, independent minds. No longer bound by the concrete and framework of your local branch, the library's services reach well beyond its walls to the communities it serves and your library card is your key to access it all.

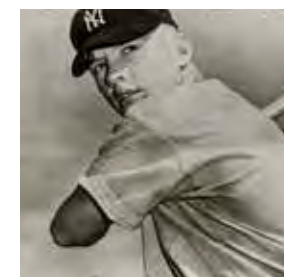
Students at participating schools can take advantage of our new ONEcard program (which you can read about later in this issue) to access databases for research and test prep or download free eBooks, audiobooks, magazines and more from our extensive eMedia collection. Persons 17 and older living in Oklahoma County or those under 17 with a guardian's signature can get a library card, your all-access pass to everything we have to offer online, 24/7. We even have alternate card types and guest passes for those outside of our service area.

This September, as the evenings grow longer and autumn's beauty begins to turn the foliage red and gold, cozy up with your golden ticket to discovery: your library card.

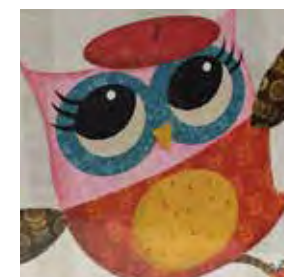


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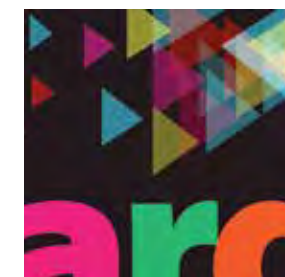
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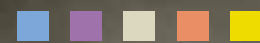
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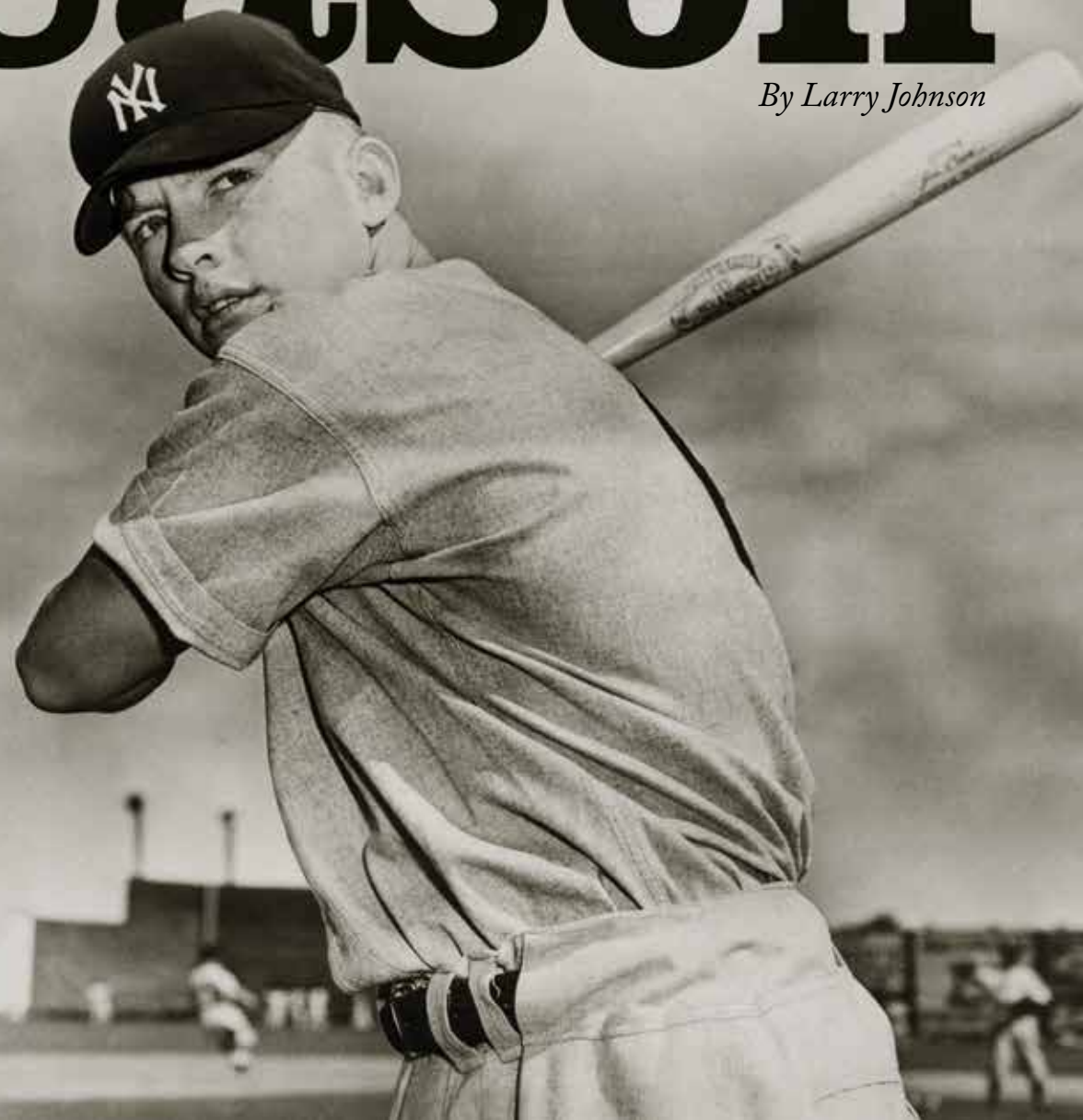
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Oklahoma Images

My Favorite Season

By Larry Johnson



In spring training 1956, a reporter asked Mickey Mantle if he would break Babe Ruth's home run record in the upcoming season. "This year I'd rather lead the league in home runs, runs batted in, and hitting," he said. By season's end, he'd done just that.

The 1956 season was the year the 24-year old boy from Commerce, Oklahoma moved from promising to superstar. Injuries and self-doubt had plagued him since coming into the American League in 1951, but in spring training for 1956 he felt good. His leg injuries were not hampering his stride and he felt like he could hit any pitch moving over the plate. Until the statistical method was changed in 2013, Mantle had the best season any player ever had—before or since—in 1956.

As if to prove his point to the reporter, Mantle hit two home runs, drove in four RBIs, walked twice, and scored three runs on opening day against the Washington Senators. His two homeruns traveled over 500 feet—enough to leave any park in the league. Mantle's bat was on fire for the next few months, so much so that by mid-season people quit talking about the Triple Crown (leading in batting average, RBIs, and homeruns) because he was so far ahead of everyone else that the crown was a given.

By the final weeks of the season in September, Mantle's old nemesis, leg injuries, reappeared. His lead in the three hitting categories seemed insurmountable

despite his having to sit several games, but cagey veteran Ted Williams had narrowed the gap in batting average and overtook Mantle on the 14th. Despite what seems like a long, grueling 162-game season (154

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in 1956), baseball often provides thrilling drama. And that's just what happened in 1956.

Going into the final three games of the season, Williams held a small lead over Mantle in batting average and Detroit's Al Kaline had pulled within two RBIs. With Mantle physically unable to play a full game, manager Casey Stengel had to find opportunities to insert Mantle as a pinch hitter. Mantle didn't disappoint. In those last games as a pinch hitter, he walked with the bases loaded, picking up an RBI, knocked in two more by hitting his 52nd homerun (eight short of Ruth's record) and

picked up another hit and RBI in the final game of the year. He'd won the Triple Crown—only the sixth AL'er ever—by a margin of two RBI and .08 points in batting average.

With the pressure off, Mantle entered the World Series against the Brooklyn Dodgers rested and ready. He hit well enough over the tense seven-game series, but it was game five that he called, "the most important game I ever played in." With Yankee pitcher Don Larsen tossing a perfect game in the top of the sixth, Dodger legend Gil Hodges hit a blistering line drive into deep left center. As aging left fielder Enos Slaughter moved into to scoop up what was surely an extra-base hit, Mantle appeared from nowhere at a deer's pace and made an impossible backhanded catch on the run. Mantle's fourth inning homerun had already provided all the offense Larsen would need to ensure a 2-0 win and the only perfect game in World Series history.

Mickey Mantle won the first of his three MVP awards that year and just a few years before his death in 1997 he fondly called 1956, "my favorite season."

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



Owl Diaries: Eva's Treetop Festival

by Rebecca Elliott

In the first book of the *Owl Diaries* series, readers are able to look inside of the diary of Eva Wingdale, a little owl with a big personality. Eva writes about all things she loves, including her family, her pet bat, her best friend Lucy Beakman, and even her classmates at Treetop Owlementary. There is only one classmate that Eva does not get along with: Sue Clawson. When Eva gets an idea to host a Spring Festival at her school, she quickly finds that trying to do everything on her own is too big of a task. From the fashion show, talent show, art show, AND bake-off, Eva can't do it all. Will Eva's pride get in her way of asking for help? Can she humbly ask even her bossy classmate Sue Clawson to help make the Spring Festival a success?

Written in diary format with speech bubbles and colorful illustrations, this book is a must-read for young readers. Although written for emerging readers, even parents will enjoy the owl puns on every page. After finishing *Eva's Treetop Festival*, readers will certainly want to read the other books in the series including, *Eva Sees a Ghost* and *A Woodland Wedding*, all available within the Metropolitan Library System.

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.

READER
ELL
ON THE SHELF

reviewed by Aileen Barton



The Road to Little Dribbling: Adventures of an American in Britain

by Bill Bryson

This hilarious sequel to Bryson's much earlier *Notes from a Small Island* takes us on a journey along the author's self-styled "Bryson line", an imaginary route from Britain's most southerly point to the northern most (reachable) tip of Scotland, Cape Wrath. Bryson (a favorite author of mine) is a humorist who travels across Britain bemoaning poor service, high prices (of everything) and yet holding us in thrall of the splendid aspects of British culture and the countryside. He's perfectly at home walking us through the disappointments of the London natural history museum, the sublime charm of Britain's coastal walk-ways (life-threatening cows notwithstanding), and the ubiquitous craziness of the railway system.

Bryson's humor can be biting at times as he describes

the slow death of once charming sea side villages, decaying industrial centers, and the dearth of common sense among the British government. However, the reader is left in no doubt that Bryson adores his adoptive country. It's obvious his snark comes from a place of love. If you've ever wanted to tour all of what Britain has to offer alongside a hilarious curmudgeon, then you'll love traveling with Bill Bryson.

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

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ON THE SHELF

reviewed by Zach Branstetter



We Are the Ants

by Shaun David Hutchinson

If you knew the world was going to end but you could prevent it, would you?

Henry Denton has been issued an ultimatum. He has 144 days to make a choice: either to press a big red button and prevent world annihilation, or to not press it and watch the world end.

Should be an easy decision, right? But Henry's not sure if the world is worth saving. Just look at the state of his life: his mom is a chain-smoking waitress struggling to make ends meet, his older brother is a college dropout with a pregnant girlfriend, his grandmother is fighting Alzheimer's, and his boyfriend committed suicide last

year. Plus, the alien abductions haven't exactly helped his social status. Aliens periodically steal him from his bed and take him aboard their ship, then drop him off half-naked across town, earning him the nickname "Space Boy" from the school bullies.

The aliens have given him a way to save the world, but maybe first he needs to figure out how to save himself.

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.

SCIENCE
FICTION/
HUT
ON THE SHELF

reviewed by Elisabeth Wright



Widow's Tears

by Susan Wittig Albert

The Galveston hurricane of 1900 was the deadliest storm in US history. Susan Wittig Albert brought the event to my attention by creating a young woman who lost everyone and everything she held dear during that storm. Afterwards, she moved inland and rebuilt her home. After her death, the house was passed down to Claire Conway, who wanted to turn it into a bed and breakfast—except the house was haunted.

Claire calls her friend, Ruby Wilcox, because of Ruby's ability to communicate with spirits, and asks for help. Ruby runs a new age shop in the same building as the herb shop owned by her friend and business partner,

China Bayles. After Ruby goes to help Claire, a business matter comes up that China needs to discuss with Ruby, so she goes in search of her. The three women end up in the haunted house, without power or transportation, just as a terrible storm approaches. This is book 21 of the China Bayles mystery series, but it can be enjoyed as a standalone and is my favorite to date.

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.

MYSTERY/
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ON THE SHELF

reviewed by Phyllis Davidson

Reaching Outside the Library!

This fall join us in a library journey outside our library walls! First in our lineup is *SeptemberFest* on Saturday, September 10. This free, fun-filled festival takes place on the grounds at the Governor's Mansion and Oklahoma History Center. We will be giving storytimes, sharing information about library programs and signing folks up for library cards all day long. September is Library Card SignUp month, so we are excited to see how many new faces we can get registered!

Next up is *Wiggle Out Loud*, OKC's Family Music Festival. Taking place at the Myriad Gardens on Sunday, September 18 from 11am-6pm, an expected 5,000 people will be at this free, family friendly event which promotes active, healthy lifestyles and creative fun. Featured at this festival are library favorites, the Sugar Free All-Stars, as well as regional and national acts. This is the fourth year for this event in Downtown OKC. Library

staff will be dancing around our booth providing library information to families and running the Community Stage.

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Come Read with Me is a literacy program that partners with afterschool care sites. This past summer, we had over 4,000 participants at 17 different sites.

Our fall 2016 session starts on Tuesday, September 6th and we will be partnering with YMCAs, community foundations, Boys and Girls Clubs, schools, urban missions and other locations. Children and teens at these sites are provided with literacy opportunities and connections to their local libraries, which they might not otherwise have.

Within our library walls this fall, plan on checking out *Teen Read Month* in October, *Citizenship Corners* at the Southern Oaks and Edmond Libraries and a concert series with guitarist Edgar Cruz. Parents with young children can have fun with *123! Play with Me!* and *Parenting Your Terrific Toddler* classes that are offered at several library locations.

We hope to see you while we are out and about sharing library information outside of our buildings' walls, demonstrating databases, signing up new library members, promoting free programs and sharing all that the library has to offer to the people of Oklahoma County.



WEATHER SURVIVAL:

WeatherReady 365



Weather hazards happen all year round. Meteorologists will explain what actions we should take, how to put together a disaster kit, how to develop a communication plan, and where to take shelter.

The Village Library
Southern Oaks Library
Belle Isle Library
Midwest City Library
Downtown Library

September 12 @ 6:30pm
September 15 @ 7pm
September 17 @ 11am
September 29 @ 7pm
October 22 @ 2pm



ONEcard

Beginning September 1, approximately 40,000 students in Oklahoma City will have seamless access to the Metropolitan Library System through a new service called ONEcard.

Thanks to an agreement with Oklahoma City Public Schools, students will no longer need additional paperwork to become members of their public library. By enrolling in school, Oklahoma City public school students will now be able to use their student IDs at area libraries as a library card.

Students who visit their Metro Library will be able to check out up to ten books or audiobooks using their student ID numbers. They'll also have access to library technology, research tools and programs. And for students who may already be loyal library users, there is an added perk for use of their ONEcard account: no more overdue fines.

"We are excited to provide opportunities for students to explore and use additional educational resources," says project owner and Regional Director Rachel Kopchick. "We hope that their use of the library will aid in academic success in the school year ahead."

All eMedia and digital resources will also be available to students, whether they use these from home, school or at the library. While the fine exemption applies to all ONEcard accounts, students will still be responsible for the cost of lost or damaged library materials. In addition

to thousands of eBook and eAudiobook titles, students will be able to access scholarly databases for research and subject-specific help for homework help. Everything from academic journals to streaming video will be available for use, with the ease of connecting 24/7 at www.metrolibrary.org.

Modeled after other public library and school partnerships elsewhere in the country, ONEcard will bolster the connectivity of OKCPS students to their libraries—whether they ever make it to a physical library location or not. Those who use resources online will have access to a broader array of research tools; those who visit the library in person will be able to bring books home. Either way, students will have increased options to support their studies, or even just to read for fun. ONEcard is a preliminary step in supporting the Metropolitan Library System's mission of growing smarter communities, one person at a time.

ONEcard will be piloted with Oklahoma City Public Schools, though the system hopes to expand it to other schools and districts in the future. If you are a parent, teacher or school administrator interested in bringing ONEcard to your school district, feel free to let us know!

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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

Del City Library Thu | Sep 15 3:30p
Metropolitan Library Commission of Oklahoma County Monthly Meeting

Our libraries will be closed in observance of Labor Day on **Sunday, Sept. 4** and **Monday, Sept. 5** and then on **Tuesday, Sept. 27** for Staff Development Day. Visit us online to find your next book, download eBooks, audiobooks, MP3s, digital magazines or access one of our great databases.



Be Well @ the Library

Diabetes Workshop

Senior (ages 55+)
Almonte Library® Thu | Sep 18 6p

Color Me Calm

Adult
Choctaw Library® Sat | Sep 24 10a

CPR Certification

Adult
Northwest Library® Sat | Sep 10 10a

Extra Help for those on Medicare

Senior (ages 55+)
Del City Library Sun | Sep 18 2p

Little Yoga

PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)
Southern Oaks Library® Mon | Sep 26 10:30a

Medicare Assistance Program

Senior (ages 55+)
Edmond Library Tue | Sep 13 1p

Tai Chi

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)
Warr Acres Library Sat | Sep 10 2:30p

Senior (ages 55+)
Northwest Library Mon | Sep 12,19,26 4p

Young Adult (ages 18-21)
Edmond Library® Wed | Sep 7 5:30p

Yoga

Adult
Ralph Ellison Library Mon | Sep 19 6p

Zumba

Young Adult (ages 18-21)
Northwest Library Wed | Sep 7 6:30p

Book Club

Adult
Midwest City Library Thu | Sep 1 10a
Edmond Library Tue | Sep 6 Noon
Northwest Library Fri | Sep 9 1p
Warr Acres Library Mon | Sep 12 11a
Southern Oaks Library Tue | Sep 13 11:30a
Midwest City Library Thu | Sep 15 10a
Edmond Library Sat | Sep 17 10:30a
The Village Library Mon | Sep 19 3p
Downtown Library® Tue | Sep 20 Noon
Edmond Library Wed | Sep 28 6:30p

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)
Almonte Library Tue | Sep 20 4p

PreTeen (ages 9-12)
Bethany Library® Tue | Sep 20 6:30p

Senior (ages 55+)
Edmond Library Sat | Sep 10 2p

Teen (ages 12-18)
Choctaw Library Wed | Sep 7,21 11a
Midwest City Library Thu | Sep 8 4p



Concerts @ the Library

Noon Tunes

All Ages
Downtown Library Thursdays Noon
Mike Hosty: Acoustic American Blues Thu | Sep 1
Ravens Three: Celtic Thu | Sep 8
David Hooten Group: Light Dixie Thu | Sep 15
Celeste Dvorak & Miho Fisher: Thu | Sep 22
Soprano & Pianist
Matt Blagg & Ernie Tullis: Thu | Sep 29
Blue Eyed Soul



Create @ the Library

Adult Coloring

Adult
Ralph Ellison Library Mon | Sep 12 6p

After School Craft

Teen (ages 12-18)
Southern Oaks Library Fridays 3:30p

ATLAS

PreTeen (ages 9-12)
Belle Isle Library Wednesdays 4p

Builder's Club

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)
Almonte Library Sun | Sep 11 2p

Coffee and Crafts

Adult
Bethany Library Wed | Sep 7 10:30a

Crafty Art

PreTeen (ages 9-12)
Warr Acres Library® Tue | Sep 13 4p

Family Crafts

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)
Del City Library Thu | Sep 15 6:30p

Innovation Station

Children (ages 12 & under)
Midwest City Library Tue | Sep 20 4:30p

Knit One, Crochet Too

Adult
Northwest Library Thu | Sep 8 6p

Knitting Club

Adult
The Village Library Sat | Sep 10 10a
Southern Oaks Library® Mon | Sep 12 5:30p

LEGOs

All Ages
Choctaw Library® Wed | Sep 28 4p

Children (ages 12 & under)

Luther Library Thu | Sep 1 4p
Midwest City Library Tue | Sep 6 4:30p
Harrah Library Wed | Sep 7 4p

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Edmond Library® Sat | Sep 10 3p
Choctaw Library® Wed | Sep 14 4p
Warr Acres Library® Sat | Sep 17 10:30a
Downtown Library® Mon | Sep 19 6:30p

Make and Take

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)
Belle Isle Library Sat | Sep 3,17 2p

Maker Monday

Teen (ages 12-18)
Capitol Hill Library Mon | Sep 12,26 4p

Maker Space

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)
Northwest Library® Mon | Sep 12 4p

Minecraft Club

Teen (ages 12-18)
Warr Acres Library® Thu | Sep 1 6:30p
Choctaw Library® Mon | Sep 12 4p
Downtown Library® Mon | Sep 12 6:30p

Open Studio Sundays

Adult
Almonte Library Sun | Sep 11 2p

Poetry Reading

Adult
Ralph Ellison Library Mon | Sep 26 7p

Quilting Club

Adult
Midwest City Library Mon | Sep 12,19,26 9a

Science Sundays

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)
Del City Library Sun | Sep 11 3p

Tinkering Tuesday

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)
Edmond Library® Tue | Sep 13 6p

Writing Group

Adult
Midwest City Library Mon | Sep 12,26 6p



Game On @ the Library

Board Game Explosion!

Teen (ages 12-18)
Bethany Library Thu | Sep 15 6:30p

Chess Club

All Ages
The Village Library Fridays 4p

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Edmond Library Mon | Sep 19 4:30p

Coffee and Games
Senior (ages 55+)
Warr Acres Library Thu | Sep 29 10:30a

Cosplay Tea Party
Teen (ages 12-18)
Belle Isle Library Mon | Sep 12 5:30p

Family Gamefest
All Ages
Luther Library Thu | Sep 8 4p
Wright Library Wed | Sep 14 3p
Harrah Library Wed | Sep 28 4p

Fandom Club
Teen (ages 12-18)
Midwest City Library Thu | Sep 15 4p

Gamefest
Teen (ages 12-18)
Ralph Ellison Library Wed | Sep 21 5p

Gaming Club
Teen (ages 12-18)
The Village Library Thu | Sep 15 4p

Scrabble Night
All Ages
Del City Library Thu | Sep 8 4p

Trivia and Cosplay Party
All Ages
Northwest Library Thu | Sep 22 7p



Homework Help
Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)
Capitol Hill Library Tuesdays & Wednesdays 4:30p
Midwest City Library Wednesdays 4:30p
Southern Oaks Library Thursdays 4p

Rocket Readers
Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)
Bethany Library Mon | Sep 12,19,26 5:30p

STEAM Saturday: Explorers
PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)
Choctaw Library Sat | Sep 17 1p

STEAM Saturdays: Tween Detectives
Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)
Choctaw Library Sat | Sep 17 3p

Tech Time
Senior (ages 55+)
The Village Library Tue | Sep 13 4p



Please visit our online calendar for even more library events.

Animal Locomotion
PreTeen (ages 9-12)
Bethany Library Sat | Sep 10 2p
Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)
Northwest Library Tue | Sep 20 4p
Whether they stalk the ground, swim through the sea, or soar through the air, an animal's skeleton is shaped for the way the animal moves. With the help of professionals from the Museum of Osteology you will learn how to identify different forms of locomotion by looking at limb bones of a variety of animals.

Banned Books Party
PreTeen (ages 9-12)
Choctaw Library Mon | Sep 26 4p
Banned Books Week is an annual event celebrating the freedom to read. Hang out and play games as we learn about why it's important to protect our freedom to read. You might be surprised how many books you've read that have been threatened to be removed from your library.

Beauty on a Budget
Adult
Northwest Library Tue | Sep 13 6p
Beauty does not have to be painful on your wallet! If you are excited about makeup and want to learn new tips, tricks and trends without breaking your budget then this class is for you! Have your own goodies? Bring them! We'll show you how to use them. Everyone is welcome, but supplies are limited so be sure to pre-register!

ChocolateFest
Teen (ages 12-18)
Midwest City Library Thu | Sep 29 4p
Obey your sweet tooth! We're celebrating all things chocolate with chocolate games and chocolate tastings!

College 101: College Selection and Application Process
Teen (ages 12-18)
Edmond Library Wed | Sep 14 7pm
Heading to college next year? Join us for an evening with representatives from top colleges and universities in the state. Pick up some tips from the experts on selecting a school, the application process, campus life and more. Bring your questions, pick up your applications, chat with university representatives and peruse the library's collection of college prep resources to help you prepare for the transition to college life.

Play Together @ the Library!

Family Place:

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Play With Me!

You bring the child...
we'll provide the toys.

It's Fun! It's Free!

*It's for children through age 4 with
parents or guardians!*

Registration required.

*Bilingual Program



Downtown

Thursdays
Sept. 1, 8, 22, 29 @10am

*Capitol Hill

Wednesdays
Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28
@ 4:30pm

Bethany

Thursdays
Sept. 8, 15, 22, 29
@ 9:30am & 10:30am

Midwest City

Mondays
Sept. 12, 19, 26 & Oct. 3
@ 9:30am & 10:30am

*Almonte

Mondays
Sept. 12, 19, 26 & Oct. 3
@ 6pm

Ralph Ellison

Tuesdays
Sept. 13, 20 @ 4pm

College 101: Writing for College Admissions

Teen (ages 12-18)

Edmond Library Wed | Sep 21 7pm
Join us for a college writing workshop! Representatives from the University of Oklahoma Writing Center will be available to provide guidance and advice to high school seniors writing for college admissions. Jump-start your scholarship essays, your personal statement or your admissions paperwork. Bring a laptop or use the library's public computers, and learn about the library resources available to aid in your school and scholarship search.

Crazy 8s

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Northwest Library® Thursdays 4:30p
MathFest: Why didn't the two 4's want any dinner? Because they already 8! At your library, Laughter = HA x 3. We are exploring the fun and even silly side of math at the library. There will be many hands-on activities to explore, from measuring "worms" and fishing for numbers to creating your very own geometric masterpiece. The library is full of resources for lessons, learning, and fun, so scour our shelves to see what other adventures await!

Crazy 8's Math Club

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Choctaw Library® Tue | Sep 6,13,20 4p

Children (ages 12 & under)

Choctaw Library® Tue | Sep 6,13,20 5:30p
Crazy 8s is a new after-school math club designed to get kids fired up about math. Every week Crazy 8ers build stuff, run and jump, make music, make a mess? all while bonding with new friends over math. With more than 6,000 clubs serving over 80,000 kids, it may already be America's biggest math club for elementary school kids. This is program has 8 sessions that build on each other.

DIY Laundry Soap

Adult

Almonte Library® Thu | Sep 22 6p
Every penny counts! Let's learn how to save money by making our own laundry supplies. Attendees will take home samples of laundry soap, fabric softener, and tons of great DIY tips for the laundry room. Don't forget to pick up a book on family budgeting and home organizing while you're here!

Dollars and Duct Tape

Teen (ages 12-18)

Belle Isle Library Thu | Sep 8 4p
Almonte Library Wed | Sep 14 5:30p
Village Library Thu | Sep 22 4p
Choctaw Library Thu | Sep 29 4:30p
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. This event is held at multiple libraries.

Federal Government Careers

Adult

Edmond Library Wed | Sep 21 5p
Are you stuck in a stagnant career, or would you like to take advantages of the many benefits of federal employment? The Oklahoma Highway Safety Office will be offering this no-charge class on how to search and apply for federal government careers.

Get Organized! Bulletin Board Creations

Teen (ages 12-18)

Warr Acres Library Sat | Sep 24 2p
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!

Jazz on the Lawn

All Ages

Ralph Ellison Library Mon | Sep 26 6p
Bring your family, blankets, lawn chairs and a picnic basket for an evening of warm friendship and cool jazz!

Navigating Financial Aid

Teen (ages 12-18)

Midwest City Library Thu | Sep 22 6p
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, and paying for college. Learn how to fill out FAFSA forms and apply for scholarships.

Parenting Your Terrific Toddler

Adult

Midwest City Library Mondays 6p
Learn the tools to help you navigate the ups and downs of raising a toddler. This four-week class will help you encourage listening and cooperation from your young child.

Rockstar Reader Workshop

Adult

Almonte Library® Sat | Sep 10 3p
Overwhelmed by the busy-ness that comes from the beginning of the school year? Learn the tools to create a set of fun reading games for your beginning reader.

Sweets Stand-off

PreTeen (ages 9-12)

Downtown Library® Sat | Sep 10 1p
Culinary competition and camaraderie await you at the Downtown Library's Sweets Standoff. Groups will face-off to decorate gastronomical goodness in the form of cookies and cupcakes. Test your visual presentation by decorating cookies and your pallet by matching flavors to create the ultimate cupcake. All participants will walk away with treats, but the winners will walk away with treats and trophies.

Talk Like a Pirate Day

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)

Southern Oaks Library Tue | Sep 20 6:30p
It's international talk like a pirate day again!! Come celebrate with a real swashbuckling adventure. We will have a scavenger hunt, piratical costume contest, crafts, games and more. It's time to party, Matey!!

Toys for Tails

All Ages

Northwest Library Sat | Sep 24 10a
Paws, treats and toys, oh my! The Central Oklahoma Humane Society and the library invite you to make toys for local sheltered pets and join in on the adoption day here at the library. You will also have a chance to make toys and all-natural treats to take home to your own furry friends! Be sure to check out the library's collection on pet care and treat cookbooks!

Waffle It!

Teen (ages 12-18)

Bethany Library® Thu | Sep 22 6:30p
Looking for quick and easy dinner ideas that your whole family will enjoy? Did you know your waffle iron can be used for much more than just waffles? Come get a quick glimpse of some of the endless foods you can make using your simple waffle iron. From desserts and breads to main meals, this class will cover it all and show you new uses for that simple appliance.

WeatherReady 365

All Ages

The Village Library Mon | Sep 12 6:30p
Southern Oaks Library Thu | Sep 15 7p
Belle Isle Library Sat | Sep 17 11a
Midwest City Library Thu | Sep 29 7p
Being WeatherReady isn't important only in the spring. Weather hazards happen all year round. Learn what actions we should take, putting together a disaster kit, developing a communication plan and where to shelter.

You Make the Weather!

PreTeen (ages 9-12)

Choctaw Library® Mon | Sep 19 4p
Have you ever wanted to make it snow in September? Or create your own mini tornado in a bottle? Come to the library to make your own weather!

® = Registration required for this event.

Money Survival: Dollars & Duct Tape

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.

For Teens

Belle Isle Library
September 8 @ 4pm

Almonte Library
September 14 @ 5:30pm

The Village Library
September 22 @ 4pm

Choctaw Library
September 29 @ 4:30pm

Capitol Hill Library
October 11 @ 4pm

Warr Acres Library
October 22 @ 2pm



Kids @ the Library

Play @ the Library

123! Play with Me! <i>Toddlers (ages 1-3)</i>		
Downtown Library ^R	Thu Sep 1,8,22,29	10a
Bethany Library ^R	Thu Sep 8,15,22,29	10:30a
Bethany Library ^R	Thu Sep 8,15,22,29	9:30a
Midwest City Library	Mon Sep 12,19,26	9:30a
Midwest City Library	Mon Sep 12,19,26	10:30a
Ralph Ellison Library	Tue Sep 13,20	4p
123! Play with Me! - 123! Juega conmigo! <i>Toddlers (ages 1-3)</i>		
Capitol Hill Library	Wednesdays	4:30p
Almonte Library	Mon Sep 12,19,26	6p
Parachute Play <i>PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)</i>		
Midwest City Library ^R	Fri Sep 9,23	10a
Playtime <i>Babies (0-12 months)</i>		
Northwest Library ^R	Tue Sep 6	9:30a
Northwest Library ^R	Wed Sep 7	9:30a
Belle Isle Library	Mon Sep 12,19,26	10a
<i>PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)</i>		
Northwest Library ^R	Tue Sep 6	11a
Northwest Library ^R	Wed Sep 7	11a
Northwest Library	Wed Sep 28	10a
<i>Toddlers (ages 1-3)</i>		
Del City Library	Wednesdays	10a
Belle Isle Library	Tue Sep 6,13,20	10a
Northwest Library ^R	Tue Sep 6	10:15a
Northwest Library ^R	Wed Sep 7	10:15a
Choctaw Library	Sat Sep 10	10a
Warr Acres Library	Wed Sep 14,21,28	10:30a
Midwest City Library	Sat Sep 17	10:15a
Babytime <i>Babies (0-12 months)</i>		
The Village Library ^R	Tue Sep 6	10a

Storytime @ the Library

Edmond Library ^R	Tue Sep 6,13,20	10a
Belle Isle Library	Mon Sep 12,19,26	9:30a
Del City Library	Mon Sep 12,19,26	9:15a
Northwest Library ^R	Tue Sep 13	9:30a
Northwest Library ^R	Wed Sep 14	9:30a
Mother Goose on the Loose <i>Babies (0-12 months)</i>		
Midwest City Library	Wednesdays	10a
<i>Toddlers (ages 1-3)</i>		
Warr Acres Library	Thu Sep 8,22	9:30a
The Village Library ^R	Tue Sep 20	10a
Southern Oaks Library ^R	Wed Sep 21	10:30a
Musictime <i>Babies (0-12 months)</i>		
Northwest Library ^R	Tue Sep 20	9:30a
Northwest Library ^R	Wed Sep 21	9:30a
Edmond Library ^R	Mon Sep 26	9a
<i>Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)</i>		
Del City Library ^R	Thu Sep 8,22	10:30a
<i>PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)</i>		
The Village Library ^R	Thu Sep 1	10a
Downtown Library ^R	Thu Sep 15	10a
Northwest Library ^R	Tue Sep 20	11a
Northwest Library ^R	Wed Sep 21	11a
Edmond Library ^R	Mon Sep 26	10a & 11a
<i>Toddlers (ages 1-3)</i>		
Del City Library ^R	Thu Sep 8,22	9:15a
Northwest Library ^R	Tue Sep 20	10:15a
Northwest Library ^R	Wed Sep 21	10:15a
Pajama Storytime <i>PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)</i>		
Choctaw Library	Mon Sep 12,26	6:30p
Storytime <i>Children (ages 12 & under)</i>		
Wright Library	Fri Sep 2	3:30p
Luther Library	Thu Sep 15	10a
Harrah Library	Wed Sep 21	10a
<i>PreSchoolers (ages 3-5)</i>		
Whole Foods, OKC	Thursdays	10a
Bethany Library ^R	Thu Sep 1	10a

Capitol Hill Library	Tue Sep 6,13,20	4:30p
Choctaw Library ^R	Tue Sep 6,13,20	10a
Warr Acres Library ^R	Thu Sep 8,22	10:30a
Edmond Library ^R	Mon Sep 12,19	10a & 11a
Southern Oaks Library ^R	Mon Sep 12,19	10:30a
The Village Library ^R	Tue Sep 13	10a
Northwest Library ^R	Tue Sep 13	11a
Warr Acres Library ^R	Sat Sep 10	10:30a
Warr Acres Library ^R	Tue Sep 13	6:30p
Northwest Library ^R	Wed Sep 14	11a
<i>Toddlers (ages 1-3)</i>		
Edmond Library ^R	Thursdays	6:30p
Toddler time <i>Toddlers (ages 1-3)</i>		
Edmond Library ^R	Wednesdays	10a & 11a
Belle Isle Library	Tue Sep 6,13,20	9:30a
Choctaw Library ^R	Tue Sep 6,13,20	11a
Del City Library	Mon Sep 12,19,26	10a
Northwest Library ^R	Tue Sep 13	10:15a
Northwest Library ^R	Wed Sep 14	10:15a

Children Reading to Dogs @ the Library

Children Reading to Dogs <i>Children (ages 12 & under)</i>		
Belle Isle Library	Thursdays	6p
<i>Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12)</i>		
The Village Library	Wednesdays	6p
The Village Library	Thu Sep 1,15	3:30p
Southern Oaks Library ^R	Sat Sep 3	10a
Edmond Library	Tue Sep 6,20	6:30p
Choctaw Library ^R	Sat Sep 10	3p
Midwest City Library ^R	Tue Sep 13	7p
Southern Oaks Library ^R	Tue Sep 13	6:30p
Northwest Library	Mon Sep 19	6p
Warr Acres Library	Tue Sep 20	6:30p
Choctaw Library ^R	Wed Sep 21	4p
Downtown Library	Mon Sep 26	6:30p

THURSDAY NOON TUNES

Bring your lunch to the Downtown Library and join us for musical performances from local musicians. Each week experience a new performance, genre, and artist/band.

- Sept. 1** - Mike Hosty: Acoustic American Blues
- Sept. 8** - Ravens Three: Celtic
- Sept. 15** - David Hooten Group: Light Dixieland
- Sept. 22** - Celeste Dvorak, soprano & Miho Fisher, pianist: "Flowers, Fairies, & Forests"
- Sept. 29** - Matt Blagg & Ernie Tullis: Blue Eyed Soul



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

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

