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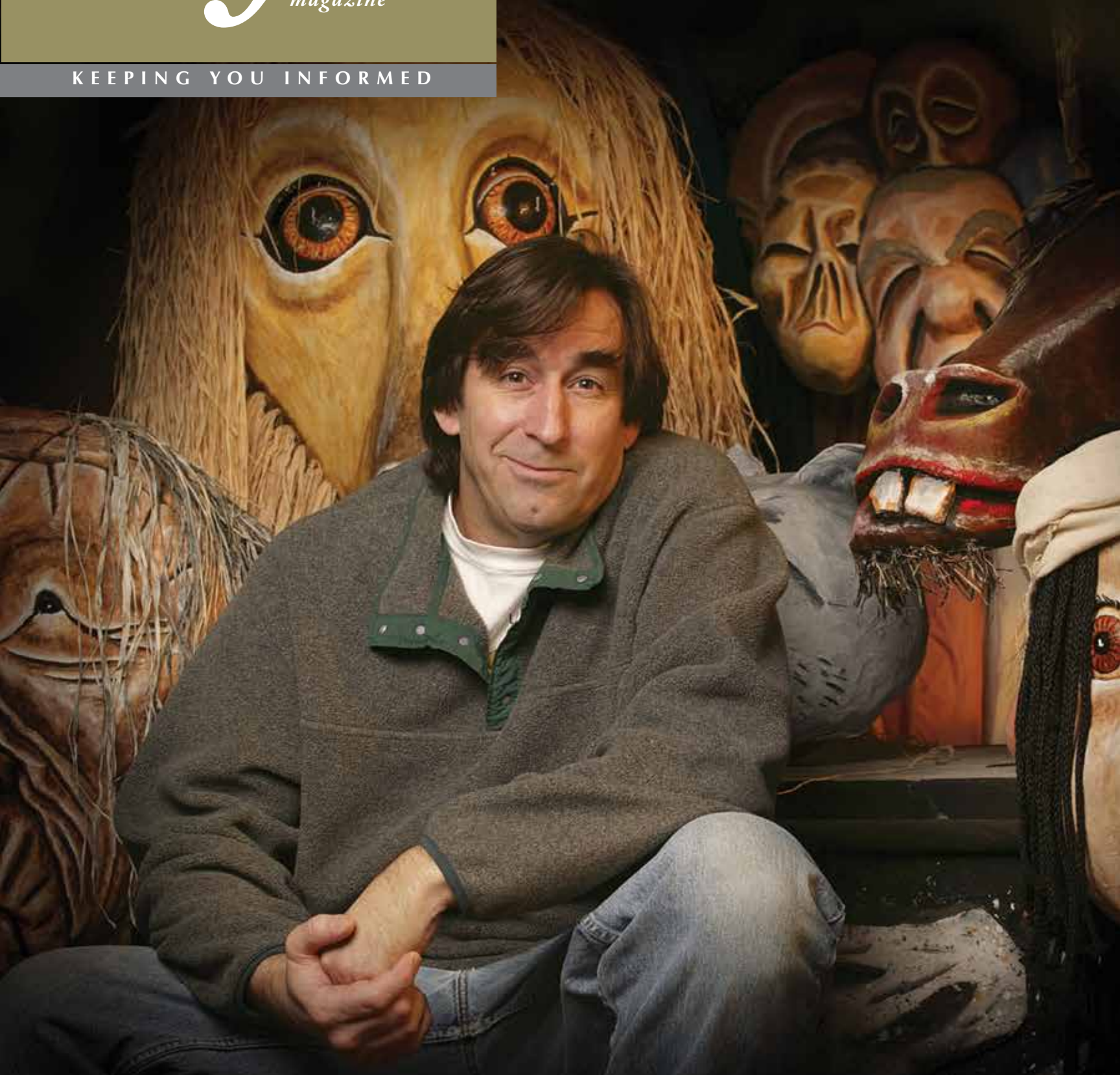
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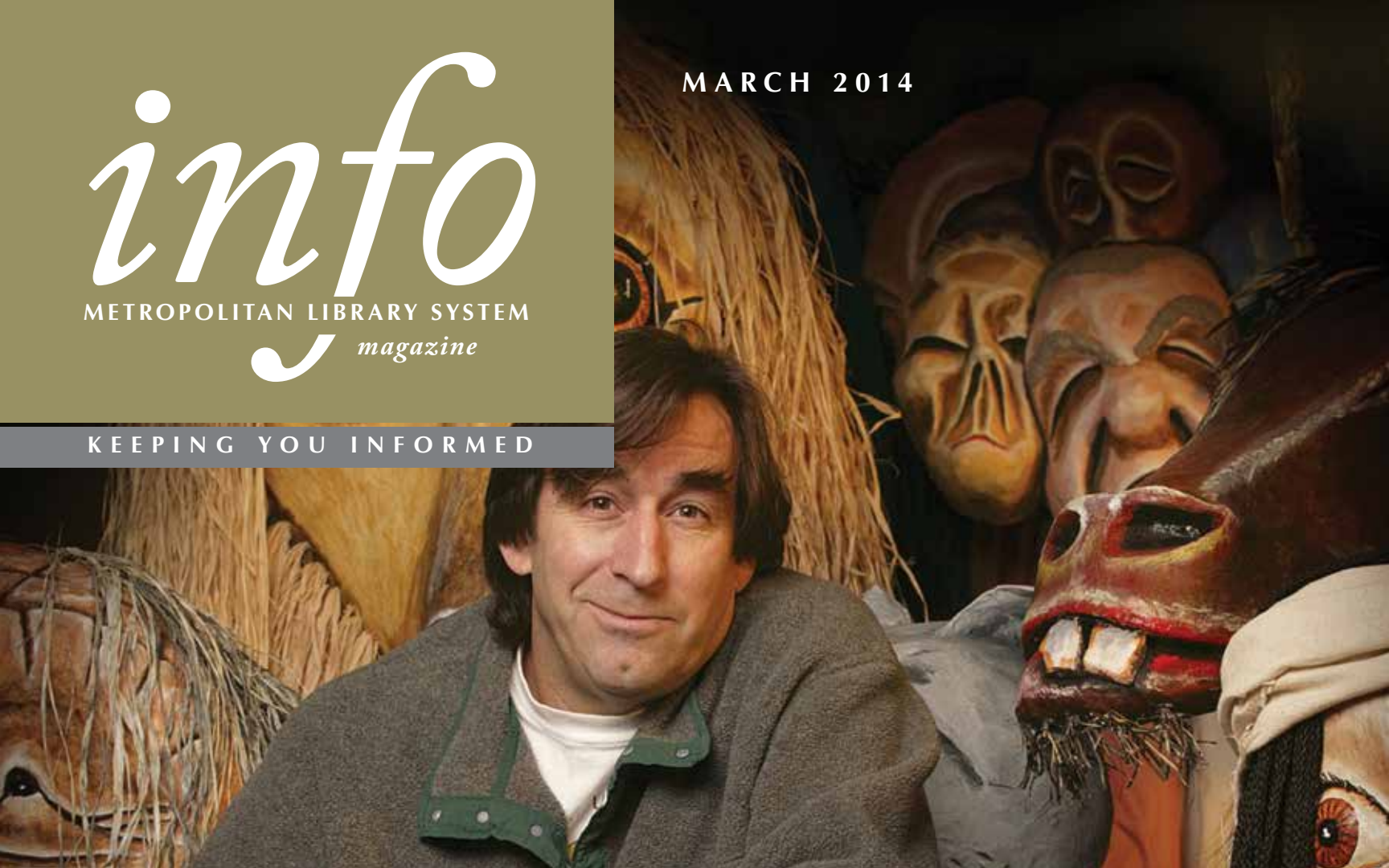
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What is it about March? There is something in the month that rejects normal, sane holidays and rejoices in some of the most amusingly bizarre celebrations on the calendar.

Did you know that March 2 is “Old Stuff Day”? This could be a celebration of me, but somehow I doubt it. Or that March 8 is “Be Nasty Day”? Okay, lots of people would tell you that this one is definitely in my honor, although I’m also fond of “Everything You Think Is Wrong Day” on March 15.

Take a look at the *Off the Beaten Path* page and the back of this month’s *info* for a pair of books to read in remembrance of a couple of other big days. And don’t forget “I Am In Control Day” on March 30, although that one should be December 21, the shortest day of the year.

Whatever days you celebrate, MLS has information to help you learn more about them. Books, eBooks, audiobooks, digital magazines, your choice, we’ve got it all for you so go to our website and start browsing.

And don’t bother looking for me on March 22. That’s “National Goof Off Day.”







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Oklahoma Images

# BOOM TOWN

*by Larry Johnson*







From the first rifle report in 1889, Oklahoma City has always been a boomtown. Later there was the statehood boom culminating in the state capital move from Guthrie in 1910. And add two or three oil booms to the mixture as well. You could say we're in the middle of one now. The boom of 1964, however, was an entirely different rumble of thunder.

It's well-remembered that President Kennedy announced during his 1962 "We Choose to go to the Moon" speech that the United States would reach the surface of the moon by the end of the 1960s, thus ramping up the Space Race. The Soviet Union was already far ahead by that time. Kennedy also took an interest in another technological race America was losing – supersonic transport (SST). Fighter jets could already go supersonic, but Russian and Anglo-French designs for SSTs were blueprinted and nearing production while American companies only had "paper" planes.

In addition to the technological challenge, the SST in America faced environmental concerns as well. At about twice the fuel-consumption as standard jets, they spewed ozone-munching exhaust in the upper atmosphere. The planes also produced a piercing screech during takeoff and thunderous booms as they passed

overhead at faster-than-sound speeds. Air Force generals and aerospace engineers assured politicians, however, that Americans would get used to the booms over time.



*The Supersonic Lockheed XF-104*

One general suggested the best thing to do would be to generate the booms so frequently people wouldn't even notice.

Tests had already been conducted on a small scale, but the Federal Aviation Administration felt large-scale tests were needed to determine the feasibility of SSTs. Thus Oklahoma City was selected for the tests because of a dependency on Tinker AFB, and the FAA center and because the population was deemed generally pliant in matters of patriotism and national security. At 7 a.m. on February 3, 1964 the first of eight booms per day roared over the city.

Newspapers dutifully reported that the booms were nothing to worry about

and were for a good cause, even taking a whimsical attitude. For the first few weeks, Oklahoma Cityans took the tests in stride as expected but soon nerves frayed, windows shattered and walls cracked.

It was deemed particularly dangerous to be near large plate glass windows as the booms seemed to suck the windows right out of a building, or to be walking by the First National Building which lost over 125 windows during the tests. By April, no one was making jokes with the punch line "Boomer Sooner." By the summer, groups like Ban the Boom formed and lawsuits for damages – physical and psychological – mounted against the government.

The six month program wrapped up in July and, from a purely scientific approach, they were a success because they proved that Americans would not accept SSTs in their backyards. Public reaction combined with economic concerns caused the cancellation of the American SST program in 1971. The Russian Tupolev and Anglo-French Concorde SSTs flew for about 25 years.

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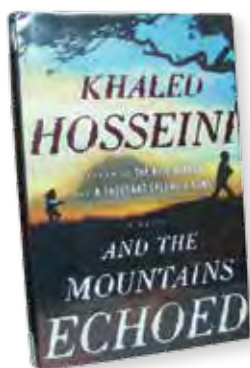
# Reviews & Recommendations



## And The Mountains Echoed

by Khaled Hosseini

reviewed by Christine Bassett



*So, then. You want a story and I will tell you one. But just the One.*

Following the successes of the *Kite Runner* & *A Thousand Splendid Suns*, Hosseini has written another bestseller set in Afghanistan. Once again he deals with the effects of war and poverty on family life, set this time in pre and post 2001 when the Soviets invaded Afghanistan to devastating effects. *And The Mountains Echoed* is set in a time when the Afghani people longed to hear the mountains echo from the sound of children's voices; a title inspired by William Blake's poem "Nurse's Song: Innocence".

Abdullah, Pari and Iqbal live in the small mountain village of Shadbagh, two days walk from the busy capital Kabul, with their dog Shuja, father Saboor and step mother Parwana. The children are fairly happy, even though they have few provisions and little belongings.

After all they have each other. Everything changes after their father tells them a bedtime story and sets off on a journey with Pari, who is being pulled along through the desert in a red wagon to Kabul. Abdullah is following behind and refuses to go home. The reason for this walk changes their lives forever. The story follows the family through several decades on different continents, dealing with issues like guilt, loss, grief and separation, and homosexuality in the pre-Taliban era. Complex, with shifting narrative, *And the Mountains Echoed* provides everything we have come to expect from this award winning author and powerful storyteller.

This title is also available from MLS in a large print edition, as well as in audio formats.

*Christine Bassett has worked for MLS for over 10 years. She currently works as a reference librarian at Bethany Library and is a volunteer community literacy tutor in her spare time.*



## Juliet

by Anne Fortier

reviewed by Phyllis Davidson



Julie and Janice Jacobs were toddlers when their parents died under suspicious circumstances in Siena. The twins were raised in America by Aunt Rose and her trusted butler, Umberto. Now Aunt Rose has died, and Umberto sends Julie back to Siena with a key to a safe-deposit box that might contain an inheritance from her mother.

In Siena, Julie learns that she is descended from the family of Giulietta Tolomei who inspired Shakespeare's tragic tale of Romeo and Juliet. Alternating between the horrifying story of Giulietta and Romeo in 1340 and Julie's experiences in the present, the author makes it clear that the Tolomeis and their enemies, the Salimbenis, are still not at peace. Julie is followed

through the streets, and her hotel room is ransacked—she suspects the Salimbenis. Alessandro, the handsome police captain to whom she is attracted, just happens to be a member of that family, so trusting him is difficult for Julie.

*Juliet* is a tale full of adventure and surprises. The biggest surprise is that a first-time author has produced a book that is so hard to put down. I'll be talking about it for a long time.

This title is also available in digital and audio formats.

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**BIOGRAPHY**  
**ON THE SHELF**

### Ava Gardner: The Secret Conversations

by Peter Evans and Ava Gardner

reviewed by Linda Hyams



Peter Evans, the writer of the biography on Peter Sellers, has written another interesting and poignant biographical account based on conversations he had with Ava Gardner, originally, to ghost write her autobiography. When she backed out upon pressure from her last husband, Frank Sinatra, Evans pursued publication after her death in 1990 from pneumonia.

Ava Gardner was considered one of the greatest beauties of all time. While her acting was not highly regarded by many (including her), there is no dispute that she made her mark in Hollywood. The book gives an insightful account of a woman whose beauty and infamous relationships mark an era in Hollywood history that is slowly being lost to the passage of time.

The conversations Evans recorded are transcribed verbatim. At times Gardner is verbose, withdrawn, vulgar, ladylike or any combination of the four. She haunted her ghost writer's nights with sleepless alcohol

fueled phone calls without regard to his need for sleep. Her greatest concern was not to make any of her husbands (Mickey Rooney, Artie Shaw, Frank Sinatra) look bad, or to come across as low class because of her other relationships.

Peter Evans creates a wonderful portrait of a woman who was used to getting what she wanted through her beauty and physicality. She seemed unsure of her worth as infirmity and age took its toll on her looks. Peter Evans shows her contradictions, her charm, her intelligence and, despite her flaws, a woman worth remembering.

*MLS Security Manager Linda Hyams takes her job seriously. She has a keen interest in anything related to crime prevention and security, particularly preparing for a possible zombie apocalypse. When not preparing for such events, she enjoys walking with her dogs and sewing...*

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### Cast In Shadow

by Michelle Sagara

reviewed by Tracey Thompson



Kaylin has made a new life for herself with the Hawks, the investigative branch for the city of Elantra. She has formed a new family, and she has striven to make a difference. She thought that she had escaped the Fiefs; however, you cannot escape your past, and Kaylin's past is riddled with violence, magic, and death.

The current murders mirror those that occurred while she was living in the Fief, and somehow they are all connected to Kaylin. She is assigned two partners with which to investigate—an uncomfortable ally in the form of a dragon, and a ghost from her childhood whom she desperately wishes to see permanently dead, preferably by her own hand.

She must decide which is more important, vengeance or the truth. Her allies are uncertain, and she has drawn the attention of the immortals and the Emperor. To survive, she must come to terms with not only her past but with an ability to perform magic that not even the immortals understand.

*Cast in Shadow* is the first book in the *Chronicles of Elantra* series. It is also available in digital and audio formats.

*Librarian by day, crime fighter by night. Tracey Thompson IS Batman!*



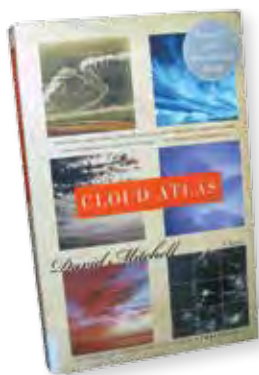
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## Cloud Atlas

by David Mitchell

reviewed by Alexis Whitney



Having seen previews for the movie *Cloud Atlas*, I was very curious about the novel of the same name, but since I believe that the book is usually better than the movie, I decided to read before watching.

The book is a little slow at first, but ultimately quite engaging, thought provoking, and even suspenseful in many parts. The plot moves across centuries and continents, exploring themes of reincarnation, sexuality, cruelty, greed, and love. The narrative consists of six people's stories: a 19th century explorer of the Pacific Islands, a pre-WWII musician struggling to write his masterpiece and gain recognition, a journalist in the 1970's who uncovers a huge scandal in the nuclear power industry, a present-day publisher who is confined to a nursing home against his will, a cloned restaurant server in the far future, and post-apocalyptic tribes living in what was once Hawaii.

The lives of all these characters are far apart in time and space, but overlap in surprising and profound ways. The novel shows that good is a very powerful force, but that it doesn't necessarily always triumph over evil. It also hints that people have much more in common than they realize. To say much more would give away too many specifics of this amazing tale. I haven't seen the movie yet, but I hope it's as vivid and interesting as the book, and I'm eager to see how the filmmakers managed to distill this complex novel into a two hour film!

This title is also available from MLS in digital and audio formats.

*Alexis Whitney is the Adult Services librarian at the fabulous new Almonte Library. She is usually reading three or four books concurrently, which makes her stay up way too late at night.*

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ON THE SHELF

## Frame 232

by Wil Mara

reviewed by Elisabeth Wright



On November 22, 1963, President Kennedy was assassinated. Some of the photos of that world-changing event show a woman, referred to as "Babushka Lady," who may have been holding a video camera.

What if the conspiracy theories were true? What if after your mother's death you learned that she had been keeping a secret: that she was the "Babushka Lady" and had a film that proved the presence of a second shooter? That's what happens to Sheila Baker in this action-packed novel. When Sheila makes that incredible discovery, she enlists the help of billionaire sleuth Jason Hammond to finally uncover the truth of the assassination. But soon they're on the run from those

who would do anything to stop that truth from getting out.

*Frame 232* is obviously fiction, but the details (both historical and contemporary) ring true and make it easy for the reader to suspend any disbelief in the conspiracy theories and engage the "what ifs" of history. Note: this novel has definite Christian undertones, as both Jason and Sheila struggle through questions of faith and forgiveness.

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# Khaled Hosseini

What do Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Deepak Chopra, Michael Crichton, Rabelais, and St. Luke all have in common? Of course, they were all writers. But did you know that they were also all doctors? "The clinical gaze," wrote Robert Louis Stevenson, "[has] much in common with the artist's eye."

Entering the ranks of physician/writers in the 21st Century is one of the most successful novelists of them all: Khaled Hosseini, who will be the Featured Speaker at the Library Endowment Trust's 12th Annual Literary Voices™ dinner. The fundraising event will be held on Wednesday, April 9, at the Oklahoma City Golf & Country Club at 7:00 p.m.

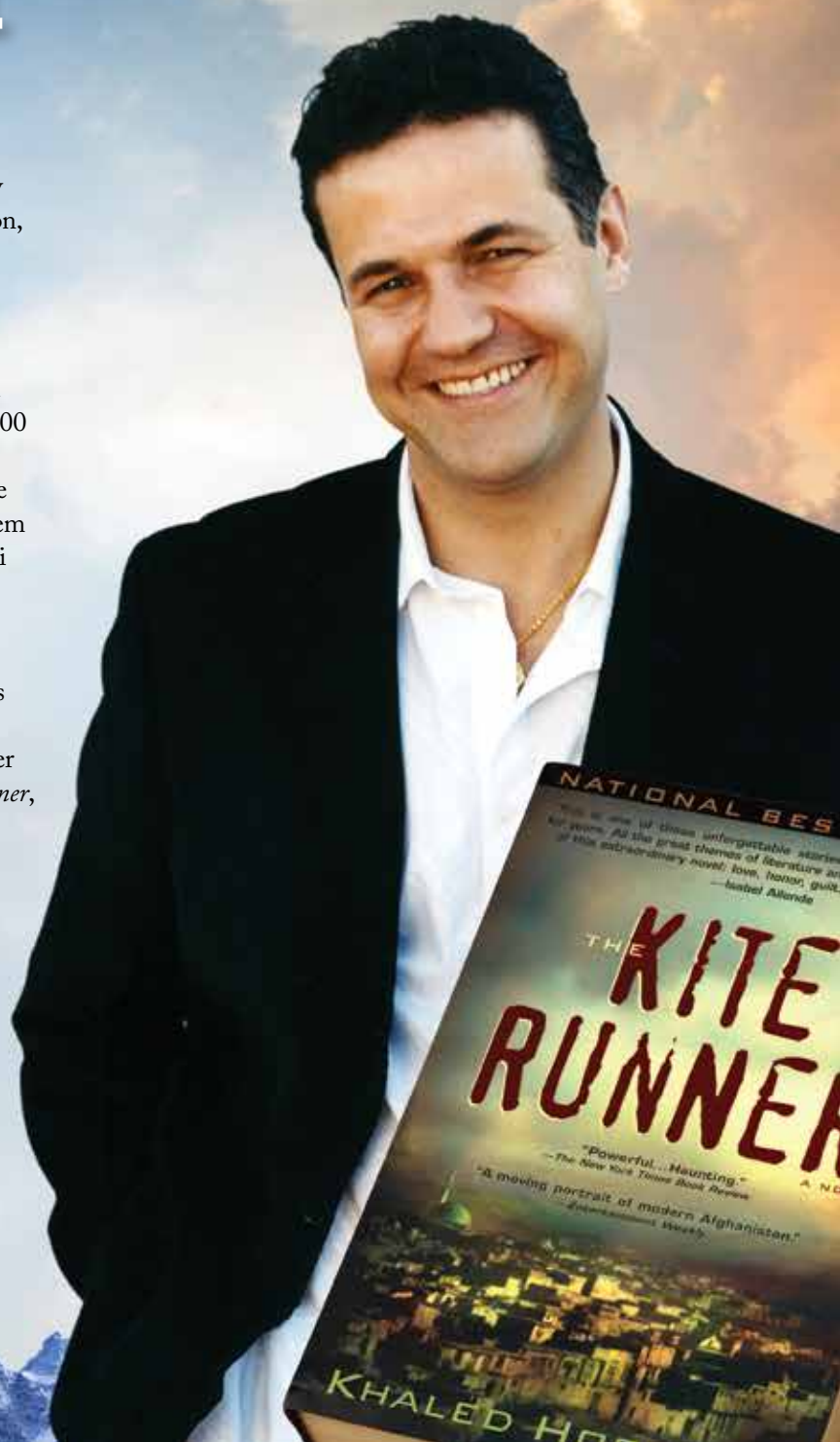
The dinner benefits the Library Endowment Trust, whose funds have supported the services and programs of the Metropolitan Library System since 1986. Chair and co-chair for the event are Elaine Levy and Cindi Shelby.

Hosseini, who was born in Kabul, Afghanistan and moved with his family to the U.S. in 1980, earned a medical degree in 1993. He completed his residency at Cedars-Sinai medical center in Los Angeles and was a practicing internist between 1996 and 2004.

But it was during this practice that the new doctor discovered another love—literature. In 2001, he began writing his first novel, *The Kite Runner*, which was published in 2003 and went on to become a phenomenal success, spending over 240 weeks on the bestseller list and selling over eight million copies. In 2007 Hosseini's second novel, *A Thousand Splendid Suns*, sold a million copies its first week. In 2013 *And the Mountains Echoed*, Hosseini's third book, sold three million copies in five months.

Beyond his success as a writer, Hosseini has been named a Goodwill Envoy to the United Nations Refugee Agency, and the Khaled Hosseini Foundation has provided aid to countless women, children and homeless refugees in his native Afghanistan.

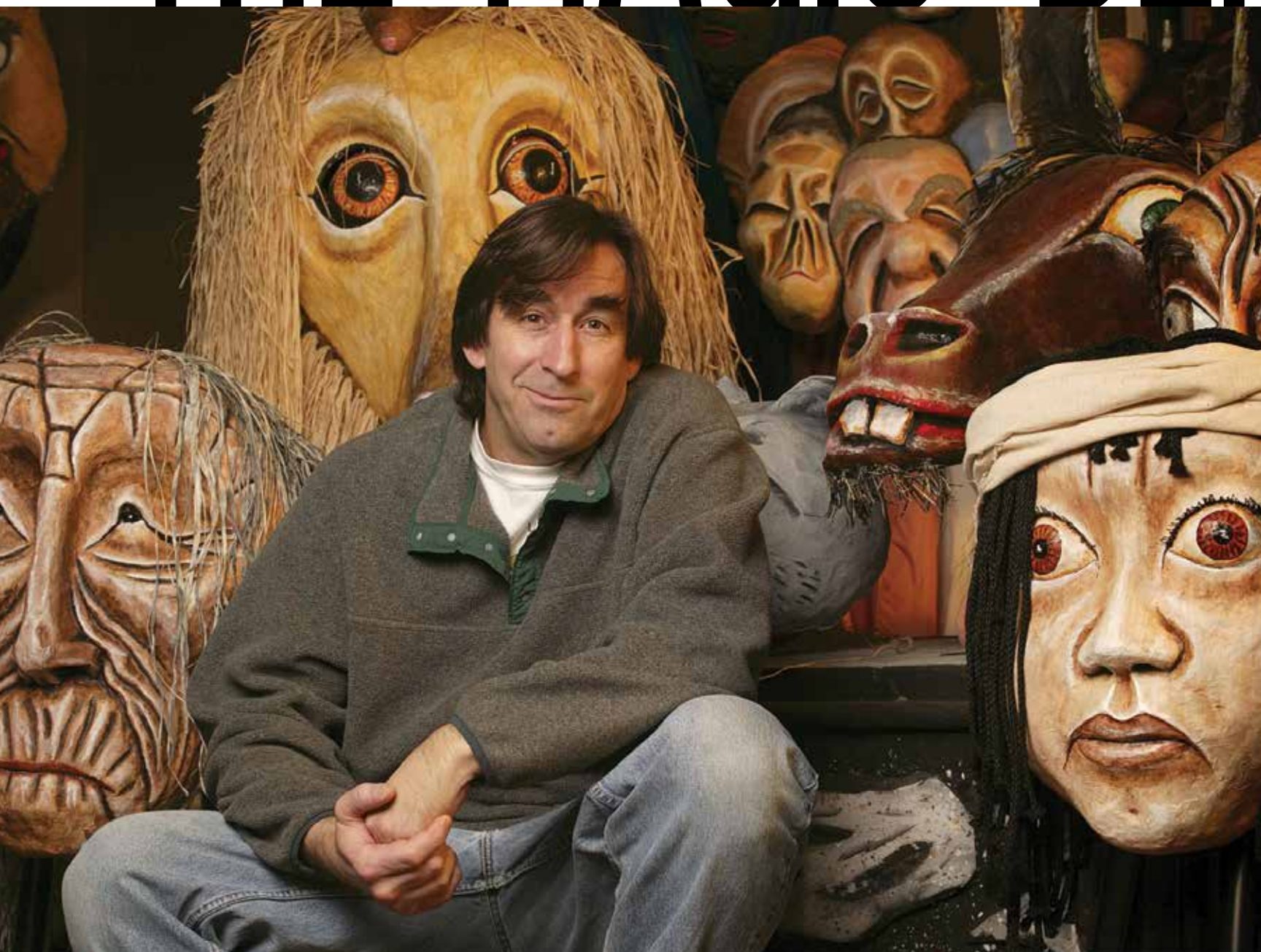
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# HIND THE MASK

They say that people wear different masks on different occasions; depending on the people they're with. Each mask symbolically represents a different facet of the individual's personality.

If that's true, Doug Berky must contain hundreds of personalities.

Berky has been creating masks for theatrical performance for over 30 years. He makes masks for theaters world-wide—for Shakespeare productions, for Commedia Dell'arte revivals, for ballet, for television and film productions, for other individual performers, and for his own programs.

MLS is bringing Doug's performance, "Imaskinations," to 10 library locations in March.

"Doug's credits," said MLS Director of Outreach Services Dana Morrow, "are too numerous to list here, but he's played everywhere from Cuba to Sweden, in theaters, churches, colleges, and libraries, and in styles ranging from vaudeville to Commedia to mime. His influences include such theatre greats as Charlie Chaplin, Buster Keaton, Carol Burnette, Red Skelton, Marcel

Marceau and Tony Montanaro. When you sit down for one of his shows you may not know just what you're going to get, but you do know it'll be great."

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| March 18 @ 1:00 PM  | Southern Oaks Library |
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| March 19 @ 10:00 AM | Del City Library      |
| March 19 @ 2:00 PM  | Ralph Ellison Library |
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*For more information, call 606-3833 or visit the MLS website, [www.metrolibrary.org](http://www.metrolibrary.org)*

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### Almonte Library

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#### AL's Bookclub

##### Adults

Want to join a bookclub but can't seem to find the time? Try AL's Bookclub, it's online! All you need is an email address and a Goodreads.com account. Starting in March, you'll get the same lively discussions as a traditional bookclub, but you can share your ideas anytime instead of waiting for an in-person meeting. Also, you might win a fabulous prize! Email [awhitney@metrolibrary.org](mailto:awhitney@metrolibrary.org) for more information. Happy reading!

#### Toddlerobics

**Mar 4 | Tue | 10:30am-11am**

##### Ages 2-4

Toddlers are invited to get a great start to life long learning through this fun filled time of aerobics designed to develop fine and gross motor skills and help prepare children for reading readiness. Come in or call 606-3575 to sign-up.

#### Teen Creative Writing Workshop

**Mar 4,11,18,25 | Tue | 6pm-7pm**

##### Ages 12-18

Teens, do you like to write? Do you like the idea of writing but don't know where to start? Then, allow writer and blogger, Megan Cox, to give you some great tips and walk you through the creative process of writing your own stories in our 6 week workshop just for teens. Megan will help you tap into the creative side of your brain and get you excited about writing! Megan will also hit on the technology side of writing such as blogging and fan fiction as part of Teen Tech Month.

#### Baby and Me Yoga

**Mar 5,12,19,26 | Wed | 10:30am-11am**

##### Ages 6 weeks-24 months

Wiggle, giggle and stretch yourself back into shape all while spending precious time with your little one at the library. Join certified children's Yoga teacher Darci Parker and explore the health benefits of Yoga for you and your baby (toddlers welcome). Stop by or call 606-3575 to register.

#### Build Your Own Business

**Mar 5 | Wed | 6pm-8pm**

##### Adults

Explore the option of being your own boss with the Service Corps of Retired Executives who will answer essential questions about the the process and planning necessary to own your own business. Learn about business plans, business structures, taxes, loans and more.

#### Almonte Knitting Club

**Mar 6 | Thu | 5:30pm-7:30pm**

##### Adults

Are you a knitter? Interested in learning? If so, join Almonte Library's monthly knitting club. Bring your current project, or just bring yarn and knitting needles and we can teach you how to get started! Library resources are available for knitters, crocheters and other needleworkers, but we only provide instruction for knitting.

#### Preschool Storytime

**Mar 11,25 | Tue | 10:30am-11am**

##### Ages 2-5

Nurture a love for books and build early literacy skills by joining us for stories, fingerplays, songs and more. Stop by the library or call 606-3575 to register.

#### Snakes

**Mar 15 | Sat | 2pm-3pm**

##### All Ages

Snakes alive! Don't miss Larry Daniels' discussion about snakes including which snakes make good pets, and learn more by

checking out library resources. You may even get to touch or hold a live snake! Stop by the library or call 606-3575 to sign up.

#### Parachute Play

**Mar 18 | Tue | 10:30am-11am**

##### Ages 3-5

Children will delight in playing with a large colorful parachute. Children will learn the library is a great place to play parachute games, which promote language development, social skills, teamwork and development of motor coordination. Class size is limited. Please come by or call 606-3575 to sign-up.

#### After School at Your Library

**Mar 25 | Tue | 4pm-5pm**

##### Ages 10-16

Have fun with art! Work on creative projects and learn about different kinds of artistic expression. Supplies and snacks will be provided. Call the Information Desk to sign up.

#### Lil' Al's Book Club

**Mar 27 | Thur | 5:30pm-6:30pm**

##### Ages 8-11

Like to read and meet other kids your age who enjoy a good book? Lil' Al's book club meets the fourth Thursday of each month to help kids nurture their love for books. There will be snacks, games, a craft and book trivia for special prizes. Stop by or call 606-3575 to register and find out this month's book and reserve your copy. Must read book prior to meeting.

### Belle Isle Library

See pages 11, 15, 25 and 26 for more Belle Isle Library programs/events.

#### SCORE Business Counseling

**Mar 1,15 | Sat | 9:30am-12pm**

##### Adults

If you are interested in starting a new



business or are a business owner in need of assistance, counseling is available on the first and third Saturday of the month. A member of SCORE, "Counselors to America's Small Business" offers confidential assistance for small business owners, one-on-one. Sign up at the Information Desk or call 843-9601.

**Family Place: 1-2-3! Play with Me!**  
**Mar 4,11,18,25 | Tue | 10am-11am**  
**Infants to age 4 w/ parent**

Playing with your baby or child is important for bonding and for learning. We are providing a time for you and your child to play. A different community resource professional will be available each week to answer your parenting questions. Register by calling the library or visiting the Information Desk.

**Anime Club**  
**Mar 4 | Tue | 4pm-5pm**  
**Teens**

Every first Tuesday of the month from 4-5pm join us to share and discuss your favorite Anime and Manga. Screen new Anime episodes! \*Anime may contain material that is considered unsuitable for ages 13 and younger.

**Watercolor Art Class**  
**Mar 7 | Fri | 10am-12pm**  
**13 and up**

Join Jim Pourtorkan as he teaches a introduction to watercolor class where students will get familiar with how to apply color and compose a painting. He will illustrate some basic techniques giving a step-by-step demonstration. He will have a painting already completed to not only inspire but also give a sense of direction as to what to expect from your painting. Students will complete a painting suitable for framing. Supplies provided, but class size is limited to 15. Sign up at the Information Desk.

**First Friday Bookclub**  
**Mar 7 | Fri | 4pm-5pm**  
**Ages 10-14**

Kids, do you like to discuss books with other readers? Kids 10-14 meet on the first Friday of every month from 4-5 pm to share ideas about a book they've all read. You may like the book, you may not, but it's fun to talk about it!

Feb. 7: *How to Steal a Dog* by Barbara O'Connor  
Mar. 7: *Seedfolks* by Paul Fleischman  
Apr. 4: *City of Ember* by J. DuPrau

**Budding Bookworms Storytime**  
**Mar 12,26 | Wed | 10am-11am**  
**Ages 1-5**

Bring your little bookworm to our fun and

enchancing storytime. Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 10am, join us for stories, songs, rhymes, and fun!

**Forever Young Adult Book Club**  
**Mar 16 | Sun | 4pm-5pm**  
**Adults**

The Forever Young Adult Book Club is for YA fans who are a little less "Y" and a bit more "A." Based off the popular website, we will be meeting every third Sunday of the month to discuss a different title. This month we'll discuss "Ask the Passengers" by A.S. King. Contact the Information Desk at 843-9601 to reserve a copy of the book!

**Movie Maker Workshop**  
**Mar 18 | Tue | 3pm-4pm**  
**Teens**

Are you a YouTube fanatic? Want to learn how to make awesome videos and book trailers? Want to play on a new Microsoft Surface tablet? Then join us at the Microsoft store in Penn Square Mall as we learn Movie Maker on the new Microsoft Surface tablets. Call 843-9601 to sign up.

**Juggling Club**  
**Mar 25 | Tue | 4pm-5pm**  
**Teens**

Join Monica from JuggleWhatever as she teaches you to juggle, spin plates, and use a Chinese Yo-Yo!

**Tech Tots Storytime**  
**Mar 27 | Thu |**  
**10am-11am**  
**Ages 1-5**

Join us at the Microsoft store in Penn Square Mall from 10-11am for a special storytime! Come learn how to check out ebooks for your children and hear some fun, enchanting stories.

**After School at Your Library**  
**Mar 27 | Thu | 4pm-5pm**  
**Ages 10-16**

Have fun with art! Work on creative projects and learn about different kinds of artistic expression. Supplies and snacks will be provided. Call the Information Desk to sign up.

**Book Discussion Group: The Worst Hard Time Revisited: Oklahoma in the Dust Bowl Years**  
**Mar 29 | Sat | 2pm-3:30pm**  
**teens and up**

Let's Talk About It, Oklahoma! offers more than your average book club. These programs have the added bonus of a humanities scholar to broaden discussions. Over the course of five months, we will read and discuss five books: "The Worst Hard Time," "Letters

from the Dust Bowl," "Now in November," "Whose Names Are Unknown," and "Out of the Dust" by Karen Hesse. You can come to one or all of the sessions. Books will be available to borrow at the Information Desk, or you may check one out from the library of your choice. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma Humanities Council

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## Bethany Library

**Yu-Gi-Oh! Club**  
**Mar 1 | Sat | 10am-11:30am**  
**Teens (Ages 12-18)**

Bring your friends and your Yu-Gi-Oh! deck to trade, duel, or just talk Yu-Gi-Oh!

**Winter Story and Craft Time**  
**Mar 6 | Thu | 10am-10:45am**  
**Ages 3-6**

Enjoy stories, songs, nursery rhymes, a traditional flannel board story and a fun craft. For child with an adult. Please pre-register at the information desk or call 789-8363, ext. 3.

**Emedia for Teens**  
**Mar 6 | Thu | 6:30pm-7:30pm**  
**Teens (Ages 12-18)**

It's Teen Tech Month! So, DIY@Your Library and take advantage of all the benefits of having a library card. We have music, magazines, books - all available to download Free! Bring your library card, smartphone, tablet, netbook, or laptop, and let computer guru Matt show you how to rock emedia. Don't have a library card yet? Call us, and we'll tell you what you need. To register for the class or for more information, please call 789-3863, Ext. 3.

**The Children's Hour Evening Story Time**  
**Mar 11 | Tue | 6:30pm-7pm**  
**Ages 3-8**

Share a half-hour of fun with your child! Enjoy stories, songs, nursery rhymes and a traditional flannel board story. Pre-register at the library information desk or call 789-8363, ext. 3.

**Play and Story Time****Mar 13,27 | Thu****9:30am-10:15am & 10:30am-11:15am****Ages 12 Months to 4 Years**

Enjoy play time with your child plus a story, music and nursery rhymes. For child with adult. Choose the 9:30 or 10:30 session.

Pre-register at the library information desk or call 789-8363, ext. 3.

**Storyteller - Al Bostick****Mar 18 | Tue | 2pm-3pm****Children of All Ages**

Oklahoma treasure, Al Bostick, shares his favorite stories for kids of all ages. His special talent for bringing out the best in folktales will have you on the edge of your seat. You won't want to miss it!

**Irish Dancers****Mar 22 | Sat | 2pm-3pm****All Ages**

Jean Hill will host this informative and lively Irish event. Refreshments will be served after the event. Come early for a good seat.

**After School at Your Library****Mar 26 | Wed | 4pm-5pm****Ages 10-16**

Have fun with art! Work on creative projects and learn about different kinds of artistic expression. Supplies and snacks will be provided. Call the Information Desk to sign up.

**Capitol Hill Library**

See pages 15 & 26 for more Capitol Hill Library programs/events.

**Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration****Mar 2 | Sun | 2pm-3pm****All**

Do you like to read with two eyes? Would you like to win a small prize? Do you think that reading is scary? It's not! Come see at the library! Celebrate an early literacy staple at the Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration. Spend time reading for prizes, create a Seussical craft, and learn facts about Dr. Seuss and his books with the family. Check out books by Dr. Seuss on this day or anytime, and have fun with reading at your house too!

**Safari After School Homework and Reading Help****Mondays & Wednesdays | 4pm-6pm****PreK-8th Grade**

Volunteers are standing by to offer one-on-one help for math, science, spelling, and reading. Skilled library staff will connect parents to resources in order to further their child's

education. So kids, sign up when you come in and get ready to ace your classes this year! Homework and reading help is available every Monday and Wednesday except during OKC public school breaks. Please call 634-6308 to verify dates.

**Conversational Spanish II****Mar 3,10,17,24,31 | Mon | 5:30pm-7pm****Adults**

This course is designed for individuals who already have a basic understanding of the Spanish language and want to further increase their Spanish speaking skills. This is a three month, 13 session class that will meet on Mondays February 10th-May 5th. Register by contacting the library, or sign up at the Information Desk.

**Tell Me a Story: Book & Craft****Mar 4 | Tue | 10:30am-11:30am****Ages 6 & under, families**

Join us for a fun event tailored to short attention spans. Stories, songs and games are followed by craft time. It's the perfect way to introduce the library to your little one and to network with other parents and caregivers. Storytime is every Tuesday.

**Game Central****Mar 4 | Tue | 6pm-7:30pm****Ages 10-16**

Join us once a month for a video and board game bonanza! Video and board games cultivate curiosity and lay the ground work for critical thinking skills. The library offers a safe place for teens to participate in an exchange of ideas which extends beyond their usual learning environments.

**Family Place: 1-2-3 Play with Me****Mar 5,12,19,26 | Wed | 11am-12pm****Infants to age 4 w/ Parent**

Playing with your baby or child is important for bonding and for learning. We are providing a time for you and your child to play. A different community resource professional will be available each week to answer your parenting questions. Register by calling the library or visiting the Information Desk.

**Trip Around the World****Mar 5,26 | Wed | 6pm-7:30pm****1st through 5th Grade**

Kids will have a great time during this innovative and hands-on program as they travel the globe and learn about different cultures. Register at the information desk or call the library. Co-sponsor: Junior League of Oklahoma City

**Art in the Afternoon para Familias****Mar 8 | Sat | 2pm-4pm****Kids/teen/families**

Enjoy a day of creativity with family and friends at your friendly neighborhood library! We have a different art or craft project each month lead by local artist Debbie Langston. In March we will make Spring Time garland. All supplies are provided. Come explore your interests and our collection of books on all types of art. We offer this program on the 2nd Saturday of each month.

**Tell Me a Story: Play Dough Power!****Mar 11 | Tue | 10:30am-11:30am****Ages 6 & under, families**

Join us for a fun event tailored to short attention spans. Stories, songs and games are followed by play dough play. Little ones can release their creativity and hone their fine motor skills with colorful dough fun! It's the perfect way to introduce the library to your little one and to network with other parents and caregivers. Storytime is every Tuesday.

**Tell Me a Story: Parachute Play****Mar 18 | Tue | 10:30am-11:30am****Ages 6 & under, families**

Parachute play is an excellent way to help children learn how to cooperate with others and follow directions. This story time is a great way to introduce the library to your child and foster a love of learning. Storytime is every Tuesday.

**Science Kids****Mar 18 | Tue | 6:30pm-7:30pm****1st-6th Grade**

Get psyched with science! Children can satisfy curiosity, explore STEM subjects with hands-on experience and increase their scientific literacy. We feature a different topic every month. All supplies are provided. Call ahead to register; supplies will be limited. 634-6308.

**Tell Me a Story: Play & Learn****Mar 25 | Tue | 10:30am-11:30am****Ages 6 & under, families**

Open play is an excellent way to help children build social skills and learn that the library is a destination for fun! Skilled librarians will introduce little ones to the library and the joys of reading. Storytime is every Tuesday.

**Lego Club****Mar 25 | Tue | 4pm-5pm****Kids**

Encourage your budding engineer or architect at our monthly LEGO Club. Kids can build relationships with their peers while building with blocks, in a safe, friendly,



# TAX HELP



## *Need help preparing your tax return?*

Volunteers from AARP or VITA will be providing free tax preparation and e-filing assistance on a first come, first served basis.

**Belle Isle Library**  
Tuesdays: 9a-1p  
Thursdays: 9a-1p  
Saturdays: 9a-Noon

**Capitol Hill Library**  
Tuesdays: Noon-2p  
Fridays: 9a-2p

**Edmond Library**  
Mondays: Noon-8p  
Thursdays: 10a-3p

**Northwest Library**  
Wednesdays: 9:30a-3p

**Ralph Ellison Library**  
Saturdays: 10a-4p

**Village Library**  
Tuesdays: 9a-3p  
Wednesdays: 9a-3p  
Saturdays: 9a-3p

**Warr Acres Library**  
Mondays: 9a-3p  
Fridays: 9a-3p

community environment. Kids learn about space, relationships, proportions and math all while creating with Legos. Take your experience home by checking out our collection of books on Lego building.

### **After School at Your Library** **Mar 27 | Thu | 4pm-5pm** **Ages 10-16**

Have fun with art! Work on creative projects and learn about different kinds of artistic expression. Supplies and snacks will be provided. Call the Information Desk to sign up.

## **Choctaw Library**

*See pages 11, 17 & 26 for more Choctaw Library programs/events.*

### **Gem and Mineral Demo Day at the Library** **Mar 1 | Sat | 10am-3pm** **All Ages**

Members of the Shawnee Gem and Mineral Club will provide an overview of the club's activities. Demonstrations of jewelry making and many facets of gems/minerals will be presented. This event is a come and go affair. No registration necessary. School-aged children and young adults are welcome.

### **Lapsit Storytime** **Mar 4,11,18,25 | Tue | 9:30am-10am** **6 mos to 3 years**

Parents and children come enjoy simple songs, rhymes, and stories together. Then we will have time for play and social skills. Please call 390-8418 or stop by the Information Desk.

### **Preschool Storytime** **Mar 4,11,18,25 | Tue | 10:30am-11am** **Age 3-5**

Build early literacy skills. Join us for stories, songs, fingerplays and just plain fun. Please call-390-8418 or stop by the library for more information.

**Jewelry Making with George**  
**Mar 4 | Tue | 6pm-8pm**  
**Older Teens(17 and Older) and Adults**  
Local jewelry making expert and rock hound, George D. Finley of the Shawnee Gem & Mineral Club, will lead this class. Participants will create wire jewelry and take home their creation. Supplies are provided. Books will be available for checkout. Pre-registration required. Co-Sponsor: EOC Tech/ Shawnee Gem and Mineral Club

### **Lil Lit Reading Club** **Mar 5,12,26 | Wed | 10am-10:30am** **Ages 4 and up**

Join the Lil' Lit' Club for weekly reading activities. Children will benefit from reading

the selection in advance with their family. Check with the Information Desk for next title or call 390-8418 for more information.

### **Parachute Play** **Mar 6 | Thu | 10:30am-11am** **Age 3-5**

While playing games with a parachute, children will have the opportunity to practice skills such as: following directions, socializing with others, using language, using small and large muscles, and remaining in control during active play. Class size is limited to 12 children and their parent or caregiver. Call 390-8418.

### **Homework Cafe** **Mar 6 | Thu | 3pm-4:30pm** **Teens**

Choctaw Library is hosting a monthly Homework Cafe. We will provide a quiet place to work on homework in groups or alone and will have volunteers available to tutor if needed. Light refreshments will be provided.

### **Family Place: 1-2-3 Play with Me** **Mar 7,14,21,28 | Fri | 10am-11am** **Infants to age 4 w/ parent**

Playing with your baby or child is important for bonding and for learning. We are providing a time for you and your child to play. A different community resource professional will be available each week to

answer your parenting questions. Register by calling the library or visiting the Information Desk.

### Open Play Time

**Mar 8 | Sat | 10am-11am**

**6 months - 5 years**

Sharing in playtime with your young child helps promote learning and development. Each second Saturday the Choctaw Library provides a roomful of great toys for children ages 6 months to 5 years. We invite you to join in the fun! Call 390-8418 to register.

### Unknown West: Black Marshals, Cowboys and Scouts

**Mar 15 | Sat | 2pm-3pm**

**Adults**

Oklahoma author, Sean Chandler will present a historical overview of the Unknown West featuring Black Marshals, cowboys and scouts. Chandler will include Bass Reeve, Bill Pickett and lesser known scouts.

### 4th Annual WayWord Whopper Festival

**Mar 22 | Sat | 9:15am-1:30pm**

**Adults**

A unique and fun mini-storytelling festival that will showcase storytellers sharing their best of the best whoppers. Tellers will be judged in several categories: Family Funny, Folk & Fairy and Wild Whoppee Whoppers (Tall Tales). Unusual prizes and certificates will be presented. Light refreshments will be served. Co-sponsors: WayWord Tellers, Oklahoma Territory Tellers and EOC Tech Center

### Ookami Anime Club

**Mar 22 | Sat | 2:30pm-4pm**

**Teens**

Share and discuss your favorite Anime and Manga (Japanese drawings and animation). Screen new Anime episodes each month! Snacks, drawing supplies, and crafts will be provided so come join the fun! \*Anime may contain material that is considered unsuitable for ages 13 and younger.

### Lego Club

**Mar 26 | Wed | 4pm-5:30pm**

**All Ages**

Build with the Lego Club at the Choctaw Library. Open to all ages. Legos provided. Join us on the last Wednesday or call for more information at 390-8418.

### Teen Movie Night

**Mar 27 | Thu | 6pm-8pm**

**Ages 13 - 18**

Teens! Please join the Choctaw Library for a movie screening and popcorn. Please call 390-8418 for movie titles and rating information.

### Acrylic Painting for the Artist in You!

**Mar 29 | Sat | 9:30am-12:30pm**

**Older Teens(16+) and Adults**

Debbie Langston, renowned Oklahoma Art instructor will present this workshop on awesome acrylic painting. Debbie's acrylic "laying" tips and techniques are simply the best. Art workshop participants will take home their artwork. Bring your favorite item to use as a model. Pre-registration preferred. Supplies will be provided.

## Del City Library

*See page 11 for more Del City Library programs/events.*

### Homework Help

**Mar 3,6,10,13,17,20,24 | Mon & Thur**

**4pm-6pm**

**K-12**

Need some extra help with your homework? Volunteers will be standing by to offer one-on-one homework help on a first come, first served basis. Sign up when you come in, and get ready to ace your classes this year!

### Storytime

**Mar 4,11,18,25 | Tue | 10am-10:30am**

**Age 2-4**

Build early literacy skills. Join us for stories, songs, fingerplays and just plain fun. Please call 672-1377 or stop by the library for more information.

### Ayumu Anime Club

**Mar 4 | Tue | 4:30pm-5:30pm**

**Ages 13 and up**

Share and watch your favorite Anime and Manga.

### Hooked on Yarn

**Mar 5,12,19,26 | Wed | 6pm-7pm**

**Adults**

Crochet with friends! Students of all ages and skill levels are welcome. Classes are from 6-7pm every Wednesday. Yarn and crochet hooks will be provided, but participants can bring their own if they have them.

### Chess Club

**Mar 7 | Fri | 4pm-5pm**

**All Ages**

Chess players of every age and level are invited for friendly competition on the first Friday of every month at the Del City Library. For more information please call 672-1377 or visit us at the Information Desk.

### Teen Reads Book Club

**Mar 11 | Tues | 4:30pm-5:30pm**

**Teens**

Read the book first or read it after, just be ready to talk books! This month we are reading "This Song Will Save Your Life" by Leila Sales. Reserve a copy or stop by the Information Desk to pick up a copy of the book.

### Lego Club

**Mar 17 | Mon | 4:30pm-5:30pm**

**All Ages**

Love Legos? Come build with us! Bricks provided. Children under 8 should be accompanied by a parent or guardian. For more information visit us at the Del City Library or call us at 672-1377.

### Snakes In the Library!

**Mar 17 | Mon | 6pm-7pm**

**All Ages**

How do you recognize a venomous snake? Which snakes make good pets? Larry Daniel from the OKC Herpetological and Invertebrate Society will be here to answer these questions and more. For more information call 672-1377.

### Journal Junkies

**Mar 18 | Tues | 4:30pm-5:30pm**

**Ages 16+**

Write, draw, paint, sketch, stamp, and scribble your thoughts to create unique journal pages. We will provide materials, ideas, techniques, and writing prompts to inspire you to express yourself. Please pre-register.

### Movie Matinee

**Mar 19 | Wed | 4pm-6pm**

**All Ages**

Join us at the Library for a movie and popcorn. Call 672-1377 for movie title and rating.

### Board Game Geeks

**Mar 21 | Fri | 4pm-5:30pm**

**All Ages**

Play board games and card games, meet new friends, or learn a new game. You are welcome to bring a favorite game of your own or play one of ours.



# CHILDREN READING TO DOGS

Children can practice and improve their reading skills by reading aloud to a certified therapy dog. Bring your own book or borrow one of ours.



**Almonte Library** Mondays, 7-8pm

**Capitol Hill Library** Saturday, Mar 8, 1-2pm

**Choctaw Library** Saturday, Mar 8, 3-4pm  
Wednesday, Mar 19, 4-5pm

*Register at the Information Desk or call 390-8418*

**Downtown Library** Saturday, Mar 15, 3-4pm

**Edmond Library** Tuesdays, Mar 4, 18, 6:30-7:30pm

**Midwest City Library** Tuesdays, Mar 11, 25, 7-8pm

**Nicoma Park Library** Thursday, Mar 6, 4pm-4:45pm

*Register at the Information Desk or call 769-9452*

**Northwest Library** Mondays, 6-7pm

**Southern Oaks Library** Tuesday, Mar 11, 6:30-7:30p  
Saturday, Mar 22, 10-11am

*Register at the Information Desk or call 631-4468*

**The Village Library** Wednesdays, 6-7pm  
Thursdays, 3:30-4:30pm

**Warr Acres Library** Thursday, Mar 6, 6:30-7:30pm



## After School at Your Library

**Mar 26 | Wed | 4pm-5pm**

**Ages 10-16**

Have fun with art! Work on creative projects and learn about different kinds of artistic expression. Supplies and snacks will be provided. Call the Information Desk to sign up.

## Downtown Library

*See pages 11 & 17 for more Downtown Library programs/events.*

### Eco Kids: Earth-Friendly Jewelry

**Mar 3 | Mon | 6:30pm-7:30pm**

**1st-6th Grade**

Join us for part 2 of this 3 part series led by naturalist, Neil Garrison. For this session we'll make ecology beads. Instead of throwing junk mail into the landfill, let's use it to make some beads for jewelry. It's recycling and it's fun! To register please call 606-3856. Parking is free after 6 pm.

### Wednesday Night at the Movies!

**Mar 5, 12, 19, 26 | Wed | 6pm-8pm**

**Ages 13+**

Please join the Downtown Library for a movie every Wednesday night. Please call 231-8650 for movie titles.

## Urban Sprouts

**Mar 6, 20 | Thu | 10am-10:30am**

**Ages 1-5**

We are taking the old school storytime and giving it a fresh, new, hip twist for all the urban toddlers and their parents out there. Every first & third Thursday.

## Noon Tunes

**Mar 6, 13, 20, 27 | Thu | 12pm-1pm**

**All Ages**

3/6-Lisa & Laura, Acoustic folk-rock duo.

3/13-Gaye Leblanc, harpist

3/20-String Studio of Kare'n Khanagov

3/27-Al Soltani & Doostahn, Middle Eastern

## Job Search Strategies

**Mar 8, 15, 22 | Sat | 10am-12pm**

**Adults**

Are you looking for a new job? Does your resume need to be updated? Or maybe you just want to brush up on your interviewing skills? If so, this three-part series featuring experts in hiring and recruiting from Accel Financial Staffing is for you. Join us for any or all of the sessions!

Mar 8-Session One: Find the Perfect Job  
Librarians and recruiting experts will be on hand to show you the best places and techniques for finding open positions.

Mar 15-Session Two: Renovate your Resume - Bring a copy of your resume either in print or on a USB and our experts will give you the tools you need to craft it

into a masterpiece! Don't have a resume yet? We'll help you build one!

Mar 22-Session Three: Interview Like a Pro - Get interview tricks of the trade from recruiting professionals. Role-play and mock interviews will help hone your interview skills

All sessions will be held in the Route 66 Computer Lab. Please call 231-8650 to register as space is limited.

## 2nd Sunday Downtown

**Mar 9 | Sun | 2pm-3pm**

**All Ages**

Come to the Downtown Library every second Sunday of the month for an entertaining, diverse and engaging program. From book/movie discussions to lectures and musical concerts, it's every 2nd Sunday at 2PM. Please call 606-3879 for more information on the programs being offered.

## St. Patrick's Day Stories and Crafts

**Mar 10 | Mon | 6:30pm-7:30pm**

**Children**

Join us for St. Patrick's Day stories and crafts! Children under 8 should be accompanied by a caregiver. To register please call 606-3856. Parking is free after 6 pm.

**Urban Sprouts - Wild Card****Mar 13 | Thu | 10am-10:30am****Ages 1-5**

We could be creating a craft or enjoying a performance. Maybe we will do a song & a dance, or meeting a wacky, wild visitor. You'll have to stop in to find out what this month's Wild Card is going to be! Offered the second and fifth Thursday of each month.

**D.I.Y. with Duct Tape!****Mar 13 | Thu | 6pm-7:30pm****Ages 12-17**

From wallets to bowties, duct tape is one of the most useful items to have around. Attend the Downtown library "D.I.Y. with Duct Tape" program to learn how to make cool stuff with duct tape! Registration required. To register call (405) 606-3879.

**Learn to Draw with Danny Gordon, World Famous Dog Artist!****Mar 15 | Sat | 1:30pm-2:30pm****Grades 1-3**

All art is made up of shapes and lines. World-famous dog artist, Danny Gordon will show you how to use these elements to make drawing fun and easy. All supplies provided. Come join us and stay afterwards to participate in our Children Reading to Dogs program! To register please call 606-3856.

**Kids Gameapalooza****Mar 17 | Mon | 6:30pm-7:30pm****Children**

Join us for game night at the library. Family members of all ages are encouraged to attend and participate along with their children. Children under 8 should be accompanied by a caregiver. Bring your own board game or play one of ours. No registration required and parking is free after 6 pm!

**LEGO Club****Mar 24 | Mon | 6:30pm-7:30pm****Ages 6-12**

Young LEGO builders are invited to join Downtown's monthly club meet-up. LEGO bricks and supplies provided. You need only bring your imagination and team spirit! Children under 8 should be accompanied by a caregiver. No registration required and parking is free after 6 pm.

**Music Play with Miss Ginger****Mar 27 | Thu | 10am-10:45am****Ages 1-5**

Enjoy songs, musical games and a story with Ginger Waldrip of Ginger's Music. Instruments will be provided for those who have registered by calling 606-3862. Offered the fourth Thursday of each month.

**Edmond Library**

See pages 11, 17, 25 & 26 for more Edmond Library programs/events.

For more information or to register for a program, please stop by the information desk or call 341-9282.

**Computer Tutoring****Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays****1pm-4pm****Adults**

Whether you are a computer novice or more knowledgeable and want to improve your existing skills, one-on-one tutoring sessions are available. Please register.

**AARP Driver's Safety Program****Mar 1 | Sat | 9:30am-3am****Ages 16 and older**

If you want to learn how to be a better driver AND save money, attend this program and become eligible for a discount on your auto insurance premium. The cost is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members, payable in cash or by check. Registration begins Feb. 3.

**Stamp Club****Mar 1 | Sat | 10am-12pm****Grades 4 and higher**

Explore the histories and cultures of other countries through the art of stamp collecting. Join experienced collectors who can guide you in this rewarding hobby. Call 348-4607 to register.

**Advanced Farsi****Mar 2,9,16,23,30 | Sun | 1:30pm-2:30pm****Adults and Teens**

For those who have some familiarity with spoken and written Farsi. There is a supply charge of \$30 per month, payable to the instructor. All written materials are provided by the instructor.

**Beginning Farsi****Mar 2,9,16,23,30 | Sun | 2:30pm-3:30pm****Adults and Teens**

For those who have no prior experience speaking or writing Farsi. There is a supply

charge of \$30 per month, payable to the instructor. All written materials are provided by the instructor.

**Preschool Story Time****Mar 3,10,17,24,31 | Mondays****10am-10:30am****11am-11:30am****Ages 3-5 years**

Prepare your child for kindergarten at story time where they will get to listen to special stories, interact with other children, and participate in craft time. We'll practice counting, identifying colors, and reciting the ABC's too!

**Chess Club for Kids****Mar 3,17 | Mon | 5pm-6pm****Kids/Teens**

If you are interested in chess, come play (or learn to play) at chess club! We will meet the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month. All ages and skill levels are welcome. Guidance and materials will be provided.

**Lapsit Storytime****Mar 4,11,18,25 | Tuesdays****9am-9:40am****10:10am-10:50am****11:15am-11:55am****Birth to 2 years-old**

Join us for an early literacy program filled with big time fun! We will have 15 minutes of free play followed by a storytime incorporating books, rhymes, music, movement, and more. Sign-up is not required but class size is limited.

**Murder on the Menu: A Cozy Mysteries Book Club****Mar 4 | Tue | 12pm-1pm****Adults**

Bring your own brown bag lunch (tea and water provided), and join us for the latest cozy mystery. March will find us discussing "Death of Yesterday: A Hamish MacBeth Mystery" by M.C. Beaton.

**Baby Bounce****Mar 5,12,19,26 | Wed | 9am-9:45am****Birth to 15 months**

Playtime is a special time for you and your baby to bond and socialize, but it is educational too, encouraging sensory and motor development. Playtime is followed by a bouncy and fun lapsit storytime just for this age, with rhymes, rhythms, songs, and books designed to develop their emerging literacy and language skills. Sign-up is not required but class size is limited.



**Terrific 2's Storytime**  
**Mar 5,12,19,26 | Wednesdays**  
**10:10-10:50**

**11:15am-11:55am**

**Two year olds**

This is a storytime just for the terrific 2- year-old in your life. We will have 15 minutes of free play followed by a storytime, incorporating books, music, rhymes, and movement. It's a fun way to encourage their emerging language, literacy, and social skills. Sign-up is not required but class size is limited.

**Family Place: 1-2-3 Play with Me**  
**Mar 6,13,20,27 | Thu | 10am-11am**  
**Infants to age 4 w/ Parent**

Playing with your baby or child is important for bonding and for learning. We are providing a time for you and your child to play. A different community resource professional will be available each week to answer your parenting questions. Please register.

**Manga and Anime Club**  
**Mar 6 | Thu | 4pm-5pm**  
**Teens**

Local teens meet to discuss, watch, draw, and trade anime and manga. Snacks are provided, and this club is free to join! After the meeting, check out our collection of manga and graphic novels. Some material discussed may be unsuitable for younger teens or children.

**Family Storytime**  
**Mar 6,13,27 | Thu | 6:30pm-7:15pm**  
**Young Children and their Caregivers**  
Put on your pajamas and grab your favorite stuffed friend. We will enjoy stories, songs, music, rhymes, and an occasional craft, so come join the fun! Sign up online at [www.metrolibrary.org](http://www.metrolibrary.org).

**Baby Signs Storytime**  
**Mar 7 | Fri |**  
**10am-10:45am**

**Birth-2 with Caregivers**

Have you ever wished you could communicate better with your baby? You can with Baby Signs! Join Miss Mary and Beebo the Signing bear for a fun filled playtime and storytime that will benefit both you and your baby. Please register.

**Edmond Library Book Bunch**  
**Mar 8 | Sat |**  
**2pm-3:30pm**  
**Seniors**

The Book Bunch meets monthly to discuss books selected by our group members. The book for March is "The Golem and the

Jinni" by Helene Wecker. Contact the library to reserve a copy today.

**Readers' Choice Book Club**

**Mar 8 | Sat |**  
**10:30am-12pm**

**Adults**

The Reader's Choice Book Club meets the second Saturday of every month at the Edmond Library. The group consists of people who enjoy reading outstanding books and discussing them. The book selection for March is "The Cuckoo's Calling" by Robert Galbraith.

**Yu-Gi-Oh! Tournament**

**Mar 8 | Sat |**  
**3pm-4:30pm**

**School-aged children**

Calling all Yu-Gi-Oh players! Come get your game on at the Edmond Library. This tournament is for all school-aged children with their own cards.

**Young Professionals Book Club**

**Mar 9 | Sun | 3pm-4pm**

**Adults**

Finished with college but still craving intellectual discussion? Join us to talk about some dense, sometimes-esoteric, wholly-awesome texts-- both fiction and nonfiction. This month we'll discuss "Heads You Lose" by Lisa Lutz & David Hayward.

**Teen Service Team**

**Mar 12,26 | Wed | 4pm-6pm**  
**Ages 12-18**

Meet new friends and give back to your community! Join the Teen Service Team and collaborate on decorating, cleaning, and program support projects. Earn volunteer hours and learn more about how your library works from the inside. Registration and parental permission required; call us or e-mail [mhuntwilson@metrolibrary.org](mailto:mhuntwilson@metrolibrary.org) for more information.

**eMedia Workshops**

**Mar 15 | Sat | 2pm-4:15pm**  
**Adults**

Join our public computer specialist to learn about using your Kindle or Nook to access books electronically. Kindle users meet at 2:00, and Nook users meet at 3:15. Space is limited. Please register.

**Smartphone Photography Workshop**

**Mar 17 | Mon | 2pm-4pm**  
**Ages 12-18**

Want to make your photos pop? Join photographer Eric Lyons for a free class that will teach you to make the most of your smartphone's features. Learn how to

compose an excellent photograph, and check out our materials on photography technique. Registration and a smartphone are required.

**Krafty Kids**

**Mar 19 | Wed | 6:30pm-7:30pm**  
**5-10 years**

Inspire your child's creativity and connect with others while making a festive holiday craft at the library! Check out some craft books for more project ideas to make at home. The class is free but space is limited so call today to register.

**Divergent Faction Tea Party**

**Mar 20 | Thu | 3pm-4pm**  
**Ages 12-18**

Are you a faction member, or are you Divergent? Join our Faction Tea Party to celebrate the movie release based on Veronica Roth's popular book. Dress in your faction colors and select a tea steeped appropriately for your society's standards! Discuss the book trilogy and other dystopias, enjoy some snacks, and "geek out" with your fellow fans.

**Music with Joy**

**Mar 21 | Fri**  
**9:15am-10am**

**Birth to 2 years**

Join Miss Joy for a morning of musical activities just for babies, toddlers, and their caregivers. Older siblings are welcome and encouraged to bring a stuffed animal to participate. Pre-register on the 15th of the month at [www.metrolibrary.org](http://www.metrolibrary.org); click Calendar, then select this event.

**Music with Joy**

**Mar 21 | Fri**  
**10:15am-11am & 11:15am-12pm**  
**Ages 2 1/2 to 5 years**

Join Miss Joy for a morning of musical activities just for this age. There will be singing, instruments, and rhythmic activities. Pre-register on the 15th of the month online at [www.metrolibrary.org](http://www.metrolibrary.org).

**Spring Break Movie**

**Mar 21 | Fri | 3pm-5pm**  
**School Age Children and Up**

Come take a movie break at the library! Watch the Smithsonian come to life after dark in a popular comedy. Afterwards, check out a book on some of the movie's famous characters and find out their real story. Popcorn and lemonade will be provided. This movie is rated PG.

**Book Club Kids**

**Mar 22 | Sat | 10:30am-11:30am**  
**8-12 years**

Love to read? Discover new books and meet

others who share your passion at this book club just for kids! Reserve a copy of this month's selection, "The Tale of Desereaux," by Kate DiCamillo and come prepared to answer trivia questions to win awesome prizes. Please register.

### **Build Your Own Business**

**Mar 22 | Sat | 1pm-3pm**

#### **Adults**

Explore the option of being your own boss with the Service Corps of Retired Executives who will answer essential questions about the process and planning necessary to own your own business. Learn about business plans, business structures, taxes, loans and more.

### **History Book Club**

**Mar 25 | Tue | 6:30pm-8pm**

#### **Adults**

The Edmond History Book Club is held every other month, September through May. The sessions are led by history professors from the University of Central Oklahoma. The March discussion, led by Dr. Stan Adamiak, will focus on "Bunker Hill: a City, a Siege, a Revolution" by Nathaniel Philbrick. Contact the library to reserve a copy.

### **Introduction to Watercolor**

**Mar 29 | Sat | 10am-12pm**

#### **Ages 16-Adults**

Jim Pourtorkan will be teaching basic watercolor painting techniques. You will learn how to apply color and compose a painting. All supplies will be provided. Registration begins March 1.

### **Parent and Child Watercolor Class**

**Mar 29 | Sat | 2pm-4pm**

#### **Ages 8-12 with a parent**

Jim Pourtorkan will be teaching beginning watercolor painting techniques to children 8-12 and their parents. You will learn how to apply color and compose a painting. All supplies will be provided. Class size is limited to 10 children and one parent per child. Registration begins March 1.

## **Harrah Library**

### **Fun With Nails**

**Mar 29 | Sat | 2pm-3pm**

#### **Ages 11 & up**

Tips & Tricks on painting your nails! Pre-register by calling 454-2001.

## **Midwest City Library**

*See pages 11, 17, 25 & 26 for more Midwest City Library programs/events.*

### **Display: Typewriters, Cell Phones and Floppies Oh My!**

Old Skool Technology at the Midwest City Library. We are celebrating Teen Technology Week, March 9 - 15. Visit our display of typewriters, cell phones and floppy disks - technology of the past. Displays available in our lobby and Young Adult area.

### **Computer Basics Tutoring**

**Mondays & Saturdays**

#### **Adults**

Learn the fundamental skills necessary to operate computers. These one-on-one tutoring sessions cover such topics as: mouse, keyboard, internet, e-mail, and Windows. Each session lasts one hour. Call the library at 732-4828 to make an appointment.

### **Natural Hair Program**

**Mar 1 | Sat | 10am-11am**

#### **Adults**

Many struggle with how properly to care for natural tresses. With the influx of natural hair blogs, tutorials, products and videos, the natural hair journey can be daunting. If you do not have a good understanding of what works for YOUR hair, please attend this monthly program. To attend, register at the Information Desk or call 732-4828.

### **A Night with Dr Seuss!**

**Mar 3 | Mon | 5pm-7pm**

#### **5-10 year olds**

Join us as we celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday in a Read Across America Event. There will be stories, games, crafts, and snacks!

### **Music with Babies**

**Mar 3 | Mon | 9:30am-10:15am**

#### **0-2 1/2 years old with parent**

Join Miss Joy for a morning of musical activities just for babies. Instruments will be provided. The skills used in this class best match 0- 2 1/2 year olds.

### **Music with Miss Joy**

**Mar 3 | Mon | 10:30am-11:15am**

#### **Ages 2 1/2- 4 years old with parent**

Join Miss Joy for a morning of musical activities just for preschoolers. Instruments will be provided. The skills used in this class best match 2 1/2- 4 year olds.

### **Evening Storytime**

**Mar 4 | Tue | 7pm-8pm**

#### **Age 3 - older**

We will enjoy stories, songs, poems, rhymes and the occasional craft. All children should be accompanied by an adult. No registration required.

### **MC Nonfiction Book Club**

**Mar 4 | Tue | 10am-11am**

#### **Adults**

Come join us for the Midwest City Nonfiction Book Club where we read and discuss an array of titles of varying subject matter. Please visit the Information Desk or call 732-4828 to receive title information and your copy of this month's selection.

### **Teen Advisory Board**

**Mar 5 | Wed | 5pm-6pm**

#### **Teen**

Calling all Teens! Get involved at the Midwest City Library. For more information, contact Suzette at 732-4828.

### **Teen Creative Writing Program**

**Mar 5,12,19,26 | Wed | 6:30pm-7:30pm**

#### **Teen**

Exercise your creativity at the Teen Creative Writing Workshop. Attendees will learn the fundamentals of writing dialogue and action, as well as character conceiving and story outlining. For more information contact Suzette at 732-4828.

### **DIY-Teen Tech Week**

**Sunday-Saturday | Mar 9-15**

#### **Teens**

To celebrate Teen Tech Week, the Midwest City Library will host Teen Choice Awards. Teens complete a write-in ballot and list favorite video games, movie(s), music and TV series. Results will be posted on Monday, March 17. Ballots and voting box are located in the Teen Area. Submission begins Sunday, March 9 and concludes March 15. Several ballots will be randomly chosen for cool prizes. For more information, contact Suzette at 732-4828.

### **Homework Help**

**Mar 6,13,27 | Thu | 4pm-6pm**

#### **Elementary Aged Students**

Need help with your homework? Our volunteer homework helpers are ready to help elementary school students on a first come first served basis. Get ready to have a great school year!

### **Trip Around the World**

**Mar 8,29 | Sat | 2pm-3:30pm**

#### **1st through 5th Grade**

Kids will have a great time during this

innovative and hands-on program as they travel the globe and learn about different cultures. Register at the Information Desk or call the library. Co-Sponsor: Junior League of Oklahoma City

#### **Toddler Storytime**

**Mar 10,24,31 | Mon | 10am-11am**  
**Ages 1-5**

Join us for story time! There will be songs, fingerplays, rhymes, and special stories. Come and join the fun! Older siblings are welcome. All children should be accompanied by an adult. No registration required.

#### **Midwest City Writing Group**

**Mar 10,24 | Mon | 6pm-8pm**  
**Adults**

The Midwest City Library Writing Group will meet the second and fourth Monday of each month as a place for fiction writers to meet with their peers for support and critique of their work.

#### **DIY - Can-Do-Robots**

**Mar 12 | Wed | 5pm-6pm**  
**Teen**

Make your own Can-Do-Robot. All supplies provided by the library. To attend, register at the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828. Space is limited.

#### **Head's Up: Concussion Causes, Prevention and Consequences**

**Mar 13 | Thu | 6pm-7pm**  
**All Ages**

Join an expert from the Injury Prevention Service of the Oklahoma State Department of Health to learn more about the important topics relating to concussions. Issues include: signs and symptoms, ABCs, what actions to take, how concussion pertains to sports, concussions in infants, children, and toddlers, and the public's influence. This free workshop will be of interest to all.

#### **Motor Vehicle Crash Prevention Course**

**Mar 15 | Sat | 9am-4pm**  
**Adults**

All licensed drivers are invited to participate in a certified AAA instructed class. A material fee of \$30.00 applies; AAA members will receive a discount. Please call 1-800-222-2582 to register.

#### **ABC Yoga**

**Mar 17 | Mon | 10am-11am**  
**Age 3 - older**

A is for Airplane, B is for Butterfly, and C is for Cobra. Inspired by Teresa Anne Power's delightful picture book, *The ABCs of Yoga for Kids*, you won't want to miss this exciting opportunity to exercise both your brain and body.

#### **Weaving with Donna**

**Mar 17 | Mon | 1pm-4pm**  
**Teens**

Learn to weave with Donna Hilton at the Midwest City Library. Participants learn the beauty of weaving and will create a wonderful item. Space is limited and registration is required. All supplies provided. To attend, please contact the Information Desk or call 732-4828.

#### **Family Craft Night**

**Mar 18 | Tue | 7pm-8pm**  
**All ages**

Come to the library for a fun evening of craft activities. We will have tables set up with activities for all ages and skill levels.

#### **MC Readers' Society Book Club**

**Mar 18 | Tue | 10am-11am**  
**Adults**

The Readers' Society meets the third Tuesday of each month to discuss adult fiction in a variety of genres. The book for March is "The House at the End of Hope Street" by Menna van Praag. Call 732-4828 or visit the Information Desk to reserve a copy.

#### **Interactive Family Movie!**

**Mar 19 | Wed | 10am-12am**  
**All ages**

Join us for an interactive movie fit for the entire family. Call the information desk for film details. Space is limited so show up early.

#### **Teen Movie Discussion**

**Mar 19 | Wed | 2pm-5pm**  
**Teens**

Call all Teens! Wednesday's movie will focus on South Central Los Angeles. Started as a form of healing after the devastating L.A. riots in 1992, the South Central Farmers have since created a miracle in one of the country's most blighted neighborhoods. Growing their own food. Feeding their families. Creating a community. But now, bulldozers are poised to level their 14-acre oasis. Discussion after movie. To attend, register at the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828.

#### **Lego Club**

**Mar 20 | Thu | 4pm-5pm**  
**Ages 5-10 with adult**

Come have fun building with Legos around a science theme! Legos will be provided.

#### **Metropolitan Library Commission of Oklahoma County Meeting**

**Mar 20 | Thu | 3:30pm-5pm**  
Midwest City Library  
8143 E. Reno  
Midwest City, OK 73110  
405.732.4828

#### **Warm Season Veggies**

**Mar 20 | Thu | 1:30pm-3pm**  
**Adults**

It's time to get your warm season garden in order! Join us with Ray Ridlen of OSU-OKC to learn the best practices of spring and summer vegetable gardening. No registration required.

#### **Weaving with Donna**

**Mar 22 | Sat | 1pm-4pm**  
**Adults**

Learn to weave with Donna Hilton at the Midwest City Library. Participants learn the beauty of weaving and will create a wonderful item. Space is limited and registration is required. All supplies provided. To attend, please contact the Information Desk or call 732-4828.

#### **Family Place: 1-2-3! Play with Me!**

**Mar 27 | Thu | 2pm-3pm**  
**Infants to Age 4 w/ Parent**

Playing with your baby or child is important for bonding and for learning. We are providing a time for you and your child to play. A different community resource professional will be available each week to answer your parenting questions. Register by calling the library or visiting the Information Desk.

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### **Nicoma Park Library**

*See page 17 for more Nicoma Park Library programs/events.*

#### **Coffee Shop & More**

**Mar 14 | Fri | 9:30am-11am**  
**Adults**

Come to the Nicoma Park Library for a coffee break made just for you. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate will be served along with light refreshments. Mingle and talk about books or your favorite activities. This is a come-and-go event or feel free to stay a while and play a game of cards or dominos.



**Lady Crafters****Mar 18 | Tue | 10am-12pm  
Adults**

Ladies of all ages create crafts suitable for the season on the third Tuesday of the month. Join us for fun! Call 769-9452 for more information.

**Preschool Storytime****Mar 27 | Thu | 9:30am-10:30am  
Ages 3-5**

Join Miss Lois for storytime! There will be special stories, silly songs, and exciting activities. Come be a part of the fun. Call Vickie at 769-9452 for more information.

**Northwest Library**

See pages 11, 17, 25 & 26 for more Northwest Library programs/events.

**Toddler Time****Mar 4,6,11,13,18,20,25,27  
Tue and Thurs | 10a-10:30a  
Tues | 1p-1:30p  
Ages 3-5**

Bring your little one to the library for some fun and educational activities. Sessions rotate to offer a variety of activities to help develop different early literacy skills. Sign up for January's programs open at 9a on 2/25/14. Call 606-3580 to register.

3/4/14 and 3/6/14 Play With Me: play time followed by a short story time.

3/11/14 and 3/13/14 Story Time: story time with 4-6 books, songs, and rhymes.

3/18/14 and 3/20/14 Wiggles and Giggles: different movement games. This month we offer Toddler Aerobics!

3/25/14 and 3/27/14 Music Play: music games.

**Busy Babies****Mar 4,6,11,13,18,20,25,27  
Tue and Thurs | 10:45a-11:15a  
Tues | 1:45p-2:15p  
Ages 0-2**

Bring your little one to the library for some fun and educational activities. Sessions rotate to offer a variety of activities to help develop different early literacy skills. Sign up for January's programs open at 9a on 2/25/14. Call 606-3580 to register.

3/4/14 and 3/6/14 Play With Me: play time followed by a short lapsit story time.

3/11/14 and 3/13/14 Lapsit Story Time: story time with 3-5 books, songs, and rhymes.

3/18/14 and 3/20/14 Wiggles and Giggles: different movement games. This month we offer Toddler Aerobics!

3/25/14 and 3/27/14 Music Play: music games.

**Budding Bookworms: Children's Book Club****Mar 10 | Mon | 4pm-5pm**

A children's book club is a great way to share your opinions and meet others with similar interests. This month we will read and discuss "Magic Marks the Spot" by Caroline Carlson. Reserve your copy today! Call 606-3580 to register.

**Chess Club****Mar 13 | Thu | 5:30pm-7pm****All Ages**

If you are interested in chess, come play (or learn to play) at chess club! We will meet the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. All ages and skill levels are welcome. Guidance and materials will be provided.

**Book Club****Mar 14 | Fri | 1pm-2pm  
Adults**

Come join us the 2nd Friday of each month to discuss a new book! This month we will read and discuss "Irresistible Blueberry Bakeshop and Cafe" by Mary Simses. Reserve your copy today.

**Journal Junkies****Mar 20 | Thu | 4pm-5:30pm  
Teens**

Want to meet other teens who like writing and art? We will provide materials, ideas, techniques, and writing prompts to explore your interests by creating unique journal pages on the 3rd Thursday monthly. Call 606-3580 to register.

**After School at Your Library****Mar 26 | Wed | 4:30pm-5:30pm  
Ages 10-16**

Have fun with art! Work on creative projects and learn about different kinds of artistic expression. Supplies and snacks will be provided. Call to sign up.

**Chess Club****Mar 27 | Thu | 5:30pm-7pm****All Ages**

If you are interested in chess, come play (or learn to play) at chess club! We will meet the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. All ages and skill levels are welcome. Guidance and materials will be provided.

**Tech Talks: Social Media 101****Mar 29 | Sat | 2pm-3pm  
Teens and Adults**

Social Media can be used to connect with others on a personal and professional basis. Come learn from our trained staff how

to use Social Media to connect with your friends and family, professionals, and the Metropolitan Library System.

**Ralph Ellison Library**

See page 11 for more Ralph Ellison Library programs/events.

**ABC Yoga****Mar 6 | Thu | 6pm-7pm****Age 3 - older**

A is for Airplane, B is for Butterfly, and C is for Cobra. Inspired by Teresa Anne Power's delightful picture book, *The ABCs of Yoga for Kids*, you won't want to miss this exciting opportunity to exercise both your brain and body.

**Break the Cycle! Bullying is Abuse too!****Mar 10 | Mon | 9am-11am  
All Ages**

Ralph Ellison is making March 10th-14th Anti Bullying week. The issue has become more complex than ever. What is the root of the problem? Tune in to 92.1 every morning from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. and join us from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. on Monday the 10th for a film screening, and Thursday the 13th for a community discussion.

**Black History Documentary Club****Mar 15 | Sat | 1pm-3pm  
Ages 13 - older**

The Black History Documentary Club meets monthly to screen thought-provoking films. March's selection is "Look for Me in the Whirlwind: The Marcus Garvey Story."

**Mother Goose on the Loose****Mar 27 | Thu | 6pm-7pm  
Ages 1-5**

Kids and adults alike will love this play-based early literacy program which uses books, puppets, flannel pieces, music and movement to bring language and literacy to life.

**Couponing 101****Mar 29 | Sat | 12am-2am  
Adults**

Saving money one of your New Year's Resolutions? Join the Couponing Queen to learn how to save in 2014. One canned food item to be donated to the Regional Food Bank requested. A lite lunch will be provided so please pre-register at 424-1437.

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## Southern Oaks Library

See pages 11, 17, 25 & 26 for more  
*Southern Oaks Library programs/events.*

### Book Adventure: Kids' Book Club

**Mar 4 | Tue | 6:30pm-7:30pm**

**Kids ages 6-9**

Join us for a Book Adventure! Meet with kids your age to discuss a great book. We will have a snack, and make a craft or play a game. Call the library or come by the Information Desk to find out what book to read before the program. Some copies of the book will be available at the Information Desk. You must read the book before attending the program. Preregistration is required. Sign up by calling 631-4468 or by visiting the Information Desk.

### Family Place: 1-2-3 Play with Me

**Mar 5,12 | Wed | 10am-11am**

**Infants to age 4 w/ Parent**

Playing with your baby or child is important for bonding and for learning. We are providing a time for you and your child to play. A different community resource professional will be available each week to answer your parenting questions. Register by calling the library or visiting the Information Desk.

### Friday Films, Family and Fun

**Mar 7,14,21,28 | Fri | 9am-6pm**

**All Ages**

Looking for fun on a Friday night? Come to the library every Friday to check out our movie collection. Enjoy your weekend spending time with your family and friends watching movies and reading books. Free popcorn and candy for every five items checked out. Fun for the entire family and it's free! Please limit one gift per family.

### Preschool Storytime

**Mar 3,10,17,24 | Mon | 10:30am-11:10am**

**Ages 2-5 (with an adult/ caregiver)**

Introduce young children to books and reading at our storytimes! Children will have fun with books, songs, and activities as they build their early literacy skills. All children should be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration is required. Please sign up by calling 631-4468 or by visiting the Information Desk.

### Southern Oaks Book Club

**Mar 11 | Tue | 11:30pm-12:30pm**

**Adults**

If you enjoy reading and discussing books come to the Southern Oaks Book Club the second Tuesday of each month. Call

631-4468 to reserve your copy of the current book selection or stop by the Information Desk.

### Video Game Day

**Mar 11 | Tue | 5pm-8pm**

**Teens**

Game On! Bring your friends and come play video games and board games. Games are rated E, E10+, and T.

### Technology Crafts

**Mar 15 | Sat | 2pm-4pm**

**Teens**

Make weird mad science crafts with the Southern Oaks Teen Advisory Board.

### Fan Fiction & Fan Art Deadline

**Mar 16 | Sun | 1pm-6pm**

**All Ages**

Today is the last day to enter Fan Fiction or Fan Art in the annual Scarlet Kitsune Fan Fiction & Fan Art Contest. Entries may be any medium and contain original characters, but must contain copyrighted characters as the main theme. For more information and the complete rules go to [www.metrolibrary.org/fan](http://www.metrolibrary.org/fan). Co-sponsors: Atomik Pop! & Speeding Bullet Comics

### Rock & Read with the Musical Mom

**Mar 19 | Wed | 10:30am-11:10am**

**Ages 3 months to 36 months**

Musical Mom uses melody and rhythm to introduce early language and literacy skills to the youngest listeners. Kids will gain hands on experience of musical instruments while dancing, singing, and exercising their creativity. The program is free for babies, toddlers, preschoolers, and their families. Sign up by calling 631-4468.

### Fan Fiction & Fan Fiction Contest

**Mar 22 | Sat | 1:30pm-3pm**

**All Ages**

Come see the winning Fanart and hear about the winning Fanfiction from this year's contest. Winners will be announced at 2pm. The announcement party is open to all ages but children younger than 12 must be accompanied by an adult. You must be present to win. For the complete rules go to <http://www.metrolibrary.org/fan/> or contact John at Southern Oaks Library, 631-4468. Co-sponsors: Atomik Pop! & Speeding Bullet Comic

### After School at Your Library

**Mar 27 | Thu | 4:30pm-5:30pm**

**Ages 10-16**

Have fun with art! Work on creative projects and learn about different kinds of artistic expression. Supplies and snacks will be provided. Call to sign up.

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## The Village Library

See pages 11, 17 & 26 for more of *The Village Library programs/events.*

### Computer Tutoring

**Tues & Thur | 6:30p-8:30p**

**Adults**

Basic computer knowledge, internet, email, Microsoft Office and more. Our Public Computer Specialist is available to help you during one-on-one tutoring sessions. Ask about downloading free books, magazines and music through our extensive eMedia catalogs. Call the library at 755-0710 to make an appointment.

### Preschool Storytime

**Mar 6 | Thur | 10a-10:30a**

**ages 2-5 with parent**

Come have fun building early literacy skills through stories, songs, and other activities! Please register at the Information Desk, or call 755-0710.

### Chess Club

**Mar 7,14,21,28 | 4p-5:30p**

**All Ages**

Chess club meetings consist of playing chess, and all materials are provided. All ages and skill levels are welcome! No sign up is required.

### Knitty Committee

**Mar 8 | Sat | 10a-12p**

**All Ages**

Interested in knitting or learning how to knit? Join the Knitty Committee on every 2nd Saturday at 10am. Bring your yarn and join the fun! The recommended yarn for beginners is "variegated worsted weight" and size 7 or 8 needles.

### Lego Club

**Mar 10 | Mon | 1p-3p**

**Children ages 2-10 with parent**

Come have fun building with Legos! Legos will be provided.

### Music with Ginger

**Mar 13 | Thu | 10a-10:30a**

**Ages 2-5 with parent/caregiver**

Children 2-5 years old come join Ms. Ginger



for an age appropriate class where parents and children will play, sing, dance, giggle, and share together during this 30-40 minute class. Ms. Ginger will guide the class from one activity to the next helping parents understand what their child is learning musically, cognitively, and developmentally. Class size is limited, so please call to register--sign up will begin on February 13.

### V-SIFT: DIY Tech

**Mar 13 | Thur | 4p-5p**  
**Teens**

Teens, celebrate Teen Tech Month by making your own cool tech gadgets. V-SIFT (Village- Something Interesting for Teens) meets one Thursday per month and features a different activity each month. Snacks will be provided. Please register by calling 755-0710 or stopping by the Information Desk.

### Gamefest

**Mar 17 | Mon | 2pm-4pm**  
**Teens**

Celebrate Teen Tech Month! Bring your friends and come play video games and board games. Games are rated E, E10+, and T.

### Book Discussion Group

**Mar 17 | Mon | 3p-4p**  
**Adults**

We always have a lot to say at the Village book discussion group. This month's title can be picked up or reserved at the Information Desk.

### Superhero Storytime

**Mar 20 | Thu | 10am-10:45**  
**Ages 2-7 and their families**

It's a bird! It's a plane! It's time to listen to stories about superheroes! Come build literacy skills, and maybe see some superheroes. Please preregister at the Information Desk or call 755-0710.

### After School at Your Library

**Mar 24,31 | Mon | 4pm-5pm**  
**Ages 10-16**

Have fun with art! Work on creative projects and learn about different kinds of artistic expression. Supplies and snacks will be provided. Call the Information Desk to sign up.

### Teen Book Club

**Mar 25 | Tue | 4p-5p**  
**Teens**

Are you a teen who loves to read? Join us each month for snacks and a book discussion. This month, we're reading "Across the Universe," by Beth Revis. Reserve a copy, pick one up at the Information Desk or call 755-0710 for more information.

## Warr Acres Library

See pages 17, 25 & 26 for more Warr Acres Library programs/events.

### DIY Sculpture Contest

**Mar 1-31**  
**Ages 12-17**

It's Teen Tech Month! Show your "techie" side in a creative way. Sculptures must be original, three dimensional, and be no more than 1-foot high x 1-foot wide. Deadline for entries is March 31. Prizes will be awarded the first week of April.

### Story Time for Preschoolers

**Mar 4,18 | Tue | 9:30am-10am**  
**Ages 2-3**

Your preschooler will have "barnyard fun" on March 4 and a "ducky" time on March 18. Please preregister for stories and crafts with Miss Alma and her puppets.

### Story Time for Preschoolers

**Mar 4,18 | Tue 10:30a-11:15a**  
**Ages 3-5**

Your preschooler will have "barnyard fun" on March 4 and a "ducky" time on March 18. Please preregister for stories and crafts with Miss Alma and her puppets.

### Warr Acres Book Club

**Mar 10 | Mon | 11a-12p**  
**Adults**

We will discuss "Benjamin Franklin's Bastard" by Sally Cabot. The novel is a work of historical fiction that brings to life a little known chapter of the American Revolution — the story of Benjamin Franklin and his bastard son, and the women who loved them both. The Warr Acres Book Club meets the second Monday of each month. Call 721-2616 for more information.

### Play Time for Babies and Tots

**Mar 12,19,26 | Wed**  
**9:15a-10a and 10:30a-11:15a**  
**6-to-36 months with adult**

Play promotes healthy development and learning, so bring your youngster to our library for 45 minutes of playing and learning together. (Siblings are welcome.) Preregister at 721-2616

### #Hashtag My Library: Ice Cream and Cupcakes

**Mar 15 | Sat | 2pm-3:30pm**  
**Ages 12-17**

Make your own Ice cream in a bag. Decorate a cupcake to match. Then join us for great games. Please call ahead to register 721-2616.

### Build Your Own Business

**Mar 18 | Tue | 6pm-8pm**  
**Adults**

Explore the option of being your own boss with the Service Corps of Retired Executives who will answer essential questions about the the process and planning necessary to own your own business. Learn about business plans, business structures, taxes, loans and more.

### DIY Crafts

**Mar 20 | Thu | 6:30pm-8pm**  
**Ages 12-17**

Make jewelry and other creations out of unique materials. All supplies are provided. Please call to register 721-2616.

### Pajama Story Time

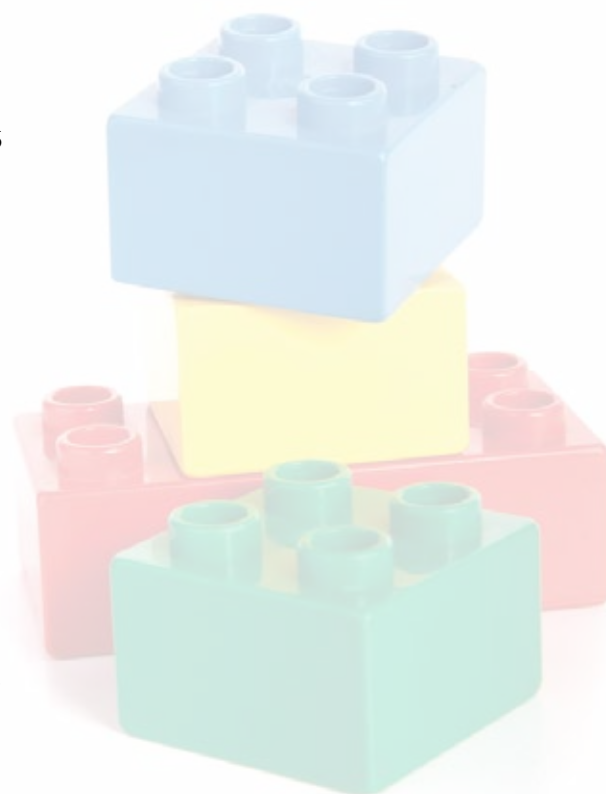
**Mar 25 | Tue | 6:30p-7:30p**  
**Ages 3 to 5**

Bring your preschooler for Peter Rabbit's Garden stories with Miss Alma and her puppets. Snacks and fun activities will be provided for everyone. Please call to preregister.

### LEGO Club @ Your Library

**Mar 29 | Sat | 2:30pm-3:30pm**  
**Ages 7-11**

Young LEGO builders are invited to build with us. LEGO bricks are provided. Bring your team spirit. Everyone will receive a prize. Sign up at the Information Desk.



# ESL

English as a Second Language classes help improve spoken and written English, and include grammar, conversation, vocabulary, reading, writing, listening, and pronunciation.

## **Belle Isle Library**

**Tues | Mar 4 & 25 | 9:30a-12:30p**

**Thurs | Mar 27 | 9:30a-12:30p**

**Teens and older**

For questions and to register, come to the class.

Co-Sponsor: OKC Public Schools

## **Edmond Library**

**Intermediate ESL**

**Mondays & Wednesdays | 1-3:30p**

**(No classes on Mar 17 & 19)**

**Adults**

Register by calling 682-7873 or with the instructor the first day you attend. Co-Sponsor: OCCC

## **Beginning ESL**

**Mondays & Wednesdays | 6-8:30p**

**(No classes on Mar 17 & 19)**

**Adults**

Register by calling 682-7873 or with the instructor the first day you attend class. Co-Sponsor: OCCC

## **Midwest City Library**

**Tuesday & Thursdays | 6:30-8:30p**

**(No classes on Mar 18 & 20)**

Call 682-7873 to register. Co-Sponsor: OCCC

## **Warr Acres Library**

**Mondays & Wednesdays | 6-8:30p**

**(No classes on Mar 17 & 19)**

Call 686-6222 to register. Co-Sponsor: OCCC

# GED

Want to advance your education? Need to prepare for the GED test? Attend our partner sponsored GED classes. Classes are free and materials are provided, however pre-enrollment is usually required.

## **Edmond Library**

**Tuesdays & Thursdays | 6-8:30p**

**(No classes on Mar 18 & 20)**

**Adults**

Register by calling 682-7873. Co-Sponsor: OCCC

## **Midwest City Library**

**Mondays & Wednesdays | 6-8:30p**

**(No classes on Mar 17 & 19)**

Register by calling 682-7873. Co-Sponsor: OCCC

## **Northwest Library**

**Tuesday & Thursdays | 6:30-9p**

**(No classes on Mar 18 & 20)**

**Adults**

Register by calling 682-7873. Co-Sponsor: OCCC

## **Southern Oaks Library**

**Mondays & Wednesdays | 1-4p**

**(No classes on Mar 18 & 20)**

**Adults**

Register by calling 631-4468. Co-Sponsor: OKCPS Adult Education



# HEALTH & WELLNESS



## Child Developmental Screenings

Questions or concerns you may have about your child's development or behavior will be discussed. Information about upcoming stages and home activities to enhance development will be given. For more information please call Child Guidance, Oklahoma City-County Health Dept. at 425-4412.

### Edmond Library

Mar 26 | Wed | 1p-5p

### Midwest City Library

Mar 12 | Wed | 1p-5p

### Southern Oaks Library

Mar 26 | Wed | 12:30p-4:30p

### Village Library

Mar 12 | Wed | 1p-5p

### Warr Acres Library

Mar 5 | Wed | 1p-5p

## Tai Chi

Evidence suggests that Tai Chi is an effective means of improving balance, strengthening muscles, and building confidence to prevent falls in older adults. Tai Chi is a low-impact dance-like exercise that can be performed almost anywhere.

### Belle Isle Library

Tai Chi

Mar 4,6,11,13,18,20,25,27

Tue & Thur | 6-7p

Adults

### Northwest Library

Tai Chi

Mar 3,6,10,13,17,20,24,27

Mon & Thur | 4-5p

Adults

## Wellness

### Capitol Hill Library

Salud Total en Espanol

Mar 6,13,20, 27 | Thur | 5:15p-6:30p

Adults

Usted puede lucir y sentirse mejor! Aprenda a practicar un estilo de vida más saludable. Las clases se ofrecen una hora por semana por 12 semanas. Salud Total puede ayudar a prevenir enfermedades crónicas como la diabetes, algunos tipos de cáncer, asma, y enfermedades del corazón. Llame a Victoria Greening: (405) 419-4203, Departamento de Salud del la Ciudad y del Condado de Oklahoma. ¡Le esperamos! (This class is presented only in Spanish.)

### Choctaw Library

Yoga for Your Health

Mar 5,12,19,26 | Wed | 6:15pm-7:15pm

Adults

The health benefits of yoga include stress reduction. The concentration required during yoga practice tends to focus your attention on the matter at hand, thereby reducing the emphasis you may be putting on the stress in your life. Shauna Leonard of Edmond will lead these sessions. Classes are free and space is limited. Please preregister at 390-8418 ext 3. Co-sponsor: EOC Tech Center

### Edmond Library

Eat Better, Move More

Mar 4,11,18,25 | Tue | 10a-11p

Seniors and Caregivers

This 12 week series will teach you how to improve your health with better nutrition and more movement in your everyday routines. Please register, beginning December 10th, by calling the library at 341-9282 or stop by the Information Desk. Co-Sponsors: OU Health Science Center; Oklahoma Healthy Aging Initiative.

### Southern Oaks Library

Total Wellness

Mar 4,11,18,25 | Tue | 9:30a-10:30a

Adults

Help prevent chronic diseases like diabetes, heart disease, some cancers and asthma. Learn simple ways to a healthier lifestyle. Free classes meet 1 hour a week for 12 weeks. The goal is for everyone to lose 5% of body weight and become more active. The number to call to register is 425-4308 or email [Total\\_Wellness@occhd.org](mailto:Total_Wellness@occhd.org)



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## Off the Beaten Path

## . . . Discovering New Literary Treasures

Arata, Michael J. *Identity Theft For Dummies*.  
364.163/AR663i

March 27 is National Joe Day, a day for anyone who is sick of his/her own name and just wants to be called "Joe" for a little while. That's okay if you ask for it, but you don't want some other guy to steal your identity and take advantage of your name. Here's a book that will inform you about the steps to take to make sure that doesn't happen.

Friedman, Stanton T. and Kathleen Marden. *Captured! The Betty and Barney Hill UFO Experience: The True Story of the World's First Documented Alien Abduction*.  
001.942/F9115c

March 20 is Festival Of Extraterrestrial Abductions Day so you might want to commit an act of Mulder by reading this one. Author Friedman is all over the tube on UFO-related shows and he knows what he's talking about, crazy or not. One reviewer wrote, "When it comes to ufology, Betty and Barney are a big deal." No, not Betty and Barney Rubble. That's another story entirely.



**MLS LIBRARIES**

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| <b>1 ALMONTE</b>        | 2914 SW 59, OKC, 606-3575                         | 9-9      | 9-9      | 9-9      | 9-9       | 9-6      | 9-5      | 1-6      |
| <b>2 BELLE ISLE</b>     | 5501 N. Villa, OKC, 843-9601                      | 9-9      | 9-9      | 9-9      | 9-9       | 9-6      | 9-5      | 1-6      |
| <b>3 BETHANY</b>        | 3510 N. Mueller, Bethany, 789-8363                | 9-9      | 9-9      | 9-9      | 9-9       | 9-6      | 9-5      | 1-6      |
| <b>4 CAPITOL HILL</b>   | 334 SW 26th, OKC, 634-6308                        | 9-9      | 9-9      | 9-9      | 9-9       | 9-6      | 9-5      | 1-6      |
| <b>5 CHOCTAW</b>        | 2525 Muzzy Street, Choctaw, 390-8418              | 9-9      | 9-9      | 9-9      | 9-9       | 9-6      | 9-5      | 1-6      |
| <b>6 DEL CITY</b>       | 4509 SE 15th, Del City, 672-1377                  | 9-9      | 9-9      | 9-9      | 9-9       | 9-6      | 9-5      | 1-6      |
| <b>7 DOWNTOWN</b>       | 300 Park Ave., OKC, 231-8650                      | 9-9      | 9-9      | 9-9      | 9-9       | 9-6      | 9-5      | 1-6      |
| <b>8 EDMOND</b>         | 10 S. Boulevard, Edmond, 341-9282                 | 9-9      | 9-9      | 9-9      | 9-9       | 9-6      | 9-5      | 1-6      |
| <b>9 MIDWEST CITY</b>   | 8143 E. Reno, MWC, 732-4828                       | 9-9      | 9-9      | 9-9      | 9-9       | 9-6      | 9-5      | 1-6      |
| <b>10 NORTHWEST</b>     | 5600 NW 122nd, OKC, 606-3580                      | 9-9      | 9-9      | 9-9      | 9-9       | 9-6      | 9-5      | 1-6      |
| <b>11 RALPH ELLISON</b> | 2000 NE 23rd, OKC, 424-1437                       | 9-9      | 9-9      | 9-9      | 9-9       | 9-6      | 9-5      | 1-6      |
| <b>12 SOUTHERN OAKS</b> | 6900 S. Walker, OKC 631-4468                      | 9-9      | 9-9      | 9-9      | 9-9       | 9-6      | 9-5      | 1-6      |
| <b>13 THE VILLAGE</b>   | 10307 N. Pennsylvania Ave., The Village, 755-0710 | 9-9      | 9-9      | 9-9      | 9-9       | 9-6      | 9-5      | 1-6      |
| <b>14 WARR ACRES</b>    | 5901 NW 63rd, Warr Acres, 721-2616                | 9-9      | 9-9      | 9-9      | 9-9       | 9-6      | 9-5      | 1-6      |

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

