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Well, it's April and if you've been putting off starting that New Year's Resolution about getting into shape until the weather became more agreeable, you can't put it off any longer.

If you want to do something other than jog, jump around, or bend down to touch your toes, you might want to check out the Tai Chi classes going on at Bethany, Belle Isle, and Ralph Ellison Libraries. You know what Tai Chi is—whenever you see a group of people moving slowing in unison in a park, they're practicing Tai Chi. MLS has books about it, too, and some about its parent discipline, the ancient Chinese philosophy of Taoism.

But you don't have to take a virtual vacation to the Far East in order to exercise. We've got lots of books and videos to help you get started.

East is West and West is East at your library.



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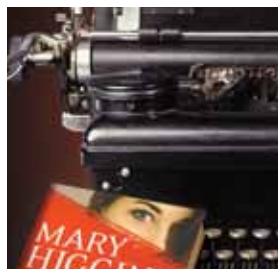
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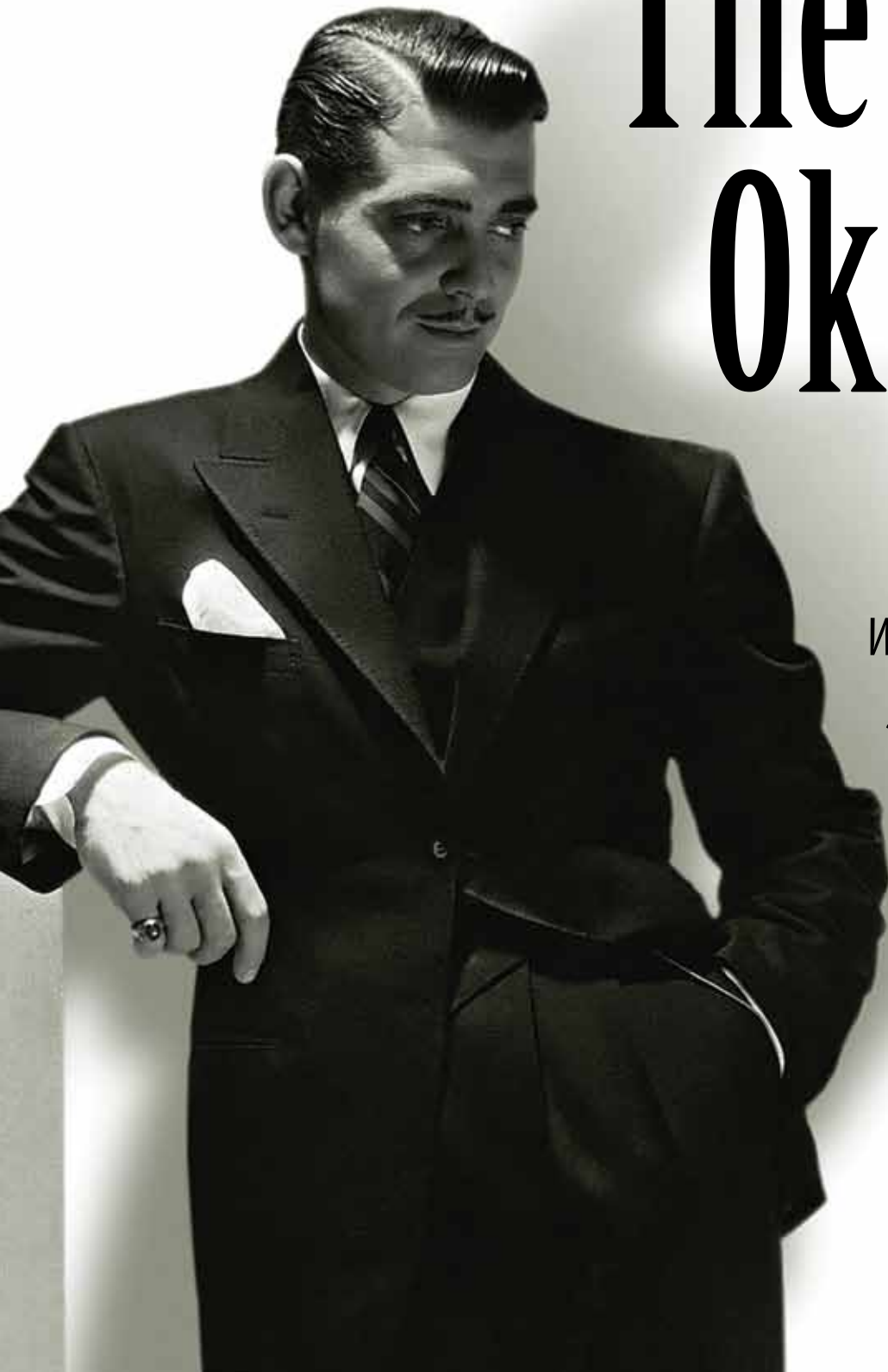
Every MLS programming event listed in one place. All you need to know about the people, times, and places of this month's library activities.

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This month representatives from the American Red Cross of Central Oklahoma and the Metropolitan Library System conduct free sessions in basic disaster preparedness.



Oklahoma Images



The King in Oklahoma

by Larry Johnson

When Clark Gable stripped off his shirt in It Happened One Night, his chiseled physique made thousands of women swoon as he teased Claudette Colbert in the famous "Walls of Jericho" scene. Strange as it may seem, Oklahoma played a big part in launching Gable to stardom.



William Clark Gable was born in Cadiz, Ohio in 1901. After his mother's early death, Gable's father remarried and the new stepmother took on the future Hollywood superstar as a project. She taught him to play several musical instruments and to memorize and recite classic literature and poetry. He had an uncanny knack for learning long passages of Shakespeare and reciting them in safe company--safe company because his father was a scrappy sometime farmer and sometime roughneck who looked askance at artistic and intellectual pursuits.

Still Gable caught the acting bug in high school and soon dreamed of Broadway's bright lights. After some setbacks on the farm, his father went to Oklahoma to work as a drilling foreman in the booming Osage oilfields. The elder Gable wouldn't hear of a career in drama and wanted his son to make an honest living through hard work. So Gable was summoned to Bigheart where he worked as a tool dresser in the field and later at a refinery in Tulsa. While there he had the dangerous and demanding job of scraping and scrubbing the inside of processing tanks – and he hated every minute of it. The hard work was good for him, though. He built up his muscles and learned the hard-drinking, two-fisted ways of the oilies in the camps and bars around Tulsa. Finally, after two years he received

an inheritance from his mother's family and embarked on a journey to become an actor which took him to the west coast via the backroads of the Midwest, performing

in second-rate stock companies and vaudeville houses all along the way. In 1925 he got his first break as an extra in a silent film and by 1930 he had an MGM contract.

Clark Gable made a career of playing rugged but handsome characters and even though he grouched about his hard life in Oklahoma, he always got a twinkle in his eye when he talked with biographers about his time here. Decades after he left Oklahoma he would still regale writers and party guests with stories about the characters he met here and would sometimes make a departure during a conversation to explain the finer points of refinery work. But the

best testimony he gave about his days in Oklahoma was his spirited performance opposite Spencer Tracy in 1948's *Boom Town* – the story of wildcatters in Oklahoma.



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



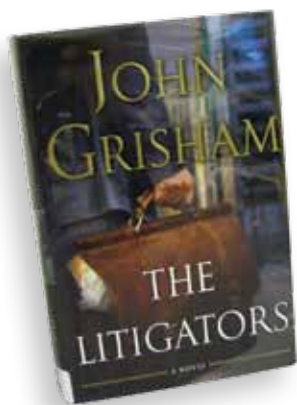
Reviews & Recommendations

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ON THE SHELF

The Litigators

by John Grisham

reviewed by Christine Bassett



If you are looking for a light-hearted comedy as a change from gory murder mysteries or heavy thrillers, then Grisham's *The Litigators* is a great choice. Instead of writing his usual legal drama, he has written a satire on law firms that get rich from pursuing huge tort cases. The result is highly amusing.

Finley and Figg are partners in a small boutique legal firm that is neither chic, rich nor prosperous. They are the kind of lawyers who will rush out to the scene of a car wreck or a hospital bed in order to get a case. When Wally Figg stumbles across a possibly lucrative case involving a drug for high cholesterol called Krayoxx, manufactured by Varrick Labs, that potentially causes heart attacks, the law firm decides to sign up as many cases as possible hoping to hang onto the coat tails of a big law firm for a piece of the action without even going to court. They are dreaming of dollar signs.

Into this scenario comes one David Zinc, a Harvard

graduate who has had enough of working 100 hours a week for Rogan Rothberg, a large Law Firm in Chicago. Seeing Finley and Figg's advertisement on a bus after a day of drinking in a bar, Zinc wanders into the Boutique Firm and asks to join up. He gets more than he bargained for and as you might imagine, things don't turn out as expected in the law suit against Varrick.

This is easily Grisham's most entertaining book in years.

This title is also available as a Playaway portable media player book, a compact disc audiobook, an OverDrive WMA Audiobook, an Adobe EPUB eBook, in a Kindle edition, and in large print.

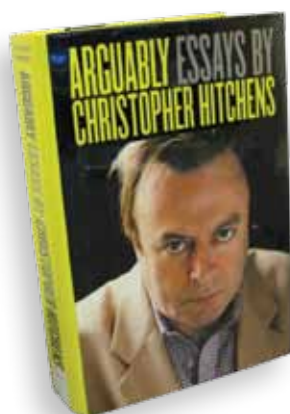
Christine Bassett has worked for the MLS for over 10 years. She currently works as a reference librarian at Belle Isle and is a volunteer community literacy tutor in her spare time.

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ON THE SHELF

Arguably: Essays

by Christopher Hitchens

reviewed by Doug Bentin



After the death of George Orwell 62 years ago, Gore Vidal, now 86 years old, was considered by many to be the English language's greatest contemporary essayist. His only competitor for that title was Christopher Hitchens, who died last December at the too-young age of 62. (That smoking'll kill ya.)

Hitchens authored several volumes of essays on subjects ranging from international affairs to American politics, from religion (he disapproved) to literature (he approved). 107 of his best pieces are reprinted in this massive, 778pp collection. Being a booknerd I most enjoy his writings on literature, where he is at his least stuffy—his appreciation of the farces of P.G. Wodehouse is boundless.

I doubt that many people would want to read a volume like this one straight through, but that's okay. Select those subject areas that are of most interest to you and dip in for an hour or so. Just don't read Hitchens right before bed if you disagree with him. Even when he isn't right, he sounds like he is, and if you're not kept awake by the power of his arguments, you will be by the strength of his prose.

And don't be put off by the glare he shoots from the book's cover photo. I see a smile forming on his mouth and my bet would be that he broke up laughing as soon as the camera clicked.

Doug Bentin edits and writes in info magazine.

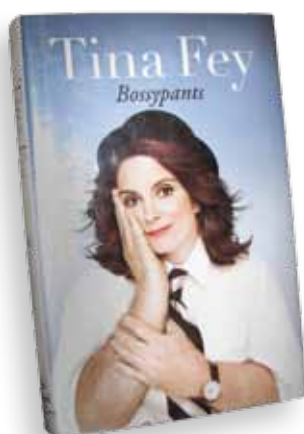


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ON THE SHELF

Bossypants

by Tina Fey

reviewed by Jana Hausburg



The newest thing to hit our libraries are Playaways: all-in-one audiobooks clothed in orange that can be checked out for the same amount of time as a regular book or a dvd.

I selected Tina Fey's new memoir for two reasons: 1) I love Tina Fey, and 2) it was not on reserve for someone else. I usually don't listen to books on tape or cd because I generally read faster than I listen, but I wanted to try out this new technology. I plugged in my own earbuds and loaded a AAA battery into the device (if you don't have these, you can purchase them from any library Circulation desk for \$1 apiece).

With crystal clear clarity, Tina's voice filled my eardrums. And within a few minutes she had me laughing at her wry take on a journey from awkward suburban girl to a smart and confident comedienne with strongly held (and expressed) feminist beliefs.

In addition to chronicling her teenage epiphanies, she offers up her dual lives as actress (in the hit series "30 Rock") and wife/mother for contrast.

More a collection of biographical essays, tips and observations than a traditional memoir, *Bossypants* is an entertaining way to spend a few hours. If you've been called "bossy" more than a few times in your lifetime (like myself), wear that as a badge of honor. As Tina Fey illustrates, you really haven't made it until someone calls you bossy.

This title is also available as an OverDrive WMA Audiobook, compact disc audiobook, in large print, and in standard book format.

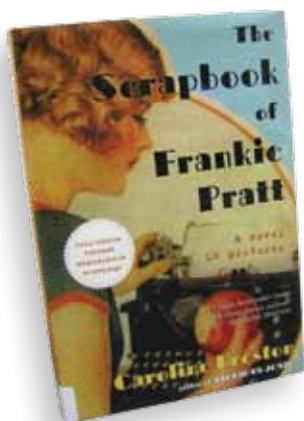
With her incredible book knowledge and sharply-boned survivor skills, Jana Hausburg is humanity's best chance in a zombie apocalypse. She is also the manager at the Capitol Hill Library.

FICTION/
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ON THE SHELF

The Scrapbook of Frankie Pratt

by Caroline Preston

reviewed by Julia McConnell



I don't read other people's diaries. Really. I promise. I don't even read other people's letters, emails, love notes or grocery lists. But I must confess that I am guilty of reading a certain fictional flapper's scrapbook.

In *The Scrapbook of Frankie Pratt* the eponymous Miss Pratt is a girl with big dreams growing up in rural New Hampshire during the 1920's. Despite the death of her father and her family's financial hardship, Frankie escapes to Vassar to pursue an education and a career as a writer. Always on the look-out for adventure and the love of her life, Frankie heads to New York City after graduation and lands a job as a staff writer for a pulp magazine. When she finds herself heart-broken and disillusioned, she moves to

Paris to experience the bohemian life on Paris's Left Bank.

Throughout it all Frankie tells her story via family snapshots, paper dolls, vintage advertisements, postcards and mementos pasted into her scrapbook and narrated with captions typed out on her father's old Corona typewriter.

Reading *The Scrapbook of Frankie Pratt* is like discovering your great aunt's diary full of juicy secrets. Full of moxie and *joie de vivre*, Frankie's scrapbook will make you glad you found it.

Julia McConnell is one of MLS' newest librarians, working soon at the newest locations, the Northwest Library. Look for her smiling face at the grand opening in early 2012.



Reviews & Recommendations

MYSTERY/
WAR
ON THE SHELF

Murder at the Painted Lady by Barbara Warren

reviewed by Phyllis Davidson



Allie McGregor received the first threatening phone call right after she opened the letter notifying her that she had inherited a Painted Lady from her great-aunt Eliza Ramsdale. The caller warned her not to accept the house if she knew what was good for her. Allie did not like being told what to do, so she immediately made the trip to Stony Point, Missouri to take a look at the place. She decided to accept the house, even though she had no idea how she would pay for restoring it. She immediately moved her things into the tower room and took up residence.

Fortunately, Allie learned that her acceptance had entitled her to enough money to turn the house into a bed and breakfast, so she hired a handsome young

restoration carpenter to help her. Then Allie began noticing that things in the house were being moved from place to place during the night, and threatening messages appeared on the mirror in the parlor. Was something supernatural going on, or was it a flesh and blood menace trying to drive Allie from her home?

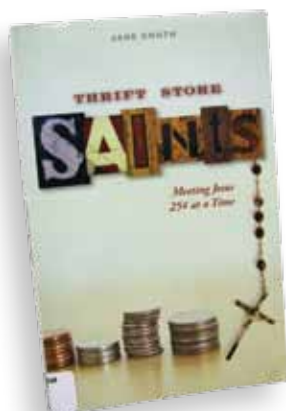
Fans of Marion Chesney, a.k.a. M.C. Beaton, should enjoy this author's writing style.

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

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ON THE SHELF

Thrift Store Saints: Meeting Jesus 25\$ at a Time by Jane Knuth

reviewed by Terrie Thomas



Having darkened the doors of a few thrift stores, I was curious about what being in one is like from the other perspective.

The author is a math teacher who gets roped into volunteering after complaining about the reduced hours of the St. Vincent de Paul thrift store. She quickly learns not to expect praise and gratitude from the desperate people who need her help, and instead reminds herself they are here to "show me the way to God."

Filled with short, well told stories and the lessons these saints had to teach her, this little book is highly enjoyable to read. Need to liven up your Bible study group? This often funny and never preachy selection will guarantee some lively discussion. This is a great book.

Terrie Thomas is a reference librarian at Belle Isle. She has a passion for journaling and being outdoors, plus enjoys volunteering at Skyline Urban Ministry. Her cats like it when she reads and knits.



Ever Wonder What It's Like?

A Day in the Life of a Librarian

The one thing those librarians you see at the Information Desk are *not* doing is just sitting there waiting for you to ask for help. When they clock in every day they hit the ground running.

"The first thing I do," said Downtown's Kimberly Ann Edwards, "is check my email and respond to the urgent messages. Then I take some time to look at the material on my cart and do what needs to be done with it."

That sounds a little cryptic, but Kimberly has certain subject areas she's in charge of—teen books, science fiction, etc.—and she always has books to examine for damage. Sometimes she just indicates that the damage has been noted; sometimes she has to remove the books and request replacement copies.

"Then I spend an hour or two at the Information Desk helping people find what they're looking for and answering questions. Every once in awhile a question comes along that makes me sit up a little straighter. One man not long ago asked me to provide proof to him that the Chef Boyardee company was in league with the devil.

"Some folks believe that all information is available through the Internet and we have to explain that it

isn't—and that a lot of what you find there isn't factual information at all. Sites like Wikipedia are good places to start a search, but you have to go beyond that because, really, it could be just someone's opinions."

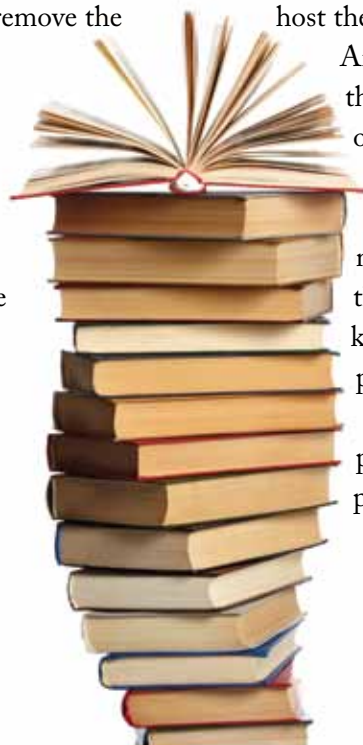
After lunch, Kimberly heads back to the Information Desk, and sometimes gives tours to school groups, with time to chat with the students.

"Afternoons are pretty busy, with people getting off work and out of school, but when things slacken off a little we have time to make plans for the programming events we provide. I run a movie on Wednesday evenings, and I get to select the movie and prepare to host the screening."

And when the end of the day finally rolls around, the librarians help clean and straightened up, turn off the computers, and assist customers to get ready to leave.

"I know," Kimberly laughed, "now you expect me to say that no matter how busy the day is, there is no place that I'd rather work. And you know what? It's true. I like working with regular people, and for regular people."

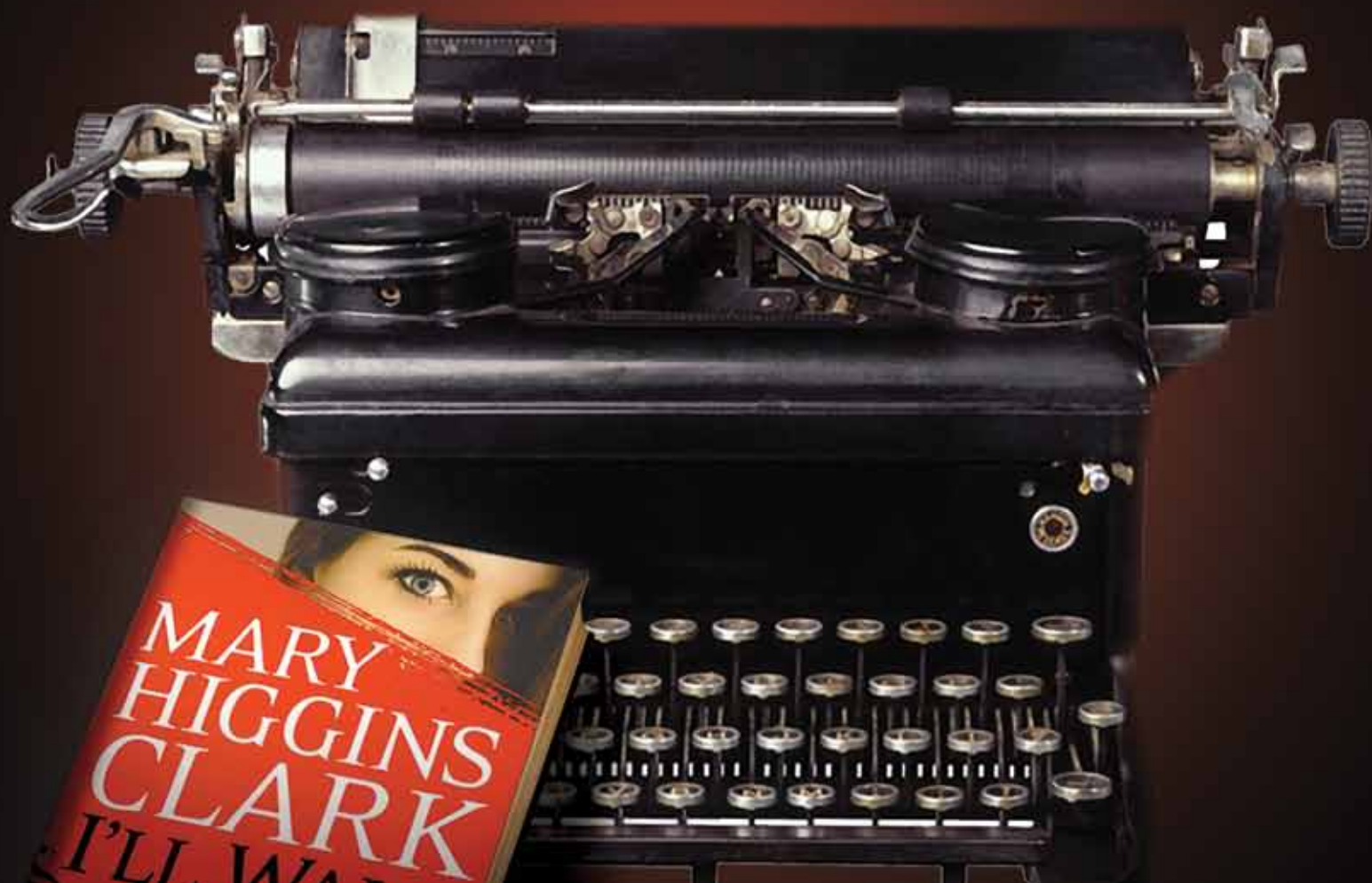
And then she picked up her books and papers and rushed away to a meeting of library programmers. Smiling.

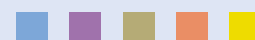




Meet
**MARY
HIGGINS
CLARK**

The Queen of Suspense





“In my novels, I set out to scare people.” There’s no way to misinterpret that statement. Mary Higgins Clark takes suspense seriously, and you can meet The Queen of Suspense when she is the guest speaker at the tenth annual Literary Voices™ author dinner at the Oklahoma City Golf & Country Club on Tuesday, April 10.

Clark began writing short stories in 1956, and when her husband passed away in 1964 she found herself with five children to support and a shrinking market for short fiction. She worked for an ad agency and then became a writer for radio. She’d heard that you should write what you like to read, and that advice produced her first suspense novel, *Where Are the Children?* in 1975.



Mary Higgins Clark

She followed it up with *A Stranger is Watching* in 1978, really initiating a string of suspense bestsellers that culminated in the Grand Master award from the Mystery Writers of America in 2000.

“Somebody once said, if you want to be happy for a year, win the lottery,” Clark once told an interviewer. “If you want to be happy for a lifetime, love what you do. That’s the way it is for me—I love to spin yarns.”

Known for her strong characterizations of regular people in trouble, Clark avoids the graphic sensationalism that marks so much contemporary suspense writing. “Readers identify with my characters,” she says. “I write about people going about their daily lives, not looking for trouble,

who are suddenly plunged into menacing situations. I like suspenseful stories without the need for the touchy-feely and the four letter words. I think part of this is when writers, my kind of writers, try to have the sense of suspense and lurking terror.”

Clark’s novels often emerge from real life crimes and situations of the sort that don’t often make the headlines. “I often will base my books on a crime. I will take a piece of a crime and go with it. I got the idea for one book because a realtor in New Jersey, where I live, told me about this law in New Jersey where a realtor must tell a prospective buyer if the house has a history—if there’s been a crime committed, a suicide, even if it’s reputed to be haunted. A murder, certainly. You must disclose that or else the buyer can come back and say give me my money back. I based the book on that piece of information.”

Her best advice for would-be writers is just to write. “The first thing you have to do is write. So many people tell me, ‘I’m going to write a book as soon as . . .’ The three fatal words are *as soon as*. As soon as I learn to use the computer. As soon as I quit my job. As soon as my kids grow up. As soon as the dog dies. But trust me, as soon as the kids grow up and the dog dies, there will be a new set of excuses.”

For more information about the tenth annual Literary Voices™ with Mary Higgins Clark, call the Metropolitan Library System Development office at 606-3760.

Grove Art Online Database

Are you a budding art historian? If you’ve ever done research on artists, art movements, or themes, you may remember the 34-volume *Dictionary of Art*. Well, the Dictionary has morphed into “Grove Art Online,” an online database offered on our website. It is now considered the foremost scholarly art encyclopedia.

Covering Western and non-Western art, Grove continues to grow as scholars and specialists review and update its contents on a regular basis. It contains over 45,000 articles, with more than 23,000 subject entries and 21,000 biographies. You can also search for just images. Type in “Mona Lisa” and up she pops. It’s like having one of Oklahoma City Museum of Art’s Museum School instructors, now celebrating their 10th Anniversary, to assist you with your studies on call!

Finding “Grove Art Online” is easy. Visit our website at www.metrolibrary.org and click on Databases. You’ll see dozens of databases, all of them free from MLS. Scroll down until you find Grove Art, then click.

Go take a look.

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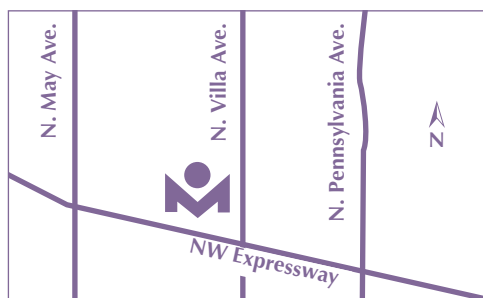
To see the latest information about library programs and events, please click on Calendar of Events on the MLS website: www.metrolibrary.org

Belle Isle Library

5501 N. Villa Ave., OKC
(405) 843-9601

HOURS

Mon-Thur: 9-9 Sat: 9-5
Fri: 9-6 Sun: 1-6



Children Reading to Dogs

Apr 2,9,16,23,30 | Mon
6-7p

Children who can read

Come and read to a dog! Readers can come to practice and improve their reading skills. The dogs with their owners act as an uncritical, appreciative audience with excellent listening skills! The dogs and their owners are certified therapy teams. Bring your own book or borrow one from us!



AARP Tax Aide

Apr 3,10 | Tue | 9a-Noon

Apr 4,11 | Wed | 9a-Noon

Apr 7,14 | Sat | 9a-Noon

Adults

AARP volunteers will be providing free tax preparation and e-filing assistance for seniors, age 60 and over, and others with a low to moderate income of not more than \$49,000.00. This is a first come, first serve basis. Be sure to bring all relevant documents with you, e.g. all earning and dividend statements, copies of last year's federal and state returns, and proof of bank account numbers for direct deposit. Volunteers will be available through Apr 14 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays.

English as a Second Language

Apr 3,5,10,12,17,19,24,26

Tue and Thur | 9:30a-12:30p

Adults

This is an ongoing enrollment with the Oklahoma City Public Schools. Improve your English speaking, reading, and writing skills in this free class for people who are new to the English language. For questions and to register, come to the class.



Gaming Club

Apr 3,10,17,24 | Tue

4-5p

Teens

Come join the fun at your library! Everything from chess to Xbox Kinect will be available to play. Popcorn and drinks will be provided. You don't want to miss out!



Tai Chi: Moving for Better Balance Class

Apr 3,10,17,24 | Tue | 5:30-6:30p

Apr 5,12,19,26 | Thur | 5:30-6:30p

Teens - Adult

Tai Chi: Moving for Better Balance is a fun class, using eight-forms. Tai Chi is a low-impact dance-like exercise that can be done in almost any location. It also helps to build confidence from the fear of falling, which is commonly found in a community of older adults. Class is free, but space is limited, so sign up at the reference desk. Will meet Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Cosponsor: OCCHD.

Baby Signs

Apr 3 | Tue | 6-7:30pm

For parents of children

9-22 months

Baby signs teaches communication before babies are able to use words. This fun and interactive signing class teaches how to include signs naturally while interacting with your child through daily routines and play. Learn and practice approximately 50 signs. Facilitated by Tracy Goebel. Preregister at 425-4412. Cosponsor: OCCHD.



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All MLS libraries will be closed Sunday, April 8 in observance of Easter.

Developmental Screenings

Apr 4 | Wed | 12:30-4:30pm

Ages birth to 5 years

w/adult

A developmental screening is a very general look at how your child is doing compared to other children the same age. Any questions or concerns you may have about your child's development or behavior will be discussed. Appointments are one hour long and will include a small fee. To schedule an appointment call 425-4412. The child must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Cosponsor: OCCHD.



Trip Around the World

Apr 4 | Wed | 6-7:30p

Grades 3-6

Don't miss this exciting opportunity to travel the globe right in your very own local library. This innovative and hands-on experience for children in grades three through six is sponsored by the Junior League of Oklahoma City. Kids will have a great time learning about the different cultures in Asia, Africa and Latin America. The program is free, but space is limited so pre-register at the Information Desk or call the library. Cosponsor: Junior League of OKC.

After School

Apr 5,12,19,26 | Thur | 4-5p

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. Contact Anna at 843-9601 for more information. Cosponsor: Friends of the Metropolitan Library System.

Service Core of Retired Executives (SCORE) Counseling

Apr 7,21 | Sat | 9:30a-12:30p

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. The Service Core of Retired Executives (SCORE) will offer free

confidential assistance for small business owners, one on one. Sign up at the Reference desk for an appt. Cosponsor: Service Core of Retired Executives (SCORE).

Metro OKC Knit Guild Group Meeting **Apr 15 | Sun | 3-5p** **Teens-adults**

The Metro OKC Knit Guild group is meeting at Belle Isle. Everyone—any knitter or a person who's never knitted, but would like to learn—is welcome. Each monthly program includes a lesson of a new knitting technique and examples of charity knitting projects. For questions about the group email at Mschoir01@gmail.com, Melissa.ryan@tinker.af.mil or call 361-2044 or 739-2851.

Belle Isle Anime/Manga Club **Apr 16 | Mon | 4-5p** **Teens**

Every third Monday of the month from 4-5pm. 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.

Teen Crafts **Apr 19 | Thur | 4-5p** **Teens**

Come join us every third Thursday of the month for a arts and craft extravaganza! A different craft project every month. Don't miss out on the fun!

Rooftop Dogs Music Concert **Apr 21 | Sat | 2-3p** **All ages**

The taxes are finished and Earth Day is coming. Time for some music that's a "little bit country and a little bit rock 'n roll." It's the Rooftop Dogs, a local band featuring some great musicians.

The Mouse, the Cat, and Grandmother's Hat **Apr 25 | Wed | 10-11a** **Pre-kindergarten**

Wear your own hat to storytime and the play the game "Who wears this Hat?" Open playtime will follow. Pre-register in April at 843-9601.

Book Discussion Group **Featuring the Great Books** **Apr 25 | Wed | 6-8:30p** **Teens and Older**

A Great Books discussion group meets at Belle Isle. The group uses the shared inquiry method, led by Steve Overman, a certified discussion leader. The only requirement for attending a Great Books meeting is that you read the selection to be discussed. You need not attend all meetings. To sign up or get

additional information ask at the library or contact Steve Overman, 509-2363 or sjoverman@cox.net.

Richter Uzur Duo

Apr 28 | Sat | 2-3p
All ages

Two highly skilled artists, classically trained and street-savvy, have pooled their love for music of all genres holding their own on a symphony orchestra stage or matching licks with a road house band. Enjoy music anywhere from Led Zeppelin to Bartok . . . from the Beatles to Rimsky-Korsakov . . . from Gershwin to their own unique tunes.



Bethany Library

3510 N. Mueller, Bethany
(405) 789-8363

HOURS

Mon-Thur: 9-9
Fri: 9-6

Sat: 9-5
Sun: Closed



The Children's Hour Evening Story Time

Apr 3 | Tue | 6-7p
Ages 3-8

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



Story and Craft Time

Apr 5, 19 | Thur
10-10:45a
Ages 3-6

Enjoy stories, songs, nursery rhymes and a fun craft. Pre-register at the library information desk or call 789-8363, ext. 3.



Developmental Screenings

Apr 6 | Fri | 9a-Noon
Ages birth to 5 years w/guardian

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and home activities will be given. Screenings will include a small fee. To schedule your screening appointment, please call Child Guidance, OKCCD at 425-4412.

Drawing With Danny **Apr 7 | Sat | 2-3p** **Ages 8-12**

Join artist Danny Gordon for a fun, basic drawing class. Students will learn to look for basic shapes and lines in a variety of subjects which will make drawing easier and more fun! Space is limited for this free class. Sign up early! Pre-register at the library information desk or call 789-8363, ext. 3.

Are You Prepared? For Earthquake, Tornadoes & Fire Emergencies **Apr 10 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p** **Adults**

Are you prepared for the next earthquake, fire, or tornado disaster? Learn how to be prepared for emergencies by joining a representative from the American Red Cross of Central Oklahoma in basic disaster preparedness skills. Cosponsor: American Red Cross of Central Oklahoma.

Toddler Play and Story Time **Apr 12, 26 | Thur**

9:30-10:15a & 10:30-11:15a
Ages 18 mos - 3 yrs w/adult

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.



Babysitter Training **Apr 14 | Sat | 10a-4p** **Ages 11-16**

Thinking about babysitting to earn extra cash? In this class, an American Red Cross certified instructor will teach you how to care for children and infants. You will receive all training materials and at the completion of the class a Babysitter's Training Certificate. It's free to the first 15 people to register by visiting the reference desk or by calling 789-8363 Ext. 3. We'll even provide you with pizza for lunch. There's only room for 15, so make your reservations ASAP!



Yu-Gi-Oh! Club **Apr 21 | Sat | 10-11:30a** **Teens (Ages 12 +)**

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



Capitol Hill Library

334 SW 26th St., OKC
(405) 634-6308

HOURS

Mon-Thur: 9-8 Sat: 9-5
Fri: 9-6 Sun: Closed



Homework and Reading Help

Apr 2-30 | Weekdays/not Fri | 3:30-5:30p
Elementary & middle school age

Teen and adult volunteers will be available to help with homework and reading practice. Please call 634-6308 to register. If you are a teen or adult interested in mentoring at the Capitol Hill library, please call 634-6308 and talk to Jennifer or Angela or email jjones@metrolibrary.org

GED

Apr 2,4,9,11,16,18,23,25,30
Mon | 1-4p

Ages 16 and older

Attend free GED classes at the Capitol Hill Library. Review English, social studies, science and math skills in preparation for the GED test. Materials are provided. Attend any day of class to enroll. Call 634-6308 for more information.



After School

Apr 2,9,16,23,30 | Mon | 4-5p
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. Contact Angela at 634-6308 for more information. Cosponsor: Friends of the Metropolitan Library System.

Conversational Spanish II

Apr 2,9,16,23,30 | Mon
5:30-7p
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. The class began on February 13th and will continue on Monday evenings until May 7th. Register



by contacting the library, or sign up at the information desk.

Midday Matinee

Apr 3,10,7,24

All Ages

Take a break from the Tuesday drudgery with an educational or feature film. Every Tuesday at 4pm.

Tell Me A Story:

Story & Craft

Apr 3 | Tue | 9:30-10:30a

Age 6 and younger

Kids love to hear a story! Join us for storytimes featuring nursery rhymes, popular children's books and beloved authors. Craft activity will be included. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Call 634-6308 for more information.



Tax Help by AARP Volunteers

Apr 3,10 | Tue | 11a-3:30p

Apr 6,13 | Fri | 9:30a-2:30p

Adults

Free service for seniors or any adult with low to moderate income. Local ERO Coordinator and certified tax counselors will be available to assist with tax preparation and e-filing. Please call Louene Hembree at 685-2773 for more information. Cosponsor: AARP

Family Place: 1-2-3

Play With Me-Bilingual

Apr 4,11,18,25 | Wed

9:30-10:30a

Infants to age 4 w/parent

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Database Ball

Apr 4 | Wed | 4-5p

Teens age 12 and older

Have a report to write and can't find a topic? Is Wikipedia working your nerves? Have you Googled 'til you giggle without the answers you want? Learn how to make databases at the library do all the searching, and win prizes while you are at it. It's a homerun! Ages 12 and up. Call Angela at 634-6308 for more information.



Capitol Hill Chess Club

Apr 5 | Thur | 4-5p

All ages

Come learn how to play this strategic game of chess. If you already know how to play, have an fun match with others. Please call 634-6308 for more information or to sign up.

Tell Me A Story:

Move and Groove

Apr 10 | Tue | 9:30-10:30a

Age 6 and younger

Join us for preschool aerobics or yoga, and a short story time. Children must have an adult present.



Children Reading to Dogs

Apr 14 | Sat | 1-2p

Children who can read

Our highly trained dog volunteers love to hear stories! Come practice your reading skills by reading to these adorable dogs! We provide the books AND the dogs. Please register at the information desk or by calling 634-6308.



Art in the Afternoon With Debbie Langston

Apr 14 | Sat | 2-4p

Ages 6 and older

Join us for a relaxing day of creating art with local artist Debbie Langston. Children younger than 10 are required to have a parent present. For more information please call 634-6308.

Bilingual Story Time -

English y Español

Apr 19 | Thur | 6:30-7:15p

Age 2-6

Kids love to hear a story! Join us for story times featuring nursery rhymes, popular children's books and beloved authors. Craft or play activity will be included. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Call 634-6308 for more information.



Computer Basics for Seniors

Apr 21 | Sat | 2-3:30p

Adults and seniors

Join us every third Saturday here at Capitol Hill for a Back-to-Basics computer class. This class includes everything from Internet Searching to Email and much more. Please register at 634-6308 as space is limited.



Tell Me A Story:

Play and Learn

Apr 24 | Tue | 9:30-10:30a

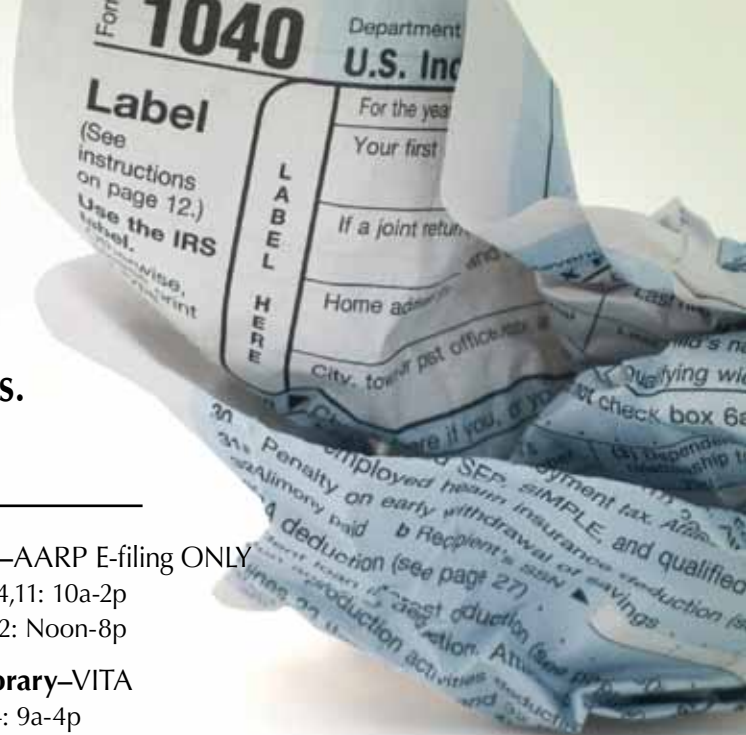
Age 6 and younger

There's more to play than just fun! Play makes learning enjoyable, helps children develop creativity, cooperation skills, social skills, gross and fine motor skills, communication, concentration, and so much more!



Tax Help: AARP

For Adults. AARP trained volunteers will assist you in preparing your 2011 state and federal tax returns. No appointments taken. First come, first served.



Belle Isle Library—AARP, E-filing ONLY

Tuesdays: Apr 3,10: 9a-Noon
Wednesdays: Apr 4,11: 9a-Noon
Saturdays: Apr 7,14: 9a-Noon

Capitol Hill Library—AARP, E-filing ONLY

Tuesdays: Apr 3,10: 11a-3:30p
Fridays: Apr 6,13: 9:30a-2:30p

Del City Library—AARP, E-filing ONLY

Mondays: Apr 2,9: Noon-4p
Thursdays: Apr 5,12: Noon-4p
Saturdays: Apr 7,14: 9-11a

Edmond Library—AARP E-filing ONLY

Wednesdays: Apr 4,11: 10a-2p
Thursdays: Apr 5,12: Noon-8p

Ralph Ellison Library—VITA

Saturdays: Apr 7,14: 9a-4p

The Village Library—AARP, E-filing ONLY

Tuesdays: Apr 3,10: 10a-3p
Wednesdays: Apr 4,11: 10a-3p
Saturdays: Apr 7,14: 10a-3p

Warr Acres Library—AARP, E-filing ONLY

Mondays: Apr 2,9: 9a-2:30p
Fridays: Apr 6,13: 9a-2:30p

Choctaw Library

2525 Muzzy St., Choctaw
(405) 390-8418

HOURS

Mon-Thur: 9-8
Fri: 9-6
Sat: 9-5
Sun: Closed



Peep Art Contest

April 2-22

Pre-K - 12th Grade

Join us for the 4th Annual Peep Art Contest. Peep Rock Anthem...Every Spring we're Shuffling! Using the spring time arrival of Marshmallow Peeps, get your creativity flowing and enter your Peep Themed art work in our Annual Contest. Categories for Teens and a special category for younger kids who want to participate. It'll be a rocking good time and all projects will be displayed in the Choctaw Library in the month of April. Turn in art projects between April 2nd-22nd The winners will be announced on the 27th.

Lapsit Story Time

Apr 3,10,17,24 | Tue

9:30-10a

Ages 6 months-3 years

Join us for simple songs, rhymes, and stories for parents and babies to enjoy together. Call 390-8418 or stop by the reference desk to sign up.



Preschool Storytime

Apr 3,10,17,24 | Tue

10:30-11a

Ages 3-5 years

Come to the library for stories, songs, finger-plays, and fun to help build early literacy skills. Please call 390-8418 or stop by the Reference Desk for more information.



Preschool Aerobics

Apr 5 | Thur | 10:30-11a

Ages 3 and older

Join us for preschool aerobics featuring exercises to develop fine & gross motor skills. Parents/caregivers will participate with their child. Please pre-register at 390-8418.



Are You Prepared? For Earthquake, Tornadoes & Fire Emergencies

Apr 3 | Tue | 6-7:30p

Adults

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preparedness skills. Cosponsor: American Red Cross of Central Oklahoma.

Joyful Music: Michael Fresonke in Concert

Apr 5 | Thur | 6-7p

All ages

Edmond native Michael Fresonke will present a guitar concert featuring works for solo classical guitar. The music moods will range from fun to spiritual. A highlight of the concert will be Fresonke's presentation of Little Suite in A Major, a work he recently composed and is recording.



History Fun: Chisholm Trail - Lots of Facts and a Little Bit of Fiction

Apr 7 | Sat | 2-4p

Ages 10 and older

History Educator, Luann Waters of Wynnewood will lead this program on the historical Chisholm Trail and the history of the cattle drives in the region. Oklahoma history and western lore fans are invited to listen and join in this discussion of Western history. Resource materials will be distributed. Light refreshments will be served. Preregistration preferred. Cosponsor: Eastern Oklahoma County Tech Center.

Lil' Lit' Club

Apr 11,18,25 | Wed | 1-1:30p

Readers age 4 and older

Read aloud and participate in a fun activity

with Lil'Il Lit' Club Wednesdays at 1pm. Children will benefit from reading the selection in advance with their family. Check with the information desk for next title. Call 390-8418.

Pizza and Plots Teen Book Club

Apr 11 | Wed | 4:30-5:30p
Teens



Choctaw Library has a book club just for Teens! Come enjoy pizza, snacks and drinks as we talk about awesome books. At each meeting, we choose the next month's book, so just call the library at 390-8418 to find out what we're reading.

Open Play Time

Apr 14 | Sat | 10-11a
Age 6 months-5 years
w/parents



Sharing in playtime with your young child helps promote learning and development. Each second Saturday the 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.

Children Reading to Dogs

Apr 14 | Sat | 3-4p
Apr 18 | Wed | 4-5p

Children who can read



Come and read to a dog! (A dog and trainer certified as a therapy team by Therapy Dogs International.) Readers can come to practice and improve their reading skills. The dogs with their owners act as an uncritical, appreciative audience with excellent listening skills! Bring your own book or borrow one from us! Come by or call 390-8418 to reserve a space.

Child Guidance Screenings

Apr 19 | Thur | 1-5pm
Ages birth to 5 years
w/adult



Child Guidance is offering developmental and speech/language screenings @ the libraries once again! A developmental screening is a very general look at how children are doing compared to other children the same age. At a screening appointment, your child's developmental progress will be assessed. Any questions or concerns you may have about your child's development or behavior will be discussed. Information about upcoming stages and home activities will be given. Screenings will include a small fee. Parents of young children can schedule your screening appointment, please call Child Guidance @ 405-425-4412. Cosponsor: Oklahoma City County Health Dept.

Ookami Anime Club

Apr 21 | Sat | 2:30-4p
Teens



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

Lego Club

Apr 25 | Wed | 4-5:30p
All ages

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

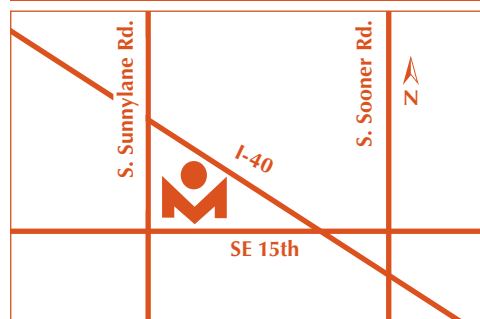
Del City Library

4509 S.E. 15th, Del City
(405) 672-1377

HOURS

Mon-Thur: 9-9
Fri: 9-6

Sat: 9-5
Sun: Closed



2012 Winter Readfest

AARP Tax Aide

Apr 2,9 | Mon | Noon-4p
Apr 5,12 | Thur | Noon-4p
Apr 7,14 | Sat | 9-11a
Adults

The Del City Library hosts AARP tax help volunteers Mondays and Thursdays from 12pm to 4pm, and Saturdays from 9:00am to 11am. Tax help is provided on a first-come, first served basis.

Ayumu Anime Club

Apr 3 | Tue | 4:30-5:30p
Teens



Share and discuss your favorite Anime and Manga. Screen new anime episodes each month! Snacks will be provided so come join the fun! *Anime may contain material that may be unsuitable for ages 13 and younger. Call 672-1377 for more information or to sign up.

After School

Apr 5,12,19,26 | Thur | 4-5p
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. Contact Lindsay at 672-1377 for more information. Cosponsor: Friends of the Metropolitan Library System.

Organization on Less Than a Shoestring

Apr 5 | Thur | 6:30-7:30p
Adults

Thinking about Spring Cleaning? Find out how to organize those closets and junk drawers the budget friendly way with Amber Austin, a professional organizer and family manager. To sign up for this workshop call 672-1377.

Family Place: 1-2-3

Play With Me

Apr 6,13,20,27 | Fri
10:30-11:30a

Infants to age 4 w/parent



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Baby Play

Apr 7 | Sat | 11a-Noon
Ages 6 mos - 4 yrs w/parent



You are your child's first and most important teacher and they learn so much from you when you get down on their level and play with them. So we invite you to come share our toys and join us for an hour of play time followed by a short story time. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. To sign up or for more information please call 672-1377 or visit us at the information desk.

Playdough Book Club

Apr 10 | Tue | 1-2p
Ages 3 and older



We'll read a story then spend the rest of the hour playing with dough. Kids can create something from the dough that reminds them of the story. For children 3 and up with parent or guardian. For questions or to sign up please call 672-1377 or visit us at the information desk.

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Thursday, April 26, 11:30am
Downtown Library (231-8650)

Thursday, April 26, 7pm
Midwest City Library (732-4828)

Friday, April 27, 2pm
Warr Acres Library (721-2616)

Saturday, April 28, 2pm
Belle Isle Library (843-9601)

All performances are free and suitable for all ages.



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Children Reading to Dogs Apr 12,26 | Thur | 6:30-7:30p Apr 28 | Sat | 9a-Noon Children at reading age



If you really want to be good at something you're suppose practice a lot. Bring your child to the library and let them practice their reading skills with a Certified Therapy Dog. Kids can read their favorite story or read one of the many great books we have on our shelves to a new friend, who is a great listener and loves stories. For more information call 672-1377 or visit us at the information desk.

Teen Reads Book Club Apr 17 | Tue | 4:30-5:30p Teens



Hey teens, do you like books and pizza? Of course you do! Read the book first or read it after, just be ready to talk books! This month we are reading *Paper Towns* by John Green. Reserve a copy or stop by the Information Desk to pick up a copy of the book.

Juggling Club Apr 18 | Wed | 6-7p Age 12 and older

The Del City Juggling Club welcomes experienced jugglers or those just starting out. Meet fellow jugglers, practice your skills, and learn some new tricks. Meetings are led by professional juggler, Monica Buck of Juggle Whatever. Call 672-1377 for more information

Movie Night Apr 19 | Thur | 6-8p All ages

Please join us for a "Night at the Movies!" The curtain goes up at 6pm and all are welcome to attend! Please call (405) 672-1377 for movie titles.

Are You Prepared? For Earthquake, Tornadoes & Fire Emergencies

Apr 24 | Tue | 6-7:30p
Adults

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The Busy Person's Book Club Apr 26 | Thur | 6-7p All ages

Do you like good books and good conversation, but don't have a lot of time on your hands? Come to the Busy Person's Book Club! Each month's selection is under 200 pages long and is sure to grab your attention quick and hold it until the very last page. This month we are

reading *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston. Call 672-1377 or stop by the reference desk to reserve your copy of this month's book selection.

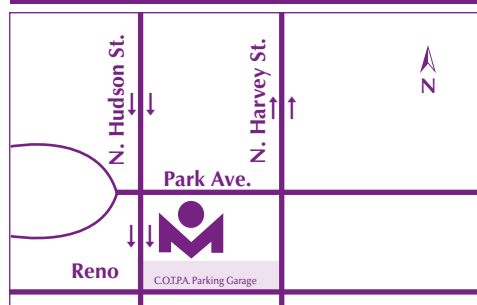
Downtown Library

300 Park Ave., OKC
(405) 231-8650

HOURS

Mon-Thur: 9-9
Fri: 9-6

Sat: 9-5
Sun: 1-6



Computer Basics Apr 3,10,17 | Tue 6-7:30p Adults



Join us for an introductory class that will teach basic navigation and common uses for computers and software such as web browsing, Microsoft Word, Excel and basic computer security. Classes are held in the Route 66 Computer Lab.

Wednesday Night at the Movies Apr 4,11,18,25 | Wed | 6-8p Age 13 and older

Please join us for Downtown "Wednesday Night at the Movies!" showing @ 6pm. All are welcome to attend! Please call (405) 606-3879 for movie titles.

Noon Tunes Apr 5,12,19,26 | Thur 11:30a-12:30p All ages



Cosponsored by the Friends of the Metropolitan Library System. Performing in April are:

Apr 5: *A Shade of Blue*
Apr 12: *Anna Kinder*
Apr 19: *Cleveland Elementary Choir*
Apr 26: *Richter Uzur Duo*

Play With Me Apr 6 | Fri | 10-10:45a Infants to age 4 w/adult



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231-8650, ext. 4, or by visiting the Children's Reference Desk.

Family Place: 1-2-3 Play With Me Apr 7,14,21,28 | Sat | 10-11a Infants to age 4 w/parent



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ESL Apr 7,14,21,28 | Sat | 2-4p Adults



Join us at the Downtown Library for English as a Second Language classes, held every Saturday from 2pm to 4pm on the 4th Floor. Please register at 606.3879 as space is limited.

Preschool Aerobics Apr 13 | Fri | 10-10:45a Age 12 mos - 5 yrs with adult



Preschool aerobics will get you moving and grooving with warm-ups, stretches, activities and a cool-down. An active story will wrap up your aerobic experience. Pre-register by calling 231-8650 ext. 4 or by visiting the Children's Reference Desk.

Second Annual Downtown Library International Festival Apr 14 | Sat | 10a All ages



Please join us for a fun filled day for the whole family at the second annual Downtown Library International Festival. The festival will include musical and dance performances from around the world, crafts, and more. For more information please call the Downtown Library at 231-8650.

11:00 am - Hill Irish Dance School
11:45 am - Alegria Real
12:30 pm - Dances of Asia
1:15 pm - Brigade Bluegrass Band
2:00 pm - Mexica Explendor, Aztec Dancers
2:45 pm - Grupo AfroCaribeno



Are You Prepared: For Earthquakes, Tornadoes, or Fires?

Learn how to get ready for emergencies by joining a representative from the American Red Cross of Central Oklahoma for a free session in basic disaster preparedness skills.

Tuesday, April 3 at 6pm:	Choctaw Library 25235 Muzzy Street (390-8418)
Wednesday, April 4 at 1pm:	Nicoma Park Library 2240 Overholser, Nicoma Park (769-9452)
Tuesday, April 10 at 6:30pm:	Bethany Library 3510 N. Mueller (789-8363)
Tuesday, April 17 at 6:30pm:	The Village Library 10307 N. Pennsylvania (755-0710)
Wednesday, April 18 at 3:30pm:	Luther Library 310 N.E. 3 rd , Luther (277-9967)
Thursday, April 19 at 6:30pm:	Ralph Ellison Library 2000 N.E. 23 rd (424-1437)
Friday, April 20 at 10am:	Harrah Library 1930 N. Church Avenue, Harrah (454-2001)
Tuesday, April 24 at 6pm:	Del City Library 4509 S.E. 15 th (672-1377)
Thursday, April 26 at 2pm:	Wright Library 2101 Exchange (235-5035)
Thursday, April 26 at 6:30pm:	Warr Acres Library 5901 N.W. 63 rd (721-2616)
Saturday, April 28 at 2pm:	Midwest City Library 8143 E. Reno (732-4828)



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**For more information
please call 606-3833**

Metropolitan Library Commission of Oklahoma County

Apr 19 | Thur | 3:30-5p

Downtown Library

300 Park Ave.

Oklahoma City, OK 73102

405.231.8650

The public is welcome to attend.



Book-N-Play Story Time

Apr 20 | Fri | 10-10:45a

Age 3-5 w/adult

Children between the ages of three and five are getting ready to master the skills they need to become readers. Book 'N Play will include a variety of activities, fingerplays, songs and a craft that will encourage an interest in books, reading, and a love for literature. Pre-register by calling 231-8650 ext. 4, or by visiting the Children's Reference Desk



Children Reading to Dogs

Apr 21 | Sat | 3-4p

Children who read

Come read to a dog! Children can practice and improve their reading skills by reading to specially trained dogs and their owners who act as an uncritical, appreciative audience. They love a good dog story. Borrow one of ours or bring your own. Dogs and their owners are trained and certified through Therapy Dogs International



Child Development Screening

Apr 26 | Thur | 9-10a

**Ages birth to 5 years
w/adult**

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Music Play W/Miss Ginger

Apr 27 | Fri | 10-10:45a

Age 2-5 w/adult

Enjoy songs, musical games and a story with Ginger Waldrip of Ginger's Kindermusik. Instruments will be provided for those who have registered by calling 231-8650 ext. 4.



Edmond Library

10 S. Boulevard, Edmond

(405) 341-9282

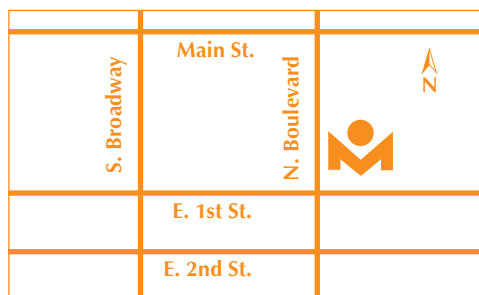
HOURS

Mon-Thur: 9-9

Fri: 9-6

Sat: 9-5

Sun: 1-6



Advanced Farsi

Apr 1,15,22,29 | Sun

1:30-2:30p

Adults and teens

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



Beginning Farsi

Apr 1,15,22,29 | Sun

2:30-3:30p

Adults and teens

For those who have no prior experience speaking or writing Farsi. Supply charge is \$30 per month, payable to the instructor. All written materials are provided by the instructor.



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Apr 2-22

Grades 6-12

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Preschool Storytime

Apr 2,9,16,23,30 | Mon

10-10:30a

Ages 3-5

For all children ages 3-5, join us for story time. There will be songs, fingerplays, puppets, hidden mysteries, occasional crafts and special stories. Early reading literacy skills will be emphasized. Come and join the fun.



Intermediate ESL

Apr 2,4,9,11,16,18,23,25,30

Mon & Wed | 1-4p

Adults

This class is for adults who would like to improve their spoken and written English and includes grammar, conversation, vocabulary, reading, writing, listening, and pronunciation. Class is provided by Oklahoma City Community College. Free. Register with instructor the first day you attend. Cosponsor: OCCC.



Beginning ESL

Apr 2,4,9,11,16,18,23,25,30

Mon & Wed | 5:30-8:30p

Adults

Beginning English as a Second Language (ESL) teaches students how to improve their conversational and listening skills in English. Enroll with the instructor on the first day you attend class. Class and materials are free. Cosponsor: OCCC.



Lapsit: Playtime and Story Time

Apr 3,10,17 | Tue

9:30-10a and 10:15-10:45a

and 11-11:30a

Ages birth - 2 years

Enjoy a special time with your child at the library. We will have a playtime with the toys in the story time room. This is followed by a circle time that emphasizes group participation, movement, early literacy skills, books and language development.



GED

Apr 3,5,10,12,17,19,24,26

Tue & Thur | 5:30-8:30p

Adults

Students are invited to attend free GED classes. Review English, social studies, science, essay writing and math skills in preparation for the GED test. Materials are provided. Classes are open to students 16 years and older who are not currently enrolled in high school. For students 16-17, a notarized consent waiver form is required. Register w/Instructor first day you attend class. Cosponsor: OCCC.



Chess Club For Teens

Apr 3,10,17,24 | Tue

6-7p

Teens

Free Chess Club for Teens meets Tuesday nights 6:00 to 7:00. All skill levels are welcome. Students can play others who are learning or have prior skills in the game. Local mom and coach provides materials and instructions.



April 2012

Thursday Noon Tunes

Downtown Library Atrium every Thursday from 11:30 to 12:30pm



April 5: A Shade of Blue, jazz trio

April 12: Anna Kinder, singer/songwriter

April 19: Cleveland Elementary Choir, Lisa Cochran, Director

April 26: Richter Uzur Duo, classical-eclectic guitar/cello

All performances are free and open to the public.

Downtown Library

300 Park Ave. | OKC, OK
(405) 606-3833



Children Reading to Dogs

Apr 3,17 | Tue

6:30-7:30p

Kindergarten to 6th grade

Read to a specially trained dog who loves to hear a good book! Dogs with their owners will be in the library to be read to by children. The dogs enjoy hearing one of the dog stories we have, but you can bring your own book. It is valuable in building self confidence and self-esteem for those needing an uncritical, appreciative listening audience to improve reading skills. All dogs and owners are trained and certified as dog therapy teams.



55+ Coffee Club

Apr 4,11,18,25 | Wed | 9:30-11a

Seniors

Our coffee break is made just for you. Coffee, tea and hot chocolate will be served with light refreshments. Mingle and talk about your favorite books or activities. This is a come-and-go event.

AARP Tax Aide

Apr 4,11 | Wed | 10a-2p

Apr 5,12 | Thur | Noon-8p

Adults and seniors

AARP volunteers will be providing free tax preparation and e-filing assistance for seniors, age 60 and over, and others with a low to moderate income of not more than \$49,000.00. Assistance is provided on a first come, first serve basis. Please be sure to bring all relevant documents with you, e.g. all earning and dividend statements, copies of last year's federal

and state returns, and proof of bank account numbers for direct deposit. Volunteers will be available beginning Feb 1 through Apr 5 on Wednesdays 10a-2p and Thursdays Noon-8p. Cosponsor: AARP.

Family Place: 1-2-3

Play With Me

Apr 5,12,19,26 | Thur

9:30-10:30a

Infants to age 4 w/parent

Playing with your baby or child is not only important for bonding but is also an educational experience for your child. We are providing a special time for four weeks for you to come to the library and spend one-on-one time playing with your child. A different community resource professional will be available each week to answer your parenting questions. This free series is intended for infants through age four with their parents or guardians. Pre-register by calling the library or visiting the reference desk.



Stamp Club

Apr 7,21 | Sat | 10a-Noon

4th grade and up

Are you looking for a new hobby? Join experienced stamp collectors who can guide you in this rewarding venture. To pre-register call 348-4607.

Edmond Manga & Anime Club

Apr 12 | Thur | 4-5:30p
Teens

Local Teens meet to draw, write, watch and



discuss manga and anime. This is a free club that meets the 2nd Thursday of the month. Manga and Anime is rated TEEN and may not be appropriate for young teens and children.

Music With Susan

Apr 13,27 | Fri | 10-10:30a

and 10:40-11:10a

Ages 2-3

Join with Susan in musical activities designed especially for this age group. Classes are held on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month. Registration for the 2nd Friday always begins on the 1st day of the month. Registration for the 4th Friday always begins on the 15th day of the month. Pre-register by calling 341-9282, ext. 4.



Music With Susan

Apr 13,27 | Fri | 11:15-11:45a

Ages 4-5

Join with Susan in musical activities designed especially for this age group. Classes are held on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month. Registration for the 2nd Friday always begins on the 1st day of the month. Registration for the 4th Friday always begins on the 15th day of the month. Pre-register by calling 341-9282, ext. 4.



Readers' Choice Book Club

Apr 14 | Sat | 10:30a-Noon
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 April discussion will focus on *When Ireland Fell Silent: A Story of a Family's Struggle Against Famine and Eviction* by Harolyn Enis. Contact the library at 341-9282 to reserve a copy.

Youth Environmentalist Club

Apr 14 | Sat | 10:30-11:15a
Ages 5-10

Our environment is very important and needs our protection. Join Edmond's Youth Environmentalist Club for a story and craft time devoted to caring for the environment.

Edmond Library Book Bunch

Apr 14 | Sat | 2-3:30p
Seniors

The Book Bunch meets monthly to discuss important and memorable fiction. The April selection is *Spoken from the Heart* by Laura Bush. In this personal memoir, the former first lady tells her own extraordinary story, from Midland, Texas to Washington, D.C. Contact the library to reserve a copy.

Yu-Gi-Oh Tournament

Apr 14 | Sat | 3-4:30
All school-aged children

Come get your Yu-Gi-Oh game on at the Edmond Library. This tournament is for those who already know how to play the game.

Developmental Screenings

Apr 18 | Wed | 1-5p
Parents and child



Child Guidance is offering developmental and speech/language screenings @ the libraries once again! A developmental screening is a general look at how children are doing compared to other children the same age. At a screening appt your child's developmental progress will be assessed. Information about upcoming stages and home activities will be given. Screenings will include a small fee. To schedule your screening appointment call Child Guidance @ 425-4412. Cosponsor: OCCHD.

History Book Club

Apr 19 | Thur | 6:30-8p
School age - adult



Artist and teacher Karole Stout uses painted murals and life-size figures, antiques and artifacts to bring the story of the Land Run of 1889 to life. Feel the excitement of the Land Run, and learn about the people who came and their reasons for coming, the homes that were built and the hardships faced by Oklahoma's brave pioneers.

AARP Driver's Safety

Apr 21 | Sat | 9:30a-3p
Adults

Attention ALL drivers! If you want to learn how to be a better driver AND save money,

attend the AARP Drivers Safety Program and become eligible for a discount on your monthly auto insurance premium. The State of Oklahoma authorizes a discount lasting 3 years for any licensed driver aged 16 and up who successfully completes a defensive driver's course. Space is limited. Please preregister at the Information Desk or by calling 341-9282. Cost is \$12 for AARP members or \$14 for non-members, in cash or check payable to AARP, for course materials. Cosponsor: AARP.

Lapsit: Playtime and Toddler Aerobics

Apr 24 | Tue | 9:30-10a
10:15-10:45a & 11-11:30a
Ages birth - 2 years



Enjoy a special time with your child at the library. We will have a playtime with the toys in the story time room. This is followed by a short session of aerobics, emphasizing movement to music.

Teaching Children to Be More Cooperative

Apr 25 | Wed | 3:30-5p
Parents of young children



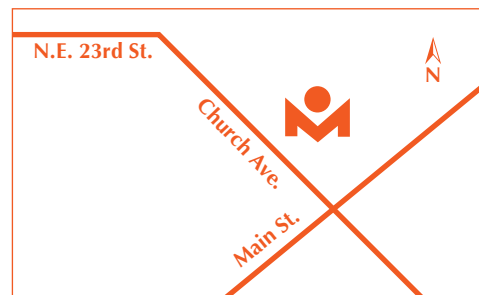
Sometimes being a parent isn't easy. We will talk about when to discipline or ignore unwanted behaviors. Come and learn the guidance techniques used by experts to teach your child how to cooperate more often. Call 425-4412 to register. Cosponsor: OCCHD.

Harrah Library

1930 N. Church Ave., Harrah
(405) 454-2001

HOURS

Mon-Thur: 9:30-6 Sat: 9-5
Fri: 9-5 Sun: Closed



Children Reading to Dogs

Apr 14 | Sat | 9a-Noon
Kindergarten to 6th grade



Come practice your reading skills by reading to therapy dogs, Duke and Chewbacca. Call Harrah Library at 454-2001 for information.

Are You Prepared? For Earthquake, Tornadoes & Fire Emergencies

Apr 20 | Fri | 10-11a
Adults

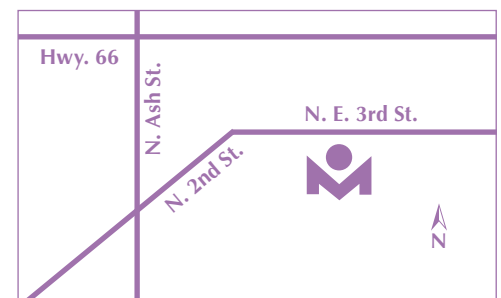
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Luther Library

310 N.E. 3rd, Luther
(405) 277-9967

HOURS

Mon - Thur: 9:30-6 Fri & Sat: 9-5
Sun: Closed



Coffee Break

Apr 2 | Mon | 9:30-11a
Adults

Come by for a cup of coffee, a snack and take a look at our latest books on the shelf. We know you will find something you will want to take home with you.

Oklahoma County Triad: Keeping Our Citizens Safe

Apr 3 | Tue | 11a-Noon
Adults

Keeping Our Citizens Safe. Don't be a victim. Come and learn what is happening in our communities and how to be safe in our homes. TRIAD gives you the opportunity to get the latest crime-prevention information direct from your local law enforcement.

Farmer's Tea

Apr 12 | Thur | 2-4p
Adults

Come by, have a glass of tea and take a look at the latest books on the shelves.

Quilting

Apr 16 | Mon | 10a-4p
Adults

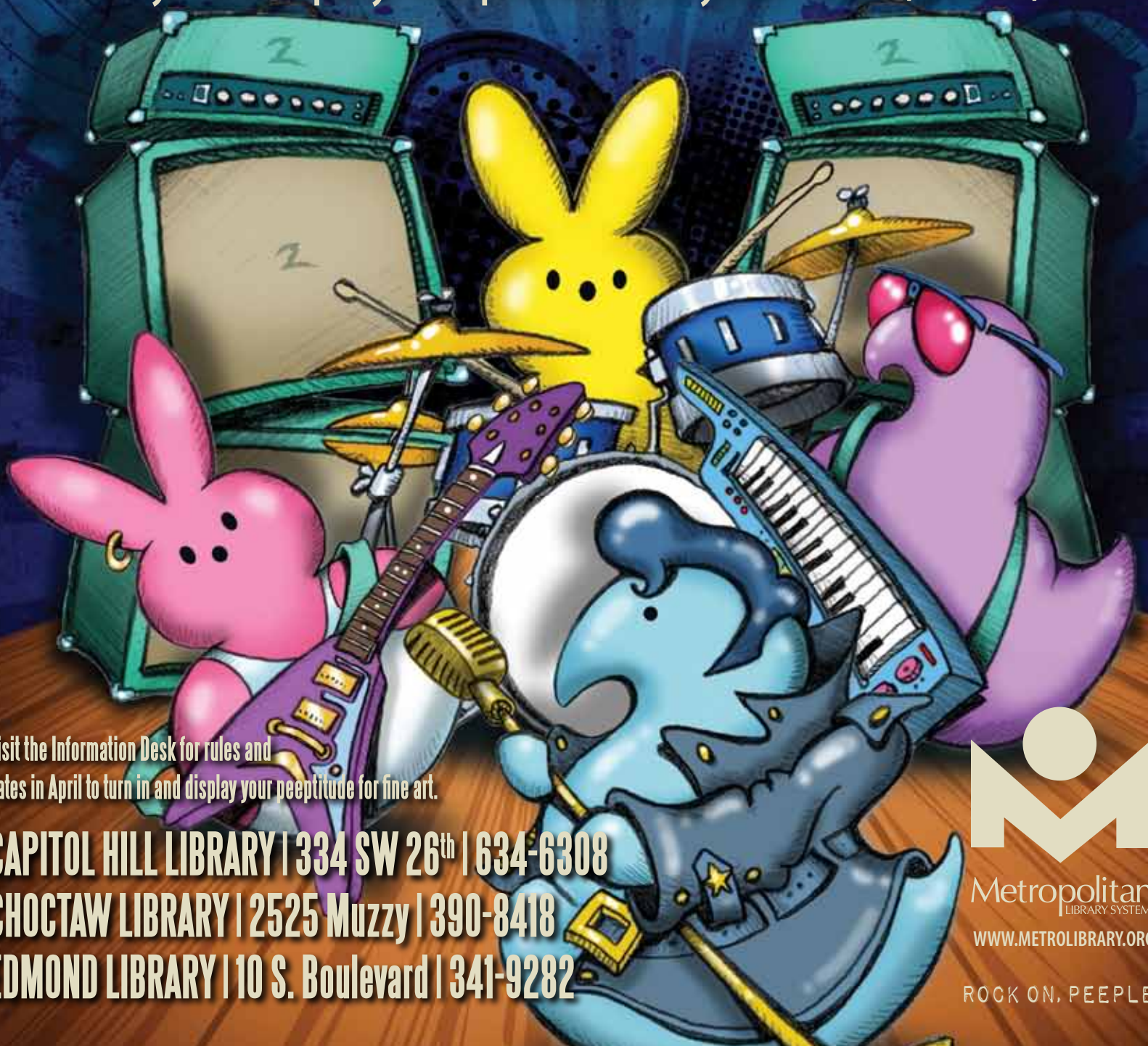
Bring your material and sewing machine and enjoy a day of quilting. If you don't know how to quilt, we will teach you.

METROPOLITAN LIBRARY SYSTEM PRESENTS:

PEEP ROCK ANTHEM

THE 4TH ANNUAL PEEPS CONTEST FOR TEENS

Break out the gold lame suit! Puff up your hair!
Get those paper clip accessories ready! Take off your shoes
so you can play the piano with your feet! (Eccch!)



Visit the Information Desk for rules and
dates in April to turn in and display your peepitude for fine art.

CAPITOL HILL LIBRARY | 334 SW 26th | 634-6308

CHOCTAW LIBRARY | 2525 Muzzy | 390-8418

EDMOND LIBRARY | 10 S. Boulevard | 341-9282



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ROCK ON, PEEPLE!

Are You Prepared? For Earthquake, Tornadoes & Fire Emergencies

Apr 18 | Wed | 3:30-4:30p

Adults

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Midwest City Library

8143 E. Reno, Midwest City
(405) 732-4828

HOURS

Mon-Thur: 9-9

Sat: 9-5

Fri: 9-6

Sun: 1-6

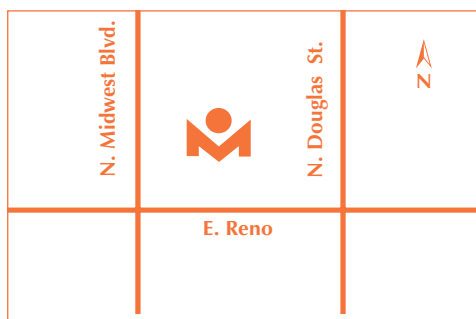


Exhibit - Oklahoma: All That Southwest Jazz

Apr 1-30 | Library Hours

All ages

In recognition of Jazz Appreciation Month, the Midwest City Library is pleased to host Oklahoma: All That Southwest Jazz, on loan from the Oklahoma Museums Association. This photographic exhibit features Oklahoma legends instrumental in creating the music form that was to become known as "jazz." Narrative text and historic photographs trace Oklahoma blues lineage from Count Base, who began his climb to stardom from Oklahoma City's "Blue Devils," to Yale native Chet Baker's contribution to the art form. The exhibit is free and open to the public all library hours.

Soldier Creek Quilting Group

Apr 2 | Mon | 9a-2p

All ages

Perpetuate art forms and inspire others in quilting. Members of Soldier Creek Quilting Group invite you to attend every Monday at the Midwest City Library from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. No experience necessary, just a willingness to create art. Registration is not required.

Preschool Storytime

Apr 2,9,16,23 | Mon

10-10:30a

Ages 2-5 w/parent

Join us for story time! There will be songs,



fingerplays, rhymes, and special stories. Come and join the fun! Older and younger siblings are welcome. All children should be accompanied by an adult. Space is limited, so be sure to reserve a spot by calling 732-4828 or visiting the Information Desk.

The Mad Scientist Lab

Apr 2,9 | Mon | 4:30-5:15p

Apr 7 | Sat | 3:30-4:15p

Ages 6-12

Astronomy, zoology, geography, chemistry, oh my! Calling all young scientists! Discover more about the world around you through fun activities and experiments. Each month we will explore a different branch of science. Registration is recommended so we will have enough supplies for each child. Call 732-4828 or visit the Information Desk to sign-up.

Whose Line

Apr 2 | Mon | 5:30-7p

Ages 14-17

Get your IMPROV ON!! every Monday. No registration required.



Teens

Knit Wit

Apr 3 | Tue | 10a-Noon

Adults

Learn to knit or crochet or strengthen your craft. Crochet class meets every first Tuesday of the month; knitting class meets every third Tuesday. Class is free and all supplies provided by the library. No registration required.

Pajama Story Night

Apr 3 | Tue | 6:30-7p

Children of all ages

Bedtime stories for children of all ages. Put on your pajamas and grab your favorite stuffed friend. We will enjoy stories, songs, poems, rhymes and the occasional craft. All children should be accompanied by an adult. Registration is required. Call 732-4828 or visit the Information Desk to sign up.



Total Wellness

Apr 4 | Wed | 9:30-10:30a

Adults

The Total Wellness Program is designed to help prevent illnesses (ie diabetes, etc.) through exercise and diet. This program is a multi-week class and registered dietitians are available to help answer questions. Space is limited. To attend and for additional information, please call 405-425-4398. Cosponsor: Oklahoma City/County Health Department.

Music for Babies and Toddlers

Apr 4 | Wed | 10-10:40a

Infants-36 mos w/parent

Join Miss Joy for a morning of musical activities just for babies and toddlers. Older siblings are



welcome to join and encouraged to bring a doll so they can play along. Instruments will be provided for those who have registered by calling 732-4828 or visiting the Information Desk.

Chess Club at the Midwest City Library

Apr 4 | Wed | 4:30p-5:30p

All ages

The Midwest City Library offers chess players the opportunity to play every first Wednesday of the month at 4:30 p.m. For more information, please contact the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828.

After School

Apr 5,12,19,26 | Thur | 4:30-5:30p

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. Contact Suzette at 732-4828 for more information. Cosponsor: Friends of the Metropolitan Library System.

Children Reading to Dogs

Apr 10,24 | Tue | 7-7:30p

Parents of young children

Read to a specially trained dog who loves to hear a good book! The dogs particularly enjoy hearing one of the dog stories we will have, but you can bring your own book too. It is valuable in building self confidence and self-esteem for those needing an uncritical, appreciative, listening audience to improve reading skills. All dogs and owners are trained and certified as dog therapy teams. Registration is recommended so we will have enough dogs for each child. Call 732-4828 or visit the Information Desk to sign up.



Introduction to Keeping Snakes as Pets

Apr 11 | Wed | 6-8p

All ages

Parents...are your kids interested in snakes as pets but you're not comfortable with the idea? If yes, please attend this wonderful class taught by Larry Daniel, President of the OKC Herpetological Society. Registration is required at the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828. Cosponsor: OKC Herpetological Society.

Non-Fiction Book Club

Apr 12 | Thur | 7-8p

Adults

Come join us for the Midwest City Nonfiction Readers' Book Club where we will read and discuss an array of titles of varying subject matter. U.S. & world history, science and technology, global exploration and adventure as well as political and social issue titles will be contenders for discussion. This month's selection is *Lost in Shangri-la: a true story of survival, adventure, and the most incredible rescue mission of World War*

II by Mitchell Zuckoff. To sign up and receive a copy of the book, please call 405-732-4828 or visit the information desk.

Readers' Society Book Club

Apr 17 | Tue | 10-11:30a

Adults

If you enjoy reading and discussing books, come to the Midwest City Library the third Tuesday of each month for our book club. New members are always welcome. Pick up your copy of our current book at the Information Desk, or call 732-4828.

Lunch and Learn with Allegiance Credit Union

Apr 17 | Wed | 12:30-1:30p

Adults

Lunch and Learn instructs participants on how to set financial goals, get organized, cut spending waste, build a budget, save money and where to get your free credit report. This program is free and lunch is provided. To attend, please register at the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828. Cosponsor: Allegiance Credit Union.

Family Craft Night

Apr 17 | Tue

6:30-7:30p

All ages

Come to the library for a fun evening of craft activities. We will have several craft stations set up with activities for all ages and skill levels. Please sign-up in advance so we will have enough supplies for everyone. Register at the Information Desk or by calling 732-4828.



How to Apply for Scholarships and Save Money

Apr 19 | Thur | 6:30-8p

Parents and teens

Need to prepare for college? This class is designed to provide tools and tips to college bound students and parents who would like to increase their knowledge of the college scholarship application process. This class is free and open to the public. To attend, please contact the Information Desk at 405-732-4828 to register.

Cosponsor: Scholarship Paths.

Motor Vehicle Crash Prevention Course

Apr 21 | Sat | 9a-4p

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.

Richter Uzur Duo

Apr 26 | Thur | 7-8p

All ages

Two highly skilled artists, classically trained and street-savvy, have pooled their love for music of all genres holding their own on a symphony orchestra stage or matching licks with a road house band. Enjoy music anywhere from Led Zeppelin to Bartok . . . from the Beatles to Rimsky-Korsakov . . . from Gershwin to their own unique tunes.



Stuck in the Middle

Apr 28 | Sat | 9:30-11a

All ages

It is that time of the year...the time for kids to move from elementary school to middle school. To help with the transition, the Midwest City Library will offer Stuck in the Middle. This program helps parents and students deal with the "shift". This program will meet on March 31 and April 28. To attend, please contact the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828. Cosponsor: Stuck in the Middle.

Are You Prepared? For Earthquake, Tornadoes & Fire Emergencies

Apr 28 | Sat | 2-3:30p

Adults

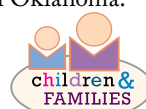
Are you prepared for the next earthquake, fire, or tornado disaster? Learn how to be prepared for emergencies by joining a representative from the American Red Cross of Central Oklahoma in basic disaster preparedness skills. Cosponsor: American Red Cross of Central Oklahoma.

Toddler Aerobics

Apr 30 | Mon | 10-10:30a

Ages 2-5 w/parent

Preschoolers may join in the aerobics class that features lessons & exercises designed to develop fine & gross motor skills. Parents/caregivers will participate with their child. Registration is required and begins one week before the scheduled program. Call 732-4828 or visit the Information Desk to sign up.



Nicoma Park Library

2240 Overholser, Nicoma Park
(405) 769-9452

HOURS

Tue-Thur: 9:30-5:30 M & Sun: Closed
Fri & Sat: 9-5



Are You Prepared? For Earthquake, Tornadoes & Fire Emergencies

Apr 4 | Wed | 1-2p

Adults

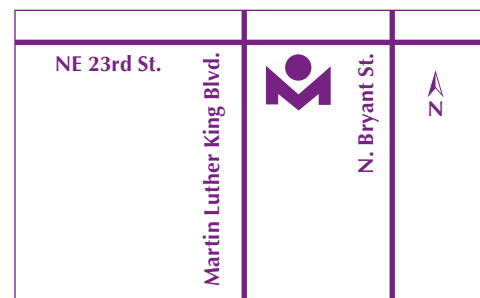
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Ralph Ellison Library

2000 N.E. 23rd, OKC
(405) 424-1437

HOURS

Mon-Thur: 9-8 Sat: 9-5
Fri: 9-6 Sun: Closed



Young Poets Poetry Writing

April 2-30

Ages 6-12

Are you a poet and don't know it? Or maybe you do know it that you're a poet. Write and illustrate an original poem, rhyme, or rap on a topic of your choice, and you may earn a cool gift. We will post your composition in the library for all to enjoy. Submit completed poems at the information desk.

Rabbit Rescue

Donations Accepted: April 2-30

All ages

Help us get into the Spring and Easter spirit by sponsoring a rescued rabbit (or rabbits). We are collecting spare change to donate to Farm Sanctuary through www.changingthepresent.org. Those who donate will be able to enter their name in a drawing to win a prize.

Afternoon GED

Apr 2,4,9,11,16,18,23,25,30

Mon & Wed | 12:30-3:30p

Age 15 and older

Need practice before taking the test? Want help preparing for the essay or math sections? On-going GED classes are held Mondays and Wednesdays from 12:30 to 3:30. Classes are provided at no charge. All materials provided. Cosponsor: Oklahoma City Public Schools.



First Monday Gamefest

Apr 2 | Mon | 4-5:30p

Tweens and teens

Gamefests rock! So, Ralph Ellison Library has decided to make them happen every month. Join the First Monday Gamefest and get ready to jam out to Guitarhero, dance the night away on our XBOX Kinect, make some sweet touchdowns on Madden 11, and race some cars on Mario Kart! No sign up required.



Teens

Preschool Storytime

Apr 3 | Tue | 10-10:30a

Age 2-5

Come join the children's librarian for some family fun with fingerplays, music, movement, books, & more! Younger and older siblings are also welcome. Because space is limited, you may want to reserve a spot by calling 606-3457 or by visiting the information desk.



Tai Chi: Moving for Better Balance

Apr 3,10,17,24 | Tue | 11a-Noon

Apr 5,12,19,26 | Thur | 11a-Noon

Adults

This Tai Chi program is designed for mature adults who want to improve their posture, lessen joint stiffness, raise energy levels, and reduce the risk of falling. Cosponsor: Oklahoma City-County Health Department.

After School

Apr 3,10,17,24 | Tue | 4-5p

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. Contact Taryn at 424-1437 for more information. Cosponsor: Friends of the Metropolitan Library System.

Board Games Tuesdays

Apr 3,10,17,24 | Tue | 4:30-5:30p

All ages

From the classics to the latest creations, our board games are the source of inter-generational fun! Select from our collection, or bring your own.

Wrap Yourself Around Rap: A Rap is Poetry Workshop

Apr 5 | Thur | 5:30-7p

Age 10-18

Hey, don't you see? Ralph Ellison Library's Rap is Poetry Workshop is the place to be! Today, rap is one of the most popular genres of music. But, did you know it is considered poetry? Come to our workshop where you will learn the history of rap, create your own rap lyrics, and get the chance to perform them! Visit the library or call 424-1437 to sign up for this poetry month program open for tweens and teens.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

Apr 7,14 | Sat | 9a-4p

Adults

Volunteers from the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program will be available to assist people in preparing their 2011 State and Federal Income Tax Returns. Cosponsor: OKC Community Action Agency and The Association for the Improvement of Minorities in the Internal Revenue Service.

Girl's Night - Chick Flick and Popcorn

Apr 10 | Tue | 5-7

All ages

Girls' Night is just around the corner! Open for girls of all ages, it will be a night of bonding over a chick flick movie and snacks! Invite your sister, mom, grandma, and cousin for this spectacular event for girls only! Sign up is required. Call 424-1437.

Block Party

Apr 12 | Thur | 5:30-7p

Age 1 and older

Calling all builders, architects, artists, and designers! Join kids of all ages for a fun block building party and get creative with architectural blocks, baby blocks, Legos, Lincoln Logs, Mega Bloks, and more. Sure, blocks are a blast, but did you know they also enhance kids' visual-spatial, fine motor, problem-solving, math, language, and social skills? Books about building and construction will be available for creative inspiration and to check out and enjoy at home.



Plant a Pal

Apr 19 | Thur | 5:30-7p

Age 3-12

Celebrate Spring and Earth Day by planting your own grassy-haired friend. A cup, dirt, seeds, some decorations, and a green thumb are all you need to start your own indoor garden. Take home your creation, put it in a warm sunny spot, keep it watered, and just watch your new pal's hair grow and grow! All supplies provided.



Are You Prepared? For Earthquake, Tornadoes & Fire Emergencies

Apr 19 | Thur | 6:30-7:30p

Adults

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Much Ado About Nothing

Apr 21 | Sat | 1-4p

Age 12 - adult

The very first production independently produced by founder and artistic director, Tyler Woods' *Much Ado About Nothing* was first performed in 2000 in Edmond, Oklahoma. Told with all of the love and care of the original production, Woods hopes to bring further innovation into this lively look at love and deceit set in 1860 Italy. You will love the Bard's beloved battle of wits." Audience members will find themselves full engaged and invested in this bright and vibrant story as they participate directly in the action: breaking down the 4th wall completely between actor and audience. Cosponsor: Reduxion Theatre, Oklahoma Arts Council, National Endowment for the Arts.



Read, Share, Grow Book Club

Apr 23 | Mon | 6:30-7:30p

Adults

Love to read and talk about stimulating (and sometimes provocative) books? Then the Ralph Ellison Library's Read, Share, Grow Book Club may be a perfect fit for you! Call 606-3457 or visit the library to reserve your copy of the book.

Shinigami Anime Club

Apr 24 | Tue | 4-6p

Tweens and teens

If you love to read manga, watch anime, and enjoy gaming, then the Ralph Ellison Anime Club is just for you! It meets from 4-6 on the 4th Tuesday of every month and is open for tweens and teens.



Teens

Project G.R.A.C.E. Grandparents Raising America' Children to Excel

Apr 26 | Thur | 11a-12:30p and 6:30-8p

Adults

Raising your grandchildren? Need a supporting environment to connect with other grandparents? Project G.R.A.C.E. is a support group for grandparents and a resource to encourage and enable youths to pursue continuing education after high school. Bring those grandkids along! Refreshments provided. Cosponsor: Project G.R.A.C.E.

Mother Goose on the Loose

Apr 26 | Thur | 6-6:30p

Ages 0-6

Hey, Diddle Diddle, Jack and Jill! You're invited to a play-based early literacy program filled with big time rhythm and rhyme. Developed by Betsy Diamant-Cohen and Barbara Cass-Beggs, Mother Goose on the Loose® (www.mgol.org) is an award-winning, research-based program for young children. Mother Goose on the Loose brings language and literacy to life by incorporating books, puppets, flannel pieces, musical instruments, movement, and more. We hope to see you there! (Roses are Red, Violets are Blue, Ralph Ellison Library welcomes you!)



The African American Community Diabetes Prevention Partners

Apr 30 | Mon | 11:30a-12:30p

All ages

The African American Community Diabetes Prevention Partners are comprised of representatives from community agencies, businesses, government institutions, faith-based communities, as well as vested concerned citizens. By advocating for positive health outcomes within the African American Family and by increasing public awareness of Community Services/Resources, the Partners continue to effectively participate in multiple community sponsored events. Partners invite you to join the regularly scheduled monthly meeting on the last Monday of each month. Cosponsor: Oklahoma City/County Health Department.

SOUP - Open Mic Poetry Night

Apr 30 | Mon | 6:30a-8p

All ages

S.O.U.P. Society of Urban Poets provides an opportunity for budding poets to share their work with an audience full of supporters. Just show up ready to read. Cosponsor: Society of Urban Poets.

Southern Oaks Library

2914 S.W. 59th, OKC
(405) 631-4468

HOURS

Mon-Thur: 9-9

Sat: 9-5

Fri: 9-6

Sun: 1-6



The Southern Oaks Library is temporarily located at 2914 S.W. 59th Street while the S. Walker library is being remodeled. The remodel will last approximately one year.

Preschool Storytime

Apr 2,9,16,23,30 | Mon

10:30-11:10a

Ages 2-6 w/adult/caregiver

Introduce young children to books and reading at our fun 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.



Children Reading to Dogs

Apr 3 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p

Apr 28 | Sat | 10-11a

For kids who can read

A Dog in the Library? That's right, come read to a loveable dog and their owner! By sitting down next to a dog and reading to the dog, all threats of being judged are put aside. Kids will improve literacy skills in a relaxed environment that allows them to focus on reading. Reading improves because the child is practicing the skill of reading, building self-esteem, and associating reading with something pleasant. All of our dog teams are trained through HALO or Therapy Dogs International. Pre-registration is required. Please call 631-4468 to sign up.



Friday: Films, Family & Fun

Apr 6,13,20,27 | Fri | 9a-6p

All ages

Looking for fun on a Friday night? Come to the library every Friday to check out our movie collection. Free popcorn & candy for every five items checked out. Fun for the entire family & it's free! Limit one gift per family.

Teen Crafts

Apr 7 | Sat | 2-4p

10 and older

Come make crafts devised and implemented by Teens!



Teens

Southern Oaks Book Club

Apr 10 | Tue | 11:30a-12:30p

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 book selection or stop by the reference desk. *Book discussion at Trinity Lutheran Church, 5701 South May Ave.

Earth Week

Apr 16-22 | Mon-Sun | Library Hours

All ages

Go green, use your library. The library is a great green resource. Check out a book, magazine, eBook or a music CD. Read a newspaper in the library or enjoy your hometown paper on our online newspaper database. Come to the library during the week of April 16th - 22nd and checkout our books and materials on green living.

Poetry Celebration

Apr 17 | Tue | 6-7p

All ages

In honor of April as National Poetry Month, come to the library's Poem in Your Pocket celebration. We will provide the poems or the paper for you to create your own work of art. Then carry it with you all day to read, be inspired by, and to share with family, friends or co-workers. Poems, paper and all materials will be available during library hours.



Teens

Book Adventure: Kids' Book Club

Apr 17 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p

Ages 6-9

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

Scarlet Kitsune Anime Club

Apr 20 | Fri | 6-8p

Ages 14-19

Meets at: Southern Oaks Recreation Center, 400 SW 66.

Share and discuss your favorite Anime and Manga. Screen new anime episodes each month! Call 631-4468 for more information. Cosponsor: Southern Oaks Public Library



Teens

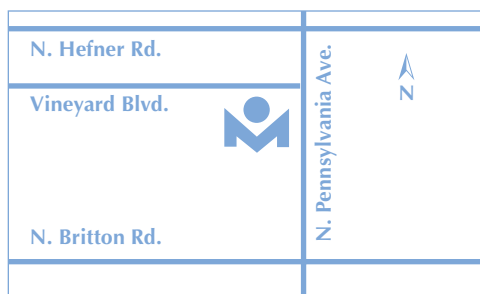
The Village Library

10307 N. Pennsylvania Ave., The Village
(405) 755-0710

HOURS

Mon-Thur: 9-9
Fri: 9-6

Sat: 9-5
Sun: Closed



After School

Apr 2,9,16,23,30 | Mon | 4-5p

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 755-0710 for more information. Cosponsor: Friends of the Metropolitan Library System.

Introduction to Microsoft Excel

Apr 2,9,16,23,30 | Mon

6-8:30p

Adults



Free individualized instruction in Microsoft Excel. Learn to create workbooks and spreadsheets, use formulas and functions, format data, create charts, and more. Evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Scheduled in 30 minute to one hour sessions per individual. Come in or call to make an appointment for your instruction time. Village Library 755-0710.

AARP Tax Aide

Apr 3,10 | Tue | 10a-3p

Apr 4,11 | Wed | 10a-3p

Apr 7,14 | Sat | 10a-3p

Adults

AARP volunteers come to our branch to help people get their taxes done during the tax season. They'll be at the Village every Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday from 10am to 3pm. AARP members will help individuals on a first-come, first-served basis. Feb 1 - Apr 14. Cosponsor: AARP.

Children Reading to Dogs

Apr 4,11,18,25 | Wed | 6-7p

Apr 5,12,19,26 | Thur

3:30-4:30p

Age 6 and older

Come and read to a dog! Readers can come to practice and improve their reading skills. The



dogs with their owners act as an uncritical, appreciative audience with excellent listening skills! The dogs and their owners are certified therapy teams. Bring your own book or borrow one from us!

Village Chess Club

Apr 6,13,20,27 | Fri | 4-5:30p

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. Snacks provided!

Literacy Referral Service

Apr 7,14,21,28 | Sat | 10a-Noon

All ages

Do you know someone who wants to improve their reading skills? Do you want to improve your reading skill? Literacy referrals are available at the Village Library every Saturday from 10 am to Noon. Can't make this location or time? Call 405-830-2790. Do you want to volunteer to tutor an adult or child? Go to www.okcliteracycoalition.org or www.supportmls.org. Cosponsor: Oklahoma City Community Foundation, Oklahoma City Metro Literacy Coalition.

Parachute Play/Storytime

Apr 12,19 | Thur

10-10:30a

Ages 2-5 w/parent

Let's have some fun with parachute play! While playing games with a parachute, children will have the opportunity to practice skills such following directions, socializing with others, and using small and large muscles. Please pre-register at the Information Desk or call 755-0710.



V-SIFT: Improv

Apr 12 | Thur | 4-6p

Teens

We'll play some improv games, have opportunities to act out small plays or monologues, and even have time to work on writing a short play. VSIFT meets every second Thursday of the month with a new activity each month. Snacks are always provided. Please pre-register by calling 755-0710 or stopping by the Reference desk.



LEGO Club @ Your Library

Apr 13 | Fri | 1-3p

For children and their parents

Come have fun building with Legos!

Book Discussion Group

Apr 16 | Mon | 3-4p

All ages

We always have a lot to say at the Village book discussion group. Join us each 3rd Monday at 3pm to discuss our latest pick. This month's title can be picked up at the information desk.

Are You Prepared? For Earthquake, Tornadoes & Fire Emergencies

Apr 17 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p

Adults

Are you prepared for the next earthquake, fire, or tornado disaster? Learn how to be prepared for emergencies by joining a representative from the American Red Cross of Central Oklahoma in basic disaster preparedness skills. Cosponsor: American Red Cross of Central Oklahoma.

Child Development Screening

Apr 19 | Thur | 1-5p

Birth - 5 yrs w/parent

Child Guidance is offering developmental and speech/language screenings @ the libraries once again! A developmental screening is a very general look at how children are doing compared to other children the same age. At a screening appointment, your child's developmental progress will be assessed. Any questions or concerns you may have about your child's development or behavior will be discussed. Information about upcoming stages and home activities will be given. Screenings will include a small fee. To schedule your screening appointment, please call OCCHD, Child Guidance @ 425-4412.



Working with Files and Folders

Apr 19 | Thur | 6:30-8p

Adults

Free class for Adults! Learn how to create folders in which to save documents and photos, how to save a file into a folder, and how to move existing files into folders. Come in or call to sign up. Village Library 755-0710.



City Arts Center presents:

Your Life in History

Apr 21 | Sat | 10-11a

Ages 8 - adults

Everyone has a story to tell. That's why the contemporary memoir has become such a popular phenomenon. In this workshop, you will learn how to focus your life stories, give them purpose and apply such craft elements as character, plot, dialogue and setting, especially pertaining to Oklahoma history. Whether you attend one or all twelve sessions, this workshop will show you how to best tell the stories of your life. Pre-registration required. Class limit is 12. Cosponsor: City Arts Center.



Knitty Committee

Apr 28 | Sat | 10a-Noon

All ages

Interested in knitting or learning how to knit? Join the Knitty Committee on the 4th Saturday at 10am. Bring your yarn and join the fun! The recommended yarn for beginners is "variegated worsted weight" and size 7 or 8 needle.

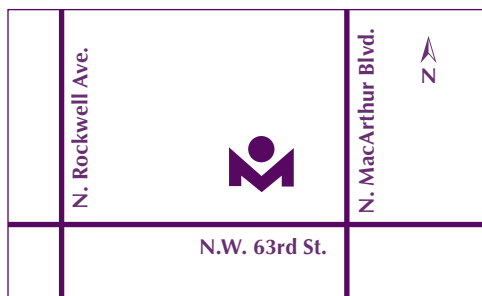
Warr Acres Library

5901 N.W. 63rd, Warr Acres
(405) 721-2616

HOURS

Mon-Thur: 9-9
Fri: 9-6

Sat: 9-5
Sun: Closed



Warr Acres Library will be closed
April 16-21 for re-carpeting.

AARP Tax Aide

Apr 2,9 | Mon | 9a-2:30p

Apr 6,13 | Fri | 9a-2:30p

Adults

AARP will offer tax assistance to people who need help in preparing their 2011 taxes. Help is on a first-come, first-served basis. Simple forms only. Electronic filing only.

ESL

Apr 2,4,9,11,23,25,30

Mon & Wed | 5:30-8p

Adults

Improve your English in this free class for people who are new to the English language. For questions and to register, call Oklahoma City Community College Adult Learning Center at 686-6222. Cosponsor: OCCC.



Much Ado About Nothing

Apr 7 | Sat | 1-4p

Age 12 - adult

The very first production independently produced by founder and artistic director, Tyler Woods' *Much Ado About Nothing* was first performed in 2000 in Edmond, Oklahoma. Told with all of the love and care of the original production, Woods hopes to bring further innovation into this lively look at love and deceit set in 1860 Italy. You will love the Bard's beloved battle of wits." Audience members will find themselves full engaged and invested in this bright and vibrant story as they participate directly in the action: breaking down the 4th wall completely between actor and audience. Cosponsor: Reduxion Theatre, Oklahoma Arts Council, National Endowment for the Arts.



Warr Acres Book Club

Apr 9 | Mon | 11a-Noon

Adults

The Warr Acres Book Club meets the second Monday of each month. Call 721-2616 for more information about the book being discussed this month.

Story Time for Twos and Threes

Apr 10,24 | Tue | 10-10:30a

Ages 2 and 3

Two and three year olds will enjoy story time with Miss Alma and her puppets followed by fun crafts to take home. Older and younger siblings are welcome. Please preregister.



Story Time for Fours and Fives

Apr 10,24 | Tue

10:45-11:15a

Ages 4 & 5 w/adult

Four and five year olds will enjoy story time with Miss Alma and her puppets followed by fun crafts to take home. Older and younger siblings are welcome. Please preregister.



Play Time for Babies and Tots

Apr 11,25 | Wed

9:15-10a and 10:30-11:15a

Ages 8-30 months w/adult

Play promotes healthy development and learning, so bring your youngster to our library for 45 minutes of toys, lap games with Miss Alma and her puppets. (Siblings are welcome) Preregister at 721-2616.



Child Guidance Screening

Apr 12 | Thur | 9a-Noon

10:30-11:30a

Birth thur age 5w/parent

A developmental screening is a very general look at how children are doing compared to other children the same age. At a screening appointment, your child's developmental progress will be assessed. Any questions or concerns you may have about your child's development or behavior will be discussed. Information about upcoming stages and home activities will be given. Screenings include a small fee based upon a sliding scale and ability to pay. Medicaid is accepted. No one is denied services for inability to pay. To schedule your screening appointment, please call Child Guidance @ 425-4412. Cheryl Cussler, 419-4253



Children Reading to Dogs

Apr 12 | Thur | 6:30-7:30p

Age 6 and older

Children will practice their reading skills while having fun with lovable dogs and their owners. All dogs and owners are trained and certified as dog therapy teams by a national canine therapy organization. Please preregister.



Are You Prepared? For Earthquake, Tornadoes & Fire Emergencies

Apr 26 | Thur | 6:30-8p

Adults

Are you prepared for the next earthquake, fire, or tornado disaster? Learn how to be prepared for emergencies by joining a representative from the American Red Cross of Central Oklahoma in basic disaster preparedness skills. Cosponsor: American Red Cross of Central Oklahoma.

Richter Uzur Duo

Apr 27 | Fri | 2-3p

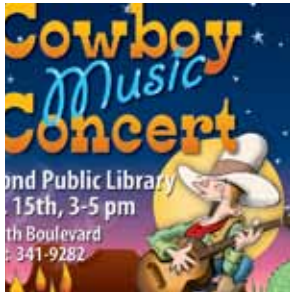
All ages

Two highly skilled artists, classically trained and street-savvy, have pooled their love for music of all genres holding their own on a symphony orchestra stage or matching licks with a road house band. Enjoy music anywhere from Led Zeppelin to Bartok . . . from the Beatles to Rimsky-Korsakov . . . from Gershwin to their own unique tunes.



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Off the Beaten Path

... Discovering New Literary Treasures

Getting tired of a constant diet of best sellers and book club hype? Want to take a look at what librarians enjoy? Here are two favorite books as selected by MLS staff.

Capra, Fritjof. *The Tao of Physics: An Exploration of the Parallels Between Modern Physics and Eastern Mysticism*. 4th ed., updated. 530.01/C251t4

Although this book was first published 35 years ago and the state of theoretical physics has changed considerably since then, this is still a reasonable starting point from which the scientifically minded can approach the realm of eastern mysticism. Dr. Capra's point was that the two fields have much in common. Even if you read the book now just as an important document in the history of East/West intersection, it can repay the time spent.

Cleary, Thomas. *The Essential Tao: An Initiation Into the Heart of Taoism Through the Authentic Tao Te Ching and the Inner Teachings of Chuang-Tzu*. 299.51482/ES78e

Thomas Cleary has replaced the late Alan Watts as the western gateway introducer to eastern mystical ways of thinking, but while Watts was an interpreter Cleary is more purely a translator/explainer. Here he presents the basic text of Taoism, the Tao Te Ching of Lao-tzu, and the first seven chapters of the Chuang-Tzu. Just be prepared for a little confusion and be aware that in some way the confusion is part of the point.



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BETHANY 3510 N. Mueller, Bethany, 789-8363	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	—
CAPITOL HILL 334 S.W. 26th, OKC, 634-6308	9-8	9-8	9-8	9-8	9-6	9-5	—
CHOCTAW 2525 Muzzy Street, Choctaw, 390-8418	9-8	9-8	9-8	9-8	9-6	9-5	—
DEL CITY 4509 S.E. 15th, Del City, 672-1377	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	—
DOWNTOWN 300 Park Ave., OKC, 231-8650	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
EDMOND 10 S. Boulevard, Edmond, 341-9282	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
MIDWEST CITY 8143 E. Reno, MWC, 732-4828	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
RALPH ELLISON 2000 N.E. 23rd, OKC, 424-1437	9-8	9-8	9-8	9-8	9-6	9-5	—
SOUTHERN OAKS** 631-4468	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
THE VILLAGE 10307 N. Pennsylvania Avenue, The Village, 755-0710	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	—
WARR ACRES 5901 N.W. 63rd, Warr Acres, 721-2616	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	—

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*HARRAH 1930 N. Church Avenue, Harrah, 454-2001	9:30-6	9:30-6	9:30-6	9:30-6	9-5	9-5	—
*JONES 111 E. Main, Jones, 399-5471	—	9:30-5:30	—	9:30-5:30	—	1-5	—
*LUTHER 310 N.E. 3rd, Luther, 277-9967	9:30-6	9:30-6	9:30-6	9:30-6	9-5	9-5	—
*NICOMA PARK 2240 Overholser, Nicoma Park, 769-9452	—	9:30-5:30	9:30-5:30	9:30-5:30	9-5	9-5	—
*WRIGHT 2101 Exchange, OKC, 235-5035	—	10-5:30	10-5:30	10-5:30	10-3	10-3	—

*Extensions close daily for lunch from 12:30-1 p.m. — except Wright Library, which closes 1-1:30 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday.