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April in Oklahoma is the month of, hallelujah, warming temperatures, but everywhere it is the month of April Foolery. I remember how shocked some Texans were in the early 1960s when a Houston newspaper ran a photo of the collapsed San Jacinto Monument—until they saw the date on that issue of the paper.

Perhaps the most successful mass hoax of the citizenry came in 1957 when the BBC in England ran a TV news report about a bumper crop of spaghetti grown on spaghetti trees in Italy due to the eradication of the dreaded spaghetti weevil. *Mama mia!*

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THE MONUMENTS MEN

by Larry Johnson



One of the oldest jokes that all military personnel hear is a variation on the saying, “There’s the right way, the wrong way, and the Army way.” So what does the Army do when they have one of America’s premier architectural historians and professors in their ranks? Naturally, they send him to Texas to



train bombardiers. That’s exactly what happened to Perry, Oklahoma’s Walter J. Huchthausen during World War II.

Seventy years ago, in May 1944, a few weeks before Allied forces embarked on what he called the Great Crusade, General Dwight D. Eisenhower created a Monuments, Fine Arts and Archives commission. Its

aim was to insure the protection and possession of Europe’s cultural treasures as the liberation of the continent commenced on D-Day, 6 June 1944; insofar, he said, as we did not “run unnecessary risk to the lives of our own men.”

Dubbed the Monuments Men, this small unit of art historians, university professors, museum curators and other soldiers with similar qualifications followed close behind advancing Allied armies in hopes of identifying and securing stolen and at-risk art objects and buildings in northern Europe.

Walter Huchthausen was one of those men.

Huchthausen was born in Perry in 1904. His impeccable German language skills came from his father, a German native who served as a pastor of Lutheran churches around the western



United States. Walter graduated from Harvard University in 1930 with a degree in architecture and taught in New York and at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts School before securing a post in the architecture department at the University of Minnesota where he taught until his enlistment in the Army in 1942.

The recommendation for Huchthausen’s transfer out of the bombardier school stated he was an, “Active, energetic, attractive person with a tremendously fine background of architectural skill and knowledge.” By the fall he was trailing American troops as they entered Germany from Holland and he and partner Stanley Keck of the Brooklyn Museum of Art began operating in the area of Aachen, Germany.

Aachen was a trove of architectural heritage with sites ranging from ancient Rome to Charlemagne and beyond, but it was heavily damaged by Allied air raids. Capt. Huchthausen and Sgt. Keck worked tirelessly to secure and catalog all the sites in the city in early 1945.

One afternoon in April, they received a tip about a medieval altar in a damaged church in the vicinity. Heading out in a jeep, they lost sight of nearby American troops, became disoriented and wandered onto the battlefield.

Accounts vary regarding what happened next but it may be that eventually sighting an American unit atop a nearby ridge the pair headed for the safety of their own lines but were raked with German machine gun fire. Another account said they met with sniper fire. Sadly, Huchthausen was killed in the encounter. He was one of only two Monuments Men who lost their lives in the line of duty.



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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The Bear's Song by Benjamin Chaud

reviewed by Kelley Riha



It is winter and bears are supposed to be hibernating—not chasing bees through the forest, through the town, into the Opera house, behind the scenes and center stage! Oh mon due! What is a poor parent to do? Anyone who's enjoyed the rearing of a toddler can certainly empathize with this quaint bear tale.

Benjamin Chaud's *The Bear's Song* is a Kirkus Best of Books 2013 award winning book for children 3 years through 1st grade. The simplistic text is not necessarily for the easy reader set but the illustrations certainly are. Each page is busy as a bee with seek-n-find spreads in the wintry forest to the Parisian City of Lights. Chaud included so much activity, that everyone in the family will be entertained looking for Pappa Bear chasing Little Bear chasing an even smaller bee.

Chaud has illustrated over 3 dozen titles, mostly for titles in his home country of France. While he has created artwork for numerous titles, his artful work is available in English at Metro Libraries in: *Pomelo Begins to Grow*, *Pomelo Explores Color*, and *Pomelo's Opposites*. Like his Little Bear from *The Bear's Song*, Pomelo is a loveable pink roundish fellow just right for the littlest beginning readers.

Whether you're looking for a picture or story book to entertain you and your littles, *The Bear's Song* will bee just right.

Kelley Riha is Community Information Coordinator in the MLS Outreach Dept. She is a long-time performer for children and reviews books written for the youngest readers.

Hyperbole and A Half: Unfortunate Situations, Flawed Coping Mechanisms, Mayhem, and Other Things that Happened by Allie Brosh

reviewed by Alexis Whitney



Hyperbole and a Half is a very popular web comic that is by turns wildly hilarious and sobering. Allie Brosh illustrates her stories with crudely done brightly colored drawings depicting herself as a pink blobby figure with a peculiar yellow wedge of hair and manic bugged out eyes.

Fans of her blog will recognize some of the stories included here, most notably the serious but hopeful one about her struggles with depression, the tale of moving across several states with her two pets, *The Simple Dog* and *The Helper Dog*, and the uproarious childhood story of how she crawled through a window to eat her grandfather's entire birthday cake.

There are also several new laugh-out-loud anecdotes, my favorite being the one about how a vicious goose just walked into her house and began terrorizing her. (This one includes actual photos of said goose, to prove she's not making it up.)

This is a quick read that will stay with you because of Brosh's unique voice and colorful visual style.

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

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Me Before You

by Jojo Moyes

reviewed by Elisabeth Wright



Before his motorcycle accident, Will Traynor's life was anything but routine: wealth, extreme sports, and world travel were more his style. The accident has changed all that and has taken away his desire to live.

Lou Clark likes living a predictable, routine life. But when the tea shop she has worked at for years closes, she has to find a new job to help support her parents. Will's parents hire her as a home health aide for Will, but Lou soon learns that the six-month stint she has been hired for coincides with the time that Will has promised his parents to postpone his assisted suicide.

Me Before You is promoted as a romance, and it is certainly that. But more than that, it is a deeply moving novel that raises complicated ethical questions about topics like euthanasia and disability with sensitivity.

This title is also available from MLS in Playaway audio format.

Elisabeth Wright is the Young Adult Librarian at the Village Library. She'll never catch up on her "to-read" list, but that doesn't stop her from trying.



Royal Style: A History of Aristocratic Fashion Icons

by Luise Wackerl

reviewed by Angela Thornton



What you wear can be your story to the world, especially if you're a member of royalty with the eyes of millions on you. This gorgeous book takes the reader on a walk through royal fashion history from the 12th century to today. The author, Luise Wackerl, steers away from salacious gossip where she can and concentrates on the royal women (mostly) who grace the pages.

Princess Diana spoke volumes with her clothing choices at the end of her life. The sleek simplicity of her garments mirrored the inner peace and confidence she was feeling before her tragic death in Paris. Princess Grace's timeless elegance illuminated the tiny principality of Monaco and set the standard for chic sophistication even during the permissive 70's. Queen Rania of Jordan, a Muslim who purposefully chooses Western style trends over the traditional veil, supports

such causes as equal rights for and education of women. Elizabeth I used high collars and wide skirts to assert her power and inapproachability in a male-dominated society.

Other examples include King Louis XIV who was wearing red-soled shoes well before Christian Louboutin came on the scene, or Marie de' Medici who introduced the white wedding dress in 1600, although Queen Victoria made the trend popular throughout the rest of the world more than 200 years later.

This book is beautiful, informative, and a treat for royal watchers and fashion lovers alike!

Angela Thornton is the manager at the Downtown Library. She has a variety of reading tastes; for more likes and dislikes, you can "friend" her on www.shelfari.com.



Reviews & Recommendations

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The All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion

by Fannie Flagg

reviewed by Anita Roesler



As demonstrated by the characters in her latest book, Fannie Flagg must collect foibles and quirks of personality from everyone she knows and some she doesn't know. Sookie Poole and her mother Lenore "Winged Victory" Krackenbury of Point Clear, Alabama, are prime examples of this.

Sookie had just married her last daughter off and is looking forward to relaxing and traveling with her husband Earle, until she opens a registered letter addressed to her mother (well she is her mother's power of attorney and she thought someone might be suing her again) and discovers an astounding secret. Over the next few months as she tries to prevent Blue Jays from stealing all the birdseed from the little birds, care for her formidable mother, and research the secret she inadvertently discovered, she finds out that she is not the person she thought she was—well partly but not entirely.

Sookie's journey takes her back to the 1940's during the war when a woman named Fritz takes on the job of

running the family filling station with her three sisters and a tale of flying and women pilots emerges. Sookie also begins meeting with a psychiatrist in local restaurants (so as not to embarrass her family by being seen going to his office.) Slowly, with Earle's help, Sookie, learns to accept what she cannot change (her mother, her hair, her personality); to council her children who surprise her with their support; to believe in herself; and about a courageous family and an amazing yet little-known true adventure during WWII.

This book is funny, witty, surprising, and a delight from beginning to end that continues the fantastic tradition of storytelling Fannie Flagg first created in *Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Café*. Don't miss this one or any of her books.

Anita Roesler is the Adult Services Coordinator in the MLS Outreach Dept. She considers herself more of a reader than a writer, but always has an opinion and is willing or perhaps anxious to share it.

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Forgotten Garden

by Kate Morton

reviewed by Phyllis Davidson



"The Authoress" told little Nell to hide behind some barrels on the deck, to wait for her, and to never tell anyone her name. Nell waited for what seemed like a long time. Then the ship left the dock, Nell heard cries of "Bon Voyage," and the ship was on its way.

When the ship arrived in Maryborough, Australia, Hugh, the portmaster, discovered a small, unattended girl on the vessel that had just arrived from England. He took an immediate liking to Nell and took her home to his wife, who had been longing for a child. As the years went by, he kept the truth from Nell, all the time wondering why nobody ever came looking for her. It wasn't until her 18th birthday that Hugh told Nell that

she had not been born into his family. It changed everything for Nell.

Shifting back and forth over a period of almost 100 years, this is the story of Nell's, and then her granddaughter, Cassandra's, search for Nell's identity and the reason she was abandoned. A very mysterious and satisfying story; I am now eager to read other works by this Authoress.

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.

Trash or Treasure?



by Angela Thornton

Spring cleaning, anyone? It's not my favorite task in the world, but you might surprise yourself with the money you can make from discarding your old junk. *Price It! Antiques & Collectibles* is just what you need.

One of our many online database resources, *Price It! Antiques & Collectibles* tracks sales of a variety of items from internet sources such as eBay, Go Auction.com, Tias Sales, and Select Auction House. When you enter your item in the keyword search, you'll discover how many like items have sold recently, from which sites they were purchased, and the final selling price of the items. There is also a description of the item detailing whether it was new or used, had any damage, or came with original packaging. All of that information can help you determine the selling price of your item based on its condition.

Recently, I found one of my son's action figures which was remarkably still in the package. I searched *Price It!* and found that the same item sold previously on eBay in 2010. That

information tells me that eBay is probably my best source for this particular item and that no record comes up since 2010, so not that many people are selling. Even better, the one listed as sold was not in the package and had some damage to it. I can reasonably sell mine for more than the \$17.99 the other one went for back in 2010 and assume that maybe it's a rare, highly coveted item. Ka-ching! Mama's got some money in her pocket!

Now, before you think I'm selling all of my child's memories out from under him, let's look at another example. My son has some video game memorabilia that I know has *sentimental* value, and I won't be getting rid of it. However, I don't know the current *real* value if it gets stolen or the house burns down. I looked it up on *Price It!*, determined a value, and now have it listed on my homeowner's insurance. I've also used *Price It!* when shopping for antiques or collectables so I know I'm paying a fair price, thereby keeping more money in my pocket. Ka-ching!



A to Z World Travel

Included in our “Almanacs & Encyclopedias” section of our databases, are two geography gems: A to Z World Travel & Global Road Warrior.

Designed with the short-term tourist in mind, A to Z World Travel is broken down into cities rather than countries. While this does require a little extra effort on the part of the user (quick, name the major cities of Bulgaria!) it also results in a more targeted information package. The database currently contains travel guides for 202 world cities, and I am confident they intend for Oklahoma City to be the 203rd.

Once a city is selected, the database provides a brief overview of the city’s geography, history and tourist attractions. Collapsible menus along the edge of the page provide access to a wide range of travel-related information, including climate and weather data, the addresses and phone numbers of local embassies, disease risks and recommended immunizations, and brief guides to local communications and currency.

For example, if you intend to travel to Atlanta, Georgia, the site will helpfully inform you that the weather is likely to be hot and unpleasantly sticky, and that you are at some risk of contracting hepatitis B and rabies. This is likely to be more useful to people travelling to the tropics and less industrialized areas (again: Georgia,) but it’s good information to have nonetheless.

Oddly enough, the “Hotels” section of the website is a booking tool powered by Expedia.com, although it’s designed to blend in with the rest of the site. To

date, this marks the first price match guarantee I’ve come across in any of our databases. Many patrons will no doubt find the tool highly useful, even if it does appear slightly off-message from a librarian’s perspective.

Probably my favorite feature of the database is the “Excursions” tab, which lists various walking and driving tours designed to take in multiple points of interest over the course of a day.



Travel

by Todd Podzemny

It can be a handy way to build a mental map of a foreign city, and to prioritize the attractions you want to see. Once you figure out that Versailles is about an hour out of Paris by bus, you might decide to choose a museum or monument that's within walking distance of the Eiffel Tower.

The database also includes a dictionary of essential travel terms in the local language. It's a pretty basic list, tending toward single vocabulary words rather than useful phrases, and audio pronunciation would be nice for an online database. Then again, my own Dutch vocab list is pretty sketchy, so possibly I should lay off.

There is a very helpful link at the bottom of the navigation pane: "Custom PDF Reports." This brings up a simple page of checkboxes that allows you to select any combination of pages and automatically compile them into a single PDF. The result is a printable custom travel guide that can easily fold into a carry-on or be transferred to a tablet.

All in all, A to Z World Travel is a convenient source of touristy travel information for specific cities.



GLOBAL ROAD WARRIOR

The Global Road Warrior database is divided into countries rather than cities, and contains far more in-depth information than A to Z World Travel.

While it contains much of the same tourist-centered information as A to Z, Global Road Warrior disperses this information through an encyclopedia of data that no tourist really needs to know. If, on the other hand, you are writing a research paper about a country, planning to move there, or conducting business there, Global Road Warrior is a much better fit than A to Z.

Some of the notable sections of the database include the Business Culture section, which contains such vital tidbits on how business is conducted in the country. For example, in some countries failing to bring a small gift to a business meeting would be an unforgivably rude snub, while attempting to give any gifts in a business context might be construed as bribery in other parts of the world. This section contains a great deal of information on what sort of behavior and attire is expected of an American businessman in a specific country, and what they can expect from local businessmen in return.

The Health & Medical section of the database includes A to Z's advice on local diseases and immunizations, but also outlines the state of the country's medical system. This can tell you how likely a country's hospitals are to take your insurance, whether or not

you can expect an ambulance, and how likely you are to die horribly from easily prevented complications in their care.

It is in the Society and Culture section that Global Road Warrior really shines. There is a wealth of information on both professional and personal etiquette, local superstitions and folklore, the roles played by various age groups in society, and local philosophies regarding time and punctuality. My absolute favorite part of this database can be found under Society and Culture: the Stereotypes tab. It breaks down common conceptions of a country, divided between stereotypes as commonly believed by foreigners and those commonly believed by the country's own inhabitants. It also briefly explains how these preconceptions arose and whether there is any truth to them. If you do nothing else, read the Stereotypes section for the United States.

A to Z World travel is an excellent resource for those taking vacation-length trips to major urban centers. Global Road Warrior can be used to cover broader geographical areas, and is ideal for those travelling abroad on business or as medium to long-range residents. It would also be perfect for a student who has been assigned a research project on a country that is not well-represented in our collection. Given the depth and range of information available, both databases should be offered to anyone who is in the process of being disappointed by our travel and geography sections.

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Almonte Library

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AL's Bookclub

All Month

Adults

Want to join a bookclub but can't seem to find the time? Try AL's Bookclub, it's online! All you need is an email address and a Goodreads.com account. You'll get the same lively discussions as a traditional bookclub, but you can share your ideas anytime instead of waiting for an in-person meeting. Also, you might win a fabulous prize!

After School at Your Library

Apr 1,8,15,22,29 | Tue | 4p-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 the information desk to sign up.

Baby and Me Yoga

Apr 2,9 | Wed | 10:30a-11:00a

Ages 6 weeks-24 months

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

Almonte Knitting Club

Apr 3 | Thu | 5:30p-7:30p

Adults

Are you a knitter? Interested in learning? If so, join Almonte Library's monthly knitting club. Bring your current project, or just bring yarn and knitting needles and we can teach you how to get started! Crocheters and

other needleworkers are welcome too, but we will only be teaching knitting.

Family Place: 123 Play with Me

Apr 7,14,21,28 | Mon | 6p-7p

Infants to Age 4 with parent

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

Toddlerobics

Apr 8 | Tue | 10:30a-11:00a

Ages 2-4

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

Prepare for Oklahoma Weather

Apr 15 | Tue | 6:30p-8p

Adults

A talk by Oklahoma weather professionals on how to stay safe and what to do if disaster strikes.

Poetry and Palette

Apr 22 | Tue | 6p-7:30p

Ages 12-18

Teens, have you heard of the latest craze where a local artist helps you paint your own masterpiece on canvas, while snacking on food, and hanging out? Well, Almonte is hosting one just for you so get ready to hang out with a professional artist as she teaches you how to paint your own version of a work of art she prepared in advance! All supplies are included and are free of charge. However, sign up is limited so call 606-3575 to reserve your spot!

Lil' Al's Book Club

Apr 24 | Thu | 5:30p-6:30p

Ages 8-11

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

Belle Isle Library

See pages 15 & 25 for more Belle Isle Library programs/events.

Anime Club

Apr 1 | Tue | 4p-5p

Teens

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

After School at Your Library

Apr 2,9,16,23,30 | Wed | 4p-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 the information desk to sign up.

Aaron Reynolds - Children's Author Visit

Apr 3 | Thu | 1:30p-2:30p

Children

Aaron Reynolds is a New York Times Bestselling Author of many highly acclaimed books for kids, including Carnivores, Joey Fly Private Eye, and the Caldecott Honor winning Creepy Carrots! He will read from his critically acclaimed picture book Chicks & Salsa, make a batch

of homemade salsa, and take time to answer questions about everything from how picture books are made to what his favorite food is.

Jumpstart the Novel

Apr 3,10,17 | Thu | 7p-8p

Older Teens and Adults

Adults 18+ will learn the fundamental skills for outlining a plot, building characters, overcoming writers block, following a "writers" schedule, researching publishing markets, and writing a query letter. Worksheets will be provided by instructor. The goal for each participant is 30,000 words or more by the end of the class.

First Friday Book Club

Apr 4 | Fri | 4p-5p

Ages 10-14

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

February 7: How to Steal a Dog by Barbara O'Connor

March 7: Seedfolks by Paul Fleishman

April 4: City of Ember by J. DuPrau

SCORE Business Counseling

Apr 5,19 | Sat | 9:30a-12p

Adults

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

Poetry and Journals

Apr 7 | Mon | 6:30p-8:30p

teens and up

April is National Poetry Month. Use your journal to write your own poetry. Come explore the magic of three simple and fun forms of poetry. We will experiment with using Haiku, acrostics, and found poetry for expressing thoughts, feelings, and pure enjoyment. No poetry knowledge or experience required! Just come to play and learn. Sign up at the reference desk.

Gaming Club

Apr 8 | Tue | 4p-5p

Teens

Come join the fun at your library! Everything from chess to Xbox Kinect will be available to play. Different games each week. You don't want to miss out!

Budding Bookworms Story Time

Apr 9,23 | Wed | 10a-11:00a

Ages 1-5

Bring your little bookworm to our fun and enchanting storytime. Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 10am, join us for stories, songs, rhymes, and fun!

Tech Tots Story time

Apr 10,24 | Thu | 1:30p-2:30p

Ages 1-5

Join us at the Microsoft store in Penn Square Mall from 1:30-2:30 pm for a special storytime! Come learn how to check out ebooks for your children and hear some fun, enchanting stories.

Juggling Club

Apr 15 | Tue | 4p-5p

Teens

Every third Tuesday from 4-5pm, join Monica from JuggleWhatever as she teaches you to juggle, spin plates, and use a Chinese Yo-Yo!

Poetry Picnic

Apr 19 | Sat | 2p-4p

Ages 7-12

Kids and parents come join us at Belle Isle for a Poetry Picnic! Help us celebrate poetry month by learning about all kinds of poetry.

Prepare for Oklahoma Weather

Apr 21 | Mon | 6:30p-8p

Adults

A talk by Oklahoma weather professionals on how to stay safe and what to do if disaster strikes.

Teen Crafts

Apr 22 | Tue | 4p-5p

Teens

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

Reduxion Theatre presents Classics for Kids

Apr 24 | Thu | 7p-8p

Ages 3 to Adults

Join the lovable and absent-minded Professor Spillsby and the "Juggling Fiends" acting troupe as they have fun with the classics! An original series for families, recommended ages 3 & up, presented by Reduxion Theatre Company. Sponsored by Friends of the Metropolitan Library System

Book Discussion Group: The Worst Hard Time Revisited: Oklahoma in the Dust Bowl Years

Apr 26 | Sat | 2p-3:30p

teens and up

Let's Talk About It, Oklahoma! (LTAIO) offers more than your average book club. These programs have the added bonus of a humanities scholar to broaden discussions. Over the course of five months, we will read and discuss five books: The Worst Hard Time, Letters from the Dust Bowl, Now in November, Whose Names Are Unknown, and Out of the Dust by Karen Hesse. You can come to one or all of the sessions. Books will be available to borrow at the reference desk, or you may check one out from the library of your choice.

Sponsored by Oklahoma Humanities Council

Forever Young Adult Book Club

Apr 27 | Sun | 4p-5p

Adults

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

Teen Scene Tuesday

Apr 29 | Tue | 4p-5p

Teens

Bethany Library

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Spring Story and Craft Time

Apr 3 | Thu | 10a-10:45a

Ages 3 - 6

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

Yu-Gi-Oh! Club

Apr 5 | Sat | 10a-11:30a

Teens (Ages 12-18)

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

The Children's Hour Evening Story Time

Apr 8 | Tue | 6:30p-7p

Ages 3-8

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

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

Apr 10,17,24 | Thu

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

Infants to Age 4 w/ Parent

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

Drawing with Danny

Apr 19 | Sat | 2p-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.

Capitol Hill Library

See pages 15, 17 & 26 for more Capitol Hill Library programs/events.

Tell Me a Story: Book and Craft

Apr 1 | Tue | 10:30a-11:30a

Ages 6 and under, families

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

Chicks and Salsa! Aaron Reynolds - Children's Author Visit

Apr 2 | Wed | 1p-2p

Children

Kids can meet a literary star at their local library! Aaron Reynolds is a New York Times Bestselling Author of many

highly acclaimed books for kids, including *Carnivores*, *Joey Fly Private Eye*, and the Caldecott Honor winning *Creepy Carrots!* He will read from his critically acclaimed picture book *Chicks & Salsa*, make a batch of homemade salsa, and take time to answer questions about everything from how picture books are made to what his favorite food is. Don't miss this chance to share this one of a kind opportunity to fall in love with reading and writing with your family.

Safari After School Homework & Reading Help

Apr 2,7,9,14,16,21,23,28,30

Mon & Wed | 4p-6p

PreK-8th Grade

Volunteers are standing by to offer one-one-help for math, science, spelling, and reading. Skilled library staff will connect parents to resources in order to further their child's education. So kids, sign up when you come in and get ready to ace your classes this year!

After School at Your Library

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

Ages 10-16

Get creative at your library after school. You can learn how to make different forms of art from a real artist! Six different sessions will expose you to many varieties of creativity. Thursdays, Apr. 3, 10, 17, 24, and May 1. Come in and see what you can create!

Conversational Spanish II

Apr 7,14,21,28 | Mon | 5:30p-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. This is a three month, 13 session class that will meet on Mondays February 10th-May 5th. Register by contacting the library, or sign up at the information desk.

Tell Me a Story: Play Dough Power!

Apr 8 | Tue | 10:30a-11:30a

Ages 6 & under, families

Stories, songs and finger play are followed by play dough fun. It's the perfect way to introduce library materials to your little one and to network with other parents and caregivers. Storytime is every Tuesday.

Game Central

Apr 8 | Tue | 6p-7:30p

Ages 10-16

Join us once a month for a video and board game bonanza! Video and board games cultivate curiosity and lay the ground work for critical thinking skills. The library offers a safe place for teens to participate in an

exchange of ideas which extends beyond their usual learning environments.

Trip Around the World: Greece

Apr 9 | Wed | 6p-7:30p

1st through 5th Grade

Pack your bags and don't miss this trip! Kids can travel to exciting destinations during this innovative and hands-on program as they travel the globe and learn about different cultures. In this session we travel to the borders of the Medetarrian Sea as we visit the ancient republic of Greece.

Co-sponsor: Junior League of Oklahoma City

Art in the Afternoon para Familias: Draw a Giraffe

Apr 12 | Sat | 2p-4p

Kids/teen/families

Enjoy a day of creativity with family and friends at your friendly neighborhood library! We have a different art or craft project each month lead by local artist Debbie Langston. This month, learn to draw a giraffe! Different drawing utensils and kinds of paper will be available to create a one of a kind giraffe. All supplies are provided. Come explore your interests and our collection of books on all types of art.

Tell Me a Story: Parachute Play

Apr 15 | Tue | 10:30a-11:30a

Ages 6 & under, families

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

Capitol Hill Science Kids

Apr 15 | Tue | 6:30p-7:30p

1st-6th Grade

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

Tell Me a Story: Play and Learn

Apr 22 | Tue | 10:30a-11:30a

Ages 6 & under, families

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

Lego Club

Apr 22 | Tue | 4p-5p

Kids

Encourage your budding engineer or architect at our monthly LEGO Club. Kids can build relationships with their peers while building with blocks, in a safe, friendly, community environment. Kids learn about space, relationships, proportions and math all while creating with Legos. Take your experience home by checking out our collection of books on Lego building.

Trip Around the World: England

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

1st through 5th Grade

Pack your bags and don't miss this trip! Kids can travel to exciting destinations during this innovative and hands-on program as they travel the globe and learn about different cultures. In this session we travel across the pond to visit the royal kingdom of England. Co-Sponsor: Junior League of Oklahoma City

Tell Me a Story: Play and Learn

Apr 29 | Tue | 10:30a-11:30a

Ages 6 & under, families

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

Choctaw Library

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

Lapsit Storytime

Apr 1,8,15,22,29 | Tue | 9:30a-10:00a

6 mos to 3 years

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

Preschool Storytime

Apr 1,8,15,22,29 | Tue | 10:30a-11:00a

Ages 3-5

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

Lil Lit Reading Club

Apr 2,9,16,23,30 | Wed | 10a-10:30a

Ages 4 and up

Join the Lil' Lit' Club for weekly reading

activities. Children will benefit from reading the selection in advance with their family. Check with the information desk for next title or call 390-8418 for more information.

Parachute Play

Apr 3 | Thu | 10:30a-11:00a

Age 3-5

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

Homework Cafe

Apr 3 | Thu | 3p-4:30p

Teens

Get ahead in school by taking advantage of our wonderful tutors and a quiet place to work on homework with your peers. Snacks and an array of study tools will be provided.

Gamefest!

Apr 10 | Thu | 5:30p-7:30p

Teens

Join us for a video and board game bonanza! Video and board games cultivate curiosity and lay the ground work for critical thinking skills. The library offers a safe place for teens to be competitive and learn these important skills while playing their favorite games.

Open Play Time

Apr 12 | Sat | 10a-11:00a

6 months - 5 years

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

Reduxion Theatre presents Classics for Kids

Apr 15 | Tue | 6:30p-7:30p

Ages 3 to Adults

Join the lovable and absent-minded Professor Spillsby and the "Juggling Fiends" acting troupe as they have fun with the classics! An original series for families, recommended ages 3 & up, presented by Reduxion Theatre Company. Co-sponsored by Friends of the Metropolitan Library System

Journal Junkies

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

Teens

What do art and writing have in common? Everything when you're combining them

TAX HELP



Need help preparing your tax return?

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

Belle Isle Library

Tuesdays, 9a-1p

Thursdays: 9a-1p

Saturdays: 9a-Noon

Capitol Hill Library

Tuesdays: Noon-2p

Fridays: 9a-2p

Edmond Library

Mondays: Noon-8p

Thursdays: 10a-3p

Northwest Library

Wednesdays: 9:30a-3p

Ralph Ellison Library

Saturdays: 10a-4p

Village Library

Tuesdays: 9a-3p

Wednesdays: 9a-3p

Saturdays: 9a-3p

Warr Acres Library

Mondays: 9a-3p

Fridays: 9a-3p



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to create an awesome art journal! Art journaling is a creative way to express yourself using a variety of mediums. Every month we'll provide the materials, ideas, techniques, and writing prompts to get your creative juices flowing. Call 390-8418 to register.

Giant Magnetic Poetry

Apr 24 | Thu | 6p-7p

Teens

If bigger is better, then giant is best! Celebrate National Poetry Month by making a gigantic magnetic poetry set, then work as a group to create interesting, creative, and (most likely) hilarious poetry. Call 390-8418 to register.

Ookami Anime Club

Apr 26 | Sat | 2:30p-4p

Teens

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

Lego Club

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

All Ages

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

Del City Library

See page 21 for more Del City Library programs/events.

Storytime

Apr 1 | Tue | 10a-10:30a

Ages 2-4

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

After School at Your Library

Apr 2,9,16,23,30 | Wed | 4p-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 the information desk to sign up.

Hooked on Yarn

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

Adults

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

Blackout Poetry

Apr 3 | Thu | 4p-5p

Ages 10 and up

Celebrate National Poetry Month by creating your own blackout poetry - a unique, poetic work of art made using a permanent marker and an old book page.

Inter-generational Chess Club

Apr 4 | Fri | 4p-5p

All Ages

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

Homework Help

Apr 7,10,14,17,21,24,28 | Mon & Thurs

4p-6p

K-12

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

Family Place: 123 Play with Me

Apr 8,15,22,29 | Tue | 10a-11:00a

Infants to Age 4 with parent

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

Teen Reads Book Club

Apr 8 | Tue | 4:30p-5:30p

Teens

Read the book first or read it after, just be ready to talk books! This month we are reading "Fathomless" by Jackson Pearce. Reserve a copy or stop by the Information Desk to pick up a copy of the book.

Bingo for Books

Apr 11 | Fri | 4p-4:45p

All Ages

Do you love Books and Bingo? Come on out, make new friends, and win books and prizes by playing Bingo in the library.

Journal Junkies

Apr 15 | Tue | 4:30p-5:30p

Ages 16 and up

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

Movie Matinee

Apr 16 | Wed | 4p-6p

All Ages

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

Board Game Geeks

Apr 18 | Fri | 4p-5:30p

All Ages

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

Lego Club

Apr 21 | Mon | 4:30p-5:30p

All Ages

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

DIY Terrariums

Apr 22 | Tue | 4p-5p

Teens

Build a miniature ecosystem in a jar and watch the water cycle happen before your eyes! All supplies are provided so please pre-register.

Marshmallow Catapult Games

Apr 25 | Fri | 4p-5:30p

Ages 10-16

In ancient times, catapults were instruments of war and destruction. Our handmade marshmallow catapults come in peace. Build a catapult and then test your skills with a series of fun games! Please pre-register.

Bike More, Bike Safe

Apr 29 | Tue | 4p-5p

All Ages

Bike more and bike safely! Members of the Oklahoma Bike Society present a free one-hour talk on helmet and traffic safety and important maintenance tips.

CHILDREN READING TO DOGS

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



Almonte Library Mondays, 7-8pm

Capitol Hill Library Saturday, Apr 12, 1-2pm

Choctaw Library Saturday, Apr 12, 3-4pm
Wednesday, Apr 16, 4-5pm

Register at the Information Desk or call 390-8418

Edmond Library Tuesdays, Apr 1 & 15, 6:30-7:30pm

Midwest City Library Tuesdays, Apr 8 & 22, 7-8pm

Nicoma Park Library Thursday, Apr 3, 4pm-4:45pm

Northwest Library Mondays, 6-7pm

Southern Oaks Library Tuesday, Apr 8, 6:30-7:30p
Saturday, Apr 19, 10-11am

Register at the Information Desk or call 631-4468

The Village Library Wednesdays, 6-7pm
Thurs, Apr 3 & 17, 3:30-4:30pm

Warr Acres Library Thursday, Apr 3, 6:30-7:30pm

Downtown Library

See page 21 for more Downtown Library programs/events.

The Downtown Library will be closed in April for recarpeting, but the Build Your Own Business program will still be held on April 3 on the 4th floor of the library.

Build Your Own Business

Apr 3 | Thu | 6p-8p

Adults

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

Edmond Library

See pages 15, 17, 25 & 26 for more Edmond Library programs/events.

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

Computer Tutoring

Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays

1pm-4pm

Adults

Whether you are a computer novice or more

knowledgeable and want to improve your existing skills, one-on-one tutoring sessions are available. Please call for an appointment. Wednesdays, Thursdays or Fridays at 1:00, 2:00 or 3:00pm.

Lapsit Storytime

Apr 1,8,15,22,29 | Tue

9a-9:40a | 10:10a-10:50a | 11:15a-11:55a

Birth to 2 years-old

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

Chronic Disease Self-Management Program

Apr 1,8,15,22,29 | Tue | 10a-12:30p

Adults

Do you have arthritis, diabetes, heart disease, asthma, depression, obesity, or other debilitating conditions? Anyone living with or caring for someone with chronic health conditions is welcome, including a family member or friend. Come learn ways of coping and managing your health. Space is limited. Please preregister beginning March 3rd. Co-Sponsors: Oklahoma Healthy Aging Initiative; Areawide Aging Agency

Murder on the Menu: A Cozy Mysteries Book Club

Apr 1 | Tue | 12p-1p

Adults

Bring your own brown bag lunch (tea and water provided), and join us on the first Tuesday of the month for a discussion about

one of the latest cozy mysteries. April's selection is "Dark Waters" by Susan Rogers Cooper.

Baby Bounce

Apr 2,9,16,23,30 | Wed | 9a-9:45a

Birth to 15 months

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

Terrific 2's Storytime

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

10:10a-10:50a and 11:15a-11:55a

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

Manga and Anime Club

Apr 3 | Thu | 4p-5p

Teens

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

Baby Signs Storytime

Apr 4 | Fri | 10a-10:45a

Birth-2 with Caregivers

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

Stamp Club

Apr 5 | Sat | 10a-12p

Grades 4 and higher

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

Prepare for Oklahoma Weather

Apr 5 | Sat | 1p-2:30p

Adults

A talk by Oklahoma weather professionals on how to stay safe and what to do if disaster strikes.

Advanced Farsi

Apr 6,13,27 | Sun | 1:30p-2:30p

Adults and Teens

Those who have some familiarity with spoken and written Farsi are welcome. All written materials are provided by the instructor (\$30/month payable to the instructor).

Beginning Farsi

Apr 6,13,27 | Sun | 2:30p-3:30p

Adults and Teens

Learn to speak and write Farsi! All written materials are provided by the instructor (\$30/month payable to the instructor).

Preschool Story Time

Apr 7,14,21 | Mondays

10a-10:30a

11a-11:30a

Ages 3-5 years

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

Chess Club for Kids

Apr 7,21 | Mon | 5p-6p

Kids/Teens

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

Teen Service Team

Apr 9,23 | Wed | 4p-6p

Teens

Meet new friends and give back to your community! Join the Teen Service Team and collaborate on decorating, cleaning, and program support projects. Earn volunteer hours and learn more about how your library works from the inside. Registration and parental permission required.

Family Storytime

Apr 3,10,17,24 | Thu | 6:30p-7:15p

Young Children and their Caregivers

Put on your pajamas and grab your favorite stuffed friend. We will enjoy stories, songs, music, rhymes, and an occasional craft, so come join the fun! Class size is limited, so pre-register online at www.metrolibrary.org. Click Calendar then select the event.

Readers' Choice Book Club

Apr 12 | Sat | 10:30a-12p

Adults

The Reader's Choice Book Club meets the second Saturday of every month at the Edmond Library. The group consists of people who enjoy reading outstanding books and discussing them. The book selection for April is "The Book Thief" by Markus Zusak.

Edmond Library Book Bunch

Apr 12 | Sat | 2p-3:30p

Seniors

The Book Bunch is a group of avid readers who meet monthly to discuss new and interesting books. The April selection is "South of Broad" by Pat Conroy. Contact the library to reserve your copy today.

Yu-Gi-Oh! Tournament

Apr 12 | Sat | 3p-4:30p

School-aged children

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

Young Professionals Book Club

Apr 13 | Sun | 3p-4p

Adults

Are you looking for in-depth discussion with like minds? This book club covers thought-provoking reads for the post-graduation crowd. This month we'll discuss 'Attachments' by Rainbow Rowell.

Krafty Kids

Apr 16 | Wed | 6:30p-7:30p

Ages 5-10 years

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

Teen Literature Day Book Swap

Apr 17 | Thu | 9a-9p

All Ages

Are you a fan of young adult books? Join us for a Teen Literature Day Book Swap! Bring your new or gently used YA books and magazines and swap them with other readers' picks for something fresh to read. Browse our teen corner for books, audiobooks, and magazines while you're here!

eMedia Workshops

Apr 19 | Sat | 2p-4:15p

Adults

Join our public computer specialist to find out more about using your Kindle or Nook to access books electronically. Kindle users meet at 2:00, and Nook users meet at 3:15. Space is limited. Please register by calling the library at 341-9282 ext.3 or stopping by the Information Desk.

Child Development Screenings

Apr 23 | Wed | 1p-5p

Children Birth to 5 Years

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 Child Guidance @ 425-4412.

Provided by Oklahoma City-County Health Department

Buttons, Buttons Who's Got Some Buttons?

Apr 28 | Mon | 7p-8p

Adults

There are many fun, easy ways to create great accessories with buttons. So gather up all your buttons and join us for some craft time. Please bring a small glass jar or large votive holder. Other supplies will be provided, including a limited supply of buttons.

We'll have plenty of craft books for your inspiration and enjoyment. Please preregister beginning April 7.

Reduxion Theatre presents Classics for Kids

Apr 26 | Sat | 2p-3p

Ages 3 to Adults

Join the lovable and absent-minded Professor Spillsby and the "Juggling Fiends" acting troupe as they have fun with the classics! An original series for families, recommended ages 3 & up, presented by Reduxion Theatre Company. Sponsored by Friends of the Metropolitan Library System.

Midwest City Library

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

Exhibit: Jill Goddard Photography

All Month

All Ages

Photographer Jill Goddard uses the camera to capture and reflect the natural beauty that is all around us. In this showcase, the Jones resident will focus on animals and nature. The exhibit is on display in the Lobby Gallery from April 1st through April 28th.

Financial Management Series

Apr 1,8,15,29 | Tue | 6:30p-7:30p

Ages 15 and older

This series seeks to equip our community with the necessary tools and wisdom to help make prudent financial decisions by educating participants on an array of topics. Refreshments will be provided. To attend, please register at the Information Desk or call 732-4828.

Presented by Allegiance Credit Union.

Computer Basics Tutoring

Mondays & Saturdays

Adults

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

Evening Storytime

Apr 1,29 | Tue | 7p-8p

Ages 3- older

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

Showing: The Art of Jason Wilson

All Month

Adults

Jason Wilson's paintings reflect his love of color. He enjoys creating what he calls "color illusions," in which he attempts to trick the eye. Often, his paintings involve *building* the painting as much as *painting* the painting. Selected artwork by Jason Wilson will be on display from April 1st to April 29th in the Lobby Gallery.

Aaron Reynolds - Children's Author Visit

Apr 2 | Wed | 4:30p-5:30p

Children

Aaron Reynolds is a New York Times Bestselling Author of many highly acclaimed books for kids, including Carnivores, Joey Fly Private Eye, and the Caldecott Honor winning Creepy Carrots! He will read from his critically acclaimed picture book Chicks & Salsa, make a batch of homemade salsa, and take time to answer questions about everything from how picture books are made to what his favorite food is.

Teen Advisory Board

Apr 2 | Wed | 5p-6p

Teen

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

Teen Creative Writing Program

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

Teen

Exercise your creativity at the Teen Creative Writing Workshop. We meet Wednesday, April 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 at 6:30 p.m. Attendees will learn the fundamentals of writing dialogue and action, as well as character concepting and story outlining. For more information contact Suzette at 732-4828.

Midwest City Nonfiction Book Club

Apr 3 | Thu | 10a-11:00a

Adults

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

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

Apr 3,10,17 | Thu | 2p-3p

Infants to Age 4 w/ Parent

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

How to Write Your Personal and Family History

Apr 3 | Thu | 2p-4p

Adults

Now is the perfect time to begin writing your personal and family history. If this seems like an overwhelming task, you may just need some help with planning and getting started. Let us show you how to use timelines, lists, and photographs to jog your memory. We'll give you organizational options, writing tips and encouragement to help you commit to this worthwhile project.

Natural Hair Program

Apr 5 | Sat | 10a-11:00a

Adults

Many struggle with how to properly care for natural tresses. With the influx of natural hair blogs, tutorials, products and videos, the natural hair journey can be daunting. If you do not have a good understanding of what works for YOUR hair, please attend this monthly program. No registration required.

Music with Babies

Apr 7 | Mon | 9:30a-10:15a

Ages 0- 2 1/2 years

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

Music with Miss Joy

Apr 7 | Mon | 10:30a-11:15a

2 1/2 - 4 years old with parent

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

Children Reading to Dogs

Apr 8 | Tue | 7p-8p

Children who can read

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

Teen Lead Book Discussion

Apr 9 | Wed | 5p-6p

Teens

To celebrate Maya Angelou's 86th birthday, Teen Book Talk will read and discuss one of her famous novels, *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*.

Prepare for Oklahoma Weather

Apr 10 | Thu | 6:30p-8p

Adults

A talk by Oklahoma weather professionals on how to stay safe and what to do if disaster strikes.

Toddler Storytime

Apr 12 | Sat

9:30a-10:00a

Ages 1-5

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

Trip Around the World

Apr 12,26 | Sat | 2p-3:30p

1st through 5th Grade

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

Toddler Storytime

Apr 14,28 | Mon | 10:00a-11:00a

Ages 1-5

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

Build Your Own Business

Apr 14 | Mon | 6:30a-8:30p

Adults

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

Family Craft Night

Apr 15 | Tue | 7p-8p

All ages

Come to the library for a fun evening of craft activities. We will have tables set up with activities for all ages and skill levels. All children should be accompanied by an adult. No registration required.

MC Readers' Society Book Club

Apr 17 | Thu | 10a-11:00a

Adults

The Readers' Society meets the third Thursday of each month to discuss adult fiction in a variety of genres. The book for April is "The Art Forger" by Barbara Shapiro. Call 732-4828 or visit the Information Desk to reserve a copy.

National Poetry Month

Apr 19 | Sat | 2p-3p

Teens

The month of April observes the great legacy of American poets. To celebrate this great heritage, teens are invited to share their poetry or to read excerpts from an American poet. To participate, call the information desk.

Lego Club

Apr 21 | Mon | 4p-5p

Ages 5 - 10

Come have fun building with Legos around a science theme! Legos will be provided. Adults should attend with younger children.

ABC Yoga

Apr 21 | Mon | 10a-11a

Ages 3 - older

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

Reduxion Theatre presents Classics for Kids

Apr 22 | Tue | 7p-8p

Age 3 - older

Join the lovable and absent-minded Professor Spillsby and the "Juggling Fiends" acting troupe as they have fun with the classics! An original series for families, recommended ages 3 & up, presented by Reduxion Theatre Company. Sponsored by Friends of the Metropolitan Library System

Nicoma Park Library

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

Coffee Shop & More

Apr 11 | Fri | 9:30a-11p

Adults

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

Lady Crafters

Apr 15 | Tue | 10a-12p

All Ages

Ladies of all ages create crafts suitable for the season on the third Tuesday of the month. Join us for fun.

Preschool Storytime

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

Ages 3-5

Join Miss Lois for storytime! There will be special stories, silly songs, and exciting activities. Come be a part of the fun!

Northwest Library

See pages 15, 17, 25 & 26 for more Northwest Library programs/events.

Preschool Play and Read

Apr 1,3,8,10,15,17,22,24

Tue and Thurs | 10a-10:30a

Tues | 1p-1:30p

Ages 3-5

Come with your little one to the library for some fun and educational activities. Sessions rotate to offer a variety of activities to help develop different early literacy skills. Sign up for April's programs open at 9a on 3/25/14. Call 606-3580 to register.

4/1/14 and 4/3/14- Play With Me: play time followed by a short story time.

4/8/14 and 4/10/14- Story Time: story time with 4-6 books, songs, and rhymes.

4/15/14 and 4/17/14- Wiggles and Giggles: different movement games. This month we offer Parachute Play!

4/22/14 and 4/24/14- Music Play: music games.

Busy Babies

Apr 1,3,8,10,15,17,22,24

Tue and Thurs | 10:45a-11:15a

Tues | 1:45p-2:15p

Ages 0-2

Come with your little one to the library for some fun and educational activities. Sessions rotate to offer a variety of activities to help develop different early literacy skills. Sign up for April's programs open at 9a on 3/25/14.

Call 606-3580 to register.

4/1/14 and 4/3/14- Play With Me: play time followed by a short lapsit story time.

4/8/14 and 4/10/14- Lapsit Story Time: story time with 3-5 books, songs, and rhymes.

4/15/14 and 4/17/14- Wiggles and Giggles: different movement games. This month we offer Parachute Play!

4/22/14 and 4/24/14- Music Play: music games.

After School at Your Library

Apr 2,9,16,23,30 | Wed | 4:30p-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. Call the information desk to sign up.

Aaron Reynolds - Children's Author Visit

Apr 3 | Thu | 4:30p-5:30p

Children

Aaron Reynolds is a New York Times Bestselling Author of many highly acclaimed books for kids, including Carnivores, Joey Fly Private Eye, and the Caldecott Honor winning Creepy Carrots! He will read from his critically acclaimed picture book Chicks & Salsa, make a batch of homemade salsa, and take time to answer questions about everything from how picture books are made to what his favorite food is.

Before the Ambulance Comes

Apr 5 | Sat | 2p-3p

All Ages

Come learn how to effectively communicate in a medical emergency. Maj. Zakia Yazdanipour, CCNRP will provide information that will help you be prepared in case you need to call 911. We have information about community services and medical resources so come and explore what your library has to offer.

Chess Club

Apr 10,24 | Thu | 5:30p-7p

All Ages

Make a smart move and join us for Chess Club! Learn the game for the first time or develop your skills; those of all ages and abilities are welcome. Chess boards are provided and library materials are available for further



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Downtown Library | 300 Park Ave. | Sunday, March 30 at 2:30pm

Almonte Library | 2914 SW 59th | Saturday, April 5 at 2pm

Bethany Library | 3510 N. Mueller | Saturday, April 12 at 10am

Del City Library | 4508 SE 15th | Saturday, April 12 at 2pm

Southern Oaks Library | 6900 S. Walker | Saturday, April 19th at 2pm

Ralph Ellison Library | 2000 NE 23rd | Saturday, April 26 at 2pm



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learning. Chess club meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month, but chess sets may also be checked out for in-library use at any time by visiting the information desk.

Book Club

Apr 11 | Fri | 1p-2p

Adults

Come join us the 2nd Friday of each month to discuss a new book! This month we will read and discuss "Songs of Willow Frost" by Jamie Ford. Reserve your copy today!

Tech Talks: MLS Website

Apr 12 | Sat | 2p-3p

Adults and Teens

The MLS Website provides 24/7 access so that you can find out about events, access our catalog, reserve or renew materials online, download digital resources, look for volunteer opportunities, use databases and more. Our trained staff is ready to help you learn about the resources our website makes available to you!

Budding Bookworms: Children's Book Club

Apr 14 | Mon | 4p-5p

Ages 9-12

A children's book club is a great way to share your opinions and meet others with similar interests. This month we will read and discuss "The Brixton Brothers: The Case of the Case of Mistaken Identity" by Mac Barnett. Reserve your copy today! Call 606-3580 to register.

Journal Junkies

Apr 17 | Thu | 4p-5:30p

Teens

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

Ralph Ellison Library

See page 21 for more Ralph Ellison Library programs/events.

ABC Yoga

Apr 3 | Thu | 6p-7p

Age 3 - older

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

Defy Gravity! Drill / Pom / Step Style Dance

Apr 7,14,21,28 | Mon | 4:30p-5:30p

Ages 6-13

Created to focus on today's youth, the program will build confidence, focus, self-esteem, and team work. Students will learn Drill / Pom / Step style dance routines, strength and conditioning, stretching and warming up techniques. Co-sponsor: Cause-N-Effects Studio

African-Reggae Aerobics & Fitness

Apr 7,14,21,28 | Mon | 6p-7p

Ages 14 and up

The class will implement choreographed fun and exciting African and Reggae style dance routines and music. Classes will target key body parts for a visibly noticeable improvement in stamina and physical body tone.

Cause-N-Effects Studio

Quilting Basics

Apr 7,14,21,28 | Mon | 6:30p-8p

Ages 10 - older

Join us for a free 4 week quilting class, where you'll learn basic skills and leave the series with one project. All supplies are provided and seating is limited so sign up today! 424-1437

After School at Your Library

Apr 9,16,23,30 | Wed | 4:30p-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. Call the information desk to sign up.

Family Place: 1-2-3 Play with Me

Apr 15,22 | Tue | 10:30a-11:30a

Infants to age 4 w/ Parent

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

Rain, Rain, Rainsticks

Apr 17 | Thu | 6p-7p

Age 3 - older

Like to listen to the rhythm of the falling rain? Join us to celebrate spring and Earth Day by creating and decorating your very own rain stick. And then you can listen to the soft pitter patter whenever you want to!

Black History Documentary Club

Apr 19 | Sat | 1p-3p

Ages 13 - older

The Black History Documentary Club meets monthly to screen thought-provoking films. April's selection will be Banished, from director Marco Williams.

Anime Club

Apr 22 | Tue | 4p-6p

Ages 13 and older

Join us as we watch and discuss our favorites in anime and manga!

Build Your Own Business

Apr 24 | Thu | 6p-8p

Adults

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

Soap Making

Apr 29 | Tue | 6p-7p

Ages 8 - 18

A hands on class where you will learn the art of making, and molding soap to create your own eye-catching, great-for-your-skin, fun and fabulous soaps to take home! Supplies are limited so please call to register at 424-1437.

Southern Oaks Library

See pages 17, 21, 25 & 26 for more Southern Oaks Library programs/events.

Book Adventure: Kids' Book Club

Apr 1 | Tue | 6:30p-7:30p

Kids ages 6-9

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

Mother Goose on the Loose: Babies & Books

Apr 2 | Wed | 10:30a-11:00a

Babies & Toddlers 3 - 36 months

Bring your baby or young child to this fun

lapsit program! We will use books, puppets, flannel board pieces, musical instruments, movement and more to build your child's early literacy skills. Have fun while you encourage your child's development! Please sign up at the Information Desk or by calling 631-4468.

Adult Education and Literacy Class

Apr 2,3,7,9,14,16,21,23,28,30

Wed | 6p-8p

Adults

Free Basic Education and Literacy Skills for Adults. Learn and apply phonics skills to reading, spelling and writing. Please call 631-4468 for more information or to register for the class. Co-Sponsors: Community Literacy Centers, Inc.

Aaron Reynolds - Children's Author Visit

Apr 3 | Thu | 10a-11:00a

Children

Aaron Reynolds is a New York Times Bestselling Author of many highly acclaimed books for kids, including Carnivores, Joey Fly Private Eye, and the Caldecott Honor winning Creepy Carrots! He will read from his critically acclaimed picture book Chicks & Salsa, make a batch of homemade salsa, and take time to answer questions about everything from how picture books are made to what his favorite food is.

Homework Help

Apr 3,10,17,24 | Thu | 4p-6p

Grades 1-8

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

Friday Films, Family and Fun

Apr 4,11,18,25 | Fri | 9a-6p

All Ages

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

Online Job Search Workshop

Apr 5 | Sat | 2p-3:30p

Adults

Looking for a job? Let us help you! Join us to learn more about finding job openings, applying for a position using online applications, and basic resume help. Pre-register at the library information desk or call 631-4468.

Preschool Storytime

Apr 7,14,21 | Mon | 10:30a-11:10a

Ages 2-5 (with an 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.

Southern Oaks Book Club

Apr 8 | Tue | 11:30p-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 current book selection or stop by the reference desk.

After School at Your Library

Apr 3,10,17,24 | Thu | 4:30p-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. Call the information desk to sign up.

String Art Decor Crafts: For Adults

Apr 13 | Sun | 2:30p-3:30p

Adults

Release your inner artist with a String Art wall decoration. All supplies will be furnished for your beautiful work of art. Call 631-4468 to register for the free program. The class is limited to 20 participants.

Rock & Read with the Musical Mom

Apr 16,28 | Wed | 10:30a-11:15a

Babies & Tots: 3 months to 36 months

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

Earth Week

Apr 21 | Mon | 9a-9p

All Ages

Go green, use your library. The library is a great green resource. Check out a book, magazine, eBook, DVD or 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 20 - April 27th and checkout our books and materials on green living.

Poem in Your Pocket Day

Apr 24 | Thu | 9a-9p

All Ages

In honor of April as Poetry Month, come to the library's Poem in Your Pocket day. Select a poem that you love and carry it with you to share with co-workers, family and friends. Poems, paper and all materials will be available during library hours.

Make 'N Take Craft

Apr 26 | Sat | 2p-4p

9 and up

Come make crafts with the Southern Oaks library crew. All materials will be provided.

The Village Library

See pages 15, 17 & 26 for more of The Village Library programs/events.

Computer Tutoring

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

Adults

Adults

Basic computer knowledge, internet, email, Microsoft Office and more. Our Public Computer Specialist is available to help you during one-on-one tutoring sessions. Ask about downloading free books, magazines and music through our extensive eMedia catalogs. Call the library to make an appointment for Tuesday or Thursday evenings at 6:30, 7:00, 7:30 or 8:00.

Music with Ginger

Apr 3 | Thu | 10a-10:30a

ages 2-5 with parent/caregiver

Children 2-5 years old come join Ms. Ginger for an age appropriate class where parents and children will play, sing, dance, giggle, and share together during this 30-40 minute class. Ms. Ginger will guide the class from one activity to the next helping parents understand what their child is learning musically, cognitively, and developmentally. Class size is limited, so please call to register. Signup will begin on March 13.

Chess Club

Apr 4,11,18,25 | Fri | 4p-5:30p

All Ages

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

After School at Your Library **Apr 7,14,21,28 | Mon | 4p-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 the information desk to sign up.

Preschool Storytime **Apr 10 | Thu | 10a-10:30a** **Ages 2-5 with parent**

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

V-SIFT: Recycled Crafts **Apr 10 | Thu | 4p-5p** **Teens**

Teens: reduce, reuse, and recycle with these cool crafts! V-SIFT (Village- Something Interesting for Teens) meets one Thursday per month and features a different activity each month. Snacks will be provided. Please register by calling 755-0710 or stopping by the Information Desk.

Knitty Committee **Apr 12 | Sat | 10a-12p** **All Ages**

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

Lego Club **Apr 14 | Mon | 1p-3p** **Children ages 2-10 with parent**

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

Mother Goose on the Loose **Apr 17 | Thu | 10a-10:30a** **6 months-4 years with parent/caregiver**

This award winning early literacy program is an interactive storytime for children and their caregivers. Nursery rhymes, music, movement, and more to help your child get ready to read. Stop by the library or call 755-0710 to sign up.

Book Discussion Group **Apr 21 | Mon | 3p-4p** **Adults**

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 or reserved at the Information Desk.

Parachute Play for preschoolers **Apr 24 | Thu | 10a-10:30a** **ages 2-5 with parent/caregiver**

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

Teen Book Club **Apr 29 | Tue | 4p-5p** **Teens**

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

Warr Acres Library

See pages 15, 17, 25 & 26 for more Warr Acres Library programs/events.

Story Time for Preschoolers **Apr 8,22 | Tue** **9:30a-10:00a | Ages 2 to 3** **10:30a-11:15a | Ages 4 and 5**

Your preschooler will have an *egg-cellent* time April 8 and a *hoppy* time on April 22 with Miss Alma and her puppets. Please preregister for one of the sessions.

Play Time for Babies and Tots **Apr 9,16,23,30 | Wed** **9:15a-10:00a | 10:30a-11:15a** **6 to 36 months with adult**

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

Snakes with Larry Daniels **Apr 10 | Thu | 6:30p-8p** **All Ages**

Snakes in the library!! Yikes!! Larry Daniels will bring live snakes and give instruction on keeping them as pets and provide other helpful information.

LEGO Club @ Your Library **Apr 12 | Sat | 10:30a-11:30a** **Ages 6-11**

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

Warr Acres Book Club **Apr 14 | Mon | 11a-12p** **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.

Pajama StoryTime **Apr 15 | Tue | 6:30p-7:30p** **Ages 3 to 5**

Bring your preschooler for Easter fun and stories with Miss Alma and her puppets. Snacks and treats will be provided for everyone. Please call to pre-register and tell us any food limitations.

Game-o-Rama **Apr 19 | Sat | 2p-4p** **All Ages**

Adults! Bring your favorite kid or vice versa and join us for an afternoon of games. Choose from our selection of video, board games or cards and get your game on!

Concussions and Your Brain **Apr 22 | Tue | 6:30p-8p** **Adults**

Join an expert from the Injury Prevention Service, Oklahoma State Department of Health and certified by the CDC, to discuss important topics relating to concussions. Issues include: signs and symptoms, ABC's, what actions to take, how concussions pertain to sports, concussions in infants, children, and toddlers, and the public's influence. This free workshop will be of interest to all.

Hashtag My Library: Creative Writing **Apr 26 | Sat | 2p-3:30p** **Ages 12-17**

Express yourself! Do you like to write? Hang out with us and put your thoughts into words. Visit the information desk, or call 721-2616 for more info.

Reduxion Theatre presents Classics for Kids

Apr 29 | Tue | 7p-8p **Age 3 - older**

Join the lovable and absent-minded Professor Spillsby and the "Juggling Fiends" acting troupe as they have fun with the classics! An original series for families, recommended ages 3 & up, presented by Reduxion Theatre Company. Co-Sponsor: Friends of the Metropolitan Library System

ESL

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

Belle Isle Library

Tuesdays & Thursdays | 9:30a-12:30p

Teens and older

For questions and to register, come to the class.

Co-Sponsor: OKC Public Schools

Edmond Library

Intermediate ESL

Mondays & Wednesdays | 1-3:30p

Adults

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

Beginning ESL

Mondays & Wednesdays | 6-8:30p

Adults

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

Midwest City Library

Tuesdays & Thursdays | 6-8:30p

Call 682-7873 to register. Cosponsor: OCCC

Warr Acres Library

Mondays & Wednesdays | 6-8:30p

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

GED

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

Edmond Library

Tuesdays & Thursdays | 6-8:30p

Adults

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

Midwest City Library

Mondays & Wednesdays | 6-8:30p

Call 682-7873 to register. Cosponsor: OCCC

Northwest Library

Tuesday & Thursdays | 6:30-9p

Adults

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

Southern Oaks Library

Mondays & Wednesdays | 1-4p

Adults

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

Adult Education

HEALTH & WELLNESS



Tai Chi

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

Choctaw Library
Wednesdays | 6:15p-7:15p
Adults

Edmond Library
Mon & Thur 10a-11a
Adults

Northwest Library
Tai Chi
Mon & Thur | 4-5p
Adults

World Tai Chi Day
Apr 19 | Sat | 10a-11:30a
Join us in celebrating World Tai Chi Day. All ages are welcome to explore a variety of Tai Chi forms by participating, observing, and discovering the library's collection of books and videos available on this popular dance-like exercise.

Wellness

Capitol Hill Library
Salud Total en Espanol
Apr 3,10 | Thur | 5:15p-6:30p
Adults

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

Choctaw Library
Yoga for your Health
Apr 2,9 | Wed | 6:15p-7:15p
Adults

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

Diabetes Education Seminar
Apr 22 | Tue | 6p-8p
Adults

Carolyn Seibold, RN and Diabetes Educator will lead this seminar on diabetes management, medications, diet and exercise. Resource materials will be provided. Pre-Registration required.

Southern Oaks Library
Total Wellness
Apr 1,8,15 | Tue | 9:30a-10:30a
Adults

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

Child Developmental Screenings

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

Edmond Library
Apr 23 | Wed | 1p-5p

Midwest City Library
Apr 9 | Wed | 1p-5p

Southern Oaks Library
Apr 23 | Wed | 12:30p-4:30p

Village Library
Apr 5 | Wed | 1p-5p

Warr Acres Library
Apr 16 | Wed | 1p-5p

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MLS LIBRARIES

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

MLS EXTENSION LIBRARIES*

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

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

