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New *info*

There are times when parents feel lost at sea and wish they had someone to talk to who's sailed the same troubled waters. Right, parents?

To help you keep afloat, MLS is joining with Oklahoma City-County Health Department to present a new series called "Circle of Parents: Support Group." The sessions will be held weekly at three library locations (Del City Library, Northwest Library, The Village Library). Facilitated by child development specialists from OCCHD, the sessions will give parents a chance to talk over common problems and situations with the experts and with each other.

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And remember that kids who have parents who care enough about them to use the library to its fullest extent have a tendency to turn out okay.



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Oklahoma Images

STARMAKER

He may not have been a household name in Oklahoma, but in the Hollywood of the glitzy 1970s everyone knew who Jay Bernstein was. And many cowered in fear.

by Larry Johnson





Jay was born into a retail family in Oklahoma City in 1937. His father, Jerome, managed the upscale Harry Katz (please...no puns) department store for 32 years. Under Jerome, Harry Katz earned a sterling reputation for quality and service among the big Main Street stores and took that reputation with him to Mayfair when he opened his own Jerome's Ladies Apparel in 1956. Jay's mother was the buyer for the store.

But success and ambition eluded young Jay Bernstein. As the only Jewish student at Episcopal Casady School he struggled to find his identity and, in a school that stressed sports participation, the chubby Bernstein found it even more difficult to fit in. He found solace in Downtown's movie palaces, especially the Criterion. It

was there, hours alone in the dark, he fell in love with Hollywood and its bigger-than-life stars.

Although Jay had been groomed to be an attorney by his family, the movies gave him the spark to seek his own path.

He tried a hitch as an Army lieutenant then an abortive acting-singing career and finally settled down long enough to graduate from Pomona

College. After school he tried breaking in to the business side of Hollywood which involved everything from parking cars to the mailroom. During one gig, he

Although Jay had been groomed to be an attorney by his family, the movies gave him the spark to seek his own path.

finally found a door ajar. In 1961 he was hired as a junior publicist to baby-sit the Rat Pack. "My job was to keep the Rat Pack out of trouble," he recalled. "I was a glorified go-fer but it was like riding a Brahma bull." A year later he started his own agency representing Eartha Kitt and Joel Grey. By the end of the decade he had created a powerful agency with 90 clients, including former Rat Packer Sammy Davis, Jr., and earned a reputation for brazen promotional stunts (like paying "adoring" fans in the audience to throw room keys on stage during client Tom Jones' performances).

Bernstein was made for the glam and glitz of the 1970s. He represented a number of established stars like Cliff Robertson, Dionne Warwick, and William Shatner, but he earned the title "Starmaker" by launching the careers of a slew of blonde bombshells like Farrah Fawcett, Suzanne Somers, Loni Anderson, and Pamela Anderson. He moved into the lavish home once owned by Gable and Lombard and became "famous for making people famous." Beneath the equally flamboyant veneer, Jay Bernstein was a ruthless negotiator for his clients. Suzanne Somers said of him, "It was chic to hate Jay," while a Boston Globe reporter said Jay was, "the most successful, most complex and most controversial agent in the entertainment industry, and if Hollywood is an exaggeration of American life, then Bernstein is an exaggeration of Hollywood."

Not bad for an alienated, dumpy kid from Oklahoma City.

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 Flight of Gemma Hardy

by Margot Livesey



Jane Eyre was one of the few required books I actually enjoyed reading when I was in high school. Who can't identify with a young heroine trying to find her place in a large, uncertain world?

The Flight of Gemma Hardy is a retelling of Bronte's original that moves the setting of the story to Scotland and Iceland and the timeframe to the 1950's and 1960's. The orphaned Gemma suffers a stark and lonely existence at boarding school. When the school closes, Gemma finds work as an au pair to the niece of the dashing Mr. Sinclair at Blackbird Hall, but Sinclair has dark shadows in his past. When secrets start to erupt, Gemma flees and strikes out on her own, taking her

uncertain future into her own determined hands.

Gemma Hardy does not have the gothic punch of *Jane Eyre*, but the story keeps you turning pages well into the night. Like *Jane Eyre*, Gemma strives to find love without sacrificing herself in the process. You see a still-hopeful young woman longing for a life to call her own.

The Flight of Gemma Hardy is available large print and as an audiobook CD.

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.

reviewed by Angela Thornton

EASY/
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ON THE SHELF

Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Book

by Lauren Child



Have you ever spent time with an oppositional child? If so, you know how frustrating it can be to hold a simple conversation.

Parents and other extended family will love sharing Charlie and Lola books with these kids. Written by Lauren Child, the whimsical yet bold characters often disagree so while there's conflict, there's also daring adventures coupled with fun. The artwork is sketched using a bright pallet and occasionally, collage, giving the images an 'other world' quality.

Child writes and illustrates the popular Clarice Bean books as well as the Charlie and Lola books, which are celebrating their 10th birthday this year. Child explains that Charlie is created after the big brother she and her sister always wanted. Lola is modeled from a little Danish girl she noticed on a train, "She had these eyes that went up like a pixie and was wearing a little dress

over some trousers. She looked incredibly sweet." Lola's character however is not the angel on the train and she always wants to know 'why'.

In *Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Book*, Herb escapes out of one story to drop in on another. Readers find some pages with writing upside down: which makes sense since Herb's world is upside down. Child does a nice job inserting modern children into well known tales creating a twist that gives adults a giggle.

There are 37 Lauren Child's books and DVDs in the MLS collection so check them out. "Why?" you may ask. "Why not?" would be my response.

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.

reviewed by Kelley Riha



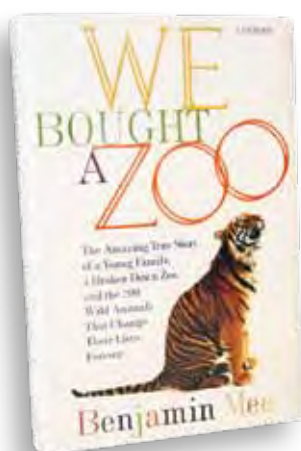
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ON THE SHELF

We Bought a Zoo

by Benjamin Mee

reviewed by Christine Bassett



Chuck it all in and buy a zoo? Why not, thought Benjamin Mee..... (Guardian, 2007)

If you have ever thought of doing something adventurous with your life and something risky with your cash, perhaps you can get some tips from the Mee family. Benjamin Mee had given up his comfortable flat in London, England in 2004 and bought two barns in France which he planned to convert with the help of his wife Katherine. As a writer for the Guardian newspaper, he had the flexibility to live abroad. However, in 2005 a brochure advertising Dartmoor Wildlife Park, in the south west of England for sale landed on his doorstep from his sister Melissa which would change the lives of his family forever.

After the death of his father in 2005, and with the possible sale of the family home in Surrey and with the cooperation of his mother and brothers, the Mee family would have enough assets potentially to buy a zoo. However, it would mean that they would only have £4000/ \$6405.49 left in pocket and with feeding costs for the animals at £3000 a week, they would have to find extra income fast. They decide that buying a

zoo would meet their dream scenario and after one failed bid they find themselves the proud owners of 200 exotic animals and a rundown zoo in urgent need of renovation.

Mee draws the reader in from the first page with this absorbing story that combines the element of risk and excitement at buying and running a zoo with limited experience, with the sadness of losing his wife to cancer at the same time.

In the movie of the same name starring Matt Damon, the zoo is based in California instead of England and the story has been changed. For more information about Mee's story see www.dartmoorzoo.org and www.benzoo.co.uk.

This title is also available as an OverDrive MP3 Audiobook, OverDrive WMA Audiobook, and Adobe EPUB eBook. The movie version of the book is also available on DVD.

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.

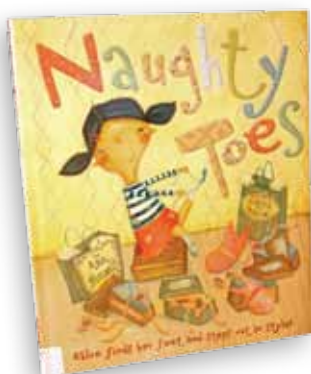
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ON THE SHELF

Naughty Toes

by Ann Bonwill; illustrated by Teresa Murfin

reviewed by Jana Hausburg



Read this book! Read it to your daughters. Read it to your sons. Snuggle up and read it with your nieces, your nephews, grandkids; heck, read it to your dog.

The illustrations are fine -- both playful and colorful. (For some reason, the kids have light bulb shaped heads. Kind of charming.)

Belinda and Chloe are two sisters who love to dance. Belinda is a ballerina. And Chloe? Well, she's something else altogether. Her teacher calls her "naughty toes" but Chloe's spirit isn't quashed. Someone else is watching her and recognizes that her

talents lie elsewhere.

We can't all be ballerinas. Some of us are tap dancers. Some of us don't dance at all -- or when we do dance, we make other people laugh (not at us, but with us, because some of us are born comics!)

Read this book. And follow your naughty feet, wherever they may lead.

With her sharply-honed reviewing skills, Jana Hausburg is ready to tackle any literary challenge. Except, maybe, vampire romance. She is also the manager at the Capitol Hill Library.



Reviews & Recommendations

MYSTERY/
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ON THE SHELF

Miss Dimple Disappears

by Mignon F. Ballard



Who will rescue first-grade teacher Dimple Kilpatrick when she is kidnapped during her early morning walk in Elderberry, Georgia? Willie Elrod, a schoolboy with a big imagination, is the only one who caught a glimpse of the abduction, and nobody pays any attention to him. With most of the town's men at war, it is left to two of the school's other teachers, Miss Charlie and Miss Annie, to investigate whether Miss Dimple has really been kidnapped or just gone off to visit her brother without telling anybody. Gasoline rationing makes sleuthing difficult. The stress of watching for the dreaded black bicycle, ridden by the boy who delivers war telegrams, keeps nerves on edge.

While her friends are searching, Miss Dimple is doing all she can to call attention to herself. She sends up soap bubbles through a broken window and

reviewed by Phyllis Davidson

coaxes her captor to purchase the ingredients for her unique and well-known Victory Muffins recipe at her usual grocery store. Miss Dimple knows that if somebody doesn't find her soon, the situation could become quite explosive.

I'm looking forward to reading more about the indomitable Miss Dimple. Surely she'll be one of the sleuths, instead of the victim, in the next episode of this series by the author of the Augusta Goodnight mysteries.

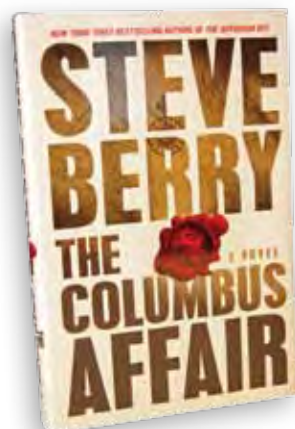
This title is also available in a large print edition.

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.

FICTION/
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ON THE SHELF

The Columbus Affair

by Steve Berry



Everybody know who Christopher Columbus was, right? Well, maybe not. At least that's the premise that kicks Steve Berry's new thriller into overdrive.

Investigative reporter Tom Sagan loses his job when it turns out that information he's been sending back from the war front is faulty. What's he got left? A daughter he loves and something Zachariah Simon needs to change the course of history. And not for the better. To get the latter, Simon kidnaps the former.

I don't know about you but I grew up reading fast-paced thrillers like this. More thoughtful authors like Eric Ambler, John le Carre and Alan Furst have their place, and I love 'em, but there are times, i.e. summer,

reviewed by Doug Bentin

when I just want to kick back with a literary adrenalin rush from the Cussler-Child-Higgins school, and right now Berry is dean of the faculty. His writing is crisp, his plotting is clever, and his sense of humor helps everything along. Example? The villain in this one is named after the author's agent—the book is dedicated to him, too. You gotta love stuff like that.

This title is also available as a Playaway, an audiobook CD, an OverDrive WMA Audiobook, an Adobe EPUB eBook, in Kindle readable format, and in large print.

Doug Bentin edits and writes in info magazine.



SELF SERVICE CHECK OUT

Is Almost Faster Than a Speeding Bullet

You probably know this already because when you visit your favorite library you see those card readers off to the side.

They're similar to the ones you find at most grocery stores now that allow you to check out items without standing in line and going to the traditional checkout counter. (Some people think the best thing about self service check out at the grocery is the few minutes it saves, but the *real* advantage is that you don't have to see tabloid photos of starlets in rehab or the Kardashian sisters.)

Oh yeah, the thing you probably already know—we have self service checkout stations now, too. They're tech savvy, fast, and easy to use. Just follow the steps as they come up on the screen and get ready to roll.

Touch "Start." Then you'll be asked to slide your library card under the scanner so the card number can be read by the

red light. You can then choose to check out your items one-at-a-time by putting the bar code on the back of the book under the scanner, or by placing up to five books at a time on the right spot for RFID Checkout, just as the Circulation Clerks do at the standard check-out desk.

While you're connected to the system you can do more than check out books, CDs, DVDs, etc. You can renew your material, view your account record, monitor your reserves, make payments with your credit card, and when you complete the transaction a list of everything you have checked out currently will be printed off for you.

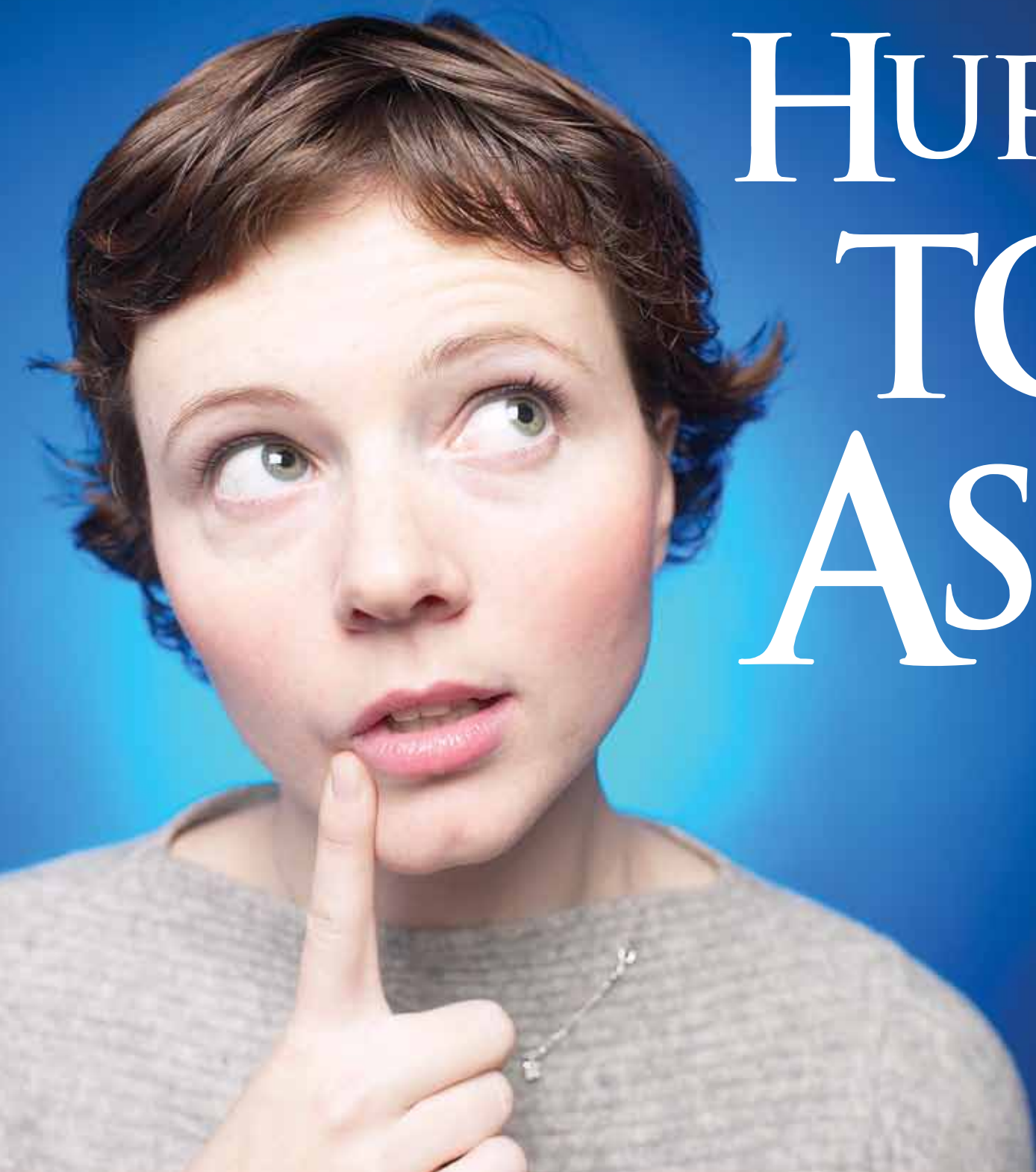
But what if you've forgotten your library card? Well, you either have to have the card or know your card number (which a lot of regular customers have memorized). If you prefer to tap in the number, you can do that and not have to worry about putting your card away again when you're through.

Once you get the hang of it, you'll find using self service check out is the fastest way to take advantage of the library and get back on the road again. And, of course, if you have any trouble, just ask one of the Circulation Clerks for a helping hand.





IT NEVER HURTS TO ASK





We've got a great team working in our Materials Selection office. They go through review media—*New York Review of Books*, *Publishers Weekly*, *Booklist*, *Library Journal*, etc.—picking out the best titles to add to our collection.

But even our pros can't find everything of value. Some good items just don't receive reviews in mainstream journals, and some small or niche publishers can't afford to buy to toot their own horns.

And that's when we count on you to join the team.

Did you know that you can suggest a title you'd like for us to purchase? You can and, according to Materials Selection Manager Janet Brooks, it's easy.

"We receive hundreds of requests every week," Janet said. "Requests are made through the CyberMars Catalog search function. There is a link immediately underneath the search box that leads to a form."

Each morning, the Material Selection Assistant goes through the entire "Suggest a Title" database and finds all of the new requests and assigns them to the appropriate selector. The selection technicians verify the availability of the suggested titles and provide the selectors with information to evaluate the titles.

"MLS has very definite selection criteria so the selector makes sure the title meets those criteria before we can go any further. If the title does meet criteria, the selector submits an order for the title.

"Some of the titles are not yet published, so if a book is not going to be released for more than six months, we like for customers to wait to submit the suggestion until closer to the release date. Also, we like them to provide us with as much information as possible to help us evaluate the material."

If the title is chosen for inclusion in our collection, it is automatically placed on reserve for the person who suggested it, and when it arrives it will go to the

person's favorite library for check out.

"Unfortunately, with the number of requests we get there just isn't time to notify the customer if we have to decline to make the order," Janet added. "In fact, right now there are well over 2000 suggestions in a database that selectors need to review and make decisions on!"

So if you can't find a particular title in our collection you want to read, maybe we can get it for you.

It never hurts to ask.



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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



Service Core of Retired Executives

(SCORE) Counseling

Aug 4,18 | 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).

Children Reading to Dogs

Aug 6,13,20,27 | 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!



Gaming Club

Aug 7,14,21,28 | Tue | 4-5p

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!



Teens

Learn History Through Metal Detecting

Aug 11 | Sat | 11a-Noon

Ages 7 and older

There's a lot of Oklahoma's history hidden in the dirt. Justin Finley will present a workshop on how you can use a metal detector to find some of those objects, maybe in your own back yard! He will bring some artifacts you can see and touch, and we'll have a demonstration outside, weather permitting. If you have a metal detector, you can bring it, but that's not necessary to enjoy this informative talk! Sign up at the reference desk or call 843-9601.

Belle Isle Teen Crafts

Aug 16 | 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!



Teens

Metro OKC Knit Guild Group Meeting

Aug 19 | Sun | 3-5p

Teens-adults

Join a group of kindred spirits and learn something new about knitting. Everyone-beginners or knitting-wantabees are encouraged to attend. Each month includes an educational technique. Learn about the plethora of knitting books available at your library. Meeting is on lower level. For questions email Mschoir01@gmail.com, Melissa.ryan@tinker.af.mil or call 361-2044 or 739-5799.

Belle Isle Anime/Manga Club

Aug 20 | Mon | 4-5p

Teens

Every third Monday of the month from 4-5pm. Share and discuss your favorite Anime



Teens

and Manga. Screen new Anime episodes!

*Anime may contain material that is considered unsuitable for ages 13 and younger

Metropolitan Library Commission of Oklahoma County

Aug 23 | Thur | 3:30-5p

Belle Isle Library

5501 N. Villa

Oklahoma City, OK 73112

405.843.9601

The public is welcome to attend.



Steampunk Tea: Steampunk Scholars

Aug 25 | Sat | 2-4p

Teens and adults

Professors from local universities and OctopodiCon staff will discuss how steampunk can be used to generate interest in topics. Learn about how steampunk sparks a desire to do research for backstories, costuming, and science projects, how to do the research, and where the best resources are. Cosponsor: Octopodicon.

ABC Animal Jamboree

Aug 29 | Wed | 10-10:45a

Pre-kindergarten

Storytime with Ms.B will be focusing on stories in books that emphasize knowing the letters of the alphabet. Playtime will follow with letter recognition activities. Pre-register at 843-9601.

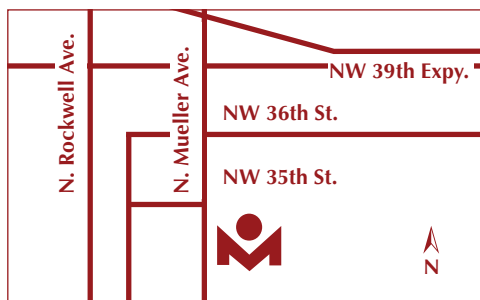


Bethany Library

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

HOURS

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



Capitol Hill Library

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

HOURS

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



Aug 14 Move and Groove
Aug 21 Parachute Play
Aug 28 Play and Learn

What's the Write Word? Creative Writing Club

Aug 9,23 | Thur | 5-6p
Grades 4-7

Are you a natural wordsmith? Do you have a way with words? Do you love the feel of a pen in your hand and a stack of fresh white paper on your desk? The you belong in the Capitol Hill Creative Writing Club. We will meet every other Thursday. Learn how words have rhythm and flow. See how writing helps enhance your perspective and teaches you how to think outside of the box.

Children Reading to Dogs

Aug 11 | 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

Aug 11 | Sat | 2-4p
Ages 6 and older

Spend the afternoon creating something from your own imagination. Each month, local art teacher Debbie Langston brings a different genre of art to share. Come learn something new! Registration is not required. Children under 10 must have an adult present.

Scrabble Scramble

Aug 13 | Mon | 3:30-4:30p
Grades 2 and higher

Practice your spelling and vocabulary skills with the classic Scrabble board game, but with a fun, tournament style twist! Imagine four game boards, you're one-on-one in a heated battle with your opponent, and then all of a sudden, switch! You move to a different game board. Last person standing is the Scrabble Champ! Don't miss this fun twist on a classic game.

Toolbox Jewelry

Aug 16 | Thur | 5-6:30p
Teens



Teens

Washers? Gaskets? Fishing line? Put them all together and you have one-of-a-kind jewelry. Ages 10 and up. All supplies provided. Call 634-6308 for more information.

Developmental Screenings

Aug 3 | Fri | 9a-Noon

Ages birth to 5 years
w/guardian



Child Guidance is offering developmental and speech/language screenings. A developmental screening is a very general look at how children are 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. 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, Oklahoma City-County Health Dept. at 425-4412. Cosponsor: Oklahoma City-County Health Dept.

Yu-Gi-Oh! Club

Aug 4 | Sat | 10-11:30a

Teens (Ages 12-18)

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



Teens

Ice Cream Social

Aug 11 | Sat | 2-3p

All ages

Face painting, lots of ice cream and back to school come together in making the ice cream social a great community event. If we are forecast for the high triple digits the ice cream social will be held in the morning, 10-11:30 am.

Welcome Back Week

Aug 1,2,3 | Wed-Fri | 3:30-4:15p

Kids and Teens

Summer is over and school has begun, but it doesn't have to be a bummer. Stop by the library after school for a treat and fun activity. You need to return your summer reading books anyway!

Developmental Screenings

Aug 2 | Thur | 1-4p

Ages birth to 5 years

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: Oklahoma City-County Health Department.



Homework & Reading Help

Aug 6-30 | Mon-Thur | 3:30-5:30p

Grades K-12

Volunteers will be standing by to offer one-on-one homework and reading help. Need help with algebra, science, spelling or just need some reading practice? You will find it here! Sign up when you come in, and get ready to ace your classes this year!

Tell Me A Story:

Aug 7,14,21,28 | Tue

9:30-10:30a

Age 6 and younger

Read a story, make a craft! Reading aloud to your child is the best way to introduce literacy, and the library makes it fun. Join in for stories, songs, fingerplays, music and more each Tuesday as we introduce young children to the world of learning.

Aug 7 Read and Make



Bilingual Story Time - English y Español

Aug 16 | 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.



Gaming Club

Aug 22 | Wed | 4:30-5:30p
All ages

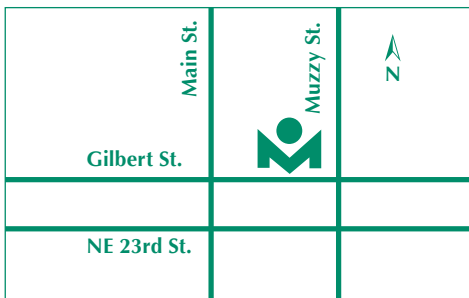
Join us after school for some Gaming time. Play GameCube and Kinect or bring your Yu Gi Oh! and Pokemon cards and battle it out with other players. All ages invited.

Choctaw Library

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

HOURS

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



Preschool Aerobics

Aug 2 | Tue | 10:30-11a
Age 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.



AARP Defensive Driving

Aug 4 | Sat | 9:30a-3:30p
Age 16 and older

Participants may update skills for safer driving. Certificate of completion provides auto insurance discount lasting 3 years. AARP members: \$12; all others \$14 cash or check payable to AARP on day of course. Snacks and beverages provided. School employees may enroll and pay ONLY \$5.00 for this course. Cosponsor: AARP and Eastern Oklahoma County Tech Center.

Lapsit Storytime

Aug 7,14,21,28 | 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

Aug 7,14,21,28 | Tue
10:30-11a

Ages 3-5

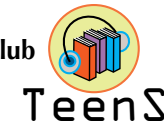
Come to the library for stories, songs, finger-plays, and fun to help build early literacy skills. Please call 390-8418 or stop by the Reference Desk for more information.



Pizza and Plots-Teen Book Club

Aug 8 | 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

Aug 11 | Sat | 10-11a
Age 6 months-5 yrs w/parent

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.



Children Reading to Dogs

Aug 11 | Sat | 3-4p
Aug 15 | Wed | 10-11a
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.



Tips for Raising a Learner

Aug 14 | Tue | 6-7p
Adults

Ashley Mendez-Kestler will present an informative seminar with tips for raising a learner for parents and caregivers. Ashley's age-specific ideas will enhance the opportunities for children to get a jump into the world of learning. Pre-registration preferred.

Child Guidance Screenings

Aug 16 | Thur | Noon-4p
Ages birth to 5 years w/guardian

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 develop-mental 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: OCCHD.



Learn to Juggle

Aug 16 | Thur | 6-7:30p
Teens

Juggling is super fun, helps hone your hand-eye coordination, and is fairly easy to learn. Come join us to learn a neat new skill that will impress your friends and family!



Ookami Anime Club

Aug 25 | Sat | 2:30-4p
Teens

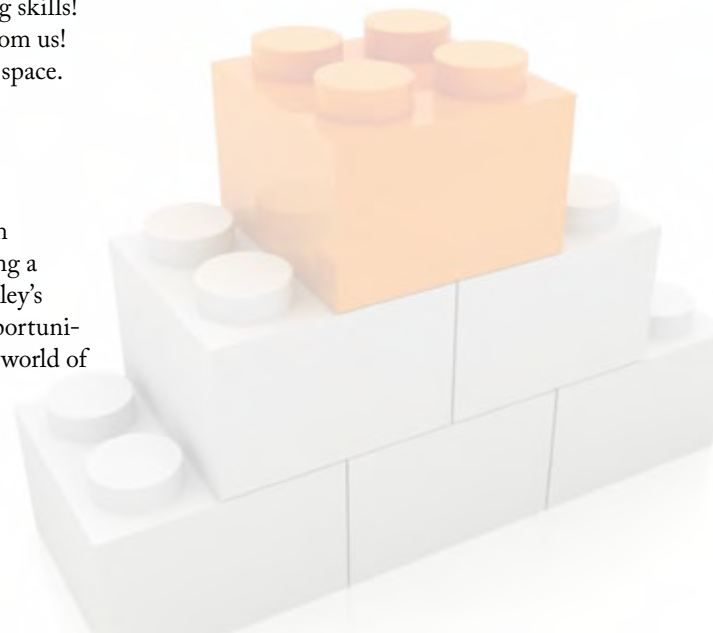
Share and discuss your favorite Anime and Manga (Japanese drawings and cartoons). Screen new Anime episodes each month! Snacks will be provided so come join the fun! *Anime may contain material that is considered unsuitable for ages 13 and younger.



Lego Club

Aug 29 | Wed | 4:30-5:30p
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.



August 2012

Thursday Noon Tunes

***Downtown Library Atrium every
Thursday from Noon to 1pm***

Aug 2: Metro String Quartet

Aug 9: Onda Cubana, Rhythms of Cuba

Aug 16: Brigade, roots/bluegrass

Aug 23: Timmy Davis and Anita Dumar,
violinists

Aug 30: Local Honey, acoustic duo

Downtown Library

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

www.metrolibrary.org

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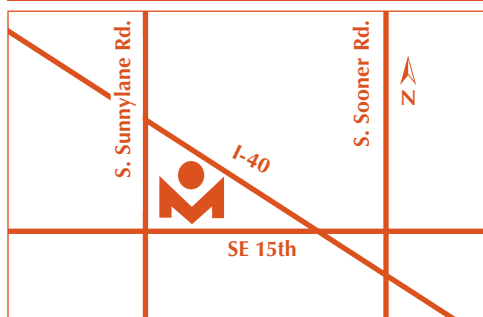


Del City Library

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

HOURS

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



Hooked on Yarn

Aug 1,15,22,29 | Wed | 6-7p

All ages

Learn the basics of crochet. Students of all ages and skill levels are welcome! Classes are from 6-7pm on Wednesdays. Yarn and crochet hooks will be provided, but participants can bring their own if they have them. Pre-registration is required, as space is limited.

Storytime

Aug 3 | Fri | 10:30-11a

Ages 3-6

Join us for stories, songs, action rhymes, and more. To sign up or for more information visit us at the Del City Library or call 672-1377



Circle of Parents: Parental Support Group

Aug 6,13,20,27 | Mon

10a-noon

Parents and Caregivers

Sharing Ideas. Sharing Support. A network of parent-led, self-help groups where parents and caregivers can share ideas, celebrate successes and address the challenges surrounding parenting. Anyone in a parenting role is welcome. Facilitated by a Child Development Specialist from Child Guidance, OKC-County Health Department. Cosponsor: OCCHD.



Ayumu Anime Club

Aug 7 | 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 is considered unsuitable for ages 13 and younger. Please call 672-1377 for more information or to sign up.



Children Reading to Dogs

Aug 9,23 | Thur

6:30-7:30p

Aug 25 | Sat | 9a-Noon

Children at reading age

Reluctant readers, emergent readers, and readers who just need more practice can sharpen their reading skills by reading to a Certified Therapy Dog and their owner. Reading to a dog is a great way to practice reading aloud; the dogs and their owners are an uncritical audience. Kids can bring their own book or choose one from our shelves. For more information please call 672-1377 or visit us at the information desk. Don't forget to read to your pet at home too!



Child Development Screenings

Aug 14 | Tue | 1-5p

Parents

Child Development Screenings offer a general guide to how your child is developing in relation to other children the same age. This is also a one-on-one "ask the expert" opportunity for any questions you may have about your child's development and behavior.



Teen Reads Book Club

Aug 14 | 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 *Unwind* by Neal Shusterman. Reserve a copy or stop by the Information Desk to pick up a copy of the book



Teens

Movie Night

Aug 23 | 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 672-1377 for movie titles.

The Busy Person's Book Club

Aug 30 | Thur | 6-7p

All ages

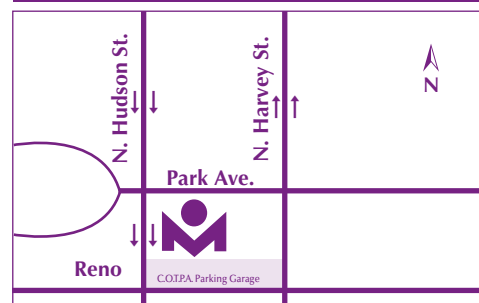
Do you like good books and good conversation, but don't have a lot of time on your hands? Come to the Busy Person's Book Club! Each month's selection is under 200 pages long and is sure to grab your attention quick and hold it until the very last page. This month we are reading *Dandelion Wine* by Ray Bradbury. 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 Sat: 9-5
Fri: 9-6 Sun: 1-6



Wednesday Night at the Movies

Aug 1,8,15,22,29 | Wed | 6-8p

Age 13 and older

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

Noon Tunes

Aug 2,9,16,23,30 | Thur

Noon-1p

All ages

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

Aug 2: *Metro String Quartet*

Aug 9: *Onda Cubana*

Aug 16: *Brigade Band*

Aug 23: *Timmie and Anita Dumar*

Aug 30: *Local Honey*



ESL

Aug 4,11,18,25 | 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.



Computer Basics

Aug 7,14,21 | Tue | 6-7:30p

Adult

Computer Basics: 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.



Children Reading to Dogs

Aug 18 | 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



Share Your Story



MLS will soon be launching a series of impact videos on our website. Development Coordinator Siobhan Morava and Video Editor Chris Larwig are visiting library locations around the county to interview people about their most significant library experiences.

Are you ready to *Share Your Story*? Give Siobhan a call at (405) 606-3768 and if she's away from her desk she'll get in touch with you. You can also visit the website, which is a work in progress, at www.metrolibrary.org/stories.



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.

Build Your Own Business **Aug 28 | Tue | Noon-1p** **Adults**


Explore the options of being your own boss with SCORE, the Service Corps of Retired Executives. They will discuss essential questions about the process and the planning necessary to be a small business owner. Participants will learn about business plans, business structures, taxes, loans and much more. Lunch is provided as long as you register at least 24 hours in advance. To register call the Downtown College at 232-3382. Cosponsors: Downtown College, SCORE & SBA.

Edmond Library

10 S. Boulevard, Edmond
(405) 341-9282

HOURS

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

S. Broadway	Main St.	N. Boulevard	
	E. 1st St.		
	E. 2nd St.		

55+ Coffee Break

Aug 1,8,15,22,29 | Wed | 9:30-11a
Seniors

Come to the Edmond Library for a coffee break just for you. Coffee, tea and hot chocolate are served along with light refreshments. Mingle and talk about your favorite books or activities. Browse and check out selected books during this come-and-go event.

Stamp Club

Aug 4,18 | Sat | 10a-Noon
4th Grade and higher

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.

Advanced Farsi

Aug 5,12,19,26 | 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

Aug 5,12,19,26 | 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.



Total Wellness

Aug 6 | Mon | 10-11a
Adults

Total Wellness is a 12-week program dedicated to improving your overall state of health. The facilitators are staff members from the Oklahoma City/County Health Department. Cosponsor: OCCHD.

Music With Susan

Aug 10,24 | Fri | 10-10:30a
and 10:40-11:10a

Ages 2 and 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

Aug 10,24 | Fri | 11:15-11:45
Ages 4 and 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 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

Aug 11 | Sat | 10:30a-noon
Adults

The Readers' 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. In August the group will discuss *The Hindi-Bindi Club* by Monica Pradhan. Contact the library at 341-9282 to reserve a copy.

Edmond Library Book Bunch

Aug 11 | Sat | 2-2:30p
Seniors

Edmond's Book Bunch meets monthly to discuss important and memorable fiction. August's book is *"The Elegance of the Hedgehog"* by Muriel Barbery. In the center of Paris, in an elegant apartment building inhabited by bourgeois families. Renée, the concierge, is witness to the lavish but vacuous lives of her numerous employers. This is a moving, funny, triumphant novel that exalts the quiet victories of the inconspicuous among us. Contact the library to reserve a copy.

E-Media Workshops

Aug 11,25 | Sat | 2-4:15p
Age 16-Adult



Does using your Kindle or Nook have you confused and scratching your head? The world of E-Media is waiting for you. Join our computer guru, Carl Tibbets, 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 or at the Reference Desk.

Yu-Gi-Oh Tournament

Aug 11 | Sat | 3-4:30p
School-age children

Calling all experienced 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.

Lapsit Playtime and Storytime

Aug 14,21,28 | Tue
9-9:45a and 10-10:45a
and 11-11:45a

Ages birth - 2 yrs old



Playtime is not only a wonderful bonding and socializing time for you and your little one, but it is also an educational time, encouraging sensory and motor skill development; while storytime helps to develop early literacy and language skills. Together, it all just equals fun, so come join us!

Baby Bounce

Aug 15,22,29 | Wed
9-9:45a

Birth - 18 months



Playtime is a special time for you and your baby to bond and socialize, but it is educational too, encouraging sensory and motor development. Playtime is followed by a bouncy and fun lapsit storytime just for this age, with rhymes, rhythms, songs and a story designed to develop their emerging literacy and language skills

Toddler Time for 2s

Aug 15,22,29 | Wed
10-10:45a

2 Year old



Playtime is a special time for you and your toddler to bond and socialize, but it is educational too, encouraging sensory and motor development. This is followed by a storytime just for this age, with stories, movement, and rhymes designed to develop literacy and language skills.

Developmental Screenings

Aug 15 | 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 appointment 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.

Pajamatime

Aug 16,23,30 | Thur
6:30-7:15p

Ages 1-3



Come shake your sillies out before bedtime! We'll have free play followed by a storytime with music, rhymes, fingerplays and books - all to encourage early literacy and language development. It's bonding, educational, and fun.

AARP Driver's Safety Program

Aug 18 | Tue | 9:30a-3p
Ages 16-adults

Attention ALL drivers! If you want to learn how to be a better driver AND save money, attend the AARP Driver's 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, age 16 and older, who successfully completes a defensive driver's course. Space is limited. Please preregister, beginning July 23, at the Reference 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.

Preschool Storytime

Aug 20,27 | 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

Aug 20,22,27,29
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. The class is provided free of charge by Oklahoma City Community College. Register before the start of classes by calling 682-7873 or with the instructor the first day you attend. Cosponsor: OCCC.

Beginning ESL

Aug 20,22,27,29
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. Register by calling 682-7873 or with the instructor the first day you attend class. Class and materials are free. Cosponsor: OCCC.

GED

Aug 21,23,28,30
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 by calling 682-7873 or with the instructor the first day you attend class. Cosponsor: OCCC.

Teaching Children to Be More Cooperative

Aug 22 | Wed | 3:30-5p
Adults



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. Free attendance Workshops: Preregistration is required for all programs. Call Child Guidance to register at 405-425-4412. Parents, teachers and child care providers are always welcome to attend. All workshops have been approved for child care licensing and STARS credit. Facilitator: Robyn Sears MS, CCPS, CFLE. Cosponsor: OCCHD.

Build Your Own Business

Aug 28 | Tue | 11:30a-1p
Adults

Explore the options of being your own boss with SCORE, the Service Corps of Retired Executives. They will discuss essential questions about the process and the planning necessary to be a small business owner. Participants will learn about business plans, business structures, taxes, loans and much more. Cosponsor: SCORE & SBA.

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

Aug 11 | Sat | 9a-noon
Children reading to dogs



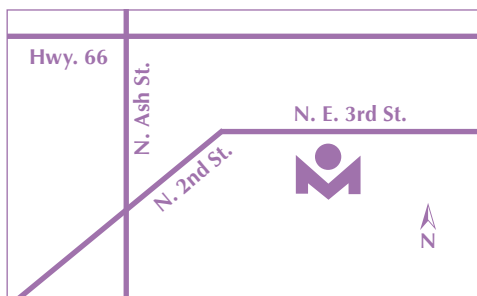
Come share a story with Duke and Chewbacca, our 2 local therapy dogs. Children practice their reading skills by reading to these two lovable dogs. For more info call 454-2001.

Luther Library

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

HOURS

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



Coffee Break

Aug 6 | 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

Aug 7 | 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

Aug 15 | Wed | 2-4p
Adults

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

Quilting

Aug 20 | 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.



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

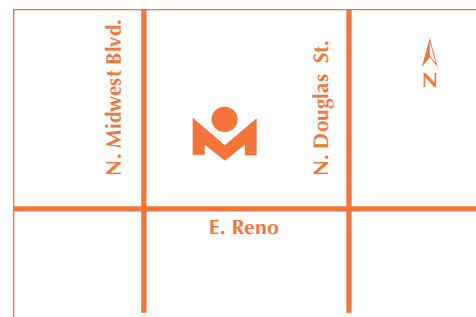


Exhibit: Jan Auld's World

Aug 1-20 | Library Hours
All ages

The artwork of Jan Auld will be on display in the lobby gallery at the MWC Library from August 1- August 20. The exhibit is free and open during all library hours.

Exhibit: Woodcarvers of Oklahoma City

Aug 1-31 | Library Hours
All ages

The Woodcarvers of Oklahoma City will exhibit their work in the Lobby Gallery of the Midwest City Library throughout the month of August. The exhibit is free and open to the public all library hours.

Chess Club at the Midwest City Library

Aug 1 | 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.

Artist Reception: Jan Auld

Aug 4 | Sat | 2-4p
All ages

An Artist Reception for Jan Auld of Midwest City will be held on Saturday, August 4, from 2:00-4:00 pm. The World of Jan Auld, a display of Ms. Auld's work, will be on display from August 1-18 in the Lobby Gallery.

Soldier Creek Quilting Group

Aug 6,13,29,27 | 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. Cosponsor: Soldier Creek Quilting.

Preschool Storytime

Aug 6,13,20,27 | 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.



Knit Wit

Aug 7 | 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 Storytime

Aug 7 | Tue | 6:30-7p
Birth - 5 yrs w/parent

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.



Non-Fiction Book Club

Aug 9 | 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. To sign up and receive a copy of the book, please call 405-732-4828 or visit the information desk.

Whose Line?

Aug 13 | Mon | 5:30-7p
Ages 10-16

Come and get your Yu-gi-oh game on every last Saturday of the month. No experience necessary.



Children Reading to Dogs

Aug 14,28 | Tue | 7-7:30p
Children who can read

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 especially 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 required. Call 732-4828 or visit the Information Desk to sign up. Cosponsor: Creatures & Kids and TDI.

AAA Motor Vehicle Crash Prevention Course

Aug 18 | 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.

Yadah-Yadah Ready to Read Book Club

Aug 18 | Sat | 11a-Noon
Teens

Do you like to read books that inspire and challenge you to think? Or, do you enjoy good conversation/discussing ideas about different book topics? Come to the Midwest City Library and express your thoughts and be heard at the Yadah Yadah book club for teens. To attend please contact the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828. Cosponsor: Yadah Yadah Ready to Read.



Family Craft Night

Aug 21 | 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.

Yu-Gi-Oh Game Tournament

Aug 25 | Sat | 2-4p
Ages 10-16

Come and get your Yu-gi-oh game on every last Saturday of the month. No experience necessary.



Toddler Aerobics

Aug 27 | 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.



Total Wellness

Aug 29 | Wed | 4:30-5:30p
Adults

Help prevent chronic diseases like diabetes, heart disease, some cancers, and asthma. Learn simple ways to a healthier lifestyle. Free classes meet one hour a week for 12 weeks. The goal of the class is for everyone to lose 5% of their body weight and become more active. Call 405-425-4352 to register for the classes. Class size is limited. Cosponsor: Oklahoma City/County Health Department.

Nicoma Park Library

2240 Overholser, Nicoma Park
(405) 769-9452

HOURS

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



Children Reading to Dogs

Aug 2,16 | Thur | 4-4:45p
Ages 4 and older

Children improve their reading skills every first and third Thursday of the month from 4:00-4:45pm. D'leo and his owner are trained and certified with Therapy Dogs International. Call 769-9452 for more information.



Basic Crochet

Aug 7,21 | Tue | 10a-Noon
Adults

Learn the basics of crochet. Students of all ages and skill levels are welcome. Classes are every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month from 10:00 am-noon. Yarn and hooks are provided. Come join the fun. For more information, please call 769-9452.

Creating Pop Up Cards

Aug 15 | Wed | 10a-Noon
Adults

Just in time for the holidays! Learn to create your own POP-UP Cards. All supplies provided. Call 769-9452 for more information.

CIRCLE OF PARENTS



Circle of Parents is a free ongoing support group facilitated by a Child Development Specialist from Oklahoma City-County Health Department bringing those in a parenting role together to discuss the successes and challenges of raising children.

Sessions are free — Please call OCCHD at (405) 425-4412 to register.

Village Library | 10307 N. Penn Ave.
Aug 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | Wed | 10a-noon

Northwest Library | 5600 N.W. 122nd
Aug 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | Thur | 10a-noon

Del City Library | 4509 S.E. 15th
Aug 6, 13, 20, 27 | Mon | 10a-noon



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Ladies Crafters

Aug 21 | Tue | 10a-Noon

All ages

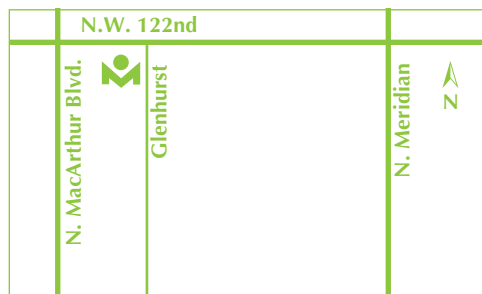
Ladies of all ages create crafts suitable for the season every third Tuesday of the month. Join us for fun! Call 769-9452 for more information.

Northwest Library

5600 NW 122nd
(405) 606-3580

HOURS

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



Circle of Parents: Parental Support Group

Aug 2,9,16,23,30 | Thur 10a-Noon

Adults

Sharing Ideas. Sharing Support. A network of parent-led, self-help groups where parents and caregivers can share ideas, celebrate successes and address the challenges surrounding parenting. Anyone in a parenting role is welcome. Pre-register with OCCHD at 425-4412. Facilitated by a Child Development Specialist from Child Guidance, OKC-County Health Department. Cosponsor: OCCHD.



Children Reading to Dogs

Aug 6,13,20,27 | Mon | 6p

School age children
Come and read to a dog! Readers can come to practice and improve their reading skills by reading to a licensed therapy dog. The dogs with their owners act as an uncritical, appreciative audience with excellent listening skills! Program is designed for hesitant or reluctant readers to help build reading confidence. Bring your own book, or borrow one from us. Pre-registration is recommended at (405) 606-3580 to ensure we have enough dogs for children!



Play With Me

Aug 7 | Tue | 1-2p

Early childhood
Come with your young children to play time at the library followed by a brief interactive storytime. Siblings and grandparents are welcome!



Sign up at 606-3580 to ensure we have enough materials for all children. Space is limited.

Chess Club

Aug 7,14,21,28 | Tue | 6-7p

Older elementary, teens, and adults
Have you ever wanted to learn how to play chess? Know how to play, but need people to play with? Come to the Northwest Library to play this popular game! Club is open for school age children and adults. Bring the whole family and exercise your brain by playing chess! Please pre-register at (405) 606-3580 as space is limited.

Storytime

Aug 14 | Tue | 1-2p

Early childhood
Come with your child for story time at the library. Wiggles are welcome as we will have stories, music, games, and a craft. Siblings and grandparents are welcome! Sign up at 606-3580 to ensure we have enough materials for all children. Space is limited.



GED

Aug 20,22,27,29
Tue & Thur | 5:30-8:30p

Adults
Want to advance your education? Need to prepare for the GED test? Oklahoma City Community College Family and Community Education Center is partnering with the library to offer Adult Basic Education classes. Classes are free, however pre-enrollment is required. Classes meet Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6-8:30 PM. Contact the Family and Community Education Center at (405) 682-7873 for more information and to enroll. Cosponsor: OCCC Adult Learning Center.



Wiggles and Giggles

Aug 21 | Tue | 1-2p

Early childhood
Come with your child for wiggles and giggles. We will have a different assortment of movement activities each month including parachute play, toddler aerobics, music play, or other activities to help get those wiggles out! Siblings and grandparents welcome. Sign up at 606-3580 to ensure we have enough materials for all children. Space is limited.



Music Play With Miss Ginger

Aug 28 | Tue | 1-2p

Early childhood
Enjoy songs and musical games with Ginger Waldrip of Ginger's Kindermusik. Instruments will be provided for those who have registered at the NW Library. Sign up at 606-3580 to ensure we have enough materials for all children. Space is limited.



Salud Total; Total Wellness

Aug 29 | Wed | 9:30-10:30a

Adults; Aduitos

¡Usted puede lucir y sentirse mejor! Aprenda a practicar un estilo de vida más saludable. Las clases se reúnen una hora por semana durante 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. Cosponsor: OCCHD.

Child Development

Screenings

Aug 30 | Thur | 9-11a

Early childhood
Developmental screenings include the assessment of your young child's skills and behavior. It is a very general look at how your child is developing compared to other children the same age. At a screening appointment, your child's developmental progress will be discussed and information about upcoming stages and home activities will be given. Screenings include a small fee. To schedule your appointment, please call Child Guidance, Oklahoma City-County Health Department at 425-4412.

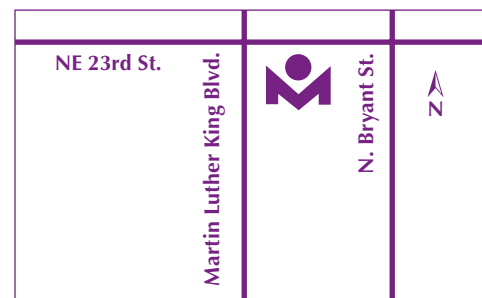


Ralph Ellison Library

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

HOURS

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



Salsa Dancing for Beginners

Aug 4,11,18,25 | Sat 1:30-2:30p

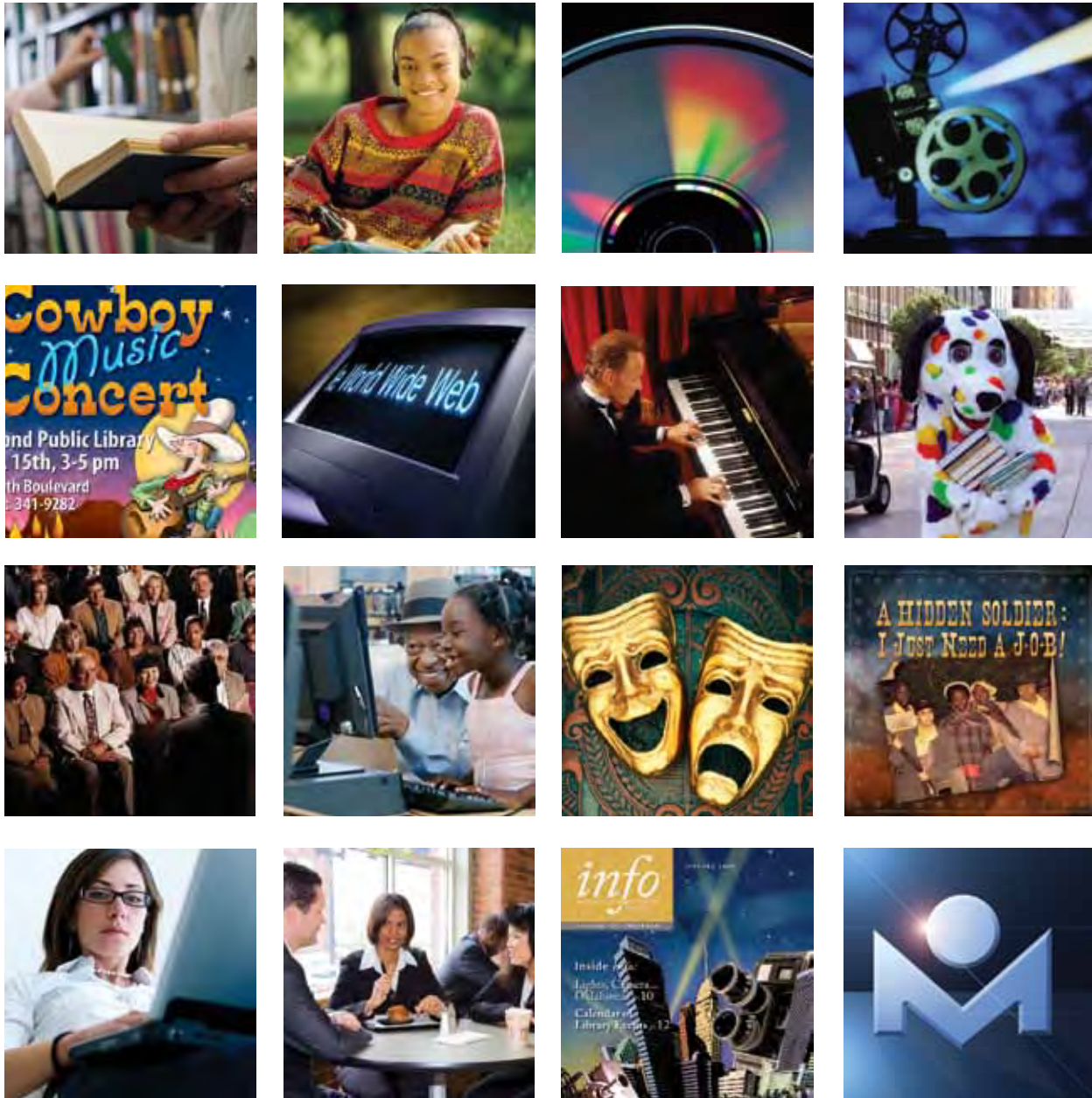
Age 16 and older

Looking for a fun way to stay in shape? Want to learn some new moves on the dance floor? Then join our Salsa Dancing for Beginners class Saturdays all month long. Dancing partners recommended but not required.



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First Monday Gamefest Aug 6 | Mon | 4-5:30p Tweens and teens

Gamfest rocks! 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.

Yoga and Hip Hop Aug 6,13,20,27 | Mon | 6-7:30 Adults

Join Yoga instructor Ezir'ra James as he leads you through a 10-week program that introduces yoga as a daily practice for general health and well-being. What makes this yoga class unique is how it's blended with hip hop culture. Classes are on Monday evenings from 6 to 7:15 pm.

Board Games Tuesdays Aug 7,14,21,28 | 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.

Play Doh Play Aug 9 | Tue | 3-4p Age 3 and older

Get ready to squish, pull, and roll Play-Doh! Let your creative juices flow with the modeling compound that has entertained and inspired kids of all ages for more than 50 years. Play-Doh is a fantastic way for children to practice fine motor, creative, and problem-solving skills, all important for literacy development. Play-Doh is also a great stress-buster for kids and adults alike. Families will learn more about the history and benefits of this popular "toy" and pick up recipes for making their very own homemade play dough. Plenty of Play-Doh and sculpting tools will be provided.

Girl's Night-DIY Bedroom Overhaul Aug 14 | Tue | 5-6:30p Ladies of all ages

Open for girls of all ages, it will be the first in our DIY Bedroom Overhaul series! The first in the series is making t-shirt pillowcases. Bring your own t-shirt and get ready to start making your bedroom look stylish and cozy! Invite your sister, mom, grandma, and cousin for this spectacular event for girls only! Sign up is required. Call 424-1437.



Teens

Bead for Life Aug 21 | Tue | 5-6:30p All ages

Make beautiful jewelry from African beads. Not only will you get to go home with a piece of handmade jewelry, but you will also be supporting Bead for Life, a fair trade, nonprofit organization which assists Ugandan women as they create one of a kind beads from recycled paper. The profits these women make go toward food, education, and medical care for their families. For more information about Bead for Life visit <http://www.beadforlife.org/>. Program limited to 20 participants. To reserve your spot, sign up at the information desk or call 606-3457.

African American Community Diabetes Prevention Partners Aug 27 | 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.

S.O.U.P.-Open Mic Poetry Night Aug 27 | Mon | 6:30-8p 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.

Shinigami Anime Club Aug 28 | Tue | 5-6p 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 the 4th Tuesday of every month and is open to ages 11 and up due to content.

Mother Goose on the Loose Aug 30 | Thur | 6-6:30p Birth to age 5

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



Teens



children & families

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 will welcome you!)

Southern Oaks Library

6900 S. Walker, OKC
(405) 631-4468

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: 1-6



The Southern Oaks Library is temporarily located at 2914 S.W. 59th Street while the S. Walker library is being remodeled.

Friday: Films, Family & Fun Aug 3,10,17,24,31 | 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! Please limit one gift per family.

Southern Oaks Book Club Aug 14 | 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.

City Arts Center Presents: Your Life in History Aug 25 | Sat | 9:30a-12:30p 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



Metropolitan Library System Presents

The World of Steampunk

FOR TEENS AND ADULTS:

Steampunk Scholars

Saturday, Aug. 25, 2-4pm | Northwest Library

Steampunk Jewelry

Tuesday, Aug. 14, 4:30pm | Midwest City Library

Thursday, Aug. 30, 6pm | Choctaw Library

Thursday, Sept. 13, 4:30pm | Del City Library

Saturday, Sept. 29, 1pm | Edmond Library

Steampunk 101 Mini-Con

Saturday, Sept. 8, 11:30-3:30 | Downtown Library

Steampunk Movie Night

Thursday, Sept. 20, 6pm | Del City Library

TEENS ONLY:

Pizza and Plots Book Club for Teens Only –

Reading Leviathan by Scott Westerfeld

Wednesday, Sept. 12, 4:30pm | Choctaw Library

Teen Reads Book Club for Teens Only –

Reading Steampunk!: An Anthology of

Fantastically Rich & Strange Stories

Tuesday, Sept. 18, 4:30pm | Del City Library

Anime Club

A special meeting with a costume contest, tea, and steampunk anime for Teens Only

Saturday, Sept. 22, 2:30pm | Choctaw Library

If you want even more Steampunk, check out Oklahoma's Steampunk Exposition, coming to Oklahoma City in October, 2012 (octopodicon.org)



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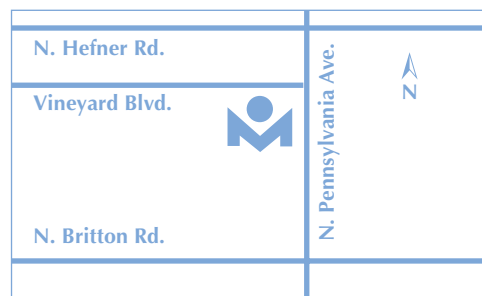
attend one or all twelve sessions, this workshop will show you how to best tell the stories of your life. Pre-registration required. Class limit-12. Cosponsor: City Arts Center.

The Village Library

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

HOURS

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



Circle of Parents

Aug 1,8,15,22,29 | Wed
10a-Noon

Parents/caregivers of infants
to kindergarten

Come to the Circle of Parents support group! It is facilitated by Child Development Specialists who can be a resource regarding normal development, methods to promote cognitive, social, emotional and motor development, language skills and strategies to handle challenging behavior. Facilitator: Sarita Naegeli, M.S., CCPS. Cosponsor: OCCHD.



Children Reading to Dogs

Aug 1,8,15,22,29 | Wed
6-7p

Aug 2,9,16,23,30 | 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!



Chess Club

Aug 3,10,17,24,31 | 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.

Child Development Screening

Aug 16 | Tue | 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.

Internet Basics

Aug 18 | Sat | 10-11:30a
Adults

Learn how to access the Internet from the Library computers. Take a look at the home pages of internet servers such as AOL, MSN, Cox and others. Learn to use Search engines such as Google and Yahoo. Learn how to access the Metrolibrary Home Page from home, school or work to use Library Services via the Internet. Come in or call to sign-up. Village Library (405) 755-0710.



Book Discussion Group

Aug 20 | 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.

Knitty Committee

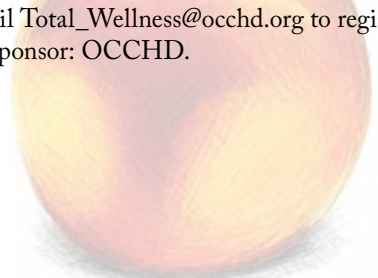
Aug 25 | Sat | 10a-Noon
All ages

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.

Total Wellness

Aug 28 | Tue | 5:30-6:30p
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 11 weeks, starting 8/28 & ending 11/13. (No class here 9/18.) The goal is for everyone to lose 5% of body weight and become more active. Call (405) 425-4362 or email Total_Wellness@occhd.org to register. Cosponsor: OCCHD.

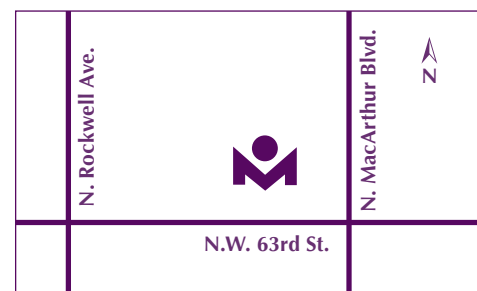


Warr Acres Library

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

HOURS

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



Read For Prizes: Question and Answer Time

Aug 2 | Thur | 10a-4p

Ages 6-11

Children that read a book from our book list (available at the Info Desk) and answer questions correctly will receive prizes. Schedule five minutes for Q & A time on Thursday, August 2. Each correct answer gives the child a point to spend on prizes. Children select their prizes at the end of their Q & A session. Schedule your five minutes, receive help selecting a book and learn how to earn extra points at the Information Desk.

Child Guidance Screenings

Aug 10 | Fri | 9a-Noon
Birth-age 5 w/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.



Warr Acres Book Club

Aug 13 | Mon | 11a-Noon
Adults

The Warr Acres Book Club meets the second Monday of each month. We will discuss the book, *Vanishing Act of Esme Lennox* by Maggie O'Farrell. Call 721-2616 for more information.



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Off the Beaten Path

... Discovering New Literary Treasures

August brings us a classic comic strip and a genuine hero, both 100% American.

Capp, Al. *Li'l Abner* [volume one, 1934-1936]. [Edited by Dean Mullaney; biographical essay by Bruce Canwell; introduction by Denis Kitchen].

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Li'l Abner was one of our greatest satiric newspaper comic strips and it began its run on August 13, 1934. Set in the fictitious burg of Dogpatch, the comic used its dimwitted hillbillies to skewer everything from politics to pop culture. It became a part of the national consciousness. If you've ever used the words "druther" or "irregardless," or have been to a Sadie Hawkins Day dance, you've used concepts created by Capp. MLS owns the first four volumes of the complete strip. Look and laugh.

Groneman, Bill. *David Crockett: Hero of the Common Man*.
976.804/C938g/BIOGRAPHY

August 17, 1786, was the birthday of a man who was a farmer, hunter, soldier, legislator, U.S. congressman, author and eventually, legend. He was David, popularly known as "Davy," Crockett. Bill Groneman may know more about the battle of the Alamo and its participants than anyone who didn't fight in it, and here he brings that knowledge to bear on the engagement's most famous fighter. He strips away the country bumpkin image of Crockett to reveal the real deal. You'll be surprised.



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*JONES 111 E. Main, Jones, 399-5471	—	9:30-5	—	9:30-5	—	9-5	—
*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	—	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.