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## New *info*

Do you remember when you were a kid and the start of a new school year filled you with—what? Excitement, anticipation, maybe even fear? No matter what you thought of the total school experience, you, like everybody else, dreaded the knowledge that you were going to be faced with (choke, gasp) homework.

A lot of kids are made miserable by the thought of homework just because it is, you know, home work. But some kids fear it because they have a really hard time with certain subjects, and if reading is one of them it will affect performance in every class.

And that's why your MLS libraries offer programs and material that can help every child become a better student, including some special Homework Help sessions staffed by public volunteers. (You might be interested in becoming a volunteer tutor; ask a librarian about it.) Learning is one of the things that MLS is about. Just tell your librarian what you need and he or she will spring into action to find it for you.

So the beginning of the new school year doesn't have to be such a scary thing. But there's no denying that on the first day, the last day sure seems a long way off.





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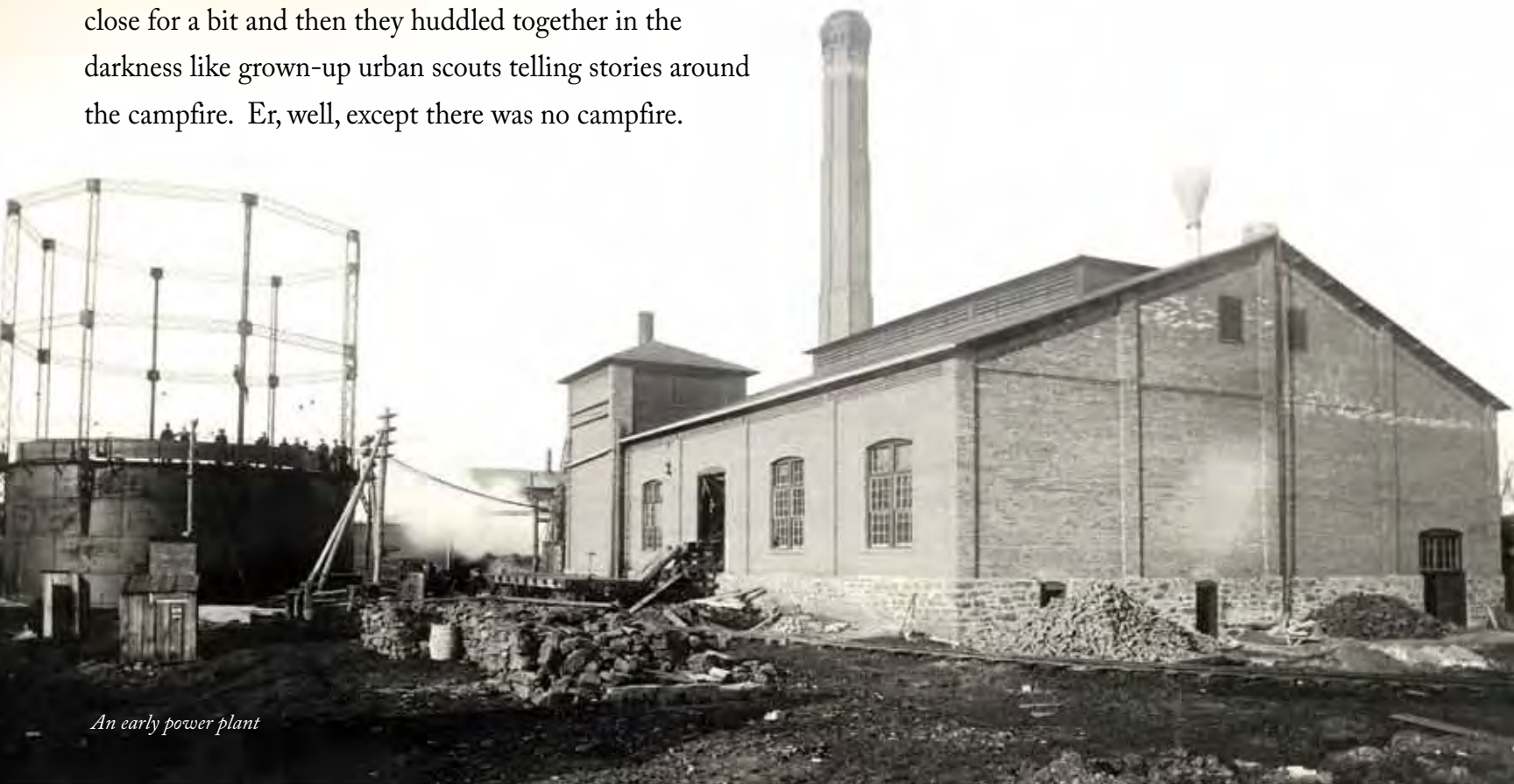


## Oklahoma Images

# Lights Out, Everybody

*by Larry Johnson*

It was an unusual spring at the Downtown Library this year. Like the rest of the city, the Downtown staff had to take tornado precautions a few times and hold their breath as flood waters lapped at the back steps. But they and their neighbors also contended with a steady course of brownouts and power fluctuations. The staff responded admirably, and tenaciously provided service in the generator-driven half-light, then switching to wireless mobile devices until the batteries or wi-fi finally succumbed. Sometimes they had to close for a bit and then they huddled together in the darkness like grown-up urban scouts telling stories around the campfire. Er, well, except there was no campfire.



*An early power plant*



During one such session someone asked if there was ever a time when the brownouts had been this frequent and that reminded me of the tales I'd read of the, well, dark days of electric power generation in Oklahoma City. By the time of the Land Run, the Edison Electric Company had already been powering cities across the country and around the globe for ten years although methods of generation were by no means perfected. Just months after the city was settled, an investor group formed two companies to power it. Oklahoma Ditch and Water Company intended to produce electricity, and sister company Oklahoma City Power and Light would distribute it.

In what is often referred to as our first big civil engineering project, a canal was dug to bring water from the North Canadian River and use it to power generators for electricity. A power plant was built at about SW 5 and Robinson and soon the six-mile, 32-foot wide, 10-foot deep ditch connected it to the river. An extravaganza was planned for Christmas Eve, 1890. Lights had been strung around the streets. At the appointed hour the power company would open the canal gates and shortly thereafter Oklahoma City would be aglow on the prairie. Boosters

hoped their rivals in Guthrie would see the lights from 30 miles away and quiver with jealousy.

Finally, the signal was given and the gates opened. Water which had once been in the Rockies entered the canal. But just enough to spin the generators a couple of times and cause the lights to flicker then douse permanently. Engineers didn't realize the North Canadian runs on a bed of sand. What little water there was, quickly absorbed into the soil below. Ultimately the



ditch was filled in and the generators switched to natural gas power, but gas had not been discovered in the area yet so power continued to fluctuate for the next ten years depending on the availability of the gas supply.

In 1902, new investors led by Edward Cooke took over the power company and enlisted the expertise of east coast utilities, ushering in a new era of bright lights and a brighter industrial future. The new name was Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company.

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*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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## Joyland by Stephen King

reviewed by Doug Bentin



The ever popular author of *The Shining*, *Salem's Lot*, and *Pet Semetary* here gives us the first of his double-doss of creepiness for 2013. This will be a good year for King on screen, too, what with a TV mini-series adaptation of *Under the Dome*, and the remake of *Carrie* coming soon.

*Joyland* is King's carny novel. The lure to horror writers of the carnival funhouse is irresistible (Bradbury's *Something Wicked This Way Comes*, etc.), and King makes the most of it with suggestions that the ghost of a murdered girl may be haunting the arcade of the amusement park, Joyland. She was dispatched by a serial killer who tossed her corpse off the ghost train and left it lying by the tracks, seen by other thrill-seekers but assumed to be part of the ride.

In typical King form, the book is also a coming of age story about young Devin Jones, who worked one summer at Joyland to raise money for college—and to get him away from the gal whom he suspects is going to break his heart.

If the thought of one of King's mammoth novels scares you off, this may be the book for you. It clocks in at less than 300 pages, just the right length to get you in the mood for *Doctor Sleep*, the long-awaited sequel to *The Shining*, due out in September.

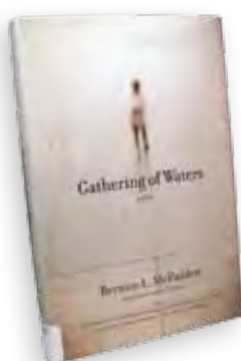
This title is also available from MLS in audio format.

*Doug Bentin edits info magazine. On his desk you will find reminders of his favorite things, including a mummified lizard, a rock from Billy the Kid's gravesite, and an autographed photo of Lash LaRue.*

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## Gathering of Waters: a novel by Bernice L. McFadden

reviewed by Jana Hausburg



*"When objects are destroyed and bodies perish, the souls flit off in search of a new home."*

When people commit heinous crimes, I can't help but look at their pictures in the paper, peer into their eyes and think, *What made you do it?* Malevolent spirits are as good an answer as any.

In *Gathering of Waters*, McFadden focuses on Money, Mississippi, where the evil soul of Esther Gold takes refuge in the body of a newborn baby, laying the groundwork for a horrifying future event.

The narrator of the story is the ground itself. Once inhabited by the Choctaw Indians, then settled by whites who brought with them their African slaves, it admits to a fascination with humankind, and in particular, the

Hilson and Bryant families, following their history for generations.

The tale begins with the birth of Doll, and continues with her possession by Esther and the child's adoption by a pastor and his wife. It ebbs and flows like the Mississippi River, introducing characters who deal with love and loss, and historical events such as the flood of 1927. Later, when Tass Hilson meets Emmett Till, the reader is primed for disaster. But in a world where the spirit lives on, there is also hope.

This title is also available from MLS in a large print edition.

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

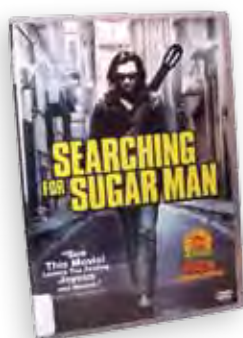




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## Searching For Sugar Man

reviewed by Marilyn Backus



This year's Oscar winner for best documentary film offers enough twists and turns to rival the best suspense thriller. Because it is a true story, the amazing journey seems more stunning than any fiction. The filmmakers make magic from the enigma of singer/songwriter Rodriguez, discovered in the late 60's in a bar in Detroit. The artist's and his producers' hopes were dashed when his records didn't sell.

Well, that's what they thought, anyway, for decades. Then a few fans, half-a-world away, obsessed with their folk hero, started investigating. Who was this enigma?

Where did he come from? How did he die? Which rumors were true, and which were myth?

It's best that you don't know any more than this when you watch the DVD. Too much information might spoil the wild ride. I've said too much.

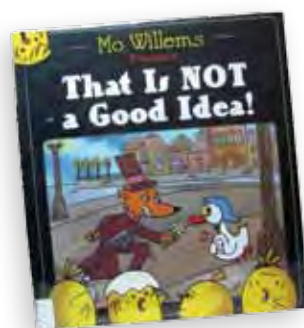
*Marilyn Backus has worked for the Metropolitan Library System for over 25 years. She currently works in the Materials Selection department and selects many of the great non-fiction titles and features films that you can check out at the library.*

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## That Is NOT a Good Idea!

by Mo Willems

reviewed by Kelley Riha



Popular author Mo Willems has done it again! His book, *That Is NOT a Good Idea!* is another soon-to-be favorite for youngsters using minimal characters, simplistic text and a surprise ending to make your tots giggle and squirm with anticipation as the villain finally gets his due.

The story begins with a wiley wolf clad in top hat and spats. He spies Mother Goose as she meanders through town. When he proposes they take a stroll together, her gosling chick warns, "That is NOT a good idea!" The stroll progresses into the deep dark woods then into Wolf's kitchen. The gosling's refrain becomes more and more urgent.

Like the silent flickers of old, the main characters' dialogue is featured on black pages framed gently in white with bold white text. Color embellishes the movement of the story on double pages. The bright

yellow goslings do their best to warn Mother that what she is doing is "REALLY REALLY NOT a good idea!" as they flap tiny wings trying to fly; some cover their eyes doing their best to get Mother's attention. Not to worry though, she has the last quack and in the end, tricks the Wolf as well as providing for the loveable six chicks.

Willems' previous books include *Knuffle Bunny*, *Knuffle Bunny II*, *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus* and the Elephant and Piggie stories. Littles can relate easily to the characters' plight and love to follow them as they overcome their troubles. Willems' *That Is NOT a Good Idea!* is good fun reading that families can enjoy together and that IS a good idea.

*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.*



# Reviews & Recommendations

## Nigellissima: Easy Italian-Inspired Recipes Nigella Lawson



Nigella Lawson, as flamboyant and delicious as ever, has written 120 recipes inspired by Italian cooking. She is very clear that this is not “proper” Italian cooking, but cooking inspired by years of living in Italy.

Several of her recipes are going to be new regular additions in my kitchen. Her recipe for Italian Roast Chicken with Bell Peppers and Olives is divine. The Roast Butternut with Sage and Pine Nuts and the Tagliata are yummy.

From unusual ingredients such as squid (not my

favorite) to dishes with lentils and sausage, the recipes are calling me to try them. The photographs are beautiful and you can almost catch the aroma. A definite addition to my kitchen!

This title is also available in digital formats.

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

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reviewed by Linda Hyams

## The Last Runaway by Tracy Chevalier



Well known writer Tracy Chevalier, author of *Girl With the Pearl Earring*, writes a captivating historical novel set in 19th century Ohio. The story follows the life of Honor Bright as she travels to the USA from England aboard The Atlantic with her sister Grace who is to marry Adam Cox, a former friend from her home town of Bridgport, when tragedy strikes. Finding herself all alone, Honor is unwilling to make the return journey home due to unbearable sea sickness. She finds it very difficult to adapt to a totally different environment from England in the small new Quaker town of Faithwell. Even stranger, however, than the differing landscapes, flowers, food, clothing and methods of quilt making is her encounter with the practice of slavery.

As a Quaker, Honor is keen to help the numerous runaway slaves that pass through Faithwell on their way

to freedom in the North and Canada by providing food, water and shelter, risking her own safety and freedom in doing so. Under the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850 any person aiding a runaway slave by providing food or shelter was subject to six months' imprisonment and a \$1,000 fine. Nevertheless, she went against the general feeling of the town and her new family by continuing to help the runaways.

Written with her usual compelling narrative style, *The Last Runaway* will appeal to anyone interested in reading a well written historical novel that is hard to put down.

This title is also available in audio format.

*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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reviewed by Christine Bassett



# Share Your Story



## Ashlie Wilhelm

Recently we've been featuring on our website stories about how MLS libraries touch the lives of real people. These library supporters tell us in their own words how our libraries have entertained them, educated them, and even changed their lives. We always knew we had the power to affect people, and it's awesome to see just how great the effect can be.

Oklahoma City resident Ashlie Wilhelm couldn't resist the temptation to share her story with us, and we'd like to share it with you.

"When I was a little girl, my mom took me to the Southern Oaks Library. I remember that there was a triangular area/children's nook underneath the staircase where I used to sit and read a book or two or ten. We lived very close and it was one of our favorite places to go together after school. My mom would let me check out as many books as I could fit into my bag, and after we sat in the warmth of the sun that shone so brightly through that large picture window of the west wall, we would head for home, or more often, Grandma's house.

"Later, while I attended Oklahoma City University, I continued to find myself in libraries. I loved doing research in the OCU library and I worked at a law firm downtown, where part of my job was to keep the law library updated. I love books, the smell of books, the feel of books and the history of each book. I even find

the paper interesting, the binding and the type of font. I believe this originated from my days as a child at MLS.

"After college, I took a job at an engineering/manufacturing company where I taught Mandarin Chinese to the employees who were preparing trips to China. For several years I spent more time in China and Europe than I spent at home. It was a perfect job for me, considering I used to sit in the library and look through atlases to dream of where I would travel. Later I began volunteering by teaching seminars at many MLS libraries.

"Over the past ten years I have taught as an adjunct at OCCC and continued to offer Chinese courses through the Downtown College, so I feel that I have come full circle. I love what the MLS has to offer for myself, my children and the general public. The programs and resources are astounding and I believe they helped to shape who I

am, as well as giving me a place of knowledge, peace, refuge and fun. Even now, I have found a sound room at the new Northwest Library in which I spend one hour each week, utilizing the wifi in clean and quiet facilities to study Russian through an online program. I guess you could say the MLS helped me find who I was, continues to help me shape who I am, and is now bringing adventure and creativity to my children's lives."

For more Share Your Story narratives, visit the MLS webpage, [www.metrolibrary.org](http://www.metrolibrary.org), and go to the Support Your Library section.



Ashlie Wilhelm



# SOCIAL MEDIA





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Metropolitan Library System has had a presence on Social Media outlets since MySpace burst into popularity in 2003. YouTube came along a couple of years later and we began posting a variety of videos there. You can still browse YouTube to find MLS commercials and videos, the TV versions of our popular Oklahoma Images articles, entries in Downtown Library's annual Teen filmmaking contest, and a lot more.

You may already be following us on Twitter and Facebook, probably the two most social media formats. Twitter limits the message to 140 characters, so while we can publicize basic data, we can't dwell. Facebook gives us 420 characters, so we can be more descriptive, and even a little playful.

One of the newer social media formats we've been playing with is Instagram, which is rapidly becoming the medium of choice for Teens.

"Since Instagram is all photo-based," said MLS Young Adult Services Coordinator Emily Williams, "it's very informal. With it we can capture a moment in time and share it with our followers, and get immediate feedback. Posts can be of the front of a library building, a new book, art creations from a program, anything that we feel like sharing."

"I think its interaction is key," Emily added. "We can comment, show support, answer questions, and get and share ideas. It's useful to us to know what people find worth sharing and the experiences they are having."

Another popular new format we like to use is

Pinterest, which is like the door of your refrigerator with messages and photos held in place by magnets.

"As librarians and information professionals, we seek to arrange and display things," said MLS Manager of Web Development and Support Kellie Delaney, "and Pinterest allows us to organize media formats

for our customers in a visual, meaningful way. A great example is grouping awesome pictures, books, and sites about a particular topic. For example, we have a board created for *Downton Abbey*."

"I love Pinterest," Kellie said. "As a child I collected everything (my grandmother owned an antique shop) and now I find Pinterest to be a great avenue to 'collect' things online. And at the end of the day, our customers know we care about what's important to them and go where they are."

That's why we use as many ways as we can find to connect to you. Just look for us. We'll be there.

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### Almonte Library

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#### Preschool Story Time

Aug 6 | Tue | 10:30-11a

Ages 3-5

Help your child build early literacy skills. Join us for stories, fingerplays, and songs! Stay and play or make a simple craft. Come in or call to sign-up.

#### Parachute Play

Aug 13 | Tue | 10:30-11a

Ages 3-5

Children will delight in playing with a large colorful parachute. Parachute play promotes social skills, teamwork and development of large and small motor skills. Class size is limited. Please come by or call 606-3575 to sign-up.

#### Almonte Book Club

Aug 15 | Thur | 6-7p

Adults

Come on down to AL's Book Club! We will be reading a variety of wonderful fiction and nonfiction. Contact the Information Desk at 606-3576 to find out this month's title and to put a copy on reserve.

### Belle Isle Library

#### Service Core of Retired Executives

(SCORE) Counseling

Aug 3,17 | Sat | 9:30a-Noon

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 Information Desk for an appointment or call 843-9601.

Cosponsor: Service Core of Retired Executives (SCORE).

#### Gaming Club

Aug 6,13,20,27 | 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!

#### Journal Writing for Everyone: Journal to the Self

Aug 10 | Sat | 1-3:30p

Teens and older

A workshop based on the work of Kathleen Adams, Center for Journal Therapy. Using a personal journal can be a useful tool for many reasons, from releasing stress, recording vacation memories, and clarifying thoughts. This free workshop will get you started, or if you're already a journal writer, this will give you some ideas and tips. Sign up at the Information Desk.

#### Jumpstart the Novel

Aug 13,20,27 | Tue | 7-8p

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.

#### Belle Isle Teen Crafts

Aug 15 | 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!

#### Metro OKC Knit Guild Group Meeting

Aug 18 | Sun | 3-5p

Teens-adults

Join a group of kindred spirits to knit and chat.

All knitters from want-a-bees to advanced are encouraged to attend. Each month includes an educational technique and you can explore the plethora of knitting books available at your library. For questions email Mschoir01@gmail.com, Melissa.ryan@tinker.af.mil or call 361-2044 or 739-5799.

#### Belle Isle Anime/Manga Club

Aug 19 | Mon | 4-5p

Teens

Every third Monday of the month from 4-5pm., share and discuss your favorite Anime and Manga. Screen new Anime episodes!

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

#### Metropolitan Library Commission of Oklahoma County

Aug 22 | Thur | 3:30-5p

Belle Isle Library

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### Bethany Library

See page 19 for more Bethany Library programs/events.

#### Annual Ice Cream Social Event

Aug 3 | Sat | 3-4p

All ages

Don't forget our annual back to school and end of summer event: our Ice Cream Social. Clarrisa Sharp will paint arms or faces with beautiful fantasy images. Come early for the best selection of ice cream flavors.

#### Yu-Gi-Oh! Club

Aug 10 | 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!

### **Capturing Vacation Memories**

**Aug 17 | Sat | 2-4p**

#### **Adults**

Keeping a vacation journal helps you enjoy your vacation/trip many times over. Learn three quick and easy techniques for preparing your journal in advance. Light refreshments will be served.

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## **Capitol Hill Library**

*See page 19 for more Capitol Hill Library programs/events.*

### **Tell Me a Story: Book and Craft**

**Aug 6 | Tue | 10:30-11:30a**

#### **Ages 6 and younger with adult**

Our story time is a fast paced, fun event adapted for short attention spans. Stories, songs and games are followed by a fun craft and healthy snack. This story time is the perfect way to introduce the library and all the fun and learning it offers to your little one. Please call 634-6308 for more information.

### **Mother Goose on the Loose: Babies & Tots**

**Aug 8,22 | Thur | 10:30-11a**

#### **Ages 2 and younger with caregiver**

This is a research-based early literacy program for young children. It brings language and literacy to life by incorporating books, puppets, flannel pieces, music and movement.

### **Art in the Afternoon for Families**

**Aug 10 | Sat | 2-4p**

#### **Ages 8 and older**

Enjoy a day of creativity with your family at your friendly neighborhood library! We have a different craft or art project each month. Come relax with us! All supplies are provided. Please call 634-6308 for more information.

### **Safari After School Homework Help & Reading Practice**

**Aug 12,14,19,21,26,28 | Mon & Wed 3:30-5:30p**

#### **Grades K-9**

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! Sign in at the library to participate.

### **Tell Me a Story: Move and Groove**

**Aug 13 | Tue | 10:30-11:30a**

#### **Ages 6 and younger with adult**

Stories, songs and games are followed by a movement and action games, and healthy snack. This story time is the perfect way

to introduce the library and all the fun and learning it offers to your little one. Please call 634-6308 for more information.

### **Celebrate Shark Week**

**Aug 13 | Tue | 5:30-6:30p**

#### **Ages 10-16**

Join us for an afternoon of all things shark as we learn about this group of fish that is both scary and awesome! We'll be playing games, making crafts, and maybe even eating a shark treat or two. All supplies provided. Call to sign up.

### **Bilingual Story Time: English y Espanol**

**Aug 14 | Wed | 6:30-7:30p**

#### **Ages 10 and younger**

Like stories? Like culture? Come to the library with your little one to experience story time in both Spanish and English.

¿Te gusta historias? ¿Cultura? Ven a la biblioteca con tu pequeño y visite nuestro tiempo de cuentos en inglés y español.

### **Tell Me a Story: Parachute Play**

**Aug 20 | Tue | 10:30-11:30a**

#### **Ages 6 and younger with adult**

Parachute play is an excellent way to help children learn how to be cooperative and follow directions. This story time is the perfect way to introduce the library and all the fun and learning it offers to your little one. Please call 634-6308 for more information.

### **Total Wellness in Spanish**

**Aug 22,29 | Thur | 5:15-6:15p**

#### **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!

Total Wellness is a 12 week diabetes, heart disease, cancer, and asthma prevention program. Classes provide information and tools to help prevent the onset of chronic diseases. The program provides free screenings to participants. Cosponsor: OCCHD.

### **Tell Me a Story: Play and Learn**

**Aug 27 | Tue | 10:30-11:30a**

#### **Ages 6 and younger with adult**

Open play is an excellent way to help children learn social skills, and learn too that the library is a destination for fun! This story time is the perfect way to introduce the library and all the fun and learning it offers to your little one. Please call 634-6308 for more information.

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## **Choctaw Library**

*See page 19 for more Choctaw Library programs/events.*

### **Lapsit Storytime**

**Aug 6,13,20,27 | Tue | 9:30-10a**

#### **Ages 6 months-3 years**

Parents and children come enjoy simple songs, rhymes, and stories together. Then we will have time for play and social skills.

### **Preschool Storytime**

**Aug 6,13,20,27 | Tue | 10:30-11a**

#### **Ages 3-5**

Build early literacy skills. Join us for stories, songs, fingerplays and just plain fun. Older and younger siblings are welcome.

### **Open Play Time**

**Aug 10 | Sat | 10-11a**

#### **Ages 6 mos-5 yrs**

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.

### **Duct Tape Craft Night**

**Aug 22 | Thur | 6-7:30p**

#### **Teens**

Get stuck on duct tape at our annual duct tape craft night! Beginners will be taught how to make a simple project while advanced duct tape crafters can use our supplies and books to work on your own creations. Register at the Information Desk or call 390-8418 to sign up.

### **Ookami Anime Club**

**Aug 24 | 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 28 | Wed | 4-5:30p**

#### **All ages**

Build with the Lego Club at the Choctaw Library. Open to all ages. Legos provided.

### Teen Movie Night

**Aug 29 | Thur | 6-8p**

**Ages 13-18**

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

### Del City Library

*See page 19 for more Del City Library programs/events.*

### Coping With Loss

**Aug 7,14 | Wed | 3-6p and 6-8p**

**Adults**

Are you dealing with a loss? Come to the library to learn about the Grief Recovery Method. All participants will receive a free copy of *The Grief Recovery Handbook* by John W. James and Russell Friedman. The group is mediated by Bereavement Coordinators with Crossroads Hospice. Call Jo Clipson or Michelle Caravello at 644-5813 to register.

### Living Lightly Presents: Last Call at the Oasis

**Aug 13 | Tue | 6-8p**

**All ages**

You drink it, you swim in it, you survive because of it. It's time you knew the truth about it. Water is the world's most valuable resource and in the near future, there may not be enough of it to sustain life on our planet. Unless... Refreshments (including water) provided. Call (672-1377) or come by the library to sign up.

### LEGO Club

**Aug 19 | Mon | 4:30-5:30p**

**All ages**

Love Legos? Come build with us! On the third Monday of every month we will host the DC Library Lego Club. Bricks provided. Children under 8 should be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

### Downtown Library

*See pages 19 & 22 for more Downtown Library programs/events.*

### Computer Basics

**Aug 6,13,20 | Tue | 6-7:30p**

**Adults**

Join us for an introductory class that will teach basic navigation and common uses for computers and software such as web browsing, Microsoft Word, Excel, and basic computer security. Classes are held in the Route 66 Computer Lab. No registration necessary.

### Urban Sprouts

**Aug 7,21 | Wed | 10-10:30a**

**Ages 1-5 w/parent**

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

### Wednesday Night at the Movies

**Aug 7,14,21,25 | Wed | 6-8:30p**

**Ages 13 and older**

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

### Noon Tunes

**Aug 8,15,22,29 | Thur | Noon-1p**

**All ages**

Performing in August are:

Aug 8: Alegria Real

Aug 15: Miho Fisher

Aug 22: Victor Andrada

Aug 29: Miss Brown to You

### Container Gardening Basics

**Aug 10 | Sat | 1-2p**

**All ages**

Do you love to garden, but struggle with limited space? Well, pull out those overalls and prepare to show off your green thumb as a representative from the Oklahoma County Master Gardeners for the OSU Extension walks you through the basics of creating a container garden. Space is limited to 25 and registration is required by calling the library at 606-3879 or visiting the Information Desk. Cosponsor: OSU Extension.

### 2nd Sunday Concert With Kam Brad

**Aug 11 | Sun | 2-3p**

**All ages**

The Second Sunday Concert series takes place in our beautiful atrium on the second Sunday of each month.

### Urban Sprouts - Wild Card

**Aug 14 | Wed | 10-10:30a**

**Ages 1-5 w/parent**

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

### Music Play With Miss Ginger

**Aug 28 | Wed | 10-10:45a**

**Ages 1-5 w/parent**

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

### Book of Love: Baby Boomer Edition

**Aug 31 | Sat | 11a-1p**

**Adults**

Mature, established, comfortable in your own skin, and ready to meet your equal? Come and meet your perfect match at the library! Bring a book that you either love or hate as a conversation starter, and rotate through a timed program of mini "dates" with other mature singles. This event is free, but space is limited. Please register through our website at [www.metrolibrary.org](http://www.metrolibrary.org).

### Edmond Library

*See pages 19, 21 & 22 for more Edmond Library programs/events.*

### Computer Tutoring

**Aug 1-30 | Wed, Thur, Fri | 1-4p**

**Adult**

Whether you are a computer novice or more knowledgeable and want to improve your existing skills, volunteer Don Robinson is available to help you in one-on-one tutoring sessions. Call the library at 341-9282 to make an appointment for Wednesday, Thursday or Friday afternoons at 1:00, 2:00 or 3:00pm.

### Pajametime

**Aug 1,22,29 | Thur | 6:30-7:15p**

**Ages 1-3**

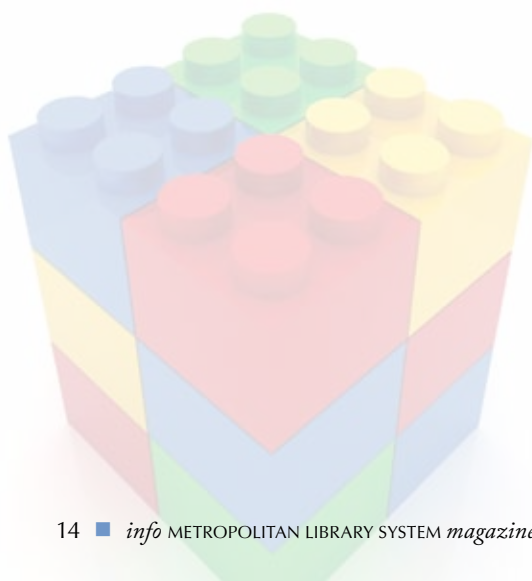
Come shake your sillies out before bedtime! We'll have free play followed by a storytime with music, rhymes, fingerplays, and books - all to encourage early literacy and language development. It's bonding, educational, and fun!

### AARP Driver's Safety Program

**Aug 3 | Sat | 9:30a-3p**

**Age 16 and older**

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 auto insurance premium. The cost is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-members, payable in cash or by check. Space is limited. Please preregister, beginning July 1st, at the Information Desk or by calling the library at 341-9282x3. Cosponsor: AARP.

### **Stamp Club**

**Aug 3,17 | Sat | 10a-Noon**  
**Grades 4 and higher**

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

### **Advanced Farsi**

**Aug 4,11,18,28 | 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 4,11,18,28 | 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.

### **55+ Coffee Break**

**Aug 7,14,21,28 | Wed | 9:30-11a**  
**Seniors**

Come to the Edmond 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 your favorite books or activities. We will have some books on the side for you to browse through and check out. This is a come-and-go event.

### **Readers' Choice Book Club**

**Aug 10 | Sat | 10:30a-Noon**  
**Adults**

The Reader's Choice Book Club meets the second Saturday of every month at the Edmond Library. The group consists of people who enjoy reading outstanding books and discussing them. The book selection for August is *The Passion of Artemesia* by Susan Vreeland.

### **Yu-Gi-Oh Tournament**

**Aug 10 | Sat | 3-4:30p**  
**School-age 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.

### **GED Orientation**

**Aug 13 | Tue | 5:30-8:30p**  
**Adults age 16 and older**

OCCC will be holding a GED orientation/testing session at the Edmond Library. All students wishing to enroll in OCCC's GED classes, held in Edmond, must attend this session first. Registration is required. Register with OCCC by calling 682-7873. Cosponsor: OCCC.

### **Coffee House for Teens**

**Aug 16 | Fri | 4-5:30p**  
**Teens**

Hey teens! Come and perform your original poetry, short story, or acoustic music at the Edmond Library's teen coffee house. (Or feel free to come and just listen!) We'll have coffee, lemonade, and snacks. Call 341-9282 or stop by the Information Desk to sign up.

### **eMedia Workshops**

**Aug 17 | Sat | 2-4:15p**  
**Adults**

Does using your Kindle or Nook have you confused and scratching your head? The world of eMedia is waiting for you. Join our computer guru, Randall Baze, 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 Information Desk.

### **Mother Goose on the Loose**

**Aug 20,27 | Tue | 9-9:45a & 10-10:45a & 11-11:45a**

**Birth to 2 1/2 years**

Join us for a play-based early literacy program filled with big time fun! Mother Goose on the Loose® ([www.mgol.org](http://www.mgol.org)) is an award-winning, research-based program for the very young, bringing language and literacy to life by incorporating books, puppets, flannel pieces, musical instruments, movement, and more. Call or see Miss Amy for preregistration requirements (341-9282, ext.4).

### **Baby Bounce**

**Aug 21,28 | Wed | 9-9:45a**  
**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 by a bouncy and fun lapsit storytime just for this age, with rhymes, rhythms, songs, and books designed to develop their emerging literacy and language skills. Call or see Miss Amy to preregister (341-9282, ext. 4).

### **Toddler Time**

**Aug 21,28 | Wed | 10-10:45a and 11-11:45a**

**2-Year-olds**

Toddler Time 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. Call or see Miss Amy to pre-register (341-9282, ext. 4).

### **Music With Miss Joy**

**Aug 23 | Fri | 9:15-10a**  
**Birth - 2 years**

Join Miss Joy for a morning of musical activities just for babies, toddlers, and their caregivers. Older siblings are welcome and encouraged to bring a stuffed animal to participate. Preregister on the 15th by calling 341-9282 x4.

### **Music With Miss Joy**

**Aug 23 | Fri | 10:15-11a and 11:15a-Noon**  
**Ages 2 1/2 - 5 yrs**

Join Miss Joy for a morning of musical activities just for this age. There will be singing, instruments, and rhythmic activities. Preregister on the 15th by calling 341-9282 x4.

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## **Luther Library**

### **Quilting at the Library**

**Aug 19 | Mon | 10a-4p**  
**Adults**

Do you enjoy quilting and sewing. Enjoy visiting with others that do? Come and join us the Third Monday every month. Bring your sewing machine, materials and sewing supplies and join us.

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## **Midwest City Library**

See pages 19,21 & 22 for more Midwest City Library programs/events.

### **Art Exhibit: Emily Williams**

**Aug 3-31 | Library Hours**  
**All ages**

Emily Williams is an Oklahoma City-based artist with a BA in Art History from Oklahoma State University and a Masters of Library and Information Studies from the University of Oklahoma. Her acrylic paintings on canvas are of animals, plants, everyday objects, and food. She creates series and charts, and uses bright colors to help her promote the truth of the subject. Emily's hope

is that her work leaves the viewer with a sense of familiarity and comfort, based in shared appreciation and recognition of the subject's inherent value.

## Computer Tutoring

**Aug 3/10,17,24,31 | Sat | 9a-Noon**

**Aug 5,12,19,26 | Mon | 9a-8:30p**

**All ages**

Whether you are a computer novice or more knowledgeable and want to improve your existing skills, help is available to you in one-on-one tutoring sessions. Tutoring is available on Mondays and Saturdays. Call the library at 732-4828 to make an appointment.

## Natural Hair

**Aug 3 | Sat | 10-11a**

**Adults**

Many struggle with how to properly maintain and 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. This program is free and open to the public. To attend, register at the Information Desk or call 732-4828.

## OKC Woodcarvers

**Aug 5-31 | Library Hours**

**All ages**

It's time for the annual visit from the OKC Woodcarvers! A selection of the groups creations from the past year will be on display in the gallery. This display runs from August 5 to August 31, with a live demonstration on August 3rd

## Soldier Creek Quilting Group

**Aug 5,12,19,26 | Mon | 9a-Noon**

**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 12:00 p.m. No experience necessary, just a willingness to create art. Registration is not required. Cosponsor: Soldier Creek Quilting Group.

## Preschool Storytime

**Aug 5,12,19 | Mon | 10-10:30a**

**Ages birth-5 w/parent**

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. Space is limited, so be sure to reserve a spot by calling 732-4828 or visiting the Information Desk.

## Knit Wit

**Aug 6,20 | 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. This class is free. No registration required.

## Midwest City Non-Fiction Book Club

**Aug 6 | Tue | 10-11a**

**Adults**

Come join us for the Midwest City Nonfiction Readers' Book Club where we read and discuss an array of titles of varying subject matter. Call 732-4828 or visit the Information Desk to sign up and get a copy of this month's selection.

## Pajama Story Night

**Aug 6 | Tue | 6:30-7p**

**Children of all ages**

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

## Motor Vehicle Crash Prevention Course

**Aug 10 | 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. Cosponsor: AAA.

## Chess Club at the Midwest City Library

**Aug 10 | Sat | 10-11a**

**Ages 12 and older**

The Midwest City Library offers chess players the opportunity to play every second Saturday of the month at 10:00 a.m. For more information, please contact the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828.

## Around the World in 80 Films

**Aug 10 | Sat | 1:30-4p**

**Adults**

Around the World in 80 Films. Join us the second Saturday of each month as we explore different cultures through film. This month we will screen a 2008 Oscar winning film. No registration required.

## All About the Oklahoma State Fair!

**Aug 13 | Tue | 6-7p**

**All ages**

Whether it's the rides, crafts, foods, or exhibits, the Oklahoma State Fair has something for everyone! Get the inside scoop on what is hap-

pening at this year's State Fair, from the folks who are working hard behind the scenes — find out about the history, purpose, and future plans for this celebrated, annual event. You'll also get an update on the current construction projects taking place at State Fair Park.

## Bey Blade Tournament

**Aug 14 | Wed | 4-5:30p**

**Kids and teens**

Get your Bey Blade Metal Fusion on! To attend, please register at the Information Desk or call 732-4828.

## Cool Season Lawns

**Aug 15 | Thur | 1:30-3p**

**Adults**

Learn how to maintain a great cool season lawn. This program is free and open to the public. Taught by Oklahoma's own Ray Ridlen/OSU-OKC. No registration required. Cosponsor: OSU-OKC.

## Library Databases for Homeschoolers!

**Aug 15 | Thur | 7-8p**

**Ages 12- adult**

Metropolitan Library System databases are free to use, almost all are accessible from home, and supply RELIABLE information on many subjects. Need help with a science project or paper? Check out our science and history databases! Want to learn a foreign language? Check out our Mango language learning program! This workshop will explain the basics of accessing and using our databases. Although this class is geared towards homeschoolers, everyone is welcome.

## Readers' Society Book Club

**Aug 20 | Tue | 10-11:30a**

**Adults**

The Readers' Society meets on the third Tuesday of each month. The book for August is *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford. Call 732-4828 or visit the Information Desk to reserve your copy.

## Family Craft Night

**Aug 20 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p**

**Children of 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. 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 Gaming**

**Aug 21 | Wed | 2-4:30p**

#### **Teens**

Come and get your Yu-gi-oh game on every third Wednesday of the month. This program is for the experienced Yu-gi-oh-er. To attend, please register at the Information Desk or call 732-4828.

### **Toddler Aerobics**

**Aug 26 | Mon | 10-10:30a**

#### **Birth - 5 years w/adult**

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.

### **Teen Movie Night**

**Aug 28 | Wed | 6-8p**

#### **Teens**

Teens can enjoy a movie with other teens. Movies shown on Wednesday nights are specially selected for teen audiences, but adults are welcome to attend. The movie for August is a documentary on peer-to-peer bullying in schools across America. After the movie, participants can talk about their experiences with bullying. For more information please call 732-4828.

### **eBooks 101**

**Aug 29 | Thur | 10a-Noon**

#### **Adults**

Join Jerod for a step-by-step instructional session on how to check out library eBooks for your eReader, tablet computer or smart phone. To attend, please register at 732-4828 or contact the Information Desk.

### **Juggle Whatever—including School**

**Aug 31 | Sat | 10-11a**

#### **Teens**

Need to help your teen learn how to manage school? Juggling is a great way to learn hand-eye coordination, balance and number counting skills both physically and mentally. Registration is required. To attend, please call 732-4828 or register at the Information Desk.

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## **Nicoma Park Library**

*See page 19 for more Nicoma Park Library programs/events.*

### **Crochet and Knit Class**

**Aug 1,6 | Tue and Thur | 10a-Noon**

#### **Adults**

Learn to crochet or knit or just strengthen your

knowledge for either craft. We meet on the first Tuesday and Thursday of the month. Join us for fun! Call 769-9452 for more information or to register 2.

### **Lady Crafters**

**Aug 20 | Tue | 10a-Noon**

#### **Adults**

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

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## **Northwest Library**

*See pages 19, 21 & 22 for more Northwest Library programs/events.*

### **Early Childhood Programs for Ages 3-5**

**Aug 6,13,20,27 | Tue**

**10-10:45a and 1-1:30p**

#### **Ages 3-5**

Bring your child to enjoy a different session weekly including Play with Me, Story Time, Wiggles and Giggles, and Music Play. Please call to register at 606-3580 as space is limited.

August:

8/6 Play with Me

8/13 Story Time

8/20 Wiggles and Giggles

8/27 Music Play

### **Early Childhood Programs for Ages 0-2**

**Aug 6,13,20,27 | Tue | 10:45-11:15a and**

**1:45-2:15p**

#### **Birth to nearly 3**

Bring your child to enjoy a different session weekly including Play with Me, Story Time, Wiggles and Giggles, and Music Play. Please call to register at 606-3580 as space is limited.

August:

8/6 Play with Me

8/13 Story Time

8/20 Wiggles and Giggles

8/27 Music Play

### **Create a Crunch: Healthy School Lunches and Snacks**

**Aug 7 | Wed | 3:30-4:30p**

#### **Grades 2-6**

Kids, want to make lunch more exciting? By building your own healthy lunch and afterschool snacks, you can learn about nutrition and have fun doing it! Ingredients and recipes will be provided for those who sign up. Program will be led by Amanda Horn with the Oklahoma County Extension Service. Cosponsor: OSU Oklahoma County Extension Service.

### **Chess Club**

**Aug 8,22 | Thur | 5:30-7:30p**

#### **School age children, teens, and adults**

Want to learn how to play chess? Come to the library on the second and fourth Thursday monthly to experience this exciting game! Club members and library staff will assist new players in learning the basic moves of the game. Free play is available in the library every day with chess sets available at the Information Desk for in library use.

### **Book Club**

**Aug 9 | Fri | 1-2p**

#### **Adults**

Come join us the 2nd Friday of each month to discuss a new book! This month we will read and discuss *Dream New Dreams* by Jai Pausch. Reserve your copy today! Discussion guides available at the library.

### **Bilingual Story Time in Spanish and English**

**Aug 10 | Sat | 10-10:30a**

#### **Early Childhood**

Like stories? Like culture? Come to the library with your little one to experience story time in both Spanish and English. Please call to register at 606-3580 as space is limited. ¿Te gusta historias? ¿Cultura? Ven a la biblioteca con tu pequeñito y visite nuestro tiempo de cuentos en inglés y español. Por favor llame 606-3580 para registrar, el espacio es limitado.

### **Kinetic Puppets**

**Aug 10 | Sat | 2-3p**

#### **Grades 1-6**

Puppets are a fun way for children to bring stories to life. Bring your school aged child to the library to make puppets that move and groove as part of our back to school celebration! Please call 606-3580 to register as supplies are limited.





## Budding Bookworms Children's Book Club

**Aug 12 | Mon | 4-5p**

**Ages 9-12**

Like to read? A children's book club is a great way to share your opinions and meet other budding bookworms. Come to the library ready to discuss this month's book selection, *Tuesdays at the Castle* by Jessica Day George. Reserve your copy today!

## Journal Junkies

**Aug 15 | Thur | 4-5:30p**

**Teens**

Do you like writing? Do you like art? Come draw, paint, sketch, stamp, scribble, and write to create unique journal pages. We will provide materials, ideas, techniques, and writing prompts to inspire you to express yourself.

## Lunch Crunch: Healthy Lunches on a Budget

**Aug 27 | Tue | 5:30-6:30p**

**Adults**

Whether you're looking at your own lunch or building a school lunch for the kids, making it yourself can save you time, calories, and money! Oklahoma County Extension Service Educator, Amanda Horn, will present this program on how to plan your lunches before temptation strikes! Ingredients and recipes will be provided for those who sign up by calling 606-3580. Cosponsor: OSU Oklahoma County Extension Service.

## Ralph Ellison Library

See page 22 for more Ralph Ellison Library programs/events.

## Art Gallery

**Aug 1-30 | During Library Hours**

**All ages**

We invite you to experience our visual exhibits from local artists. Each month a different artist shares their enriching, thought-provoking creations on our west wall.

## Eastside Chess Club

**Aug 2,9,16,23,30 | Fri | 4-5p**

**Ages 10 and older**

Enjoy a friendly game of chess? Players of all ages and skill levels are welcome. We meet at 4p.

## First Monday Gamefest

**Aug 5 | Mon | 4-5:30p**

**Ages 10-18**

Gamefests rock! So, Ralph Ellison Library has decided to make them happen every month. Join the First Monday Gamefest and get ready to jam out to Guitarhero, dance the night away on our XBOX Kinect, make some sweet touchdowns on Madden 12, and duel on Super Smash Brothers Brawl! No sign up required.

## Power Through Resistance

**Aug 6,13,20,27 | Tue | 6-7p**

**Adults**

Get motivated with this innovative women's fitness program using resistance bands. You will have fun while you shape and tone with great moves like the Sassy Sister Salsa. Resistance band exercises can help you slow or prevent osteoporosis, increase balance, and relieve stress. Participants will even receive a free resistance band to keep working out at home. Event takes place on Tuesdays 8/6, 8/13, 8/20, and 8/27. Cosponsor: Oklahoma Nutrition Information and Education Project (ONIE).

## Financial Management Series

**Aug 6,13,20,27 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p**

**Ages 15 and older**

This series seeks to equip our community with the necessary tools and wisdom to help make prudent financial decisions. Participants will be educated on an array of topics including the "psychology" associated with one's spending habits, managing student loans and the credit scoring process. Refreshments will be provided. Register at 606-3457. Cosponsor: Allegiance Credit Union.

## Couponing 101

**Aug 12 | Mon | 6-8p**

**Adults**

Cut your grocery bill in half and learn how to get the most out of coupons wherever you go. Let Oklahoma's own Consumer Queen show you how to get the biggest return for your shopping dollar. One canned food item, to be donated to the OK Food Bank, required for admission. Cosponsor: Consumer Queen.

## Children's Cinema

**Aug 15 | Thur | 5:30-7:30p**

**Ages 5 and older**

It's movie time! We'll be screening a family friendly feature film based on children's

literature. Bring a blanket and stuffed animal to cuddle up with, and we'll provide the popcorn and lemonade!

## Read, Share, Grow Book Club

**Aug 19 | Mon | 6:30-7:30p**

**Adults**

This month we'll be reading Manning Marable's *Malcolm X: A Life of Reinvention*. Come by the front desk to pick up your copy.

## SOUP Open Mic Poetry Night

**Aug 26 | 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.

## Shinigami Anime Club

**Aug 27 | Tue | 4-6p**

**Twins and Teens**

If you love to read manga, watch anime, and enjoy gaming, then the Ralph Ellison Anime Club is just for you! It meets from 4-6p on the 4th Tuesday of every month and is open for tweens and teens ages 12-18.

## Read 'Em and Eat

**Aug 29 | Thur | 6-7p**

**Ages 3-10**

Join us for a special storytime with a yummy twist--after the story, make and enjoy a creative snack that goes right along with the books, songs, and poems!

## Southern Oaks Library

See pages 19, 21 & 22 for more Southern Oaks Library programs/events.

## Friday-Films, Family and Fun

**Aug 2,9,16,23,30 | Fri | 9-6p**

**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.

## Gamefest

**Aug 4 | Sun | 2-5p**

**Teens**

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

## Driver Safety Program

**Aug 10 | Sat | 9:30a-3:30p**

**Drivers 16 and older**

Attention All Drivers! If you want to learn

# 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.



<b>Almonte Library</b>	Mondays, 7-8pm
<b>Belle Isle Library</b>	Mondays, 6-7pm
<b>Capitol Hill Library</b>	Saturday, Aug 10, 1-2pm
<b>Capitol Hill Library</b>	Tuesday, Aug 20, 6-7pm
<b>Choctaw Library</b>	Saturday, Aug 10, 3-4pm <i>Register at the Information Desk or call 390-8418</i>
<b>Choctaw Library</b>	Wednesday, Aug 21, 10-11a
<b>Del City Library</b>	Thursday, Aug 8, 22, 6:30-7:30pm <i>Register at the Information Desk or call 672-1377</i>
<b>Downtown Library</b>	Saturday, Aug 17, 3-4pm

<b>Midwest City Library</b>	Tuesdays, Aug 13, 27 7-7:30pm <i>Register at the Information Desk or call 732-4828</i>
<b>Nicoma Park Library</b>	Thursday, Aug 1, 4-4:45pm <i>Register at the Information Desk or call 769-9452</i>
<b>Northwest Library</b>	Mondays, 6-7pm
<b>Southern Oaks Library</b>	Saturday, Aug 10, 10-11a <i>Register at the Information Desk or call 631-4468</i>
<b>Southern Oaks Library</b>	Tuesday, Aug 20, 6:30-7:30pm
<b>The Village Library</b>	Wednesdays, 6-7pm
<b>The Village Library</b>	Thursdays, 3:30-4:30pm



how to be a better driver AND save money, sign-up for the AARP Driver Safety Class and become eligible for a discount on your monthly auto insurance premium. The State of Oklahoma authorizes a discount lasting 3 years for any licensed driver aged 16 and up who successfully complete a defensive driver's course. The fee for the class is \$12.00 for AARP members, \$14.00 for non-members, cash or check payable to the AARP. Please pre-register by signing up at the Information Desk or by calling 631-4468. Cosponsor: AARP.

## Preschool Storytime

**Aug 12,19 | Mon | 10:30-11:10a**

**Age 2-5 with parent/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. Preregistration is required. Please sign up by calling 631-4468 or by visiting the Information Desk.

## Adult Education and Literacy Classes

**Aug 12,14,19,21,26,28 | Mon & Wed**

**6-8p**

**Adults**

Free basic Education & Literacy Skills for Adults! Classes are available on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:00pm-8:00pm. Learn and apply phonics skills to reading, spelling and writing. Please call 631-4468 for more information or to register for the class. Cosponsor: Community Literacy Centers, Inc.

## Southern Oaks Book Club

**Aug 13 | Tue | 11:30a-12:30p**

**Adult**

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 Information Desk.

## Book Adventure: Kids' Book Club

**Aug 13 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p**

**All ages**

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.

## Parachute Fun

**Aug 26 | Mon | 10:30-11:10a**

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

Sing songs, dance, and play with the parachute! Bring your little one and join us for some parachute fun! Playing games with a parachute encourages teamwork. Kids will have fun while improving language, muscle control, and listening skills. Preregistration is required for this program. Call 631-4468 to sign up or visit the Information Desk.

## The Village Library

*See pages 19 & 22 for more of The Village Library programs/events.*

## Family Game Night

**Aug 1 | Thur | 6:30-8p**

Bring your whole family (all ages) to the library to play all kinds of games! Light refreshments and games will be provided. Please preregister by calling 755-0710 or visiting the Information Desk.

## Chess Club

**Aug 2,9,16,23,30 | 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.

## Knitty Committee

**Aug 10 | Sat | 10a-Noon**

**All ages**

Interested in knitting or learning how to knit? Join the Knitty Committee on the 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.

## Introduction to Excel 2007/2010

**Aug 12,19,26 | Mon | 6:30-8:30p**

**Aug 17 | Sat | 1030-11:30a**

**Adults**

Free computer instruction for adults evenings and Saturdays. Learn to use Microsoft Excel to create spreadsheets, apply formulas, manage customer records and inventory, design time sheets, manage budgets and more. Come in or call to sign-up. Village Library 755-0710.

## V-SIFT: Back to School Crafts

**Aug 15 | Thur | 4-5p**

**Teens**

Teens, want to go back to school in style? Come add a cool new look to pens, notebooks, and locker magnets. 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.

## Book Discussion Group

**Aug 19 | Mon | 3-4p**

**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 at the Information Desk.

## Warr Acres Library

*See pages 19 & 22 for more Warr Acres Library programs/events.*

## Create to Win Prizes

**Aug 1 | Thur | 9a-5p**

**Ages 6-11**

Children can earn prizes for reading and creating during August. First, pick up entry forms and instructions at our Information Desk. Second, your child reads or listens to a Newbery or Caldecott award book (These are listed in the catalog). Third, your child creates a presentation of the book by drawing or writing, according to instructions. Last, your child turns his creation and an entry form into a librarian and picks prizes (a toy and a book).

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

**Aug 3,10,17,24 | Sat | 10:30-11:30a**

**Infants through age 4 w/parent**

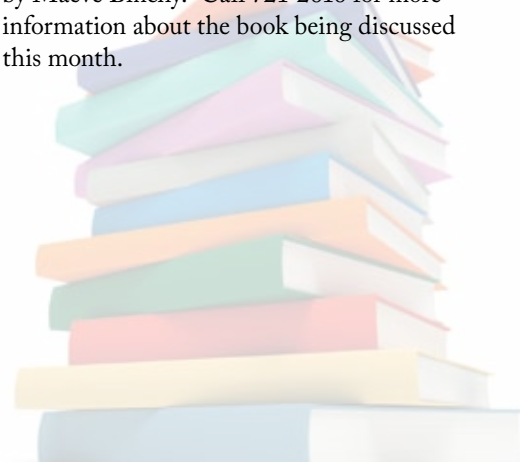
Playing with your baby or child is not only important for bonding but is also an educational experience. We are providing a special time for you to come to the library and spend one-on-one time playing with your child. A different community resource professional will be available each week to answer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

## Warr Acres Book Club

**Aug 12 | Mon | 11a-Noon**

**Adults**

This month, we will discuss *A Week in Winter* by Maeve Binchy. Call 721-2616 for more information about the book being discussed this month.





# ESL

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

## **Edmond Library**

**Intermediate ESL**

**Mondays & Wednesdays | 1:30-4:30p**

**Aug 26,28**

**Adults**

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

**Beginning ESL**

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

**Aug 26,28**

**Adults**

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

## **Midwest City Library**

**Aug 27,29 | Tue & Thur 6-8:30p**

**Adults**

Register by calling 682-7873. Cosponsor: 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**

**Aug 27,29 | Tue & Thur**

**6-8:30p**

**Adults**

Register by calling 682-7873. Cosponsor: OCCC

## **Midwest City Library**

**Aug 26,28 | Mon & Wed**

**6-8:30p**

**Adults**

Register by calling 682-6222. Cosponsor: OCCC

## **Northwest Library**

**Aug 27,29 | Tue & Thur**

**6:30-9p**

**Adults**

Call 682-7873 for more information and to enroll. Cosponsor: OCCC Adult Learning Center

## **Southern Oaks Library**

**Aug 5,7,11,14, | Mon & Wed | 1-4p**

**Age 16 and older**

For more info or to enroll call OKC Adult Learning Center, call 631-4468.

# HEALTH & WELLNESS



## Child Developmental Screenings

These OCCHD screenings compare how one child is developing when compared to other children the same age. Questions about your child's development or behavior can be discussed. Small fee required. For more information please call Child Guidance, Oklahoma City-County Health Dept. at 425-4412.

### Edmond Library

Child Development Screenings  
Aug 21 | Wed | 1-5p  
Birth to age 5 w/parent

### Midwest City Library

Child Development Screenings  
Aug 21 | Wed | 1-5p  
Parents of young children

### Northwest Library

Child Guidance Screenings  
Aug 29 | Thur | 9a-Noon  
Birth to age 5 w/parent

### Village Library

Child Guidance Screenings  
Aug 14 | Wed | 1-5p  
Birth to age 5 w/parent

### Warr Acre Library

Child Guidance Screenings  
Aug 23 | Fri | 9a-Noon  
Birth to age 5 w/parent

## 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.

### Downtown Library

Tai Chi  
Aug 7,14,21,28 | Wed | 5:30-6:30p  
Adults

### Southern Oaks Library

Tai Chi  
Aug 2,9,16,23,30 | Fri | 1:30-3p  
Adults  
Please call to enroll, 631-4468

## Wellness

### Ralph Ellison Library

Diabetes  
African American Community  
Diabetes Prevention Partners  
Aug 26 | Mon | 11:30a-12:30p  
All ages

The African American Community Diabetes Prevention Partners will meet on the next to last Monday in May to increase public awareness of community services/resources of benefit to African Americans.

### Southern Oaks Library

Total Wellness  
Aug 20,27 | Tue | 2:30-3:30p  
Adults

Free weight loss and disease prevention program. Program meets one hour a week for 12 weeks. The goal of the class is for everyone to lose 5% of the body weight and to be physically active 30 minutes a day. Please note that the last opportunity to sign up for the class is May 21, 2013. The number to call to register for the class has also changed to 425-4308. To register online [Total\\_Wellness@occhd.org](mailto:Total_Wellness@occhd.org)  
Cosponsor: OCCHD

### The Village Library

Total Wellness  
Aug 6,13,20 | Tue | 4:30p  
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 12 weeks. Please note that the last opportunity to sign up for this class is Aug 20, 2013. The goal is for everyone to lose 5% of body weight and become more active. The number to call to register for the class is 425-4308. Email [Total\\_Wellness@occhd.org](mailto:Total_Wellness@occhd.org) to register also.  
Cosponsor: OCCHD



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## Off the Beaten Path

## . . . *Discovering New Literary Treasures*

Taking Stephen King's new carny novel as our cue (see the Reviews and Recommendations section), here are a pair of movies that may keep you from ever again wanting to set foot on a midway.

*Freaks* [videorecording]  
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MGM studio head Irving Thalberg said about this 1932 shocker, "Well, I asked for a horror movie and I got one." Over 80 years later, this unsettling tale of a circus equestrian who marries a dwarf for his money, only to find out that midway freaks may not be comfortable in polite society but can be perfectly suited to hideous acts of revenge, still pulls the plow. Real circus freaks are featured in the cast, so brace yourself.

*Nightmare Alley* [videorecording]  
791.43/N688na/VIDEO/DISC

Stanton Carlisle is an ambitious carnie who plays scams alongside phony mentalist Zeena and her alcoholic husband Pete. The film follows Carlisle as he perfects his con and becomes a big time nightclub "mind reader" before hitting the skids and going back to the midway, this time as the lowest of the low. The 1947 movie features a brave performance by Tyrone Power, usually associated at the time with musicals and swashbucklers.



**MLS LIBRARIES**

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

**MLS EXTENSION LIBRARIES\***

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

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

