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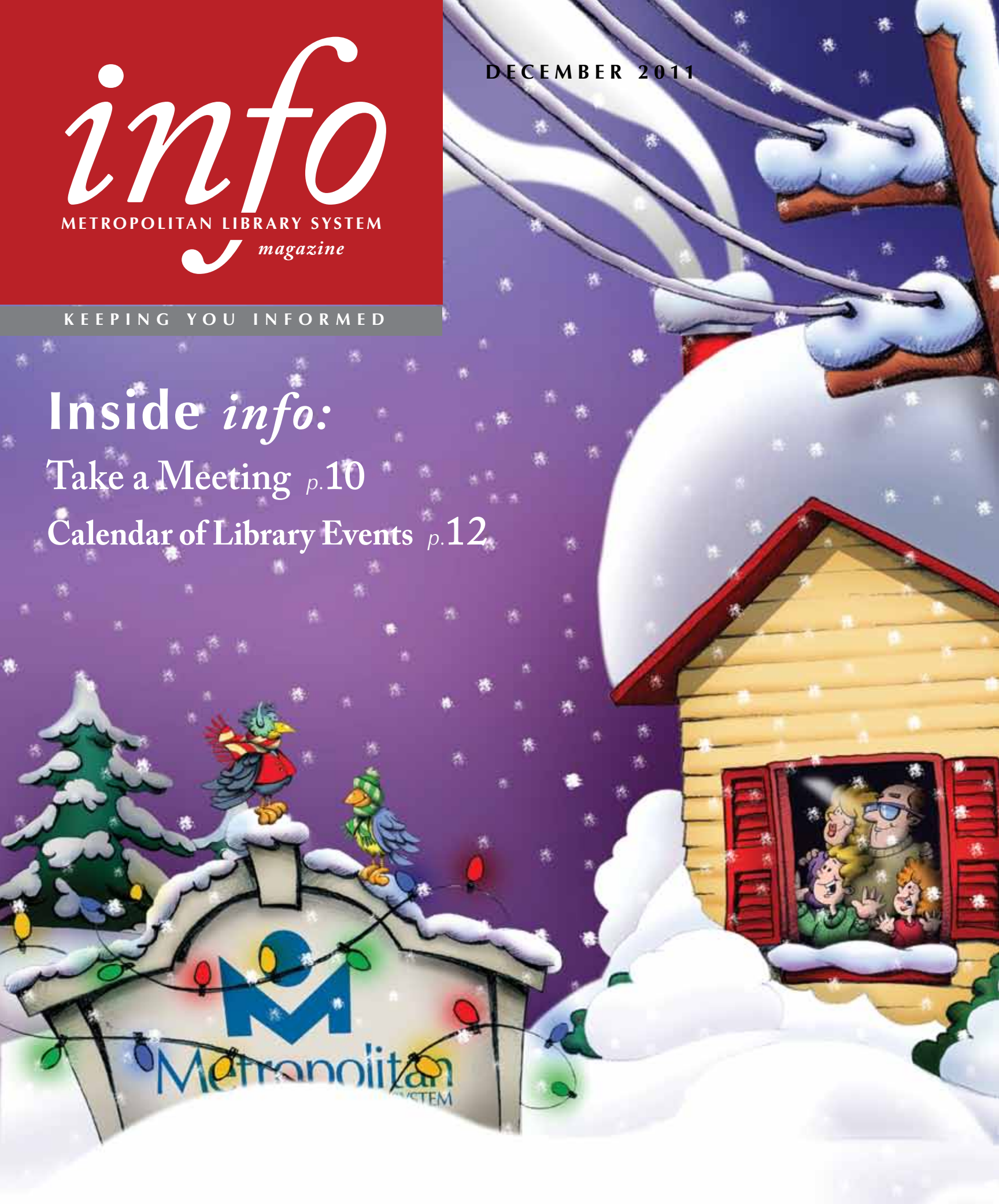
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In every issue of *info* we usually use this space to highlight some of the terrific events and services we've got lined up for the coming month, but in December we go a little end-of-year crazy and remind you that this month is packed with holidays that go beyond the standard ones.

For instance, December 4 is National Dice Day, celebrating that popular gaming device that was created over 6,000 years ago. Of course, we use them for playing Yahtzee only. December 8 is Take It in the Ear Day. We found several references to this one but no explanation, which might be just as well.

December 12 is National Ding-A-Ling Day, and December 18 is National Chocolate Covered Anything Day. Who could argue with that?

Finally, December 30 is the Festival of Enormous Changes at the Last Minute. But that might change.

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It's Christmas Time in the City...

by Larry Johnson



The Great Banking Hall of the First National Bank Building



Back when Main Street drew swarms of white-gloved and fedora-topped shoppers Downtown in scenes right out of the lyrics to *Silver Bells*, there were two can't-miss stops on even the humbuggiest Oklahoma Cityan's holiday to-do list: the ooh and ahh-inspiring window displays at John A. Brown's Department



Store and the glistening evergreen towering over the tellers in the First National Bank.

Beginning with the first Christmas after the art deco masterpiece was constructed in 1931, the Great Banking

Hall of the First National Bank Building showcased a gigantic conifer in the center of the room – two years before New York's Rockefeller Center began their more famous tradition. In those days, live trees arrived in box cars at the Frisco freight depot, many of them hand-selected by Henry W. Horn, Sr. of Horn Seed Company who had a near monopoly on the Christmas tree market for over 30 years. Horn estimated that in the first 30 years of his company he had sold over a quarter million trees in Oklahoma City at the cash-raking price of 75 cents. Horn sold the original First National spruce tree for a whopping \$35 dollars. On most years, staff volunteered to place an average of 500 strands of lights, 600 ornaments and 134,000 strands of icicles on a live tree that topped out at 35 or 36 feet. But in 1979 the building's maintenance crew squeezed in a forty-footer. That year they tucked several six-foot firs inside the big tree to fluff out its branches and give it a fuller look.

The First National tree was a holiday tradition for Oklahoma City residents for 61-years. The last tree was taken

down after New Year's Day in 1993 and Boatmen's Bank, who had acquired First National Bank, moved operations across the corner to Leadership Square. Over the next decade, trees were decorated in the Myriad Gardens, but nothing came close to the grandeur of the tree in the Great Banking Hall.

Thankfully, the creative brilliance of Downtown OKC, Inc. began Downtown in December in 2002. In true holiday spirit, they've gathered the neighbors together and turned Downtown into a Winter Wonderland with something for everyone – including the gigantic SandRidge Christmas Tree. It's actually moved over to Bricktown across from the stadium this year because of the SandRidge Commons construction, but it promises to be just as beautiful. Really, folks, why travel all the way to Guthrie or Chickasha for Christmas traditions when you could come Downtown everyday in December

and marvel at the beautiful lights in Automobile Alley, snow tube in the stadium, ice skate amid towering buildings or stroll through the beautiful Myriad



Gardens lights; find out more at www.downtownindecember.com. While you're down here, be sure to check out the library's Atrium which will feature holiday decorations made by MLS staff.

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



Smokin' Seventeen

by Janet Evanovich

reviewed by Marilyn Backus



Ranger or Joe? Hard decision. Bounty-hunter sidekick Lula suggests Stephanie start a “love fest bake-off” to decide. Stephanie’s mom has given up on both men and insists that Stephanie give the recently-returned-to-town old high-school football star with the excellent family a chance. Grandma Mazur likes the new guy, too; he’s an excellent cook.

Stephanie tries to concentrate on business, capturing a 75-year-old vampire wannabe and other miscreants who have skipped bail. But Joe’s crazy Italian grandmother, Bella, keeps hexing her with a variety of afflictions, the most enjoyable of which is the Vordo hex which increases libido to a level meant to inflict shame.

Meanwhile a killer is loose, dumping bodies on Vinnie’s Bail Bonds lot, while Stephanie tries to elude three whackos: an ex-con who has threatened to kill

her, a woman who keeps trying to run her over in her Lexus, and a stalker.

You can easily dive right in to this mystery without reading the first 16 in the series. But these loveable characters will make you want to get to know them better. Can’t wait for the next book and the Stephanie Plum movie, currently in casting development with some big stars on board.

This title is also available in large print, as a Spoken word compact disc, as an Adobe EPUB eBook, and as an OverDrive WMA Audiobook.

Marilyn Backus has worked for the Metropolitan Library System for over 20 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.



Press Here

by Hervé Tullet

reviewed by Melissa Weathers



“Ready? Press here and turn the page.” After pressing the lone yellow dot, you turn the page to see that there are now two yellow dots. This interactive book for preschoolers instructs the reader to do something different to the dots on every page. Every time you turn the page, you see that your action has caused the dots to multiply, move, or even change colors. “Now tilt the page to the left...Just to see what happens.” After tilting the book to the left, you turn the page to find that all of the dots seem to have fallen to the left side of the book.

Preschoolers will love following all of the instructions, including tapping the dots, shaking the book, blowing the dots, and clapping their hands to see what will happen next. “Bravo! Want to do it all over again?” I can guarantee that your preschoolers will want to read this again and again.

Melissa Weathers is a Materials Selector for the library system. She purchases the music CDs and children’s nonfiction books. She enjoys playing with her two sweet boys.



Stories Behind the Greatest Hits of Christmas

by Ace Collins

Twas the week before Christmas, and I had begun reading a book I never really expected to finish. Just how interesting can a collection of short stories about Christmas songs be? There were carols about the birth of baby Jesus, songs about jolly Old Saint Nick, and tributes to the wonders of winter weather.

I read about poor, starving tunesmiths who were elevated out of poverty by a single Christmas hit. I especially liked the story of how Judy Garland saved "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" from obscurity by refusing to sing it until it was written with a more upbeat message during a time of war.

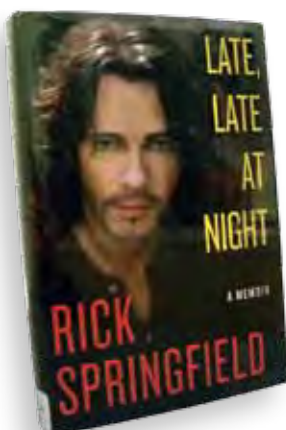
The story about the making of "Grandma Got Run Over By A Reindeer" had me searching YouTube for the music video by Elmo 'n' Patsy. I was actually sorry when I ran out of stories. Maybe next year I'll pick up Collins' Stories Behind the Best Loved Songs of Christmas, open up YouTube, and let it snow, let it snow, let it snow.

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

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ON THE SHELF

reviewed by Phyllis Davidson



Late, Late at Night: A Memoir

By Rick Springfield

Okay, I'm dating myself here, but so what?

In the '80's, Rick Springfield was it for me and my friends! He was on the radio with hits like "Jessie's Girl" and "I've Done Everything for You" and he was on General Hospital as Dr. Noah Drake. He had seemingly unstoppable forward momentum in his career, he was good looking, talented, and then...he was nowhere to be found.

With this autobiography, Rick Springfield very candidly reveals his frantic rise to and downfall from the monster that is fame. Springfield divulges his personal demons with depression, insecurity, and serial infidelity. Through it all, he's had his wife of 27 years (and two sons) who have stood by him; he also touchingly recounts stories of the dogs in his

life including Lethal Ron, the famous pooch on the cover of the albums Working Class Dog and Success Hasn't Spoiled Me Yet.

It's always a little sad to have the ugly truth shake the stardust off of teen idol memories, but this autobiography is an addictive read, recounting Springfield's 70's pre-fame career, his famous ex-girlfriend (a 15-year-old Linda Blair), and his unique connection to Peter Frampton. You'll have to read it to find out about that one!

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.

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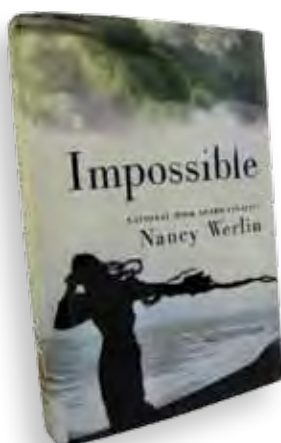
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Reviewed by Angela Thornton



Reviews & Recommendations



Impossible

by Nancy Werlin

This novel for young adults was listed on numerous best book lists, as well as winning awards and receiving starred reviews. What makes it so special?

Lucy Scarborough has lived with her foster parents Soledad and Leo her whole life. She sees her mother occasionally, wandering around town pushing a shopping cart full of trash and singing the “family” song – “Scarborough Fair.” This isn’t the Simon & Garfunkel version. It’s an ancient Irish folk song that tells the story of a spurned love and three impossible tasks – and a curse.

Then at a school dance, she is raped, and soon after discovers she is pregnant. She learns that the song her mother sings belongs to her family. Generations of women have had a daughter in their eighteenth year and then gone mad. Now she must complete

the impossible tasks in the song before her daughter is born or she will suffer the same fate. Unlike the other women in her family, Lucy has help. Her foster parents and her boyfriend Zach are on her side as she works to find a solution that will break the curse.

Nancy Werlin has crafted a unique modern fairy tale from the song “Scarborough Fair.” Although it is necessarily dark at some points, on the whole it is a fun read, full of suspense, romance, and fantasy.

This title is also available as a compact disc audiobook and as an OverDrive WMA audiobook.

Beth is a reference librarian at the Midwest City Library. She especially loves reading literary and young adult fiction, and her goal this year is to read 100 books.

FICTION/
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ON THE SHELF

reviewed by Beth Wilson



Blood, Bones, and Butter

by Gabrielle Hamilton

Chef Gabrielle Hamilton had a magnificent childhood. The youngest of five children, Hamilton grew up in a castle built into the burnt-out shell of a 19th century factory. Her mother was a chic and thrifty French woman and her father threw legendary parties. When her parents divorce, Hamilton is left at home at age 11 to fend for herself. To make money she finds a job as a dishwasher and begins a lifelong career in kitchens.

By the time Hamilton reaches her mid-thirties she’s the chef and owner of Prune, an award winning restaurant in New York City. Despite her tough cookie demeanor, she finds herself married with two kids, making annual visits to her husband’s family villa in Italy. Hamilton is ambivalent about her husband, but she is madly in love with his Italian family, especially his mother with whom she speaks

through the language of cooking. Throughout this glamorous setting, Hamilton struggles to balance family, marriage, and career with her own high expectations for life. The only two things she believes in wholeheartedly are hard work and good food.

Blood, Bones, and Butter can be as gritty as the kitchen floor at the end of a dinner service, or as tender as spring peas. Hamilton has an unsentimental eye for beauty, a wicked sense of humor, and an insatiable appetite. Bon Appétit.

This title is also available as a spoken word compact disc, as an Adobe EPUB eBook, and as an OverDrive WMA audiobook.

Julia McConnell is one of MLS’ newest librarians, working soon at our newest location, the Northwest Library. Look for her smiling face at the grand opening in March 2012.

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BIOGRAPHY
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reviewed by Julia McConnell



The Past in Trust for The Future

Enter the Oklahoma Room of the Norick Downtown Library and it's like walking into a southwestern sunset. The prairie deco design is reminiscent of Frank Lloyd Wright, but it's the books lining the walls that constitute the room's main attraction.

The customer is greeted by over 6,000 volumes about Oklahoma, Oklahoma County, as well as works by and about Oklahomans.

"We sometimes stray into other areas of the southwest," said Oklahoma Collection Coordinator Larry Johnson, "but our emphasis is on Oklahoma. This is the material we consider to be the most important about ourselves, the history we want to pass on to the future."

The collection began 60 years ago with Charles E. France, who was chairman of the Library Board. When the Downtown Library was being planned to replace the old Carnegie Library, France created a provision for one room to be set aside to preserve historical material. The France Room was the result, and it formed the basis for the current Oklahoma Collection.

"We've separated this material from the rest of the collection," Johnson added, "because much of it is fragile, and we have a lot of one-of-a-kind items. None of the material can be checked so it has to be used in-house,

but the room is open to the public Monday through Thursday from 1:30 to 4:30, and by appointment."

Johnson reminds us that while the collection "preserves the past but is not stuck in the past. We have ambitions to digitize the material so we can distribute it widely.

"And the collection isn't static. We're always on the lookout for, and welcoming of new items that anyone wants to donate to us. So if you have any books, photos, or documents that are significant to Oklahoma history in big or little ways, and you want to make sure they are available to the future in a safe environment, give me a call at (405) 606-3873."

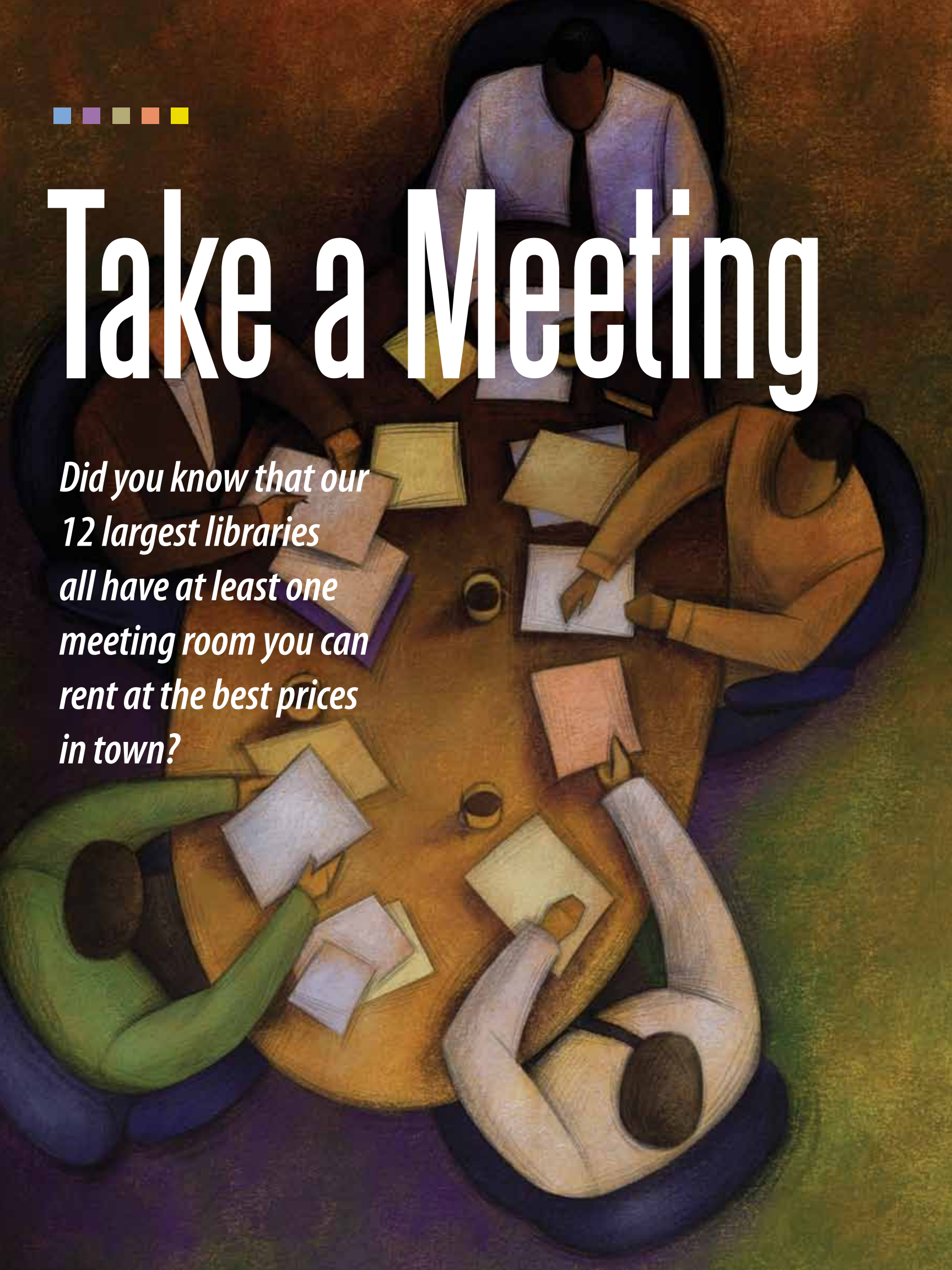
We can't all make history—we may not even want to—but we can all preserve it. We hold the past in trust for the future, and that's what the Oklahoma Room at the Norick Downtown Library is all about.





Take a Meeting

*Did you know that our
12 largest libraries
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meeting room you can
rent at the best prices
in town?*





In the new movie *Paranormal Activity 3* one guy misinforms his friend that the word “library” comes from the Spanish for “borrow books.” Wrong answer, but thanks for playing our game.

Of course, you can borrow books from any of our libraries, and we hope you’re in the habit of doing that, but we have many other services to offer as well.

For instance, did you know that our 12 largest libraries all have at least one meeting room you can rent at the best prices in town? Business and civic groups use them all the time. We can’t allow anyone to use a meeting room as a showplace for selling goods, nor can we rent them out for

We’ve been told more than once that our prices are the best kept secret in town.

social occasions—sorry, but no baby showers at the library—but they have been very popular for continuing education events.

“Some of the rooms seat up to 150 people,” said MLS Headquarters Manager Candace McDaniel, “and they range in price from \$10 to \$100 per hour, with most at just \$10. We’ve been told more than once that our prices are the best kept secret in town.”

When you consider that many of the meeting rooms come equipped with high tech bonuses, the deal gets even sweeter. And the secret is getting out. You can find projectors, screens, and WiFi, all free. The libraries can’t provide catering, although it is available on site at the Downtown Library from the 1st Edition Café, but outside catering is allowed.

“Many of the libraries also have study carrels,” McDaniel added, “that hold 2-8 people. There’s no charge for the carrels and you can reserve one for up to two hours.”

One of the most popular meeting rooms is the Rt. 66 Computer Lab at the Downtown Library. The library offers

regular computer training classes, but if you want to rent the room for classes of your own, it’s there. You have to provide your own instructor if you rent the room, but tech support is available from the library staff.

When the new Northwest Library opens in early 2012, two more meeting rooms and six carrels will be added.

Interested in learning more? Check out the MLS website at www.metrolibrary.org, or call the manager at whatever library you want to find out about. If it’s the Downtown Library, call Candace at 606-3728.

Easy as **mángo**.

Have you ever visited a foreign country and tried to communicate through the phrases in a guide book? You ask a stranger where to catch a taxi and you end up in the Ladies’ Room. What you want is an elementary understanding of a new language to engage in simple conversations.

Before you leave home, you need to spend a little time with the Mango Basic Language Learning System, available for free through your Metropolitan Library System website and accessible anywhere you have an Internet connection.

“Mango Basic is an abridged version of many of Mango Languages’ existing products,” said Kim Terry, MLS Director of Marketing and Communications, “and is designed to appeal to a beginner in a new language. This person is someone interested in learning everyday greetings, directions, goodbyes, and helpful phrases in order to be polite and understand and use fundamental words and phrases.”

Mango Basic is available in 22 foreign languages and 14 English as a Second Language (ESL) courses. The program is easy to use, requiring only two to five hours of time to complete. All you need to get started are your MLS library card and an Internet connection. It’s free, it’s quick, it’s easy, and it takes away your excuses for not learning at least the basics of a new language.

Visit the MLS website at www.metrolibrary.org, click on *Databases* and start learning a new language today.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

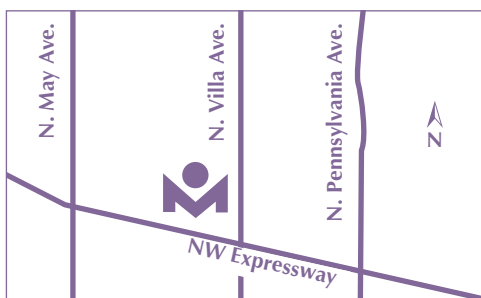
To see the latest information about library programs and events, please click on Calendar of Events on the MLS website: www.metrolibrary.org

Belle Isle Library

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

HOURS

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



English Classes: Learn English as a Second Language

Dec 1,6,8,13,15

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

Adults



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

Watercolor Art Class

Dec 3 | Sat | 10a-Noon

Ages 13 and older

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

Holiday Concert with Spiritful Voices Choir

Dec 4 | Sun | 3-4p

All ages

Belle Isle is fortunate to start the holiday season with a free concert for the whole family. Spiritful Voices Choir is independent, all-volunteer adult mixed choir. This non-profit organization, formed to serve our community by promoting singers who share a love of music, will perform selections sure to please everyone



Children Reading to Dogs

Dec 5,12,19 | 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! Bring your own book or borrow one from us.

Gaming Club

Dec 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. Popcorn and drinks will be provided. You don't want to miss out!



Getting Along with People Using Mediation

Dec 6 | Tue | 7-8p

Teens and older

Learn how to better communicate and get along with people. Professional mediator Floyd Davis will explain some ways to do that as well as discuss when you might need a mediator. Mediation can save you money and help resolve potentially heated situations like divorce or workers comp cases. With this seminar you'll learn some tools for developing creative win-win resolutions. Sign up at the reference desk.

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All MLS libraries will be closed Saturday, Sunday and Monday, December 24, 25 and 26 in observance of Christmas.

Developmental Screenings

Dec 7 | Wed | 12:30-4:30p

Ages birth to 5 years

w/guardian

Child Guidance is offering developmental and speech/language screenings. It is a very general look at how children are doing compared to children the same age. Your child's developmental progress will be assessed and questions and concerns will be discussed. Appointments are one hour long and will include a small fee. Call 425-4412 to schedule an appointment. The child must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Co-sponsor: Child Guidance Services, OCCHD.



Metro OKC Knit Guild Group Meeting

Dec 11 | Sun | 3-5p

Teens-adults

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

It's Winter

Dec 14 | Wed | 10-11a

Pre-kindergarten

Stories about snowy winter days and being prepared for the joys of indoor and outdoor activities will be shared by Miss B. Playtime will include an activity with no snack. Pre-registration begins December 1st. 843-9601.



Teen Crafts

Dec 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!



Belle Isle Anime/Manga Club

Dec 19 | Mon | 4-5p

Teens

If you love to read manga, watch anime, and enjoy gaming, then the Belle Isle Anime/Manga Club is just for you! It meets from 4-5pm on the 3rd Monday of every month and is open for teens.



Teens

Bethany Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: Closed



Toddler Story and Play Time

Dec 1 | Thur | 9:30-10:15a
& 10:30-11:15a

Ages 18 mos - 3 yrs w/adult

Enjoy a story, song, nursery rhymes and play time. For child with adult. Choose the 9:30 or 10:30 session. Pre-register at the library information desk or call 789-8363, ext. 3.



Developmental Screenings

Dec 2 | Fri | 9a-Noon

Ages birth to 5 years
w/guardian

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.



Open House with the 23rd Street Jazz Trio

Dec 3 | Sat | 2-3p

All ages

Back by popular demand, the 23rd Street Jazz Trio will perform at this year's Holiday Open House. Light refreshments will be served.



Yu-Gi-Oh! Club

Dec 7,14,21,28 | Wed

3:30-6p and

Dec 10,17 | Sat | 2-4:30p

Teens (Ages 12 +)

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



Teens

Holiday Story Time

Dec 8 | Thur | 10-10:45a

Ages 3-6

Enjoy stories, songs, and holiday refreshments. Pre-register at the library information desk or call 789-8363, ext. 3.



All About Hanukkah!

Dec 13 | Tue | 6:30-7:15p

All ages

Learn about the origins of Hanukkah, its meaning and traditions. Play the dreidel game and stay for a Hanukkah treat. Please pre-register at the information desk or call 789-8363, ext. 3.

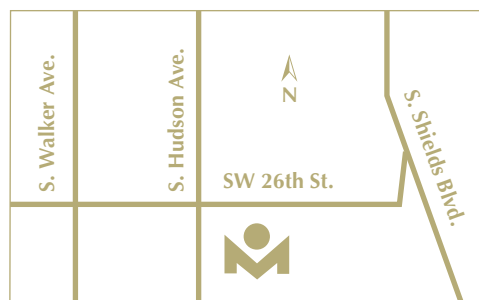
Capitol Hill Library

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

HOURS

Mon-Thur: 9-8
Fri: 9-6

Sat: 9-5
Sun: Closed



Developmental Screenings

Dec 1 | Thur | 1-4p

Ages 5 years and younger
w/caregiver

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 based on income. Call 425-4412 to schedule an appointment. Cosponsor: OCCHD- Child Guidance.



Capitol Hill Chess Club

Dec 1 | Thur | 4-6p

Kids-Teens

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

Depression & Bipolar Support

Dec 1,8,15,22,29 | Thur | 6-7:30p

Adults

Find hope & courage. You and a friend are invited each week to meet with a DBSA trained facilitator to discuss issues, recovery plans, new strengths, better coping skills, get support and make new friends. Also, learn how to communicate with friends, family and doctors. Confidential. Call Nancy at 684-9496 for more information.

Reading to Dogs

Dec 3 | Sat | 1-2p

Children who can read

Come read to a trained, professional story dog to practice your reading skills. For kids who can read, or parents who want to read to their kids and a dog!



GED

Dec 5,7 | Mon & Wed

1-4p

Age 16 and older

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



Conversational Spanish

Dec 5 | Mon | 5:30-7p

Adults

This course is designed for individuals who already have a basic understanding of the Spanish language, and want to further increase their Spanish speaking skills. The class, which began September 12th, ends on December 5th.



Tell Me A Story

Dec 6,13,20,27 | Tue

9:30-10:30a

Age 1-6

Join us for stories each week, followed by a different activity. Crafts on the 1st Tues., Aerobics or yoga on the 2nd Tues., Parachute Play on the 3rd Tues, and open play time on the 4th Tues. Call 634-6308 for more information.



Gaming Club
Dec 7,21,28 | Wed
4:30-5:30p
Ages 10-16



What's better to do after school than to get your game on with Kinect or PS2. Everyone is invited. Call 634-6308 for more information.

Metropolitan Library Commission of Oklahoma County

Dec 8 | Thur | 3:30-5p

Capitol Hill Library
 334 S.W. 26th
 Oklahoma City, OK 73109
 405.634. 6308



The public is welcome to attend.

Catch 'Em, Crash 'Em or Duel 'em: Pokemon/Yu-Gi-Oh/Beyblade Club
Dec 8 | Thur | 4-5p
Ages 6-12

Ladies and Gents, bring your cards, games, tops and arenas and battle, duel and crash with your friends in this student lead club. Boys and girls ages 8-15 are welcome. Please bring your own supplies. Call 634-6308 and ask for Jennifer for more information.

Holiday Open House
Dec 10 | Sat | Noon-4p
All ages



Live music in the afternoon. Free books for children from Feed the Children. Free photos with Santa (appointment required!) Holiday Crafts with Rainbow Fleet and artist Debbie Langston. Live Story Teller, Call 634-6308 for appointment or more information.

Computer Basics-Word
Dec 17 | Sat | 2-3:15p
Adults



This class is designed for adults and seniors who know very little about computers, but who want to learn more. This month we will focus on Word, and any questions related to the Word program is appropriate. An attempt to answer all questions will be made. If you have a laptop or notebook computer you are encouraged to bring them to the class with you to the class. Please register at the information desk, or by calling the library.

Pajama Jam
Dec 28 | Wed | 2-3:30p
Ages 8-12

Wear your new pajamas to the library and relax with a book. Music, snacks, and board games will be offered. This is a great opportunity to read and relax with friends. Call 634-6308 for more information. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

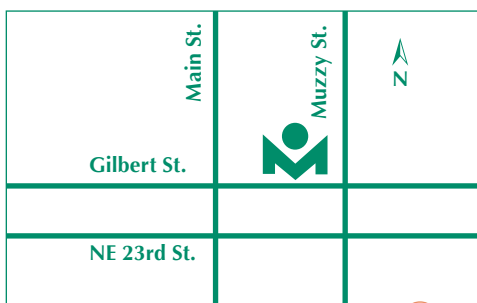
Choctaw Library

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

HOURS

Mon-Thur: 9-8
 Fri: 9-6

Sat: 9-5
 Sun: Closed



Parachute Play

Dec 1 | Thur | 10:30-11a
Ages 3-5 years

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



Lapsit Story Time

Dec 6,13,20,27 | 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

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

Ages 3-5 years

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



Heartland Voices:

In Concert

Dec 6 | Tue | 6-7p
All ages

The Choctaw Library extends an invitation to the community to come out and listen to the talented Heartland Voices: In Concert. Heartland Voices will present a selection of inspiring holiday music that will set the tone for the season. Light refreshments will be served.



Lil' Lit' Club

Dec 7,14 | Wed | 1-1:30p
Readers age 4 and older

Do you like to read aloud and act out stories? Join the Lil' Lit' Club for weekly activities.

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

Open Play Time

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

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



Children Reading to Dogs

Dec 10 | Sat | 3-4p
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.



An Evening with B. Kent Anderson

Dec 13 | Tue | 6-7:30p
Adults

B. Kent Anderson(aka David Kent) will be book talking his outstanding new Civil War era thriller *Cold Glory* published by Forge Books. B. Kent Anderson is an award-winning novelist, journalist, broadcaster. and is currently a features writer for Oklahoma-based *Slice* magazine. Under the pseudonym David Kent, he is also the author of the Department Thirty series of thrillers, including *The Blackjack Conspiracy*, which won the Oklahoma Book Award for Fiction in 2006. His magazine stories have received awards from the Society of Professional Journalists. Kent's books will be available for purchasing and he will be available for book signing. Cosponsor: Full Circle Bookstore.

Knitting/Crochet Chat & Share Gathering

Dec 14 | Wed | 10-11a
Adults

You are invited to the Choctaw Library to chat and share information about knitting and crochet. Bring items that you have created and patterns you wish to share with other folks in the community.

Pizza & Plots Teen Book Club

Dec 14 | 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. For our last



December 2011

Thursday Noon Tunes

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

- December 1:** Justin Echols Trio, piano/vocal jazz
- December 8:** Matt Denman, classical guitar group
- December 15:** Easy Street, pop trio
- December 22:** Flyin' Fiddler & Co., celtic & old time
- December 29:** Em & the Mother Superiors, guitar/vocal duo

All performances are free and open to the public.

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



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meeting of the year, we are reading *Suite Scarlett* by Maureen Johnson. Attendees will receive a free autographed copy of the book!

Child Guidance Screenings

Dec 15 | Thur | 12:30-5p

Ages birth to 5 years

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



Cupcake Social

Dec 15 | Thur | 6-7p

Teens

It's chilly outside and it's the holiday season again! Take time out to join us for a cupcake and hot chocolate social. Decorate your cupcakes using our fully-stocked goodies bar and enjoy them with some hot chocolate, music, good company and good conversation.



Ookami Anime Club

Dec 17 | 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.



Teens

Ms Sky Elliott and Her Storytelling Puppets

Dec 19 | Mon | 6-7p

All ages

It's a Sky-Story. Join us on this cold winter evening (wear your warmest pajamas) to hear Ms. Sky and her storytelling puppets. Call 390-8418 to register.



Lego Club

Dec 28 | Wed | 4-5:30p

All ages

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

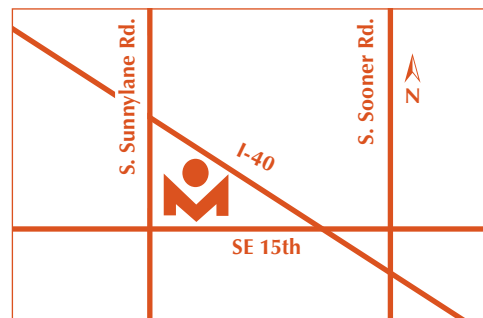
Del City Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: Closed



Due to construction on the Del City Community Center, parking for the Del City Library is located along the east side of the building. An entrance is now located on the SOUTH side of the library.

Baby Time

Dec 2 | Fri | 9:15-10a

Birth - 36 month

with parent/guardian

Baby Time is lot's of fun and perfect for your little one. Stories, songs, and nursery rhymes plus a little baby play time. Both of you will benefit from the time with others that you get. To sign up or for more information please visit the Del City Library or call us at 672-1377.



Storytime Fun!

Dec 2 | Fri | 10:30-11a
Preschool



Children benefit a lot from storytimes: an increased attention span, a larger vocabulary, and better listening skills just to name a few. But, most of all storytimes are fun! So please 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

Holiday Tree Lighting

Dec 2 | Fri | 6-8p
All ages

Join the Del City Library and the Del City Community Center for music, crafts, and hot chocolate as we kick off the holiday season with the annual tree lighting.

Ayumu Anime Club

Dec 6 | 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.

TAB Meet-Up

Dec 13 | Tue | 4:30-5:30p
Teens



The Teen Advisory Board (TAB) gives teens the opportunity to participate, volunteer, and influence teen services at the Del City Library. We meet once a month to talk about the books, magazines, music, and library programs that YOU care about. Join us and make the Del City Library YOUR library! Call 672-1377 for more information.

Wii Bowling Tournament

Dec 19 | Mon | 6-8p
All ages



Bring your family or friends and join us at the Del City Library for an all ages Wii Bowling Tournament. For more information or to register visit our reference desk or call 672-1377. We look forward to seeing you there!

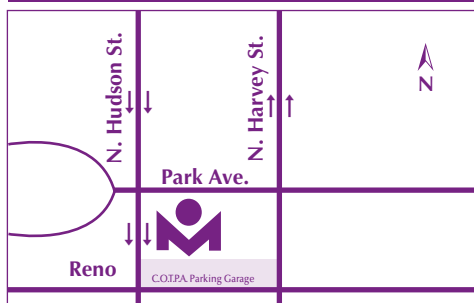
Downtown Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: 1-6



Noon Tunes

Dec 1,8,15,22,29 | Thur
11:30a-12:30p



All ages

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

Dec 1: *Justin Echols Trio*

Dec 8: *Matt Denman*

Dec 15: *Easy Street*

Dec 22: *Flyin' Fiddler & Co*

Dec 29: *Em & the Mother Superiors*

Play With Me

Dec 2 | Fri | 10-10:50a
Infants to age 4 w/parent or guardian



Playing with your baby or child is not only important for bonding, it's also an educational experience for your child. This program is intended for infants through age four with parents. Pre-register by calling 231-8650, ext. 4, or by visiting the Children's Reference Desk.

Anime Screening and Film Seminar

Dec 4 | Sun | 2-5p
All ages



Adapted from a children's book based on ancient Japanese folklore, the award-winning animated feature film *Taro the Dragon Boy* (1979) tells the tale of a lazy and selfish boy who must change in order to solve the problems of his village and find his mother who has been transformed into a dragon. Runtime 75 minutes. A film seminar will be presented by former Japan Foundation Fellow and author of *Frame of Anime: Culture and Image-Building* (2010) Dr. Gigi Hu following the screening. Please call (405) 748-0485 for further details. Co-sponsored by Japan-American Society of Oklahoma.

West on 66: A Mystery

Dec 6 | Tue | 6p
Adults

Join us on December 6th for a discussion on *West on 66: A Mystery* by James Cobb. The discussion will be led by Dr. Bill Hagen of Oklahoma Baptist University. The program will be held in the 46th Star Auditorium at 6pm. This program is part of the Let's Talk About It program and is brought to you in conjunction with the Oklahoma Humanities Council and the Oklahoma Council for History Education.

Wednesday Night at the Movies

Dec 7,14,21,28 | Wed
6-8p

Age 13 and older

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

Preschool Aerobics

Dec 9 | Fri | 10-10:45a
Ages 12 mos-5 yrs w/adult



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

A Christmas Carol with Lyric Theatre

Dec 10 | Sat | 10-11a
All ages



Come join Michael Baron, director of the new Oklahoma holiday tradition, Lyric Theatre's *A Christmas Carol* presented by Devon Energy, as he leads a panel of guests to discuss Dickens' classic story of Christmas and its themes as they relate to our lives in Oklahoma today. Speakers include: Michael Baron, Lyric Theatre's Artistic Director; Jonathan Beck Reed, 'Scrooge' in Lyric Theatre's *A Christmas Carol*; Marc DiPaolo, Assistant Professor of English and Film at Oklahoma City University; and Laura G. Glover, Director of Development, Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma. Cosponsor: Devon Energy, Lyric Theatre.

Holiday Open House A Festival of Trees

Dec 11 | Sun | 1:30-4:30p
All ages



Enjoy a day of family fun and get to know your library. Get a free photo with Santa, Craft Workshops and Entertainment all day. It's all free and open to the public.

1:30p First Presbyterian Choir - Atrium

2p Hyunsoon Whang - Classic Piano-
46th Star Auditorium - Second
Sunday Concert

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Holiday Festival Open House

Festival of Trees

First Presbyterian Choir	1:30pm	Atrium
Hyunsoon Whang - Classic Piano	2:00pm	46th Star Auditorium
Cleveland Elementary Choir	2:30pm	Atrium
Photos with Santa	1:30pm - 4:30pm	Atrium
Santa's Craft Workshops	1:30pm - 4:30pm	4th Floor
Holiday Movie Classic	4:00pm -	46th Star Auditorium



It's all free and open to the public!

Sunday, December 11, 2011, 1:30 – 4:30pm

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2p Larry Pierce - Piano - Atrium
1:30-4:30p Photos with Santa - Atrium
1:30-4:30p Santa's Craft Workshops-
Atrium
4p Holiday Movie Classic - 46th Star
Auditorium

Second Sunday Concert:

Hyunsoon Whang

Dec 11 | Sun | 2-3p

All ages



Hyunsoon Whang, pianist, delights audiences with her artistic maturity and technical fluency. She is elegant, engaging and entertaining. Join us in the 46th Star Auditorium at 2pm. Doors open at 1:45pm.

Probates, Wills and Deeds

Dec 14 | Wed | 6-7p

Adults

"Do I need a will? Will my estate have to be probated? What will it take to deed my house to my children?" These and many more questions will be answered at this session that includes representatives from the Oklahoma County Law Library, Bar, and Clerk's Office. Held in the Route 66 Computer Lab. Cosponsors: Oklahoma County Law Library, Oklahoma County Bar, Oklahoma County Clerk's Office.

Pajama Tales

Dec 15 | Thur | 6:30-7p

Age 3 and older



Children are invited to bring their favorite stuffed pal, favorite grown-up and come to the library for stories, songs, finger-plays and fun.

Music Play

Dec 16 | Fri | 10-10:50a

Age 2-5 w/adult



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

Book 'N' Play Storytime

Dec 17 | Sat | 10-10:45a

Age 3 - 5 w/parent



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

Bookworms Book Club

Dec 17 | Sat | 2-3p

Age 5 -7 years

Kids who are just learning to read on their own are invited to join their very first book club! This month we'll be discussing *Bink and Gollie*

by Kate DiCamillo and Allison McGhee. So be sure you've read it when you come. We'll have a fun craft and dramatic activities, too!

Children Reading to Dogs

Dec 17 | Sat | 3-4p

Children who read



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

Edmond Library

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

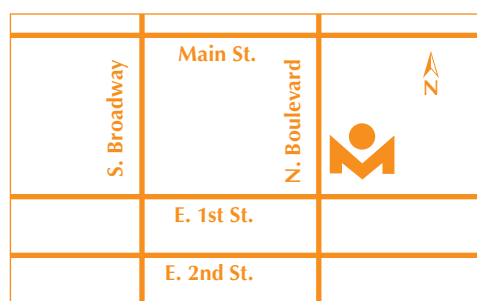
HOURS

Mon-Thur: 9-9

Sat: 9-5

Fri: 9-6

Sun: 1-6



GED

Dec 1,6 | Tue & Thur

5:30-8:30p

Adults



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

Stamp Club

Dec 3,17 | Sat | 10a-Noon

Grades 4 and higher

Looking for a new hobby? Join experienced stamp collectors who can guide you in this rewarding venture. Pre-register 348 4607.

Advanced Farsi

Dec 4,11,18 | 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

Dec 4,11,18 | 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.

Preschool Storytime

Dec 5,12,19 | 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. Come and join the fun.

Intermediate ESL

Dec 5,7 | Mon & Wed

1-4p

Adults



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

Beginning ESL

Dec 5,7 | Mon & Wed

5:30-8:30p

Adults



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

Lapsit: Playtime and Story Time

Dec 6,13,20 | Tue

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

and 11-11:30a

Ages Birth - 2 years



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

Chess Club for Teens

Dec 6,13,20,27 | Tue

6-7p

Teens



Free Chess Club for Teens meets Tuesday nights 6:00 to 7:00. All skill levels are wel-

come. Students can play others who are learning or have prior skills in the game. Local mom and coach provides materials and instructions.

55+ Coffee Club

Dec 7,14,21,28 | Wed | 9:30-11a

Seniors

Our coffee break is 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.

Toileting Triumph!

Dec 7 | Wed | 3:30-5p

Parents

With the development of new language skills, motor skills, attitude and activity level come many challenges. Toileting doesn't have to be one of those challenges. Come discuss ways to make this exciting milestone more fun and rewarding for the whole family. Screenings and workshops conducted by Robyn Sears, Child Development Specialist and Louise Washburn, Speech Language Pathologist. Cosponsor: OCCHD.



Edmond Manga & Anime Club

Dec 8 | Thur | 4-5:30p

Teens

Local Teens meet to draw, write, watch and discuss manga and anime. This is a free club that meets the 2nd Thursday of the month from 4:00 to 5:30. Manga and Anime is rated TEEN and may not be appropriate for young teens and children.



Music With Susan

Dec 9 | Fri | 10-10:30a and 10:40-11:10a

Ages 2-3

Join with Susan in musical activities designed especially for this age group. Registration for the December program will be Nov. 15th. Call 341-9282, ext. 4 to register.



Music With Susan

Dec 9 | Fri | 11:15-11:45a

Ages 4-5

Join with Susan in musical activities designed especially for this age group. Registration for the December program will be Nov. 15th. Call 341-9282, ext. 4 to register.



AARP 55 Drive Alive Defensive Driver's Course

Dec 10 | Sat | 9:30a-3p

Adults

Attention ALL drivers! If you want to learn how to be a better driver AND save money, attend the AARP 55 Drive Alive Defensive

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

Readers Choice Book Club

Dec 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. Please check with the library in November to learn December's chosen title and to reserve a copy.

The Youth Environmentalist Club

Dec 10 | Sat | 10:30-11:15a

Ages 5-10

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

Edmond Library Book Bunch

Dec 10 | Sat | 2-3:30p

Seniors

The Book Bunch meets monthly to discuss important and memorable fiction. This month's book is *Girl in Hyacinth Blue* by Susan Vreeland. A supposed Vermeer painting is traced back through the centuries to the moment of its inspiration. Contact the library to reserve a copy.



Yu-Gi-Oh Tournament

Dec 10 | Sat | 3-4:30p

All school-aged children

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

Child Development

Screening

Dec 14 | Wed | 1-5p

Parents w/preschool child

A developmental screening is a very general look at how children are doing compared to other children the same age. At a screening appointment, your child's developmental progress will be assessed. Any questions or concerns you may have about your child's development or behavior will be discussed. Information about upcoming stages and home activities



will be given. Screenings will include a small fee. To schedule your screening appointment, please call Child Guidance @ 405-425-4412. Cosponsor: OCCHD.

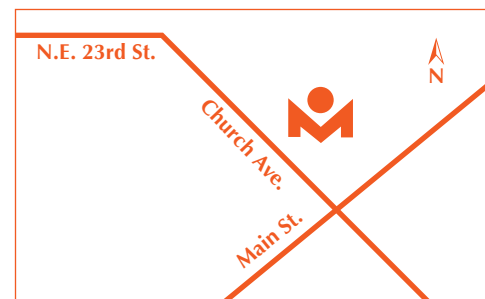
Harrah Library

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

HOURS

Mon-Thur: 9:30-6
Fri: 9-5

Sat: 9-5
Sun: Closed



Children Reading to Dogs

Dec 10 | Sat | 9a-Noon

Kindergarten to 6th grade

Come join Duke and Chewbacca as they listen to you practice your reading skills. Call 454-2001 for information.



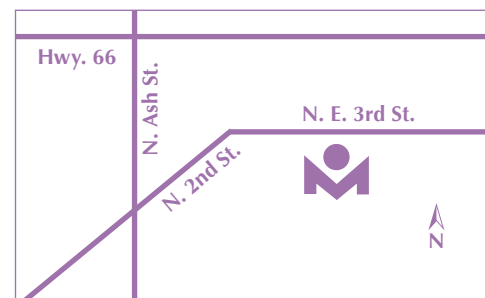
Luther Library

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

HOURS

Mon - Thur: 9:30-6
Sun: Closed

Fri & Sat: 9-5



Winter Wii Fest

Dec 1-30 | 9:30a-6p (Library Hours)

All ages

We have video games all month for the children to play. Drop in and have a great time. We have games like Super Smash Bros, Super Monkey Ball 2, Sonic Heroes and Mario Kart Double Dash. Any day and time is video game time at the Library.

Coffee Break

Dec 5 | Mon | 9:30-11a

Adults

Come by for a cup of coffee and 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

Dec 6 | Tue | 11a-Noon

Adults

Keeping our Citizens Safe. Don't bee 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. What can be better than that. Call 277-9967 for information.

Quilting

Dec 12 | Mon | 10a-4:00p

Adults

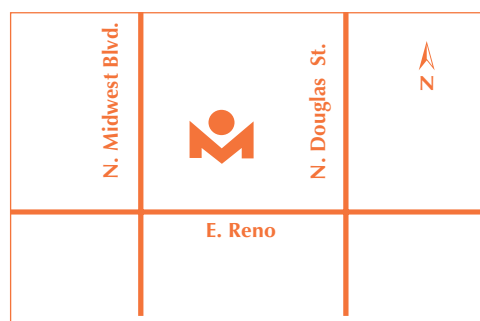
Bring your material and sewing machine and enjoy a day of quilting. If you don't know how to quilt, we will teach you.

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



Prevent Slips, Trips and Broken Hips

Dec 1 | Thur | 1:30-3p

Seniors

A fall can happen in a split second, but it may take a lot of time, pain and rehabilitation to recover. In fact, falls are the leading cause of injury-related deaths among individuals over age 65. Join Melanie Thorne, RN, INTEGRIS Jim Thorpe Rehabilitation, for a discussion of risk factors for falling, prevention of falls and what to do if a fall occurs. Following the presentation, there will be opportunity to receive an individual falls risk assessment. Cosponsor: Integris Jim Thorpe Rehabilitation.

The Mad Scientist Lab

Dec 1,8 | Thur | 4:30-5:15p

Dec 3 | Sat | 3:30-4:15p

Ages 6-12

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

Author Visit: B. Kent Anderson

Dec 1 | Thur | 6-8p

Adults

B. Kent Anderson will discuss his outstanding new Civil War era thriller *Cold Glory* published by Forge Books. B. Kent Anderson is an award-winning novelist, journalist, and broadcaster. A graduate of the University of Central Oklahoma, he has worked as a radio announcer and producer since age fifteen, served a stint in marketing for a symphony orchestra, and is currently a featured writer for Oklahoma-based Slice Magazine. Under the pseudonym David Kent, he is also the author of the Department Thirty series of thrillers, including *The Blackjack Conspiracy* which won the Oklahoma Book Award for Fiction in 2006. His magazine stories have received awards from the Society of Professional Journalists. Kent's books will be available for purchase and he will be available for book signing.

Bey Blade Metal Fusion Tournament

Dec 2 | Fri | 4-5:30p

Kids and teens

Come to the Midwest City Library and participate in our Bey Blade Metal Fusion Tournament. Each participant must provide: a bey blade, launcher and rip cord. For more information please contact Suzette at 405-732-4828. Registration is required.

Tai Chi

Dec 3 | Sat | 9-10:30a

All ages

Tai Chi is practiced for both its defense training and its health benefits. Every Saturday the Midwest City Library offers Tai Chi to the public. This class is free; no registration required. For more information please contact the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828.

Japanese Language and Culture Class

Dec 3 | Sat | 1:30-3:30p

All ages

The Midwest City Library will sponsor a Japanese Language and Culture class. Participants will learn Japanese followed by Japanese art and culture. This program is free



and available to the public. To learn more, please contact the Information Desk or call 732-4828.

Soldier Creek Quilting Group

Dec 5 | 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.

E-Books 101 for Seniors

Dec 6 | Tue | 10a-Noon

Seniors

Would you like to use your e-Reader or smart phone to checkout library books? Have you considered purchasing an e-reader and would like to learn more about them before taking the plunge? Well, join Jerod for an informal Q&A session where he will address some of the most common questions regarding eBooks and e-Readers. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own reading devices to this event. To attend, please register at 405-732-4828 or contact the Information Desk.

Knit Wit Programs

Dec 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. Class is free and all supplies provided by the library. No registration required.

Music for Babies and Toddlers

Dec 7 | Wed | 10-10:40a

**Newborn to 36 months
w/parent or caregiver**



Join Miss Joy for a morning of musical activities just for babies and toddlers. Older siblings are welcome to join and encouraged to bring a doll so they can play along. Instruments will be provided for those who have registered by calling 732-4828 or visiting the Information Desk.

Pajama Story Night

Dec 8 | Thur | 6-7:30p

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.





TRIP AROUND THE WORLD

Asia • Africa • Latin America

3rd – 6th graders will have loads of fun while learning about the cultures of Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Don't miss this exciting opportunity to travel the globe right in your very own library.

Call (405) 606-3837 for more information.



Ralph Ellison Library

January 4, 2012, 6-7:30pm (Latin America)

The Village Library

January 7, 2012, 10-11:30am (Asia)

February 4, 2012, 10-11:30am (Africa)

Bethany Library

January 28, 2012, 10-11:30am (Asia)

February 25, 2012, 10-11:30am (Africa)

March 31, 2012, 10-11:30am (Latin America)

Northwest Library

March 7, 2012, 6-7:30pm (Latin America)

April 4, 2012, 6-7:30pm (Asia)



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JUNIOR LEAGUE OF
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The programs are free, but please pre-register at the Information Desk.

Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*

Dec 10 | Sat | 2-4p
All ages



Join us as we celebrate the season with Scrooge, Cratchit, Marley and three ghosts. Presented by Oklahoma Shakespeare in the Park, a small but flexible group of actors will delight us with music and laughter, love and family, and jump-start our holiday spirit! Bring your whole family! Cosponsor: Friends of the Library.

Yadah-Yadah Ready to Read Book Club

Dec 10 | Sat | 2-3p
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.

Readers' Society Book Club

Dec 13 | Tue | 10-11:30a
Adults

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

Child Development Screenings

Dec 13 | Tue | 1-5p
Parents of young children



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

Children Reading to Dogs

Dec 13 | 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 recommended. Call 732-4828 or visit the Information Desk to sign up. Cosponsors: Creatures & Kids, and TDI.

Family Craft Night

Dec 15 | Thur
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.

Motor Vehicle Crash Prevention Course

Dec 17 | 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 Motor Vehicle.

Russian Cultural Event

Dec 17 | Sat | 2-3:30p
All ages



Come and experience Russian language, music and art by Nina Shuller. Participants will be exposed to the rich traditions of Central North Russia. This program is free and available to the public. No registration required.

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

Dec 1,15 | Thur
4-4:45p
Ages 4 and older



Children improve their skills by reading to D'Leo and his owner, who are trained and

certified as a therapy team by Therapy Dogs International. For more information, please call the library at 769-9452.

Ladies Crafting

Dec 20 | Tue | 10a-Noon
Adults

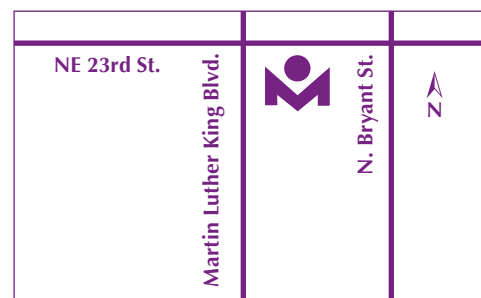
Ladies of all ages meet to craft items suitable for the season. Most projects are free. Bring your ideas and join us for a fun time. For more information call the library at 769-9452.

Ralph Ellison Library

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

HOURS

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



Knitting and Crocheting Display Contest

Dec 1-31 | Library Hours
All ages

Have you ever checked out what's on display in Ralph Ellison's display case? In a campaign to draw attention to this valuable display space, Ralph Ellison will hold a monthly contest based on what is found in the case. December's display theme is Knitting and Crocheting. The contest is easy: bring your homemade knitted or crocheted item into the library, staff will take a picture of it and at the end of the month staff will judge the winner based on stitch quality and aesthetic value. The winner will receive a special prize. Call 424-1437 or visit the library for more details.

Author Visit with Fred Sellers

Dec 3 | Sat | 2-3:30p
All ages

Visit Ralph Ellison Library as we host Oklahoma author Fred Sellers for a book talk and book signing event. Sellers is author of *The Prophet of Vail Mountain*, a fast paced love story set primarily in Oklahoma. Visit www.prophetofvailmountain.com, call 424-1437, or visit the library for more information.

Winter Craft Night with the Paper Magic Stampers

Dec 8 | Thur | 6:30-8p

Adults

PMS is a good thing! Paper Magic Stampers are on a mission to share the art of paper crafting with the community. We love making gift items and greeting cards. With a plain sheet of paper and a little magic you can have an elegant, fun keepsake. Using numerous techniques and supplies we will create a variety of paper craft items. Each meeting will have a make and take project. Registration required: 424-1437.

Scholarship Paths

Dec 10 | Sat | 1-3:30p

Teens and adults

This class is designed to provide tools and tips to college-bound students and parents who would like to increase their knowledge of the college scholarship application process.

Yoga and Hip Hop Culture Class

Dec 12,19 | Mon | 6-7:15p

All ages

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.

Bead a Bracelet

Dec 15 | Thur | 6-7p

Ages 6-16

Ready...set...bead! Come to Ralph Ellison and design one-of-a-kind stretchy bracelets. Let your creative juices flow with a wide selection of beads to choose from. Make a bracelet for yourself or save it as a gift for a family member or friend! You may reserve a spot by visiting the information desk or by calling 606-3457.

Holly, Jolly Holiday Party

Dec 17 | Sat | 1-4p

All ages

Join us for a ho-ho-ho holiday party where we will make crafts to get you in the spirit of the season, take a picture with Santa, receive a free gift, and eat some delicious holiday treats. Gifts, craft supplies, and treats are first come, first serve. Cosponsor: Special Friends of Ralph Ellison Library.

SOUP Open Mic Poetry Night

Dec 19 | 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.

Preschool Storytime

Dec 20 | Tue | 10-10:30a

Age 2-5

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



Play-Doh Play

Dec 20 | Tue | 5:30-7p

Ages 2 and older

Get ready to squish, pull, and roll Play-Doh! Come have fun 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. Because space is limited, please call 606-3457 to reserve your spot.



Child Guidance Development & Speech Language Screening

Dec 21 | Wed | 3-5p

Birth to 6 yrs w/parent

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Anime Club

Dec 27 | 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 from 5-6pm on the 4th Tuesday of every month and is open for tweens and teens.



Southern Oaks Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: 1-6



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

Friday: Films, Family & Fun

Dec 2,9,16,23,30 | 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.

Children Reading to Dogs

Dec 3 | Sat | 10-11a

Dec 20 | Thur | 6:30-7:30p

Children who can read

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



Preschool Storytime

Dec 5 | Mon | 10:30-11:10a

Age 2-6 w/parent or caregiver

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



Teen Crafts

Dec 10 | Sat | 2-4p
Ages 10 and older

Come make crafts devised and implemented by teens. Cosponsor: Southern Oaks Library Teen Advisory Board.



Teens

Southern Oaks Book Club

Dec 13 | 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 Adventure: Kids' Book Club

Dec 15 | Thur | 6:30-7:30p
Age 6-9

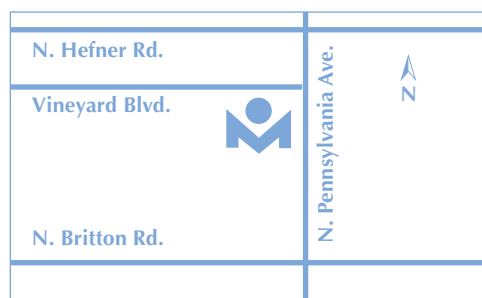
Join us for a book adventure! Meet with kids your age to discuss a great book. We will have a snack, and make a craft or play a game. Call the library or come by the Information Desk to find out what book to read before the program. Some copies of the book will be available at the Information Desk. Read the book before attending the program. Pre-registration is required. Please call 631-4468 or stop by the Information Desk to sign up.

The Village Library

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

HOURS

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



Children Reading to Dogs

Dec 1,8,15,22,29 | Thur
3:30-4:30p

Dec 7,14,21,28 | Wed | 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! Bring your own book or borrow one from us!



Village Chess Club

Dec 2,9,16 | Fri | 3:30-5:30p
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.

Holiday Make and Take

Dec 3 | Sat | 10-11:30a
Ages 5-12

Please join us for our annual Holiday Make & Take program. We will make crafts to celebrate the holidays. Please register at the Information Desk or call 755-0710.

Literacy Referral Service

Dec 3,10,17 | Sat | 10a-Noon
All ages

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

Introduction to Microsoft Excel

Dec 5 | Mon | 6:30-8p
Adults

Free individualized instruction in Microsoft Excel. Learn to create workbooks and spreadsheets, use formulas and functions, format data, create charts, and more. Evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Scheduled in 30 minute to one hour sessions per individual. Come in or call to make an appointment for your instruction time. Village Library (405) 755-0710.



V-SIFT: Holiday Goodies

Dec 8 | Thur | 4-5:30p
Teens

VSIFT (Village Something Interesting For Teens) meets every second Thursday of the month and features a new activity each month. This month, we'll be making holiday goodies to take home or give away. We'll have cookie decorating, no-bake cookie making, jarred gifts, and more! All materials and snacks will be provided. Please pre-register by calling 755-0710 or stopping by the Reference Desk.



Preschool Storytime

Dec 13 | Tue | 10-10:30a
Ages 2 - 5 yrs w/parent

Come and join us for stories, songs, and crafts! Please call 755-0710 to register, or stop by the Information Desk



Child Development Screening

Dec 15 | Thur | 1-5p
Birth - 5 yrs w/parent

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Protecting Your Computer

Dec 15 | Thur | 6:30-8p
Adults

Free computer class for adults! Learn how to protect yourself and your computer from all the bad, nasty bugs on the Internet. Learn how to protect your children on the Internet, how to update your computer to protect it from the most recent threats that appear, and how to protect your personal information on the Internet. Come in or call to sign up. Village Library (405) 755-0710.



Knitty Committee

Dec 17 | 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.

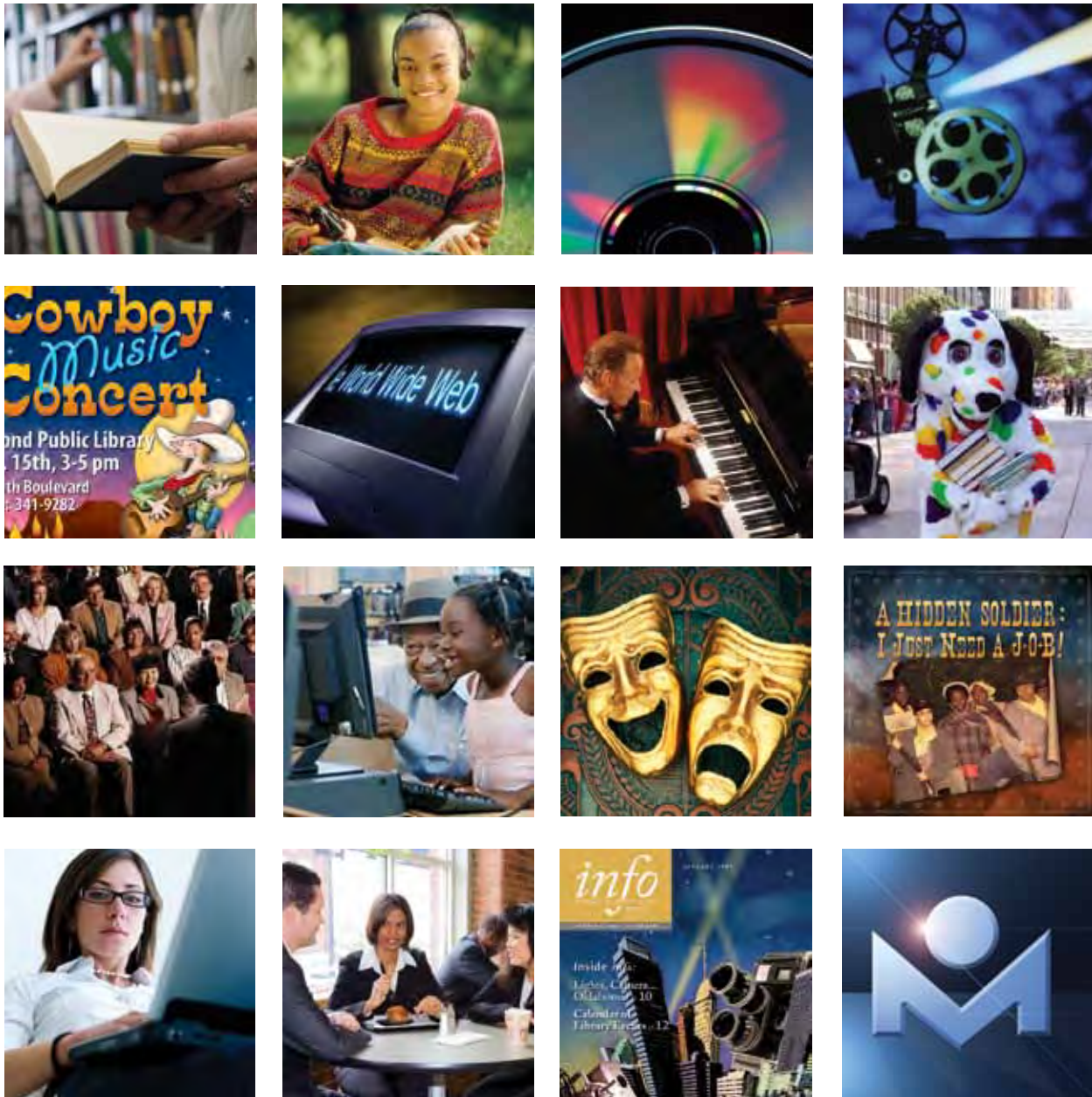
Book Discussion Group

Dec 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.

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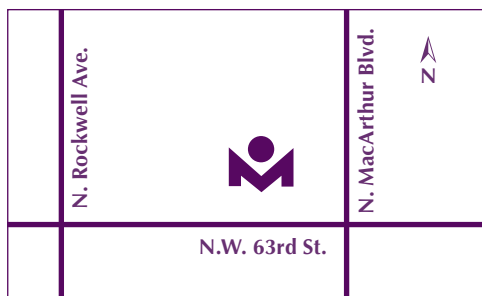
Warr Acres Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: Closed



ESL

Dec 5, 7 | Mon & Wed

5:30-8p

Adults

Participants learn to improve their English language skills through everyday conversation. No registration is required. Cosponsor: OCCC Adult Learning Center.



Story Time for

Twos and Threes

Dec 6 | Tue | 10-10:30a

Ages 2 1/2-3 w/adult

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



Story Time for Fours and Fives

Dec 6 | Tue

10:45-11:15a

Ages 4 & 5 w/adult

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



How Improving Language Skills Can Help Behavior

Dec 6 | Tue | 3:30-5p

Adults

A child's challenging behavior can often be a sign of communication deficits. Hearing, speech and language difficulties can cause frustration, misunderstanding and damage to relationships. Let's discuss where to start when a child's behavior is becoming challenging. Please call Oklahoma City County Health Department, Child Guidance @ 405-425-4412 to enroll



Children Reading to Dogs

Dec 8 | Thur | 6:30-7:30p

Age 6 and older

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



Child Guidance Screening

Dec 9 | Fri | 9-11:30a

Birth-5 yrs w/parent

Child Guidance is offering a developmental screening, 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 @ 405-425-4412.



City Arts Center Presents:

Your Life in History

Dec 10 | Sat | 9:30a-12:30pm

Adults

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

LEGO Club @ Your Library

Dec 10 | Sat | 2:30-3:30p

Ages 6-11

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

Warr Acres Book Club

Dec 12 | Mon | 11a-Noon

Adults

The Warr Acres Library Book Club meets the second Monday of each month. We will have a potluck lunch and discuss *The Christmas List* by Richard Paul Evans this month. Call 721-2616 for more information.

Pajama Story Time

Dec 13 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p

Ages 2 1/2 - 5 Yrs

Join Miss Alma and her puppets for a Christmas with Madeline. Please call to preregister and let us know of your child's eating limitations.



Play Time for Babies and Tots

Dec 14 | Wed | 9:15-10a

and 10:30-11:15a

Ages 8-30 months

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



Prepare for "Read for Prizes Q and A"

Dec 22 | Thur | 9a-9p

Ages 6-11

Children are encouraged to prepare for Read for Prizes: Question and Answer Time for January 4. 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 Wednesday, January 4. Each correct answer gives the child a point to spend on prizes. Children select their prizes at the end of their Q & A session. Call Alma at 721-2616 to schedule your child's five minutes and receive help selecting a book. An activity sheet to earn extra points is available at the Information desk.

Luau and Pizza Party

Dec 29 | Thur | 6:30-8p

Ages 12-17

Grab your Hawaiian shirt, and dream of fun in the sun! Pizza while supplies last. Please call to register 721-2616.



Teens



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Off the Beaten Path

... Discovering New Literary Treasures

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

Baum, L. Frank. *The Life and Adventures of Santa Claus*.
J FICTION/BAU

L. Frank Baum's *Wonderful Wizard of Oz* was born in 1900, but just two years later, and before the first Oz sequel, Baum wrote *The Life and Adventures of Santa Claus*, one of dozens of non-Oz titles that have been pushed aside by the popularity of Dorothy Gale and the Gang. What better season of the year than this to re-discover some of Baum's other fantasies for children? At least it doesn't contain any vampires.

Slater, Michael. *Charles Dickens*.
823/D548Zs/BIOGRAPHY

We all know Charles Dickens as the author of that favorite Victorian holiday fable, *A Christmas Carol*, but did you know that he also turned out volumes of letters, journalism, shorter fiction, plays, verses, essays, writings for children, travel books, speeches, and scripts for his public readings, as well as his output of novels? Historian and author Michael Slater examines Dickens as a professional writer and lets us know how his writings reflected his life.



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

**Southern Oaks has been relocated to a temporary location at 2914 S.W. 59th due to renovations at the current location.

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

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