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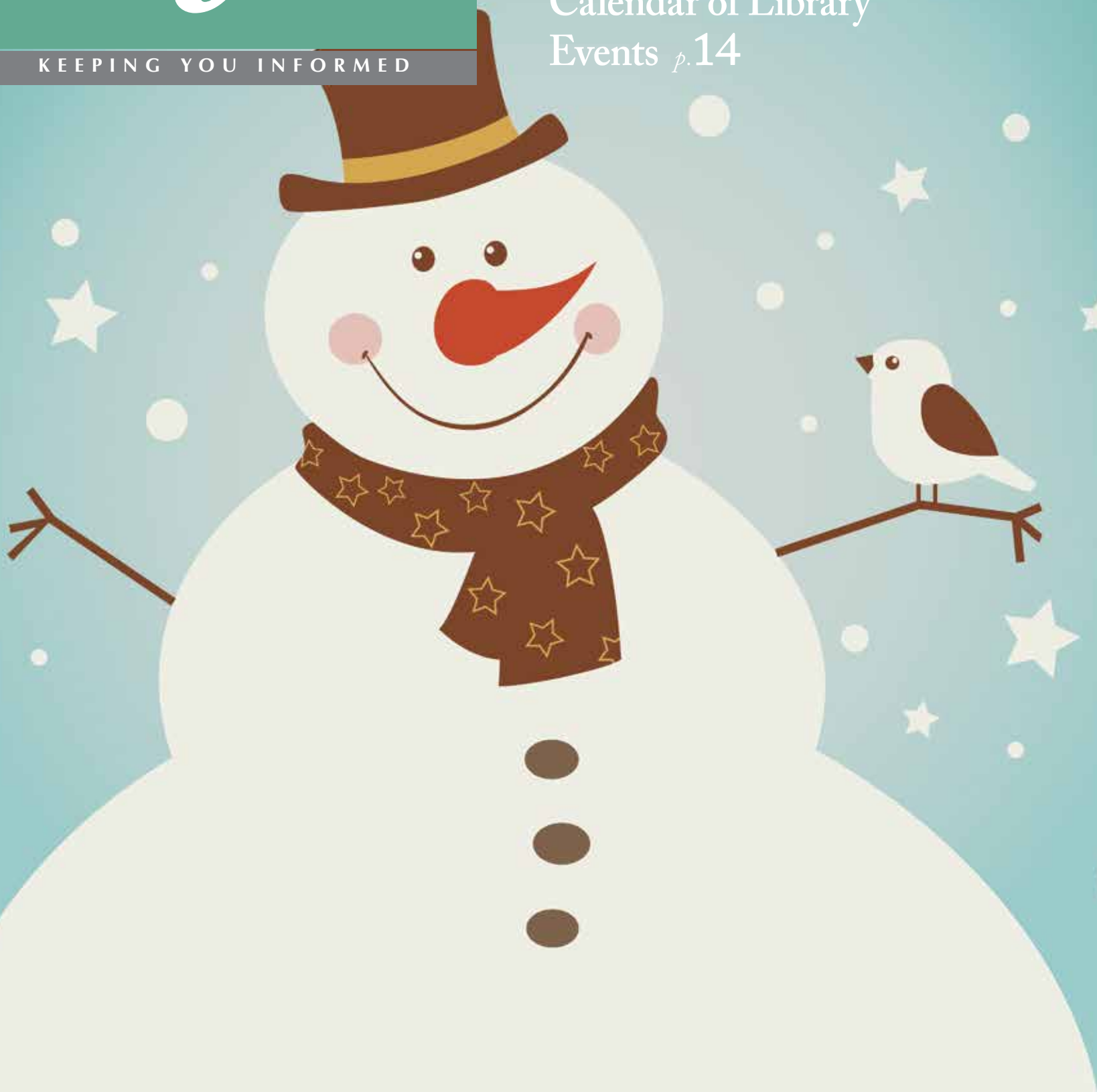
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One of the lessons most of us learned in kindergarten was: No one likes a braggart. That's true almost always, but some things require nothing less than a little boasting—like all the things and services MLS does, provides, and presents for you.

There. Now it's out in the open.

In this issue we present our Annual Report, our way of letting you know what we were up to during the most recent fiscal year. We're pretty sure you'll be pleased as we demonstrate once again that your Metropolitan Library System provides an incredible amount of bang for the buck. With MLS, you can see clearly where your tax dollars are going in books, DVDs, CDs, magazines, newspapers, databases that are free to use with a library card, special informational and entertainment events and programs, homework help, story times, musical and theatrical attractions, and the Big Kahuna of MLS yearly events, Summer at the Library.

That's what we call ending our year on a high note.

And, as always, thanks for helping us make it all happen.





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Oklahoma Images

Tuskahoma, Capital of the World

by Larry Johnson



Choctaw Nation capitol in Tuskahoma



Tuskahoma as the Capital of the World? “It isn’t as funny as it sounds,” wrote the *Tulsa World* in 1945.

As World War II wound down, the allies began to discuss the organization of the post-



The UN Selection Committee meets to decide the home of the World’s Capital.

war world alongside their military strategy. All 51 nations allied against fascism agreed that the failed League of Nations should be revamped because they felt humanity could not survive a third world war in the atomic age. This new organization would not only strive to resolve conflicts and maintain peace but would also strive to solve social, economic and humanitarian problems through international cooperation.

As Germany’s Third Reich crumbled in April 1945, the allied nations met in San Francisco to organize the new United Nations. It was formally created in October when the five permanent members of the Security Council ratified the charter. This set off a mad rush to select a permanent home for the UN. Cities all over the world made bids similar to those made for Olympic host

cities. But one entry surprised them all – Tuskahoma, Oklahoma.

When State Representative Ben P. Choate of Indianola read that the new UN would focus on refugees and former colonial

countries he knew of no group who knew those issues better than Native Americans. And he could think of no better place for the World Capital than the former capital of his own Choctaw Nation. He told fellow Choctaw legislator William Stigler, “This might be a brainstorm but a few of them in the past have changed the course of world events.”

The UN organizers had already decided the new home would be in the US, but were

due to make a final decision in December. Choate leapt into action. He wrote letters to Gov. Robert S. Kerr and Oklahoma’s delegation to Washington. He also wrote John D. Rockefeller, Jr., an East Coast philanthropist known to support Native

American causes. Choate found eager support in the state because the proposal meshed well with Oklahoma’s push for economic development in the wake of the devastation of the Dust Bowl and Depression of the 1930s.

Too many powerful forces worked against Choate’s dream. At home, the Planning and Resources Board took up his cause. They created an ambitious plan to build a brand new city in the Kiamchi Mountains

and a generous offer of free land and infrastructure. However, to Choate’s dismay, they downplayed the Native American angle and spoke of the Choctaw people only in passing and in the past tense. He felt that this diluted the strength of his proposal. Complicating matters Stillwater and Claremore heard of the plan and decided to throw their names in as well. Meanwhile, the Soviet Union insisted on New York City. They contended New York was the only truly international city in the US. No other city would do.



President Harry Truman opens the UN Organizing Convention in San Francisco in 1945.

Choate learned that many on the selection committee liked the Tuskahoma plan, but no one wanted to risk upsetting the Soviets and New York was selected on December 11.

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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Rainwater

by Sandra Brown

reviewed by Phyllis Davidson



In a departure from her usual contemporary, romantic-suspense fare, author Sandra Brown brings us a depression-era story. Ella Barron runs a boardinghouse while caring for her ten-year-old autistic son, Solly. Unable to run away, like her husband did, she has built a wall around her heart to protect herself from the challenges and loneliness of her toilsome life. When the local doctor asks her to rent a room to his cousin, she reluctantly agrees to take him in out of economic necessity. It is only later that she learns the cousin is dying.

In spite of his illness, David Rainwater becomes involved in the lives of those around him. He organizes a group of men who attempt to protect those farmers who are forced by the drought to participate in a government

program that buys their cattle, digs a pit, then shoots and buries them. A local bully and his cronies prevent starving families from a nearby shantytown from scavenging any of the meat. Racial bigotry adds tension to the plot. All these elements are the backdrop to the real story of the developing relationship between Ella and Mr. Rainwater. How do you resolve a story in which one of the partners is dying? Ms. Brown's solution is surprising and satisfying.

This title is also available from MLS in a large print edition and an audio format.

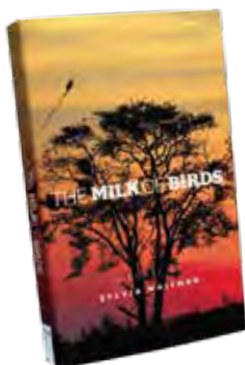
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ON THE SHELF

The Milk of Birds

by Sylvia Whitman

reviewed by Sally McCurry



How can I tell you about the unexpectedly rich *The Milk of Birds*? To say it is a good book, realistic fiction set in Darfur, Sudan and Richmond, Virginia and consists of the letters exchanged by two teen girls, doesn't begin to do it justice.

Nawra, the 14-year-old from Darfur, is an "old soul" with wisdom drawn from her culture and her family. She is a refugee in an overcrowded IDP (Internally Displaced Person) camp. The civil war has destroyed her home in Umm Jamilia and she's seen the slaughter of all her family except her mother, who no longer speaks and must be cared for by young Nawra.

Her life has been a series of horrors her American pen pal Kathryn cannot imagine. When K.C. sends a small gift of money, Nawra buys firewood with it and expresses her gratitude to K.C. in a Sudanese proverb, "When a tree leans, it will rest on its sister."

Why firewood? Women who have to leave the camp to search for it are in danger of being beaten, raped and murdered. Kathryn's greatest problem, caused by an un-

diagnosed learning disability, is how much she hates all things school-related. As their relationship progresses through their letters, K.C. learns to see beyond her own struggles and ultimately becomes an ardent activist for Darfur.

Female circumcision, rape, IDPs, AIDS, and poverty are just a few of the issues addressed in this novel. However, it is the colloquialisms of Nawra's people that last. Who can resist gems like these: "A monkey is a gazelle in the eyes of his mother," "A naked man often laughs at one with torn clothes," "Peace is the milk of birds."

And for the people of Darfur and other areas with long-standing conflict, peace will always be as rare as the milk of birds, but when it is present, it will be incredibly rich.

Sally McCurry is a librarian at the Del City Library. Her favorite reading is just about anything she can get her hands on.



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ON THE SHELF

The Other Typist

by Suzanne Rindel



"And in answering for the rest of my actions ... well, it is natural for us to feel some measure of possessive zeal for the things we love. We cannot help the fact we humans are territorial creatures, after all."

Poor Rose, orphaned by venereal disease and vengeance. Raised by nuns, she was never encouraged to expect much from life as she wasn't worth much herself, or so Sister Hortense said frequently. The reader wants to like Rose, to be on her side. But as she tells her tale, it soon becomes apparent that something isn't quite right.

It's 1924 and Rose is making a foray into the world of men, taking a job as a police department typist. Gruesome details are all part of the job: stab wounds, gunshots, murder. Yet Rose clings to her Victorian standards, refusing to evolve. Bobbed hair is not for her; she keeps her skirts long and her shoes remain sensible.

But Odalie changes everything.

Fascinating, glamorous Odalie is hired to help with the paperwork. Rose is curious about the new girl, watching her from afar (and yes, she admits, jotting down notes about the new girl's clothes, her comings and

reviewed by Jana Hausburg

goings, and her associations). Over time, the two women become friends, perhaps even bosom companions, the type of friend Rose has searched for all her life. Odalie lives in a way that Rose has never even allowed herself to dream of, full of beautiful things, sparkling jewelry, tailored clothing, mysterious men.

Rose finds her scruples eroding as she follows Odalie from Gatsby-esque parties to speakeasies and beyond. Manipulation and intrigue cloud Rose's judgement, and she begins to wonder who her new friend really is: gangster moll, bootlegger, murderess? When Rose senses that Odalie is pulling away, she resolves to stop the girl's "scheming and her risky behavior."

When Rose lets slip that she is trying to relay the events in "accurate sequence" per her doctor's instructions (as it is good for "healing the mind"), the reader is left to wonder -- exactly who is manipulating whom?

This title is also available in audio format.

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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ON THE SHELF

A Wink and a Smile: The Art of Burlesque



Ex-stripper Dixie Evans offered this capsule description of burlesque: "Every major city in the United States had at least two or three burlesque theaters. For 25¢, there were no plots, there was no storyline, and the working people can relate to that dumb comic on stage who was trying to scramble and get by. We did three shows a day. Ten in Norfolk, when the fleet was in."

Ah, where are the Sally Rands, Tempest Storms, and Gypsy Rose Lees of the 21st Century? Possibly honing their skills at Seattle's Academy of Burlesque, founded and head-mistressed by Miss Indigo Blue, a leading light of the Neo-Burlesque movement. At the Academy, normal women with everyday problems (disinterested

reviewed by Doug Bentin

husbands, body issues, timidity, etc.) take a six-week course in the fine art of striptease. And it is a fine art—no total nudity, no poles, no money stuffed in g-strings. The emphasis is on the "tease."

This documentary follows a class from first day to final exam production number, with professional acts by Neo-Burlesque stars Vienna Le Rouge, Inga Ingenue, The Shanghai Pearl, and others interspersed among the lessons. (Hey, I'm all about continuing education.)

Although "boylesque" does exist, Doug is not interested in becoming a performer—for which you should be very grateful.



Reviews & Recommendations

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ON THE SHELF

The Nazi and The Psychiatrist

by Jack El-Hai

reviewed by Lloyd Lovely



During a discussion I had recently with the editor of *info*, the other guy contended that Hermann Goring was not a psychopath. So, I sought out a book to prove him wrong. *The Nazi and the Psychiatrist* was just the thing, covering the Nazis who stood trial in Nuremburg after World War II, where many of them were ultimately sentenced to death by hanging (an ignominious end, supposedly, in comparison to the more noble firing squad).

The book is focused mostly on Goring and the American psychiatrist, Dr. Douglas M. Kelley, the ranking officer at Nuremburg charged with monitoring the mental health of the prisoners, prior to their trial in the year following the war. The similarities between the two men are quite amazing, which enforces the book's

subtle conclusion that the German mindset in the 1930's could have occurred anywhere given the right conditions, and could likely occur today. The in-depth analysis of the two men is fascinating and thought-provoking. It must be said, however, that there are other books, written by other psychiatrists and psychologists, some at Nuremburg and some not, who come to different and perhaps more popular conclusions about the Nazis.

For me, I have to say my opinion was changed, and Doug was right (choke).

This title is also available in audio format.

Lloyd Lovely is the MLS Deputy Executive Director for Finance and Support, which makes him feel important. Please don't tell him the truth.

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ON THE SHELF

My Foot Is Too Big for the Glass Slipper

by Gabrielle Reece with Karen Karbo

reviewed by Angela Thornton



Take two sun-bleached blonde, uber-attractive, mega-athletic, beach-loving celebrities who are larger than life (literally – they're both 6'3"), add three beautiful kids and homes in Hawaii and southern California, and you have the formula for the perfect life, right? Not so much according to Gabrielle Reece's droll memoir about making life and love succeed no matter who you are.

Reece, a beach volleyball star/fitness expert/model/TV host/author (whew!), gives us a peek into her life in a way that is totally relatable to us average folk, sharing all of the same frustrations and joys that make up our own daily existence.

This rambling memoir is a quick read and covers all manner of subjects from spats with her husband, professional surfer Laird Hamilton, to why the right to eat chocolate is non-negotiable, to letting go of the ideal of "perfect" and living life in the moment. Reece coaches

women on such subjects as how to look for what matters when choosing a mate; the importance of eating healthy instead of continual rounds of trend dieting; and why you should let your kids slide on a metal shingle down the side of a muddy hill so that they learn for themselves the consequences of bad choices.

Reece writes in a very conversational style so reading the book is like talking with your friends over drinks – very casual and comfortable and fun. Often very funny with bluntly candid advice, Reece inspires women to unabashedly and unapologetically demand a "happily ever after" negotiated on their own terms.

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.



Our Holidays and Yours

Last month we told you about some make-and-take craft and cooking holiday events scheduled around the library system. Many of those are continuing in December—check our Calendar of Events to see what’s going on at the libraries nearest you.

But this month, let’s take a look at some holiday-themed programs that you don’t have to be crafty to attend.

On Tuesday, December 3, you can go to Bethany Library to find out “All About Hanukkah.” Find out how it began, what it means, and the traditions associated with it. Kids can learn how to play the dreidel game, and treats will be available for everyone. The session lasts from 6:30-7:15pm. To make sure there will be goodies enough for all who attend, please call ahead (789-8363, ext. 3) to let them know you’re coming.

Saturday, December 7, bring the family to the Capitol Hill Library for the Hill’s Annual Holiday Open House from 1-4pm. Capitol Hill wants to give everyone the gift of reading this holiday season, but the kids will receive an extra incentive in the form of free books. They can also have their picture taken with that Jolly Old Elf himself, Santa. All ages can enjoy free music, hot chocolate and cookies. Give the library a call at 634-6308 to make an appointment time for the Santa picture.

Another big Holiday Open House will be at the Downtown Library on Sunday, December 8, beginning at 1pm. This time the

entire Metropolitan Library System is celebrating the season with live entertainment throughout the day, featuring the Sugarfree Allstars. There will also be face painting, craft workshops, a holiday-themed movie classic, and, in case you missed it at Capitol Hill, photos with Santa.

Ralph Ellison Library’s Holly Jolly Holiday Party takes place on Saturday, December 14 from 1-4pm. It’s a grand holiday happening with snacks, crafts, treats, and a free gift. It’s first come, first served.

That same day, Edmond Library is getting all sciencey as the Mad Science program presents “The Case For Santa Clause” from 10:30-11:30am. Find out how Santa gets up and down chimneys, if a sleigh can fly, and how a man his age can travel all around the world in just one night. (Admit it—you’re a lot younger and it takes you a half hour just to put your shoes back on and drive to the fast food place for a late night milkshake.)

And on Thursday, December 19, Southern Oaks Library is presenting a special event from 2-4pm. It’s the Kids’ Holiday Shoppe, at which children can experience the holiday excitement of selecting gifts for family members. Library staff and volunteers will help children find two small gifts they can take to give to special recipients. And it’s free. Call ahead, 631-4468, to sign up for a specific time slot, and to let staff know how many people want to attend.

Holidays are the best times. Let us share ours with you.



Annual Report FY 2012-13: *Awesome*

One of our Twitter followers sent us a message not long ago that pretty well sums up what most library users think: "There's just something about libraries."

They know what a lot of people may not realize: MLS libraries are not static, but are among the most flexible and changing institutions in central Oklahoma. We enjoy not only a constant influx of new materials, but we also add new services, and FY 2012-13 was no exception to the rule.

The addition of Zinio to our list of Databases was one of our most overwhelming success stories. By logging into Zinio you can download over 250 popular magazines for free. Lisa posted on Facebook, "I think this is going to be awesome." We couldn't agree more. In fact, we checked to find out the Top 5 Most Downloaded Magazines and got this result:

Top 5 Most Downloaded Magazines

1. Us Weekly
2. \$10 DINNERS (OR LESS!)
3. 100 Decorating Ideas
4. National Geographic Interactive
5. 100 Best Cookies

Another popular acquisition last year was Freegal, a downloadable music service that offers free and legal downloads of DRM-free music every week. Freegal's catalog gives you access to millions of songs from artists across 10,000 music labels. MLS has always been a good way to save money—as we've said before, why buy when you can borrow—and Freegal is another way to save some dollars every month. In tricky economic times, there's a practical reason for using the library. Robin, one of our Facebook friends, told us: "I

drive a lot and listen to audiobooks while on the road. Each audiobook costs \$50 to \$100. And I save on magazines and music, too." Joey's savings were even more amazing. "I calculated this a few months ago and my family uses \$1,000 of library services each month. What we save on magazine subscriptions alone is craziness."

A lot of folks wrote in to tell us that they enjoy other



Some As Ever

free services as well, things like Same Day Global Newspapers, and Playaways, which are self-contained recorded books. You don't need any kind of player to take advantage of them. You just plug in an earbud or head phone and you're ready to go. Whitney tweeted that Playaways "just made my book obsession worse."

Readers, and listeners, continued to access our large selection of books in audio and digital formats. We looked into popularity there, too, to discover the Top 5 Most Popular Digital Books.

Top 5 Most Popular Digital Books

1. *Inferno: Robert Langdon Series, Book 4*, by Dan Brown
2. *Gone Girl: A Novel*, by Gillian Flynn
3. *The Heist: O'Hare and Fox Series, Book 2*, by Janet Evanovich
4. *Fifty Shades of Grey: Fifty Shades Trilogy, Book 1*, by E.L. James
5. *A Game of Thrones: A Song of Ice and Fire Series, Book 1*, by George R. R. Martin

We asked library users on Facebook to share with us their best library memory. Not surprisingly, several remembered getting their first library card. "I felt like the world was finally within my reach," Mandy told us.

Children have to be taken to the library, and many people remembered moms and dads fondly as parts of their library experiences. Tracy said, "In middle school I would walk to the library after school and spend an hour or so there until my mom picked me up. I can't tell you how many times she had to drag me out of there." Jan recalled "going to the Downtown OKC library (the old location) with my Dad." Elizabeth remembered going to the library with her Mom, who volunteered at a library when she retired. "When she died at 89, I flew back home to Oklahoma. I had a rough day and the librarians let me go into

an unused room with a book so I could feel close to my mom. No place says love like the library!"

Maybe Christina summed it up best when she told us her best library memories are "the ones I'm making now with my two boys."

When we asked our customers why they liked to read, Sue responded, "That's like asking me why I breathe," and Nikki said, "Because I cannot not read."

You know, it's never too late in anyone's life to create more great library memories. Joey added, "the librarians always helps me find exactly what I'm looking for. The



Annual Report *continued*

librarian will not stop looking until I have the book I need. My librarian is my partner in learning stuff."

That's an important point—you, us, we're partners. We make a good team. And while we contribute to your fond memories of the library, you contribute to ours. They say that a team is only as strong as its weakest member. We're lucky. We have no weak members on our team.

We have you.

Financial Information - Budgetary Basis

	FY 2012-13	FY 2011-12
Revenues		
Property Taxes	\$30,663,799.70	\$30,251,610.47
Fines, Fees, & Gifts, etc.	520,000.00	500,000.00
State Aid	287,392.00	286,073.00
Investment Income	325,335.45	421,542.81
Miscellaneous Revenues	483,196.60	292,447.16
Total Revenues	\$32,279,723.75	\$31,751,673.44
Beginning Fund Balance Forward	\$10,880,866.28	\$12,054,150.84
Reserves for future capital and other projects	\$19,333,641.14	\$19,171,370.30
Total Revenues & Balance Forward	\$62,494,231.17	\$62,977,194.58
Expenditures		
Personnel	\$21,623,592.11	\$19,873,731.80
Maintenance & Operations	5,005,322.64	4,563,531.42
Books & Materials	5,456,694.75	5,553,256.14
Capital Outlays	835,349.82	731,442.77
Capital Improvements	541,903.17	2,040,725.03
Total Expenditures	\$33,462,862.49	\$32,762,687.16
Ending Fund Balance	12,902,418.56	10,880,866.28
Reserves for future capital and other projects	\$16,128,950.12	\$19,333,641.14
Total Expenditures and Ending Balance	\$62,494,231.17	\$62,977,194.58

METROPOLITAN LIBRARY PRESENTS:

Thursday Noon Tunes



DECEMBER 2013

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

December 5:
B.C. Jazz Ensemble

December 12:
Cleveland Elementary Choir

December 19:
Rice Dance Band: interactive festive music

December 26:
Mark Galloway: original guitar

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All MLS libraries will be closed December 24 & 25 in observance of Christmas.

Almonte Library

See page 19 for more Almonte Library programs/events.

Mother Goose on the Loose

Dec 3, 10 | Tue | 10:30-11a

Birth to age 4

This award winning early literacy program, designed by Betsy Diamant-Cohen is an interactive storytime for children and their caregivers. Nursery rhymes, music, movement, and more to help your child get ready to read. Stop by the library to sign up or call 606-3575.

Almonte Knitting Club

Dec 5 | Thur | 5:30-7:30p

Adults

Are you a knitter? Interested in learning? If so, join Almonte Library's monthly knitting club. Bring your current project, or just bring yarn and knitting needles and we can teach you how to get started! Crocheters and other needleworkers are welcome too, but we will only be teaching knitting.

Make, Take and Bake

Dec 7 | Sat | 2-3p

Ages 3-11

How about some holiday cookies! Join us for our special Make, Take and Bake cookies in a jar craft. Children will assemble dry ingredients for cookies in their own decorated mason jar and take home to bake for a delicious holiday treat or give as a special gift. Registration is required. Stop by or call 606-3575 to sign up.

Faux Stained Glass Holiday

Candle Holders

Dec 16 | Mon | 3-5p

All Ages

Want to make an easy, budget-friendly holiday decoration? We can show you how to make a Faux Stained Glass Candle Holder. These festive, colorful decorations will be a

lovely addition to your home this season! All supplies will be provided. Call 606-3576 to sign up.

Holiday Pajama Story time

Dec 17 | Tues | 7-7:45p

Ages 0-8

Wear your pajamas and listen to some holiday bedtime stories and make a holiday craft to take home. Snack provided. Stop by or call 606-3575 to sign up.

Gifts from the Kitchen

Dec 18 | Wed | 6-7pm

Adults

Learn to make fun and easy holiday gifts using things you probably already have in your pantry! OSU Extension staff will show you how. Registration is required, call 606-3576 to sign up.

Belle Isle Library

See pages 19, 23, and 26 for more Belle Isle Library programs/events.

Service Core of Retired Executives

Counseling

Dec 7 & 21 | Sat | 9:30a-12p

Adults

If you are interested in starting a new business or are a business owner in need of assistance, counseling is available on the first and third Saturday of the month. 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 appt. 843-9601

Holiday Wacky, Witty Songs

Dec 7 | Sat | 2-3p

All Ages

Famous performer Monty Harper will kick off your holidays sharing some "Wacky, Witty Songs." This event will be fun for all ages, so don't miss out on the fun. Refreshments.

Metro OKC Knit Guild Group Meeting

Dec 8 | Sun | 3-5

Teens & up

Join a group of kindred spirits to knit and chat. All knitters from beginners 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 about the group email at mschoir01@gmail.com, melissa.ryan@tinker.af.mil or call 361-2044 or 739-5799.

Gaming Club

Dec 3, 10 & 17 | 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!

Budding Bookworms Storytime

Dec 11 | Wed | 10-10:45a

Ages 1-5

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.

Belle Isle Anime/Manga Club

Dec 16 | Mon | 4-5p

Teens

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

Belle Isle Teen Crafts
Dec 19 | Thurs | 4-5p
Teens

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

Bethany Library

All About Hanukkah
Dec 3 | Tue | 6:30p-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.

Trip Around the World
Dec 4 | Wed | 6p-7:30p
1st through 5th Grade

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

Holiday Story & Craft Time
Dec 5 | Thurs | 10a-10:45a
Ages 3-6

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

Yu-Gi-Oh! Club
Dec 7 | Sat | 10a-11:30a
Teens

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

Holiday Open House
Sat Dec 07
3p-4p
All Ages

The UCO Flute Ensemble will play holiday music for this come and go open house. Refreshments for all and a special treat for children under 12.

Holiday Play & Story Time
Dec 12 | Thurs
9:30-10:15a & 10:30-11:15a
Ages 12 Months to 4 Years

Enjoy a holiday 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.

Capitol Hill Library

Handmade Holidays: Vintage Jewelry
Dec 1 | Sun | 2p-3p
Parent/Child

Holidays are a time for making memories and spending time with family. We invite you to enrich your holiday season with our free gift-making workshops. Take home your handmade gift and many more ideas found in our vast arts and crafts book collection. This is an interactive parent/child activity day free to the public. All supplies will be provided, but please call 634-6308 to register.

Safari After School Homework & Reading Help
Dec 2,4,9,11, | Mon/Wed | 4p-6p
K-8th grade

Volunteers are standing by to offer one-on-one help for math, science, spelling, and reading. Skilled library staff will connect parents to resources. So kids, sign up when you come in and get ready to ace your classes this year! Help is available on a first come, first served basis.

Intermediate Spanish
Dec 2,9 | Mon | 5:30p-7p
Adults

This course is designed for individuals who already have a basic understanding of the Spanish language and want to further increase their Spanish speaking skills. This is a three month, 13 class course that will meet on Monday nights September 9th-December 9th. Register by calling the library, or sign up at the Information Desk.

Tell Me a Story: Book & Craft
Dec 3 | Tue | 10:30a-11:30a
Preschool

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

Rock & Read with the Musical Mom
Dec 3 | Tue | 6:30p-7:15p
Babies, toddlers, pre-school, families

Music and learning go hand in hand. Bond to the beat with the Musical Mom and help your child learn early language and literacy skills. Children will experience live music, get hands on exposure to instruments, dance,

sing and be creative, all while learning language and literacy skills.

Annual Holiday Open House
Dec 7 | Sat | 1p-4p
All Ages

This holiday season, let us give you the gift of reading! Visit the Capitol Hill Library for our annual Holiday Open House celebration. For the kids, there are free books and pictures with Santa. For the family, there are hot chocolate and cookies, craft activities, and live music, as well as easy access (available year-round!) to our materials and services. Please call ahead to make an appointment for your Santa pics: 634-6308.

Tell Me a Story: Move & Build
Dec 10 | Tue | 10:30a-11:30a
Preschool

Stories, songs and finger play are followed by movement and action games. It's the perfect way to introduce library materials to your little one and to network with other parents and caregivers.

BeyBlade Tournament
Dec 10 | Tue | 7p-8p
Ages 10-16

Bring your Beyblades and let it rip! Kids and teens can enjoy a safe, welcoming space surrounded by books, knowledge and resources while getting the chance to interact with their peers during Beyblade game play. Share your expertise, develop new strategies and learn from others while getting a healthy dose of friendly competition. Call 634-6308 for more information.

Metropolitan Library Commission of Oklahoma County
Dec 12 | Thurs | 3:30p-5p
Capitol Hill Library
334 SW 26th
Oklahoma City, OK 73109
405.634.6308

Handmade Holidays- Keepsake Ornament
Dec 14 | Sat | 2p-3p
Parent/Child

Spend the day making memories and a craft to give, too! Make a keepsake ornament and family fun, too! All supplies will be provided, but please call 634-6308 to register. Grandparents, aunts & uncles are welcome too!

Tell Me a Story: Parachute Play
Dec 17 | Tue | 10:30a-11:30a
Preschool

Parachute play is an excellent way to help children learn how to cooperate with others

and follow directions. This story time is a great way to introduce the library to your child and foster a love of learning.

LEGO Club

Dec 17 | Tue | 4p-5p

Elementary School Aged

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

Game Fest

Dec 18 | Wed | 7p-8p

Ages 10-16

Join us once a month for a video game bonanza! Video games cultivate curiosity and lay the groundwork for critical thinking skills. The library offers a safe place for teens to participate in an exchange of ideas which extends beyond their usual learning environments.

Science Kids Club

Dec 19 | Thurs 6:30p-7:30p

1st-6th grade

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

Choctaw Library

See pages 19 & 26 for more Choctaw Library programs/events.

German for Beginners

Dec 2,9,16, | Mon | 5:30p-6:30p

Adults & Older Teens(16 & older)

Join us for "German in 10 Minutes a Day" with Hannelore Chan. Participants will learn to speak conversational German and practice correct pronunciation of common German words and phrases. This is a 6 week course committment. Co-Sponsor: EOC Tech Center

Lapsit Storytime

Dec 3,10 | Tue | 9:30-10a

6 mos to 3 years

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

skills. Please call 390-8418 or stop by the information desk.

Preschool Storytime

Dec 3,10,17,31 | Tue | 10:30a-11a

Ages 3-5

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

Lil Lit Reading Club

Dec 4,11,| Wed | 10a-10:30a

Ages 4 and up

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

Parachute Play

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

Ages 3-5

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

Homework Cafe

Dec 5 | Thur | 3p-4:30p

Teens

Choctaw Library is hosting a monthly Homework Cafe. We will provide a quiet place to work on homework in groups or alone and will have volunteers available to tutor if needed. Light refreshments will be provided.

Open Play Time

Dec 14 | Sat | 10a-11a

Ages 6 months - 5 years

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

Journal Junkies

Dec 19 | Thurs | 6p-7:30p

Teens

Do you like art? Do you like writing? 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. No artistic skills needed! This program will meet monthly, and attendees

will build their own journal during the classes.

Teen Movie Night

Dec 26 | Thur | 6p-8p

Teens

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

Ookami Anime Club

Dec 28 | Sat | 2:30p-4p

Teens 13-18

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

Movie Matinee

Dec 28 | Sat | 10a-noon

Ages 6-12

Popcorn, lemonade and a movie. Call 390-8418 for the title.

Cool Lego Robotics

Dec 30 | Mon | 4p-5:30p

Ages 8-15

Join us for a 6 week session of constructing with Robotics. Class size will be limited to 12 students. Please call or stop by the Information Desk, or call 390-8418.

Del City Library

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

Homework Help

Dec 2,5,9,12, | Mon & Thur

4p-6p

Grades K-12

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

Ayumu Anime Club

Dec 3 | Tue | 4:30p-5:30p

Ages 13 and up

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.

Hooked on Yarn

Dec 4,11,18 | Wed | 6p-7p

Adults

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

Inter-generational Chess Club

Dec 6 | Fri | 4p-5p

All Ages

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

Teen Reads Book Club

Dec 10 | Tue | 4:30p-5:30p

Teens

Hey teens, do you like books and pizza? Read the book first or read it after, just be ready to talk books! This month we are reading "Anna Dressed in Blood" by Kendare Blake. Reserve a copy or stop by the Information Desk to pick up a copy of the book.

Handmade Holiday Cards

Dec 13 | Fri | 4p-5p

All Ages

Join us for an all ages crafternoon. We will be making handcrafted holiday cards. Registration required.

Handmade Gifts in a Jar

Dec 15 | Sun | 2p-3p

Adults

Pick sweet or savory and layer the ingredients, add a ribbon and cute tag for a practical and stylish gift for the holidays. Supplies are provided so you must sign up for this free program.

Lego Club

Dec 16 | Mon | 4:30p-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. For more information stop by or call us at 672-1377.

Movie Matinee

Dec 18,19 | Wed & Thur | 4p-6p

All Ages

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

Board Game Geeks

Dec 20 | Fri | 4p-5:30p

All Ages

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

Downtown Library

See pages 19, 25 & 26 for more Downtown Library programs/events.

Wednesday Night at the Movies

Dec 4,11,18 | Wed | 6p-8p

Ages 13+

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

Urban Sprouts

Dec 5,19 | Thur | 10a-10:30a

Ages 1-5

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 and third Thursday.

Tablets and eReaders 101

Dec 7 | Sat | 10a-12p

Adults

Dreaming of an electronic Christmas? Let our computer techs guide you through the options available on the market so you can pick which one is the perfect one for you. Due to limited space, please call 231-8650 to register.

Noon Tunes

Dec 5,12,19,26 | Thur | Noon-1p

All ages

Performing in November are:

Dec 5: B.C. Jazz Ensemble

Dec 12: Cleveland Elementary Choir

Dec 19: Rice Dance Band-festive

Dec 26: Mark Galloway-guitar

Urban Sprouts - Wild Card

Dec 12 | Thur | 10a-10:30a

Ages 1-5

We could be creating a craft or enjoying a performance. Maybe we will doing 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! Offered the second and fifth Thursday of each month.

Edmond Library

See pages 23 & 26 for more Edmond Library programs/events.

Art Exhibit: Emily Williams

Dec 1-31 | Library Hours

All ages

In our lobby display this month, we are featuring the work of Emily Williams, an Oklahoma City based artist and the Young Adult Services Coordinator in the MLS Outreach Department. Her acrylic paintings on canvas are of animals, plants, everyday objects, and food. She creates her works using bright colors to promote the truth of the subject, and hopes her work leaves the viewer with a sense of familiarity and comfort.

Computer Tutoring

Dec 4,5,6,11,12,13,18,19,20

Wed, Thur, Fri | 1p-4p

Adults

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.

Stamp Club

Dec 7 | Sat | 10a-12p

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.

Beginning Farsi

Dec 8,15,22, Sun | 2:30p-3:30p

Adults and Teens

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

Advanced Farsi

Dec 8,15,22 | Sun | 1:30p-2:30p

Adults and Teens

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

Chess Club

Dec 2,16 | Mon | 5p-6p

Kids/Teens

If you are interested in chess, come play (or learn to play) at chess club! We will meet the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month. All ages and skill levels are welcome. Guidance and materials will be provided. Call 341-9282 to register.

Preschool Story Time

Dec 2,9,16 | Mon

10a-10:30a and 11-11:30a

Ages 3-5

Join Miss Kari for story time! There will be special stories, fun fingerplays, silly songs, hidden objects, occasional crafts, and exciting activities. Come be part of the fun!

Lapsit Storytime

Dec 3,10,17 | Tue

9-9:45a | 10-10:45a | 11-11:45a

Birth to 2 years-old

Join us for an early literacy program filled with big time fun! We will have 15 minutes of free play followed by a storytime incorporating books, rhymes, music, movement, and more. Call or see Miss Amy for pre-registration requirements (341-9282, ext.4).

Baby Bounce

Dec 4,11,18 | Wed | 9a-9:45a

Birth to 15 months

Playtime is a special time for you and your baby to bond and socialize, but it is educational too, encouraging sensory and motor development. Playtime is followed 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 pre-register (341-9282, ext. 4).

55+ Coffee Break

Dec 4,11,18 | Wed | 9:30a-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.

Murder on the Menu: A Cozy Mysteries Book Club

Dec 3 | Tue | 12p-1p

Adults

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

one of the latest cozy mysteries. In December we will be discussing *Sweet Tea Revenge*, a Tea Shop mystery by Laura Childs. Please call the library to reserve a copy of this month's book.

Toddler Time

Dec 4,11,18 | Wed

10a-10:45a | 11a-11:45

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 emerging language, literacy, and social skills. Call or see Miss Amy to pre-register (341-9282, ext. 4).

Hand-Sewn Cloth Ornaments

Dec 5 | Thurs | 6:30p-8p

Ages 14 - Adults

Nothing says love and the holidays like a hand-sewn ornament. Join us and learn to make 2 different hand-sewn cloth ornaments. All supplies will be provided, except scissors. Please bring a pair of scissors suitable for cutting fabric. Space is limited so please pre-register. Registration opens November 4. Call the library at 341-9282x3 or stop the Information Desk.

Family Storytime

Dec 5,12,19 | Thurs | 6:30p-7p

Young children and their caregivers

Put on your pajamas and grab your favorite stuffed friend. We will enjoy stories, songs, music, rhymes, and an occasional craft, so come join the fun!

Manga & Anime Club

Dec 5 | Thur | 4p-5p

Teens

Local teens meet to discuss, watch, or draw anime and manga. Snacks are provided and this club is free to join! Some material rated Teen and above may not be suitable for younger teens or children.

Introduction to Beading and Jewelry Design

Dec 7 | Sat | 1p-3p

Adults

Do you need a special gift made by you or a beautiful accessory for a holiday outfit? Join us for an introductory class in beading and jewelry design. Margaret Kletke will help you complete a necklace of your own design. All supplies will be provided. Please pre-register beginning November 4 by calling the library at 341-9282x3.

Young Professionals Book Club

Dec 8 | Sun | 3p-4p

Adults

Ahoy young professionals! Are you finished with college but still craving intellectual discussion? Join us to talk about some dense, sometimes-esoteric, wholly-awesome texts--both fiction and nonfiction. This month we'll discuss *Nickel and Dimed* by Barbara Ehrenreich. Contact the information desk at 341-9282 to reserve a copy of the book!

Gifts from Your Kitchen

Dec 10 | Tue | 6:30p-8p

Ages 14-Adults

Join us for this third and final opportunity to make home-made holiday gifts. Amanda Horn, Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Services Educator, will be here to show you how to make two yummy gifts: Peppermint Stir Sticks and Big Patch Barbeque Rub. Please bring a 6-8oz. jar with a tight lid for the rub. All other supplies will be provided. Please call the library @ 341-9282 to reserve a spot. Registration opens on November 11.

Mad Science presents:

The Case for Santa Clause

Dec 14 | Sat | 10:30a-11:30a

All school-aged children

Have you ever wondered how Santa Clause could get up and down a chimney? If a sleigh can really fly? And how Santa could travel the world in such a short amount of time? Join Mad Science as they set out to prove, with science and with a whole lot of fun, The Case for Santa Clause.

Readers' Choice Book Club

Dec 14 | Sat | 10:30a-12p

Adults

The Reader's Choice Book Club meets the second Saturday of every month at the Edmond Library. The book selection for December is *Let's Explore Diabetes with Owls* by David Sedaris. with their own cards.

Yu-Gi-Oh! Tournament

Dec 14 | Sat | 3p-4:30p

All school-aged children

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

eMedia Workshops

Dec 14 | Sat | 2p-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 tech, Randall Baze, to find

CHILDREN READING TO DOGS

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



Almonte Library Mondays, Dec. 2,9,16: 7-8pm

Belle Isle Library Mondays, Dec. 2,9,16: 6-7pm

Choctaw Library Saturday, Dec 14, 3-4pm
Wednesday, Dec 18, 4-5pm

Register at the Information Desk or call 390-8418

Del City Library Thursdays, 6:30-7:30pm

Register at the Information Desk or call 672-1377

Downtown Library Saturday, Dec 21: 3-4pm

Nicoma Park Library Thursday, Dec 5: 4-4:45pm

Register at the Information Desk or call 769-9452

Northwest Library Mondays, Dec. 2,9,16: 6pm

Southern Oaks Library Tuesday, Dec 10: 6:30-7:30p
Saturday, Dec 28: 10a-11a

Register at the Information Desk or call 631-4468

The Village Library Wednesdays, Dec 4, 11, 18: 6-7pm
Thursdays, Dec 5,12,19: 3:30-4:30pm

Warr Acres Library Thursday, Dec 12, 6:30-7:30pm



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

Krafty Kids

Dec 18 | Wed | 6:30p-7:30p

Ages 5-10

Come to the library to make a fun and festive holiday craft! The class is free but space is limited so call today to register! 341-9282 x 4

Music with Joy

Dec 20 | Fri |

9:15a-10a | 10:15a-11a | 11:15a-12p

Birth to 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. Pre-register on the 15th. Call 341-9282 x4 for more information.

Coffee House for Teens

Dec 20 | Fri | 4p-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.

Luther Library

Quilting at the Library

Dec 16 | 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.

Midwest City Library

See pages 21, 27 & 30 for more Midwest City Library programs/events.

Display: Artists-On-Staff

Dec 2-30 | All day

All Ages

Midwest City staff are not only helpful, they are also creative. Come see the Artists-On-Staff show off and shine up in a variety of ways. Displays include photography, needlepoint, sculpture, paintings, and fabric arts. This showing runs from December 2 to December 30 in the lobby gallery.

Computer Tutoring

Dec 2, 9, 16 | Mon | 9a-8:30p

Dec 7,14 | Sat | 9a-11a

Adults

Learn the fundamental skills necessary to operate computers! These one-on-one

tutoring sessions cover topics including: mouse, keyboard, internet, e-mail, and Windows. Each session lasts one hour. Tutoring is available on Mondays and Saturdays. Call the library at 732-4828 to make an appointment.

Soldier Creek Quilting

Dec 2,9,16,23,30 | Mon | 9a-12p

Adults

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.

Knit Wit

Dec 3,17 | Tue | 10a-12p

Adults

Learn to knit or crochet or strengthen your craft. The class meets every first and third Tuesday of the month.

Midwest City Nonfiction Book Club

Dec 3 | Tue | 10a-11a

Adults

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

Teen Advisory Board Dec 4 | Wed | 5p-6p Teens

Calling all Teens! Get involved at the Midwest City Library. For more information, contact Suzette at 405-732-4828.

Homework Help Dec 5,12,19 | Thur | 4p-6p Elementary Aged Students

Need help with your homework? Our volunteer homework helpers are ready to help elementary and middle school students on a first come first served basis. Get ready to have a great school year!

After School at Your Library Dec 5,12,19 | Thur | 4:30p-5:30p Ages 10-16

Have fun with art! Work on creative projects and learn about different kinds of artistic expression. Supplies and snacks will be provided. Call the Information Desk for details or to sign up.

Natural Hair Program Dec 7 | Sat | 10a-11a All Ages

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 don't have a good understanding of what works for you, please attend this monthly program. Please register at the Information Desk or call 732-4828.

Repurposed Reads Dec 7 | Sat | 3p-4p Adults

Come to the library for an afternoon of well-read crafts, as we find new uses for old books. Register at the Information Desk or by calling 732-4828.

Readers' Society Book Club Dec 10 | Tue | 10a-11a Adults

The Readers' Society meets the third Tuesday of each month to discuss adult fiction in a variety of genres. The book for December is *The Chaperone*, by Laura Moriarty. Call 732-4828 or visit the Information Desk to reserve a copy.

Junk Drawer Lego Robotics Dec 10 | Tue | 4p-5p Teens

In each module of this track, youth will learn about a different aspect of robotics and design and build a robot using what they have learned. This track emphasizes

developing knowledge and developing skills as participating youth design and build their own robots. Youth will record their learning experiences, robotic designs and the data from their investigations into their personal journal. To attend, please register at the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828. Co-Sponsor: OSU-OKC

Bey Blade Tournament Dec 11 | Wed | 4p-5:30p Ages 10-16

Get your Bey Blade Metal Fusion on! To attend, please register at the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828.

Around the World in 80 Films Dec 14 | Sat | 1:30p-4p Adults

Join us the second Saturday of each month as we explore different cultures through film. This month we will screen a 2012 Oscar winner from France.

Chess Club Dec 14 | Sat | 10a-11a 12 and over

The Midwest City Library offers chess players the opportunity to play. For more information, please contact the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828.

Display: Caring for Family Treasures: Our Endangered Heritage Dec 16-29 | Mon | All Day All Ages

Without proper care, family heirlooms and personal collections can be damaged by light, heat, humidity, pets, and handling. Learn the best ways to safeguard personal treasures with this traveling exhibit. This colorful display consists of 12 sections, including specific information on caring for glass and ceramics, photographs, recordings, organic materials such as baskets, feathers, and leather, and other items. Co-Sponsor: Oklahoma Cultural Heritage Trust.

Yugioh Dec 18 | Wed | 4p-5:30p Teens

Come and get your Yugioh Game ON! To attend, please register at the Information Desk or call 732-4828

Motor Vehicle Crash Prevention Course Dec 21 | Sat | 9a-4p Adults

All licensed drivers are invited to participate in a certified AAA instructed class. A material fee of \$30.00 applies; AAA members will receive a discount. Please call 1-800-222-2582 to register.

Make and Take Dec 21 | Sat | 10a-11a Teen

The Midwest City Library will host a sewing program for teens. Several projects will be created. This program is free and registration is required. To attend, contact the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828.

Teen Movie Day Dec 26 | Thurs | 4p-6p Teen

This documentary goes on tour with A Tribe Called Quest in 2008, when they reunite to perform sold-out concerts across the country almost ten years after the release of their last album, *The Love Movement*. No registration required.

Nicoma Park Library

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

Lady Crafters Dec 17 | 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 or to register.

Northwest Library

See pages 19, 23 & 26 for more Northwest Library programs/events.

Play With Me Dec 3 | Tue 10-10:30a and 1-1:30p Ages 3-4

Children learn so much through play activities! Play with me sessions for ages 3-4 include 20 minutes of exploratory play followed by a brief story time program. Sign up for these programs on the fourth Tuesday monthly at 9:00 a.m. by calling 606-3580.

Play With Me Dec 3 | Tue 10:45-11:15a and 1:45p-2:15a Ages 0-2

Children learn so much through play activities! Play with me sessions for ages 3-4 include 20 minutes of exploratory play followed by a brief story time program. Sign up for these programs on the fourth Tuesday monthly at 9:00 a.m. by calling 606-3580.

After School at Your Library
Dec 4,11,18 | Wed | 4p-5p
Ages 10-16

Have fun with art! Work on creative projects and learn about different kinds of artistic expression. Supplies and snacks will be provided. Call 606-3580 for details or to sign up.

Build Your Business
Dec 4 | Wed | 6:30p-8:30p
Adults

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

Play With Me
Dec 5 | Thurs | 10a-10:30a
Ages 3-4

Children learn so much through play activities! Play with me sessions for ages 3-4 include 20 minutes of exploratory play followed by a brief story time program. Sign up for these programs on the fourth Tuesday monthly at 9:00 a.m. by calling 606-3580.

Play With Me
Dec 5 | Thurs | 10:45a-11:15a
Ages 0-2

Children learn so much through play activities! Play with me sessions for ages birth-2 include 20 minutes of exploratory play followed by a brief lapsit story time program. Sign up for these programs on the fourth Tuesday monthly at 9:00 a.m. by calling 606-3580.

Budding Bookworms Children's Book Club
Dec 9 | Mon | 4p-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, *A Whole Nother Story* by Cuthbert Soup. Reserve your copy today!

Music Play
Dec 10 | Tue | 10a-10:30a and 1-1:30p
Ages 3-4

Music activities help children learn and develop listening and motor skills. Music play activities for ages 3-4 include playing with instruments, singing songs, and dance activities to help develop these skills. Programs last 20-30 minutes. Sign up for these programs on the fourth Tuesday monthly at 9:00 a.m. by calling 606-3580.

Music Play
Dec 10 | Tue
10:45a-10:30a and 1:45-1:30p
Ages 0-2

Music activities help children learn and develop listening and motor skills. Music play activities for ages 0-2 include playing with scarves and simple instruments, singing songs, and patting your little one or helping them move to a beat to help develop these skills. Programs last 20-30 minutes. Sign up for these programs on the fourth Tuesday monthly at 9:00 a.m. by calling 606-3580.

Chess Club
Dec 12 | Thur | 5:30p-7p
Everyone

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.

Tech Talks: Using the Library's Website
Dec 10 | Tue | 5p-6p
Adults

New technology and digital resources can be challenging as well as fun and exciting. Trained library staff will be available to discuss how to use the MLS website in a classroom setting. Learn how to use the website to renew your books, place reserves, and access our electronic databases and more! Feel free to bring your own device or laptop computer to follow along and take notes. Sign up by calling 606-3580 today!

Cinnamon Ornaments
Dec 16 | Mon | 4:30p-5:30p
School Aged Children and Teens

Hand make your holidays! Join us as Amanda Horn with the Oklahoma County Extension Service explains how to make ornaments out of dough made from cinnamon and applesauce! Please call 606-3580 to register as supplies are limited.

Story Time for 3-4's
Dec 17 | Tue | 10a-10:30a and 1p-1:30p
3-4's

Our Story Time programs combine reading stories aloud with songs and fingerplays that can help young children develop early literacy skills like building vocabulary and print awareness. Programs last 20-30 minutes. Sign up for these programs on the fourth Tuesday monthly at 9:00 a.m. by calling 606-3580.

Lapsit Story Time
Dec 17 | Tue
10:45a-11:15a and 1:45-2:15p
0-2

Our Lapsit Story Time programs combine reading stories aloud with songs and fingerplays that can help young children develop early literacy skills like building vocabulary and phonemic awareness. Programs last 20-30 minutes. Sign up for these programs on the fourth Tuesday monthly at 9:00 a.m. by calling 606-3580.

Handmade Holidays
Dec 17 | Tue | 5:30p-6:30p
Adults

Hand make your holidays with our Gifts from your Kitchen Class! Amanda Horn with the Oklahoma County Extension Service will explain how to make fun, easy, and safe gifts from your kitchen! Please call 606-3580 to register as supplies are limited.

Story Time
Dec 19 | Thur | 10a-10:30a
Ages 3-4's

Our Story Time programs combine reading stories aloud with songs and fingerplays that can help young children develop early literacy skills like building vocabulary and print awareness. Programs last 20-30 minutes. Sign up for these programs on the fourth Tuesday monthly at 9:00 a.m. by calling 606-3580.

Lapsit Story Time
Dec 19 | Thur | 10:45a-11:15a
Ages 0-2

Our Lapsit Story Time programs combine reading stories aloud with songs and fingerplays that can help young children develop early literacy skills like building vocabulary and phonemic awareness. Programs last 20-30 minutes. Sign up for these programs on the fourth Tuesday monthly at 9:00 a.m. by calling 606-3580.

Journal Junkies
Dec 19 | Thur | 4p-5:30p
Teens

Do you like writing? Do you like art? Come explore your interests and 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. Call 606-3580 to register.

Ralph Ellison Library

See page 26 for more Ralph Ellison Library programs/events.

Display: Art Gallery

Dec 1-31 | All Day

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

Dec 5,12,19 | Fri | 4p-5p

10 - older

Enjoy a friendly game of chess? Players of all ages and skill levels are welcome. We meet at 4:00 pm on Fridays.

First Monday Gamefest

Dec 2 | Mon | 4p-5:30p

10-18

Gamefests rock! So, Ralph Ellison Library would like you to drop by and jam out to Guitarhero, dance some sweet touchdowns on Madden 12, and duel on Super Smash Brothers Brawl!

Trip Around the World

Dec 7 | Sat | 2p-3:30p

1st through 5th Grade

Don't miss this exciting opportunity to travel the globe right in your very own local library. This innovative and hands-on experience for children in first through fifth grades is sponsored by the Junior League of Oklahoma City. Kids will have a great time learning about cultures all over the globe. The program is free, but space is limited so pre-register at the information desk or call the library.

Bead for Life

Dec 10 | Tue | 5p-6:30p

Ages 8 and up

Make beautiful jewelry from African beads. Not only will you get to go home with a piece of handmade jewelry, but you will also be supporting Bead for Life, a fair trade, nonprofit organization which assists Ugandan women as they create one of a kind beads from recycled paper. The profits these women make go toward food, education, and medical care for their families. For more information about Bead for Life visit <http://www.beadforlife.org/>.

Holly Jolly Holiday Party

Dec 14 | Sat | 1p-4p

All Ages

Everyone is welcome at our ho-ho holiday happening. Join us to make crafts, snack on delicious holiday treats, receive a free gift, and even visit with Santa! It's all first come-first served, so come early!

Read, Share, Grow Book Club

Dec 16 | Mon | 6:30p-7:30p

Adults

This month we'll be reading *Once Upon a Time When We Were Colored*, by Clifton Taulbert. Come by the front desk to pick up your copy.

Anime Club

Dec 17 | Tue | 4p-6p

Tweens and Teens

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

Black History Documentary Club

Dec 21 | Sat | 1p-3p

13 - older

The Black History Documentary Club meets monthly to screen thought-provoking films. December's selection is *The Black Power Mixtape 1967-1975*.

SOUP Open Mic Poetry Night

Dec 30 | Mon | 6:30p-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.

Southern Oaks Library

See pages 19 & 23 for more Southern Oaks Library programs/events.

Adult Education and Literacy Classes

Dec 2,4,9,11,16,18 | Mon & Wed|6-8p

Adults

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

Preschool Storytime

Dec 2,9 | Mon | 10:30a-11:10a

Ages 2-5 (with a 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. Pre-registration is required. Please sign up by calling 631-4468 or by visiting the Information Desk.

Book Adventure: Kids' Book Club

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

For kids ages 6-9

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

Friday Films, Family and Fun

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

All Ages

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

Southern Oaks Book Club

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

Adults

If you enjoy reading and discussing books come to the Southern Oaks Book Club the second Tuesday of each month. Call 631-4468 to reserve your copy of the book selection or stop by the reference desk.

College Application & Financial Aid Workshop

Dec 14 | Sat | 2p-3:30p

Ages: 13 & up

In this workshop the Oklahoma College Assistance Program will provide information to help you plan, prepare, and pay for college. Learn how to fill out FASFA forms and apply for scholarships. Have your college questions answered. Call 631-4468 to register.

Kids' Holiday Shoppe

Dec 19 | Thurs | 2p-4p

Kids of all ages

Let your kids experience the thrill of

ESL

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

Belle Isle Library

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

Dec 3,5,10,12

Teens and older

For questions and to register, attend the class.

Co-Sponsor: OKC Public Schools

Edmond Library

Intermediate ESL

Mondays & Wednesdays | 1-3:30p

Dec 2,4,9,11

Adults

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

Beginning ESL

Mondays & Wednesdays | 6-8:30p

Dec 2,4,9,11

Adults

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

Midwest City Library

Tuesday & Thursdays | 6-8:30p

Dec 3,5,10,12

Call 686-6222 to register. Co-Sponsor: OCCC

Warr Acres Library

Mondays & Wednesdays | 6-8:30p

Dec 2,4,9,11

Call 686-6222 to register. Co-Sponsor: OCCC

GED

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

Edmond Library

Tue & Thur | 6-8:30p

Dec 3,5,10,12

Adults

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

Midwest City Library

Mondays & Wednesdays | 6-8:30p

Dec 2,4,9,11

Adults

Register by calling 682-6222. Co-Sponsor: OCCC

Northwest Library

Tue & Thur | 6:30-9p

Dec 3,5,10,12

Adults

Call 682-7873 for more information and to enroll.

Co-Sponsor: OCCC Adult Learning Center

Southern Oaks Library

Mondays & Wednesdays | 1-4p

Dec 2,4,9,11,16,18

Age 16 and older

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

selecting their own gifts for family members. Children will choose two small gifts with the help of library staff and volunteers. **FREE!** Please sign up by calling 631-4468 or by visiting the Information Desk. You will sign up for a specific time slot.

The Village Library

See pages 19 & 26 for more of The Village Library programs/events.

Preschool Storytime

Dec 3,10 | Tue | 10a-10:30a
ages 2-5 with parent/caregiver

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

Chess Club

Dec 6,13 | 4p-5:30p
All Ages

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

Music with Ginger

Dec 5 | Thur | 10a-10:30a
ages 3-5

The Village Library is inviting children 3-5 years old to join Ms. Ginger for an age appropriate class. Parents & children will play, sing, dance, giggle, and share together. Ms. Ginger will guide the class from one activity to the next helping parents understand what their child is learning musically, cognitively, and developmentally. Class size is limited, so please call to register--sign up will begin on November 14.

Holiday Make and Take

Dec 7 | Sat | 10a-11:30a
ages 5-11

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.

Lego Club

Dec 9 | Mon | 1p-3p
children and their parents

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

Computer Tutoring

Dec 3,5,10,12,17,19 | Tues & Thur
6:30p-8:30p

Adults

Basic computer knowledge, internet, email,

Microsoft Office and more. Our Public Computer Specialist is available to help you in one-on-one tutoring sessions. Call the library at 755-0710 to make an appointment for Tuesday or Thursday evenings at 6:30, 7:00, 7:30 or 8:00.

V-SIFT: Gingerbread Houses

Dec 12 | Thur | 4p-5p
Teens

Teens, join us for the second annual Gingerbread House Contest. All materials will be provided and there will be a prize for the most creative, outrageous gingerbread house! V-SIFT (Village- Something Interesting for Teens) meets one Thursday per month and features a different activity each month. Please register by calling 755-0710 or stopping by the Information Desk.

Knitty Committee

Dec 14 | Sat | 10p-12p
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.

Book Discussion Group

Dec 16 | Mon | 3p-4p
Adults

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

Warr Acres Library

See pages 19, 23 & 26 for more Warr Acres Library programs/events.

Pajama Story Time

Dec 3 | Tue | 6:30p-7:30p
2 1/2 to 5 year olds

Preschoolers will enjoy Christmas stories and fun activities with Miss Alma and her puppets. Fruit snacks for everyone. Siblings are welcome. Please preregister. Children will receive a gift.

Warr Acres Book Club

Dec 9 | Mon | 11a-12p
Adults

The Warr Acres Book Club will have a pot-luck book discussion this month. Our book will be "Call Me Mrs. Miracle" by Debbie Macomber. Emily Merkle (pronounced like miracle, of course) works at a department

store and becomes a matchmaker for her boss and a lonely young woman.

Story Time for Preschoolers

Dec 10 | Tue | 9:30a-10a
2 and 3-year-olds

Preschoolers will enjoy Christmas stories and crafts with Miss Alma and her puppets. Siblings are welcome. Please preregister.

Story Time for Preschoolers

Dec 10 | Tue | 10:30a-11:15a
4 and 5-year-olds

Preschoolers will enjoy Christmas stories and crafts with Miss Alma and her puppets. Siblings are welcome. Please preregister.

Play Time for Babies and Tots

Dec 11 | Wed
9:15a-10a and 10:30-11:15a
6 to 30 months with an adult

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

LEGO Club @ Your Library

Dec 14 | Sat | 10:30-11:30a
Ages 6 to 11

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

Mystery Night and Pizza Party

Dec 19 | Thurs | 6:30p-8p
Ages 12-17

Join us in solving the mystery, "Rock 'n' Roll Over Dead". Investigate the crime scene and examine the evidence in order to solve the crime. Then, we'll eat Pizza while supplies last. Please let us know you're coming by calling 721-2616.

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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

Dec 18 | Wed | 1-5p
Birth to age 5 w/parent

Midwest City Library

Dec 18 | Wed | 1-5p
Birth to age 5 w/parent

Village Library

Dec 11 | Wed | 1-5p
Birth to age 5 w/parent

Warr Acres Library

Dec 11 | Wed | 1-5p
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.

Belle Isle Library

Tai Chi
Dec 3,5 | Tue & Thur | 6-7p
Teens and Adults

Choctaw Library

Tai Chi
Dec 11 | Wed | 6:15-7:15p
Adults

Downtown Library

Tai Chi
Dec 4,11,18 | Wed | 5:30-6:30p
Adults

Edmond Library

Tai Chi
Dec 2,5,9,12,16,19
Mon & Thur | 10-11a
Seniors and other adults

Northwest Library

Tai Chi
Dec 2,5,9,12,16,19
Mon & Thur | 4-5p
Adults

Wellness

Ralph Ellison Library

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

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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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22	23	24 Libraries closed	25 Libraries closed	26	27	28
29	30	31 Libraries close at 6pm				30

Off the Beaten Path

. . . Discovering New Literary Treasures

Benson, John, ed. *The Sincerest Form of Parody: The Best 1950's Mad Inspired Satirical Comics*.
741.5973/S1615s

When Mad was born its only subjects for parody were comic books ("Superduperman") and other shards of cultural detritus ("Melvin of the Apes"), and although not overly successful at first, it caught the eyes of other wise guy comic book writers who created dozens of Mad wannabes. Now some of these baby-Mad bits have been collected into one volume. Take a look and you may be amazed at the way these comics have evolved into the pop satire of today.

The Harvard Lampoon. The Hunger Pains: A Parody.
FICTION/HAR

Yes, it's those merry pranksters from The Harvard Lampoon (or "smart aleck college punks," depending on your viewpoint) and they're back with a full body takedown of *The Hunger Games*. You need some familiarity with the original books in order to get all the jokes, but love or loath the real thing you'll be amused by the adventures of Kantkiss Neverclean. Hey, I just said they were jokes; I never said they were good jokes.

MLS LIBRARIES

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4 CAPITOL HILL 334 SW 26th, OKC, 634-6308	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
5 CHOCTAW 2525 Muzzy Street, Choctaw, 390-8418	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
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7 DOWNTOWN 300 Park Ave., OKC, 231-8650	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
8 EDMOND 10 S. Boulevard, Edmond, 341-9282	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
9 MIDWEST CITY 8143 E. Reno, MWC, 732-4828	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
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12 SOUTHERN OAKS 6900 S. Walker, OKC 631-4468	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
13 THE VILLAGE 10307 N. Pennsylvania Ave., The Village, 755-0710	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
14 WARR ACRES 5901 NW 63rd, Warr Acres, 721-2616	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6

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16 JONES 111 E. Main, Jones, 399-5471	—	9:30-5:30	—	9:30-5:30	—	9-5	—
17 LUTHER 310 NE 3rd, Luther, 277-9967	9:30-6	9:30-6	9:30-6	9:30-6	9-5	9-5	—
18 NICOMA PARK 2240 Overholser, Nicoma Park, 769-9452	—	9:30-5:30	9:30-5:30	9:30-5:30	9-5	9-5	—
19 WRIGHT 2101 Exchange, OKC, 235-5035	—	9:30-5:30	9:30-5:30	9:30-5:30	9-5	9-5	—

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

