

# info

METROPOLITAN LIBRARY SYSTEM  
magazine

KEEPING YOU INFORMED

FEBRUARY 2014

## Inside *info*:

New and Inspiring Play for  
Black History Month p.10

Calendar of Library Events p.12







## New *info*

Sometimes, writing this page is the hardest part of putting info magazine together. Think about it. With all the things Metropolitan Library System has going on every month, how do you select just a handful to write about? Just take a look at our monthly Calendar of Events and you'll see what I mean.

We have more Valentine's Day programs scheduled than you can shake a heart-shaped box of candy at. Many of our libraries have asked AARP to provide free tax return help again in 2014. In celebration of the rich tradition of church hats in the African American community, Midwest City Library is holding its 3rd Annual Crowns Tea on February 16.

And in honor of Black History Month, we are partnering once again with Rhythmically Speaking to present a new play by Oklahoma City playwright DWe Williams. *Nothing But Mercy: A Private Room Please!* will be presented at 13 of our libraries all throughout the month. See the article in this issue for more details.

It's a lot to choose from, but browsing the Calendar is awfully rewarding. Take a look and see where MLS can take you in February. Wherever you go, you'll be glad you made the trip.





4



6



10



12

## Inside *info*: FEBRUARY 2014

### MLS Executive Director

Donna Morris

### Publisher

Kim Terry

### Editor

Doug Bentin

### Designers

Rick George

Chris Larwig

### Contributing Writers

Marilyn Backus

Christine Bassett

Phyllis Davidson

Linda Hyams

Lloyd Lovely

Kelley Riha

### *info*

METROPOLITAN LIBRARY SYSTEM *magazine*

300 Park Avenue

Oklahoma City, OK 73102

Editorial: (405) 606-3752

Fax: (405) 606-3799

E-mail: [dbentin@metrolibrary.org](mailto:dbentin@metrolibrary.org)

### MLS Commission

Fran Cory, *Chair*

Judy Smith, *Vice Chair*

Nancy Anthony, *Disbursing Agent*

Donna Morris, *Secretary*

Bosé Akadiri

Ralph Bullard

Allen Coffey

Cynthia Friedemann

Rozz Grigsby

Deanna Hannah

Helene Harpman

Jose Jimenez

Carolyn Leslie

Penny McCaleb

Tracy McDaniel

Tracy McGehee

Lori Nelson

Brenda Palmer

Mukesh Patel

Kim Patterson

Vanna Shaw

Jim Shonts

Alyne Strube

Beth Toland

Susan Tucker

Stephanie West

### Ex Officio

OKC Mayor Mick Cornett

County Commissioner Ray Vaughn

The official magazine of the Metropolitan Library System of Oklahoma County, *info*, is published monthly by MLS Marketing & Communications, 300 Park Avenue, OKC, OK 73102.

### 4 Oklahoma Images

This Month: Chief Sam and the Back-To-Africa Movement

### 6 Reviews & Recommendations

Looking for something different to read, watch, or listen to?

Check out the books, DVDs, and CDs that caught our reviewers' attention this month.

### 9 The eBooks Are Here!

The movable type printing press isn't dead, but it's no longer the newest technology. eBooks, anyone?

### 10 New and Inspiring Play For Black History Month

Do you know how the Jim Crow laws began to crumble in Oklahoma City two decades before they did elsewhere? Here's how to find out.

### 12 Calendar of Events

Every MLS programming event listed in one place. All you need to know about the people, times, and places of this month's library activities.

## On the Cover

There's more to Valentine's Day than just a box of chocolates. Check out February's MLS programs celebrating Cupid's favorite holiday.



Oklahoma Images

# Chief Sam & the Back-To-Africa Movement

*by Larry Johnson*



As one of the last chapters in America's frontier history, Oklahoma represented opportunity and hope for many Americans who saw it as a sort of Promised Land. Not least of those were the African Americans who established their own towns in Oklahoma and Indian Territories after the Civil War and the land runs.





One hundred years ago a similar hope for a Promised Land resulted in tragedy for many of those same settlers.

Oklahoma's all-black towns are unique to our area because of the sheer number of them. Beginning with Freedmen from the Five Civilized Tribes, former slaves established self-governing and self-supporting towns around the territory. Later, as the post-Civil War South proved ever dangerous, droves of African Americans joined the existing towns or formed new ones of their own. Some even held hopes of an all-black state made up of former slaves and their descendants. In all, more than fifty towns formed.



*Africa's Gold Coast*

By the winter of 1913, it had become clear that Oklahoma was not the Promised Land for which many had hoped. Railroads had brought prosperity to some towns, but caused others to wither. Oklahoma's institutionalized Jim Crow laws, and the

rise of the Ku Klux Klan forced some in the all-black towns to look for a new opportunity. Some considered Canada. Others fell under the sway of the charlatan Chief Sam.

Albert Sam operated the Akim Trading Company in Chicago but his African import/export business had fallen into dire economic straits. Unable to enlist financial backers, he hatched a scheme to convince African Americans to purchase stock in his company in return for passage to Africa's Gold Coast (a British colony then, Ghana today) and free land to farm.

Adopting the title "Chief," Sam claimed to be a tribal chief and produced fanciful tales of the riches that awaited settlers in his homeland.

It would have been tragic enough had Chief Sam simply bamboozled the settlers and made off with the money, but unfortunately he carried the ruse out to the fateful end. After convincing hundreds of people to join his back-to-Africa crusade, Sam purchased a rickety old ship in New York and brought it around

to Galveston, Texas. Meanwhile, potential settlers sold all of their land and belongings and huddled in stark privation in tent cities near Weleetka. Starvation, cold, and disease swept the camps, many succumbing to a smallpox outbreak.



*1729 map of and inland region of West Africa.*

Finally in the summer of 1914, the ragtag settlers made their way to Galveston where Chief Sam's ship awaited. Despite all they had endured only sixty people could make the trip. However, on arrival British authorities detained the ship so they could investigate Chief Sam. He was deemed a fraud. The colonists were not allowed to enter the Gold Coast but they were accepted in nearby Liberia. More suffering befell the colonists, as they were unable to adapt to tribal society, African agriculture, and the climate. Ultimately, they found work in African cities or found their way back to America.

---

*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.*



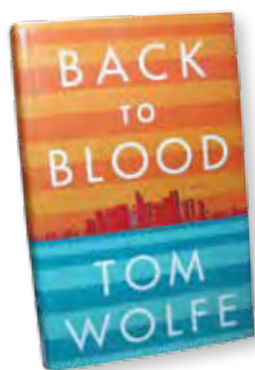
# Reviews & Recommendations

612.82/  
SH53160  
ON THE SHELF

## Back to Blood

by Tom Wolfe

reviewed by Marilyn Backus



Second generation American, first generation police officer, Nestor Comacho has worked hard for his perfect body, which empowers him to perform amazing feats of strength in the performance of his duties. The Miami Herald lauds him with a front-page photo of his rescue of a frightened man from the very top of a ship's mast. The same photo in the Spanish-speaking news proclaims him a traitor for snatching the Cuban refugee just feet away from American sanctuary. Just like that, Nestor loses the support of his Cuban family and friends.

Outrage from the Cuban community forces Nestor's transfer to another department, so he can lay low beneath public scrutiny. Unfortunately, an iPhone captures video of Nestor tackling a black man twice his size, bringing the drug dealer to his knees and to justice. Even more unfortunate, the video becomes a YouTube sensation, complete with politically incorrect language by police. His bosses, the black head of the police department and the Cuban-American mayor, disagree on his hero status.

Meanwhile, Nestor's stunningly beautiful Cuban girlfriend dumps him for a pasty-white porn-addiction specialist, then moves on to a Russian mobster. Nestor's new Haitian girlfriend is "passing for white," or passing for French, per her parents' instructions.

Wolfe, always timely, targets modern art fans, English-speakers and Spanish-speakers, Cuban refugees and the American-born, Russian "oligarchs" and mob men, rich and poor, blacks, browns, whites, and all shades in between, all competing for money, status, or community in Miami.

An electric bonfire of a book, full of all the right stuff, this title is also available as a WMA Audiobook, an Audiobook CD, a Playaway, and in large print.

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

FICTION/  
SIM  
ON THE SHELF

## The Irresistible Blueberry Bakeshop & Café

by Mary Simses

reviewed by Phyllis Davidson



This story starts with a crash as Ellen Branford falls through the rotted planks of a dock on the coast of Maine. She plunges into a frigid rip current that starts dragging her swiftly out to sea. Just as her life begins to flash before her eyes, she is rescued by Roy, an attractive stranger who turns out to be a carpenter.

Ellen had only planned to be in Beacon, Maine long enough to fulfill her grandmother's dying wish by delivering an apology letter to the boy the grandmother had once loved but left behind. Then she intends to return home to continue preparing for her upcoming wedding to politically-active Hayden Croft.

When Ellen fails to find her grandmother's boyfriend right away, she stays longer, uncovers clues about her grandmother's mysterious past, and begins to fall in love with the town and the people. Then she discovers a surprising connection between her rescuer and her grandmother. I think you'll find this story as irresistible as a blueberry muffin.

This title is also available in a large print edition.

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



## The Lowland

by Jhumpa Lahiri

reviewed by Christine Bassett



Bestselling author and 2000 Pulitzer Prize winner of *Interpreter of Maladies*, Jhumpa Lahiri has written another compelling novel that will appeal to those who enjoy Khaled Hosseini's books for both writing style and content. Lahiri once again writes about global migration and the effect on individuals and families, a theme with which many second generation Americans can identify.

In *The Lowland*, two brothers born into a Calcutta neighborhood close to a low lying swamp (the Lowland) who are close in age but very different in temperament, find themselves separated in the 1960s when Subhash Mitra travels to Rhode Island (where the author lived when her family migrated there from London) to work and study while his brother Udayan remains in the family home.

While Subhash settles quietly into American life, Udayan is heavily involved in the Communist Naxalite

movement in India with devastating consequences which have a far reaching effect on his whole family, including Subhash.

Spanning over 60 years, Lahiri's latest book deals with issues of family commitment, parenthood, guilt, reconciliation and sexual equality. Lahiri writes with compelling prose and reviews have included such praise terms as "formidable," "thrilling", magnificent" and "exquisite ." *The Lowland* was shortlisted for the prestigious UK Man Booker Award in 2013.

This title is also available from MLS in audio and digital formats.

*Christine Bassett has worked for MLS for over 10 years. She currently works as a reference librarian at Bethany Library and is a volunteer community literacy tutor in her spare time.*



## Tim Gunn's Fashion Bible

by Tim Gunn, with Ada Calhoun

reviewed by Linda Hyams



If you love fashion, then you know Tim Gunn, a beloved pop culture icon. Co-host of *Project Runway*, he is a man of impeccable style and manners. So when I had a chance to read his new book I knew I'd learn everything about fashion.

The book is a fashion style guide with a good dose of the history of western fashion. Gunn tells you if you are a "Helen" or a "Cleopatra". (You will need to read the book to find out). Men are included in his discourse with some very good tips about selecting the right trousers and suits. His emphasis is on making you look good, but he doesn't hesitate to give you a stern talk

about fashion dos and don'ts. You will definitely know how he feels about "jeggings".

Even when he is being catty, he is still nice. You can tell that Mr. Gunn spent years as a teacher because his style is warm and caring, and he clearly loves to share information. This is a must read for fashionistas.

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





# Reviews & Recommendations

940.531/  
ED2439m

ON THE SHELF

## The Monuments Men

by Robert M. Edsel

reviewed by Lloyd Lovely



Here's another book about World War II, which continues to be a popular topic. Recent books, such as *Unbroken*, unearth real-life stories that read like fiction to us who are now almost seventy years removed from the horrors that so many people lived. *The Monuments Men* presents a previously-untold tale of ordinary but dedicated people fighting for humanity against psychopathic Nazis.

This book is not about the famous battles, but about a handful of special men who closely followed the fighting troops, with the hope of saving centuries-old pieces of art that are important to all cultures and that define us as human beings. Hitler and his goons were aggressively looting priceless art treasures in every territory they conquered and then shipping the works to Germany, where the art was hidden in hundreds of

mostly underground locations to protect it from war damage. Hitler's goal for the art was to create the largest art museum in the world in his hometown of Linz – for the people, but in his honor, of course. Goring and other cronies of Hitler were more interested in lining their own pockets from the millions of art objects they looted.

*The Monuments Men* tells the incredible story of the recovery and return of the art, set against the backdrop of the war. It's an enjoyable read and you'll learn a lot, too!

This title is also available from MLS in audio and digital formats.

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

FICTION/  
ZUS

ON THE SHELF

## The Book Thief

by Markus Zusak

reviewed by Kelley Riha



I didn't mean to wander into the world of this book. The cold-hearted narrator sucked me in while I read and wadded me up like discarded paper until I melted into a puddle of tears on page 550. The setting author Zusak chose is a small town called Molching in Nazi Germany just before World War II erupts. The characters are neighborhood people that could be from any town anywhere. But it is the narrator who causes one's skin to crawl, reminding readers of Death's ever-present, silent stalk of the human race. So while I didn't mean to wander in, I also couldn't leave once I was there.

In libraries and book stores, stealing books is a crime. In *The Book Thief*, it means survival for one lone orphan. The orphan, Leisel Meminger, is forever scarred when her little brother dies (it is here that book one is thieved). Without hope, Leisel's mother gives her up to foster

parents. She is eventually accepted into the family and her story unfolds as Zusak skillfully guides us through the events of her life, joyous and horrid, as she grows from a youngster into a young adult during one of the most tragic periods in history.

From off the current bestseller list, *The Book Thief* movie is now surging onto the big screen. But before you settle into your theatre seat with popcorn and soda in hand, read the book and let your imagination tell you the story first.

This title is also available from MLS in digital and audio formats.

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





# The eBooks Are Here!

**Y**ou probably know that the printing press using movable type was developed in Germany by Johannes Gutenberg in 1450, but did you know that on his death bed in 1468, Gutenberg predicted that one day books wouldn't need printing presses, that the masses would be able to read digital books on their Pads, Pods, computers, phones, and eBook readers?

Okay, maybe he didn't say that, but if he had he'd have been right. It is possible to use those devices to read books and magazines. Yes, Gutenberg would have seen into the 21st Century, but not quite far enough.

He left out the part about being able to do all that eReading for free with your MLS library card.

OverDrive Read, OverDrive's new browser-based eBook reader, lets you start reading any of the

thousands of eBooks we have available from our website with just a few clicks. You can use over 50 different devices to access our collection, including Kindle, Motorola, Apple, Nokia, Blackberry, Samsung, SONY, Toshiba, and products from many other manufacturers. Audiobooks are available as well.

If you're new to the world of electronic media, this may all sound kind of overwhelming, but getting started is easy. Just go to our website and click on Downloads & Streaming. Now select

*eMedia Overdrive & Help* and follow the bouncing ball. As the

website tells you, "eMedia is our way of providing you 24/7 access to eBooks and Audiobooks. Download titles wherever and whenever you want!"

And let us point out one more time that eBook downloads from MLS are free, with no late fees.

Maybe Gutenberg didn't foresee the remarkable changes that would come to the world of books 550 years after his time, but he was also a blacksmith and he didn't say anything about Lamborghinis, either.





# A New & Inspiring Play for Black History Month

*In celebration of Black History Month, this February MLS is  
once again partnering with Rhythmically Speaking to present  
a new play by Oklahoma City playwright DWe Williams,  
Nothing But Mercy: A Private Room Please!*







**I**t's the story of two strong women who never met but together pioneered a compassionate new way of life by undermining a cruel old one.

The Sisters of Mercy was founded in Dublin in 1831. Fifty-three years later, the Sisters came to Indian Territory, finally settling in Oklahoma City in 1903. In 1947, the order bought Oklahoma City General Hospital, changed the name to Mercy Hospital, and organized their medical mission.



Then, something happened, one of those seemingly small things that blossom into something large and ahead of its time. A retired African American school teacher had a heart attack and his wife asked Mercy Hospital for a private room. It doesn't sound like much, but a black patient in a

white hospital in a private room was unheard of. So out of the ordinary was the request, one of the nurses turned up her nose at the idea.

A hospital administrator, Sister Mary Catherine McAuley, a religious named for the founder of the Sisters, responded with quiet rage not at the original request, but at the nurse's attitude. She "suggested" that the nurse look for employment elsewhere as anyone working at Mercy "would need to comply with the philosophy of the hospital—there was to be no discrimination in the care of the sick because of race, creed or color."



The practice of separate and unequal treatment of African American patients was abolished at Mercy Hospital decades before the Jim Crow laws were outlawed in other parts of the country.



DWe Williams and Rhythmically Speaking have been inspired by this story.

Join them for the complete and inspiring drama during the month of February at these MLS locations. All presentations are free and open to the public.

<b>Bethany Library:</b>	Saturday, February 1 at 2:30pm
<b>Downtown Library:</b>	Sunday, February 2 at 2:30pm
<b>Midwest City Library:</b>	Monday, February 3 at 6:30pm
<b>Capitol Hill Library:</b>	Thursday, February 6 at 1pm
<b>Warr Acres Library:</b>	Saturday, February 8 at 2:30pm
<b>Choctaw Library:</b>	Monday, February 10 at 6pm
<b>Belle Isle Library:</b>	Tuesday, February 11 at 6:30pm
<b>Northwest Library:</b>	Sunday, February 16 at 2:30pm
<b>Del City Library:</b>	Thursday, February 20 at 6:30pm
<b>Edmond Library:</b>	Saturday, February 22 at 2:30pm
<b>Ralph Ellison Library:</b>	Sunday, February 23 at 2:30pm
<b>The Village Library:</b>	Tuesday, February 25 at 6:30pm
<b>Southern Oaks Library:</b>	Thursday, February 27 at 6:30pm

For more information please call 606-3833 or visit [www.metrolibrary.org](http://www.metrolibrary.org).

# february

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Table of Contents

12	Almonte Library	19	Midwest City Library
13	Belle Isle Library	22	Nicoma Park Library
13	Bethany Library	22	Northwest Library
14	Capitol Hill Library	22	Ralph Ellison Library
14	Choctaw Library	22	Southern Oaks Library
16	Del City Library	23	The Village Library
17	Downtown Library	24	Warr Acres Library
18	Edmond Library		

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

All MLS libraries will be closed January 1.

### Almonte Library

See page 17 for more Almonte Library programs/events.

#### Make 'n' Take Valentine Craft

**Feb 1 | Sat | 2p-3p**

**Ages 5-11**

Join us and make yourself or someone else a special candy valentine gift. All supplies and candy provided. A great way to enjoy yourself at the library while learning a craft and about library resources. Please stop by or call 405-606-3575 to register.

#### Toddler Aerobics

**Feb 4 | Tue | 10:30a-11a**

**Ages 2-5**

Parents or caregivers are invited to bring their toddlers and enjoy fun aerobics activities to help with their children's development of fine and gross motor skills and promote learning in a fun way. Come in or call 606-3575 to sign-up.

#### Al Bostick presents Buffalo Soldiers

**Feb 4 | Tue | 6:30p-7:15p**

**All Ages**

You are invited to come to the library to celebrate Black History Month and learn more about our Oklahoma Black History with Al Bostick and his whooping foot-stomping good time in rhyme, rhythm, and tale tellin' ways!

#### Almonte Knitting Club

**Feb 6 | Thu | 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.

#### Trip Around the World

**Feb 8 | 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.

#### Valentine's Day Treat Basket

**Feb 10 | Mon | 3p-5p**

**Adults**

Giving candy to your valentine is nice, but presentation is important too. Come to the library to learn how to weave a heart shaped basket out of construction paper and see what craft resources are at your local library. Your valentine will definitely be impressed! All supplies will be provided. Come in or call 405-606-3575 to sign up.

#### Preschool Story Time

**Feb 11,25 | Tue | 10:30-11a**

**Ages 2-5**

Nurture a love for books and build early literacy skills by joining us for stories, fingerplays, songs and more. Stop by the library or call 606-3575 to register.

#### Valentine's Movie Screening

**Feb 13 | Thu | 6p-8p**

**All Ages**

Come see this romantic fairy tale classic, celebrating "Twoo Wuv" with swashbuckling pirates, friendly giants, and an endangered princess! The film is rated PG-13, and is 90 minutes long. Come learn what other romantic movies the library has available for checkout!

#### Parachute Play

**Feb 18 | Tue | 10:30a-11a**

**Ages 3-5**

Children will delight in playing with a large colorful parachute. Parachute play promotes social skills, teamwork, development of large and small motor skills, as well as promote reading readiness. Class size is limited so please come in or call 405-606-3575 to sign up.

#### Teen Creative Writing Workshop

**Feb 18,25 | Tue | 6p-7p**

**Ages 12-18**

Teens, do you like to write? Do you like the idea of writing but don't know where to start? Then, allow writer and blogger, Megan Cox, to give you some great tips and walk you through the creative process of writing your own stories in our 6 week workshop just for teens! Megan will help you tap into the creative side of your brain and get you excited about writing! Megan will also hit on the technology side of writing such as blogging and fan fiction as part of Teen Tech Month.

#### Lil' Al's Book Club

**Feb 27 | Thu | 5:30p-6:30p**

**Ages 8-11**

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



---

## Belle Isle Library

See pages 17, 21, 25 and 26 for more Belle Isle Library programs/events.

### Service Core of Retired Executives Counseling

**Feb 1,15 | Sat | 9:30a-12p**

#### Adults

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

### Blind Date with a YA Book

**Feb 1-28**

#### Ages 12 and Up

Who needs a date on Valentine's Day when you've got a book! Anyone who checks out a blind date book which will be specially wrapped and on display, reads it, and fills out a Rate Your Date form will be entered to win a prize! Go on a Blind Date with one of our YA books all this month.

### Anime Club

**Feb 4 | Tue | 4p-5p**

#### Teens

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

### First Friday Bookclub

**Feb 7 | Fri | 4p-5p**

#### Ages 10-14

### Teen Iron Chef: Chocolate Challenge

**Feb 11 | Tue | 4p-5p**

#### Teens

Who's cuisine reigns supreme?

Teens will compete in the ultimate snack competition. Materials will be provided.

\*\*\*Important: Please indicate prior to participating if you have any food allergies. You may still participate, but please do not handle or eat the items to which you are allergic.

### Forever Young Adult Book Club

**Feb 16 | Sun | 4p-5p**

#### Adults

The Forever Young Adult Book Club is for YA fans who are a little less "Y" and a bit more "A." Based off the popular website, we will be meeting every third Sunday of

the month to discuss a different title. This month we'll discuss "Ready Player One" by Ernest Cline. Contact the Information Desk at 843-9601 to reserve a copy of the book!

### Juggling Club

**Feb 18 | Tue | 4p-5p**

#### Teens

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

### Metropolitan Library Commission of Oklahoma County

**Feb 20 | Thurs | 3:30p-5p**

Belle Isle Library

5501 N. Villa

Oklahoma City, OK 73109

405.843-9601

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

**Feb 22 | Sat | 2p-3:30p**

#### Teens and up

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

### Teen Crafts

**Feb 25 | Tue | 4p-5p**

#### Teens

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

---

## Bethany Library

See page 21 for more Bethany Library programs/events.

### Winter Story & Craft Time

**Feb 6 | Thur | 10a-10:45a**

#### Ages 3-6

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

### Yu-Gi-Oh! Club

**Feb 1 | Sat | 10a-11:30a**

#### Teens (Ages 12-18)

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

### Silver Strings Performance

**Feb 8 | Sat | 2p-3p**

#### All Ages

The wonderful Putnam City Silver Strings will perform love songs and other favorites. Refreshments will be served after the event.

### The Children's Hour Evening Story Time

**Feb 11 | Tue | 6:30p-7p**

#### Ages 3-8

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

### Valentine Story and Craft Time

**Feb 13 | Thu | 10a-10:45a**

#### Ages 3-6

Enjoy Valentine's Day stories, songs, nursery rhymes and a fun craft as well as Valentine refreshments to celebrate the holiday. Pre-register at the library information desk or call 789-8363, ext. 3.

### Craft: Snowflake

**Feb 13 | Thu | 6:30p-8:30p**

#### Adults

Myra Woodside will instruct this class. A new pattern of snowflake will be available or choose a heart pattern.. This is a fun and lively class. All supplies will be free. Refreshments will be served after the class.

### Presidents Day

**Feb 17 | Mon | 6:30p-7:30p**

#### Adults

Joe McFadden & Mr. Green will make history fun and informative. Refreshments served after the program.

### Play and Story Time

**Feb 20,27 | Thu | 9:30a-10:15a & 10:30a-11:15a**

#### Ages 12mos. to 4yrs

Enjoy play time with your child plus a story, music and nursery rhymes. 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

See pages 17, 21 & 26 for more Capitol Hill Library programs/events.

### Safari Afterschool Homework and Reading Help

**Feb 3,5,10,12,17,19,24,26 | Mon | 4p-6p Kids**

Volunteers are standing by to offer one-on-one help for math, science, spelling, and reading. Skilled library staff will connect parents to resources in order to further their child's education. So kids, sign up when you come in and get ready to ace your classes this year! Homework and reading help is available every Monday and Wednesday except during OKC Public School Breaks. Please call 634-6308 to verify dates.

### Tell Me a Story: Book & Craft

**Feb 4 | Tue | 10:30a-11:30a Ages 6 & under, families**

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

### Game Central

**Feb 4 | Tue | 6p-7:30p Ages 10-16**

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

### Art in the Afternoon para Familias

**Feb 8 | Sat | 2p-4p Kids/teen/families**

Enjoy a day of creativity with family and friends at your friendly neighborhood library. We have a different art or craft project each month lead by local artist Debbie Langston. All supplies are provided. Come explore your interests and our collection of books on all types of art. We offer this program on the 2nd Saturday of each month.

### Conversational Spanish II

**Feb 10,17,24 | Mon | 5:30p-7p Adults**

This course is designed for individuals who already have a basic understanding of the Spanish language and want to increase their Spanish speaking skills. This is a three month, 13 session class that will meet on

Mondays February 10th-May 5th. Register by contacting the library, or sign up at the Information Desk.

### Tell Me a Story: Move & Build

**Feb 11 | Tue | 10:30a-11:30a Ages 6 & under, families**

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. Storytime is every Tuesday.

### Science Kids

**Feb 11 | Tue | 6:30p-7:30p 1st-6th Grade**

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

### Tell Me a Story: Parachute Play

**Feb 18 | Tue | 10:30a-11:30a Ages 6 & under, families**

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

### BeyBlade Club

**Feb 18 | 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.

### Trip Around the World

**Feb 19 | 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.

### Lego Club

**Feb 25 | Tue | 4p-5p Kids**

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

### Tell Me a Story: Play & Learn

**Feb 25 | Tue | 10:30a-11:30a Ages 6 & under, families**

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

### Advice for Parents/Consejos para Padres

**Feb 25 | Tue | 7p-8p Adults**

Fabian Florez, Behavioral Health Rehabilitation Specialist, will present tips and answer questions about common parenting concerns. This workshop can be taught in English or Spanish. Your library offers information about support services and skills you need for any topic!

## Choctaw Library

See pages 17 & 21 for more Choctaw Library programs/events.

### Parachute Play

**Feb 6 | 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.

### Cool Lego Robotics

**Feb 10 | 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 stop by the Information Desk or call 390-8418. Co-Sponsor: OSU Extension 4-H.



# TAX HELP



*Need help preparing your tax return?*

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

**Belle Isle Library**

Tuesdays, 9a-1p  
Thursdays: 9a-1p  
Saturdays: 9a-Noon

**Capitol Hill Library**

Tuesdays: Noon-2p  
Fridays: 9a-2p

**Del City Library**

Mondays: 10a-2p  
Thursdays: 10a-2p  
Saturdays: 10a-Noon

**Edmond Library**

Mondays: Noon-8p  
Thursdays: 10a-3p

**Northwest Library**

Wednesdays: 9:30a-3p

**Village Library**

Tuesdays: 9a-3p  
Wednesdays: 9a-3p  
Saturdays: 9a-3p

**Warr Acres Library**

Mondays: 9a-3p  
Fridays: 9a-3p

**Lapsit Storytime****Feb 4,11,18,25 | Tue | 9:30a-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****Feb 4,11,18,25 | Tue | 10:30a-11a**  
**Age 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 information.

**Lil Lit Reading Club****Feb 5,12,19,26 | 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.

**Homework Cafe****Feb 6 | Thu | 3p-4:30p**  
**Teens**

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****Feb 8 | Sat | 10a-11a**  
**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.

**AARP Defensive Driver Safety Course****Feb 15 | Sat | 9:30a-3:30p**  
**Ages 16 and Older**

Attention all licensed drivers! Thomas Edwards, District Coordinator with AARP Driver Safety Program will lead this course to update your skills and knowledge for safer driving. A Certificate of Completion of this course will provide an auto insurance discount lasting three years. AARP members: \$15; all others: \$20. Cash or check payable to AARP is required the day of the course. Snacks and beverages will be provided. Preregistration required.

**Ookami Anime Club****Feb 22 | Sat | 2:30p-4p**  
**Teens**

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

**Lego Club****Feb 26 | Wed | 4p-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.

**Teen Movie Night****Feb 27 | Thur | 6p-8p**  
**Ages 13 - 18**

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

---

**Del City Library**

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

**Homework Help****Feb 3,6,10,13,17,20,24,27 | 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! The Homework Help session will not meet on Feb 17.

**Ayumu Anime Club****Feb 4 | 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****Feb 5,12,19,26 | 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****Feb 7 | 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****Feb 11 | Tue | 4:30p-5:30p**  
**Teens**

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

**Valentine's Day Cards****Feb 12 | Wed | 4p-5:30p**  
**Ages 8-16**

Have you made your Valentines yet? It's not too late! We will provide all the supplies needed for you to make Valentines for your special people. Small snacks will also be provided. If you have questions or would like to sign up please call 672-1377 or visit us at the library.

**Lego Club****Feb 17 | 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 visit us at the Del City Library or call us at 672-1377.

**Toddler Storytime****Feb 4,11,18,25 | Tue | 10a-10:30a**  
**Age 2-4**

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

**Journal Junkies****Feb 18 | Tue | 4:30p-5:30p**  
**Ages 16 and up**

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



# CHILDREN READING TO DOGS

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



**Almonte Library** Mondays, 7-8pm

**Belle Isle Library** Mondays, 6-7pm

**Capitol Hill Library** Saturday, Feb 8, 1-2pm

**Choctaw Library** Saturday, Feb 8, 3-4pm  
Wednesday, Feb 19, 4-5pm

*Register at the Information Desk or call 390-8418*

**Downtown Library** Saturday, Feb 15, 3-4pm

**Edmond Library** Tuesdays, Feb 4, 18, 6:30-7:30pm

**Midwest City Library** Tuesdays, Feb 11, 25, 7-8pm

*Register at the Information Desk or call 732-4828*

**Nicoma Park Library** Thursday, Feb 6, 4pm-4:45pm  
*Register at the Information Desk or call 769-9452*

**Northwest Library** Mondays, 6-7pm

**Southern Oaks Library** Tuesday, Feb 11, 6:30-7:30p  
Saturday, Feb 22, 10-11am

*Register at the Information Desk or call 631-4468*

**The Village Library** Wednesdays, 6-7pm  
Thursdays, 3:30-4:30pm

**Warr Acres Library** Thursday, Feb 6, 6:30-7:30pm

## Movie Matinee

**Feb 20 | 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

**Feb 21 | 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 page 21 for more Downtown Library programs/events.*

## Eco Kids: Ooey-Gooey Science

**Feb 3 | Mon | 6:30p-7:30p**

### 1st-6th Grade

Join us for a 3 part series led by naturalist Neil Garrison. For our first session we'll make a big batch of green slime and have lots of fun with this hands-on adventure. To register please call 606-3862. Parking is free after 6 pm.

## Urban Sprouts

**Feb 6, 20 | 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.

## Wednesday Night at the Movies.

**Feb 5, 12, 19, 26 | Wed | 6p-8p**

### Ages 13+

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

## Noon Tunes

**Feb 6, 13, 20, 27 | Thur | Noon-1p**

### All ages

Performing in January are:

Feb 6: Ali Harter, Singer/Songwriter

Feb 13: Traditional Jazz Project Trio

Feb 20: Crossfire, Bluegrass Trio

Feb 27: Natalie Syring & Sam Magrill, flute/piano

## Valentine Stories and Crafts

**Feb 10 | Mon | 6:30p-7:30p**

### Children

Join us for Valentine's Day themed stories and create unique cards for your special valentines! Children under 8 should be accompanied by a caregiver. To register please call 606-3862. Parking is free after 6pm.

## Urban Sprouts - Wild Card

**Feb 13 | 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.

## Kids Gameapalooza

**Feb 17 | Mon | 6:30p-7:30p**

### Children

Join us for our new monthly game night at the library. Family members of all ages are encouraged to attend and participate along with their children. Children under 8 should be accompanied by a caregiver. Bring your own board game or play one of ours. No registration required and parking is free after 6pm!

## LEGO Club

**Feb 24 | Mon | 6:30p-7:30p**

### Ages 6-12

Young LEGO builders are invited to join Downtown's monthly club meet-up. LEGO bricks and supplies provided. You need only bring your imagination and team spirit! Children under 8 should be accompanied by a caregiver. No registration required and parking is free after 6 pm.

**Music Play with Miss Ginger****Feb 27 | Thu | 10a-10:45a****Ages 1-5**

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

**Edmond Library**

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

**Computer Tutoring****Wed, Thurs, Fri | 1p-4p****Adults**

Whether you are a computer novice or more knowledgeable and want to improve your existing skills, one-on-one tutoring sessions are available. 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****Feb 1 | 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.

**Yu-Gi-Oh! Tournament****Feb 1,15 | Sat | 3p-4:30p****School-aged children**

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

**Blind Date with a YA Book****Feb 1-28****Ages 12-18**

Who needs a date on Valentine's Day when you've got a book? Teens who check out a blind date book (specially wrapped and on display) read it, and fill out a Rate Your Date form will be entered to win a prize! Go on a Blind Date with one of our YA books all this month.

**Advanced Farsi****Feb 2, 9,16,23 | 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.

**Beginning Farsi****Feb 2,9,16,23 | 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.

**Preschool Story Time****Feb 3,10,17,24 | Mon****10a-10:30a and 11a-11:30a****3-5 years**

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!

**Chess Club for Kids****Feb 3,17 | 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.

**Murder on the Menu: A Cozy Mysteries Book Club****Feb 4 | 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 February we will be discussing "Chocolate Castle Clue: A Chocoholic Mystery" by Joanna Carl. Please call the library at 341-9282 x3 to reserve a copy of this month's book.

**Lapsit Storytime****Feb 4,11,18,25 | Tue****9a-9:45a | 10:10a-10:50a | 11:15a-11:55a****Birth to 2 years-old**

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

**Baby Bounce****Feb 5,12,19,26 | 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. Sign-up is not required but class size is limited.

**Toddler Time****Feb 5,12,19,26 | Wed****10:10a-10:50a and 11:15a-11:55a****2 year-olds**

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

**Family Storytime****Feb 6,13,20,27 | Thurs | 6:30p-7:15p****Young Children and their Caregivers**

Put on your pajamas and grab your favorite stuffed friend. We will enjoy stories, songs, music, rhymes, and an occasional craft, so come join the fun! Class size is limited so pre-register online at [www.metrolibrary.org](http://www.metrolibrary.org).

**Manga & Anime Club****Feb 6 | Thurs | 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 is rated Teen and above and may not be suitable for younger teens or children.

**Baby Signs Storytime****Feb 7 | Fri | 10a-10:45a****Birth to 2 years, with Caregiver**

Ever wish babies could talk? They can with Baby Signs! Come join Miss Mary, a certified Baby Signs instructor, and Beebo, her signing bear, for a fun filled playtime and storytime that will guide you and your little one to better communication. Pre-register at 341-9282 x 4.

**Readers' Choice Book Club****Feb 8 | Sat | 10:30a-12p****Adults**

The Reader's Choice Book Club meets the second Saturday of every month at the Edmond Library. The group consists of people who enjoy reading outstanding books and discussing them. The book selection for February is "Coming Clean: A Memoir" by Kimberly Rae Miller.

**Paper Bag Scrapbooking Fun****Feb 8 | Sat | 10a-12p****Ages 5 and Up**

Kids, bring 10-12 copies of your favorite photos and transform them into a sweet keepsake for yourself or for someone you love. Younger children should be accompanied by an adult, but all adults are welcome to participate. Supplies are limited, so preregister at 341-9282 x 4.



### **Edmond Library Book Bunch**

**Feb 8 | Sat | 2p-3:30p**

#### **Seniors**

The Book Bunch meets monthly to discuss books selected by our group members. The February selection is "Fin and Lady" by Cathleen Schine. Contact the library to reserve your copy today.

### **Young Professionals Book Club**

**Feb 9 | 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 the recently-challenged *The Circle* by Dave Eggers. Contact the information desk at 341-9282 to reserve a copy of the book.

### **eMedia Workshops**

**Feb 15 | 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 specialist to learn 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 stop by the Information Desk.

### **Krafty Kids**

**Feb 19 | Wed | 6:30pm-7:30pm**

#### **Ages 5-10 years**

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**

**Feb 21 | Fri | 9:15a-10a**

#### **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 of the month online at [www.metrolibrary.org](http://www.metrolibrary.org).

### **Music with Joy**

**Feb 21 | Fri | 10:15a-11a and 11:15-12p  
2 1/2 - 5 years**

Join Miss Joy for a morning of musical activities just for this age. There will be singing, instruments, and rhythmic activities. Pre-register on the 15th of the month online at [www.metrolibrary.org](http://www.metrolibrary.org)

### **Book Club Kids**

**Feb 22 | Sat | 10:30a-11:30a**

#### **8-12 years**

Love to read? Come be part of Edmond's newest book club just for kids! It's not your mother's book club. This is a book club with a twist. Reserve a copy of this month's selection, "Island of the Blue Dolphins," by Scott O'Dell and come prepared to answer trivia questions to win awesome prizes. Please call to register.

### **Head's Up: Concussion Causes, Prevention and Consequences**

**Feb 24 | Mon | 7p-8p**

#### **Ages 12 and Up**

Join an expert from the Injury Prevention Service of the Oklahoma State Department of Health to learn more about the important topics relating to concussions. Issues include: signs and symptoms, ABCs, what actions to take, how concussion pertains to sports, concussions in infants, children, and toddlers, and the public's influence. This free workshop will be of interest to all.

---

## **Midwest City Library**

*See pages 17, 21, 25 & 26 for more Midwest City Library programs/events.*

### **Display: Harriet Rosebud Hats & Crowns**

**Feb 1-28 | All day**

#### **All Ages**

In conjunction with the Crowns Tea to be held on February 16, the Midwest City Library is pleased to host a display of miniature Harriet Rosebud designs. The hats are approximately 6" in height and adorned with lace, felt, beading, and feathers. The Rosebud display is coordinated with local collector Felecia Jones.

### **Computer Tutoring**

**Mondays and Saturdays**

#### **Adults**

If you are a computer novice, help is available to you in one-on-one tutoring sessions. Tutoring is available on Mondays and Saturdays. Call the library at 732-4828 to make an appointment.

### **Natural Hair Program**

**Feb 1 | Sat | 10a-12p**

#### **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 do not have a good understanding of what works for YOUR

hair, please attend this monthly program. To attend, register at the Information Desk or call 732-4828.

### **Celebrating Black History Month Read-In**

**Feb 2 | Sun | 1p**

#### **All Ages**

The Midwest City Library will host a Read-In during Black History Month. The purpose of Read-Ins is to create a greater awareness of the importance of reading. Several local and state officials will read portions of their favorite books by or about Ralph Ellison. Tickets for the Crowns Tea will be available at the Read In. This program is free and open to the public.

### **Music with Babies**

**Feb 3 | Mon | 9:30a-10:30a**

#### **Ages 0-2 1/2 years old with adults**

Join Miss Joy for a morning of musical activities just for babies.

### **Music with Toddlers**

**Feb 3 | Mon | 10:30a-11:15a**

#### **Pre-kindergarten**

Join Miss Joy for a morning of musical activities just for toddlers. This program's activities are most appropriate for 2 1/2 to 5 year olds.

### **Soldier Creek Quilting**

**Feb 3,10,17,24 | 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.

### **Midwest City Nonfiction Book Club**

**Feb 4 | 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!

### **Puppet Theater Story Time**

**Feb 4 | Tue | 7p-8p**

#### **Age 3 - older**

Celebrate Groundhog's Day with an evening of shadow puppets. We will enjoy stories, songs, rhymes, and make our own puppets. All children should be accompanied by an adult. No registration necessary.

**Teen Advisory Board****Feb 5 | Wed | 5p-6p****Teens**

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

**Teen Creative Writing Program****Feb 5,12,19,26 | Wed | 6p-7p****Teen**

Exercise your creativity at the Teen Creative Writing Workshop. Attendees will learn the fundamentals of writing dialogue and action, as well as character concepting and story outlining. For more information contact Suzette at 405-732-4828.

**Homework Help****Feb 6,13,20,27 | Thu | 4p-6p****Elementary School Age**

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

**Valentine's Day Storytime****Feb 10 | Mon | 10a-12p****Ages 1-5**

Join us for story time. There will be songs, fingerplays, rhymes, and special stories. Come and join the fun! Older siblings are welcome. All children should be accompanied by an adult.

**Writing Group****Feb 10,24 | Mon | 6p-8p****Teens and Adults**

The Midwest City Library Writing Group will meet the second and fourth Monday of each month for fiction writers to support and critique each others work.

**Junk Drawer Lego Robotics****Feb 11 | 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.

**Un Valentine Me with Duct Tape****Feb 12 | Wed | 4p-6p****Teens**

Duct tape and Un-Valentines Day - what

a perfect match!! Show your Un-Valentine how much you are STUCK-ON-THEM with a duct tape gift. All supplies provided by the library. To attend, register at the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828.

**Early Season Veggies****Feb 13 | Thu | 1:30p-3p****Adults**

It is that time of the year to consider planting early season vegetables! This seminar is taught by Ray Ridlen from OSU/OKC. This class is free and available to all. No registration required.

**A Presidential Valentine's Day Crafternoon****Feb 14 | Fri | 4p-5p****Ages 5-10**

Come to the library for a fun afternoon of craft activities that celebrate February Holidays. We will have tables set up with activities for all ages and skill levels. No registration required.

**Motor Vehicle Crash Prevention Course****Feb 15 | 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.

**3rd Annual Crowns Tea****Feb 16 | Sun | 1p-3p and 4p-6p****Adults**

To celebrate the rich tradition of church hats in the African-American community, the Midwest City Library will host our third annual Crowns Tea. Attendees will partake of drinks, hors d'oeuvres and entertainment. Space is limited, tickets are available at the Read-In (February 2) all attendees must wear a hat (church hat is preferred) and registration is required. For more information, please contact the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828.

**Toddler Movement****Feb 17 | Mon | 10a-11a****Ages 2-5 with Parents**

Preschoolers may join in this movement class that features lessons & exercises designed to develop fine & gross motor skills. Parents/ caregivers will participate with their child. No registration required.

**Midwest City Readers' Society Book Club****Feb 18 | 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 February is "Song of Solomon" by Toni Morrison. Call 732-4828 or visit the Information Desk to reserve a copy.

**Family Craft Night****Feb 18 | Tue | 6:30p-7:30p****Children of 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. Register at the Information Desk or by calling 732-4828.

**Books that Talk with Teens****Feb 19 | Wed | 4p-5p****Teens**

Farm animals come to the Midwest City Library. Talk about a classic novel, "Animal Farm" and create fun animal magnets. To attend, register at the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828.

**Trip Around the World****Feb 22 | 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.

**Toddler Storytime****Feb 24 | Mon | 10a-11a****Ages 2-5**

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

**eBooks 101****Feb 25 | Tues | 10a-12p****Adults**

Join Jerod for a step-by-step instructional session on how to check out library eBooks for your eReader, tablet computer or smart phone. No registration required.

**DIY Book Covers for Teens****Feb 26 | Wed | 5p-6p****Teens**

Want to give your books some pizzazz? Attend the Do-It-Yourself Book Cover program and learn how to make your book covers pop! To attend, register at the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828.

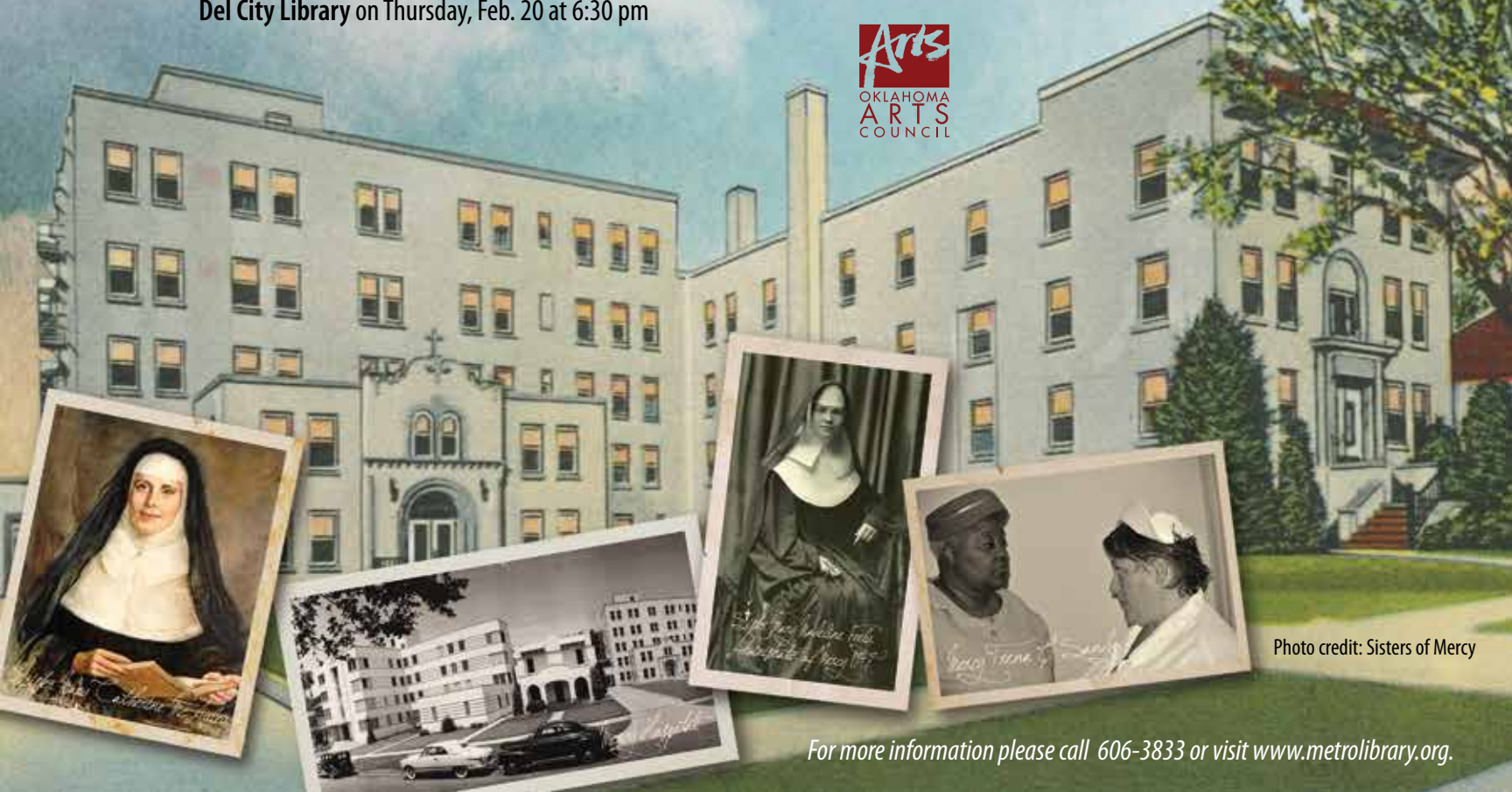


# NOTHING BUT MERCY: A PRIVATE ROOM PLEASE!

In celebration of Black History Month, the Metropolitan Library System presents *Nothing But Mercy: a private room please!*, a new play by Dwe Williams. Join DWe and the cast of Rhythmically Speaking for this culturally enriching event.

**Bethany Library** on Saturday, Feb. 1 at 2:30 pm  
**Downtown Library** on Sunday, Feb. 2 at 2:30 pm  
**Midwest City Library** on Monday, Feb. 3 at 6:30 pm  
**Capitol Hill Library** on Thursday, Feb. 6 at 1 pm  
**Warr Acres Library** on Saturday, Feb. 8 at 2:30 pm  
**Choctaw Library** on Monday, Feb. 10 at 6 pm  
**Belle Isle Library** on Tuesday, Feb. 11 at 6:30 pm  
**Northwest Library** on Sunday, Feb. 16 at 2:30 pm  
**Del City Library** on Thursday, Feb. 20 at 6:30 pm

**Edmond Library** on Saturday, Feb. 22 at 2:30 pm  
**Ralph Ellison Library** on Sunday, Feb. 23 at 2:30 pm  
**The Village Library** on Tuesday, Feb. 25 at 6:30 pm  
**Southern Oaks Library** on Thursday, Feb. 27 at 6:30 pm



For more information please call 606-3833 or visit [www.metrolibrary.org](http://www.metrolibrary.org).



## Nicoma Park Library

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

### Teen Advisory Board

**Feb 12 | Wed | 3:30p-5p**

**Ages 13-18**

Calling all teens! Get involved at Nicoma Park Library. Snacks provided. For more information, contact Vickie at (405)769-9452.

## Northwest Library

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

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

**Feb 3,10,17,27 | Mon | 10a-11a**

**Infants to age 4 w/ Parent**

Playing with your baby or child is not only important for bonding but is also an educational experience for your child. We are providing a special time for you to come to the library and spend one-on-one time to play with your child. A different community resource professional will be available each week to answer your parenting questions. Pre-register by calling the library or visiting the Information Desk.

### Toddler Time

**Feb 4,6,11,13,18,20,25,27**

**Tue and Thurs | 10a-10:30a**

**Tues | 1p-1:30p**

**Ages 3-5**

Bring your little one to the library for some fun and educational activities. Sessions rotate to offer a variety of activities to help develop different early literacy skills. Sign up for January's programs open at 9a on 1/28/14. Call 606-3580 to register.

2/4/14 and 2/6/14- Play With Me: play time followed by a short story time.

2/11/14 and 2/13/14- Story Time: story time with 4-6 books, songs, and rhymes.

2/18/14 and 2/20/14- Wiggles and Giggles: different movement games. This month we offer ABC Yoga!

2/25/14 and 2/27/14- Music Play: music games.

### Busy Babies

**Feb 4,6,11,13,18,20,25,27**

**Tue & Thur | 10:45a-11:15a**

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

**Ages 0-2**

Bring your little one to the library for some fun and educational activities. Sessions rotate

to offer a variety of activities to help develop different early literacy skills. Sign up for January's programs open at 9a on 1/28/14.

Call 606-3580 to register.

2/4/14 and 2/6/14 -Play With Me: play time followed by a short lapsit story time.

2/11/14 and 2/13/14 -Lapsit Story Time: lapsit story time with 4-6 books, songs, and rhymes.

2/18/14 and 2/20/14 -Wiggles and Giggles: different movement games. This month we offer ABC Yoga!

2/25/14 and 2/27/14 -Music Play: music games.

### Cooking Date Night Dinners

**Feb 6 | Thu | 6p-7p**

**Adults**

Whether you are cooking for a special occasion or just looking for recipes designed for two, come join us to learn how to make safe and simple date night dinners. Recipes and a tasting will be provided for those who register by calling 606-3580. Co-Sponsor: OSU Oklahoma County Extension Service

### Chess Club

**Feb 13,27 | Thur | 5:30p-7p**

**All Ages**

If you are interested in chess, come join us at chess club! We meet the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. All ages and skill levels are welcome. Chess sets and guidance will be provided.

### Budding Bookworms

**Feb 10 | Mon | 4p-5p**

**Ages 9-12**

A children's book club is a great way to share your opinions and meet others with similar interests. Come to the library ready to discuss this month's book, "Me and the Pumpkin Queen" by Marlane Kennedy. Reserve your copy today! Call 606-3580 to register.

### Book Club

**Feb 14 | Fri | 1p-2p**

**Adults**

Come join us the 2nd Friday of each month to discuss a new book! This month we will read and discuss "An Invisible Thread" by Laura Schroff. Reserve your copy today!

### Journal Junkies

**Feb 20 | Thur | 4p-5:30p**

**Teens**

Explore your creativity through writing and art. We will provide materials, ideas, and techniques for you to create unique journal pages. Share the fun with other teens in this monthly program. Call 606-3580 to register.

## Ralph Ellison Library

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

### ABC Yoga

**Feb 6 | Thu | 6p-7p**

**Age 3 - older**

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

### Black History Documentary Club

**Feb 22 | Sat | 1p-3p**

**Ages 13 - older**

The Black History Documentary Club meets monthly to screen thought-provoking films. February's selection is "Motherland" by Owen 'Alik Shahadah.

### Black History Month Program

**Feb 26 | Wed | 6a-9p**

**Ages 12 - older**

Join Let's Talk Toastmasters for an evening of skits, speeches, and poetry. There will be original works from famous African Americans.

### Warm Island Getaway

**Feb 27 | Thu | 5p-6:30p**

**Age 3 - older**

Cold outside? Join the luau and learn about Hawaiian culture while enjoying tropical fruit and punch, playing games, creating art, dancing the hula, hula hooping. It's a little touch of Hawaii in the Heartland!

## Southern Oaks Library

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

### Adult Education and Literacy Classes

**Feb 3,5,10,12,17,19,24,26**

**Mon & Wed | 6-8p**

**Adults**

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

**Book Adventure: Kids' Book Club****Feb 4 | 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. Pre-registration is required. Sign up by calling 631-4468 or by visiting the Information Desk.

**Homework Help****Feb 6, 13, 20, 27 | Thu | 4p-6p****Grades 1-8**

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

**Friday Films Films, Family and Fun****Feb 7, 14, 21, 28 | 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 by 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.

**Smart Driving****Feb 8 | Sat | 9:30a-3:30p****Ages 16 and up**

Attention All Drivers! If you want to learn how to be a better driver and save money, sign-up for the Smart Driving Class. The State of Oklahoma authorizes a discount lasting 3 years for any licensed driver aged 16 and up who successfully complete a defensive driver's course. The fee for the class is \$15.00 for AARP members, \$20.00 for non-members, cash or check payable to AARP. Please pre-register by signing up at the Information Desk or by calling 631-4468.

**Scarlet Kitsune Anime Club****Feb 13 | Thur | 6:30p-8:30p****Ages 14-19**

Come watch anime and hang out. We will have other activities and snacks.

**Preschool Storytime****Feb 3, 10, 17 | Mon | 10:30a-11:10a****Children 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.

**Southern Oaks Book Club****Feb 11 | 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 current book selection or stop by the reference desk.

**Valentine's Day Bash****Feb 15 | Sat | 1:30p-4p****Teens only**

Where's the Love? At the Southern Oaks Teen Love Fest! Come hang with Cupid, DDR with a friend, and maybe meet your "dream date". This ain't your Daddy's Valentine's Day party. <3 Please Preregister. (405) 631-4468

**Concussion Awareness Workshop****Feb 18 | Tue | 7p-8p****Ages 12 and up**

Attention parents, coaches and health care providers! Join an expert from the Injury Prevention Service of the Oklahoma State Department of Health to discuss important topics relating to concussions. Issues include: signs and symptoms, ABCs, what actions to take, how concussions pertain to sports, concussions in infants, children, toddlers and the public's influence. Please call 631-4468 for more information or to register for the free workshop.

**Family Place: 1-2-3 Play with Me****Feb 19, 26 | Wed | 10a-11a****Infants to age 4 w/ Parent**

Playing with your baby or child is not only important for bonding but is also an educational experience for your child. We are providing a special time for you to come to the library and spend one-on-one time to play with your child. A different community resource professional will be available each week to answer your parenting questions. Pre-register by calling the library or visiting the Information Desk.

**Toddler Aerobics****Feb 24 | Mon | 10:30a-11:10a****Ages 2-5 (with a parent/ caregiver)**

Preschoolers may join in the aerobics class that features lessons & exercises designed to develop fine & gross motor skills. Parents/ caregivers will participate with their child. Call 631-4468 or visit the Information Desk to sign up.

---

**The Village Library**

*See pages 17, 21 & 26 for more of The Village Library programs/events.*

**Computer Tutoring****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 during one-on-one tutoring sessions. Call the Village Library at 755-0710 to make an appointment for Tuesday or Thursday evenings at 6:30, 7:00, 7:30 or 8:00.

**Chess Club****Feb 7, 14, 21, 28 | 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.

**Trip Around the World****Feb 5 | 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.

**Music with Ginger****Feb 6 | Thu | 10a-10:30a****Ages 2-5 with parent/caregiver**

Come join Ms. Ginger for an age appropriate class where parents and children will play, sing, dance, giggle, and share together during this 30-40 minute session. 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 January 16.

**Knitty Committee****Feb 8 | Sat | 10a-12p****All Ages**

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

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

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

**V-SIFT: Handmade Cards****Feb 13 | Thur | 4p-5p****Teens**

Teens, come make different styles of homemade cards to give to your friends! V-SIFT (Village- Something Interesting for Teens) meets one Thursday per month and features a different activity each month. Snacks will be provided. Please register by calling 755-0710 or stopping by the Information Desk.

**Preschool Storytime****Feb 11 | Tue | 10a-10:30a****ages 2-5 with parent**

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

**Book Discussion Group****Feb 17 | Mon | 3p-4p****Adults**

We always have a lot to say at the Village book discussion group. Join us this month on January 27 at 3pm to discuss our latest pick. This month's title can be picked up or reserved at the Information Desk.

**Mother Goose on the Loose****Feb 18 | Tue | 10a-10:30a****Ages 6 months-3 years**

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

**Teen Book Club****Feb 25 | Tue | 4p-5p****Teens**

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

**Warr Acres Library**

See pages 17, 21, 25 & 26 for more Warr Acres Library programs/events.

**Make and Take Valentine's Day Cards and Gifts****Feb 1 | Sat | 1:30p-3:30p****Adults**

Join us to make a Valentine gift or card for someone special. Use our examples or create your own with the supplies provided. You can come and go or stay for the whole time. Light refreshments will be provided.

**Mother Goose on the Loose****Feb 4,18 | Tues | 9:30-10:30a****Ages 1 to 3 with adult**

Come for a time of laughter and play with rhymes, music and puppets. Join Miss Alma and her puppet "Granny Goose". Call and tell us you are coming.

**Story Time for Preschoolers****Feb 4,18 | Tue****10:30a-11:15a****Ages 3-5**

Your preschooler will be "Hoppy" with Froggy stories and crafts with Miss Alma and her puppets on February 4. Then come February 18 for "Where the Wild Things are" and other monster stories. Please preregister.

**Family Place: 1-2-3 Play with Me****Feb 5,12,19,26 | Wed | 10:30a-11:30a****Infants to age 4 w/ Parent**

Playing with your baby or child is not only important for bonding but is also an educational experience for your child. We are providing a special time for you to come to the library and spend one-on-one time to play with your child. A different community resource professional will be available each week to answer your parenting questions. Pre-register by calling the library or visiting the Information Desk.

**Warr Acres Book Club****Feb 10 | Mon | 11a-12p****Adults**

Imagine finding a letter stating, "My Darling Cecilia, if you're reading this, then I've died..." We will discuss "The Husband's Secret" by Liane Moriarty. Call 721-2616 for more information.

**Play Time for Babies and Tots****Feb 12,19,26 | Wed | 9:15a-10a****6 to 30 months with adult**

Play promotes healthy development and learning, so bring your youngster to our library for 45 minutes of playing and learning

together. (Siblings are welcome.) Preregister at 721-2616.

**#Hashtag My Library: Watercolor Class****Feb 15 | Sat | 3p-4:30p****Ages 12-17**

Hey teens! Discover your inner artist! Now's your time to create. The class is free and supplies are provided. Please call ahead to register at 721-2616.

**Everything Chocolate!!****Feb 20 | Thu | 6:30p-8p****Ages 12-17**

Obey your sweet tooth! Join us for our second annual spectacular chocolate event. Fondue and other yummy treats mixed with great games; you won't want to miss it! Call in advance to register.

**LEGO Club @ Your Library****Feb 22 | Sat | 10:30a-11:30a****Ages 7-11**

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

**Pajama Story Time****Feb 25 | Tue | 6:30p-7:30p****Ages 3 to 5**

Bring your preschooler for a DREAMY and DELIGHTFUL time of bedtime stories with Miss Alma and her puppets. Snacks and fun activities will be provided for everyone. Please call to preregister and let us know your child's eating limitations.





# 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**

**Tues & Thurs | 9:30a-12:30p**

**Feb 4,6,11,13,18,20,25,27**

**Teens and older**

For questions and to register, come to the class.

Cosponsor: OKC Public Schools

## **Edmond Library**

**Intermediate ESL**

**Mon & Wed | 1-3:30p**

**Feb 3,5,10,12,17,19,24,26**

**Adults**

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

## **Beginning ESL**

**Mon & Wed | 6-8:30p**

**Feb 3,5,10,12,17,19,24,26**

**Adults**

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

## **Midwest City Library**

**Tues & Thurs | 6-8:30p**

**Feb 4,6,11,13,18,20,25,27**

Call 682-7873 to register. Cosponsor: OCCC

## **Warr Acres Library**

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

**Feb 3,5,10,12,17,19,24,26**

Call 686-6222 to register. Cosponsor: OCCC

# GED

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

## **Edmond Library**

**Tue & Thur | 6-8:30p**

**Feb 4,6,11,13,18,20,25,27**

**Adults**

Register by calling 682-7873. Cosponsor: OCCC

## **Midwest City Library**

**Mon & Wed | 6-8:30p**

**Feb 3,5,10,12,17,19,24,26**

Call 682-7873 to register. Cosponsor: OCCC

## **Northwest Library**

**Tue & Thur | 6:30-9p**

**Feb 4,6,11,13,18,20,25,27**

**Adults**

Call 682-7873 for more information and to enroll.

Cosponsor: OCCC

## **Southern Oaks Library**

**Mon & Wed | 1-4p**

**Feb 3,5,10,12,17,19,24,26**

**Adults**

For questions and to register, call 631-4468.

# HEALTH & WELLNESS



## Child Developmental Screenings

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

**Edmond Library**  
Feb 26 | Wed | 1p-5p

**Midwest City Library**  
Feb 12 | Wed | 1p-5p

**Southern Oaks Library**  
Feb 26 | Wed | 12:30p-4:30p

**Village Library**  
Feb 12 | Wed | 1p-5p

**Warr Acres Library**  
Feb 5 | Wed | 1p-5p

## 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  
Feb 4,6,11,13,18,20,25,27  
Tue & Thur | 6-7p  
Adults

**Northwest Library**  
Tai Chi  
Feb 3,6,10,13,17,20,24,27  
Mon & Thur | 4-5p  
Adults

## Wellness

**Almonte Library**  
Weight Management  
Feb 27 | Thu | 7p-8p  
Adults

Now that the holidays are over, have your New Year's resolutions been cast aside? If so, come learn from OSU Extension staff how to eat better, track your food intake and exercise, and stay at a healthy weight. Call 606-3576 to sign up for this fun, interactive session.

**Capitol Hill Library**  
Salud Total (Gratis)  
Feb 6,13,20, 27 | Thur | 5:15p-6:30p  
Adults

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

**Edmond Library**  
Eat Better, Move More  
Feb 4,11,18,25 | Tue | 10a-11p  
Seniors and Caregivers

This 12 week series will teach you how to improve your health with better nutrition and more movement in your everyday routines. Please register, beginning December 10th, by calling the library at 341-9282 or stop by the Information Desk. Co-Sponsors: OU Health Science Center; Oklahoma Healthy Aging Initiative.

**Southern Oaks Library**  
Total Wellness  
Feb 4,11,18,25 | Tue | 9:30a-10:30a  
Adults

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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	

## Off the Beaten Path

## . . . Discovering New Literary Treasures

*Abraham Lincoln, Vampire Hunter* [videorecording]  
791.43/AB1591a/VIDEO/DISC

Celebrate Lincoln's birthday on February 12 with a movie that would make ol' Abe roll his eyes back and shake his head. (Although I suspect he'd be hiding a smile.) The premise of this film is all in the title, and a goofier concept for a movie it would be hard to find. But it's also well made and, if you're in the right mood, fun. Come on, you know you're curious.

*Groundhog Day* [videorecording] 15th anniversary ed.  
791.43/G882g/2008/VIDEO/DISC

Here's a classic holiday film, although the holiday itself is a minor one. Bill Murray stars as a jerk of a TV weatherman who is forced, somehow, to keep re-living the worst day of his life until he gets it right. If you've never gotten around to watching this one, now's the time. Drawback: you'll be humming "I Got You, Babe" for days.



**MLS LIBRARIES**

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

**MLS EXTENSION LIBRARIES\***

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

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

