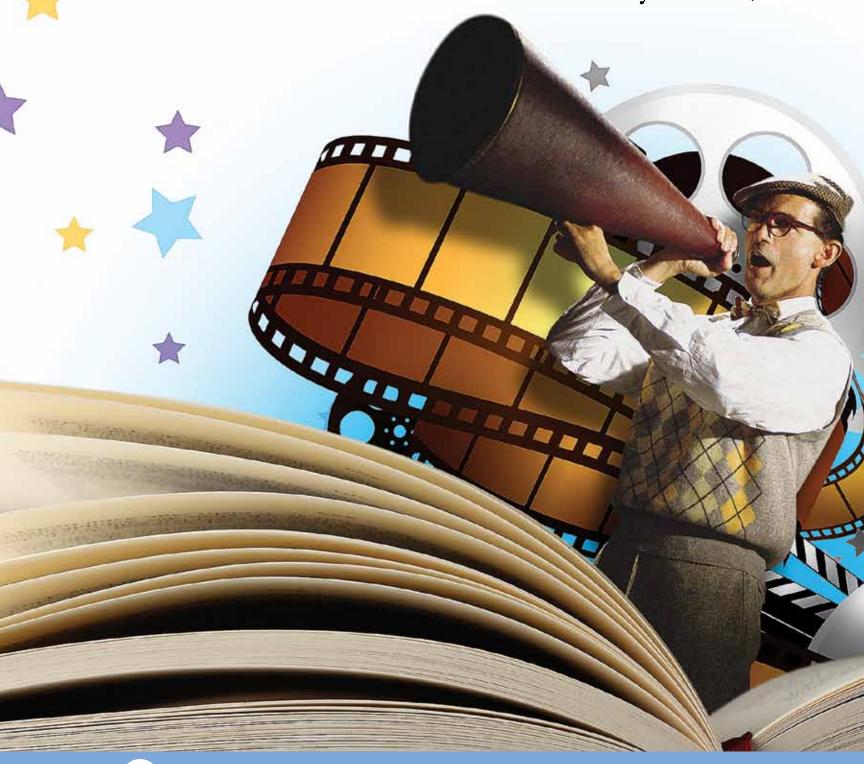


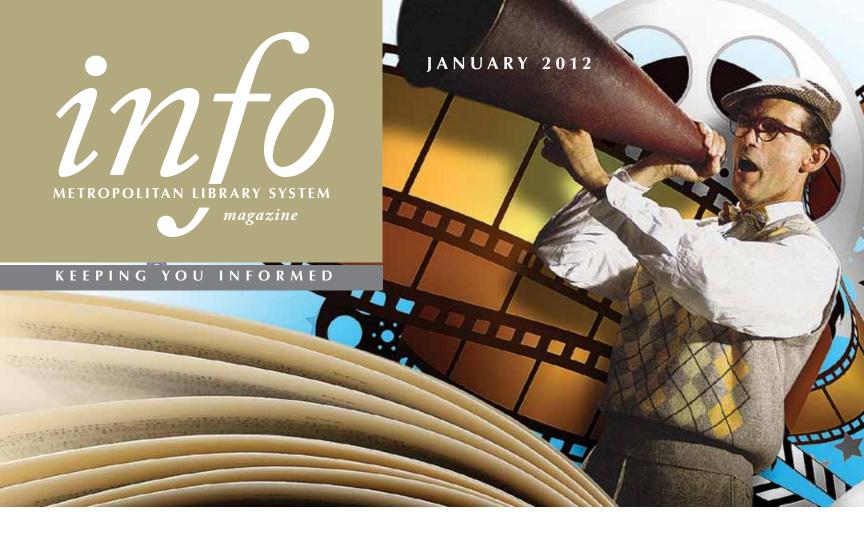
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# New info

Every January marks the start of a new challenge for your pals here at the Metropolitan Library System. We spend an entire year assessing what we do so we can continue to supply the services you value while adding new ones for you to take advantage of during the coming 12 months. We love doing it and nothing gives us more pleasure than receiving a quick "thank you" smile from you.

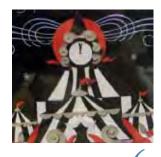
But we never settle back to rest on our laurels—well, maybe for a few days at the end of December, but that's about all. And even then, we're still thinking about new programs and services we can try, the kind of things we'd appreciate if we counted on another library system to help us out in what are hard times for a lot of people. Take a look at our Calendar of Events in this issue of info and you'll see the kind of things we mean.

We're definitely eager to start a new year, so let's get going . . .

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The movie blockbuster based on the bestseller is back. Read them, watch them, maybe even listen to them. Check them out at the Metropolitan Library.



by Larry Johnson

You've probably seen it a hundred times – the photo of the first post office in Oklahoma City. It's in a lot of history books – it shows a shack made of logs and scrap lumber. But look closer and you'll see a little boy in a coonskin hat holding a rifle. That little guy is Chase Beidler, 11 year-old son of the city's first Postmaster George Beidler. The Beidlers arrived here a few weeks before the opening from their home in Middletown, Pennsylvania toting a flag (seen in the photo) handmade by their wife and mother, Arline Beidler. Chase recalled roaming the open prairie with that .22 rifle and coming home with supper each night because the area was teeming with game.



y 1900 Chase was a copy clerk in an abstract office. But he was an eccentric genius who could write legibly with both hands simultaneously and who was constantly tinkering and inventing things – a habit he picked up from his father who had already patented a "Jack-A-Lantern Lamp" and my favorite, the bizarre "Cymbal Campaign Torch".

Chase just knew there had to be a better way of copying documents than writing with both hands. The result of his tinkering was the Rectigraph which could photograph a document, quickly develop a negative and print infinite copies.

copies.

Chase Beidler's machine caught on fast and in 1910 he moved his Rectigraph Company to Rochester,

New York, home of Eastman-

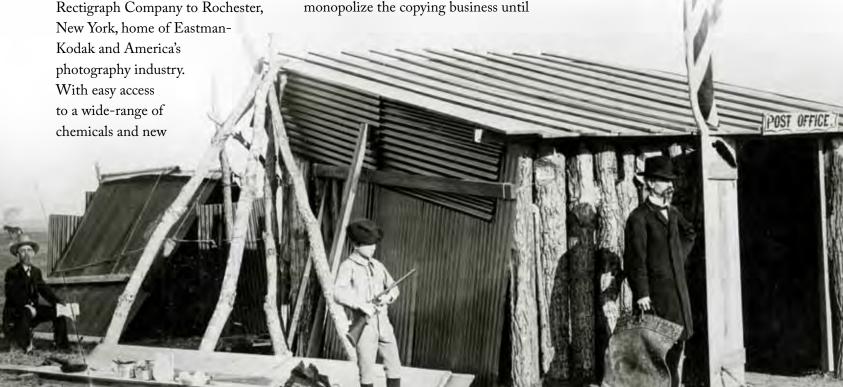
camera technologies, Beidler was constantly refining his developing process while his factory cranked out Rectigraphs and sold them all over the world. The machines were useful in a variety of arenas including law enforcement, hospitals, law offices and government agencies.

Beidler remained somewhat eccentric in Rochester. He invented a new type of airplane, but was afraid to fly it and chose to simply taxi it around a Rochester airfield. He believed that his employees' work day should end by 3:00 pm and if they had finished their work for the day he let them go home. As a result he had a motivated, loyal workforce. He always kept his processes secret rather than patent them and was able to all but monopolize the copying business until

he sold his Rectigraph Company to a company called Haloid in 1935. Once Haloid had his secrets they added new camera technology they had developed and, using Beidler's work, created a process called xerography from the Greek root *xero* meaning dry.

Sound familiar? That's right, little Chase Beidler, the boy in the coonskin cap, had essentially invented the Xerox machine.

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**



#### Les Miserables In Concert: 25th Anniversary Edition

Reviewed by Christine Bassett



This new version of Victor Hugo's classic story Les Miserables set in 19th century France is the 25th anniversary edition of the musical in concert. It is a sheer delight to watch. Two sold out concerts took place in 2010 at London's O2 Arena with a specially recruited cast of the best performers, including Alfie Boe as Jean Valjean, plus over 500 additional artists. Matt Lucas and Jenny Galloway as the Thenardiers, and Norm Lewis as Javert, also give captivating performances.

This edition far out shines the previous 10th Anniversary edition as it also includes songs performed by the original 1985 cast as well as from the two different 2010 London production casts. After the concert ends, the Valjean Quartet taken from all four

casts, Colm Wilkinson, Alfie Boe, John Owen-Jones and Simon Bowman sing "Bring Him Home" with great passion and skill in a breath taking performance so memorable that it has since been made into a single recording. Michael Ball and others from the original cast then join in to sing "One Day More" in a rousing performance.

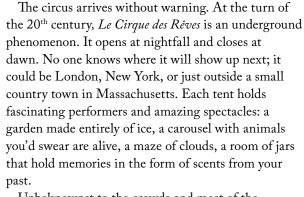
If you take the time to watch this spectacular event, the songs, the music and the charisma of the performers will linger in your memory for days afterwards. Even those who normally fall asleep during concerts will find this stimulating!

Christine Bassett has worked for the MLS for nearly 10 years. She currently works as a reference librarian at Belle Isle and is a volunteer community literacy tutor in her spare time.



#### The Night Circus by Erin Morgenstern

reviewed by Emily Williams



Unbeknownst to the crowds and most of the performers, the circus is a staging ground for an epic magical challenge between two young magicians. Celia and Marco have been pitted against each other by forces beyond their control. Although their blossoming star-crossed love story is captivating, what really makes the book live and breathe is the circus.

The descriptions of the night circus and its performers are immersive. You'll feel like you're walking through the tents, smelling the popcorn, tasting the caramel apples, and being amazed alongside the circus-goers every time a new attraction is discovered. Meandering side stories and numerous vignettes may threaten to distract some readers, but I felt they highlighted the scope of this story and tied in at the conclusion.

Erin Morgenstern's debut literary fantasy novel is the next big thing. The movie rights were sold even before the book was released and it is set to be published in over twenty-two countries. And the best thing of all? This circus is free of scary clowns.

This book is available from MLS as a book, as a spoken word compact disc, as an Adobe EPUB eBook, and as an OverDrive WMA Audiobook. A large print edition is currently on order.

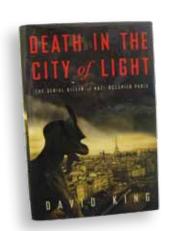
Emily Williams is the MLS Young Adult Services Coordinator and before that, was the young adult librarian at the Village Library for several years. She watches too much TV, likes to run, is a fan of breakfast, and has an obsession with getting the #1 parking spot.





# Death in the City of Light: The Serial Killer of Nazi-Occupied Paris by David King

reviewed by Doug Bentin



Parisians who knew Dr. Marcel Petiot recognized that he was a little odd but they assumed that his secretive ways were the result of his work with the French Underground resistance fighters and his connection with the flourishing black market. The French capitol had been occupied by the Nazis since 1940, and anyone who stuck thorns into the Germans was at least a bit of a hero.

But the charming, attractive Dr. Petiot was a lot odder than anyone suspected. For years he had been telling refugees that he could smuggle them out of Paris on black market ships bound for South America. All he wanted for this service was everything they owned. He collected and when they showed up for

departure, he murdered them.

There's something particularly nasty about a serial killer who preys on people who are terrified of being slaughtered by political mass murderers. It's like strangling fish in a barrel.

The not-so-good doctor was finally caught with the remains of 27 of his victims in his house, a number that represents less than half of his actual count.

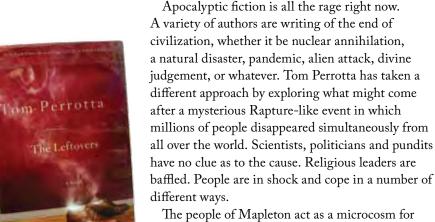
King's book is an excellent example of true crime writing that also demonstrates a grasp on the wider flow of history. It will satisfy both crime and history buffs.

Doug Bentin edits info magazine.



## The Leftovers by Tom Perrotta

reviewed by Jana Hausburg



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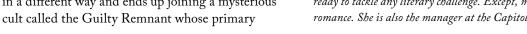
The people of Mapleton act as a microcosm for what happens all over the world. Some, like Kevin Garvey, continue in much the same way as before. None of his family members disappeared, and he is able to focus on bringing a sense of normalcy back to his community. His wife Laurie, however, reacts in a different way and ends up joining a mysterious

purpose is keep the events of October 14th fresh in everyone's minds. Their son Tom is influenced by a self-proclaimed prophet going by the name of Holy Wayne. Daughter Jill retreats into a series of feckless behaviors.

It is Nora Durst who appears in the most moving scenes in the book. She lost her entire family in the Event and, although she goes through the motions of recovery, is still reeling from it all. A tenuous connection to Kevin is impeded by the unspoken question, "What happened the night they disappeared?" Can Nora come to terms with the guilt she feels? Can any of them?

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

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

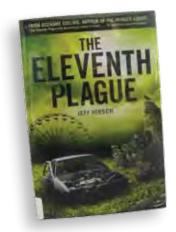


# **Reviews & Recommendations**



#### The Eleventh Plague by Jeff Hirsch

reviewed by Linda Hyams



People like me who read a lot are always on the lookout for new books and authors previously unexplored. I look for recommendations from friends, I read reviews, and I'm drawn to interesting covers (yes, I judge a book by its cover).

However, I was not expecting to get a book tip while catching up with my favorite sewing blog, "Gertie's New Blog for Better Sewing." In this case, Gretchen Hirsch is married to the author of this fabulous book. So of course, in a gesture of solidarity with another sewist, I had to check it out.

The Eleventh Plague is a story of the USA years after a devastating war that brought about the collapse of society. Two thirds of the populations have died as a result of a vicious influenza nicknamed the Eleventh Plague. The main characters, Steve and Jenny, are

teenagers who are trying to survive in this new world. There is no infrastructure or government. A silly teenage prank goes wrong, and creates a new and possibly deadly consequence for fellow survivors. The book explores moral questions about right and wrong. It makes the reader ask the question: how far will a person go if survival is at stake? What values would a person be willing to compromise? The book is fast moving, and well written.

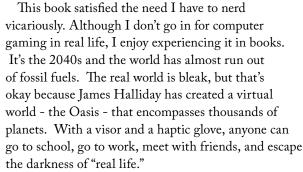
Since this is Hirsch's debut novel, I can't wait to see what he does next.

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...



#### Ready, Player One by Ernest Cline

reviewed by Beth Wilson



And then, James Halliday dies, and a posthumous video announces that he's leaving his entire fortune to...whoever finds the egg he's hidden somewhere in the Oasis.

Five years later, Wade/Parzival/Z is 18 and living in the laundry room of his aunt's trailer. He's a "gunter" short for "egg hunter" - one of the die-hard computer geeks dedicated to finding Halliday's egg. Nobody's even found the first clue yet, though. He's spent the last five years of his life memorizing everything to do with Halliday, including every movie or TV show

Halliday ever mentioned in his almanac and mastering every video game mentioned or created by Halliday. Since Halliday grew up in the 1980s, the movies and TV shows and video games are the ones I grew up with, too, and the book is an '80s wonderland of references. For those who aren't in love with the' 80s, there's also adventure, suspense, violence, and even

The book was fun, well-written, and the audio version is read by Wil Wheaton, who played Wesley Crusher on the television series Star Trek: The Next Generation. I'm recommending Ready, Player One to every teenager, gamer, fellow eighties child, and geek I know.

This title is available as a spoken word compact disc, as an OverDrive WMA Audiobook, and as a Kindle eBook.

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



# Hollywood Goes to the Library

t seems as if we went through a long spell when the only books that were being adapted into movies were comic books. Not that we don't love the Mans - Super, Bat and Spider - and there were serious films coming from original screenplays, but Hollywood lost interest in making movies out of books unless they were written by John Grisham or Stephen King. A return to the days when bestsellers regularly became blockbusters seemed like pure fantasy.

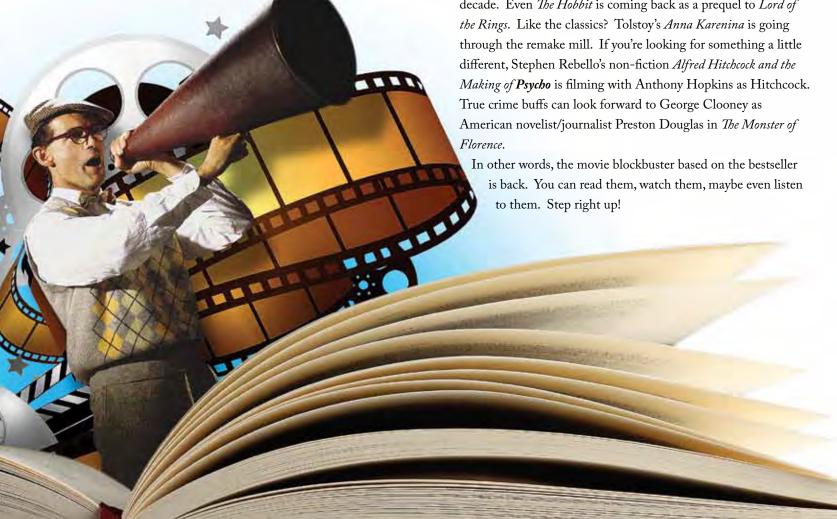
And wouldn't you know it—it was.

In 2001, both Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone and Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring took the world by storm, and since then other fantasies have made the jump from your favorite library to your favorite theater—and then back to your favorite library

in the form of DVDs. Phillip Pullman's The Golden Compass, C.S. Lewis Chronicles of Narnia, Christopher Paolini's Eragon, Stephanie Meyers' Twilight Saga, and even Pierre Boulle's 1963 Planet of the Apes is rising again. And next June sees the release of Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter. Of course we're serious. Would we kid you?

And it's not just fantasy. Coming up are Katherine Heigel in Janet Evanovich's One For the Money, following such other mainstream fare as The Lincoln Lawyer, Water For Elephants, The Help, Sarah's Key, and John Grisham's thriller The Firm, which was made into a Tom Cruise movie in 1993 and is now reemerging as a TV series.

In 2012, look too for Dr. Seuss' The Lorax and Yann Martel's Life of Pi, which has been kicking around Hollywood for a decade. Even The Hobbit is coming back as a prequel to Lord of the Rings. Like the classics? Tolstoy's Anna Karenina is going through the remake mill. If you're looking for something a little different, Stephen Rebello's non-fiction Alfred Hitchcock and the True crime buffs can look forward to George Clooney as American novelist/journalist Preston Douglas in The Monster of



# Anything You Want, We Got It; Anything You Need, We Got It

We won't sing about it the way Roy Orbison used to, but that doesn't mean that your Metropolitan Library System isn't able and willing to deliver what you want and need.

s we check 2011 off our To Do List, and before we charge full-throttle into 2012, we thought you might appreciate it if we let you know about a few of the special things we've been doing and plan to do in the months ahead.

We talked a lot during the last year about a new emphasis we've placed on eBooks and eMedia. MLS is certainly not a believer that "print is dead"—demand for new books, magazines, and newspapers

continues and will continue for a long time to come—but demand is also increasing for material and information that can be accessed online. In 2011, customers checked out 76,638 eBooks, and just a little ahead of that, they checked out 79,282 audio books.

We also told you about some of our new and increasingly popular databases, which can be accessed through our website, www.metrolibrary.org, by clicking on "Databases". You took advantage of their accessibility and usage skyrocketed. Three of our genealogy databases, Biography and

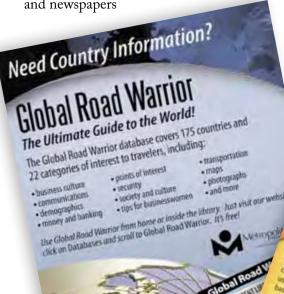
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Genealogy Master Index, Footnote, and Sanborn Maps, recorded increases of 773, 539 and 52 percent. We also helped a lot of you learn a new language with Mango Languages, which shot up 270 percent.

Fiscal year 2010-2011 marked our continued expansion of library services in Oklahoma County. We introduced new community programming and newly renovated facilities. In October 2010, over 3,000 customers participated in our first *Booktober Fest*— our latest,

and obviously very popular, reading programming for adults.





This summary doesn't really begin to cover MLS' contributions to our community—it's merely suggestive of the are Get Back to Your Roots!

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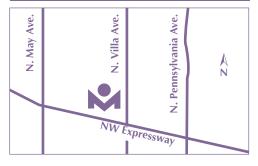
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To see the latest information about library programs and events, please click on Calendar of Events on the MLS website: www.metrolibrary.org

# **Belle Isle Library**5501 N. Villa Ave., OKC (405) 843-9601 **HOURS**Mon-Thur: 9-9 Fri: 9-6 Sun: 1-6



#### Gaming Club Jan 3,10,17,24,31 | Tue 4-5p Teens



Come join the fun at your library! Everything from chess to Xbox Kinect will be available to play. Popcorn and drinks will be provided. You don't want to miss out!

#### Developmental Screenings Jan 4 | Wed | 12:30-4:30p Ages birth to 5 years w/guardian



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

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All MLS libraries will be closed Sunday and Monday, Jan 1 and 2, for New Year's Day. The libraries will also be closed Jan. 16 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

#### English Classes: Learn English as a Second Language

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Jan 5,10,12,17,19,24,26 Tue and Thur | 9:30a-12:30p Adults



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

# Songs for the New Year: A Concert with Martha Stallings Jan 7 | Sat | 2-3p All ages



Start 2012 with noted singer and pianist Martha Stallings as she shares her favorite songs. Don't worry, she takes requests!

#### Metro OKC Knit Guild Group Meeting Jan 15 | Sun | 3-5p Teens-adults

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

#### Teen Crafts Jan 19 | Thur | 4-5p Teens



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

#### Tai Chi: Moving for Better Balance Class Jan 24 | Tue | 5:30-6:30p Jan 26 | Thur | 5:30-6:30p Teens - Adult

Tai Chi: Moving for Better Balance is a fun class, using eight-forms. Tai Chi is a low-impact dance-like exercise that can be done in almost any location. It also helps to build

confidence from the fear of falling, which is commonly found in a community of older adults. It will also offer other benefits for all ages, including improved posture, strengthening muscles and flexibility, improved mental and physical health, improved musculoskeletal and cardiovascular conditions, improved sleep and stress reduction, to name a few. Class is free, but space is limited, so sign up at the reference desk. Will meet Tuesday and Thursday evening. Cosponsor: OCCHD.

#### Snowy, Snowy Night Jan 25 | Wed | 10-11a Pre-kindergarten



After helping Miss B decorate with snowflakes and snowmen, children will listen to some snowy stories. Open playtime will follow. Preregister at Belle Isle reference desk: 843-9601.

#### Book Discussion Group Featuring the Great Books Jan 25 | Wed | 6:30-8:30p Teens-adults

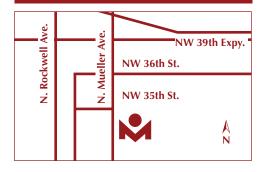
A Great Books discussion group meets at Belle Isle. The group uses the shared inquiry method, led by Steve Overman, a certified discussion leader. The only requirement for attending a Great Books meeting is that you read the selection to be discussed. You need not attend all meetings. To sign up or get additional information ask at the library or contact Steve Overman, 509-2363 or sjoverman@cox.net

#### Belle Isle College Prep Series: Homeschoolers Workshop Jan 28 | Sat | 2-3:30p Adults and teens



Are you a parent of a homeschooler and interested in how to get your teen into college? Stop by the Belle Isle Library Saturday, January 28 for a discussion with representatives from the Oklahoma College Assistance Program and Oklahoma City University on what you can do to help your homeschooler get into college! Sign up at the front desk or by calling (405) 843-9601. Cosponsor: Oklahoma College Assistance Program and Oklahoma City University.

#### Bethany Library 3510 N. Mueller, Bethany (405) 789-8363 **HOURS** Mon-Thur: 9-9 Sat: 9-5 Sun: Closed Fri: 9-6



Yu-Gi-Oh! Club Jan 4,11,18,25 | Wed 3:30-6p and Jan 7,14,21 | Sat | 2-4p Teens (Ages 12 +)



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

#### **Developmental Screenings** Jan 6 | Fri | 9a-Noon Ages birth to 5 years w/guardian



A developmental screening is a very general look at how children are doing compared to other children the same age. Any questions or concerns you may have about your child's development or behavior will be discussed. Information about upcoming stages and home activities will be given. Screenings will include a small fee. To schedule your screening appointment, please call Child Guidance, OCCHD at 425-4412.

#### Tai Chi Class Jan 10 | Tue | 4-5p Seniors

David Johnson, instructor in Sifu, Qigong, and Tai Chi Chuan will conduct this Tai Chi class for seniors wanting a low impact class.

#### **Toddler Story and Play Time** Jan 19 | Thur | 9:30-10:15a & 10:30-11:15a



Ages 18 mos - 3 yrs w/adult

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. Preregister at the library information desk or call 789-8363, ext. 3.

#### Winter Story and Craft Time Jan 26 | Thur | 10-10:45a Ages 3-6



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

#### **Trip Around the World** Jan 28 | Sat | 10-11:30a Grades 3-6

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 grades three through six is sponsored by the Junior League of Oklahoma City. Kids will have a great time learning about the different cultures in Asia, Africa and Latin America. The program is free, but space is limited so pre-register at the Information Desk or call the library. Cosponsor: Junior League of OKC.

# Capitol Hill Library **HOURS**



#### **Tell Me A Story: Story & Craft** Jan 3 | Tue | 9:30-10:30a Age 6 and younger



Kids love to hear a story! Join us for storytimes featuring nursery rhymes, popular children's books and beloved authors. Craft activity will be included. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Call 634-6308 for more information.

#### **GFD** Jan 4,9,11,18,23,25,30 Mon & Wed | 1-4p Age 16 and older



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

#### **Gaming Club** Jan 4,18 | Wed | 4:30-5:30p Ages 8-16

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

#### **Capitol Hill Chess Club** Jan 5 | Thur | 4-5p All ages

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

#### **Depression & Bipolar Support** Jan 5,12,19,26 | Thur | 6:30-7:30p

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

#### **Children Reading to Dogs** Jan 7 | Sat | 1-2p Children who can read



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

#### **Art in the Afternoon** Jan 7 | Sat | 2-4p Ages 6 and older

Join us for a relaxing day of creating art with local artist Debbie Langston. Children younger than 10 are required to have a parent present. For more information please call 634-6308.

#### **Library Bingo** Jan 9 | Mon | 3:30-4:30p

Learn more about your library by playing a fun game. Small prizes awarded to winners.

#### **Tell Me A Story: Move and Groove** Jan 10 | Tue | 9:30-10:30a Age 6 and younger



Join us for preschool aerobics or yoga, and a short story time. Children must have an adult present.

#### Winter Gamefest Jan 10 | Tue | 5-6:30p Ages 8-16

Warm up in the library with some fast-paced gaming on Wii, Xbox Kinect, Playstation2, and GameCube. We'll have tournaments and free play. Call Angela at 634-6308 for more information.

#### **Computer Basics-PowerPoint** Jan 14 | Sat | 2-3:15p **Adults**



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

#### Tell Me A Story: **Parachute Play** Jan 17 | Tue | 9:30-10:30a Age 6 and younger



Fun and games with parachute! Being active is a breeze with this class' activity that kids love. Parachute games encourage cooperative, noncompetitive play and reinforce turn-taking and sharing. A short story time will be included in this activity. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Call 634-6308 for more information.

#### Bilingual Story Time-English y Español Jan 19 | Thur | 6:30-7:15p

Kids love to hear a story! Join us for storytimes featuring nursery rhymes, popular children's books and beloved authors. Craft or play activity will be included. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Call 634-6308 for more information. A los niños les encanta oír un buen cuento! Acompáñenos en nuestro horario de cuentos donde podrán escuchar rimas para niños y cuentos populares de sus autores favoritos. Actividades serán incluidas. Niños deben ser acompañados por un adulto. Para más información llame al 634-6308.

#### Tell Me A Story: Play and Learn Jan 24 | Tue | 9:30-10:30a Age 6 and younger



There's more to play than just fun! Play makes learning enjoyable, helps children develop creativity, cooperation skills, social skills, gross and fine motor skills, communication, concentration, and so much more!

#### **Board Games After School** Jan 26 | Thur | 4-5p School age children

Don't be bored in the library! Play board or card games like checkers, Uno. Apples to Apples and

#### After School Make and Take Jan 30 | Mon | 3:30-4:30p School age children

Hang out after school and make & take a fun winter craft. Call 634-6308 for more informa-

#### Tell Me A Story: **Special Event** Jan 31 | Tue | 9:30-10:30a Age 6 and younger



Join us for our special Tuesday with Wayne McEvilly, concert pianist.

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

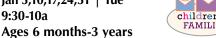
#### **HOURS**

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

Sat: 9-5 Sun: Closed

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NE 23rd St.		

#### **Lapsit Story Time** Jan 3,10,17,24,31 | Tue 9:30-10a



Join us for simple songs, rhymes, and stories for parents and babies to enjoy together. Call 390-8418 or stop by the reference desk to sign up.

#### **Preschool Storytime** Jan 3,10,17,24,31 | Tue 10:30-11a Ages 3-5 years



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

#### **Parachute Play** Jan 5 | Thur | 10:30-11a Ages 3-5 years



While playing games with a parachute, children will have the opportunity to practice skills such as: following directions, socializing with others,

using language, using small and large muscles, and remaining in control during active play. Class size is limited to 12 children and their parent or caregiver. Call 390-8418.

#### Lil' Lit' Club Jan 11,18,25 | Wed | 1-1:30p Readers age 4 and older

Do you like to read aloud and act out stories? Join the Lil' Lit' Club for weekly activities. Children will benefit from reading the selection in advance with their family. Check with the information desk for next title. Call 390-8418 for more information.

#### Pizza & Plots Teen Book Club



Jan 11 | Wed | 4:30-5:30p **Teens** 

Choctaw Library has a book club just for Teens! Come enjoy pizza, snacks and drinks as we talk about awesome books. At each meeting, we choose the next month's book, so just call the library at 390-8418 to find out what we're reading.

#### **Open Play Time** Jan 14 | Sat | 10-11a Age 6 months-5 years w/parents



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

#### **Children Reading to Dogs** Jan 14 | Sat | 3-4p Jan 18 | Wed | 4-5p

Children who can read



Come and read to a dog! (A dog and trainer certified as a therapy team by Therapy Dogs International.) Readers can come to practice and improve their reading skills. The dogs with their owners act as an uncritical, appreciative audience with excellent listening skills! Bring your own book or borrow one from us! Come by or call 390-8418 to reserve a space.

#### **Melted Crayon Art** Jan 19 | Thur | 6-7p Teens



Create your own unique work of art using hot glue guns and melted crayons. Yes, crayons just got cooler- come join the fun!

#### City Arts Center Presents: Your Life in **History**

#### Jan 21 | Sat | 9:30a-12:30p Adults

Everyone has a story to tell. That's why the contemporary memoir has become such a



### Exercise in the New Year with Tai Chi Classes!

• Bethany Jan 10, 4-5p | Seniors

Del City

Jan 12, 6-7p | Adults, Preregister

• **Belle Isle** Jan. 24 & 26, 5:30-6:30p | Teens & older Sign up at the reference desk



popular phenomenon. In this workshop, you will learn how to focus your life stories, give them purpose and apply such craft elements as character, plot, dialogue and setting, especially pertaining to Oklahoma history. Whether you attend one or all twelve sessions, this workshop will show you how to best tell the stories of your life. Preregistration required. Class limit is 12. Cosponsor: City Arts Center.

#### Lego Club Jan 25 | Wed | 4-5:30p All ages

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

#### **Ookami Anime Club: 3rd Birthday Party** Jan 27 | Fri | 7p-12a **Teens**



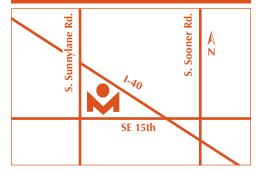
The Ookami Anime Club is turning 3 years old and we are celebrating with a special lock-in event! Attendees must submit their preregistration paperwork by 8 pm on Wednesday, January 25- NO EXCEPTIONS. Limited to the first 25 registrants. Call 390-8418 for questions and get ready for fun, food, anime, and more!

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

**HOURS** 

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

Sun: Closed



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

#### **Mad Scientist Presents: Fire and Ice** Jan 4 | Wed | 3:30-4:30p Ages 6-12

Join a Mad Scientist and learn about fire and ice. See a fog storm, some amazing chemical reactions, and more! Learning fun always happens with Mad Science so please join us.

For more information or to sign up please call 672-1377 or visit the information desk.

#### **Storytime Fun!** Jan 6 | Fri | 10:30-11a **Preschool**



Children benefit a lot from storytimes: an increased attention span, a larger vocabulary, and better listening skills just to name a few. But, most of all storytimes are fun! So please join us for stories, songs, action rhymes, and more. To sign up or for more information visit us at the Del City Library or call 672-1377.

#### **Baby Time** Jan 7 | Sat | 9:15-10a 6 mos - 5 yrs



You are your child's first and most important teacher and they learn so much from you when you get down on their level and play with them. So we invite you to come share our toys and join us for an hour of play time followed by a short story time. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. To sign up or for more information please call 672-1377 or visit us at the information desk.

#### **Ayumu Anime Club** Jan 10 | Tue | 4:30-5:30p



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.

#### Tai Chi 101 Jan 12 | Thur | 6-7p Adults

Invite calm and balance into your new year with Tai Chi. Tai Chi is an gentle exercise that has been shown to reduce stress, increase balance and muscle strength, and prevent falls. David Kamphaus, a Tai Chi expert, will introduce you to this ancient exercise, explain its health benefits, and demonstrate some of the basic movements. Be ready to participate! Call 672-1377 to sign up.

#### **Children Reading to Dogs** Jan 12,26 | Tue 6:30-7:30p Children at reading age



If you really want to be good at something you're suppose practice a lot. Bring your child to the library and let them practice their reading skills with a Certified Therapy Dog. Kids can read their favorite story or read one of the many great books we have on our shelves to a new friend, who is a great listener and loves stories. For more information call 672-1377 or visit us at the information desk.

#### TAB Meet-Up Jan 17 | Tue | 4:30-5:30p Teens



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

#### **Yoga 101** Jan 18 | Wed | 12:30-1:30p All ages

Want to start the new year off healthier in mind and body? Try yoga! Yoga instructor Tammie Burlison will introduce you to the practice and benefits of yoga, an activity that can help heal the mind, body, and soul. No experience or equipment needed. Please wear comfortable clothing. Call 672-1377 to sign up!

#### **Del City Movie Night** Jan 19 | Thur | 6-8p All ages

Please join us for "Thursday Night at the Movies!" The curtain goes up at 6 PM and all are welcome to attend! Please call (405) 672-1377 for movie titles.

#### **Money Smart Resolutions** Jan 23 | Mon | 6-7:30p **Adults**

Ring in the New Year with a plan for financial fitness! Participants in this workshop will learn how to evaluate their current financial situation, set financial goals, and understand the steps to reaching those goals. Cosponsored by Tinker Federal Credit Union.

#### The Busy Person's Book Club Jan 26 | Thur | 6-7p All ages

Do you like good books and good conversation, but don't have a lot of time on your hands? Come to the Busy Person's Book Club! Each month's selection is under 200 pages long and is sure to grab your attention quick and hold it until the very last page. This month we are reading Winter's Bone by Daniel Woodrell. Call 672-1377 or stop by the reference desk to reserve your copy of this month's book selec-

#### Spice It Up!: Salsa Dancing Jan 30 | Mon | 6:30-8p Adults 16+



Spice it up at Del City Library with Salsa Dancing! Designed for beginners, this series of classes will teach the basics of salsa dancing during the first two sessions on January 30th and February 6th and then you can show off your moves during the Salsa Social Dance on February 13th. Bring a dance partner or come alone, you're sure to meet someone new. Please call 672-1377 or visit the reference desk for more information or to sign up.

#### **Downtown Library** 300 Park Ave., OKC (405) 231-8650 **HOURS** Mon-Thur: 9-9 Sat: 9-5 Fri: 9-6 Sun: 1-6



#### Wednesday Night at the Movies Jan 4,11,18,25 | Wed | 6-8p Age 13 and older

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

#### **Noon Tunes** Jan 5,12,19,26 | Thur 11:30a-12:30p All ages



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

Jan 5: Oklahoma Senior's Cabaret Jan 12: Callen Clark Ensemble Jan 19: Serenade String Quartet Jan 26: Native Connections

#### Play With Me Jan 6 | Fri | 10-10:50a Infants to age 4 w/parent or guardian



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

#### Sumi-e Jan 7 | Sat | 1-3p Ages 15 +



A self-taught artist, Nina Schuler specializes in traditional Japanese painting in silk and has demonstrated and exhibited her work in OKC. In her workshop, participants will have hands-on experience creating sumi-e art. The art supplies are sponsored.

# January / February 2012 Tunes Thursday Noon Tunes

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

**January 5:** 

Oklahoma Seniors Cabaret, show business

**January 12:** 

Callen Clark Ensemble, incl. Oud, Buzuq, percussion

January 19:

Serenade String Quartet

January 26:

Native Connections, keyboard/vocal duo

February 2:

Shade of Blue, jazz trio

February 9:

Maurice Johnson Trio, smooth guitar

February 16:

Quartet Greer, classical plus

February 23:

Tony Gonzales' Norman North HS Jazz Choir

All performances are free and open to the public.

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





#### 2nd Sunday Concert Jan 8 | Sun | 2-3p All ages



Join us in the 46th Star auditorium for Edgar Cruz, Oklahoma Guitarist Extraordinaire. You won't want to miss this free concert. Doors open at 1:30pm.

#### Write On! Writing Workshop Jan 8,15,22,29 | Sun 3-5p Ages 13-21



Oklahoma Young Writers presents Write On!, a workshop for writers ages 13-21, facilitated by nationally touring poets Rob Sturma and Lauren Zuniga. Students explore the path between imagination and memory, build a toolbox of literary devices, and learn new techniques for constructive peer critique. www. okyoungwriters.org

#### **Preschool Aerobics** Jan 13 | Fri | 10-10:45a Ages 12 mos-5 yrs w/adult



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

#### Mother Road by Dorothy Garlock Jan 17 | Tue | 6p **Adults**

Join us on January 17th for a discussion on Mother Road by Dorothy Garlock. The discussion will be led by Dr. Harbour Winn from OCU. The program will be held in the 46th Star Auditorium at 6pm. This program is part of the Let's Talk About It program and is brought to you in conjunction with the Oklahoma Humanities Council and the Oklahoma Council for History Education.

#### Pajama Tales Jan 19 | Thur | 6:30-7p Age 3 and older



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

#### Book 'N' Play Storytime Jan 20 | Fri | 10-10:45a Age 3 - 5 w/parent



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

#### **Bookworms Book Club** Jan 21 | Sat | 2-2:45p **Grades K-2**

Kids who are just learning to read on their own are invited to join their very first book club! This month we'll be discussing any book from the Fly Guy series by Tedd Arnold. So be sure you've read one when you come. We'll have a fun craft and dramatic activities, too!

#### Music Play W/Miss Ginger Jan 27 | Fri | 10-10:45a Age 2-5 w/adult



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

#### Edmond Library

#### **HOURS**

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#### **Lapsit: Playtime and Story Time** Jan 3,10,17,31 | Tue 9:30-10a and 10:15-10:45a and 11-11:30a children & Ages Birth - 2 years

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

#### Children Reading to Dogs Jan 3,17 | Tue 6:30-7:30p Children who can read



Read to a specially trained dog who loves to hear a good book! Dogs with their owners will be in the Library to be read to by children. The dogs particularly enjoy hearing one of the dog stories we have, but you can bring your own book. It is especially valuable in building self confidence and self-esteem for those needing an uncritical, appreciative listening audience to improve reading skills. All dogs and owners are trained and certified as dog therapy teams, and most through Therapy Dogs International.

#### 55+ Coffee Club Jan 4,11,18,25 | Wed | 9:30-11a Seniors

Our coffee break is made just for you. Coffee, tea and hot chocolate will be served along with light refreshments. Mingle and talk about your favorite books or activities. This is a comeand-go event.

#### **Advanced Farsi** Jan 8,15,22,29 | Sun 1:30-2:30p Adults and teens



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

#### **Beginning Farsi** Jan 8,15,22,29 | Sun 2:30-3:30p Adults and teens



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

#### **Preschool Storytime** Jan 9,23,30 | Mon 10-10:30a Ages 3-5



For all children ages 3-5, join us for story time. There will be songs, fingerplays, puppets, hidden mysteries, occasional crafts and special stories. Come and join the fun.

#### In Stitches-Edmond Library Needlecraft Group Jan 10 | Tue | 6:30-8:30p **Adults**

Do you enjoy knitting, crocheting or other needlework? Develop your skills or learn about stitchery at the Edmond Library. You will pursue your hobbies as a group and further develop your abilities by exchanging tips with your needlework friends. Stay for just a few minutes or for the entire session. Please bring your own project and supplies. This is a self-instruction group.

#### **Edmond Manga & Anime** Club Jan 12 | Thur | 4-5:30p **Teens**



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

#### Music With Susan Jan 13,27 | Fri | 10-10:30a and 10:40-11:10a Ages 2-3



Join with Susan in musical activities designed especially for this age group. Classes are held on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month. Registration for the 2nd Friday always begins on the 1st day of the month. Registration for the 4th Friday always begins on the 15th day of the month. Pre-register by calling 341-9282, ext. 4.

#### Readers' Choice Book Club Jan 14 | Sat | 10:30a-Noon Adults

The Reader's Choice Book Club meets the second Saturday of every month at the Edmond Library. The group consists of people who enjoy reading outstanding books and discussing them. January's title is *State of Wonder* by Ann Patchett. Contact the library at 341-9282 to reserve a copy.

#### The Youth Environmentalist Club Jan 14 | Sat | 10:30-11:15a Ages 5-10

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

#### Yu-Gi-Oh Tournament Jan 14 | Sat | 10:30-11:15a All school-aged children

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

#### Edmond Library Book Bunch Jan 14 | Sat | 2-3:30p Seniors

Edmond's Book Bunch meets monthly to discuss important and memorable fiction. January's book is Let's Take the Long Way Home by Gail Caldwell. This is a moving memoir about treasuring and losing a best friend. Contact the library to reserve a copy.

#### Child Development Screening Jan 18 | Wed | 1-5p Parents w/preschool child



Child Guidance is offering developmental and speech/language screenings @ the libraries once again! A developmental screening is a very general look at how children are doing compared to other children the same age. At a screening appointment, your child's developmental progress will be assessed. Information about upcoming stages and home activities will be given. Screenings will include a small fee. To schedule your screening appointment call Child

Guidance @ 425-4412. Facilitated by Robyn Sears and Louise Washburn. Cosponsor: OCCHD.

#### History Book Club Jan 19 | Thur | 6:30-8p Adults

This is an every-other-month history book discussion. The sessions are led by history professors from the University of Central Oklahoma. January's discussion will center on *The Innocent Man: Murder and Justice in a Small Town* by John Grisham. This is Grisham's first non-fiction work and explores a case of smalltown justice gone awry in Ada, Oklahoma in the 1980's. Dr. Kenny Brown, UCO professor of history, will be the presenter. Contact the library to reserve a copy. Cosponsor: University of Central Oklahoma.

#### Intermediate ESL Jan 23,25,30 | Mon & Wed 1-4p Adults



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

#### Beginning ESL Jan 23,25,30 | Mon & Wed 5:30-8:30p Adults



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

#### Lapsit: Playtime and Toddler Aerobics Jan 24 | Tue | 9:30-10a 10:15-10:45a and 11-11:30a Ages Birth - 2 years



Enjoy a special time with your child at the library. We will have a playtime with the toys in the story time room. This is followed by a short session of aerobics, emphasizing movement to music.

#### GED Jan 24,26,31 | Tue & Thur 5:30-8:30p Adults



Students are invited to attend free GED classes. Review English, social studies, science, essay writing and math skills in preparation for

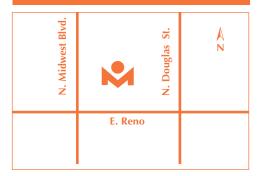
the GED test. Materials are provided. Classes are open to students 16 years and older who are not currently enrolled in high school. For students 16-17, a notarized consent waiver form is required. Register w/Instructor first day you attend class. Cosponsor: OCCC.

#### **Midwest City Library**

3143 E. Reno, Midwest City

**HOURS** 

Mon-Thur: 9-9 Sat: 9-5



#### Mid-Del Art Guild Annual Ribbon Show Jan 3-31 | During Library Hours All ages

The annual Ribbon Show, featuring award winning pieces from the Mid-Del Art Guild, will be on display throughout the month of January at the Midwest City Library. The Guild, founded in 1973 for the purpose of the promotion of the arts through demonstrations, lectures, and fine art exhibits, is composed of both professional and amateur artists. The exhibit is free and open to the public

#### The Mad Scientist Lab Jan 7 | Sat | 3:30-4:15p Jan 9,23 | Thur | 4:30-5:15p Ages 6-12

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

#### **Preschool Storytime** Jan 9,23 | Mon | 10-10:30a Ages 2-5 w/parent or caregiver



Join us for story time! There will be songs, fingerplays, rhymes, and special stories. Come and join the fun! Older and younger siblings are welcome. All children should be accompanied by an adult. Space is limited, so be sure to reserve a spot by calling 732-4828 or visiting the Information Desk.

#### **E-Books 101 for Seniors** Jan 10 | Tue | 10a-Noon Seniors

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

#### Your Two and **Three-Year-Old** Jan 10 | Tue | 6-7:30p Parents of young children



Join other parents and caregivers as we explore typical language development of 2 and 3 year old children. This workshop will focus on ideas and activities to stimulate your child's language and learning skills. Facilitated by Cheryl Custer and Tracy Goebel. Preregister: 425-4412. Cosponsor: OCCHD.

#### Do Fence Me In-Setting **Limits with Love** Jan 12 | Thur | 6-7:30p Parents & caregivers of Young Childred



Next to love, setting limits is a parent's second most important gift to a child. This workshop will offer suggestions for providing clear, consistence, and predictable expectations. Preregister by calling 425-4412. Cosponsor: OCCHD.

#### Japanese Language and **Culture Class** Jan 14 | Sat | 1:30-3:30p All ages



The Midwest City Library will sponsor a Japanese Language and Culture class. Participants will learn Japanese followed by Japanese art and culture. This program is free and available to the public. To learn more, please contact the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828.

#### Readers' Society Book Club Jan 17 | Tue | 10-11:30a **Adults**

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

#### **Pajama Story Night** Jan 17 | Tue | 6-7:30p Children of all ages



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

#### **OKC Herpetological Society** Jan 19 | Thur | 7-9p All ages

Local speakers address various topics regarding reptiles and amphibians. If you have questions regarding these animals or would like to learn more, please attend. All are welcome! No registration required. For more information, please contact the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828. Cosponsor: OKC Herpetological Society.

#### **Paranormal Book Club** Jan 19 | Thur | 7-8p **Young adults and Adults**

Midwest City Library is pleased to host a book club for people passionate about paranormal fiction. Come share and discuss favorite authors, titles, series dealing with the paranormal, fantasy or science fiction! Book lovers of all ages are welcome, but some books will contain material inappropriate for a younger audience. For more information please contact Beth at 405-732-4828.

#### **Motor Vehicle Crash Prevention Course** Jan 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. Cosponsor: AAA Motor Vehicle.

#### **Family Craft Night** Jan 31 | Thur 6:30-7:30p All ages



Come to the library for a fun evening of craft activities. We will have several craft stations set up with activities for all ages and skill levels. Please sign-up in advance so we will have enough supplies for everyone. Register at the Information Desk or by calling 732-4828.

# Nicoma Park Library

#### HOURS



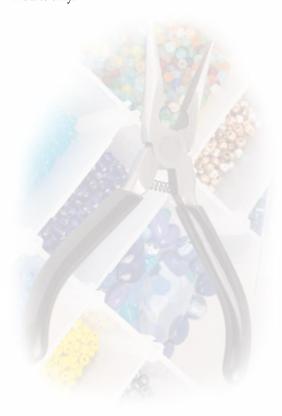
#### **Children Reading to Dogs** Jan 5,19 | Thur | 4-4:45p Ages 4 and older



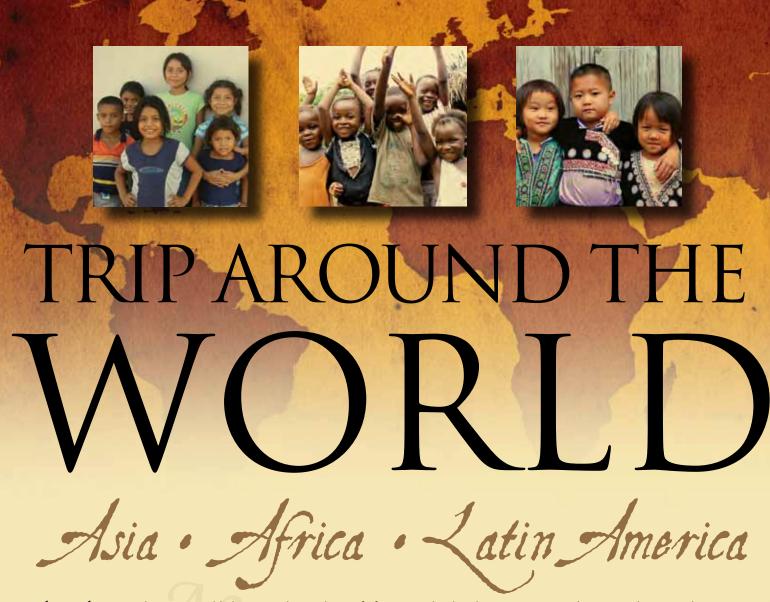
Children improve their skills by reading to D'Leo and his owner, who are trained and certified as a therapy team by Therapy Dogs International. For more information, please call the library at 769-9452.

#### **Lady Crafters** Jan 17 | Tue | 10a-Noon **Adults**

The Nicoma Park Lady Crafters meet every third Tuesday of the month from 10:00 am to noon. Everything is provided for the crafts. For more information call the library at 769-9452. Adults only.



#### METROPOLITAN LIBRARY PRESENTS



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

*Call* (405) 606-3837 for more information.



#### **Ralph Ellison Library**

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

#### **The Village Library**

January 7, 2012, 10-11:30am (Asia) February 4, 2012, 10-11:30am (Africa)





#### **Bethany Library**

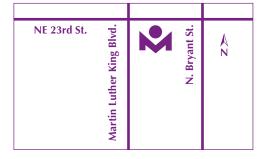
January 28, 2012, 10-11:30am (Asia) February 25, 2012, 10-11:30am (Africa) March 31, 2012, 10-11:30am (Latin America)

#### **Northwest Library**

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

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

#### Ralph Ellison Library 2000 N.E. 23rd, OKC (405) 424-1437 HOURS Sat: 9-5 Mon-Thur: 9-8 Fri: 9-6 Sun: Closed



#### **Dynamic Display and Contest** Jan 3-31 | Library Hours All ages

Check out Ralph Ellison Library's Dynamic Display in the lobby. The theme is Paranormal Activity. Have you ever been visited by a ghost? Do you think you're grandma's house might be haunted? Are there creepy noises coming from the neighbors attic? If you have a ghost story to share with us you may just win a prize. Come to the Ralph Ellison Library and share your ghost story with any staff member and a treat will be waiting for you. Only the best tricks win! This event starts Jan 3-Jan. 31.

#### **Trip Around the World** Jan 4 | Wed | 6-7:30p **Grades 3-6**

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 grades three through six is sponsored by the Junior League of Oklahoma City. Kids will have a great time learning about the different cultures in Asia, Africa and Latin America. The program is free, but space is limited so pre-register at the Information Desk or call the library. Co-sponsor: Junior League of OKC.



#### **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance** Jan 7,14,21,28 | Sat | 9a-4p **Adults**

Volunteers from the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program will be available to assist people in preparing their 2011 State and Federal Income Tax Returns. Cosponsor: OKC Community Action Agency and The Association for the Improvement of Minorities in the Internal Revenue Service.

#### Yoga and Hip Hop Culture Class Jan 9,23 | Mon | 6-7:15p All ages

Join Yoga instructor Ezir'ra James as he leads you through a 10-week program that introduces yoga as a daily practice for general health and well-being. What makes this yoga class unique is how it's blended with hip hop culture.

#### **Preschool Storytime** Jan 10 | Tue | 10-10:30a

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

#### Guy's Night Jan 10 | Tue | 5-6:30p All ages

Boys of all ages are invited to bond over a trivia night, prizes, and popcorn. Invite your brother, dad, grandpa, and great grandpa for a night of guy time! This event is for boys only! Sign up is required. Call 424-1437 or visit the library to do so.

#### **Metropolitan Library Commission** of Oklahoma County Jan 19 | Thur | 3:30-5p

Ralph Ellison Library 2000 N.E.23rd Oklahoma City, OK 73111 405.424.1437 The public is welcome to attend.

**Warm Island Getaway** 

#### Jan 19 | Thur 5:30-7:30p All ages

Winter blues getting you down? We've got the cure! Treat yourself to a warm, bright, and colorful Luau at Ralph Ellison. Sample tropical fruit and punch, play games, create an art project, dance the hula, and more, all while discovering Hawaii's rich culture, music, dance, and language. And that's not all! You certainly won't want to miss hula hooping with the

fabulous Sisters in Motion! Food, drinks, crafts, and giveaways are on a first come, first serve basis. Cosponsor: Sisters in Motion.

#### **Shinigami Anime Club** Jan 24 | Tue | 5-6p Tweens and teens



If you love to read manga, watch anime, and enjoy gaming, then the Ralph Ellison Anime Club is just for you! It meets from 5-6p on the 4th Tuesday of every month and is open for tweens and teens.

#### **Mother Goose on the Loose** Jan 26 | Thur | 6-6:30p Birth to age 6



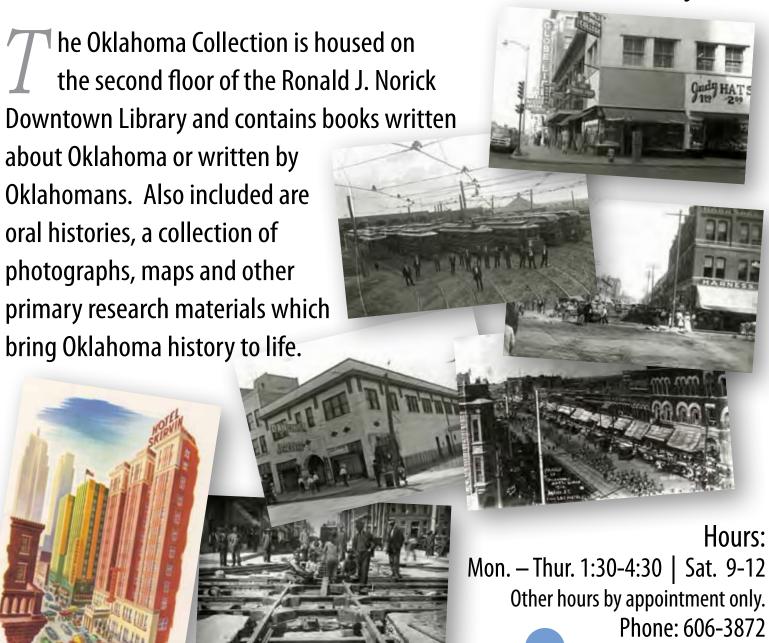
Hey, Diddle Diddle, Jack and Jill! You're invited to a play-based early literacy program filled with big time rhythm and rhyme. Developed by Betsy Diamant-Cohen and Barbara Cass-Beggs, Mother Goose on the Loose® (www.mgol.org) is an award-winning, research-based program for young children. Mother Goose on the Loose brings language and literacy to life by incorporating books, puppets, flannel pieces, musical instruments, movement, and more. We hope to see you there! (Roses are Red, Violets are Blue, Ralph Ellison Library will welcome you!)



#### **Total Wellness** Jan 28 | Sat | 9:30-10:30a

Help prevent chronic diseases like diabetes, heart disease, some cancers, and asthma. Learn simple ways to a healthier lifestyle. Free classes meet one hour a week for 12 weeks. The goal of the class is for everyone to lose 5% of their body weight and become more active. Call (405) 425-4352 or email Total\_Wellness@occhd.org, to register for the classes. Classes are limited to 20 participants. Cosponsor: Oklahoma City-County Health Department.

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#### **Southern Oaks Library**

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

#### **HOURS**



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

#### **Fan Fiction & Fan Art Contest** Jan 3 - Mar 11 All ages

Jan. 3 is the first day to submit entries to the Southern Oaks Library Fan-Fiction Fan-Art contest. Fan-Art and Fan-Fiction may be any medium and contain original characters, but must contain copyrighted characters as the main theme. The last day to submit your work is Sunday, March 11 at 6pm. For the complete rules go to http://www.metrolibrary. org/fan/ or contact John at Southern Oaks Library, 631-4468. Cosponsor: Atomik Pop! & Speeding Bullet Comics.

#### Friday: Films, Family & Fun Jan 6,13,20,27 | Fri | 9a-6p

Looking for fun on a Friday night! Come to the library every Friday to check out our movie collection. Free popcorn & candy for every five items checked out. Fun for the entire family & it's free! Please limit one gift per family.

#### **Southern Oaks Book Club** Jan 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. \*Book discussion at Trinity Lutheran Church, 5701 South May Ave.

#### The Village Library

#### **HOURS**

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#### **Children Reading to Dogs** Jan 4,11,18,25 | Wed | 6-7p Jan 5,12,19,26 | Thur 3:30-4:30p Age 6 and older



Come and read to a dog! Readers can come to practice and improve their reading skills. The dogs with their owners act as an uncritical, appreciative audience with excellent listening skills! The dogs and their owners are certified therapy teams. Bring your own book or borrow one from us!

#### **Village Chess Club** Jan 6,13,27 | Fri | 4-5:30p All ages

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

#### **Literacy Referral Service** Jan 7,14,21,28 | Sat | 10a-Noon All ages

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

#### **Trip Around the World** Jan 7 | Sat | 10-11:30a **Grades 3-6**

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 grades three through six is sponsored by the Junior League of Oklahoma City. Kids will have a great time learning

about the different cultures in Asia, Africa and Latin America. The program is free, but space is limited so pre-register at the Information Desk or call the library. Cosponsor: Junior League of OKC.

#### **Introduction to Microsoft Excel** Jan 9,23,30 | Mon 6:30-8:30p **Adults**



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

#### V-SIFT: Scarves and Necklaces Jan 12 | Thur | 4-5:30p **Teens**



This month's VSIFT (Village Something Interesting For Teens) is Scarves and Necklaces. We'll have local artist Kiona Millirons teaching us how to make different things. Ssupplies and snacks will be provided! Space is limited; please pre-register by calling 755-0710 or stopping by the Reference Desk.

#### **Internet Basics for Adults** Jan 12 | Thur |6:30-8p **Adults**



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

#### **LEGO Club @ Your Library** Jan 13 | Fri | 1-3p For children and their parents

Come have fun building with Legos!

#### Office Skills for Job Seekers Jan 19 | Thur |6:30-8p Adults



Looking for a job? Sharpen your skills in Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Outlook. Learn to use Mail Merge for Customer and Client mailings. Free individualized instruction evenings and Saturdays. Village Library. Call 755-0710 to sign up.

#### **Child Development Screening** Jan 24 | Tue | 1-5p Birth - 5 yrs w/parent

Child Guidance is offering developmental and

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

#### Your Two and Three-Year-Old Child

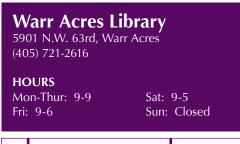
Jan 24 | Tue | 6-7:30p Parent/caregivers of young children



Join other parents and caregivers as we explore typical language development of 2 and 3 year old children. This workshop will focus on ideas and activities to stimulate your child's language and learning skills. Facilitated by Tracy Goebel and Cheryl Custer. Please call 425-4412 to preregister. Cosponsor: Oklahoma City County Health Department .

#### Knitty Committee Jan 28 | Sat | 10a-Noon All ages

Interested in knitting or learning how to knit? Join the Knitty Committee on the 4th Saturday at 10am. Bring your yarn and join the fun! The recommended yarn for beginners is "variegated worsted weight" and size 7 or 8 needle.



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#### "Read for Prizes Q and A" Jan 4 | Wed | 10a-4p Ages 6-11

Children who read a book from our book list (available at the Info Desk) and answer questions correctly will receive prizes. Schedule five minutes for Q & A time on Wednesday,

January 4. Each correct answer gives the child a point to spend on prizes. Children select their prizes at the end of their Q & A session. Schedule your five minutes, receive help selecting a book and learn how to earn extra points at the Information Desk.

#### Warr Acres Book Club Jan 9 | Mon | 11a-Noon Adults

Join us for a visit with Oklahoma author Louis Berney. He will discuss his book *Gutshot Straight* and tell us about his new book coming soon. The Warr Acres Book Club meets the second Monday of each month. Call 721-2616 for more information.

#### Story Time for Twos and Threes Jan 10,24 | Tue | 10-10:30a Ages 2 1/2-3



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

#### Story Time for Fours and Fives Jan 10,24 | Tue 10:45-11:15a Ages 4 & 5 w/adult

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

#### Play Time for Babies and Tots Jan 11,18,25 | Wed | 9:15-10a and 10:30-11:15a Ages 8-30 months

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

#### Children Reading to Dogs Jan 12 | Thur | 6:30-7:30p Age 6 and older



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

#### Child Guidance Screening Jan 13 | Fri | 9-11:30a Birth-5 yrs w/parent



Child Guidance is offering a developmental screening, a very general look at how children are doing compared to other children the same age. At a screening appointment, your child's developmental progress will be assessed. Any

questions or concerns you may have about your child's development or behavior will be discussed. Information about upcoming stages and home activities will be given. Screenings include a small fee based upon a sliding scale and ability to pay. Medicaid is accepted. No one is denied services for inability to pay. To schedule your screening appointment, please call Child Guidance @ 405-425-4412.

#### Game Night Jan 19 | Thur | 6:30-8p Teens



Transport yourselves into the virtual game world! Join the party, and play Wii, X-box and Play Station games. Snacks will be served.

#### LEGO Club @ Your Library Jan 21 | Sat | 2:30-3:30p Ages 6-11

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

#### Origami for Teens Jan 28 | Sat | 2-3p Ages 12-17



Create simple animals or special designs. We'll even be able to make objects that glow in the dark! Come join the fun.

#### Pajama Story Time Jan 31 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p Ages 2 1/2 - 5 Yrs

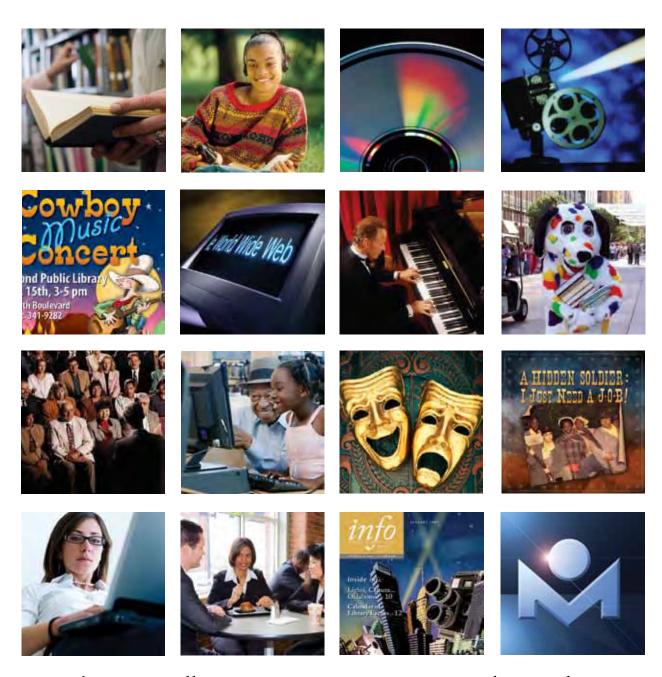


Bring your preschooler and enjoy stories with Miss Alma and her puppets. Snacks and fun activities will be provided for everyone. If you come early, we will play games together. Please call to preregister and let us know of your child's eating limitations.



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## Off the Beaten Path

#### ... Discovering New Literary Treasures

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

Bender, Jonathan. *LEGO: A Love Story*. 688.725/B45841

Who doesn't love toys? Just because The Village Library is inviting adults and kids to meet for a Lego Club meeting on January 13 (1-3pm), you might want to polish up your knowledge of these Danish construction toys, which, for some reason, have captivated builders of miniature contraptions for over 60 years. Set free your inner Rube Goldberg.

Botermans, Jack. *The Book of Games: Strategy, Tactics & History.* [Translated from the Spanish by Edgar Loy Fankbonner]. 794/B748b

Longing for a good game of Senat, which was played by King Tut back in the day, or a quick round of The Game of Ur, which is even older, but can't seem to find out much about them? Boy, does author Jack Botermans have the answer to your problem. This history and instruction guide to 65 classic and modern board games clocks in at 736 pages.



# We're here to serve you.

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<b>DEL CITY</b> 4509 S.E. 15th, Del City, 672-1377	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	_
<b>DOWNTOWN</b> 300 Park Ave., OKC, 231-8650	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
EDMOND 10 S. Boulevard, Edmond, 341-9282	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
<b>MIDWEST CITY</b> 8143 E. Reno, MWC, 732-4828	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
<b>RALPH ELLISON</b> 2000 N.E. 23rd, OKC, 424-1437	9-8	9-8	9-8	9-8	9-6	9-5	
SOUTHERN OAKS** 631-4468	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
<b>THE VILLAGE</b> 10307 N. Pennsylvania Avenue, The Village, 755-0710	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	_
WARR ACRES 5901 N.W. 63rd, Warr Acres, 721-2616	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	

 $<sup>**</sup>Southern\ Oaks\ has\ been\ relocated\ to\ a\ temporary\ location\ at\ 2914\ S.W.\ 59th\ due\ to\ renovations\ at\ the\ current\ location.$ 

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*JONES 111 E. Main, Jones, 399-5471	_	9:30-5:30	<u> </u>	9:30-5:30	_	1-5	
*LUTHER 310 N.E. 3rd, Luther, 277-9967	9:30-6	9:30-6	9:30-6	9:30-6	9-5	9-5	
*NICOMA PARK 2240 Overholser, Nicoma Park, 769-9452	_	9:30-5:30	9:30-5:30	9:30-5:30	9-5	9-5	
*WRIGHT 2101 Exchange, OKC, 235-5035	_	10-5:30	10-5:30	10-5:30	10-3	10-3	14

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