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Can you believe 2014 is already here? Weren't we popping 4th of July fireworks just a couple of weeks ago? Now we have to start thinking about New Year's resolutions again.

Do you make resolutions that deal with reading? In 1991 I resolved to read on average one short story every day. By the end of that year I decided to keep the resolution going through 1992. I couldn't stop and now, 23 years later, I've logged almost 8,800 short stories. Maybe I'll quit when I get to 10,000. Or not.

Maybe this year you can tackle that writer you've always meant to read, or the complete works of Shakespeare, or every issue of a daily newspaper from out of town. MLS can help you achieve your goal, whether it's wistful, wasteful or worthy. A good library tries to be all things for all people, so give us a try.

My reading goal for 2014? To learn Russian so I can read Tolstoy in the original.

Just kidding.





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Oklahoma Images

Oklahoma, & All Who Sail on Her

by Larry Johnson





Typically the pages of this column are reserved for local history, but I discovered a compelling story about a steamship named *Oklahoma* while



Steamship *Oklahoma*

researching another topic. There have been a number of ships named for Oklahoma throughout our history – and none more famous than the battleship *Oklahoma* which was lost at Pearl Harbor in 1941.

One hundred years ago, on January 4, 1914, another ship with the same name went down under different circumstances. Built in a New York shipyard in 1908 for the Gulf Refining Company, the oil tanker *Oklahoma* was known to be a sound ship with a crew of 38 and ably captained by Alfred Gunter. Returning to Port Arthur, Texas after unloading in New York, the *Oklahoma* ran into a fierce Nor'easter with estimated gales of 90 mph. In the early hours of the morning, while many of the crew slept in their bunks and others tended the engine in their shirtsleeves, the ship suddenly broke in two. Maritime veterans believe the ship was “hogged” by the storm – held up on each end by high waves, the middle part of the ship breaks in half under the stress of its own weight.

The aft part of the ship sank immediately with the stern pointing to the restless sky. The majority of the crew – 24 in all – went with her. She was about 50 miles off Atlantic City.

Miraculously the front of the ship floated just long enough for lifeboats to launch. There was also time to send out an S. O. S. by radio which was quickly answered by a half dozen ships in the area, but the fierce waves endangered the lives of the rescue boats dispatched to save the men of the *Oklahoma*. One life boat was able to make its way to the nearby *Bavaria* which hauled in eight sailors including Capt. Gunter.



Capt. Alfred Gunter

the ship. As the British ship *Gregory* came into the area, three officers of the ship dove into the sea from their own railing and swam over to the *Oklahoma*. Each man brought two others to the safety of the *Gregory*. One of the rescued was frozen and could not be revived, bringing the survivors to 13. The three officers were hailed as heroes and regaled back in New York.

Over the next several hours, six men in thin clothing began to succumb to the freezing water of the North Atlantic as they clung to the sinking fore of



Newspaper article reporting the sinking of the steamship *Oklahoma*.

Two other strange notes of tragedy surround the loss of the *Oklahoma*. In May, 1915, Capt. Gunter, now in command of the *Gulflight*, was torpedoed by a German u-boat near England. He was rescued again but he couldn't take the strain and died of a heart attack on the deck of the rescuing ship. Days later, Cpl. Fred Roberts, one of the rescuers from the *Gregory*, now fighting in the trenches, met death at the hands of a German sniper in France. He was trying to save the men of his platoon.

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Reviews & Recommendations

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BIOGRAPHY

ON THE SHELF

I Hate To Leave This Beautiful Place

by Howard Norman

reviewed by Jana Hausburg



In this memoir that reads like a collection of short stories my favorite chapter is the first. Norman's recollections of his childhood are nonlinear, without the awkward birth imagery, and the reader is instead introduced to his brother's topless girlfriend Paris, absent father and con man Larry, and the delightful librarian Pinnie Oler, who makes unscheduled bookmobile stops at his own house because "Me and Martha are trying to make a baby."

Another chapter lays bare the pain of losing a lover in an Arctic plane crash. Mathilde's death causes Norman to act in peculiar ways, "the marionetting of the whole person by an invisible hand, the sorrow dance," as poet Denise Levertov termed it. Norman wanders into an art auction at the Lord Nelson Hotel and buys an eighteenth-century painting called *Laughing Gull*,

although he doesn't have anything close to the \$4,000 he bid for it. Later, he wanders the Arctic gathering Inuit folktales and mourning Mathilde's loss, doing everything he can to avoid closure and "keep the wound open, not merely to feel pain, but to feel pain as a way of staying connected." His Uncle Isador (a contemporary of actor Peter Lorre) knows something about loss and regret and helps him through.

My least favorite chapter is the last. I know if I tell you not to read it, you will. I will only recommend that you don't. And if you do, reread the first chapter and let Pinnie Oler replace the monster in your head.

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

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ON THE SHELF

The Best of W.C. Fields

reviewed by Doug Bantin



Back during the tail end of the anti-authoritarian 1960s, college kids (of which I was one) discovered the comedy of W.C. Fields. Double features of his films screened for sold-out houses on campuses all across the country and nasally drawling his best lines became something of a fad. "I always carry a flagon of whiskey in case of snakebite, and furthermore I always carry a small snake."

Fields career began in vaudeville and soon he moved up to Broadway, usually in musical comedy revues. He made some silent films, but his humor is lessened if you can't hear his voice.

This disc contains adaptations of three short sketches Fields originally wrote and performed on stage, "The

Golf Specialist," "The Dentist," and one of the oddest movies ever made by anybody, "The Fatal Glass of Beer," in which Fields, as Mr. Snively, sings of his imprisoned son, "Out upon the sidewalk he met a Salvation Army girl, and wickedly he broke her tambourine. She said, 'May Heaven bless you' and placed a mark upon his brow with a kick she learned before she had been saved." Saved from what? See the kick and you'll know it was a chorus line.

Granted, Fields' humor isn't for everyone. I've yet to meet a puffed-up moralist who got the joke.

Doug Bantin is puffed up, but a moralist he is not.



The Ocean at the End of the Lane

by Neil Gaiman



Neil Gaiman can create worlds you actually miss with characters you never forget, and he's done it again in *The Ocean at the End of the Lane*. It's a short novel that ends too soon.

It begins with a flashback to the world of childhood from a middle-aged man. In the first chapter, when nobody came to his seventh birthday party, he took his gift, a boxed set of the *Narnia* books, upstairs to his bed and lost himself in the stories. "Books were safer than other people anyway." Later he tells us that he "was not happy as a child, although from time to time he was content." For many of us, these words resonate as a

personal truth and we are then vested in this boy's life.

All this is a prelude to his meeting Lettie Hempstock who will promise to protect him, no matter what. This book is a story of magic and reality, and a past that is too strange, frightening and dangerous to have happened to a small boy.

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

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



Let Me Go

by Chelsea Cain



Love hurts, but twisted desire is deadly!

The 5th novel in the Archie Sheridan/Gretchen Lowell series doesn't disappoint. It's a head spinning, rapid fire page turner in which the line between good guys, bad guys, and who can be trusted is blurred beyond recognition.

The story starts off just ten weeks after the previous book. Archie, barely recovered from the peril and near death experiences of *Kill You Twice*, wears a paper birthday hat and awaits cake with his children and his ex-wife. But before the cake is sliced, there's a murder, and the roller coaster ride begins.

Former reporter Susan Ward finds herself in a precarious, transitional stage in her life, and is traumatized just enough from her experiences in the first four novels to be paralyzed. Her relationship with Leo Reynolds, DEA agent and son of a drug king, is strained; her relationship with Archie is never where she wants it to be, but she cares too much about them to abandon

them when they are both in danger.

Serial killer Gretchen Lowell, the Beauty Killer, is still on the loose with a tangled web to weave, celebrating Halloween with a slash rather than a bang.

Cain is an author who keeps her hero in danger, and traumatizes her characters with deliberate precision. Reader are kept guessing how their fates are sealed. This is another volume full of thick, rich, dysfunctional and thoroughly flawed human characters. In a world of detectives and drug lords, reporters and henchmen, serial killers and hippies, the good guys are a little bad, and the bad guys can be good. Or can they?

Let Me Go is also available in large print, and in digital and audio formats.

Jennifer is the Children's Services Associate Librarian at the Capitol Hill Library. She loves reading, music, and doing fun, spontaneous things with her kids.



Reviews & Recommendations



Astray

by Emma Donoghue

reviewed by Christine Bassett



You may not normally read short stories but according to “Entertainment Weekly” magazine, the short story format is alive and well in the 21st century. Readers of Emma Donoghue’s bestseller *Room* may be surprised at her choice of subject matter for her collection of short stories, *Astray*. The stories are all inspired by newspaper articles, archives and books dating back to the last four centuries in North America. As a two time emigrant herself, Donoghue explains in the appendix that she well understands how it feels to be a-stray. So all the characters in the stories are either departing, arriving or undergoing some great change in their lives and subsequently handling the experiences that go with such transition.

Readers of *Astray* will soon become lost in the lives of all those who find themselves far from their homeland, whether it be the wife and children leaving Ireland to join their husband and father in Quebec, the young

panhandlers trying to make money in the Yukon territory, the slave and her mistress seeking escape during the Civil War, or the elephant handler at London Zoo who finds his beloved elephant, Jumbo, suddenly sold to Barnum & Bailey and shipped to the United States. At the end of each story, Donoghue includes the short article related to the story she has developed from it with amazing skill and insight. Whether you have read Donoghue’s previous novels or not, *Astray* is a fascinating collection of short stories which reanimates the lives of those that previously were merely part of a newspaper clipping or archive.

This title is also available from MLS in large print and as an audiobook CD.

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.



The Panopticon

by Jenni Fagan

reviewed by Alexis Whitney



Born to a mentally ill woman who disappeared shortly thereafter, raised in a series of foster homes, and adopted by a prostitute who was later murdered, Anais Hendricks has seen too much in her fifteen years. Now she is accused of putting a policewoman in a coma and is sent to the Panopticon, a home for juvenile offenders where there is little escape from the eyes of the staff, who can see directly into everyone’s room from a central watchtower. Anais is pretty sure she didn’t hurt that cop, but since she was on all kinds of drugs at the time, her memories are hazy. She also believes that there is a dark group called “The Experiment” that is out to get her. Is this inherited mental illness making its first appearance, is she just paranoid from all the drugs, or is it really true?

In this grim setting, Anais finds a way to open her heart, make friends with her peers, and trust a select few adults.

But as teens are prone to do, she makes some bad decisions and her new bonds with others are threatened. Will she straighten up and escape the bleak path that seems laid out for her? The surreal flights of fancy and escapism Anais uses to cope with her circumstances and her rough Scottish dialect make her an oddly endearing character, one who is capable of making a better life for herself, if only she could catch a break.

Alexis Whitney is the Adult Services librarian at the fabulous new Almonte Library. She is usually reading three or four books concurrently, which makes her stay up way too late at night.



Attention Animeists – *Have We Got Clubs For You!*

You may not know much about animated movies and TV shows from Japan, but anime (Japanese animation) has a world-wide following and characters from anime and manga (Japanese comics) enjoy a popularity second to none. If the only anime movies you know are the whimsical fantasies of artist/director Hayao Miyazaki, there's a whole universe of delights awaiting you.

Or maybe you remember “Astro Boy.”

Who watches anime? The Urban Dictionary defines the enthusiast this way: “No one is too old or too young to be an anime fan... They can be cool, popular, nerds, and etc., but when anime fans meet together, there is always something to talk about.”

Several of our MLS libraries support fans of anime by sponsoring Anime Clubs that meet monthly. Designed for Teens, since anime sometimes incorporates themes and imagery best suited for viewers 13 or older, the Anime Clubs at Belle Isle Library, Choctaw Library, and Southern Oaks Library provide means for central Oklahoma animeists to gather and discuss their favorites.

Belle Isle's Teen Anime/Manga Club meets the third Monday of every month from 4-5pm., and members screen new anime episodes.

Ookami Anime Club meets at the Choctaw Library on January 25 from 2:30-4:00pm. This club is also for Teens, and snacks, drawing supplies and crafts are provided. After all, what anime fan can resist drawing his/her favorite characters? The longest-lived of the MLS anime groups is the Scarlet Kitsune Anime Club, which meets at Southern Oaks Library this month on Thursday, January 9 from 6:30-8:30pm. Scarlet Kitsune is for Teens aged 14-19. Snacks are provided and Teens are invited to come and hang out.

Fans who are really involved in the world of anime/manga may want to take part in Southern Oaks/Scarlet Kitsune's Annual Fan Fiction and Fan Art Contest for all ages, which is co-sponsored by Atomik Pop! and Speeding Bullet Comics. Check the MLS webpage or call Southern Oaks at 631-4468 for more information.

You can also check our webpage for books about anime and video samples.

Maybe you should give anime a try. There's always room for a new hobby.

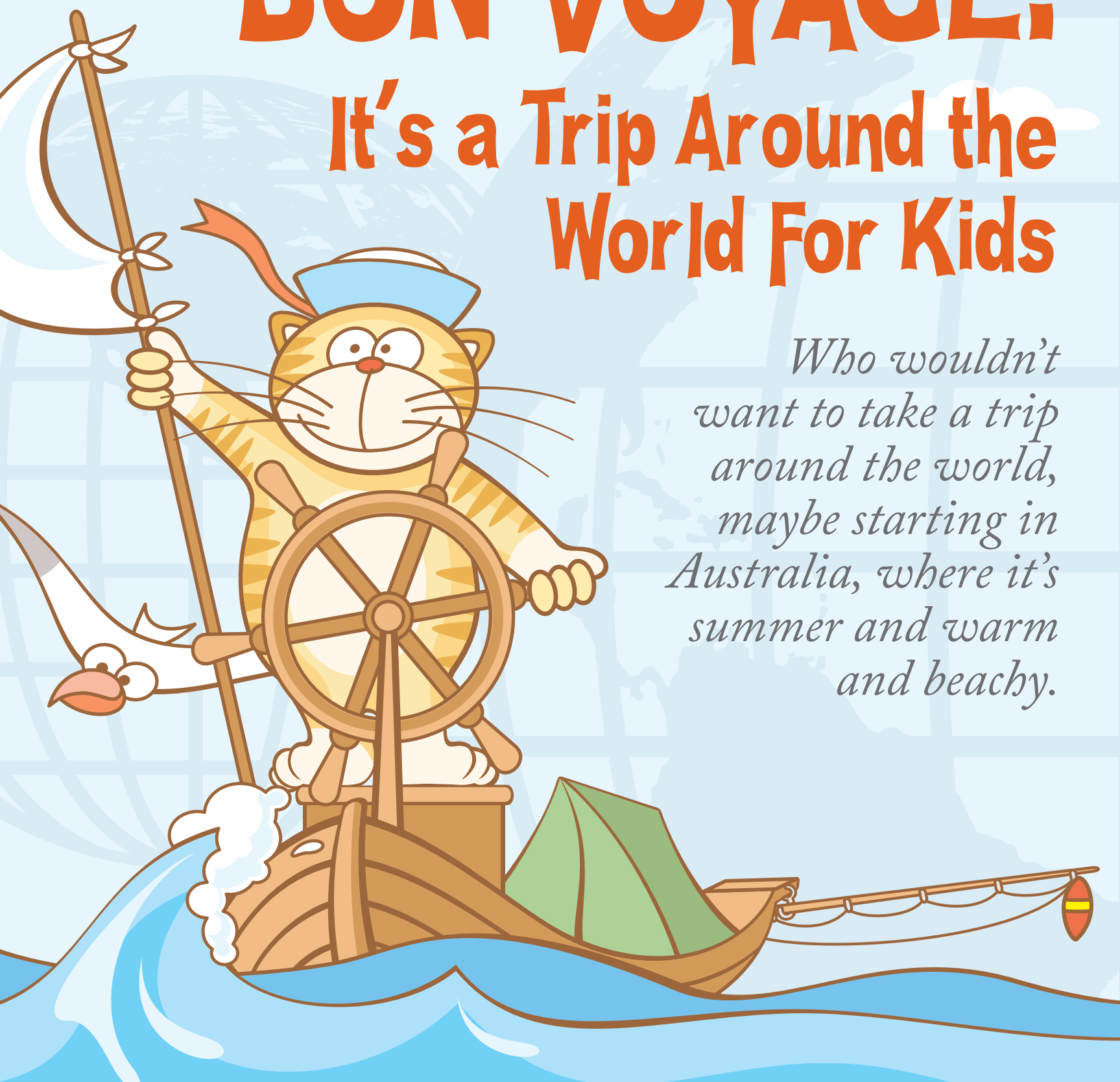


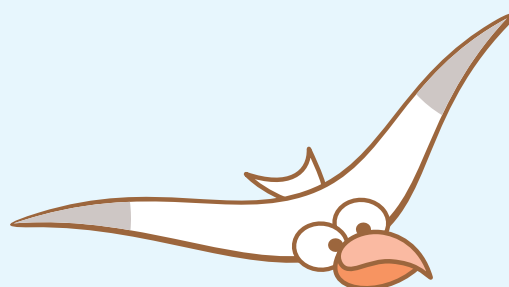


BON VOYAGE:

It's a Trip Around the World For Kids

Who wouldn't want to take a trip around the world, maybe starting in Australia, where it's summer and warm and beachy.





Sure, “beachy” is not a real word, but freezing temperatures can do strange things to a man’s mind.

Well, if you can’t take your kids on a trip around the world, we can, and you won’t even have to pay transportation costs. What we have planned is a “Trip Around the World” for 1st through 5th graders. They can enjoy crafts, games, and food from other lands while staying within the comfort and safety of their own neighborhood library.

Hey, a vicarious vacation is better than no vacation at all.

MLS and The Junior League of Oklahoma City have partnered once again to offer innovative and hands-on experiences for children in grades first through fifth. Our imaginary travelers will have great times learning about different cultures all around the world. The program is free, but space is limited so pre-register at the Information Desk of whichever library nearest you is leaving port.

“We’ve expanded the scope of the program,” said MLS Director of Outreach Services Dana Morrow. “In the past we’ve limited the number of countries we spotlighted, but this year kids can go anywhere to learn and have fun. And it’s all in the library. Parents can call 606-3835 for more information.”

Working with the Junior League is always a pleasure. Throughout the past decade, the Junior League, perhaps best known locally for its annual Mistletoe Market, has

developed projects at dozens of community agencies, given away thousands of books, trained numerous volunteers – all with the intent of changing lives through literacy.

Here is the schedule for our Trip Around the World adventures:

Almonte Library, 2-3:30pm

Saturdays, Jan. 25; Feb. 8

The Village Library, 6-7:30pm

Wednesdays, Jan. 8, 22; Feb. 5

Ralph Ellison Library, 2-3:30pm

Saturdays, Jan. 11

Capitol Hill Library, 6-7:30pm

Wednesdays, Feb. 19; March 5, 19;
April 9, 23; May 7

Midwest City Library, 2-3:30pm

Saturdays, Feb. 22; March 8, 22;
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Help your kids get their passports ready. We won’t sail without them.

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All MLS libraries will be closed January 1.

Almonte Library

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Toddler Aerobics

Jan 7 | Tue | 10:30-11a

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.

Almonte Knitting Club

Jan 9 | Thur | 5:30-7:30p

Adults

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

Preschool Story Time

Jan 14 | 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.

Forensic Osteology

Jan 14 | Tue | 5p-6p

9th-12th grade students

Teens, do you enjoy crime shows like CSI? Come experience what life as a crime scene investigator is like when the Museum of Osteology brings human skulls for you to analyze. Use special forensic science kits to look at the trauma. Please note that due to its graphic nature this program is only open for 9th-12th grade students.

Organizing Your Home

Jan 16 | Thur | 6p-7:30p

Adults

Each New Year we resolve to improve our lives. Many say "This year I am finally going to get organized!" Most people start out the year with good intentions but end up getting discouraged and giving up. Amber Austin of Dwelling Place Organizing will teach you how to prevent this resolution crash and burn. Join us and discover 5 New Rules of Organization that will lead you to lasting change in 2014!

Call 606-3576 to sign up.

Parachute Play

Jan 21 | Tue | 10:30a-11a

Ages 3-5

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

Journaling to Keep Your New Years Resolutions

Jan 21 | Tue | 6:30p-8:30p

Adults

Certified Trainer Lynda Toney-Bahr will lead this Expressive Arts and Journaling class for adults and teens. Exploring New Year's Resolutions, participants will consider their values, goals, and the blocks that may get in the way. Participants will learn how to break their goals into manageable pieces and stay committed to success!

Call 606-3576 to sign up.

Lil' Al's Book Club

Jan 23 | Thurs | 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.

Trip Around the World

Jan 25 | 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.

Winter Tales Story Time

Jan 28 | Tue | 7p-7:45p

Ages 0-8

Winter is here and we're ready for some winter animal tales. Kids can wear their pajamas and join us for some winter fun! Snack provided. Stop by the library or call 606-3575 to sign up.

Belle Isle Library

See pages 21, and 24 for more Belle Isle Library programs/events.

Service Core of Retired Executives Counseling

Jan 4,18 | Sat | 9:30a-12p

Adults

If you are interested in starting a new business or are a business owner in need of assistance, counseling is available on the first and third Saturday of the month. The Service Core of Retired Executives (SCORE) will offer free confidential assistance for small business owners, one-on-one. Sign up at the Information Desk for an appt. 843-9601

Gaming Club

Jan 7,14,21,28 | Tue | 4-5p

Teens

Come join the fun at your library! Everything from chess to Xbox Kinect will be available to play. Different games each week. You don't want to miss out!

eMedia 101

Jan 9 | Thur | 6:30p-7:30p

Everyone

Did you get a tablet or eReader for Christmas? Don't know how to work it? Want to download FREE ebooks from the library? Then come meet Stan, our computer tech extraordinaire, who can show you just how to work your new device. Please register by calling the library at 843-9601 or stop by the Information Desk.

Belle Isle Teen Crafts

Jan 16 | Thur | 4p-5p

Teens

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

Zinio & Freegal 101

Jan 16 | Thur | 6:30p-7:30p

Everyone

Did you get a tablet or smart phone for Christmas? Don't know how to work it? Want to download FREE magazines and music from the library? Then come meet Stan, our computer tech extraordinaire, who can show you just how to work your new device. Please register by calling the library at 843-9601 or stop by the Information Desk.

FAFSA 101

Jan 25 | Sat | 3p-4:30p

Teens

Need to file a FAFSA (Federal Student Aid application) but not sure where to start? Join us for an instructional presentation with the Oklahoma College Assistance Program on everything you'll need to know.

Wayne McEvilly presents a Mozart Piano Concert

Jan 26 | Sun | 2p-3p

all ages

Join noted pianist Wayne McEvilly as he presents a concert celebrating the first three sonatas of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

All About Concussions Workshop

Jan 28 | Tue | 6:30p-7:30p

Ages 12 and up

Join an expert from the Injury Prevention Service. Oklahoma State Department of

Health and certified by the CDC to discuss important topics relating to concussions. Issues include: signs and symptoms, ABCs, what actions to take, how concussion pertain to sports, concussions in infants, children, and toddlers, and the public's influence. This free workshop will be of interest to all.

Bethany Library

Winter Story & Craft Time

Jan 9 | 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

Jan 11 | Sat | 10a-11:30a

Teens

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

Music around the World

Jan 11 | Sat | 2p-3p

All Ages

Start the New Year with music from many lands. Performed by Miranda Arana and fellow musicians from OU Music department. Arabic, Celtic, and Folk music will be featured. Refreshments will be served after the event.

Mother Goose on the Loose

Jan 16,23,30 | Thur | 9:30a-10a and 10:30a-11a

Age 6 -36 months

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 789-8363, ext. 3. Choose the 9:30 or 10:30 session.

Make a Box

Jan 25 | Sat | 2p-3:30p

Adults & Young Adults 16+

Shirley Filer and Dustin Chandler will be the instructors for this fun craft. Keep one for yourself or give it with a small gift inside for Valentine's Day. Bring a ruler and sizzors. We furnish all other materials. Light refreshments will be served after the class. Reservations are required. 789-8363 ext. 3.

Capitol Hill Library

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

Tell Me a Story: Book & Craft

Jan 7 | 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.

Rock & Read with the Musical Mom

Jan 7 | Tue | 6:30p-7:15p

Families/Babies/Toddlers/Preschoolers

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

Safari After School Homework and Reading Help

Jan 13,15,22,27,29 | Mon | 4p-6p

PreK-8th Grade

Volunteers are standing by to offer one-on-one-help for math, science, spelling, and reading. Skilled library staff will connect parents to resources 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!

Tell Me a Story: Move & Build

Jan 14 | 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.

Science Kids

Jan 16 | Thur | 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

Jan 21 | 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

Lego Club

Jan 21 | 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.

Tell Me a Story: Play & Learn

Jan 28 | 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.

Choctaw Library

See page 21 for more Choctaw Library programs/events.

Parachute Play

Jan 2 | 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

Jan 6,13,27, | 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.

Lapsit Storytime

Jan 7,14,21,28 | 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

Jan 7,14,21,28 | 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

Jan 8,15,22,29 | 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.

Gamefest!

Jan 9 | Thur | 6p-7:30p

Teens

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

Open Play Time

Jan 11 | 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.

Science Experiments You Can Eat

Jan 23 | Thur | 6p-7p

Teens

Science can be deliciously fun! Learn some amazing science experiments that you can create with supplies from your own kitchen.

Ookami Anime Club

Jan 25 | 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

Jan 29 | 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

Jan 30 | 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

Inter-generational Chess Club

Jan 3 | 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.

Homework Help

Jan 6,9,13,16,23,27,30 | Mon & Thur

4p-6p

Grades K-12

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

Ayumu Anime Club

Jan 7 | 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

Jan 8,15,22,29 | 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.

Teen Reads

Jan 14 | Tue | 4:30a-5:30p

Teens

Hey teens, do you like books and pizza? Read the book first or read it after, just be ready to talk books! This month we are

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reading *Raven Boys* by Maggie Stiefvater. Reserve a copy or stop by the Information Desk to pick up a copy of the book.

Board Game Geeks

Jan 17 | 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.

Journal Junkies

Jan 21 | 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.

Movie Matinee

Jan 23 | Thur | 4p-6p

All Ages

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

Lego Club

Jan 27 | 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.

Downtown Library

See page 21 for more Downtown Library programs/events.

Urban Sprouts

Jan 2,16 | 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.

Jan 8,15,22,29 | Wed | 6p-8p

Ages 13+

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

Noon Tunes

Jan 2,9,16,23,30 | Thur | Noon-1p

All ages

Performing in January are:

Jan 2: Tammy Goddard

Jan 9: Lupine Trio

Jan 16: Brett and Laura Vanderzee

Jan 23: Justin Young

Jan 30: Buffalo Rogers

Urban Sprouts - Wild Card

Jan 9,30 | Thur | 10a-10:30a

Ages 1-5

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

Tablets & eReaders 102

Jan 11 | Sat | 10a-12p

Adults

Did Santa leave a tablet or eReader in your stocking? Bring your device to this class and we'll show you all of the cool things the library has to offer for these devices. This program is free but registration is required. Please call 231-8650.

Read the Movie

Jan 12 | Sun | 2p-5p

Adults

Please join the Downtown Library's Read the Movie book/movie discussion group. Check out a copy of the book, then join us for a screening of the film and some spirited discussion of the book and movie. To find out the titles of the book/movies being discussed, please call (405) 606-3876.

Music Play with Miss Ginger

Jan 23 | Thur | 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.

Organizing for Small Spaces

Jan 23 | Thurs | 12p-1p

Adults

Bring your lunch and listen to tips from professional organizer, Amber Ausin, on how to organize your apartment, small home, dorm, or any other cozy space you have!

Edmond Library

See pages 21, 24 & 26 for more Edmond Library programs/events.

Manga & Anime Club

Jan 2 | 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.

Stamp Club

Jan 4 | 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

Jan 4,18 | 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.

Preschool Story Time

Jan 6,13,27 | Mon

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

3-5 years

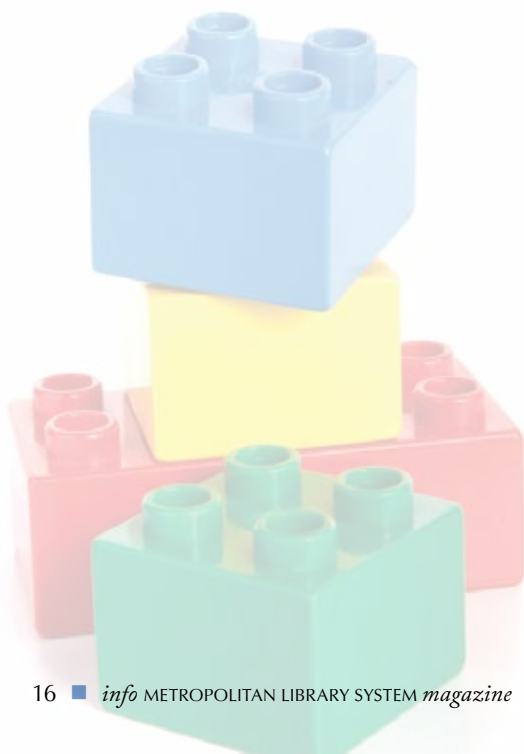
Join Miss Kari for story time. There will be special stories, fun fingerplays, silly songs, hidden objects, occasional crafts, and exciting activities. Come be part of the fun!

Chess Club for Kids

Jan 6 | 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

Jan 7 | 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. January's book is *Dead, White and Blue: A Death on Demand Mystery* by Carolyn Hart. Please call the library at 341-9282 x3 to reserve a copy of this month's book.

Computer Tutoring

Jan 8,9,10,15,16,17,22,23,24,29,30,31

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.

AARP Drivers' Safety Program

Jan 11 | Sat | 9:30a-3p

Ages 16 and older

If you want to learn how to be a better driver AND save money, attend the AARP Drivers' Safety Program and become eligible for a discount on your auto insurance premium. The cost is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members, payable in cash or by check. Please preregister, beginning December 16, at the Information Desk or by calling the library at 341-9282x3.

Readers' Choice Book Club

Jan 11 | 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 January is "And the Mountains Echoed" by Khaled Hosseini.

Edmond Library Book Bunch

Jan 11 | Sat | 3p-4:30p

Seniors

Edmond's Book Bunch meets monthly to discuss important and memorable books. January's book is *The Round House* by Louise Erdrich. Contact the library to reserve a copy today.

Advanced Farsi

Jan 12,19,26 | 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

Jan 12,19,26 | 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.

Young Professionals Book Club

Jan 12 | 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.

Lapsit Storytime

Jan 14,21,28 | 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.

Paying for College Workshop

Jan 14 | Tue | 7p-8p

Teens & Parents of Teens

Planning to go to college next year? Attend this workshop to learn more about the funding options available for your education. Call 341-9282 x3 or e-mail mhuntwilson@metrolibrary.org to register. Co-Sponsor: Oklahoma College Assistance Program.

Baby Bounce

Jan 15,22,29 | 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

Jan 15,22,29 | 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

Jan 16,23,30 | 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.

eMedia Workshops

Jan 18 | Sat | 2p-4:15p

Adults

Does using your Kindle or Nook have you confused and scratching your head? The world of eMedia is waiting for you. Join our computer tech, Randall Baze, to find out more about using your Kindle or Nook to access books electronically. Kindle users meet at 2:00, and Nook users meet at 3:15. Space is limited. Please register by calling the library at 341-9282 ext.3 or stopping by the Information Desk.

Krafty Kids

Jan 22 | 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

Jan 24 | 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.

Music with Joy

Jan 24 | 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.

Book Club Kids

Jan 25 | 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, "Holes," by Louis Sachar and come prepared to answer trivia questions to win awesome prizes. Please call to register.

History Book Club

Jan 28 | Tue | 6:30p-8p
Adults

The Edmond History Book Club is held every other month, September through May. The sessions are led by history professors from the University of Central Oklahoma. The January discussion, led by Dr. Michael Springer, will focus on *Worlds of Arthur: Facts and Fictions of the Dark Ages* by Guy Halsall. Contact the library to reserve a copy.

Teddy Bear Sleepover

Jan 31 | Fri | 9a-6p
Children

Ever wonder what happens in the library after the lights go out? Drop off your favorite stuffed friend to spend the night and find out! Keepsake photos of your bear (or cat or alligator)'s adventures will be available to pick up with your furry friend. For details and to register, call the children's desk at (405) 341-9282.

Midwest City Library

See pages 21, 24 & 26 for more Midwest City Library programs/events.

Exhibit: Friendship Force of Oklahoma

Jan 3-31 | Fri | All day
All Ages

Treasures from all over the world will be displayed by Friendship Force Oklahoma members as well as information about the group. Friendship Force is an international non-profit organization which seeks to foster peace and greater understanding across cultural boundaries through international and domestic travel exchanges based upon home hosting. This exhibit runs from January 3rd to January 31 in the library lobby gallery.

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

Jan 7 | 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.

Caring Caps Knitting Demo

Jan 4 | Sat | 2p-4p
All Ages

Caring Caps is a non-profit organization that knits items for babies and toddlers around the world. Items have included hats, booties, toys, and just about anything else! The items go to local hospitals, as well as overseas groups. Come by and meet the group, learn to knit, or donate unused yarn, looms, or filler.

Music for Babies and Toddlers

Jan 6 | Mon | 10a-10:40a
Infants-36 months w/Parent/Caregiver

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

Soldier Creek Quilting

Jan 6,13,27 | 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.

Nonfiction Book Club

Jan 7 | 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!

Pajama Story Night

Jan 7 | Tue | 6:30p-7p
Children of All Ages

Bedtime stories for children of all ages.

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

Teen Advisory Board

Jan 8 | Wed | 5p-6p
Teens

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

eBooks 101

Jan 9,21 | Thur | 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.

Exhibit: Mid-Del Art Guild Annual Ribbon Show

Jan 11-31 | Sat | All day
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. 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.

Preschool Storytime

Jan 13,27 | Mon | 10a-10:30a
Birth-5 years

Join us for story time. There will be songs, fingerplays, rhymes, and special stories. All children should be accompanied by an adult.

Junk Drawer Lego Robotics

Jan 14 | 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.

Teen Book Discussion

Jan 15 | Wed | 4p-6p
Teens

Teens have the opportunity to lead a book discussion. January 2014 book selection is

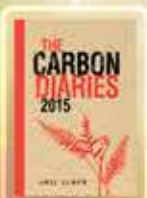
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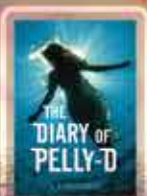
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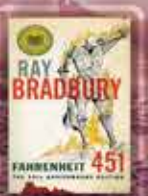
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War



Classics



Female Narrator



Futuristic



Paranormal



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The Scarlett Letter. Be prepared to have fun! For more information contact Suzette at 405-732-4828.

Motor Vehicle Crash Prevention Course **Jan 18 | 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.

Midwest City Readers' Society **Jan 21 | Tue | 10a-11a** **Adults**

The Readers' Society meets on the third Tuesday of each month. The book for January is *The Tower, the Zoo and the Tortoise* by Julia Stuart. Call 732-4828 or visit the Information Desk to reserve your copy.

Family Craft Night **Jan 21 | 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.

Teen Video Gaming **Jan 22 | Wed | 4p-6p** **Teens**

Bring your A-Game! Video and board games available. No registration required.

Genealogy 101 **Jan 23 | Thur | 2p-4p** **All Ages**

Interested in researching your family history? Join us to learn the basics of genealogy and see an overview of genealogy databases.

Catapults for Teens **Jan 29 | Wed | 4p-6p** **Teens**

Making catapults is a fun way to launch objects. Learn the mechanics and construction of junk-drawer catapults. To attend, register at the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828.

Northwest Library

See pages 21, 24 & 26 for more Northwest Library programs/events.

Toddler Time **Jan 7,9,14,16,21,23,28,30** **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 9:00am on 12/17/13. Call 606-3580 to register.

1/7 and 1/9 Play With Me: play time followed by a short story time.

1/14 and 1/16 Story Time: story time with 4-6 books, songs, and rhymes.

1/21 and 1/23 Wiggles and Giggles: different movement games. This month we offer Parachute Play!

1/28 and 1/30 Music Play: music games.

Busy Babies **Jan 7,9,14,16,21,23,28,30** **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 9:00am on 12/17/13. Call 606-3580 to register.

1/7 and 1/9 Play With Me: play time followed by a short story time.

1/14 and 1/16 Lapsit Story Time: lapsit story time with 4-6 books, songs, and rhymes.

1/21 and 1/23 Wiggles and Giggles: different movement games. This month we offer Parachute Play!

1/28 and 1/30 Music Play: music games.

Chess Club **Jan 9,23 | 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.

Book Discussion with Thomas Pace **Jan 10 | Fri | 1p-2p** **Adults**

Have you read "The Mentor: The Kid and the CEO" by Thomas Pace? Join our book club members as we meet with this popular author to discuss his book. Reserve your copy today!

Budding Bookworms **Jan 13 | 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. This month we will read and discuss the "BFG" by Roald Dahl. Reserve your copy today! Call 606-3580 to register.

Journal Junkies **Jan 16 | 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.

Tech Talks: E-Readers **Jan 21 | Tue | 6p-7p** **Adults**

MLS provides 24/7 access to ebooks and audiobooks. Learn about different e-media devices and how to download e-books whenever and wherever you want. Bring your own device or laptop computer to follow along or to obtain one-on-one assistance. Call 606-3580 to register.

Tune Tours: Mozart **Jan 24 | Fri | 2p-3p** **Adults**

Join us as we celebrate Mozart's birthday! We will listen to excerpts from his works and discuss the relationship between his life and music. Call 606-3580 to register.

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GeoBuild **Jan 9 | Thur | 5:30p-6:30p** **Age 3 - older**

Create your own amazing (and yummy!) geometric structures. Using toothpicks and candy, participants will design their own unique 3D art work.



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, Jan 11, 1-2pm
Choctaw Library	Saturday, Jan 11, 3-4pm Saturday, Jan 15, 4-5pm
<i>Register at the Information Desk or call 390-8418</i>	
Downtown Library	Saturday, Jan 18, 3-4pm
Edmond Library	Tuesday, Jan 7, 21, 6:30-7:30pm
Midwest City Library	Tuesdays, Jan 14 & 28, 7-7:30pm
<i>Register at the Information Desk or call 732-4828</i>	

Nicoma Park Library	Thursday, Jan 2, 4pm-4:45pm
<i>Register at the Information Desk or call 769-9452</i>	
Northwest Library	Mondays, 6-7pm
Southern Oaks Library	Tuesday, Jan 14, 6:30-7:30p Saturday, Jan 25, 10-11a
<i>Register at the Information Desk or call 631-4468</i>	
The Village Library	Wednesdays, 6-7pm Thursdays, 3:30-4:30pm
Warr Acres Library	Thursday, Jan 9, 6:30-7:30pm

Trip Around the World **Jan 11 | 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.

Black History Documentary Club **Jan 18 | Sat | 1p-3p** **13 - older**

The Black History Documentary Club meets monthly to screen thought-provoking films. January's selection is "Good Hair."

Chemistry Capers **Jan 23 | Thur | 6p-7p** **Age 3 - older**

Put on your lab coats and discover your inner scientist. Kids will conduct hands-on chemistry experiments that will amaze and delight.

Scholarship Paths **Jan 25 | Sat | 1p-2p** **Ages 12-adult**

College is expensive, but there is lots of funding available to help you along the way. Learn the ins and outs of the scholarship application process.

Mother Goose on the Loose **Jan 30 | Thur | 6p-7p** **Ages 1-5**

Kids and adults alike will love this play-based early literacy program which uses books, puppets, flannel pieces, music and movement to bring language and literacy to life.

Southern Oaks Library

See pages 21, 24 & 26 for more Southern Oaks Library programs/events.

Friday Films Films, Family and Fun **Jan 3,10,17,24 | 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.

Adult Education and Literacy Classes **Jan 6,8,13,15,20,22,27,29** **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 **Jan 7 | 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.

Scarlet Kitsune Anime Club **Jan 9 | Thur | 6:30p-8:30p** **Ages 14-19**

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

FanFiction & FanArt Contest Begins **Jan 11 | Sat | 9a-5p** **All Ages**

January 11, 2014, is the first day to submit entries to the Southern Oaks Library Fan-Fiction Fan-Art contest. Fan art may be any medium and contain original characters, but must contain copyrighted characters as the main theme. Similar rules apply to fan fiction. The last day to submit your work is Sunday, March 16 at 6:00pm, 2014. The announcement party is at Southern Oaks Public Library, 6900 S. Walker Ave. OKC 73139 on Saturday, March 22nd, 2014 from 1:30 to 3:30p.m. For the complete rules go to <http://www.metrolibrary.org/fan/> or contact John at Southern Oaks Library, 631-4468. Co-Sponsors: Atomik Pop! and Speeding Bullet Comics

Preschool Storytime **Jan 13,20 | 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 **Jan 14 | 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.

Little Yoga **Jan 27 | Mon | 10:30a-11:05a** **Kids ages 2-5 (with a parent/caregiver)**

Bring your toddler or preschooler to our Little Yoga class. Practicing yoga with kids is a fun and gentle way to exercise. Plus, yoga provides a chance to bond with your child while introducing new vocabulary words. Moo and meow in cat-cow pose or sing your favorite nursery rhymes as you hold a balance pose. Pre-registration is required. Please call 631-4468 or stop by the Information Desk to sign up.

The Village Library

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

Chess Club **Jan 3,10,17,24,31 | 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.

Computer Tutoring **Jan 7,9,14,16,21,23,28,30 | Tue** **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.

Trip Around the World **Jan 8, 22 | 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.

V-SIFT: Marshmallow Catapults

Jan 9 | Thur | 4p-5p

Teens

Teens, come learn how to make marshmallow catapults. Then test out your creations! 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.

Knitty Committee

Jan 11 | 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.

Valentine Make and Take

Jan 11 | Sat | 10a-11:30a

ages 5-11

Please join us for our Valentine Make & Take program. We will make Valentine crafts and cards. Please register at the Information Desk or call 755-0710.

Preschool Storytime

Jan 14 | 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.

Mother Goose on the Loose

Jan 21 | 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.

FAFSA 101

Jan 23 | Thur | 7p-8:30p

Students and Parents

Need to file a FAFSA (Federal Student Aid application) but not sure where to start? Join us for an instructional presentation with the Oklahoma College Assistance Program on everything you'll need to know.

Book Discussion Group

Jan 27 | 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.

Preschool Play/Storytime

Jan 28 | Tue | 10a-11a

ages 6 months-4 years

Playing with your baby is not only important for bonding, but it is also an educational experience for your child. We are providing a special time and place for you to come to the library and spend one-on-one time playing with your child, followed by a short storytime. Please register by calling 755-0710, or stopping by the Information Desk.

Teen Book Club

Jan 28 | 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 "The Scorpio Races," by Maggie Stiefvater. Reserve a copy, pick one up at the Information Desk or call 755-0710 for more information.

Warr Acres Library

See pages 21, 24 & 26 for more Warr Acres Library programs/events.

Play Time for Babies and Tots

Jan 8,15,22,29 | Wed | 9:15a-10a and 10:30-11:15a

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.

LEGO Club @ Your Library

Jan 11 | Sat | 2:30p-3:30p

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.

Warr Acres Book Club

Jan 13 | Mon | 11a-12p

Adults

We will discuss Kate Morton's novel, "The House at Riverton". Call 721-2616 for more information about the book being discussed

this month. We meet the second Monday of each month.

Story Time for Preschoolers

Jan 14,28 | Tue

9:30a-10a and 10:30a-11:15a

Ages 2 and 3; 4 and 5

Two sessions:

9:30 to 10:00 for 2 and 3 year olds

10:30 to 11:15 for 4 and 5 year olds

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

Gaming Tournament

Jan 16 | Thur | 6:30p-8p

Ages 12-17

Are you up for the challenge? Compete in Super Smash Brother's Brawl, and show your skills to win the grand prize. We also have a Mario Kart tourney for those who are not the fighting type. Call before January 15th to register at 721-2616.

Kid's Gamefest

Jan 18 | Sat | 2p-3:30p

Ages 8-11

Middle graders join the party--play video games with us! Snacks will be served. Please call to let us know you're coming 721-2616.

Mother Goose on the Loose

Jan 23 | Thur | 6p-6:30p

Jan 25 | Sat | 10:30a-11:30a

Ages 1 to 3 with adult

Two Sessions: Thursday - 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. and Saturday - 9:30 to 10:00 p.m.

Come for a time of laughter and play with rhymes, music and puppets. Join us Miss Alma and her puppet "Granny Goose". Call and tell us you are coming to either the Thursday evening or Saturday morning session.



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

Jan 7,9,14,16,21,23,28,30 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

Jan 27, 29

Adults

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

Beginning ESL

Mon & Wed | 6-8:30p

Jan 27, 29

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

Jan 28, 30

Call 682-7873 to register. Cosponsor: OCCC

Warr Acres Library

Mondays & Wednesdays | 6-8:30p

Jan 27 & 29

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

Jan 28 & 30

Adults

Register by calling 682-7873. Cosponsor: OCCC

Midwest City Library

Mon & Wed | 6-8:30p

Jan 27 & 29

Call 682-7873 to register. Cosponsor: OCCC

Northwest Library

Tue & Thur | 6:30-9p

Jan 28, 30

Adults

Call 682-7873 for more information and to enroll.

Cosponsor: OCCC

Southern Oaks Library

Mon & Wed | 1-4p

Jan 6,8,13,15,22,27,29

Adults

For questions and to register, call 631-4468.

METROPOLITAN LIBRARY PRESENTS:

Thursday Noon Tunes



JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2014

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

JANUARY 2

**Tammy Goddard: pop/jazz
singer/songwriter**

JANUARY 9

Lupine Trio: Clarinet, violin, piano

JANUARY 16

**Brett and Laura Vanderzee:
folk/rock duo**

JANUARY 23

Justin Young: saxophone

JANUARY 30

**Buffalo Rogers: Americana/
Country/Folk**

www.metrolibrary.org

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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

Jan 29 | Wed | 1p-5p

Midwest City Library

Jan 8 | Wed 1p-5p

Southern Oaks Library

Jan 22 | Wed | 12:30p-4:30p

Village Library

Jan 8 | Wed | 1-5p

Warr Acres Library

Jan 15 | Wed | 1-5p

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.

Northwest Library

Tai Chi

Jan 6,9,13,16,23,27,30

Mon & Thur | 4-5p

Adults

Wellness

Capitol Hill Library

Total Wellness in Spanish

Jan 23,30 | Thur | 5:15p-6:30p

Adults

Total Wellness is a 12 week diabetes, heart disease, cancer, and asthma prevention program. Classes provide information and tools to help prevent the onset of chronic diseases. The program provides free screenings to participants. January 23rd-April 17th. Co-Sponsor: OKC/County Health Department

Salud Total (Gratis)

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!

Edmond Library

Eat Better, Move More

Jan 7,14,21,28 | 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.

Midwest City Library

Total Wellness

Jan 16,23,30 | Thur | 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

Southern Oaks Library

Total Wellness

Jan 21, 28 | 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

Village Library

Total Wellness

Jan 16,23,30 | Tue | 5p-6p

Adults

Help prevent chronic diseases like diabetes, heart disease, some cancers and asthma. Learn simple ways to a healthier lifestyle. Free classes meet 1 hour a week for 12 weeks. Please note that the last opportunity to sign up for this class in January 30, 2014. 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



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Off the Beaten Path

. . . Discovering New Literary Treasures

Curran, John. *Agatha Christie's Secret Notebooks: Fifty Years of Mysteries in the Making*
823.9/C555Zc

Agatha Christie was the first written-for-adults mystery writer I discovered when I was a child. (Conan Doyle doesn't count because every mystery lover read Sherlock Holmes.) John Curran, literary advisor to the Christie estate, herein reveals almost 500 pages of notes, many of which led directly to plots and characters in Christie's novels and stories. Fans of the *Grand Dame of Death* will be fascinated and aspiring mystery writers will pick up some useful tips.

Williams, Tom. *A Mysterious Something in the Light: The Life of Raymond Chandler*
813.5/C456Zw/BIOGRAPHY

"I'm an occasional drinker, the kind of guy who goes out for a beer and wakes up in Singapore with a full beard." That's the voice of Raymond Chandler, a crime novelist at the opposite pole from Agatha Christie. He perfected the character of the world-weary, wise cracking private eye ("From 30 feet away she looked like a lot of class. From 10 feet away she looked like something made up to be seen from 30 feet away.") and if he wasn't always the nicest or soberest guy in the room, he was almost always the wittiest. Here's the most recent biography of him, warts and all.

MLS LIBRARIES

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

MLS EXTENSION LIBRARIES*

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

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

