





## New info

As we write this we're closing in on the first day of Spring and it's been a pretty mild winter here in central Oklahoma--but if you needed a reason not to move to Barrow, Alaska, this winter has given it to you. Right now it's -33 degrees F there (feels like -54). Forget Spring--those folks need some Summer, and they need it now!

Along with feeling a little warmer this month, you can also feel more secure if you check out our workshop "Fight the Internet Bad Guys and Win." The sessions will be conducted at four MLS library locations spread around Oklahoma County.

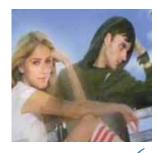
We hate to say it but criminals are out there, working to steal your stuff, or to use your computer behind your back to steal other people's stuff. In this free workshop, computer security expert Dave Moore will expose their schemes and teach you how to fight back. Check out the entries for Del City, Edmond, Southern Oaks and Bethany libraries to find out when the workshop is being presented. While you're at it, don't forget to find out about other great MLS events taking place in March.

And if you drop by the Tuzzy Consortium Library in Barrow for a visit, tell them info says "Hi."

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# PAC-Man, 1903

So far the 2012 election cycle has been dramatically influenced by the emergence of the SuperPACs — the monstrous secret political action committees which mutated out of the 2010 landmark US Supreme Court decision that declared corporations to be individual persons and opened the sluice gates of monetary donations for candidates. Already we've seen the pro-Romney SuperPAC Restore Our Future duke it out with the pro-Gingrich Winning Our Future, both shelling out millions to aid their candidates. As long as they don't actually coordinate with the candidates, they can raise and spend unlimited amounts of money for their man and spout versions of the truth he would never go on record as having said — all with very little accountability for what is done in support of him.

by Larry Johnson



Ithough a more recent local election calls to mind the SuperPACs, the municipal elections of 1903 in Oklahoma City also featured a striking similarity. Regular readers may recall that I've

written about how, in the late 1890s, mayors Charles Jones and J. P. Allen were tireless in their promotion of industry and business in Oklahoma City and chose to ignore the enforcement of vice laws as a necessary evil to unbridled growth. As it had in previous elections, in 1903 vice had become

the central issue in the race between the Republican Congregational parson Thomas Harper and the Democrat, former mayor and industrialist Robert E. Lee Van Winkle.

Van Winkle's father was the undisputed baron of the lucrative lumber business in the part of Arkansas so dominated now by Wal-Mart and Tyson Foods. Lee Van Winkle came to Oklahoma City in 1896 and founded Oklahoma Sash and Door Company, which used his father's lumber to build pre-fab fixtures for homes. The boom generated by Jones and Allen insured that Van Winkle became fabulously wealthy overnight selling fixtures for the new homes sprouting up all over town.

Van Winkle had already been mayor from 1899-1901, so by 1903 he had a proven record on vice enforcement

which Harper's supporters, well, harped on. However, a SuperPAC of sorts developed among the vice peddlers when it looked like Harper might actually have a chance to win. Though not formally organized, a contingent of

gamblers and madams gathered at the Southern Club and created a war chest to defeat Harper. In addition, all over town businessmen who supported Harper were told in no uncertain terms that a boycott was pending Harper's election. The reality was that gamblers, madams

and pimps had lots of disposable income and purchased a lot of fine suits and dresses and expensive furniture and they tended to order full service at restaurants, barber shops, and salons. Van Winkle wisely stayed out of the fray between Harper's supporters and his unsolicited benefactors and did very little actual campaigning. He was easily elected to a two-year term.

Look out! Super Tuesday is March 6. The onslaught of political ads and information will be fierce – make sure you do your homework and vote smart!

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**



#### The Betrayal Of Trust (Simon Serrailler Book 6) by Susan Hill

Lovers of detective mysteries are always on the lookout for new authors. It is not well known that British author Susan Hill, author of the novel The Woman In Black, is also a writer of British detective mysteries. Hill didn't think that she would be any good at the crime solving type of mystery but was seriously interested in writing about why criminals commit crimes, creating likeable characters and featuring contemporary issues.

In Betrayal Of Trust, Chief Detective Inspector Simon Serrailler is called out to investigate a cold case after two skeletons are found in a shallow grave after winter storms. One body turns out to be of a missing teenager who disappeared twenty years earlier. Serrailler also finds himself getting romantically involved despite of

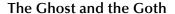
reviewed by Christine Bassett

his tendency toward independence. His family saga also continues in this novel as Hill follows the life of Simon's sister Doctor Cat Deerbon who is the director of a local hospice and is dealing with financial cuts as well as the recent death of her husband.

In this series of crime novels, Susan Hill has certainly managed not only to achieve her goals of creating character driven plots but also to create a great British detective mystery series. Perhaps we'll see a TV series featuring Serrailler on PBS soon?

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.





by Stacey Kade

Alona Dare is queen of the first tier in her high school until she skips zero hour gym one morning and gets hit by a school bus. Instead of a white light, she finds herself "waking up" at the scene of the accident every morning, unable to move on to whatever is supposed to come next. It doesn't take long for her to discover she's not the only invisible person on the school grounds. The halls are crowded with other spirits, too. And soon she realizes that there's a student who can see them all.

Will Killian was born with the ability to see spirits. Unfortunately, in these times, people who hear voices are heavily medicated and locked in a padded room. He's trying desperately to finish high school without that happening. It gets harder for him to accomplish once Alona notices that he can see her, and insists he help her move on. He's got other things to worry about,



though. A malevolent dark force has been chasing him. He's not sure who or what it is, but he suspects it has to do with his father, who could also see spirits, and who committed suicide the year before.

What follows is a fun and distinctly uncreepy ghost story that masquerades as a light read, but deals with some heavy topics. Alona and Will take turns telling the story from very different perspectives. The deeper you get into the story, the more you realize that each of them is holding something back, both from each other and from the reader.

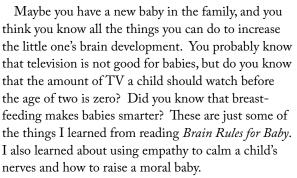
This title is also available as an Adobe EPUB eBook.

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.





#### Brain Rules for Baby: How to Raise a Smart and Happy Child from Zero to Five by John Medina reviewed by Phyllis Davidson



I was surprised to learn what ten years of music study can do for a child's happiness later in life, and now I'm glad my brilliant parents never told me, "You're so smart." This book is chock full of practical tips for making a child's life better, and it explains how that will pay off in adulthood. The author keeps the book interesting by using lots of examples, and he provides a summary of key points at the end of each chapter. Not only is it interesting and informative, it's actually an enjoyable read. I hope a lot of parents will turn off the TV and sit down and read this book.

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



#### How To Get a Job-- By Me, the Boss by Sally Lloyd-Jones and Sue Heap

Since I am aunt to several very bossy nieces (who were never shy about telling me exactly what was what), this cheeky picture book seemed quite familiar.

The Big Sister of a rosy-cheeked Baby Brother takes it upon herself to educate him in the ways of the world. Age and varied experiences have given her ample opportunity to observe the way things work. To get a job, she tells him, "first you need to know what exactly a job is."

She is well aware of what jobs allow you to do: get money for the family and allow you to dress up in new shoes. Jobs range from the very big (President of the World) to the very small (Balloon Holder).

Big Sister has much advice for Baby Brother, the

#### reviewed by Jana Hausburg

key piece being: decide what you want to be when you grow up. Those who want to teach, she lectures, should know how to be "not boring" while those wishing to be parents should have skills in the diaper-changing department "and not throw up."

There are many different types of jobs, she notes, among which she lists sleep experts, masters of disguise, and butterfly keepers.

The artwork is bright and full of whimsy. This children's book will appeal to the know-it-all in every kid.

Jana Hausburg is manager of the Capitol Hill Library. She is also the author of It Wasn't Much.



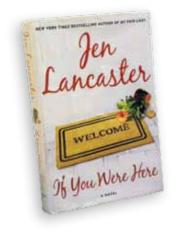
#### **Reviews & Recommendations**



#### If You Were Here

by Jen Lancaster

reviewed by Kim Terry



If you are a child of the '80s, chances are you're obsessed with everything John Hughes. Whether it's Ferris Bueller's Day Off ("Bueller? Bueller?") or Pretty in Pink ("Blane? That's not a name. That's an appliance."), we learned a lot from John Hughes. So when fellow Hughesite, Mia, finds that Jake Ryan's house (16 Candles) is for sale, she's determined to buy

Mia, who writes a bestselling teen series about zombie Amish teenagers in love, looks past the '80s décor of mirrored walls and rooms covered in mauve and teal wallpaper. And her husband Mac is ready for a great renovation project... after all, doesn't years and years of religiously watching HGTV qualify them?

When two toilets fall through the second floor, they decide to hire a professional contractor to do the remodel. But when Vlad, from the former soviet state of "Somewhere-istan," doesn't show up after a few days on the job, Mia and Mac are back to the ultimate DIY project. Money quickly dwindles and Mia spends a few nights in the city jail (grateful for the hot showers). She tries to keep her sanity with help from her kitten, Agent Jack Bauer, and weekly visits to John Hughes' gravesite for therapeutic "discussions."

Jen Lancaster's first foray into fiction is a quick, fun read that is perfect for reading when taking a break from your current DIY project.

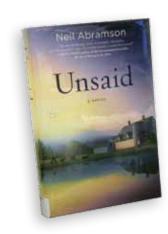
This title is also available as an OverDrive MP3 Audiobook.

The perpetually accident-prone Kim Terry is the Director of Marketing and Communications at MLS. She knows the only good thing about a broken leg is it gives her more time to read.



#### Unsaid by Neil Abramson

reviewed by Tracy Stone



Have you ever had a relationship with a dog, cat, horse, pig or chimpanzee? Do you think your pet understands and maybe even communicates with you? If so, you will enjoy Neil Abramson's debut novel Unsaid.

Helena, a veterinarian recently deceased after a fight with breast cancer, narrates the story from the afterlife. Through Helena, we experience the pain of those left behind, including a menagerie of bewildered animals, her grieving young husband David, Jaycee, a friend and colleague, and Cindy, a sign-language-capable chimpanzee. Cindy, now threatened with returning to the general primate population for drug testing in the research facility, is probably doomed unless Jaycee finds a way to save her, and a legal battle ensues.

Abramson is promoting an animal rights agenda, but the reader quickly forgives any preaching as the author draws us into the characters and their stories. In this engrossing read, we learn about the very nature of communication and its barriers as we see the things that are left unsaid not only by Helena, her husband, Jaycee, and Cliff, a boy with Asperger's syndrome, as well as Cindy the chimpanzee, and many other animals trying to communicate with their human companions.

This book is also available as a spoken word compact disc and as an OverDrive WMA Audiobook.

Tracy is most often found at the reference desk of the Downtown Library, but has been chosen to blaze the trail from Downtown to the new Northwest Library, where she hopes to regale new customers with her readers advisory skills.

# Taxing Times

ther than a fat offshore bank account, there's not much you can do to avoid that annual give-and-take session with the IRS. Hopefully, it's not too blistering and you have something left over after their romp through your finances. As The Kinks sang:

The tax man's taken all my dough And left me in my stately home Lazing on a sunny afternoon

Uh huh. Enjoy the warmth.

Or does the concept of filling in those sometimes mystifying IRS forms fill you with a yearly anxiety? Do you wake up in the night—especially the night of April 14—after having a nightmare in which a misplaced decimal point sent you to Guantanamo Bay? (Although the deadline this year is April 17—you get to hang on to your money for an extra two days!)

To make things a little easier for people whose tax returns are fairly basic and with a low to moderate

income, your Metropolitan Library System is joining again in 2012 with AARP and VITA to provide free assistance in figuring how much you

owe, and help with filling in the 2011 state and federal tax forms.

The sessions are first come-first served and no appointments will be taken. All tax assistants are volunteers and sometimes they have

to leave before they are scheduled to, so it never hurts to call the library offering the help to make

sure someone's there to lend a hand. Find the complete schedule on page 15 of *info* to find out which libraries are offering this service.

Although the helpers are volunteers, they are certified tax counselors so you know you'll be receiving good advice on your tax preparation—and they can also assist with e-filing.

While we can't honestly suggest that anyone can rejoice at tax time, our Tax Help service can certainly relieve those mid-April blues for seniors and any other adults who can take advantage of it.

And you don't even have to travel to the Cayman Islands.

# The Price It's Right!

If you've got the collecting bug, you've got to check out Price It!





t's been nearly five years since Bob Barker last invited a contestant to "Come on down" to play The Price Is Right on TV, but you don't have to appear on the tube in order to find out the value of those goodies and heirlooms on the top shelf of the closet. You just need to visit our website, www.metrolibrary.org.

Just go to the site and click on Databases, then scroll down until you come to "Price It! Antiques & Collectibles." Click again.

Now start pricing.

At the top of the page there's a box labeled "Keywords." You type in whatever it is you're interested in and go from there.

Say you want to get rid of that Beanie Baby collection you were so proud of ten years ago (but now find kind of embarrassing). Type in Beanie Baby, move down a little and select "Dolls" as your category and hit "Search."

What do you find? Well, here's one that recently sold for \$200—but then, here's a lot of 100 of them that sold for \$45. Ouch. But someone paid over \$400 for a copy of "Detective Comics" #327 from 1964. Great. Now my wife

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will want to sell my copy.

In addition to giving rough ideas as to current values for collectible items, you can use Price It! to find

out more about the whole worlds of memorabilia and art collecting. Take a look at the Info Center for articles of interest to collectors. For instance, do you know what to do when you have wrinkled vellum? (I hate it when that happens.) You can find out here.

There are also a series of articles on spotting fakes and phonies, in general or by specific items. Currently there are 196 articles about toys, 114 about porcelain and ceramics, and nearly 700 on collecting in general—that's hours of reading about one of the most fascinating hobbies, and it's only the tip of the articles iceberg.

Price It! can also help put you in touch with others who share your specific interests with a list of hundreds of collectors' clubs. Here's a contact address for the Oklahoma Chapter - Paperweight Collectors Association.

If you've got the collecting bug, you've got to check out Price It! And since it's online, you don't even have to Come on down!

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



#### English as a Second Language Mar 1,6,8,13,15,20,22,27,29 Tue and Thur | 9:30a-12:30p Adults



This is an ongoing enrollment with the Oklahoma City Public Schools. 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.

#### Tai Chi: Moving for Better Balance Class Mar 1,8,15,22,29 | Thur | 5:30-6:30p Mar 6,13,20,27 | Tue | 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. Class is free, but space is limited, so sign up at the reference desk. Will meet Tuesday and Thursday evening. Cosponsor: OCCHD.

#### AARP Tax Aide Mar 3,10,17,24,31 | Sat | 9a-Noon Mar 6,13,20,27 | Tue | 9a-Noon Mar 7,14,21,28 | Wed | 9a-Noon Adults

AARP volunteers will be providing free tax preparation and e-filing assistance for seniors, age 60 and over, and others with a low to moderate income of not more than \$49,000.00. Assistance is provided on a first come, first serve basis. Please be sure to bring all relevant documents with you, e.g. all earning and dividend statements, copies of last year's federal and state returns, and proof of bank account numbers for direct deposit. Volunteers will be available beginning Feb 1 through Apr 11 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays, 9-Noon.

#### Children Reading to Dogs Mar 5,12,26 | Mon | 6-7p Children who can read



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

#### Gaming Club Mar 6,13,20,27 | Tue 4-5p Teens



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

#### Developmental Screenings Mar 7 | Wed | 12:30-4:30pm Ages birth to 5 years w/guardian



A developmental screening is a very general look at how your child is doing compared to other children the same age. Questions or concerns you may have about your child's development or behavior will be discussed. Appointments are one hour long and will include a small fee. To

schedule an appointment call 425-4412. The child must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Cosponsor: OCCHD.

#### Trip Around the World Mar 7 | 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. Cosponsor: Junior League of OKC.

#### Camo Art Mar 8 | Thur | 4-5p



Explore the style of The Hunger Games, and make your own wearable art creation. Use camouflage and military clothing, buttons, zippers, and patches to make your statement, no matter what district you represent. Incorporate the Mockingjay symbol or create something the Girl on Fire would wear, and make Cinna proud!

#### Teen Crafts Mar 15 | Thur | 4-5p Teens



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

#### Hunger Games/Battle Royale (Japan Version) Mar 17 | Sat | 2-3p Teens-adults

Join UCO professor Wayne Stein as he discusses the similarities between the Hunger Games Trilogy and Battle Royale a Japanese film as well as other dystopian works.

#### Metro OKC Knit Guild Group Meeting Mar 18 | 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.

#### Belle Isle Anime/Manga Club Mar 19 | Mon | 4-5p Teens



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

#### **Post Comedy Theater** Mar 22 | Thur | 7-8p Ages 8 - adults



Robert Post is a brilliant physical comedian with a stunning theatrical mind. Combine a quart of dry humor with three tablespoons of expert mime, versatile acting, and skilled juggling; add a keen sense of satire and the absurd. Blend in splendid timing and experience, and what do you get? A host of unforgettable characters at the perfect comedy feast! Cosponsors: Friends of the Metropolitan Library System, Oklahoma Arts Council, and National Endowment for the Arts.

#### **Runaway Garden** Mar 28 | Wed | 10-11a Pre-kindergarten



Now is the time to think about planting seeds for your summer garden. Hear a story about the runaway garden. Open playtime will follow. Pre-register starting March 1st at 843-9601.

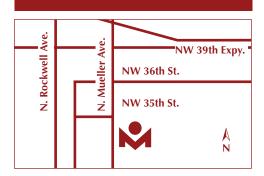
#### **Hunger Games Night** Mar 28 | Wed | 6-7:30p Teens



The Hunger Games movie release is this month! Come celebrate with an evening of fun games, trivia, food, and prizes!



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



#### Family Place: 1-2-3 Play with Me Mar 1,8 | Thur | 9:30-10:15a and 10:30-11:15a Infants to age 4 w/adult

Playing with your baby or child is not only important for bonding but is also an educational experience for your child. We are providing a special time for four weeks for you to come to the library and spend one-on-one time playing with your child. A different community resource professional will be available each week to answer your parenting questions. This free series is intended for infants through age four with their parents or guardians. Pre-register by calling the library or visiting the reference desk.

#### Gamefest Mar 1 | Thur | 6-8p Teens (Ages 12 +)



Celebrate Teen Tech Month at Gamefest. Play Wii, XBox360, PS2, and Nintendo Gamecube video games like Guitar Hero, Super Smash Brothers, DDR, and more. Games are rated E, E10+, and T. Geek Out @ Your Library! Preregister by signing up at the reference desk or by calling 789-8363 Ext. 3

#### **Developmental Screenings** Mar 2 | Fri | 9a-Noon Ages birth to 5 years w/guardian



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

#### Yu-Gi-Oh! Club Mar 3 | Sat | 10-11:30a Teens (Ages 12 +)



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

#### The Children's Hour Evening **Story Time** Mar 6 | Tue | 6-30-7p



Ages 3-8 Share a half-hour of fun with your child! Enjoy stories, songs and nursery rhymes. Pre-register at the library information desk or call 789-8363, ext. 3.

#### Winter Story and Craft Time Mar 15 | Thur | 10-10:45a **Ages 3-6**



Say goodbye to Winter! Enjoy stories, songs, nursery rhymes and a fun craft. Preregister at the library information desk or call 789-8363, ext. 3.

#### St. Partrick's Day Event Mar 17 | Sat | 3-4p All ages



St. Patrick's Day will be celebrated with the Celtic Cadence Dance Company. Awardwinning stepdancers from Hill Irish Dance School will present traditional and modern dances of the Emerald Isle. Seating is limited. Arrive 15-20 minutes early for a seat. Doors will close at 3:00pm. Refreshments will be served after the event.

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#### City Arts Center presents: Your Life in History

#### Mar 24 | Sat | 9:30a-12:30p Adults

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

#### Fight the Internet Bad Guys and Win Mar 26 | Mon | 6:30-7:30p **Adults**

Internet criminals are out there, working to steal your stuff, or to use your computer behind your back to steal other people's stuff. In his free workshop, computer security expert Dave Moore will expose the bad guy's schemes, teaching you how to Fight the Internet Bad Guys and Win. Cosponsor: Friends of Libraries in Oklahoma and Oklahoma City Community Foundation.

#### **Toddler Play and Story Time** Mar 29 | 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 information desk or call 789-8363, ext. 3.

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#### **Tax Help by AARP Volunteers** Mar 2,9,16,23,30 | Fri | 9:30a-2:30p Mar 6,13,20,27 | Tue | 11a-3:30p

Free service for seniors or any adult with low to

moderate income. Local ERO Coordinator and certified tax counselors will be available to assist with tax preparation and e-filing. Please call Louene Hembree at 685-2773 for more information. Cosponsor: AARP

#### **Capitol Hill Chess Club** Mar 1 | Thur | 4-5p All ages

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

#### **Computer Basics for Seniors** Mar 3 | Sat | 2-3:30p **Adults and seniors**



Join us every first Saturday here at Capitol Hill for a Back-to-Basics computer class. This class includes everything from Internet Searching to Email and so much more! Please register at 634-6308 as space is limited.

#### **GED** Mar 5,7,26 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. Provided by the OKC Public Schools Adult Education Program

#### **Homework and Reading Help** Mar 5,26 | Mon | 4-5p Mar 8,29 | Thur | 4-5p Elementary & middle school age

Teen and adult volunteers will be available to help with homework and reading practice. Please call 634-6308 to register. If you are a teen or adult interested in mentoring at the Capitol Hill library, please call 634-6308 and talk to Jennifer or Angela or email jjones@ metrolibrary.org

#### **Conversational Spanish II** Mar 5,12,19,26 | Mon **Adults**



This course is designed for individuals who already have a basic understanding of the Spanish language, and want to further increase their Spanish speaking skills. The class began on February 13th and will continue on Monday evenings until May 7th. Register by contacting the library, or sign up at the information desk.

#### Tell Me A Story: Story & Craft 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.

#### Super SmashBros Tournament Mar 7 | Wed | 4:30-6p



So you've been playing Super SmashBros forever and have AMAZING skillz, now you can play against other SmashBros players in a tournament! Call Angela at 634-6308 for more information.

#### **Children Reading to Dogs** Mar 10 | Sat | 1-2p Children who can read



Our highly trained dog volunteers love to hear stories! Come practice your reading skills by reading to these adorable dogs! We provide the books AND the dogs. Please register at the information desk or by calling 634-6308.

#### Art in the Afternoon With Debbie Langston Mar 10 | Sat | 2-4p Ages 6 and older

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

#### **Good Eats for Kids** Mar 12 | Mon | 2-3p Ages 8 and older

Tired of cereal? Sick of pb & j? Kids and parents can learn about easy, healthy foods that kids can make themselves. Samples will be shared! Kids under 8 are welcome with caregiver. Please pre-register at 634-6308. Facilitated by Extension Educator in Family and Consumer Sciences at OSU Extention.

#### Tell Me A Story: **Move and Groove** Mar 13 | 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

#### Critter Tales, Craft and **Story Time** Mar 13 | Tue | 2-3:30p Ages 6 and older

See live animals, hear a story and make a wild

Tax Help: AARP

For Adults. AARP trained volunteers will assist you in preparing your 2011 state and federal tax returns. No appointments taken. First come, first served.



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Belle Isle Library-AARP, E-filing ONLY

Saturdays: Mar 3,10,17,24,31: 9a-Noon Tuesdays: Mar 6,13,20,27: 9a-Noon Wednesdays: Mar 7,14,21,28: 9a-Noon

Capitol Hill Library—AARP, E-filing ONLY

Fridays: Mar 2,9,16,23,30: 9:30a-2:30p Tuesdays: Mar 6,13,20,27: 11a-3:30p

**Del City Library**–AARP, E-filing ONLY

Thursdays: Mar 1,8,15,22,29: Noon- 4p Saturdays: Mar 3,10,17,24,31: 9-11a Mondays: Mar 5,12,19,26: Noon-4p

Edmond Library-AARP E-filing ONLY Wednesdays: Mar 7,14,21,28: 10a-2p Thursdays: Mar 1,8,15,22,29: Noon-8p

Ralph Ellison Library-VITA

Saturdays: Mar 3,10,17,24,31: 9a-4p

The Village Library—AARP, E-filing ONLY

Saturdays: Mar 3,10,17,24,31: 10a-3p Tuesdays: Mar 6,13,20,27: 10a-3p Wednesdays: Mar 7,14,21,28: 10a-3p

Warr Acres Library—AARP, E-filing ONLY

Fridays: Mar 2,9,16,23,30: 9a-2:30p Mondays: Mar 5,12,19,26: 9a-2:30p

Juggle Whatever-Learn to Juggle! Mar 14 | Wed | 2-4p Ages 6 and older

Anyone can juggle! Come and see.

**Gaming Club** Mar 14,28 | Wed | 4:30-5:30p All ages

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

**Theater Workshop** Mar 19 | Mon | Noon-2p Grades 1-4

Get an introduction to acting in a play, from start to finish!

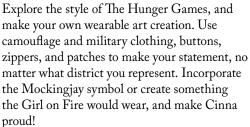
**Theater Workshop** Mar 20 | Tue | Noon-2p Grades 4-7

Learn how to do performance improv.

**Beyblade Battle** Mar 21 | Wed | 4:30-5:30p

Bring your favorite Beyblade and go battle it out to become the master! All ages. Call 634-6308 for more information

#### Camo Art Mar 22 | Thur | 4:30-5:30p



**Tell Me A Story:** Play and Learn Mar 27 | 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!



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

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

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#### **Gem and Mineral Display** March 1-31 | Library Hours

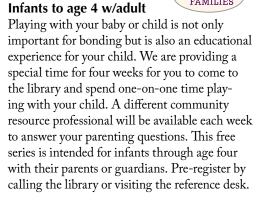
George Finley and members of the Shawnee Gem and Mineral Club will have gems, minerals and craft items on display during month of March. Books and resources will be available for check-out. Cosponsor: Shawnee Gem and Mineral Club & Eastern Oklahoma County Tech Center.

#### Camo Art Mar 1 | Thur | 6-7p



Explore the style of The Hunger Games, and make your own wearable art creation. Use camouflage and military clothing, buttons, zippers, and patches to make your statement, no matter what district you represent. Incorporate the Mockingjay symbol or create something the Girl on Fire would wear, and make Cinna proud!

#### Family Place: 1-2-3 Play with Me Mar 2,9,16,23 | Thur 10-11a



#### Gem and Mineral Demo Day at the Library Mar 3 | Sat | 10a-3p

Ages 10 - older

Members of the Shawnee Gem and Mineral Club will provide an overview of the club's activities. Demonstrations of jewelry making and many facets of gems/minerals are presented. This event is a come and go affair. No registration is necessary. School-aged children and young adults are welcome. Cosponsor: Shawnee Gem and Mineral Club & Eastern Oklahoma County Tech Center.

#### **German for Beginners** Mar 5,12,19,26 | Mon 5:30-6:30p Ages 13 - adult



Join us for "German in 10 Minutes a Day" with Hannalore Chan. Students will learn to speak conversational German and practice correct pronunciation of common German words and phrases. This is a 6 week course.

#### **Lapsit Story Time** Mar 6,13,20,27 | Tue 9:30-10a Ages 6 months-3 years



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

#### **Preschool Storytime** Mar 6,13,20,27 | Tue 10:30-11a Ages 3-5 years



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

#### Yoga For Your Health Mar 7,14 | Wed | 6:15-7:15p **Adults**

The health benefits of yoga include stress reduction, the concentration required during yoga practice tends to focus your attention on the matter at hand, and thereby reducing the emphasis you may be putting on the stress in your life. Melissa O'Neill of Oklahoma City will lead these sessions. Classes are free and space is limited. Please pre-register at 390-8418, ext 3.

#### Gamefest Mar 8 | Thur | 5-7p **Teens**



Celebrate Teen Tech Week with the coolest technology around-video games! Come play your favorite Wii, Gamecube, X-Box 360, and PS2 games. Snacks and drinks provided.

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



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

#### **Children Reading to Dogs** Mar 10 | Sat | 3-4p Mar 21 | 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.

#### Lil' Lit' Club Mar 14,28 | 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 and Plots Teen Book Club



Mar 14 | Wed | 4:30-5:30p **Teens** 

Choctaw Library has a book club just for Teens! Come enjoy pizza, snacks and drinks as we talk about awesome books. 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.

#### **Hunger Games Night** Mar 15 | Thur | 6-7:30p **Teens**



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#### **Post Comedy Theater** Mar 19 | Mon | 1-2p Ages 8 - adults



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#### 2nd Annual WayWord Whopper Festival Mar 24 | Sat 9:15a-1:30p arts **Adults**



A unique, mini-storytelling festival that will showcase storytellers sharing their best of the best whoppers. Tellers will be judged in several categories: Family Funny, Folk & Fairy and Wild Whoopee Whoppers(Tall Tales). Unusual prizes and certificates will be presented. Cosponsor: WayWord Tellers, Oklahoma Territory Tellers and Eastern Oklahoma County Tech Ctr.

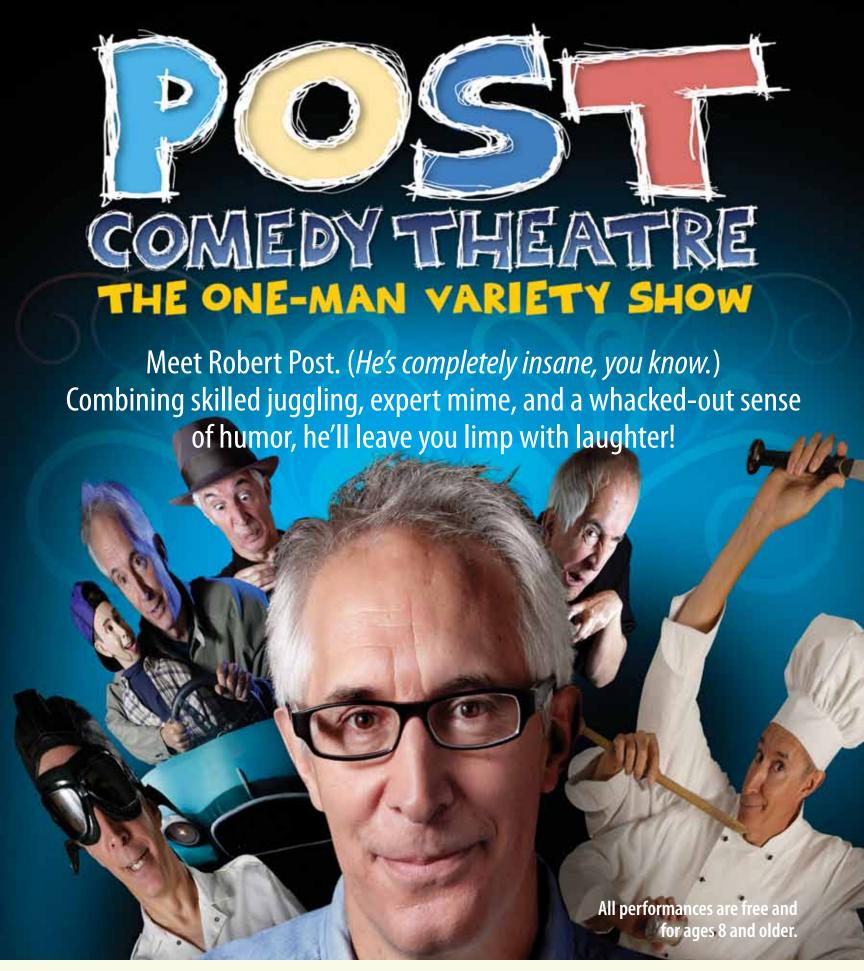
#### Ookami Anime Club Mar 24 | Sat | 2:30-4p **Teens**



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

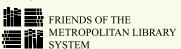
#### Lego Club Mar 28 | Wed | 4-5:30p All ages

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



Sunday, Mar. 18 at 2pm: Monday, Mar. 19 at 1pm: Monday, Mar. 19 at 7pm: Tuesday, Mar. 20 at 1pm: Tuesday, Mar. 20 at 7pm: Wednesday, Mar. 21 at 10am: Thursday, Mar. 22 at 1pm: Downtown Library (231-8650) Choctaw Library (390-8418) Edmond Library (341-9282) Ralph Ellison Library (424-1437) Midwest City Library (732-4828) Bethany Library (789-8363) Warr Acres Library (721-2616) Thursday, Mar. 22 at 7pm: Friday, Mar. 23 at 10am: Friday, Mar. 23 at 2pm:



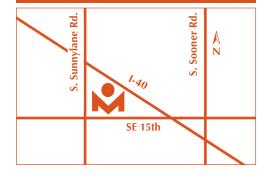


Belle Isle Library (843-9601) The Village Library (755-0710) Del City Library (672-1377)





#### **Del City Library** 4509 S.E. 15th, Del City (405) 672-1377 **HOURS** Fri: 9-6 Sun: Closed



#### **AARP Tax Aide** Mar 1,8,15,22,29 | Thur | Noon-4p Mar 3,10,17,24,31 | Sat | 9-11a Mar 5,12,19,26 | Mon | Noon-4p

The Del City Library hosts AARP tax help volunteers Mondays and Thursdays from 12pm to 4pm, and Saturdays from 9:00am to 11am. Tax help is provided on a first-come, first served

#### Storytime Mar 2 | Fri | 10:30-11a **Ages 3-6**



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.

#### **Read Across America Celebration** Mar 2 | Fri | 4-5p All ages

Join others across America who are celebrating reading by participating in National Read Across America Day and come read with us. We will be reading *The Lorax* and other Dr. Seuss stories in honor of the late Dr. For more information call 672-1377 or visit us at the information desk.

#### **Baby Play** Mar 5 | Sat | 10-11:15a 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.

#### **Geek Out Bingo Contest** Mar 5-12 | Library Hours



Contest March 5-12

Teens, celebrate Teen Tech Week by playing Geek Out Bingo! Pick up a bingo card at the Information Desk and win cool prizes when you play. Completely Geek Out your card by finishing every square and enter to win a grand prize! Contest ends Monday, March 12th and the prize winners will be announced at the Wii Dance Off.

#### Fight the Internet Bad Guys and Win Mar 5 | Mon | 6:30-7:30p

Internet criminals are out there, working to steal your stuff, or to use your computer behind your back to steal other people's stuff. In his free workshop, computer security expert Dave Moore will expose the bad guy's schemes, teaching you how to Fight the Internet Bad Guys and Win. Cosponsor: Friends of Libraries in Oklahoma and Oklahoma City Community Foundation.

#### **Ayumu Anime Club** Mar 6 | 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 may be unsuitable for ages 13 and younger. Call 672-1377 for more information or to sign up.

#### **Zumbatomic** Mar 6,13 | Tue | 5:45-6:30p Children age 6 and older

Zumbatomic is an international dance/fitness workout designed to get kids moving and having fun. Not only will kids be having fun but they will also be developing better listening skills and coordination. Classes will be lead by a certified Zumbatomic Instructor and will last from 30-45 minutes. Kids should wear comfortable clothing, water will be provided. Space is limited. For more information or to sign up please call 672-1377 or visit us at the information desk.

#### **Children Reading to Dogs** Mar 8,22 | Thur | 6:30-7:30p Mar 24 | Sat | 9a-Noon 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.

#### We Dance-Off Mar 12 | Mon | 4-5:30p



Teens, have you ever wanted to bust a move in the library? Now's your chance! Join us for a Wii Dance Off in the library and celebrate Teen Tech Week in style. The prize winners of Teen Tech Week's "Geek Out Bingo" will be announced as well, so be there or be square. Call 672-1377 for more info.

#### **TAB Meet-Up** Mar 13 | Tue | 4:30-5:30p



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.

#### **Hunger Games: Psywar For Your Mind** Mar 13 | Tue | 6-7p **Adults**

In The Hunger Games propaganda is used to manipulate people and punish anyone who questioned those in power. Come learn how reality television & propaganda are really being used to control your mind and what you can do to join the revolution. Dr. Kole Kleeman will discuss the Hunger Games series and the rising use of propaganda to promote war. He will then discuss Militainment the fusion of militarism and pop culture with video examples.

#### **Movie Night** Mar 15 | Thur | 5-8p All ages

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

#### **Playdough Book Club** Mar 16 | Fri | 10-11a **Ages 4-6**



Come hear a story then spend the rest of the hour using playdough and your imagination to create something from the story. This will be a lot of fun. For children 4-8 with parent or guardian. For questions or to sign up please call 672-1377 or visit us at the information desk.

# FIGHT THE INTERNET BAD GUYS AND WIN



Monday, March 5 – 6:30pm Del City Library

Monday, March 12 – 6:30pm Edmond Library Monday, March 19 – 6:30pm Southern Oaks Library

Monday, March 26 – 6:30pm

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#### **Juggling Club** Mar 21 | Wed | 6-7p Age 12 and older

The Del City Juggling Club welcomes experienced jugglers or those just starting out. Meet fellow jugglers, practice your skills, and learn some new tricks. Meetings are led by professional juggler, Monica Buck of Juggle Whatever. Call 672-1377 for more information.

#### **Post Comedy Theater** Mar 23 | Fri | 2-3p Ages 8 - adults



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#### The Busy Person's Book Club Mar 29 | Thur | 6-7p All ages

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 The Pearl by John Steinbeck. Call 672-1377 or stop by the reference desk to reserve your copy of this month's book selection.

#### **Downtown Library**

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

#### **HOURS**

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

Sat: 9-5 Sun: 1-6



#### **Noon Tunes** Mar 1,8,15,22,29 | Thur 11:30a-12:30p All ages



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

Mar 1: OKC Homeschool Choirs

Mar 8: Miss Brown to You Mar 15: The Justice System Mar 22: Blackwelder Brass

Mar 28: Smilin' Vic & the Soul Monkeys

#### Play With Me Mar 2 | Fri | 10-10:45a Infants to age 4 w/adult



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

#### Zen Garden in Oklahoma Soil Mar 3 | Sat | 1-3p Age 15 and older

Hosted by Dr. Kulwadee Pigott (trained in landscape architecture with a Ph.D in Geology) and Mrs. Shinako Alfred (co-president of Japan-American Society of Oklahoma), the workshop will begin with an introduction to the micro-climate of Oklahoma and the experience of making a Zen garden in Oklahoma. Then the workshop provides a mini hands-on experience on ikebana, traditional Japanese flower arrangement. Flower materials of the workshop are provided, but here is a fee for some flower arrangement tools. Please call (405) 748-0485 for details. Co-sponsored by Japan-American Society of Oklahoma.

#### Mar 3,10,17,24 | Sat | 2-4p **Adults**



Join us at the Downtown Library for English as a Second Language classes, held every Saturday from 2pm to 4pm on the 4th Floor. Please register at 606.3879 as space is limited.

#### Write On! Writing Workshop Mar 4,11,18,25 | 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

#### **Computer Basics for Seniors** Mar 6,13,20 | Tue 6-7:30p **Adults**



Join us for an introductory class that will teach basic navigation and common uses for computers and software such as web browsing, Microsoft Word, Excel and basic computer security. Classes are held in the Route 66 Computer Lab.

#### Wednesday Night at the Movies Mar 7,14,21,28 | Wed | 6-8p Age 13 and older

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

#### **Preschool Aerobics** Mar 9 | Fri | 10-10:45a Age 12 mos - 5 yrs with 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.

#### **Bookworms Book Club** Mar 10 | Sat | 2-3p Ages 5-8

For children just beginning to read on their own, this book club encourages and celebrates independent reading. Come for activities, reading and a quick craft! Call 231-8650 ext. 4 to register.



**2nd Sunday Concert:** William and Karen Khanagov Mar 11 | Sun | 2-3p All ages



Please join the Ronald J. Norick Downtown Library 2nd Sunday Concert Series as we present William Khanagov on violin and Karén Khanagov on piano in the 46th Star Auditorium. Concert starts at 2pm and doors open at 1:45pm. You won't want to miss this wonderful, free concert.

#### **Pajama Tales** Mar 15 | Thur | 6:30-7p Age 2-7 with adult



Join us for some sleepy-time tales! Come in your jammies and bring your favorite stuffed friend.

#### **Book-N-Play Story Time** Mar 16 | Fri | 10-10:45a Age 3-5 w/adult



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

### **Computer Boot Camp for**



Hey Kids!! In Junior High?? Well then you should come to the Downtown Library for some new skills!! Meet in the Route 66 computer lab for some super fun games that will teach you how to use library resources to help you in school!! We think this will be the sure way to an A! Pizza lunch and prizes included!

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#### Music Play W/Miss Ginger Mar 23 | 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.

#### **Amnesty International Human Rights Festival**

Mar 24 | Sat | 11a-5p Mar 25 | Sun | 1-5p All ages

Please join the Ronald J Norick Downtown Library as we welcome Amnesty International for a very important Film Festival on Human Rights. The event will be held on the 4th floor in the Friends Event Room. Come to one or to all, refreshments will be provided.

#### **Parachute Play** Mar 30 | Fri | 10-10:45a Age 2-5 w/adult



Enjoy putting toys, music, games and a colorful parachute together for movement fun! Pre-register by calling 231-8650 ext. 4 or by visiting the Children's Reference Desk.

## **Edmond Library HOURS**

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#### **AARP Tax Aide** Mar 1,8,15,22,29 | Thur | Noon-8p Mar 7,14,21,28 | Wed | 10a-2p Adults and seniors

AARP volunteers will be providing free tax preparation and e-filing assistance for seniors, age 60 and over, and others with a low to moderate income of not more than \$49,000. Assistance is provided on a first come, first serve basis. Please be sure to bring all relevant documents with you, e.g. all earning and dividend statements, copies of last year's federal and state returns, and proof of bank account numbers for direct deposit. Volunteers will be available through Apr 5. Cosponsor: AARP.

#### **GED** Mar 1,6,8,13,15,27,29 Tue & Thur | 5:30-8:30p



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

#### Stamp Club Mar 3,17 | Sat | 10a-Noon 4th grade and up

Are you looking for a new hobby? Join experienced stamp collectors who can guide you in this rewarding venture. To pre-register call 348-4607.

#### **Intro to Watercolor Painting with Jim Pourtorkan**

Mar 3 | Sat | 10a-Noon Adults

Artist Jim Pourtorkan is back again to introduce you to the basic techniques of watercolor painting; how to apply color and compose a painting. All supplies are provided.

#### **Advanced Farsi** Mar 4,11,18,25 | 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** Mar 4,11,18,25 | 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** Mar 5,12,19,26 | 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. Early reading literacy skills will be emphasized. Come and join the fun.

#### Intermediate ESL Mar 5,7,12,14,26,28 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** Mar 5,7,12,14,26,28 Mon & Wed | 5:30-8:30p **Adults**



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

#### **Lapsit: Playtime and Story Time** Mar 6,13,20 | Tue 9:30-10a and 10:15-10:45a and 11-11:30a Ages Birth - 2 years

Enjoy a special time with your child at the library. We will have a playtime with the toys in the story time room. This is followed by a

circle time that emphasizes group participation, movement, early literacy skills, books and language development.

#### **Chess Club For Teens** Mar 6,13,20,27 | Tue 6-7p **Teens**



Free Chess Club for Teens meets Tuesday nights 6:00 to 7:00. All skill levels are welcome. Students can play others who are learning or have prior skills in the game. Local mom and coach provides materials and instructions.

#### **Children Reading to Dogs** Mar 6,20 | Tue 6:30-7:30p Kindergarten to 6th grade



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 enjoy hearing one of the dog stories we have, but you can bring your own book. It is 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 Mar 7,14,21,28 | Wed | 9:30-11a **Seniors**

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

#### **Edmond Manga & Anime** Club Mar 8 | Thur | 4-5:30p **Teens**



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

#### **Music With Susan** Mar 9,23 | 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.

The United States has collapsed and been replaced by the nation of Panem. Every year, one boy and one girl fight to the death on live TV. Are you ready?

Join us to celebrate the modern SF classic

# THE HUNGER HOME

#### **Hunger Games Night**

Trivia game, Nerf fighting skills, food and prizes!

March 15, 6pm Choctaw Library (390-8418)

March 16, 4:30pm Del City Library (672-1377)

March 22, 7pm Midwest City Library (732-4828)

March 28, 6pm Belle Isle Library (843-9601)

March 31, 6pm Southern Oaks Library (631-4468)

#### **Camo Art**

Explore the style of The Hunger Games & make your own wearable art creation!

March 1, 6pm Choctaw Library (390-8418)

March 8, 4pm Belle Isle Library (843-9601)

March 19, 4:30pm Del City Library (672-1377)

March 22, 4:30pm Capitol Hill Library (634-6308)

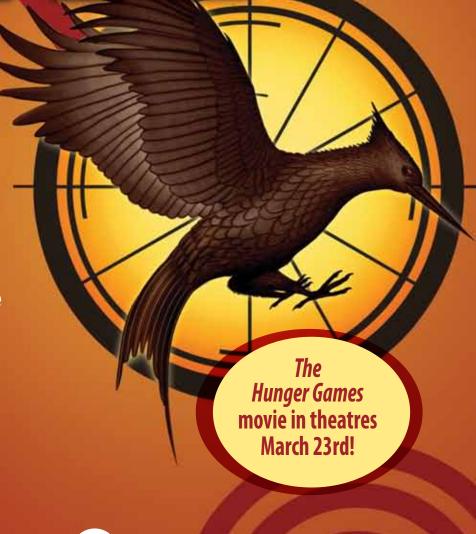
March 31, 6pm Southern Oaks Library (631-4468)

#### **Hunger Games Lecture**

Learn about media, propaganda, war and pop culture!

March 17, 2pm Belle Isle Library (843-9601)
March 13, 6pm Del City Library (672-1377)

Teens only. All events are free. Call the library to sign up.



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#### **Music With Susan** Mar 9,23 | Fri | 11:15-11:45a **Ages 4-5**



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#### Readers' Choice Book Club Mar 10 | Sat | 10:30a-Noon **Adults**

The Reader's Choice Book Club meets the second Saturday of every month at the Edmond Library. The group consists of people who enjoy reading outstanding books and discussing them. The March discussion will focus on When Ireland Fell Silent: A Story of a Family's Struggle Against Famine and Eviction by Harolyn Enis. Contact the library to reserve a copy.

#### Youth Environmentalist Club Mar 10 | Sat | 10:30-11:15a Ages 5-10

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

#### **Edmond Library Book Bunch** Mar 10 | Sat | 2-3:30p Seniors

Edmond's Book Bunch meets monthly to discuss important and memorable fiction. The March selection is Spoken From the Heart by Laura Bush. In this personal memoir, the former first lady tells her own extraordinary story, from Midland, Texas to Washington, D.C. Contact the library to reserve a copy.

#### Yu-Gi-Oh Tournament Mar 10 | Sat | 3-4:30 All school-aged children

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.

#### Fight the Internet Bad Guys and Win Mar 12 | Mon | 6:30-7:30p Adults

Internet criminals are out there, working to steal your stuff, or to use your computer behind your back to steal other people's stuff. In his free workshop, computer security expert Dave Moore will expose the bad guy's schemes, teaching you how to Fight the Internet Bad Guys and Win. Cosponsor: Friends of Libraries in Oklahoma and Oklahoma City Community Foundation.

#### **In Stitches: Edmond Library Needlecraft**

Mar 13 | Tue | 6:30-8:30p Adults

Do you enjoy knitting or other needlework? Develop your skills or learn a new one 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.

#### **Developmental Screenings** Mar 14 | Wed | 1-5p Parents and child



Child Guidance is offering developmental and speech/language screenings @ the libraries once again! A developmental screening is a general look at how children are doing compared to other children the same age. At a screening appt 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. Cosponsor: OCCHD.

#### **History Book Club** Mar 15 | Thur | 6:30-8p art **Adults**



This is an every-other month history book discussion. The sessions are led by history professors from the University of Central Oklahoma. The March discussion, led by Dr. Jessica Sheetz-Nguyen, will focus on Jacqueline Kennedy: Historic Conversations on Life with John F. Kennedy: Interviews with Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr., 1964. The complete interview transcripts included in the text allow readers a window into an important time period in American history. Contact the library to reserve a copy. Cosponsor: University of Central Oklahoma.

#### **Post Comedy Theater** Mar 19 | Mon | 7-8p Ages 8 - adults



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#### **Toolbox Jewelry** Mar 21 | Wed | 3-4p



Join us during spring break for a fun and quick jewelry class that teaches you how to recycle

nuts, bolts, some colored string some creativity to make cool and wearable art. This is a free class and all materials are provided. Call to register at 341-9282.

#### **Much Ado About Nothing** Mar 24 | Sat | 1-4p Age 12 - adult

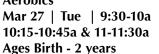


The very first production independently produced by founder and artistic director, Tyler Woods' Much Ado About Nothing was first performed in 2000 in Edmond, Oklahoma. Told with all of the love and care of the original production, Woods hopes to bring further innovation into this lively look at love and deceit set in 1860 Italy. Cosponsor: Reduxion Theatre, Oklahoma Arts Council, National Endowment for the Arts.

#### **Arbor Day Poster Display** Mar 26 and 27 | Mon and Tues All ages -Open to the Public

The Arbor Day Poster Contest is a program for Edmond fifth graders to encourage awareness about the urban forest of our community and the benefits of trees. Winning posters will be displayed for public viewing. Cosponsor: Urban Forestry Department.

#### **Lapsit: Playtime and Toddler Aerobics**





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

#### Harrah Library

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

#### **HOURS**

Sun: Closed

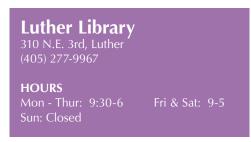


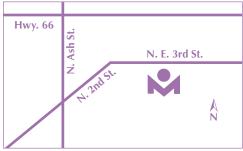
#### **Children Reading to Dogs** Mar 10 | Sat | 9a-Noon Kindergarten to 6th grade



Come practice your reading skills by reading

to therapy dogs, Duke and Chewbacca. Call Harrah Library at 454-2001 for information.





#### **Coffee Break** Mar 5 | Mon | 9:30-11a **Adults**

Come by for a cup of coffee, a snack and take a look at our latest books on the shelf. We know you will find something you will want to take home with you.

#### **Oklahoma County Triad: Keeping Our** Citizens Safe Mar 6 | Tue | 11a-Noon

Adults Keeping Our Citizens Safe. Don't be a victim.

Come and learn what is happening in our communities and how to be safe in our homes. TRIAD gives you the opportunity to get the latest crime-prevention information direct from your local law enforcement.

#### Farmer's Tea Mar 14 | Wed | 2-4p Adults

Come by, have a glass of tea and take a look at the latest books on the shelves.

#### Quilting Mar 19 | Mon | 10a-4p Adults

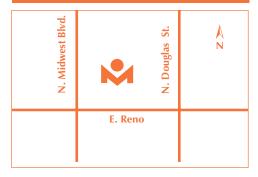
Bring your material and sewing machine and enjoy a day of quilting. If you don't know how to quilt, we will teach you.

#### **Bean Dinner** Mar 22 | Thur | Noon-1p

Come by for a bowl of beans and check out the new materials.

#### **Midwest City Library**

#### **HOURS**



#### The Mad Scientist Lab Mar 3 | Sat | 3:30-4:15p Mar 5,12 | Mon | 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.

#### **Soldier Creek Quilting Group** Mar 5,12,19,26 | Mon | 9a-2p All ages

Perpetuate art forms and inspire others in quilting. Members of Soldier Creek Quilting Group invite you to attend every Monday at the Midwest City Library from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. No experience necessary, just a willingness to create art. Registration is not required. Cosponsor: Soldier Creek Quilting Group

#### **Preschool Storytime** Mar 5,12,19 | Mon 10-10:30a Ages 2-5 w/parent



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.

#### **Whose Line** Mar 5 | Mon | 5:30-7p Ages 14-17



Get your IMPROV ON!! every Monday. No registration required.

#### **Knit Wit** Mar 6 | Tue | 10a-Noon **Adults**

Learn to knit or crochet OR, strengthen your craft. Crochet class meets every first Tuesday of the month; knitting class meets every third Tuesday. Class is free and all supplies provided by the library. No registration required.

#### **Beginning ESL** Mar 6,8,13,15,27,29 Tue & Thur | 5:30-7:30p **Adults**



Learn to improve their English language skills through everyday conversation. No registration is required. Class meets every Tuesday and Thursday. To register, please call 405-682-6222. Cosponsor: Oklahoma City Community College Adult Learning Center.

#### **Pajama Story Night** Mar 6 | Tue | 6:30-7p 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.

#### **Total Wellness** Mar 7 | Wed | 9:30-10:30a Adults

The Total Wellness Program is designed to help prevent illnesses (ie diabetes, etc.) through exercise and diet. This program is a multi-week class and registered dietitians are available to help answer questions. Space is limited. To attend and for additional information, please call 405-425-4398. Cosponsor: Oklahoma City/County Health Department.

#### Music for Babies and Toddlers Mar 7 | Wed | 10-10:40a Infants-36 mos w/parent



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.

#### **Non-Fiction Book Club** Mar 8 | Thur | 7-8p **Adults**

Come join us for the Midwest City Nonfiction Readers' Book Club where we will read and discuss an array of titles of varying subject matter. U.S. & world history, science and technology, global exploration and adventure as well as political and social issue titles will be contenders for discussion. This month's

selection is Lost in Shangri-la: a true story of survival, adventure, and the most incredible rescue mission of World War II by Mitchell Zuckoff. To sign up and receive a copy of the book, please call 405-732-4828 or visit the information desk.

#### **Much Ado About Nothing** Mar 10 | Sat | 1-4p Age 12 - adult



The very first production independently produced by founder and artistic director, Tyler Woods' Much Ado About Nothing was first performed in 2000 in Edmond, Oklahoma. Audience members will find themselves engaged in this bright and vibrant story as they participate directly in the action. Cosponsor: Reduxion Theatre, Oklahoma Arts Council, National Endowment for the Arts.

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#### **Metropolitan Library Commission** of Oklahoma County Mar 15 | Thur | 3:30-5p



Midwest City Library 8143 E. Reno Midwest City, OK 73110 405.732.5828

The public is welcome to attend.

#### **OKC Herpetological Society** Mar 15 | 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.

#### **Motor Vehicle Crash Prevention Course** Mar 17 | Sat | 9a-4p **Adults**

All licensed drivers are invited to participate in a certified AAA instructed class. A material fee of \$30.00 applies; AAA members will

receive a discount. Please call 1-800-222-2582 to register.

#### Yadah Yadah Book Club Mar 17 | Sat | 11a-Noon TeenS



Do you like to read books that inspire and challenge you to think? Or, do you enjoy good conversation/discussing ideas about different book topics? Come to the Midwest City Library and express your thoughts and be heard at the Yadah Yadah book club for teens. To attend please contact the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828. Cosponsor: Yadah Yadah Ready to Read.

#### **Spring Break Movies** March 19,20,21,22,23 | Mon-Fri 3-4:30p

Join us for a different movie every day during Spring Break. All movies are rated G or PG. Ask at the Information Desk to find out which movies will be shown. Space is limited so show up early.

#### Readers' Society Book Club Mar 20 | 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.

#### **Preschool Art** Mar 20 | Tue 10:30-11:15a Ages 2-5 w/parent



Join Miss Alison for a fun art activity. Art activities during the preschool years can help a young child to improve fine motor skills, as well as aid in cognitive, social, and emotional development. Space is limited. Priority will be given to those who are registered. Sign-up at the Information Desk or by calling 732-4828.

#### **Family Craft Night** Mar 20 | Tue 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 InformationDesk or by calling 732-4828.

#### **Post Comedy Theater** Mar 20 | Tue | 7-8p Ages 8 - adults



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#### Spring Break Make 'n Take Mar 21 | Wed | 10:30-11:15a Ages 6-12

Join us for a morning of fun arts & crafts. Older and younger siblings are welcome. Space is limited. Priority will be given to those who are registered for this program. Sign-up at the Information Desk or by calling 732-4828.

#### **Lego Robotics** Mar 21 | Wed 1:30-3:30p Ages 10-16



Lego Robotics is back at the Midwest City Library. To attend, please register at the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828. Cosponsor: OSU-OKC Extension.

#### **Hunger Games Night** Mar 22 | Thur | 7-8:30p **Teens**



children & FAMILIES

The Hunger Games movie release is this month! Come celebrate with an evening of fun games, trivia, food, and prizes!

#### **Toddler Aerobics** Mar 26 | Mon | 10-10:30a Ages 2-5 w/parent

Preschoolers may join in the aerobics class that features lessons & exercises designed to develop fine & gross motor skills. Parents/caregivers will participate with their child. Registration is required and begins one week before the scheduled program. Call 732-4828 or visit the Information Desk to sign up.

#### Stuck in the Middle Mar 31 | Sat | 9:30-11a All ages

It is that time of the year...the time for kids to move from elementary school to middle school. To help with the transition, the Midwest City Library will offer Stuck in the Middle. This program helps parents and students deal with the "shift". This program will meet on March 31 and April 28. To attend, please contact the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828. Cosponsor: Stuck in the Middle.

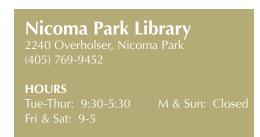
#### **Concentration Lecture** Mar 31 | Sat | 2-3p **Adults**

In this lecture we outline steps for developing

the ability to effectively use our most precious commodity which is our attention. We will present the importance of concentration, how to practice it, and provide real life examples of how to apply this most needed mind skill to produce extraordinary feats of perception. To attend this lecture please contact the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828. Cosponsor: School of Metaphysics.

## Yu-Gi-Oh Game Tournament Mar 31 | Sat | 2-4p Teens TeenS

Come and get your Yu-gi-oh game on every last Saturday of the month. No experience necessary.





#### Children Reading to Dogs Mar 1,15 | Thur | 4-4:45p Ages 4 and older



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

#### Ladies Crafting Mar 20 | Tue | 10a-Noon All ages

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

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

#### Bead for Life Display Mar 1-31 | Library Hours All Ages

To go along with our Bead for Life jewelry-making program, this month we are featuring a display about handmade beads and jewelry, with a particular focus on the Ugandan women who make stunning beads as part of a nonprofit organization called BeadforLife (http://beadforlife.org/index.html). BeadforLife beads, crafted from recycled materials, are more than environmentally friendly, gorgeous, and one of a kind--they also help eradicate poverty, build the Ugandan economy, and enable families to earn money for food, shelter, education, and health care. Display runs from March 1-31.

#### Tai Chi: Moving for Better Balance Mar 1,8,15,22,29 | Thur | 11a-Noon Mar 6,13,20,27 | Tue | 11a-Noon Adults

This Tai Chi program is designed for mature adults who want to improve their posture, lessen joint stiffness, raise energy levels, and reduce the risk of falling. Cosponsor: Oklahoma City-County Health Department.

#### Spring Into Fitness Mar 1,8,15,22,29 | Thur | 6:30-7:30p Age 13 and older

At the Ralph Ellison Library, get an early start shaping up for bathing suit season! Let the trainers at Eastside Sooners Fitness help you burn off massive amounts of calories with their Aerobic Kickboxing and Dance Aerobics classes. Thursday nights in March. Cosponsor: Eastside Sooners Fitness.

#### Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Mar 3,10,17,24,31 | 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.

#### First Monday Gamefest Mar 5 | Mon | 4-5:30p Tweens and teens



Gamfests rock! So, Ralph Ellison Library has decided to make them happen every month. Join the First Monday Gamefest and get ready to jam out to Guitarhero, dance the night away on our XBOX Kinect, make some sweet touchdowns on Madden 11, and race some cars on Mario Kart! No sign up required.

#### Preschool Storytime Mar 6 | Tue | 10-10:30a Age 2-5



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

#### Board Games Tuesdays Mar 6 | Tue | 4:30-5:30p All ages

From the classics to the latest creations, our board games are the source of inter-generational fun! Select from our collection, or bring your own.

#### Robotics Workshop Mar 6 | Tue | 5-7p Ages 10-16

Teens, are you interested in electronics and technology? Think robots totally rock? Then this workshop is for you! techJOYnT will provide a variety of activities that introduce you to the way robots are created and function. This program is in celebration of Teen Tech Week 2012!

#### Guy's Night Mar 13 | Tue | 5-6:30p All ages

Boys of all ages are invited to bond over video games, board games, and delicious snacks. 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.

## Straight Talk Mar 19,26 | Mon | 6-8p Mar 21,28 | Wed | 6-8p Age 10-14 with and adult

Having trouble with that "birds and bees" talk? Then, this class is for you! "Straight Talk" is a

program for pre-teens (ages 10-14) with an adult family member. It teaches people to talk openly about sex and sexuality. Participants will learn about everything from family communication and puberty to sexual decision making. The program is four nights, and dinner is provided at each session! Participants completing the program will also receive two free books and \$25 per family! Pre-teens must be accompanied by an adult. To register, contact Courtney Peters (PPCO) at 405.528.0221, ext. 320 or straight-talk@ppfa.org. Or visit the library's information desk. Cosponsor: Planned Parenthood of Central Oklahoma (PPCO).

#### Read, Share, Grow Book Club Mar 19 | Mon | 6:30-7:30p Adults

Love to read and talk about stimulating (and sometimes provocative) books? Then the Ralph Ellison Library's Read, Share, Grow Book Club may be a perfect fit for you! Call 424-1437 or visit the library to reserve your copy of the book.

#### Post Comedy Theater Mar 20 | Tue | 1-2p Ages 8 - adults



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#### To the Moon! Making Straw Rockets Mar 22 | Thur | 5:30-6:30p Age 5 and older

3, 2, 1...Blast off! Put on your NASA space helmets. We're making and launching straw rockets. With just a few basic materials, you will learn how to make a fun and educational toy that will impress your family and friends. How far will your rocket go? Note: younger children will require assistance from a parent or guardian.

#### SOUP - Open Mic Poetry Night Mar 26 | Mon | 6:30a-8p All ages

S.O.U.P. Society of Urban Poets provides an opportunity for budding poets to share their work with an audience full of supporters. Just show up ready to read. Cosponsor: Society of Urban Poets.

#### Shinigami Anime Club Mar 27 | Tue | 4-6p Tweens and teens



If you love to read manga, watch anime, and

enjoy gaming, then the Ralph Ellison Anime Club is just for you! It meets from 4-6 on the 4th Tuesday of every month and is open for tweens and teens.

#### Project G.R.A.C.E. Grandparents Raising America' Children to Excel Mar 29 | Thur | 11a-12:30p and 6:30-8p Adults

Raising your grandchildren? Need a supporting environment to connect with other grandparents? Project G.R.A.C.E. is a support group for grandparents and a resource to encourage and enable youths to pursue continuing education after high school. Bring those grandkids along! Refreshments provided. Cosponsor: Project G.R.A.C.E.

#### Mother Goose on the Loose Mar 29 | Thur | 6-6:30p Ages 0-6



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 welcomes you!)

# Southern Oaks Library 2914 S.W. 59th, OKC (405) 631-4468 HOURS Mon-Thur: 9-9 Sat: 9-5 Fri: 0.6



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

#### Get Your Plate in Shape March 1-31 | Library Hours All ages

"Get Your Plate in Shape" with informa-

tion provided by the American Dietetic Association. Books, magazines, videos and handouts will be available the entire month of March during library hours.

#### Women's History Month: The Ninety-Nines Museum of Women Pilots Display March 1-31 | Library Hours All ages

Visit the Southern Oaks Library anytime during March to view the display of Women's History month. Information and handouts of the Ninety-Nines Museum of Women Pilots will be available.

#### Friday-Films, Family & Fun Mar 2,9,16,23,30 | Fri | 9a-6p All ages

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

Teen Crafts Mar 3 | Sat | 2-4p 10 and older



Come make crafts devised and implemented by Teens!

#### Preschool Storytime Mar 5,26 | Mon 10:30-11:10a Ages 2-6 w/adult/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 Mar 13 | Tue | 11:30a-12:30p Adults

If you enjoy reading and discussing books come to the Southern Oaks book club the second Tuesday of each month. Call 631-4468 to reserve your copy of the book selection or stop by the reference desk. \*Book discussion at Trinity Lutheran Church, 5701 South May Ave.

#### Fight the Internet Bad Guys and Win Mar 19 | Mon | 6:30-7:30p Adults

Internet criminals are out there, working to steal your stuff, or to use your computer behind your back to steal other people's stuff. In his free workshop, computer security expert Dave Moore will expose the bad guy's schemes, teaching you how to Fight the Internet Bad Guys and Win. Cosponsor: Friends of

Libraries in Oklahoma and Oklahoma City Community Foundation.

#### Camo Art Mar 31 | Sat | 6-7p **Teens**



Explore the style of The Hunger Games, and make your own wearable art creation. Use camouflage and military clothing, buttons, zippers, and patches to make your statement, no matter what district you represent. Incorporate the Mockingjay symbol or create something the Girl on Fire would wear, and make Cinna proud!

#### **Hunger Games Night** Mar 31 | Sat | 6-8:30p **Teens**



The Hunger Games movie release is this month! Come celebrate with an evening of fun games, trivia, food, and prizes!

# The Village Library **HOURS**

N. Hefner Rd.	Ave.
Vineyard Blvd.	Pennsylvania /
N. Britton Rd.	ż

#### **Music With Susan** Mar 1,8,15,29 | Thur 10-10:30a Ages 2-5 w/parent



Join Susan for musical fun and activities! Preregistration is required. Please call 755-0710 or stop by the Information Desk. Registration will begin on February 6.

#### **Children Reading to Dogs** Mar 1,8,15,22,29 | Thur 3:30-4:30p Mar 7,14,21,28 | Wed | 6-7p

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 Mar 2,9,30 | 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** Mar 3,17,24,31 | 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.

#### **AARP Tax Aide** Mar 3,10,17,24,31 | Sat | 10a-3p Mar 6,13,20,27 | Tue | 10a-3p Mar 7,14,21,28 | Wed | 10a-3p **Adults**

AARP volunteers come to our branch to help people get their taxes done during the tax season. They'll be at the Village every Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday from 10am to 3pm. AARP members will help individuals on a first-come, first-served basis. Feb 1 - Apr 14. Cosponsor: AARP.

#### **Introduction to Microsoft** Mar 5,12,19,26 | Mon 6-8:30p **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: Geocaching Mar 8 | Thur | 4-6p **Teens**



As a part of our free programs for Teen Tech Month, this month's VSIFT (Village Something Interesting For Teens) will feature Geocaching: Coins and Tags. We'll learn about geocaching and get to hunt for some spread outside of the building. Space will be limited, please pre-register starting Feb 8th by calling 755-0710 or stopping by the Reference Desk.

#### **LEGO Club @ Your Library** Mar 9 | Fri | 1-3p For children and their parents

Come have fun building with Legos!

#### Storytime Mar 13,20 | Tue | 10-10:30a **Ages 2-5**



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

#### **Child Development Screening** Mar 15 | Thur | 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.

#### **Using Photos With Computers** Mar 15 | Thur | 6:30-8p **Adults**



Free computer class for adults! Learn how to transfer pictures from ANY camera (not just a digital camera) to your computer and email them to friends and family! Come in or call to sign-up. Village Library (405) 755-0710.

#### **Book Discussion Group** Mar 19 | Mon | 3-4p All ages

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

#### **Baby Signs** Mar 20 | Tue | 6-7:30p Parent/caregivers of children 9-20 mos



Baby Sign teaches communication before babies are able to use words. This fun and interactive signing class teaches how to include signs naturally while interacting with your child through daily routines and play. Learn and practice approximately 50 signs. Please call 425-4412 to register. Cosponsor: OCCHD.

#### Gamefest Mar 22 | Thur | 1-3p Teens



It's teen tech month so that means it's time to get your gaming on! We'll have video games such as Rockband, Super Smash bros, Just Dance, and several gaming systems. We'll even have some board games if you're feeling old school. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Space will be limited; pre-registration begins March 1st, and you can do so by calling 755-0710 or stopping by the Reference Desk.

#### **Post Comedy Theater** Mar 23 | Fri | 10-11a Ages 8 - adults



Robert Post is a brilliant physical comedian with a stunning theatrical mind. Combine a quart of dry humor with three tablespoons of expert mime, versatile acting, and skilled juggling; add a keen sense of satire and the absurd. Blend in splendid timing and experience, and what do you get? A host of unforgettable characters at the perfect comedy feast! Cosponsors: Friends of the Metropolitan Library System, Oklahoma Arts Council, and National Endowment for the Arts.

#### **Knitty Committee** Mar 24 | 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.





#### **Geeky Book Search Contest** Mar 1-31 Age 12-17



Book Search Contest: March 1-31 Use the catalog and the MLS website to find electronic media titles. Complete an information sheet, (for a prize drawing at the end of

the month. Each participant will receive a prize for entering. The contest ends March 31, at 9:00pm.

#### **AARP Tax Aide** Mar 2,9,16,23,30 | Fri | 9a-2:30p Mar 5,12,19,26 | Mon | 9a-2:30p Adults

AARP will offer tax assistance to people who need help in preparing their 2011 taxes. Help is on a first-come, first-served basis. Simple forms only. Electronic filing only

#### **ESL** Mar 5,7,12,14,26,28 Mon & Wed | 5:30-8p



Improve your English in this free class for people who are new to the English language. For questions and to register, call Oklahoma City Community College Adult Learning Center at 686-6222. Cosponsor: OCCC.

#### Family Place: 1-2-3 Play With Me Mar 7,14,21,28 | Wed 10:30-11:30a Infants to age 4 w/parents



Playing with your baby or child is not only important for bonding but is also an educational experience for your child. We are providing a special time for four weeks for you to come to the library and spend one-onone time playing with your child. A different community resource professional will be available each week to answer your parenting questions. This free series is intended for infants through age four with their parents or guardians. Preregister by calling the library or visiting the reference desk.

#### **Children Reading to Dogs** Mar 8 | Thur | 6:30-7:30p Age 6 and older



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

#### **Warr Acres Book Club** Mar 12 | Mon | 11a-Noon

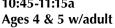
Join us in discussing Ree Drummond's book, Pioneer Woman: Black Heels to Tractor Wheels—a love story. The Warr Acres Book Club meets the second Monday of each month. Call 721-2616 for more information about the book being discussed this month.

#### **Story Time for Twos and Threes** Mar 13,27 | Tue | 10-10:30a children & FAMILIES Ages 2 and 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** Mar 13,27 | Tue 10:45-11:15a children & FAMILIES



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** Mar 14,21,28 | Wed 9:15-10a



Ages 8-30 months w/adult

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) Preregister at 721-2616.

#### **Post Comedy Theater** Mar 22 | Thur | 1-2p Ages 8 - adults



Robert Post is a brilliant physical comedian with a stunning theatrical mind. Combine a quart of dry humor with three tablespoons of expert mime, versatile acting, and skilled juggling; add a keen sense of satire and the absurd. Blend in splendid timing and experience, and what do you get? A host of unforgettable characters at the perfect comedy feast! Cosponsors: Friends of the Metropolitan Library System, Oklahoma Arts Council, and National Endowment for the Arts.

#### **Pajama Story Time** Mar 29 | Thur | 6:30-8p 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.

Glenny, Misha. *DarkMarket: Cyberthieves, Cybercops, and You.* 364.168/G5588d

Glenny is convinced that when it comes to the three fundamental threats facing us in the twenty-first century: cybercrime, cyberwarfare and cyberindustrial espionage—the crooks are way ahead of the cops. And he's not just talking about guys hacking into your bank account. His fears are much larger than that. Be afraid. Be very afraid.

Mitnick, Keven D. Ghost in the Wires: My Adventures as the World's Most Wanted Hacker 364. 168092/M6842g/BIOGRAPHY

The not-too-technical story of the kind of guy *DarkMarket* warns you about. Mitnick claims he is now out of the hacking game—and for a large part, that's what it was to him—but for every hacker who goes straight, how many are waiting to take his place? This one's a sometimes disturbing look and how these guys think.



### We're here to serve you.

MLS LIBRARIES	M	T	W	TH	F	S	S
<b>BELLE ISLE</b> 5501 N. Villa, OKC, 843-9601	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
BETHANY 3510 N. Mueller, Bethany, 789-8363	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	_
<b>CAPITOL HILL</b> 334 S.W. 26th, OKC, 634-6308	9-8	9-8	9-8	9-8	9-6	9-5	_
CHOCTAW 2525 Muzzy Street, Choctaw, 390-8418	9-8	9-8	9-8	9-8	9-6	9-5	_
<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	

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

MLS EXTENSION LIBRARIES*	M	T	W	TH	F	S	S
*HARRAH 1930 N. Church Avenue, Harrah, 454-2001	9:30-6	9:30-6	9:30-6	9:30-6	9-5	9-5	-
*JONES 111 E. Main, Jones, 399-5471	_	9:30-5:30	_	9:30-5:30	<u>—</u>	1-5	<u> </u>
*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	

<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.