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Have you ever tried to break the conversational ice with a stranger by saying, “You know, I just finished reading this terrific book . . .” and then you noticed that his or her eyes started to glaze over and roll back?

Now you and I know that you’re never too old or too young to enjoy a good book, and in addition to the pleasure that reading brings, you can also enjoy discussing books with other book lovers.

That’s the idea behind Book of Love, an experiment in speed dating at the Downtown Library on Saturday, May 19, from 11am to 1pm and also on Thursday, May 24 from 6-8pm. The May 19th event is designed for singles aged 55+ while the May 24th version is for ages 35-48.

You just bring a book you particularly liked—or furiously hated—and briefly tell someone about it for a few minutes. Then you move on to share your reaction with someone else. Maybe you’ll discover a new book that sounds interesting—or maybe you’ll meet someone you’d like to get to know better.

Do you remember that old doo-wop song that asked the musical question, “Who wrote the Book of Love”?

This may be your time to find out.





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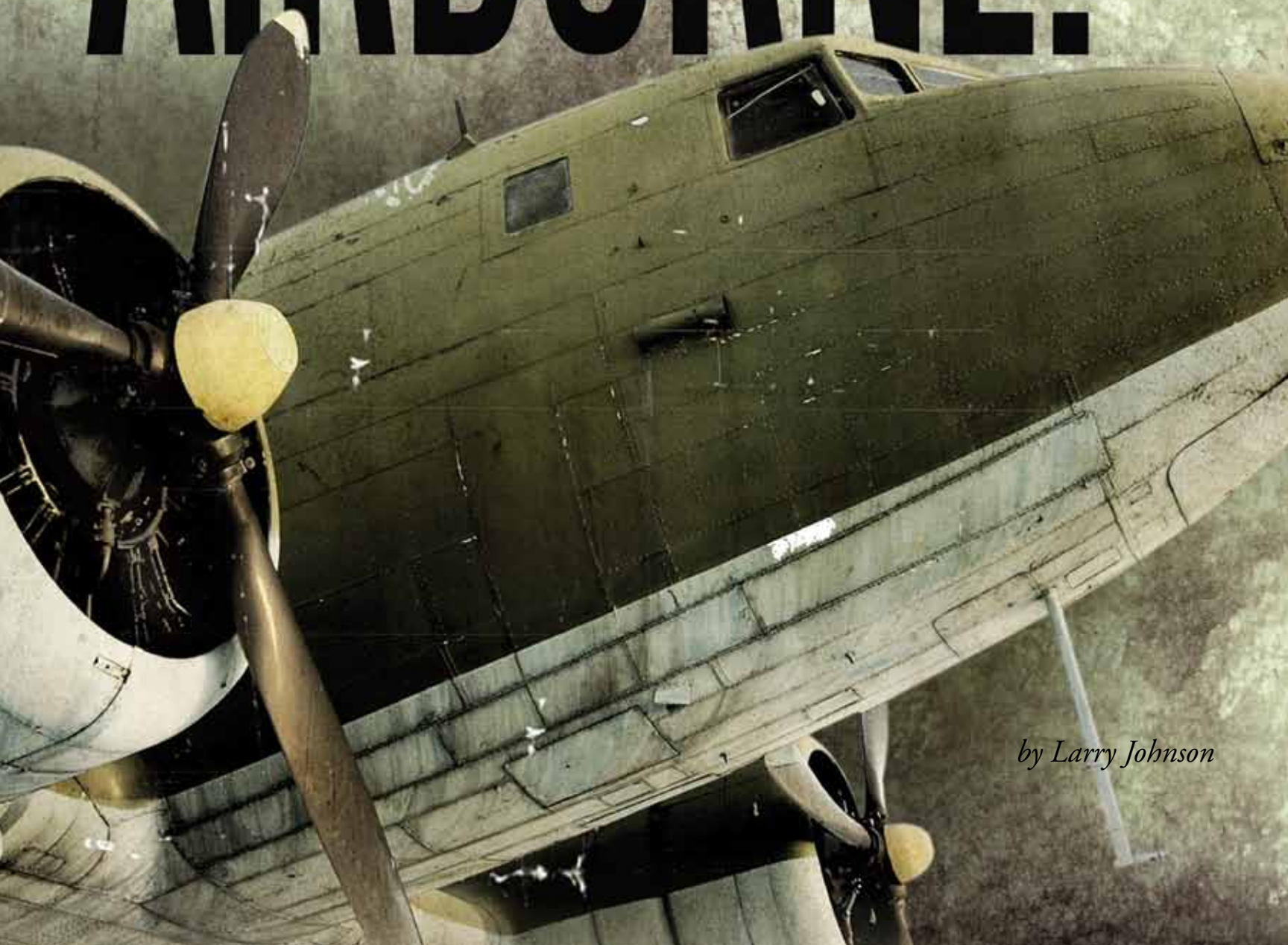
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Glass oil derricks that function as sky lights, and slat walls recreating the look of Depression era housing material are just some of the design elements that highlight the new Patience S. Latting Northwest Library.



Oklahoma Images

AIRBORNE!



by Larry Johnson



At the dawn of the Cold War the United States explored the Arctic region by air. We needed forward bases in case of war with the Soviet Union and to scout any bases they may have built. Bombing was by long-range bombers then and the shortest route between the U. S. and the U. S. S. R. was over the North Pole.

Because of terrible flying conditions planes often crashed – and that’s what happened in February 1947 to the *Kee Bird*, a B-29 which took off from Alaska and crashed in

Greenland. Eleven men were stranded on a frozen lake but they were quickly able to assist other planes in locating them. Extracting them was another story. Ships couldn’t get through the frozen

ocean. Helicopters didn’t have the range to reach them. And landing a plane with room for 11 men was dangerous – if not impossible – and required several days of planning.

Lt. Bobbie Joe Cavnar, a 22-year old Oklahoma City boy, ferried C-54 Skymaster supply planes in the Arctic. Flying out of Massachusetts three days after the crash with supplies for a base in Greenland, he was rerouted to another base to pick up supplies to drop over the *Kee Bird*. While en route he decided to raise them on the radio to see how they were holding up. After a short chat, Cavnar radioed back, “Hold on. I’m coming to get you.”

Cavnar remembered he had jet-assisted take off (JATO) rockets in his cargo which could help him get airborne on a short runway. When he landed at the forward base for fuel

he had the ground crews fit the JATO’s then took off for the *Kee Bird*. Only then did he radio command what he was up to. Because he already had a reputation as the kind of kid who could pull it off, the commanding general gave him the go-ahead.

Upon locating the *Kee Bird*, Cavnar touched down on the lake but was afraid his plane would ice over so he taxied up and back, matting down snow for a runway. His crew threw every

nonessential item out his plane to lighten their load. On his last pass, he slowed long enough to let the *Kee Bird* crew climb in the C-54 and taxied to the end of the lake. Cavnar held the brakes and revved his four engines until they reached max power. Releasing the brakes he rumbled down the frozen runway and at the edge of the lake he hit the JATO’s. Airborne! Cavnar had one



Crash site of the Kee Bird B-29 in 1947

shot at the rescue and he made it!

Cavnar was an instant hero. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross medal the next day followed by a visit with President Truman. A month later he flew into Tinker Field and was hailed a hero by his hometown. His grandfather Tom Cavnar, former sheriff here, shook his hand and said, “I used to tell him about my six-shootin’ days, but that’s nothing like what he’s done!”

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.



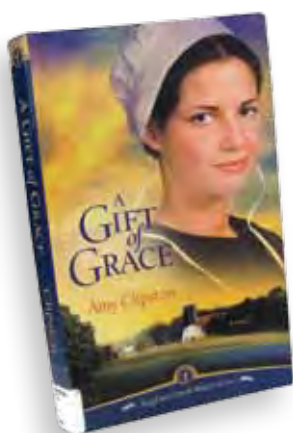
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A Gift of Grace

by Amy Clipston

reviewed by Phyllis Davidson



Two sisters are brought up together in an Amish household. One sister, Rebecca, embraces the Amish lifestyle, but Grace rejects it. She escapes to the city where she gets a university education and marries a classmate. She has two daughters, Jessica and Lindsay, and lives her life as an Englisher with no contact with her Amish family. When she and her husband are tragically killed in a car accident, it comes as a complete surprise to Rebecca to learn that Grace has named her as the girls' guardian and asked that they be brought up Amish.

Rebecca and her husband, Daniel, have enjoyed a wonderful marriage with only one regret—they are

unable to have children. Now they have two teenage nieces to raise. Lindsay eagerly accepts her place in the community, but Jessica hates everything about it, and her modern ways immediately cause strife and controversy in the community. Is history about to repeat itself? Is Rebecca's life about to be torn apart again because of the clash of cultures? I think you'll enjoy this first installment in the Kauffman Amish Bakery series.

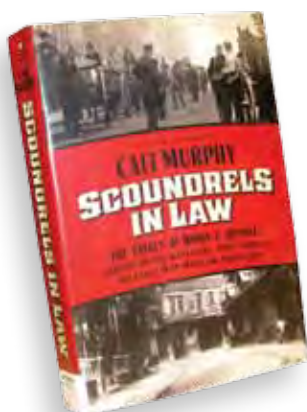
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ON THE SHELF

Scoundrels in Law: The Trials of Howe and Hummel, Lawyers to the Gangsters, Cops, Starlets, and Rakes Who Made the Gilded Age

by Cait Murphy

reviewed by Doug Bentin



Somewhere, there must be a philosopher who is asking himself, "What is the law?" To William Howe and Abraham Hummel, attorneys in post-Civil War New York City, the law was anything they could get away with—perjury, bribing witnesses, producing false evidence, jury tampering. And, of course, counting the money these activities added to their bank accounts.

As crooked as they were, their clientele was not made up entirely of criminals, Little Egypt, and ladies of the chorus and demi monde—although chorus girls came in handy for the blackmail operation Howe and Hummel ran on the side—Mark Twain, John Barrymore, and even Jo-Jo the Dog-Faced Boy were among the more celebrated persons who flocked to the less than resplendent offices for help.

Cait Murphy's history of these rogues is fascinating stuff, touching as it does on all levels of Gilded Age society, and some of her anecdotes about law enforcement will leave you scratching your head. I liked the one about James McGrath, a counterfeiter who shaved off his mustache then strolled out of a police station with a group of visitors. And then there was a civic uplifter named Charles Parkhurst who, on an inspection tour of the city, went to a sporting house and a dive and defied anyone to show him anything worse. He was taken to a "French circus," and, well, just be careful what you wish for.

The book is illustrated with photos that are safe for home consumption.

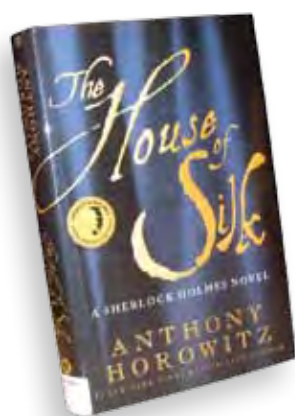
Doug Bentin edits and writes in info magazine.



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House Of Silk

by Anthony Horowitz



Sherlock Holmes has been dead since 1927. More or less.

House Of Silk is set in the London of 1890 when a dealer in fine art visits Holmes and Dr. Watson to beg for their help. He is being menaced by a strange man whom he suspects has followed him from America. When Holmes and Watson pursue the case, a child dies and Holmes is arrested as the key suspect. Forced to carry on alone to pursue the case and clear Holmes, Watson finds himself drawn into an international conspiracy connected to the criminal underworld of Boston, opium dens and a school for young boys. He hears rumors about a mysterious entity called the *House of Silk* that connects the highest levels of government to the deepest depths of criminality.

reviewed by Christine Bassett

In “Watson’s” own preface, he states that the case was too shocking to appear in print and Horowitz does perhaps deal with a case which Conan Doyle himself would have avoided. Holmes himself is more cheerful than in the original stories and not his usual opium smoking, violin playing self. However, for all lovers of Sherlock Holmes, *House OF Silk* will be another chance to recapture life in Victorian England and to once again meet Homes and Watson, so give it a try!

This title is also available as an audiobook.

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

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ON THE SHELF

The Magic Room: A Story About the Love We Wish For Our Daughter

by Jeffrey Zaslow



Thousands of women have stepped inside Becker’s Bridal in Fowler, Michigan, to try on their dream dresses in the Magic Room, a special space with soft lighting, a circular pedestal, and mirrors that carry a bride’s reflection into infinity. The women bring with them their most precious expectations about romance, love, fidelity, permanence, and tradition. Each bride who passes through has a story to tell – one that carried her there, to that dress, that room, that moment.

Illuminating the poignant aspects of a woman’s journey to the altar, *The Magic Room* tells the stories of memorable women on the brink of commitment. Run by the same family for four generations, Becker’s has witnessed transformations in how America views the institution of marriage: some of the shop’s clientele are becoming step-mothers, some are older brides,

some are pregnant. Shop owner Shelley has a special affection for all the brides, hoping their journeys will be easier than hers. *Wall Street Journal* columnist Jeffery Zaslow tells their true stories using a reporter’s research and a father’s heart.

The stories Zaslow shares from within the Magic Room are at times joyful and at times heart-breaking, and offers insights on marriage, family, and the lessons that parents, especially mothers, pass on to their daughters about love. Weaving together secrets, memories, and family tales, *The Magic Room* explores the emotional lives of women in the twenty-first century.

When Jill Vessels isn’t working in the Cataloging department of The Metropolitan Library System, this gray-haired granny of four contemplates the nature of zombies and how many licks it takes to get to the center of a Tootsie Pop.

reviewed by Jill Vessels



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ON THE SHELF

Gun Games

by Faye Kellerman

reviewed by Ruby Soutiere



A fifteen year old boy sitting in a coffee shop is accosted by five teenagers looking for trouble. He is able to diffuse the situation by discussing the gun the leader has under his jacket. The boy chooses a different coffee shop, hoping to avoid any more trouble. He meets a beautiful fourteen year old Jewish-Persian girl at the new coffee shop. They begin to hang out together, meeting before school and other times when parents aren't around.

After talking to the mother of a teen suicide and after a second suicide at the same exclusive private school (Bell and Wakefield), an L.A. police lieutenant agrees that he and his team will investigate. The suicides, one a 10th grade boy and one an 11th grade girl don't seem to be linked, but they both used stolen guns to do the deed; each has a single gunshot to the head. One gun belonged to a dermatologist, bought for protection; the other belonged to a lady who liked

to shoot. The "shooting" lady thinks kids did it, because only the gun and items belonging to her daughter were taken. The thieves ignored more valuable jewelry to steal her daughter's cheap costume jewelry. It was the third or fourth burglary in the neighborhood.

As the investigation moves forward, more questions arise; was it suicide? Was it bullying? Was it gun games? Or something even more sinister?

Master of suspense, Faye Kellerman in her 20th book to feature police lieutenant Peter Decker and his wife Rina ties these two stories together into an entertaining and exciting novel.

This title is also available on compact disc and in large print.

Ruby Soutiere has the best job ever, selecting the adult fiction for the Metropolitan Library System. If you are quick, you might see her, in her free time, zipping around the city in a white roadster, red curls flying.

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BIOGRAPHY
ON THE SHELF

Unbroken

by Laura Hillenbrand

reviewed by Lloyd Lovely



Already a best seller (with a month-long reserve list), *Unbroken* doesn't really need another positive promo.... but still, it's good. It's *really* interesting. You need to read it. You won't be able to put it down.

Among other accomplishments, Louis Zamperini was a bombardier in the Pacific during World War II. His entire life was so astonishing that you won't believe all the events packed into it. The book's sleeve tells you up front that his airplane crashes at sea, and he is set adrift in a small rubber raft, but that's only a couple of chapters in his adventure story. Other than Forrest Gump, surely no one has ever experienced as much.

A well-researched book, the author interviewed numerous people involved in the story, including Zamperini himself, read old letters, newspapers, and

researched the war in general in order to flesh out the intricate details of not only his experiences, but life in during the war in battle and at home, with insights into the viewpoints of two combatants: Japan and the United States. Readers will undoubtedly gain a greater appreciation and understanding of why both sides fought, and fought the way they did. *Unbroken* brings back an era now seventy years distant, but no less fascinating.

This book is also available in large print, as an Audiobook, an Adobe EPUB eBook, and as an OverDrive WMA Audiobook.

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

The Circulation System:

A Day in the Life of a Circ Clerk

They will probably be the first people you see when you come into the library and the last ones you interact with before you leave. Waiting behind the Circulation Desk, they greet you with smiles so broad you know you have come to the right place.

And if you don't know, "Circulation Desk" is library-speak for where you check books in and out.

The Circulation Clerks are involved in just about everything that happens in the library. If you think that all they do is check out and check in books, you're selling them short.

First thing, they unlock the drawers that were sealed the night before and prepare the desk area for the new day. They get their computers up and running, and log into the circulation system that allows them to check material in and out automatically. They take a look at the items that are being held on reserve for customers and remove those things that have been on the shelf too long.

"If we have a little time left over before we open," Circ Clerk Sharon Thompson said, "we help the librarians find on the shelves books that have been reserved at

other libraries, and we maintain the New Books shelf, removing anything that has been there for six months. Each clerk has an area to take care of as well. We also help the librarians get items ready to go on display."

They also put out flyers and other printed material for customers to pick up—and then the library opens for business.

"We spend a lot of time on the phone and talking to people in person," Circ Clerk Adrienne Nolan added "giving directions about where in the library things are located, and even telling people about what's going on

in the neighborhood. We're really busy during library system reading programs, like Readfest and Summer Reading, because participants come to us with questions or to claim any prizes they may have won. We also conduct training and mentoring, and always keep an eye open for customer questions."

Then, at the end of the day, they have to do in reverse everything they did before opening in the morning.

They are the Circulation (Circ) Clerks, and they're at the heart of the MLS circulation system.



Circulation Desk at the Downtown Library



The New Kid on the Block

*Opening of Northwest
Library Just Around
the Corner*



Thirty-five years ago, Metropolitan Library System officials recognized the eventual need for a full service library in the far northwest section of the city. Finally, the dream will come true when the Patience S. Latting Northwest Library, 5600 NW 122, greets the public on Tuesday, May 22, with formal ribbon cutting at 3:30p.m.

Following will be a reception with music by the rock string quartet, The Stringents. The day will conclude with a family story and craft time led by librarian Rondia Banks.

The Opening Celebration will continue all week with story times and craft sessions, and free performances from Gustofer Yellowgold, Patrick Riley, Monica Buck, Al Bostick, and others, including MLS favorite, pianist Wayne McEvilly.

"We've had some construction delays," said Manager of Northwest Library Operations Julie Ballou, "but you know what Oklahoma weather is like. Now we're good to go and the excitement really is building."

The library will be 35,000 square feet, making it the third largest library in MLS after Downtown and Midwest City. It was designed by the architectural firms Richard + Bauer of Phoenix and LWPB of Oklahoma City to incorporate such Oklahoma-themed

elements as glass oil derricks that function as sky lights, and slat walls that recreate the look of Depression era housing material.

"Every inch of the interior will be put to good use," Julie added. "We have two patios, one of which is enclosed for children and one outdoors for adults, study areas, computers that are dedicated for use by teens, over 40 public access computers, and a children's programming room that also serves as a safe room."

A unique feature of the library is an automated return system located near the entrance. Customers entering the library to return checked out material can deposit it and it will be sorted automatically into separate bins to go to different libraries.

Julie sees the opening of the new Northwest Library as the end of one journey for her and the beginning of another.

"Well," she said, "it's a journey I didn't even know I was on for awhile. We started buying basic book material for Northwest back in 2005. I was a Materials Selector then and one of my areas was selecting science books for kids. I remember I picked a book about the planet Pluto—which isn't a planet anymore! Who would have imagined that our solar system would lose a planet before our new library opened?"

With Extended Hours, There's More of Us to Love

You might think that the opening of the new Northwest Library this month was the only thing that gave you more of MLS to love, but we're adding on in another way as well. Because of higher than expected property tax revenues, many of our libraries will now be open more often.

Beginning on May 7, Bethany, Choctaw, Capitol Hill, Del City, Ralph Ellison, The Village, and Warr Acres libraries will offer extended operating hours. They will join Belle Isle, Downtown, Edmond, Midwest City, and Southern Oaks libraries in being open for business on Sundays from 1-6p.m. In addition to that the Jones and Wright Extension libraries will now be open from 9a.m-5p.m. on Saturdays, joining Harrah, Luther, and Nicoma Park Extensions which already serve their communities all day on Saturdays.

The Choctaw, Capitol Hill and Ralph Ellison libraries will also stay open an hour later, closing at 9p.m. instead of the previously scheduled 8p.m. on Monday through Thursday. Wright Library's weekday opening will now be 9:30a.m.

That means we'll be open to assist and entertain you an additional 128 hours every week, so stop in and say Hello.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

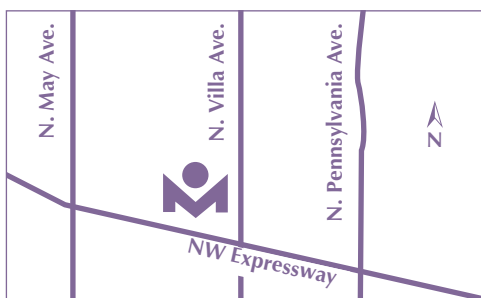
To see the latest information about library programs and events, please click on Calendar of Events on the MLS website: www.metrolibrary.org

Belle Isle Library

5501 N. Villa Ave., OKC
(405) 843-9601

HOURS

Mon-Thur: 9-9 Sat: 9-5
Fri: 9-6 Sun: 1-6



Gaming Club

May 1,8,15,22,29 | Tue
4-5p
Teens



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!

Family Place: 1-2-3

Play With Me

May 2,9,16,23 | Wed
10-11a

Infants to age 4 w/parent

Playing with your baby or child is not only important for bonding but is also an educational experience for your child. We are providing a special time for 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.



Developmental Screenings

May 2 | Wed | 12:30-4:30p

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. Any 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.



After School

May 3 | Thur | 4-5p

Ages 10-16

Have fun with art! Work on creative projects and learn about different kinds of artistic expression. Supplies and snacks will be provided. Contact Anna at 843-9601 for more information. Cosponsor: Friends of the Metropolitan Library System.

Free Comic Book Day

May 5 | Sat | 9a-5p

Teens

Pick up a free comic book at any MLS library or local comic book store on Free Comic Book Day. Supplies are limited!



Teens

Pure Enjoyment Piano Concert

with Wayne McEvilly

May 6 | Sun | 2-3p

All ages

Enjoy a free piano concert with noted concert piano player Wayne McEvilly. It will be "Pure Enjoyment," featuring beautiful music, history, and storytelling.



Service Core of Retired Executives

(SCORE) Counseling

May 5,19 | Sat | 9:30a-12:30p

Adults

If you are interested in starting a new business or are a business owner in need of assistance, counseling is available on the first and third

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MLS libraries will be closed Sunday, May 27 and Monday, May 28 in observance of Memorial Day.

*Additional hours will begin May 7 (See library page for specific time.)

Saturday of the month. The Service Core of Retired Executives (SCORE) will offer free confidential assistance for small business owners, one on one. Sign up at the Reference desk for an appt. Cosponsor: Service Core of Retired Executives (SCORE).

Children Reading to Dogs

May 7,14,21 | 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!



Teen Crafts

May 17 | 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!



Teens

Asian Pacific Heritage Month

Program

May 19 | Sat | 2-3p

All ages

May is Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month. This program, with Tao Ling, will present a fun and interesting program for all ages exploring Chinese culture. The program will feature learning a few Chinese words, a Tai Chi Quan (Tai Chi Chuan) demonstration (including audience participation), a performance of Tai Chi Fan dance, and a demonstration of calligraphy with audience participation.



Metro OKC Knit Guild Group Meeting

May 20 | Sun | 3-5p

Teens-adults

Every third Monday of the month from 4-5pm. 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 739-5799. Melissa.ryan@tinker.af.mil or call 361-2044 or 739-5799.

Belle Isle Anime/Manga Club

May 21 | Mon | 4-5p

Teens



Every third Monday of the month 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

Book Discussion Group

Featuring the Great Books

May 23 | Wed | 6:30-8:30p

Teens and Older

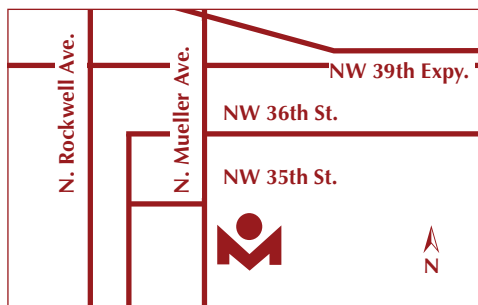
A Great Books discussion group will meet and use the shared inquiry method, led by Steve Overman, a certified discussion leader. The only requirement for attending a Great Books meeting is that you read the selection to be discussed. You do not need to attend all meetings. To sign up or get additional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

Bethany Library

3510 N. Mueller, Bethany
(405) 789-8363

HOURS

Mon-Thur: 9-9 Sat: 9-5
Fri: 9-6 Sun: 1-6



Story and Craft Time

May 3 | Thur

10-10:45a

Ages 3-6



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

Developmental Screenings

May 4 | Fri | 9a-Noon

Ages birth to 5 years

w/guardian



Child Guidance is offering developmental and speech/language screenings. 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, Oklahoma City-County Health Dept. at 4

Free Comic Book Day

May 5 | Sat | 9a-5p

Teens



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The Children's Hour Evening Story Time

May 7 | Tue | 6-30-7p

Ages 3-8



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

Toddler Play and Story Time

May 10 | 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. Pre-register at the library information desk or call 789-8363, ext. 3.

Heartland Voices Sing Out for Mother's Day

May 12 | Sat | 2-3p

All ages



Bethany Library is pleased to host the "Heartland Voices". This community women's vocal music chorus will perform at the Art's Festival this year. This is a free event for all ages. Mothers will receive a special gift. Refreshments will be served after the program. Seating is limited so please come early. Doors will close at 2pm

Yu-Gi-Oh! Club

May 19 | Sat | 10-11:30a

Teens (Ages 12-18)



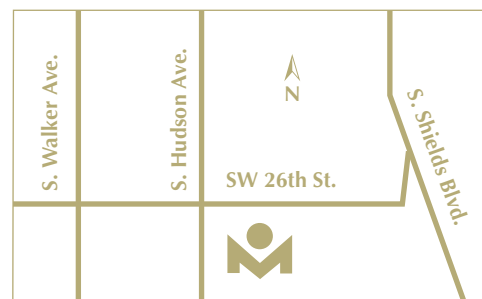
Bring your friends and your Yu-Gi-Oh! deck to trade, duel, or just talk Yu-Gi-Oh!

Capitol Hill Library

334 SW 26th St., OKC
(405) 634-6308

HOURS

Mon-Thur: 9-9 Sat: 9-5
Fri: 9-6 Sun: 1-6



Career/Job Fair

May 1 | Tue | 10a-1p

Adults

Capitol Hill invites you to a day filled with job and educational information. Visit with employers, trade schools, colleges, universities and military recruiters. Whether you are looking for a job, considering a new career, or just want to learn how to polish your resume, there is something in it for you! Come early and stay late, and make sure you bring your resume. Call 634-6308 for more information.

Homework and Reading Help

May 1-24 | Weekdays/not Fri | 3:30-5:30p

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.

Midday Matinee

May 1,8,15,22,29 | Tue | 4-5:30p

All Ages

Take a break from the Tuesday drudgery with an educational or feature film. Every Tuesday at 4pm.

GED

May 2,7,9,14,16,21,23,30

Mon and Wed | 1-4p

Ages 16 and older



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

Capitol Hill Chess Club

May 3 | 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.

Free Comic Book Day

May 5 | Sat | 9a-5p

Teens

Pick up a free comic book at any MLS library or local comic book store on Free Comic Book Day. Supplies are limited!



Children Reading to Dogs

May 5 | 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

May 5 | Sat | 2-4p

Ages 6 and older

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

Tell Me A Story:

Move and Groove

May 8 | Tue | 9:30-10:30a

Age 6 and younger

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



Sign on the Dotted Line

May 10 | Thur | 4-5p

Elementary and Middle School age

What does your signature say about you? What about the signers of the Constitution? Come learn a little bit about handwriting analysis and sign on the dotted line!

Carmen T. Bernier-Grand

Author Visit

May 14 | Mon

9:30-10:30a

All ages

Carmen T. Bernier-Grand is a three time Pura Belpre honor winner for writing. Originally from Puerto Rico, she writes stories and poetry for children about her childhood, about important Latino cultural figures and collections of folktales from her country. Carmen will talk about her country, her books and about becoming a children's author. Cosponsor: Friends of the Metropolitan Library System.



Gaming Club

May 16,23 | Wed | 4:30-5:30p

All ages

Join us after school for some Gaming time of all varieties. Play GameCube and Kinect, "Let It Rip" with some BeyBlades, or bring your Yu Gi Oh! and Pokemon cards and battle it out with other players. All ages invited.

Bilingual Story Time -

English y Español

May 17 | Thur | 6:30-7:15p

Age 2-6

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



Computer Basics for Seniors

May 19 | Sat | 2-3:30p

Adults

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



Tell Me A Story:

Play and Learn

May 22 | 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!



Only In Your Dreams..

May 24 | Thur | 4-5p

Elementary and Middle School age

Hear songs about dreams...read books about dreams...make a dream board, and talk about your dreams! Dreams are for more than just sleeping! Dreams are for doing...

Tell Me A Story:

Special Event

May 29 | Tue | 9:30-10:30a

Age 6 and younger

Special Summer Reading kick-off party just for preschoolers with classical concert pianist Wayne McEvilly. Join us for a little Moonlight Sonata, and learn about the new early childhood summer reading program. Call 634-6308 for more information.



Read and Seed for Summer

May 31 | Thur | 4-5:30p

Elementary and Middle School age

Plant a seed, and watch it grow all summer long! Take time to read, watch your brain grow

all summer long! Get help planning your summer reading list, create your own reading log, and enjoy a special treat in honor of summer!

Choctaw Library

2525 Muzzy St., Choctaw
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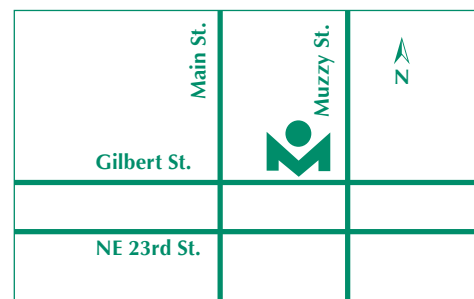
HOURS

Mon-Thur: 9-9

Sat: 9-5

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Sun: 1-6



Lapsit Story Time

May 1,8,15,22,29 | 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

May 1,8,15,22,29 | Tue

10:30-11a

Ages 3-5 years

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



Lil' Lit' Club

May 2,9,16 | Wed | 1-1:30p

Readers age 4 and older

Read aloud and participate in a fun activity with Lil' Lit' Club Wednesdays at 1pm. Children will benefit from reading the selection in advance with their family. Check with the information desk for next title. Call 390-8418.

Tai Chi: Moving for Better Balance Class

May 2,9,16,23,30 | Wed | 6:15-7:15p

Older Teens and Adults

Tai Chi: Moving for Better Balance is a fun class using eight-forms. Accumulating evidence suggests that Tai Chi eight-form exercises is an effective means of improving balance, functional limitations, and strengthening muscles, which reduces the risk of falling. 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



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of falling, which is commonly found in a community of older adults. It will also offer other benefits for all ages, including improved posture, and flexibility, improved mental and physical health, improved musculoskeletal and cardiovascular conditions, improved sleep and stress reduction, to name a few. Class is free, but space is limited, so sign up by calling 390-8418, ext 3. Cosponsor: Oklahoma City-County Health Dept.

Preschool Aerobics May 3 | Thur | 10:30-11a Ages 3 and older

Join us for preschool aerobics featuring exercises to develop fine & gross motor skills. Parents/caregivers will participate with their child. Please pre-register at 390-8418.



Free Comic Book Day May 5 | Sat | 9a-5p Teens

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Getting All There Is From Your eReader May 8 | Tue | 6-7p Adults

Kindles of every ilk, Nooks of every nature. iPods, iPads and I-don't-knows. Bring your eReader and get clear, written,

step-by-step instructions on how to check books out from the Metropolitan Library System. While we'll concentrate on books from MLS, we'll also have time for sharing information such as sites for free and inexpensive books, care and feeding of your eReader, and other relevant issues. Preregister at 390-8418.

Pizza and Plots Teen Book Club

May 9 | 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.



Joy of Mozart Honoring Mothers

May 10 | Thur | 1-2p
All ages

Join Wayne McEvilly as he performs several popular Mozart piano sonatas and explores Mozart's public and personal life. A Celebration for Mother's Day. Light refreshments will be served.



Open Play Time

May 12 | 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 Choctaw Library provides a roomful of great toys for children ages 6 months to 5 years. We invite you to join in the fun! Call 390-8418 to register.



Children Reading to Dogs

May 12 | Sat | 3-4p
May 16 | 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.



Writing Your Personal and Family History May 15 | Tue | 6-7:30p Adults

Just before summer may be the right time to begin writing your personal and family history. If this seems like an overwhelming task, you may just need some help with planning and getting started. Let us show you how to use

timelines, lists, and photographs to jog your memory. We'll give you organizational options, writing tips and encouragement to help you commit to this worthwhile project.

Child Guidance Screenings

May 17 | Thur | Noon- 4p

Ages birth to 5 years w/adult



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. Parents of young children can schedule your screening appointment, please call Child Guidance @ 405-425-4412. Cosponsor: Oklahoma City County Health Dept.

Ookami Anime Club

May 19 | Sat | 2:30-4p

Teens



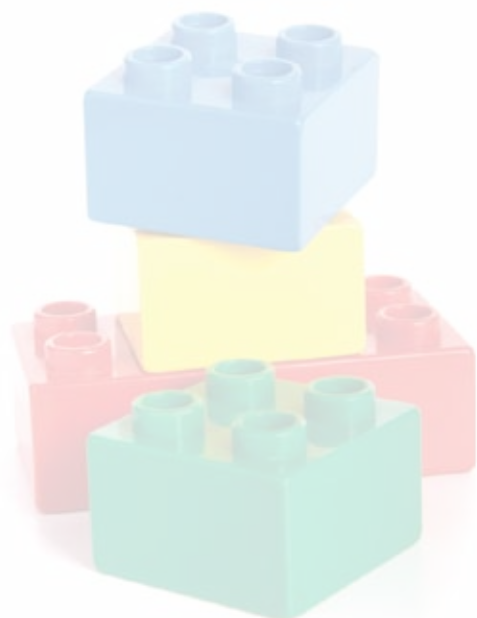
Share and discuss your favorite Anime and Manga (Japanese drawings and cartoons). Screen new Anime episodes each month! Snacks will be provided so come join the fun! *Anime may contain material that is considered unsuitable for ages 13 and younger.

Lego Club

May 30 | 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.



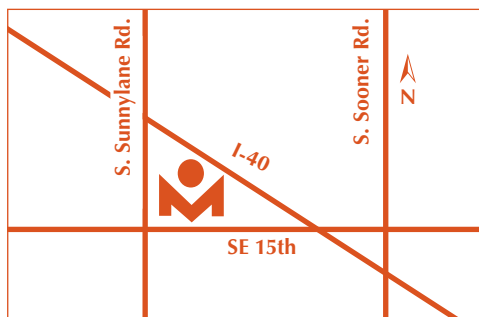
Del City Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: 1-6



Ayumu Anime Club

May 1 | Tue | 4:30-5:30p

Teens



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.

Hooked on Yarn Crochet Class

May 2,9,16,23,30 | Wed | 6-7p

All ages

Learn the basics of crochet. Students of all ages and skill levels are welcome! Classes are from 6-7pm on Wednesdays. Yarn and crochet hooks will be provided, but participants can bring their own if they have them. Pre-registration is required, as space is limited.

After School

May 3 | Thur | 4-5p

Ages 10-16

Have fun with art! Work on creative projects and learn about different kinds of artistic expression. Supplies and snacks will be provided. Contact Lindsay at 672-1377 for more information. Cosponsor: Friends of the Metropolitan Library System.

Storytime

May 4 | Fri | 10:30-11a

Age 3-6



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.

Friday Films and Fun

May 4,11,18,25 | Thur | 4-5p

All ages

Enjoy a movie night on us! Check out five or more DVDs from 3-6pm on Fridays and get free popcorn and candy to take home. Please limit one gift per family.

Free Comic Book Day

May 5 | Sat | 9a-5p

Teens



Teens

Pick up a free comic book at any MLS library or local comic book store on Free Comic Book Day. Supplies are limited!

Teen Reads Book Club

May 8 | Tue | 4:30-5:30p

Teens



Teens

Hey teens, do you like books and pizza? Of course you do! Read the book first or read it after, just be ready to talk books! This month we are reading *Into the Wild Nerd Yonder* by Julie Halpern. Reserve a copy or stop by the Information Desk to pick up a copy of the book.

Children Reading to Dogs

May 10,24 | Thur

6:30-7:30p

May 26 | 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.

Carmen T. Bernier-Grand

Author Visit

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All ages



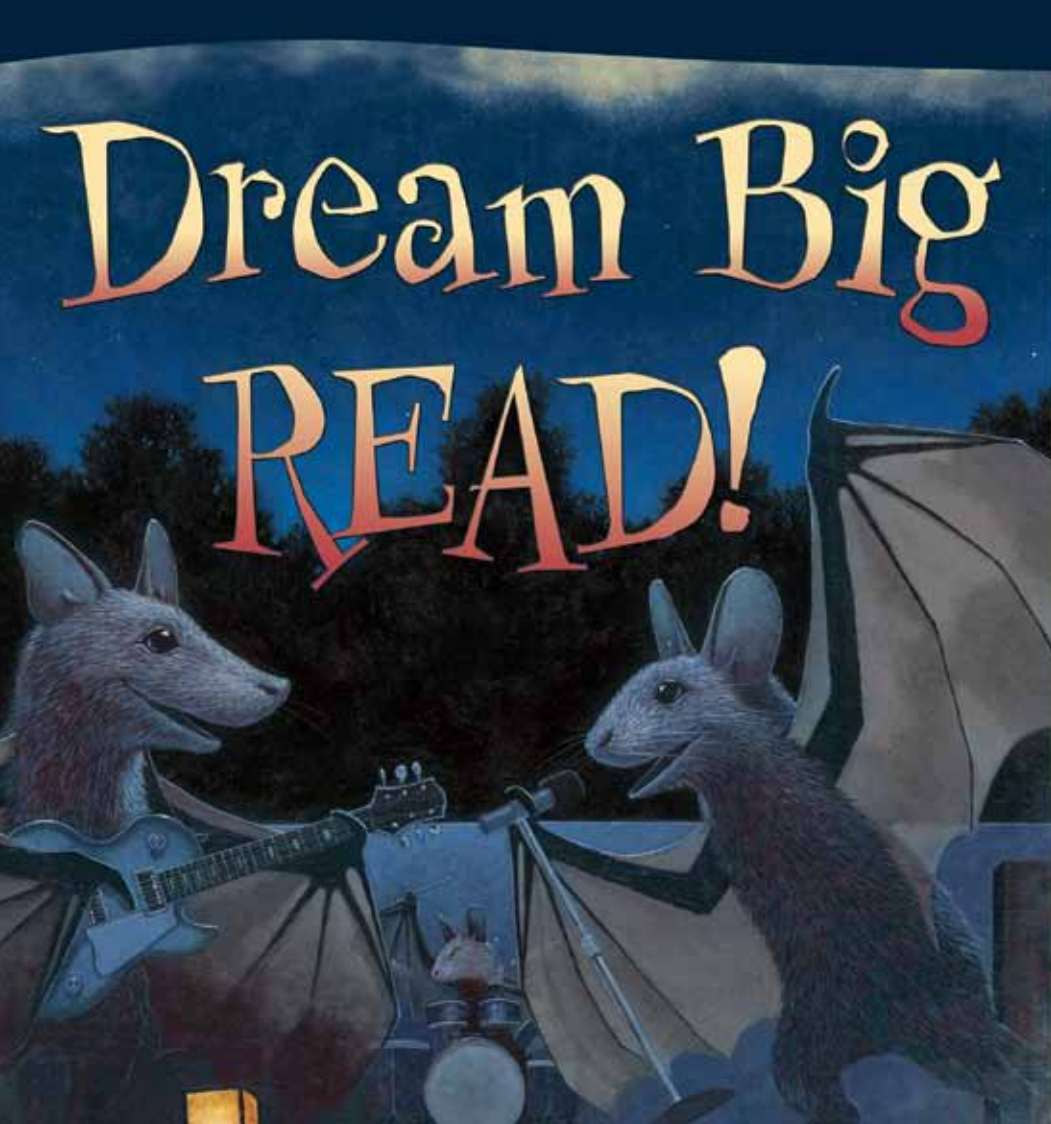
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City Arts Center Presents: Your Life in History

May 19 | 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



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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 - 12. Cosponsor: City Arts Center.

Summer Arts for Kids May 21 | Mon | 2-3:30p Age 8 and older

Beat the heat with cool summer crafts! Join us every Monday afternoon this summer for a different craft project. This week we are crafting Dream Murals. Space is limited so please sign up. Call 672-1377 for more info. Dream Big!

Movie Night May 24 | Thur | 6-8p 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 672-1377 for movie titles.

The Busy Person's Book Club May 31 | Thur | 6-7p All ages

Do you like good books and good conversation, but don't have a lot of time on your hands? Come to the Busy Person's Book Club! Each

month's selection is under 200 pages long and is sure to grab your attention quick and hold it until the very last page. This month we are reading *The Remains of the Day* by Kazuo Ishiguro. Call 672-1377 or stop by the reference desk to reserve your copy of this month's book selection.

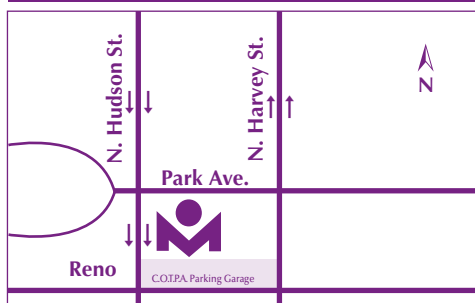
Downtown Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: 1-6



Computer Basics May 1,8,15 | 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.

Are You Prepared? For Earthquake, Tornadoes & Fire Emergencies May 1 | Tue | 6:30-8p Adults

Are you prepared for the next earthquake, fire, or tornado disaster? Learn how to be prepared for emergencies by joining a representative from the American Red Cross of Central Oklahoma in basic disaster preparedness skills. Cosponsor: American Red Cross of Central Oklahoma.

Wednesday Night at the Movies May 2,9,16,23,30 | 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.

Noon Tunes May 3,10,17,24,31 | Thur 11:30a-12:30p All ages

Cosponsored by the Friends of the Metropolitan Library System. Performing in



May are:

May 3: *Natalie Syring*
May 10: *Edgar Cruz*
May 17: *Martha Stallings*
May 24: *Double Deuce*
May 31: *John Taylor & Mandy Brixey*

Play With Me

May 4 | 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. Preregister by calling 231-8650, ext. 4, or by visiting the Children's Reference Desk.

Free Comic Book Day

May 5 | Sat | 9a-5p
Teens



Pick up a free comic book at any MLS library or local comic book store on Free Comic Book Day. Supplies are limited!

Free Comic Book Day Celebration!

May 5 | Sat | 11:30a-2p
All ages



Calling all Super Heroes! It's that time of year again...FREE COMIC BOOK DAY! In celebration of FCBD we will be having a "Super Hero" party with activities and refreshments for age 10 and younger (so wear your costume!), and crafts for those young and young at heart! More information and to register call (405) 606-3879. Space and materials are limited.

ESL

May 5,12,19,26 | 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.

I Can't Believe I Shot That ...Strikes Back!

May 6 | Sun | 2-4p
All ages



It's the 5th Annual Downtown Library's "I Can't Believe I Shot That!" Teen film festival! The top films submitted will be screened for the public and prizes will be given out for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place, there will also be an Audience Choice prize! Refreshments will be served, so if you're attending please register at (405) 606-3879. For more information please contact Kimberly Ann Edwards at (405) 606-3876.

Preschool Aerobics

May 11 | 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.

Second Sunday Concert With Jessica Tate

May 13 | Sun | 2-3p
All ages



Join us for a special Mother's Day performance by Jessica Tate-Betz. Jessica's unique combination of vocals and jazz melodies performed on the harp are sure to delight the ears and make the soul smile.

Pajama Tales

May 17 | Thur | 6:30-7p
Age 3-8



Children are invited to come in jammies and bring a favorite soft toy and their favorite grown-up for stories, songs and fun!

Book-N-Play Story Time

May 18 | 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

E-Reader 101

May 19 | Sat | 10a-Noon
Adults

You own an e-reader and you have heard it does amazing things like download library books! The trick is to figure out how to make it work. Bring your e-reader to the E-reader 101 class and let our librarians show you the tricks of the trade. Downloading library books and so much more will be demystified. Registration is strongly encouraged to insure your specific e-reader model is discussed. Space is limited. Call 606-3879 to register.

Book of Love

May 19 | Sat | 11a-1p
Age 55+

Meet your match at the library! Bring a book you love or hate as a conversation starter, and rotate through a timed program of mini "dates" with other literary-minded singles. This program is for ages 55+. The event is free but space is limited. Please register through our website at www.metrolibrary.org.

Bookworms Book Club

May 19 | Sat | 2-2:45p
Ages 5-8

Kids who are just learning to read on their own are invited to join us to learn about a great book, activities and a simple craft.

Children Reading to Dogs

May 19 | Sat | 3-4p
Children who read



Come read to a dog! Children can practice and improve their reading skills by reading to specially trained dogs and their owners who act as an uncritical, appreciative audience. They love a good dog story. Borrow one of ours or bring your own. Dogs and their owners are trained and certified through Therapy Dogs International.

Book of Love

May 24 | Thur | 6-8p
Ages 35-48

Meet your match at the library! Bring a book you love or hate as a conversation starter, and rotate through a timed program of mini "dates" with other literary-minded singles. This program is for ages 35-48. The event is free but space is limited. Please register through our website at www.metrolibrary.org.

Music Play with Miss Ginger

May 25 | Fri | 10-10:45a
Ages 2-5 w/parent



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.

Child Development Screening

May 31 | Thur | 9-Noon
Ages birth to 5 years w/adult



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3510 N. Mueller (789-8363)

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334 SW 26th (634-6308)

Choctaw Library
2525 Muzzy Street (390-8418)

Del City Library
4509 SE 15th (672-1377)

Downtown Library
300 Park Avenue (231-8650)

Edmond Library
10 S. Boulevard (341-9282)

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

Jones Library
111 E. Main St., Jones (399-5471)

Luther Library
310 NE 3rd, Luther (277-9967)

Midwest City Library
8143 E. Reno (732-4828)

Nicoma Park Library
2240 Overholser, Nicoma Park (769-9452)

Ralph Ellison Library
2000 NE 23rd (424-1437)

Southern Oaks Library
2914 SW 59th (631-4468)

The Village Library
10307 N. Pennsylvania (755-0710)

Warr Acres Library
5901 NW 63rd (721-2616)

Wright Library
2101 Exchange (235-5035)

Questions? Call 606-3834

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Lapsit: Playtime and Story Time

May 1,8,15 | 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.



Miss Oklahoma USA Visits the Library!

May 1 | Tue | 4:30-5:30p

Ages 5-12

Come meet Miss Oklahoma USA, Lauren Lundeen! The Edmond native will be here to share one of her favorite story books, answer questions, and meet you!

GED

May 1,3,8,10 | Tue & Thur
5:30-8:30p

Adults

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



Chess Club For Teens

May 1,8,15,22,29 | Tue
6-7p

Teens

Free Chess Club for Teens meets Tuesday nights 6:00 to 7:00p. 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.



Teens

55+ Coffee Break

May 2,9,16,23,30 | Wed | 9:30-11a

Seniors

Come to the Edmond Library for a coffee break made just for you. Coffee, tea and hot chocolate will be served along with light refreshments. Mingle and talk about your favorite books or activities. We will have some books on the side for you to browse through and check out. This is a come-and-go event.

Toddler Time for 2 Year-Olds

May 2,9,16,23 | Wed

10-10:45a

2 year-olds

This is a special time for you and your 2 year-old. We will have playtime with the toys in our children's activity room, followed by a story time, toddler aerobics, or parachute play.



Intermediate ESL

May 2,7,9 | Wed
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

May 2,7,9 | Wed
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.



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Teens

Stamp Club

May 5,19 | 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.

Wayne McEvilly presents

The Joy of Mozart

May 5 | Sat | 2-3p

All ages

Join Wayne McEvilly as he performs several popular Mozart piano sonatas and explores Mozart's public and personal life.



Advanced Farsi

May 6,13,20 | 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

May 6,13,20 | 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

May 7,14,21 | 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.



In Stitches: Edmond Library Needlecraft Group

May 8 | 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 ses-

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Stop in to see what we have in store!



sion. Please bring your own project and supplies. This is a self-instruction group.

Edmond Manga & Anime Club

May 10 | 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

May 11,25 | 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.

Music With Susan

May 11,25 | Fri
11:15-11:45a
Ages 4-5



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.

Teen Orientation Training

May 12 | Sat | 10a-Noon
Ages 13-17
A training meeting is being held for teens who have signed up as summer reading volunteers. The program has changed and procedures have changed. Attendance is mandatory. Snacks will be provided.



Readers' Choice Book Club

May 12 | 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 book selection for May is *The Next Thing On My List* by Jill Smolenski. June Parker is a member of L.A. Rideshare. After her passenger, Marissa, is killed, June discovers Marissa's list of "20 Things to Do by My 25th Birthday". Even though they barely knew each other, June is compelled by both guilt and a desire to set things right and races to finish the list for Marissa. Contact the library to reserve a copy.

Edmond Library Book Bunch

May 12 | Sat | 2-3:30p
Seniors

Edmond's Book Bunch meets monthly to discuss important and memorable fiction. *When*

Ireland Fell Silent by Harolyn Enis is the May selection. This is the story of the Reilly family's struggle to survive during the Potato Famine in County Mayo, Ireland. Contact the library to reserve a copy.

Yu-Gi-Oh Tournament

May 12 | 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.

Carmen T. Bernier-Grand

Author Visit

May 15 | Tue | 6-7p
All ages



Carmen T. Bernier-Grand is a three time Pura Belpre honor winner for writing. Originally from Puerto Rico, she writes stories and poetry for children about her childhood, about important Latino cultural figures and collections of folktales from her country. Carmen will talk about her country, her books and about becoming a children's author. Cosponsor: Friends of the Metropolitan Library System.

Developmental Screenings

May 16 | 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

May 17 | Thur | 6:30-8p



School age - adult

The Edmond History Book Club is held every other month September-May. The sessions are led by history professors from the University of Central Oklahoma. The May discussion, led by Dr. Stan Adamiak, UCO professor of history, will focus on *The Assassin's Accomplice: Mary Surratt and the Plot to Kill Abraham Lincoln*. Contact the library to reserve a copy. Cosponsor: University of Central Oklahoma.

Total Wellness

May 21 | Mon | 10a-1p

Adults

Total Wellness is a 12-week program dedicated to improving your overall state of health. The facilitators are staff members from the Oklahoma City/County Health Department. Cosponsor: OCCHD

Lapsit: Playtime and Toddler Aerobics

**May 22 | Tue | 9:30-10a
10:15-10:45a & 11-11:30a**



Ages birth - 2 years

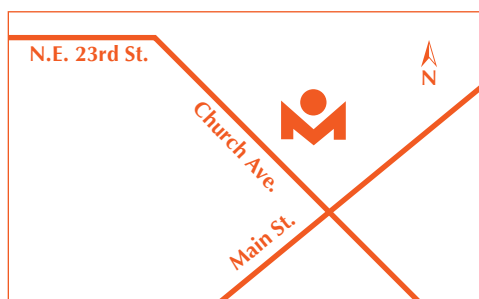
Enjoy a special time with your child at the library. We will have a playtime with the toys in the story time room. This is followed by a short session of aerobics, emphasizing movement to music.

Harrah Library

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

HOURS

Mon-Thur: 9:30-6 Sat: 9-5
Fri: 9-5 Sun: Closed

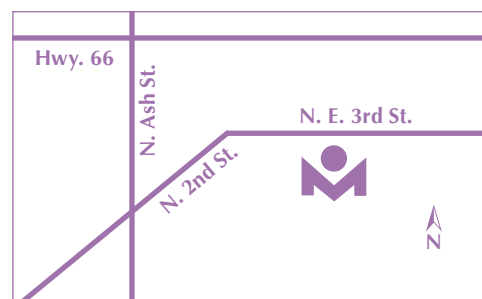


Luther Library

310 N.E. 3rd, Luther
(405) 277-9967

HOURS

Mon - Thur: 9:30-6 Fri & Sat: 9-5
Sun: Closed



Free Comic Book Day

May 5 | Sat | 9a-5p

Teens

Pick up a free comic book at any MLS library or local comic book store on Free Comic Book Day. Supplies are limited!



Teens

Children Reading to Dogs

May 12 | Sat | 9a-Noon

Kindergarten to 6th grade

Come share a story with Duke and Chewbacca, our local therapy dogs. Children practice their reading skills by reading to these two lovable dogs. For more info call 454-2001.



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Jones Library

111 E. Main St., Jones
(405) 399-5471

HOURS

Tue & Thur: 9:30-5:30 Sat: 1-5
Mon Wed Fri & Sun: Closed



Oklahoma County Triad: Keeping Our Citizens Safe

May 1 | 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.



Teens

Free Comic Book Day

May 5 | Sat | 9a-5p

Teens

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Coffee Break

May 7 | 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.

Farmer's Tea

May 16 | Wed | 2-4p

Adults

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

Quilting

May 21 | 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.

Free Comic Book Day

May 5 | Sat | 9a-5p

Teens

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Teens

May / June 2012

Thursday Noon Tunes

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

May 3: Natalie Syring, UCO music faculty, flute and piano

May 10: Edgar Cruz, classical & classics, guitar

May 17: Martha Stallings, blues/pop vocalist-pianist

May 24: Double Deuce, piano, bass, fiddle-Branson style

May 31: John Taylor & Mindy Brixey, vintage rock, country

June 7: Strigents, rock string quartet

June 14: Twinprov, the Vrazel Brothers comedy duo

June 21: Kare'n Khanagov's string studio

June 28: Monty Harper, wacky, witty musical fun

Downtown Library

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

www.metrolibrary.org

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Midwest City Library

8143 E. Reno, Midwest City
(405) 732-4828

HOURS

Mon-Thur: 9-9 Sat: 9-5
Fri: 9-6 Sun: 1-6

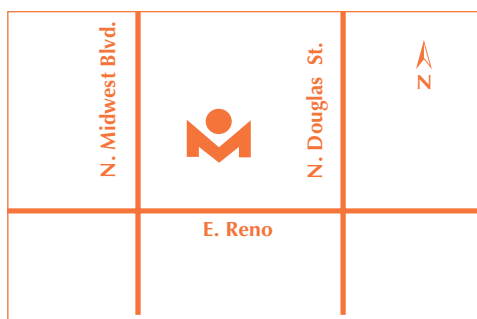


Exhibit - The Great Mosaic - Artwork by Eric Humphries May 1-31 | Library Hours All ages

Oklahoma artist Eric Humphries explores 20th century feminism in his new exhibit entitled "The Great Mosaic." The three canvas exhibit spotlights many of the prominent people and places relevant to the last 100 years of the American Feminist Movement and details the struggle for voting and reproductive rights in America and the world. The exhibit will be in the Lobby Gallery at Midwest City, is free and open to the public all library hours.

Knit Wit

May 1 | 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.

Pajama Story Night

May 1 | 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.

Music for Babies and Toddlers

May 2 | 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.

Chess Club at the Midwest City Library

May 2 | Wed | 4:30p-5:30p

All ages

The Midwest City Library offers chess players the opportunity to play every first Wednesday of the month at 4:30 p.m. For more information, please contact the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828.

Free Comic Book Day

May 5 | Sat | 9a-5p

Teens

Pick up a free comic book at any MLS library or local comic book store on Free Comic Book Day. Supplies are limited!

Zumbatomic: Little Stars

May 7,14,21 | Mon

10-10:45a

Ages 4-7 w/parent

Kids, get in shape with ZUMBATOMIC: LITTLE STARS! Parents love Zumbatomic because of the effects it has on kids: increasing their focus and self-confidence, boosting metabolism and enhancing coordination. It's the perfect blend of Latin dance with aerobic exercise! Taught by certified Zumbatomic instructor Maricela Peraza. Participants should wear loose, comfortable clothing. Water will be provided and the classes are free. Space is limited, so registration is required.

Whose Line

May 7 | Mon | 5:30-7p

Ages 14-17

Get your IMPROV ON!! Every Monday excluding Memorial Day. No registration required.

Family Place:

1-2-3 Play With Me

May 7, 14,21 | Mon

6:30-7:30p

Infants to age 4 w/adult

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Children Reading to Dogs

May 8,22 | Tue | 7-7:30p

Parents of young children

Read to a specially trained dog who loves to

hear a good book! The dogs particularly enjoy hearing one of the dog stories we will have, but you can bring your own book too. 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. Registration is recommended so we will have enough dogs for each child. Call 732-4828 or visit the Information Desk to sign up.

Non-Fiction Book Club

May 10 | 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.

Readers' Society Book Club

May 15 | 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.

Family Craft Night

May 15 | Tue

6:30-7:30p

Children of all ages

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

OKC Herpetological Society

May 17 | 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

May 19 | 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 Ready to Read Book Club

May 19 | 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.



Homebuying Program

May 21-24 | Mon-Thur | 5:30-7p

All ages

Interested in purchasing a home but not sure what services are available to you or how to pursue your dream? If so, come to the Midwest City Library for a four-night presentation on how to purchase a home beginning Monday, May 21 and continuing Tuesday through Thursday, May 24, 2012. Space is limited and registration is required. To attend, please contact the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828. Cosponsor: Urban League.

Yu-Gi-Oh Game Tournament

May 26 | Sat | 2-4p

Ages 10-16

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



Nicoma Park Library

2240 Overholser, Nicoma Park
(405) 769-9452

HOURS

Tue-Thur: 9:30-5:30 M & Sun: Closed
Fri & Sat: 9-5



Children Reading to Dogs

May 3, 17 | Thur | 4-4:45p

Ages 4 and older

Children improve their reading skills every first and third Thursday of the month from 4:00-4:45pm. D'leo and his owner are trained and certified with Therapy Dogs International. Call 769-9452 for more information.



Free Comic Book Day

May 5 | Sat | 9a-5p

Teens

Pick up a free comic book at any MLS library or local comic book store on Free Comic Book Day. Supplies are limited!



Ladies Crafters

May 15 | Tue | 10a-Noon

All ages

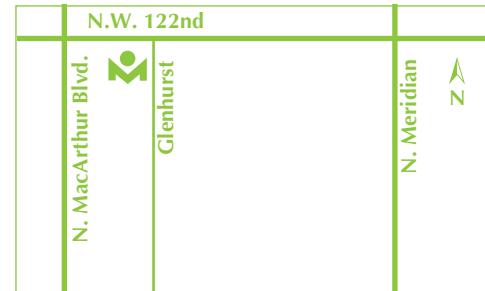
Ladies of all ages create crafts suitable for the season every third Tuesday of the month. come for fun! Call 769-9452 for more information.

Northwest Library

5600 NW 122nd
(405) 606-3561

HOURS

Mon-Thur: 9-9 Sat: 9-5
Fri: 9-6 Sun: 1-5



Northwest Library Grand Opening

May 22 | Tue | 3:30-7:30p

All ages

The Patience S. Latting Northwest Library would like to invite you to our Grand Opening. Come explore our location and learn about the resources the library has available for you and your family. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony followed by reception and music by The Stringents, and a family story time. Cosponsors: Library Endowment Trust and Friends of the Metropolitan Library System.



Al Bostick Storyteller

May 23 | Wed

3:30-5:30p

All ages

Master Storyteller, griot, and Renaissance man, Al Bostick will present a performance that will delight, teach and stimulate your mind, body and spirit. Cosponsor: Library Endowment Trust and Friends of the Metropolitan Library System.



Puppet Time For Students

May 24 | Thur | 3:30-4:30p

School age children

Want to make a talking puppet? Oklahoma artist and ventriloquist, Patrick Riley, will teach you how to make a puppet and learn the art of making it talk. Come to the library and learn to be your own puppet master. Cosponsors: Library Endowment Trust and Friends of the Metropolitan Library System.

Lego Robotics

May 25 | Fri | 3:30-4:30p

Teens

Are you interested in electronics and technology? Think robots totally rock? Then this workshop is for you! We will have a variety of activities that introduce you to the way robots are created and function. Cosponsor: Oklahoma County OSU Extension Office.



Opening Celebration

May 26 | Sat | 9a-5p
Age 3 and older



There will be activities throughout the day for all ages including musical performances, story time, face painting, and crafts.

Face Painting 9a-4p

Lapsit 9:15a

Story Time 10:00a

Gustafer Yellowgold 10:30a

Critter Tales 12:30p

Music Play 1:30p

Wayne McEvilly Pianist and Serimages 2p

Recycled Art for All Ages 3-5p

Juggling 3:30p

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Ralph Ellison Library

2000 N.E. 23rd, OKC
(405) 424-1437

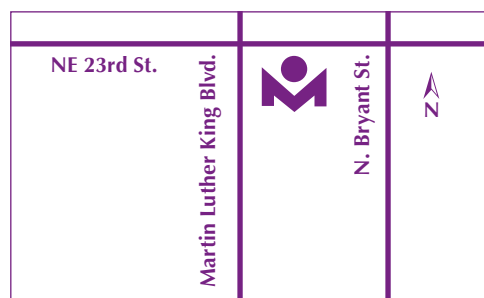
HOURS

Mon-Thur: 9-8

Sat: 9-5

Fri: 9-6

Sun: Closed



After School

May 1 | Tue | 4-5p
Ages 10-16

Have fun with art! Work on creative projects and learn about different kinds of artistic expression. Supplies and snacks will be provided. Contact Taryn at 424-1437 for more information. Cosponsor: Friends of the Metropolitan Library System.

Board Games Tuesdays

May 1,8,15,22,29 | 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.

Afternoon GED

May 2,7,9,14,16,23,30
Mon & Wed | 12:30-3:30p
Age 15 and older



Need practice before taking the test? Want help preparing for the essay or math sections?

On-going GED classes are held Mondays and Wednesdays from 12:30 to 3:30. Classes are provided at no charge. All materials provided. Cosponsor: Oklahoma City Public Schools.

Family Place: 1-2-3 Play With Me

May 3,10,17,24 | Thur
6:30-7:30p

Infants to age 4 w/parent

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Free Comic Book Day

May 5 | Sat | 9a-5p
Teens



Pick up a free comic book at any MLS library or local comic book store on Free Comic Book Day. Supplies are limited!

Zumba

May 5,12,19,26 | Sat | 1-2p
Adults

Looking for a fun way to get in shape? Have you always wanted to try Zumba? Then let instructor Candace Liger show you the moves each Saturday in May at the Ralph Ellison Library.

First Monday Gamefest

May 7 | Mon | 4-5:30p
Tweens and teens



Gamfest rocks! 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

May 8 | 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.

Guy's Night

May 8 | 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 tim! This event is for boys only! Sign up is required. Call 424-1437 or visit the library information desk.

Teen Summer Volunteer Training

May 21 | Mon | 5:30-6:30p
May 23 | Wed | 5:30-6:30p
Ages 12-18



Teens, if you have filled out a volunteer form online, received a phone call for an interview, and been chosen to become a Summer Reading volunteer, then you must attend one of the trainings held at the library. This training will help you become an awesome Summer Reading volunteer! *Note:* If you still want to volunteer but haven't started the process, check at the library to see if there are more openings. You must be available both June and July. Call 424-1437 for more information.

Shinigami Anime Club

May 22 | 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 5-6 on the 4th Tuesday of every month and is open for tweens and teens. Open for ages 11 and up due to content.

Good Eats Taste Testing Party

May 22 | Tue | 5:30-7p
Age 3-12



Fruits and veggies and grains, oh my! Come sample a colorful and flavorful bounty of delicious and nutritious fresh food. Eating whole foods will also help you stay healthy and happy. During this program be sure to vote for your favorite fruit, vegetable, or whole grain. (Results will be posted in the library.) And, while you're here, be sure to check out books about healthy foods with yummy recipes to try at home! Cosponsor: The Oklahoma Nutrition Information and Education (ONIE).

Mother Goose on the Loose

May 31 | Thur | 6-6:30p
Age birth to six



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

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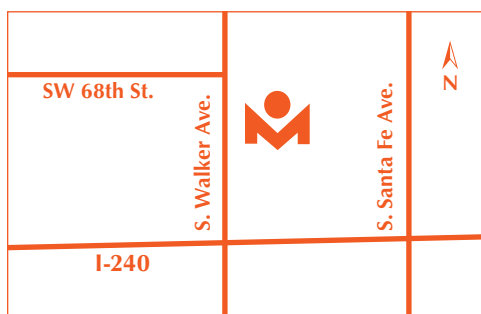
Southern Oaks Library

6900 S. Walker, OKC
(405) 631-4468

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: 1-6



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

Children Reading to Dogs

May 1 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p

May 19 | Sat | 10-11a

For kids who can read

A Dog in the Library? That's right, come read to a loveable dog and their owner! By sitting down next to a dog and reading to the dog, all



threats of being judged are put aside. Kids will improve literacy skills in a relaxed environment that allows them to focus on reading. Reading improves because the child is practicing the skill of reading, building self-esteem, and associating reading with something pleasant. All of our dog teams are trained through HALO or Therapy Dogs International. Pre-registration is required. Please call 631-4468 to sign up.

Friday: Films, Family & Fun May 4,11,18,25 | 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.

Free Comic Book Day

May 5 | Sat | 9a-5p

Teens

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Teens

Parachute Fun

May 7 | Mon | 10:30-11a

Ages 2-5 w/adult/caregiver

Sing songs, dance, and play with the parachute! Bring your little one and join us for some parachute fun! Playing games with a parachute



encourages teamwork. Kids will have fun while improving language, muscle control, and listening skills. Pre-registration is required for this program. Call 631-4468 or visit the Information Desk to sign up.

Southern Oaks Book Club

May 8 | 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.

Are You Prepared? For Earthquake, Tornadoes & Fire Emergencies

May 8 | Tue | 6:30-8p

Adults

Are you prepared for the next earthquake, fire, or tornado disaster? Learn how to be prepared for emergencies by joining a representative from the American Red Cross of Central Oklahoma in basic disaster preparedness skills. Cosponsor: American Red Cross of Central Oklahoma.

Book Adventure: Kids' Book Club

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

Ages 6-9

Join us for a Book Adventure! Meet with kids your age to discuss a great book. We will have

a snack, make a craft, and play a game. Call the information desk to find out the book for this month. Some copies of the book are available at the Information Desk. You must read the book before attending the program. Sign up at the Information Desk or by calling 631-4468.

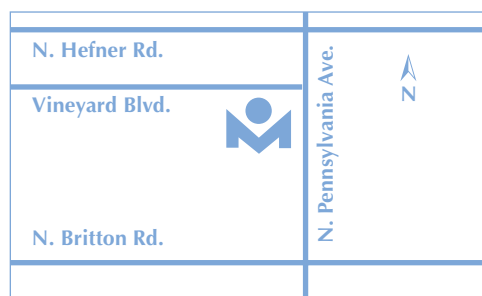
The Village Library

10307 N. Pennsylvania Ave., The Village
(405) 755-0710

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: Closed



Children Reading to Dogs

May 2,9,16,23,30 | Wed | 6-7p

May 3,10,17,24,31 | Thur

3:30-4:30p

Age 6 and older

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



Music With Susan

May 3,10,17,24 | Thur

10-10:30a

Ages 2-5 w/parent

Join Susan for musical fun and activities. Pre-registration is required. Please call 755-0710 or stop by the Information Desk. Registration will begin on April 9.



Teen Summer Volunteer

Training

May 3 | Thur | 7-8p

May 16 | Wed | 5-6p

Teens

All summer volunteers must attend one mandatory training for which you will also receive volunteer credit. Before attending, all volunteers must turn in an application. For any questions, please call 755-0710 or stop by the Information Desk



Village Chess Club

May 4,11,18 | 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. Snacks provided!

Free Comic Book Day

May 5 | Sat | 9a-5p

Teens

Pick up a free comic book at any MLS library or local comic book store on Free Comic Book Day. Supplies are limited!



Literacy Referral Service

May 5,12,19,26 | 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. 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.

Storytime

May 8,15 | Tue

10-10:30a

Ages 2-5 w/parent

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



LEGO Club @ Your Library

May 11 | Fri | 1-3p

For children and their parents

Come have fun building with Legos!

Special Friends of the Village Library: Village Fair

May 12 | Sat | 9a-4p

All ages

Come join us at our annual Village Fair, there will be all types of craft/merchandise vendors, lavender plants, food, entertainment, "Touch the Truck" for kids big and small to explore. Come enjoy the day, there is something here for everyone! Cosponsor: Special Friends of the Village Library.

Metropolitan Library Commission of Oklahoma County

May 17 | Thur | 3:30-5p

The Village Library
10107 N. Pennsylvania
Oklahoma City, OK 73120
405.755.0710

The public is welcome to attend.



Email Basics for Adults

May 17 | Thur

6-8:30p

Adults

Free computer class for adults! Learn how to set up a free email account. Learn to send and receive email messages, send and open photos and attachments, and use an email address book. Come in or call to sign up (405) 755-0710.



OKDHS Child Care

Provider Training

May 19 | Sat | 9a-5p

Adults

Join DHS staff member Susan Bradley for a day of training for child care providers.



Book Discussion Group

May 21 | 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.

Child Development Screening

May 24 | 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 @ 425-4412.



Parenting Style and Personality Type

May 24,31 | Thur | 6-8p

For parents of young children

Are you a home-body or do you like to be on the go? Do you see the big picture or are you detail-oriented? Do you make decisions with your head or with your heart? Do you go with the flow or are you a list-maker? What is your parenting style? In this two session class, you will discover your personality type and how it affects your parenting style. Understanding your parenting style will help you make the most of your strengths, understand your parenting struggles, and give you insight into why others parent differently. You will complete a personality inventory to help you identify your personality type and receive the book *MotherStyles--Using Personality Type to Discover Your Parenting Strengths* by Janet Penley. Cosponsor: OCCHD.



Knitty Committee

May 26 | 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.

Gustafer Yellowgold's Show

May 26 | Sat | 2-3p

Age 3 and older

Gustafer himself is a friendly creature who came to Earth from the sun and is living out an explorer's life in a slightly psychedelic version of the Minnesota woods. Gustafer Yellowgold's Show is a multi-media performance of live music, animated illustrations and storytelling. With its unique crossover appeal, the show has been the wild-card opening act for Wilco and The Polyphonic Spree.



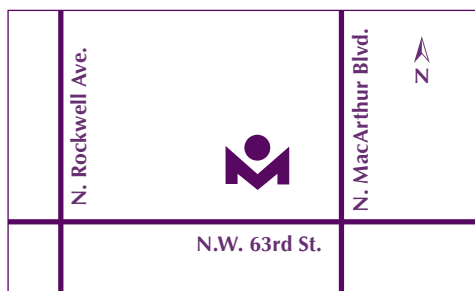
Warr Acres Library

5901 N.W. 63rd, Warr Acres
(405) 721-2616

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: 1-6



ESL

May 2,7,9,14,16,21,23

Mon & Wed | 5:30-8p

Adults

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.



Free Comic Book Day

May 5 | Sat | 9a-5p

Teens

Pick up a free comic book at any MLS library or local comic book store on Free Comic Book Day. Supplies are limited!



Music Play for Preschoolers

May 8,22 | Tue | 10-11:15a

Ages 2 1/2 - 5

Join us for a fun learning time in our meeting



room for either 10a session for 2 and 3-year-olds of 10:45a session for 4 and 5-year-olds. Please preregister.

Critter Tales for Preschoolers

May 8 | Tue | 6:30-7:15p

Ages 2 1/2 - 5

Jennifer Lance will read Owl Babies, and introduce your preschooler to five animals: a mammal, a marsupial, an amphibian, a reptile, and a bird! Everyone will enjoy learning about baby animals. Please preregister.



Play Time for Babies and Tots

May 9,16,23,30 | Wed

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

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.



Children Reading to Dogs

May 10 | Thur | 6:30-7:30p

Age 6 and older

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



Child Guidance Screening

May 11 | Fri | 9a-Noon

10:30-11:30a

Birth thru age 5 w/parent

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 include a small fee based upon a sliding scale and ability to pay. Medicaid is accepted. No one is denied services for inability to pay. To schedule your screening appointment, please call Child Guidance @ 425-4412. Cheryl Cussler, 419-4253.



LEGO Club @ Your Library

May 12 | Sat | 10:30-11:30a

Ages 6-11

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

Warr Acres Book Club

May 14 | Mon | 11a-Noon

Adults

We will be discussing *If You Ask Me: (and of*

course you won't) by Betty White. The beloved actress shares some of her recent experiences. White's autobiographical work reads much like an enjoyable afternoon chat with a charming personality. White doesn't dwell for long on a given topic, instead relating brief, easily digestible tales. Call 721-2616 for more information.

Elder Law

May 15 | Tue | 2-3p

Seniors

Jill Watskey, Attorney, from the Senior Law Resource Center will discuss powers of attorney, advance directives, and the various ways property can pass at death. She will discuss what probate is and how to avoid it. The goal is to educate people about their options so their assets can pass to their loved ones as simply, quickly, and cost-effectively as possible. Options for paying for long-term-care such as Medicare, Medicaid, and VA benefits will also be covered.

Game Night

May 17 | Thur | 6:30-8p

Teens 12-17

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



Music of the Night

May 19 | Sat | 2-3:30p

All ages

Join pianist, Wayne McEvelly, as he captivates you with music and stories reflecting a variety of composer's fascination with the magic and romance of night. From Mozart's "Eine Kleine Nachtmusik" to the story of Lady Gaga's "Marry The Night" music video with Beethoven's "Pathetique Sonata." This will be a wonderful program for the entire family.



CSI

May 31 | Thur | 6:30-7:30p

Teens 12-17

A night of adventure and intrigue awaits! Youth become crime scene investigators to solve a fictional crime. They will gather evidence and find suspects. Cosponsor: Science Museum OK.



THE METROPOLITAN LIBRARY SYSTEM PRESENTS:

THE GUSTAFER YELLOWGOLD ★ SHOW ★

Musician/artist Morgan Taylor performs a multi-media, live show of music, animated illustration & storytelling.

SATURDAY, MAY 26

10:30am – Northwest Library

5600 NW 122nd • (606-3580)

2pm – The Village Library

10307 N. Pennsylvania • (755-0710)



Metropolitan
LIBRARY SYSTEM

www.metrolibrary.org





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 Northwest Library Grand Opening 3:30 pm	23	24	25	26
27 Libraries Closed for Memorial Weekend	28 Libraries Closed Memorial Day Observed	29	30	31		

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.

Demarais, Kirk. *Mail-Order Mysteries: Real Stuff From Old Comic Book Ads!*
745.592/D3721m

So it's 1957 and you're nine years old and you're reading a comic book and daydreaming about . . . what? Superhuman strength? The ability to fly? Owning an invisible airplane? Or do your daydreams come not from the stories but from the ads sprinkled throughout the book? Glasses that allow you to see through solid items. A remote controlled ghost. Sea monkeys. This book is a nostalgic journey through childhood credulity, and a lot of fun.

Sadowski, Greg. *Action! Mystery! Thrills! Comic Book Covers of the Golden Age, 1933-1945.*
741.5973/AC1883a

But what got you so interested in that comic book in the first place? What tempted you beyond human resistance to give the guy at the cash register your dime? It was the cover, of course. Whether it was a beefed-up Batman, a pulchritudinous Wonder Woman, or a guy carrying an axe in one hand and a woman's severed head in the other, it was that low-brow, high interest cover art. Take a trip back in time to your favorite spin rack with this feast of over-ripe treats.



We're here to serve you.

MLS LIBRARIES

	M	T	W	TH	F	S	S
BELLE ISLE 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	1-6
CAPITOL HILL 334 S.W. 26th, OKC, 634-6308	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
CHOCTAW 2525 Muzzy Street, Choctaw, 390-8418	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
DEL CITY 4509 S.E. 15th, Del City, 672-1377	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
DOWNTOWN 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
MIDWEST CITY 8143 E. Reno, MWC, 732-4828	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
NORTHWEST 5600 NW 122nd, OKC, 606-3561 <i>opens May 22</i>	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
RALPH ELLISON 2000 N.E. 23rd, OKC, 424-1437	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
SOUTHERN OAKS** 631-4468	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
THE VILLAGE 10307 N. Pennsylvania Avenue, The Village, 755-0710	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
WARR ACRES 5901 N.W. 63rd, Warr Acres, 721-2616	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6

**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	—	9:30-5	—	9-5	—
*LUTHER 310 N.E. 3rd, Luther, 277-9967	9:30-6	9:30-6	9:30-6	9:30-6	9-5	9-5	—
*NICOMA PARK 2240 Overholser, Nicoma Park, 769-9452	—	9:30-5:30	9:30-5:30	9:30-5:30	9-5	9-5	—
*WRIGHT 2101 Exchange, OKC, 235-5035	—	9:30-5:30	9:30-5:30	9:30-5:30	9-5	9-5	—

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