

# THE “COM”UNITY BOARD

## INTERNAL NEWS

### Almonte Library Open now!

- We had a lovely Grand Opening of Almonte Library May 15! Thank you to everyone who made this happen. We had so many guests come out and enjoy the new space, and we've already heard great feedback on the library.
- The new branch has over 40,000 volumes and 16 staff with 34 computers.
- Features of the new library include the brand-new Makerspace with Mac and Windows computers, 3D printers, iPads, Cricut Maker, Button Maker, and sewing and embroidery machines. Almonte also features a brand new podcast studio.

### Point in Time Report 2024

- For those who may find this information pertinent, the annual Point in Time report from the Homeless Alliance has been released.

## INFO MAG REVIEWS

We only have two slots left for Info Mag Reviews this year. Sign up now with [this link](#).

## Calling Published Librarians!

Are you a published writer? Is your work in our system? We want to feature Metro Library librarians with published works in Info Magazine. If interested, contact [marketing@metrolibrary.org](mailto:marketing@metrolibrary.org), or let us know about a coworker who fits this description!

## COM NEWS

- Your COMs team has been hard at work distributing posters! The following posters have been distributed to locations with these events on their calendars, so please reach out ASAP if you are missing any of these materials: Edith Head, Cattle Trails and Branding, Reading Roundup. Look for an updated Science Museum (Kids) poster and an upcoming Neighborhood Arts poster coming soon!
- Summer Reading is off to a great start, and we are so excited! [Click here](#) to see our team's Summer Reading commercial, and maybe you'll see it on your own tv soon!
- We will be out photographing some of the Neighborhood Arts performances. We can't make it to all the events, but managers are encouraged to keep an eye on their emails, and we will let you know when we will be coming to your location.
- COMs partnered with the City of Oklahoma City last month to plan and execute the Grand Opening celebration of the Almonte Library, including setting up a media preview event.

## JUNETEENTH

We are closed for Juneteenth! Please find the closure signage on the intranet [here](#).



# NEW PROGRAMS!

## Discovery Backpacks

We are two months into the Discovery Backpacks program! Available at 14 Metro Library locations, these packs for young children include tools and guides for exploring nature and gardening. Topics include sunlight, pollination, and animal tracks. For restocking metro-branded coloring books, contact Jessica Gonzalez. Thanks for your support!



## Flat Spoticus



We've launched Summer fun with "Flat Spoticus!" Spoticus is dressed in five outfits to choose from! Guests (or staff) can download their favorites at [metrolibrary.org/flatspoticus](http://metrolibrary.org/flatspoticus). Guests are encouraged to tag @metrolibraryok and use #FlatSpoticus to share adventures

# COM REQUEST RECAP

Send in a request for larger projects and design request with [this form](#)!

**Last month, COM fulfilled 119 total project requests, including 10 catalog orders, 35 project requests, 11 print requests, and 47 social requests. Thank you for using our forms!**

ADDITIONAL FORMS - [print request form](#), [social media request form](#), [photographer request form](#), [translation request](#). You can also submit order requests with [this form](#)!

**For design and print requests, please send a Canva link, and make sure your design has the date, time, and location as well as the website and phone number.**

To promote your program or initiative with our TV Displays, please create your design in Canva, and fill out the [TV Display Request Form](#)!

# METRO IN THE NEWS!

Check out some of the recent stories our libraries have been featured in, and feel free to share them with your friends and family!

## Features

[“Metropolitan Library System to kick off Summer Reading Program with prizes, incentives”](#) - KOCO

[SW OKC library branch moves into new, permanent building](#) - Free Press OKC

[Metropolitan Library brings adventure to life with scheduled Summer Reading programs](#) - KOCO

## Mentions

[Top 5 ways to keep your family learning all Summer long](#) - Metro Family

[Where to celebrate Juneteenth in Oklahoma](#) - KOCO (Capitol Hill Library)

[Summer arts: free programs at Metro Libraries and Recreation Centers](#) - velocityokc (Neighborhood Arts)

[15+ fun and free family things to do across OKC this summer](#) - The Oklahoman (Neighborhood Arts)

[Beyond the Page \(a feature on Oklahoma libraries\)](#) - Oklahoma Today (Belle Isle Library)

**Tune in to 90.1 KUCO for the Summer Lunch Library Tour every Thursday in June from Noon - 2 p.m.!**

Next week, June 20, we will be broadcasting live from Edmond Library, and June 27, we will be broadcasting live at the Downtown OKC Library! Tune in to hear us chat about upcoming programs and resources from MLS!



# UPCOMING EVENTS

- TJ Klune - June 23 at Downtown OKC Library- We are proud to host an afternoon with bestselling author TJ Klune, featuring a Q&A and book signing. The in-person event is sold out, but guests can join virtually via the library's Facebook page. More info at [metrolibrary.org/authorevents](https://metrolibrary.org/authorevents).
- LitFest- Aug 17 at Downtown OKC Library - Join us for the 7th annual LitFest, a free writers' conference featuring diverse presentations, interactive sessions, and industry insights from professionals.
- Summer Reading Museum adventures - throughout locations this summer. We have partnered with the Oklahoma City Museum of Art, the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum, the Oklahoma Contemporary Arts Center, Oklahoma History Center, and the Science Museum of Oklahoma for exciting events this summer. Thank you all for your work at making this happen at your locations.
- Urban Poets' Open Mic Poetry Night is the last Monday of every month at 6 p.m. at Ralph Ellison Library
- Have something to promote at your locations? Email [marketing@metrolibrary.org](mailto:marketing@metrolibrary.org) to make sure we're aware!

Check out the TJ Klune Metro Library podcast!

# BUZZ WORDS

We're going to provide some library "buzz words" as both reminders and maybe some new information for some for both front-facing staff and administration with buzz words from different parts of the library system.

Here are those buzz words for this month!

- HelpNow - This Brainfuse resource includes live, online tutoring, educational games, practice tests, and more.
- Library of Things - A Library of Things lends non-traditional items, promoting sustainability and the sharing economy. It reduces waste and allows guests to "try before you buy," saving money.
- hoopla - hoopla lets you instantly borrow movies, TV shows, music, audiobooks, eBooks, comics, and magazines on any device. Stream or download from thousands of titles, with new ones added daily. Enjoy your library anytime, anywhere.
- LOTE4Kids - LOTE4Kids offers thousands of picture books in 65+ languages with English translations, audio flipbooks, sign language titles, activities, and online games to improve reading and typing skills.
- Halfsheet - One half of an 8.5x11 piece of paper.

*Did you know?*  
You can view Commission meeting notes on the intranet! Just go to "About," then "Commission," and then "Current Commission Packet."

# SUMMER READING

Summer Reading is here! Check the intranet and the latest newsletter for updates and FAQs. Summer Reading promotes the joy and importance of reading for all ages, helping prevent the "Summer Slide" with just 20 minutes of daily reading. Guests can register easily with Beanstack or fill out a paper reading log. Prizes, including new titles and branded totes, are now available, and librarians can start distributing them at their locations! Staff shirts and totes are available through [Bonfire](#).

We have 14,598 readers enrolled in Summer Reading, and we already have 2,675,325 points earned, so we are 22% of the way to our 12 million point goal! For questions, contact [engagement@metrolibrary.org](mailto:engagement@metrolibrary.org).

