

THE "COM"UNITY BOARD

INFO MAG EXPORTS

We are working toward exporting our events earlier in our process of creating the Info Magazine. Please follow the 3-month deadlines as set by GSLT and OES and get your Library Market events added and published by these dates. Make sure they are not just saved as drafts, but published.

And please make sure you reach out if an event is cancelled, and mark the event as cancelled in Library Market instead of just deleting.

We are currently in the process of putting together our June/July double Summer Reading issue. Please reach out by the end of this week at the latest if there is anything we need to know about events in June and July. Moving forward...have your August events in by May 20 for review. We will be exporting August's events for Info Mag in June.

ALMONTE GRAND OPENING

Opening Ceremony – May 15 from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. at Almonte Library

The Almonte Library is finally getting a permanent Oklahoma City home - 2727 SW 59th St. Join us for the Grand Opening celebration on May 15 that begins with a Ribbon Cutting ceremony at 10 a.m. and includes studio demos with a 3-D printer and embroidery machine, refreshments, cookie decorating, budget gardening, a self-guided tour with prizes, 3-D prints exploration, photo frame creation, and a performance by Race Dance Collective from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

MORE UPCOMING EVENTS

- Star Wars Day – May 4 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Belle Isle Library: Documentary screenings, Younglings Jedi Academy, trivia, and an escape room, perfect for Jedi of all ages!
- May the 4th Be With You Celebration – May 4 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Southern Oaks Library: Games, crafts, costumes, and free comic book giveaways.
- Film Showing with Discussion Panel – May 4 from 2 - 4 p.m. at Bethany Library: "Common Enemy" screening by Humane League, panel with local reps on better animal agriculture.
- Film Showing with Rescue Pigs – May 11 from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. at Warr Acres Library and May 24 from 3:30 - 4 p.m. at Choctaw Library: Screening of the film, a discussion, and a special visit from a rescue pig!
- GeekCon '24 The Phantom Geek – May 18 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Downtown OKC Library: Featuring OKC Improv, vendor booths, crafting, escape rooms, and a Cosplay fashion show!
- Kintsugi Pottery – The Japanese art of Kintsugi, repairing broken ceramic planter pots and turning imperfections into beautiful works of art.
 - May 7 from 6-8 p.m. at Warr Acres Library
 - May 14 from 6-8 p.m. at Warr Acres Library
 - May 18 from 2-4 p.m. at Del City Library
 - May 21 from 6-8 p.m. at Warr Acres Library
- Art Around the World 3: Fiji – from May 7 - May 11 at Wright Library: Take and Make Kit for kids teens, and adults, featuring a craft inspired by Fijian folk art.
- Take-Home Tuesday: Ikebana – available all day May 7 at Del City Library: Ikebana, the Japanese art of flower arranging
- Japanese Tea Ceremony – May 18 from 2 - 4 p.m. at Edmond Library: Japanese tea ceremony hosted for teens and adults by the Oklahoma Chado Urasenke School and Japan America Society of Oklahoma

MAC REQUEST RECAP

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

ADDITIONAL MAC 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!](#)

ECLIPSE 2024

Thank you to everyone who hosted or joined an Eclipse viewing party or activity at any of our library locations! Here are some photos captured by our MAC team of some of those events!



DISCOVERY BACKPACKS

"Metro Grows" has introduced lendable eco and health literacy backpacks for young children across 14 Metro Library locations. These backpacks, aimed at PreK to elementary-age children, contain tools to encourage exploration of nature and gardening, including specially curated activity guides developed in collaboration with partners like Myriad Gardens and OKC Beautiful. With eight distinct backpacks tailored to various age groups, children can engage in activities related to sunlight, pollination, living things, water, living with fire, water movement, seed dispersal, and animal tracks. For libraries that carry the discovery backpacks, you should have gotten emails from Jessica Gonzalez answering your questions about this program!

Marketing has routed out coloring books to replace in the backpacks as they are checked out. There should be enough to last your location for a while, but, when they start to run out, email marketing@metrolibrary.org, and we will send replacements!

CALLING PUBLISHED AUTHORS

Are you a published writer? Is your work available within our system? we may want to feature you in the Info Magazine! Please reach out to marketing@metrolibrary.org if this sounds like something you are interested in or if it sounds like one of your coworkers!

CALL FOR INFO MAG REVIEWS

We have opened up our Info Mag Book reviews through December 2024. Sign up now before all the slots are filled with [this link!](#)

LITERARY VOICES 2024

Thank you to everyone who came out to Literary Voices either as a part of the event or to attend! We brought some amazing literary giants, and we are so proud of our system for making this happen!

