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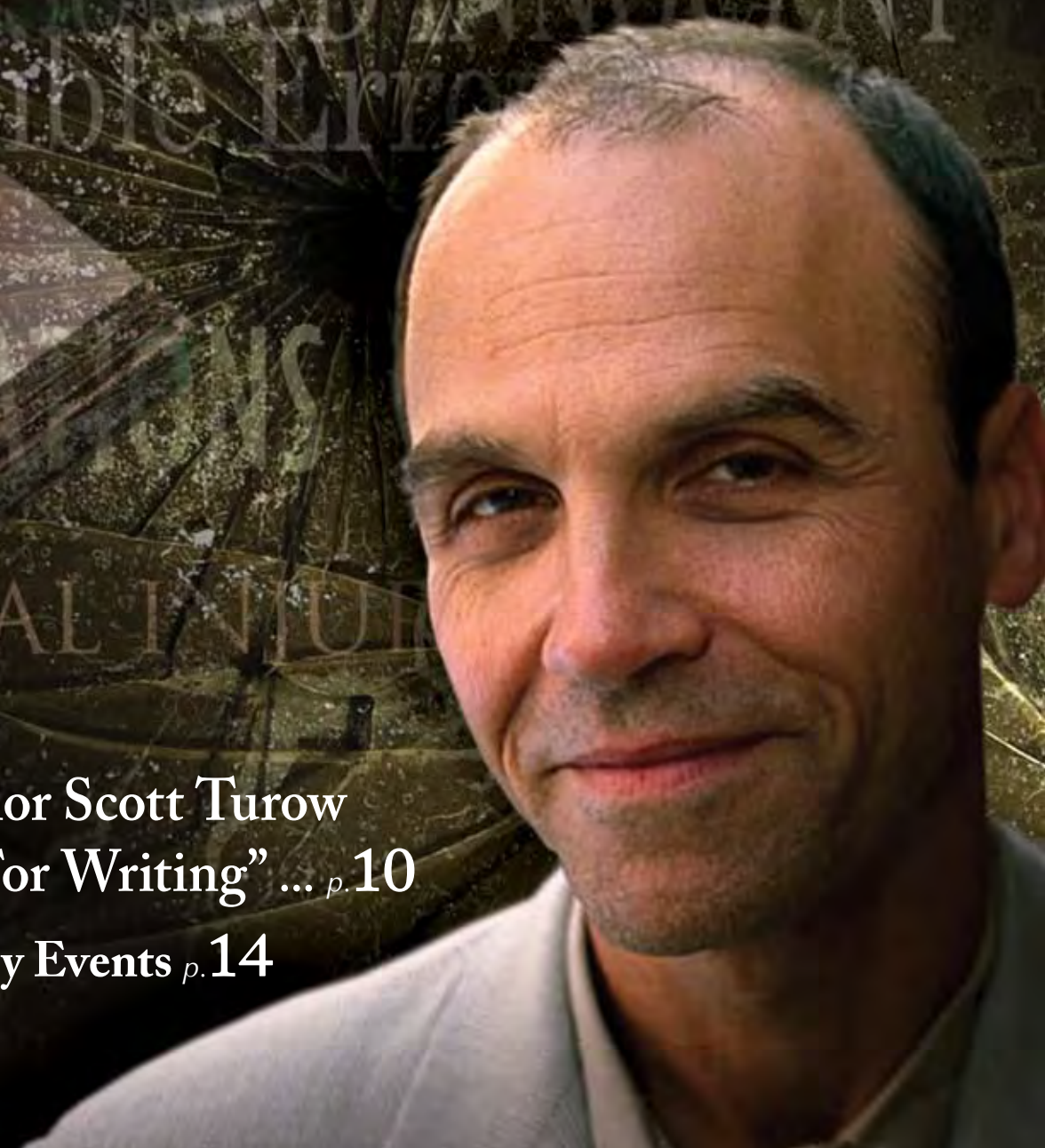
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## New *info*

April is the month for author visits to MLS libraries, and our two featured authors are both top-notch prize winners.

Coming to us from the Sans Bois Mountains of southeastern Oklahoma is two-time Oklahoma Book Award winner Rilla Askew, who will be presenting programs at six different library locations during the month of April.

You'll also want to watch for the creator of the modern legal thriller, Scott Turow, on April 18 at the Downtown Library as he speaks on "A Case For Writing." Turow is also the Guest Speaker at the Library Endowment Trust's Sixth Annual Literary Voices™ dinner on April 17.

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## Oklahoma Images

*Don't bother looking for  
this fine Doric edifice.  
You won't find it anywhere  
in the city. In fact,  
you can't even stand on  
the ground it was built  
on without getting mowed  
down by six lanes of traffic.*

# Little Church Around the Corner

*by Larry Johnson*

**B**ut then, it always did get the respect of a red-headed stepchild.

In 1905, the congregation of the First Baptist Church in Oklahoma City had finally tired of their cramped quarters near Second and Robinson. The congregation had grown with the city and, being an evangelistic bunch, they staved off overcrowding by seeding three new churches on the edges of the city. But the city had grown too rapidly for the original Baptist building and a new building would have to be built.

But where to build? Some members wanted to move to the edge of the city where there was plenty of room to grow, but others felt that Eleventh Street was just too far to travel. The city had grown so much that the only land available in the center was an overpriced lot on the northeast corner of Third and Broadway, but the more practical members of the congregation pointed out that streetcars, horses, and those newfangled automobiles rumbling past the church on the city's busiest thoroughfare would make Sunday morning sermons in the air-cooled church quite impossible to hear. Pastor Henry Porter carried the day, though. He liked the idea that his new church would be placed amid the saloons, pool halls, and seedy hotels on Broadway. "We can reach the people," he said. "May the temple stand until Jesus comes."

That sounded good to the deacons and thus the Baptist White Temple was built and dedicated in September, 1907. Unfortunately, unless Jesus came in 1910 and the news has yet to reach Oklahoma, the good Reverend Porter was a little ambitious in his hopes for the temple. A scant two years later, the congregation had yet

again outgrown its building. Compounding the matter, the tiny lot left no room to expand the building. And, yeah, the nay-sayers were right all along. The grinding hum and clang-clang-clang of the trolleys was just too much to bear when the windows were open. And it probably didn't help that the other denominations were building huge magnificent churches along North Robinson.

So, in 1911 a new church was completed. It offered plenty of space and a lot big enough for expansion. It's still the First Baptist Church building today and stands at *Eleventh* and Robinson. The Baptist White Temple was renamed the Masonic Temple and was used by the secret society until 1925 when it was razed and a four story Western Union office building was built on the site. Today, the crazy intersection of Third, Broadway, and Gaylord crosses the site.

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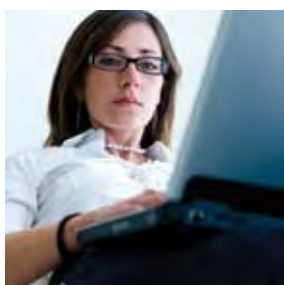
*The Baptist White Temple at Third and Broadway  
in 1907.*



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# Reviews & Recommendations



## The Oklahoma Scranimal by Larry Derryberry

Reviewed by Phyllis Davidson



If you heard that former Oklahoma Attorney General and State Representative Larry Derryberry had written a book, you might expect a heavy tome full of legalese. Not so! Derryberry's true talent lies in making up entertaining stories and telling them to his grandchildren.

It all started when his grandson started asking Papa Derryberry to tell stories. Then someone gave him a little electric keyboard as a gift. Soon he was setting his stories to music, and *The Oklahoma Scranimal* was created—and then re-created—by an Oklahoma tornado that scrambled up the five farm animals breakfasting in Papa Derryberry's red barn. The horse, cow, sheep, pig and duck got all stirred together into one Scranimal that sported parts of each of the five.

You can download the audio book from Tate

Publishing & Enterprises using instructions in the back of the book. You'll enjoy Derryberry's mellow voice as he sings the story accompanied by the six famous Oklahomans featured on the front cover. Your challenge will be to decipher which of the six portrays each animal. The book was designated an official book of the Oklahoma Centennial.

When Mrs. Harry Derryberry decided to give her son the rhythmic name of Larry, she probably didn't dream that she was planting the seeds of musical authorship, but I think she would be proud. The book is verriyverry charming.

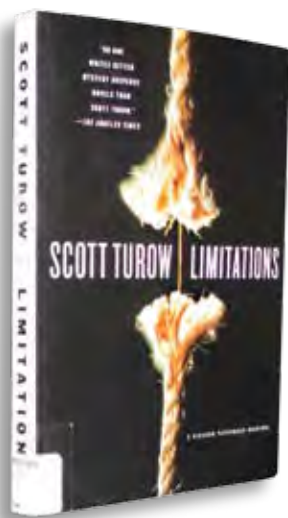
*Phyllis Davidson is a reference librarian at the Downtown Library. She is the editor of a family newsletter, teaches genealogy classes to customers at the library, and delves into her own family history outside the Library walls.*



## Limitations

by Scott Turow

Reviewed by Chris Carroll



A veteran Court of Appeals judge asks his old friend and colleague a fundamental question in Scott Turow's most recent legal thriller, *Limitations*: "Who are we to judge?" The tormented Judge George Mason has heard sordid echoes of his own past in a controversial case on which he must rule, and deeper questions arise from it that lead him to question both his professional fitness and his very identity.

Turow's portrait of troubled Judge Mason is the latest in his acclaimed line of flawed but sympathetic characters who people the fictional Midwestern world of Kindle County. Longtime readers of Turow will recognize Judge Mason from *Personal Injuries*, as well as recently installed Chief Judge Rusty Sabich from his first novel, *Presumed Innocent*.

Turow's legal professionals are often as morally conflicted as the suspects and criminals with whom they deal. In *Limitations*, Judge Mason and his associates confront a case of sexual assault

with class- and race-related implications that seem to leave the appeals court no viable way to rule on guilt or innocence. The case also forces Judge Mason to confront a hazy episode from his own youth, while at the same time he deals with a series of mysteriously threatening emails and a debilitating crisis in his own marriage.

*Limitations* is a brisk, episodic thriller, originally published in installments in The New York Times Magazine. Its swift pace and urgent present-tense narrative are an interesting departure from Turow's best-known novels. Judge Mason is ultimately forced to ponder the nature of crime in an individual's isolation and inability to understand the larger significance of his actions, a syndrome from which he finds even judges are not immune.

*Christopher Carroll is the MLS Development Specialist and is currently attending the Master of Library and Information Science program at the University of Oklahoma. He has a list of books he someday plans to read that is 69 pages long at the time of this writing.*





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ON THE SHELF

## The Most Dangerous Game

starring Leslie Banks, Fay Wray, and Joel McCrea

Reviewed by Doug Bentin



In last year's movie *Zodiac* there were several mentions of the 1932 film *The Most Dangerous Game*. It's adapted from a frequently-anthologized short story by Richard Connell about Count Zaroff, Leslie Banks in the movie, who lives on an island and delights in rescuing shipwrecked sailors so he can turn them into human prey and hunt them. Eve Trowbridge (Fay Wray), her dipsomaniacal brother (Robert Armstrong), and stalwart hero Bob Rainsford (Joel McCrea) wash ashore on day, and Zaroff wines them, dines them, and prepares to mount their heads in his trophy room.

There are currently six editions of the movie available but MLS owns the latest and only one that contains both the original black and white print as well as a colorized version prepared under the keen eye of special effects legend Ray Harryhausen. The movie was produced and

directed by the team that was making *King Kong* at the same time. Kong was shot during the day and *Most Dangerous Game* was shot after hours on the same sets. Fans of Kong will enjoy spotting familiar jungle locations as well as watching Wray and Armstrong play opposites to their most famous characters.

This was Leslie Banks' debut film in America. Best known in his day for playing Captain Hook on stage, his only other significant movies were the two he made with Alfred Hitchcock, *The Man Who Knew Too Much* in 1934, and *Jamaica Inn* in 1939. Count Zaroff is an iconic villain and I think you'll enjoy Banks in the role.

*Doug Bentin appears weekly on the MLS TV program "Read About It." Check out his movie reviews in The Oklahoma Gazette, and his occasional film writing on the Oklahoma Film Critics Circle website, <http://ofccircle.org/>*

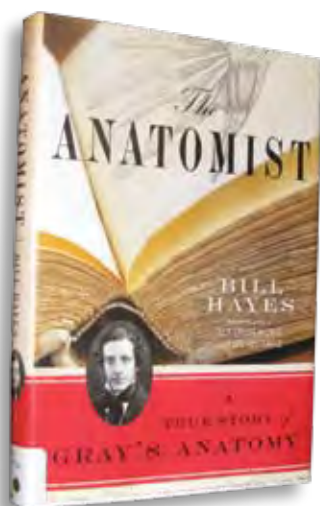
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ON THE SHELF

## The Anatomist: A True Story of Gray's Anatomy

by Bill Hayes

Reviewed by Jana Hausburg



*"...the gauze wrapping has fallen away from the cadaver's right hand. The fingernails, a part of the body extremely slow to decay, are still those of a well-groomed little old lady—nicely rounded and buff, as if she had just come from a manicure...I rewrap her hand in gauze, then help pull the drape over the body."*

Ever since I was introduced to the skeleton at my chiropractor's office, I've been intrigued by the idea of donating my body to science. I'm a supporter of organ donation, and the idea of having my body picked clean and displayed in a high school biology class is kind of cool. It's a different kind of immortality, to be sure, but hey, I'd be making a contribution to scientific knowledge!

*The Anatomist* explores the development of the classic medical text known to all medical students

who have taken a gross anatomy class, and details the efforts of Henry Gray and artist/collaborator H.V. Carter in getting the book published. It is a blend of history, science, and good, old-fashioned sleuthing. Gray proves to be elusive, but Hayes comes across Carter's journals, stored at the Wellcome Library in London, which provide a fascinating insight into the development of Gray's Anatomy.

Not too squeamish? Then you should enjoy reading about Gray, Carter, and others who made it their life's work to illuminate the workings of the human body.

*A cataloger for the Metropolitan Library System since 1995, Jana Hausburg has the daunting task of cataloging library books before they go on the shelves of your local library.*

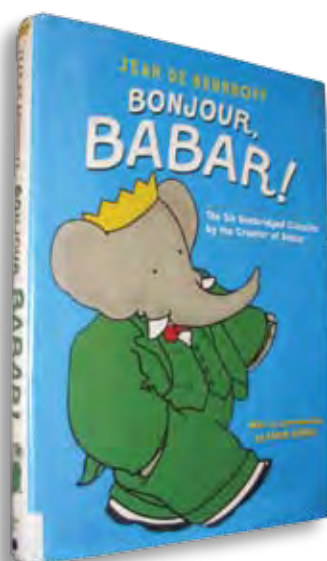


# Reviews & Recommendations



## Bonjour, Babar: The Six Unabridged Classics by the Author of Babar by Jean de Brunhoff

Reviewed by Kelley Riha



If you have the chance to read books to little ones, here's why I recommend the Babar series:

- *The language is rich with descriptive words.*
- *In the stories, manners are the norm and reinforced throughout each story.*
- *Images are full of activity and colored with bright primary hues.*
- *The original Jean de Brunhoff Babar stories are geared toward 4–6 year olds while the later Laurent Brunhoff stories are recommended for PreK– 3rd.*

Written from 1933–40, the elephant society reflects old world morals and includes a few politically incorrect references. Concerned parents would want to preview the stories and may find opportunities for teaching moments in those few out-of-date references.

In the Boston Globe, author Thomas Gagen notes in his article titled “Babar’s Enduring Appeal,” that “Babar, the storybook elephant created by the artist Jean de Brunhoff, reached the venerable age of 75 this year (2006). France issued a commemorative stamp to celebrate

what has become an epitome of French culture and a major export earner. But there hasn’t been much notice in the United States except for an undercurrent of belief that Babar is too sexist, racist, or imperialist for children today. An overly scrupulous reader can find all sorts of messages in the 30 or so Babar books published since 1931, but the basic themes as laid out in the first Story of Babar, are enthralling, innocent and reassuring.”

Kevin Henkes, in the Introduction to *Bonjour, Babar*, writes, “These (Babar) books are full of adventure and fantasy, but they also deal with the stuff of real life. And I’m convinced children long to see both the dark and the light sides of human experience reflected in their books just as much as adults do, perhaps more.”

*Kelley Riha is Community Information Coordinator in the MLS Outreach Dept. She is a long-time performer for children and can be seen regularly on the MLS television program Read About It, where her specialty is discussing books written for the youngest readers.*



## St. Lucy's Home For Girls Raised by Wolves by Karen Russell

Reviewed by Jill Vessels



I was thrilled and enamored with the pinprick subtlety of all the goodness chocked into these short stories.

I read a few when they first appeared in the New Yorker, and Russell’s so good that I didn’t immediately catch on that some of her plot elements actually were not to be found on God’s green earth (like the gigantic crab shells that a pair of young brothers rent to use as sand dune toboggans, or the slightly Uzbekistani tribe that sings the avalanche down every year). The title story, in particular, is full of brilliant ideas put into a familiar structure that manages to be the

best of both worlds, reading like a historical rendering of cultural acclimations that never were.

For readers who positively adore Kelly Link and Jonathan Lethem, but sometimes get the yearning to delve into a collection just a smidge less on the fantastical side, I recommend St. Lucy’s Home.

*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, why some serial killers are so drop-dead gorgeous, and how many licks it takes to get to the center of a tootsie pop.*



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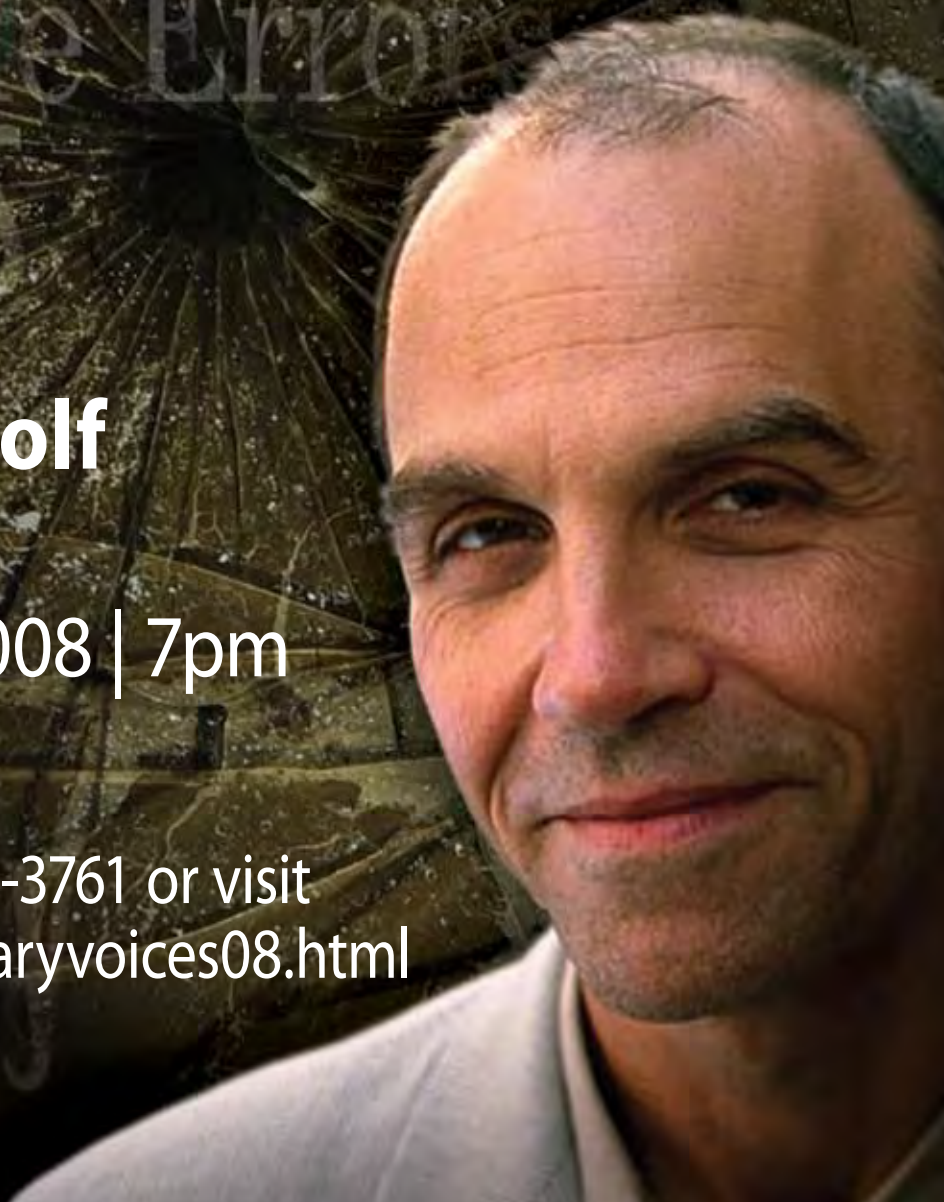
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# Bestselling Author Scott Turow Makes "A Case For Writing"



*"In 1974 I had the choice of teaching, going to Hollywood for a studio staff job, going into advertising, or going to law school, with the promise that I'd find some way to continue to write.*

*I chose the latter path."*

**A**fter he makes his appearance at the Library Endowment Trust's 6th Annual Literary Voices™ Author Dinner on April 17, bestselling author and attorney Scott Turow will be speaking for free to anyone interested in "A Case For Writing."

Many people do not know that Turow was a student of literature before he became an attorney. He earned a master's degree in creative writing from Stanford University and then taught writing there.

Tiring quickly of the purely academic life, Turow





then considered the writer's life full time. He wanted to write but couldn't find the right formula.

"Popular fiction as it existed then," he told an interviewer, "was just plain dumb, and literary fiction was either abstruse, or unbelievably boring."

He found out what many a beginning writer had learned before him—earning a living by writing alone is a tough ticket.

"I realized I wanted to write and practice law when I realized I wasn't going to support myself as a writer. In 1974 I had the choice of teaching, going to Hollywood for a studio staff job, going into advertising, or going to law school, with the promise that I'd find some way to continue to write. I chose the latter path."

So he packed his bag, entered Harvard Law School the following year, and, on the way to



Scott Turow

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becoming a highly successful criminal lawyer, published his first book in 1977. The book was *One L: An Inside Account of Life in the First Year at Harvard Law School*.

As Turow learned the ropes and continued to rise as an attorney, he kept his eyes and ears open to

the people who inhabit the world of law offices and court rooms. Something he overheard one day set him to thinking and the result was the international bestseller *Presumed Innocent* in 1987. A successful movie version starring Harrison Ford as prosecutor/hero Rusty Sabich (who returned in Turow's latest thriller *Limitations*, reviewed in this issue) followed three years later.

To find out more about Turow's venture as a lawyer/writer, join us for a free talk on Friday, April 18 at 10:00am, in the 4th floor 46 Star Room of the Downtown Library, 300 Park Avenue, as he makes "A Case For Writing." The session will include

time for questions and answers, and copies of his books will be available for purchase and signing.

This free conversation with Turow will follow his appearance the night before as the Guest Speaker at the annual Library Endowment Trust's Literary Voices™ dinner. The fundraising event will be held at the Oklahoma City Golf & Country Club. Tickets are \$125 per person for the dinner, or \$250 per person to attend the dinner and a private reception with Turow.

"This is our sixth year to present interesting writers for the enjoyment of people who value our public libraries and support them through this event," said event co-chair Jane Harlow.

For more information about the Library Endowment Trust's 6th Annual Literary Voices™ Author Dinner, featuring Scott Turow, contact the MLS Development Office at 606-3760.

For more information about the "A Case For Writing" talk on April 18, call 606-3833.



# Selecting The



*Materials Selection Manager Janet Brooks*

*Every library staff member plays an important role in linking the public to the library material it needs and wants, but not many people know what the process is that locates the best material among the thousands of book, CD, and DVD titles that are published each year.*





# Best

That's where the Metropolitan Library System Materials Selection team enters the picture. The 11 staffers in the Materials Selection office are responsible for finding the items you want to check out.

"A surprising number of things we buy," said Materials Selection Manager Janet Brooks, "come from customer requests. People find out about something they think we should buy and let us know. Most of the requests come to us via the MLS website, [www.metrolibrary.org](http://www.metrolibrary.org)."

Janet estimates that her office receives 300-400 requests for all media formats each week from the public.

"We can't buy it all, of course, but we get what we can within budget constraints if it meets our selection criteria. For instance, we've just begun building a core collection of feature films on DVD. We try to get the established classics, winners of major awards,



movies that are literature-based, and the ones that are on film industry 'Best Of' lists."

But suggestions from the public are not the



only source of potential purchases. Twice each year the Selection team visits each library in the system. Library staff gets a chance to chat with the Selectors to let them know what kind of material each library needs. One library may be experiencing a run on Young Adult novels, and another may need new titles in the science section. Selection follows need.

"We also use the statistics the library generates," Janet said. "We can find out exactly how many times a particular item has been checked out, and what the demand is for particular subjects."

"And we talk among ourselves and take advantage of staff's specialized knowledge."

Once the Selectors understand the kind of material that is needed in each location, they turn to "review media" to find individual titles. They read Publisher's Weekly, Library Journal, The New York Times Book Review, and other sources of reviews of books, CDs and DVDs.

"We will also buy the same title in more than one format. Take for instance Scott Turow's book *Presumed Innocent*. We have it in book form, but we also have it as an audio

book, for people who like to listen to books while they drive, and we have the movie version on DVD. We also have several Turow audio books available for download from our emedia collection on the website.

"Another example would be a classic like *Pride and Prejudice*. We have many editions of the book, including large print, plus the two latest movie versions on DVD, the book on CD, a movie soundtrack



on CD, and even a study guide on DVD. We're replacing our video cassette collection with DVDs, but we still have the BBC Television production on VHS."

Materials selection is a challenging process, but it's very worthwhile and provides a lot of fun for the people who do it.

"We're the ones," Janet said, "who always know the answer when someone asks us, 'What's new?'"

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

### Belle Isle Library

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#### HOURS

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



### Free Tax Help @ the Library

Apr 1,8,15 | Tue | 9a-2p

Apr 2,9 | Wed | 9a-2p

Apr 5,12 | Sat | 9a-1p

#### Adults

E-filing ONLY. AARP Volunteers will assist you in preparing your 2007 state and federal tax returns on Sat beginning Jan 26. No appointments taken, first come, first served—Must be there by noon for Sat, and by 1p on Tue and Wed. Co-sponsor: AARP

### English as a Second Language

Apr 1,3,8,10,15,17,22,24,29

Tue & Thur | 9:30a-Noon

#### Adults

Ongoing enrollment. You can join the class at any time with Mid-Del Adult Learning Center. Improve your English speaking, reading, and writing skills in this free class for people who are new to the English language. For questions and to register, call Mid-Del Learning Center at 739-1783.



### Score Small Business Counseling

Apr 5,19 | Sat | 9a-Noon

#### Adults

If you are interested in starting a new business or are a business owner in need of assistance, counseling is available the first and third Saturday of the month. The Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) will offer free confidential assistance for potential small business owners. Sign up at the Reference Desk for an appointment.

### Child Guidance Consultation

Apr 10 | Thur | 9:30a-4p

#### Ages Birth-5 years

This is a great opportunity to book a free one-on-one consultation of your preschooler with child specialists. Parents are encouraged to bring any and all questions they would like to ask of professionals in the area of child development, behavioral health, and speech pathology. Each child must be accompanied by a parent and/or legal guardian. Consultations are by appointment only and take approximately 1 hour. Parents, sign up early as appointment slots fill up fast! Please call Child Guidance Services with City-County Health Department at 425-4412 to pre-register.



### Rilla Askew, Oklahoma Reads

#### Oklahoma Author

Apr 14 | Mon | 7-8p

#### Adults

Rilla Askew, a fifth generation Oklahoman, will be discussing *Fire In Beulah*, the fourth and final Oklahoma Reads Oklahoma Centennial project. Seen from the viewpoint of two families, one black—one white, the book narrates the tumultuous days leading up to the violent climax of the 1921 Tulsa race riot during the oil boom days. Askew will sign books following the discussion. Copies will be available for purchase. Co-sponsors: Oklahoma Library Association and Friends of the Library.



### Metro OKC Knit Guild Group

Apr 20 | Sun | 3-5p

#### Teens & Adults

The Metro OKC Knit Guild group meets at Belle Isle Library. Everyone—any knitter or person who's never knitted, but would like to learn—is welcome. Each monthly program will include a lesson of a new knitting technique and examples of charity knitting projects. April's lesson is "Lace Knitting." E-mail the guild at [metrookcknitguild@cox.net](mailto:metrookcknitguild@cox.net) or call 823-6866 for questions about the group. Please sign up at the Reference Desk for the meeting.

### Michael Black of the Legendary

#### Black Family from Ireland

Apr 21 | Mon | 7-8p

#### All Ages

San Francisco Bay area singer-musician MICHAEL BLACK is a member of Ireland's foremost family of song. Both of Michael's parents were noted singers and his father was an accomplished musician, playing mandolin, banjo, fiddle, accordion, flute and bagpipes. Black believes that songs and music "are good for the soul." He has a clear, exquisite tenor voice, which critics describe as "exhilarating" and "nothing short of stunning." Michael accompanies himself on guitar, banjo and base mandolin. He is regarded among the finest and most popular singers in Ireland. Co-sponsor: Friends of the Metropolitan Library System.



### National Jelly Bean Day

Apr 22 | Tue | 10-11a

#### Pre-kindergarten

Hear stories about National Jelly Bean Day. Playtime will follow in children's room. Pre-register with Belle Isle Reference Desk.



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# OKLAHOMA OUTLAW TALES

**J**oin David Farris, author of the books “Mysterious Oklahoma” and “More Mysterious Oklahoma” as he shares stories from his book “Oklahoma Outlaw Tales”. Books will be available for signing and purchase. Refreshments are provided, so sign up at the Belle Isle Reference Desk.



*For more information call 843-9601.*

Sat., Mar. 29	Belle Isle Library	2-3pm
Thur., Apr. 17	Edmond Library	7-9pm
Mon., Apr. 21	Midwest City Library	7-9pm





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# **Poetry Everywhere: A Workshop on Poetry**

**Apr 22,29 | Tue | 7-8:30p**  
**Ages 10 and Older**

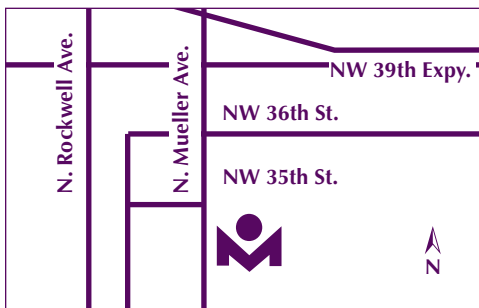
Poetry Everywhere. You are a poet—come and find out how. Do you or have you ever wanted to write your own poetry? April is National Poetry Month, so join writing teacher Beth Robinson and learn all about it. The first session you'll get some tips. The second session you'll have a chance to share some of what you've written. Sign up at the Reference Desk for this free opportunity.

## **Bethany Library**

3501 N. Mueller, Bethany  
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### **HOURS**

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



## **Spring Story Time**

**Apr 3,17 | Thur | 10-10:45a**  
**Ages 3-6**

Enjoy stories, songs, nursery rhymes and fun craft. Pre-register at the library Information Desk or call 789-8363, ext. 3.



## **Children Reading to Dogs**

**Apr 5 | Sat | 10-11a**  
**Age 5 & Older**

Lovable dogs and their trained owners will help children develop reading skills. So grab your favorite picture book and enjoy a time of reading in our meeting room. Dogs and owners are trained and certified as dog therapy teams by Therapy Dogs International. Please pre-register at the Information Desk or call 789-8363, ext. 3.



## **Child Guidance Consultation**

**Apr 7 | Mon | 9a-4p**  
**Ages Birth-5 years with Parent/Legal Guardian**

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the normal range of early development and any parenting questions you may have about your child. By appointment only! Call Child Guidance at 425-4412.

## **The Children's Hour:**

### **Evening Story Time**

**Apr 8 | Tue | 6:30-7p**  
**Ages 3-8**

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



## **Toddler Story & Play Time**

**Apr 10,24 | Thur**  
**9:30-10:15a and**

**10:30-11:15a**

**Ages 2-3**

Enjoy stories, songs, nursery rhymes and play time. 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.



## **Bugs and Blooms Make and Take**

**Apr 15 | Tue | 10-11a**  
**Ages 2-5 with Adult**

The Library and Child Guidance staff join together to welcome spring time. Bring your children to have fun making "Bug and Bloom" crafts. Pre-register at 425-4412. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City-County Health Department.



## **Michael Black of the Legendary Black Family from Ireland**

**Apr 22 | Tue | 7-8p**  
**All Ages**

San Francisco Bay area singer-musician MICHAEL BLACK is a member of Ireland's foremost family of song. Both of Michael's parents were noted singers and his father was an accomplished musician, playing mandolin, banjo, fiddle, accordion, flute and bagpipes. Black believes that songs and music "are good for the soul." He has a clear, exquisite tenor voice, which critics describe as "exhilarating" and "nothing short of stunning." Michael accompanies himself on guitar, banjo and base mandolin. He is regarded among the finest and most popular singers in Ireland. Co-sponsor: Friends of the Metropolitan Library System.



## **Capitol Hill Library**

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

### **HOURS**

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



## **Egg Art Demonstration**

**Apr 4 | Fri | 10-11a**  
**and 3-4p**

**All Ages**

Artist Richard Dodder will demonstrate the precise and careful process of making traditional Ukrainian eggs. The demonstration will involve the marking and coloring procedures, as well as the steps involved in designing and decorating eggs.



## **Conversational Spanish**

**Apr 7,14,21 | Mon**  
**5:30-7p**

**Adults**

This course is intended to teach basic conversational skills that would help you survive, if you were visiting a Spanish speaking country. The class involves learning Spanish for common questions: (Who, What, When, and Where). The class will meet for 13 sessions, from Feb. 11 through May 5th. We will be studying from the text *Spanish for Gringos*, 2nd Ed. Please call the library to register for this course, or to find out more details about the class.



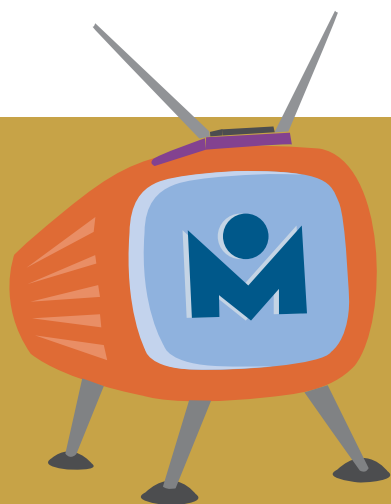
## **Internet Basics**

**Apr 12 | Sat | 2-3p**  
**Adults**

This class is designed for adults & seniors who know very little about the Internet, but who want to learn more. Participants will learn the basics of Internet usage, be shown how to search the internet through some popular search engines, and will preview different general interest Web sites. Class size is limited please register at 634-6308.







# Read About It

Discussions with Authors & Book Reviews

**New Time!**

Cox Channel 7 (Oklahoma City Metro area)  
Saturday mornings at 10:30am

**OKLAHOMA CITY—** A romantic thriller, an Appalachian ballad, and experiences growing up in a small Oklahoma farming community in the 1950s and 60s are a few of the subjects that will be featured on 'Read About It,' the cable TV show brought to you by the Metropolitan Library System. This month, hostess B.J. Williams will welcome the following guests.

**April 5** Jordan Dane, a promising newcomer to romance writing, will discuss *No One Heard Her Scream*.

**April 12** Robert Love Taylor, professor at Bucknell University and award-winning novelist, will discuss *Blind Singer Joe's Blues*.

**April 19** Richard McCullough, raised on an Oklahoma cotton farm, will discuss *One Man in His Time*.

**April 26** Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz, born and raised in Oklahoma, is a professor at California State University, Hayward. Dunbar-Ortiz will discuss *Red Dirt: Growing Up Okie* and *Roots of Resistance*.

*Guests and program schedules are subject to change without notice.*

## Trees and Their Care

**Apr 21 | Mon | 6-7p**

**Adults**

Alana McFarland, a representative from the State of Oklahoma Forestry Service will present this program on trees. She will be discussing basic tree care, pruning, storm recovery, and planting. Learn all about the trees of Oklahoma, and how to best prepare & care for the trees. Register for this program by calling the library at 634-6308 or sign up at the Reference Desk.

Co-sponsor: ODAFF-Forestry Services.

## Capitol Hill Advisory of

**Teens**

**Apr 24 | Thur | 6-7p**

**Teens**

Teens meet monthly to discuss upcoming events and share ideas about future programs, materials, and opportunities. Contact Angela for more information at 634-6308. Registration required.



## Choctaw Library

2525 Muzzy St., Choctaw  
(405) 390-8418

### HOURS

Mon-Thur: 9-8

Fri: 9-6

Sat: 9-5

Sun: Closed



## Lapsit Story Time

**Apr 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. Please call 390-8418 or stop by the Reference Desk to sign up.



## Preschool Story Time

**Apr 1,8,15,22,29 | Tue**

**10:30-11a**

**Ages 3-5 years**

Come to the library for stories, songs, fingerplays, and fun. Please pre-register or call 390-8418 for more information.



## Tai Chi With Chris Francis:

**Beginners Group**

**Apr 2,9,16,23,30 | Wed | 5:30-6:15p**

**Adults**

T'ai Chi Chuan is a martial arts therapy that promotes health and longevity. It is a soft style art using as complete a relaxation or "softness" in the musculature as possible. Tae Chi teaches awareness of balance and the practical ability to moderate extremes of behavior and attitude at both mental and physical levels, and how this applies to effective self-defense principles. Pre-registration. Co-sponsor: Choctaw Library Guild.

## Tai Chi With Chris Francis:

**Intermediate & Advanced Group**

**Apr 2,9,16,23,30 | Wed | 6:30-7:30p**

**Adults**

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**Parenting With Style**  
**Apr 3 | Thur | 1-2:30p**  
**Adults**



In this three 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 and help you to understand 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. A fee of \$15 will be charged to cover the cost of the book and personality inventory. Five workshop slots are available at no cost to participants. Facilitated by Sarita Naegeli and Teresa Widick. Call 425 4412 to register. Co-sponsor: OK City/County Health Dept.

**Ukrainian Easter Egg Demonstration with Richard Dodder**



**Apr 3 | Thur | 6-7p**  
**All Ages**

Richard Dodder from Dallas, Texas will demonstrate the art and process of making Ukrainian Easter Eggs. All the steps including marking, designing, dyeing, etc will be shown. A Ukrainian Easter Egg exhibit from the Oklahoma Friends of Ukraine will be on display during the month of April at the Choctaw Library.

**Jewelry Making**  
**Apr 5 | Sat | 10a-Noon**  
**Ages 15 and Older**



Learn basic jewelry making skills and knowledge in order to make your own jeweled creations. Space is limited, please sign up at the Reference Desk or call 390-8418.

**Child Guidance Consultation**  
**Apr 7 | Mon | 9:30a-3:30p**  
**Ages birth-5 years with Parent/legal guardian**



Free Child Guidance Consultation. Appointments for children ages birth up to 5 years. Each child must have a parent and / or legal guardian with them. Sessions include

discussion about the normal range of early development and any parenting questions you may have in regard to your child. Consultations are by appointment only and take about an hour. Pre-registration is required. Please call Child Guidance Services with City-County Health Department at 425-4412 to pre-register.

**Conversational Spanish**  
**Apr 7,14,21,28 | Mon**  
**4-5p**



**Ages 13 - Adult**

Teens and adults are invited to participate in these conversational Spanish sessions. Beginning students have an opportunity to practice and improve their skills with a Native speaker instructor.

**Conversational Spanish for Intermediate and Advanced**  
**Apr 7,14,21,28 | Mon**  
**5-6 p**



**Ages 13 - Adult**

Teens and adults are invited to participate in these conversational Spanish sessions. Intermediate and advanced students have an opportunity to practice and improve their skills with a native speaker instructor.

**Teen Advisory**  
**Apr 10 | Thur | 6-7p**  
**Grades 7-12**



The Teen Advisory Board (TAB) will meet once a month to discuss books, brainstorm and plan for teen programs, and have fun. Come contribute your ideas and be a part of the Choctaw TAB. Teen volunteer training and volunteer credit is available at this meeting. Please call 390-8418 or stop by the Reference Desk.

**Parachute Play**  
**Apr 11 | Fri | 10:30-11a**  
**Ages 3-6 with Parent**



While playing games with a parachute, children will have the opportunity to practice such skills as following directions, socializing with others, using language, using small and large muscles, and remaining in control during very active play. Class size is limited to 20. Call 425-4412 to pre-register.

**Family Place: Open Play**  
**Apr 12 | Sat | 10-11a**  
**6 Months-5 Years with Parent**



On the second Saturday of every month the Choctaw Library provides great toys and a space for you and your child to play together. Sharing playtime with your child helps promote learning and development. Come and join the fun! Call 390-8418 to register.

**Oklahoma Connections**  
**Apr 17 | Thur | 6-7:30p**  
**Older teens and Adults**

This month we will read and discuss *When Zachary Beaver Came to Town* by Kimberly Willis Holt. Co-sponsor: Eastern Oklahoma County Technology Center and Oklahoma Humanities Council.

**Rilla Askew, Oklahoma Reads Oklahoma Author**  
**Apr 24 | Thur | 6-7p**



**Adults**

Rilla Askew, a fifth generation Oklahoman, will be discussing *Fire In Beulah*, the fourth and final Oklahoma Reads Oklahoma Centennial project. Seen from the viewpoint of two families, one black—one white, the book narrates the tumultuous days leading up to the violent climax of the 1921 Tulsa race riot during the oil boom days. Askew will sign books following the discussion. Copies will be available for purchase. Co-sponsors: Oklahoma Library Association and Friends of the Library.

**Computer Basics with Jim**  
**Apr 26 | Sat | 2-3p**  
**Adults**



Choctaw Library Tech Assistant, Jim Gordon, will give an overview of home computers and the Internet, and will be ready to answer any questions you may have. Handouts will include articles about the care of your computer. Interested persons may write down questions and place them in the "Computer Training" Box at the Choctaw Library Circulation Desk. Free and open to the public.

**Interpreting Dreams for Self Discovery Workshop**  
**Apr 29 | Tue | 6-7:30p**  
**Adults**

The School of Metaphysics sponsors DREAM SCENE the last weekend in April each year for National Dream Awareness Month. In collaboration with the School of Metaphysics, the Choctaw Library will host "Interpreting Dreams for Self Discovery: An Interactive Workshop". Dreams are a communication from our inner subconscious mind to our outer conscious mind. The lecture portion of the workshop will include information on basic dream symbols and various methods for applying dreams to your life. Pre-registration is required. Dream Book door prize drawing follows the workshop. Co-sponsor: OKC School of Metaphysics.





INCOME TAX

## Tax Help: AARP & VITA

For Adults. AARP trained volunteers will assist you in preparing your 2007 state and federal tax returns. No appointments taken. First come, first served.

### Belle Isle Library - AARP, E-filing ONLY.

Tuesdays, Apr 1,8,15, 9a-2p  
Wednesdays, Apr 2,9, 9a-2p  
Saturdays, Apr 5,12, 9a-1p

### Del City Library - AARP

Thursdays, Apr 3,10 Noon-4p  
Saturdays, Apr 5,12, 9-11a  
Mondays, Apr 7,14, Noon-4p

### Edmond Library - AARP E-filing ONLY.

Wednesdays, Apr 2,9, 10a-3p  
Thursdays, Apr 3,10, 10a-3p

### Ralph Ellison Library - VITA

Saturdays, Apr 5,12, 9a-5p  
Adults  
Trained volunteers will provide free basic tax help on 2007 returns. Bring a copy of last year's return, W-2 income forms, & information about deductions. A photo ID is required to file taxes.

### Southern Oaks Library - AARP

Wednesdays, Apr 2,9, 9a-2:30p  
Thursdays, Apr 3,10, 9a-2:30p

### The Village Library-AARP

Tuesdays, Apr 1,8,15 10a-8p  
Wednesdays, 2,9 10a-3p  
Saturdays, Apr 5,12, 10a-3p

### Warr Acres Library-AARP

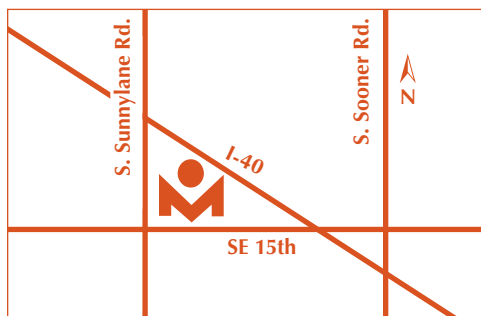
Thursdays, Apr 3,10, 9a-2p  
Mondays, Apr 7,14 9a-2p

### Del City Library

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

#### HOURS

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



### Basic Computer Training

Apr 1,8,15 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p

Apr 4,11 | Fri | 2-3p

All Ages

Do you need to improve your computer skills? Sam Weehunt, Del City librarian, offers basic computer training tailored to your individual needs. Sign up at the library or call 672-1377.



### Play Time

Apr 3 | Thur | 10-11a

Ages 6 Months-3 Years

Young children play with toys provided by



the library. Shari Clifton, from Oklahoma University's Health Sciences Center's Robert Bird Library, shares information on how parents can use that library.

### AARP Tax Assistance

Apr 3,10 | Thur | Noon-4p

Apr 5,12 | Sat | 9-11a

Apr 7,14 | Mon | Noon-4p

Adults

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### Child Guidance Consultations

Apr 14 | Mon | 9a-4p

Ages Birth-5 years with

Parent/Legal Guardian

Child Guidance Consultation appointments at the library are provided by Child Guidance Services, Oklahoma City-County Health Department, free of charge. For children up to the age of 5 years. Each child must have a parent or legal guardian with them. Sessions include discussion about the normal range of early development and any parenting questions you may have in regard to your child. By appointment only! Call Child Guidance at 425-4412. Co-sponsor: OCCHD.



### Spring Storytime

Apr 16 | Wed | 10-10:20a

Ages 1-5 years

Stories and activities about Spring! Children and their parents/caregivers will have fun!



### Storytime Aerobics

Apr 17 | Thur | 6:30-7p

Ages 1-5 years

Children and parents/caregivers enjoy the fun of movement, juice, and stories! Come for exercise and fun!



### How to Read a Text Book

Apr 21 | Mon | 6:30-7:30p

Teens

Do you want to read faster, learn quicker and get over that homework in a shorter time? Join us and learn a few tricks that will help you improve your reading and learning skills.



### "Let's Eat!" Evening Storytime

Apr 22 | Tue | 6:30-7:15p

Ages 4-8 years

Come for food, stories and snacks too! Plus, there will be other activities.



### Hands-On Earth Day Tips

Apr 29 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p

Adults

So you celebrated Earth Day on April 22, but you want to know more about what you can do to be more environmentally responsible and help protect the future of our planet. Margaret Graham from the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality is coming to the Del City Library to show you how. Call 672-1377 to pre-register.

Best Selling Author and Attorney

# Scott Turow talks: A Case for Writing

*"No one writes better mystery suspense novels than Scott Turow."* — Los Angeles Times

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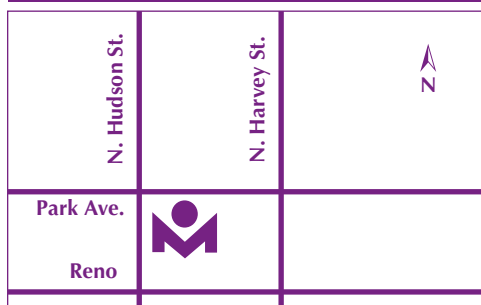


## Downtown Library

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

### HOURS

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



### Tools for Effective Parenting Workshop

**Apr 1 | Tue | 6-7p**  
**Parents/caregivers of Children 10 & younger**



This last workshop of a five-week series will enhance good parent-child relationships. You will be learning basic parenting skills including effective praising, limit setting, ignoring, time out, natural/logical consequences, and problem solving. These skills help parents learn how to pay attention to their child's actions. Register at 425-4412. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City-County Health Department.

### Wednesdays With Writers

**Apr 2 | Wed | 11:30a-1:30p**  
**Adults**

A new lunch time opportunity is happening at the Downtown Library through April. On the first Wednesday, everyone is invited to lunch with Oklahoma writers. Just come to the Downtown Library, visit the 1st Edition Café and Espresso Bar to purchase lunch, then join the writers at their tables in The Atrium to eat lunch together, visit, exchange writing experiences and get to know these talented Oklahoma writers and their books.

### Wednesday Night at the Movies

**Apr 2,9,16,23,30 | Wed | 6-8p**  
**All Ages**

Join the Downtown Library every Wednesday at 6 p.m. for a movie. For information call 606-3879 or visit the first floor Information Desk. The April movie schedule is:

Apr 2: *Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story* (PG-13)

Apr 9: *Johnny Dangerously* (PG-13)

Apr 16: *The Simpson Movie* (PG-13)

Apr 23: *Shanghai Noon* (PG-13)

Apr 30: *Wild Hogs* (PG-13)

### Family Place: 1-2-3 Play with Me

**Apr 3,10,17,24 | Thur**

**6:30-7:30p**

**10 Months-3 1/2 Years**

**with Parents**



Playing with your baby or child is not only important for bonding but is also an educational experience for your child. We are providing a special time and place 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 program is intended for children 10 months to 3 1/2 years of age and their parents/guardians. Pre-register for this program at the Reference Desk.

### PM Come Play With Me

**Apr 3 | Thur | 6:30-7:30p**

**10 Months-5 Years w/adult**



Join us for fun with toys and friends every first Thursday of the month. A simple craft and a story are included. During snack time, there will be a short discussion on the topic of the month. Pre-register at 231-8650, ext. 4.

### Preschool Story Time

**Apr 4,11,18,25 | Fri**

**10-10:40a**

**Ages 3-6**



Do you like stories about fish? Author, Dianne Gremillion will read her story, *A Fish Named Matroly* on April 4. The April 11,18 and 25 Story times will feature stories, fingerplays, and an occasional game or craft.

### Rilla Askew, Oklahoma Reads

**Oklahoma Author**

**Apr 6 | Sun | 2-3p**

**Adults**



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### Year of Piano Masterworks

**Apr 13 | Sun | 2-3p**

**All Ages**



Second Sundays at the Downtown Library

will continue to bring Wayne McEvilly in concert with "A Year of Piano Masterworks. Come hear "The Fantasias" by Mozart and Schubert. Bring the whole family to enjoy an hour of extraordinary piano music in a relaxed and comfortable setting. Admission is free. Seating is limited and begins at 1:30 pm in the 46th Star Auditorium.

### Daytime Book Discussion for Elementary Age Children

**Apr 16 | Wed | 10-11a**

**Elementary Age (5-11)**

Join us at the Downtown Library for a book discussion. Book topics change from month to month. For more information call the Downtown Library Children's Reference Desk at 606-3862.

### Scott Turow Talks: A Case for Writing

**Apr 18 | Fri | 10-11a**

**Adults**



Scott Turow, attorney and bestselling legal thriller author, will speak in the 46th Star Auditorium. He will share some of his writer's insights and answer questions from the audience. *Presumed Innocent* is the novel that heralded Scott Turow's sensational debut as a writer. "No one writes better mystery suspense novels than Scott Turow" according to the Los Angeles Times. Books available and signing following his talk. Call 606-3760 or 606-3761 for questions or information. Co-sponsor: The Library Endowment Trust.

### Earth Day at the Library and the Art of Recycling

**Apr 19 | Sat | 2-3:30p**

**Children of all Ages**

Join us at the Downtown Library to celebrate Earth Day by listening to a story and learning how to be creative by making crafts with your trash. World Neighbors will provide all "trash" needed for your art. Call the Children's Reference Desk at 606-3862.

### Michael Black of the Legendary Black Family from Ireland

**Apr 20 | Sun | 2-3p**

**All Ages**



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### Child Development Consultations

**Apr 24 | Thur | 9a-Noon**  
**Birth-5 Years with parent**



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### Unlocking the Treasures of the National Archives

**Apr 26 | Sat | 2-4p**  
**Adults**

The National Archives can serve up some of your most valued genealogical finds to add to your family history, including military records, ships' passenger lists, homestead papers, and much, much more. This mini-workshop will help the genealogical researcher discover what might be available and how to access those valuable records. Presented by Billie Fogarty, President of the Oklahoma Genealogical Society. Please call 606-3856 to register.

### Edmond Library

10 S. Boulevard, Edmond  
(405) 341-9282

#### HOURS

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

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### Lapsit: Playtime and Story Time

**Apr 1,8,15,22,29 | Tue**  
**9:30-10:15a and**  
**10:30-11:15a**  
**Birth-2 Years**



Enjoy a special time with your young child at

the library. For half an hour have a playtime with the toys we'll have out in the story time room. This is followed by a 15 minute circle time that emphasizes group participation, early literacy skills, books and language development.

### Chess Club

**Apr 1,15 | Tue | 3:30-5p**  
**Ages 6-14**

This is a chess club taught by a skilled instructor and chess player. Free. Class is for grade school age children and meets twice a month. If you are interested or would like further information e-mail ConnieHong.ok@gmail.com .

### GED

**Apr 1,3,8,10,15,17,22,24,29**  
**Tue & Thur | 5:30-8:30p**  
**Adults**



In this GED class review math, English, and social studies to prepare for the GED test. Class and materials are free. Sign up with instructor on the first day you attend class. Must be at least 16 to attend. Questions? Call Mid-Del at 739-1783. Co-sponsor: Mid-Del Adult Learning Center.

### 55+ Coffee Break

**Apr 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. Talk about your favorite books, work on a puzzle, play chess, checkers, Chinese checkers or bring your own game. We will have some books on a cart for you to browse and check out. Sign our guest book and sign up for the door prize drawings.

### AARP Tax Assistance

**Apr 2,9 | Wed | 10a-3p**  
**Apr 3,10 | Thur | 10a-3p**  
**Adults**

Free Tax Help at the Library every Wed. & Thurs. 10:00a-3:00p. E-FILE ONLY. AARP Volunteers will assist you in preparing your 2007 state and federal tax returns. No appointments taken, first come, first served.

### Computer Instruction with Eddie

**Apr 2,9,16,23,30 | Wed**  
**1-5p**  
**Ages 18 & Older**



Free! Join Eddie for individual instruction on the computer. Every Wednesday, assistance is offered in increments of 30 minutes to an hour. Call (405) 341-9282, ext. 3 to sign up for your time.

### English as a Second Language

**Apr 2,7,9,14,16,21,23,28,30**  
**Mon & Wed | 1-4p**  
**Adults**



Improve your written and spoken English in this class offered by the Mid-Del Adult Learning Center. Class and materials are free. Enroll with the instructor on the first day of class. For questions, please call Mid-Del at 739-1783.

### ESL/Citizenship

**Apr 2,7,9,14,16,21,23,28,30**  
**Mon & Wed**  
**5:30-8:30p Adults**



ESL/Citizenship offers English as a Second Language, along with providing citizenship information. Class and materials are free. Questions? Call 739-1783. Co-sponsor: Mid-Del Adult Learning Center.

### Computer Instruction with Dave

**Apr 2,9,16,23,30 | Wed**  
**7-8p**  
**Ages 18 & Older**



Join Dave for individual instruction on the computer. Every Wednesday night assistance is offered in increments of 30 minutes to an hour; sign up for your time.

### Egg Decorating Demonstration: Ukrainian Eggs

**Apr 3 | Thur | 10-11a**  
**All Ages**



Artist Richard Dodder will demonstrate the precise and careful process of making traditional Ukrainian eggs. The demonstration will involve the marking and coloring procedures, as well as the steps involved in designing and decorating eggs.

### Children Reading to Dogs

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



#### Children who can read

Read to a specially trained dog who loves to hear a good book! Dogs with their owners will be in the library to be read to by children. The dogs particularly enjoy hearing one of the dog stories we will have, but you can bring your own book. It is especially valuable in building self confidence and self-esteem for those needing an uncritical, appreciative, listening audience to improve reading skills. Dogs and owners are trained & certified as dog therapy teams, & most through Therapy Dogs Intl. Sessions last about 15-20 min.

### Sustainable Edmond

**Apr 5 | Sat | 9a-Noon**  
**Young Adults - Age 21**

Sustainable Edmond is an organization that



discusses how to improve our quality of life and our community in ways that make sense economically, environmentally, and socially. It also promotes environmental stewardship through individual, community and business understanding of long-term consequences associated with climate change and other environmental issues. Co-sponsor: Sustainable Edmond.

### Stamp Club

**Apr 5,19 | Sat | 10a-Noon**  
**4th Grade and up**

Looking for a new hobby? Join experienced stamp collectors who can guide you in this rewarding venture. Pre-register at 348-4607.

### Basic Computers for Seniors

**Apr 5,19 | Sat | 2-3p**  
**Seniors and Adults**



This is a free basic computer class geared towards Seniors who know nothing about the world of computing. Topics covered will be the Windows clipboard, quick keys: copy, move & paste, and computer icons. FAQ's will be discussed and participants' questions will be addressed. Call 341 9282, ext 4.

### Farsi

**Apr 6,13,20,27 | Sun**  
**1:30-3p**  
**Adults**



Learn the Farsi language from and expert. Class moves rapidly. There will be a materials fee of \$20. per month, payable to the instructor. Call 341-9282 if you have questions. Both spoken and written Farsi will be introduced.

### Preschool Story Time

**Apr 7,14,21,28 | Mon**  
**10-10:30a**  
**Ages 3-6**



For all children ages 3-6, join us for story time. There will be songs, fingerplays, puppets, hidden mysteries, special stories, and occasional crafts. Come and join the fun.

### Manga-Anime Club

**Apr 8,15 | Tue | 4-5p**  
**Teens**



Teens 12-16

We will be planning a manga costume party for the end of April. Please call if you are interested in joining us at the meeting. 341-9282.

### Music With Susan

**Apr 11,25 | Fri | 9:30-10a**  
**or 10:15-10:45a**  
**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

**Apr 11,25 | Fri**  
**11-11:30a**

**Ages 4-6**

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.



### Reader's Choice Book Discussion

**Apr 12 | Sat | 10:30a-Noon**  
**Seniors**

The Readers' Choice Book Discussion group meets once a month at the Edmond Library. Please call 341-9282 to register.

### All About Me:

#### Story Time with Angela

**Apr 12 | Sat**  
**10:30-11:15a**  
**Ages 4-6**

Each of us is a special individual. Join Angela for "All About Me", a story time designed to celebrate the uniqueness of each child and help them develop an appreciation for their differences.



### Edmond Library Book Bunch Discussion Group

**Apr 12 | Sat | 2-3:30p**  
**Seniors**

The Edmond Book Bunch meets once a month at the Edmond Library. The title for this month's discussion is *Anybook* by Marianne Wiggins. Although the group is currently full, please call 341-9282 to get on the waiting list after Mar. 8. (Limited to 15.)

### Rilla Askew, Oklahoma Reads Oklahoma Author

**Apr 12 | Sat | 2-3p**  
**Adults**



Rilla Askew, a fifth generation Oklahoman, will be discussing *Fire In Beulah*, the fourth and final Oklahoma Reads Oklahoma Centennial project. Seen from the viewpoint of two families, one black—one white, the book narrates the days leading up to the climax of the 1921 Tulsa race riot. Copies will be available for purchase & author signing. Co-sponsors: Oklahoma Library Association and Friends of the Library.

### Autism Meeting

**Apr 14 | Mon | 7-8p**  
**Adults**



This is a support group for parents of kids with autism. There will be occasional special speakers. Co-sponsor: PAC.

### Child Guidance Consultation

**Apr 16 | Wed | 10:30a-4p**  
**Ages Birth-5 years**



Child Guidance Consultation appointments in the library are provided by Child Guidance Services, Oklahoma City-County Health Department, free of charge. Each child must have a parent or legal guardian present. Sessions include discussion about the normal range of early development and any parenting questions you may have in regard to your child. By appointment only! Parents, sign up early as appointment slots fill up fast! Call Child Guidance at 425-4412.

### Oklahoma Author Event:

#### David A. Farris

**Apr 17 | Thur | 7-8p**  
**All Ages**



You are invited to an Oklahoma Author event with David Farris of Edmond. David is the author of *Mysterious Oklahoma*, *More Mysterious Oklahoma* and *Oklahoma Outlaw Tales*. Come out and listen to some of the most fascinating stories from Oklahoma's unique past. Books will be available for purchase and signing. Refreshments will be served. Pre-registration preferred.

### Writing the Personal Experience Story with Louise T. Jones

**Apr 19 | Sat | 10-11a**  
**Seniors**

Have you always wanted to set a personal story down on paper? Would you like to be inspired to do this? Then plan to attend this program at the Edmond Public Library. Pre-registration is a must. Call 341-9282.

### Breaking Into Inspirational Publishing

**Apr 26 | Sat | 10-11a**  
**Adults**

The market for inspirational novels is huge. Now is the time to learn how to "Break Into Inspirational Publishing" with accomplished instructor Louise T. Jones. Pre-registration is a must. Call 341-9282.

### April is the cruellest month—Celebrating The Poetry of T.S. Eliot

**Apr 27 | Sun | 3-5p**  
**Adults**



Let us go then, you and I, to the Edmond Library to hear professors and poetry fans

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read and discuss poems of T.S. Eliot. And indeed there will be time for a reading of "The Wasteland" before the taking of toast and tea. We hope to lead you to an overwhelming question, if you just call 405-341-9282 to pre-register for this free program. Co-sponsor: University of Central Oklahoma English Department.

### Teaching Children to be More Cooperative

**Apr 30 | Wed | 2:30-4p**  
**For Parents of children Birth-6 Years**



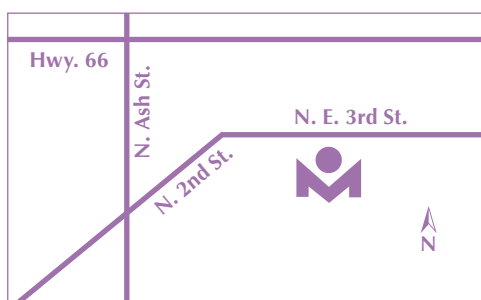
Sometimes being a parent isn't easy. How will you know if you should punish, discipline or ignore unwanted behaviors? How will you know when to praise your child and how much is enough praise? Come and learn the language & guidance techniques used by experts to teach your child how to cooperate with you. Call 425 4412 to pre-register. Co-sponsor: OCCHD.

### Luther Library

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

#### HOURS

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



### Game Day

**Apr 30 | Wed | 3-5p**  
**All Ages**

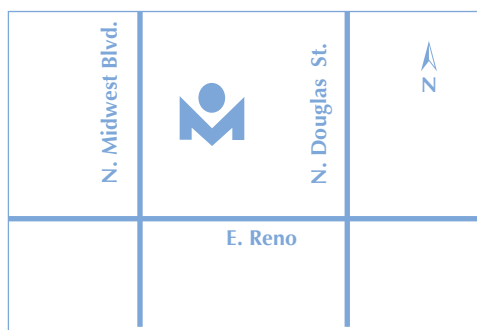
Come play video games at the library! Our games include Guitar Hero, DDR, MarioKart, Wii Sports, and more. Games are rated E, E10+, and T.

### 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: Mid-Del Art Guild Gallery Exhibit

**Apr 1-30 | Library Hours**

#### All Ages

The Midwest City Library will host the annual exhibit of the Mid-Del Art Guild during April. The Guild, founded in 1973 to promote the arts through demonstrations, lectures, and fine art exhibits, is composed of both professional and amateur artists, working in a variety of media and at all skill levels. The exhibit is open library hours.

### Exhibit: Mid-Del PTA Student Exhibit

**Apr 1-11 | Library Hours**

#### All Ages

The Midwest City Library will host the annual Mid-Del PTA Student Exhibit through April 11. The exhibit will be inside the library and in the lobby cases. It is open to the public all library hours.

### Exhibit: 2008 LitterBlitz Poster Award Winners

**Apr 14-May 15 | Library Hours**

#### All Ages

The winning entries from the 2008 LitterBlitz poster contest will be on display at the Midwest City Library from April 14 - May 15. A city-wide event, the poster contest is sponsored by Oklahoma City Beautiful. Open during library hours.

### Individual Computer Instruction

**Apr 1-30 | Library Hours**  
**Adults**

Do you need to improve your computer skills? Ask about individual tutoring sessions at the Information Desk, or call 732-4828.



### Teens Helping Other Teens

**Apr 1,15,29 | Tue | 5-6p**  
**Ages 12-18**



### Teens

Join the Youth Council of Midwest City. T.H.O.T. is where teens can have fun and help their community. For more information contact Sam Richards at 737-4828.

### Mid-Del Toastmasters

**Apr 1,8,15,22,29 | Tue | 6-8p**  
**Adults**

If you are like most people, public speaking is not your favorite pastime. Surveys show that presentation skills are crucial to success in the work place. Toastmasters International provides a way to practice & hone the communication & leadership skills of its members. To learn more or to register, contact Jackie Wright at (405) 808-6834 or Dan O'Neil at (405) 204-7154. Co-sponsor: Mid-Del Toastmasters.

### Parachute Play

**Apr 2 | Wed | 10:30-11a**  
**Ages 3-6 with Parents**



Playing games with a parachute, children will have the opportunity to practice such skills as following directions, socializing with others, using language, using small and large muscles, and remaining in control during very active play. Class size is limited to 20. Call 425-4412 to pre-register. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City-County Heath Dept.

### Scottish Gaelic Language Learner's Group

**Apr 2,16,30 | Wed**  
**7-8:30p**



#### Adults and Age 10 & Older

Come learn this ancient and fascinating language with the Scottish Gaelic Language Learner's Group. Beginning students will benefit from observing language lessons and interaction of advanced students. Interested? Questions? Call Judy Durbin at 737-5140 or Barry Acker at 361-1185.

### Book Bug Club

**Apr 3 | Thur | 4-5p**  
**Grades 1-3**

Join us in the Book Bug Club! We will have a snack, play a game and make a craft. We will be discussing *The Diary of a Spider* by Doreen Cronin. You can pick up a copy of the book at the Information Desk. Pre-registration is required. Call 732-4828 or visit the Information Desk to sign up.

### Opening Reception —Mid-Del Art Guild Exhibit

**Apr 3 | Thur | 6-8p**  
**All Ages**

The public is invited to the Opening



## Author Talk

# Rilla Askew

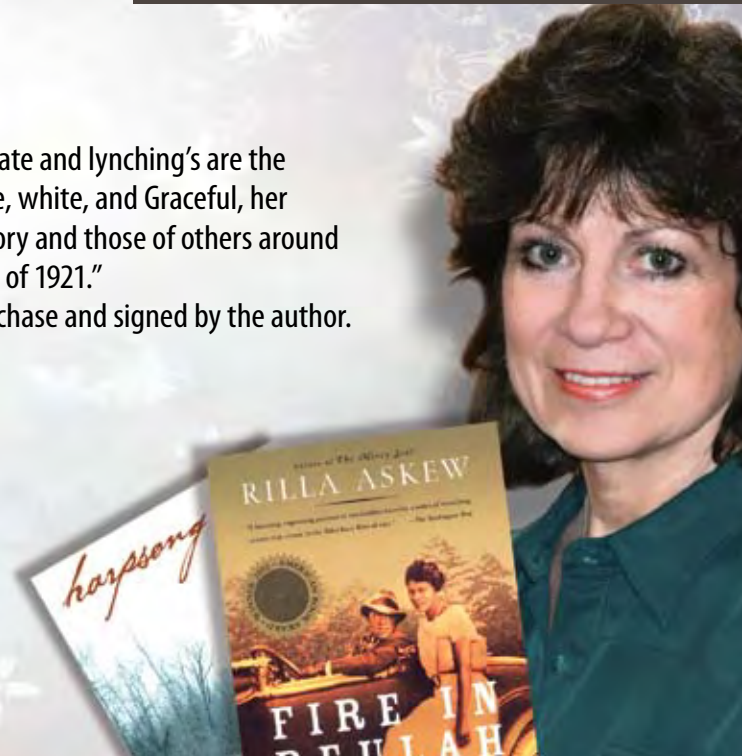
*Fire in Beulah's* back cover's description "Oil-boom opulence, fear, hate and lynching's are the backdrop" to *Fire in Beulah*. The main characters, Althea Whiteside, white, and Graceful, her black maid, play out emotional scenes involving race and family. Their story and those of others around them "unfold as tensions mount to a violent climax in the Tulsa Race Riot of 1921."

Rilla Askew will discuss *Fire in Beulah*. Her book will be available to purchase and signed by the author.

Sunday, April 6	2-3p	Downtown Library
Thursday, April 10	6:30-7:30p	Southern Oaks Library
Saturday, April 12	2-3p	Edmond Library
Monday, April 14	7-8p	Belle Isle Library
Saturday, April 19	1-2p	Ralph Ellison Library
Thursday, April 24	6-7p	Choctaw Library



Co-sponsors are Oklahoma Library Association and Friends of the Metropolitan Library



Reception of the Mid-Del Art Guild Exhibit at the Midwest City Library. The reception offers the public an opportunity to meet the artists and view their artwork. The exhibit will be on display until April 29.

### Community Quilting class with Soldier Creek Quilting Group Apr 7,14,21,28 | Mon | 9:15a-1:30p Adults

Come join the Soldier Creek Quilting Group and watch as members of this group apply their skills to perpetuate this art form. Quilting group members will assist quilting artisans with various techniques. A supply list is available at the Information Desk. Interested? Questions? Contact Mary Okulski at 733-0564 for more information. Co-sponsor: Soldier Creek Quilting Group.

### Preschool Story Time Apr 7,14,21,28 | Mon 10-10:30a and 11-11:30a Ages 2-5 with Parents

Join us for story time! There will be songs, fingerplays, rhymes, occasional crafts and special stories. Come and join the fun! All children should be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration is required and begins one week before the scheduled story time. Call 732-4828 or visit the Information Desk to sign up.



### Scrapbooking Crop Apr 7 | Mon | 6:30-8:30p All Ages

What is a Crop? The name comes from the activity of trimming or cropping photos. Scrapbooking Crops are designed to allow you to meet new friends in a group setting while working on your scrapbooks. Some people attend crops merely for the socialization, while others go to complete as many scrapbook pages as possible. No matter what your intent is, you will surely benefit from a fun gathering with like-minded scrapbookers! Register at the Information Desk or call 732-4828.

### Yu-Gi-Oh Tournament Apr 8 | Tue | 4-5p Ages 10-16

Do you have what it takes to be the "King of Games?" Join the Midwest City Yu-Gi-Oh Tournament to trade or play for prizes. No pre-registration required.



Teens

### Chess Club Apr 8 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p All Ages

Do you like chess? Everyone is welcome to the Midwest City Chess Club. Beginners can learn new moves and veterans can sharpen their skills. Please pre-register due to limited space by calling 732-4828.

### Talk It Up Book Club Apr 10 | Thur | 4-5p Grades 4-6

Join us in the Talk It Up! Book Club! We will have a snack, play a game and make a craft! We will be discussing the 2008 Caldecott Award winner, *The Invention of Hugo Cabret* by Brian Selznick. You can pick up a copy of the book at the Information Desk. Pre-registration is required. Call 732-4828 or visit the Information Desk to sign up.

### Hunter Education Safety Course Apr 12 | Sat | 9a-2:30p Ages 10 & Older

This home-study-based course is designed to improve your hunter safety skills and performance on hunter safety tests. You must either obtain a workbook directly from the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation or pick up a workbook up at the Midwest City Library. Complete the workbook prior to class and bring it with you to the class. Specific details about the ODWC Hunter's Education program can also be viewed online at [www.wildlifedepartment.com/hunted2.htm](http://www.wildlifedepartment.com/hunted2.htm). Ages 12 and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

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## Trees!

**Apr 14 | Mon | 7-8p**

**All Ages**

Trees make our lives more pleasant. Not only do they add beauty to the landscape, they can also provide privacy and emphasize views, and make the environment more comfortable for us to live in. They moderate climate, improve air quality, conserve water, and harbor wildlife. Join us at the Midwest City Library to learn more about trees, and the special days set aside for trees and the environment - Arbor Day and Earth Day. Register at the Information Desk, or call 732-4828.

## Midwest City Readers' Society

**Apr 15 | Tue | 10a-Noon**

**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. Register and pick up your copy of our current book at the Information Desk or call 732-4828.

## Adventure Book Club

**Apr 15 | Tue | 4-5p**

**Ages 9-13**

Join us for fun and adventure while we read the "Series of Unfortunate Events" books. Copies can be picked up on registration. Register at the Midwest City Information Desk or by calling 732-4828.

## Bugs and Blooms Make and Take

**Apr 16 | Wed**

**10:30-11:30a**

**Ages 2-5 with Parent**

The Library & Child Guidance staff join together to welcome Springtime. Bring your children to have fun making "Bug and Bloom" crafts. Community and Library resources and Child Development information will be available. Call 425-4412 to pre-register. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City-County Health Department.



## Philosopher's Café

**Apr 17 | Thur | 4-5p**

**Grades 3-6**

How do you know you're here? Can a question be an answer? Think you don't have a clue? Well, think again. Join us for snacks, stories, songs, poems, answers and more questions. Pre-registration at 732-4828 or visit the library Information Desk to sign up.

## Midwest City Library

### Chess Tournament

**Apr 19 | Sat | 9a-5p**

**Teens Ages 13-18**

Test your chess skills at the Midwest City Library Chess Tournament.



## Oklahoma Outlaws, Legends, and Folklore

**Apr 21 | Mon | 7-8p**

**All Ages**

Join David Farris, author of the books *Mysterious Oklahoma* and *More Mysterious Oklahoma*. He'll share stories from his book *Oklahoma Outlaw Tales*. Learn some fascinating stories from Oklahoma's colorful history. Books will be available for signing and purchase.



## Teen Anime/Manga Club

**Apr 22 | Tue | 4-5p**

**Ages 13-18**

Teens can join the Teen Anime/Manga Club to talk about teen anime and manga. Please pre-register by calling 732-4828.



## Yarn Club

**Apr 23 | Wed | 4-6p**

**All Ages**

Attention crochet and knitting enthusiasts! Bring your favorite pattern, or browse the library's selection. Crochet hooks, knitting needles, and scrap yarn will be available. Register at the Information Desk, or call 732-4828.

## Child Guidance Consultation Appointments

**Apr 28 | Mon | 9a-4:30p**

**Ages Birth-5 years**

Child Guidance Consultation appointments in the library are provided by Child Guidance Services, Oklahoma City-County Health Department, free of charge. Each child must have a parent or legal guardian with them. Sessions include discussion about the normal range of early development and any parenting questions you may have in regard to your child. Consultation by appointment only and take approximately 1 hour. Parents, sign up early as appointment slots fill up fast! Call Child Guidance at 425-4412.



## Toddler Aerobics

**Apr 28 | Mon | 10-10:30a**

**and 11-11:30a**

**Ages 2-5 with Parents**

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



## Fun To Be Four

**Apr 28 | Mon | 5-6p**

**Adults**

Learn more about your fascinating four year old child. This workshop will focus on the characteristics of the four year old child and



how we can assist in their overall development. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City-County Health Department.

## Nuts and Bolts of Starting a Business

**Apr 28 | Mon | 6:30-8:30p**

**Adults**

Oklahoma Small Business Development Center will present this program. This is all that "stuff" that you need to know, from legal structures (every business has one), to permits, licenses, getting set up to take credit cards, insurance needs and so on. Co-sponsor: [www.myarcworld.com](http://www.myarcworld.com)

## Sudoku Society

**Apr 29 | Tue | 4-5p**

**Ages 10-16**

Do you like Sudoku? Try your hand at our games. Register by calling 732-4828.



## Nicoma Park Library

2240 Overholser, Nicoma Park  
(405) 769-9452

### HOURS

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



## Children's Craft Time

**Apr 5 | Sat | 10-Noon**

**All Ages**

Children of all ages will create a Spring craft. Children younger than 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Please pre-register by calling 769-9452 or by dropping by the Nicoma Park Library.

## Adult Craft Time

**Apr 22 | Tue | 10a-Noon**

**Adults**

Women of all ages come together each fourth Tuesday of the month to make a craft suitable for the season. Come by the library or call 769-9452 to pre-register and find out the craft for April. Bring a sack lunch if you'd like to stay and chat.



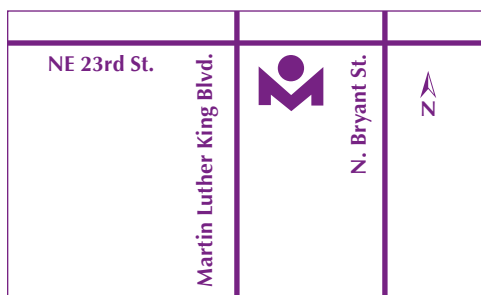
## Ralph Ellison Library

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

### HOURS

Mon-Thur: 9-8  
Fri: 9-6

Sat: 9-5  
Sun: Closed



## Poetry Contest

April 1-30

All Ages

Children, teens, adults—let your hidden poet shine in our month-long poetry contest. Drop off your typed entries any time during the month of April at the library's Reference Desk. Poems should be between 50 to 2,500 words long. A top prize will be awarded in each of the following categories: children ages 0-12, teens ages 13-18, adults ages 19 and older. Entries must include full name, age and phone number. Questions? Call Kim at 405.424.1437.

## Zoo Visit

Apr 1 | Tue | 10-11a

Children

Go wild at your library. Let the Oklahoma City Zoo introduce you to some of nature's craziest critters. Admission is free. Pre-registration is required. Questions? Call 424.1437.

## Let's Talk Toastmasters

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

Adults

Lose your fear of public speaking & learn skills to help you be more successful in whatever path you choose in life.

## VITA Income Tax Assistance

Apr 5,12 | Sat | 9a-5p

Adults

Trained volunteers will provide free basic tax help on 2007 returns. Bring a copy of last year's return, W-2 income forms, & information about deductions. A photo ID is required to file taxes.

## Society of Urban Poets

Apr 5 | Sat | 11a-1p

Adults

Join S.O.U.P. and have fun with poetry!

We meet the first Saturday of each month to celebrate poetic expression without the use of profanity! Original poetry or not, join us. Each monthly meeting begins with an open mic session. We love new members!

## Preschool Story Time

Apr 8,22 | Tue

10-10:30a

Ages 1-5

Stories, rhymes, songs and more! Come join in the fun. Call 424-1437 to pre-register, or inquire at the Information Desk.



## Self Defense for Women

Apr 8 | Tue | 6-7p

Teens and Adults

Come to the library and let a trained police officer show you how to defend yourself against predators. Pre-registration is encouraged. Space is limited to 30 people. Questions? Call Kim at 424.1437.

## AARP Monthly Meeting

Apr 17 | Thur | 10-11:30a

Adults 50+

Discussion of issues affecting Seniors 50 years and older.

## Metropolitan Library Commission of Oklahoma County

Apr 17 | Thur | 3:30-5p

Ralph Ellison Library

2000 N.E. 23rd

Oklahoma City, OK 73111

405.424.1437

The public is welcome to attend.



## Teen Poetry Slam

Apr 17 | Thur | 6-7p

Teens Ages 12 and Older

Do you know how to rhyme? Then put your talent to the test at our teen poetry competition. A panel of judges will choose one Teen Poetry Champion to win the grand prize. This is an open slam, so anyone who shows up can compete (time allowing), but pre-registration is recommended. Original poetry only. Questions? Call Kim at 424.1437



TEENS

## Rilla Askew, Oklahoma Reads Oklahoma Author

Apr 19 | Sat | 1-2p

Adults

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## Spring Crafts for Kids

Apr 29 | Tue | 10-11a

Preschool Ages 3-5

Come to the library and let Kiona show you how to make exciting crafts for Spring. Pre-registration is required. Questions? Call 424.1437.



## Southern Oaks Library

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

### HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5  
Sun: 1-6



## Family Place: 1-2-3 Play with Me

Apr 1,8,15,22 | Tue

6:30-7:30p

10 Months - 3 1/2 Years

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 and place 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. For children 10 months to 3 1/2 years of age and their parents/guardians. Pre-register at the Reference Desk.



## AARP Tax Help

Apr 2,9 | Wed | 9a-2:30p

Apr 3,10 | Thur | 9a-2:30p

Adults

Volunteers will assist you in preparing your 2007 state and federal tax returns. First come are first served. Co-sponsor: AARP.

## GED

Apr 2,7,9,14,16,21,23,28,30

Mon & Wed | 3:30-6p

Adults

Review math, social studies, English skills and reading comprehension. Register with the instructor the first day you attend class. Materials are free. Co-sponsor: Mid-Del Adult Learning Center.



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# Michael Black

## The Irish Tenor



Michael, who accompanies himself on guitar, banjo and bass mandolin, is regarded among the finest and most popular singers in Ireland. His first solo CD titled "Michael Black," came out in 2007 with a variety of songs from shanties, to a song in Irish, and a number of chorus songs. His performance will include many songs from his CD, some with audience participation, and narratives with stories. Humorous anecdotes from his childhood in Ireland and the occasional joke thrown in during the performance round out an hour of fun family entertainment.

- **Sunday, April 20, 2pm**  
Downtown Library
- **Monday, April 21, 1pm**  
Southern Oaks Library
- **Monday, April 21, 7pm**  
Belle Isle Library
- **Tuesday, April 22, 2pm**  
Warr Acres Library
- **Tuesday, April 22, 7pm**  
Bethany Library

All Ages. For more information, call 606-3833.



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### Child Guidance Consultation Appointments

**Apr 4 | Fri | 9a-4p**  
**Ages Birth-5 years**

Child Guidance Consultation appointments are provided by Child Guidance Services, Oklahoma City-County Health Department, free of charge. Each child must have a parent with them. Sessions include discussion about the normal range of early development and any parenting questions you may have. By appointment only! Call Child Guidance at 425-4412.



### Preschool Story Time

**Apr 7, 14, 21, 28 | Mon**  
**10:30-11:15a**

**Ages 2-6 with Adult**

Introduce young children to books and reading at our fun story times! Children will have fun with books, songs, and activities as they build their early literacy skills. Please pre-register by calling 631-4468.



### Southern Oaks Book Club

**Apr 8 | Tue | 11:30a-12:30p**  
**Adults**

If you enjoy reading and discussing books, come to the Library the second Tuesday of each month for our book club. New members are always welcome. Call 631-4468 to reserve your copy of the current book selection.

### Scarlet Kitsune Anime Club Screening

**Apr 9, 23 | Wed**  
**6:30-8:30p**  
**Teens**

The Scarlet Kitsune Anime Club will be screening ADV & FUNimation screening reels and other anime titles. Call 631-4468 for more information. Co-sponsor: Scarlet Kitsune Anime Club!



### SO Write: Creative Writing Club for Kids

**Apr 10 | Thur | 4:30-5:30p**  
**For Kids Ages 9-12**

Come share your writing with us! Kids will do some mad libs, some writing games or exercises, and share something they've written. We'll also have a snack. Pre-register by calling 631-4468 or by visiting the Information Desk.

### Rilla Askew, Oklahoma Reads Oklahoma Author

**Apr 10 | Thur**  
**6:30-7:30p**  
**Adults**

Rilla Askew, a fifth generation Oklahoman, will be discussing *Fire In Beulah*, the fourth and final Oklahoma Reads Oklahoma Centennial project. The book narrates the tumultuous days leading up to the violent climax of the 1921 Tulsa race riot. Copies will be available for purchase and signing. Co-sponsors: Oklahoma Library Association and Friends of the Library.



### Book Adventure: Kids' Book Club

**Apr 17 | Thur | 4:30-5:30p**  
**Kids in Grades 1-3**

Join us for a Book Adventure! Meet with kids your age to discuss a great book. We will have a snack, and play a game or make a craft. Call the library to register and to find out what book to read before the program. Call 631-4468.

### Baby Signs Workshop

**Apr 18 | Fri | 2:30-3:30p**  
**For Parents of children**  
**Ages 9-22 months**

Baby Signs teaches communication before babies are able to use words. This fun and interactive signing class teaches how to include signs naturally while interacting with your child through daily routines and play. Learn and practice approximately 50 signs. Facilitated by Tracy Goebel & Cheryl Custer. Call Child Guidance at 425-4412 to register for the free workshop. Co-sponsor: Child Guidance.



### Michael Black of the Legendary Black Family from Ireland

**Apr 21 | Mon | 1-2p**  
**All Ages**

San Francisco Bay area singer-musician MICHAEL BLACK is a member of Ireland's foremost family of song. Both of Michael's parents were noted singers and his father was an accomplished musician.





Black believes that songs and music “are good for the soul.” He has a clear, exquisite tenor voice. Michael accompanies himself on guitar, banjo and base mandolin. He is regarded among the finest and most popular singers in Ireland. Co-sponsor: Friends of the Metropolitan Library System.

### Parachute Play

**Apr 25 | Fri | 10:30-11a**  
**Ages 3-6 with Parents**

Playing games with a parachute, children will have the opportunity to practice following directions, socializing with others, using language, using small and large muscles, and remaining in control during very active play. Call 425-4412 to pre-register. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City-County Heath Department.



### Bugs and Blooms Make and Take

**Apr 30 | Wed | 10-11a**  
**Ages 2-5 with Parent**

The Library & Child Guidance staff join together to welcome Springtime. Bring your children to have fun making “Bug and Bloom” crafts. Community and library resources and Child Development information will be available. Call 425-4412 to pre-register. Facilitated by Katherine Broekhuysen, Sarita Naegeli & Teresa Widick. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City-County Health Department.



## 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

N. Hefner Rd.	
Vineyard Blvd.	
N. Britton Rd.	

### AARP Tax Assistance

**Apr 1,8,15 | Tue | 10a-8p**  
**Apr 2,9 | Wed | 10a-3p**  
**Apr 5,12 | Sat | 10a-3p**  
**Adults**

AARP trained volunteers will assist you in preparing your 2007 state and federal tax returns. No appointments taken. First come, first served.

### Babar and Me Yoga

**Apr 1,8,15,22,29 | Tue**  
**10-10:30a**

**Ages 2-5 years**

Fun and gentle yoga for little ones and their parent(s).



### English as a Second Language

**Apr 2,7,9,14,16,21,23,28,30**  
**Mon & Wed | 6-8:30p**

**Adults**

Improve your English speaking, reading and writing skills for people who are new to the English language. Register at 739-1783. Co-sponsor: Mid-Del Learning Center.



### Booktime

**Apr 3,10 | Thur | 4:30-4:45p**

**All Ages**

Come and join us in reading a few books aloud. Short, sweet, and highly entertaining.

### Creative Writing Workshop

**Apr 3,10 | Thur**

**5:45-7:45p**

**Teens**

Ever wanted to write story but didn't know where to start? Come to this creative writing workshop and learn how put your thoughts on paper. Professional writers Al Serradell and Cheryl Pierson will walk you through the process with fun writing games and activities. Pre-register at the Information Desk or call 755-0710.



### Spanish Language Class

**Apr 3,10,17,24**

**Thur | 6:30-8:30p**

**Adults**

Join instructor Claudia Marin for a fun, free class to learn the basics of Spanish. Students will meet for 16 sessions on Thursday nights from Feb 14-May 29. Please call 755-0710 to sign up, as space is limited. Sponsored by the Village Friends of the Library.



### Tai Chi with Mickey Sherman

**Apr 7,14,21,28 | Mon | 9-10a**

**Adults**

Join Tai Chi instructor Mickey Sherman for these free, fun and informative sessions. For 16 weeks we will meet at 9 am. New participants can check in with the instructor. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

### Introduction to Microsoft Excel

**Apr 7,14,21,28 | Mon**  
**6:30-8p**

**Adults**

Free individualized instruction. Learn to create workbooks and spreadsheets, use formulas and functions, format data, create



charts, and more. Monday evenings from 6:30 to 8 pm, scheduled in 30 min to one hour sessions per individual. Come in or call to reserve your instruction time.

### Anime Club

**Apr 17 | Thur | 4-5p**  
**Teens**

Join us for a screening of a great anime show! The Village Library Anime Club meets monthly to discuss our favorite manga and watch Japanese cartoons. Bring your artwork, pick up some freebies, and be prepared for some fun discussion. Snacks provided. Anime may contain material that is considered unsuitable for ages 13 & younger. Pre-register at the Information Desk.



**Teens**

### Introduction to Microsoft Word

**Apr 17 | Thur**  
**6:30-8p**

**Adults**

Free computer class for adults! Learn the features of the Microsoft Word Window, creation of Word Documents, how to save and print files and more. Come in or call to sign-up. Village Library (405) 755-0710.



### Book Discussion Group

**Apr 21 | Mon | 3-4p**

**Adults**

We always have a lot to say at the Village book discussion group! Join us every 3rd Monday of the month at 3 p.m. to discuss our latest pick. This month's title can be picked up at the Village Information Desk.

### Raising Media Savvy Kids

**Apr 24 | Thur | 5-6p**

**Adults**

Did you know young children spend more time using screen media than reading or being read to? In this workshop you will learn about the influence of media on a young child's development. You will also get tips on how to use media to support, rather than hurt, your child's development and well being.



### The Village Community Garden, Adopt-a-Plot Meeting

**Apr 26 | Sat | 3:30-4p**

**Adults**

Do you want to adopt-a-plot at The Village Community Garden? Come to this meeting and claim your plot! Local gardener, Katherine Hosty, will be available to answer questions and assign plots. For more information e-mail villagecommunitygarden@yahoo.com or call The Village Library and we will get you in touch with our local gardener.

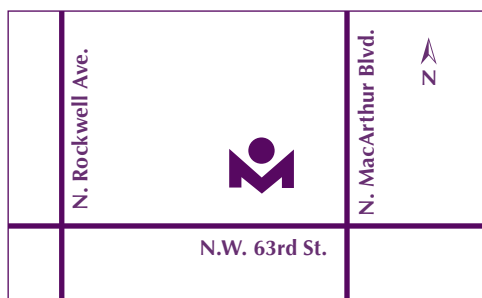
## Warr Acres Library

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

### HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5  
Sun: Closed



### Story Time for Preschoolers

Apr 1,15,29 | Tue  
10:30-11:15a

Ages 2 1/2 to 5 year olds

Children will enjoy stories and other fun activities with Miss Alma and her puppets. Pre-register at 721-2616.



### Make Your Life Easier With Routines Workshop

Apr 1 | Tue | 2:30-4p  
Adult and caregivers of young children

Do you need to teach your infant to sleep though the night? Or, do you have a picky eater? A routine will make a BIG difference in your family's life. Research shows that every family member is less stressed, more agreeable and happier when there is a routine that is followed MOST of the time. Come discuss ways to make a routine work for your family. Call 425-4412 to register.



### Family Place:

1-2-3 Play with Me  
Apr 1 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p  
10 Months - 3 1/2 Years

Playing with your baby or child is not only important for bonding but is also an educational experience for your child. Spend one-on-one time playing with your child at the library. A resource professional will be available to answer your parenting questions. This program is intended for children 10 months to 3 1/2 years of age and their parents/guardians. Pre-register for this program at the Reference Desk.



### English as a Second Language

Apr 2,7,9,14,16,21,23,28,30  
Mon & Wed | 5:30-8:30p  
Adults

Improve your written and spoken English in



this class offered by the Mid-Del Adult Learning Center. Class & materials are free. Enroll with the instructor on the first day of class. Questions, call Mid-Del at 739-1783.

### AARP Tax Help

Apr 3,10 | Thur | 9a-2p  
Apr 7,14 | Mon | 9a-2p  
Adults

AARP Volunteers will assist you in preparing your 2007 state and federal tax returns 9 a.m. -2 p.m. every Monday and Thursday until Monday April 14. (No appointments; first come are first served.)

### Teen Volunteer Auditions

Apr 3 | Thur | 7-8p  
Apr 7 | Mon | 7-8p  
Ages 13-17

Applications are being accepted and auditions scheduled for teens that would like to volunteer this summer at the library. Call Alma Brown or ask at the Information Desk.



### Play Time for Babies and Tots

Apr 9,16,23,30 | Wed  
9:15-10a and 10:30-11:15a  
Ages 8-30 months

Play promotes healthy development and learning, so bring your youngster to our library for toys, lap games, and a story with Miss Alma and her puppets. (Siblings welcome) Pre-register at 721-2616.



### Caldecott Art Club for Children

Apr 12 | Sat | 10:30-11:30a  
5 years and older

Children will "make way for ducks" with art techniques and subjects in Robert McCloskey's books. Please call to pre-register and join us for a fun, art time.

### Warr Acres Book Club

Apr 14 | Mon | 11a-Noon  
Adults

The Warr Acres Library Book Club meets the second Monday of each month. We will discuss *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini, author of *The Kite Runner*.

### Writing Workshop

Apr 15 | Tue | 4-5:30p  
Teens

Create and compose with poet/author Sandra Soli. We will focus both on creative writing and essay writing tips.



### Children Reading to Dogs

Apr 17 | Thur  
6:30-7:30p  
Age 5 & Older

Loveable dogs and their trained owners will help children develop reading skills. So grab



a favorite book and enjoy a time of reading in our meeting room. Dogs and owners are trained and certified as dog therapy teams by Therapy Dogs International. Children will read 5-10 min. each. Call to pre-register.

### Coffee Break

Apr 21 | Mon | 9:30-10:30a  
Adults

Join us on the 3rd Monday of each month for coffee and conversation in a relaxed, informal setting. Light refreshments will be served in our meeting room.

### Michael Black of the Legendary Black Family from Ireland

Apr 22 | Tue | 2-3p  
All Ages



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### Music Video

Apr 22 | Tue | 5-7p  
Apr 24 | Thur | 5-7p  
Ages 12-17



Join our star-studded crew as we film our own music video. This two day event will be led by production artist Bob Moore. Space is limited, so please call to pre-register.

### Child Guidance Consultations

Apr 25 | Fri | 9a-4p  
Ages Birth-5 years



All children MUST be accompanied by parent or legal guardian and have a scheduled appointment. Each appointment is approximately one hour with discussion about the normal range of early development and any parenting questions you may have in regard to your child. Please call to schedule an appointment at 425-4412.

### Get It Sold!

Preparing Your Home for Sale  
Apr 26 | Sat | 2-3p  
Adults

You get only one chance to make a first impression! Kristyn Grewell, an Accredited Staging Professional and Realtor, presents you with a variety of quick fixes designed to help you sell your home.



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2008 CALENDAR



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## Off the Beaten Path

... *Discovering New Literary Treasures*

**Getting tired of a constant diet of best sellers and book club hype? Want to take a look at what librarians read? Here are two favorite books as selected by MLS staff.**

Askew, Rilla. *The Mercy Seat*.

FICTION/ASK

With echoes of William Faulkner, John Steinbeck and the Book of Genesis, Askew's first novel follows the Lodi family as they leave Kentucky and move west to Oklahoma. Law trouble, ill health, and bad feelings plague the family, held together by the strength and courage of 11-year old Mattie. One reader enthused over "Askew's rich, gritty detailing of frontier life."

Askew, Rilla. *Harpsong*.

FICTION/ASK

Called by one reviewer "an anthem to the human spirit," this novel is set during the Dirty Thirties in Oklahoma and tells the story of 14-year old Sharon Thompson's hobo travels with harmonica-playin' Harlan Singer as they go cross-country and meet the best and worst folks hard times bring to the surface.



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<b>CAPITOL HILL</b> 334 S.W. 26th, OKC, 634-6308	9-8	9-8	9-8	9-8	9-6	9-5	—
<b>CHOCTAW</b> 2525 Muzzy Street, Choctaw, 390-8418	9-8	9-8	9-8	9-8	9-6	9-5	—
<b>DEL CITY</b> 4509 S.E. 15th, Del City, 672-1377	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	—
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<b>MIDWEST CITY</b> 8143 E. Reno, MWC, 732-4828	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
<b>RALPH ELLISON</b> 2000 N.E. 23rd, OKC, 424-1437	9-8	9-8	9-8	9-8	9-6	9-5	—
<b>SOUTHERN OAKS</b> 6900 S. Walker, OKC, 631-4468	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
<b>THE VILLAGE</b> 10307 N. Pennsylvania Avenue, The Village, 755-0710	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	—
<b>WARR ACRES</b> 5901 N.W. 63rd, Warr Acres, 721-2616	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	—

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<b>*NICOMA PARK</b> 2240 Overholser, Nicoma Park, 769-9452	—	9:30-5:30	9:30-5:30	9:30-5:30	9-5	9-5	—
<b>*WRIGHT</b> 2101 Exchange, OKC, 235-5035	—	10-5:30	10-5:30	10-5:30	10-3	10-3	—

\*Extensions close daily for lunch from 12:30-1 p.m. — except Wright Library, which closes 1-1:30 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday.