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T.S. Eliot called April “the cruelest month,” but my guess is he never spent a January or February in Oklahoma. After one of our winters, I’ll go with Mary Mapes Dodge, the author of *Hans Brinker*, who wrote: “Now the noisy winds are still; April’s coming up the hill!”

Whether April’s wind is a gentle breeze or a heavy blast—a zephyr or a heifer—it brings Spring with it, and that means a full slate of great programming events at the library. Browse through this issue’s Calendar of Events to see for yourself what we have in store—everything from author visits to experts who can give you an assist with your taxes.

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Social(ist) Security

by Larry Johnson

It seems like every newspaper, news magazine, blog and television pundit program I encounter these days is squawking about Socialism. Referring to the new New Deal stimulus package recently authorized by Congress, “We’re all Socialists now” seems to be the oft-repeated mantra. I’m not going to discuss here whether we are or are not now Socialists nor whether we should be. I’m not even going to mention the irony that a Socialist country is financing our two wars and our bailouts.





The last time we were in economic straits this bad, Oklahoma's leadership came to the similar conclusion that stimulus plans smacked of Socialism and they fought Franklin Roosevelt and the New Deal as often as possible. In fact Governor Murray tried to submarine FDR's nomination in 1932 and Governor Leon "Red" Phillips called out the state militia to halt dam construction, while Lyle Boren did what he could do in the Senate. Oklahoma became so cantankerous that she joined Louisiana as the only other state to have its federal programs directly administered from Washington. Funny how we became the

poster child for the Depression.

I decided it might be fun to take a look at what "Socialism" brought to Oklahoma City. The most important benefit we received was the development of the old east-west railroad lines. Long called "that damned right-of-way" by Charles Colcord, the Rock Island and part of the Frisco lines ran along what is now Colcord Avenue, between the two Leadership Square towers, behind the Skirvin and into Bricktown. These cross-town lines divided the city for many hours a day and north-south traffic came to a standstill.

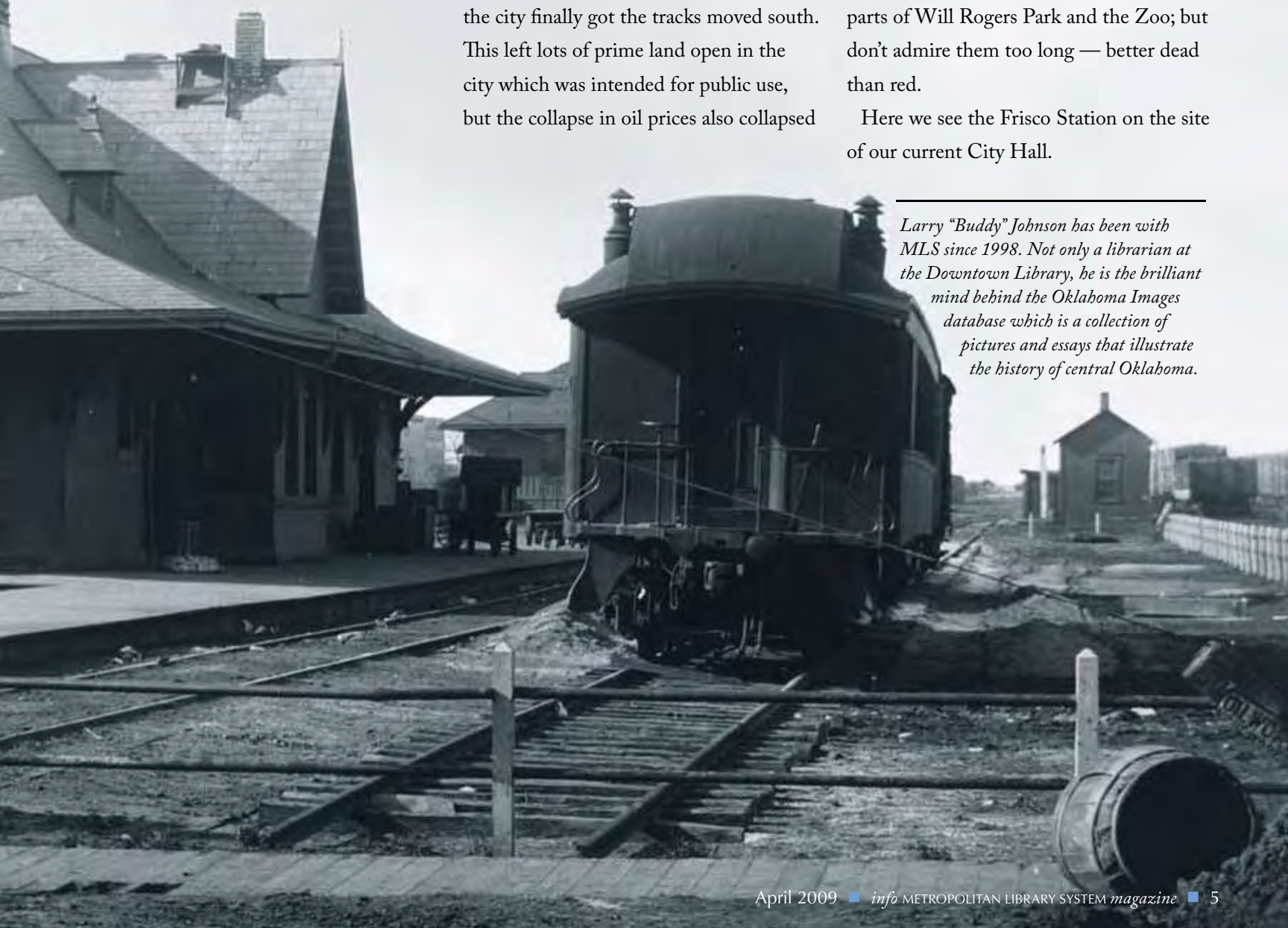
After decades of fighting railroad lawyers, the city finally got the tracks moved south. This left lots of prime land open in the city which was intended for public use, but the collapse in oil prices also collapsed

the public purse. Enter the Public Works Administration. They built the only real City Hall Oklahoma City has ever had complete with a nice plaza and fountain in 1937. Because there was no building in the entire city that could hold more than 2000 people, the PWA built our city the Municipal Auditorium as a nice bookend to City Hall. By that time we had let our county courthouse become so dilapidated that it was condemned by the Fire Marshal, so we also got our current county courthouse through the PWA as well.

There are many more "Socialist" footprints all over town including Taft Stadium, and parts of Will Rogers Park and the Zoo; but don't admire them too long — better dead than red.

Here we see the Frisco Station on the site of our current City Hall.

Larry "Buddy" Johnson has been with MLS since 1998. Not only a librarian at the Downtown Library, he is the brilliant mind behind the Oklahoma Images database which is a collection of pictures and essays that illustrate the history of central Oklahoma.





Reviews & Recommendations

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Run

by Ann Patchett

Reviewed by Chris Carroll



Ann Patchett's novels weave webs of unlikely human connections across genders, ethnicities, and generations. Her most recent work, *Run*, traces a single day in the life of a sprawling Boston family, but it encompasses decades of frustrations, missed opportunities, and shreds of hope in its sweeping story.

The Doyle family's widowed patriarch is a former mayor of Boston whose promising career was ruined by a son's indiscretion. Two other adopted sons frustrate his vicarious desires to reclaim political glory, and the weight of his unmet expectations threatens to break the fragile family bond.

Run shifts perspectives to show the points of view of the father, his adopted sons, and his prodigal biological son who returns in the middle of the pivotal 24 hours. An unlikely pair of extended family members is also introduced, while the absent figure of the lost mother and wife haunts the memories of her living relatives.

The novel's Boston neighborhoods are as

complicated and conflicted as the Doyle family itself, as worlds of privilege and poverty are separated by a few city blocks that might as well be the span of an ocean. As Patchett reveals long-held secrets that have wounded and separated the characters, she fills in a portrait of a family that is ultimately bonded by far more than biology and blood.

Ms. Patchett will be the featured speaker at the annual Literary Voices™ dinner on April 14, with the proceeds benefitting the Library Endowment Trust. She will also be appearing at the Downtown Library the morning of April 15 to discuss her writing and sign copies of her books.

This title is also available in large print and as an audio book.

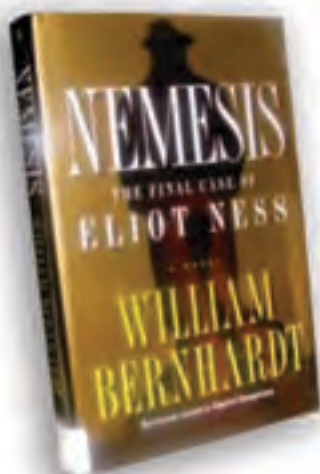
Christopher Carroll is the MLS Development Specialist and is currently attending the Master of Library and Information Science program at the University of Oklahoma. He has a list of books he someday plans to read that is 69 pages long at the time of this writing.

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Nemesis: The Final Case of Eliot Ness

by William Bernhardt

Reviewed by Doug Bentin



With *Nemesis* William Bernhardt enters the land of the historical crime novel. This is one of those books you take home and figure you'll spend three or four nights on, after work, after supper, after a TV show or two. Then you start it, and you finish it in two nights, tops.

In the mid-1930s, when Bernhardt's book begins, Eliot Ness, of Untouchables fame, has become the Director of Public Safety in Cleveland. He's hired to clean up the kind of messes he was used to—mobsters, crooked labor leaders, juvenile delinquency, traffic disorganization—which he did well.

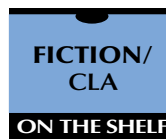
Then an even bigger problem comes along, a cop's worst nightmare—a serial killer who's grotesque enough to hack his victims to pieces and

spread them around, and smart enough to leave no clues.

There really was such a killer in Cleveland in the '30s, the Torso Killer. Dismembered and headless corpses, male and female, were found in vacant lots, in lakes, or neatly left in brown paper packages tied up with strings.

Beyond the solid characterization, well-crafted dialogue and relentless plot, Bernhardt has also drawn a Dickensian picture of American heartland hard times during the Great Depression.

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/>



It Only Takes a Moment

by Mary Jane Clark

Reviewed by Ursula Ward



It Only Takes A Moment is a novel about a parent's worst nightmare—the kidnapping of a child. In this suspense thriller a national television news anchor, Eliza Blake's daughter, turns up missing from her summer day camp. Eliza calls upon her news network friends to help her find her child.

After days of not hearing from the kidnappers, Eliza is desperate to get any kind of information. Eliza turns to a young woman who claims to have seen Eliza's daughter in a dream. This woman comes to offer her help as a psychic investigator. The FBI agent in charge of the case is very skeptical of the woman's skills. Eliza and friends chase across the Eastern United States searching for clues found only in a woman's dreams. Eliza races against time finding the location where her daughter, Janie, is held captive.

This is a fast paced novel that readers will want to keep reading until turning the last page. Ms.

Clark weaves her characters in a cunning plot that keeps you guessing at which one of the suspects is truly guilty. Solving the case is not only finding the child but also knowing the shocking motives behind the kidnapping. It is a story that could be on any front page newspaper about a family next door. The author shows the main character gains strengthening courage as she searches for her missing child.

I would recommend this for adult mystery and suspense reading fans. Enjoy a good book!

This title is also available in large print and as an audio book.

Ursula Ward works in the MLS Cataloging Department, where she specializes in government documents. Her hobbies include drawing, painting, writing stories for children, and reading suspense novels.



Unlocking the Secrets of Your Childhood Memories

by Dr. Kevin Leman & Dr. Randy Carlson

Reviewed by Phyllis Davidson



I'm such a skeptic. When I read that as few as three of my childhood memories could reveal the way I see the world today, I thought, "Yeah, right. I don't believe it." But I kept reading.

In their book, Drs. Leman and Carlson use a few of their early childhood memories to demonstrate that the personality traits they have today are traits they remember exhibiting as young children. Leman loved being the center of attention, making people laugh, and getting his own way. He still enjoys those same things. Carlson remembers being picked on by his older brothers, feeling embarrassed by his mistakes, and comforting himself with food. Today he is an overweight perfectionist who avoids taking risks.

They claim that the most useful memories are the earliest ones, and the more, the better. The memories must involve specific events and be a person's own memories rather than family stories

about them. He or she must focus on the clearest part of the memory and attach feeling to that part.

Leman believes that childhood memories are even more reliable than birth order as an indicator of why people are the way they are. The authors use dozens of examples from their case files to illustrate how early memories are misleading their clients.

Why? Because those memories are lying. The events were interpreted by a very young child; yet people still believe what those memories are telling them. The authors help their clients see their memories from a more rational, adult point of view to help them change the self-talk that is hurting them.

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.



Reviews & Recommendations

Once Again, to Zelda:
The Stories Behind Literature's Most Intriguing Dedications
by Marlene Wagman-Geller

Who the Hell is Pansy O'Hara?
The Fascinating Stories Behind 50 of the World's Best Loved Books
by Jenny Bond & Chris Sheedy

Reviewed by Jana Hausburg



I love literary minutiae. I wish I had perfect recall so I could impress at parties with fascinating details about Virginia Woolf, H.G. Wells, or Ian Fleming, but truth be told, once I read a tidbit of interest and vow to remember it, I promptly forget it. (I'm certain my party-going friends are relieved.) So when these two books came across my desk to be cataloged, I knew they'd find their way on my reserve list.

The first, by Marlene Wagman-Geller, recognizes that behind every book dedication there is an interesting story. For example,

- *Valley of the Dolls* was dedicated to Josephine, Jacqueline Susann's poodle.
- Ayn Rand's lover was hailed in the dedication to *Atlas Shrugged*, along with her husband.
- One of the most cryptic dedications in literature may be the poem at the beginning of Lewis Carroll's *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*.

Curious? I hope so.

The book by Jenny Bond and Chris Sheedy focuses on brief biographies of 50 authors, including quirky facts such as:

- When stacked, the manuscript for *Gone With the Wind* was taller than its author.
- You think reading *War and Peace* is a chore? Try writing it out by hand at least 7 times, like Leo Tolstoy's wife Sofya did.
- *The Cat in the Hat*, by Dr. Seuss, used only 236 individual words in a 1,600 word story.

Both books are quick reads and provide an entertaining glimpse into the lives of writers and the people who loved, supported and inspired them.

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.

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Echoes From The Dead
by Johan Theorin

One foggy night in 1972 on the Island of Oland, Sweden, a small boy named Jens disappears after wandering away from home. Neighborhood searches fail to find any signs of the boy. Perhaps the child got lost in the fog and wandered into the sea and drowned? As a result of the uncertainty about her son's death, his mother Julia Davidsson becomes paralyzed with grief and alcoholism and is unable to keep a steady job.

Twenty years after the boy vanished without a trace, Gerlof Davidsson receives a packet in the mail containing a small leather sandal which he believes belonged to his grandson. Is Jens still alive after all these years and not dead as many supposed? Gerlof and his friend Ernst have

a theory about what happened to Jens which involves Olander native Nils Kant who fled the country during the war accused of murder. The only problem with thinking that Kant was somehow involved with Jens' disappearance is that Nils was supposedly dead at the time that the boy disappeared. With the reappearance of the sandal, Julia and Gerlof are determined to find answers and begin following a trail of clues that leads to a totally unexpected conclusion in this mesmerizing tale.

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



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Reviewed by Christine Bassett

It's the Edmond Library Peep Art Contest for Teens!

"Let's get creative, peep! You can do it!" — Pablo Peepcaso



Submissions accepted from **April 1** through **April 24**.

Winners to be announced on **April 28**.

Participipeeps must be between the ages of 12 and 17.

Rules and Prize Information available at the Edmond Library.

Check out the Teen Corner for more Information.

Edmond Library | 10 S. Boulevard | 405.341.9282



MEET ANN PATCHETT



From the very beginning, with the publication of her first novel in 1992, The New York Times was describing Ann Patchett's work as "generous, fearless, and startlingly wise."



Since then, Patchett has published four more novels, including the phenomenal bestseller *Bel Canto*, two works of nonfiction, and has guest edited “Best American Short Stories” in 2006.

Ann Patchett will be the speaker at the 7th Annual Literary Voices™ Author Dinner, sponsored by the Library Endowment Trust, on Tuesday, April 14, 2009 at the Oklahoma City Golf and Country Club. Tickets are \$125 per person for the dinner and the talk.

The following day, Wednesday, April 15, Patchett will speak at the Downtown Library, 300 Park Avenue, from 10am to noon. “Author Confidential: A Conversation with Ann Patchett” is free and open to the public. She will share insights from her writing career and answer questions from the audience.

Ann Patchett believes that the book and its reader form a special individual relationship. “Reading, no matter what book clubs tell us,” she wrote last year, “is a private act, private even from the person who wrote the book. Once the novel is out there, the author is beside the point. The reader and the book have their own relationship now, and should be left alone to work things out for themselves. Chances are I can explain, in the course of a Q&A, a novel’s dissatisfying ending or a character’s cloudy motivations, but who’s to say I’m right? Once the book is written, its value is for the reader to decide, not for the author to explain.”

Patchett is a Los Angeles native who was raised and still lives in Nashville, TN. Her first novel, *The Patron Saint of Liars*, was named a Notable Book for 1992 by The New York Times and was made into a movie starring Ellen Burstyn and Maggie Gyllenhaal in 1998.

Subsequent novels include *Taft*, *The Magician’s Assistant*, and *Run*, but it was her fourth book, *Bel Canto*, that won the National Book Critics Circle Award and the PEN/Faulkner Award. It is also in development to become a motion picture.

The New York Times wrote about *Bel Canto* that it contains “Patchett doing what she does best — What gives this novel its power is Patchett’s flair for sketching the subtleties of her characters’ behavior.” “The New Yorker” continued the praise by observing that “Patchett’s tragicomic novel about an opera diva kidnapped by South American rebels — a fantasia of guns and Puccini and Red Cross negotiations — invokes the glorious, unreliable promises of art, politics, and love.”

Patchett enjoys meeting readers and recently recalled an experience with one at a book signing. A mother brought a shy young girl to meet the author. They didn’t get to the head of the line until 10:00 that night, and Patchett commented on the lateness of the hour on a school night. “And it’s going to be a lot later before she gets to bed,” the mother said. “We’ve got a four-hour drive back to West Virginia tonight. I knew you would tell her something she needed to hear, something she’d always remember, and you did. You’re her favorite writer, you know. She’s going to be a writer, too.”

For more information about the Literary Voices™ 2009 Author Dinner call the Metropolitan Library System’s Endowment Trust office at (405) 606-3760.

If you have questions on the free “Author Confidential,” call 606-3856 or 606-3879. Books will be available for sale and signing after the talk.



Southern Oaks Library

Constructed in 1975, the Southern Oaks Library at 6900 S. Walker is one of the busiest locations in the Metropolitan Library System. Southern Oaks is the farthest south of any of our libraries and so serves the needs of the north Moore area as well as south OKC.

Last year over 350,000 items were checked out from SO, a number equaling that of the year before and making the library the third busiest in the system, trailing only Edmond and Downtown. With a collection of around 90,000 items, on average every item is checked out four times a year.

Southern Oaks is approximately 17,000 square feet, 12,500 of them dedicated to public service areas.

Manager Randy Wayland heads a team of nine librarians and 13 full time employees—and you can always get Randy’s attention if you want to talk to him about collecting comic books. As busy as they are at Southern Oaks, there’s always time to think about the important things.



Got the Taxman Blues?



*I*t was Benjamin Franklin who laid down one of the laws of human existence:

“In this world nothing is certain but death and taxes.”

And come Spring every year, death might be more fun.

The Beatles explained how it works:

*If you drive a car I'll tax the street
If you try to sit I'll tax your seat
If you get too cold I'll tax the heat
If you take a walk I'll tax your feet
'Cause I'm the taxman
Yeah I'm the taxman*

Well, maybe it's not that bad, but tax preparation can bring on a headache like hurricane winds slamming into a barn wall. Need some help? Look no further.

Your Metropolitan Library System has once again teamed up with AARP volunteers to assist you in preparing your 2008 state and federal tax returns at no charge.

The tax assistants can be found Monday through Saturday at MLS libraries all around Oklahoma County. No appointments are made—they'll work with you on a first come, first served basis. Take a look at the Calendar of Events in this month's info to find out when they'll be at a library near you.

Make sure you bring the appropriate paperwork with you when you drop by for assistance.

Okay, maybe we can't make paying your taxes any less of a burden, but we can take the headache out of the preparation, and that counts for something.

Old Ways: *An Introduction to* *Oklahoma Folklife*

Rodger Harris, Folklife Director from the Oklahoma History Center, presents a series of programs on folk arts of Oklahoma:

With Flamenco Dancer Alicia Harris

Bethany Library
Midwest City Library
Edmond Library

Saturday, April 4 – 1pm
Thursday, April 9 – 7pm
Saturday, May 9 – 1pm

Native American Basketry with Peggy Brennan

Southern Oaks Library
Belle Isle Library

Saturday, April 18 – 1pm
Monday, April 27 – 7pm

American Traditional Music with Wayne Cantwell

Choctaw Library

Monday, April 20 – 6:30pm

Mariachi Music with Robert Ruiz

Downtown Library

Sunday, May 3 – 2pm

Questions?
Call 405.606.3835



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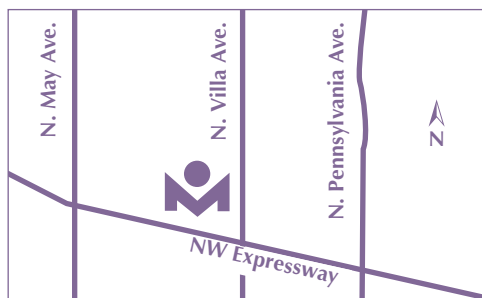
To see the latest information about library programs and events, please click on Calendar of Events on the MLS website: www.metrolibrary.org

Belle Isle Library

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

HOURS

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



Free Tax Help @ the Belle Isle Library

See page 23 for dates & times

Score Small Business Counseling

**Apr 4,18 | 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.

Bach at Belle Isle featuring

Wayne McEvilly

**Apr 5 | Sun | 2-3p
Ages 6 and older**

Wayne McEvilly will perform a piano concert featuring the music of Johann Sebastian Bach.



Children Reading to Dogs

**Apr 6,13,20,27 | Mon
6-7p**

Pre-kindergarten

For children who can read: Read to a specially



trained dog who loves to hear a good book! Dogs (with their owners) come to the library to be read to by children. The dogs particularly enjoy hearing one of the dog stories we have, but you can bring your own book, too. It is especially valuable in building self-esteem, for those needing an uncritical, appreciative, listening audience to improve reading skills. All dogs and owners are trained and certified as dog therapy teams.

Parent Talk

**Apr 9 | Thur | 12:30-3:30p
Parents & caregivers of
children 1-12**

Sessions include discussion about the normal range of early development, as well as, any parenting questions you may have in the areas of speech, language, development, and behavior. Please call 425-4412 to schedule an appointment. Co-sponsor: OCCHD.



Watts Green? ICF-Safe, Energy Efficient Walls

**Apr 16 | Thur | 6:30-8:30p
All Ages**

An introduction to insulating Concrete Forms and the benefits of using them for new home construction, as well as existing home additions. Costs differences and ICF affordability will also be discussed. www.okgreen.org. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma Green Business Alliance.

Metro OKC Knit Guild Group Meeting

**Apr 19 | Sun | 3-5p
Teens and adults**

The Metro OKC Knit Guild group is meeting at Belle Isle. Everyone—any knitter or a person who's never knitted, but would like to learn—is welcome. Each monthly program includes a lesson of a new knitting technique and examples of charity knitting projects. For questions about the group, e-mail the guild at metrookcknitguild@gmail.com or call 463-0466.

Watts Green? Introduction to HVAC & Geo-thermal

**Apr 23 | Thur | 6:30-8:30p
All Ages**

An introduction to Geo-thermal Heating and Air systems (also called Ground Source Heat Pumps). Learn how home HVAC will work in general and how Geo-thermal works specifically. Basic concepts of system sizing, installation, costs, benefits, and efficiencies of HVAC will be presented for existing homes and new construction. www.okgreen.org. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma Green Business Alliance.

Celebrate National Poetry Month with the Life and Poetry of Edgar Guest

**Apr 25 | Sat | 2-3p
Ages 8 and older**

Edgar Guest (1881-1959) was a journalist and a poet. His popularity caused him to be known as the "People's Poet". Born in England, Edgar came to the United States as a boy and later became a writer for the Detroit Free Press. After the publication of his first poem in 1898, he wrote 11,000 poems which were syndicated in 300 newspapers and collected in more than 20 books, including *A Heap o' Livin'* (1916) and *Just Folks* (1917). His work continues to be quoted. Since April is National Poetry Month, three presenters will share Edgar Guest's poems and give an overview of his life and times. Refreshments provided.

Native American Basketry

**Apr 27 | Mon | 7-8p
All Ages**

The Oklahoma History Center is presenting a series titled "Old Ways: An Introduction to Oklahoma Folklife" throughout our library system. Native American Basketry with Peggy Brennan is the 5th feature in the series. Program includes a short video, followed by a live demonstration, and a question/answer period. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma History Center.



Shake Some Fun From Your Family Tree!

Beginning Genealogy For Families

Parents and Kids, learn together how to research your family roots. Get started at the Downtown Library.

300 Park Avenue
Saturday, April 4, from 2-4pm



Class size is limited so call 606-3856 to reserve a place for you and your children (1st grade and older).

The Mouse, The Cat and Grandmother's Hat **Apr 30 | Thur | 10-11a** **Pre-kindergarten**

Wear your own hat to story time or enjoy dressing up in a costume hat. We'll be sharing several stories about hats and playing the game "Who wears this hat?" Come join in the fun. Pre-register at the Reference Desk. 843-9601.



Bethany Library

3501 N. Mueller, Bethany
(405) 789-8363

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: Closed



Family Place: 1-2-3 Play With Me **Apr 2,9,16 | Thur**

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

Infant - Age 4 with parent or guardian

Sign up for either the 9:30 or 10:30 session.



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 infants through age four with their parents or guardians. Pre-register for this program at the Reference Desk.

Watts Green? Home Energy Audits **Apr 2 | Thur | 6:30-8:30p** **All Ages**

Know what to do to save big. In this seminar you will learn how an Energy Audit identifies the areas of your home that needs attention, and the financial advantages you will gain. www.okgreen.org. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma Green Business Alliance.

Flamenco Dancing with Alicia Harris **Apr 4 | Sat | 1-2p** **All Ages**

The Oklahoma History Center is presenting a series titled "Old Ways: An Introduction to Oklahoma Folklife" throughout our library system. Flamenco Dancing with Alicia Harris is the first feature in the series. Program includes a short video, followed by a live demonstration, and a question/answer period.



Baby's First Words **Apr 6 | Mon | 3:30-5p** **Adults**

Did you know that an infant's first means of communication is through crying? This workshop will focus on developmental language milestones as well as ways to stimulate your child's emerging language. Learn to recognize your child's first attempts at communication and techniques to use to help your child develop into a "great little talker"! Call 425-4412 to enroll in this free program. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City-County Health Department.



Children's Hour: Evening Storytime

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

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.



Beginners Knitting Class **Apr 9,16,23,30 | Thur | 6:30-8:30p** **All Ages**

April 9,16,23 and 30. This is a four week class with Jo Ellyn Wheeler instructing the class on beginning knitting. Small class size is requested so be sure and get your name in early. Pre-registration is a must, beginning March 2nd. Please call 789-8363 ext.3.

**Watts Green? Indoor Air Quality—
What's Circulating in Your Home?**

Apr 14 | Tue | 6:30-8:30p

All Ages

Filtering the air in your home, old prevention, and an explanation of Germicidal UV Lamps. www.okgreen.org Co-sponsor: Oklahoma Green Business Alliance.

Fun, Snacks, Coffee & Games

Apr 17 | Fri | 10-11:30a

Adults

Every 3rd Friday of the month Bethany Library hosts this get together for meeting people, playing games and sharing in conversation. This is a free program.

Candle Making

Apr 18 | Sat | 2-3p

Adults

Instructor Kelly Thompson will teach the class on candle making. No supplies are needed. Free program. Pre registration is required. Call 789-8363, ext.3.

Spring Story Time

Apr 23 | Thur | 10-10:45a

Ages 3-6

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



Children Reading to Dogs

Apr 25 | Sat | 10:30-11:30a

Ages 5 and 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.



Toddler Story & Play Time

**Apr 30 | 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.



Capitol Hill Library

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

HOURS

Mon-Thur: 9-8

Fri: 9-6

Sat: 9-5

Sun: Closed



Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance

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

Adults

Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance of Oklahoma meets each Thursday evening for group support, films, lectures, etc.

Tutoring

Apr 2 | Thur | 6-7p

Ages 12-17

Get homework help and tutoring each Thursday evening. No appointments needed. All subjects. For more information call 634-6308.



Teens

Conversational Spanish II

Apr 6 | Mon

5:30-6:30p

Adults

This class is designed for individuals who already have a basic understanding of the Spanish language, and want to further increase their Spanish speaking skills. The class will meet for 10 weeks beginning on Monday, February 9th, and will continue on Mondays until April 13th. Call 634-6308 to register.



Make an Easter House

Apr 8 | Wed | 3-4p

Ages 7-12

After School Project - Make a 3-D Easter House. Foam kit and all supplies provided free.

Conversational Spanish

Apr 8,15 | Wed | 5:30-7p

Adults

Conversational Spanish class for Spring 2009. This course is intended to teach basic Spanish speaking skills (Who, What, When, and Where). The class will meet for 13 sessions starting on Wednesday, February 11th, and will continue on Wednesday evenings until May 6th. Please call 634-6308 to register.



Trip Around the World: Latin America

Apr 9 | Thur | 5:30-7p

Third - Sixth Grade

Don't miss this exciting opportunity to travel the globe right in your very own local library. The Junior League of Oklahoma City and World Neighbors are teaming up to offer innovative and hands-on experiences for children in grades third through sixth. They will have a great time learning about the different cultures in Asia, Africa and Latin America. The program is free, but space is limited so pre-register at the Information Desk. Co-sponsor: Junior League of Oklahoma City and World Neighbors.

Basic Photography

Apr 18 | Sat | 2-3p

Adults

This program is designed to learn photography basics. The class is structured to give you the necessary information, and guidance needed to become confident with a camera. Portrait and Landscape techniques will be demonstrated. If you have a camera, please bring it with you to the program. Call 634-6308 to register.

GameFest

Apr 25 | Sat | 2-3p

Ages 11-17

Teens! Bring your gaming skills and join us for an afternoon of Wii, GameCube, and PS2. Show off your fancy finger work on Guitar Hero, Smash Brothers, or Wii Olympics. Ages 11-17. Pre-register at the Information Desk.



Teens

Choctaw Library

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

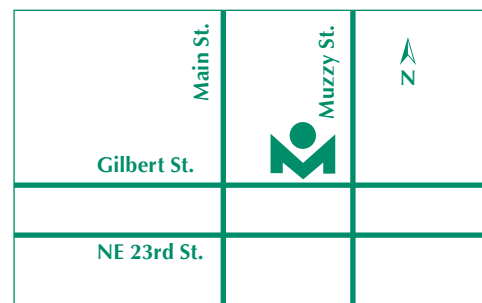
HOURS

Mon-Thur: 9-8

Fri: 9-6

Sat: 9-5

Sun: Closed



Pysanka: Ukranian Easter Egg Display

Apr 1-30 | Library Hours

All Ages

Martha Hordinsky with the Oklahoma Friends of the Ukraine will share her heritage with a display of the artistry of the Pysanka: The Ukrainian Easter Egg. Materials and



Learn Some New Computer Skills!

The Digital World is Waiting to Be Explored!

These computer classes will be at the Downtown Library, 300 Park Avenue, from 6:00 – 7:30pm:

April 21 PowerPoint

May 19 Job Searching and Resumés

All classes will be held on the first floor in the Route 66 Computer Lab.

Call the Downtown Library at 231-8650
for more information or to register.



tools used in the creation of the Ukrainian Easter Egg will be part of the display. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma Friends of the Ukraine.

Celebrate the Choctaw Library: Design a Bookmark Contest

**Apr 1-30 | Submit during library hours
Age 4 and older**

Get out your art materials and get creative. Help us celebrate the Choctaw Library by designing a bookmark. All school-age library customers are invited to enter our "Celebrate the Choctaw Library: Design a Bookmark Contest." Pick up your entry form between April 1- April 30. Return it to the Choctaw Library by the April 30 deadline. Co-sponsor: Choctaw Library Guild.

GED

**Apr 1,6,8,13,15,20,22,27,29
Mon & Wed | 9-11a
16 years & older**



Students are invited to attend free GED classes. Review English, social studies, science and math skills in preparation for the GED test. Materials are provided. Classes are open to students 16 years and older who are not currently enrolled in high school. For students age 16-17, an official withdrawal slip is required. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City Community College & State Dept. of Education.

T'ai Chi With Chris Francis-Beginner's & Intermediate Group

**Apr 1,8,15,22,29 | Wed | 5:30-6:30-p
Ages 16 and older**

T'ai Chi Ch'üan 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. T'ai Chi teaches awareness of balance and what affects it, 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 preferred.

T'ai Chi With Chris Francis-Advanced Group

**Apr 1,8,15,22,29 | Wed | 6:30-7:30p
Age 16 and older**

Participants MUST have previous T'ai Chi experience to be enrolled in this class. Pre-registration required.

Parent Talk

**Apr 6 | Mon | 12:30-4p
Parents & caregivers of
children 1-12**



Sessions include discussion about the normal range of early development, as well as, any parenting questions you may have in the areas of speech, language, development, and behavior. Please call 425-4412 to schedule an appointment. Co-sponsor: OCCHD.

Conversational Spanish

**Apr 6,13,20,27 | Mon
5-6p**

Teens and adults

Teens and adults are invited to participate in these conversational Spanish sessions. All levels of students have an opportunity to practice and improve their language skills.



Native speaker Maria Bozarth will lead these sessions. Pre-registration required.

Lapsit Story Time

**Apr 7,14,21,28 | 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.



Story Time

**Apr 7,14,21,28 | 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.



Magic Workshop with Steve Crawford

**Apr 9 | Thur | 6-7p
Teens**



Learn some awesome magic tricks to wow your friends and family! Plus take home your own bag of magic props to practice. Space is limited so sign up at the library or call 390-8418.

Family Place: Open Play

**Apr 11 | Sat | 10-11a
Ages 6 months to 5 years
with Parents/Legal Guardian**



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. Call 390-8418 to register.

Children Reading to Dogs

Apr 15 | Wed | 4-5p
Children who can read

These dogs lend you their ears! They listen while you read to them. Children read to an uncritical and appreciative audience, while improving reading skills. All dogs and owners are trained and certified as dog therapy teams. Please pre-register at 390-8418.

American Traditional Music

Apr 20 | Mon
6:30-7:30p
All Ages



The Oklahoma History Center is presenting a series titled "Old Ways: An Introduction to Oklahoma Folklife" throughout our state. American and traditional folk music with Wayne Cantwell is the 2nd feature in the series. Program includes a short video, followed by a live demonstration, and a question/answer period. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma History Center.

Oklahoma Connections

Apr 23 | Thur | 6-7:30p
Adults and older teens

Selected titles of literary works will be part of the Oklahoma Connections series. Lively discussion and conversation will be lead by a seasoned moderator. Light refreshments will be served. Co-sponsor: Eastern Oklahoma County Technology Center.

Parachute Play

Apr 24 | Fri | 10:30-11a
Ages 3-6



Come play games with a parachute. Children will have the opportunity to practice skills such as: following directions, socializing with others, using language, and using small and large muscles...AND it's loads of fun! Limited sign-up, please pre-register at the Choctaw Library 390-8418.

Story Telling and Story Swapping

Apr 25 | Sat | 10-11a
Teens and adults

Teens and adults are invited to the Choctaw Library to join Rosemary Czarski and members of the WayWord Tellers for a Story Swapping program. Come and share your funny stories, sad stories, healing stories, short stories, animal stories and people stories. Everyone is welcome whether you want to tell a story or listen. Coffee and tea will be served. Pre-registration is preferred. Co-sponsor: WayWord Tellers.

Anime and Manga Club

Apr 25 | Sat | 2:30-3:30p
Teens



Share and discuss your favorite Anime and Manga. Screen new Anime episodes every month! Other events and activities are in the works, so join in and make this a great club!

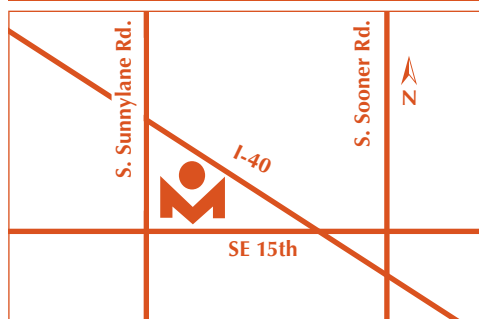
Del City Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: Closed



AARP Tax Assistance at Del City

See page 23 for dates & times

Storytime Aerobics

Apr 2 | Thur | 6:30-7p
Ages 1-5



Spring into spring with stories and exercise to get you energized for the day. Make new friends and enjoy healthy refreshments. For information or to register call 672-1377.

Parachute Play

Apr 13 | Mon | 10:30-11a
Ages 2-5



Pre-schoolers of all abilities can learn co-operation and social interaction skills while getting some exercise. The library joins the Oklahoma City/County Health Department to present the high-flying event, which helps kids develop their listening skills. Registration is required. Save your spot by calling 425-4412. Co-sponsor: OKCCHD.

Parent Talk

Apr 13 | Mon | 12:45-4p
Ages birth-5



Parents don't fear! The advice you need is here! Schedule your free consultation with a community professional and get your "is that normal?" questions answered. Experts in early childhood development will be on hand to answer your questions about speech and language and behavior milestones. Call

the OK City/County Health Department at 425-4412 to reserve your spot. Co-sponsor: OK City/County Health Dept.

Be My Friend Storytime

Apr 14 | Tue | 6:30-7:15p
Ages 4-8

Everything is better with a friend, and that includes the library! Bring a friend and celebrate National Library Week with stories and activities about friends. Be a best buddy to the library and join the fun! Call 672-1377 for more information.

Frog Storytime

Apr 15 | Wed | 10-10:20a
Ages 1-5



Don't be a bump on a log, hop into the library and join the amphibian fun with frog stories and activities. Part of the National Library Week celebration. Call 672-1377 for more information.

Talking Trash

Apr 18 | Sat | 2-2:45p
Ages 6-12

Come celebrate Oklahoma Trash-Off Day & National Library Week! Join Kim Shaw, Blue Thumb Education Coordinator for the Oklahoma Conservation Commission. Learn about conservation, and how to reduce, reuse and recycle. The environment is where we all live. Find out how to do your part in keeping it healthy! Call 672-1377 for more information or to register.

Trash Crafts

Apr 20 | Mon
6:30-7:30p
Teens



Celebrate Earth Day by recycling creatively! Transform jars, cans, bottles, and orphaned socks into crafty masterpieces. Call 672-1377 for more information and to register.

Green Cleaning: An Environmentally Friendly Way to Clean Your Home

Apr 28 | Tue | 7-8p
Adults

Join us for the a Green Cleaning Program and learn how to start and maintain a green cleaning program in your home. Green Cleaning changes can be made to reduce waste, environmental impact and exposure to potentially harmful chemicals, while at the same time increase the efficiency of the cleaning process and may also provide financial pay backs. For more information and to register call 672-1377.

Play Time

Apr 30 | Thur | 10-11a
Ages 6 months-3 years



Scrubby Bear brings good clean fun to the

Watts Green?

Promoting a Greener Oklahoma

Home Energy Audits

April 2 6:30p Bethany
April 21 6:30p Warr Acres

Selecting the Right Windows For Your Home

April 4 1p Midwest City
April 18 10a Southern Oaks

Intro to Small Wind Energy

April 7 6:30p The Village

Radiant Barrier Systems

April 9 6:30p Edmond

Indoor Air Quality

April 14 6:30p Bethany

ICF-Safe, Energy Efficient Walls

April 16 6:30p Belle Isle
April 28 6:30p The Village

Intro to Solar Electric

April 20 6:30p Midwest City

Intro to HVAC & Geo-Thermal

April 23 6:30p Belle Isle

Solar Lighting

April 30 6:30p Edmond

Co-sponsor:
Green Business Alliance

For more information
go to okgreen.org



library, with special parenting tips from Lisa Fry of Rainbow Fleet. Scrubby Bear and Lisa Fry join the library to host this time for making new friends, playing with toys and learning about the importance of hand washing. Call 672-1377 for more information or to register.

Apr 8: *The Importance of Being Earnest* (2002)

Apr 15: *10 Things I Hate About You* (1999)

Apr 22: *Moulin Rouge* (2001)

Apr 29: *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (1999)

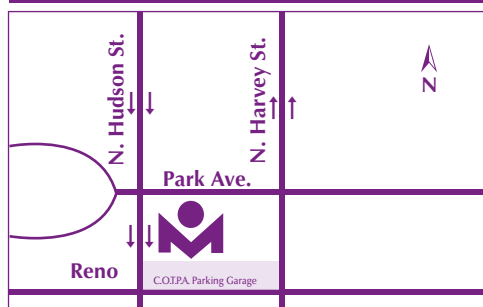
time playing with your child. A different community resource professional will be available each week to answer your parenting questions. This program is intended for infants through age four with their parents or guardians. Pre-register for this program at the Reference Desk.

Downtown Library

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

HOURS

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



Wednesday Night at the Movies

Apr 1,8,15,22,29 | Wed | 6-8p
Ages 13 and older

Join the Downtown Library for Wednesday Night at the Movies! Please call 231-8650 for more information.

Apr 1: *Dead Poet's Society* (1989)

Noon Tunes

Apr 2,9,16,23,30 | Thur
11:30a-1p

All ages

Music in the Atrium! Enjoy entertainment during lunch. No food? No problem. Sandwiches and more are available for purchase in the 1st Edition Cafe adjoining the Atrium. Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Metropolitan Library System. Music groups performing in April are:

Apr 2: *Easy Street*

Apr 9: *UCO Faculty Woodwind Quintet*

Apr 16: *Harold Dugger and Friends*

Apr 23: *Del City High School Honor Band*

Apr 30: *Tall Cotton String Band*



Family Place: 1-2-3 Play With Me

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

Infant - Age 4 with
parent or guardian

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



Play With Me! Play Group

Apr 3 | Fri | 10-10:50a

Infants to 5 years

with Parents/Guardian

Join us for fun with toys and friends. A simple craft and a story are included. During snack time, there will be a short discussion on the topic of the month. This group usually meets the first Friday of the month and is limited to families and small groups. Call to register at 231-8650, ext. 4.



Beginning Genealogy for Families

Apr 4 | Sat | 2-4p

Children 1st grade and older w/adult

Children want to know about their families, so genealogy is a great hobby for them. Adults are encouraged to bring a child (1st grade and older) to the library to learn how to research their family tree. Class size is limited. Call 606-3856 to reserve seats for yourself and your child. You will receive 'homework' that is to be completed before class.

Native American Springtime Basket Weaving

Apr 5 | Sun | 2-4p
Teens



Teens

Learn basic basket weaving techniques and complete a Native American style basket in springtime colors. Taught by Julie Ballou, member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. Registration is limited. Call 606-3876 for more information.

Preschool Aerobics

Apr 9 | Fri | 10-10:30
Five years and younger with adult



Move to fun music and enjoy a story. This program limited to families and small groups. Call 231-8650, ext. 4 to register.

Author Confidential: A Conversation with Ann Patchett

Apr 15 | Wed
10a-Noon



All Ages

Ann Patchett, PEN/Faulkner Award-winning author of bestsellers *Bel Canto* and *Run*, will speak in the 46th Star Auditorium. She will share insights from her writing career and answer questions from the audience. The Washington Post has described Ann Patchett's writing as "engaging, surprising, provocative, and moving." Books will be available for sale and signing after the talk. Call 606-3856 or 606-3879 for more information. Co-sponsor: Library Endowment Trust.

Storytime

Apr 17 | Fri | 10-10:30
Ages 2-5



Enjoy stories, fingerplays, and more every third Friday of the month. Call to register at 231-8650, ext 4.

Children Reading to Dogs

Apr 18 | Sat | 3-4p
Children who can read



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

Sunday Chess Tournament

Apr 19 | Sun | 1:30-2:30p
Grades K-12

Match your chess skills with kids from across the metro. Whether you're an expert chess player or just starting out, we will match you up against other players of your skill level.

Prizes will be awarded in April for the top performers throughout the year; prizes are only for students in the Oklahoma City school district; however, we welcome anyone willing to come and play for fun. At each tournament everyone plays 5 games. A \$2 donation is recommended; concessions are for sale. Boards and sets are provided. The tournament is run by Daniel Wade, a member of the Policy Board of the non-profit Oklahoma Scholastic Chess Organization (www.okschess.org). Co-sponsor: Oklahoma Scholastic Chess Organization.

I Can't Believe I Shot That!

Teen Film Contest

Apr 19 | Sun | 3-6p
All Ages



Teens

The Second Annual "I Can't Believe I Shot That! Teen Film Contest festival. Films created by teens will be shown and we will be awarding prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place. We will also be choosing an Audience Choice prize. Space is limited please, sign up at the Downtown library Information Desk. For more information call 606-3876.

Computer Basics:

PowerPoint

Apr 21 | Tue | 6-7:30p
All ages



Join us at the Downtown Library for a beginner's class on PowerPoint. This class will walk you through the steps for creating your own PowerPoint presentation. Everyone will go home with at least the beginnings of a presentation. Please bring information and/or ideas for your project and a flash drive or disk to save your work. This class will be held in the Route 66 computer lab on the first floor of the Downtown Library. Please call 231-8650 to register.

Music Time with Miss Ginger

Apr 24 | Fri | 10-10:30
Ages 2-5



Enjoy songs, musical games and a story with Ginger Waldrip of Ginger's Kindermusik. Please register so that we can provide instruments for all. Call 231-8650, ext 4.

Harold and the Purple Crayon

Apr 25 | Sat | 10-11:15a
Ages 2-5 years



"One night, after thinking it over for some time, Harold decided to go for a walk in the moonlight." Armed only with an oversized purple crayon, young Harold draws himself a landscape full of beauty and excitement. You are invited to a Purple Crayon party with Harold and Ms. Rondia. Read three or more Harold and the Purple Crayon books, then RSVP by calling 231-8650, ext 4.

Legal Resources @ Your Library: National Observance to Highlight Citizen's Rights

Apr 27 | Mon | 5:30-7p
Adults

This month's topic is "National Observance to highlight Citizen's Rights." Law Week In Oklahoma is an ongoing series about legal resources available for public use at the Downtown Library and the Oklahoma County Law Library. Oklahoma county Bar Association members will speak. The series will continue on the last Monday of each month. Register at 606-3879. Meets in Friends Event Room on 4th Floor. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma County Law Library.

Edmond Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: 1-6

S. Broadway	Main St.	N. Boulevard
	E. 1st St.	
	E. 2nd St.	

Teen Peep Art Contest

Apr 1-24

Ages 12-17



Teens

Teens, get creative with those left over candy Peeps. Make a mobile, take a photo, build a sculpture, then bring it to the Edmond Library and enter it into the Peep Art Contest. Rules and information can be found in the Teen Corner of the Edmond Library. Ages 12-17. (younger kids may enter but are not eligible for prizes) Submissions are April 1 thru April 24. Winners will be announced April 28.

55+ Coffee Break

Apr 1,8,15,22,29 | Wed | 9:30-11a
Seniors

Come to the Edmond Library for a coffee break made just for you. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate will be served along with light refreshments. Mingle and talk about your favorite books, enjoy Scrabble, or bring your own game. We will have some books on the side for you to browse.

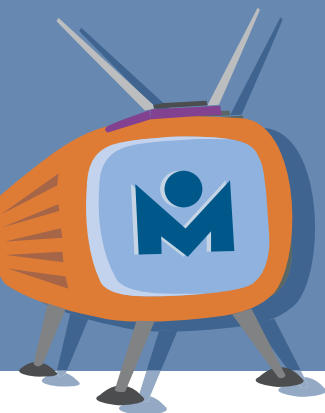
AARP Tax Assistance at Edmond

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READ ABOUT IT

Discussions With Authors & Book Reviews

Cox Channel 7 (OKC Metro area)
Sat. mornings at 10:30am



OKLAHOMA CITY— Fur trading, winners of the 2009 Oklahoma Book Awards, and the reading habits and thinking of our third president, Thomas Jefferson, 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 4 Wayne McEvilly, pianist, will discuss his music, his concerts, and will play brief selections of his music repertoire.

Guests and program schedules are subject to change without notice.

April 11 Glenda Carlisle, author and executive director of the Oklahoma Center for the Book, will discuss the 2009 Oklahoma Book Awards and the winners will be announced.

April 18 Kevin Hayes, a professor with the University of Central Oklahoma, will discuss his book *The Road to Monticello: The Life and Mind of Thomas Jefferson*.

April 25 Bob Burke, attorney and author, will discuss *Bounty of Nature*.

English as a Second Language

Apr 1,6,8,13,15,20,22,27,29

Mon & Wed | 1-4p

Adults

Improve your written and spoken English in this class offered by OCCC. Class and materials are free. Enroll with the instructor on the first day you attend class. Co-sponsor: OCCC.



GED- Additional Class

Apr 2,6,9,13,16,20,23,27,30

Mon & Thur | 9:30a-12:30p

Age 18 & older

Study geography, math, English to prepare to take the GED test. Enroll with the instructor on the first day of class. Must be at least 18 years old or have permission if younger. Materials are free. Coordinated by OCCC.



ESL/Citizenship

Apr 1,6,8,13,15,20,22,27,29

Mon & Wed | 5:30-8:30p

Adults

Improve your written and spoken English in this class offered by OCCC. Class and materials are free. This class also includes preparation for the U.S. Citizenship test. Co-sponsor: OCCC.



GED

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

Tue & Thur | 5:30-8:30p

Age 18 & older

Must be at least 18. In this GED class you will prepare for the GED test. You will review English, social studies, and math skills. Materials are provided. Enroll with the instructor on the first day of class. Free. Co-sponsor: OKCCC.



Computer Instruction

with Dave

Apr 1,8,15,22,29 | Wed

7-8p

Ages 18 & older

Free! Join Dave for individual computer instruction. Every Wednesday night assistance is offered in increments of 30 minutes to an hour; sign up for your time. Call: (405) 341-9282, ext.4 to register.



Children Reading to Dogs

Apr 2,9,16,23,30 | Thur

6:30-7:30p

For children who 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.



All dogs and owners are trained and certified as dog therapy teams, and most through Therapy Dogs International. Sessions last approximately 15-20 minutes.

Japanese Language Class

Apr 4,11,18,25 | Sat

10-11a

Adults

In this introductory Japanese class, professional instructor Chiaki Troutman will present some basic elements of the Japanese language. The instructor will provide lots of visuals and language games to practice the language. There will be a one time materials fee of \$3.50 for each student for supplies, collected by instructor on the first day of the program. (This is a total of \$3.50 for all four classes). Must pre-register.



Stamp Club

Apr 4,18 | Sat | 10a-Noon

4th grade and older

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

Chinese Brush Painting

Apr 4 | Sat | 1-2p

Teens

Local Artist Savannah Mitchell will demonstrate and teach basic brush painting in the Asian style. This is a class in conjunction with the Edmond Manga/Anime Club. Materials provided.



Teens

Planning for a Three Decade Retirement

Apr 4 | Sat | 2-3p

Adults

The three decade retirement is no longer unusual. To help prepare yourself for this eventuality, attend a talk presented by professional financial/estate planner David Bernstein. Please pre-register by calling 341-9282. See April 18 for more financial help.

Farsi Language Class

Apr 5,19,26 | Sun

1:30-2:30p

Adults

Learn the Farsi (Persian) language from an 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 written and spoken Farsi will be introduced.



Preschool Story Time

Apr 6,13,20,27 | Mon

10-10:30a

Ages 3-5

For all children ages 3-5, join us for story time. There will be songs, fingerplays, puppets, hidden mysteries, occasional crafts and special stories. Come and join the fun.



Lapsit: Playtime and Story Time

Apr 7,14 | Tue | 9:30-10a

& 10:15-10:45a & 11-11:30a

Ages Birth-2 Years

Enjoy a special time with your young child at the library. We will have a playtime with the toys in the story time room. This is followed by a circle time that emphasizes group participation, early literacy skills, books and language development.



Chess Club for Kids

Apr 7,21 | Tue | 3:30-5p

Ages 8-13

The Edmond Library Chess Club is a place where beginning chess players can learn and improve their skills. There will be a once a school year \$20 supply fee. At this time, club enrollment is full. Please contact Connie Hong at conniehong.ok@gmail.com for additional information. Ms. Hong is the coach for these sessions.

So Many Books, So Little Time Story Hour

Apr 9 | Thur | 3:45-4:45p

Grades 1-3

Join us for a story time devoted to our favorite authors or special themes. We'll have stories to read or tell and activities or crafts to go along with them. Pre-register by calling 341-9282 x 4 or stop by the Children's Desk at the library.

Watts Green? Radiant Barrier Systems—Roofs, Walls, and Floors

Apr 9 | Thur | 6:30-8:30p

Adults

An introduction to Radiant Barrier Systems for roofs, walls, and floors. Learn how and why they are used, and the benefits for using them. www.okgreen.org Co-sponsor: Oklahoma Green Business Alliance.

Music With Susan

Apr 10,24 | Fri | 9:30-10a

or 10:15-10:45a

Ages 2-3

Join Susan in musical activities designed especially for this age group. Classes are usually held on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month. Registration for the 2nd Friday begins on the 1st day of the month. Registration for the 4th Friday begins on the 15th day of the month. Call 341-9282 ext. 4 to pre-register.



Music With Susan

Apr 10,24 | Fri

11-11:30a

Ages 4-5

Join Susan in musical activities designed especially for this age group. Classes are usually held on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month. Registration for the 2nd Friday begins on the 1st day of the month. Registration for the 4th Friday begins on the 15th day of the month. Call 341-9282 ext. 4 to pre-register.



Reader's Choice Book Discussion

Apr 11 | Sat | 10:30a-Noon

Adults

The Reader's Choice group will encourage you to read and discuss outstanding contemporary fiction. Visit a meeting and enjoy lively discussion. The book of the month is *Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress*. Reserve your book with the library.

Story Time with Angela

Apr 11 | Sat | 10:30-11:15a

Ages 4-6

Make a rainbow connection and color your world in a story and craft time with Miss Angela. Please register at the Children's Desk or call 341-9282, x4.



The Edmond Book Bunch

Apr 11 | Sat | 2-3p

Seniors

The Edmond Library Book Bunch Meets once a month at the Edmond Library. The title for this month's discussion is *The Story of Edgar Sawtelle* by David Wroblewski. Although the group is currently full, please call 341-9282 to get on the waiting list.

Readers' Theatre: Acting Without Memorizing

Apr 16 | Thur | 3:45-4:45p

Ages 8-11

Do you like to be in plays, but you don't want to memorize your part? Do you like to talk like other people or animals? Can you sound like a wizard, a king, a grumpy bear or a robot? Then Readers' Theatre might be just the thing for you! Join us and try out this fun and easy way to develop your acting talents. Please pre-register by calling 341-9282, x 4 or stop by the Children's Desk at the library.

Guthrie Festival Readers for National Poetry Month

Apr 18 | Sat | 2-3:30p

Adults

The Guthrie Festival Readers are a group of outstanding poets, who do presentations at the annual Woody Guthrie festival and other venues around Oklahoma City. We are privileged to listen to six of these gifted individuals at one time, and we'll enjoy a wide variety of poetry that they will present to us in honor of National Poetry Month. They are being coordinated by Carol Hamilton, former Poet Laureate of Oklahoma. Readers will be Abigail Keegan, Dorothy Alexander, Carol Hamilton, Jim Spurr, Nathan Brown, and Jim Chastain. Co-sponsor: Woody Guthrie Poets.



Navigating the Current Market Turmoil with David Bernstein

Apr 18 | Sat | 2-3p

Adults

David Bernstein, financial analyst and planning advisor, will give you some useful advice on ways to navigate the stock market in the uncharted waters of today's Wall Street.

Family Place

Apr 21,28 | Tue | 10-11a

and 11a-noon

Infants - 4 years w/parents or guardians

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 infants through age four with their parents or guardians. Pre-register for this program at the Children's Reference Desk.



Sustainable Edmond

Apr 21 | Tue | 7-9p

Adults

At this monthly meeting of Sustainable Edmond members discuss how to improve

INCOME TAX

Tax Help: AARP



For Adults. AARP trained volunteers will assist you in preparing your 2008 state and federal tax returns. No appointments taken. First come, first served.

Belle Isle Library–AARP, E-filing ONLY.

Wednesdays: Apr 1,8,15, 9a-2p

Saturdays: Apr 4,11, 9a-1p

Tuesdays: Apr 7,14, 9a-2p

Del City Library– AARP

Thursdays: Apr 2,9, Noon-4p

Saturdays: Apr 4,11, 9-11a

Mondays: Apr 6,13, Noon-4p

Edmond Library–AARP

Wednesdays: Apr 1,8,15, 10a-3p

Thursdays: Apr 2,9, 10a-3p & 6-8p

Southern Oaks Library–AARP

Wednesdays: Apr 1,8, 9a-2:30p

Thursdays: Apr 2,9, 9a-2:30p

The Village Library–AARP

Wednesdays: Apr 1,8,15 10a-3p

Saturdays: Apr 4,11, 10a-3p

Tuesdays: Apr 7,14, 10a-3p

Warr Acres Library–AARP

Fridays: Apr 3,10, 9a-2p

Mondays: Apr 6,13, 9a-2p

quality of life in our community in ways that make sense economically, environmentally, and socially. Sustainable Edmond promotes environmental stewardship through individual, community, and business understanding of environmental concerns. Chapter of Sustainable Oklahoma.

Toileting Triumph

Apr 22 | Wed | 3-5p
Adults



With the development of new language skills, motor skills, attitude and activity level, come many challenges. Toileting doesn't have to be one of those challenges. Come discuss ways to make this exciting milestone more fun and rewarding for the whole family. Call 425-4412 to register. Co-sponsor: OCCHD.

Better Investing Tools

Apr 23 | Thur | 6-8p
Adults

Members of "Better Investing" will offer a one hour class on The Strength of Using a Stock Selection Guide to Evaluate Your Stocks. Learn about resources available to assist investors in discovering high quality growth stocks and mutual funds at a reasonable price. Information resources include some available from the library system such as Value Line and Moody's. Co-sponsor: Better Investing.

Teen Peep Art Contest

Winners Announced

Apr 28 | Tue | 4-5p
Ages 11-17

Winners of the Peep Art Contest will be announced at 4p today.



Watts Green? Solar Lighting

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

Learn about Solar Lighting including benefits, unit sizing, and costs. www.okgreen.org Co-sponsor: Oklahoma Green Business Alliance.

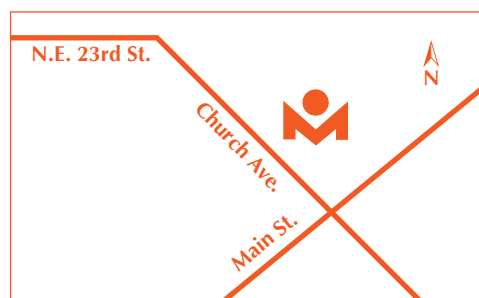
Harrah Library

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

HOURS

Mon-Thur: 9:30-6
Fri: 9-5

Sat: 9-5
Sun: Closed



Tail 'Waggin Tutors

April
Kng - 6th Grade

Come enjoy a book with Duke the therapy dog. He enjoys being read to. Call the library for information on dates & times.



Easter Storytime

Apr 6 | Mon | 10-10:30a
Ages 1-5

Come join us at the Harrah Library to enjoy



some Easter stories. Please pre-register by calling or coming by the library. 454-2001

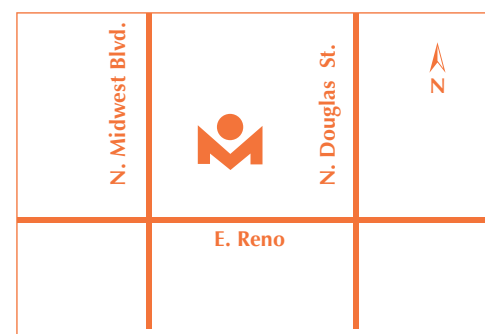
Midwest City Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: 1-6



Parachute Play

Apr 1 | Wed | 10:30-11a
Ages 3-6 with parents

While playing games with a parachute, children will have the opportunity to practice skills such as following directions, socializing with others, using language, using small and large muscles, and remaining in control during very active play. Facilitated by Child Guidance Speech-Language Pathologists. Class size is limited to 20. Please call 425-4412 to pre-register. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City-County Health Department.



English as a Second Language

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

Tue & Thur | 6-8:30p

Adults



This course is designed for individuals to improve their English language skills.

Through everyday conversation, students will learn, review, and practice English grammar, vocabulary, and pronunciation. For more information please call 682-7873. Co-sponsor: OCCC Adult Learning Center.

Reptiles and Amphibians!

Apr 2 | Thur | 7:30-8:45p

All Ages

Come join the OKC Herpetological Society on the first Thursday of each month at the Midwest City Library! If you are interested in reptiles and amphibians, these meetings are for you. The OCHS promotes the scientific study and conservation of herps, emphasizing regional herpetology. This is your chance to learn about herps, and even show off your own. Any properly caged, nonvenomous reptiles or amphibians are welcome. For more information, call Larry Daniel at 737-8331, or send him an e-mail at jostoy1@aol.com. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City Herpetological Society.

Saturday Morning Cartoons

Apr 4 | Sat | 10a-Noon

All Ages

Join us for popcorn and the new Disney film about a rat and his dream to be a chef. Registration is not required.

Watts Green? Selecting the Right Windows for Your Home

Apr 4 | Sat | 1-2p

Adults

This seminar will explain the details of new window functions, energy efficiency, and safety glass options available for your home or business. www.okgreen.org Co-sponsor: Oklahoma Green Business Alliance.

Fibromyalgia/Chronic Pain Support Group

Apr 4,25 | Sat | 2-4p

Adults

This group is for those suffering severe disabling pain that disrupts relationships and the ability to work or engage in life. For more information contact Brenda Moore-Finch at 405-390-8624.

Community Quilting Class with Soldier Creek Quilting Group

Apr 6,13,20,27 | 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

beginning, intermediate and advanced 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.

Preschool Storytime

Apr 6,13,20 | Mon

10-10:30a and 11-11:30a

Ages 2-5 w/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. Registration is required. Please call 732-4828 or visit the Information Desk to sign up.



YA Gamefest

Apr 6 | Mon | 4-6p

Ages 10-16

It's that time again! Ready to play Wii, Guitar Hero, Game Cube, Singstar and a variety of other games? Come to the Midwest City Library to play games, eat food and have fun! Rated TEEN.



Teens

Kid's Only Video Game Party

Apr 7 | Tue | 4-5p

Ages 6-12

Calling all kids. Come to the library for an afternoon of video gaming. We will have Nintendo Wii, Playstation 2 and Gamecube. Registration is required. Call 732-4828 or visit the Information Desk to sign up.

YA Board Games

Apr 7 | Tue | 5:30-7p

Ages 10-16

Tonight and every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. we will play various board games such as: Monopoly, Sorry, Uno, Yahtzee and much more.



Teens

Mid-Del Toastmasters

Apr 7,14,21,28 | Tue | 6-8p

Adults

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.

German Language Class

Apr 7,14,21,28

Tue | 7-8p

Ages 10 & older

This ongoing course teaches German language conversational skills. Those with some knowledge of the language may still join. The class meets on Tuesday nights. A small materials fee will apply. Children



younger than 16 must be accompanied by an adult. To register call Hannelore Chan at 399-5732.

Scottish Gaelic Language Learners' Group

Apr 8,22 | Wed | 7-8:30p

Ages 10 & older



This free program provides an opportunity for beginners to observe language lessons & interaction of more advanced students. Questions? Call Judy Durbin at 737-5140. Co-sponsor: Scottish Gaelic Language Learners' Group.

Book Bug Club

Apr 9 | 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 *Click, Clack, Moo! Cows That Type* by Doreen Cronin. You can pick up a copy of the book at the Information Desk. Registration is required. Call 732-4828 or visit the Information Desk to sign up.

Flamenco Dancing with Alicia Harris

Apr 9 | Thur | 7-8p

All Ages



The Oklahoma History Center is presenting a series titled "Old Ways: An Introduction to Oklahoma Folklife" throughout our library system. Flamenco Dancing with Alicia Harris is the first feature in the series. Program includes a short video, followed by a live demonstration, and a question/answer period.

Movie Night

Apr 13 | Mon | 5:30-7:30p

Ages 10-16



Teens

Come watch a movie at the Midwest City Library. Shortly after each film we will discuss the topic/theme of each movie and your likes/dislikes. Any questions, contact Suzette at 405-732-4828.

Children Reading to Dogs

Apr 14,28 | Tue | 7-7:30p

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 too. It is especially valuable in building self confidence and self-esteem for those needing an uncritical, appreciative, listening audience to improve reading skills. All dogs and owners are trained and certified as dog therapy teams.

Teen Zone Club

Apr 15 | Wed | 5:30-7p

Ages 10-16

A wonderful book filled with poetry from a young teen. Come, discuss and enjoy!



Metropolitan Library Commission of Oklahoma County

Apr 16 | Thur | 3:30-5p

Midwest City Library

8143 E. Reno

Midwest City, OK 73110

405.732.4828

The public is welcome to attend.



AAA Motor Vehicle Crash Prevention Course

Apr 18 | Sat | 9a-4p

Licensed Drivers

Save money on your auto insurance and become a safer driver. Mark Sprayberry, a certified AAA instructor, will be conducting this class at the Midwest City Library. A \$30 materials fee will apply for nonmembers; for AAA members, the fee is \$20. Pre-registration is required. Call Becci at (800) AAA-CLUB (222-2582). Co-sponsor: AAA.

Who's Line Is It Anyway?

Apr 20 | Mon | 5:30-7p

Ages 10-16

Ready to exercise your acting skills? The Midwest City Library will host an improv for teens. No experience necessary; teens interested in having fun please sign up at the information desk or call 405-732-4828 to sign-up.



Watts Green? Introduction to Solar Electric

Apr 20 | Mon | 6:30-7:30p

Adults

You will learn all about Solar electric systems including both on-grid and off-grid systems. System sizing, costs and benefits will be discussed. www.okgreen.org Co-Sponsor: Oklahoma Green Business Alliance.

Midwest City Reader's Society

Apr 21 | 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.



Pajama Story Night

Apr 21 | Tue | 7-7:30p

Children of all ages

Bedtime stories for children of all ages.

Put on your pajamas and grab your favorite stuffed friend. We will enjoy stories, songs, poems, rhymes and the occasional craft. All children should be accompanied by an adult. Registration is required. Call 732-4828 or visit the Information Desk to sign up.

Under the Sea Make and Take

Apr 22 | Wed

10:30-11:30a

Ages 2-5 with Parent

The Library and Child Guidance staff would like to invite you to join us for an adventure "under the sea". Children and parents will participate together in making craft projects and playing. Community and Library resources and Child Development information will be available. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City-County Health Department.



Talk It Up Book Club

Apr 23 | 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 classic, *Rikki Tikki Tavi* by Rudyard Kipling. You can pick up a copy of the book at the Information Desk. Registration is required. Call 732-4828 or visit the Information Desk to sign up.

Yugioh Card Tournament

Apr 24 | Fri | 4-5:30p

Ages 10-16

Come play Yugioh Card. Each winner receives a prize!!



Chess Club

Apr 25 | Sat | 11:30a-1p

All Ages

Know how to play chess or want to learn? Come to the library to expand your chess skills. To register, please contact Suzette @ 405-732-4828.



Toddler Aerobics

Apr 27 | 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. Registration is required and begins one week before the scheduled program. Call 732-4828 or visit the Information Desk to sign up.



Ralph Ellison Library Temporary

1918 N.E. 23rd, OKC
(405) 424-1437

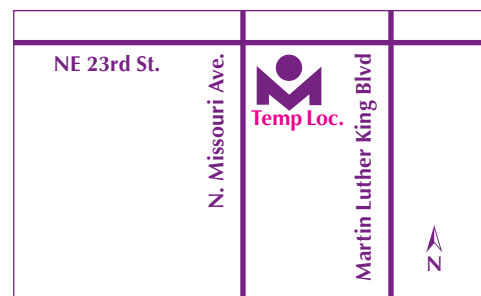
HOURS

Mon-Thur: 9-8

Fri: 9-6

Sat: 9-5

Sun: Closed



The Ralph Ellison Library, now located at 1918 N.E. 23rd, will be at this address temporarily while the 2000 NE 23rd location is under an extensive renovation and expansion process.

Poetry Contest

Apr 1-30 | Submit entries during library hours

All Ages

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 Information Desk. Questions? Call 606-3459.

National Poetry Month Read-A-Thon

Apr 25 | Sat | 9a-10p

All Ages

Celebrate National Poetry Month at the library with an entire day of poetry reading. The poetry begins early at 9:00am and continues until 10p. Come for children's readings from 9:00am to noon, refreshments and music from 12:00 to 1:00pm, an open mic poetry session at 6:00pm and keynote speaker Deborah Hunter at 7:00pm. Make sure to stay for the finale starting at 9:00pm where you could get a chance to win some awesome prizes. All ages are invited to attend. After 5:00pm, children 16 and younger must be accompanied by a parent or have a permission slip. Call 606-3459 with questions, or to sign up as a poetry reader (spots are limited.)

Southern Oaks Library

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

HOURS

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



Free Tax Help @ the Southern Oaks

See page 23 for dates & times.

GED

Apr 1,6,8,13,15,20,22,27,29
Mon & Wed | 3-6p
16 years & older



Attend free GED classes on Mondays and Wednesdays at the Southern Oaks Library. Review English, social studies, science and math skills in preparation for the GED test. Materials are provided. Students are encouraged to use the Learning Express ONLINE practice test database at the library or from home, www.metrolibrary.org. Attend class any Monday or Wednesday to enroll. Call 631-4468 for information. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City Adult Learning Center.

Score Business Counseling

Apr 3,17 | Fri | 10a-1p
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 Friday of the month. The Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) will offer free confidential assistance for potential small business owners. Call 631-4468 for more information or sign up at the Reference Desk for an appointment. Co-sponsor: Service Corps of Retired Executives.

Preschool Storytime

Apr 6,13,20,27 | Mon
10:30-11:15a
Ages 2-6 with parent



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. All

children should be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration is required. Please sign up by calling 631-4468 or by visiting the Information Desk.

Homework Help

Apr 9,16,23 | Thur | 4-6p
Grades 1-5

Do you know someone who needs help with those last minute papers and tests? Or maybe they just need help bringing up their reading scores? High school and college students will be available to answer questions or read with young people. Call 631-4468 for more information. Please pre-register!

Toddler Aerobics

Apr 10 | Fri | 10:30-11:10a
Apr 25 | Sat | 10:30-11:10a
Ages 2-5 with parents



Join us for some preschool aerobic fun! Song & movement, tunnels, parachute play, and more. Parents/caregivers will participate with their child. Pre-registration is required. Sign up by calling 631-4468 or by visiting the Information Desk.

Southern Oaks Book Club

Apr 14 | 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 to reserve your copy of the current book selection.

Book Adventure: Kids' Book Club

Apr 14 | Tue | 4:30-5:30p
Ages 6-9

Join us for a book adventure! We will discuss a great book, have a snack, play a game or make a craft. Speak with a librarian to find out what book to read before the program. Some copies of the book will be available at the Information Desk. Pre-registration is required. Call 631-4468 or visit the Information Desk to sign up.

Watts Green? Selecting the Right Windows for Your Home

Apr 18 | Sat | 10-11a
All Ages

This seminar will explain the details of new window functions, energy efficiency, and safety glass options available for your home or business. www.okgreen.org Co-sponsor: Oklahoma Green Business Alliance.

Native American Basketry

Apr 18 | Sat | 1-2p
All Ages

The Oklahoma History Center is presenting a series titled "Old Ways: An Introduction

to Oklahoma Folklife" throughout our library system. Native American Basketry with Peggy Brennan is the 5th feature in the series. Program includes a short video, followed by a live demonstration, and a question/answer period. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma History Center.

"To Be Announced" Improv Group

Apr 20 | Mon | 7-8p
Ages 11-19



Teens

The "To Be Announced" teen improv group will perform their special brand of hijinx for all ages, April 20th at 7:00PM. "This is a crazy group", says young adult librarian John Hilbert, "You never know what they are going to do... I'm a little worried". Find out what he's worried about by calling 631-4468 to pre-register or just show up. Don't miss the excitement! Co-sponsor: "To Be Announced."

Fun to Be Four

Apr 21 | Tue | 2:30-4p
Parents & caregivers of young children



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. Facilitated by Teresa Widick & Tracy Goebel. Call Child Guidance at 425-4412 to register for the free workshop. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City County Health Department.

Piano Masterworks: Melodies of Chopin

Apr 23 | Thur | 1-2p
All Ages



Master pianist Wayne McEvilly returns to the Metropolitan Library System for a Spring 2009 series of seven concerts spotlighting 18th and 19th century masterpieces. At the Southern Oaks Library he will perform Melodies of Chopin. Everyone is invited to enjoy this free concert. Call 631-4468 for more information.

Baby Signs Workshop

Apr 27 | Mon | 2:30-4p
Parents of children 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: Oklahoma City County Health Department.

Kids Create

Apr 28 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p

Ages 8-12

Unleash your creativity! Come join us for some arts and crafts and writing activities for kids. We'll have fun creating new things. Feel free to bring a craft project you've done, or something you've written to share with us. Sign up at the Information Desk or by calling 631-4468.

Under the Sea Make and Take

Apr 30 | Thur

10:30-11:30a

Ages 3-5 with parent

The Library & Child Guidance staff would like to invite you to join us for an adventure "under the sea". Children and parents will participate together in making craft projects and playing. Community and Library resources as well as Child Development information will be available. Sign-up is required. Please call 425-4412 to register. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City-County Health Dept.



Introduction to MS Excel

Apr 6,13,20,27 | Mon

6:30-8:30p

Adults

Free individualized instruction in Microsoft Excel. Learn to create workbooks and spreadsheets, use formulas and functions, format data, create charts, and more. Monday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Scheduled in 30 minute to one hour sessions per individual. Come in or call to reserve your instruction time. Village Library (405) 755-0710.

Babar and Me Yoga

Apr 7,14,21,28 | Tue

10-10:30a

Ages 2-6 with parent

Come join Mr. Kelly for fun and gentle yoga. Bring a towel or yoga mat, and your best animal sounds! For ages 2-6 and their parents. Please register at the Information Desk or call 755-0710.



Watts Green? Introduction to Small Wind Energy

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

Adults

Learn about the operation and sizing of small residential wind systems and various types of turbines and installations, as well as costs and benefits. www.okgreen.org
Co-sponsor: Oklahoma Green Business Alliance.

Family Place: 1-2-3 Play With Me

Apr 9,16,23,30 | Thur

10-11a

Infants - 4 years w/parents

Playing with your baby or child is not only important for bonding but is also an educational experience for your child. We are providing a special time 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 infants through age four with their parents or guardians. Pre-register for this program at the Reference Desk.



Anime Club

Apr 16 | Thur | 4-5p

Teens

Join us this month 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 and be prepared for some fun discussion. Snacks will be provided. Anime may contain material that is considered unsuitable for ages 13 and younger. Pre-register at the



Information Desk.

Using Computer Files and Folders

Apr 16 | Thur | 6:30-8p

Adults

Free class for Adults! Learn to create folders in which to save documents and photos, how to save a file into a folder, and how to move existing files into folders. Come in or call to sign up. Village Library (405) 755-0710.



Business Counseling Sessions with SCORE

Apr 18 | Sat | 9a-Noon

Adults

Thinking about starting a new business? Need some advice with a small business problem? Counseling and assistance is available from SCORE (the Service Corps of Retired Executives). You can schedule a free, confidential session with SCORE member Al Williams on Saturday, April 18 in the morning. Call the Village Library Information Desk to sign up. Co-sponsor: SCORE.

Book Discussion Group

Apr 20 | 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 3pm to discuss our latest pick. This month's title can be picked up at the Village Information Desk.

Knitty Committee

Apr 25 | Sat | 10-11a

All Ages

Interested in knitting or learning how to knit? Join the Knitty Committee at the Village Library on the 4th Saturday of the month at 10am. Bring your yarn and join the fun!

Watts Green? Introduction to Insulated Concrete Forms

Apr 28 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p

Adults

This is an introduction to insulating concrete forms and the benefits of using them for new home construction as well as existing home additions. Cost differences and ICF affordability will also be discussed. www.okgreen.org
Co-sponsor: Oklahoma Green Business Alliance.

The Village Library

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

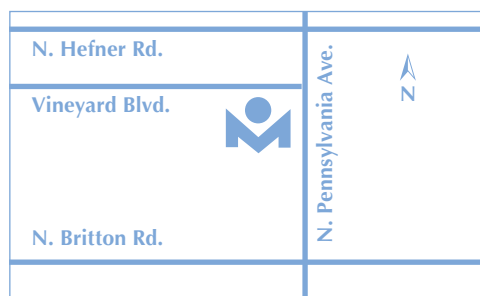
HOURS

Mon-Thur: 9-9

Sat: 9-5

Fri: 9-6

Sun: Closed



Free Tax Help @ The Village

See page 23 for dates & times.

Children Reading to Dogs

Apr 2,9,16,23,30 | Thur

3:30-4:30p

Children who can read

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



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



Poetry Contest

Apr 1-30
Teens 12-17

April is Poetry Month! Contest rules and details available at the Information Desk. Submit your original poem to the library by 9pm, April 30.



English as a Second Language

Apr 1,6,8,13,15,20,22,27,29

Mon & Wed | 5:30-8p

Adults

Beginning ESL classes are back! The classes will be on Monday and Wednesday evenings. Registration will be with the teacher.



AARP Tax Assistance at Warr Acres

See page 23 for dates & times.

Teen Volunteer Auditions

Apr 4 | Sat | 10:30-11:30a

Teens 13-18

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.



Music Play With Ms. Susan

Apr 7,21 | Tue | 10:30-11a

2 1/2 - 5-year-olds

Bring your preschooler for a fun musical time of learning with Ms. Susan. Please pre-register by calling.



Boost Your Child's Brain

Power Workshop

Apr 7 | Tue | 3:30-5p

Adults

This workshop will focus on fun activities that will not only enhance the relationship between you and your child, but will be developmentally stimulating. Playing



helps your children develop emotionally, physically, socially, and cognitively. We will discuss age appropriate activities and ideas. Facilitated by Robyn Sears M.S. Child Development Specialist & Deborah Shapiro M.S. CCC-SLP Speech-Language Pathologist. Please call 425-4412 to register. Free of Charge.

Play Time for Babies and Tots

Apr 8,15,22 | Wed

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

8 - 30 months

Play promotes healthy development and learning, so bring your youngster to our library for 45 minutes of toys, lap games, and a story with Miss Alma and her puppets. (Siblings are welcome) Pre-register at 721-2616.



Children Reading to Dogs

Apr 9 | Thur

6:30-7:30p

5 years and older

Lovable dogs and their trained owners will help children develop reading skills. So grab a favorite book and enjoy a time of reading. You may bring your own favorite book or read one from the library. Dogs and their owners are trained and certified as dog therapy teams by Therapy Dogs International. Please pre-register.



Caldecott Art Club

Apr 11 | Sat | 10:30-11:30a

Ages 5 and older

Children will explore the wild and beautiful artwork of the book *Shadow*, translated and illustrated by Marcia Brown. Painting and paper cuts will be combined to create take-home treasures. Art supplies will be provided. Pre-register at 721-2616.

Warr Acres Book Club

Apr 13 | Mon | 11a-Noon

All Ages

The Warr Acres Library Book Club meets the second Monday of each month. In April, we will read and discuss the book *Dewey: A Small-Town Library Cat Who Touched the World*, by Vicki Myron.



Child Guidance-Parent Talk

Apr 17 | Fri | 9a-Noon

Adults

Free sessions include discussion about the normal range of early development as well as any parenting questions you may have in the areas of speech, language, development, and behavior. Children do not have to be present at these sessions. Please call 425-4412, Child Guidance, to schedule your appointment

with Robyn Sears M.S. Child Development Specialist and Deborah Shapiro M.S. CCC-SLP Speech-Language Pathologist.

Warr Acres Coffee Break

Apr 20 | Mon | 9:30-10:30a

Adults

You are invited to join us for coffee and light refreshments. Bring a friend or meet someone new at the library. Relax and enjoy mingling with other book lovers.

Watts Green? Home Energy Audit—Know What to do to Save Big

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

Adults

Know what to do to save big. In this seminar you will learn how an Energy Audit identifies the areas of your home that need attention and the financial advantages you have in knowing. www.okgreen.org. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma Green Business Alliance.

Anime Drawing Class

Apr 23 | Thur | 6:30-7:30p

Teens 12-17

Artist Alex Brodt will teach Anime drawing and techniques as well as other drawing basics. Please call to pre-register.



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A Conversation with ANN PATCHETT

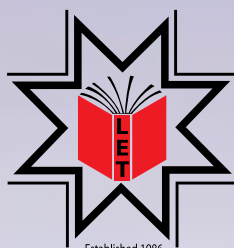
Author of the bestsellers
Bel Canto, *Run*, and *Taft*



Wed., April 15, 10am

Downtown Library
46th Star Auditorium
300 Park Avenue
231-8650

The event is free of charge. Books will be available for purchase and signing.



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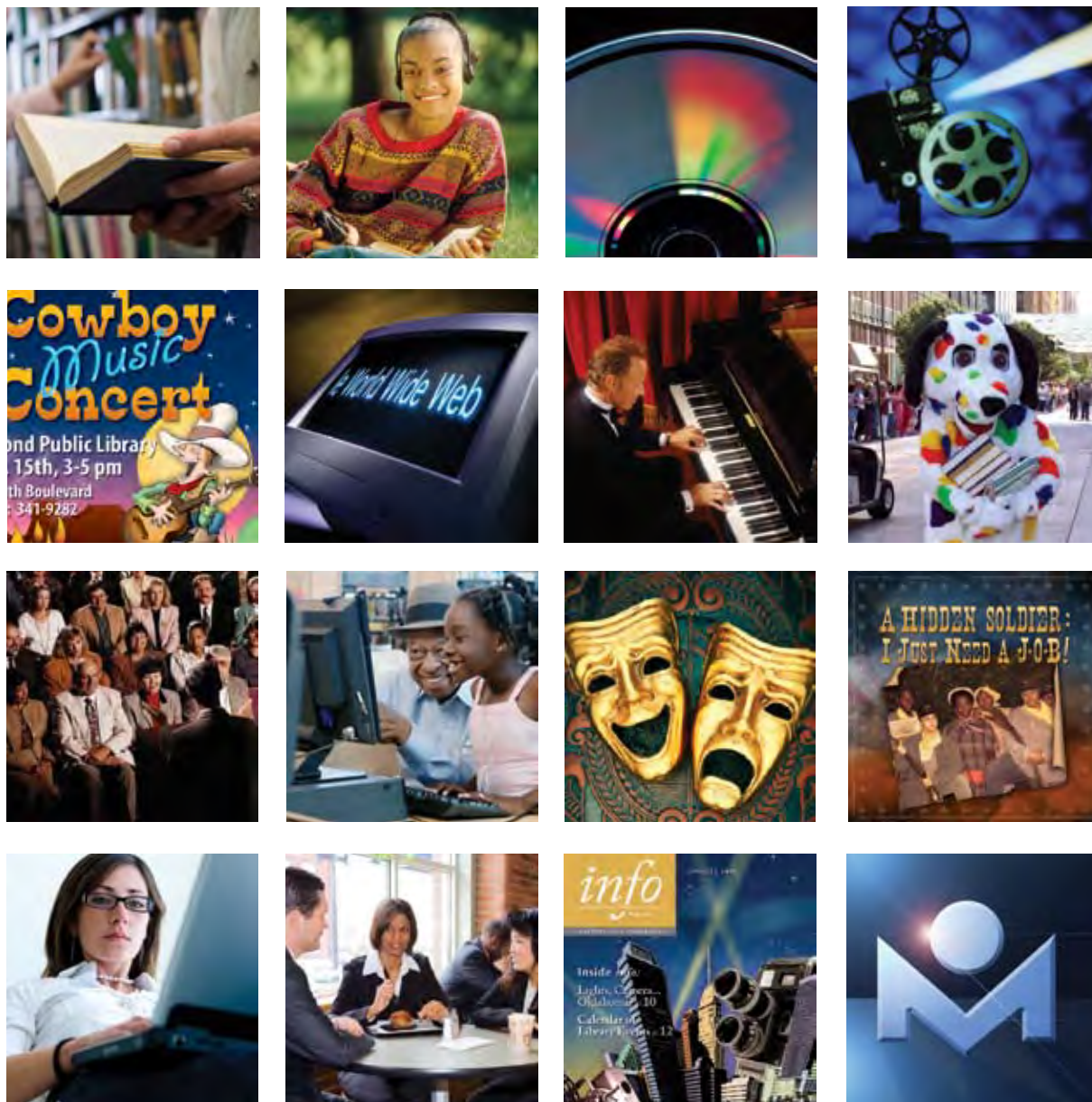


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2009 CALENDAR



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LIBRARY SYSTEM

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Easter Sunday Libraries Closed	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

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.

Patchett, Ann. *Truth & Beauty: A Friendship*.
362.196994/G786p/BIOGRAPHY

Although best known for her award-winning fiction, Ann Patchett is also an accomplished writer of non-fiction. This book is a tribute to one of Patchett's friends, Lucy Grealy, who died in 2002. Anyone who's ever had a friend who felt closer than family will empathize with Patchett's feelings.

Patchett, Ann. *What Now?*
158.1/P294w

Expanded from the graduation address Patchett delivered at Sarah Lawrence College in 2006, this short book attempts to guide readers to their own answer to the question in the title. Life is a series of wonderments as to what's lurking around the next corner, physical, emotional, or intellectual, and Patchett advises moving ahead with curiosity and a sense of adventure.



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MLS LIBRARIES

	M	T	W	TH	F	S	S
BELLE ISLE 5501 N. Villa, OKC, 843-9601	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
BETHANY 3510 N. Mueller, Bethany, 789-8363	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	—
CAPITOL HILL 334 S.W. 26th, OKC, 634-6308	9-8	9-8	9-8	9-8	9-6	9-5	—
CHOCTAW 2525 Muzzy Street, Choctaw, 390-8418	9-8	9-8	9-8	9-8	9-6	9-5	—
DEL CITY 4509 S.E. 15th, Del City, 672-1377	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	—
DOWNTOWN 300 Park Ave., OKC, 231-8650	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
EDMOND 10 S. Boulevard, Edmond, 341-9282	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
MIDWEST CITY 8143 E. Reno, MWC, 732-4828	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
RALPH ELLISON** OKC, 424-1437	9-8	9-8	9-8	9-8	9-6	9-5	—
SOUTHERN OAKS 6900 S. Walker, OKC, 631-4468	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
THE VILLAGE 10307 N. Pennsylvania Avenue, The Village, 755-0710	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	—
WARR ACRES 5901 N.W. 63rd, Warr Acres, 721-2616	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	—

**The Ralph Ellison location at 2000 NE 23rd will close on August 4 for renovation. A temporary location at 1918 NE 23rd will open on August 18.

MLS EXTENSION LIBRARIES*

	M	T	W	TH	F	S	S
*HARRAH 1930 N. Church Avenue, Harrah, 454-2001	9:30-6	9:30-6	9:30-6	9:30-6	9-5	9-5	—
*JONES 111 E. Main, Jones, 399-5471	—	9:30-5:30	—	9:30-5:30	—	1-5	—
*LUTHER 310 N.E. 3rd, Luther, 277-9967	9:30-6	9:30-6	9:30-6	9:30-6	9-5	9-5	—
*NICOMA PARK 2240 Overholser, Nicoma Park, 769-9452	—	9:30-5:30	9:30-5:30	9:30-5:30	9-5	9-5	—
*WRIGHT 2101 Exchange, OKC, 235-5035	—	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.