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### Reads Like Teen Spirit

It's been said that the Victorians invented childhood and that the movies invented teenagers. Ah, Frankie and Annette, we still love you wherever you are . . .

But a lot has changed since 1950s exploitation films like "High School Hellcats" and "Teenage Caveman," and the harmless goofiness of "Gidget" and "Dr. Goldfoot and the Bikini Machine," especially in the world of books for teens. The crossover interest in Scott Westerfeld's dystopian *Uglies* Trilogy has been immense, and many teens *and* adult readers have discovered the romance and thrills of the Stephenie Meyer's vampire series that began with *Twilight*.

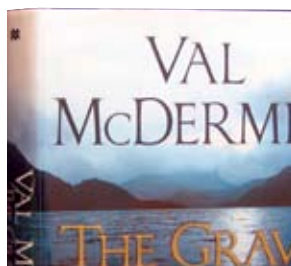
But beyond these terrific books, MLS also has lots of other stuff of interest to teens, including an August 19 concert at the Southern Oaks Library by the Remus Lupins and the Whomping Willows. It's a wizard rock concert with music inspired by Harry Potter. No one—not even Voldemort—can stop the rock.

Take a look at this month's calendar for other programs designed just for teens and you won't have to spend the end of summer in the basement splitting photons . . .





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Metropolitan Library teens study at the library and use the free wireless internet access to help with homework.





# Oklahoma Images



## HOT JAZZ & COMMUNITY SERVICE

by Larry Johnson

The recent revitalization of Downtown and Bricktown has brought long-deserved recognition to the rich cultural heritage of Deep Deuce where Charlie Christian, Ralph Ellison and Jimmy Rushing traded twelves in the crackling-hot jazz clubs along that section of Northeast Second Street. But if Deep Deuce was the soul of the African-American community, Northeast Fourth was its heart.

Harsh Jim Crow legislation hemmed Oklahoma City's black community roughly between Stiles and Eastern and Northeast First and Eighth streets. That put Northeast Fourth Street in the geographic center of the community. While Deep Deuce had the nightclubs, theaters and cafes, Fourth Street had doctors, dentists, laundries, even a cobbler – all the services for daily life. And housing – former residents recall apartment buildings and duplexes creating a dynamic density of population on the street. Fourth Street between Durland and Lindsay is

where you would find the public core of the black community then. On that one block was the Dunbar Branch Public Library, a Y.M.C.A., a community swimming pool, and the building pictured here in 1956: the Brockway Center, 615 NE 4th.

The Brockway Center began life as the home of the Durland family. The Durlands were 89ers and it was their homestead which was developed into several tracts on the northeast side. In the 1930s Maude J. Brockway occupied the house. Mrs. Brockway was educated at Arkansas Baptist College and became a strong leader in the black community during the pre-Civil Rights era. As president of the Oklahoma Federation of Colored Women's Clubs and as leader of a Baptist women's group, she fought alongside Roscoe Dunjee, Rev. W. K. Jackson, and Dr. F. D. Moon to end Jim Crow and segregation.

The Brockway Center began ostensibly as offices for the Federation, but it quickly became a community center and focal point for distributing social services, especially during the depression. It often operated as a

temporary clinic during immunization drives and other public health initiatives, and for a time it even housed a neo-natal clinic.

Today, Northeast Fourth is a shadow of what it once was. Few houses remain. The road has been widened to provide easier access to Lincoln Boulevard and, except for the more modern Foster Community Center, all of the public buildings are long gone. But the memory of Maude Brockway and her good work lives on at the Federation's current offices at 1440 North Everest – still named Brockway Community Center.

*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.*



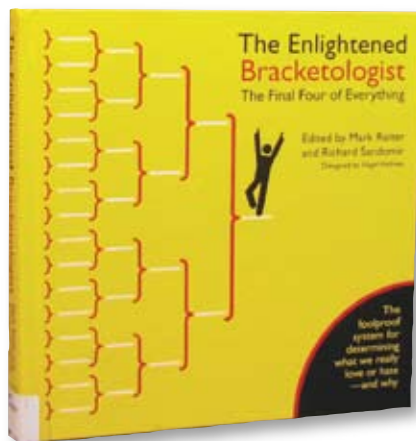
# Reviews & Recommendations

The Enlightened Bracketologist: The Final Four of Everything  
Edited by Mark Reiter and Richard Sandomir

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ON THE SHELF

Reviewed by Jana Hausburg



*"Bracketology: the practice of parsing people, places, and things into discrete one-on-one matchings to determine which of the two is superior or preferable."*

On the Path to Enlightenment, it might be a good idea to focus less on the *Tripitaka* in pursuit of the Four Noble Truths and instead sketch out a bracket. How well do you know yourself? Favorite movie, dog, or guilty pleasure? Best film death, emoticon, or TV one-liners? Cheese, perfect book titles, Scrabble words?

Draw a blank?

According to Reiter and Sandomir, "bracketology" is a system in which the average Joe can determine preferences, note abhorrences, make decisions, and rate the good, the bad, and the ugly. It's a great excuse for methodically compiling lists and wasting time.

And a lot of fun. I'd never considered pitting

my former boyfriends against one another to determine which one was the biggest jerk when breaking up with me (it was Jeff). I'd never mused on who my favorite SNL alum was (Phil Hartman) or absolute worst snack food (Cheez Whiz). During lunch one day, I learned a friend of mine would give up a box of matches in favor of trying to survive on a deserted island with Scarlett Johansson. (Perhaps I need to rethink that friendship.)

In short, bracketology is an entertaining way to promote choice and reveal "the who, what, when, and where in your personal narrative."

*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.*

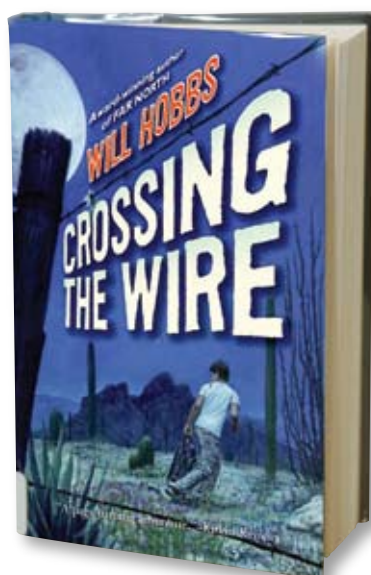
## Crossing the Wire

by Will Hobbs

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ON THE SHELF

reviewed by Christopher Carroll



While illegal immigration debates and border security issues rage on this side of the Rio Grande, a far simpler dilemma confronts fifteen-year-old Victor Flores in Will Hobbs' gripping novel, *Crossing the Wire*. Victor is the sole provider for his hopelessly impoverished family in the arid mountains of central Mexico, and he decides that their only chance for survival involves him somehow making it to the promised land, El Norte, to find work and income.

Hobbs has written several acclaimed novels of adventure and suspense for young readers, and in *Crossing the Wire* his firsthand research on both sides of the border and his painfully descriptive details of Victor's odyssey make for a compelling tale of raw survival. The almost unimaginable risks involved in simply finding a way to the border, much less getting across to actually find work, bind the reader to Victor on his desperate quest. Hobbs describes the perils of both the geography and the dangerous individuals on both sides of the border with a reporter's eye for detail and a fine novelist's skill.

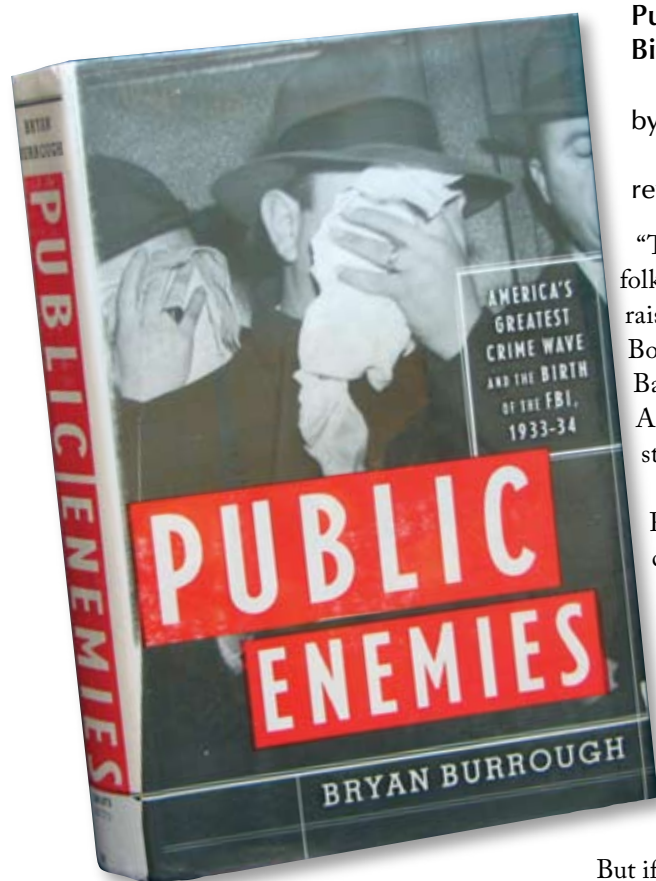
*Crossing the Wire* forces the reader to consider an individual human among the otherwise almost inconceivable statistics of the immigration debate. While Victor follows the path of his dead father, who had supported his family by sending money back from menial labor in the States, indelible portraits of other individuals on both sides of the border are also drawn. A weary but experienced migrant, a conflicted Border Patrol officer, and so many desperate kids Victor's age and younger straddle the line in the desert and the complicated moral boundaries in Hobbs' moving story. Both Victor and the reader learn from these voices of the often terrible human costs involved in these migrants' quests to, in the most literal sense, make their living.

*Christopher Carroll is a circulation clerk at the Capitol Hill Library 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 34 pages long at the time of this writing.*





## Reviews & Recommendations



### Public Enemies: America's Greatest Crime Wave and the Birth of the FBI, 1933-34

by Bryan Burrough

reviewed by Doug Bentin

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"There is a tendency to view the events of 1933-34 as mythic, as folkloric," writes Bryan Burrough. "To the generations of Americans raised since WW II, the identities of criminals such as Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd, Baby Face Nelson, "Ma" Barker, John Dillinger, and Clyde Barrow are no more real than are Luke Skywalker or Indiana Jones. After decades spent in the washing machine of popular culture, their stories have been bled of all reality."

From this list of rogues' names Burrough omitted that of George F. Barnes, aka Machine Gun Kelly, the sixth character in the book's central sextet of villainy. When Kelly and an accomplice walked up to the Oklahoma City home of oil millionaire Charles Urschel on July 22, 1933, with kidnapping in mind, neither he nor his co-conspirator had the slightest idea what Urschel looked like and, since there were two men playing cards with their wives when Kelly arrived and none of the four would tell which one was the intended victim, Kelly snatched both men. Later, in the get-away car, Kelly thought to ask for the men's wallets. When he determined which was which, he let the other man go.

But if you think Burrough is tough on Kelly, here is what he has to say about the leaders of the Barrow Gang:

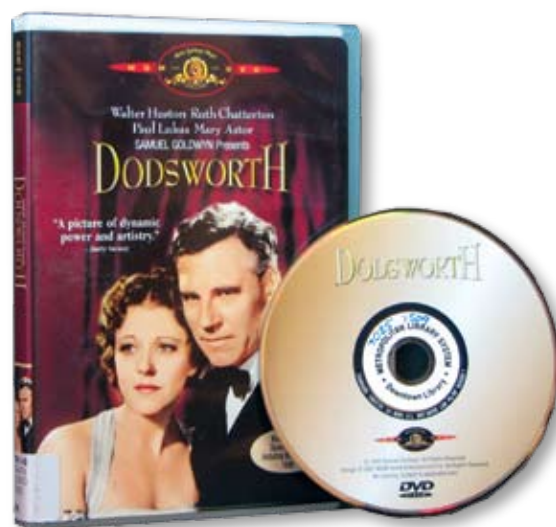
*"For the next 30 years [after their deaths] Bonnie and Clyde would remain dimly remembered, the province of detective magazines and pulp writers, until a pair of Hollywood screenwriters read of their exploits and created the 1967 movie that led to their rediscovery. Art has now taken a shark-eyed multiple murderer and his deluded girlfriend and transformed them into sympathetic characters, imbuing them with a cuddly likability they did not possess, and a cultural significance they do not deserve."*

Now that's harsh.

The book is loaded with stories about Dillinger, Nelson, and Floyd as well, and you'll enjoy them all, but the real hero turns out to be Samuel P. Cowley, one of the FBI's most reliable desk men. He was handy when a call came in for agents to pursue an escaping Baby Face Nelson, so despite the fact that he'd never handled a weapon and didn't have a bullet-proof vest, Cowley saddled up. When the other agent in the car he was in went head to head with Nelson, Sam grabbed a submachine gun, squatted down, and let 'er rip. The chubby little desk jockey put six slugs in Nelson's chest and stomach, turning the outlaw's intestines into sliced sausage. Nelson tagged him with two bullets, one in the chest and one in the stomach. Both men died of their wounds, and Cowley remains to this day the most senior FBI agent to die in action.

*Public Enemies: America's Greatest Crime Wave and the Birth of the FBI, 1933-34* is a terrific book, suspenseful and exciting. Read it.

Doug Bentin appears weekly on the MLS TV program "Read About It." Check out his movie reviews in *The Oklahoma Gazette*, and his blog, *The Long Saturday of the Soul*, at <http://longsaturday.blogspot.com/>



## Dodsworth

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ON THE SHELF

Adapted from Sinclair Lewis' satirical novel by playwright Sidney Howard and directed by three-time Oscar winner William

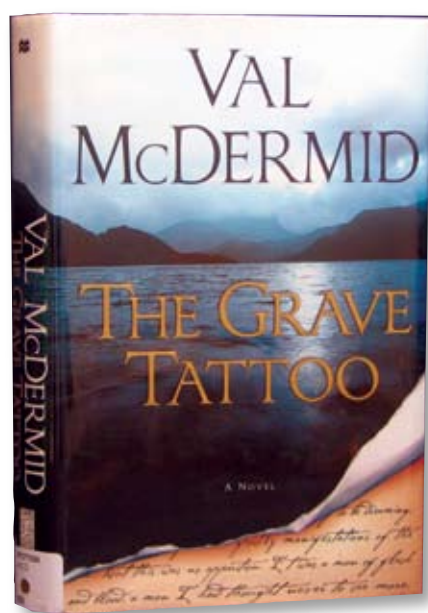
Wyler, *Dodsworth* is one of the forgotten treasures of American film. Walter Huston and Ruth Chatterton star as Sam Dodsworth and his wife Fran, two middle-aged Americans vacationing in Europe. Sam, a recently retired auto parts manufacturer, is the man he's always been, but Fran is in the midst of a mid-life crisis and is terrified of growing old. As old world gigolos start following her around, her capacity for self-deception becomes boundless and Sam drifts into the orbit of Mrs. Cortwright (a luminous Mary Astor), an American ex-patriot living in Italy.

Chatterton's performance is particularly gripping as Fran is foolish, vain, and delu-

reviewed by Doug Bentin

sional. The actress was 43 when she took on the role and her film career was almost finished, but she made of the self-destructive pseudo-sophisticate the kind of woman whose sad, lonely future is pitiable but her own fault just the same.

When the 70-year old film was showcased at the Telluride Film Festival last year, the festival program planners called it "a redemptive tale of American self-revulsion and the quest for eternal youth," and said of it that it is "a high point of Wyler's fruitful, 20-year-long partnership with producer Samuel Goldwyn. *Dodsworth* proves that sharp-witted, literate films never go out of style."



## The Grave Tattoo

by Val McDermid

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ON THE SHELF

reviewed by Christine Bassett

William Wordsworth and Fletcher Christian (the lead mutineer in *Mutiny on the Bounty*) both went to the same primary school in Cockermouth in England's Lake District. There were rumors that Christian returned to England after the mutiny and revealed his story to Wordsworth, who then put down the facts in a poem that remained hidden for two centuries.

English scholar, Jane Gresham, is convinced that the rumor is true and when a body is found in a peat bog in the Lake District with black tattoos indicating that the dead man had been to the South Seas,

she believes that there is a connection and determines to search for the lost manuscript. Others, however, have the same idea and a race begins to be the first to find this valuable document.

This absorbing thriller with historical and literary references and a strong link to the present makes a perfect book to read over the summer.

*Christine Bassett moved to Oklahoma from England 10 years ago. Her background is in teaching but she graduated from OU in December with her MLIS.*



# There's a Little Teen in All of Us

by Doug Bentin

Traditionally, teens have constituted the most challenging age demographic with which libraries try to connect. Teen culture changes rapidly—there's an old joke that by the time teachers, librarians and ministers start using popular teen words and expressions, you know they are no longer popular—and many teens dread appearing to be, like, so yesterday. (There. See what we mean?)

One of the ways your Metropolitan Library System attempts to keep up with the changing teen culture is through the use of Teen Advisory Boards (TAB) at many of our locations. These are made up of teens from the local community who are interested in, among other things, suggesting programming, events and activity ideas.

"The Southern Oaks teens," said teen specialist librarian John Hilbert, "do a lot of my work for me, which is always great. Not only do they come up with great ideas, they are responsible enough to do most of the planning and presentation. Sometimes all I have to do is sit back and enjoy the program."

Hilbert is just one of the teen specialists employed by MLS. "Services for teens are a vital, growing part of libraries today," said MLS Young Adult Services Coordinator Emily Williams. The YA Library Services Association is the fastest growing division of the American Library Association.

"Programming is an important part of the services we provide for teens, and it can help introduce teens to having fun in a library setting."

The close relationship MLS teen specialists have forged with their customers is expanding exponentially. The library system's annual Teen Summer at the Library program, this year titled "Road Trip," has attracted more members every year of its brief existence. By the end of June, 2007, more teens had signed up for the program, which continues to the end of July, than had signed up by the completion last year.

But teens come to the library for more than just the enjoyment of programming and events. More and more, they come to find a good book to read.

Publishing for young adults is one of the most rapidly growing segments of the publishing industry. A quick trip to your favorite library or book store will prove that. Teens have their own sections of books, and that shelf space is not given over just to the kind of fiction many adults had to choose from when they were young adults—milquetoast mysteries and sappy high school romances. Librarians are no longer surprised that Young Adult books are so frequently checked out by adult readers—they are among the best-written and best-told stories you can find today. Today's young adult literature deals with issues of adolescence, coming of age, and maturation into an adult.

Whether helping teens find the right book, assisting them with a homework assignment, or asking them to help plan library activities for other teens or children, teens can be terrific to have around.

"Working with teens has been my most rewarding professional experience," Williams added. "We all want to make a difference, and sometimes just listening to what they have to say and being a friendly face can help, in a small way, to make that positive impact."



## Teens







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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

### Belle Isle Library

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

#### HOURS

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



pathology. Screening takes approximately one hour. Facilitated by Katherine Broekhuysen, Denise Barnard and Tracy Goebel. Call 425-4412 to register. Co-sponsor: OKC/County Health Dept.

### Building Blocks of Reading Aug 9 | Thur | 5-6p Adults



In order for young children to become skilled and confident readers, we know that they need many experiences before going to school. This workshop will explore the necessary building blocks and the parent's role in helping children to become readers. Facilitated by Katherine Broekhuysen and Sarita Naegeli. Register at 425-4412. Co-sponsor: OKC/County Health Dept.

### Metropolitan Library Commission of Oklahoma County

Aug 23 | Thur | 3:30-5p

Belle Isle Library  
5501 N. Villa  
OKC, OK 73112  
405.843.9601



The public is welcome to attend.

### Inventions in Oklahoma Aug 30 | Thur | 10-11a Pre-kindergarten



Hear stories about great inventions that we use in Oklahoma. Playtime will follow. Pre-register at Belle Isle Reference Desk. 843-9601.

### Score Small Business Counseling Aug 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.

### Soap Making Class Aug 4,25 | Sat | 10a-1p Ages 8 and Older

Learn how to make soap in this free class. Sign up at the Reference Desk as seating is limited.

### Developmental Screenings Aug 9 | Thur | 9:30a-4:30p Ages 1 month-5 years



Book a one-on-one screening of your pre-schooler with child specialists. Parents are encouraged to bring questions they would like to ask professionals in the areas of child development, behavioral health, and speech

### Metro OKC Knit Guild Group

Aug 19 | Sun | 3-5p

Teens & Adults

The Metro OKC Knit Guild group meets at Belle Isle Library. Everyone—any knitter or person who's never knitted, but would like to learn—is welcome. Each monthly program includes a lesson of a new knitting technique and examples of charity knitting projects. August's lesson is "Knitted Toy Bears." For questions about the group, e-mail the guild at [metrookccknitguild@cox.net](mailto:metrookccknitguild@cox.net). or call 812-4770. Please sign up at the Reference Desk for the meeting.

### English as a Second Language

Aug 21,28,30

Tue & Thur | 9:30a-Noon

Adults



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

### Bethany Library

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

#### HOURS

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



### Music with Susan

Aug 8 | Wed | 10-10:30a  
Ages 3-6



Join teacher Susan Wood for fun musical activities just right for the pre-kindergarten and kindergarten child. Please pre-register at the Information Desk or call 789-8363, ext. 3.

## Developmental Screenings

**Aug 17 | Fri | 9a-4p**  
**Ages 1 month-5 years**

Come have your young child screened for personal-social skills, language development and fine/gross motor skill. Ask professionals questions about your child's development. Screenings last about one hour. Provided by the Oklahoma City-County Health Dept. Call to schedule your free, one-on-one screening at 425-4412.



## Capitol Hill Library

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

### HOURS

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



## Mosaics

**Aug 9 | Thur | 6-7:30p**  
**Ages 10-16**

Come learn the history and tools of mosaic crafts from artist Kiona Wooton-Millirons who will demonstrate the basic techniques of this ancient art form. After the demonstration, students will then create a mosaic of their own to take home. All supplies will be provided.



## Scrapbooking

**Aug 18 | Sat | 2-3:30p**  
**Adults**

Preserve those special moments you cherish so that you can relive them again. Whether you want to remember a family vacation or document special events, scrap booking is a great way to do it. Any beginner can get creative with corner and craft punches, stickers and stencils, rub-ons, and a variety of lettering. Pre-register at 634-6308

## Capitol Hill Advisory of Teens

**Aug 30 | Thur | 6-7p**  
**Ages 12-18**

The Capitol Hill Advisory of Teens meets once a month to plan and promote library programs for teens in the community.



## Choctaw Library

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

### HOURS

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



## Parenting Naturally

**Aug 2,9 | Thur**  
**10:30a-Noon**  
**Adults**

In this three-session class, you will discover your personality type and how it affects your parenting style. Understanding your parenting style will help you make the most of your strengths and help you to understand why others parent differently. You will complete a personality inventory to help you identify your personality type and receive the book, *MotherStyles—Using Personality Type To Discover Your Parenting Strengths*, by Janet Penly. (A fee of \$15 will be charged to cover the cost of the book and personality inventory.) Parents must pre-register: 425-4412. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City/County Health Dept.



## Preschool Development Screening

**Aug 6 | Mon | 9:30a-3:30p**  
**Birth to 5 years with parent**

Free speech and developmental screenings for children from birth through five years of age from the Oklahoma City County Health Department. Child must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Screenings are by appointment only and take about an hour. Please call 424-4412 to register. Co-sponsor: OKC/County Health Department.



## Lapsit Story Time

**Aug 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.



## Preschool Story Time

**Aug 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.



## Teen Advisory Board

**Aug 9 | Thur | 6-7p**  
**Grades 7-12**

The Teen Advisory Board (TAB) will meet once a month to discuss books, brainstorm and plan for teen programs, and have fun. If you have an idea about what you would like to see at your library be a part of the TAB.



## Family Place Open Play

**Aug 11 | Sat | 10-11a**  
**6 months to 5 years**  
**with parent**

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



## Get a Grip and Get Real with Science with Dr. Gaines Jackson

**Aug 16 | Thur | 6-7p**  
**Ages 10-16**

Dr. Gaines B. Jackson aka Dr. Strange Sludge, retired Rose State College Science professor and CEO of Total Environmental Services & Testing Inc., will demonstrate the many facets of producing polymers and other gooey creations in science for school-age young people and their parents. Come out to see the non-toxic "slimy goo polymer" that will "glow" in the dark! Pre-Registration preferred. Attendance Science Credit letters will be awarded to students attending and completing the workshop program requirements Co-sponsor: Total Environmental Services & Testing Inc.



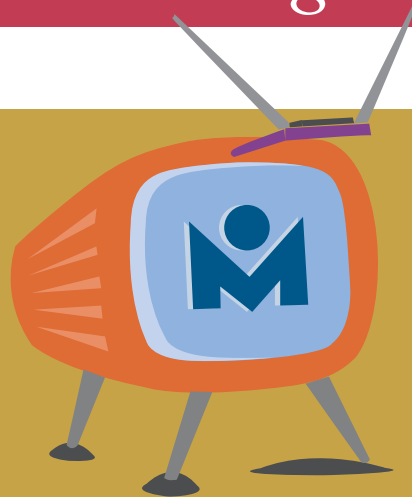
## GED

**Aug 21,23,28,30**  
**Tue & Thur | Noon-2p**  
**Adults**

In this GED class review math, English, and social studies to prepare for the GED test. Class and materials are free. Sign up with instructor on the first day you attend class. Must be at least 18 to attend. Questions? Call Mid-Del at 739-1783. Co-sponsor: Mid-Del Adult Learning Center.







## Read About It

*Discussions with Authors & Book Reviews*

### TIMES

Mon-Fri: 9a      Tue: 4:30p  
Thur: 4:30p      Sat: 2p

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Cushing Drumright, Enid & Stillwater

OKLAHOMA CITY— A children's book, the Neustadt Prize and Nichols Hills are subjects 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.

**August 6** David Clark will be interviewed. He is editor-in-chief of *World Literature Today*, which cosponsors the Neustadt International Prize for Literature.

**August 13** Gwendolyn Hooks, a junior high math teacher, mother and children's author, will discuss *Nice Wheels*.

**August 20** Molly Levite Griffis, well-known Oklahoma award-winning children's author, will discuss *Brief Garland*.

**August 27** Konrad Keesee and Ann Taylor will discuss *Nichols Hills*. Keesee is active in real estate in Oklahoma City and Taylor is a former mayor of Nichols Hills.

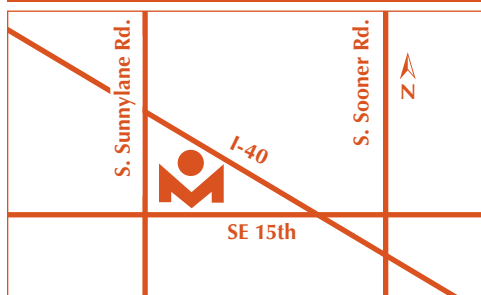
*Guests and program schedules are subject to change without notice.*

### Del City Library

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

#### HOURS

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



### Basic Computer Training

**Aug 3 | Fri | 2-3p**

**Aug 7,14 | Tue  
6:30-7:30p**

**Aug 23 | Thur | 2-3p  
All Ages**

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



### Preschool Health Screenings

**Aug 13 | Mon | 1-4p  
Ages 1 month-5 years**

Health screenings are offered to pre-school children by the Oklahoma City/County Health Department. Parents are encouraged to bring questions to ask professionals in the area of child development, behavioral health, and speech pathology. Each child must be accompanied by a parent and/or legal guardian. These free screenings are by appointment only and take approximately 1 hour. Call 425-4412 to make the appointment.



### The Climate of the Dust Bowl

**Aug 21 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p  
Ages 3 and Older**

Although poor agricultural practices contributed to the Dust Bowl, the dry climate of the 1930s devastated the Southern Plains. If you would like to learn about the weather that shaped our history, Gary McManus from the Oklahoma Climatological Survey will be here to discuss it. Call 672-1377 to pre-register.

### Arthur Story Time

**Aug 22 | Wed | 10-10:30a  
Ages 1-5 years**

This preschool Story Time has stories about Arthur the Aardvark and his friends. There will be fun activities, too!



### Play Time

**Aug 23 | Thur | 10-11a  
Ages 6 months- 3 years**

Little ones are invited to the library to play! Rae Kirkman, Mid-Del Schools, will share information about their Parents as Teachers program.



### The Oklahoma Kid

**Aug 25 | Sat | 2-2:45p  
Ages 5-12**

The Oklahoma Kid performs amazing rope spinning tricks! Marty Tipton tells stories of historic Wild West Shows. And, he shares tips on the basics of roping.

### Oklahoma Voices

**Aug 28 | Tue | 9a-4p  
Aug 30 | Thur | 1-8:30p  
All Ages**

-Interview someone you love, -Talk to a Neighbor, -Discuss a significant moment, -Leave a legacy

Oklahoma Voices is a project to assist community members in making an audio recording of their lives. We encourage everyone to interview someone they love whether it's a family member, a friend, or a neighbor and leave a legacy. Our goal is to capture the

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## Del City Library

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Thurs, Aug. 30, 2007 1p-8:30p  
Sat, Sept. 01, 2007 9a-4:30p

## Southern Oaks Library

Tues, Sept. 04, 2007 9a-4:30p  
Thurs, Sept. 06, 2007 1p-8:30p  
Sat, Sept. 08, 2007 9a-4:30p

## Midwest City Library

Tues, Sept. 11, 2007 9a-4:30p  
Thurs, Sept. 13, 2007 1p-8:30p  
Sat, Sept. 15, 2007 9a-4:30p

## Downtown Library

Tues, Sept. 18, 2007 9a-4:30p  
Thurs, Sept. 20, 2007 1p-8:30p  
Sat, Sept. 22, 2007 9a-4:30p

## Belle Isle Library

Tues, Sept. 25, 2007 9a-4:30p  
Thurs, Sept. 27, 2007 1p-8:30p  
Sat, Sept. 29, 2007 9a-4:30p

## Bethany Library

Tues, Oct. 02, 2007 9a-4:30p  
Thurs, Oct. 04, 2007 1p-8:30p  
Sat, Oct. 06, 2007 9a-4:30p

## Edmond Library

Tues, Oct. 09, 2007 9a-4:30p  
Thurs, Oct. 11, 2007 1p-8:30p  
Sat, Oct. 13, 2007 9a-4:30p

## Capitol Hill Library

Tues, Oct. 16, 2007 9a-4:30p  
Thurs, Oct. 18, 2007 1p-8:30p  
Sat, Oct. 20, 2007 9a-4:30p

## The Village Library

Tues, Oct. 23, 2007 9a-4:30p  
Thurs, Oct. 25, 2007 1p-8:30p  
Sat, Oct. 27, 2007 9a-4:30p

## Warr Acres Library

Tues, Oct. 30, 2007 9a-4:30p  
Thurs, Nov. 01, 2007 1p-8:30p  
Sat, Nov. 03, 2007 9a-4:30p

## Ralph Ellison Library

Tues, Nov. 13, 2007 9a-4:30p  
Thurs, Nov. 15, 2007 1p-8:30p  
Sat, Nov. 17, 2007 9a-4:30p

## Choctaw Library

Tues, Dec. 04, 2007 9a-4:30p  
Thurs, Dec. 06, 2007 1p-8:30p  
Sat, Dec. 08, 2007 9a-4:30p

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You will receive a copy of the interview and a copy will also be stored in the Downtown Library's *Oklahoma Room*.

*For more information or to schedule an interview, contact Oklahoma Voices at 414-9977.*

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stories that bond us. You will receive a copy of the interview and a copy will also be stored in the Downtown Library's Oklahoma Room. All interviews must be scheduled ahead of time. For more information or to schedule your interview, contact Oklahoma Voices at 414-9977. Co-sponsors: Friends of the Metropolitan Library System, Arts Council of Oklahoma City.

### Celebrating the Oklahoma Centennial: Sports Heroes Story Time

**Aug 28 | Tue | 6:30-7:15p**

**Ages 4-8**

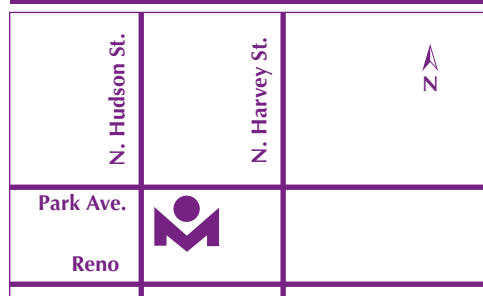
Del City Library's evening story time continues Celebrating the Oklahoma Centennial. The August theme is Sports Heroes. There will be stories and fun activities!

### 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

**Aug 1,8,15,22,29 | Wed | 6-8p**

**All Ages**

Join the Downtown Library for movie Wednesday Night. This month's theme: School's In Session! Please register at the Information Desk or call 606-3879. The August movie schedule is:

- Aug 1: *My Bodyguard*, (PG)
- Aug 8: *Lucas*, (PG-13)
- Aug 15: *Say Anything*, (PG-13)
- Aug 22: *Never Been Kissed*, (PG-13)
- Aug 29: *John Tucker Must Die*, (PG-13)

### P.M. Come Play With Me

**Aug 2 | Thur | 6:30-7:30p**

**Ages 1-5 with parent**

Join us for fun with toys and friends. Also included are a simple craft and a story. During snack, there will be a short discus-



sion on the parenting topic of the month. Call to register at ext. 4.

### McEvilly: A Year of Piano Masterworks

**Aug 12 | Sun | 2-3p**

**All Ages**

Second Sundays at the Downtown Library will continue to bring Wayne McEvilly in concert with "A Year of Piano Masterworks". He will be playing Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata" in August. Bring the whole family to enjoy an hour of extraordinary piano music in a relaxed and comfortable setting. Admission is free. Seating is limited and begins at 1:30 pm in the 46th Star Auditorium.



### Developmental Screenings

**Aug 30 | Thur | 9-Noon**

**Ages 1 month-5 years**

Come have your young child screened for personal-social skills, language development, and fine/gross motor skills. It's a great opportunity to ask a professional questions about your child's development. Screenings last for about an hour. Call Child Guidance at 425-4412 to schedule your screening. Free. Co-sponsor: Child Guidance Division of OKC-County Health Department.

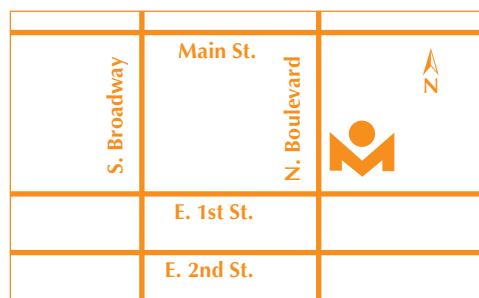


### Edmond Library

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

#### HOURS

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



### 55+ Coffee Break

**Aug 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, work on a puzzle, play chess, checkers, Chinese checkers or bring your own game. We will have some books on a cart for you to browse and check out. This is a come-and-go event. Please sign our guest book and sign up for the door prize drawings.

### Computer Instruction with Jonathan

**Aug 1,8,15,22,29 | Wed**

**1-5p**

**Ages 18 & Older**

Free! Join Jonathan for individual computer instruction. Every Wednesday assistance is offered in increments of 30 minutes to an hour. Call 341-9282 to sign up for your time.



### English as a Second Language

**Aug 1,20,22,27,29**

**Wed & Mon | 1-4p**

**Adults**

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



### Harry Potter Party

**Aug 1 | Wed | 2-3p**

**Ages 5-Older**

The summer volunteers have planned a party for children with games, crafts and other Harry Potter activities. Come celebrate the release of the seventh (and last) Harry Potter book. Pre-registration starts Monday, July 23. Call 341-9282, ext 4.



### GED

**Aug 1 | Wed**

**Aug 21,23,28,30 | Tue & Thur**

**5:30-8:30p**

**Adults**

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



### Computer Instruction with Dave

**Aug 1,8,15,22,29 | Wed**

**7-8p**

**Ages 18 & Older**

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



### How to Do Homework Without Throwing Up

**Aug 2 | Thur | 1-3p**

**Ages 7-12**

"Homework, who needs it?" You do! This workshop is for elementary aged students and looks at why it is important to do homework. The students will learn to make



a homework schedule, find help when you need it, and avoid distractions at homework time. Plus make good decisions about school things. Facilitated by Pam Collins and Dan Hester. Class size is limited to 15. Call 425-4412 to register. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City/County Health Dept.

### School Skills Games

**Aug 2 | Thur | 2:30-4p**  
**Ages 7-12**

This workshop is made up of games that help children practice skills that are important in school. It includes games focused on: math, spelling, and reading. Games will also allow the students to practice following directions, working with others, and staying on task. Facilitated by Pam Collins and Dan Hester. Limited to 15 participants. Call 425-4412 to register. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City-County Health Dept.

### Children Reading to Dogs

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

**For children who can read**

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



### Comedy Commandos

**Aug 2,9,16,23,30**

**Thur | 6-8p**

**Teens**

Think you're funny? Have you always wanted to try improvisational comedy, like on "Who's Line Is it Anyway?" but didn't know how to get started? Then attend the Comedy Commandos. It's an eight week series of free classes that will meet every Thursday evening: Instructor is actor and director Rosalind Reeder. Register by calling 341-9282. Free.

Beginners—6-7p

Advanced—7-8p



### Farsi

**Aug 5,12,19,26 | Sun**

**1:30-2:30p**

**Adults & Teens**

Learn the Farsi 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 spoken and written Farsi will be introduced.

### Parachute Play

**Aug 6 | Mon | 9:30-10a**  
**Ages 3-6 with Parents**

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. Class size is limited to 20. Call 425-4412 to pre-register. Facilitated by Dan Hester and Pam Collins. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City-County Health Dept.



### Make Your Life Easier With Routine

**Aug 8 | Wed | 2:30-4p**  
**Adults: Parents/Guardians of young children**

Need to teach your infant to sleep through the night? Do you have a picky eater? You'll be amazed at the difference a routine will make in your family's life. Research shows that each family member is less stressed, easier to get along with and happier when there is a routine that is followed MOST of the time. We'll discuss ways to make a routine work for your family. Call 425 4412 to register. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City/County Health Dept.



### Music With Susan

**Aug 10,24 | Fri | 9:30-10a**  
**or 10:15-10:45a**

**Ages 2-3**

Join Susan for musical fun & activities selected just for this age group. Registration begins August 1 for the August 10 session, and August 15 for the August 24 session. Call 341-9282, ext. 4.



### Music With Susan

**Aug 10,24 | Fri | 11-11:30a**  
**Ages 4-6**

Join Susan for musical fun & activities selected just for this age group. Registration begins August 1 for the August 10 session, and August 15 for the August 24 session. Call 341-9282, ext. 4.



### 55 Drive Alive

**Aug 11 | Sat | 9:30a-4p**  
**Seniors**

AARP presents safe driving tips to help prevent and reduce the tragedy of injury and death for drivers on today's roads. Attendees are eligible by Oklahoma Law to get an insurance discount for three years. The course is centered on senior driving, however anyone age 16 and older may take the class. Dean Hansen of AARP is the instructor. There is

a \$10.00 fee payable on the day of the class. Please make checks out to AARP. Please call 341-9282 to register. (Limited to 35) Co-sponsor: AARP.

### Reader's Choice Book Discussion

**Aug 11 | Sat | 10:30a-Noon**  
**Seniors**

The Readers' Choice Book Discussion group meets once a month at the Edmond Library. The title for this month is *An Instance of the Finger Post* by Iain Pears. Call 341-9282 to register after July 14. (Limited to 15.)

### Wild Things Story Time with Angela

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

Get wild with Miss Angela as she brings new insight to *Where the Wild Things Are*. Join in with the activities and fun. Call 341 9282 x 4 to reserve a spot. Registration begins Aug. 1.



### Edmond Library Book Bunch Discussion Group

**Aug 11 | Sat | 1:30-2:30p**  
**10:30a-Noon**

**Seniors**

The Edmond Book Bunch meets once a month at the Edmond Library. The group is currently full. Please call 341-9282 to get on the waiting list. (Limited to 15.)

### Autism Support Group

**Aug 13 | Mon | 7-9p**  
**Adults**

The autism support group is for parents of children with autism and pdd. There will be occasional special speakers for the group. Co-sponsor: PAC.



### Meet Marilyn Williams: Local Notable

**Aug 15 | Wed | 9:30-11:15a**  
**Seniors**

Coffee Break 55+ has invited Marilyn Williams to join them for the morning. Ms. Williams is the founder of the Edmond Senior Center. She is currently a Hospice Chaplain and founder of the Edmond Community Foundation. Please join us for our regular activities and meet Marilyn Williams. Call 341-9282 for further information.

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### Teddy Bear Picnic

**Aug 20 | Mon | 10-10:40a**

**Ages 3-6**

You (and your teddy) are invited to a Teddy Bear Picnic in the story time room. We'll share stories, songs, small snack, and a craft.



Please come with or without a teddy bear! Pre-registration required. Registration starts Monday, July 30. Call 341-9282, ext 4.

### ESL/Citizenship

**Aug 20,22,27,29**

**Mon & Wed**

**5:30-8:30p Adults**

Improve your spoken and written English skills in this class. Class is free as are materials. Learn about qualifying for U.S. Citizenship. Call Mid-Del Adult Learning for more information at 739-1783. Co-sponsor: Mid-Del Adult Learning Center.



### Free Developmental Screening

**Aug 22 | Wed**

**10:30a-4p**

**Ages 1 month-5 years**

This is a great opportunity to book a free one-on-one screening of your preschooler with child specialists. Parents are encouraged to bring any questions they would like to ask of child development, behavioral health, and speech pathology professionals. Each child must be accompanied by a parent and/or legal guardian. Screenings are by appointment only and take approximately 1 hour. Sign up early as appointment slots fill up fast! Call Child Guidance at 425-4412 to pre-register. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City/County Health Dept.



### Myths of Parenting

**Aug 29 | Wed | 2:30-4p**

**Adults: Parents/Guardians of Young Children**

All of us get lots of advice from well-meaning friends and family members when it comes to raising children. Some of the advice handed down through families is helpful, other times the advice can be out-dated and even harmful. This is a fun class about some silly, some helpful, and some dangerous myths about parenting. Call 425 4412 to register. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City-County Health Dept.



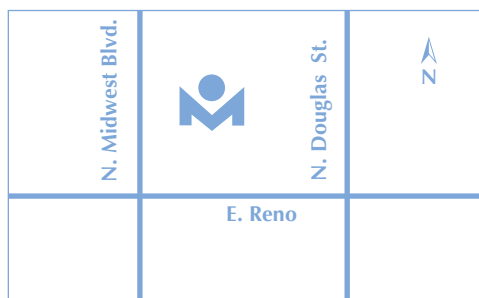
## Midwest City Library

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

### HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5  
Sun: 1-6



### Exhibit: "Stitching Memories: Preserving the Past, Celebrating a Life, Inspiring the Future"

**Aug 2 - Sept 4, During Library Hours  
All Ages**

The textile arts of Florence Potter Hughes, spanning more than 75 years of handwork, will be on display in the Midwest City Library Lobby Gallery. Florence was born in southern Mississippi in 1917 and moved to Midwest City in 1995. As a young girl growing up in the 1920s, she was surrounded with hand-crafted textiles and family lore involving quilting. Florence has stitched and quilted throughout her life and continues to make quilts for her grandchildren and to hemstitch blankets for her great-grandchildren. The exhibit includes a silhouette of a woman at a spinning wheel, hand stitched when Florence was 14, as well as many quilts made for her children and grandchildren. A hand-pieced quilt made in Alabama in 1850 by Florence's great-grandmother, Mary Ann Montgomery Brown, her daughter Martha Ann Brown, and her slave girl Lucy is also on display.

### Parachute Play

**Aug 1 | Wed | 10-11a**

**Ages 3-6 with Parents**

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



### Computer Basics for Adults & Seniors

**Aug 2 | Thur | 9:30-11:30a**

**Adults and Seniors**

Library staff will lead these computer classes for adults & seniors who know little to nothing about using a computer but want to learn. Learn the basics of using a computer, printer and mouse. Also, students will be introduced to opening, storing, and writing electronic documents. Enrollment is limited to eight students per class. Please pre-register at the Information Desk or call 732-4828.



### Community Quilting Class with Soldier Creek Quilting Group

**Aug 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. Co-sponsor: Soldier Creek Quilting Group.

### Toddler Story Time for Twos and Threes

**Aug 6,13,20 | Mon**

**10-10:30a**

**Ages 2 & 3 with Parents**

Join us for a special story time just for toddlers. There will be songs, stories, fingerplays and the occasional craft. Older & younger siblings are welcome. All children should be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration is required. Call 732-4828 or visit the Information Desk to sign up.



### Preschool Story Time for Fours and Fives

**Aug 6,13,20 | Mon**

**11-11:30a**

**Ages 4 & 5 with Parents**

Join us for a special story time just for preschoolers. There will be songs, stories, rhymes and the occasional craft. Older & younger siblings are welcome. All children should be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration is required. Call 732-4828 or visit the Information Desk to sign up.



### Getting Into Gear to Write: A Writer's Workshop

**Aug 6,20 | Mon | 6:30-8p**

**Adults**

Instructor Jan Hall has taught creative writing at Rose State College and will provide an overview of the creative writing process

# 55 Drive Alive and Defensive Driver Safety Course

## Defensive Driver Safety Course

Sat, Aug 11 9a-4p

Southern Oaks Library  
Pre-register at 631-4468

## 55 Drive Alive

Sat, Aug 11 9:30a-4pm

Edmond Library  
Pre-register at 341-9282

Southern Oaks Library's *Defensive Driving Safety Course* helps drivers (16 yrs. & up) refine existing skills and develop safe defensive driving techniques. *55 Drive Alive* at Edmond is centered on senior driving, however anyone 16 and older may take the class. Attendees are eligible by Oklahoma Law to receive a three-year insurance discount. \$10 fee is payable to AARP.

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for new and experienced writers. Participants will learn about discovering a writer's voice, finding ideas, creating space and time for writing, and finding a market for your work. Class members will participate in various interactive exercises. Space is limited to 12. To register, call Beth at 732-4828.

### How to Do Homework Without Throwing Up

Aug 7 | Tue | 1-2:30p

Ages 7-12

"Homework, who needs it?" You do! This workshop is for elementary aged students and looks at why it is important to do homework. The students will learn to make a homework schedule, find help when you need it, and avoid distractions at homework time. Plus make good decisions about school things. Sign up fast, as this group has a limit of 15. Call 425-4412 to register. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City-County Health Dept.

### School Skills Games

Aug 7 | Tue | 2:30-3:30p

Ages 7-12

This workshop is made up of games that help children practice skills that are important in school. It includes games focused on: math, spelling, and reading. Games will also allow the students to practice following directions, working with others and staying on task. Sign up fast, as this group has a limit of 15. Call 425-4412 to register. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City-County Health Dept.

### Young Writers Club

Aug 7 | Tue | 4:30-5:30p

Ages 8-12

All young writers are encouraged to join us as we have fun exploring the world of creative writing! Pre-register by 732-4828.

### Teens Assisting Library Keepers

Aug 7 | Tue | 5:30-6:30p

Ages 10-18

Teens can join us at the Midwest City Library to discuss future programs that they would like to see. Help us help you at T.A.L.K. Pre-register by calling 732-4828.



### Mid-Del Toastmasters

Aug 7,14,21 | Tue | 6-8p

Adults 18-Older

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

### Yu-Gi-Oh Tournament

Aug 8 | Wed | 4-5p

Ages 10-16

Do you have what it takes to be the "King of Games?" Join the Midwest City Yu-Gi-Oh



Tournament to trade or play for prizes. No pre-registration required.

### Scottish Gaelic Language Learner's Group

Aug 8,22 | Wed

7-8:30p

Adults and Age 10 & Older

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



### Internet Basics for Adults & Seniors

Aug 9 | Thur

9:30-11:30a

Adults and Seniors

Based on the successful program by volunteer Delores Payne, library staff will lead these computer classes for adults & seniors who know little to nothing about the Internet but want to learn. Via "hands-on" computer-based instruction, participants will learn the basics of Internet usage, will search the Internet via several popular search engines, and will preview several general interest Internet sites. Enrollment is limited to no more than eight students per class. Please pre-register at the Information Desk or call 732-4828.



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## Evening Story Time

**Aug 9 | Thur**

**6:30-7p**

**Ages 3-8 with Parents**

Come share an evening of fun with your child. Enjoy stories, songs, poems, rhymes and the occasional craft. All children should be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration is required. Call 732-4828 or visit the Information Desk to sign up.



## Hunter Education Safety Course

**Aug 11 | Sat | 9a-2:30p**

**Ages 10 & Older**

This home-study-based course is designed to improve your hunter safety skills and performance on hunter safety tests. You must either obtain a workbook directly from the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation or pick up a workbook up at the Midwest City Library. Complete the workbook prior to class and bring it with you to the class. Specific details about the ODWC Hunter's Education program can also be viewed online at [www.wildlifedepartment.com/hunted2.htm](http://www.wildlifedepartment.com/hunted2.htm). Participants ages 12 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is required. To register, please call 732-4828.

## Writers Refuge: Teen Writing Workshop

**Aug 14 | Tue | 4:30-5:30p**

**Ages 13-18**

Writer's Refuge gives teens the opportunity to talk with other teens about writing. Bring several samples of your writing to discuss with other teen writers. For grades 8-12. Pre-register by calling 732-4828.



## Chess Club

**Aug 14 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p**

**All Ages**

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

## Internet & E-mail Tutorial

**Aug 16 | Thur**

**9:30-11:30a**

**Adults & Seniors**

Join library staff and learn how to sign up for a free e-mail account. Participants will also be shown other useful online tutorials that they can use in developing their e-mail and internet skills. Participants will have online access during class in order to establish individual e-mail accounts. Basic familiarity with computers and the Internet



will let attendees make the most out of this class. All participants should have a valid Metropolitan Library System library card or qualify for visitor's access prior to the start of this program. Enrollment is limited to the first eight students. Please register at the Information Desk or by calling 732-4828.

## Book Bug Club

**Aug 16 | 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! Call the library to find out what book you are to read before the program. You can pick up a copy of the book at the Information Desk. Pre-registration is required. Call 732-4828 or visit the Information Desk to sign up.

## Adventure Book Club

**Aug 21 | Tue | 4-5p**

**Ages 9-13**

Choose your own ending in this Choose Your Own Adventure Book Club. How many endings can you find? Please pre-register by calling 732-4828.

## Teen Reads! Book Club

**Aug 21 | Tue | 5-6p**

**Ages 13-18**

Join us at Teen Reads where we will discuss our book of the month and have some snacks! Our book this month is Sequoyah Masterlist book *Uglies* by Scott Westerfield. Please pre-register by calling 732-4828. Due to limited space pre-registration is required.



## Talk It Up! Book Club

**Aug 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! Call the library to find out what book we are discussing at the program. You can pick up a copy of the book at the Information Desk. Pre-registration is required. Please call 732-4828 or visit the Information Desk to sign up.

## Toddler Aerobics

**Aug 27 | Mon | 10-10:30a**

**or 11-11:30a**

**Ages 2-6 with Parents**

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



## Whose Line? Improv Night

**Aug 28 | Tue | 5-6:30p**

**Ages 12-18**

Join us at Midwest City Library for fun improvisational theatre games based on the TV show, "Whose Line Is It Anyway". No experience required. Pre-register by calling 732-4828.



**Teens**

## Philosopher's Café

**Aug 30 | Thur | 4-5p**

**Grades 3-6**

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

## Ralph Ellison Library

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

### HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5

Sun: Closed

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## Let's Talk Toastmasters

**Aug 1,8,15,22,29 | Wed | 6-7p**

**Adults**

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

## Society of Urban Poets

**Aug 4 | Sat | 11a-1p**

**Adults**

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



# EXHIBIT

## National Inventors Month

August 1-31  
During Library Hours

**Southern Oaks Library**  
6900 S. Walker

Celebrate National Inventors Month! Come to the Southern Oaks Library anytime during library hours to view our display of inventors. Check out books and videos, and pick up reading lists, bookmarks and hand-outs. Information from the Oklahoma Inventors Congress and the Oklahoma Inventors Assistance Service will also be available.

### Math Tutoring for Students Aug 6,13,20,27 | Mon 4-6p

#### Elementary-High School

Having problems with math? Come to the Ralph Ellison Library for free tutoring.



### Girls Today Aug 11,25 | Sat | 2-4p Ages 10-19

Being a girl, much less a young lady, is nothing if not complicated. This workshop will cover all the details from grooming to manners that make a young lady a young lady. The public is welcome. Co-sponsor: Ronda Jackson.



### Preschool Story Time Aug 14,28 | Tue 10-10:40a

#### Ages 3 and Older

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



### Southern Oaks Library

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

#### HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5  
Sun: 1-6



### National Inventor's Month Exhibit Aug 1-30 | Library Hours

#### All Ages

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### English as a Second Language Aug 1

Wed | 3-6p

#### Ages 16 & Older

Improve your English speaking, reading and writing skills in this free class for people who are new to the English language. For more information or to register, call the Mid-Del Adult Learning Center at 739-1783.



#### GED

Aug 6,8,13,15,20,22,27,29

Mon & Wed | 3-6p

#### Ages 16 & Older

Review math, social studies, English skills and reading comprehension for the GED exam. Register with the instructor on the first day you attend class. All materials are furnished free of charge. Questions? Please call the Mid-Del Adult Learning Center at 739-1783.



### How to Do Homework Without Throwing Up

Aug 9 | Thur | 1-2:30p

#### Ages 7-12

"Homework, who needs it?" You do! This workshop is for elementary aged students and looks at why it is important to do homework. The students will learn to make a homework schedule, find help when they need it, and avoid distractions at homework time. Pre-registration is required. Sign up by

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## Wizard Rock Concert

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19TH  
5PM

The  
Whomping  
Willows

SOUTHERN OAKS LIBRARY  
6900 S. WALKER, OKC



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QUESTIONS? CALL

631-4468



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## Southern Oaks Library, continued

calling 425-4412. Facilitated by Pam Collins and Dan Hester. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City/County Health Dept.

### School Skills Games

**Aug 9 | Thur | 2:30-3:30p**

**Ages 7-12**

This program is made up of games that help children practice skills that are important in school. It includes games focused on: math, spelling, and reading. Games will also allow students to practice following directions, working with others, and staying on task. Sign up fast to reserve your spot, by calling 425-4412. Facilitated by Pam Collins and Dan Hester. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City-County Health Dept.

### Defensive Driver Safety Course

**Aug 11 | Sat | 9a-4p**

**Ages 16 & Older**

The fee is \$10.00 (for book) payable to the AARP. This course helps drivers (16 years and older) refine existing skills and develop safe defensive driving techniques. Upon successfully completing the course, graduates of the AARP Driver Safety Program may be eligible to receive a state-mandated multi-year discount on their auto insurance premiums. Must attend the entire day to receive the certificate. Call 631-4468 to sign up for the program. Co-sponsor: AARP.

### Southern Oaks Book Club

**Aug 14 | Tue | 11:30a- 12:30p**

**Adults**

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

### Scarlet Kitsune Anime Club

**Aug 14,28 | Tue**

**6:30-8:30p**

**Ages 13 & Older**

The Scarlet Kitsune Anime Club will be screening popular animation from Japan. Call 631-4468 for more information. Co-sponsor: Scarlet Kitsune Anime Club.

### Parachute Play

**Aug 15 | Wed | 10:30-11a**

**For Children Ages 3-6 and their 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... and it's loads of fun! Pre-registration is required. Call 425-4412 to sign up. Facilitated by Tracy Goebel and Cheryl Custer. Co-Sponsor: Oklahoma City-County Health Dept.

### Skateboard School

**Aug 19 | Sun | 4-5p**

**All Ages**

Join Steve McNutt owner of Altered Skates and skateboarding instructor for a quick lesson and demo. McNutt's skate team will be there to demonstrate how they win competitions across the country. To pre-register call 631-4468 or stop by the Information Desk.

### The Remus Lupins Wizard

#### Rock Concert

**Aug 19 | Sun | 5-8p**

**All Ages**

We're saying goodbye to summer with a back-to-school blowout wizard rock concert, featuring music inspired by Harry Potter. Join us for this all-ages outdoor event starring the Remus Lupins and the Whomping Willows. Dress up, bring your wands, and remember, Voldemort can't stop the rock!

### SO Write: Creative Writing Club for Kids

**Aug 23 | Thur | 4:30-5:30p**

**For Kids Ages 9-12**

If you enjoy writing stories, poems, or comics, this club is for you. Bring a story or poem you've written to share with us. We'll do some mad libs and a writing exercise. Pre-registration is required. Sign up by calling 631-4468 or by visiting the Information Desk.

### Developmental Health Screening

**Aug 24 | Fri | 9:30a-4p**

**Ages 1 Month to 5 Years with parent or guardian**

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



kids your age to discuss a great book. We will have a snack, play a game, and make a craft. Call the library to register and to find out what book to read before the program. Call 631-4468.

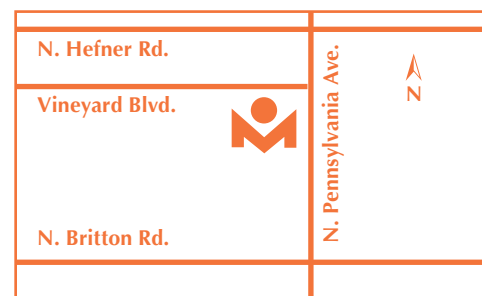
## The Village Library

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

### HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5  
Sun: Closed



### ESL

**Aug 1,20,22,27,29**

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

**Adults**

Improve your English speaking, reading and writing skills in this free class for people who are new to the English language. For more information or to register, call 739-1783. Co-sponsored by Mid-Del Learning Center.



### Teen Advisory Board

**Aug 2 | Thur | 5-6p**

**Ages 12-17**

Do you want to get involved with the library? With the Village Library's Teen Advisory Board (TAB) you can share your thoughts and ideas about books and teen programming with the young adult librarian. Pick up a TAB application at the Information Desk.



### Spanish Language Class

**Aug 2,9,16,23,30**

**Thur | 5-6p**

**Adults**

Join instructor Maria Rodriguez for a fun, free class to learn the basics of Spanish. Students will meet for 16 sessions on Thursday nights. Materials provided. Please call 755-0710 to sign up, as space is limited. Sponsored by the Village Friends of the Library.



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# Library Night at the Ballpark

If you completed Goal 2 in the Summer at the Library program, join us for Library Night at the Ballpark!

**Tuesday, August 14**

**7:05pm**

AT&T Bricktown Ballpark

Oklahoma Redhawks vs. Memphis Redbirds

Admission is a Library Night at the Ballpark coupon received after completing Goal 2 at Summer at the Library.



*The Village Library, continued*

## Tai Chi With Mickey Sherman Aug 6,13,20,27 | Mon | 9-10a Adults

Join Tai Chi instructor Mickey Sherman for these free, fun and informative sessions. Every Monday morning for 16 weeks we will meet at 9am. What a nice way to start the week! New participants can simply show up and check in with the instructor. Sponsored by the Village Friends of the Library.

## Computer Basics For Adults Aug 18 | Sat | 10-11:30a Adults



Free computer class for adults! Learn to use Microsoft Windows on and off the Internet. Learn the features of a Word Window and an Internet Window, how to open and close a Word Window, create and print a Word document and find and print information from the Internet. Come in or call to sign-up. Village Library (405) 755-0710.

## Book Discussion Group Aug 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 3 p.m. to discuss our latest pick. Copies of this month's title can be picked up at the Village Information Desk.

## Anime Club

**Aug 23 | Thur | 5-6p  
Teens**



**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, pick up some freebies, and be prepared for some fun discussion. Snacks will be provided. Anime may contain material that is considered unsuitable for ages 13 and under. Please pre-register at the Information Desk.

## Warr Acres Library

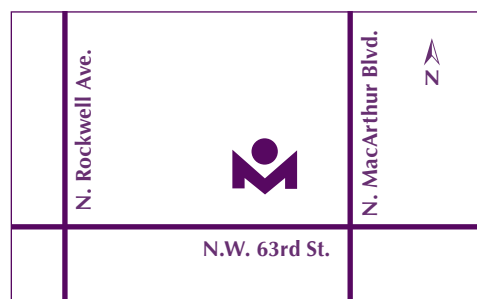
5901 N.W. 63rd, Warr Acres  
(405) 721-2616

### HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5

Sun: Closed



## Book Club

**Aug 13 | Mon | 11a-Noon  
Adults**

The Warr Acres Library Book Club will be discussing *The Innocent Man* by John Grisham. This nonfiction book is about an Ada, Oklahoma murder trial.

## Preschool Developmental Screening

**Aug 17 | Fri | 9a-4p**

**Birth to Age 5**

**With parent or guardian**



Book a one-on-one screening of your preschooler with experts in child development and speech pathology from OKC-County Health Department. A parent or legal guardian must accompany the child for the 1 hour session. Screenings are by appointment only; please call, 425-4412.

## Coffee Break

**Aug 20 | Mon | 9:30-10:30a**

**Adults**

Join us for coffee & conversation in a relaxed, informal setting. Coffee & light refreshments will be served at the library.

## Parenting Toddlers

**Aug 21 | Tue | 2:30-4p**

**For Caregivers of**

**Children Ages 1-3**



The way we talk to toddlers affects their language development and behavior. The language you choose can make the difference in whether or not your child listens, cooperates and learns. Learn some simple ways to stimulate your child's best behavior and best language. Facilitated by Deborah Shapiro and Robyn Sears, Oklahoma City-County Health Department. Please pre-register at 425-4412.



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## Off the Beaten Path

## ... *Discovering New Literary Treasures*

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

Roberts, Cokie. *Founding Mothers: The Women Who Raised Our Nation*.  
973.30922/R6435f

Recently, our founding fathers have been re-christened with the friendlier nickname, Founding Brothers, but despite this humanizing touch for the men in the tri-corner hats, not much has been done to familiarize us with the women in their lives. TV/Radio news commentator Roberts has collected a group of historical sketches and popular anecdotes about the wives, mothers, sisters and daughters of the Men Who Made the Nation to illustrate that the Women Who Made the Men were significant as well.

Russo, Richard. *Straight Man*.  
FICTION/RUS

Ever wonder what it's like to be a college professor? Do you like reading the same student essay over and over again? Are you really into small time departmental politics? Get a kick out of preparing last minute budgets? Yeah, you and William Henry Devereaux Jr., too. Hank is Chair of the Dept. of English at West Central Pennsylvania University and his quiet desperation makes for a funny look at academic life.





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<b>BETHANY</b> 3510 N. Mueller, Bethany, 789-8363	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	—
<b>CAPITOL HILL</b> 334 S.W. 26th, OKC, 634-6308	9-8	9-8	9-8	9-8	9-6	9-5	—
<b>CHOCTAW</b> 2525 Muzzy Street, Choctaw, 390-8418	9-8	9-8	9-8	9-8	9-6	9-5	—
<b>DEL CITY</b> 4509 S.E. 15th, Del City, 672-1377	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	—
<b>DOWNTOWN</b> 300 Park Ave., OKC, 231-8650	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
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<b>MIDWEST CITY</b> 8143 E. Reno, MWC, 732-4828	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
<b>RALPH ELLISON</b> 2000 N.E. 23rd, OKC, 424-1437	9-8	9-8	9-8	9-8	9-6	9-5	—
<b>SOUTHERN OAKS</b> 6900 S. Walker, OKC, 631-4468	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
<b>THE VILLAGE</b> 10307 N. Pennsylvania Avenue, The Village, 755-0710	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	—
<b>WARR ACRES</b> 5901 N.W. 63rd, Warr Acres, 721-2616	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	—

## MLS EXTENSION LIBRARIES\*

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<b>*HARRAH</b> 1930 N. Church Avenue, Harrah, 454-2001	9:30-6	9:30-6	9:30-6	9:30-6	9-5	9-5	—
<b>*JONES</b> 111 E. Main, Jones, 399-5471	—	9:30-5:30	—	9:30-5:30	—	1-5	—
<b>*LUTHER</b> 310 N.E. 3rd, Luther, 277-9967	9-5	—	9-5	—	10-5	9-1	—
<b>*NICOMA PARK</b> 2240 Overholser, Nicoma Park, 769-9452	—	9:30-5:30	9:30-5:30	9:30-5:30	9-5	9-5	—
<b>*WRIGHT</b> 2101 Exchange, OKC, 235-5035	—	10-5:30	10-5:30	10-5:30	10-3	10-3	—

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