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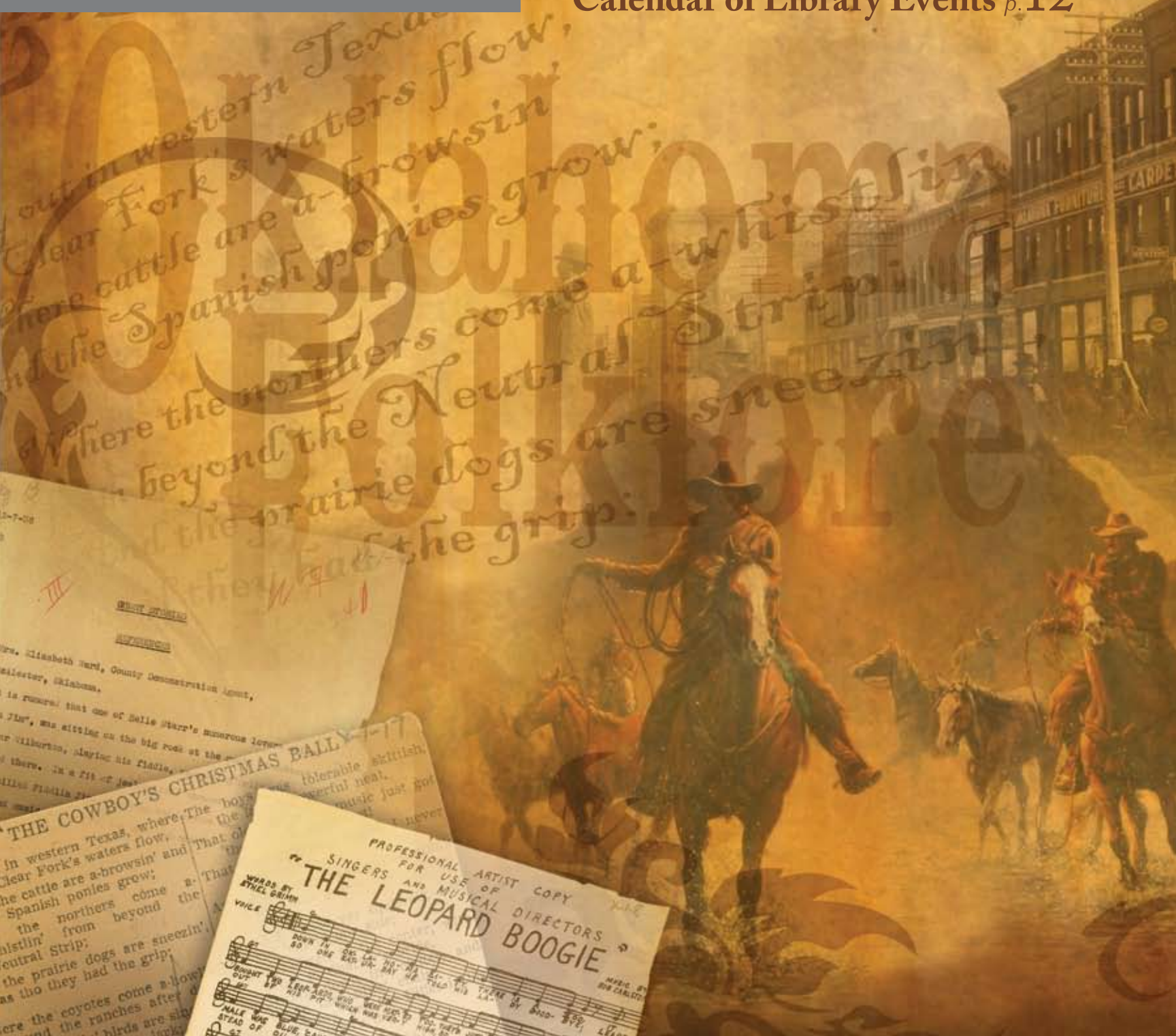
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Here we go, headed into the dog days of summer, when the weather is hot and—well, hotter. When the heat of August raises its hand and says “Here,” even the toughest among us thinks about taking some health precautions.

Stop by your neighborhood Metropolitan Library System library to learn about some good ways to maintain or improve your health. Just take a look at the article in this issue on our Healthful Programs.

And for a touch of Okie nostalgia, see our piece on the MLS Oklahoma Folklore Collection, which contains letters, diaries, songs and poems written by the common folks who settled our state. Most of this material has never been published so if you want to see it, the MLS website, www.metrolibrary.org, is the place to go.

Here’s hoping you enjoy this issue of *info* while luxuriating with mankind’s most glorious invention—air conditioning!





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Oklahoma Images



Off The Rails

by Larry Johnson

It looks like lofty oil and gasoline prices are the newest amendments to Ben Franklin's shortlist of life's certainties. As one bus stop philosopher was overheard saying recently, "Some day this petroleum-fuelled utopia had to end. 'S time for folks to start livin' right." She was not talking to anyone obviously present and she did not actually board the bus, but that doesn't make her words any less wise.



Three years ago I cut my daily commute from 40 miles to 10 and started carpooling. On days I don't carpool, I make every attempt to ride the bus to work. So I'm getting by alright. Except on those bus days. One day, it took 11 hours to put in my 8 hours after factoring the walk to the bus stop, the wait, and the 45-minute, 5-mile bus ride each way. During my lonely 35-minute wait for the trip home, I got to thinking about the old Oklahoma Railway Company and its electric street cars.

The ORC has been the stuff of romantic nostalgia in the city for some time and it's still the darling of railfans. At the

street car system's peak of ridership, most homes in the city were within a short walk of a rail stop and cars hummed by every 12 minutes. Colleges, schools, major employers and recreational and entertainment venues were all well-served for a nickel a ride.

At the time of the ORC's demise in the late 1940s, critics said the private venture was never

profitable and couldn't operate without public subsidies. That might sound right to many on first hearing it, but I'll wager that Anton Classen and John Shartel would disagree with the profitability argument. They became millionaires using their street car franchise to sell thousands on the idea that they could live in the suburbs and ride the rails to work. And you'll have a hard time

convincing me that the billions spent constructing roads aren't public subsidies of a transportation system.

It's folly to think that oil-soaked Oklahoma City could have ever resisted the national trend

toward the private automobile, but on that long workday last week, a street car clanging by every 12 minutes would have seemed like a luxury.

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



Tunnels

by Roderick Gordon and Brian Williams

Here is yet another Young Adult novel from the UK recommended by Harry Potter fans.

Will Burrows and his archaeologist father like to go digging for signs of underground life and they find evidence of an underground city. When Dr. Burrows goes missing, Will and his friend Chester Rawls follow his tracks and find themselves in an underground colony of pallid-faced people who are not all friendly. In fact, those who dare to enter the

colony from the top soil are captured and tortured.

This is an exciting read that will appeal to adults and young people alike but be warned, it can be very dark in more ways than one!

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.



Reviewed by Christine Bassett



Loving Frank: A Novel

by Nancy Horan

I admit I didn't know much about Frank Lloyd Wright other than Oklahoma proudly celebrates him as the architect of the Price Tower in Bartlesville. Last year, I cataloged a book about the death of his mistress, Mamah Bouton Borthwick. Her sensational murder sparked my interest in Wright. Curiously, there's very little information available about his relationship with Mamah (pronounced May-mah) other than the brief account he gave of her in his own autobiography.

The appeal of Horan's historical novel lies in years of research, giving voice to a woman who left behind a husband and two children in order to be with the man she loved. Both were ostracized and attacked by the press, and Wright's reputation and career suffered. The two tried to live quietly in Taliesin, a home built by Wright in Wisconsin,

and struggled to be accepted by the community. There, Mamah worked in her garden and translated works by Swedish feminist Ellen Key.

The novel begins with the commissioning of the Cheney house in 1903. A powerful attraction draws the lovers together, and Mamah struggles with the consequences of her clandestine affair. The sufferings of her children, sister, and husband weigh heavily on her. Her inner struggle is also emotionally exhausting. Seeking to find a place within the intellectual world that calls to her and to be with her soul mate, the choices Mamah makes lead her on a doomed path from which there is no escape.

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.



Reviewed by Jana Hausburg



Devil May Care

by Sebastian Faulks writing as Ian Fleming

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of Ian Fleming's birth, another shot has been taken at reviving Fleming's famous spy, James Bond. Mainstream novelist Sebastian Faulks has produced the ridiculously titled *Devil May Care*, and the book plays out like a James Bond's Greatest Hits album, trotting out all the 007-cliches. If the novel had really been written by Fleming, Bondistas would have condemned it as being just too formulaic—but since Fleming has been dead for 44 years, *Devil May Care* can be cut some slack for being a sweet, nostalgic ride.

Unlike earlier Bond pastiches, this one is set soon after the action in *The Man With the Golden Gun*. The Cold War is still pretty chilly and villainous Dr. Julius Gornier wants to set the Soviet Union at Britain's throat, hoping Shakespeare's "Sceptered Isle" will drop to 3rd World status.

The book is fun, easy to read and just as easy to forget.

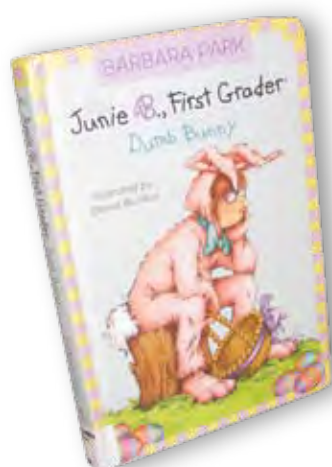
Doug Bentin appears weekly on the MLS TV program "Read About It." Check out his movie reviews in The Oklahoma Gazette, and his occasional film writing on the Oklahoma Film Critics Circle website, <http://ofccircle.org/>

Reviewed by Doug Bentin



Junie B., First Grader: Dumb Bunny

by Barbara Park



Junie B. Jones is the long-time darling of the elementary-school set. She has made learning-to-read a fun and humorous experience for lots of kids. They love the way she interacts with her family, teachers, and classmates in Room One. They like the conversations she has with her beloved purple elephant, Philip Johnny Bob. They identify with her because she isn't perfect and she gets in trouble.

In this installment, Junie B. gets in trouble for calling her nemesis, May, a dumb bunny. However, she's the one who feels dumb when she wins the dubious honor of wearing a bunny costume at an Easter party hosted by rich Lucille. The giant bunny feet hinder her search for the

golden egg, which will entitle the finder to a play-date to swim in Lucille's heated swimming pool.

The books may not appeal to those who already know how to read well, but even adults may find listening to the episodes as audiobooks very entertaining. The reader, Lana Quintal, has the voice of a first-grader and brings the stories to life so vividly you can almost see the action. Junie B. is a great choice for road trips and might even open discussions about such topics as, well, name calling.

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.

Reviewed by Phyllis Davidson



Reviews & Recommendations



The Kalahari Typing School for Men by R.A. McCall Smith

Reviewed by Phyllis Davidson



The owner of The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency, Mma Ramotswe, is back in her fourth installment. She is unhappy to learn that she is facing competition from a new detective agency in town. The proprietor boasts of his credentials and experience and scoffs at her business. It is true that she and her spinster assistant operate from a room in the back of Tlokweng Road Speedy Motors, an auto-repair business that belongs to her fiancé, Mr. J.L.B. Matekoni. It is also true that she received her training from a mail-order book, "The Principles of Private Investigation," but the new competitor does not have her gentle and wise way with people.

The threat of the competing detective agency causes the assistant to fear for her job, so she opens the Kalahari Typing School for Men. While she is discovering romance among the typewriters, Mma Ramotswe helps a penitent man locate two women whom he once wronged so he can apologize and make amends.

On their day off, she and her kind-hearted fiancé visit the orphan farm where he regularly repairs the ancient water pump and automobiles. Mma Ramotswe gets advice about raising the two orphan children whom the overbearing house mother foisted on him in a previous installment. This time he finds the courage to stand up to her and tells her that he cannot repair the pump again--she must buy a new one.

The characters in the story interact with one another with inspiring gentleness and courtesy while drinking comforting cups of red bush tea. It's like I used to say after reading a Rosamunde Pilcher book, "Nothing drastic happened, but I enjoyed reading about it anyway."

You may want to start at the beginning of the series with *The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency*, *Tears of the Giraffe*, and *Morality for Beautiful Girls*. I highly recommend the audio book versions because of the exotic reading talents of Scourby Award winner, Lisette Lecat.



The Secret Adventures Of Charlotte Bronte by Laura Joh Rowland

Reviewed by Christine Bassett



Charlotte Bronte and her three siblings, Branwell, Anne and Emily, feature in this exciting example of the ever popular trend to cast real deceased people in detective novels.

Set in Victorian England at the time when the Bronte sisters were all writing under the pseudonymous surname of Bell (Charlotte called herself "Currer," Anne was "Acton," and Emily was "Ellis"), Charlotte and Anne travel to London to see their publisher. There they come across the body of a lady with whom they have recently

become acquainted. Charlotte becomes involved in tracing the murderer and finds herself ensnared in a deeper plot affecting the security not only of the monarchy but also her own family.

Readers interested in learning more about the Bronte family will thoroughly enjoy this mystery which includes an added bonus of a romantic involvement for Charlotte reminiscent of the one she created for the main character in her novel *Jane Eyre*.



Healthful Programs In August

The 17 Metropolitan Library System libraries spread throughout Oklahoma County are not just in the central Oklahoma community—they're important parts of the community, frequently serving as first points of contact for people with a variety of problems and concerns. Public libraries were created by people who saw the need for places to which their fellow citizens could go for direction when they had to have some help.

One of the things we do is provide some basic information in the areas of health and family welfare. MLS has long been a leader in presenting programs that assist our customers in finding out what to do and where to go for more detailed health care information.

Here are some of the MLS health and welfare programs on tap for August.



Child Guidance Parent Talk

This program is for parents and caregivers of young children. These sessions

provide a great opportunity to discuss the normal range of early development as well as any parenting questions you may have in the areas of Speech, Language, Development and Behavior. Sessions will be held at the following libraries in August: Southern Oaks on Aug. 1; Warr Acres on Aug. 8; Del City on Aug. 11; Belle Isle on Aug. 12; Edmond on Aug. 13; Midwest City on Aug. 25, and Downtown on Aug. 28.

Health Screening for Medicare-Eligible Seniors



Eligible seniors are invited to attend sessions at Belle Isle Library on Aug. 7, Choctaw Library on Aug. 14, Southern Oaks

on Aug. 21, or Midwest City on Aug. 26 for blood sugar/cholesterol screenings. Oklahoma City Clinic will provide this FREE, confidential service, so plan to come by and make your health a priority.

Learning to Speak Alzheimer's

This is a presentation by the Oklahoma Regional Alzheimer's Association providing information about Alzheimer's. They will share



behaviors patients and caregivers can expect, the vocabulary, resources available, and much more.

This free program is open to anyone, but is designed for adults. Sessions will be held at Southern Oaks, Aug. 11; Midwest City, Aug. 14; Belle Isle, Aug. 19; and Bethany Library on Aug. 25.

Autism Support Group

Edmond Library will host an Autism Support Group meeting for parents on August 11.



Please see the Calendar of Events in this issue for specific times.

We're here to help. Call, visit our website at www.metrolibrary.org, or stop by your neighborhood library and we'll help you figure out where to go from there.



Oklahoma Folklore

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GHOST STORIES

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(A) Mrs. Elizabeth Ward, County Demonstration Agent,
Waller, Oklahoma.

It is rumored that one of Belle Starr's numerous lovers called
Fiddlin' Jim, was sitting on the big rock at the mouth of Hobbs
creek, near Wilburton, playing his fiddle, serenading Belle Starr who
camped there. In a fit of jealous rage another admirer of
and killed Fiddlin' Jim. Now when the harvest
and music coming from the cave and



One of the most popular destinations on your Metropolitan Library System's website, www.metrolibrary.org, is the Oklahoma Images section. This is where we get the photos that inspire Larry Johnson's monthly "Oklahoma Images" articles.

But there's another area on our website that is of interest to readers of "Oklahoma Images," and that's the Oklahoma Folklore Collection. There, hundreds of Oklahoma memories are available.

The Oklahoma Folklore Collection is the result of an effort by the Metropolitan Library System in the late 1940's and early 1950's to collect and preserve the stories, memories, and songs that make up Oklahoma's rich folk tradition.

MLS Researcher Stuart Williamson worked with the Folklore Collection as his contribution to Oklahoma's centennial celebration.

"Clarence Paine, who was an avid historian and director of the library system in the late 1940s, contacted Bob Duncan, a radio folk singer and song writer, and they collected folklore from around the state," Williamson said.

"In the early 1980s," Williamson added, "the Inasmuch Foundation looked for a special project with which they could help the library and it was decided to try to get the collection online by Oklahoma's centennial year. Librarian Larry Johnson, who has since published the book 'Historic Photos of Oklahoma City,' cataloged the photo collection, which had never been done before, and put everyone online at our website."

Some of the most interesting pieces in the collection are the cowboy songs that were written by range riders and homesteaders and have never been professionally printed or recorded.

*"Right after our wedding we started homesteading,
And raising the golden grain,
But then this young lassie got wicked and sassy
And traded our sunshine for rain.
Now I'm an old father with children to bother,
And still I sing this refrain.
The years they keep dragging and the missus keeps nagging
And I wish I was back on the range."*

The person who submitted this lyric said of it that it "was written in Texas by a cowpoke who seemed to be in trouble with the law, and that's about the only history I know of."

And how can anyone fail to heed good old Oklahoma country advice like this:

*"I'm a good old honest farmer and I just came to town—
Raised three bales of cotton that I saved the whole year round.
Oh, I put my team in the wagon yard, went out to get same gin,
Went out to see them electric lights and to watch them cars come in--
And it's listen to me Farmers, I'm here to talk you sense,
If you want to see them electric lights, look right over the fence.
Don't you monkey with those City Ducks for they are slick as lard--
It's best go out in the day time, but at night stay in the yard."*



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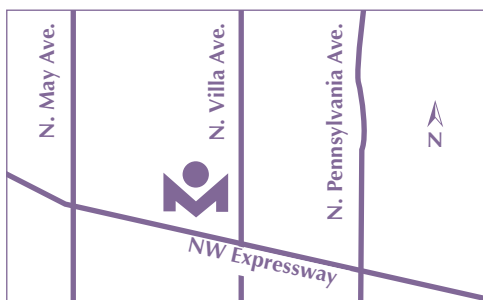
To see the latest information about library programs and events, please click on Calendar of Events on the MLS website: www.metrolibrary.org

Belle Isle Library

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

HOURS

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



Score Small Business Counseling

Aug 2,16 | 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.

Library Night at the Ballpark

Aug 5 | Tue | 7p

Children and Teen

Readers



Location: Bricktown Ballpark
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Health Screening for Medicare Eligible Seniors

Aug 7 | Thur | 10-11:30a

Adults

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Candle Making Workshop

Aug 11 | Mon | 6:30-8:30p

All Ages

Two different candle styles will be demonstrated in this free workshop: the dip method where you keep dipping the wick into wax until it builds up to a big candle and also pouring the melted wax into a jar or votive. We'll also see how to use fragrances and dyes and other things. It will be easy and fun, and you'll will also get information to take away to make candles on your own. Space is limited; sign up at the Reference Desk.

Child Guidance Parent Talk

Aug 12 | Tue | 9:30a-4:30p

Ages Birth-5 years

For parents and caregivers of young children. 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.



Metro OKC Knit Guild Group

Aug 17 | Sun | 3-5p

Teens & 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. August's lesson is "Mitered Squares." For information about the group, call 848-5174 or e-mail metrookccknitguild@gmail.com

Learning To Speak Alzheimer's

Aug 19 | Tue | 2-2:30p

Adults

Oklahoma Regional Alzheimer's Association will present a program of information about Alzheimer's disease. They will share behaviors patients and caregivers can expect, the vocabulary, resources available, and much more. This free program is open to anyone. Call 843-9601 to pre-register. Co-sponsor: Central Oklahoma Regional Alzheimer's Association.

Julie the Rockhound

Aug 28 | Thur | 10-11a

Pre-kindergarten

Hear stories about hunting rocks and collecting whatever you want to collect. Miss B will be giving out some samples for you to begin your collection. Pre-register with the Belle Isle Reference Desk or call 843-9601.



Metropolitan Library Commission of Oklahoma County

Aug 28 | Thur | 3:30-5p

Belle Isle Library

5501 N. Villa

OKC, OK 73112

405.843.9601

The public is welcome to attend.



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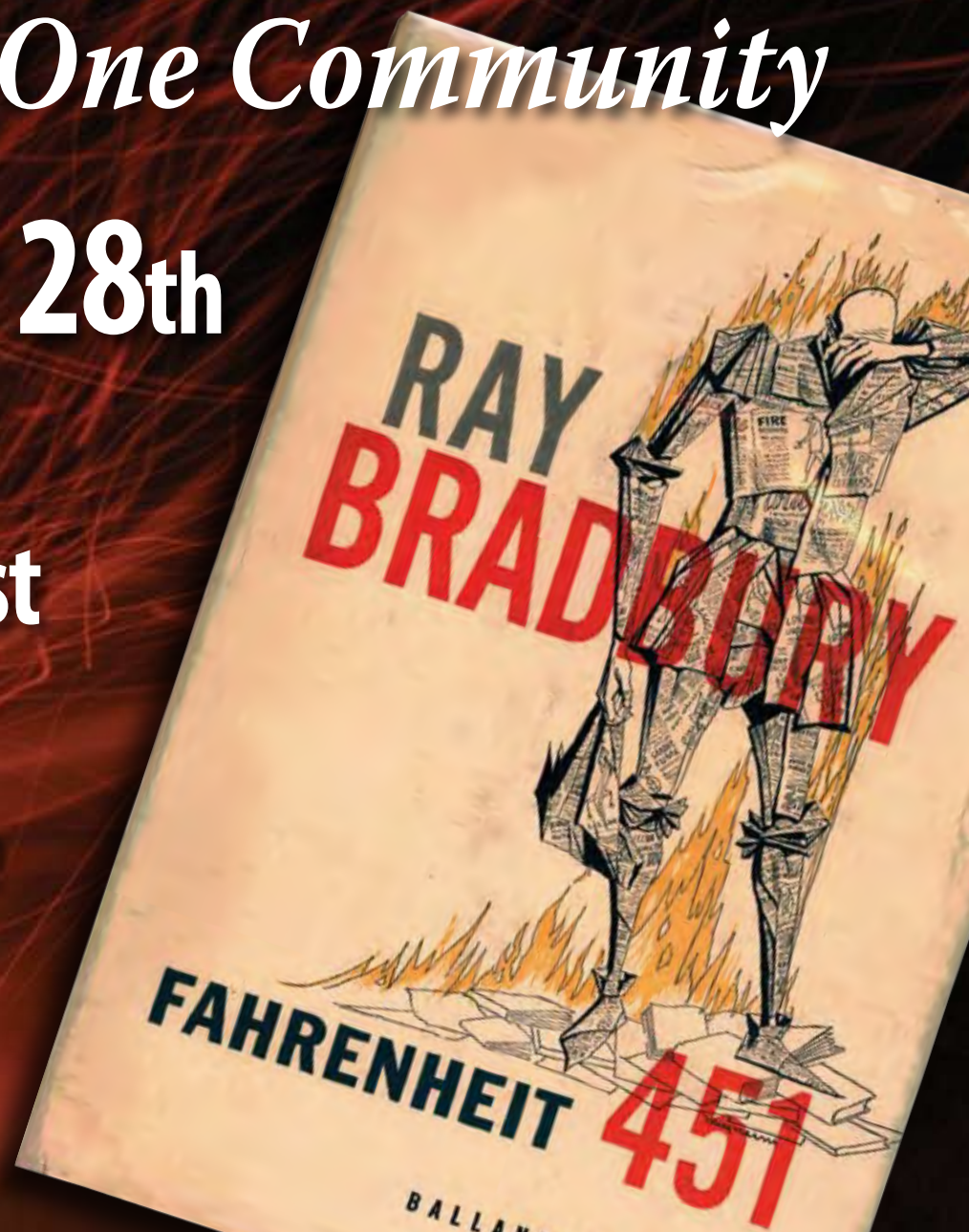
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Bethany Library

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

HOURS

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



Capitol Hill Library

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

HOURS

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Fri: 9-6 Sun: Closed

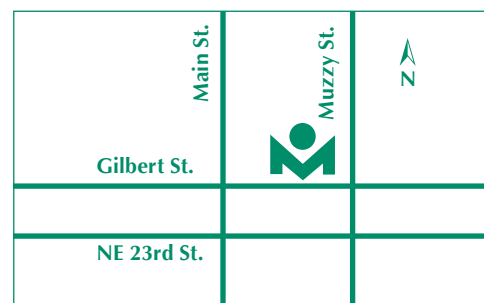


Choctaw Library

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

HOURS

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



Ice Cream Social

Aug 2 | Sat | 2-3p

All Ages

For a cool respite from the summer heat, please join the Bethany Library staff for our annual end of summer and back to school event. Pick a flavor and we will scoop it up for you. What's more fun than ice cream and smilin' faces? Sorbet will be offered for those with dairy concerns.

Library Night at the Ballpark

Aug 5 | Tue | 7p

Children and Teen

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Music with Susan

Aug 6 | Wed | 10a-10:30a

Ages 3-6

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



Learning to Speak Alzheimer's

Aug 25 | Mon | 10a-11a

Teens - Adults

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Scrapbooking

Aug 16 | Sat | 2-3p

Adults

Preserve those special moments you cherish, so that you can relive them again. Whether you want to remember a family vacation or detail special events, scrapbooking is a great way to do document 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.

Internet Basics

Aug 23 | Sat | 2-3p

Adults

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



Choctaw Library Pageturner's Club

Aug 2 | Sat | 10-11:30a

Adults

Choctaw Library Pageturner's Club meets once a month, usually the first Saturday. Please call early to find out the title of the book to be discussed.

Lapsit Story Time

Aug 5,12,19,26 | 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 5,12,19,26 | 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.



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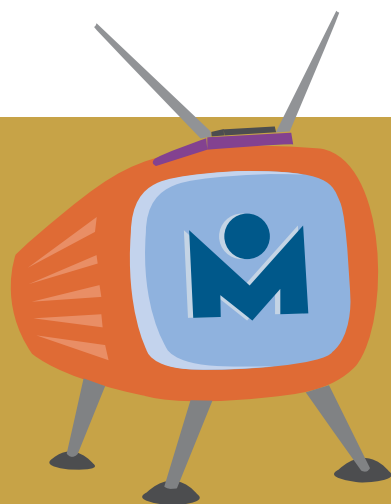


Free Health Screening for Medicare-Eligible Seniors

Aug 14 | Thur | 10-11:30a

Seniors

Oklahoma City Clinic clinicians will



Read About It

Discussions with Authors & Book Reviews

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

OKLAHOMA CITY— The Oklahoma Book Awards, the Wild West and Aaron Burr, 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.

August 2 Nancy Isenberg, winner of the 2008 Oklahoma Book Award, will discuss *Fallen Founder: The Life of Aaron Burr*.

Guests and program schedules are subject to change without notice.

August 9 Jim Chastain, local attorney and poet, will discuss, *Antidotes and Home Remedies*.

August 16 Glenda Carlile, author and executive director of the Oklahoma Center for the Book at The Oklahoma Department of Libraries, will discuss the Oklahoma Book Awards.

August 23 Jim Fullbright, native Oklahoman and researcher of the Wild West, will discuss *Oklahoma Rough Rider*.

August 30 Lance Hawvermale, an AmeriCorps alumnus, will discuss *The Tongue Merchant*.

conduct free health screenings for "Medicare Eligible" seniors. Pre-registration preferred. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City Clinic.

Teen Advisory Board Aug 14 | Thur | 6-7p Grades 7-12



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

Make and Take: Bug and Blooms Aug 15 | Fri | 10:30-11:30a Children 2-5 with Parent



Bring your children and have fun making "Bug and Bloom" crafts. Community resources, library, and child development information will be available. Facilitated by Child Guidance staff. Please pre-register: 425-4412. Co-sponsor: OKCCHD.

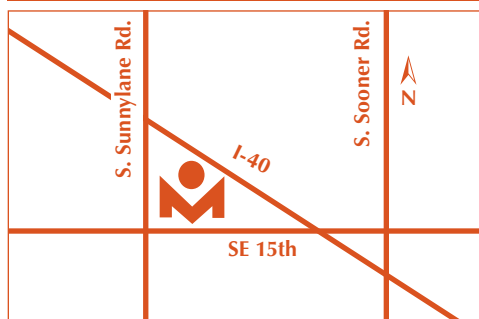
Del City Library

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(405) 672-1377

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: Closed



Basic Computer Training

Aug 1,8 | Fri | 2-3p
Aug 5,19 | Tue
6:30-7:30p
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.

Library Night at the Ballpark

Aug 5 | Tue | 7p
Children and Teen
Readers



Location: Bricktown Ballpark

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Play Time

Aug 7 | Thur | 10-11a
Ages 6 Months-3 Years



PlayTime is a time for small children to play with toys provided by the library. Rae Kirkman from Midwest City-Del City Public Schools' Parents as Teachers program will share information about that activity!

Weaving With Elia

Aug 9 | Sat | 2-2:45p
Ages 6-12

Children will have fun learning hand weaving! Elia will share basic weaving techniques. Children will have an opportunity to do simple weaving.

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Parachute Play

Aug 11 | Mon | 10:30-11a
Ages 2-6 years



Playing games with a parachute, children practice such skills as following directions, socializing with others, using language, using small and large muscles, and remaining in control during very active play. Please call 425-4412 to pre-register. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City/County Health Department.

Child Guidance Parent Talk

Aug 11 | Mon | 1-4p
Ages 1 Month-5 years with Parent/Legal Guardian



For parents and caregivers of young children. 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.

GameFest

Aug 14 | Thur | 4-6p
Teens



Bring your friends and come play video games at the library! Games are rated E, E10+, and T. Pre-register.

Handwriting Analysis

Aug 16 | Sat | 1-2p
Adults

What does your Handwriting say about you? Are you creative, considerate, or organized? What does handwriting look like if someone is lying? Carolyn Emery, experienced handwriting analyst, will be at the Del City Library teaching a handwriting analysis workshop to help you answer these questions. Call 672-1377 to pre-register.

Free Downtown Personal Safety Course

August 11, 5:30-7:30p

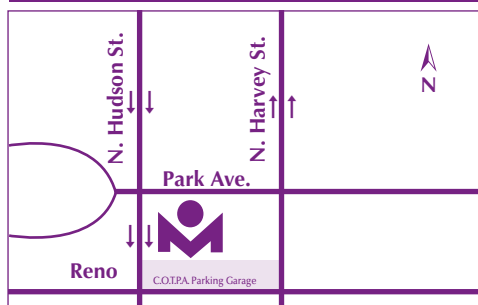
Learn basic safety strategies and self defense techniques and more!

Downtown Library

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

HOURS

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



Library Night at the Ballpark

Aug 5 | Tue | 7p
Children and Teen Readers



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Wednesday Night at the Movies

Aug 6,13,20,27 | Wed | 6-8p
Ages 13 and Older

Join the Downtown Library for Wednesday Night at the Movies! The theme for August is "I love the 80s!" Please call 606-3876 for more information. This month's movies are:

Aug 6: *TBA*
Aug 13: *TBA*
Aug 20: *Journey of Natty Gann, PG*
Aug 27: *Who Framed Roger Rabbit? PG*

PM Play With Me

Aug 7 | Thur | 6:30-7:30p
Infants-5 Years w/adult



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

The Joy of Mozart:

An Amazing Grace
Aug 10 | Sun | 2p
All Ages



As part of the Second Sunday Series pianist Wayne McEvilly will perform Mozart's Sonata 7. Admission is free. Seating is limited and begins at 1:30 pm. This concert is also part of a series of Mozart concerts offered at several MLS locations through October.

Downtown Personal Safety Course

Aug 11 | Mon | 5:30-7:30p
Adults

Downtown OKC is the entertainment Mecca of Oklahoma. With all of the hustle and bustle of exciting things happening, observing personal safety strategies are a must. Join the Downtown College Consortium, Urban Neighbors and the Downtown Library to revisit your personal safety and security in an urban environment. You'll also learn some basic self-defense skills as well as situational awareness and avoidance techniques. This free class will be held in the 46th Star Auditorium on the 4th floor.

Land Runs, Lotteries & Homesteading in Oklahoma

Aug 23 | Sat | 2-4p
Adults

Oklahoma's unusual settlement history runs the gamut from Indian tribes' relocation, cattle trails, and railroads to European settlers, land runs, and lotteries. This seminar explores the historical background, the Homestead Act, the rectangular survey system, the unique land openings in Oklahoma, the process for obtaining land, and the records available to find your ancestor's role in these events. Please call 606-3856 to register.

Modern Marvels: Jewish Adventures in the Graphic Novel

Aug 25 | Mon | 7-8:30p
Adults



The Downtown Library will be having book discussions utilizing graphic novels. Modern Marvels: Jewish Adventures in the Graphic Novel is a series that includes five Jewish artists experiment with words and pictures to tell stories of childhood, war, and desire; to conjure up lost worlds, both real and imaginary; and to contemplate history, myth, and the individual psyche. These discussions will be led by scholar Orit Rabkin, OU doctoral candidate in American Literature and is part of the American Library Association "Let's Talk About It" project. Tonight's Graphic Novel is *The Complete Maus: A Survivor's Tale* by Art Spiegelman. For questions and further information call Darlene Browsers, 606-3878. Co-sponsors: Jewish Federation of Greater Oklahoma City, Nextbook & The American Library Association.

Child Guidance Parent Talk

Aug 28 | Thur | 9a-Noon
Birth-5 Years with parent

For parents and caregivers of young children. Sessions include discussion about the normal range of early development as well as any



Free-Health, Blood Sugar and Cholesterol Screenings

Belle Isle	Aug 7	10-11:30a
Choctaw	Aug 14	10-11:30a (Pre-register 390-8418)
Southern Oaks	Aug 21	10-11:30a
Midwest City	Aug 26	10-11:30a

For Seniors

Oklahoma City Clinic will be providing free blood sugar/cholesterol health screenings for all Medicare eligible seniors! The Oklahoma City Clinic has a location in your neighborhood to provide primary and preventive care to Medicare eligible seniors including treatment of chronic conditions such as diabetes, hypertension, and cholesterol. Please stop by for your FREE screening and make your health a priority.

parenting questions you may have in the areas of Speech, Language, Development and Behavior.

Edmond Library

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

HOURS

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

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	E. 2nd St.	

Exhibit: A History of the Baha'i Faith

Aug 1-31 | Library Hours

All Ages

Pictures and biographies of those who played a role in the history of the Baha'i Faith.

Stamp Club

Aug 2,16 | Sat | 10a-Noon

4th Grade and up

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

Basic Computers for Seniors

Aug 2,16 | Sat | 2-3p

Adults

This is a class for Seniors who would like to learn about the world of computing. The best part of this class is that it is free. Call 341-9281 ext. 4 to register.



Farsi

Aug 3,10,17,24 | Sun

1:30-2:30p

Adults & Teens

Learn Farsi from an expert. Class moves rapidly. Material fee of \$20 per month, payable to the instructor. Both spoken and written Farsi will be introduced. If you have questions, call 341-9282.



Parachute Play

Aug 4 | 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. Facilitators: Pam Collins and Dan Hester. Co-sponsor: OCCHD.



How to Do Homework Without

Throwing Up

Aug 4 | 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 needed, and avoid distractions at homework time; plus make good decisions about school things. Class size is limited to 15. Call 425-4412 to register. Facilitators: Pam Collins and Dan Hester. Co-sponsor: OCCHD.

School Skills Games

Aug 4 | Tue | 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. Class size is limited to 15. Call 425-4412 to register. Facilitators: Pam Collins and Dan Hester. Co-sponsor: OCCHD.

Lapsit Playtime and Storytime

Aug 5,12,19 | Tue

9:30-10a and 10:15-10:45a

and 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.



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Children and Teen Readers



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55+ Coffee Break

Aug 6,13,20,27 | Wed | 9:30-11a

Seniors

Come to the Edmond Library for a coffee break made just for you. Coffee, tea and hot chocolate will be served along with light refreshments. Talk about your favorite books, work on a puzzle, play chess, checkers, Chinese checkers or bring your own game. We will have some books on a cart for you to browse and check out. Sign our guest book and sign up for the door prize drawings.

Computer Instruction with Eddie

Aug 6,13,20,27 | Wed

1-5p

Ages 18 & Older



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

Computer Instruction with Dave

Aug 6,13,20,27 | 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.

Music With Susan

Aug 8,22 | 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 held on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month. Registration for the 2nd Friday always begins on the 1st day of the month. Registration for the 4th Friday always begins on the 15th day of the month. Pre-register by calling 341-9282, ext. 4.

Music With Susan

Aug 8,22 | Fri | 11-11:30a

Ages 4-5



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

Rainbow Fish Story Time With Angela

Aug 9 | Sat | 10:30-11:15a

Ages 4-6



Get out of that hot summer sun. Join Miss Angela for a story and craft time featuring *Rainbow Fish* by Marcus Pfister.

Reader's Choice Book Discussion

Aug 9 | Sat | 10:30a-Noon

Seniors

This book club is open to new members. The group discusses exciting contemporary novels and non-fiction as well. The August selection is *"The Road"* by Cormac McCarthy. Reserve your copy through the library.

Edmond Library Book Bunch

Aug 9 | Sat | 2-3:30p

Seniors

The Edmond Book Bunch meets once a month at the Edmond Library. The title for this month's discussion will be *Manhunt: The 12-Day Chase for Lincoln's Killer* by James L. Swanson.

Autism Support Group

Aug 11 | Mon | 7-9p

11-11:30a

Adults



Support group for parents of children with autism. Co-sponsor: PAC.

Child Guidance Parent Talk

Aug 13 | Wed | 10:30a-4p

Ages 1 Month-5 years



For parents and caregivers of young children. 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..

Advanced Basic Computers for Seniors

Aug 16 | Sat | 2-3p

Adults



This is a class for Seniors who would like to learn about the world of computing. The best part of this class is that it is free. Call 341-9281 ext. 4 to register.

Teddy Bear Picnic

Storytime

Aug 18 | Mon | 10-11a

Age 3-6 years



Bring your favorite teddy and join us for fun time adventure. See the world through the eyes of of Teddy Bears. There will be snacks and crafts. Call 341-9282 to register.

Sustainable Edmond

Aug 19 | Tue | 7-9p

Adults

At this monthly meeting of Sustainable Edmond members discuss how to improve 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 issues. Part of the non-profit Oklahoma Sustainability Network. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma Sustainability Network.

Lapsit Playtime and Toddlerobics

Aug 26 | 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 will be followed by a musical aerobic session for toddlers, emphasizing movement and body awareness.

I'll Never Say That to My Kids!

Aug 27 | Wed | 2:30-4p

Parents of young children



How many of you remember yelling that at your parents? Parents learn to be moms and dads by watching their own parents. We remember some childhood moments fondly and others, well, less fondly. Let's talk about the skills we want to continue down the line in our families and which ones we would rather not. Facilitated by Robyn Sears and Louise Hagar. Call 425-4412 to pre-register. Co-sponsor: OCCHD.

For the most up-to-date calendar information go to: www.metrolibrary.org

BYOB

Build Your Own Business

Learn about starting a business in Oklahoma, the factors leading to success and financing. Attend this seminar sponsored by the U.S. Small Business Administration and SCORE, "Counselors to America's Small Business."

8/5	The Village Library	6:30pm
8/11	Midwest City Library	6:30pm
8/26	Warr Acres Library	7:00pm
9/9	Choctaw Library	6:00pm
9/16	Bethany Library	6:30pm
9/18	Downtown Library	11:30am
9/23	Belle Isle Library	6:30pm



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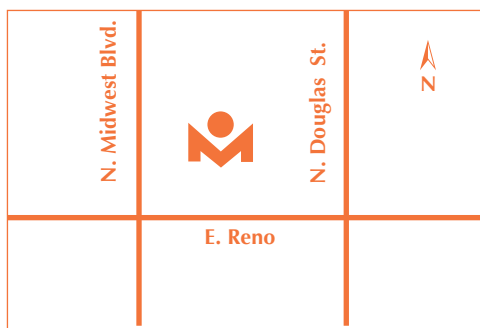
This is a free seminar.

Midwest City Library

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

HOURS

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



Community Quilting Class with Soldier Creek Quilting Group

Aug 4,11,18,25 | Mon | 9:15a-1:30p
Adults

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

Family Place: 1-2-3 Play With Me!

Aug 4,11,18,25 | Mon | 10-11a and 11a-Noon
10 Months - 3 1/2 Years with Parent



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

Scrapbooking Crop

Aug 4 | Mon | 6:30-8:30p
All Ages

What is a Crop? The name comes from the activity of trimming or cropping photos. Scrapbooking Crops are designed to allow you to meet new friends in a group setting while working on your scrapbooks. Some people attend crops merely for the socialization, while

others go to complete as many scrapbook pages as possible. No matter what your intent is, you will surely benefit from a fun gathering with like-minded scrapbookers!

Library Night at the Ballpark

Aug 5 | Tue | 7p
Children and Teen Readers



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Mid-Del Toastmasters

Aug 5,12,19,26 | Tue | 6-8p
Adults

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

Within My Reach

Aug 6,13,20,27 | Wed | 6-8:15p
Adults

Put your relationships on the right track with this fun and informative program for individuals! Are you ready to learn how to choose romantic partners wisely, reduce misunderstandings at work and home, and create a home that helps children succeed? If so, Within My Reach is for you! Wednesdays, Aug 6 - Sept 10. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma Marriage Initiative.

Scottish Gaelic Language

Learner's Group
Aug 6,20 | 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 Learner's Group.

Hunter Education Safety Course

Aug 9 | 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. You must 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. Participants ages 12 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is required. To register, please call 732-4828.

Build Your Own Business

Aug 11 | Mon | 6:30-8:30p
Adults

Have you ever wanted to start and manage a business of your own? Do you know the importance of a business plan and where you can find funding for a new business? Learn about starting a business in Oklahoma and the factors leading to success. Is being an entrepreneur a good choice for you? Attend this seminar conducted by SCORE, "Counselors to America's Small Business." Call the Midwest City Library at 732-4828 to register for the free workshop. SCORE is a nonprofit association dedicated to entrepreneur education and the formation, growth and success of small businesses nationwide. Co-sponsor: Small Business Association.

Learning to Speak Alzheimer's

Aug 14 | Thur | 10a-11a
Teens - Adults

Oklahoma Regional Alzheimer's Association will present a program of information about Alzheimer's Disease. They will share behaviors patients and caregivers can expect, the vocabulary, resources available, and much more. This free program is open to anyone. Call 732-4828 to pre-register.

AAA Motor Vehicle Crash Prevention Course

Aug 16 | 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 small materials fee will apply; AAA members will receive a discount. Pre-registration is required. Call Becci at (800) AAA-CLUB (222-2582). Co-sponsor: AAA.

Learning to Speak ALZHEIMER'S

Patients and caregivers will learn what behaviors to expect, vocabulary to use, available resources and much more.

Call each library to pre-register for this free program.

Co-sponsor: Oklahoma Regional
Alzheimer's Association

8/11	11:30a	Southern Oaks	631-4468
8/14	10:00a	Midwest City	732-4828
8/19	2:00p	Belle Isle	843-9601
8/25	10:00a	Bethany	789-8363
9/5	11:30a	The Village	755-0710
9/25	10:00a	Edmond	341-9282



Midwest City Library continued.

Midwest City Readers' Society Aug 19 | 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. Pick up your copy of our current book at the Information Desk, or call 732-4828.

Child Guidance Parent Talk Aug 25 | Mon | 9a-4:30p Ages Birth-5 years



For parents and caregivers of young children. 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.

Raising Responsible Children Aug 25 | Mon | 5:30-6:30p Adults



We will discuss why children need to learn responsibility, ways for children to practice responsibility in the family, and how to help children start to think about making good choices and becoming self-reliant. Facilitated by Sarita Naegeli. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City/County Health Dept. 425-4366.

Blood Sugar Screenings Aug 26 | Tue | 10-11:30a Seniors

Oklahoma City Clinic will be providing Free Blood Sugar screenings for all Medicare eligible seniors at the Midwest City Library! The Oklahoma City Clinic has a location in your neighborhood to provide primary and preventive care to Medicare eligible seniors including treatment of chronic conditions such as diabetes, hypertension, and cholesterol. Please stop by for your FREE screening and make your health a priority. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City Clinic.

Yarn Club Aug 27 | Wed | 4-6p All Ages

Attention crochet and knitting enthusiasts! Bring your favorite pattern, or browse the library's selection. Crochet hooks, knitting needles, and scrap yarn will be available.

Nicoma Park Library

2240 Overholser, Nicoma Park
(405) 769-9452

HOURS

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



Library Night at the Ballpark

Aug 5 | Tue | 7p
Children and Teen
Readers



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Choctaw Women's Aglow International Aug 9 | Sat | 9:40a-Noon Adult Women

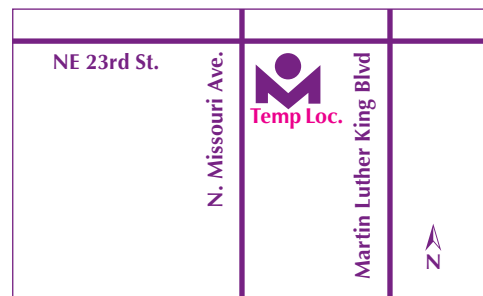
The inter-denominational meeting of the Choctaw Women's Aglow meets every second Saturday from 9:40a - Noon.

Ralph Ellison Library Temporary

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

HOURS

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



The Ralph Ellison Library will undergo a significant renovation to improve services. The library will be closed Aug. 4-17 in order to relocate to a temporary building at 1918 N.E. 23rd (site of the former Hollywood Video.) Ralph Ellison Library will remain in that location for approximately one year.

Society of Urban Poets Aug 2 | 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!

Basic Computers 101 Aug 18-30 | Library Hours All Ages



Do you need help with basic computer skills? Schedule one-on-one computer time. If interested, contact the library at 424-1437 to schedule your time.

Library Night at the Ballpark Aug 5 | Tue | 7p Children and Teen Readers



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Southern Oaks Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: 1-6



Child Guidance Parent Talk

Aug 1 | Fri | 9a-4p
Ages Birth-5 years

For parents and caregivers of young children. 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.



How to do Homework Without Throwing Up

Aug 5 | Tue | 1-2:30p
Ages 7-12

"Homework, who needs it?" You do! This workshop looks at why it is important to do homework. Kids will learn to make a homework schedule, find help when they need it, and avoid distractions at homework time. Space is limited, sign up fast. Sign up by calling 425-4412. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City County Health Dept.

School Skills Games

Aug 5 | Tue | 2:30-4p
Ages 7-12

Come play some games focused on: math, spelling, and reading. These games will help kids practice skills that are important in school. Games will also allow kids to practice following directions, working with others, and staying on task. Space is limited, sign up fast. Sign up by calling 425-4412. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City County Health Dept.

Scarlet Kitsune Anime Club

Aug 5,19 | Tue
6:30-8:30p

Teens

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



Teens

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Handmade Soap Workshop

Aug 7 | Thur | 1:30-2:30p
All Ages

Handmade soaps are exciting to use and create! Join Kelly Fuselier-Thompson as she demonstrates how to make soap. Learn to make soap creations to use for yourself, to give as gifts, or to display in your home or office. Soapmaking is a well respected craft and hobby. There are so many varieties imaginable all you have to do is begin! Call 631-4468 to register for the free workshop, all participants will get a free soap sample to take home.

Parachute Play

Aug 8 | Fri | 10:30-11a
Ages 3-6 with Parents

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



AARP Driver Safety Course

Aug 9 | Sat | 9a-4:30p
Adults

Attention ALL drivers! If you want to learn how to be a better driver AND save money, sign-up for the AARP Driver Safety Course and become eligible for a discount on your monthly auto insurance premium. The State of Oklahoma authorizes a discount lasting 3 years for any licensed driver aged 16 and up who successfully complete a defensive driver's course. Space for the course is limited so please pre-register by signing up at the Information Desk or by calling 631-4468.

Each participant must bring \$10 in cash or check payable to AARP for course materials.

Learning to Speak Alzheimer's

Aug 11 | Mon | 11:30a-1p
Teens - Adults

Oklahoma Regional Alzheimer's Association will present a program of information about Alzheimer's Disease. They will share behaviors patients and caregivers can expect, the vocabulary, resources available, and much more. This free program is open to anyone. Call 631-4468 to pre-register. Co-sponsor: ORAA

Southern Oaks Book Club

Aug 12 | Tue | 11:30a-12:30p
Adults

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

Book Adventure: Kids' Book Club

Aug 12 | Tue | 4:30-5:30p
Kids ages 6-9

Join us for a Book Adventure! Meet with kids your age to discuss a great book. We will have a snack and make a craft or play a game. Call or visit the library to find out what book to read. Some copies of the book are available at the Information Desk. Please read the book before attending the program. Pre-registration is required. Sign up by calling 631-4468.

Preschool Storytime

Aug 18,25 | Mon
10:30-11:15a

Ages 2-6 with adult

Introduce young children to books and reading at our fun story times! Children will have fun with books, songs, and activities as they build their early literacy skills. 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.

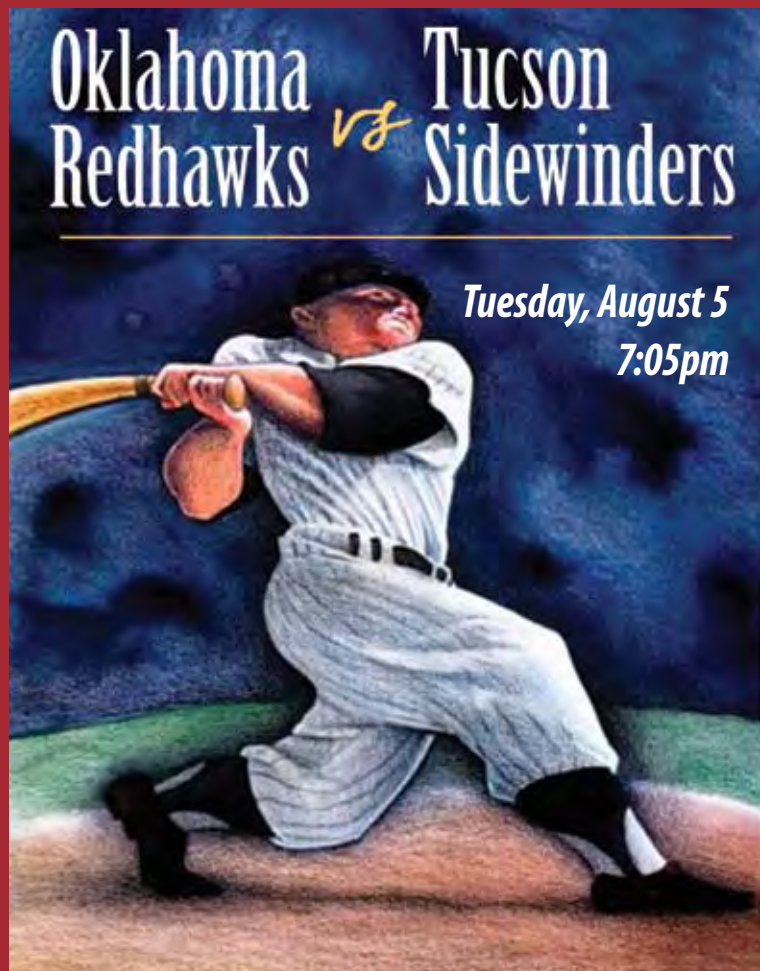


Blood Sugar & Cholesterol Screening

Aug 21 | Thur | 10-11:30a
Seniors

Oklahoma City Clinic will provide FREE Blood Sugar & Cholesterol Screenings for all Medicare eligible seniors. The OKC Clinic has a location in your neighborhood to provide primary and preventive care to Medicare eligible seniors including treatment of chronic conditions such as diabetes, hypertension and cholesterol. Please stop by for your free screening and make your health a priority because it is a priority to us! Co-sponsor: OKC Clinic.

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Oklahoma Redhawks vs Tucson Sidewinders

**Tuesday, August 5
7:05pm**



Hey Kids! Don't forget to finish Goal 2 in the Summer at the Library reading program if you want to see the Oklahoma Redhawks play the Tucson Sidewinders, Aug. 5, at 7:05p. Each child will receive two vouchers to the Redhawks' baseball game after completing Goal 2. Readers and their families should be at the AT & T Bricktown Ballpark, 2 S. Mickey Mantle Drive by 6:30p to redeem their prize vouchers for free tickets. (Vouchers can be redeemed any day during box office hours.)



The Terrific Toddler Aug 22 | Fri | 2:30-3:30p For Parents/Caregivers of young children



Come join in as we discuss the characteristics of toddlerhood. We will explore the areas of language, physical, social & emotional development. Facilitated by Teresa Widick & Tracy Goebel. Call Child Guidance at 425-4412 to pre-register for the free workshop. Co-sponsor: OKCCHD.

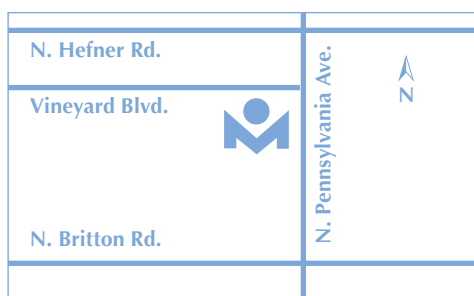
The Village Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: Closed



Introduction to Microsoft Excel

**Aug 4,11,18,25 | 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 time (405) 755-0710.

Build Your Own Business

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

Have you ever wanted to start and manage a

business of your own? Do you know the importance of a business plan and where you can find funding for a new business? Learn about starting a business in Oklahoma and the factors leading to success. Is being an entrepreneur a good choice for you? Attend this seminar conducted by SCORE, "Counselors to America's Small Business." Call the Village Library at 755-0710 to register for the free workshop. SCORE is a nonprofit association dedicated to entrepreneur education and the formation, growth and success of small businesses nationwide. Co-sponsor: Small Business Association.

Library Night at the Ballpark

**Aug 5 | Tue | 7p
Children and Teen
Readers**



Location: Bricktown Ballpark

It's your night! Readers who completed Goal 2 in the Summer at the Library program, join us for Library Night at the Ballpark! Admission is a Library Night at the Ballpark coupon to be redeemed at the box office anytime prior to the game.

School Skills Games

**Aug 6 | Wed | 1-2:30p
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.

Children Reading to Dogs

Aug 7,14,21,28 | Thur

3:30-4:30p

Children who can read

Come and read to a dog! Readers can come to practice and improve their out-loud 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. Please pre-register at the Information desk or call 755.0710.



How to do Homework Without Throwing Up

Aug 8 | Fri | 1-2:30p

All Ages

Homework? Who needs it? You do! We will find ways to help kids make homework easier. We will learn how to make a homework schedule, how to find help when it is needed, and how to avoid distractions at homework time. Come and get ready for the upcoming school year.

"To Be Announced..." Improv

Aug 13 | Wed | 6-8p

Teens

In the spirit of "Whose Line is it Anyway?" the Village Library and "To Be Announced..." PRESENT..."The To Be Announced Prime Players"! Come enjoy free food, drinks, and awesome entertainment; with drawings for awesome prizes. For more info call Jake at 405-286-5583 OR to sign up, call the Info Desk at 405-755-0710.



Intro to Power Point

Aug 16 | Sat | 10-11:30a

Adults

Introduction to Power Point-Free computer class for adults! Learn to create Power Point productions for teaching, sales presentations, or presentations to groups or clubs. Come in or call to sign up. Village Library (405) 755-0710.



Soapmaking with Kelly Thompson

Aug 18 | Mon | 2-3p

Adults

Learn the craft of making soap at home during this free program featuring Kelly Thompson. She'll take you through the process and show all kinds of soaps you can use at home or for gifts.

Anime Club

Aug 21 | Thur | 4-5p

Teens

Join us this month for a screening of a great anime show! The Village Library Anime Club meets monthly. Bring your artwork, pick up some freebies, and be prepared for some fun discussion. Anime may contain material that is considered unsuitable for



ages 13 and younger. Pre-register at the Information Desk.

Homework Help Using the Library's Databases

Aug 28 | Thur | 6-7p

Teens

Can't find that homework question in a book? Come to the library and explore how our databases may be able to answer those questions and maybe tell you a little more. Pre-register at the Information Desk or by calling 755-0710.



Knitty Committee

Aug 30 | Sat | 10a-Noon

All Ages

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

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



A Book Before Bed (Bedtime Routines & Literacy)

Aug 5 | Tue | 2:30-4p

Adults

There's no better way to spend some up close and quality time with your child, no matter their age, than a bedtime book. Toddlers may choose the same book 3 times every night for a month and that's okay. We'll talk about how important the bedtime routine is, how to choose books for children of all ages and some tricks to help engage the less interested child. Enroll by calling 425-4412.



Library Night at the Ballpark

Aug 5 | Tue | 7p

Children and Teen Readers

Location: Bricktown Ballpark
It's your night! Readers who completed Goal 2 in the Summer at the Library program,



join us for Library Night at the Ballpark! Admission is a Library Night at the Ballpark coupon to be redeemed at the box office anytime prior to the game.

Child Guidance Parent Talk

Aug 8 | Fri | 1-4p

Ages Birth-5 years with Parent or Guardian

For parents and caregivers of young children. 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..



Book Club

Aug 11 | Mon | 11a-Noon

Adults

The Warr Acres Library Book Club meets the second Monday of each month. In August, we will be discussing *Harpsong* by Rilla Askew. It is the first book in the Oklahoma Stories and Storyteller's Series.

Coffee Break

Aug 18 | Mon | 9:30-10:30a

Adults

Join us for coffee and conversation in a relaxed, informal setting. Coffee and light refreshments will be served in our meeting room. Come for the coffee and stay for our speaker on nutrition at 10:30 am!

Nutrition for a Healthier Lifestyle

Aug 18 | Mon | 10:30-11:30a

Adults

Your brain requires proper nutrition and exercise to stay healthy. Come early for Coffee Break at 9:30 and stay to hear a nutritionist discuss ways to maintain your health.

BYOB—Build Your Own Business

Aug 26 | Tue | 7-8p

Adults

Now is the time to start and manage a business of your own! Learn why business plans are important and where to find funding for your business at the BYOB-Build Your Own Business seminar. The seminar will be conducted by SCORE, 'Counselors to America's Small Business.' SCORE is a nonprofit organization dedicated to entrepreneur education and the formation, growth and success of small businesses nationwide. SCORE is a resource partner of the U.S. Small Business Administration. Co-sponsor: Small Business Association.

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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.

Steinmeyer, Jim. *Charles Fort: The Man Who Invented the Supernatural*.

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Do frogs, stones, and fish really rain from the sky? Do ghosts exist? Are there really monsters in lakes and fairies at the bottom of the garden? Charles Fort, a newspaperman and failed fiction writer of the early 20th Century thought he knew. Fort spent decades collecting reports of such things from newspapers and magazines and published them all together in four books beginning with *The Book of the Damned* in 1919, and a good part of the world has been taking them seriously ever since. This is the fascinating tale of Fort's life.

Oates, Joyce Carol. *Wild Nights! Stories About the Last Days of Poe, Dickinson, Twain, James, and Hemingway*.

FICTION/OAT

Writing in the styles of her subjects, Oates presents us with five quasi-short stories based on incidents in the waning lives of five significant American writers. I don't know any other contemporary writer who could pull this off so successfully. The book is a treat for readers with a taste for good books and the people who create them.



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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	—
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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.

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*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.