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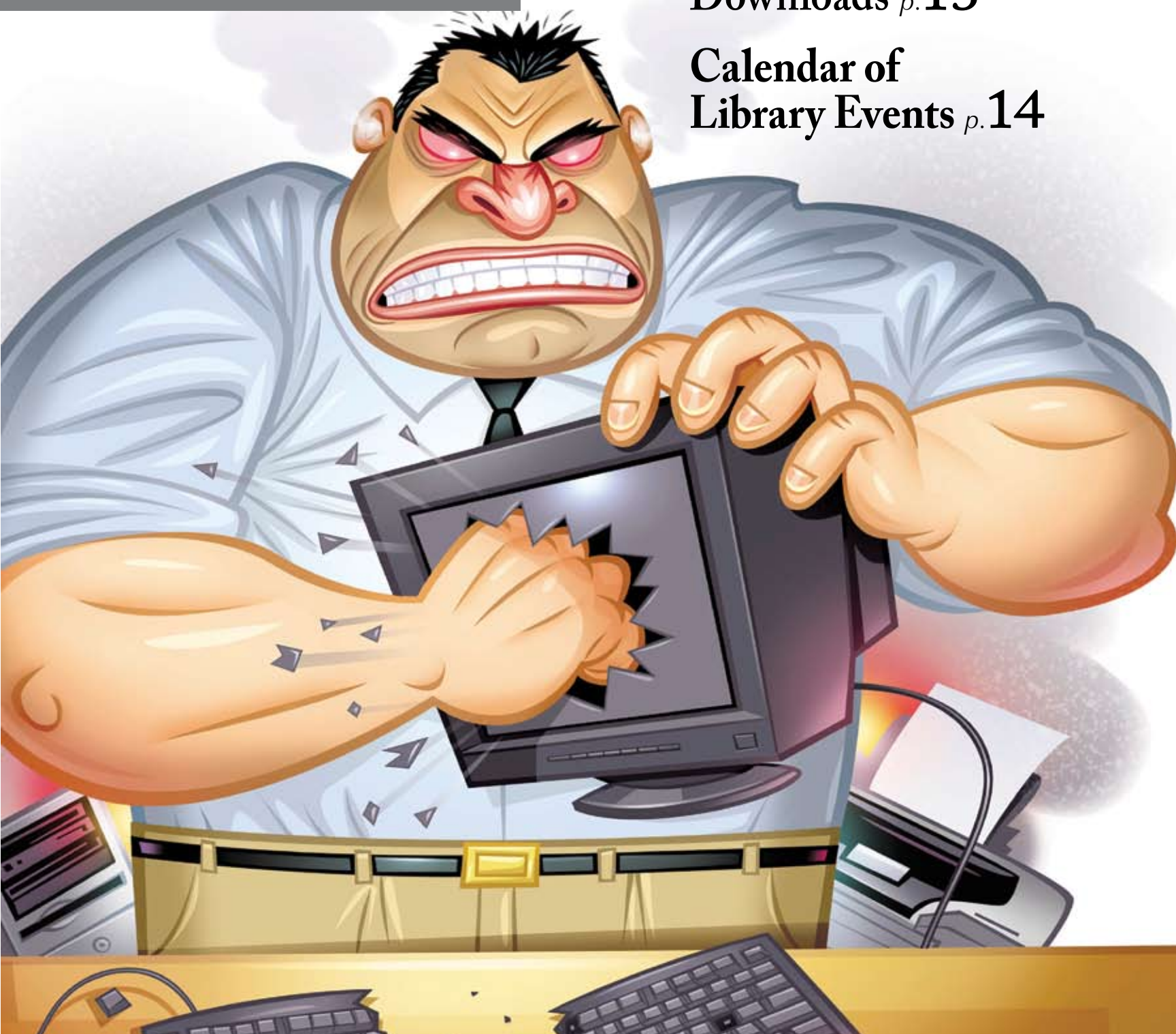
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New info

The ancient Romans called these the caniculares dies, the “days of the dogs,” referring to those weeks of late summer when Sirius, the dog star—the second brightest one after the sun itself—rose at or near sunrise.

It's August and the dog days of summer are nipping at our heels, but what's really hot this summer are the things that are happening at your neighborhood Metropolitan Library System library. In this issue we've got an article about some computer instruction classes you can sign up for at three different libraries, and another article on the resounding success of our downloadable audio books.

Cool your puppies with a trip to the library for a basketful of good books, DVDs, and audio materials. We won't send you barking up the wrong tree.



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Oklahoma Images

Back to ...1917 Style

by Larry Johnson



Students and teachers of the Oklahoma City Free Night School in 1917.



School...

August means back-to-school for a few hundred thousand of us in Oklahoma, so I thought I'd bring to light one of my favorite education-related photos this month. Although we in Oklahoma often seem to be at war with our own educational system or choose to pretend we're opting out of it altogether, this photo of students and teachers of the Oklahoma City Free Night School from 1917 harkens back to a far different time.

Oklahoma City came of age during the Progressive Era which saw the value of civil society rise in the eyes of the common man. Progressives believed that American society was best advanced by a set of shared values and beliefs and that education was the best means to achieve this. An educated populace made better voters, better workers and better citizens. While the government promised a common education for everyone up to the age of 14, there were many who fell through the cracks of this system including working adults striving for better jobs, recently arrived adult immigrants and those who were denied an education as children. In a city which was routinely investigated for terrible child labor conditions, the latter was particularly important.

In many cities, religious, fraternal and other civic groups operated night schools and they did in Oklahoma City as well. However, by the time of this photo, the citizens of Oklahoma City chose to make night school part of the regular services of the public schools. As one plaintive supporter pled before the school board, "The

one fire that makes the melting-pot boil is education... Disloyalty and slackerism flourish on ignorance. Our American citizenship, our American standard of living, our American ideals are rooted in education."

Indeed, the Free Night School seemed to pay immediate benefits. Several hundred students immediately enrolled in the school which offered instruction in the English language, penmanship, bookkeeping, domestic science (e.g. cooking), and basic mathematics among other courses. Enrollment records also report 40 Greek immigrants, 65 Germans, and several Syrians, Russian Jews and Swedes. And we can see in the photo that citizens from elementary age to the elderly took advantage of the new opportunity. Sadly, we can also see that some members of society were excluded from learning the American system.

In our present pluralistic society, we can't even agree on whether we want shared American values much less agree upon what those values are. Today's students go to private schools, learn national curricula at home, attend high school online in their pajamas, and even public school students attend charter and magnet schools. Are we better off as a society? That's not for me to say, but for you to ponder.

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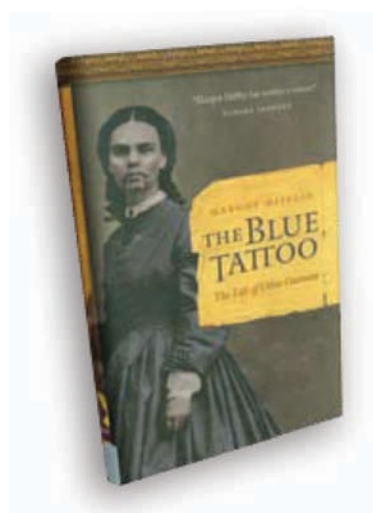


Reviews & Recommendations

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Biography
ON THE SHELF

The Blue Tattoo: The Life of Olive Oatman by Margot Mifflin

reviewed by Jana Hausburg



"When I recovered my thoughts ... I could hardly realize where I was ... and thought I was probably dying. I knew that all, or probably all the family had been murdered."

When on vacation, I always head West. I love the landscape, the history, the wide-open spaces. I also love reading about Western migration, especially women who took the journey and lived to tell about it. Olive Oatman was one such woman, but her story is very different than the traditional pioneer stories you might have heard.

Mormons on a doomed overland journey, Olive's family was killed by Yavapai Indians who were looking for food. Two of the girls were spared: Olive and Mary Ann; the rest of the family were quickly dispatched. One brother, Lorenzo, was

clubbed and thrown over a cliff. Miraculously, he survived and hiked out of the desert.

Olive and Mary Ann were eventually traded to another tribe, the Mohaves. Weakened by a year of harsh treatment by the Yavapais, Mary Ann died, but Olive was stronger. For six years she lived with the Mohaves. She was given a chin tattoo, signifying her transformation from outsider to beloved family member. Then, at the age of 19, she was ransomed back into white society.

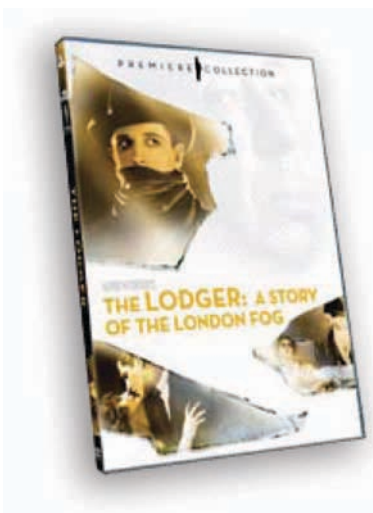
It's a fascinating and painful story of a girl caught between cultures and forced to change identities not once, but twice in her lifetime.

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

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VIDEO/DISC
ON THE SHELF

The Lodger: A Story of the London Fog

reviewed by Doug Bentin



The Lodger has been called Alfred Hitchcock's first Alfred Hitchcock movie. It's silent, having been released in 1927, but it's a sharp, nerve-wracking thriller about a loner who rents a room and may or may not be Jack the Ripper.

The film's star is Ivor Novello. Novello was a British matinee idol who was also a writer of popular musical plays—he wrote the songs. His "Keep the Home Fires Burning" was a smash during WW I.

In the movie, Novello plays an odd man who usually keeps his lower face covered by a scarf and develops an off-putting attraction to his landlady's daughter. As the family becomes convinced that he's the infamous serial killer, the lodger becomes

more nervous in their presence.

Hitchcock planned an ambiguous ending in which the audience wouldn't be told whether or not the character was actually the murderer, but his studio wouldn't go for that. I won't say here which way the filmed ending goes, but this is a Hitchcock picture.

And be sure to look for Hitch's signature cameo appearance—maybe even two of them. This is the first time he presented himself on the screen.

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/>



The Glass Of Time: The Secret Life of Miss Esperanza Gorst; Narrated by Herself

by Michael Cox

reviewed by Christine Bassett

In this sequel to *The Meaning Of Night*, Cox writes another thrilling Gothic novel reminiscent in content, style and atmosphere of Wilkie Collins' two masterpieces *The Woman In White* and *The Moonstone*.

The time is 1876 and the heroine, beautiful nineteen year old Esperanza Gorst, becomes a lady's maid to Lady Tansor of Evenwood, Northamptonshire. She has been sent there on a secret mission to accomplish what is called the Great Task by her guardian, Madame L'Orme. Gradually, the details of the task are revealed to Esperanza and the reader entailing issues of

succession and possession, murder, mystery and romance.

The Glass Of Time is so skillfully written with the details of the previous novel carefully interwoven into the text that it can be read as a stand alone or as a sequel. Unfortunately, the author Michael Cox died in March 2009 while in the process of writing his third novel. He will be greatly missed.

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.



Tales From a Dog Catcher

by Lisa Duffy-Korpius

reviewed by Phyllis Davidson

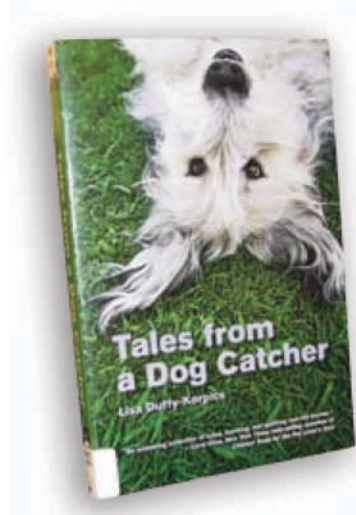
Having good writing skills isn't a prerequisite for getting a job as a dog catcher, but the two certainly make a good combination for the author of *Tales From a Dog Catcher*. She worked as an animal control officer for four years and has preserved 22 of her most interesting and moving memories from that time.

Most of the stories begin with a call to go check on an animal's welfare or to resolve a complaint. More often than not, they turn their focus on the people who love the animal, hate the animal, or neglect the animal. One is an elderly lady with dementia who knows exactly how many cats she has—which is about twenty more than she can afford to feed. One is a woman who complains that two voyeuristic raccoons watch her undressing through the window in her bedroom—closing her

curtains isn't an option. Another is a woman who thinks the black dog that appears in her backyard is the reincarnation of her late husband. One of my favorites is the episode in which the author was invited to give a presentation at a school. That visit convinced her to choose teaching as a profession.

Some stories are funny--some may move you to tears. I may be barking up the wrong tree, but I think they will appeal to animal lovers, and even those who don't care for pets will enjoy reading about the eccentric people involved in these tales from a dog catcher.

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





Reviews & Recommendations

SCIENCE
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ON THE SHELF

Summer Morning, Summer Night by Ray Bradbury

reviewed by Doug Bentin



Ray Bradbury has been called a “science fiction writer” for over 50 years, and that’s kind of like calling Mark Twain a “writer of stories for boys.” Both definitions are true, but they fall far short of telling you what each writer really is.

Bradbury is the great American poet of nostalgia, of memories that fade when we wish they wouldn’t, and memories that hang on in the back of the mind when we need them to go away.

This latest collection of short stories dwells again on the things Bradbury loves, from traveling circuses to the turning of the seasons to people

the memory of whom lingers long after they have left our lives. The tales are set in Green Town, Illinois, which is the idealized version of Bradbury’s hometown of Waukegan. If you’ve read *Something Wicked This Way Comes* or *Dandelion Wine*, you’ve visited Green Town. You also know that Bradbury never really left.

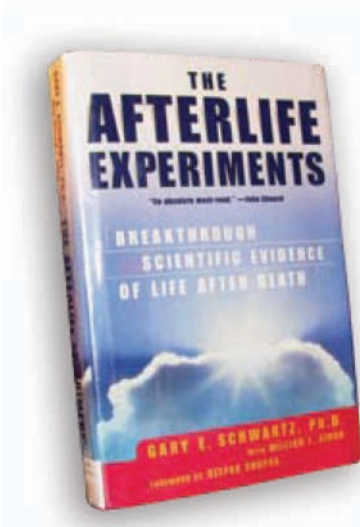
The stories are very short—27 of them in 176 pages—dating back to 1948 and up to the present. Some are wistful, some are edgy.

All are worth taking a look at.

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ON THE SHELF

The Afterlife Experiments: Breakthrough Scientific Evidence of Life After Death by Dr. Gary E. Schwartz

reviewed by Kelley Riha



The Afterlife Experiments conducted by Dr. Gary E. Schwartz present a compelling argument for the possibility of the soul living on after the body dies. The experiments are so strictly controlled it seemed at first as if there were no way life after death could be possible. With a sigh of relief I’m happy to report the evaluations toward the last of the book reaffirmed my beliefs and hopes.

Schwartz says “the living soul hypothesis encourages people to re-evaluate how kind and compassionate we are. It becomes more possible that these values will take priority in our evolving relationships. For example, if you had been cruel to a given person, who then died, how would you feel if you knew scientifically and without doubt that he or she would still be around? One of the great surprises in addressing the question of the living soul hypothesis is that it stimulates new

visions about the nature of love and its role in the universe.”

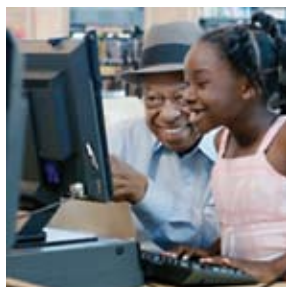
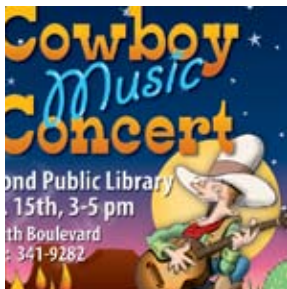
Scientists like Dr. Schwartz tell us that us that humans, just like stars, generate radio waves that can also be measured precisely with radio telescopes. “Photons are photons, waves are waves--- whether they came from huge stars such as our sun or tiny stars such as ourselves.” Due to the nature of radio waves and the fact that energy can only transfer, of course we can live on.

To answer the age-old question: is there life after death? According to Gary E. Schwartz, yes, there is!

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COMPUTE





THIS!

If you're like many adults today, you're the last one in the family to learn the ins-and-outs of computer use. Kids seem to pick up computer programs with relative ease, but even the most frequently used computer programs can be pretty hard new tricks for us old dogs to learn.

that's why The Village, Edmond, and Capitol Hill Libraries are offering computer training sessions during the month of August.

Capitol Hill's class will be held on Saturday, Aug. 15, from 2:00 to 3:00pm. It's called "Internet Basics" and 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 some popular search engines, and will preview different Internet web sites.

Class size is limited so please register at the Reference Desk or by calling 634-6308.

"People who don't know how to use the Internet," said

Capitol Hill Manager Phil Tolbert, "suspect that there's a lot of information out there just waiting to be discovered, but they really have no idea of how much is there. First time Internet users feel just like explorers who have set foot on a new world."

The Edmond Library presents two series of computer training sessions on Wednesdays. From 1:00 to 5:00pm is "Computer Instruction with Eddie," and the time is spent in individual instruction in increments of 30 minutes. If an evening session fits more comfortably into your schedule, try "Computer Instruction with Eddie" from 7:00 to 8:00pm.

To sign up for time with Eddie, call (405) 341-9282 ext. 3. For Dave, call (405) 341-9282 ext.4 to register. In August, assistance is available on the 5th, the 12th, the 19th and the 26th.

Now, have you ever wondered where the old Card Catalog went? Well, it has resurfaced in another format and now we call it CyberMARS. In August, The Edmond Library is also offering, in a single session, a class called "CyberMARS for Seniors." It meets on Saturday, Aug. 15, from 2 – 3pm, and will show you how to find a Book, CD, Cassette, or a DVD, and if you have Internet access at home, you are able to do all this from your home computer. To register, please call 341-9282 extension 4.

The ongoing class at The Village Library is "Introduction to Microsoft Excel," which meets on Monday evening from 6:30 to 8:00 on Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31. Learn to create workbooks and spreadsheets, use formulas and functions, format data, create charts, and more. Sessions are scheduled in 30 minute to one hour units per individual. Come in or call to reserve your instruction time.

The Village Library is also offering "Working with Vista," a program that allows you to use Vista windows, create folders in Vista, save a document to a folder, and find, open and print documents you saved. This class meets on Saturday, Aug. 15 from 10:00 to 11:30. To register for either of The Village Library sessions, call (405) 755-0710.

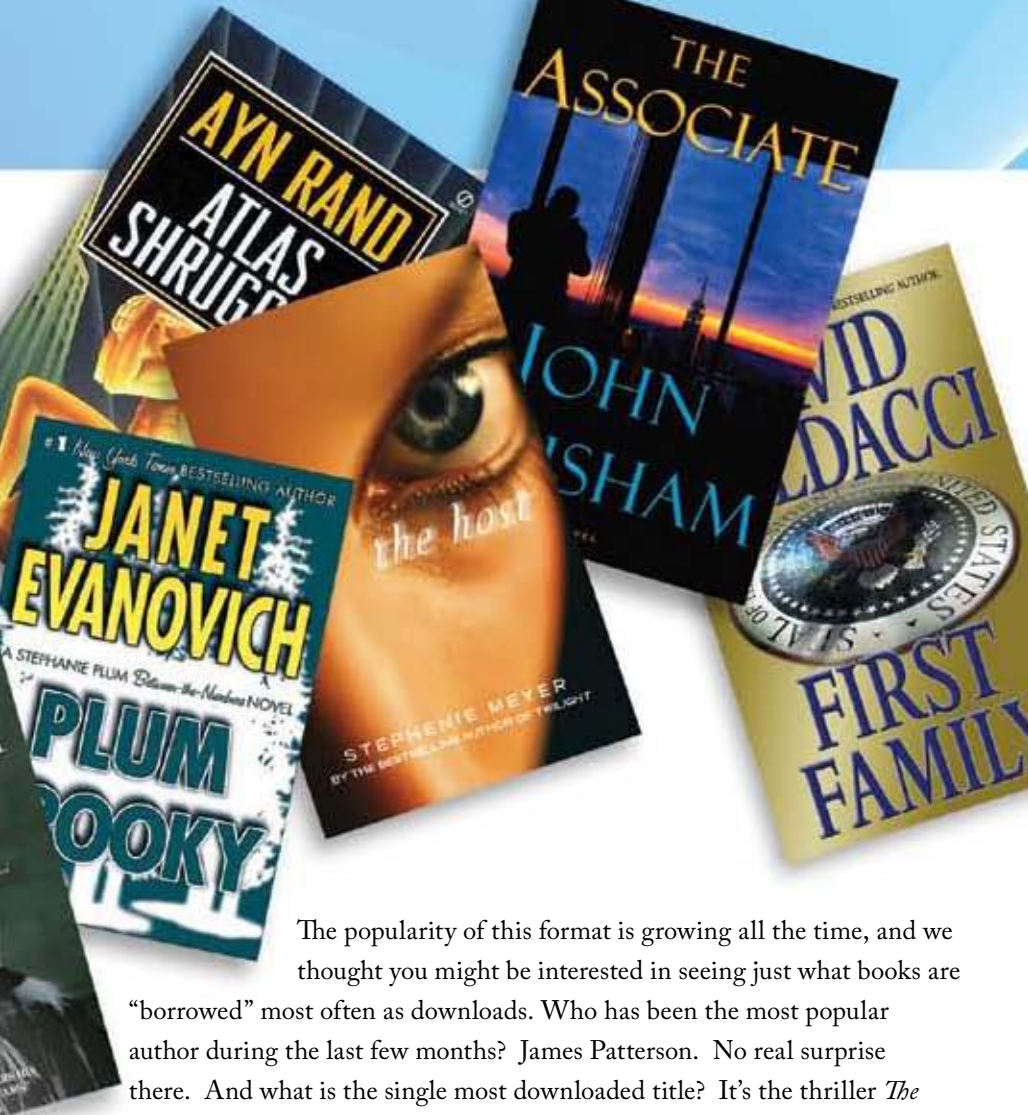
All these computer instruction classes are designed for adults, and are free and open to the public.



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Most regular Metropolitan Library System customers know by now that we offer access to downloadable audio books in partnership with OverDrive, a leading provider of download services for more than 8,500 libraries. These downloadable items can be played back by a PC, Mac®, iPod®, Sony® Reader, and virtually any MP3 player.





The Bethany Library

Bethany Library opened its doors on Sunday, January 31, 1965, a great New Year's present for the northwest section of Oklahoma County.

The building at NW 35 and Mueller was the solution to a problem identified by Bethany mayor C. Harold Ripper three years earlier. "There is . . . a need for a library and a central location for the fire station and police department." Some people believed that a library was the most important element of that trio of needs.

When a vote was finally put to the people, the citizens of Bethany approved the building of a library by three-quarters of the votes cast.

The appointment of Mrs. J. M. Westmoreland as head librarian was announced in May, 1963. Architects pointed out the nearby lake as one of the virtues of the library site and designed large window spaces on the east and south sides of the building to take advantage of the view. An outdoor reading terrace was planned for the south side fronting the lake.

In December 1965, the Bethany city council reached an agreement with the library commission to arrange for Bethany Library to join the Metropolitan Library System.

Bethany Library is now in its 45th year of service, and its heart is still contained in its collections of books, audio books, large print editions, periodicals, music CDs and DVDs.

The popularity of this format is growing all the time, and we thought you might be interested in seeing just what books are "borrowed" most often as downloads. Who has been the most popular author during the last few months? James Patterson. No real surprise there. And what is the single most downloaded title? It's the thriller *The 8th Confession* by James Patterson and Maxine Paetro. John Grisham's *The Associate* remained close to the top in the No. 2 spot. Audiobook and eBook titles by Janet Evanovich, Rick Riordan, Meg Cabot, and Steve Lopez were also among the most downloaded books.

The "Most Downloaded Books from the Library" lists are organized by subject and format, and compiled based on activity at more than 8,500 libraries in the OverDrive global network. For the most curious, complete lists for audiobooks and eBooks in adult fiction, adult nonfiction, juvenile fiction, and juvenile nonfiction are available at <http://www.overdrive.com/mostdownloaded>.

Here's the recent list for Adult Fiction:

1. *The 8th Confession*, by James Patterson and Maxine Paetro
2. *The Associate*, by John Grisham
3. *The Host*, by Stephenie Meyer
4. *Atlas Shrugged*, by Ayn Rand
5. *1st to Die*, by James Patterson
6. *First Family*, by David Baldacci
7. *The Friday Night Knitting Club*, by Kate Jacobs
8. *Plum Spooky*, by Janet Evanovich
9. *The Appeal*, by John Grisham
10. *Vision in White*, by Nora Roberts

Downloadable books are great for car trips, lunch breaks, or even just a day full of chores. Give 'em a try.

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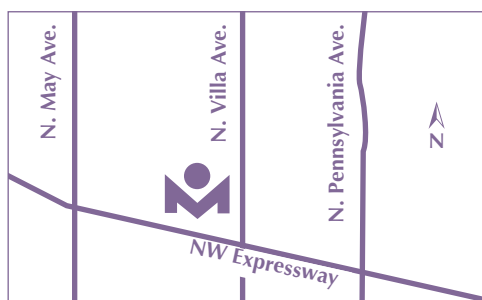
To see the latest information about library programs and events, please click on Calendar of Events on the MLS website: www.metrolibrary.org

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 1, 15 | 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 3 | Mon | 7:05p

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 summer prize voucher to be redeemed at the Redhawks ticket office anytime prior to the game.



Winning at Parenting

Aug 4 | Tue | 5:30-7p

Parents and caregivers of children up to age 12

For tips on how to parent with wit and wisdom attend this video-based three-part series.

Winning at Parenting is from the series "Kids are worth It" by Barbara Coloroso. Facilitated by Katherine Borekhuysen. Pre-register at 425-4412. Co-sponsor: OCCHD-Child Guidance Division.



Sizzlin' Summer Jazzy

Concert

Aug 8 | Sat | 2-3p

All ages

Come and listen to the vocal stylings of Martha Stallings. This talented singer/pianist will perform a fun concert for an August day! She may even take requests. Refreshments provided.



Metro OKC Knit Guild

Aug 16 | Sun | 3-5p

Teens and Adults

Everyone—any knitter or a person who's never knitted, but would like to learn is welcome. Each monthly program includes a lesson of a new knitting technique and examples of charity knitting projects. For questions about the group, e-mail the guild at metrookc-knit-guild@gmail.com or call 436-0466. Co-sponsor: Metro OKC Knit Guild.

Birdhouse for rent

Aug 27 | Thur | 10-11a

Pre-kindergarten

Hear the stories about birds and compare the houses they live in. Tips on how to make a birdhouse may be shared. Pre-register at the Reference Desk. 843-9601.



Metropolitan Library Commission of Oklahoma County

Aug 27 | Thur | 3:30-5p

Belle Isle Library
5501 N. Villa, OK 73112
405.843.9601

The public is welcome to attend.



Bethany Library

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

HOURS

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



End of Summer Event

Aug 1 | Sat | 2-3:30p

All ages

Free ice cream. Say goodbye to summer reading with ice cream. All ages invited to join in the fun and free face painting for children while supplies last.

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Music With Susan

Aug 5 | Wed | 10-10:30a

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.



Capitol Hill Library

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

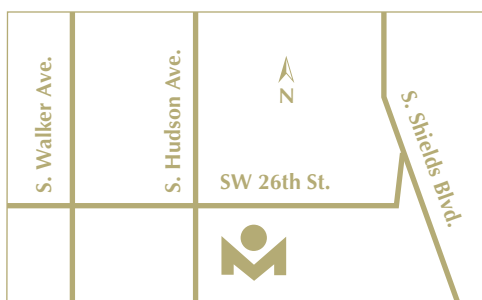
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Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance

Aug 6,13,20,27 | Thur | 6-7:30p

Adults

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

C.H.A.W. Club

Aug 7 | Fri | 3-4p

Ages 11-17

Calling all artists!! Join C.H.A.W., the Capitol Hill Artists and Writers club. We will meet every Friday at 3:00. Bring your creativity, share inspiration, and find friends among fellow artists here at Capitol Hill. For more information or to sign up, call 634-6308.



Teens

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Adults

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will learn the basics of Internet usage, be shown some popular search engines, and will preview different Internet web sites. Class size is limited, please register at Reference Desk or by calling 634-6308.

Back-to-School Crafts

Aug 22 | Sat | 2-3:30p

Ages 11-17

Hey teens! Join us as we decorate notebooks, book covers, and other items to get you ready for the new school year. All supplies will be provided, however, if you have something special you would like to work on, bring it with you. Please pre-register at 634-6308.



Teens

Choctaw Library

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

HOURS

Mon-Thur: 9-8

Fri: 9-6

Sat: 9-5

Sun: Closed



Choctaw Library Pageturner's Book Club

Aug 1 | Sat | 10-11a

Adults

The Choctaw Library Pageturner's Book Club will meet and discuss Toni Morrison's *Mercy*. Drop by the library and pick up a copy of the book. Space is limited, pre-registration is preferred. Light refreshments will be provided. Call the library at 390-8418.

Book Blast Club

Aug 1,8 | Sat | 2:30-3:30p

Grades 2-3

Have a BOOK BLAST summer with us! Join the Book Blast Club for fun reads. We will discuss a great book, have a snack, play a game or make a craft. Check with a librarian to find out what book to read each week. Copies of the book will be available at the reference desk. Limited sign-up so pre-registration is required. Please call 390-8418 or stop by the desk to sign-up.

Parent Talk

Aug 3 | Mon | 12:30-4p

Parents and caregivers of young children

Have questions? Sessions include discussion



about the normal range of development as well as any parenting questions you may have in the areas of speech, language, development, and behavior. Children do not have to be present at session. Facilitated by Child Guidance Staff: Sarita Naegeli and Cheryl Custer. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City-County Health Department.

Library Night at the Ballpark

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Children and Teen Readers

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Lapsit Story Time

Aug 4,11,18,25 | Tue

9:30-10a

Ages 6 months-3 years

Join us for simple songs, rhymes, and stories for parents and babies to enjoy together. Please call 390-8418 or stop by the Reference Desk to sign up.



Story Time

Aug 4,11,18,25 | 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.



Family Place: Open Play

Aug 8 | Sat | 10-11a

Ages 6 months to 5 yrs 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.



Tried and True Recipe Taste Testing

Aug 10 | Mon | 5-6p

All ages

The Choctaw Library Guild, Inc will host a "Recipe Taste Testing" of scrump-delicious recipes for the community from the Tried and True Recipes Cookbook published in 2008 by the Choctaw Library Guild. This event is free and open to the public. *The Tried and True Cookbook* will be available for purchase. Proceeds will support the Guild scholarship program for library science students. The Choctaw Library Guild is a 501 c-3 non-profit organization supporting and promoting the Choctaw Library. Co-sponsors: Choctaw Library Guild and Eastern Oklahoma Cty.y.

Children Reading to Dogs

Aug 19 | Wed | 4-5p

Children who can read



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

Choctaw Anime Club

Aug 22 | Sat | 2:30-3:30p

Ages 11-17

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



GED

Aug 24,26,31 | Mon & Wed

9-11:15a

Age 16 & older

Students are invited to attend free GED classes. Review English, social studies, science, essay writing and math skills in preparation for the GED test. Materials are provided. Classes are open to students 16 years and older who are not currently enrolled in high school. For students 16-17, an notarized consent waiver form is required. Co-sponsors: Oklahoma City Community College, EOC Tech and State Department of Education.



Parachute Play

Aug 28 | Fri | 10:30-11a

Ages 3-6

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.



Del City Library

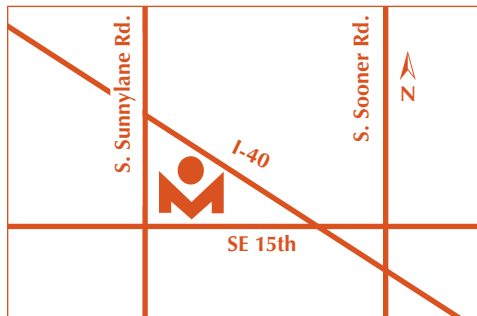
4509 S.E. 15th, Del City
(405) 672-1377

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5

Sun: Closed



Wearable Art With Artzplace Oklahoma

Aug 1 | Sat | 1:30-2:30p

Ages 5-12

Get a sneak preview of the week long half-day camp from Artzplace Oklahoma taught by artist Sheridan Scott. Kids can learn the art of fashion design by experimenting with wearable mediums like paint, paper and fabric, just to name a few! Supplies will be provided. Your wearable fashion is limited only by your imagination!

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Readers

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Clowning Around with Chester

Aug 5 | Wed | 10:30-11:15a

All Ages

Chester the Clown from Chester's Party Barn returns to round out the summer with some clowning around. All ages are welcome to get silly with Chester. Chester the Clown has been clowning for 31 years, and has made appearances on television and is a former Ronald McDonald clown for McDonald's Restaurant. Don't miss the chance to see this fabulous clown.

Family Place

Aug 7,14,21,28 | Fri

10-11a

Infants to 4 yrs w/parents

Playing with your baby or child is not only important for bonding but is also an educational experience for your child. We are



providing a special time and place for you to come to the library and spend one-on-one time playing with your child. A different community resource professional will be available each week to answer your parenting questions. This program is intended for infants through age four with their parents or guardians. Pre-register for this program at the Reference Desk.

Del City Book Club

Aug 10 | Mon | 7-8p

Adults

Del City Book Club meets monthly to discuss a book chosen by its members. This month we are reading *The Thirteenth Tale: A Novel* by Diane Setterfield. Join anytime and suggest a title for upcoming meetings! Call 672-1377 for more info.

Tell a Tale Storytime

Aug 11 | Tue | 6:30-7:15p

Ages 4-8

Storytelling is an ancient art form. Before there was written word, people passed their stories down verbally with dramatic flair. Come find the art in stories with "Tell a Tale Storytime."

Make Your Own Candles

Aug 19 | Wed | 6-7:30p

Teens

Candle making expert, Kelly Thompson, will guide teens through step-by-step candle making techniques. Please pre-register.



First Time Home Buyers Workshop

Aug 25 | Tue | 6-7p

Adults

Local realtor, Pat Jenkins, will answer questions and offer advice for first time home buyers. Call 672-1377 for more information.



LIZARDS & TURTLES & SNAKES

...OH MY!

Aug 6 | Thur | 7:30-8:45p

If you are interested in reptiles and amphibians, these meetings are for you. This is your chance to learn about herps, and even show off your own.

Any properly caged, non-venomous reptiles or amphibians are welcome. For more information, call Larry Daniel at 737-8331.

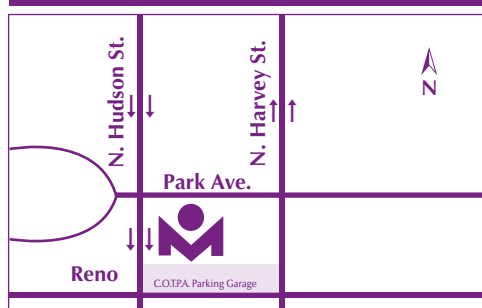


Downtown Library

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

HOURS

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



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Wednesday Night at the Movies

Aug 5,12,19,26 | Wed | 6-8p

Ages 13 and older

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

for more information.

Aug 5: *The Count of Monte Cristo* (2002)

Aug 12: *The Bridge to Terabithia* (2007)

Aug 19: *The Secret Life of Bees* (2008)

Aug 26: *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas* (2008)

Noon Tunes

Aug 6,13,20,27 | Thur

11:30a-12:30p

All ages



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

Aug 6: *Marcy Priest and Bryan Jackson*

Aug 13: *Adam Leadbetter*

Aug 20: *Albert Grey Eagle*

Aug 27: *Classen Guitars*

Serenity of Bach: Second

Sunday Summer Series

Aug 9 | Sun | 2-3p

All Ages



Pianist Wayne McEvilly presents a three concert Second Sunday Summer series which features 24 preludes and fugues by Bach. This month's concert is "The Ultimate in Keyboard Music" which includes preludes and fugues 9-16. All ages are welcome to attend these free concerts in the 46th Star Auditorium at the Downtown Library.

Finding & Using Historical Newspapers in Genealogical Research

Aug 15 | Sat | 2-4p

Adults



Learn about your ancestor's REAL story by reading about them in the newspaper! From obituaries to wedding and birth announcements to military service to visiting kinfolks - it all made the local newspaper. Learn how to find those wonderful gems of information from guest speaker Billie Stone Fogarty, President of Oklahoma Genealogical Society.

Children Reading to Dogs

Aug 15 | Sat | 3-4p

Children who can read



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

Oklahoma Goes to the Movies!

Aug 30 | Sun | 2-5p

All ages

Come see the classic "Sooner" movie *The Grapes of Wrath* in the 46th Star Auditorium followed by a panel discussion on the film and other movies about Oklahoma now included in an anthology titled *Sooner Cinema Oklahoma Goes to the Movies* (46th Star Press, 2009). The book's editor and several

contributors will be present for a question and answer session after the movie, as well as to sign copies of the book available at a special event and library discount. Please call 231-8650 for more information and to sign up to attend.

Preventing and Dealing with Identity Theft: Find It - Legal Resources @ Your Library

Aug 31 | Mon | 5:30-7p
Adults

Oklahoma County Bar members and professionals from Legal Aid of Oklahoma will provide a presentation on preventing and dealing with identity theft followed by a question and answer session. This program is part of the free ongoing series Find It: Legal Resources at Your Libraries which focuses on a variety of different legal issues. Sessions are offered the last Monday of each month through October and meet in the Downtown 4th floor Friends Event Room. For information call 606-3879 or 713-1353. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma County Law Library.

Edmond Library

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

HOURS

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

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Stamp Club

Aug 1 | Sat | 10a-Noon
4th grade and older

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

Farsi Language Class

Aug 2,9,16,23,30 | Sun
1:30-2:30p
Adults

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



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55+ Coffee Break

Aug 5,12,19,26 | Wed | 9:30-11a
Seniors

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

Parachute Play

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Ages 3-6



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Computer Instruction with Eddie

Aug 5,12,19,26 | 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.

How to do Homework Without Throwing Up

Aug 5 | Wed | 1:30-2:30p
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. Class size is limited to 15. Facilitators: Pam Collins and Dan Hester. Call 425 4412 to register. Co-sponsor: OCCHD.

School Skills Game

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Computer Instruction with Dave

Aug 5,12,19,26 | Wed
7-8p
Ages 18 & older



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

Reader's Choice Book Discussion

Aug 8 | Sat | 10:30a-Noon
Adults

The Reader's Choice group will encourage you to read and discuss outstanding contemporary fiction. Visit a meeting and enjoy lively discussion. The book this month is *The Art of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein. Call the library at 341-9282 to reserve your copy.

The Edmond Book Bunch

Aug 8 | Sat | 2-3:30p
Seniors

The members of the Book Bunch discuss current and classic fiction. If you are interested in joining call 341-9282. The title this week is *Peace Like a River* by Leif Unger. You may reserve copies through the library.

Toileting Triumph

Aug 12 | Wed | 3:30-5p
Adults



With the development of new language skills, motor skills, attitude and activity level come many challenges. Toileting doesn't have to be one of those challenges. Come discuss ways to make this exciting milestone more fun and rewarding for the whole family. FREE. Please call 425-4412 to enroll. Parents, teachers and childcare providers are always invited to attend. All workshops have been approved for childcare licensing and STARS credit. Co-sponsor: OCCHD.

Music With Susan

Aug 14,28 | Fri | 9:30-10a
and 10:15-10:45a
Ages 2-3



Join with Susan in musical activities designed

especially for this age group. Classes are held on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month. Registration for the 2nd Friday always begins on the 1st day of the month. Registration for the 4th Friday always begins on the 15th day of the month. Please pre-register by calling 341-9282, ext. 4.

Music With Susan

Aug 14,28 | Fri | 11-11:30a
Ages 4-5



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

Driver's Safety Class sponsored by AARP

Aug 15 | Sat | 9:30a-4p
Ages 16 through seniors

Attention all drivers! If you want to be a better driver and save money, plan to attend the AARP Driver's Safety class and become eligible for a discount on your monthly auto insurance premium. The state of Oklahoma authorizes a discount lasting 3 years for any driver who successfully completes a defensive driver's class. Cost is \$12. AARP members, \$14. non-members. Space limited. To pre-register, call 341-9282. Co-sponsor: AARP.

CyberMARS for Seniors

Aug 15 | Sat | 2-3p
Adults



Have you ever wondered where the old Card Catalog went? Well, it has resurfaced in another format and now we call it CyberMARS! In this class we will learn how to find a Book, CD, Cassette, or a DVD, and this includes a search in all 17 Metro Area Libraries. We are also able to search by: General Keyword, Author, Shelf # (Dewey Decimal), Title, or Subject. The neat thing about this is if you have Internet access at home, you are able to do all this from your home computer. FREE Please call 341-9282 extension 4 to register.

Preschool Story Time

Aug 17 | Mon | 10-10:30a
Ages 3-5



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

Sustainable Edmond

Aug 18 | Tue | 6:30-9p
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 concerns. Chapter of Sustainable Oklahoma.

ESL

Aug 31 | Mon | 1-4p
and 5:30-8:30p

Adults

This course is designed for individuals to improve their language skills. Through everyday conversation, students will learn, review, and practice English grammar, vocabulary, and pronunciation. For more information please call OCCC at 682-7873. Co-sponsor: OCCC.



Common Challenges with Toddlers

Aug 26 | Wed | 3:30-5p
Adults

Temper tantrums, biting and sharing are some of the most common issues facing parents of toddlers. Parents and child care providers are welcome to come learn ways to minimize the frustration associated with these challenges. FREE. Please call 425-4412 to enroll. Parents, teachers and childcare providers are always invited to attend. All workshops have been approved for childcare licensing and STARS credit. Co-sponsor: OCCHD.

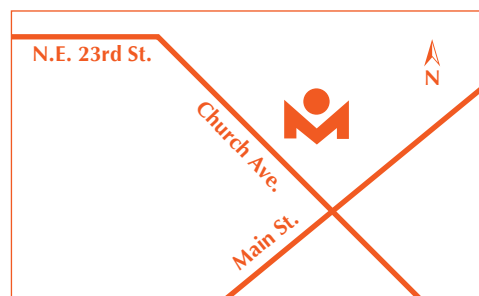


Harrah Library

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

HOURS

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



Library Night at the Ballpark

Aug 3 | Mon | 7:05p
Children and Teen Readers

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Tail Waggin Tutors

Aug 8 | Sat | 9a-Noon
Grades K-6

Come share a book with Duke the Therapy dog, He is trained to listen as children practice their reading skills. Call 454-2001 for information.



Jones Library

111 E. Main St., Jones
(405) 399-5471

HOURS

Tue & Thur: 9:30-5:30 Sat: 1-5
Mon Wed Fri & Sun: Closed



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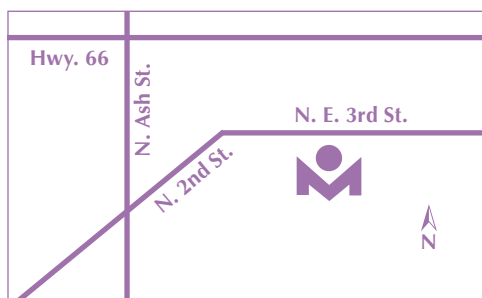


Luther Library

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

HOURS

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



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Children and Teen

Readers



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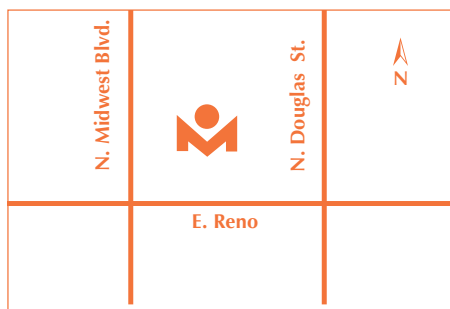
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Midwest City Library

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

HOURS

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



Saturday Morning Cartoons

Aug 1 | Sat | 10a-Noon

All ages

Come to the library for popcorn and a Disney-Pixar movie about Toys.

Alive @ 25

Aug 1 | Sat | 1-5p

Young adults

Alive At 25 is a program that teaches young adults and teens to drive safely. Each participant will learn defensive driving techniques by the

Midwest City Police Department. To attend this free class please register at the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828. Co-sponsor: Midwest City Police Department.

Community Quilting Class with the Soldier Creek Quilting Group

Aug 3,10,17,24 | 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 and assist other members. A supply list is available at the Information Desk. Contact Mary Okulski at 733-0564 for more information. Co-sponsor: Soldier Creek Quilting Group.

Job Readiness Class

Aug 3,17 | Mon | 10-11a and 6-7p

Adults

Need to revise or create a resumé? The Midwest City Library, in partnership with Rose State College Job Placement and Career Services, will offer a Job Ready Class the first and third Monday during the month of August. Class times are 10-11a.m. or 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. We will focus on resume writing. To attend please register at the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828. Co-sponsor: Rose State Job Placement and Career Service.

Whose Line Is It Anyway?

Aug 3 | Mon | 5:30-7p

Aug 18 | Tue | 5:30-7p

Ages 10-16

Love to act? Improv? or just have fun? Then join us for Whose Line Is It Anyway? You will have a blast!



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Children and Teen

Readers



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Parent Talk

Aug 4 | Tue | 9a-Noon

Parents or caregivers of young children

Have questions? Sessions include discussion about the normal range of development as well as any parenting questions you may have in the areas of speech, language, development, and behavior. Children do not have to be present at session. Facilitated by Child Guidance Staff: Sarita Naegeli and Cheryl Custer. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City-County Health Department.



Preschool Story Time

Aug 4,11,18 | Tue

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

Ages 2-5 with parents

Join us for story time! There will be songs, fingerplays, rhymes, occasional crafts and special stories. Come and join the fun! Older and younger siblings are welcome. All children should be accompanied by an adult. Registration is required. Please call 732-4828 or visit the Information Desk to sign up.



Knitting and Crocheting

Aug 4,18 | Tue | 10a-Noon

All Ages

Crocheting and Knitting is a fun hobby for all ages. Instructor Kathy Brown will guide participants, regardless of experience, on how to make wonderful items. This program is free; needles and thread provided by the library. To attend please register at 405-732-4828 or register at the Information Desk.

Mid-Del Toastmasters

Aug 4,11,18,25 | Tue | 6-8p

Adults

Toastmasters International provides a way to practice & hone the communication & leadership skills of its members. To learn more or to register, contact Jackie Wright at (405) 808-6834 or Dan O'Neil at (405) 204-7154. Co-sponsor: Mid-Del Toastmasters.

Parachute Play

Aug 5 | Wed | 10:30-11a

Ages 3-6 with parents

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



Adult Movie Night

Aug 5 | Wed | 5-7p

Adults

The Midwest City Library will show a romantic comedy about a spoiled heiress who runs away from her family and is helped by a man who has an ulterior motive. To attend the viewing of this classic movie please register at the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828.

How to do Homework Without Throwing Up

Aug 6 | Thur | 1-2:30p

Ages 8-12

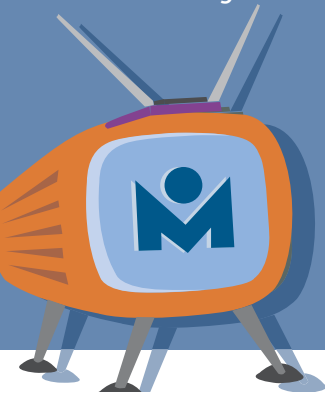
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READ ABOUT IT

Discussions With Authors & Book Reviews

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



OKLAHOMA CITY— Big game hunting in early 19th century America, a business success story and the connectedness of cultural extinction, environmental destruction and war, 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.

Aug 1 D.L. Birchfield, member of the Choctaw nation and a winner for the Western Writers of America Spur Award, will discuss *A Field of Honor*.

Aug 8 Richard Rattenbury, curator of history at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum will discuss *Hunting the American West*.

Guests and program schedules are subject to change without notice.

Aug 15 Coleen Payne-Nabors, named Small Business Person of the Year for Oklahoma, will discuss *I Did It My Way and It Worked!*.

Aug 22 Glenda Carlile, author and executive director of The Oklahoma Center for the Book, will discuss how that organization honors significant writing about Oklahoma or by Oklahoma writers.

Aug 29 Linda Hogan, Writer in Residence for the Chickasaw Nation and an Oklahoma Book Award winner, will discuss *People of the Whale*.

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Reptiles and Amphibians!

Aug 6 | Thur | 7:30-8:45p
All Ages

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

Hunters' Safety Education Safety Course

Aug 8 | Sat | 9a-2p
Ages 10 and 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. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma Wildlife Department

YA Gamefest

Aug 10 | Mon | 4-5:30p
Ages 10-16

Game on! Bring your friends and play video games like Guitar Hero, Wii Sports, Super Smash Bros, DDR, Rock Band, and more. Games are rated E, E10+, and T.



Children Reading to Dogs

Aug 11, 25 | Tue | 7-7:30p
Children who can read

Read to a specially trained dog who loves to hear a good book! The dogs particularly enjoy hearing one of the dog stories we will have, but you can bring your own book too. It is especially valuable in building self confidence and self-esteem for those needing an uncritical, appreciative, listening audience to improve reading skills. All dogs and owners are trained and certified as dog therapy teams. Space is limited, so please



register by calling 732-4828 or by visiting the Information Desk.

AAA Motor Vehicle Crash Prevention Course

Aug 15 | Sat | 9a-4p
Licensed Drivers

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

Midwest City Health Fair

Aug 15 | Sat | 10a-4p
All Ages

The Midwest City Library will host its annual community health fair in the library parking lot. Participants can receive: bone density exams, blood-sugar tests, cholesterol examinations, free food, free immunization for kids, free prizes for all ages. Please register at the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828. Co-sponsors: Walgreens, Midwest City YMCA, Midwest City Fire Department, Midwest City Police Department.

YA Movie Night

Aug 17 | Mon | 5-7p
Ages 10-16

Please contact the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828 for movie title.



Midwest City Reader's Society

Aug 18 | Tue | 10a-Noon

Adults

If you enjoy reading and discussing books, come to the Midwest City Library the third Tuesday of each month for our book club. New members are always welcome. Register and pick up your copy of our current book at the Information Desk, or call 732-4828.

Fall Gardening

Aug 18 | Tue | 1:30-3p

All Ages

Instructor Ray Ridlan of OSU-OKC Extension will instruct participants on fall gardening. This program is free. Please register at the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828.

Toddler Aerobics

Aug 25 | Tue

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

Ages 2-5 w/parents

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



Nicoma Park Library

2240 Overholser, Nicoma Park
(405) 769-9452

HOURS

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



Library Night at the Ballpark

Aug 3 | Mon | 7:05p

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 summer prize voucher to be redeemed at the Redhawks ticket office anytime prior to the game.



Storytime with Ms. Krystal

Aug 7,14,21,28 | Fri

1:30-2:30p

Ages 1-5

Come join us for "Storytime with Ms. Krystal" at 1:30 pm every Friday. There will be stories, songs, crafts and "FUN". Call the library at 769-9452 for more information.



Choctaw Women's Aglow

Aug 8 | Sat | 9:40a-Noon

Adults

The interdenominational group of Women's Aglow meets every second Saturday from 9:40am - noon. Inspirational speakers, fellowship, and refreshments. For more information call: 371-7316 or 677-8909.

Children reading to Dogs

Aug 13,20 | Thur

3:30-4:30p

Children who can read

On the second and third Thursday of the month from 3:30-4:30pm children improve their skills by reading to D'Leo and his owner. This team is certified by Therapy Dogs International. Bring your favorite book or choose one of ours to read. Call 769-9452 for more information.

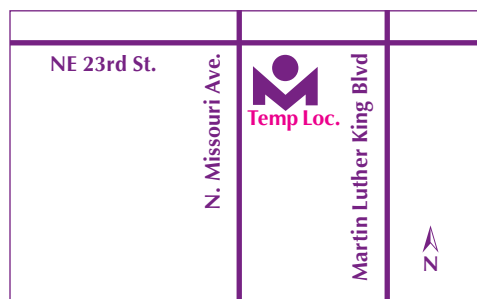


Ralph Ellison Library Temporary Location

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

Library Night at the Ballpark

Aug 3 | Mon | 7:05p

Children and Teen

Readers

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be redeemed at the Redhawks ticket office anytime prior to the game.

Southern Oaks Library

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

HOURS

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



Library Night at the Ballpark

Aug 3 | Mon | 7:05p

Children and Teen

Readers

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How to do Homework

Without Throwing Up

Aug 4 | Tue | 1-2p

Ages 7-12

"Homework, who needs it?" You do! This workshop is for elementary age 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. Class size is limited-sign up fast. Facilitators: Pam Collins and Dan Hester. Call 425-4412 to register.



School Skills Game

Aug 4 | Tue | 2-4p

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-sign up fast. Facilitators: Pam Collins and Dan Hester. Call 425-4412 to register. Co-sponsor: OCCHD.



LIBRARY NIGHT *at the* BALLPARK!

Monday, August 3, 7:05pm

It's your night! Readers who completed Goal 2 in the Summer at the Library program, join us for Library Night at the Ballpark! Be at the AT & T Bricktown Ballpark, 2 S. Mickey Mantle Drive by 6:30pm to redeem your prize vouchers for free tickets.

(Vouchers can be redeemed any day during box office hours.)



Parent Talk

Aug 6 | Thur | 1-4p
Parents or caregivers of young children



Are you looking for new parenting ideas? Are you looking for answers to important questions about your child? If so, then Parent Talk may be for you. 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. Parents, sign up early as appointment slots fill fast! Children do not have to be present at the session. Workshop facilitated by. Call Child Guidance at 425-4412 to pre-register. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City County Health Department.

Score Small Business Counseling

Aug 7, 21 | Fri | 10a-1p
Adults

If you are interested in starting a new business or are a business owner in need of assistance, counseling is available the first and third Friday of the month. The service of Retired Executives (SCORE) will offer free confidential assistance for potential small business owners. Call 631-4468 for more information or sign up at the Reference Desk. Co-sponsor: Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE).

Defensive Driving

Aug 8 | Sat | 9a-4:30p
Licensed drivers 16 and older

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. The fee for the class is \$12.00 for AARP members, \$14.00 for non-members, cash or check payable to the AARP. Space for the course is limited so please pre-register by signing up at the Information Desk or by calling 631-4468. Co-sponsor: AARP

Southern Oaks Book Club

Aug 11 | 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.

Just Playing

Aug 11 | Tue | 2:30-4p
Parents or caregivers of young children



All my child ever does is PLAY! This workshop will discuss what children are learning when they are playing, how play promotes language development, and how to play with your child effectively. Facilitated by Teresa Widick & Tracy Goebel. Call Child Guidance 425-4412 to register for the free workshop. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City County Health Department.

Parachute Play

Aug 19 | Wed | 10:30-11a
Kids ages 3-6 w/parent or caregiver



Come play games with a parachute. Children will have the opportunity to practice skills such as: following directions, socializing with others, using language, and using small and large muscles...AND it's loads of fun! You must pre-register. Sign up by calling 425-4412. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City County Health Dept.

GED

Aug 24, 26, 31 | Mon & Wed
3-6p



Age 16 & older

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



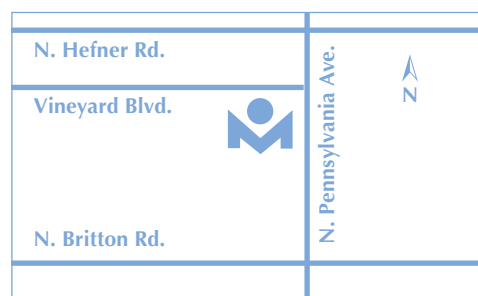
The Village Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: Closed



Introduction to MS Excel
Aug 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 | Mon
6:30-8p



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 p.m. Scheduled in 30 minute to one hour sessions per individual. Come in or call to reserve your instruction time. Village Library (405) 755-0710.

Library Night at the Ballpark

Aug 3 | Mon | 7:05p
Children and Teen Readers



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Children Reading to Dogs

Aug 6, 13, 20, 27 | Thur
3:30-4:30p



Children who can read

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

Reading Readiness

Aug 6 | Thur | 6-7:30p
Parents and caregivers of young children



Children can start down the road to becoming readers from the day they are born. 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 Sarita Naegeli. Please pre-register at 425-4412. Co-sponsor: OCCHD.

Business Counseling Sessions with SCORE Aug 15 | Sat | 9a-Noon Adults

Thinking about starting a new business? Need some advice with a small business problem? Counseling and assistance is available from SCORE (the Service Corps of Retired Executives). You can schedule a free session with SCORE member LaVerna Pendleton. Call the Village Library Information Desk to sign up. Co-sponsor: SCORE.



Working with Vista Aug 15 | Sat | 10-11:30a Adults

Free computer class for adults! Learn how to use Vista windows, create folders in Vista, save a document to a folder, and find, open and print documents you saved. Come in or call to sign-up. Village Library (405) 755-0710.

Book Discussion Group Aug 17 | Mon | 3-4p Adults

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

Anime Club Aug 20 | Thur | 4-5p Teens



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

Knitty Committee Aug 22 | Sat | 10-11a All Ages

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

Warr Acres Library

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

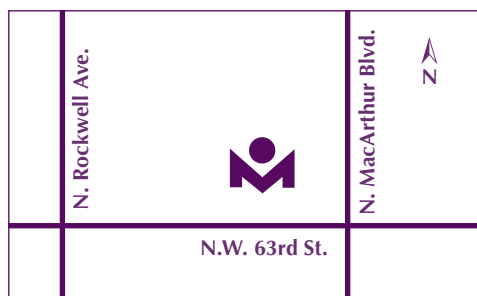
HOURS

Mon-Thur: 9-9

Sat: 9-5

Fri: 9-6

Sun: Closed



Library Night at the Ballpark

Aug 3 | Mon | 7:05p
Children and Teen
Readers



Location: Bricktown Ballpark

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Admission is a summer prize voucher to be redeemed at the Redhawks ticket office anytime prior to the game.

Warr Acres Book Club

Aug 10 | Mon | 11a-Noon
Adults

The Warr Acres Library Book Club meets the second Monday of each month. We will discuss *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls.

Parent Talk

Aug 14 | Fri | 9a-noon
Adults



Individual, private sessions for parents or caregivers of young children, include discussion about the normal range of early development as well as any parenting questions you may have in areas of speech, language, development, and behavior. Children do not have to be present at the session. Call 425-4412 to schedule your FREE appointment.

Warr Acres Coffee Break

Aug 17 | Mon | 9:30-10:30a
Adults

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

Using Communication Skills to Build Self-Esteem Workshop

Aug 18 | Tue | 3:30-5p
Adults



Workshop is FREE Please call 425-4412 to enroll. Parents, teachers and childcare providers are always invited to attend. All workshops have been approved for childcare licensing and STARS credit.

ESL

Aug 31 | Mon & Wed
5:30-8p
Adults



Improve your written and spoken English in this class offered by OCCC. Class and materials are free. Enroll with the instructor at class time. Co-sponsor: OCCC.

Wright Library

2101 Exchange, OKC
(405) 235-5035

HOURS

Tue-Thur: 10-5:30

Mon & Sun: Closed

Fri & Sat: 10-3



Library Night at the Ballpark

Aug 3 | Mon | 7:05p
Children and Teen
Readers



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Thursday Noon Tunes

***Downtown Library Atrium every
Thursday from 11:30 to 12:30pm***

August 6

Marcy Priest and Bryan Jackson,
guitar/vocal originals

August 13

Adam Ledbetter — piano jazz

August 20

Albert Grey Eagle and Unity, Native
American flute & African drums

August 27

Classen Guitars

All performances are free and open to the public.

Downtown Library

300 Park Avenue | Oklahoma City, Oklahoma | 606-3833



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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.

Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan. *The Complete Sherlock Holmes*.
MYS/DOLYE

Well, since August is the “dog days of summer,” let’s look at books featuring dogs. Canines play major roles in several of the Sherlock Holmes stories. There’s Toby the bloodhound in *The Sign of the Four*, the dog that famously “did nothing in the night time” in “Silver Blaze”, and, of course, the spectral *Hound of the Baskervilles*.

Erickson, John R. *The Garbage Monster From Outer Space*.
J FICTION/ERI

If you and your kids have never discovered *Hank the Cowdog*, this is as good a place to start as any. And who can resist that title? Hank lives on a ranch where he and his animal buddies have a series of delightful adventures. If you like to read aloud, these books are a special treat.



We're here to serve you.

MLS LIBRARIES

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

**The Ralph Ellison Library is at a temporary location at 1918 NE 23rd while the original location is undergoing renovations.

MLS EXTENSION LIBRARIES*

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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.