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During the Middle Ages, students usually sat on the floor and took notes using a bone stylus and wooden tablet covered with green or black wax. They may very well have learned that the only things that really frighten elephants are dragons.

In the 21st Century, dragons don't play too much of a role in the school curriculum and most kids get to sit at desks, but there's a lot more out there to learn and that's where your Metropolitan Library System comes in. Sure, we still have the books and magazines to support those research papers, but we also have public access Internet computers and more than that, as you'll see in this issue's information articles. Public libraries have always been an element of the people's free education and MLS is proud to carry on that tradition.

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Early Baseball in Oklahoma City

by Larry Johnson





Though no one is sure when or where the first game of baseball was played in Oklahoma City, by the summer of 1889, enough citizens were hungry for Cracker Jack that two temporary grandstands were built – one on the west side and one on the east. Baseball also played a central role at one of the first citywide celebrations – Independence Day, 1889. A permanent grandstand was built at the fairgrounds at NE 8 and Harrison in 1890. Over the next decade amateur clubs or company teams played each other and teams from nearby towns. On the diamond a particularly fierce rivalry developed between Oklahoma City and Guthrie, just as it had in non-sporting life.

The first formal professional baseball team in the city was the Metropolitans (Mets), formed in 1902 and played in the Southwestern League against such divine opponents as the Enid Evangelists. They played in Colcord Park, which was part of the very popular Delmar Garden entertainment area just off Western Ave. on the south bank of the river. The Mets played until 1917 when they disbanded during World War I. The team was very popular and street cars actively promoted games by providing special express cars on game days.

In 1919, John Holland's Hutchinson, Kansas team moved here and soon built a new park – Western League Park – on Exchange Avenue just across the river from the old park.

The new team, the Indians, played there until the river washed away Wheeler Park Zoo, Western League Park and a number of other buildings in a devastating 1923 flood. By the 1924 season-opener, they were installed in newly built Holland Field at NW 4 and Pennsylvania; the Indians would remain there until 1958. The new field was a modern park with a parking lot and street car access and in 1930 the first night game was played.

From 1919 to 1958 the team played in the Western and Texas Leagues and many future major leaguers would play in Holland Field including Carl 'The Meal Ticket' Hubbell and manager Rogers Hornsby (1940-41). In 1949, the Indians were purchased



Street cars actively promoted games by providing special express cars on game days.

by the great baseball showman Bill Veeck as a farm team for his Cleveland Indians in the American League. Many of Oklahoma City's players, such as Al Rosen and Dale Mitchell, went on to play for the big league club and formed key parts of their 1948 and 1954 World Series teams. By 1958 the Oklahoma City Indians were no longer associated with the Cleveland Indians and falling on financial hard times, the team folded.

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



Reviews & Recommendations

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Saving CeeCee Honeycutt by Beth Hoffman

reviewed by Phyllis Davidson



CeeCee Honeycutt was not having a particularly sweet life. Her mother was mentally ill, and her father had given up on his former Vidalia Onion Queen wife. He took a job as a traveling salesman, leaving his young daughter to take care of the mother who should have been taking care of her. Momma's behavior was a constant source of embarrassment, and CeeCee was at the end of her rope when Momma stepped in front of a Happy Cow Ice Cream Truck. Right after the funeral, CeeCee's father gave her away to her mother's aunt. Aunt Tootie sweeps CeeCee away to a whole new life in 1960s Savannah. CeeCee struggles to conceal her feelings of guilt about her mother while

adjusting to a fairy tale life of love and luxury. She is surrounded by wealthy, eccentric women and a wise black woman who cooks for Aunt Tootie. There are a few bumps along the way, but the story is resolved in a way that is as satisfying as a Georgia peach pie. This is one book you can judge by its beautiful cover.

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

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.

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ON THE SHELF

No Impact Man A documentary film

reviewed by Jana Hausburg



What would it take to live in such a way that we make no negative impact on the Earth? Colin Beaven and his wife Michelle Conlin decide to find out, dedicating a year of their lives to the effort. In the process, they ditch the television, stop eating out, end Michelle's shopping addiction, and eventually turn off their electricity. They find that hooking up some solar powered batteries for their computer and using candles is doable.

Beaven is so committed to the endeavor, it's hard not to be swayed by his earnestness. He admits the whole exercise is probably absurd, but his argument is that one person can make a difference, and perhaps in trying, one can have a positive impact on others. Personally, I enjoyed watching his wife – much more of a realist – try to come to terms with a lack of caffeine, refrigerator, and make-up. And

their two-year-old daughter is not at all distressed by the experience. What could be more fun than reading by candle light, stomping on the laundry in the bathtub, and going for long bike rides with Mommy?

I'd like to believe that we, as individuals, don't have to be helpless in the face of such overwhelming odds, that we can fight the consumer culture and take responsibility for our little piece of the world. As *No Impact Man* illustrates, it won't be easy, but it can be done.

This title also available in book form, On the Shelf: 333.72/B3862n.

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.



Romancing Miss Brontë

by Juliet Gael

reviewed by Christine Bassett



There has been a glut of fictionalized biographies published about the Brontë family recently and one can ask do we really need another? After reading this latest one written by first time novelist Juliet Gael the answer is a definitive yes as it is outstanding.

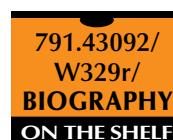
Gael records the heartache, excitement and pathos of life in the Brontë household as the three girls get their first novels published under the pseudonyms of Acton, Ellis and Currer Bell. Their brother Branwell fails to achieve his potential as a writer, instead becoming a drug addict, and several family members succumb to tuberculosis. Charlotte herself suffers from unrequited love for her literary agent and is pursued by another suitor, her father's

curate. This romance features strongly in the book, hence the title.

Through rigorous research from original sources, Gael has created a thoroughly engaging story of the last decade of the lives of Charlotte, Emily, Anne and Branwell. The focus is also on the father Patrick Brontë who by 1855 finds himself the sole survivor of his family, being predeceased by his wife and all six of his children.

This title also available as an Adobe EPUB eBook and as an OverDrive WMA Audiobook.

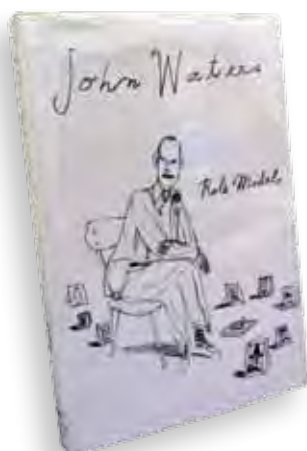
Christine Bassett has worked for the MLS for nearly 10 years. She currently works as a reference librarian at Belle Isle and is a volunteer community literacy tutor in her spare time.



Role Models

by John Waters

reviewed by Doug Bentin



I suspect there is an appreciation of trash art in the heart of even the most high-brow consumers of culture. Just as critics with British accents lead us to the best of capital "A" Art, John Waters is here to guide us through the maze of that with a small "a".

His latest book is a collection of ten essays about the people who have helped him become the man he is today. Waters is always amusing and usually provocative. How else do you describe pieces that discuss people as diverse as Johnny Mathis, Tennessee Williams, Leslie Van Houten and St. Catherine of Siena?

Not having fun with his prose is almost

impossible when Waters is at full tide. Try this:

"Little Richard scared my grandmother in 1957. I made a beeline to her out-of-date hi-fi. 'LUCILLE! You won't do your sisters will!' came blaring through the house like a pack of rabid dogs. It was as if a Martian had landed."

You may want to pick and choose the essays you read, but there has to be something in here just for you.

Doug Bentin appears weekly on the MLS TV program "Read About It." Check out his movie reviews in The Oklahoma Gazette.



Reviews & Recommendations

Three Hispanic Stories for Children as Told by Joe Hayes

Watch Out for Clever Women

Folk tales told by Joe Hayes / Illustrated by Vicki Trego Hill

!El Cucuy! A Bogeyman Cuento in English and Spanish

As told by Joe Hayes / Illustrated by Honorio Robledo

Tell Me a Cuento

As told by Joe Hayes / Illustrated by Geronimo Garcia



Story weaver, Joe Hayes has numerous stories to share in print for a whole new population to enjoy. These old Hispanic tales are brought to life and color with each new reading. Like the fairytales I grew up with; “*Snow White*,” “*Goldilocks*,” *Hansel & Gretel*,” Hayes’ folktales come with valuable lessons.

As grownups share these books with children, it is a perfect opportunity to talk about how the stories are unique to the Spanish culture and how they differ from others. Human nature is pretty much the same all over the world – stupid is as stupid does and greed is greed no matter how you spell it. In *!El Cucuy!*, the naughty children suffer the same consequences an American boogeyman

would enforce.

In *Watch Out for Clever Women* there are cinco cuentos...I mean five stories. In the introduction Hayes writes, “According to an old saying – ‘A woman thinks more in a minute than a man does in a whole month.’” This superpower, he says is due to the rich inner life many women developed when so much of the external, active life was denied them.

The stories are written in English and Spanish. While the English versions stand on their own, maybe sometime, I’ll try reading them in Spanish just to brush up my Espanola.

Check ‘em out, literally!



To Hell on a Fast Horse: Billy the Kid, Pat Garrett, and the Epic Chase to Justice in the Old West

by Mark Lee Gardner



Thousands of people are intrigued even in the 21st Century by the legend of Billy the Kid, but among them not many have much nice to say about the man who killed him, Pat Garrett. We’ve seen Billy’s death at Garrett’s hand in 1881 represented dozens of times, but how many people know that Garrett lived until 1908 and was shot in the back while involved in a troublesome land deal? One of the participants in the deal was a killer named Jim Miller, who would be lynched in a barn in Ada the following year.

Gardner’s book is an even-handed dual biography of Garrett and the Kid. The book is well-

documented and the author lays out the facts of the story with a minimum of speculation. Many writers on the infamous Lincoln County War make cases for competing versions and interpretations of events and let the reader decide. Gardner examines the evidence and then tells it as he thinks events went down.

Billy the Kid may not have been the wild-eyed sociopath he is frequently accused of being, but he was no Robin Hood, either. He was, however, at the center of a fascinating piece of western Americana.



reviewed by Doug Bentin



Get Aboard the Learning Express



Taking exams is never relaxing. Even those light-weight tests in popular magazines can give you the jitters, so how much more nervous do you get when you're being quizzed over something important in the real world?

Your Metropolitan Library System can help lessen the tension of work-related test-taking with our Learning Express database, which can be accessed through our webpage www.metrolibrary.org.

From our website select the heading "Catalog and Databases," then log in with your library card number and select the "Databases" option. A list of the databases to which we subscribe pops up and you'll scroll down to "Learning Express Library" and click.

Now you'll get a list of all the available Learning Centers. These include: Elementary, Middle and High Schools; College Prep; College Classes; Computer Skills; GED Prep; Job Search and Workplace Skills; Jobs and Careers; Skill Building for Adults; and U.S. Citizenship

For example, take a look at Jobs and Careers. The subdivisions include: Civil Service, Cosmetology, Electrical, Firefighter, Law Enforcement, Nursing and Allied Health, and Plumbing, among others.

Okay, let's check out the section on Plumbing. Here you find two instantly scored practice tests that offer journeymen and master candidates the essential, authentic preparation they need to score well on the Journeyman or Master

licensing exams. The tests offer multiple-choice questions designed to familiarize you with the content of the real exams. You find out your score instantly and detailed answer explanations are provided.

The academic areas that are emphasized at all levels are math, reading and writing skills. Whether you've been in Elementary School for a week or the work force for 20 years, Learning Express offers assistance and instruction for you at your level of education and experience.

Maybe you'll be getting ready to attend college in a year or two. Take a look at the College Preparation Learning Center to get some advice and experience with the ACT, Advanced Placement, CLEP, CUNY, PSAT, SAT, THEA, or TOEFL iBT Preparation.

We can't guarantee that you'll wind up scoring in the top percentile on any of these exams when the time comes to take the real deals, but you will assuredly do better than you would do without Learning Express, and this preparation guidance is absolutely free. MLS is paying the database's subscription fee so you can take and re-take the tests as often as you want to.

If you have questions about Learning Express, check it out for yourself. There's a Frequently Asked Questions page to fill you in on the facts. The database Help Center is easy to find and use.

Take a look. You've got nothing to lose.



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As revealed in this issue of INFO's other article, your Metropolitan Library System provides the Learning Express database free to you for educational purposes. But we also produce live, in-person programming opportunities for parents and students.



OOOL LIBRARY

Three of our libraries are offering computer classes in August. From Edmond Library in the north to Capitol Hill Library in the south—and Downtown Library in the center—library staff and volunteers are on hand to walk students of all ages at their own pace through the intricacies of Computerland. Contact the participating libraries (addresses and phone numbers can be found on the back cover of this magazine) to find out what the content of the August sessions will be.

If you prefer live, hands on instruction for GED preparation, check out the Edmond and Southern Oaks libraries in August. Edmond offers sessions that meet on Aug. 23, 25, 30; the classes at Southern Oaks meet on Aug. 24, 26, and 31. Combine this instruction with the practice tests you'll find at Learning Express and a lot of the nervous anticipation will come out of taking that GED exam.

And we haven't forgotten our youngest library customers and their parents. Six sessions for them have been scheduled in August, including:

- * Reading Readiness at Midwest City Library on Aug. 4, and at The Village Library on Aug. 8
- * School Readiness at Warr Acres Library on Aug. 10
- * Parent Talks at Belle Isle Library on Aug. 5, Capitol Hill Library on Aug. 12, and Warr Acres Library on Aug. 13

Parent Talks cover a wide variety of topics of interest to parents and guardians of young children, and the sessions are led by trained professionals.

Thumb through this issue's Calendar of Events to get a better idea of the contents of these, and all MLS programming in August.



The Ronald J. Norick Downtown Library

The work would be far from finished, but it felt as if much of the load had been taken from the shoulders of the Metropolitan Library System administrators and staff when MLS took the keys to the new Downtown Library on April 26, 2004. And when the library officially opened 16 weeks later, on August 17, the joy was palpable.

Debra Spindle, Manager of the Downtown Library at that time, expressed what the entire staff was feeling. "Not only will our new library offer the people of Oklahoma County the best public library facility in the state, it's also a magnificent work of art in itself. The views, both interior and exterior, are gorgeous, and with our location across the street from the Oklahoma City Museum of Art and near the Music Hall and Stage Centre, we're now a major part of the Downtown/Bricktown cultural and entertainment heart of the city."

The four-story, 112,356 square foot library was the last of the original MAPS projects to be completed. It houses the MLS Administrative Team and several system support departments. In addition to the library, the building also provides a home for the Oklahoma City Downtown College Consortium.

Celebrating its sixth anniversary of serving the public in 2010, the Downtown Library is one of Oklahoma City's architectural gems.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

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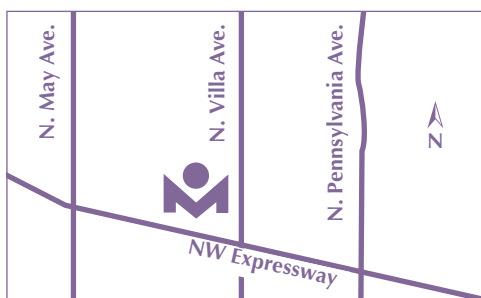
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Belle Isle Library

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

HOURS

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



Service Corps of Retired Executives

Aug 7, 21 | 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. Co-sponsor: Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE).

Choctaw Story Telling with

Greg Rogers

Aug 14 | Sat | 2-3p

All ages

Author and Choctaw storyteller Greg Rodgers, shares engaging traditional Choctaw and other Native American tales for all ages. Audiences will laugh and play along as they explore the rich images and dynamic characters created in these tales of wonder. Story performances also include music on the Native American flute, rattles, traditional Choctaw songs and chants, as well as the steady rhythmic beat of his deerskin hand drum. Greg is the author of *The Ghost of Mingo Creek*, is a collection of eight short stories based on spooky Oklahoma legends and promises to thrill readers of any age. Books will be available for signing and purchase.



Children Reading to Dogs

Aug 16, 23, 30 | Mon

6-7:30

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.



Metropolitan Library Commission of Oklahoma County

Aug 26 | Thur | 3:30-5p

Belle Isle Library
5501 N. Villa
Oklahoma City, OK 73112
405.843.9601

The public is welcome to attend.

Library Night at the Ballpark

Aug 2 | Mon | 7:05p

All ages

Location: Bricktown Ballpark
Tonight's the night! Live it up! We're going to have a baseBALL game! Readers who completed Goal 2 in the Summer at the Library program, are invited to 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.



Parent Talk

Aug 5 | Thur | 1-4p

Adults

Sessions include discussion about normal range of early development as well as any parenting questions you may have in the areas of speech, language, development and behavior. Child need not be present at the session. Facilitators are Katherine Broekhuysen and Tracy Goebel. Call 425-4412 to schedule an appointment. Co-sponsor: OCCHD, Child Guidance Division.



Metro OKC Knit Guild Group Meeting

Aug 15 | Sun | 3-5p

Teens-Adults

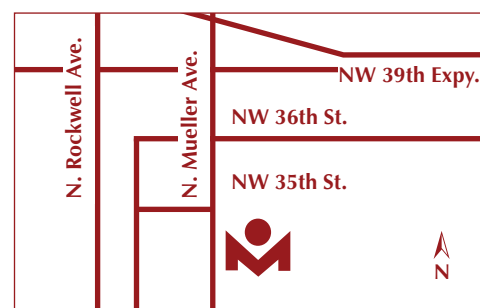
The Metro OKC Knit Guild group is meeting at Belle Isle. Everyone—any knitter or a person who's never knitted, but would like to learn—is welcome. Each monthly program includes a lesson of a new knitting technique and examples of charity knitting projects. For questions about the group, call 793-1566 or email at lluse@aol.com.

Bethany Library

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

HOURS

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



Library Night at the Ballpark

Aug 2 | Mon | 7:05p

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Ice Cream Social

Aug 7 | Sat | 2-3:30p

All ages

Farewell to Summer. Bethany's annual ice cream social will feature face painting with artist Clarissa Sharp.



Jazz Pizzazz

Aug 21 | Sat | 2-3p

All ages

On the 5th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, Jazz & Blues artist & vocalist, Martha Stallings will perform for Jazz Pizzazz. New Orleans' Jazz is world famous and Martha will be performing some its favorite songs.



Capitol Hill Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: Closed



Library Night at the Ballpark

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All ages

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Gamefest

Aug 7 | Sat | 2-4p

Teens

Happy or sad it's the end of Summer? Let's raise some noise at another GameFest. There will be Guitar Hero, RockBand, Super Smash Brothers, and more. All games are rated E, E10+, and T. Pre-register.



Computer Basics

Aug 14 | Sat | 2-3:15p

Adults

This class is designed for adults & seniors who know very little about computers but want to learn more. Questions will be answered regarding basic windows, internet usage, MS Word, Excel, Power Point, and any other computer related topics. Please register at the reference desk, or by calling the library.



Back to School Social

Aug 18 | Wed | 4-5p

Kindergarten-6th Grade

Celebrate the new school year, and see what the library has to offer at our first Back to School Ice Cream Social. Be cool in school!

Children Reading to Dogs

Aug 21 | Sat | 11a-Noon

Children who can read

Our highly trained dog volunteers love to hear stories! Come practice your reading skills by reading to these adorable dogs! We provide the books AND the dogs. Please register at the information desk or by calling 634-6308.



Preschool Music

Aug 23 | Mon | 1-1:30p

Ages 6 and younger

Sing along with some favorite songs and hear a story.



Back to School Survival Series

Aug 25 | Wed | 1-1:45p

Ages 6 and older w/parents

Learn how to make your own nutritious lunch. Healthy eating is tasty eating! Pre-registration is required. Call 634-6308 or come by the information desk!



End of Summer Luau and Volunteer Thank You Party

Aug 28 | Sat | 2-3:30p

Kids and Teens

You can't end your summer without one more cool party at your favorite library. Join us for fun festivities as we celebrate and thank our awesome Summer Reading volunteers.

Tummy Time

Aug 31 | Tue | 11-11:30a

Babies & caregivers

Join us for an interactive story time for the youngest readers! Reading to kids at any age encourages language and early literacy skills.



Choctaw Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: Closed



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Lapsit Story Time

Aug 3,10,17,24,31 | 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 3,10,17,24,31 | Tue

10:30-11a

Ages 3-5 years

Come to the library for stories, songs, fingerplays, and fun to help build early literacy skills. Please call 390-8418 or stop by the Reference Desk for more information.



Art For Kids

Aug 6,13,20,27 | Fri

9:30-10:30a

Ages 6 and older

Join us to learn charcoal and pencil drawing techniques. Please bring a drawing that you have completed to the first class. Bring pencils and paper. Call 390-8418 to register.



Parachute Play

Aug 6 | Fri | 10:30-11a

Ages 3-6 with parent

While playing games with a parachute, children will have the opportunity to practice



skills such as following directions, socializing with others, using language, using small and large muscles, and remaining in control during very active play. Facilitated by Child Guidance Speech-Language Pathologists. Class size limited to 10 children. Call 425-4412 to pre-register. Co-sponsor: OCCHD.

Parenting Series: Fun to be Four Aug 12 | Thur | 6-7:30p Parents/caregivers of young children



What fun to be four! Learn more about your fascinating four year old child. This workshop will focus on the characteristics of the four-year-old child and how we can assist in their overall development. Bring your questions with you. Please call 425-4412 to register. Facilitated by Child Guidance Staff. Co-sponsor: OK City County Health Dept.

Family Place: Open Play Aug 14 | Sat | 10-11a Ages 6 months - 5 years



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.

Pajama Story Time Aug 16 | Mon | 6:30-7:15p Ages 3 and older



Put on your pajamas and join us for a bedtime story and activity.

Children Reading to Dogs Aug 18 | Wed | 4-5p Children who can read



Come and read to a dog! (A dog and trainer certified as a therapy team by Therapy Dogs International.) 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! Limited sign-up. Stop by or call 390-8418 to reserve a space.

Preschool Aerobics Aug 20 | Fri | 10:30-11a Ages 2-5 years



Join us for preschool aerobics featuring exercises to develop fine & gross motor skills. Parents/caregivers will participate with their child. Please pre-register at 390-8418.

History of Massage Aug 21 | Sat | 10a-Noon Adults

Learn about the interesting history behind the art of massage. Free demos. Call 390-8418

to register. Co-sponsor: Heritage College Massage School—Oklahoma City Campus.

Ookami Anime Club Aug 28 | Sat | 2:30-4p Teens



Teens

Share and discuss your favorite Anime and Manga (Japanese drawings and cartoons). Screen new Anime episodes each month! Snacks will be provided so come join the fun! *Anime may contain material that is considered unsuitable for ages 13 and younger.

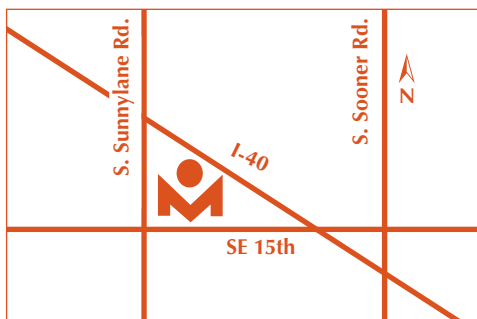
Del City Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: Closed



Library Night at the Ballpark

Aug 2 | Mon | 7:05p
All ages



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Team Edward or Team Jacob? Aug 3 | Tue | 3-4:30p Teens



Teens

Are you on Team Edward or Team Jacob? Come to Del City Library and celebrate the release of "Breaking Dawn" by making a personalized team T-shirt. Supplies are provided so please sign up. Call 672-1377 for more information.

Mad Science Summer Fun Aug 4 | Wed | 10:30-11:30a 10:30-11:30a All ages

Come join the fun when Mad Science returns to Del City Library! Come for imaginative learning with lots of fun!

Del City Book Club Aug 10 | Tue | 7-8p Adults

The Del City Book Club meets monthly to discuss a book chosen by its members. Join anytime and suggest a title for upcoming meetings! August is "Happiness Happens" month and we are reading *The Happiness Project: Or, Why I Spent a Year Trying to Sing in the Morning, Clean My Closets, Fight Right, Read Aristotle, and Generally Have More Fun* by Gretchen Rubin. Come by and pick up your copy!

TAB Meet Up Aug 17 | Tue | 3:30-4:30p Teens



Teens

The Teen Advisory Board (TAB) gives teens the opportunity to participate, volunteer, and influence teen services at the Del City Library. We meet once a month to talk about the books, magazines, music, and library programs that YOU care about. Join us and make the Del City Library YOUR library! Call 672-1377 for more information.

PlayTime Aug 19 | Thur | 10-11a Ages 6 months-3 years



Young children play at the Del City Library! Toys are provided by the library. Guest is Stacey Poole from Sooner Start. Sooner Start is Oklahoma's early intervention program for developmental delays. Sooner Start professionals work through the Oklahoma Departments of Education, Health, and Human Services.

GameFest Aug 19 | Thur | 6-7:30p Teens



Teens

Beat the end of Summer blues with board games and video games at Del City Library. Play Wii or Xbox, or go old school with checkers and Scrabble! Call 672-1377 for more information.

Ocean Fun Storytime Aug 24 | Tue | 6:30-7:15p Ages 4-8

Delightful and entertaining stories and activities about the ocean! Come for boats and fish and maybe mermaids, too. Join the fun!

Cats, Dogs, Frogs—Pet Storytime Aug 27 | Fri | 10-10:20a Ages 1-5



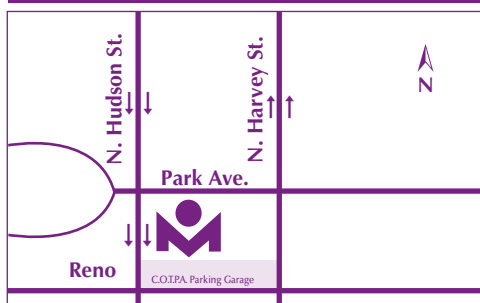
Young children will have fun with stories and activities about animals which can be pets! And, author Gwen Hooks will be sharing her new books from the series Pet Club!

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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Computer Basics 1

Aug 3 | Tue | 6-7:30

Adults

Part 1 of a 2 part class. Learn all the basics to get you started: computer components, tools, task bar, Microsoft Word and more. If you are just getting started you won't want to miss it! Call 606-3879 to register.

Wednesday Night at the Movies

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

Ages 13 and older

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

Aug 4: *Butch Cassidy & the Sundance Kid*

Aug 11: *Death on the Nile*

Aug 18: *The Sting*

Aug 25: *Gladiator*

Noon Tunes

Aug 5,12,19,26 | Thur

11:30a-12:30p

All ages

Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Metropolitan Library System. Music groups performing in August are:

Aug 5: *Lyric Theater's Interactive 1776*

Aug 12: *Larry Pierce Trio*

Aug 19: *Jamie Bramble, guitar & vocals*

Aug 26: *Marcin Parys, classical piano*

Computer Basics 2

Aug 10 | Tue | 6-7:30

Adults

Part 2 of a 2 part class. This class will continue where part 1 left off. You will learn to save, print, create folders, email attachments and more. If you are just getting started you won't want to miss it! Call 606-3879 to register.

Children Reading to Dogs

Aug 21 | Sat | 3-4p

Children who can read

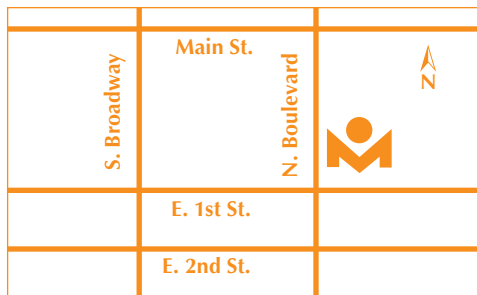
Come read to a dog! Children can practice and improve their reading skills by reading to specially trained dogs and their owners who act as an uncritical, appreciative audience. They love a good dog story--borrow one of ours or bring your own. Dogs and their owners are trained and certified through Therapy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

Edmond Library

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

HOURS

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



Advanced Farsi

Aug 1,8,15,22,29 | Sun

1:30-2:30p

Adults and Teens

For those students who have some familiarity with spoken and written Farsi. Supply charge \$20. per month, payable to the instructor. All written material supplied by the instructor.

Beginning Farsi

Aug 1,8,15,22,29 | Sun

2:30-3:30p

Adults and Teens

For those who are new to the Farsi language. Written and spoken Farsi will be introduced. Supply charge is \$20. per month, payable to the instructor. All written materials supplied by the instructor.

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Children Reading to Dogs

Aug 3,17 | Tue

6:30-7:30p

Children who can read

Read to a specially trained dog who loves to hear a good book! Dogs with their owners will be in the Library to be read to by children. All dogs and owners are trained and certified as dog therapy teams, and most through Therapy Dogs International. Sessions last approximately 15-20 minutes.

55+ Coffee Break

Aug 4,11,18,25 | Wed | 9-11a

Seniors

This is a Coffee Break just for you. Snacks, good conversation, Scrabble or games you bring yourself. Find out about new books offered in the library system. Don't miss out on this opportunity to mingle and meet new people.

Tripping Through Toddlerhood

Aug 11 | Wed | 3:30-5p

Parents or guardians of young children

Fun, fascinating and frustrating are some words to describe the typical toddler. We will discuss what makes toddlers all three of these descriptions. 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. Call 425-4412 to schedule your 45 minute appointment. Child Guidance; OK City-Co. Health Dept. Co-sponsor: OCCHD.

Music With Susan

Aug 13,27 | Fri | 10-10:30a

and 10:40-11:10a

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 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 13,27 | Fri

11:15-11:45a

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. Pre-register by calling 341-9282, ext. 4.



Reader's Choice

Aug 14 | Sat | 10a-12:30p

Adults

Members of the Reader's Choice Book Group enjoy discussing challenging and intriguing literature. Books may be reserved at least three weeks ahead of time to the library. Ask about the title to be discussed at the reference desk. Call 341-9282 for more information

Lapsit: Playtime and Storytime

Aug 17,24 | Tue | 9:30-10a

and 10:15-10:45a and

11-11:30a

Birth to 2 years

Enjoy a special time with your 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.



Sustainable Edmond

Aug 17 | Tue | 6:30-8p

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, emotionally, and socially. Sustainable Edmond promotes environmental stewardship through individual, commercial, and business participation.

Teddy Bear Picnic Story Time

Aug 23 | Mon | 10-10:30a

Ages 3-5

Bring your favorite Teddy and join us for a special time of fun, food, and friendship.



Intermediate ESL

Aug 23,25,30 | Mon & Wed

1-4p

Adults

This class is for adults who would like to improve their spoken and written English and includes grammar, conversation, vocabulary, reading, writing, listening, and pronunciation. Class is provided by Oklahoma City Community College. Free. Register with instructor the first day you attend. Co-sponsor: OCCC.



Beginning ESL

Aug 23,25,30 | Mon & Wed

5:30-8:30p

Adults

Beginning English as a Second Language (ESL) teaches students how to improve their conversational and listening skills in English. Enroll with the instructor on the first day you attend class. Class materials are free. Co-sponsor is OCCC.



Psst! Secrets to Getting a Children's Book Published

Aug 23 | Mon | 7-8p

Adults

Tammi Sauer has sold eight picture books to a number of major publishing houses: Bloomsbury, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, Simon & Schuster, and Sterling. Her latest book, *Chicken Dance*, received the 2010 Oklahoma Book Award, the 2009 NAPPA Gold Medal Award, and was named a 2010 Chicago Public Library's, Best-of-the-Best Book, along with being a 2011 Grand Canyon Reader Award Nominee, and a 2010-2011 Buckaroo Book Award Nominee. Registration is necessary. Please call the Edmond Library at 341-9282. Tammi will be talking about ways that you can get your children's book published. She has some great ideas!

GED

Aug 24,26,31

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

Age 16 and older

Adults wanting to prepare for the GED test are invited to free GED classes presented by instructors from the Oklahoma City Community College. Materials are provided. Classes are open to those age 16 years and older who are not currently enrolled in high school. For students 16-17, a notarized consent waiver form is required. Register with the instructor on the first day you attend class. Co-sponsor: OCCC.



Those Playful Preschoolers

Aug 25 | Wed | 3:30-5p

Parents/Guardians of young children

Preschool aged children are active, loving and talkative. We'll discuss behavioral characteristics and developmental milestones of 3 and 4 year olds. We'll also bring along activity ideas to keep those hands, feet and minds busy. Come and learn that it's okay for your preschooler to be "out of bounds." Call 425-4412 to schedule your 45 minute appointment. Child Guidance; OK City-Co. Health Dept. Co-sponsor: OCCHD.



Lapsit: Playtime and Toddlerobics

Aug 31 | Tue | 9:30-10a

and 10:15-10:45a and

11-11:30a

Birth to 2 years

Enjoy a special time with your child at the library. We will have a playtime with the toys in the story time room. This is followed by a short session of aerobics, emphasizing movement to music.



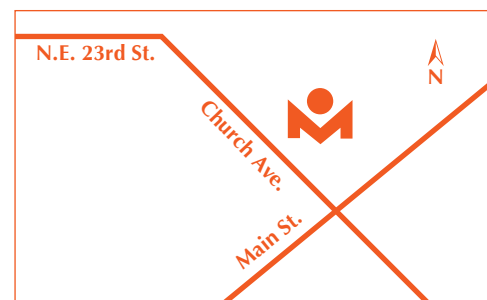
Harrah Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: Closed



Library Night at the Ballpark

Aug 2 | Mon | 7:05p

All ages

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Children Reading to Dogs

Aug 14 | Sat | 9a-Noon

Grades K-6th

Please come by & share a story with Duke. He is a trained therapy dog that comes to listen to children practice their reading skills. Call 454-2001 for information.



Thursday Noon Tunes

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

August 5: Lyric Theater's Interactive 1776

August 12: Larry Pierce Trio

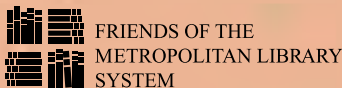
August 19: Jamie Bramble, guitar/vocal

August 26: Marcin Parys, classical piano

Downtown Library

300 Park Ave., OKC, OK • 606-3833

All performances are free and open to the public.



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

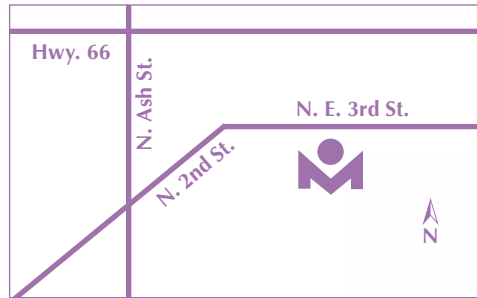


Luther Library

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

HOURS

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



have a baseBALL game! Readers who completed Goal 2 in the Summer at the Library program, are invited to 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.

Farmers Tea

Aug 5 | Thur | 2-3p

Adults

Come by and relax with a glass of tea and snack. Then browse the shelves to see the new books we have.

Quilting and Sewing

Aug 16 | Mon | 10a-4:30p

Adults

Come and enjoy the fellowship and learn to quilt and sew.

Library Night at the Ballpark

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All ages

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Coffee Break

Aug 2 | Mon | 9:30a-10:30a

Adults

Come by for a cup of coffee and light refreshment and see what book we are featuring this week.

Library Night at the Ballpark

Aug 2 | Mon | 7:05p

All ages

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Midwest City Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: 1-6

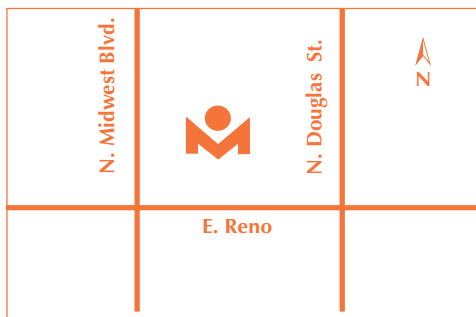


Exhibit: Basket Weaver's Guild of Oklahoma

Aug 2-31 | During Library Hours
All ages

The BasketWeavers Guild of Oklahoma will display a selection of handmade baskets in the Lobby Gallery at the Midwest City Library from August 2 - August 31. The Guild is a state-wide organization and is dedicated to preserving, promoting, and educating people in the art of basketry. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

Exhibit: Islamic Art

Aug 15-Sept 12 | During Library Hours
All ages

The Midwest City Library is pleased to host an Exhibition of Islamic Art in the Lobby Gallery from August 15 through September 12. The display represents various forms of Islamic Art, including Arabic calligraphy, and utilizes many mediums. Art work is provided by students from Mercy School Institute as well as artists Tehmina Cheema, Uzma Muzaffar, and Farzana Jahangir, all of the Oklahoma City area. The exhibit is free and open to the public during all library hours.

Soldier Creek Community Quilting

Aug 2 | Mon | 9a-2p
All ages

Perpetuate art forms and inspire others in quilting. Members of Soldier Creek Quilting Group invite you to attend every Monday at the Midwest City Library from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. No experience necessary, just a willingness to create art. Registration is not required. Co-sponsor: Soldier Creek Quilting Group.

Job Readiness Class

Aug 2 | Mon | 4-5p

All ages

Looking for employment and need to update your resume? If so, please attend the Midwest City Library's Job Readiness Class. In addition to resume writing, participants learn interviewing skills and other techniques necessary for today's competitive job market. To attend, please register at the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828. Co-sponsor: Rose State College.

Whose Line Is it Anyway?

Aug 2,9,16,23,30 | Mon

5:30-7p

Teens

Get your IMPROV ON!! No registration required.



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All ages

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Wii While You Wait

Aug 3,10,17,24,31 | Tue | 9a-Noon

Adults

Every Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. adults have the opportunity to strengthen their video gaming skills. No registration required.

Knit Wit Program

Aug 3 | Tue | 10a-Noon

All ages

Learn to knit or crochet OR, strengthen your craft. Crochet class meets every first Tuesday of the month; knitting class meets every third Tuesday. Class is free and all supplies provided by the library. No registration required..

Reading Readiness

Aug 4 | Wed | 6-7p

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 reading readiness building blocks and the parent's role in helping children to become readers. Facilitated by Sarita Naegeli. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City-County Health Department.



Oklahoma Herpetological Society

Aug 5,19 | Thur | 7-9p

Aug 14 | Sat | 2-3:30p

All ages

Join the Oklahoma City Herpetological Society for their regular meetings at the Library. All are welcome!!



Teens

Alive @ 25

Aug 7 | Sat | 1-5p

Teens

The Library, in partnership with the Midwest City Police Department, presents this free program to help young adults and teens drive safely. To attend, please register at the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828.

Belly Dancing with Katia Vissers

Aug 9 | Mon | 6-7:30p

Adults

Come join us on Monday, August 9th at 6:00 p.m. for belly dance instruction at the Midwest City Library. Participants learn various techniques and skills regarding the art of belly dancing. This class is free and available to the public. To attend, please register at the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828.

Adult Movie Night

Aug 16 | Mon | 6:30-8:30p

All ages

A trans-Atlantic passenger steamship slated for retirement, is making its way across the Atlantic from New York City to Athens on its last voyage. To view this powerful 1972 block buster movie please come to the Midwest City Library for free popcorn and drinks. No registration required.

Midwest City Readers' Society

Aug 17 | 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.

AAA Motor Vehicle Crash Prevention Course

Aug 21 | Sat | 9a-4p

Adults

All licensed drivers are invited to participate in a certified AAA instructed class. A material fee of \$30.00 applies; AAA members will receive a discount. Please call 1-800-222-2582 to register. Co-sponsor: AAA Motor Vehicle.

Midwest City Library Health Fair

Aug 21 | Sat | 9a-3p

All ages

The Midwest City Library will host its annual health fair. Participants can : receive a free health exam, donate blood and learn important information about your health. Free food provided. For more information or to register for the blood drive, please call 405-732-4828.

ESL

Aug 24 | Tue | 5:30-8:30p

Adults

Participants learn to improve their English language skills through everyday conversation. No registration is required. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City Community College Adult Learning Center.



Yu-gi-oh

Aug 28 | Sat | 2-4:30p

Teens

Come and get your Yu-gi-oh game on. No experience necessary.



Nicoma Park Library

2240 Overholser, Nicoma Park
(405) 769-9452

HOURS

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



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Children Reading to Dogs

Aug 12,19 | Thur

3:30-4:30p

Ages 4 and older

Children improve their skills by reading to



D'Leo and his owner, who are trained and certified as a therapy team by Therapy Dogs International. For more information call 769-9452.

International Women's Aglow of Choctaw

Aug 14 | Sat | 9:40a-Noon

Adults

The interdenominational International Women's Aglow of Choctaw meets every second Saturday. Inspirational speakers, fellowship and refreshments. For more information, please call: 371-7316 or 677-8909.

Lady Crafters

Aug 20 | Fri | 10a-Noon

Adults

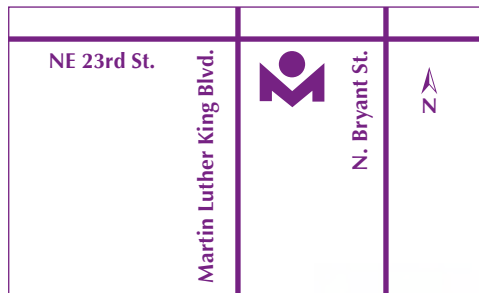
The Lady Crafters meets every third Friday 10:00am-noon to create items suitable for the season. Please call 769-9452 for more information.

Ralph Ellison Library

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

HOURS

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



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All ages

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Toastmasters

Aug 4,11,18,25 | Wed | 6-7p

Adults

Toastmasters International provides a way to practice & hone the communication & leadership skills of its members.

Guitar Hero Gaming Night

Aug 12 | Thur | 5-7p

Ages 10-16

Guitar Hero fun and food.



Children Reading to Dogs

Aug 14 | Sat | 11-Noon

Age 3 and older

All dogs and owners are trained and certified as dog therapy teams.



Red Cross Babysitting Training

Aug 14 | Sat | 9:30a-4:30p

Ages 11 and older

Red Cross Babysitting Certification Training. Registration required. Call 424-1437. Co-sponsor: American Red Cross.

Family Night: Reading to End Racism

Aug 17 | Tue | 6-7:30p

All ages

Hands on art activities focusing on tolerance, diversity and peace. Co-sponsor: YWCA and Respect Diversity Foundation.

Wallet Making Class

Aug 20 | Fri | 4-5:30p

Teens 10-17

Join us in creating a wallet made of duct tape. Both fun and practical.



Sno Cones and Gaming

Aug 26 | Thur | 5-7p

Ages 10-16

Guitar Hero fun and food.



S.O.U.P. Open Mic Poetry Night

Aug 30 | Mon | 6:30-8p

Adults

S.O.U.P. Society of Urban Poets provides and opportunity for budding poets to share their work with an audience full of supporters. Just show up ready to read.



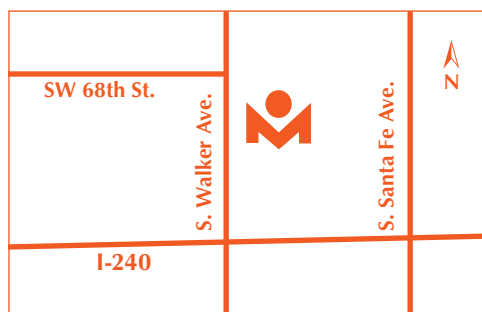
Southern Oaks Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: 1-6



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All ages

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Fun to be Four

Aug 3 | Tue | 6-7:30p

Parents and caregivers of young children

Learn more about your fascinating four year old child. This workshop will focus on the developmental milestones of the four year old. Bring your questions with you! Facilitated by Cheryl Custer and Tracy Goebel. Please call Child Guidance at 425-4412 to register. Co-sponsor: OCCHD.



Healthy Weight Loss & Disease Prevention Workshop

Aug 4,11,18,25 | Wed | 9:30a-10:30a
Adults

Are you interested in losing weight? Come to the Southern Oaks Library and learn about healthy eating, exercise and lifestyle changes that will help you succeed in reaching your goals. The workshop is free and handouts will be available at each class. Call 631-4468 to register for the workshop or sign up at the reference desk. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City County Health Department.

Southern Oaks Book Club

Aug 10 | 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.

Anime Club

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

Ages 14 & older

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



Parachute Play

Aug 13 | Fri | 10:30-11a

Kids ages 3-6 with a parent/adult

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, and it's loads of fun! Sign up is required. Call 425-4412 to preregister. Facilitated by Cheryl Custer and Tracy Goebel. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City-County Health Dept.



Children Reading to Dogs

Aug 14 | Sat | 10-11a

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 through Therapy Dogs International or HALO. Sign-up is required. Please call 631-4468 or visit the Information Desk.



GED

Aug 23,25,30

Mon & Wed | 3-6p

Ages 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. Attend any Monday or Wednesday class to enroll. Call 631-4468 for more information. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City Adult Learning Center.



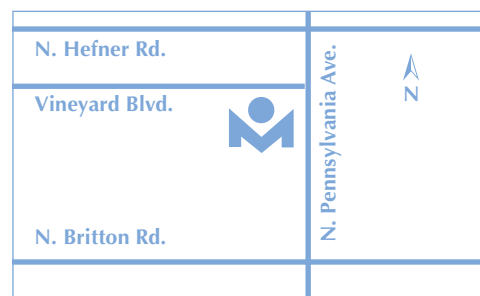
The Village Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: Closed



Library Night at the Ballpark

Aug 2 | Mon | 7:05p

All ages

Location: Bricktown Ballpark
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Children Reading to Dogs

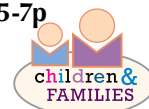
Aug 4,11,18,25 | Wed | 6:15-7p

Aug 5,12,19,26 | 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 9 | Mon | 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 reading readiness building blocks and the parent's role in helping children to become readers. Facilitated by Sarita Naegeli. Co-sponsor: OCCHD.



Fun to be Four

Aug 10 | Tue | 6-7:30p

Parents and caregivers of young children

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



LIBRARY NIGHT *at the* BALLPARK!

Monday, August 2, 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.)



Metropolitan
LIBRARY SYSTEM

www.metrolibrary.org

developmental milestones of the four year old. Bring your questions with you! Facilitated by Cheryl Custer and Tracy Goebel. Please call Child Guidance at 425-4412 to register. Co-sponsor: OCCHD.

V-SIFT

Aug 12 | Thur | 4-5p
Teens



V-SIFT = Village-Something Interesting For Teens. Meets every 2nd Thursday of the month. There will be a new activity every month: Board Games, Video Games, Anime, Arts & Crafts, and more! Snacks will be provided. Call 755-0710 or stop by the Information Desk to register or for more info.

Book Discussion Group

Aug 16 | Mon | 3-4p
Adults

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

Using Photographs with Computers

Aug 21 | Sat | 10-11:30a
Adults



Free computer class for adults! Learn how to transfer pictures from ANY camera (not just a digital camera) to your computer and email them to friends and family! Come in or call to sign-up. Village Library (405) 755-0710

Knitty Committee

Aug 28 | Sat | 10-11a
Adults

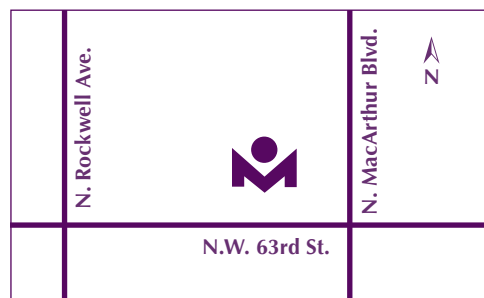
Interested in knitting or learning how to knit? Join the Knitty Committee on the 4th Saturday. Bring your yarn and join the fun.

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



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Children's Question & Answer Time for PRIZES!

Aug 5 | Thur | 10a-4p
Ages 6-11

Children that read a book from our book list (available at the Info Desk) and answer questions correctly will receive prizes. Schedule five minutes for Q&A time on Thursday, August 5. Each correct answer gives the child a point to spend on prizes. Call Alma at 721-2616 to schedule your child's five minutes of Q&A time and help select a book from our book list. An activity sheet to earn extra points is available at the Information desk.

Warr Acres Book Club

Aug 9 | Mon | 11a-Noon
Adults

The Warr Acres Library Book Club meets the second Monday of each month. We will be discussing *Shoot the Moon* by Billie Letts.

School Readiness Workshop

Aug 10 | Tue | 3:30-5p
Adults



No need to stress out about getting your child ready for school. Discuss how to provide support, encouragement and opportunities that will help your child feel and be successful.

Parent Talk

Aug 13 | Fri | 9a-Noon
Adults



Discuss the normal range of early development and parenting questions in the areas of speech, language, development and behavior. Children do not have to be present at the session. Call 425-4412 to schedule your 45 minute appointment.

English as a Second Language

Aug 23,25,30
Mon & Wed | 5:30-8p
Adults



English as a Second Language classes are held Monday and Wednesday from 5:30 to 8:00 pm. Classes are free. Register on your first visit or call (405) 682-7859 to reserve a place in the class. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City Community College.

Forensic Science: Facts vs. Myths

Aug 24 | Tue | 7-8p
All ages

Dan Russell has been with the OSBI for

over 12 years and has worked in the drug identification unit as well as forensic biology. His presentation will cover various aspects of forensic science and is designed to cover commonly asked questions about forensics. He will introduce audiences of any age to forensic sciences and provide facts vs. myths propagated by some popular television programs.

Teaching Children to be More Cooperative

Aug 27 | Fri | 10:30a-Noon
Adults



Sometimes being a parent isn't easy. We will talk about when to discipline or ignore unwanted behaviors. Come and learn the guidance techniques used by experts to teach your child how to cooperate more often.

Wright Library

2101 Exchange, OKC
(405) 235-5035

HOURS

Tue-Thur: 10-5:30 Mon & Sun: Closed
Fri & Sat: 10-3



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Library Night at the Ballpark, 7:05p	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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.

Mister Rogers' Neighborhood: Going to School [videorecording].
EASY/MIS/VIDEO/DISC

If you have youngsters going to school for the first time, maybe easy-going Mr. Rogers can help them get ready. On their first day of school, a group of children find out how good it can feel to learn something new. From the long-running PBS television series.

Mosatche, Harriet S. *Where Should I Sit at Lunch? The Ultimate 24/7 Guide to Surviving the High School Years.*

646.700835/M894w

Mosatche speaks directly to young adults aged 13-17 about those elements of high school that can be the most frightening—too much homework, popularity and competition—in the no-nonsense way seekers of answers appreciate most.



We're here to serve you.

MLS LIBRARIES

	M	T	W	TH	F	S	S
BELLE ISLE 5501 N. Villa, OKC, 843-9601	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
BETHANY 3510 N. Mueller, Bethany, 789-8363	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	—
CAPITOL HILL 334 S.W. 26th, OKC, 634-6308	9-8	9-8	9-8	9-8	9-6	9-5	—
CHOCTAW 2525 Muzzy Street, Choctaw, 390-8418	9-8	9-8	9-8	9-8	9-6	9-5	—
DEL CITY 4509 S.E. 15th, Del City, 672-1377	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	—
DOWNTOWN 300 Park Ave., OKC, 231-8650	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
EDMOND 10 S. Boulevard, Edmond, 341-9282	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
MIDWEST CITY 8143 E. Reno, MWC, 732-4828	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
RALPH ELLISON 2000 N.E. 23rd, 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	—

MLS EXTENSION LIBRARIES*

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

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