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August. Whew, just reading the word makes you reach for a cold, damp cloth and a glass of lemonade.

During the Dog Days, there are certainly warm-weather things you like to do outdoors—or have to do outdoors—but you'll be glad to know that your neighborhood MLS library has lots of cool indoor activities and programs for you as well.

Midwest City Library is starting something new with Basic Japanese classes kicking off on Tuesday, August 9 from 6-9pm. Give them a call for more information.

And how about getting started on that book you've been wanting to write? Check out Belle Isle Library's Writing Workshop: Getting Started on Your Romance Novel on August 16 at 7pm.

But maybe you just want to wind down the summer by reading some good books. You can find interesting book discussion groups at Belle Isle, Choctaw, The Village, and Warr Acres Libraries.

Look through our monthly Calendar of Events in this issue of *info* and you're bound to find something that looks good to you. After all, August is a great month at MLS.

But then, they all are.

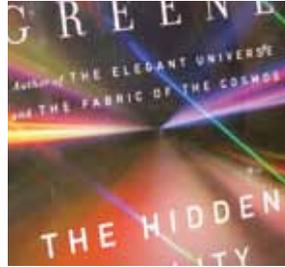


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Oklahoma Images

The Great Schoolhouse Race

by Larry Johnson

August means back-to-school for many of us in Oklahoma. Frankly, I'm glad my school days are over. Having to walk to school in 102-degree August heat while cozy, warm sweaters and zip-up turtlenecks fresh from a Penney's back-to-school sale mocked me from their hangars was one of life's greatest annoyances.

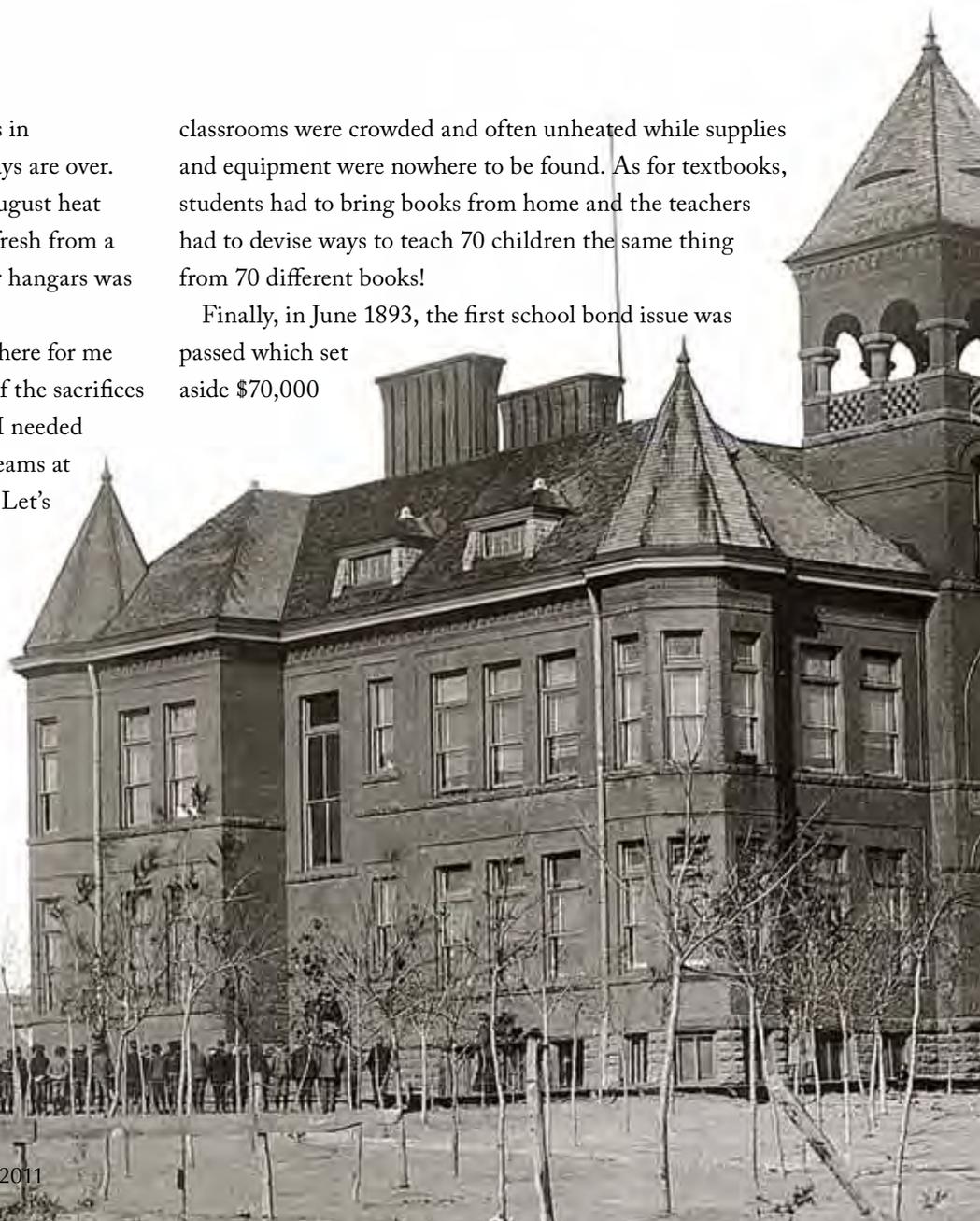
I wasn't then, but am now, glad that school was there for me when I needed it and I'm much more appreciative of the sacrifices my folks made to provide that warm apparel when I needed it. It helps to remember that when my daughter screams at me at the suggestion that she work hard and study. Let's take a look back and see what kind of struggles our ancestors went through to get an education.

Not long after Oklahoma Territory was formed in May of 1890, Oklahoma City created its first Board of Education. The Board provided money for a school in each of the city's four wards. They didn't provide money for new buildings, though, so classes were held in storefronts.

Conditions for learning were grim. The

classrooms were crowded and often unheated while supplies and equipment were nowhere to be found. As for textbooks, students had to bring books from home and the teachers had to devise ways to teach 70 children the same thing from 70 different books!

Finally, in June 1893, the first school bond issue was passed which set aside \$70,000



Emmerson School, 715 N. Walker



to fund permanent buildings for schools. Opponents of the bond issue quickly challenged the legality of the election, an action which tied up the funds until the district court settled the matter. It took until the spring of 1894 to reach a decision, but the court did acknowledge the legality of the election. But in a Solomonic twist of justice, the courts only allowed \$45,000 of the bond money to be allocated.

Although there was now only \$45,000 to

work with, construction on the new schools began in earnest in 1894. The rivalry between the north and south sides of the city had already developed by this time and it showed in the race to see which side could be the first to construct a brick school building in the city. Residents visited the building sites everyday to encourage the construction crews and cheer them on. Parties with no rooting interest took to wagering which side would win and bookmakers did a brisk trade around town.

Emerson, the first northside school, had to overcome an early protest by residents who said it was foolish to build a school so far out in a cornfield, (it

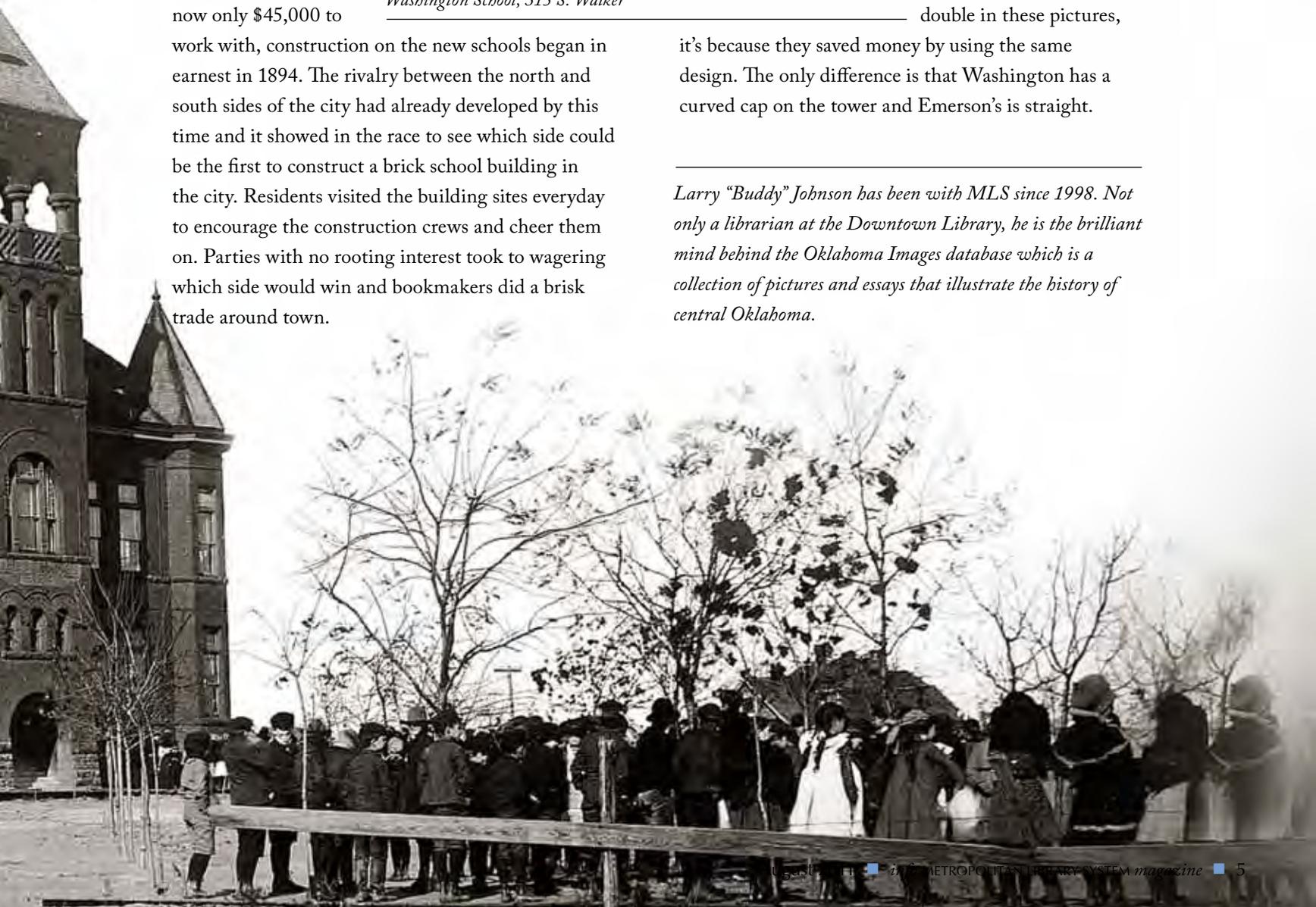
still stands at 715 North Walker). Washington School won the race and classes began at the new school at 315 South Walker in the spring semester of 1895. The bill for building these two schools came in at \$44,000, just under the \$45,000 allocated. If you think you're seeing double in these pictures,



Washington School, 315 S. Walker

it's because they saved money by using the same design. The only difference is that Washington has a curved cap on the tower and Emerson's is straight.

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.





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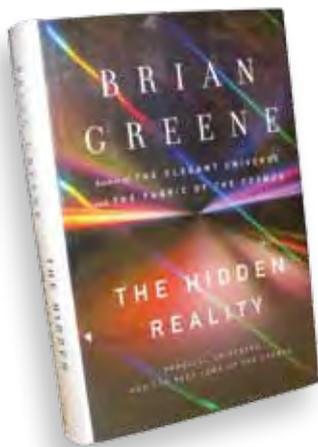
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ON THE SHELF

The Hidden Reality

by Brian Greene

reviewed by Lloyd Lovely



Hooray! Brian Greene's latest update of the cosmos is here! Aficionados of physics and the universe need no introduction to Greene; you've undoubtedly been a fan since *The Elegant Universe* was published, and may have even heard him speak at Oklahoma City University a few years back. He's been the most visible proponent of string theory the last fifteen or so years, a theory that is alive and kicking.

The focus of *The Hidden Reality*, however, is not string theory, because, after all, we've already gotten over the shock of that. Now it's time for a new shock, and this time it's not about the extremely tiny, but about the extremely large, a phrase that doesn't even begin to cover the mind-boggling sizes of what Greene discusses in this book. His topic is multiverses and theories thereof. He reports on

the possibilities of multiple universes in no less than nine different theories, or scenarios, in which infinite numbers of infinite universes are not only possible, but likely.

Keep an open mind and be prepared for some heavy thinking. So many interesting ideas about life are presented that my review could go on and on, but my editor is already groaning about my excessive verbiage. Just read the book. (You've probably already read it in another universe!)

This title is also available from MLS as a compact disc Audiobook, as an Adobe EPUB eBook, and as an OverDrive WMA Audiobook.

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ON THE SHELF

CheeZecoat

by Shea Weaver and Andy Hunt

reviewed by Melissa Weathers



Sometimes children's music can drive you nuts, but local musicians Shea Weaver and Andy Hunt have created a children's rock CD that kids and parents can enjoy together. The album, *CheeZecoat*, includes 13 songs kids will sing along with and will make parents laugh out loud.

Having a rambunctious three-year old, I'd have to say that my favorite song on this CD is "Wonder What Happens at Three". What parent hasn't counted to three to get their kids to stop misbehaving or to do what they've been told? In this song, the kid wonders what exactly would happen if his mom actually got to three, and yet he doesn't want to know. "Sometimes if it's really bad, I might even hear two and a half!"

There are many children's songs about body parts, but this is the first one I've heard about the

belly button. The "Belly Button Song" asks what exactly a belly button is for. "Well my Momma said when I was a baby in her tummy it was kinda like a straw, and that's how she fed me. That's weird, and it might be true somehow. But that doesn't tell me what it does now." "Go Green" gives ideas on how to recycle. "Recycle, reduce, and reuse helps the animals, plants, and me, and you" will get kids thinking about how they can recycle.

What children's CD would be complete without a song about the potty? "The Pee-Pee Dance" is very catchy and fun. My only warning is that you might not be able to get it out of your head.

Melissa Weathers is a Materials Selector for the library system. She purchases the music CDs and children's nonfiction books. She enjoys playing with her two sweet boys.

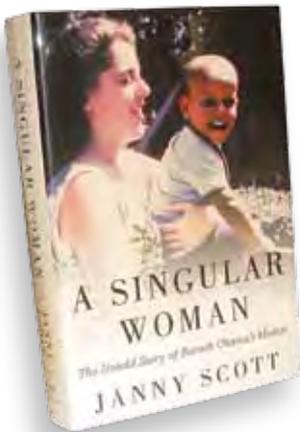


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BIOGRAPHY
ON THE SHELF

A Singular Woman

by Janny Scott

reviewed by Marilyn Backus



“The Untold Story of Barack Obama’s Mother” illuminates what made Stanley Ann Dunham a brilliant combination of her parents, just as Barack Obama grew to have qualities of both of his parents and his maternal grandparents.

Dunham was raised mostly in Kansas, but her father uprooted his family frequently, once to Ponca City, eventually to the newest state, Hawaii, where the population was international and tolerance was king. Though his ancestors were named after Emerson and Jefferson, he achieved greatness only through his progeny. Ann’s mother was the parental phenom, organized and dependable, a bank vice-president in the day when that just didn’t happen.

Ann embraced the spirit of Hawaii, where she met both of her husbands. She married a Kenyan (Obama’s father), and later an Indonesian, and lived half her life in Indonesia as an anthropologist,

researching economic discrimination against women, and developing policy for microfinance banking projects decades before the idea won the Nobel Prize for some of her collaborators.

She was unflappable, smart, generous, funny, and devoted, but agonized over her choices as a single mother, particularly how they affected her son, who, she always believed, was capable of greatness. To her children, she finally said, “If nothing else, I gave you an interesting life.”

This title is also available as an OverDrive MP3 Audiobook and as an Adobe EPUB eBook.

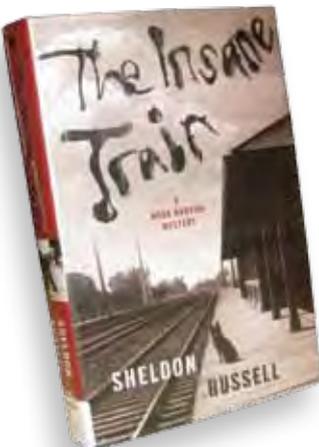
Marilyn Backus selects books and AV materials for the Metropolitan Library System. She was always partial to little boys, even before her sons gave her some grandsons. Finally.

**MYSTERY
RUS**
ON THE SHELF

The Insane Train

by Sheldon Russell

reviewed by Phyllis Davidson



A fire in the ramshackle Baldwin Insane Asylum kills thirty boys. After the mass burial, Dr. Baldwin determines that he must move the patients from California to an abandoned fort in Oklahoma. Because of the war raging in the Pacific, it is difficult to hire helpers and even more difficult to procure sufficient rail cars to transport a large group of people. Some of the patients are criminally insane and have been kept in tiny cells at the asylum.

Hook Runyon, a railroad security agent, doesn’t let his prosthetic arm keep him from tackling anyone who trespasses on railroad property, and he doesn’t let it keep him from agreeing to provide security for what becomes known as the “Insane Train.” Of course, part of his motivation may have

been the pretty young nurse, Andrea Delven, who gives up her home to move to Oklahoma with the patients. The railroad company provides Hook with some old cars that are mostly fit for the junk yard, and he enlists helpers from among the WWII vets at the hobo village. The patients are drugged, chained, and loaded onto the cars for the trip. Soon things begin to go terribly wrong. This is the second book in a series that begins with *The Yard Dog*, which earned a starred review in Booklist. I think you’ll be just crazy about it.

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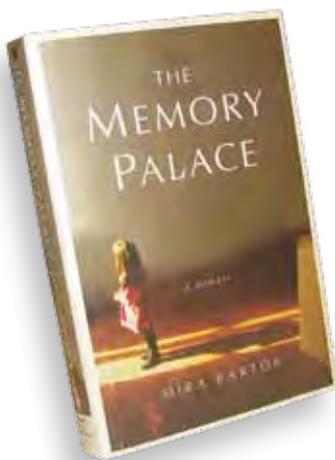
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BIOGRAPHY
ON THE SHELF

The Memory Palace

by Mira Bartok

reviewed by Kelley Riha

"For years I had kept my life secret from my schizophrenic and homeless mother. So had my sister, Natalia. We both changed our names, had unpublished phone numbers and addresses."



What could have separated these sisters from their mother, Norma? The bond between parent and child can be smooth as silk or a torrential clash of the titans. Initially, it is Norma's oncoming mental illness that drives the sisters to escape in order to save their own sanity. Mira focuses on her career as a visual artist. Her artistic sense draws a parallel between the heron's ability to fly and Norma's brilliant career as a child prodigy on the piano; pointing to the fragility of life and our delicate sense of who we think we are.

In *The Memory Palace*, fleeting memories flow as currents under Mira's life and connect her to a mother she is ashamed of. After a car accident, Mira suffers a traumatic brain injury and it is through her rehabilitation that she can see her mother's outlandish behavior in a new light.

After news of Norma's failing health reach them, Mira and her sister see perhaps the last opportunity they may have to reassure their mother that they love her--but will they be able to forgive her?

Read *The Memory Palace* and you will truly appreciate your mother like never before.

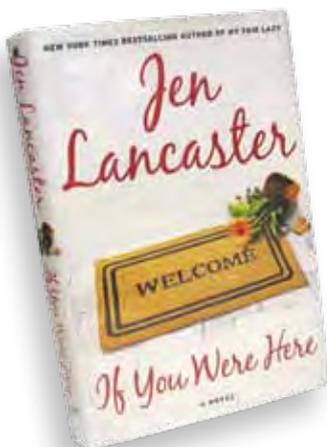
Jana Hausburg is a reference librarian at the Downtown Library. She is also the author of It Wasn't Much.

**FICTION/
LAN**
ON THE SHELF

If You Were Here

by Jen Lancaster

reviewed by Kim Terry



If you are a child of the '80s, chances are you're obsessed with everything John Hughes. Whether it's *Ferris Bueller's Day Off* ("Bueller? Bueller? Bueller?") or *Pretty in Pink* ("Blane? That's not a name. That's an appliance."), we learned a lot from John Hughes. So when fellow Hughesite, Mia, finds that Jake Ryan's house (*16 Candles*) is for sale, she's determined to buy it.

Mia, who writes a bestselling teen series about zombie Amish teenagers in love, looks past the '80s décor of mirrored walls and rooms covered in mauve and teal wallpaper. And her husband Mac is ready for a great renovation project... after all, doesn't years and years of religiously watching HGTV qualify them?

When two toilets fall through the second floor, they decide to hire a professional contractor to do the remodel. But when Vlad, from the former

soviet state of "Somewhere-istan," doesn't show up after a few days on the job, Mia and Mac are back to the ultimate DIY project. Money quickly dwindles and Mia spends a few nights in the city jail (grateful for the hot showers). She tries to keep her sanity with help from her kitten, Agent Jack Bauer, and weekly visits to John Hughes' gravesite for therapeutic "discussions."

Jen Lancaster's first foray into fiction is a quick, fun read that is perfect for reading poolside... or when taking a break from your current DIY project.

This title is also available as an OverDrive MP3 Audiobook.

The perpetually accident-prone Kim Terry is the Director of Marketing and Communications at MLS. She knows the only good thing about a broken leg is it gives her more time to read.



The Man Behind the Images

Just who, you may ask, is this guy who knows so much about Oklahoma City history and writes the “Oklahoma Images” feature in *info* magazine every month? He wears many hats—librarian, historian, author, publisher, husband, dad, and rabid baseball fanatic. He’s Larry Johnson, known to all as “Buddy,” and he can be found working one of the Information Desks at the Downtown Library.

He describes himself as being “tough on the outside and soft inside.” Well, maybe he’s not so much tough as a little cynical, the historian’s occupational hazard. He was born in Yukon in 1966, and moved to Tulsa at age three; he’s lived in 19 Oklahoma towns including Cushing, Owasso and Seiling, “but,” he says, “I consider Tulsa/Broken Arrow to be my homeland.”

A graduate of Southern Nazarene University, Johnson is the author of six books of historic photos, one about Harry Truman, and he’s currently preparing one which will contain photos of Oklahoma City in the 1950s, ‘60s and ‘70s.

In addition to “Oklahoma Images,” he is also the

writer of the “Oklahoma Moments” series of anecdotes MLS created to celebrate the state’s centennial in 2007, and which can be accessed through our website.

He and his wife Pam Bracken, a professor at SNU, founded the 46th Star Press in 2008 to publish books about Oklahoma. “Pam and I have vastly different interests, but the publishing is something we can do together. So far we’ve brought out six books, with a new one on African-American heroes of Oklahoma due in the fall.”

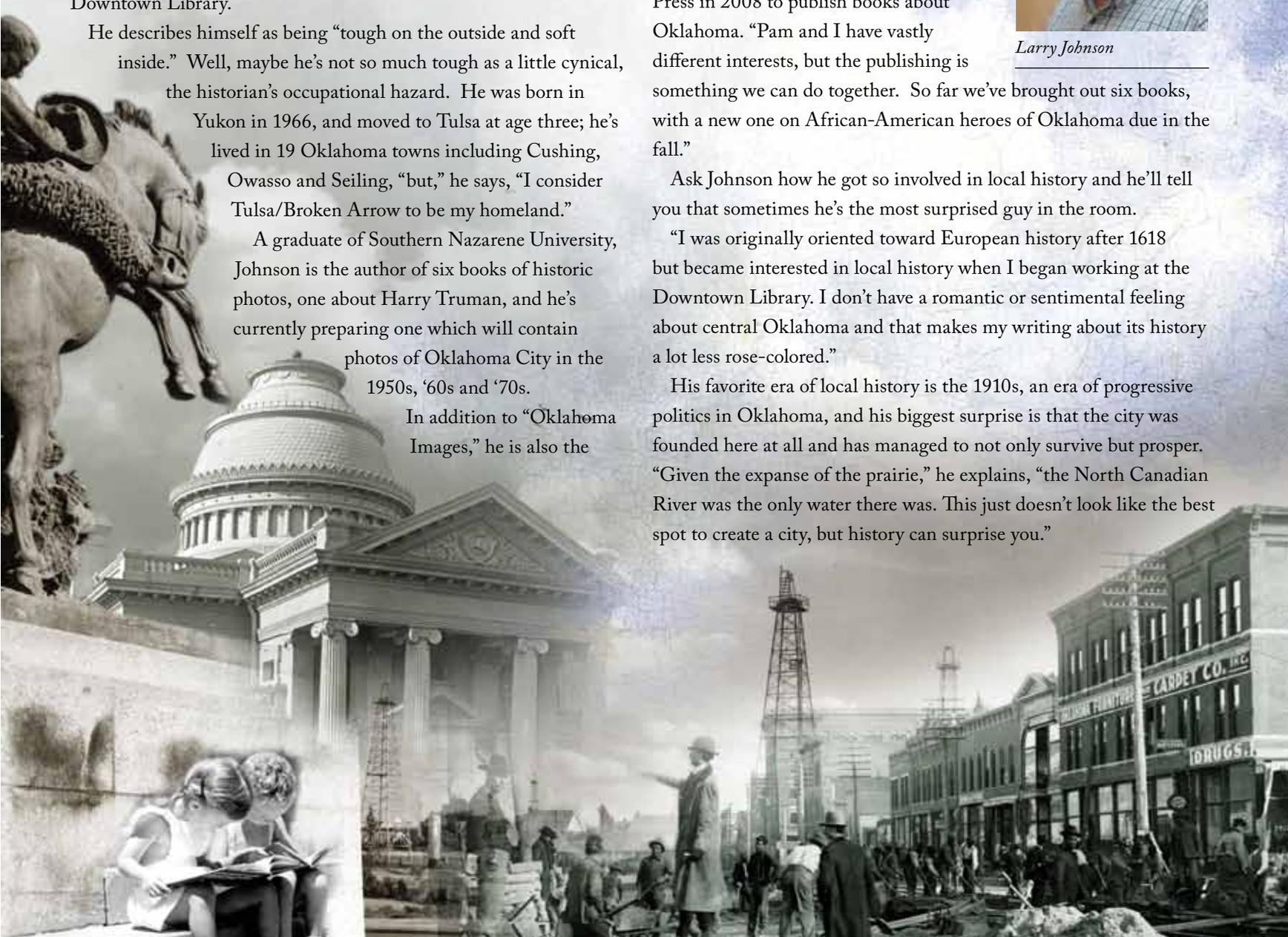
Ask Johnson how he got so involved in local history and he’ll tell you that sometimes he’s the most surprised guy in the room.

“I was originally oriented toward European history after 1618 but became interested in local history when I began working at the Downtown Library. I don’t have a romantic or sentimental feeling about central Oklahoma and that makes my writing about its history a lot less rose-colored.”

His favorite era of local history is the 1910s, an era of progressive politics in Oklahoma, and his biggest surprise is that the city was founded here at all and has managed to not only survive but prosper. “Given the expanse of the prairie,” he explains, “the North Canadian River was the only water there was. This just doesn’t look like the best spot to create a city, but history can surprise you.”

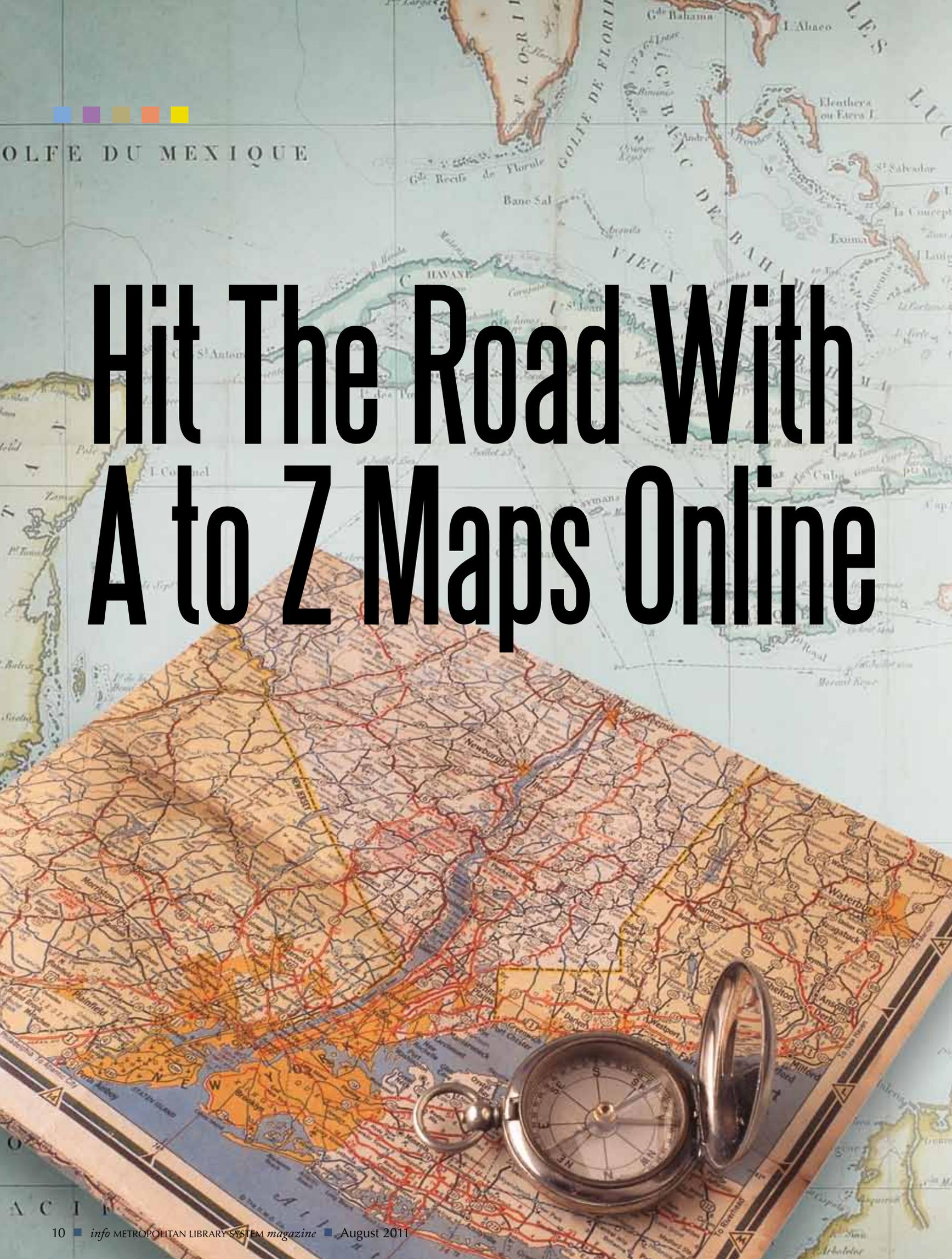


Larry Johnson





Hit The Road With A to Z Maps Online



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A GPS system is great and, if nothing else, it gives you someone to talk to on long road trips.

But sometimes, nothing beats a map and if you don't have a standard road map handy, that's when you log on to the MLS website at www.metrolibrary.org and go to the area that contains our databases. When the list of databases comes up, the one at the top is A to Z Maps Online. Now you are ready to roll.

Where do you want to go? Well, sooner or later everyone wants to take the scenic route to Dewey to visit the Tom Mix Museum. How do you do it? Which way do you go?

First, you know you want to go to the Modern Map Collection. You can get there by clicking on "U.S. State Maps." Then you select the state you want to explore. Click on Oklahoma and a variety of map choices pops up. You have everything from simple outline maps—great for students and teachers who want to fill in roads, physical features, and points of interest—to political maps (road maps),

physical maps (natural earth features, like rivers, deserts, etc.), and thematic maps (precipitation, population density, etc.).

Back on the home page, the map choices are not limited to U.S. states.

The entire Modern Maps collection contains over 5,000 maps, and if you want to do a little time traveling, the Antique Maps collection adds over 5,000 more.

You can also explore country maps, continent maps, and world maps. You can look at hurricane maps, climate change maps, Holy Land maps, NASA maps, volcano maps—even bird and

tree distribution maps.

The entire Modern Maps collection contains over 5,000 maps, and if you want to do a little time traveling, the Antique Maps collection adds over 5,000 more. Need a map of Indian Territory in 1884? We got it. Doing a little research on the Civil War? The Military Battles and Campaigns Collection contains 10 maps of the Antietam Battlefield alone.

What we're saying is that A to Z Maps Online has just about any kind of map you need or want, modern or antique. You can save any of them to your computer, or print them off to carry with you in the car if you don't want to take your laptop or iPad. And it's all free.

Now, as for that trip to Dewey:

Go north on 35 to old Route 66, then east through Arcadia and Luther and on to Stroud. When you get to I-44 you hop on for a short ride up to Tulsa, then take 75 north to Dewey. The museum is located at 721 N. Delaware. Just follow your map and the road signs. You won't get lost.

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Belle Isle Library

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

HOURS

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



Gaming Club

Aug 2,9,16,23,30 | Tue
4-5p
Teens

Come join the fun at your library! Everything from chess to Xbox Kinect will be available to play. Popcorn and drinks will be provided. You don't want to miss out!



Teens

Developmental Screenings

Aug 3 | Wed | 12:30-4:30p
Ages birth to 5 years
w/guardian

Child Guidance is offering developmental and speech/language screenings at Belle Isle Library. These are available for children birth to 5 years of age. A developmental screening is a very general look at how children are doing compared to other children the same age. Any questions or concerns you have will be discussed. Information about upcoming stages of development and home activities to enhance development will be provided. Appointments are approximately one hour long and will include a small fee. Call Child Guidance at 425-4412 to schedule an appointment. The child must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Cosponsor: Child Guidance Services, OCCHD.



Service Corps of Retired Executives

Aug 6,20 | 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 small business owners. Sign up at the Reference desk for an appointment. Co-sponsor: Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE).

Writing Workshop: Getting Started on Your Romance Novel

Aug 16 | Tue | 7-8:30p

Teens and older

Join local published author Lacy Williams as she presents a workshop geared toward those who write or want to write romance novels. Lacy will cover basic topics: "what makes it a romance novel?", building a hero and heroine readers will love, character arcs, plotting, and more. If you've ever dreamed of writing a romance novel, this workshop will give you a jumping off point. Lacy's book will be available for purchase and signing. Sign up at the reference desk.

Teen Crafts

Aug 18 | Thur | 4-5p

Teens

Come join us every third Thursday of the month for a arts and craft extravaganza! A different craft project every month. Don't miss out on the fun!



Teens

Metro OKC Knit Guild Group Meeting

Aug 21 | 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 email at Mschoir01@gmail.com, Melissa.ryan@tinker.af.mil or call 361-2044 or 739-2851.

Science Museum of Oklahoma

Aug 22 | Mon | 6:30-7:30p

All ages

"SMO-DOT" is an outreach that celebrates Oklahoma's place in the rich tradition of America's great open road culture. From the social impact of The Mother Road to the hotbed of transcontinental commerce, there is a truck load of history and science in every square foot Oklahoma blacktop. The "SMO-DOT" outreach will include a brief history of Oklahoma highways with zinc experiment, Bridge Building 101, edible roads (potholes served on the side) and instant root beer floats.

August on the Go

Aug 24 | Wed | 10-11a

Pre-kindergarten

Toddlers and preschoolers are constantly moving. Miss B will be reading books about going places and ways of getting there. Playtime will include an activity with no snacks. Pre-registration begins August 1st. 843-9601.



Metropolitan Library Commission of Oklahoma County

Aug 25 | Thur | 3:30-5p

Belle Isle Library

5501 N. Villa

OKC, OK 73112

405.843.9601

The public is welcome to attend.



Book Discussion Group featuring the Great Books

Aug 31 | Wed | 6:30p

Teens and older

A Great Books discussion group is forming and uses the shared inquiry method, led by Steve Overman, a certified discussion leader. The only requirement for attending a Great Books meeting is that you read the selection to be discussed. You need not attend all meetings. To sign up or get additional information ask at the library or contact Steve Overman, 509-2363 or sjoverman@cox.net

Bethany Library

3510 N. Mueller, Bethany
(405) 789-8363

HOURS

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



Ice Cream Social

Aug 6 | Sat | 2-3:30p

All ages

Say goodbye to summer with this annual fun community social event. Face painting will be done by artist Clarrisa Sharp.

Capitol Hill Library

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

HOURS

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



Tell Me A Story-Preschool Pros

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

9:30-10:15a

Pre-school age

Kids love to hear a story! Join us for storytimes featuring nursery rhymes, popular children's books and beloved authors. Storytime will be held in the children's area. Craft activity will be included.



Tell Me A Story: Wiggle Worms

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

10:45-11:15a

Younger than age 3

Have fun while preparing your young child to



learn to read! Hear stories by favorite authors, learn finger plays, and sing songs. This story time is perfect for little wiggle worms with short attention spans.

Capitol Hill Chess Club

Aug 4 | Thur | 4-6p

Kids-Teens

Come learn how to play this strategic game of chess. If you already know how to play, have a fun match with others. Please call 634-6308 for more information or to sign up.

Depression & Bipolar Support

Aug 4,11,18,25 | Thur | 6-7:30p

Adults

Find hope & courage. You and a friend are invited each week to meet with a DBSA trained facilitator to discuss issues, recovery plans, new strengths, better coping skills, get support and make new friends. Also, learn how to communicate with friends, family and doctors. Confidential. Call Nancy at 684-9496 for more information.

Gaming Club

Aug 10,17,24,31 | Wed

4:30-5:30p

Ages 10-16

What's better to do after school than to get your game on with Kinect or PS2. Everyone is invited. Call 634-6308 for more information.



Teens

Pokemon Club

Aug 11 | Thur | 4-5p

Ages 6-12

I choose you! Pokemon Club is on the 2nd Thursday each month. Bring your own Pokemon cards, or Nintendo DS game, and play with other Pokemon fans. This will be a non-trading game. The library has Pokemon cards available for those who have yet to build their deck. Come battle it out with your friends!

Children Reading to Dogs

Aug 13 | Sat | 1-2p

Kids 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.



Speed Connect 4 Tournament

Aug 18 | Thur | 4-5p

School age

Be the last kid standing when you battle it out in Speed Connect 4! Drop the chips as fast as you can to get 4 in a row. Prizes given to winners.

Art in the Afternoon with Debbie Langston

Aug 20 | Sat | 2-4p

Ages 6 and older

Join the summer celebration of world cultures by making medieval shields with local artist Debbie Langston. Children younger than 10 are required to have a parent present. For more information please call 634-6308.

Computer Basics: e-Mail

Aug 20 | Sat | 2-3:15p

Adults

This class is designed for adults and seniors who know very little about computers, but who want to learn more. This month we will focus on e-mail, and any e-mail related question is appropriate. An attempt to answer all questions will be made. If you have a laptop or notebook computer you are encouraged to bring them with you to the class. Please register at the information desk, or by calling the library.



GED

Aug 22,24,29,31

Mon & Wed | 1-4p

Age 16 and older

Attend free GED classes on Mondays and Wednesdays at the Capitol Hill 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.



Salud Total/Total Wellness: In Spanish and English

Aug 25 | Thur | 9:30-11a

All ages

Salud Total es un programa de prevención para los residentes del condado de Oklahoma. La duración de las clases es de 12 semanas, una hora por semana. Usted aprenderá como comer más sanamente y como incorporar más actividad física a diario, que le ayudarán bajar de peso y prevenir enfermedades crónicas como la diabetes, el cáncer, el asma, y varias enfermedades al corazón. Salud Total también provee, sin costo a los participantes, chequeos de los niveles de colesterol, presión arterial, y glucosa. Las clases se dan durante el otoño y primavera. Total Wellness is a 12-week diabetes, heart disease, cancer, and asthma prevention program. Classes provide information, skills, and the tools to learn how to prevent or delay the onset of chronic diseases. The program provides free screenings to class participants. Classes meet for one hour per week for 12 weeks and are offered during the fall and spring. Participants are encouraged to set goals such as losing 5% of their body weight and becoming active for 2.5 hours each week. The classes are offered at no charge to Oklahoma County residents. Co-sponsor: OKC/County Health Department.

Twisted! Twister Tourny Aug 25 | Thur | 4-5p School Age

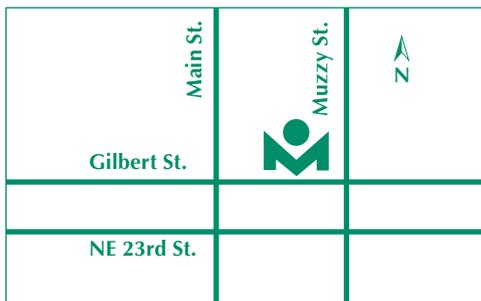
How twisted can you get? Be the last one on the mat and become the Twister Champion! Prizes given to winners.

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: Closed



Origami Folding Fun Aug 1 | Mon | 6-7p Ages 6 and older

The ancient art of origami is a great way to improve motor skills, memory skills and be creative! Learn about geometry and fractions in a fun way! Join us to practice some simple origami. Bring your own favorites to share. Register at the desk or call 390-8418.

Lapsit Story Time Aug 2,9,16,23,30 | 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 Storytime Aug 2,9,16,23,30 | 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.



Parachute Play Aug 5 | Fri | 10:30-11a Age 3-5

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 active play. Class size is limited to 12 children and their parents. Call 390-8418.

Knitting/Crochet Chat & Share Gathering Aug 10,24 | Wed | 10-11a Adults

You are invited to the Choctaw Library for anyone wanting to chat and share invaluable information about knitting and crochet. Bring items you have created and patterns you wish to share with other folks in the community.

Pizza and Plots Aug 10 | Wed | 4:30-5:30p Teens

Choctaw Library has a book club just for Teens! Come enjoy pizza and drinks as we talk about awesome and interesting books. For August, we are reaching back in time to look at the classic story of "Old Yeller." Be ready for tasty food and a great discussion!



Teens

Open Play Time Aug 13 | Sat | 10-11a Age 6 months-5 years w/parents

Sharing in playtime with your young child helps promote learning and development. Each second Saturday the library provides a roomful of great toys for children ages 6 months to 5 years. We invite you to join in the fun! Call 390-8418 to register.



Children Reading to Dogs Aug 13 | Sat | 3-4p Aug 17 | Wed | 10-11a 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! Come by or call 390-8418 to reserve a space.



Storytime with Kid Co Theater Aug 16 | Tue | 10:30-11a Age 3-5

Join Kid Co Theater for a special storytime presentation. Please call 390-8418 or stop by the Reference Desk for more information.



Child Guidance Screenings Aug 18 | Thur | 12:30-5p Ages birth to 5 years

Child Guidance is offering developmental and speech/language screenings @ the libraries once again! A developmental screening is a very general look at how children are doing



compared to other children the same age. At a screening appointment, your child's developmental progress will be assessed. Any questions or concerns you may have about your child's development or behavior will be discussed. Information about upcoming stages and home activities will be given. Screenings will include a small fee. To schedule your screening appointment, please call Child Guidance @ 405-425-4412. Cosponsor: Okla City County Health Dept.

Clothing Alterations/Metal Gear Aug 18 | Thur | 6-7p Teens

School is right around the corner- is your wardrobe ready? Come to the library with some of your old clothes and alter them into something new! We'll have fabrics, paints and patches, as well as metal items that can be added to clothing or used to create jewelry and other accessories like belts, wallet chains, and much more!



Teens

Ookami and Anime Club Aug 27 | Sat | 2:30-4p Teens

Share and discuss your favorite Anime and Manga (Japanese cartoons and drawing). 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.



Teens



Thursday Noon Tunes

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

August 4: Rebecca Edwards, Jazz Vocalist

August 11: David McClam, Soulful Standards

August 18: Duo Fisher, Piano duo and young artists

August 25: Edmond Jazz Trio

All performances are free and open to the public.



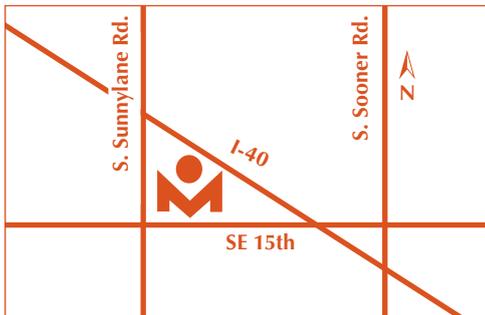
Downtown Library

300 Park Ave. | OKC, OK | (405) 606-3833



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

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



Due to construction on the Del City Community Center, parking for the Del City Library is located along the east side of the building. An entrance is now located on the SOUTH side of the library.

TAB Meet-Up
Aug 9 | Tue | 3:30-4:30p
Teens

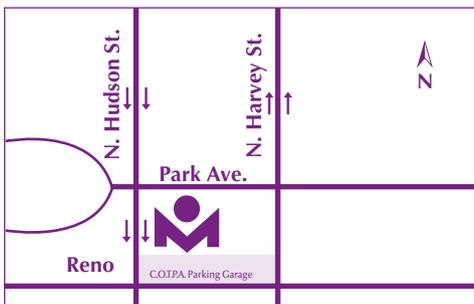


The Teen Advisory Board (TAB) gives teens the opportunity to participate, volunteer, and influence teen services at the Del City Library. We meet once a month to talk about the books, magazines, music, and library

programs that YOU care about. Join us and make the Del City Library YOUR library! Call 672-1377 for more information.

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

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



Wednesday Night at the Movies
Aug 3,10,17,24,31 | Wed
11:30a-12:30p
Age 13 and older



Please join us for Downtown "Wednesday Night at the Movies!" Movies showing @ 6PM and all are welcome to attend! Please call (405) 606-3879 for movie titles.

Noon Tunes
Aug 4,11,18,25 | Thur
11:30a-12:30p



All ages
Cosponsored by the Friends of the Metropolitan Library System. Music groups performing in August are:
Aug 4: *Rebecca Edwards*
Aug 11: *David McClam*
Aug 18: *Duo Fisher*
Aug 25: *Edmond Jazz Trio*

Play With Me
Aug 5 | Fri | 10-10:50a
Infants to age 4 w/parent or guardian



Playing with your baby or child is not only important for bonding but is also an educational experience for your child. This program is intended for infants through age four with parents or guardians. Pre-register by calling 231-8650, ext. 4, or by visiting the Children's Reference Desk.

Write On! Writing Workshop
Aug 7,14,21,28 | Sun
3-5p
Ages 13-21



Teens

Oklahoma Young Writers presents Write On!, a workshop for writers ages 13-21, facilitated by nationally touring poets Rob Sturma and Lauren Zuniga. Students explore the path between imagination and memory, build a toolbox of literary devices, and learn new techniques for constructive peer critique. www.okyoungwriters.org

Preschool Aerobics

Aug 12 | Fri | 10-10:45a
Ages 12 mos-5 yrs w/adult



Preschool aerobics will get you moving and grooving with warm-ups, stretches, activities and a cool-down. An active story will wrap up your aerobic experience. Pre-register at 231-8650, ext. 4 or by visiting the Children's Reference Desk.

Second Sunday Concert with

Gary S. Pratt

Aug 14 | Sun | 2-3p
All ages



Join the Downtown Library in welcoming Gary S. Pratt who's musical talent includes traditional western and original cowboy songs. Winner of the Western Heritage Award and a member of the Oklahoma Arts Council this concert will be a treat for the whole family. Doors open at 1:30 in the 46th Star Auditorium, seating is limited.

Book 'N' Play Storytime

Aug 19 | Fri | 10-10:45a
Adults



Children between the ages of three and five are getting ready to master the skills they need to become readers. Book 'N Play will include a variety of activities, fingerplays, songs, and a craft that will encourage an interest in books, reading, and a love for literature. Pre-register by calling 231-8650 ext.4, or by visiting the Children's Reference Desk.

Teddy Bear Picnic

Aug 20 | Sat | 10-10:45a
Ages 3-8 w/adult



Teddy Bears love a good picnic. Bring your Teddy Bear and enjoy a variety of stories, fingerplays, songs, and a craft all about bears. Pre-register by calling 231-8650 ext.4, or by visiting the Children's Reference Desk.

Computer Boot Camp

Aug 20 | Sat | 11a-4p
Ages 10-14



Kids....How are you going to survive in school in this digital age? You need to have research skills!!! So come to this bootcamp and learn

how to do research the right way and have fun doing it. We will cover databases, catalog searches, search engines, bookmarking, on-line music sources, MP3 downloads and more. We will have a PIZZA lunch and prizes. Kids must register as spaces are limited. 606.3879

Children Reading to Dogs

Aug 20 | Sat | 3-4p
Children who 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.

Smart Auto Shopping

Aug 23 | Tue | Noon-1p
Adults

Determine how much car you can afford. Learn the importance of a car inspection and test-drive checklist. Learn how to deal with dealers, negotiate the best car price, and how to benefit from buying a used car. Decipher financing options and warranties and how to find help if you have problems.

Music Play

Aug 26 | Fri | 10-10:45a
Ages 2 to 5 years
with adult



Enjoy songs, musical games and a story with Ginger Waldrip of Ginger's Kindermusik. Instruments will be provided for those who have registered by calling 231-8650 ext. 4. Enjoy a movie on Saturday morning in the 46th Star Theater. For more information, call 231-8650, ext. 4.

Edmond Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
 Sun: 1-6

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

SMO-DOT: A Celebration of OK Dept. of Transportation's 100th Anniversary

Aug 4 | Thur | 10-10:45a
Ages 5-12

"SMO-DOT" is an outreach that celebrates Oklahoma's place in the rich tradition of America's great open road culture. From the social impact of The Mother Road to the hotbed of transcontinental commerce, there is a truck load of history and science in every square foot Oklahoma blacktop. The "SMO-DOT" outreach will include a brief history of Oklahoma highways with zinc experiment, Bridge Building 101, edible roads (potholes served on the side) and instant root beer floats. Co-Sponsor: Science Museum OK and OK Dept. of Transportation

Stamp Club

Aug 6,20 | Sat | 10a-Noon
Grades 4 and higher

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

All in Order

Aug 8 | Mon | 7-9p
Adults

Laugh and learn your way to better organization with a FREE class. Learn the seven steps designed to change the way you organize everything. This class includes presentations, activities, visual examples and discussions.

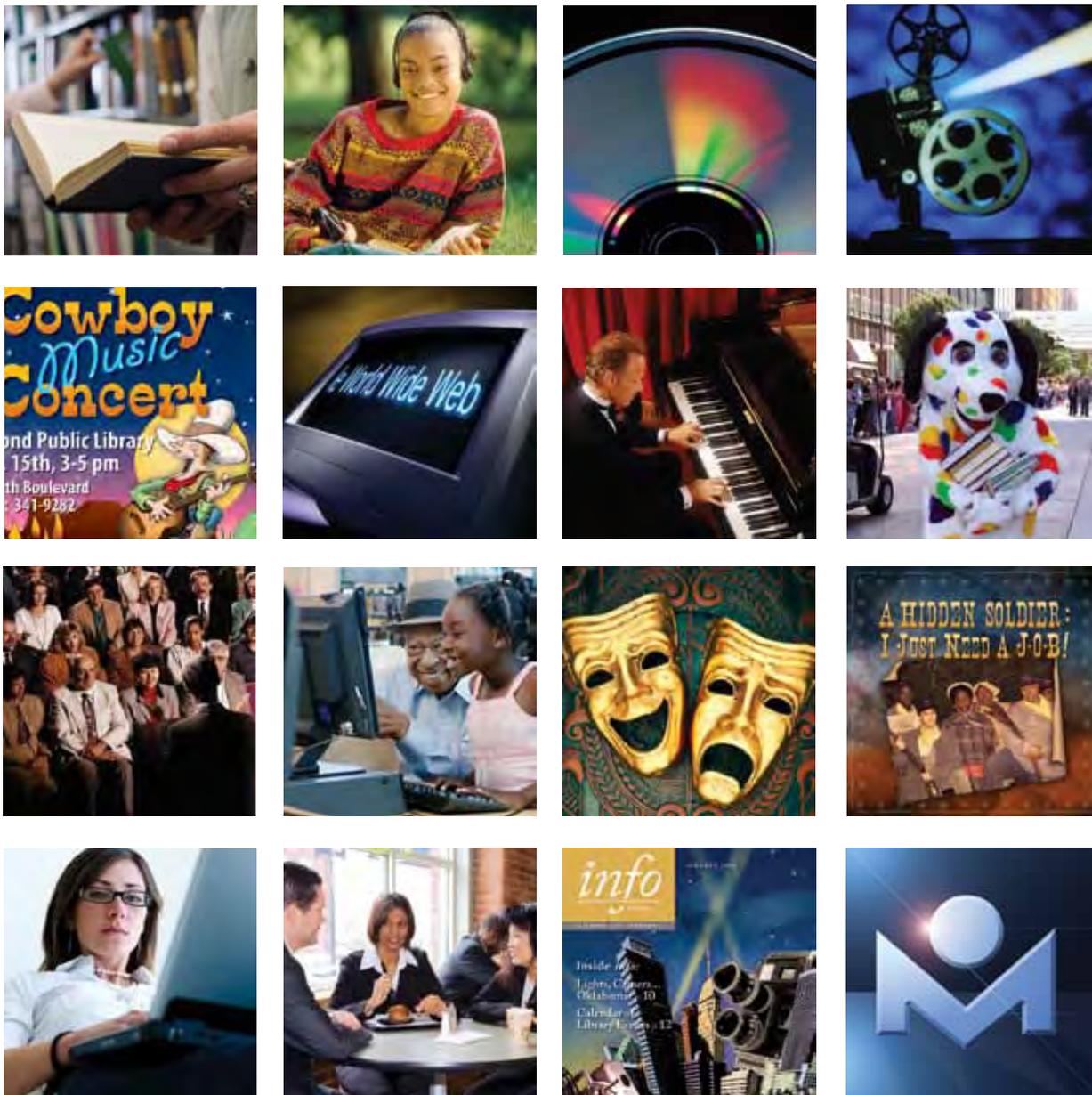
The Youth Environmentalist Club

Aug 11 | Thur | 5:30-6:30p
Ages 6-10

Join members of Edmond's The Youth Environmentalist Club to learn about caring for our environment by listening to stories and creating crafts to take home.

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Music With Susan

**Aug 12,26 | 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 12,26 | 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 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.

Readers Choice

**Aug 13 | Sat | 10:30a-Noon
Adults**

The Reader's Choice book club meets the second Saturday of every month at the Edmond Library. The group consists of people who enjoy reading outstanding books and discussing them. August's selection is *Room* by Emma Donoghue. Contact the Edmond Library at 341-9282 to reserve a copy.

Yu-Gi-Oh Tournament

**Aug 13 | Sat | 3-4:30p
All school-aged children**

Calling all experienced Yu-Gi-Oh players. Come get your Yu-Gi-Oh game on at the Edmond Library. This tournament is for those who already know how to play the game.

Preschool Storytime

**Aug 15,22,29 | Mon
10-10:30a
Ages 3-5**



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

Lapsit: Playtime and Story Time

**Aug 16,30 | Mon
9:30-10a and 10:15-10:45a
and 11-11:30a
Ages Birth - 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, movement, early literacy skills, books and language development.

Developmental Child Screenings

**Aug 16 | Tue | 1-5p
Parents w/preschool child**



Child Guidance is offering developmental and speech/language screenings @ the libraries once again! A developmental screening is a very general look at how children are doing compared to other children the same age. At a screening appointment, your child's developmental progress will be assessed. Information about upcoming stages and home activities will be given. Screenings will include a small fee. To schedule your screening appt., call Child Guidance @ 25-4412. Co-sponsor: OCCHD.

Intermediate ESL

**Aug 22,24,29,31
Mon & Wed | 1-4p
Age 16 and older**



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 22,24,29,31
Mon & Wed | 5:30-8:30p
Age 16 and older**



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 and materials are free. Co-sponsor: OCCC

Lapsit: Playtime and Toddler Aerobics

**Aug 23 | Mon
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.

GED

**Aug 23,25,30
Tue & Thur | 5:30-8:30p
Adults**



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, a notarized consent waiver

form is required. Register w/Instructor first day you attend class. Co-sponsor: OCCC.

Harrah Library

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

HOURS

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



Children Reading to Dogs

**Aug 13 | Sat | 9a-Noon
Kindergarten to 6th grade**



Practice your reading skills by reading your favorite story to therapy dogs Duke and Chewbacca, who are trained to listen as you read. Call the library for information 454-2001

Luther Library

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

HOURS

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



Wii Fest

**Aug 1-31 | 9:30a-6p
All ages**

We have video games all month for the children to play. Drop in and have a great time. We have games like Super Smash Bros, Super Monkey Ball 2, Sonic Heroes and Mario Kart Double Dash. Any day and time is video game time at the Library.

Oklahoma County Triad: Keeping Our Citizens Safe

**Aug 2 | Tue | 11a-Noon
Adults**

Keeping our Citizens Safe. Don't be a Victim come and learn what is happening in our communities and how to be safe in our homes. TRIAD gives you the opportunity to get the latest crime-prevention information direct from your local law enforcement. What can be better than that. Call 277-9967 for information.

Farmer's Tea

**Aug 10 | Wed | 2-4p
Adults**

Come by, cool off, and have a glass of tea and some refreshments. Browse our shelves for the latest books and find something you just have to read while you are relaxing.

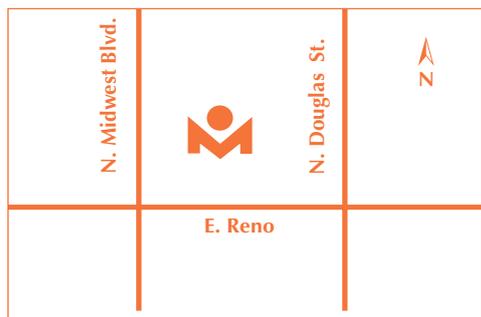
Quilting

**Aug 15 | Mon | 10a-4:00p
Adults**

Bring your material and sewing machine and enjoy a day of quilting. If you don't know how to quilt, we will teach you.

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



Soldier Creek Quilting Group

**Aug 1,8,15,22,29 | 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 (August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29) at the Midwest City Library from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. No experience necessary, just a willingness to create art. Registration is not required. Co-sponsor: Solider Creek Quilting.

Knit Wit Programs

**Aug 2,16 | 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.

Bey Blade Metal Fusion Tournament

**Aug 5 | Fri | 4-5p
Kids and teens**

Come to the Midwest City Library and participate in our Bey Blade Metal Fusion Tournament. Each participant must provide: a bey blade, launcher and rip cord. For more information please contact Suzette at 405-732-4828.

Tai Chi

**Aug 6 | Sat | 9-10:30a
All ages**

Tai Chi is practiced for both its defense training and its health benefits. Every Saturday the Midwest City Library offers Tai Chi to the public. This class is free; no registration required. For more information please contact the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828.

Alive @ 25

**Aug 6 | Sat | 1-5p
Teens & young adults**

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. Cosponsor: Midwest City Police Department.

Yoga with Suzie

**Aug 7,14,21,28 | Sun | 1:15-2:30p
Adults**

Yoga with Suzie is back at the Midwest City Library. No registration required. Join us with an open mind and a willing attitude.

Japanese Class

**Aug 9,16,23,30 | Tue
6-7p**

Learn the basics of Japanese language with Jun Orikasa. Space is limited. To attend, please register at the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828.



Handling Anger

**Aug 13 | Sat | 12:30-4:30p
Adults**

Dealing with anger is often challenging. For many, anger is triggered by financial problems, family relationships and stress. To better handle anger problems, the Midwest City Library will offer an Anger Management class. The goal is to build strong families and relationships that teach us to respect ourselves and others; encourage one another; and commit to the survival of one another for generations to come. To attend,

please register at the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828. Co-sponsor: Life Changing Skills.

Yadah Yadah Book Club for Teens

**Aug 13 | Sat | 2-3p
Teens**

Do you like to read books that inspire and challenge you to think? Or, do you enjoy good conversation/discussing ideas about different book topics? Come to the Midwest City Library and express your thoughts and be heard at the Yadah Yadah Book Club for Teens. To attend, please contact the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828. Co-sponsor: Yadah Yadah Ready to Read.



Whose Line is it Anyway?

**Aug 15,22,29 | Mon
5:30-7p
Ages 14-17**

Get your IMPROV ON!! No registration required.



Midwest City Readers' Society

**Aug 16 | Tue | 10-11:30a
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.

Motor Vehicle Crash Prevention Course

**Aug 20 | 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. Cosponsor: AAA Motor Vehicle.

Yu-Gi-Oh Game Tournament

**Aug 27 | Sat | 2-4:30p
Ages 10-16**

Come and get your Yu-gi-oh game on every last Saturday of the month. 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

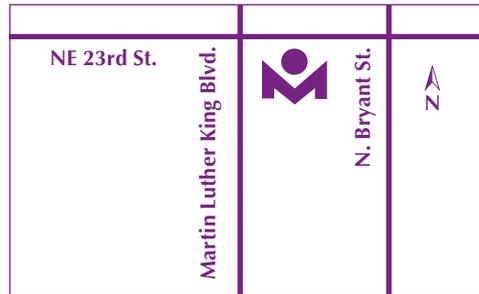


Ralph Ellison Library

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

HOURS

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



KimaniTru Author Skype Aug 18 | Thur | 6:30-7:30p Ages 10-18

Love to read urban lit? Ralph Ellison is skyping with bestselling KimaniTru author, Earl Sewell. The event is on Thursday, August 18 from 6:30-7:30. Bring questions and comments and be ready for an exciting discussion with the author.

Ralph Ellison Anime/Manga Club Aug 23 | Tue | 5-6p Ages 12-18

Teens, do you enjoy watching anime? Do you like to read manga? Well, Ralph Ellison Library is starting a new club that will meet the 4th Tuesday of every month from 5-6 pm. Snacks and fun will be provided!



Children Reading to Dogs Aug 4,18 | Thur 4-4:45p

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, please call the library at 769-9452.



Ladies Crafting

Aug 19 | Fri | 10a-Noon

All ages

Ladies of all ages meet to craft items suitable for the season. Most projects are free. Bring your ideas and join us for a fun time. For more information call the library at 769-9452.

SAYYEA

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

Girls ages 6-12

The Sisterhood Girls Club (S.A.Y.Y.E.A.) offers holistic programs for girls between the ages of 6 yrs to 12 yrs. Girls 13+ may join as junior mentors. Programs includes mentoring, goal setting/time management, African American history, field trips and "Fun Skills For Life" programs such as sewing, reading composition, writing, presentations/public speaking and salesmanship/entrepreneurial training. Call (405) 549-1174 or www.thesisterhoodgirlsclub.com for details. Co-sponsor: On the Ball Publishing.

Ralph Ellison Adult Book Club

Aug 8 | Mon | 6-7p

All ages

Love to read and talk about books? Then the Ralph Ellison Adult Book Club may be a perfect fit for you! Call 424-1437 or visit the library for more information or to reserve your copy this month's selection: *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness* by Michelle Alexander. Co-sponsor: S.O.U.P.

Preschool Storytime

Aug 9,23 | Tue | 10-10:30a

Age 3-5

Join the children's librarian for a fun time of fingerplays, music, books, & more!



Guy's Night

Aug 9 | Tue | 5-7p

All ages

Boys of all ages are invited to bond over video games, board games, and delicious snacks. Invite your brother, dad, grandpa, and great grandpa for a night of guy time! This event is for boys only! Sign up is required. Call 424-1437 or visit the library to do so.

SOUP Open Mic Poetry Night

Aug 29 | Mon | 6:30-8p

All ages

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

Southern Oaks Library

2914 S.W. 59th, OKC
(405) 631-4468

HOURS

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



The Southern Oaks Library is now located at 2914 S.W. 59th Street while the S. Walker library is being remodeled. The remodel will last approximately one year.

Toddler Aerobics and Parachute Fun

Aug 8 | Mon | 9:30-10:10a
and 10:30-11:10a

Ages 2-6

Join us for some preschool aerobic fun! Songs, movement, parachute play, and more. Parents/caregivers will participate with their child.



Are all your ducks in a row?

Join Charlotte Hayes for

All in Order

Learn how to use your natural habits to organize your home, your office, and your life!

You may have been born to organize—
and just don't know it yet!

Monday, August 8 – 7pm

This program is free!

Edmond Library – 10 S. Boulevard – 341-9282



Pre-registration is required. Sign up by calling 631-4468 or by visiting the Information Desk.

The Village Library

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

HOURS

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



Introduction to Microsoft Excel

Aug 1,8,15,22,29 | Mon
6:30-8:30p
Adults



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

Children Reading to Dogs

Aug 3,10,17,24,31 | Wed | 6-7p
Aug 4,11,18,25 | 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!

Book Discussion Group

Aug 15 | 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.

Child Development Screening

Aug 18 | Tue | 1-5p
Birth 5 yrs w/parent



Child Guidance is offering developmental and speech/language screenings @ the libraries once again! A developmental screening is a very general look at how children are doing

compared to other children the same age. At a screening appointment, your child's developmental progress will be assessed. Any questions or concerns you may have about your child's development or behavior will be discussed. Information about upcoming stages and home activities will be given. Screenings will include a small fee. To schedule your screening appointment, please call OCCHD, Child Guidance @ 405-425-4412.

Working With Word 2007

Aug 20 | Sat | 10-11:30a
Adults



Free computer class for adults! Overview of the features of Word 2007. Learn how to create and save Word 2007 documents, how to set margins, indent and tab, change line spacing and more. Come in or call to sign up. Village Library (405) 755-0710.

Knitty Committee

Aug 27 | Sat | 10a-Noon
All ages

Interested in knitting or learning how to knit? Join the Knitty Committee on the 4th Saturday at 10am. Bring your yarn and join the fun! The recommended yarn for beginners is "variegated worsted weight" & size 7 or 8 needle.

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



Family Place: 1-2-3 Play With Me

Aug 6,13,20,27 | Sat
10:30-11:30a



Infant-age 4 w/parent

Playing with your baby or child is not only important for bonding but is also an educational experience for your child. We are providing a special time for four weeks 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 free series is intended for infants through age four

with their parents or guardians. Pre-register by calling the library or visiting the reference desk.

Warr Acres Book Club

Aug 8 | Mon | 11a-Noon
Adults

This month we will discuss *Half Broke Horses* by Jeannette Walls. The Warr Acres Library Book Club meets the second Monday of each month. Call 721-2616 for more information.

Happy Home Buying

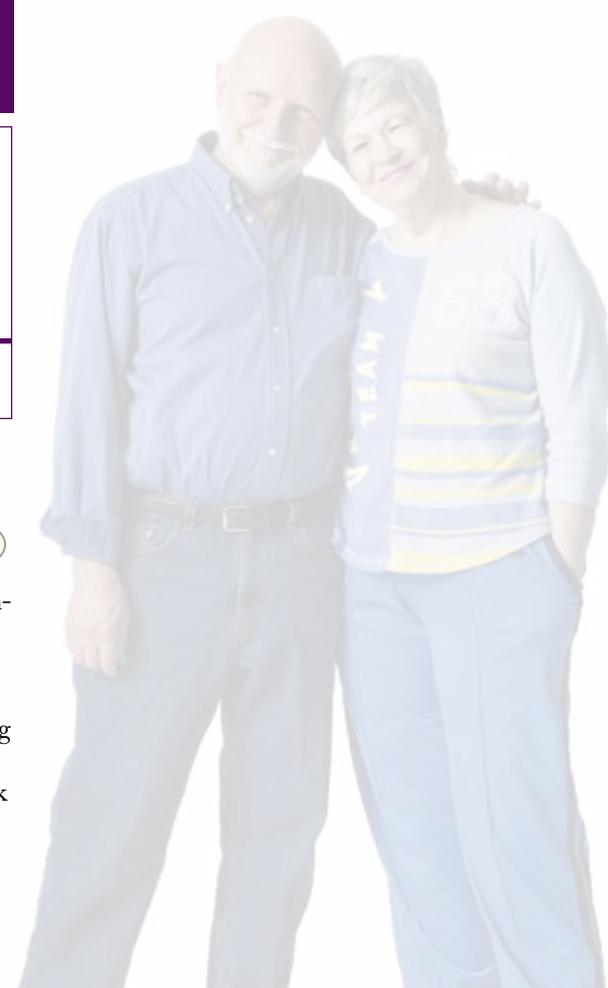
Aug 15,16,17,18 | Mon-Thur | 11a-1p
Adults

Please join the Urban League for this four day workshop on buying a home. Monday – Overview; Tuesday – Mortgage Lender; Wednesday – Home Shopping; and Thursday – Down Payment Assistance and Beyond. Each day, a specialist in that field will give information into the home buying process. Earn a certificate to qualify for various down payment assistance programs by attending all four days. Reservations are required. To RSVP call Damon Polk at 424-5243.

How to Age Well

Aug 31 | Wed | 10-11a
Adults

Making choices on our overall health is important especially as we age. Come get tips on important decisions that affect our total well being and gives you vital information on aging well. Co-sponsor: Excell Home Care.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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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.

Bullard, Thomas E. *The Myth and Mystery of UFOs*.
001.942/B9359m

Another summer of movie UFOs and aliens is winding down, and perhaps some of these cinematic sightings have piqued your curiosity about whatever is at the core of the belief in mysteries from the skies. If so, Bullard's book is an intelligent examination of just what the heck is going on up there. He doesn't provide any solid answers, but he's perfectly willing to acknowledge that the questions are worth asking.

Hagerty, Jack and Jon Rogers. *The Saucer Fleet*.
791.43615/H144s

This book examines a handful of movies and TV shows that featured flying saucers as primary ingredients. Each film is given the full treatment—plot synopsis, production anecdotes, and lots of photos—but the difference between this and the standard issue film book comes in the careful examination of the space craft(s) displayed on screen. The section on *Forbidden Planet*, for example, comes with complete schematics of the ship from the movie. This is uber-nerdism, and only you know if it's right for you.



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MLS LIBRARIES	M	T	W	TH	F	S	S
BELLE ISLE 5501 N. Villa, OKC, 843-9601	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
BETHANY 3510 N. Mueller, Bethany, 789-8363	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	—
CAPITOL HILL 334 S.W. 26th, OKC, 634-6308	9-8	9-8	9-8	9-8	9-6	9-5	—
CHOCTAW 2525 Muzzy Street, Choctaw, 390-8418	9-8	9-8	9-8	9-8	9-6	9-5	—
DEL CITY 4509 S.E. 15th, Del City, 672-1377	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	—
DOWNTOWN 300 Park Ave., OKC, 231-8650	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
EDMOND 10 S. Boulevard, Edmond, 341-9282	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
MIDWEST CITY 8143 E. Reno, MWC, 732-4828	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
RALPH ELLISON 2000 N.E. 23rd, OKC, 424-1437	9-8	9-8	9-8	9-8	9-6	9-5	—
SOUTHERN OAKS** 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	—

**Southern Oaks has been relocated to a new temporary location at 2914 S.W. 59th due to renovations at the current location.

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.