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Everybody loves getting a day off work, and here's a list of oddball holidays you might want to put on your calendar for 2008. And if you want to conduct a little research to into these peculiar holidays, your Metropolitan Library System offers free Internet access so you can look them up. Ask a librarian how to do it.

Every day's a cause for celebration at MLS.

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Main entrance of the Carnegie Library, 131 NW 3rd in 1935.



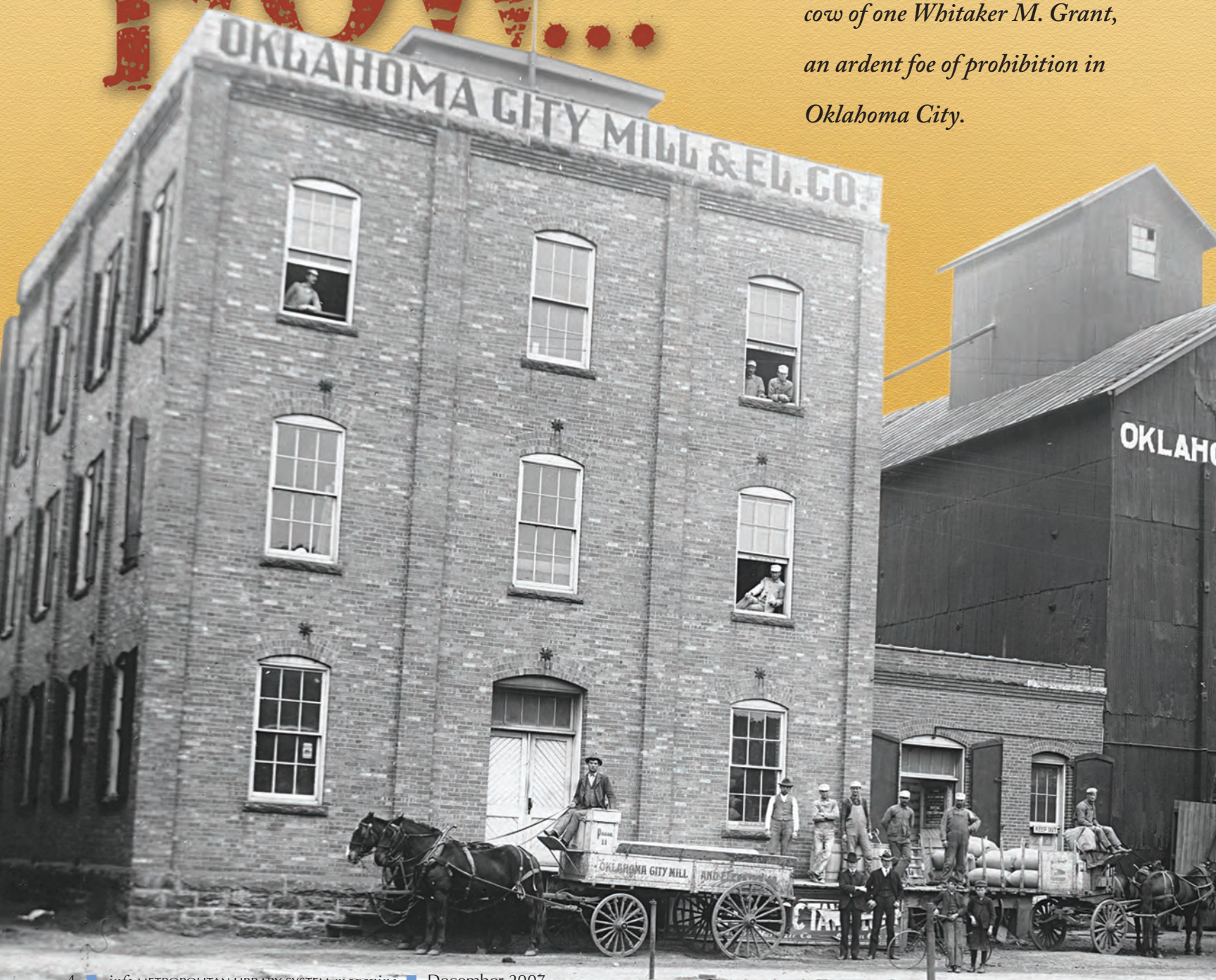


## Oklahoma Images

by Larry Johnson

*Every time I look at this photo of the Oklahoma City Mill & Elevator I think about how Prohibition caused so many arguments in our state's history.*

*This mill was once the cash cow of one Whitaker M. Grant, an ardent foe of prohibition in Oklahoma City.*







**W**hit Grant made substantial amounts of money from his diversified business portfolio. He was an attorney; he ran the lucrative flour mill seen here (largest in the state); and helped form the bank that became First National. And he thought prohibition was bad for business.

Grant was also involved in city government and held a variety of board positions until his decision to run for mayor in 1911 on the clean-up-minded proposal of a commission form of government. He was able to convince voters that the rampant crime in the streets and graft at City Hall could be better tamed by a strong mayor and four commissioners than the existing alderman system. It was also his plan – though unannounced – to end prohibition in town.

Oklahoma City had voted overwhelmingly against prohibition in 1907, but it became state law anyway. So the illegal trade was generally accepted and practically endorsed by City Hall and the Police Department as a perverse form of Populism. Occasionally the churches and the Anti-saloon Leaguers would make a fuss, but nothing ever changed.

Whit Grant's plan was to dry up the town and force his thirsty constituents to bring about the repeal of prohibition by legal means. Under the new system, he was able to appoint a new police chief – the formidable Bill Tilghman. Tilghman had a national reputation for honesty and toughness and Grant knew the old Marshal would clean house. That he did. Within months Tilghman had presided over dozens of raids around town.

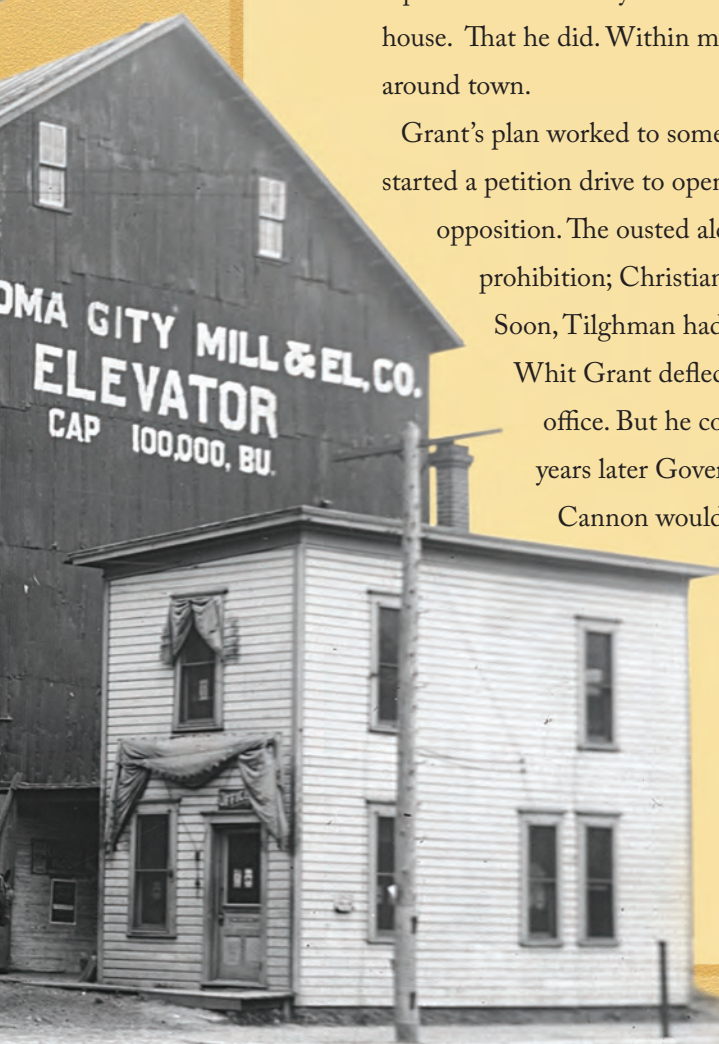
Grant's plan worked to some degree. As things dried up the business community started a petition drive to open the town. But Mayor Grant had to weather a storm of opposition. The ousted aldermen (and thus the bootleggers) wanted to keep prohibition; Christian and temperance groups wanted the same.

Soon, Tilghman had had enough of big city politics and resigned.

Whit Grant deflected two recall efforts but held on to finish his term in office. But he couldn't get prohibition repealed. However, nearly forty years later Governor Howard Edmondson and Attorney General Joe Cannon would use Grant's tactics to end statewide prohibition in 1959.

So, if you take a nip of "holiday cheer" this year, take one more for ol' Whit Grant.

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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## You in Reverse

by Built to Spill

Reviewed by Kelly Rains

Five years between albums is a lifetime in the world of indie-rock. That's exactly how long fans had to wait for Built to Spill's latest release *You in Reverse*. Those not acquainted with the Pavement meets Dinosaur Jr. meets Neil Young mixture that is Built to Spill's sound are missing out on some serious guitar rock revelry.

So was the new album worth the wait? Within exactly eight minutes and forty two seconds, or the elapsed time of the breathtaking album opener "Goin' Against Your Mind", the answer becomes crystal clear. The opening track is so good you wonder if the rest of the album can stand up to the weight of such a mesmerizing first volley.

Thankfully, the answer is a resounding yes! Epic songs such as "Conventional Wisdom" with its superb guitar melody and outright classic rock instincts, and "Wherever You Go" with its blistering guitar and catchy

lyrics buoy the middle of the album with aplomb. The closer "Mess With Time" could even be regarded as a slacker rock ode to Ennio Morricone, ending the album in a fading guitar feedback. The effect of the album as a whole is: a wait made worthwhile and an anticipatory desire fulfilled.

*You in Reverse* is an album full of intersecting guitar lines; ingenious melody, hypnotic rhythms, and an attention to sprawling pop that should make modern radio station programmers reconsider their limited ideas of what constitutes a pop song. *You in Reverse* was very much worth the wait.

*Kelly Rains has worked for MLS since 2004 and owns too many books for a girl who works in a library. She enjoys discovering new music and making mixes of songs she thinks other people will like, and has recently adopted a 4-month-old Papillon puppy named Elliott.*

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ON THE SHELF



## Jane Eyre

Reviewed by Christine Bassett

*Jane Eyre* was the first romantic novel that I read in high school and I had a school girl crush on the dark, mysterious Mr. Rochester. This latest BBC production aired early in 2007 on PBS has revived my admiration for Charlotte Brontë's masterpiece, written over 160 years ago.

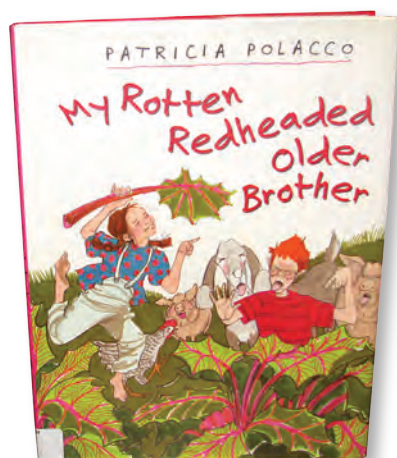
Set in England in the 19th century during the time of workhouses, child labor, strong class differences and before women's right to vote or possess property, the story features a poor, homely, orphan girl called Jane who becomes a governess. Jane falls in love with her employer, Mr. Rochester of Thornfield

Hall, who is hiding a dark secret which threatens her chance of happiness.

Excellent performances by the two lead actors in this riveting tale, with its twists and turns, keep viewers absorbed throughout.

Be sure to look for novels by the two other Brontë sisters, *The Tenant Of Wildfell Hall* by her lesser known Anne Brontë, and *Wuthering Heights* by the better known Emily.

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



### **My Rotten Redheaded Older Brother** by Patricia Polacco

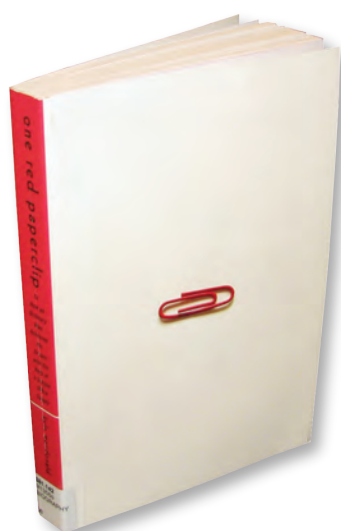
Patricia Polacco's struggle with her older brother dominates *My Rotten Redheaded Older Brother*. She fails in every attempt to do something better than he can do it--until she wishes on a falling star. The granting of her wish has unexpected results that transform the rotten brother, who looks like a weasel with glasses, into a beloved weasel.



Reviewed by Phyllis Davidson

Actual childhood photographs grace the end papers and confirm her descriptions.

*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.*



### **One Red Paperclip: Or How an Ordinary Man Achieved His Dreams with the Help of a Simple Office Supply** by Kyle MacDonald

You've heard of trading up? Kyle MacDonald traded a paperclip for a house. Well, it was a red paperclip, and it did take him 14 trades and a year to do it. But still! That's pretty impressive, don't you think?

He started with his favorite childhood game, Bigger and Better. In high school, he and some friends had tried to trade a Christmas tree (of dubious ownership) for a car. It didn't work out.

But by the time he was 20-something, jobless, and living off his girlfriend's generosity, he was forced to make a career choice. A desk job? Or Bigger and Better? Definitely Bigger and Better.

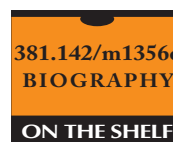
He took the red paperclip off his boring resume and traded it on the Internet for a fish pen. He traded the fish pen for a doorknob, the doorknob for a camp stove, the camp stove for a generator (Hint: don't trade for a generator; they are hard to unload), the generator for an instant party,

the instant party for a snowmobile, the snowmobile for a trip to Yahk, ... a van, ... a record contract, ... a year in Phoenix, ... an afternoon with Alice Cooper, ... a Kiss Snowglobe, ... a movie role, and, yes, a house.

"If it was easy or quick to trade paperclips for houses, everyone would be doing it. It's not about the destination, but the journey," according to Kyle. He should know.

Hundreds of people came to celebrate with him the day he got his house. They weren't nameless faces in the crowd. They were friends he had made in the last year who were all rooting for his success. What an accomplishment!

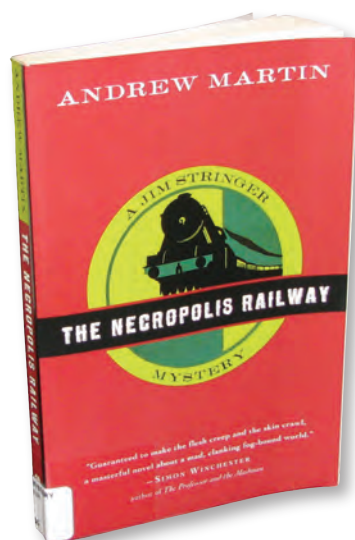
*Marilyn Backus has worked for the Metropolitan Library System for over 20 years. She currently works in the Materials Selection department and selects many of the great non-fiction titles and features films that you can check out at the library.*



Reviewed by Marilyn Backus



# Reviews & Recommendations



## The Necropolis Railway

by Andrew Martin

This is an odd duck among historical mysteries. The era is interesting—the story is set in 1903 England. The background is colorful—railroading. The immediate inspiration is loaded with possibilities—The London Necropolis Company really existed as a rail line between the city and the Brookwood Cemetery in Surrey, home of over 240,000 corpses and in its time the largest cemetery in the world. You caught a train just outside Waterloo Station and it carried visitors, mourners and coffins directly to the burial ground.

How can you go wrong with a set-up like that?

Martin certainly doesn't with his first mystery featuring the 19-year old engine cleaner and wannabe driver Jim Stringer, but Martin doesn't make the best use of his setting. When Stringer goes to work for the LNC, his new co-workers all take an instant dislike to him. He suspects at first

that they look down on him for his ambition, and for the fact that his father is a butcher, but he soon realizes that they think he's been brought in to spy on them for management and that makes him wonder what it is they're trying to hide.

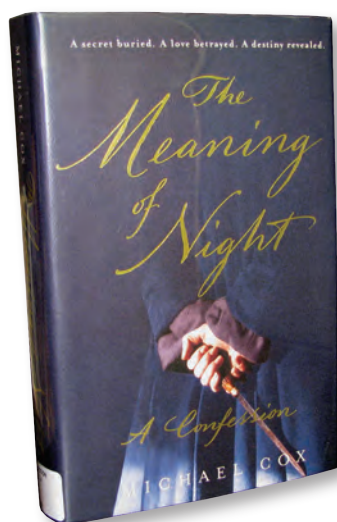
Jim finds comfort and friendliness in the company of his landlady, an attractive young woman named Lydia, and it's clear that they will become a team in the books to follow this one.

The atmosphere is consistently twitchy but I longed for the kind of hard-core creepiness a mystery writer like John Dickson Carr would have produced. That aside, *The Necropolis Railway* is a strong enough starting point to have me looking forward to Jim Stringer's next adventure.

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



Reviewed by Doug Bentin



## The Meaning of Night: A Confession

by Michael Cox

Michael Cox's literary debut, set in 19th century England, is a lengthy novel full of suspense and written in a style reminiscent of the works of Wilkie Collins and Charles Dickens. The hero, Edward Glyver, discovers a shocking secret about his birth while looking through some informative papers among his mother's affects after her premature death. He becomes obsessed with gathering sufficient evidence to prove his rightful inheritance.

This journey takes him on a path of intrigue intermingled with romance in both

historical London and the enchanting Evenwood estate in Lincolnshire as others try to thwart his purpose.

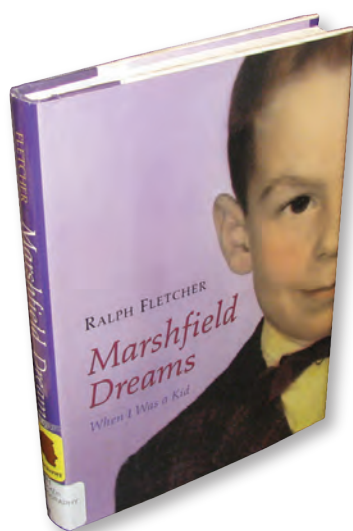
In spite of being 700 pages long, *The Meaning of Night*, as the book jacket puts it, "is an enthralling novel that will captivate readers all the way to its final thrilling revelation."

The book will appeal to those readers who prefer the literary novel, and especially ones set in Victorian England. It appealed to me as some of the story is set in my hometown of Stamford.



Reviewed by Christine Bassett





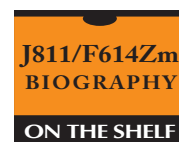
**Marshfield Dreams:  
When I Was A Kid**  
by Ralph Fletcher

For many people, there is nothing that feels sweeter or more poignant than the memories of childhood. Maybe that's why so many authors hark back to those remembered days for inspiration and write autobiographical stories for children.

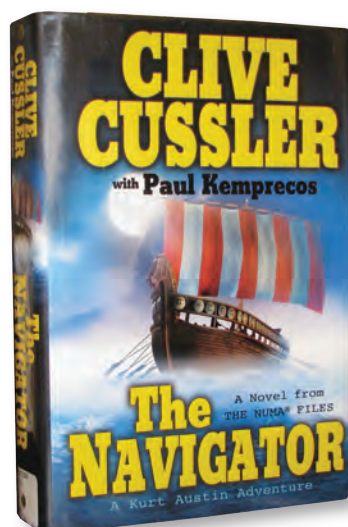
Ralph Fletcher's writing teacher must have drilled into him, "Don't tell me--show me." He vividly shows scenes from his childhood in his autobiography, *Marshfield Dreams: When I Was A Kid*. The oldest of nine children, he only knows his mother is expecting another baby whenever Karen, a classmate whose mother is a friend of Ralph's mother, says, "Have you heard the scuttlebutt?" Not

unexpectedly, his siblings play a part in most of his adventures including eating dirt and stealing his own chickens back from a neighbor. Of all the scenes in the book, I most enjoyed the little chapter called "Statue," in which he shows his parents pretending he is a perfect statue of a little boy--and they buy him. He should send a copy of "Statue" to his writing teacher. She would surely say, "You got it!"

I recommend reading this and other autobiographies written for children to see how powerful, moving, and revealing they can be. Then start writing your own.



Reviewed by Phyllis Davidson



**The Navigator: a Kurt Austin  
Adventure: a Novel from the  
NUMA Files**

by Clive Cussler with Paul Kemprecos

Cussler has written a treasure hunt adventure involving a historical conspiracy that reaches from King Solomon to the present day. This "James Bond" like story is about a search for an ancient artifact that could be the key to finding King Solomon's Mine. The twist of the adventure is that the search involves Thomas Jefferson and the Appalachian Mountains.

It is a typical tale of good versus evil with the main characters on a worldwide chase for gold. The simple plot has many sidetracks distracting the reader from the real story. The novel's characters can be too far-fetched to be real, and after reading the book, I told the story to my sister who thought it was a comedy.

In a way it's a story that really belongs to a

comic book. It is a pure fiction that gives you the feeling the authors are trying to merge pieces of the action that don't quite fit the whole plot.

This was my first Clive Cussler book. I admit it was fun to read despite the shallow characters. I think it would be a better action movie than a novel. I would love for the authors to develop the original story of the two ancient Phoenician characters in the beginning of the story for a future novel. This book is for readers who want to read for fun and relax with a crazy adventure.

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Reviewed by Ursula Ward





# A CENTENNIAL YEAR TO REMEMBER

*2007 has been an exciting year for the people of Oklahoma. It's been our 100th birthday and your Metropolitan Library System has thrown a party the impact of which will be felt for years to come.*

This is the year former Gov. George Nigh joined us in presenting a series of one-to-two minute television spots which originally appeared on our weekly TV show Read About It. Gov. Nigh took us to places and introduced us to people in



Gov. George Nigh presenting an "Oklahoma Moment".

Oklahoma's rich history that we may not have been aware of before. "Oklahoma Moments" can now be accessed via our website at [www.metrolibrary.org](http://www.metrolibrary.org).

"We wanted to develop something from scratch that would be a lasting contribution to Oklahoma's centennial year," said Donna Morris, Metropolitan Library System's executive director. "We hope everyone takes a look at the moments, and comes back for repeat visits. We will be posting more of them over the coming months."

Also online at the MLS website you can take a look at the Oklahoma Folklore Collection, which was put together over 50 years ago through the efforts of library director Clarence Paine.

"Paine was an avid historian," said MLS Researcher Stuart Williamson, "and in the late 1940s he contacted Bob Duncan, a radio folk singer and song writer, and they collected folklore from around the state."

The Folklore Collection consists of journals, letters, songs, reminiscences and poems, all available for study through the website.

And while you're visiting at [www.metrolibrary.org](http://www.metrolibrary.org), take a look at the Oklahoma Images Collection of photographs of central Oklahoma from its earliest days. Most of the photos are accompanied by short essays by librarian and historian Larry Johnson—the same Larry Johnson whose Oklahoma Images column you've been enjoying in *info* magazine all year.

Also in 2007, MLS joined with the Friends of the



Laying streetcar tracks at Grand and Robinson in 1909. (Oklahoma Images Collection)

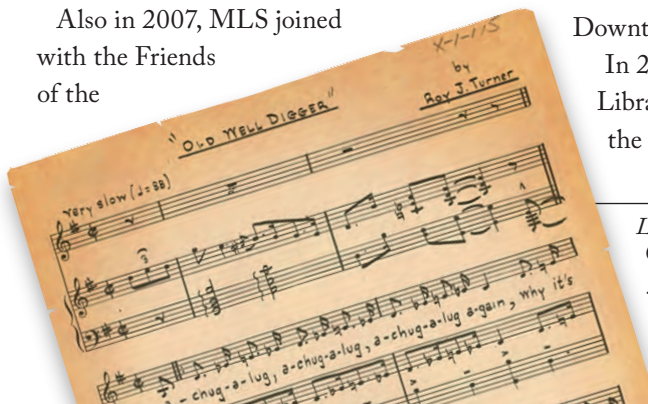
Metropolitan Library System, the Arts Council of Oklahoma City and the Oklahoma Centennial Commission to bring about the largest oral history project in Oklahoma since the one created by the WPA during the 1930s.

Oklahoma Voices is a project designed to assist community members in making audio recordings of their lives.

"We encouraged everyone to interview someone they love whether it's a family member, a friend or a neighbor, and leave a legacy not only for themselves and their families, but for the entire community" said Dana Morrow, MLS Director of Outreach Services. "Our goal was to capture the stories that bond us."

A copy of each interview was given to the participant and another copy is housed in the Oklahoma Room of the Downtown Library.

In 2007, your Metropolitan Library System did its part to carry the past into the future.



Left: Original sheet music from the Oklahoma Folklore Collection. Right: The first bookmobile unit in 1949. (Oklahoma Images Collection.)







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

*All Metropolitan Library System libraries will be closed Dec 23, 24, 25 and 30 in observance of the Christmas and New Year's holiday.*

### Belle Isle Library

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

#### HOURS

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



### Score Small Business Counseling

**Dec 1,15 | Sat | 9a-Noon  
Adults**

If you are interested in starting a new business or are a business owner in need of assistance, counseling is available the first and third Saturday of the month. The Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) will offer free confidential assistance for potential small business owners. Sign up at the Reference Desk for an appointment.

### Beethoven Piano Concert: Moonlight Sonata

**Dec 2 | Sun | 2-3p  
All Ages**



Join noted classical pianist Wayne McEvilly as he plays Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata. Mr. McEvilly's CDs will be available for purchase and signing.

### English as a Second Language

**Dec 4,6,11 | Tue & Thur  
9:30a-Noon  
Adults**



Ongoing enrollment. You can join the class at any time. With Mid-Del Adult Learning

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

### Workshop: Coping with the Holidays in a Positive Way Dec 9 | Sun | 2-3p Ages 12 and Older



Don't let holiday stress get you down! Linda Murphy, a community educator from Autumn Bridge Hospice, will share some positive ways to cope with life's stressors during the holidays and beyond. Sign up at the Belle Isle Reference Desk for this free workshop.

### Child Guidance Consultation

**Dec 13 | Thur | 9:30a-4p  
Ages Birth-5 years with  
Parent/Legal Guardian**



Child Guidance Consultation appointments are provided by Child Guidance Services, Oklahoma City-County Health Department, free of charge. Sessions include discussion about the normal range of early development and any parenting questions you may have about your child. By appointment only! Call Child Guidance at 425-4412.

### A Horseshoe Road Christmas: It's More Than Caroling

**Dec 15 | Sat | 11a-Noon  
All Ages**



Horseshoe Road is a collaboration of Oklahoma musicians Kyle Dillingham, fiddle/vocals; and Brad Benge, guitar/vocals; in an acoustic setting. Styles of music range from Blues to Bluegrass... Gypsy Jazz to Western Swing... Country, Rock, Gospel and everything in between, there is sure to be something for everyone. The group's passion for music can be seen in their performance—a high energy, uplifting musical experience that blends captivating virtuosity and heartfelt sincerity.

### Metro OKC Knit Guild Group

**Dec 16 | Sun | 3-5p  
Teens & Adults**

The Metro OKC Knit Guild group meets at Belle Isle Library. Everyone—any knitter or person who's never knitted, but would like to learn—is welcome. Each monthly program includes a lesson of a new knitting technique and examples of charity knitting projects. December's lesson is "Adding Crochet Edgings." For questions about the group, e-mail the guild at [metrookcknitguild@cox.net](mailto:metrookcknitguild@cox.net) or call 823-6866. Please sign up at the Reference Desk for the meeting.

### Christmas in Oklahoma

**Dec 18 | Tue | 10-11a  
Pre-kindergarten**



Hear stories about Christmas in Oklahoma. Playtime will follow in the children's room. Pre-register with Belle Isle Reference Desk or call 843-9601.

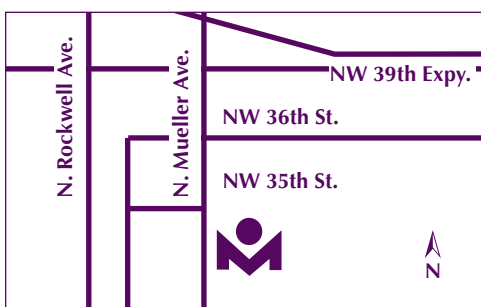


## Bethany Library

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

### HOURS

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



## Capitol Hill Library

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

### HOURS

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



## Choctaw Library

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

### HOURS

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



### Holiday Open House

Dec 1 | Sat | 2-3p

All Ages

We'll have a special treat this year to finish Oklahoma's Centennial Year. The Falderal String Band will play traditional music of the Southern Plains. Holiday treats will be served at the end of this free event. Your favorite little person can have his/her picture taken for free.



### The Children's Hour: Evening Story Time

Dec 11 | Tue | 6:30-7p

Ages 3-8

Share a half-hour of holiday fun with your child! Enjoy stories, songs and holiday cheer. Please pre-register at the Information Desk or call 789-8363, ext. 3.



### Holiday Story Time

Dec 13 | Thur | 10-10:45a

Ages 3-6

Enjoy stories, songs, a fun craft and holiday refreshments. Pre-register at the library Information Desk or call 789-8363, ext. 3.



### Child Guidance Consultation

Dec 21 | Fri | 9a-4p

Ages Birth-5 years with Parent/Legal Guardian

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### After School Cool

Dec 4 | Tue | 4-5p

Ages 11-17

Would you like to take an artistic journey after school? Join us every Tuesday from 4:00-5:00 p.m. as artist, Nathan Lee teaches students different artistic techniques. Supplies and refreshments will be provided.



### Holiday Open House

Dec 8 | Sat | Noon-4p

All Ages

Come celebrate the Christmas Holiday at our annual open house. There will be musical entertainment, pictures with Santa, storytelling for children, and holiday craft programs for all ages. (Advanced registration is required for the photos with Santa.)



### Internet Basics for Adults

Dec 15 | Sat | 2-3:30p

Adults

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



### Capitol Hill Advisory of Teens

Dec 20 | Thur | 6-7p

Teens

Teens meet monthly to discuss upcoming events and share ideas about future programs, materials, and opportunities. Contact Angela for more information at 634-6308. Registration required.



### Holiday Crafts Make & Take

Dec 1 | Sat | 2-3p

Ages 3 and Older

Join Ms. Carol for a special holiday craft Make & Take, just in time for that special holiday. Please call 390-8418 or stop by the Reference Desk to sign up.



### Child Guidance Consultations

Dec 3 | Mon | 9:30a-3:30p

Ages birth-5 years

Child Guidance Consultation appointments in the library are provided by Child Guidance Services, Oklahoma City-County Health Department, free of charge. Each child must have a parent or legal guardian with them. Sessions include discussion about the normal range of early development and any parenting questions you may have in regard to your child. By appointment only! Call Child Guidance at 425-4412. Co-sponsor: OK City/County Health Dept.



### Oklahoma Voices

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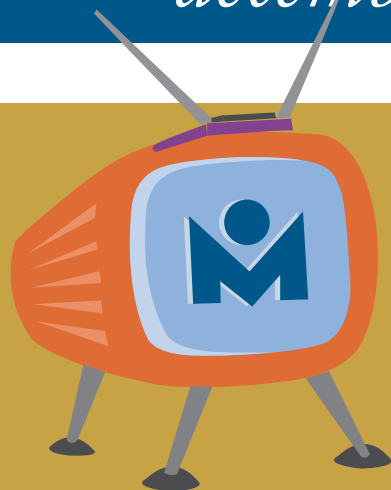
Dec 8 | Sat | 9a-4:30p

All Ages

Interview someone you love. Talk to a Neighbor. Discuss a significant moment. Leave a legacy. Oklahoma Voices is a project to assist community members in making audio recordings of their lives. We encourage everyone to interview someone they love whether it's a family member, a friend, or a neighbor and leave a legacy. Our goal is to capture the stories that bond us. You will receive a copy of the interview and a copy will also be stored in the Downtown Library's

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## Read About It

*Discussions with Authors & Book Reviews*

### TIMES

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

Cox Channel 7  
Oklahoma City-Norman

Cox Channel 3  
Tulsa, Okmulgee, Henryetta & Muskogee

Cox Channel 29  
Cushing, Drumright, Enid & Stillwater

OKLAHOMA CITY— Oklahoma music contributions, family wit and wisdom, and celebrating Oklahoma women are a few of the subjects featured on 'Read About It,' the cable TV show brought to you by the Metropolitan Library System. This month, hostess B.J. Williams will welcome the following guests.

**December 3** John Wooley, a columnist for the *Tulsa World* for 23 years, will discuss his book *From the Blue Devils to Red Dirt: The Colors of Oklahoma Music*.

**December 10** Glenda Carlile, an author and executive director of the Oklahoma Center For the Book, will discuss the Oklahoma Book Awards.

**December 17** Byron Price, director of the University of Oklahoma Press and of the Charles M. Russell Center at the University of Oklahoma, will discuss publishing.

**December 24** Hannibal Johnson, attorney professor and consultant, will discuss his book *Mama Used to Say: Wit & Wisdom from the Heart & Soul*.

**December 31** Emily Dial-Driver, professor, and Carole Burrage, retired professor, will discuss their book *Voices From the Heartland*.

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

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Oklahoma Room. All interviews must be scheduled ahead of time. For more information or to schedule your interview, contact Oklahoma Voices at 414-9977. Co-sponsors: Friends of the Metropolitan Library System and the Arts Council of Oklahoma City.

### Toys, Toys, Toys Dec 10 | Mon | 10-11a Adults

This free workshop will discuss age appropriate toy selection and toy safety. Ideas for toys you can make at home will also be discussed. Facilitated by Teresa Widick from the Oklahoma City/County Health Dept. Pre-registration is required, to register please call 425-4412.



### Lapsit Story Time Dec 11,18 | 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 Dec 11,18 | Tue | 10:30-11a Ages 3-5 years

Come to the library for stories, songs, fingerplays, and fun. Please pre-register or call 390-8418 for more information.



### Science of Electrostatics: With Dr. Gaines Jackson Dec 11 | Tue | 6-7:30p Ages 10-16

Dr. Gaines Jackson, retired Rose State College Science Professor and CEO of Total Environmental Services & Testing Inc., will demonstrate electrostatics with the Van de Graaff generator. The VDG produces extremely high voltage at low, safe levels of electric current. The VDG generator can attract lint, raise your hair, charge your body, cause corona discharge, and make giant sparks. Dr. Jackson will discuss theories of the physics of electrostatics. Workshop includes demonstrations that will be a hair-raising experience. Pre-registration required. Attendance Science credit letters will be awarded to students attending and completing the workshop program requirements. Co-sponsor: Total Environmental Services & Testing, Inc.



### Teen Advisory Board Dec 13 | Thur | 6-7p Grades 7-12

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



### Family Place: Open Play Dec 15 | Sat | 10-11a 6 Months-5 Years with Parent

One Saturday a month the Choctaw Library will provide 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.





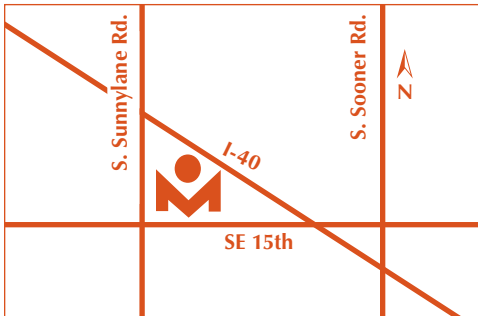
## Del City Library

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

### HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5  
Sun: Closed



### Basic Computer Training

Dec 4,18 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p

Dec 14 | Fri | 2-3p

All Ages

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



### Play Time

Dec 6 | Thur | 10-11a

Ages 6 months- 3 years

Toys are provided for the children, and Kelley Riha will share parenting tips.



### The Meaning of Christmas and Our Traditions

Dec 6 | Thur | 5:30-7:30p

Teens

For teens only. Come enjoy a movie night, with popcorn and hot chocolate. After the movie we will have a short discussion about it in relation to the meaning of Christmas and our traditions. Please pre-register.



### Child Guidance Consultations

Dec 10 | Mon | 9a-4p

Ages Newborn-5 years

Oklahoma City/County Health Department staff will conduct free consultations for young children. The session provides assessment of children for psychological, developmental, speech, language, and hearing problems. Appointments are required. Call 425-4412.



### Beaded Icicle Ornaments

Dec 11 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p

Adults

Would you like to create a beautiful holiday ornament to give to someone else, or to keep for yourself? Beaded icicle ornaments can

brighten up any holiday tree or home for the season. The library will provide the supplies. Call 672-1377 to pre-register.

### Holiday Story Time

Dec 12 | Wed | 10-10:20p

Ages 1-5

Celebrate the holidays with stories and activities! Join the fun!



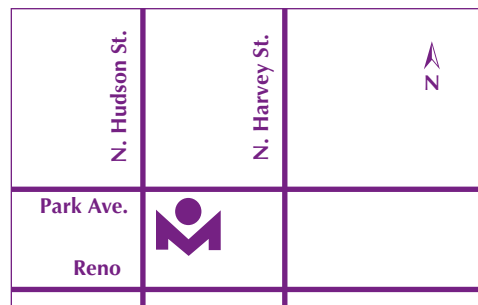
## Downtown Library

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

### HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5  
Sun: 1-6



### Tribute to Honor Bob Burke and Oklahoma 100 Years

Dec 2 | Sun | 2-3p

All Ages

Everyone is invited to celebrate Oklahoma's 100th birthday at the Downtown Library with a special tribute to honor Oklahoman Bob Burke, the most prolific writer of Oklahoma history. Following an introduction by Jayne Jayroe, Mr. Burke will share stories about Oklahoma and some of the fascinating characters that have helped create our state. Oklahoma musician Brad Bengé will give a spirited musical tribute of music that Oklahomans love. Co-sponsor: Friends of the Metropolitan Library System.

### Holiday Open House

Dec 4 | Tue | 11a-5p

Adults

Please stop by for our annual holiday open house. Enjoy Christmas carols and story time around the tree. Tour the library and learn about all the new services and meeting space available for your personal and business use. Entertainment and refreshments will be provided. Call 606-3728 for more information.

### Wednesdays With Writers

Dec 5 | Wed | 11:30a-1:30p

Adults

A new lunch time opportunity is happening at the Downtown Library November through April. On the first Wednesday of each month, everyone is invited to lunch with Oklahoma writers. Come to the Downtown Library, visit the new 1st Edition Café and Espresso Bar to purchase lunch, then join the writers at their tables in the atrium to eat lunch together, visit, exchange writing experiences and get to know these talented writers and their books. Among the authors visiting us on Dec. 5 will be Steve Lackmeyer and Jack Money with their book *OKC Second Time Around*; Buddy Johnson and his book *Historic Photos of Oklahoma City*; and Patricia Loughlin and her book *Building Traditions, Educating Generations*.

### Wednesday Night at the Movies

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

All Ages

Join the Downtown Library every Wednesday at 6 pm for a movie. For information call 606-3879 or visit the 1st floor Information Desk. The December movie schedule is:

Dec 5: *Deck the Halls* (PG)

Dec 12: *Jingle all the Way* (PG)

Dec 19: *Miracle on 34th Street* (1947, unrated)

Dec 26: *Home Alone* (PG)

### PM Come Play With Me

Dec 6 | Thur | 6:30-7:30p

10 Months-5 Years w/adult

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



### Preschool Story Time

Dec 7,14,28 | Fri

10-10:40a

Ages 3-6

Come to the library for stories, fingerplays, and an occasional craft or game in our weekly story time.



### Year of Piano

Masterworks with Wayne McEvilly

Dec 9 | Sun | 2-3p

All Ages

Second Sundays at the Downtown Library will continue to bring Wayne McEvilly in concert with A Year of Piano Masterworks. Hear Bach's "Preludes and Fugues" during



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this concert. Bring the whole family to enjoy an hour of extraordinary piano music in a relaxed and comfortable setting. Admission is free. Seating is limited and begins at 1:30 p.m. in the 46th Star Auditorium.

### Metropolitan Library Commission of Oklahoma County

**Dec 13 | Thur | 3:30-5p**

Downtown Library  
300 Park Ave.  
Oklahoma City, OK 73102  
405.231.8650

The public is welcome to attend.



### Seasonal Celebration in Songs and Stories

**Dec 16 | Sun | 2-3p**

**Ages 10-Adult**

Everyone is invited to add to their seasonal celebrations an afternoon of fun, music and stories at the Downtown Library. The Spiritful Voices Community Choir will fill the air with their uplifting music and Marie Harris, storyteller, will share some of her heartwarming stories. Bring the whole family. Seating begins at 1:30 p.m. in the 46th Star Auditorium.



### Child Guidance Consultations

**Dec 20 | Thur | 9a-Noon**

**Birth-5 Years with parent**

This is a great opportunity to book a one-on-one consultation about your preschooler with child development specialists. A one hour session includes discussion about the normal range of early development and any parenting questions you may have in regard to your child. Each child must be accompanied by a parent and/or legal guardian. Consultations are by appointment only and are free of charge. These are facilitated by Oklahoma City County Health Department staff; call 425-4412 to schedule your appointment. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City County Health Department.



### Holiday Crafts for Preschoolers

**Dec 21 | Fri | 10-11a**

**Ages 3-6**

Celebrate the holidays by making crafts to share with your families.



### 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.	

### Stamp Club

**Dec 1,15 | Sat | 10a-Noon**

**4th Grade and up**

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

### Moonlight Sonata performed by Wayne McEvilly

**Dec 1 | Sat | 2-2:45p**

**Family Program**

Family program for grade school through adult. Noted pianist Wayne McEvilly will perform Beethoven's famous Moonlight Sonata, as well as other classical pieces. The whole family is invited to enjoy this classical piano program.



### Farsi

**Dec 2,9,16 | Sun**

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

**Adults & Teens**

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



### Sugar-Free Allstars Family Concert

**Dec 2 | Sun | 2-3p**

**All Ages**

The Sugar-Free Allstars are a fun and funky two-piece band with lots of energy. This organ and drum duo sing songs from their brand new children's album about bath time, petting zoos, banana pudding and pet cats. These guys will make you want to clap your hands and sing along! Admission is free.



### Parachute Play

**Dec 3 | Mon | 9:30-10a**

**Ages 3-6 with parents**

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



### Story Time

**Dec 3,10,17 | Mon**

**10-10:30a**

**Ages 3-6**

For all children ages 3-6, join us for story time. There will be songs, fingerplays, puppets, hidden mysteries, occasional crafts and special stories. Come and join the fun.



### English as a Second Language

**Dec 3,5,10,12,17,19**

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

**Adults**

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



### ESL/Citizenship

**Dec 3,5,10,12,17,19**

**Mon & Wed**

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

**Adults**

Learn English as a Second Language by practicing your writing, speaking, and listening skills and prepare for the U.S. Citizenship test. Classes are provided by the Mid-Del Adult Learning Center. Free. Materials provided.



### Lapsit, Play Time, Story Time

**Dec 4,11,18 | Tue**

**9:30-10:15a & 10:30-11:15a**

**Infant - 24 Months**

Enjoy a special time with your young child at the library. For half an hour have a play time with the toys we'll have out in the story time room. This is followed by a 15 minute circle time that emphasizes group participation, early literacy skills, books and language development.



### Chess Club for Kids

**Dec 4,18 | Tue | 3:30-5p**

**Ages 6-12**

This is a chess club taught by a skilled instructor and chess player. Free. If you are interested or would like further information e-mail [ConnieHong.ok@gmail.com](mailto:ConnieHong.ok@gmail.com).

### GED

**Dec 4,6,11**

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

**Adults**

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



### 55+ Coffee Break

**Dec 5,12,19 | Wed | 9:30-11a**

**Seniors**

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

### Computer Instruction with Dave

**Dec 5,12,19 | Wed | 7-8p**

**Ages 18 & Older**

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



### Children Reading to Dogs

**Dec 6,13 | Thur | 6-7:30p**

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



### 55 Drive Alive

**Dec 8 | Sat | 9:30a-4p**

**Seniors**

AARP presents safe driving tips to help prevent and reduce the tragedy of injury and death for drivers on today's roads. Attendees are eligible by Oklahoma Law to get an insurance discount for 3 years. The course is centered on senior drivers. However, anyone 16 and older may take the class. Dean Hansen from AARP is the instructor. There is a \$10 fee payable on the day of the class. Make checks out to AARP. Please call 341-9282 to register. (Limited to 35.) Co-sponsor: AARP.

### Angela Wall's Story Time

**Dec 8 | Sat**

**10:30-11:15a**

**Ages 4-6**

Begin the holiday season with Angela as she reads special stories. Create a holiday craft. Registration begins November 10th. Call 341-9282, ext. 4 to register.



### Reader's Choice Book Discussion

**Dec 8 | Sat | 10:30a-Noon**

**Seniors**

The Readers' Choice Book Discussion group meets once a month at the Edmond Library. The title for this month is *Life of Pi* by Yann Martel. Please call 341-9282 to register after November 10. (Limited to 15.)

### Edmond Library Book Bunch Discussion Group

**Dec 8 | Sat | 1-2:30p**

**Seniors**

The Edmond Book Bunch meets once a month at the Edmond Library. The title for this month's discussion is *Evensong* by Gail Godwin. Although the group is currently full please call 341-9282 to get on the waiting list after November 11. (Limited to 15.)

### Autism Meeting

**Dec 10 | Mon | 7-8p**

**Adults**

This is a support group for parents of children with autism. This week the group has scheduled a special speaker: Lorrie Sylvester of the OU Zarrow Center will speak. Co-sponsor: PAC.



### Teen Anime-Manga Club

**Dec 11 | Tue | 4-5p**

**Teens**

Bring your drawings, bring your ideas, meet other teens interested in manga and anime. Call 341-9282 if you have questions.



### Child Guidance Consultations

**Dec 12 | Wed | 9:30a-4p**

**Ages Birth-5 years**

Child Guidance Consultation appointments in the library are provided by Child Guidance Services, Oklahoma City-County Health Department, free of charge. Each child must have a parent or legal guardian with them. Sessions include discussion about the normal range of early development and any parenting questions you may have in regard to your child. By appointment only! Please call Child Guidance at 425-4412.



### Music With Susan

**Dec 14 | Fri | 9:30-10a**

**or 10:15-10:45a**

**Ages 2-3**

Join Susan for musical fun and activities selected just for this age group. Registration begins December 1. Please call 341-9282, ext. 4 to register.



### Music With Susan

**Dec 14 | Fri**

**11-11:30a**

**Ages 4-6**

Join Susan for musical fun & activities selected just for this age group. Registration begins Dec. 1. Please call 341-9282, ext. 4 to register.



### Edmond Library

**Teen Advisory Board**

**Dec 18 | Tue | 4-5p**

**Teens ages 12-16**

The Edmond Library Teen Advisory Board, also known as TAB, plans programs for teens and explores what the library has to offer to young adults. Volunteer credit is available. Call 341-9282 to register.



### Relaxing with Your Baby

**Dec 19 | Wed | 2:30-4p**

**Adults: Parents/Guardians of young children**

This is the time of year we sometimes forget to take care of ourselves. It is especially important to remember relaxation techniques if you have a new baby. Come learn how routines and rituals will help this holiday season be more calm and quiet for you and your baby. Facilitated by Robyn Sears. Call 425 4412 to register. Co-sponsor: OCCHD.







# Toys

*What's appropriate?  
What's safe?*

Find the answers to these questions and more from professionals of the Child Guidance Division in the City/County Health Department.

Ideas on choosing toys for lasting appeal, age appropriate toys and safety issues will be discussed.

Pre-register at 425-4412 for either library session.

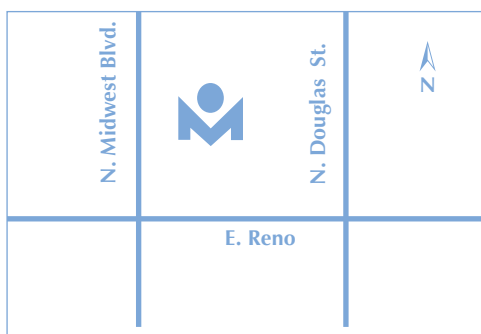
**Tue, Dec 4, 3pm** Warr Acres Library - *Terrific Toy Ideas for Tots*  
**Mon, Dec 10, 10am** Choctaw Library - *Toys, Toys, Toys*  
**Tue, Dec 11, 1:30pm** Southern Oaks Library - *Toys, Toys, Toys*

## 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



### Exhibit: Old Midwest City—The Paintings of David Fox

Nov 20-Dec 11, During Library Hours  
All Ages

As part of our Oklahoma Centennial celebrations, Midwest City resident David Fox will exhibit a collection of his artwork featuring old sites in the Midwest City area. The exhibit will be on display in the lobby gallery from Nov 20 until Dec 11.

### Soldier Creek Quilting Group

Dec 3,10,17 | Mon | 9:15a-1:30p  
Adults

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

### Preschool Story Time

Dec 3,10,17 | Mon  
10-10:30a

Ages 2-5 with Parents

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



### Scrapbooking Crop

Dec 3 | Mon | 6:30-8:30p  
All Ages

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

pages as possible. No matter what your intent is, you will surely benefit from a fun gathering with like-minded scrapbookers! Register at the Information Desk or call 732-4828.

### Yarn Club

Dec 4 | Tue | 9:30-11a  
All Ages

Attention crochet and knitting enthusiasts! Join us at the Midwest City Library for the Yarn Club. Bring your favorite pattern, or browse the library's selection. Crochet hooks, knitting needles, and scrap yarn will be available. December's theme is hats! Register at the Information Desk, or call 732-4828.

### Young Writers Club

Dec 4 | Tue | 4:30-5:30p  
Ages 8-12

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

### Mid-Del Toastmasters

Dec 4,11,18 | Tue | 6-8p  
Adults 18-Older

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

### Conversational German 101

**Dec 4,11,18 | Tue  
7-8p**

**Adults and Age 10 & Older**



Don't miss this great opportunity to learn to speak the German language from an expert. Space is limited, and a materials fee will apply. Younger than 16 must be accompanied by an adult. For more information or to register please call Hannelore Chan at 399-5732.

### Parachute Play

**Dec 5 | Wed | 10:30-11a**

**Ages 2 & 3 with Parents**



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

### Adventure Book Club

**Dec 5 | Wed | 4-5p**

**Ages 8-12**

Choose your own ending in this Choose Your Own Adventure Book Club. How many endings can you find? Pre-register at 732-4828.

### Internet Intelligence 101:

**A Beginner's Guide to  
Finding and Evaluating  
Online Resources**

**Dec 5 | Wed | 7-8p**

**All Ages**



Have you ever turned to Google for an answer, only to find millions of Web sites that have nothing to do with your question? In this class, librarian Linda Temple will teach you how to find, evaluate, and use library and online resources to find reliable information on the computer. Bring your own laptop and follow along for additional hands-on experience, if you wish. Register at the Information Desk, or call 732-4828.

### Computer Basics for Adults & Seniors

**Dec 6 | Thur**

**9:15-11:30a**

**Adults and Seniors**



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

### Teen Anime/Manga Club

**Dec 6 | Thur | 4-5p**

**Ages 13-18**



Teens can join the Teen Anime/Manga Club to talk about teen anime and manga. Please pre-register by calling 732-4828.

### Holiday Make N'Take

**Dec 6 | Thur | 6-7p**

**Children of All Ages**

Celebrate the different winter holidays at the Midwest City Library. We will provide the art supplies to make holiday crafts from around the world. To ensure we have enough supplies, please register at the Information Desk or by calling 732-4828.

### Hunter Education Safety Course

**Dec 8 | Sat | 9a-2:30p**

**Ages 10 & Older**

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

### Pick Out Books in Your Pajamas!

**Dec 8 | Sat | 9:30-11a**

**Adults**



Or CyberMARS 101: A Guided Tour of the Electronic Catalog. Come to the Midwest City Library and learn how to browse our collection from the comfort of your own home. In this class, you will learn how to find and reserve books in the online catalog, and create your own personal reading list with our new "shopping cart" function. Space is limited to eight participants, so sign up early! Register at the Information Desk, or call 732-4828.

### Teen Reads!

**Dec 11 | Tue | 5-6p**

**Ages 10-16**



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

### Chess Club

**Dec 11 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p**

**All Ages**

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

### Yu-Gi-Oh Tournament

**Dec 12 | Wed | 4-5p**

**Ages 10-16**

Do you have what it takes to be the "King of Games?" Join the Midwest City Yu-Gi-Oh Tournament to trade or play for prizes. No pre-registration required.

### Internet Basics for Adults & Seniors

**Dec 13 | Thur**

**9:15-11:30a**

**Adults and Seniors**



Library staff will lead these computer classes for adults & seniors who know little to nothing about the Internet but want to learn. The instructor will teach basic Internet usage, Internet searches, and introduce students to e-mail. Enrollment is limited to eight students per class. Please pre-register at the Information Desk or call 732-4828.

### Classical Piano Concert

**Dec 16 | Sun | 2-3p**

**Ages 10-Adult**



Join noted classical pianist Wayne McEvilly as he plays inspiring pieces including Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata. Mr. McEvilly's CDs will be available for purchase and signing.

### Open Mic Poetry Reading

**Dec 17 | Mon | 7-8p**

**Ages 14 and Older**

Poetry Lovers! Join us for an evening of poetry. Bring your own work or your favorite poem to share with the group.

### Midwest City Readers' Society

**Dec 18 | Tue | 10a-Noon**

**Adults**

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



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### Whose Line? Improv Night!

**Dec 18 | Tue | 5-6p**

**Ages 13-18**

Join us at Midwest City Library for fun improvisational theatre games based off the TV show, "Whose Line Is It Anyway".

No experience required. Pre-register to perform by calling 732-4828 or just come and watch the show.



### Internet & E-mail Tutorial

**Dec 20 | Thur**

**9:15-11:30a**

**Adults & Seniors**

Learn how to sign up for a free e-mail account and develop Internet skills. Participants will have online access during class in order to establish individual e-mail accounts. Basic familiarity with computers and the Internet will let attendees make the most out of this class. All participants should have a valid Metropolitan Library System library card or qualify for visitor's access prior to the start of this program. Enrollment is limited to the first eight students. Please register at the Information Desk or by calling 732-4828.



### Ralph Ellison Library

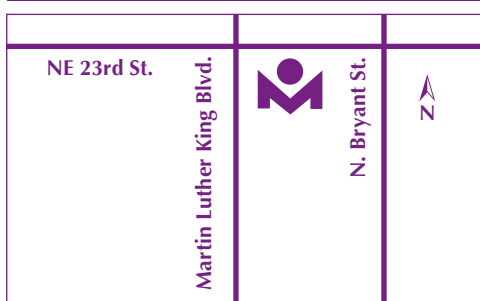
2000 N.E. 23rd, OKC  
(405) 424-1437

#### HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5

Sun: Closed



### Society of Urban Poets

**Dec 1 | Sat | 11a-1p**

**Adults**

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

### Holiday Celebration

**Dec 1 | Sat | 2-4p**

**All Ages**

Kids! Come join us in this holiday celebration. There will be snacks and drinks, and prizes will be given out to everyone! Pre-registration is required.

### Let's Talk Toastmasters

**Dec 5,12,19 | Wed | 6-7p**

**Adults**

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

### Math Tutoring

**Dec 10,17 | Mon | 4-6p**

**Elementary-High School**

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

### Preschool Story Time

**Dec 11 | Tue**

**10-10:40a**

**Ages 1-5**

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



### Girls Today

**Dec 15 | Sat | 2-4p**

**Ages 10-19**

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



### Holiday Arts and Craft for Teens

**Dec 18 | Tue | 6-7p**

**Teens**

Come join us and make your favorite Arts & Craft to give to someone special for the holidays. Pre-registration is required.



### Southern Oaks Library

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

#### HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5  
Sun: 1-6



### Preschool Story Time

**Dec 3,10 | Mon**

**10:30-11:15a**

**Ages 2-6 with Adult**

Introduce young children to books and reading at our fun story times! Children will have fun with books, songs, and activities as they build their early literacy skills. Please pre-register by calling 631-4468.



### GED

**Dec 3,5,10,12,17,19**

**Mon & Wed | 3:30-6p**

**Ages 16 & Older**

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



### Scarlet Kitsune Anime Club

**Dec 5 | Wed | 6:30-8:30p**

**Ages 13 and Older**

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



### Child Guidance Consultation

**Dec 7 | Fri | 9a-4p**

**Ages Birth-5 years**

Child Guidance Consultation appointments in the library are provided by Child Guidance Services, Oklahoma City-County Health Department, free of charge. Each child must have a parent or legal guardian with them. Sessions include discussion about the normal range of early development and any parenting questions you may have in regard to your child. By appointment only! Call Child Guidance at 425-4412.



### Christmas Movie and Tree Trimming

**Dec 8 | Sat | 2-4p**

**Children of all ages**

Come enjoy a beloved family favorite to celebrate Christmas with us! After the movie, we will decorate the library's Christmas tree. Please sign up at the Information Desk or by calling 631-4468.

### Southern Oaks Book Club

**Dec 11 | Tue | 11:30a- 12:30p**

**Adults**

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

### Toys, Toys, Toys

**Dec 11 | Tue | 1:30-2:30p**

**Parents/caregivers of young children**

This workshop will discuss age appropriate toy selection, toy safety, and ideas for toys you can make at home. Facilitated by Teresa Widick. Call Child Guidance at 425-4412 to register for the free workshop. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City/County Health Dept.



### Christmas Music with Susan

**Dec 12 | Wed**

**10:30-11:10a**

**Ages 2-6 with favorite adult**

Join Susan for some Christmas musical fun and activities selected just for this age group. Pre-registration is required. Call 631-4468 or visit the Information Desk to sign up.



### Book Adventure: Kids' Book Club

**Dec 13 | Thur | 4:30-5:30p**

**Kids in grades 1-3**

Join us for a Book Adventure! Meet with kids your age to discuss a great book. We will have a snack, and play a game or make a craft. Call the library to register and to find out what book to read before the program. Call 631-4468.

### Parachute Play

**Dec 19 | Wed | 10:30-11a**

**Ages 3-6 with parents**

While playing games with a parachute, children will have the opportunity to practice skills such as: following directions, socializing with others, using language, using small and large muscles, and remaining in control during very active play... and it's loads of fun! Pre-registration is required. Call 425-4412 to sign up. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City/County Health Dept.



### SO Write: Creative Writing Club for Kids

**Dec 20 | Thur | 4:30-5:30p**

**For Kids Ages 9-12**

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

### Craft Spectacular!

**Dec 22 | Sat | 2-4p**

**Ages 10 and Older**

Come join the Southern Oaks Library Teen Advisory Board for their craft spectacular! You can make shrinky dinks, beaded jewelry and more. Call 631-4468 to pre-register. Co-sponsor: Southern Oaks Library Teen Advisory Board.

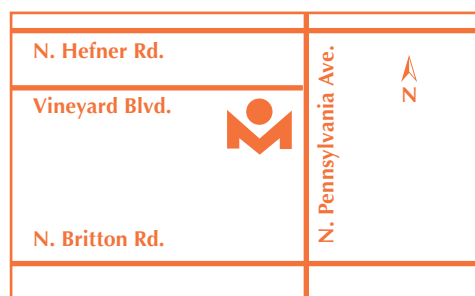
## The Village Library

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

### HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5  
Sun: Closed



### Holiday Make and Take

**Dec 1 | Sat | 10a-Noon**

**Ages 4-12**

Please join us for our annual Make and Take crafts. We'll make things to give as gifts, to decorate your home, and maybe even to eat. Please pre-register at the Information Desk or call 755.0710.

### T'ai Chi With Mickey Sherman

**Dec 3 | Mon | 9-10a**

**Adults**

Join T'ai Chi instructor Mickey Sherman for these free, fun and informative sessions. Every Monday morning for 16 weeks we will meet at 9am. What a nice way to start the week! New participants can simply show up and check in with the instructor. Sponsored by the Village Friends of the Library.

### Introduction to Microsoft

**Excel**

**Dec 3,10,17 | Mon**

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

**Adults**

Free individualized instruction in Microsoft Excel. Learn to create workbooks and spreadsheets, use formulas and functions, format data, create charts, and more. Monday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Scheduled in 30-minute to one hour sessions per individual. Come in or call to reserve your instruction time.



### Teen Advisory Board

**Dec 6 | Thur | 5-6p**

**Ages 12-17**

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



### Computer Basics for Adults

**Dec 13 | Thur | 6:30-8p**

**Adults**

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



### Book Discussion Group

**Dec 17 | Mon | 3-4p**

**Adults**

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

### Anime Club

**Dec 20 | Thur | 5-6p**

**Ages 13-18**

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





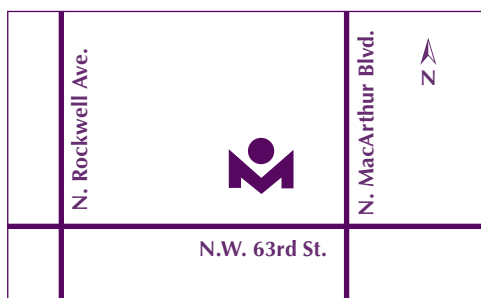
### Warr Acres Library

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

#### HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5  
Sun: Closed



#### ESL

**Dec 3,5,10,12,17,19**  
**Mon & Wed | 5:30-8p**  
**Adults**



Improve your written and spoken English in this class offered by the Mid-Del Adult Learning Center. Class and materials are free. Enroll for January, 2008 by calling Mid-Del at 739-1783.

#### Christmas Story Time for Preschoolers

**Dec 4 | Tue | 10:30-11:15a**  
**Ages 2 1/2 to 5 year olds**



Join "Honey Bear," "Sneaky Squeaky" and Miss Alma for Christmas stories and crafts. Please pre-register by calling 721-2616.

#### Terrific Toy Ideas for Tots

**Dec 4 | Tue | 3-4p**  
**Adults**



Going to the toy store to purchase an appropriate toy isn't an easy decision with so many choices. One can be overwhelmed and leave without buying anything. Come talk with us about safety issues, long lasting appeal, and how to choose. (For parents/caregivers of young children.) Facilitated by Robyn Sears and Deborah Shapiro, OKC-County Health Department's Child Guidance Division, call 425-4412 to sign up.

#### Holiday Blues: 10 Ways to Cope

**Dec 4 | Tue | 7-8p**  
**Adults**

The holidays can be a time of loneliness and sadness for many people. Linda Murphy of AutumnBridge Hospice will teach you more about this time of seasonal depression and give coping techniques.

#### Child Guidance Consultations

**Dec 7 | Fri | 9a-4p**  
**Ages Birth-5 years**



Child Guidance Consultation appointments in the library are provided by Child Guidance Services, Oklahoma City-County Health Department, free of charge. Each child must have a parent or legal guardian with them. Sessions include discussion about the normal range of early development and any parenting questions you may have in regard to your child. By appointment only! Call Child Guidance at 425-4412.

#### Caldecott Club for Children

**Dec 8 | Sat | 10:30-11:30a**  
**5 years and older**

Celebrate the season with us and Caldecott Award books! Make fun crafts and decorations related to these famous picture books. Please pre-register by calling 721-2616. Join us the second Saturday of each month.

#### Book Club

**Dec 10 | Mon | 11a-Noon**  
**Adults**

The Warr Acres Library Book Club will be reading and discussing *The Christmas Box* by Richard Paul Evans. Come be a part of the discussion. We will be having a pot-luck luncheon. Bring your favorite holiday dish!

#### Live Holiday Music with The Justice System!

**Dec 11 | Tue | 7-8:30p**  
**All Ages**



Oklahoma harpist Jill Justice plus multi-instrumentalist Joel McClung = The Justice System! This talented husband and wife duo have been delighting Oklahoma audiences for 10 years with their 5 C's: Christian, Celtic, Country, Classical and Contemporary music. The rich sound of the harp, with Joel's fiddle, mandolin, guitar, banjo, dobro, and Celtic flutes will make for a joyful Christmas concert. Come hear The Justice System!

#### Play Time for Babies and Tots

**Dec 12 | Wed**  
**10:30-11:15a**



**Ages 8-30 months**

Play promotes healthy development and learning, so bring your youngster to our library for 45 minutes of toys, lap games, and a story with Miss Alma and her puppets. (Siblings are welcome.) Pre-register at 721-2616.

#### Coffee Break

**Dec 17 | Mon | 9:30-10:30a**  
**Adults**

Join us on the 3rd Monday of each month for coffee and conversation in a relaxed, informal setting. Coffee & light refreshments will be served in our meeting room.

#### Pizza Pursuit!

**Dec 27 | Thur | 6:30-7:30p**  
**Ages 12-18**



**Teens**

Probe the library on a treasure hunt. Procure prizes for perfect performance. Palatable pizza post-factum. (In other words, receive pizza & prizes for completed questionnaires about the library.) We'll have pizza while supplies last. Call 721-2616 to pre-register.

#### Read for Prizes: Question & Answer Time

**Dec 31 | Mon | 10a-4p**  
**Children**

Children who read a book from our book list (available at the Information Desk) and answer questions correctly will receive prizes. Each correct answer gives the child a point to spend on prizes. Pre-register to schedule five minutes for Q & A time on Monday, Dec. 31. Call 721-2616 to pick a book and to schedule your five minutes.

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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.**

Irving, Washington. *A Tour on the Prairies*.  
Ed., with an introd. essay, by John Francis McDermott.  
917.66/IR72t

Did you know that the author of “The Legend of Sleepy Hollow” and “Rip van Winkle” joined a group of Army rangers when they left Ft. Gibson in 1832 to take a look at Indian Territory? Washington Irving and his guides traveled all over what is now Oklahoma and Irving kept a journal of their wanderings and “A Tour on the Prairies” was published in 1835. It contains fascinating descriptions of the land and the people living on it, people Irving grew to respect.

Joseph, Bruce E. *A Field Guide to Oklahoma's Historical Markers*, by Bruce Joseph and Bob Burke; foreword by George Nigh. 976.6/B832f

No one knows more about Oklahoma history than Oklahoma City attorney and writer Bob Burke, who's written more non-fiction books about the state than anyone else has. Now he's joined with Bruce Joseph to tell Oklahomans how to find historic sites and buildings. This book is just the thing for planning one-day or weekend road trips, as well as for accumulating quirky trivia. The book is a great companion as you travel Oklahoma's highways and byways, or just to snuggle up with on a cool December night.





# We're here to serve you.

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<b>BETHANY</b> 3510 N. Mueller, Bethany, 789-8363	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	—
<b>CAPITOL HILL</b> 334 S.W. 26th, OKC, 634-6308	9-8	9-8	9-8	9-8	9-6	9-5	—
<b>CHOCTAW</b> 2525 Muzzy Street, Choctaw, 390-8418	9-8	9-8	9-8	9-8	9-6	9-5	—
<b>DEL CITY</b> 4509 S.E. 15th, Del City, 672-1377	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	—
<b>DOWNTOWN</b> 300 Park Ave., OKC, 231-8650	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
<b>EDMOND</b> 10 S. Boulevard, Edmond, 341-9282	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
<b>MIDWEST CITY</b> 8143 E. Reno, MWC, 732-4828	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
<b>RALPH ELLISON</b> 2000 N.E. 23rd, OKC, 424-1437	9-8	9-8	9-8	9-8	9-6	9-5	—
<b>SOUTHERN OAKS</b> 6900 S. Walker, OKC, 631-4468	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
<b>THE VILLAGE</b> 10307 N. Pennsylvania Avenue, The Village, 755-0710	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	—
<b>WARR ACRES</b> 5901 N.W. 63rd, Warr Acres, 721-2616	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	—

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

\*Beginning Dec. 31, Luther Library will be open the following: 9:30-6 9:30-6 9:30-6 9:30-6 9-5 9-5 —

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