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## New info

You don't need info to remind you about the major holidays that come your way every December, and that's why we pause briefly every year about this time to tell you about some of the lesser known of December's celebrations.

Baby Boomers will enjoy remembering the Saturday morning and after school pleasures of a pair of once popular TV shows. *The Mighty Mouse Playhouse* ("Here he comes to save the day. That means that Mighty Mouse is on the way.") premiered on 12/10/55. Even more significantly, *Howdy Doody* entered our lives on 12/27/47. "Hey kids, what time is it?"

For somewhat more mature tastes, NASCAR was founded that same year on Dec. 14, and those with an interest in history can note that the Boston Tea Party took place on Dec. 16 in 1773 and the Erie Canal opened on Dec. 26 in 1825.

And remember, if you have to put some toy or gadget together on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24 after dark is Remember to Read the Instructions *First Night*.

But whatever your interest—sports to American history to pop culture—there's something to catch your eye at every one of our MLS libraries.



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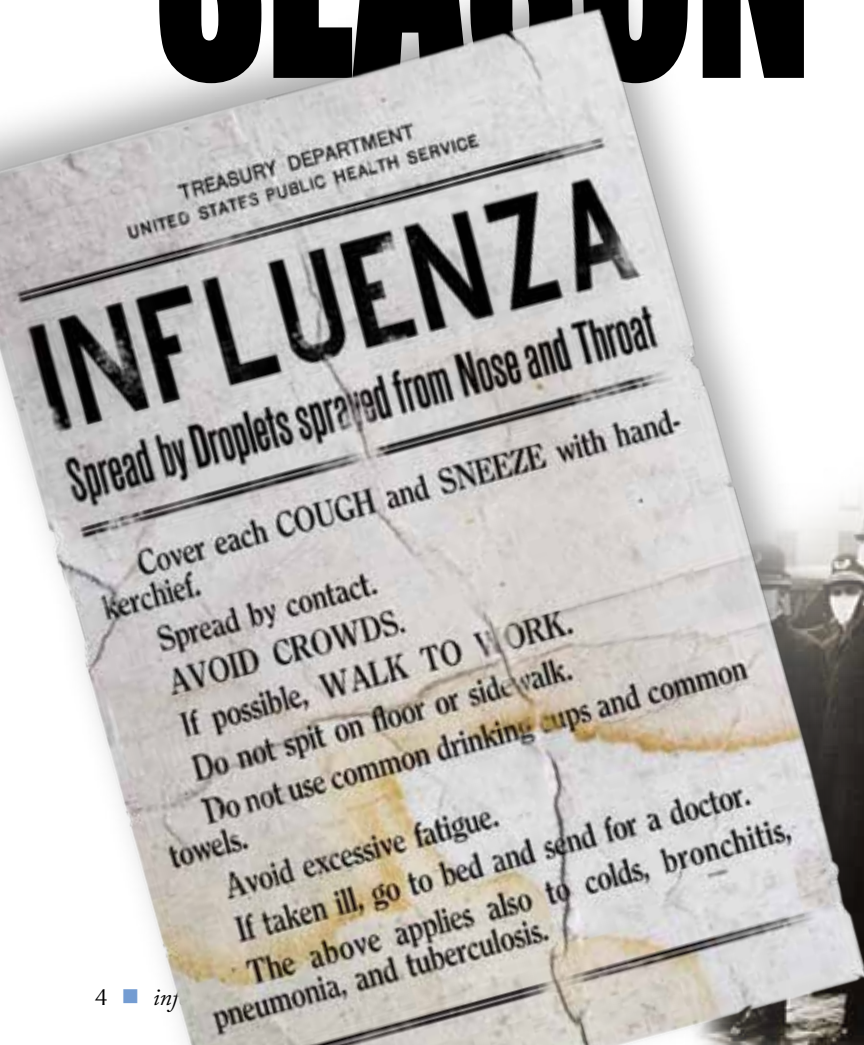


# Oklahoma Images

# FLU SEASON

Fall 1918 saw the  
Allies rolling back  
the Germans in World  
War I. But there was  
something new and  
ominous that fall –  
Spanish influenza.

*by Larry Johnson*



**T**his strain of the influenza A virus (H1N1) proved to be highly infectious and while most strains of the influenza virus attacked weak bodies this new strain seemed to operate in an opposite manner; it attacked the healthy.

It came to Oklahoma City in September. Doctors and nurses were hit hard of course, but soon the street car line stopped for lack of conductors; the entire staff of Alexander Drug Company, the main medicine distributor, was ill; and nearly all the Pioneer Telephone operators were out sick. Then word came that Mayor Ed Overholser was ill; ultimately only one city commissioner showed up for work. Soon local health officials had martial law powers and authorities closed all places of public gathering.

American Red Cross came to the rescue. Already mobilized for the war effort, they switched to using their supplies and manpower to make flu masks, pneumonia jackets and pajamas for influenza victims. There were many already active in the Red Cross, but it was Felecia Daugherty, who stepped up and became the leader in the fight against the deadly virus. She quickly began recruiting women who would be willing to go into the homes of sick people and care for them.

Daugherty worked eighteen hour days and some said she would work 48 hours without sleeping. She would visit homes where she heard there was flu and bring food, clean the home and do the laundry and then be gone as quickly as she arrived. She used her own car as an ambulance to transport the worst cases to a hospital.

Mrs. Daugherty was undaunted. She saw that most people were suffering because they couldn't pay for help and she took her case to city officials saying, "The business of combating this epidemic, in plain English, means that sick people shall not be left to die simply because they are poor. One can call it 'politics' if he wants to, but those of us who are not

politicians regard it as simple Christian duty and humanitarian decency." The city responded by picking up the tab for medicine and medical care and the Red Cross organized hundreds of people to provide food, do laundry and clean up the entire city of trash and vermin.

The central headquarters for fighting the Spanish influenza was the Carnegie Library. The library became the place where calls for help were

received, donations were dropped off, and volunteers were organized and assigned. It was already a public gathering place and storehouse for information, so it fell into this role naturally and effectively.

Daugherty's efforts were quickly effective and the crisis ended in mid-November. Estimates are that about 20,000 of the city's 100,000 people got sick and about 3,000 died or had shortened lives. The people of Oklahoma City had weathered their most trying time, battled hand-to-hand with war, death, and disease and emerged victorious.



*Felecia Daugherty*

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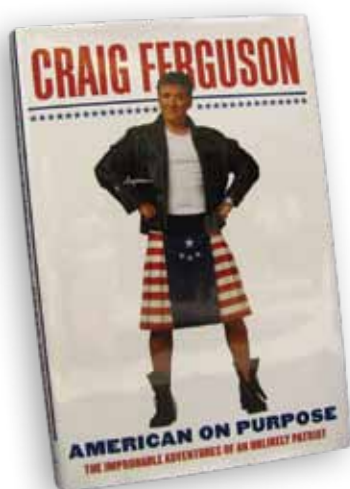
# Reviews & Recommendations

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Biography

ON THE SHELF

## American on Purpose by Craig Ferguson

reviewed by Doug Bentin



One of the great pleasures of late night talk show TV is the occasional opening of *The Late Late Show* in which host Craig Ferguson, two or three generally non-performing members of his crew, and a gaggle of hand puppets lip-sync to a pop song—"Oops, I Did It Again" or "In the Navy," something goofy like that. The fact that this kind of tomfoolery went out of style on children's television 50 years ago only adds to the fun.

A failed punk band drummer, stand up comic and for eight seasons one of the ensemble on *The Drew Carey Show*, Ferguson is now at the top of his form as a talk show host. Originally from Scotland, he recently became an American citizen, and this book is a memoir of that journey.

It wasn't always easy, with detours through alco-

hol and drug abuse, but in true show biz autobiography style Ferguson emerged a whole man. And now, an American citizen. "I didn't become any less Scottish when I became an American. Between safety and adventure, I choose adventure. Scottish by birth, but American on purpose."

The pleasures of Ferguson's book are many. He's a funny writer with an honest and keen self-appraisal. Pass the haggis.

This book also available as a WMA audiobook, on compact disc and in large print.

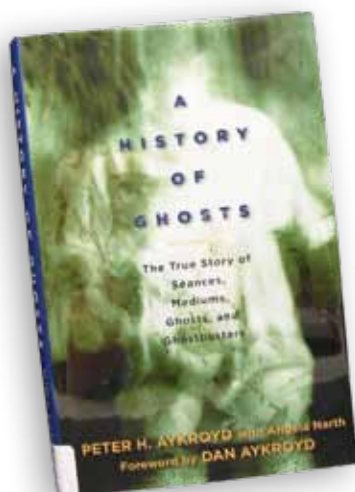
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ON THE SHELF

## A History of Ghosts: The True Story of Séances, Mediums, Ghosts, and Ghostbusters by Peter H. Aykroyd, with Angela Narth

reviewed by Doug Bentin



If you want to connect the surname Aykroyd with ghosts because of Dan Aykroyd's acting in and script for the movie *Ghostbusters*, that's understandable—especially since Peter Aykroyd is Dan's father and an interest in the paranormal has been an identifying characteristic of the Aykroyd family for over 100 years. Without it, Dan admits in his Foreword, *Ghostbusters* would never have been created.

Aykroyd Senior's interest was sparked by his grandfather, who sponsored weekly séances and was a follower of Spiritualism. His book is not, as the title purports, a history of ghosts as much as it is a history of Spiritualism. Material on the earliest

days of the movement is interesting but biased by belief. For instance, the Fox sisters, beginning in 1848, were perplexed by a series of unusual sounds that seemed to follow them about—pops and cracks. Aykroyd admits that one of the girls confided that she and her sister produced the noises themselves by cracking their toe joints, but he continues to indicate the girls were for real.

Peter Aykroyd is readable, but he lacks his famous son's humor and the text is a bit on the dry side. This is a short introduction to the subject that should perhaps be read in conjunction with a volume from the more skeptical side of the debate.



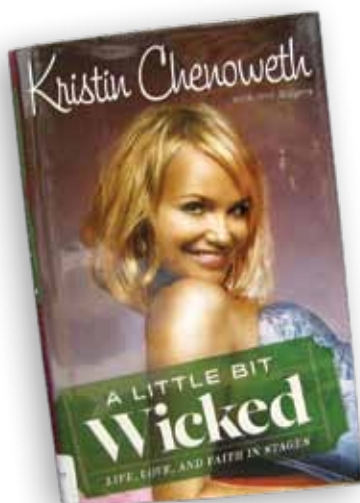


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BIOGRAPHY  
ON THE SHELF

### A Little Bit Wicked

by Kristin Chenoweth and Joni Rodgers

reviewed by Anita Roesler



With my chortle at the first sentence, Chenoweth had me laughing, tearing up, and laughing again. Not being a fan of biographies, I probably picked up *A Little Bit Wicked* simply because the author is from Oklahoma. I chose to listen to the audio book because Chenoweth, a gifted singer/actress, is the reader and you can get all the intonations the author intended.

We learn about her being adopted and her deep love for her family; her BFF Denny; her four first great loves, and the traumatic tonsillectomy. We witness her devotion to and love and respect for Florence Birdwell, who continues to be a mentor. Chenoweth credits Ms Birdwell with training her to sing and teaching her how to use her whole body and not just the vocal chords as an instrument. She gives us an insider's view of beauty pageants; a disastrous experience with hair extensions; and a

few recipes (she is from Oklahoma)!

She has a very strong faith which leads to her appearance on the *700 Club* which then lead to being fired from the Women of Faith tour. Stories from *The West Wing*, *Pushing Daisies* and "my huge hit sitcom, *Kristen*," Broadway shows and movies, and much more give insight to a world beyond my comprehension and a talented, determined personality. Kristin Chenoweth's story is filled with wit and wisdom, gives us faux-pas and successes, and is great motivation to follow your dream. Assisted by author Joni Rodgers, this book is a must-read for Chenoweth fans.

This title available in print and as an audio book.

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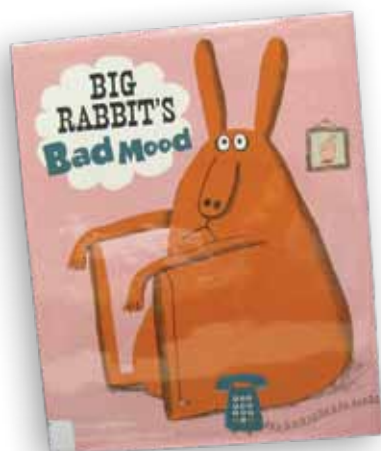
EASY/BAD  
ON THE SHELF

### Big Rabbit's Bad Mood

by Ramona Badescu

Illustrated by Dephine Durand

reviewed by Kelley Riha



Have you ever had a bad day? One even worse than Alexander's terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day? *Big Rabbit's Bad Mood* is ready to clear away the cobwebs and give funny bones a tickle. While the main character is not at his best, author Ramona Badescu helps him find the brighter side of life.

Big Rabbit is in a really bad mood; a mood with an attitude and he can't get rid of it no matter what. He tries everything but nothing gets rid of the hairy monster mood. Even watching television doesn't help because the bad mood is on every channel then, sprawled on his couch picking his nose. Oh dear, what to do?!

So, if you know someone whose glass is just half full, or even completely empty, check out *Big Rabbit's Bad Mood* to wash the blues away and let a little light in. The illustrations add to the silly play with rounded images and oversized colorful characters sure to bring a smile.

Oh and never worry, Badescu saves Rabbit with a happy ending.

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# Reviews & Recommendations



## The Lucky Place

by Zu Vincent

reviewed by Kelley Riha



*The Lucky Place* takes readers into the world of Cassie, a little girl in the 1950s. Author Vincent tells the story of Cassie and her family as Cassie grows from a small child into a responsible young adult who, along the way must face alcoholism, divorce, a new step parent, cancer and death. *The Lucky Place* comes to symbolize the place where Cassie can feel safe enough to be happy.

Vincent's vivid descriptions recreate that vulnerable sense of childhood one never forgets. In the first chapter, Cassie is not yet old enough for school. She is old enough to know it's not okay for daddy to forget her at the racetrack. Vincent uses this incident to reveal the abandonment alcoholism can cause.

The issues Cassie faces are often compounded by

her older brother's hesitance to accept their New Daddy, holding on to hope that the Old Daddy will rescue him. Cassie is torn thinking she must choose between loving one or the other; the old one who has left her behind on more than one occasion or the new one that her mother loves, who behaves like a real father to them.

Luckily, I had the good fortune to interview author, Zu Vincent. *The Lucky Place* is an easy read due to her imagery, often startlingly succinct, pulling up memories of mine lost for decades. While this story is written for ages 12 and up, adults may be swept away as well. Vincent herself is close to my age, sweet natured yet strong enough to tackle tough subjects starting with childhood.

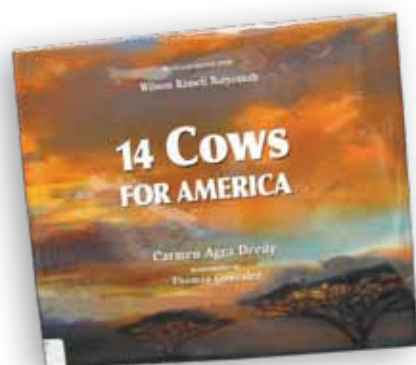


## 14 Cows for America

By Carmen Agra Deedy

Illustrations by Thomas Gonzalez

reviewed by Jana Hausburg



In a remote Kenyan village, Kimeli arrives. He is greeted by friends and family. He has been studying to be a doctor in New York City. It has been a long time since last he saw them. Has he brought any stories to share? the children ask.

*"He has brought with him one story.  
It has burned a hole in heart.  
But first he must speak with the elders."*

So begins a little-known story related to the events of September 11th, 2001, and the ways in which a tragedy can touch the hearts of other nations.

Deedy's lyrical text highlights the generous spirit that lives inside all of us. Gonzalez's pictures of the Maasi people are striking in color and style. Together, the writer and artist weave a moving tale of empathy.

*"Because there is no nation so powerful it cannot be wounded,  
Nor a people so small they cannot offer mighty conform."*

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





# The **THUNDER** **f Literacy**

**S**ince its creation, the Oklahoma City Thunder has been about more than basketball. The team has been building extensive education partnerships to advance literacy in our community.



*Left to Right: Ryan Bowen and Nick Collison read to a class of second graders at Tulakes Elementary.*

admissions to a game later in the season. Many of the books then became part of the Rolling Thunder Book Bus presented by American Fidelity Assurance Company. This converted school bus travels to schools, community centers, museums, parks and other sites throughout the year to promote reading and literacy.

"The bus is the hit of the community when it rolls to town," said Christine Berney, Thunder Director of Community Relations. "The bus travels all over the greater Oklahoma City Metro area." Each student who visits the bus receives a free book to promote a love of reading. "The

For a game last March, fans were invited to bring along a new elementary-level book. Everyone who donated a book received in exchange a voucher good for two

kids are so excited to come in and get a book," Berney said. The book bus includes an inventory of at least 3000 books for pre-school through fifth grade readers.

So far the Rolling Thunder Book Bus has distributed over 14,000 books.

Thunder players also hold Reading Time-Outs, where they visit schools and other community sites to talk with kids about the importance of reading and literacy. "When the player walks into the classroom or library, the kids are just starstruck," Berney said. "For a second grader to meet a basketball star who is probably seven foot tall, the moment is priceless." Kids get to meet a professional athlete, Thunder players get to chat with their fans, and the community gets a potential new reader. What a deal!

It's all part of the Read to Achieve project which, along with Thunder Fit, a promotion that encourages young people to exercise through active play and stay healthy

through the application of basic nutrition rules, increases the team's visibility through community involvement.



*Rolling Thunder Book Bus visits the Downtown OKC YMCA.*



# RENOVATED RALPH ELLISON LIBRARY TO RE-OPEN

*The Ralph Ellison Library at  
2000 NE 23rd first opened to the  
public in 1975. Thirty-four  
years later we've completed  
its first total renovation, and  
we're inviting everyone to see  
the Ralph Ellison Library  
again, for the  
very first time.*







**T**he ribbon cutting for the new Ralph Ellison Library will be at 2:00pm on Monday, December 14, 2009, and the doors will open immediately afterward. Representing the City of Oklahoma City will be Ward 7 Councilman Skip Kelly, and representing the Metropolitan Library System will be Library Commission chair Hugh Rice, Executive Director Donna Morris and Ralph Ellison Manager of Library Operations Michael Eric Owens.

The project, which cost a little over \$2 million, was paid for primarily with funds from the 2000 bond election.

"We are really pleased," said Donna Morris, "that the citizens voted to support library service. I know they won't be disappointed when they see what this renewed library has to offer."

The meeting room was completely demolished and the new version has twice as much floor space. The number of public access computers with Internet connections has also been doubled.

"The building is now a 16,500 square foot neighborhood facility," Morris added. "More functional space has been added for children and teens, and of course we kept our special Black History Collection."

Several libraries in the system have Self Checkout stands so library customers can check out material without having to stand in line at the Circulation Desk. With the new Ralph Ellison, we're trying something new. Currently, when a customer puts a book on reserve, the book comes to the Circulation Desk and the customer has to ask for it there. Ralph Ellison will experiment with a Self Reservation system that allows the customer to pick up the reserved book without claiming it at Circulation.

"It truly is a beautiful facility," Morris concluded, "with a more open floor plan. The extra space gives us room to expand services and the collection. The number of items checked out at Ralph Ellison increased in 2009 by 46 percent over 2008. Now, the sky will be the limit."



## The Belle Isle Library

The Belle Isle Library opened at 5501 N. Villa on September 29, 1963, with a public service area of 14,500 square feet and a basement area of 4,600. Every inch of that basement was needed in the weeks following April 19, 1995, when the Downtown Library was heavily damaged by the bombing attack that destroyed the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building and MLS administrative staff used the Belle Isle basement as temporary office quarters.

On a more pleasant note, have you ever taken time to look at the monument in front of the Belle Isle Library? It was erected on April 1, 1971, to commemorate an important event in the history of the Oklahoma oil industry. The monument cites the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of field tests which confirmed the validity of the reflection seismograph method of prospecting for oil. These tests were conducted in June 1921, not far from the library location. (Reflection seismography is a process by which energy from a dynamite blast set off at or near the surface penetrates to earth formations, reflects off them and maps formations on a small seismograph or geophone.)

The Geophysical Society of Oklahoma City paid for the \$5,000 monument, which is made of granite and limestone of Oklahoma origin.

This monument commemorating a significant but quiet event in Oklahoma history makes the Belle Isle Library unique.



# december

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

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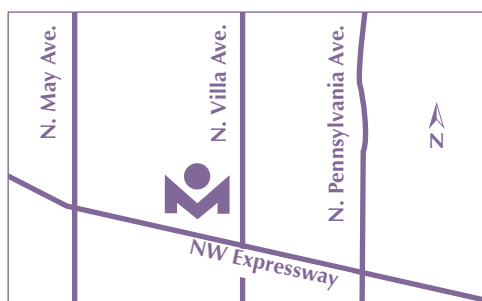
All MLS libraries will be closed December 24 and 25 for the Christmas holiday. Sunday libraries will also be closed December 20 and 27.

### 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



Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) will offer free confidential assistance for potential small business owners. Sign up at the Reference Desk for an appointment.

### Workshop: Lotions and Lip Gloss

**Dec 5 | Sat | 11a-12:30p**

**Ages 8 and older**

This workshop will give you a chance to learn how to make your own lotions and lip glosses in time for gift-giving. While this class is demonstration, you'll have a chance to participate and use different oils, waxes, and scents to customize your own products. You'll have a sample to take home. Seating is limited, so sign up at the Belle Isle Reference Desk, or call 843-9601.

### Children Reading to Dogs

**Dec 7, 14 | Mon**

**6:30-7:30p**

**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.



### Holiday Make and Take

**Dec 9 | Wed | 10:30-11:30a**

**Children 2-5 with parents**

Bring your children and have fun making holiday crafts. Community resources, Library and Child Development information will be available. Facilitated by Child Guidance and Library staff. Call 425-4412 to register. Co-sponsor: OCCHD.



### Music at the Library:

**A Metro String Holiday**

**Dec 13 | Sun | 2-3p**

**All ages**

The Metro String Quartet is a classically trained group based out of Oklahoma City. They have been performing in the surrounding area for the past 8 years and will bring their music to Belle Isle.



### Open Mic Poetry Reading with S.O.U.P.

**Dec 15 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p**

**All ages**

A chance to hear and read your own poetry. The Society of Urban Poets celebrates poetic expression without the use of profanity! Original poetry or not, join us.

### Santa and the Three Bears

**Dec 17 | Thur | 10-11a**

**Pre-kindergarten**

Stories about Santa and the three bears will be shared by Miss B. Playtime and an activity will follow. Pre-registration begins Dec. 1st.

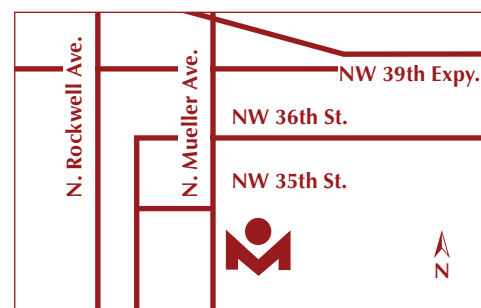


### Bethany Library

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

#### HOURS

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



### Holiday Make and Take

**Dec 3 | Thur**

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

**Ages 2-5 with adult**

Bring your children and have fun making holiday crafts. Community resources, library and child development information will be available. Please pre-register at 425-4412. Facilitated by Child Guidance of the Oklahoma City-County Health Department and library staff. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City-County Health Department.



### ESL: Learn English as a Second Language

**Dec 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17**

**Tue & Thur | 9:30a-12:30p**

**Adults**

With Oklahoma City Public Schools improve your English speaking, reading, and writing skills in this free class for people who are new to the English language. Ongoing enrollment. You can join this class at any time. For questions and to register, come to the class.



### Selections from The Nutcracker with the Academy of Ballet and Theatre Arts

**Dec 2 | Wed | 5-6p**

**All ages**

Students from the Academy of Ballet and Theatre Arts will present selections from the famed Nutcracker Suite.



### Score Small Business Counseling

**Dec 5, 19 | 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

## Holiday Open House

**Dec 5 | Sat | 2-3p**

**All Ages**

Stephanie Jackson, guitarist, plays all genres of music. She will also play a variety of holiday favorites. Special holiday treats will be served. Children and anyone young at heart will receive candy and fruit.



## Parent Talk

**Dec 7 | Mon | 1-4p**

**Ages birth to 5 years with parent/guardian**

Parent Talk appointments are provided by the Oklahoma City-County Health Department Child Guidance free of charge. Sessions include discussion about the normal range of early development and any parenting questions you may have in the areas of speech, language, development and behavior. By appointment only! Call Child Guidance at 425-4412. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City/County Health Department.



## All About Hanukkah

**Dec 8 | Tue | 6:30-7:15p**

**All ages**

Learn about the origins of Hanukkah, its meaning and traditions. Play the dreidel game and stay for a Hanukkah treat. Please pre-register at the Information Desk or call 789-8363, ext. 3.



## Come and Go Holiday Special

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

**All ages**

Take a respite from the cold and come to the library for hot apple cider and special cakes.

## Capitol Hill Library

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

### HOURS

Mon-Thur: 9-8

Fri: 9-6

Sat: 9-5

Sun: Closed



## After School Crafts/ Proyecto de Arte Después de le Escuela

**Dec 2,16 | Wed | 3:30-4:30p**

**Elementary school students**

Make a craft project after school.

Crear un proyecto de arte después de la escuela.  
Registration not required.

## Conversational Spanish

**Dec 2 | Wed | 5:30-6:30p**

**Adults**

Conversational Spanish class for Fall 2009. This course is intended to teach basic Spanish speaking skills (Who, What, When, and Where). The class began on September 9th. It will continue on Wednesday evenings until December 9th, 2009. This program requires pre-registration. Please call 634-6308 to register, or to find out more information about the class.



## The Elves and the Shoemaker—Classic Fairy Tale Storytime/ La Hora de Cuentos de Hadas

**Dec 2 | Wed**

**6:45-7:30p**

**Ages 4-12**

Hear the classic tale of the Shoemaker told by an Elf! Create a jingle bell craft. Los Elfos y el Zapatero. Please call 634-6308 or stop by the library to pre-register.



## Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance

**Dec 3,10,17 | Thur | 6:30-7:30p**

**Adults**

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

## Annual Holiday Open House/

**Casa Abierta para las Dias  
de Fiesta**

**Dec 5 | Sat | Noon-4p**

**All ages**

It's time for the annual Capitol Hill Open House Celebration! Pictures with Santa will be featured, along with live music, crafts and prize giveaways. Sign up in advance to get your picture with Santa. Time slots are limited, so don't delay! Call 634-6308 for more information or to reserve your spot. Fotos con Papá Noel, música y entretenimiento, libros para niños—gratis, artesanías para niños. Llame a la biblioteca unos días antes del Día de la Fiesta 634-6308.



## Move and Groove Storytime

**Dec 7,21 | Mon | 10:30-11a**

**Ages 1-5**

Parents, bring your toddlers for some exercise and a story. Please call 634-6308 or visit the library to pre-register.



## Conversational Spanish II

**Dec 7 | Mon | 5:30-7p**

**Adults**

Intermediate Spanish class for Fall 2009. The course is designed for individuals who already have a basic understanding of the language, and want to further increase their Spanish speaking skills. The class began September 7th, and continued on Monday evenings until December 7, 2009. Please call 634-6308 to register for this program, or sign up at the Reference Desk.



## After School Board Games

**Dec 9 | Wed | 3:30-4:30p**

**Elementary school age**

Don't be bored. Play a game instead.  
Registration not required.

## Make Your Own Wrapping Paper Craft

**Dec 10 | Thur | 6:30-7:15p**

**Ages 4-12**

Make a beautiful work of art to wrap your holiday gifts. Learn about the origin of wrapping paper. Please call 634-6308 or stop by the library to pre-register.

## Bear Goes to Sleep Storytime

**Dec 15 | Tue | 10:30-11:15a**

**Ages 2-5**

Bring your teddy bears to hear a story before their winter nap begins! Learn about hibernation. Registration not required.



## "No Two Alike" Snowflake Craft

**Dec 17 | Thur | 6:30-7:15p**

**Ages 4-12**

Make a snowflake ornament to hang or give away. Hear stories about snow flakes. Enjoy

a treat! Please call 634-6308 or stop by the library to pre-register.  
Proyecto de arte "Los Copos de Nieve Son Unicos" y la Hora de Cuentos de los Copos de Nieve. Por favor pre-registrada. Llame a la biblioteca 634-6308.

### Passport Adventure: Canada

**Dec 19 | Sat | 2:30-3:30p**

**Grades 2 through 5**

Travel to a new land in just an hour. Hear a fun and exciting story told about the country we are visiting. Learn a little history and interesting trivia about how people live in this country. Play games or make a craft that children in the host country would do. You'll leave having experienced all the fun, without any of the Jet Lag. Space is limited for this fun, free program! Please pre-register.

### Classic Fairy Tale Story Time/ La Hora de Cuentos de Hadas

**Dec 29 | Tue | 10:30-11a**

**Ages 2-5**

Hear the classic Fairy Tale "The Gingerbread Man." Decorate your own gingerbread man that you can take home and eat! Call 634-6308 to pre-register, or for more information.



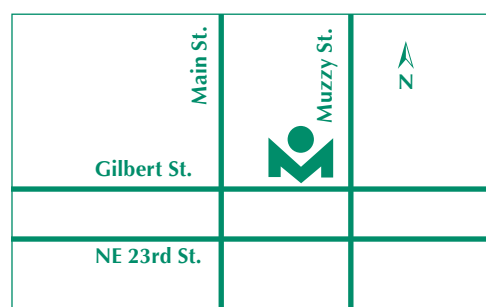
### Choctaw Library

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

#### HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5  
Sun: Closed



### Lapsit Story Time

**Dec 1,8,15,22,29 | Tue**

**9:30-10a**

**Ages 6 months-3 years**

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



### Story Time

**Dec 1,8,15,22,29 | 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.

### Piano Masterworks with Wayne McEvilly

**Dec 1 | Tue | 6-7:30p**

**All Ages**

Oklahoma City pianist Wayne McEvilly will provide an up-close-and-personal experience of the music and lives of Mozart, Bach, Chopin, and Beethoven no. He will also encourage children in attendance to recognize their own ability to be natural musicians by listening. Music includes "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star" and "Turkish March" by Mozart. Light refreshments will be provided. Part of the Celebrate Choctaw Library events and complements the Christmas on Main Street events with the City of Choctaw. Co-sponsor: Choctaw Library Guild Inc. and City of Choctaw.



### GED

**Dec 2,7,9 | Mon & Wed**

**9-11:15a**

**Age 16 & older**

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



### T'ai Chi with Chris Francis: Intermediate/ Advanced Class

**Dec 2,9,16 | Wed | 6:15-7p**

**Teens and adults**

T'ai Chi Ch'üan is a martial arts therapy that promotes health and longevity. It is a soft style art using as complete a relaxation or "softness" in the musculature as possible. T'ai Chi teaches awareness of balance and what affects it, and the practical ability to moderate extremes of behavior and attitude at both mental and physical levels, and how this applies to effective self-defense principles. Pre-registration preferred. New meeting time. Co-sponsor: Choctaw Library Guild and Eastern Oklahoma Tech Center.

### T'ai Chi with Chris Francis: New Beginner's Group

**Dec 2,9,16 | Wed | 7-7:45p**

**Teens and adults**

See advanced T'ai Chi description. Please pre-register by calling 390-8418. New meeting time. Co-sponsor: Choctaw Library Guild and Eastern Oklahoma Tech Center.

### Preschool Aerobics

**Dec 4 | Fri | 10:30-11a**

**Ages 2 to 5**

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



### Lotions and Lipgloss

**Dec 5 | Sat | 2:30-4p**

**Ages 16 and older**

This workshop will give participants an opportunity to learn how to make their own lotions and lip gloss in time for the gift-giving season. While this class is a demonstration, you'll have a chance to participate and use different oils, waxes, and scents to customize your own products. You'll have a sample to take home. Space is limited to 20 ONLY, so sign up at the Reference Desk, or call 390-8418. Resource materials will be provided. There will be a drawing for a gift basket! This program is part of the Celebrate Choctaw Library events. Co-sponsor: Choctaw Library Guild.

### Conversational Spanish

**Dec 7,14 | Mon**

**4:30-5:30p**

**Teens and adults**

Spanish language students are invited to join a free 8 week conversational Spanish class to practice and improve their conversational Spanish. Pre-registration preferred. Call 390-8418 for more information. Co-sponsor: Choctaw Library Guild.



### Reflections on WWII with Mickey Sherman

**Dec 7 | Mon | 6-7:30p**

**Adults and teens**

On the anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor, the Choctaw Library is honored to have Mickey Sherman, World War II turret gunner, for informative reflections of World War II. Sherman has a wealth of knowledge and experience on this topic and will show a PowerPoint presentation. Resource materials will be available for students. Program is part of the Celebrate Choctaw Library events for the year. Co-sponsor: Choctaw Library Guild.

### Wire Wrapped Rings with George Finley

**Dec 8 | Tue | 6-7:30p**

**Adults and teens**

Local gem and mineral enthusiast, George Finley will lead this workshop on making a wire wrapped ring. Participants will be able to use the supplies at the workshop and complete the ring and take it home. Space is limited. This program is part of the Celebrate Choctaw Library events for the year. Co-sponsor: Choctaw Library Guild.





*The Metropolitan Library System and the City of  
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# The Grand Re-Opening of the Ralph Ellison Library

**December 14th, 2pm**  
2000 N.E. 23rd, OKC, (405) 424-1437



## Parent Talk

**Dec 10 | Thur | 1-5p**  
**Parents/caregivers of  
young children**

Have questions? These 45 minute sessions include discussion about the normal range of development as well as any parenting questions you may have in the areas of speech, language, development, and behavior. Children do not have to be present at session. Facilitated by Child Guidance Staff. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City-County Health Department.



## Holiday Hoopla

**Dec 10 | Thur | 6-7:30p**  
**Teens**

You've heard of a clash of cultures, but a clash of holidays? Join us for pizza and dessert as we screen a film about what happens when people from different places try to celebrate the same holiday. Can Christmas and Halloween really mix? Don't miss the hoopla!



## Family Place: Open Play

**Dec 12 | Sat | 10-11a**  
**Ages 6 months to 5 yrs  
with parent**

On the second Saturday of every month the Choctaw Library provides great toys and a space for you and your child to play together. Sharing playtime with your child helps promote learning and development. Come and join the fun! Call 390-8418 to register.



## Holiday Origami

**Dec 12 | Sat | 2:30-3:30p**  
**Ages 8 and older**

Paper folding fun at our fingertips. Come and learn some simple origami projects. Paper and instructions provided. Please call 390-8418 to register.

## Holiday Make & Take Crafts

**Dec 15 | Tue | 10:30-11:30a**  
**Ages 3-5**

The Library and Child Guidance staff would like to invite you to join us for a holiday adventure. Children and parents will participate together in making craft projects and playing. Community and Library resources as well as Child Development information will be available. Please pre-register at 425-4412. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City County Health Department.



## Celebration of Quilts Show & Lecture with Judy Howard

**Dec 15 | Tue | 6-7:30p**  
**Adults**

Judy Howard, renowned historical quilter from Central Oklahoma will share her quilts and her stories with the audience. Resource materials on quilts will be available for checkout. This program is part of Celebrate Choctaw Library events for the year. Co-sponsor: Choctaw Library Guild.

## Ookami Anime Club

**Dec 19 | Sat | 2:30-4p**  
**Teens**

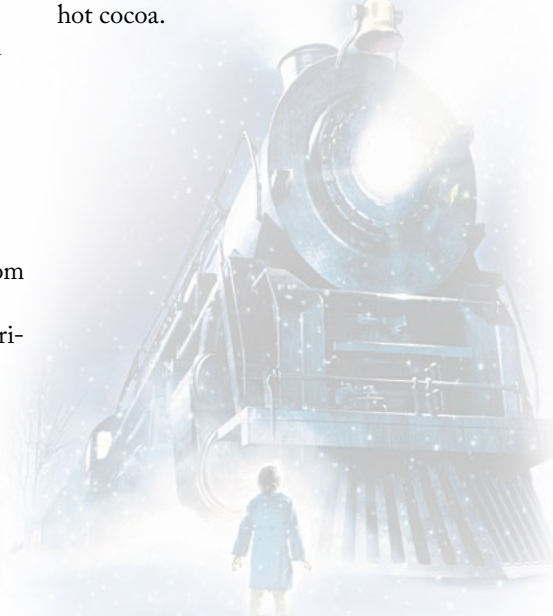
Share and discuss your favorite Anime and Manga (Japanese drawings and cartoons). Screen new Anime episodes each month! Snacks will be provided so come join the fun! \*Anime may contain material that is considered unsuitable for ages 13 and younger.



## Polar Express Pajama Storytime

**Dec 21 | Mon | 6:30-7:30p**  
**Ages 3-6**

All Aboard for the Polar Express! Wear your pajamas and bring your imagination. Join us for a fun filled ride, with story, activity and hot cocoa.

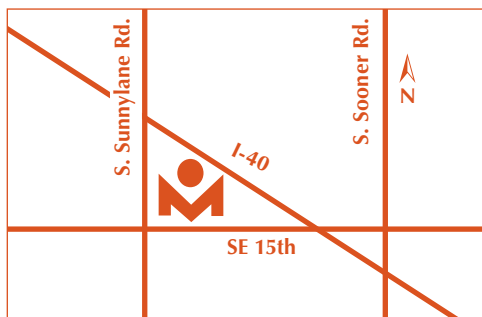


### Del City Library

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

#### HOURS

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



### Del City Book Club

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

#### Adults

Del City Book Club meets monthly at the library to discuss a book chosen by its members. Join anytime and suggest a title for upcoming meetings! This month we are reading *The Brothers Karamazov* by Fyodor Dostoyevsky. Please call 672-1377 to sign up and reserve a copy of the book.

### Holiday Customer Appreciation Day

**Dec 8 | Tue | 9a-9p**

#### All ages

We love our customers at the Del City Library and we invite you to join us for a mug of cider for our Holiday Customer Appreciation Day. Stop in to relax, listen to holiday tunes, and see just what we have to offer you this season and beyond. Please stop by or call 672-1377 for more information.

### ADHD Perspectives

**Dec 8 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p**

#### Parents and children

Get informed about ADHD and how to manage the challenges presented with the diagnosis. This will be the second monthly meeting for parents and children with ADHD in a support group setting. A professional will speak on the different aspects of ADHD and will be available to answer your questions. Children will have the chance to participate in a peer group setting and learn behavior management skills. Please call 672-1377 to pre-register or for more information.



### Holiday Storytime

**Dec 8 | Tue | 6:30-7:15p**

#### Ages 4-8

Deck the halls at your local library. Get in the spirit with Holiday Storytime and spread some cheer with fun activities.

### Selections from The Nutcracker with the Academy of Ballet and Theatre Arts

**Dec 9 | Wed | 10-11a**

#### All ages

Celebrate the holiday season with "Selections from the Nutcracker." This is a free arts education program provided by the Performance Ensemble ballet, a diverse group of dancers who range from 9-16 years old. The program is fully costumed and is presented in a lecture/demonstration format. Please call or stop by the Information Desk for more information and to sign up. Happy Holidays!



### PlayTime

**Dec 10 | Thur | 10-11a**

#### Ages 6 months-3 yrs old

Socialize and interact when you join the fun at PlayTime. Children can come and play with toys while their caregivers learn valuable parenting tips from a parenting expert. Guest is Sharon Saulmon, Dean, Learning Resources Center and Children's Literature Professor at Rose State College. Sharon will be sharing Christmas books for young children! Call 425-4412 to pre-register.



### Holiday Make & Take

**Dec 15 | Tue | 1:30-2:30p**

#### Ages 2-5

Make and take a holiday gift at the Del City Library. The best gifts are the ones made with love. Kids will have fun making their holiday craft. All supplies provided. Sponsored by the OKC/County Health Dept. Please call 425-4412 to pre-register.



### Color Me Green Storytime

**Dec 16 | Wed | 10-10:20a**

#### Ages 1-5

'Tis the season to be green, but don't be a Grinch! Join the Del City Library for Holiday themed stories and activities featuring the color green.



### Medicare Q and A

**Dec 23 | Wed | 9:30-11a**

#### Seniors

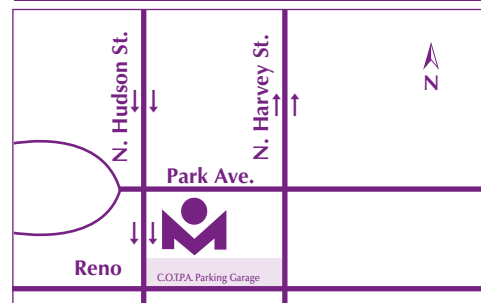
Seniors! Come to Del City Library to have your Medicare questions answered by professionals. Sponsored by Generations Healthcare. Please call 672-1377 to sign up and for more information.

### Downtown Library

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

#### HOURS

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



### Computer Basics

**Dec 1 | Tue | 6-7:30p**

#### Adults

If you want to learn the basics of using a computer then this is the class for you. We will cover many of the frequently used tools of Microsoft Word as well as some basic Internet searching tools. This class is held the first Tuesday of every month in the Route 66 Computer Lab on the first floor of the Downtown Library. Please call 606-3879 to register.



### Wednesday Night at the Movies

**Dec 2,9,16,23,30 | Wed | 6-8p**

#### Ages 13 and older

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

Dec 2: *City of Ember*

Dec 9: *Norma Rae*

Dec 16: *Tron*

Dec 23: *War Games*

Dec 30: *O Brother, Where Art Thou?*

### Noon Tunes

**Dec 3,10,17 | Thur**

**11:30a-12:30p**

#### All ages

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

Dec 3: *Royce McLarry - String Trio*

Dec 10: *Hynsoon Whang: Classical Piano*

Dec 17: *Sweet Adelines*





# Thursday Noon Tunes

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

**December 3**

Royce McLarry – String Trio

**December 10**

Hynsoon Whang – Classical Piano

**December 17**

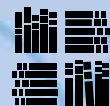
Sweet Adelines – A Cappella Vocal

*All performances are free and open to the public.*

Downtown Library  
300 Park Avenue  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
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### PM Play with Me

**Dec 3 | Thur | 6:30-7:30p**  
**Infants to age 5 with adult**

Join us for fun with toys and friends. A short circle time with a small snack will be provided. Call to register at 231-8650, ext. 4.



### Play with Me Play Group

**Dec 4 | Fri | 10-10:50a**  
**Infants to age 5 with adult**

Join us for fun with toys and friends. A short circle time with a small snack will be provided. Call to register at 231-8650.



### Metropolitan Library Commission of Oklahoma County

**Dec 10 | Thur | 3:30-5p**

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

The public is welcome to attend.



### Music Play with Miss Ginger

**Dec 11 | Fri | 10-10:40a**  
**Ages 2-5**

Come and enjoy songs, musical games, and stories with Miss Ginger. Instruments will be provided for those who have registered at 231-8650, ext. 4.



### Selections from The Nutcracker with the Academy of Ballet and Theatre Arts

**Dec 13 | Sun | 2-3p**

**All ages**

"Selections from the Nutcracker" will be presented by the Academy of Ballet and Theatre Arts. The program will include narrative and fully costumed dance designed to help everyone more fully appreciate this beautiful traditional ballet. Father Christmas will pass out gifts and candy to everyone from children to the young-at-heart. All are invited to share this fun, free holiday program in the 46th Star Auditorium. Call 606-3879 for information. Co-sponsor: Academy of Ballet and Theatre Arts.



### Preschool Storytime

**Dec 18 | Fri | 10-10:45a**  
**Ages 1-5**

Join us for fun stories and fingerplays. Call to register at 231-8650 ext. 4.



### Holiday Make & Take

**Dec 18 | Fri | 11-11:50a**  
**Ages 1-5**

Bring your children and have fun making holiday crafts. Child development information will be available. Facilitated by OCCHD Child Guidance staff. Call 424-4412 to pre-register.



### Children Reading to Dogs

**Dec 19 | Sat | 3-4p**  
**Children who can read**

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



### Edmond Library

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

#### HOURS

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

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### Family Place: 1-2-3 Play with Me

**Dec 1,8 | Tue**  
**9:30-10:15a and**

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

**Infant to ages 4 with parent or guardian**

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



### GED Test Preparation Class

**Dec 2,3,8,10,15,17**  
**Tue & Thur | 5:30-8:30p**  
**Adults**

Must be at least 16. If between 16 and 17 must have permission. This GED class meets Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Review English, social studies, science and math skills in preparation for the GED test. Materials are provided free. Questions? Call OCCC Adult Education at 682-7873. Co-sponsor: OCCC



### Edmond Chess Club for Teens

**Dec 1,8,15,22,29 | Tue**  
**6-7:30p**

**Teens 13-17**

Edmond Teens in middle and high school, who enjoy playing Chess or would like to learn more about this game are invited to come and join. Organized by a local parent and coach boards will be provided and is free to participate. Co-sponsor: OCCC



**Teens**

### Parachute Play

**Dec 2 | Wed | 10:30-11a**  
**Ages 3-6**

Playing games with a parachute, children will have the opportunity to practice skills such as: following directions, socializing with others, using language, using small and large muscles and remaining in control during very active play. Class size is limited to 24, twelve children and twelve adults. Call 425-4412 to register. Facilitated by Pam Collins and Dan Hester. Co-sponsor: OCCHD.



### Computer Instruction with Eddie

**Dec 2,9,16,23,30 | Wed**  
**1-5p**

**Ages 18 & older**

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



### Intermediate ESL

**Dec 2,7,9,14,16**  
**Mon & Wed | 1-4p**  
**Adults**

For adults who would like to improve their spoken and written English. Class is provided by Oklahoma City Community College. Free. Register with instructor first day you attend. Co-sponsor: OCCC.



### Holiday Survival

**Dec 2 | Wed | 3:30-5p**  
**Adults with young children**

Many parents report that young children show much more negative behavior during the holiday seasons than during the rest of the year. Come learn some tips that might be helpful in preventing some of that negative behavior and therefore some of your stress. (Children do not need to be present.) Call 425-4412 to register. Facilitated by Robyn Sears. Co-sponsor: OCCHD.



### Beginning ESL

**Dec 2,7,9,14,16**  
**Mon & Wed | 5:30-8:30p**  
**Adults**

For students who have not previously studied



English, and who would like to begin at the beginning. Classes provided by Oklahoma City Community College. If you would like to enroll in this class, please call OKC Community College adult education at 682-7873.

### Stamp Club

**Dec 5,19 | 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.

### Advanced Farsi

**Dec 6,13 | Sun | 1:30-2:30p**  
**Adults and Teens**

Learn the Farsi (Persian) language from an expert. There will be a \$20 per month per student charge. Two separate classes will be provided, one for advanced, one for beginners. Advanced only is for 1:30p to 2:30p, beginners from 2:30p to 3:30p. All written materials are provided by instructor.



### Beginning Farsi

**Dec 6,13 | Sun**  
**2:30-3:30p**

**Adults and Teens**

Learn the Farsi (Persian) language from an expert. There will be a \$20. per month per student charge. Two separate classes will be provided, one for advanced, one for beginners. Beginners meet from 2:30 to 3:30. All written materials are provided by the instructor.



### Preschool Story Time

**Dec 7,14,21 | 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.



### Chess Club for Kids

**Dec 7,21 | Mon | 3:30-5p**  
**Ages 8-13**

The Edmond Library Chess Club is a place where beginning chess players can learn and improve their skills and practice good sportsmanship in a positive environment. There will be a once a school year \$20 supply fee. Any interested individuals need to contact Connie Hong at [conniehong.ok@gmail.com](mailto:conniehong.ok@gmail.com) for more information.

### Edmond Manga and Anime Club

**Dec 10 | Thur | 4-5p**  
**Ages 13-17**

Edmond teens meet to chat, discuss anime and manga trends, draw, view screening episodes



and hang out. Free club meets second Thursday of the month at 4pm.

### Music With Susan

**Dec 11 | Fri | 10-10:30a**  
**Ages 2-3**

Join with Susan in musical activities designed especially for this age group. Classes are usually held on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month. Only one class for Dec. Registration for the 2nd Friday begins on the 1st day of the month by calling 341-9282, ext. 4.



### Music With Susan

**Dec 11 | Fri | 11:15-11:45a**  
**Ages 4-5**

Join with Susan in musical activities designed especially for this age group. Classes are usually held on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month. Only one class for Dec. Registration for the 2nd Friday begins on the 1st day of the month by calling 341-9282, ext. 4.



### Reader's Choice Book Discussion

**Dec 12 | Sat | 10:30a-Noon**  
**Adults**

The Reader's Choice group will encourage you to read and discuss outstanding contemporary fiction. Visit a meeting and enjoy lively discussion. The book this month is *Auntie Mame*. Call the library to reserve your copy.

### Edmond Library Book Bunch

**Dec 12 | Sat | 2-3:30p**  
**Seniors**

This book group was created for seniors in the Edmond Community who would like to discuss outstanding novels. December's choice is *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini. Check with the library to reserve it.

### Lapsit: Playtime and Story Time

**Dec 15 | Tue | 9:30-10a**  
**and 10:15-10:45a & 11-11:30a**

**Ages birth - 2 years**

Enjoy a special time with your young child at the library. We will have a playtime with the toys in the story time room. This is followed by a circle time that emphasizes group participation, early literacy skills, books and language development.



### Sustainable Edmond

**Dec 15 | Tue | 6:30-8p**  
**Adults**

At this meeting of Sustainable Edmond members discuss how to improve quality of life in our community in ways that make sense economically, environmentally, and socially.

Sustainable Edmond promotes environmental stewardship through individual, community, and business understanding of environmental issues. Co-sponsor: Sustainable Oklahoma.

### Readers' Theater: Acting Without Memorizing

**Dec 17 | Thur | 3:45-4:45p**  
**Ages 8-11**

Do you like to be in plays, but you don't want to memorize your part? Do you like to talk like other people or animals? Can you sound like a wizard, a king, a grumpy bear or a robot? Then Readers' Theatre might be just the thing for you! Join us and try out this fun and easy way to develop your acting talents. Please register by calling 341-9282, x 4 or stop by the Children's Desk at the library. Registration begins Dec. 7.

### Lapsit: Playtime and Toddlerobics

**Dec 22 | Tue | 9:30-10a**  
**and 10:15-10:45a & 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 short session of aerobics, emphasizing movement to music.



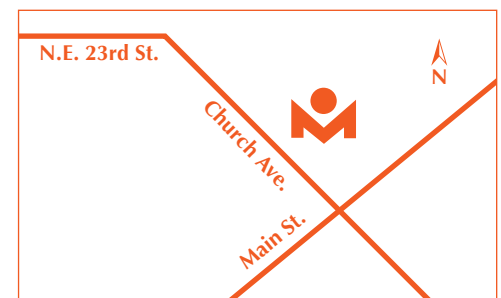
## Harrah Library

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

### HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5  
Sun: Closed



### Children Reading to Dogs

**Dec 12 | Sat | 9a-Noon**  
**Grades K-6**

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

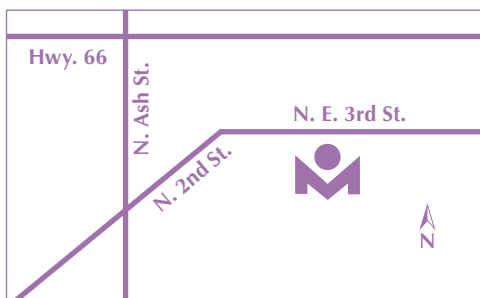


### Luther Library

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

#### HOURS

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



### Quilting and Sewing

**Dec 21 | Mon | 10a-4:30p**

**Adults**

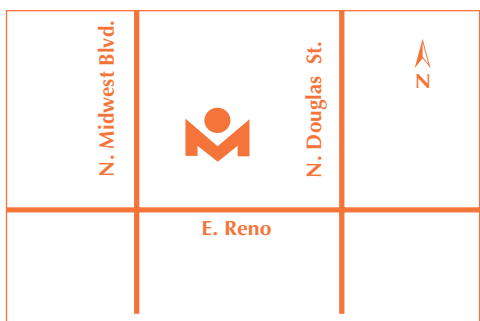
Come and enjoy the fellowship and learn to quilt and sew.

### 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



### Knit Wit Program

**Dec 1,8,15,22 | Tue | 10a-Noon**

**All ages**

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

### Holiday Make & Take

**Dec 1 | Tue | 10:30-11:30a**

**Ages 2-5 with parents**

Bring your children and have fun making holiday crafts. Community resources, library,



and Child Development information will be available. Facilitated by Child Guidance and Library staff. Co-sponsor: OCCHD

### Parent Talk

**Dec 1 | Tue | 1-5p**

**Parents of infants/young children**

Sessions include discussion about the normal range of early development as well as any parenting questions you may have in the areas of speech, language, development, and behavior. Children do not have to be present at session. Call 425-4412 to schedule your appointment. Co-sponsor: OCCHD.



### Kid's Only Video Game Party

**Dec 1 | Tue | 4-5p**

**Ages 6-12**

Calling all kids. Come to the library for an afternoon of video gaming. We will have Nintendo Wii, Playstation 2 and Gamecube. All games are rated E or E10+. Registration is required. Call 732-4828 or visit the Information Desk to sign up.

### English as a Second Language

**Dec 1,3,8,10,15**

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

**All ages**

Designed to improve English language skills. Through every day conversation, students will learn, review, and practice English grammar, vocabulary, and pronunciation.



### Mid-Del Toastmasters

**Dec 1,8,15,22,29 | Tue | 6-8p**

**Adults**

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

### Parachute Play

**Dec 2 | Wed | 10:30-11a**

**Ages 3-6 with parents**

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



### Fun to be Four

**Dec 2 | Wed | 3-4:30p**

**Parents/caregivers of young children**

Learn more about your fascinating four year



old child. This workshop will focus on the characteristics of the four year old child and how we can assist in their overall development. Facilitated by Cheryl Custer and Tracy Goebel. Register by calling 425-4412. Co-sponsor: OCCHD

### Book Bug Club

**Dec 3 | Thur | 4-5p**

**Grades 1-3**

Join us in the Book Bug Club! We will have a snack, play a game and make a craft. We will be discussing *Polar Express* by Chris Van Allsburg. You can pick up a copy of the book at the Information Desk. Registration is required. Call 732-4828 or visit the Information Desk to sign up.

### German for Beginners

**Dec 3,10,17 | Thur | 6-7p**

**Adults**

Interested in learning German? Every Thursday from 6:00-7:00 p.m. the Midwest City Library will offer free German classes. If interested, please register at the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828.



### Reptiles and Amphibians!

**Dec 3 | Thur | 7:30-8:45p**

**All Ages**

Come join the Oklahoma City Herpetological Society on the first Thursday of each month at the Midwest City Library! The OCHS promotes the scientific study and conservation of herps, emphasizing regional herpetology. Bring your own herp—properly caged, nonvenomous reptiles or amphibians are welcome. For more information, call Larry Daniel at 737-8331, or send him an e-mail at jostoy1@aol.com. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City Herpetological Society.

### Hunters' Safety Education Safety Course

**Dec 5 | Sat | 9a-2p**

**Ages 10 and older**

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



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# *The Nutcracker*

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Join us for the music and  
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Wednesday, December 2nd, 5pm

Belle Isle Library | 5501 N. Villa, OKC | 843-9601

Wednesday, December 9th, 10am

Del City Library | 4509 S.E. 15th, Del City | 672-1377

Sunday, December 13th, 2pm

Downtown Library | 300 Park Ave., OKC | 231-8650



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## Alive @ 25

**Dec 5 | Sat | 1-5p**  
**Teens**



A monthly safe driving event for teens & young adults. It's free, it's fun, and it just might save your life. Co-sponsor: Midwest City Police Department.

## Community Quilting Class with the Soldier Creek Quilting Group

**Dec 7,14,21,28 | Mon | 9:15a-1:30p**  
**Adults**

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

## Storytime

**Dec 8,15,22 | Tue**  
**10-10:30a and 11-11:30a**  
**Ages 2-5 with parents**



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

## Children Reading to Dogs

**Dec 8 | Tue | 7-7:30p**  
**Children who can read**



Read to a specially trained dog who loves to hear a good book! The dogs particularly enjoy hearing one of the dog stories we will have, but you can bring your own book too. It is especially valuable in building self confidence and self-esteem for those needing an uncritical, appreciative, listening audience to improve reading skills. All dogs and owners are trained and certified as dog therapy teams. Registration is required. Call 732-4828 or visit the Information Desk to sign up. Co-sponsor: Creatures & Kids and Therapy Dogs International.

## Job Readiness Class

**Dec 9 | Wed | 4-5p**  
**Adults**

Need to revise or create a resume? The Midwest City Library, in partnership with Rose State College Job Placement and Career Services, will off a Job Ready Class on Wednesday, December 9, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. To attend, please register at the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828. Co-sponsor: Rose State College Job Placement & Career Services.

## Play Day

**Dec 10 | Thur | 4-5p**  
**Ages 5-8**

Have you ever looked in the Family Room and wished you could go in to play with all the toys? Well here is your chance! Children ages 5 to 8 can join us for an hour of free play, games and activities. For more information or to sign-up, call 732-4828 or visit the Information Desk.

## Wii Bowl

**Dec 11 | Fri | 9:30-11a**  
**Seniors**

Wii Bowl is an extraordinary phenomenon for bowlers interested in sharpening their skills or, for those that want to learn. Join us at the Midwest City Library for bowling...21st century style. Space is limited. Please register at the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828. Co-sponsor: Universal American.

## Midwest City Reader's Society

**Dec 15 | 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.

## Pajama Story Night

**Dec 15 | Tue | 7-7:30p**  
**Children of all ages**



Bedtime stories for children of all ages. Put on your pajamas and grab your favorite stuffed friend. We will enjoy stories, songs, poems, rhymes and the occasional craft. All children should be accompanied by an adult. Registration is required. Call 732-4828 or visit the Information Desk to sign up.

## Talk It Up! Book Club

**Dec 17 | Thur | 4-5p**  
**Grades 4-6**

Join us in the Talk It Up! Book Club- where each month we will read a different book from the 2010 Children's Sequoyah Masterlist. There will be snacks, games and crafts! We will be discussing *Ham the Astrochimp* by Richard Hilliard. You can pick up a copy of the book at the Information Desk. Registration is required. Call 732-4828 or visit the Information Desk to sign up.

## Yugioh Card Tournament

**Dec 18 | Fri | 3:30-5p**  
**All ages**

No registration required....just come and have fun!

## The Weavers Guild of Oklahoma City

**Dec 19 | Sat | 10a-Noon**  
**Adults**

The Weavers Guild of Oklahoma City would like to invite you to participate in our December 2009 program. This month's topic—Weaving on the Rigid Heddle Loom—presented by Donna Hilton. For more information, please call 405-260-2095.

## Relay 4 Life Mid-Del Meetings

**Dec 21 | Mon | 5:30-6:30p**  
**All ages**

The American Cancer Society's "2010 Relay For Life" is scheduled for May 2010. The goal of this event is to bring awareness and funding for cancer research and patient services. Planning committee/team captain volunteers are needed. To participate please attend the December meeting. Future meetings are scheduled for Jan. 18, Feb. 15, March 15 and April 19. For more information, contact Kenelle Shepherd at 405-455-7405. Co-sponsor: The American Cancer Society/Midwest City Library.

## Crocodilian Conservation Program

**Dec 22 | Tue | 1:30-3p**  
**All ages**

This program will inform you of the current conservation status of all 23 species of crocodilians, as well as the biggest threats to their survival. Find out what you can do to save these living fossils. To attend please register at the Midwest City Library or call 405-732-4828.

## End of the Year Lock-In

**Dec 28-29 | Mon-Tue**  
**8:30p-7a**  
**Ages 10-18**



It's that time again!!! Midwest City Library's Annual Lock-In will be held on Monday, December 28, 2009 at 8:30 p.m. The lock-in will conclude on Tuesday, December 29, 2009 at 7:00 a.m. The night will consist of games, food and fun. Registration and a signed permission slip is required for all attendees. For more information, please call 405-732-4828 or contact Suzette V. Felton.

## Toddler Aerobics

**Dec 29 | Tue | 10-10:30a**  
**and 11-11:30a**  
**Ages 2-5 with parents**



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

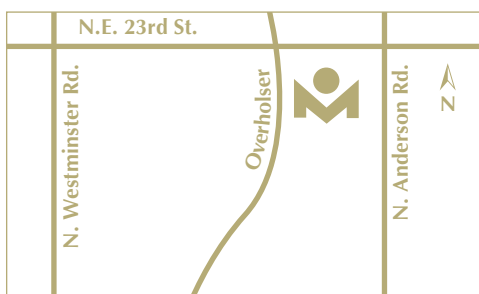


## Nicoma Park Library

2240 Overholser, Nicoma Park  
(405) 769-9452

### HOURS

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



## Children Reading to Dogs

Dec 10, 17 | Thur

3:30-4:30p

Ages 4 and older

Children improve their reading skill by reading to D'Leo and his owner who are trained and certified as a therapy team by Therapy Dogs International. For more information call the library at 769-9452.



## International Women's Aglow of Choctaw

Dec 12 | Sat | 9:40a-Noon

Adults

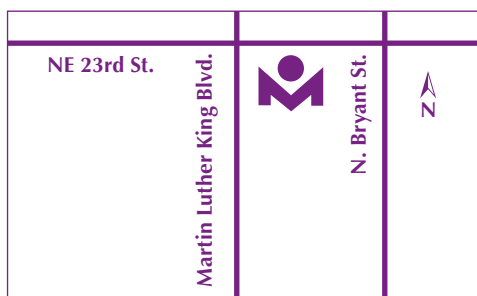
The Women's Aglow of Choctaw meets every second Saturday. Inspirational speakers, fellowship and refreshments. For more information, please call: 371-7316 or 677-8909.

## Ralph Ellison Library

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

### HOURS

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



## Ralph Ellison Library Grand Re-Opening

Dec 14 | Mon | 2p

Adults

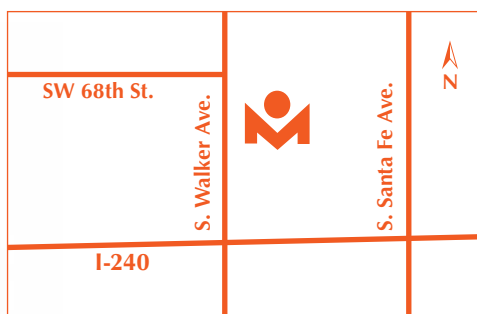
Join us in celebrating the ribbon cutting and re-opening of Ralph Ellison Library at 2000 N.E. 23rd, OKC.

## Southern Oaks Library

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

### HOURS

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



## GED

Dec 2, 7, 9, 14, 16

Mon & Wed | 3-6p

Age 16 & older

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



## Score Small Business Counseling

Dec 4, 18 | Fri | 10a-1p

Adults

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

## Holiday Crafts & Tree Trimming

Dec 5 | Sat | 2-3p

Families and kids of

all ages

Come make some Christmas and holiday crafts and help decorate the library's Christmas Tree! Enjoy getting into the spirit of the season with us. All supplies will be provided. You must pre-register. Sign up by calling 631-4468 or by visiting the Information Desk.



## Toddler Aerobics

Dec 7, 14 | Tue

10:30-11:10a

Children ages 2-5 with  
parent/caregiver

Join us for some preschool aerobic fun!

Toddlers along with a parent or adult can move to songs, play with a parachute, and more. Advance registration is required. Please sign up at the Information Desk or by calling 631-4468.



## Southern Oaks Book Club

Dec 8 | 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.

## Holiday Make 'N Take

Dec 8 | Tue | 1:30-2:30p

Children ages 2-5 with  
parent/caregiver

Bring your children and have lots of fun making holiday crafts! Community resources, library and child development information will be available. You must pre-register. Register by calling 425-4412. Facilitated by Child Guidance and Library Staff. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City-County Health Dept.





### Book Adventure: Kids' Book Club

**Dec 10 | Thur | 4:30-5:30p**

**Kids ages 6-9**

Join us for a Book Adventure! Meet with kids your age to discuss a great book. We will have a snack, and make a craft or play a game. Call the library to find out what book to read before the program. Some copies of the book may be available at the Information Desk. Please pre-register by calling 631-4468 or by visiting the Information Desk.

### Parent Talk

**Dec 11 | Fri | 1-4p**

**Parents & caregivers of young children**

Are you looking for parenting ideas? Are you looking for answers to important questions about your child? If so, then Parent Talk may be for you. Sessions include discussion about the normal range of early development as well as any parenting questions you may have in the areas of speech, language, development and behavior. Children do not have to be present at the session. Workshop facilitated by Teresa Widick, M.S., CCC, Speech language Pathologist. Co-sponsor: Child Guidance.



### Parachute Play

**Dec 16 | Wed | 10:30-11a**

**Ages 3-6 w/parent**

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



### Retro Video Games

**Dec 22 | Tue | 5:30-8:30p** **Teens & older**

Retrogamers, come kick it old school with vintage NES, N64, Sega Genesis, & arcade games like Super Mario Bros. 3, Zelda, Duck Hunt, Asteroids, Missile Command, & more!



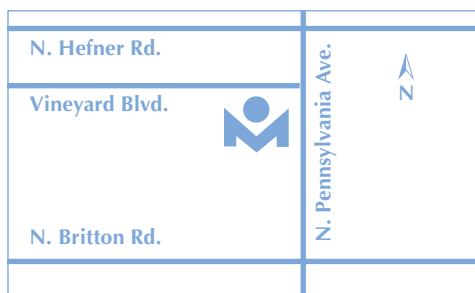
### The Village Library

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

#### HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5  
Sun: Closed



### Healthy Lifestyles

**Dec 1,8,15 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p**

**Adults**

Free weight loss and diabetes prevention classes—participants will learn how to prevent or delay the onset of diabetes. Also, participants will be encouraged to lose 5 percent of their body weight and become active at least 2 1/2 hours per week. Register when you come to the class. Co-sponsor: OCCHD.

### Children Reading to Dogs

**Dec 2,9,16,23,30 | Wed**

**6:15-7p**

**Dec 3,14,17 | 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.



### Holiday Make and Take

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

**Ages 6-12**

Please join us for our annual Holiday Make & Take program. We will make crafts to celebrate the holidays! Pre-register at the Information Desk or call 755-0710.

### Introduction to Microsoft Excel

**Dec 7,14,21,28 | 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. Village Library (405) 755-0710.



### Storytime

**Dec 8,15 | Tue | 10-10:30a**

**Ages 2-5**

Come and join us for stories, games, and crafts that celebrate the holidays! Please stop by the Information Desk to register, or call 755-0710.



### Passport Adventure: Canada

**Dec 12 | Sat | 2:30-3:30p**

**Grades 2 through 5**

Travel to a new land in just an hour. Hear a fun and exciting story told about the country we are visiting. Learn a little history and interesting trivia about how people live in this country. Play games or make a craft that children in the host country would do. You'll leave having experienced all the fun, without any of the Jet Lag. Space is limited for this fun, free program! Please pre-register.

### Holiday Make and Take

**Dec 16 | Wed | 1:30-2:30p**

**Ages 2-5 with parents**

Bring your children and have fun making holiday crafts. Community resources, library, and Child Development information will be available. Facilitated by Child Guidance and Library staff. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City-County Health Department.



### Fun to be Four

**Dec 16 | Wed | 3-4:30p**

**For parents of young children**

Learn more about your fascinating four year old child. This workshop will focus on the characteristics of the four year old and how we can assist in their overall development. Facilitated by Cheryl Custer and Tracy Goebel. Please call 425-4412 to register. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City-County Health Department.



### Anime Club

**Dec 17 | Thur | 4-5p**

**Teens**

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

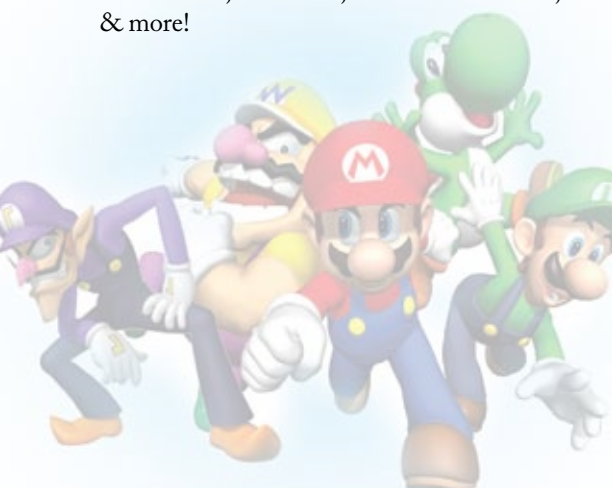


### Internet Basics for Adults

**Dec 17 | Thur | 6:30-8p**

**Adults**

Learn how to access the Internet from the Library computers. Take a look at the home pages of internet servers such as AOL, MSN,



Cox and others. Learn to use Search engines such as Google and Yahoo. Learn how to access the Metrolibrary Home Page from home, school or work to use Library Services via the Internet. Come in or call to sign-up. Village Library (405) 755-0710.

### Knitty Committee

**Dec 19 | Sat | 10-11a**

**All Ages**

Interested in knitting or learning how to knit? Join the Knitty Committee at the Village Library on Dec 19 at 10am. Bring your yarn and join the fun!

### Book Discussion Group

**Dec 21 | Mon | 3-4p**

**Adults**

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

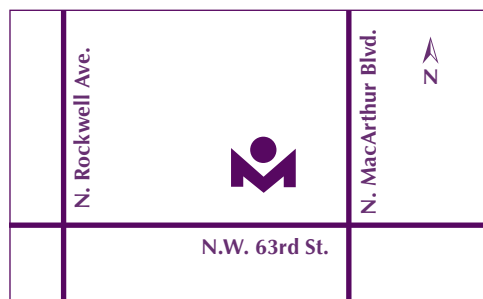
## Warr Acres Library

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

### HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5  
Sun: Closed



### Christmas Story Time for Preschoolers

**Dec 1 | Tue | 10:30-11:15a**

**Ages 2 1/2 to 5 w/parent**

*Cobweb Christmas*, a German story of Christmas tree magic, will be presented by Miss Alma and her puppets. Children will also enjoy songs, crafts, and receive a gift from the library. Please pre-register.



### Reduce Holiday Stress Workshop

**Dec 1 | Tue | 3:30-5p**

**Adults**

Facilitated by Robyn Sears and Deborah Shapiro. Sign up is required by calling Child Guidance at 425-4412. No daycare is provided.



### ESL

**Dec 2,7,9,14,16**

**Mon & Wed | 5:30-8p**

**Adults**

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



### Glamorous Gift Wrapping

**Dec 5 | Sat | 2-4p**

**Adults**

Learn basic gift wrapping techniques to give your packages that professional look. It's easier than you think! Bring a present and your favorite paper or use something from our selection. Limit of 2 packages during class. Class size is limited. Please register by calling 721-2616.

### Playtime for Babies and Tots

**Dec 9 | Wed**

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

**8 to 30 months old**

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.



### Children Reading to Dogs

**Dec 10 | Thur**

**6:30-7:30p**

**Ages 6 and older**

Loveable dogs and their trained owners will help children develop reading skills. So grab a favorite book and enjoy a time of reading. Dogs and their owners are trained and certified as dog therapy teams by Therapy Dogs International. Please pre-register.



### Painting with Light

**Dec 12 | Sat | 10:30a-12:30p**

**Age 8-12**

Painting with light is fun, new and exciting. Participants will learn about photography from a photographer and get their picture taken. Please call to pre-register.

### Warr Acres Book Club

**Dec 14 | Mon | 11a-Noon**

**Adults**

The Warr Acres Library Book Club meets the second Monday of each month. We will have a pot luck and discuss *Shepherds Abiding: A Mitford Christmas Story* by Jan Karon.

### Holidays With Song

**Dec 15 | Tue | 7-8:30p**

**All ages**

Celebrate with singing! Choirs from Classen



School of Advanced Studies will help to make the season bright. The concert is free. Refreshments will be served.

### Bottles, Binkies and Ear Infections Workshop

**Dec 18 | Fri**

**10:30a-Noon**

**Adults**

Find out when and why to wean your child from the bottle. After a certain age, bottles may contribute to the recurrence of ear infections. We will discuss the symptoms of ear infections and how they may affect language skills. The controversy of the use of pacifiers will also be discussed. Facilitated by Robyn Sears and Deborah Shapiro. Sign up is required by calling Child Guidance at 425-4412. No daycare is provided.



### Warr Acres Coffee Break

**Dec 21 | Mon | 9:30-10:30a**

**Adults**

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

### Pizza Party Deluxe!

**Dec 22 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p**

**Ages 12-18**

Food, folks and fun. Lots of surprises and games. Pizza while supplies last. Please call ahead to register.



**TeenS**

### Pajama Storytime for Preschoolers

**Dec 29 | Tue**

**6:30-7:30p**

**Ages 2 1/2 to 5 years**

You and your child will smile and laugh with Miss Alma and her puppets as we enjoy humorous stories together. Snacks will be provided. Children are encouraged to wear their warm pajamas. Please call to pre-register.



### Read for Prizes: Question & Answer Time

**Dec 31 | Thur | 10a-4p**

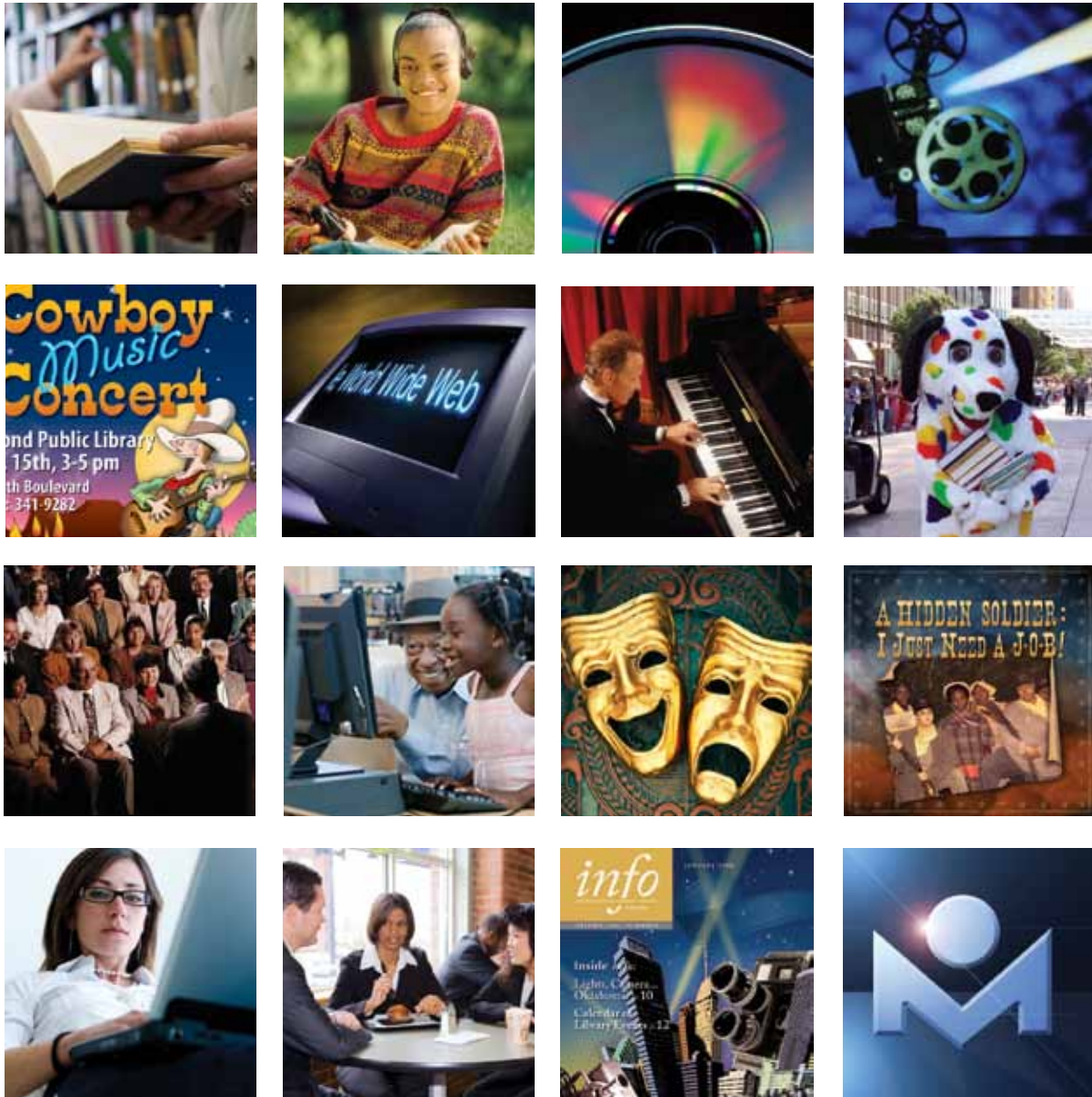
**Ages 6-11**

Children that read a book from our book list (available at the Info Desk) and answer questions correctly will receive prizes. Schedule five minutes for Q&A time on Thursday, December 31. Each correct answer gives the child a point to spend on prizes. Call Alma at 721-2616 to schedule your child's five minutes of Q&A time and help select a book from our book list. An activity sheet to earn extra points is available at the Information Desk.



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27	28	29	30	31		
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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.**

*Betty Crocker's Party Book.* Illustrated by Anne and Harlow Rockwell. Facsimile ed.  
641.568/B5658be

Ah, here's a real blast from the past for anyone thinking of throwing a retro party this season. This is a 2009 reprint of the classic volume originally published 49 years ago. It contains all the recipes exactly as they appeared in the original 1960 cookbook. Fondue—gotta love it.

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