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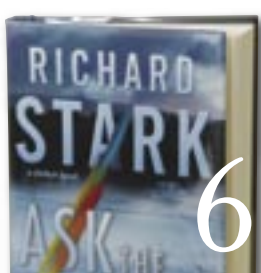
Just look what we have in store for you this month:

- Free tax help for seniors at several library locations
- Sweet Biscuits, the story of the creation, development and evolution of black towns in Oklahoma, 13 of which are still in existence
- A Jazz Journey, a series about the American art form of jazz through scholar-led discussions, stories, films, art, and live musical jazz performances
- Library visits with Lisa Yee, popular teen author of *Millicent Min*, *Girl Genius*
- And the start of this year's Lifetime Reader's Society Winter ReadFest.

In February, MLS can sing along with Aretha Franklin, "What you want, baby, I got. What you need, you know I got it."

A respectable slate of programming events indeed . . .





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Oklahoma Images



THE CHURCH OF TOMORROW

By Larry Johnson

It's been called a space station, an egg half-buried in the ground, a beehive--and many others. Call it what you will, but the First Christian Church has always been known as The Church of Tomorrow.

For Rev. William Alexander, the Church of Tomorrow began not as a physical building, but as a philosophy of faith. From his pulpit in the First Christian Church at 1100 North Robinson (now CityChurch) in 1946, Alexander challenged his congregation to build "the church of tomorrow" -- one dedicated to the principles of truth and actively involved in all facets of society. "Christianity is not a theology," he said, "but a way of life." His flock took his message to heart and elected to build not only the spiritual Church of Tomorrow, but the physical one as well.

The site selected was the former Edgemere Golf Club which had operated on state-owned land along the wedge-shaped Santa Fe right-of-way north of NW 36th and Walker for about 20 years. Alexander's vision

comprised a sanctuary, outdoor amphitheater, youth center, carillon, education building, dramatic theater, and tower in what would become one of the largest religious complexes in the country.

Early drawings featured a Gothic cathedral, but Alexander did not want the Church of Tomorrow to ever become dated. He found a visionary architect in his own congregation -- R. Duane Conner, a young architect unafraid to experiment with new materials and new forms. The twenty-something Conner was a match for Alexander's dynamism and his revolutionary forms were heartily accepted by his pastor and the congregation. In accordance with Alexander's emphasis on truth, the building was designed to be free of the 'distractions' of older churches and so stained glass windows, balconies and pews were tossed out in favor of natural light and a circular seating arrangement which puts the minister in the center, among the congregation. In addition, all the buildings in the

complex blend wonderfully with the natural surroundings and very little earth-moving or tree-clearing was done.

True to his modernist ideals, Alexander also arranged for the groundbreaking ceremony in late December of 1953 to be a drive-in service. Indeed, over two thousand people drove on to the property and listened to the ceremony via loudspeaker. Parishioners were so proud of the project, they began to call it 'our Christmas present to Oklahoma City'.

Midway through the construction of the sanctuary, Conner redesigned the dome as a cost-cutting measure. Showing full faith in thin-shell concrete, he removed the interior supports normally found under domes and let the arch bases bear the weight. Most of his peers told him it was an architectural impossibility, but concrete engineers stood by his design. The result was a substantial savings of 42%.

He still had to convince the public, however. Conner's design was the most talked



about building in the city for some time and when the photo above was taken, a few months before completion, it was estimated 500 'sidewalk architects' a day were visiting

the site. Most of them thought the thing would collapse at any time, but Conner stood by his design. Just weeks before the dedication, he subjected the building to a stress test. When the building was put under 33,000 psi of pressure there was vertical movement – but the weight moved upward, not down. Skeptics were amazed as the building was declared perfectly safe. As one structural engineer said recently, "And that was all done with a slide rule – no computers."

Finally, on Christmas Eve, 1956, the church was dedicated in front of 5,000 people. The sanctuary only holds 2,000 and the overflow crowd joined the ceremony from other parts of the complex via loudspeaker. On Christmas Day, 10,000 citizens came to check out the 'Christmas present to Oklahoma City'; it was 'opened' with rave reviews.

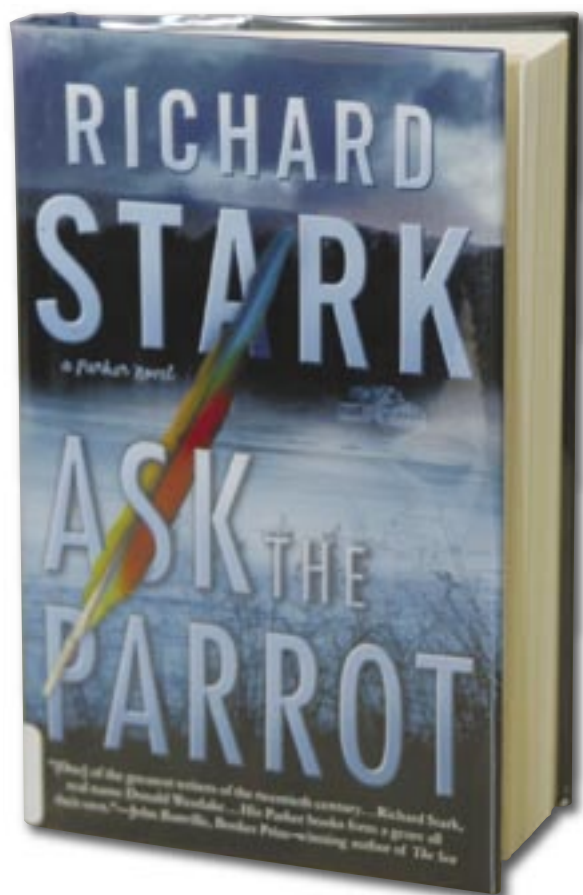
It's safe to say that Alexander and Conner achieved their goals. Now fifty years old, the Church of Tomorrow still captivates the

imagination and continues to look futuristic. In 1999 a panel of architects and preservationists placed the building on its 'best' list because of its unique character. "It's stood the test of time," that same engineer told me. "And that's the best test there is."

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



Ask the Parrot

By Richard Stark

Fans of Donald Westlake's sidesplitting Dortmunder crime capers will find very few laughs in his Parker novels written under the pseudonym of Richard Stark. Westlake's Dortmunder, although talented, always ends up empty-handed; Stark's Parker, a ruthless pro, *does* make crime pay, on occasion.

Stark's newest neo-noir adventure picks up Parker just where he was at the end of *Nobody Runs Forever*, climbing a hill in the dark pursued by cops and hounds. But you can enjoy this one independently without backtracking to read any of the earlier books.

Parker has no first name. He doesn't want us to know him that well. The other characters are richly backlit with personality and complicated motives that Parker mines and uses to satisfy his personal ends. Everyone seems to underestimate him, except for us. We know that no one should mess with Parker. Even those who think they're bad cannot compete. To be fair to Parker though, he is directly responsible for only one-fourth of the casualties in the story. Not because of

any scruples about killing, but because he's smart enough not to kill when he has other options.

Tom Lindahl we *do* know, "I'm just what they think I am. A hermit. (They) didn't destroy my life just the once, they destroy it all over again every day." He lost everything, including his family, when his former employer, a local race track, canned him for whistle blowing. Although he's been planning a sweet and profitable revenge for years, he thinks rescuing (or capturing?) Parker, a real bank robber, will empower him to pull it off.

Others recognize Parker from the police-commissioned artist's rendering and try to make a profit rather than turning him in to the authorities for a measly reward. We, of course, are delightfully frustrated that the characters don't listen to our pleas to steer clear of Parker. Cal and Cody repeatedly try to cut themselves in on the action, but we know they are not up to the job. And poor Fred got into a lot of trouble early on, but may have been OK if only he had left the

parrot alone. It'll all make sense, believe me.

Writing as Stark or Westlake, the author consistently delivers inventive plots, escalating action, and satisfying, if sometimes enigmatic, endings. But what makes him such fun to read is that he is never predictable and at the same time gives us the respect readers get from great dramatic irony.

Marilyn Backus has worked for the Metropolitan Library System for almost 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.



Related Readings

Comic Caper Mysteries

Here are some recent comic caper mysteries featuring Donald Westlake's hapless thief, Dortmunder . . .

Westlake, Donald E.

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The Road to Ruin.

Thieves Dozen.

Watch Your Back!

. . . and three of Parker's recent adventures.

Stark, Richard.

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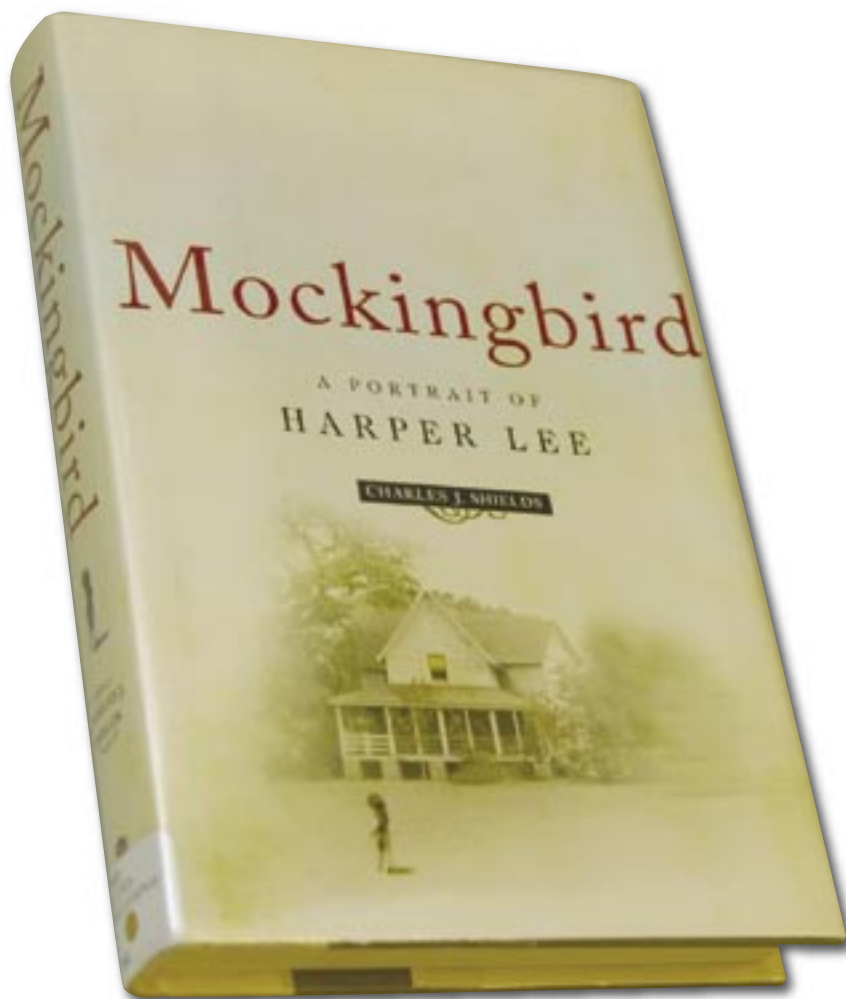
Breakout.

Firebreak.

Nobody Runs Forever.



Reviewed by Marilyn Backus



“The one thing that doesn’t abide by majority rule is a person’s conscience.”

— Atticus Finch

Mockingbird: A Portrait of Harper Lee

By Charles J. Shields

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BIOGRAPHY
ON THE SHELF

Reviewed by Jana Hausburg

What keeps many prospective writers from putting pen to paper is the fear that they will never be able to write the Great American Novel. Few worry that they will actually accomplish that particular goal when writing their first book.

Nelle Harper Lee did it, though, winning a Pulitzer Prize in the process, and she found the pressure for a repeat performance to be overwhelming. Unlike her famously gregarious friend, Truman Capote, Lee shuns the limelight, actively discouraging attention, refusing to speak in public, turning away interviewers and reporters because the question they inevitably get around to asking, though cloaked in the politest of manners and terms, is “Why haven’t you written another novel?”

Shields decided to write about the inherently shy author because he, like most Americans, fell in love with *To Kill a Mockingbird* the first time he read it and came to appreciate it even more when teaching it to his high school English students. At one level a coming-of-age story, it is also a

plea for recognizing our common humanity. Hollywood grasped the book’s broad appeal and adapted it into an Academy Award-winning film starring Gregory Peck in 1962.

The author also admits to a fascination with why Lee retreated from the writing world after her wild success. He hopes, as he states in the introduction, that readers “will come away with at least some idea of why she never published another novel” through the results of hundreds of interviews with those who knew and know her well.

Besides detailing the events surrounding the writing of *To Kill a Mockingbird*, the biography is also a fascinating study of Lee’s childhood as well as an in-depth look at her friendship and collaboration with Truman Capote. It examines the time she spent in college satirizing bigotry and her stint as a struggling New York writer. Lee, as portrayed by Shields, becomes much more than a one-of-a-kind American writer.

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.



DVD Reviews & Recommendations



Casino Royale

Starring: Peter Sellers & Ursula Andress

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ON THE SHELF

Reviewed by Doug Bentin

Author Ian Fleming sold the movie rights to the first James Bond adventure in 1953, nine years before Bond finally appeared on screen in *Doctor No*, but the fella who bought the rights never got around to making his film. When he was ready in 1967, what he produced was a parody Bond movie instead of a serious one and the result was a vastly entertaining but honestly terrible film that was described by one reviewer as “an electronic vaudeville show.”

David Niven plays Bond, as does Peter Sellers and Woody Allen. Orson Welles, who insisted on performing magic tricks onscreen for absolutely no discernable reason, is the villain. Look, too, for Deborah Kerr, William Holden, Charles Boyer, and dozens of others in cameos.

The movie credits five directors, including John Huston who also appears as M. M is blown up early in the picture and no part of him is left behind but his hairpiece. “Should it be given a Christian burial?” asks Niven’s Bond of the weeping widow. “Just how per-

sonal is a toupee?” “It can only be regarded as a *hairloom*,” she responds, a look of pain shooting across her face.

If you think five directors are four too many—and none of them knew what the others were doing—seeing only three credited writers might be a relief. But don’t think that means the screenplay will be coherent because there were actually 16 people working on various parts of the script, including such uncredited ghost writers as Joseph Heller, Billy Wilder, Ben Hecht, and Terry Southern, in addition to actors Welles, Sellers and Allen.

One more note of interest: Welles and Sellers hated each other, an animosity that began when Princess Margaret, Queen Elizabeth’s sister, ignored Sellers on the set one day to hang out with Welles. When time came for the two men to shoot their big scene together, Sellers was on set one day and delivered his lines to a Welles stand-in, and Welles came in the next day and had to do the same thing with someone who wasn’t Sellers.

Burt Bacharach’s bouncy music, much of it being performed by Herb Alpert and the Tijuana Brass and Dusty Springfield, provides the perfect backdrop for the lunacy.

And why, you ask, haven’t I taken at least one sentence to tell you what the plot of the movie is? Because there isn’t one. As Mark Twain said about *Huckleberry Finn*, “Persons attempting to find a plot in this narrative will be shot.”

Just go with it and don’t look down.

*Doug Bentin reviews films for the Oklahoma Gazette, the website efilmcritic.com and bookgasm.com. Look for him, too, on the weekly *MLS TV* program, “Read About It.”*

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Feb. 1, 6:30pm *Mitch's Brew* with Phil Mitchell at the Ralph Ellison Library

Feb. 1, 7pm *The Jazz Company* with Brian Gorrell at the Village Library

Feb. 4, 2pm Peter Krauss & Lisa Turci performance at the Downtown Library

Hear John Williams

Mondays at 7pm at the Downtown Library

Feb. 5 *Birthplace of Jazz*

Feb. 12 *Jazz Age and the 1920s*

Feb. 19 *Jazz Swing era*

Feb. 26 *Women of Jazz & Vocalists*

Listen to Live Jazz

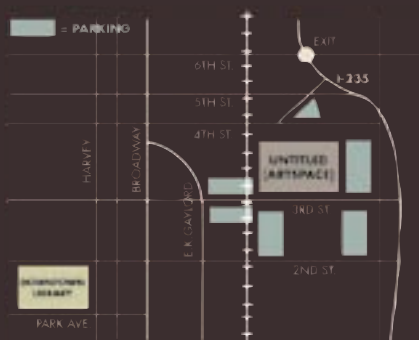
Fridays at 7pm at Untitled [ArtSpace]

Feb. 9 Opening: *George Bogart* exhibit-5pm
The Larry Moore Quartet

Feb. 16 Vintage Ninja

Feb. 23 The Larry Moore Quartet

Mar. 2 Beatrice Cole



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After seven days, the book is automatically returned to the system so the next person waiting for it can check it out. Some titles are available at all times for unlimited use by

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"The great thing," Terry concluded, "is that we have books by such favorite writers as Sue Grafton, Michael Connelly, Jonathan Kellerman, Nora Roberts, Janet Evanovich, and James Patterson. But we've also taken away any reason you have for not at least trying to read 'War and Peace.'"



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Belle Isle Library

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

HOURS

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



Lifetime Reader's Society Winter ReadFest 2007 for Seniors

Feb. 1 - March 31

Seniors

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English as a Second Language

1,6,8,13,15,20,22,27

Tue & Thur | 9a-Noon

Adults

Ongoing enrollment. With Mid-Del 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.

Guiding Your Child's

TV Viewing

1 | Thur | 5-6p

Adults

For parents of children birth-6 years. The practical ways to establish healthy TV viewing habits for your child and family will be discussed. Co-Sponsor: Oklahoma City/County Health Dept.



AARP Tax Assistance

3,10,17,24 | Sat | 9a-1p

4,11,18,25 | Sun | 1-4p

6,7,13,14,20,21,27,28 | Tue & Wed | 9a-4p

Adults

AARP Tax-Aide volunteers will provide free Federal and State income tax preparation January 28th and ending February 28th. Bring a copy of last year's return, your 2006 W-2 income forms, & information about your deductions. No appointments taken, first come first served. Co-Sponsor: AARP.

Developmental Screenings

8 | Thur | 9:30a-4:30p

Ages 1 month-5 years

Book a one-on-one screening of your pre-schooler with child specialists. Parents are encouraged to bring questions they would like to ask professionals in the areas of child development, behavioral health, and speech pathology. Screenings take approximately 1 hour. Facilitated by Katherine Broekhuysen, Denise Barnard and Tracy Goebel. Call 425-4412 to register. Co-Sponsor: OKC/County Health Dept.



Trees of Oklahoma

8 | Thur | 7-8p

Age 8 - older

Join a representative from the State of Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry, Alanna McFarland of the Forestry Services. She will present an interesting and useful program on Oklahoma trees, ones that were growing here since statehood, ways to care for your current trees, and ones to plant in the future. Sign up at the Belle Isle Reference Desk.



Valentine Friends

13 | Tue | 10-10:45a

Pre-Kindergarten

Friends are fun and Valentine's Day is when you may find out more about your good friends. Playtime will follow in children's room. Pre-register at the Reference Desk or call 843-9601.



Learn What You Need to Know About Medicare

15 | Thur | 2-3p

Adults

So you've just turned 65 and you're eligible for Medicare, but have no idea how it works or what to do. SHICP, a state agency, will present an overview and answer questions. Co-Sponsor: Senior Health Insurance Councilors Program.

Metro OKC Knit Guild Group

18 | Sun | 3-5p

Teens & Older

The Metro OKC Knit Guild group meets at Belle Isle Library. Everyone—any knitter or a person who's never knitted, but would like to learn—is welcome. Each monthly program

includes a lesson of a new knitting technique and examples of charity knitting projects. For questions about the group, e-mail the guild at metrookcknitguild@cox.net. or call 812-4770. Please sign up at the Reference Desk for the meeting.

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

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



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Winter Story Time
1 & 8 | Thur | 10-10:45a
Ages 3-6



Enjoy stories, songs, nursery rhymes and a fun craft. Each child will receive a small flannel board to keep and can use it to tell stories at home. Pre-register at the Information Desk, or call 789-8363, ext. 3231.

The Children's Hour: Evening Story Time
6 | Tue | 6:30-7p
Ages 3-8



Share a half-hour of fun with your child! Enjoy stories, songs and nursery rhymes. Pre-register at the library Information Desk or call 789-8363, ext. 3231.

Silver Strings
8 | Thur | 6:30-7:30p
All Ages



Just in time for Valentine's Day, Putnam City's Silver Strings will be performing their music for us. You are invited to share in this delightful event. Light refreshments served after the program.

Toddler Story and Play Time
15,22 | Thur | 9:30-10:15a
and 10:30-11:15a
Ages 2-3



Enjoy stories, songs, nursery rhymes and play time. For child with adult. Choose the 9:30 or 10:30 session. Pre-register at the library Information Desk or call 789-8363, ext. 3231.

Developmental Screenings
16 | Fri | 9a-4p
Ages 1 month-5 years



Come have your young child screened for personal-social skills, language development and fine/gross motor skill. Ask professionals questions about your child's development. Screenings last about one hour. Call to schedule your free, one-on-one screening at 425-4412. Co-Sponsor: OKC/County Health Dept.

Sweet Biscuits
17 | Sat | 2-3p
All Ages



Rhythmically Speaking presents Sweet Biscuits, the story of the creation, development & evolution of black towns in Oklahoma. See page 15 for the description.

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

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



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Spanish for Beginners
5 | Mon | 5:30-7p
Adults



Join a class of beginners, as you learn & practice useful phrases that will help improve on Spanish conversational skills. Learn Spanish for basic questions: Who, What, When, and Where. This class will start on Monday, Feb. 5, and will continue until May 7. Meets on Monday evenings only. Pre-register at 634-6308.

Lisa Yee, Author Visit
6 | Tues | 1-2p
Grades 4-Up



Author Lisa Yee has been an inventor, a hand model, and was once paid to eat chocolate. Her writing assignments have included cans of refried beans, a speech for a President of the United States, and television specials for Disney. Come listen to the hilarious bestselling author of *Millicent Min*, *Girl Genius* talk about writing. Pre-register. Co-Sponsor: Friends of the Metropolitan Library System.

After School Cool
6,13,20,27 | Tues | 4-5p
Ages 11-16



Join artist Nathan Lee for an adventure in art every Tuesday at 4 p.m.

Chocolate Festival
8 | Thur | 5-6p
Ages 10-16



Join us for an evening of chocolate. Learn about the history and making of chocolate, play games, and create your own confections.

Sweet Biscuits
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Capitol Hill Library continued

Capitol Hill Advisory of Teens

22 | Thur | 6-7p

Ages 12-18



The Capitol Hill Advisory of Teens meets once a month to plan and promote library programs for teens in the community.

Printed Bottles & Hearts

24 | Sat | 2-3p

Adults

We will be making printed bottles, and/or heart ornaments. You can use them as a decoration for your house, or give them to someone special as a gift. The library will provide the bottles, and hearts to work with. Please register for this program by calling 634-6308.

Choctaw Library

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

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GED

1,6,7,8,13,15,20,22,27

Tues & Thur | Noon-2p

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 18 to attend. Questions? Call Mid-Del at 739-1783. Co-Sponsor: Mid-Del Adult Learning Center.

Family Place:

1-2-3 Play with Me!

2,9,16,23 | Fri | 10-11:15a

Children 10 Mths. - 3 1/2 Yrs.



Playing with your baby 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 children 10 months to 3 1/2 years of age and their parents/guardians. Please pre-register for this program at the Reference Desk.

Genealogy 101: Tracing Your Family's Heritage and History

3 | Wed | 2-4p

Adults

Laura Martin with the Oklahoma History Center will share where to begin your tracing, how to gather and organize data, basic genealogy research strategies and basic genealogy resources. Resource handouts will be provided. Pre-registration preferred. Co-Sponsors: Oklahoma History Center and Eastern Oklahoma County Technology Center.

Developmental Screenings

5 | Mon | 1-4p

Ages Birth-5 Years

with Parent



Free speech and developmental screenings for children from birth through five years of age. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Screenings are by appointment only and take about an hour. Please call Child Guidance at 424-4412 to register. Co-Sponsor: OKC-County Health Department.

Beginning

Conversational Spanish

5,12,19,26 | Mon | 4-5p

Teens and Adults



Beginning Spanish language students are invited to join a free weekly class to practice and improve their conversational Spanish. These fun and exciting sessions, led by native speaker, Maria Bozarth, are relaxed and easy-

going. Pre-registration preferred. For more information call 390-8418. These classes are made possible by a grant from the Choctaw Library Guild.

Intermediate & Advanced

Conversational Spanish

5,12,19,26 | Mon | 5-6p

Teens and Adults



Intermediate and advanced Spanish language students are invited to join a free weekly class to practice and improve their conversational Spanish. These fun and exciting sessions, led by native speaker Maria Bozarth, are relaxed and easy going. Pre-registration preferred. For more information, call 390-8418. These classes are made possible by a grant from the Choctaw Library Guild.

Lapsit for Babies

6,13,20,27 | Tues | 9:30-10a

Ages 6 months-3 years



Join us for simple songs, rhymes, and stories for parents and babies to enjoy together.

Preschool Story Time

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

Ages 3-5 years



Come to the library for stories, songs, fingerplays, and fun.

Sweet Biscuits

6 | Tues | 3:30-4:30p

All Ages



Rhythmically Speaking presents Sweet Biscuits, the story of the creation, development & evolution of black towns in Oklahoma. See page 15 for the description.

Tai Chi

7,14,21,28 | Wed | 6:30-7:30p

Teens and Adults

T'ai Chi Ch'üan, which promotes health and longevity, is a soft style art using as complete a relaxation or "softness" in the musculature as possible.

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Rhythmically Speaking Presents: Sweet Biscuits— *A History of Oklahoma's Black Towns*

Theatrical drama troupe Rhythmically Speaking presents *Sweet Biscuits* – the story of the creation, development, & evolution of black towns in Oklahoma.

While only 13 black towns remain in existence in the state, once as many as 50 thrived here. Ex-slaves of the Five Civilized Tribes (freedmen) and States Negroes (ex-slaves from other states) populated these towns.

The settlers came by way of the Trail of Tears on foot, horseback, and wagon train. Some traveled over land; others via waterways. Some came by choice, and others by force. But regardless of how they came, upon their arrival their strength and determination to make a life in this prairie land was clear.

Sweet Biscuits will follow an African-American ex-slave family from the cotton fields of North Carolina to the red dirt plains of Oklahoma.

It will explore a variety of questions raised by this migration: Who and what did these men and women leave behind? Why did they choose Oklahoma? What did they bring with them? Was the Oklahoma they found what they expected?

We'll look at what daily life was like for the early African-American settlers and how many of them would ultimately choose to stay in Oklahoma.

Oklahoma's black towns may not be the thriving communities they once were, but life goes on in the ones that endure.

Sweet Biscuits is co-sponsored by the Friends of the Metropolitan Library System and the Oklahoma Arts Council.

Schedule:

Feb. 4 Sun	10a	Midwest City Library
Feb. 5 Mon	3:15p	Luther Library
Feb. 6 Tue	10a	Southern Oaks Library
	3:30p	Choctaw Library
Feb. 8 Thur	6:30p	Del City Library
Feb. 10 Sat	2p	Edmond Library
Feb. 11 Sun	2p	Downtown Library
Feb. 12 Mon	1p	The Village Library
Feb. 13 Tue	10a	Ralph Ellison Library
	6:30p	Ralph Ellison Library
Feb. 15 Thur	1p	Capitol Hill Library
Feb. 17 Sat	2p	Bethany Library
Feb. 27 Tue	7:30p	Warr Acres Library



Choctaw Library continued

Lisa Yee, Author Visit

8 | Thur | 10-11a

Grades 4-Up

Held at Choctaw Junior High School.

Author Lisa Yee has been an inventor, a hand model, and was once paid to eat chocolate.

Her writing assignments have included cans of refried beans, a speech for a President of the United States, and television specials for Disney.

Come listen to the hilarious bestselling author of *Millicent Min*, *Girl Genius* talk about writing. Pre-register. Co-Sponsor:

Friends of the Metropolitan Library System



Teens

Teen Advisory Board

8 | 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.



Teens

Family Place Open Play

10 | Sat | 10-11a

6 mos. to 5 years old 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.



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Valentine Story Craft

10 | Sat | 2-3p

Ages 5-Older

Come to the library for Valentine stories and stay to make a special valentine to give to someone.



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Oklahoma Connections

22 | Thur | 6-7:30p

Adults

The participants of this group will read and discuss *The Babb Switch Story* by Darleen Bailey Beard, *Where the Red Fern Grows* by Wilson Rawls, and *The Rachel Resistance* by Molly Levite Griffis in this series. Co-sponsors: Eastern Oklahoma County Technology Center, Oklahoma Humanities Council, and National Humanities Council.

Telling A Story: Basics in Story Presentation

24 | Sat | 10a-Noon

Adults

This interactive workshop series will focus on different topics of discussion that are necessary to good presentations. Be a part of this experience and share a story or two along the way. Co-sponsors: WayWord Tellers & Territory Tellers.

Del City Library

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

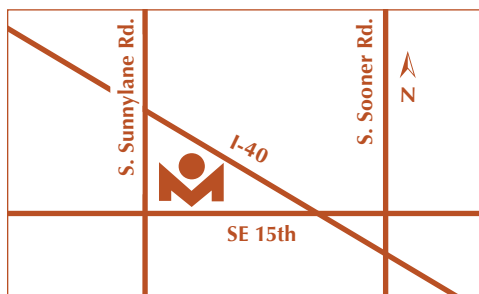
HOURS

Mon-Thur: 9-9

Sat: 9-5

Fri: 9-6

Sun: Closed



Lifetime Reader's Society Winter ReadFest 2007 for Seniors

Feb. 1 - March 31

Seniors

If you are age 55 or older, go to any Metropolitan branch library, join Winter ReadFest and read for fun and prizes. Enroll and receive a sign-up gift, read four books or listen to four books-on-tape and enter the drawing to be eligible for a prize. Call 606-3835 for more information. Sign-up begins Feb. 1 and runs through March 31.

Basic Computer Training

2,23 | Fri | 2-3p

6,13 | Tues | 6:30-7:30p

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.



computers

Annual Doll and Stuffed Animal Parade

3 | Sat | 10-11:30a

Ages 4-12

Del City Library's Annual Doll and Stuffed Animal Parade is fun for everyone! Children bring their favorite dolls or stuffed animals



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for judges to review. Everyone gets a ribbon. There's entertainment and refreshments, too!

Play Time

8 | Thur | 10-11a

Ages 6 months-3 years

Children are invited to the library to play. Sharon Saulmon, director of Rose State College's Learning Resource Center, will share information on selecting books for young children.

Sweet Biscuits

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

All Ages

Rhythmically Speaking presents Sweet Biscuits, the story of the creation, development & evolution of black towns in Oklahoma. See page 15 for the description.



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arts & entertainment

Health Screening for PreSchoolers

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

Ages 1 month-5 years

Health screenings are offered to pre-school children. Parents are encouraged to bring questions to ask professionals in the area of child development, behavioral health, and speech pathology. Each child must be accompanied by a parent and/or legal guardian. These free screenings are by appointment only and take approximately 1 hour. Call 425-4412 to make the appointment. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City/County Health Department.



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Valentine's Party

14 | Wed | 10-10:30p

Ages 1-5

The Valentine's Party will have games, refreshments, and stories!



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PreSchool Aerobics and Story Time

15 | Thur | 6:30-7p

Ages 1-5

Join the fun! Movement, juice, & stories!



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Book Club

20 | Thur | 6-7p

Teens

Tuesday, February 20, we'll be discussing *Rob & Sara.com* by PJ Peterson and Ivy Ruckman. Get a copy of the book in the library and join us.



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Author Visit:

Lisa Yee

***Millicent Min, Girl Genius
& Stanford Wong Flunks Big-Time.***



Schedule:

Feb. 6 Tue	1p	Capitol Hill Library
	6:30p	The Village Library
Feb. 7 Wed	10:30a	Warr Acres Library
	4:30p	Midwest City Library
Feb. 8 Thur	10a	Choctaw Library (held at the Choctaw Junior High School)
	1:30p	Edmond Library

for Grades 4-up

Who is Lisa Yee? She's the author of *Millicent Min*, *Girl Genius* and *Stanford Wong Flunks Big-Time*. The writer leads an eventful life and is the winner of the prestigious Sid Fleischman Humor Award For *Min*.

Lisa has been an inventor, a hand model, and the associate director of a creative think tank. She was also a writer/producer at Walt Disney World. She has been featured in the Wall Street Journal for her obsessive workaholic behavior.

From her website, Lisa says at Alhambra High School in California, she was on the debate team and president of the honor society. And on occasion, she would ditch class and sneak off to the library. —Not such a bad thing!



Seating is limited. Doors open 15 minutes before each presentation. Pre-register.
Sponsored by the Friends of the Metropolitan Library System.

Del City Library continued

Celebrating the Oklahoma Centennial: Music Stories 27 | Tues | 6:30-7:15p Ages 4-8



Evening Storytime celebrates Oklahoma's Centennial with stories and activities about music and famous musicians from Oklahoma. Join the fun!

Author Talk & Book Signing 30 | Tues | 7:30-8:30p All Ages

Author Gwendolyn Hooks is coming to the Del City library to discuss her work and how to write children's books. She will also sign copies of her works. Call 672-1377 to pre-register.

Downtown Library

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

HOURS

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

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P.M. Playtime 1 | Thur | 6:30-7:30p Ages 1-5 Years with Parent or Guardian



Join us for fun with toys and friends including a simple craft and a story. During snack time there will be a short discussion on the topic of the month. Call ext. 4 to register.

Preschool Story Time 2,9,16 | Fri | 10-10:40a Ages 3-6 Years



Join Miss Mary and puppet friend for stories, fingerplays and a snack. Pre-register at 231-8650, ext. 4.

Jazz Journey: With Peter Krauss & Lisa Turci 4 | Sun | 2-3p Adults



Take a Jazz Journey with Peter Krauss and Lisa Turci as this duo brings their piano and vocal renditions of jazz favorites to our stage. Call 606-7879 for more details. Co-sponsors: Oklahoma Humanities Council & Friends of the Library.

A Jazz Journey: The History of Jazz 5,12,19,26 | Mon 7-8:30p Adults



Every Monday evening in February, John Williams, University of Oklahoma jazz professor and musician, will take us on a journey through the history of jazz in Oklahoma City and the southwest. Each Friday night following Williams discussion, jazz music will be held at the Untitled [ArtSpace].

Feb. 5-Birthplace of Jazz, New Orleans, Downtown Library

Feb. 9-Untitled [ArtSpace]: The Larry Moore Quartet

Feb 12-The Jazz Age and the 1920's Harlem Renaissance — Downtown Library

Feb. 16-Untitled [ArtSpace]: Vintage Ninja

Feb 19-Jazz Swing Era — Downtown Library

Feb. 23-Untitled [ArtSpace]: Larry Moore Quartet

Feb 26-Women of Jazz — Downtown Library

March 2-Untitled [ArtSpace]: Bernice Cole
Co-sponsors: Untitled [ArtSpace], Oklahoma Humanities Council, & Friends of the Library.

Downtown Library at the Movies 7,14,21,28 | Wed | 6-8p Ages 13 & Older



Teens

Join the Downtown Library for movies that celebrate the Black experience. Sign up at the Information Desk or call 606-3879.

Film dates and titles are as follows:

2/7 - *Roll Bounce*

2/14 - *Brown Sugar*

2/21 - *The Great White Hope*

2/28 - *Claudine*

Reading Time-Out With the Hornets 9 | Fri | 4-5p Elementary Age



Join us at the Downtown Library as the NBA's Hornets read with elementary age children. Pre-registration and tickets are required. For more information please call 606-3862. Co-sponsor: NO/OKC Hornets.

Choco-Palooza: The Beginning! 10 | Sat | 1-4p Ages 18 & Younger



Teens

You can never have too much chocolate. So visit the RJN Downtown Library for a Chocolate Indulgence of Epic portions! Chow down on treats while you play chocolate inspired games —kids make a special card for your parents. Remember when the chocolate runs out, the program is over! Register at the Information Desk on the 1st floor or call (405) 606-3879.

Sweet Biscuits 11 | Sun | 2-3p All Ages



Rhythmically Speaking presents Sweet Biscuits, the story of the creation, development & evolution of black towns in Oklahoma. See page 15 for the description.

E-Mail Basics 14 | Wed | 11a-Noon Adults



Learn the basics of e-mailing including setting up an e-mail account, creating e-mails, and sending e-mails and attachments. Classes meet in the Route 66 computer lab on the 1st floor of the Downtown Library and are limited to eight students. Registration is required. Please register at the Information Desk or call 606-3879.

Basic Internet Searching

15 | Thur | 10-11a
Adults



Learn the basic ins and outs of using search engines on the Internet. Please register at the Information Desk or call 606-3879. Held on the first floor, Route 66 Computer Lab.

Wintertales Workshops

16 | Fri | 9a-4p
All Ages



WinterTales Storytelling Festival returns to the Downtown Library in February for a day of storytelling workshops. Nationally acclaimed tellers Gay Ducey, Baba Jamal Koram, and Andy Offutt Irwin will be leading workshops from 10 a.m. - 3:45 p.m. Information and registration is available online at www.artscouncilokc.com or by phone at 405.270.4848. You may register in person in the Library Atrium starting at 9 a.m. on the day of the event. Co-Sponsor: Arts Council of Oklahoma City.

Children's Book Award Ceremony

18 | Sun | 2-3p
Kindergarten - Up



And the winners are....
Join us as we announce the Caldecott, Newbery, Sequoyah, and Coretta Scott King award winners for 2007! Refreshments.

Developmental Screenings

22 | Thur | 9a-4p
1 month-5 years
with parent or guardian



Come have your young child screened for personal-social skills, language development, and fine/gross motor skills. It's a great opportunity to ask a professional questions about your child's development. Screenings last about one hour. Call Child Guidance at 425-4412 to schedule your screening. Co-sponsor: Child Guidance Division of OKC-County Health Department.

Music Time with Ginger's Kindermusik OKC

23 | Fri | 10-10:40a
Ages 3-6



Join music educator, Miss Ginger for fun with stories, songs, and musical games. A snack is included. Call to register at ext. 4.

Honoring Our Ancestors: First Families of the Twin Territories

24 | Sat | 2-4p
All Ages



Do you have ancestors who were in present-day Oklahoma before statehood? If you can prove it, you qualify for First Families of the Twin Territories. Billie Fogarty, President of Oklahoma Genealogical Society, will present "Honoring Our Ancestors: First Families of the Twin Territories." She will describe the program, who is eligible, and what is required to join. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma Genealogical Society.

Basic Instruction for Beginning Computer Users

27 | Tues | 1-2:30p
Adults



Learn basic computer skills including creating, saving, and printing a document. Registration is required. Please register at the Downtown Library Information Desk or call 606-3879. Held on the first floor, Route 66 Computer Lab.

Teen Advisory Board

27 | Tues | 6:30-7:30p
Ages 11-18

We are looking for Teens to join the DN Teen Advisory Board. Let your voice be heard— suggest materials for the library to purchase and brainstorm ideas for teen programs. Snacks are provided and craft ideas might be tried out. Just pick up an application at the 1st floor Reference Desk, show up at a meeting on the last Tuesday of every month or call Kimberly Ann Edwards at 606-3876.



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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Lifetime Reader's Society Winter ReadFest 2007 for Seniors

Feb. 1 - March 31
Seniors

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Exhibit: Wheat Weaving and Straw Art of Margaret McDonald

1-28 | Library Hours
All Ages



Edmond Library invites you to view these delightful creations from wheat straw. Included in the display are wall hangings, wreaths and free-standing pieces that have been woven or appliqued. Artist Margaret McDonald is a member of The National Association of Wheat Weavers. The Website for this association is <http://www.nawwstrawart.org>

Tai Chi

1,6,8,13,15,20,22 | Tues & Thur
9:30-10:30a

Seniors

Join Mickey Sherman for Tai Chi classes twice a week for 6 weeks. The classes start Jan. 16-Feb. 22. Please call 341-9282 to register weekly. (Limited to 15.)

GED

1,6,8,13,15,20,22,27
Tues & 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 18 to attend. Questions? Call Mid-Del at 739-1783. Co-Sponsor: Mid-Del Adult Learning Center.

FIDO-Finding Individual Development Out-loud

1,8,15,22 | Thur | 6-7:30p
For 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 Edmond Library to be read to by children.



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The dogs particularly enjoy hearing one of the dog stories we will have available, but you can bring your own book. This program is offered to all children. 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. Sessions last approximately 15-20 minutes.

Comedy Commandos**Introductory****1,15 | Thur | 6:30-7:30p****Teens**

Hey you! Think you're funny? Then plan to attend the beginning improvisational comedy class at the Edmond Library. Instructor is professional actor and director Rosalind Reeder.

**Teens****Comedy Commandos****Advanced****1,15 | Thur | 7:30-8:30p****Teens**

This comedy improvisation class is for those teens who have already performed in the Comedy Commandos, and would like to hone their skills. Teacher is actor and director Rosalind Reeder. Free.

**Teens****Stamp Club****3,17 | Sat | 10a-Noon****Grade 4-Up**

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

Farsi**4,11,18,25 | Sun****1:30-2:30p****Adults & Teens**

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

**Languages & Lifeskills****Parachute Play****5 | Mon | 9:30-10a****Ages 3-6 with Parents**

Playing games with a parachute, children will have the opportunity to practice such skills such as following directions, socializing with

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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. Facilitated by Dan Hester and Pam Collins. Co-Sponsor: Oklahoma City-County Health Dept.

Story Time**5,12,19,26 | 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.

**children & FAMILIES****English as a Second Language****5,7,12,14,19,21,26,28****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. Questions? Call Mid-Del at 739-1783. Co-Sponsor: Mid-Del Adult Learning Center.

**Languages & Lifeskills****ESL/Citizenship****5,7,12,14,19,21,26,28****Mon & Wed****5:30-8:30p Adults**

ESL/Citizenship offers English as a Second Language, along with providing citizenship information. Class and materials are free. Questions? Call 739-1783. Co-Sponsor: Mid-Del Adult Learning Center.

**Languages & Lifeskills****Lapsit Play and Story Time****6,13,20,27 | Tues****9:30-10:15a & 10:30-11:15a****Ages Infants-35 months**

Participate in our popular program for infants and toddlers. Be with your child for one-half hour play time with toys in our story time room. This is followed by a 15-minute circle time emphasizing language, songs and books and functioning in a group.

**children & FAMILIES****AARP Tax Help****6,13,20,27 | Tues | 11a-3p****7,14,21,28 | Wed | 11a-3p & 6-9p****Adults**

The AARP Tax Help volunteers will provide free Federal and State income tax preparation beginning Feb. 6 -April 11th. Bring a copy of last year's return, your 2006 W-2 income forms, and information about your deduc-

tions. No appointments taken, first come, first served. Co-sponsor: AARP.

Chess Class for Kids**6,20 | Tues | 3:30-5p****Ages 7 and older—grade school**

This is a chess class taught by a skilled instructor and chess player. It is free. If you are interested in learning more about it, or enrolling your child, please e-mail Connie Hong at ConnieHong.ok@gmail.com Class is for grade school age children. Class meets twice a month.

Computer Instruction**with Jonathan****7,14,21,28 | Wed | 1-5p****Ages 18 & Older**

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

**computers****Computer Instruction****with Dave****7,14,21,28 | 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.

**computers****Lisa Yee Author Visit****8 | Thur | 1:30-2:30p****Grades 4-Up**

Author Lisa Yee has been an inventor, a hand model, and was once paid to eat chocolate. Her writing assignments have included cans of refried beans, a speech for a President of the United States, and television specials for Disney. Come listen to the hilarious bestselling author of *Millicent Min*, *Girl Genius* talk about writing. Pre-register. Co-Sponsor: Friends of the Metropolitan Library System.

**Teens****Music With Susan****9,23 | Fri | 9:30-10a****9,23 | Fri | 10:15-10:45a****Ages 2-3**

Join Susan for musical fun & activities selected just for this age group. Registration begins Feb. 1 for the Feb. 9 session, & Feb. 15 for the Feb. 23 session. Call 341-9282, ext. 4.

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Winter ReadFest

LIFETIME READER'S SOCIETY 2007

FEBRUARY 6TH – MARCH 31ST

READERS 55+ SIGN UP!
READ BOOKS FOR FUN & PRIZES



METROPOLITAN LIBRARY SYSTEM



Musical Stories

THE MAGIC OF MUSIC & STORYTELLING

THE VILLAGE LIBRARY

THURSDAY
FEBRUARY 8th
6-7PM



FOR ALL AGES * FREE ADMISSION

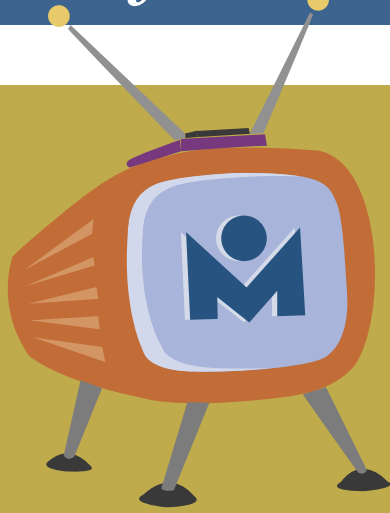
String quartet performs music written specifically for three children's stories—*The Pigeon Finds a Hot Dog*, *Bear Wants More* and *Tippy-Toe Chick Go*.

After the concert, children aged three+ can make their own music on brass, woodwind, and percussion instruments.

For more information, call 755-0710.



Musical Stories is a co-production of the Metropolitan Library System, The OKC Orchestra League, and the OKC Philharmonic.



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— Tap dancing, a murder, and the Oklahoma Book Awards are subjects discussed 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.

Feb. 5 Glenda Carlile, author, is executive director of the Oklahoma Center for the Book at the Oklahoma Department of Libraries.

Feb. 12 Jim Chastain, attorney, newspaper and Internet film critic and published poet, will discuss *I Survived Cancer But Never Won the Tour de France*.

Feb. 19 William Bernhardt, award winning writer and publisher of Hawke Publishing, will discuss *Capitol Murder*.

Feb. 26 Jeni LeGon, famous tap dancer and in many Hollywood movies in the 1930 and 1940s, will discuss *What Tap Dancing's All About According to Dr. Jeni LeGon*.

Guests and program schedules are subject to change without notice.

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Music With Susan

9,23 | Fri | 11-11:30a

Ages 4-5

Join Susan for musical fun & activities selected just for this age group. Registration begins Feb. 1 for the Feb. 9 session, & Feb. 15 for the Feb. 23 session. Call 341-9282, ext. 4.



Readers' Choice Book Discussion Group

10 | Sat | 10:30a-Noon

Seniors

We meet once a month at the Edmond Library. The title for this month is *Little Altars Everywhere* by Rebecca Wells. Please call 341-9282 to register after Jan. 13. (Limited to 15.)

Valentine Story Time

With Angela

10 | Sat | 10:30-11:15a

Ages 4-6

Are Valentines on your mind? Join Miss Angela for a Valentine story and craft. Pre-register starting Jan. 22 at the Children's Desk or call 341-9282, ext 4.



Edmond Library Book Bunch Discussion Group

10 | Sat | 2-3:30p

Seniors

The Edmond Book Bunch meets once a month at the Edmond Library. The title for this month is *The Worst Hard Time* by Timothy Egan. Please call 341-9282 to register after Jan. 13. (Limited to 15.)

Sweet Biscuits

10 | Sat | 2-3p

All Ages

Rhythmically Speaking presents Sweet Biscuits, the story of the creation, development & evolution of black towns in Oklahoma. See page 15 for the description.



Autism Support Group

12 | Mon | 7-9p

Adults

The autism support group is for parents of children with autism and pdd. There will be occasional special speakers. Co-sponsor: PAC.

Edmond Library Teen Advisory Board

13 | Tues | 4-5p

Teens

Teen Advisory Board is planning a special game night for teens on Feb. 16. Call 341-9282 for more information, ask for Ronna.



55+ Coffee Break

14,21,28 | Wed | 9:30-11a

Seniors

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

To Spoil or Not to Spoil?

14 | Wed | 2:30-4p

For Parents/

Child Care Givers

That is the question many parents struggle with. Can an infant be spoiled? How do I know if I'm spoiling my child? Let's discuss the impact of spoiling and how to help children learn to



set limits for themselves. Workshops are for parents, grandparents and child care providers of children birth to 6 years. Child care is not provided—adults only, please. Call 425-4412 to pre-register. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City/County Health Dept.

Game Night 16 | Tues | 7-9p Teens



At this Game night, teens will play with various video games and have fun watching improvisational comedy. There will be drawings for prizes and light snacks. Call 341-9282 to register. Co-Sponsor: Edmond Library Teen Advisory Board.

Science Fiction & Fantasy Discussion Group 17 | Sat | 2-3p Adults

In this book club for adults we will discuss some of the most popular works of science fiction and fantasy that have been written during the last 30 years. Call the library at 341-9282 ask for Ronna for the book selection.

Sew and So—Yarn & Thread Handicraft Meeting 21 | Wed | 10-11a All Ages

This is a chance to share and learn about your handiwork. Crocheters, knitters, tatters, quilters, etc., are welcome. Come at 9:30 a.m. for Coffee Break before the group meets at 10:00 a.m. Refreshments from Coffee Break will be available in the same room.

Developmental Screening 21 | Wed | 10:30a-4p Birth to Age 5 with parent or guardian



This is a great opportunity to book a free one-on-one screening of your preschooler with child specialists. Parents are encouraged to bring any and all questions they would like to ask of professionals in the area of child development, behavioral health, and speech pathology. Each child must be accompanied by a parent/legal guardian. Screenings are by appointment only and take approximately 1 hour. Sign up early as appointment slots fill up fast! pre-register at 425-4412. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City-County Health Department.

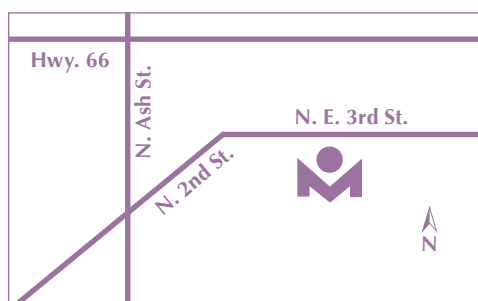
Open Mic Poetry Reading 26 | Mon | 7-9p Adults & Teens



The Edmond Sun and the Edmond Public Library are hosting an open-mic poetry reading the last Monday of every month, from 7-9 pm at the library. Adults and teens are welcome & encouraged to attend. There will also be featured guest-artists reading from their works as announced. Poems may either be original or ones by other poets. For more information about how to participate contact Andy Bowen at the Edmond Sun, 340-7355. Co-Sponsor: Edmond Sun.

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

HOURS
Mon & Wed: 9-5 Fri: 10-5
Tue Thur & Sun: Closed Sat: 9-1



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Sweet Biscuits 5 | Mon | 3:15-4:15p All Ages



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Midwest City Library

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

HOURS

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

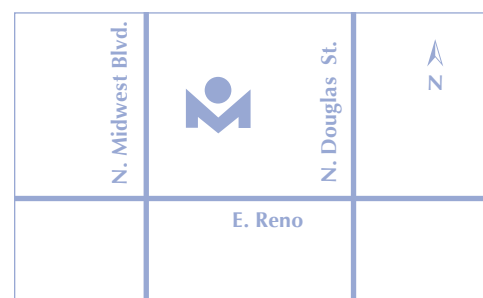


Exhibit: Land of Promise: Europeans and African Americans in Oklahoma 1-28 | Library Hours All Ages



As a part of the library's observance of Black History Month, and in celebration of Oklahoma's Centennial, the Midwest City Library will host this Oklahoma Humanities Council's traveling exhibit. How and why these groups came to Oklahoma, as well as cultural differences and similarities in the ways that Blacks and various European groups adapted to their new circumstances and contributed to Oklahoma's development, are points of interest.

MWC Senior Center Oil Painters Exhibit 1-28 | Library Hours All Ages



The Midwest City Library is pleased to host an exhibit showcasing the work of artists who are participating in the Midwest Senior Center oil painting classes. The display will be open during all library hours in February.

The Unknown West: African-American Marshals, Cowboys, and Scouts-Display 1-28 | Library Hours All Ages



In celebration of Black History Month, the Midwest City Library will host a display created by Sean Chandler, author of *Ebony Marshal*, about the unknown West - African-American marshals, cowboys, and scouts and the history behind them. The exhibit is free and will be on display all library hours during February.

Midwest City Library continued

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Sweet Biscuits

4 | Sun | 2-3p

All Ages



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**Community Quilting Class
with Soldier Creek Quilting Group**

5,12,19,26 | Mon

9:15a-2:30p

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 beginning, intermediate and advanced 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.

Family Place:

1-2-3 Play with Me!

5,12,19 | Mon | 10-11a

Children 10 Mths.-3 1/2 Yrs.



Playing with your baby 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 children 10 months to 3 1/2 years of age and their parents/guardians. Please pre-register for this program at the Reference Desk.

German Language for Beginners

5,12,19,26

Mon | 6:30-8:30p

Adults & Teens



By popular demand, the Midwest City Library will hold an eight-week pilot program on Beginning German. The class, taught by a native speaker, will introduce students to the German language and cultures as spoken and practiced in German-speaking countries. Students will learn the alphabet, sounds, basic vocabulary, and common traveler's expressions. Class size is limited to 10 students. For information call Rich at 732-4828.

Mid-Del Toastmasters

6,13,20,27 | Tues | 6-8p

Adults 18-Older

If you are like most people, public speaking is not your favorite pastime. Surveys show that presentation skills are crucial to success in the work place. 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

7 | Wed | 10-10:30a

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 pre-register. Facilitated by Dan Hester and Pam Collins. Co-Sponsor: Oklahoma City-County Health Dept.

Lisa Yee, Author Visit

7 | Wed | 4:30-5:30p

Grades 4-Up



Author Lisa Yee has been an inventor, a hand model, and was once paid to eat chocolate. Her writing assignments have included cans of refried beans, a speech for a President of the United States, and television specials for Disney. Come listen to the hilarious bestselling author of *Millicent Min*, *Girl Genius* talk about writing. Pre-register. Co-sponsor: Friends of the Metropolitan Library System.

Scottish Gaelic Language

Learner's Group

7,21 | Wed | 7-8:30p

Adults and Age 10 & Older



Come learn this ancient and fascinating language with the Scottish Gaelic Language Learner's Group. Beginning students will benefit from observing language lessons and interaction of advanced students. Interested? Questions? Call Judy Durbin at 737-5140 or Barry Acker at 361-1185.

Computer Basics for

Adults & Seniors

8 | Thur | 9:30-11:30a

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.

Teens Advising Library

Keepers

8 | Thur | 4-5p

Ages 10-16



An advisory group made up of teen volunteers which helps the library with ideas and planning for teen events and programs.

Hunter Education Safety Course

10 | Sat | 9a-2:30p

Ages 10-12

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. Participants ages 12 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is required at 732-4828.

Young Writer's Club

13 | Tues | 4:30-5:30p

Ages 10-12

Come join this group of young aspiring writers. If you enjoy writing stories, this club is for you. Bring a story or poem you've written



Tax Help: AARP & VITA

AARP Tax-Aide offers free tax assistance to local citizens in filing their 2006 taxes. Be sure to bring your W-2's and/or 1099's, photo I.D. and Social Security number. To save time bring your 2005 tax papers with you. First-come, first-serve. Volunteers will be available beginning Feb. 1 thru April 14.

Belle Isle Library
Feb. 3,10,17,24 | Sat | 9a-1p
Feb. 4,11,18,25 | Sun | 1-4p
Feb. 6,7,13,14,20,21,27,28 | Tue & Wed
9a-4p

Edmond Library
Feb. 6,7,13,14,20,21,27,28 | Tue & Wed
11a-3p
Feb. 7,14,21,28 | Wed | 6-9p

Southern Oaks Library
Feb. 1,7,8,14,15,21,22,28 | Wed & Thur
9a-2:30p

Village Library
Feb. 3,10,17 | Sat | 10a-3p
Feb. 6,13,20,27 | Tue | 10a-8p
Feb. 7,14,21,28 | Wed | 10a-3p

Warr Acres Library
Feb. 2,9,16,23 | Fri | 9a-1p
Feb. 5,12,19,26 | Mon | 9a-3p

Ralph Ellison Library
VITA Income Tax Assistance
Feb. 3,10,17,24 | Sat | 9a-4p
Adults

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to share with us. We'll do some mad libs and a writing exercise. You must sign up at the Information Desk or by calling 732-4828.

Who's Line? Improv Comedy
13 | Tues | 5-6:30p
Ages 10-16



Join us at Midwest City Library for fun improv games based off the TV show, *Whose Line Is It?* No experience required. Pre-register by calling 732-4828.

Preschool Story Time
14,21
Wed | 10-10:40a
Ages 3-5



Join us for story time! There will be songs, fingerplays, rhymes, occasional crafts, and special stories. Come and join the fun! All children should be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration is required. Call 732-4828 or visit the Information Desk to sign up.

Yu-Gi-Oh! Card Game Dueling and Trading Session
14 | Wed | 4-5p
Grades 3-12



Yu-Gi-Oh! is still the rage of the land! Do YOU think YOU have what it takes to be the "King of Games" in Midwest City? If so, come duel or trade cards with other Yu-Gi-Oh! players and collectors. Participants who

want to duel will be assisted in forming an impromptu tournament. Participants must bring their own cards.

Internet Basics for Adults & Seniors
15 | Thur | 9:30-11:30a
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. Via "hands-on" computer-based instruction, you will learn the basics of Internet usage, search the Internet via several popular search engines, and preview several general interest Internet sites. Enrollment is limited. Pre-register at the Information Desk or call 732-4828.

Sustainability Group Meeting
17 | Sat | 10-11:30a
All Ages

Come join the Midwest City Sustainability Group Meeting and help plan the next year's "sustainability calendar of events" at your Midwest City Library. All are welcome but pre-registration is requested for planning purposes. Please pre-register at the Information Desk or by calling 732-4828.

Writers Refuge: Teen Writing Workshop
20 | Tues | 4-5p
Ages 13-19



Writer's Refuge gives teens the opportunity to talk with other teens about writing. Bring several samples of your writing to discuss with other teen writers. For grades 7-12. Pre-register by calling 732-4828.

AARP 55 Drive Alive Defensive Drivers Course
21 | Wed | 9a-5p
All Ages

Attention ALL drivers! If you want to learn how to be a better driver AND save money, come attend the AARP 55 Drive Alive Defensive Drivers Safety Course and become eligible for a discount on your monthly auto insurance premium. The State of Oklahoma authorizes a discount lasting 3 years for any licensed driver aged 16 and up who successfully completes a defensive driver's course. Space for the course is limited so please pre-register by signing up at the Information Desk or by calling 732-4828. Each participant must bring \$10 in cash or check payable to AARP for course materials.

Midwest City Library continued

Internet & E-mail Tutorial 22 | Thur | 9:30-11:30a Adults



Join Librarian Rich Antonisse and learn how to sign up for a free e-mail account. Participants will also be shown useful online tutorials and will have online access during the class in order to establish their own e-mail account if they wish. 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. Space for this program is limited, please register at the Information Desk or by calling 732-4828.

Slimy Goo Creation 24 | Sat | 10a-Noon Ages 10-16



Join us as we make Slimy Goo from common materials you can find around the house. You get to pick what color you want it to be or make it glow in the dark! Pre-register by calling 732-4828.

Speech and Behavioral Health Screenings 26 | Mon | 9a-4:30p 1 Month-Age 5



Come have your preschooler screened for hearing, personal-social skills development, & fine motor coordination. This is a great opportunity to ask professionals questions about your child's development. Please call to schedule your free one-on-one screening at 425-4412. Screenings last about 1 hour. Sponsored by the Oklahoma City County Health Department.

Lapsit Play and Story Time 26 | Mon | 9:30-10:15a and 10:30-11:15a 10 Months-3 Years



Join us for open play time followed by songs, stories, and fun! Pre-registration is required. Sign up at the Information Desk or by calling 732-4828.

Workshop for Parents 26 | Mon | 5-6p Parents



Calling all parents! Come join the child care development specialists of the OCCHD and learn about topics of concern to parents of

school-age children. Each month's session covers a different topic. Call 425-4412 to learn about this month's topic and to register. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City-County Health Department.

CyberMARS 101: A Guided Tour Through the Electronic Catalog 27 | Tues | 12:30-2p Ages 10 and Older



If you've wondered where the library's card catalog went, this class is for you! Come join library staff for a guided tour of the Metropolitan Library System's electronic catalog. In this class you will learn how to search for books, authors, and subjects. You will also learn how to place books from other libraries on reserve and how to manage your own account. Space for this class is limited to eight participants. Please pre-register at the Information Desk or by calling 732-4828.

Toddler Aerobics 28 | Wed | 10-10:30a Ages 2-5



Join us for a fun, silly workout routine led by our children's librarian. Parents/caregivers will participate with their child. Sign up 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

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drawing to be eligible for a prize. Call 606-3835 for more information. Sign-up begins Feb. 1 and runs through March 31.

Black History Month Trivia 1 | Thur | 9a-6p Teens



Need to refresh your knowledge of Black History? Come join us in a game of Trivia for the month of February. Win prizes for the correct answers.

GED Classes 1,6,8,13,15,20,22,27 Tues & Thur | 5-8p Adults



The General Education class will review math, social studies, English language skills, & reading comprehension in preparation for the GED exam. Pre-register at The Adult Learning Center @ 231-2053.

A Jazz Journey With Mitch's Brew 1 | Thur | 6:30-7:30p Adults



Mitch's Brew will perform a varied jazz concert ranging from cool jazz ballads to explosive bebop, to spirited jazz—a favorite of the man, Ralph Ellison. This program is part of a month long tribute to Jazz. Check out the Village and Downtown libraries for more programs in the Jazz Journey. For information call 424-1437 or 606-3879. Co-sponsors: Untitled ArtSpace, Oklahoma Humanities Council, and Friends of Metropolitan Library System.

VITA Income Tax Assistance 3,10,17,24 | Sat | 9a-4p Adults

Trained volunteers will provide free basic tax help on 2006 returns. Bring a copy of last year's return, W-2 income forms, & information about deductions. A photo ID is required to file taxes.

Society of Urban Poets 3 | 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! Come check us out!

Math Tutoring for Students

5,12,19,26 | Mon | 4-6p

Elementary-High School

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

Let's Talk Toastmasters

7,14,21,28 | 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.

Sweet Biscuits

13 | Mon | 10-11a

and 6:30-7:30p

All Ages

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AARP Monthly Meeting

15 | Thur | 10-11:30a

Adults 50+

Discussion of issues affecting Seniors 50 years and older.

Rilla Askew's *Fire in Beulah*

Book Talk

17 | Sat | 1-3p

Adults

From the author of *The Mercy Seat*, Rilla Askew has set her new novel during the Tulsa race riot of 1921, when whites burned the city's prosperous black section to the ground. The conflagration of the riot becomes the crucible that melds and tests each of the characters; a story of race, a tale that declares the simple truth that we are irrevocably tied to one another. Refreshments will be served.



Roots and Rhythms

23 | Fri | 10:30-11:30a

All Ages

Explore African-American history and culture. Encounter heroes through stories and a live musical performance. Please pre-register. Sign up by visiting the Information Desk or call 424-1437.



Open Mic Poetry Night

For Adults

26 | Mon | 6:30-7:30p

Adults

The Ralph Ellison Library & the Society of Urban Poets (SOUP) present an Open Mic Poetry Nite. Please come & participate or



just come & listen to all the talent in your community! Poetry can be original or an old published favorite. Our motto is "poetic expression without profanity."

Preschool Story Time

27 | Tue | 10-10:40a

Ages 3-Older

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



Southern Oaks Library

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

HOURS

Mon-Thur: 9-9

Fri: 9-6

Sat: 9-5

Sun: 1-6



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ReadFest 2007 for Seniors

Feb. 1 - March 31

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AARP Tax Assistance

1,7,8,14,15,21,22,28 | Wed & Thur

9a-2:30p

Adults

The AARP Tax-Aide volunteers will provide free Federal and State income tax preparation every Wednesday and Thursday, beginning, Feb. 1 and ending April 12. Bring a copy of last year's return, your 2006 W-2 income forms, information about your deductions. No appointments taken, first come first served. Co-Sponsor: AARP

Preschool Story Time

5,12,19,26 |

Mon | 10:30-11:15a

Ages 2-6

Join us for story time! There will be songs, fingerplays, rhymes, occasional crafts, and special stories. Come and join the fun! All children should be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration is required. Call 631-4468 or visit the Information Desk to sign up.



GED @ the Library

5,7,12,14,19,21,26,28

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. Questions? Please call the Mid-Del Adult Learning Center at 739-1783. Co-Sponsor: Mid-Del Adult Learning Center.



Sweet Biscuits

6 | Tues | 10-11a

All Ages

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Parachute Play

6 | Tues | 1-1:30p

Ages 3-6 with Parents

Come play games with a parachute. Children will have the opportunity to practice such skills 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.



Southern Oaks Book Club

13 | Tues | 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.

Southern Oaks Library continued

Scarlet Kitsune Anime Club 13,27 | Tues | 6:30-8:30p Ages 13 & 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.

3D Movie Night 14 | Wed | 6:30-9p All Ages



Learn about monster movie special effects and see a real 3D film. Snacks will be provided. Call for title.

SO Write: Creative Writing Club for Kids 15 | Thur | 4:30-5:30p 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. You must sign up at the Information Desk or by calling 631-4468.

Developmental Health Screening 16 | Fri | 9a-4p 1 Month-5 Years



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Toddler Aerobics 23 | Fri | 10:30-11a Ages 2-5



Join us for a fun, silly workout routine led by Miss Cheryl. Parents/caregivers will participate with their child. Sign up at the Information Desk or by calling 631-4468.

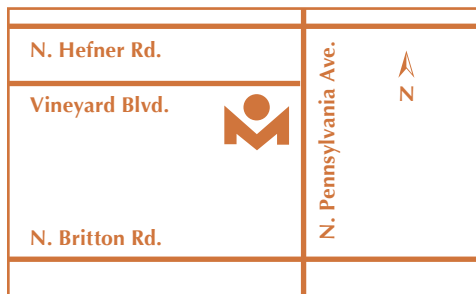
The Village Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: Closed



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Music With Susan

1,8,15,22 | Thur
10-10:30a

Ages 2-5

Join Susan for musical fun and activities. Pre-registration is required. Please call 755-0710 or stop by the Information Desk.



Yoga for Adults

1,8 | Thur | 1:30-2:30p
Adults

Join yoga instructor Eddie Lou Nachtrieb for free sessions every Thursday afternoon for 8 weeks. Students are asked to bring their own yoga mat or towel. First-time students may sign up with the instructor. For more information contact the instructor at 749-0641.

Teen Advisory Board

1 | 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.



A Jazz Journey: With Brian Gorrell and The Jazz Company

1 | Thur | 7-8p

Adults

Brian Gorrell and the fabulous Jazz Company will perform traditional and contemporary jazz numbers. This program is part of a month long tribute to Jazz. Check out the Downtown and the Ralph Ellison libraries for more programs in the Jazz Journey. For information call 424-1437 or 606-3879. Co-Sponsors: Untitled Artspace, Oklahoma Humanities Council, & Friends of the Metropolitan Library.



AARP Tax Assistance

3,10,17,24 | Sat | 10a-3p
6,13,20,27 | Tues | 10a-8p
7,14,21,28 | Wed | 10a-3p

Adults

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Tai Chi

5,12,18,26 | Mon | 9-10a
Adults

Join tai chi master Mickey Sherman for these free, fun and informative sessions. We will offer tai chi classes every Monday morning for 8 weeks. New participants may sign up with the instructor on their first day.

Village Kids Book Club

5,12,18,26 | Mon | 3:30-4:30p
Grades 3-4

Come discuss a book, eat snacks, make a craft, or play a game. You can pick up the book at the Information Desk. Please read the book before the meeting. Pre-register.

ESL

5,7,12,14,19,21,26,28
Mon & Wed | 6-8:30p
Adults

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



Lisa Yee, Author Visit
6 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p
Grades 4-Up



Author Lisa Yee has been an inventor, a hand model, and was once paid to eat chocolate. Her writing assignments have included cans of refried beans, a speech for a President of the United States, and television specials for Disney. Come listen to the hilarious bestselling author of *Millicent Min*, *Girl Genius* talk about writing. Pre-register. Co-Sponsor: Friends of the Metropolitan Library System.

Musical Stories
8 | Thur | 6-7p
Ages 3 and Older



Oklahoma City Philharmonic musicians will perform a variety of orchestral music during this interactive program for children. In addition to traditional orchestral music, the string quartet will present music that was composed specifically for popular children's stories, including *The Pigeon Finds a Hot Dog*, *Bear Wants More* and *Tippy-Toe Chick Go*. Following the musical presentation, the Instrument Playground will be available for children to explore their own sounds on orchestral instruments. Co-sponsors: OKC Orchestra League and OKC Philharmonic.

Sweet Biscuits
12 | Mon | 1-2p
All Ages



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Metropolitan Library Commission of Oklahoma County
15 | Thur | 3:30-5p



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 OKC, OK 73120
 405.755.0710
 The public is welcome to attend.

Book Discussion Group
19 | 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 p.m. to discuss our latest pick. Copies of this month's title can be picked up at the Village Information Desk.

Anime Club
22 | 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. Snacks provided. Anime may contain material that is considered unsuitable for ages 13 & younger. Pre-register at the Information Desk.

Introduction to MS Publisher
22 | Thur | 6:30-8p
Adults



Free computer class for adults! Learn how to create flyers, brochures and newsletters for your business or organization, and how to create fun greeting cards. Come in or call to sign up. The Village Library (405) 755-0710.

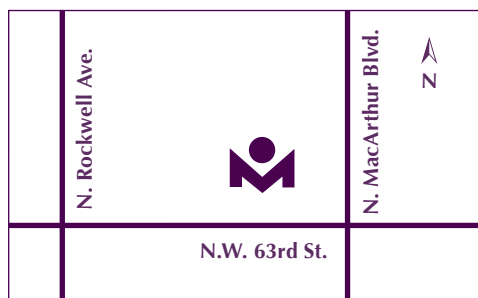
Warr Acres Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
 Sun: Closed



Winter ReadFest 2007 for Seniors
Feb. 1 - March 31
Seniors

If you are age 55 or older, go to any Metropolitan branch library, join Winter ReadFest and read for fun and prizes. Enroll and receive a sign-up gift, read four books or listen to four books-on-tape and enter the drawing to be eligible for a prize. Call 606-3835 for more information. Sign-up begins Feb. 1 and runs through March 31.

AARP Tax Assistance
2,9,16,23 | Fri | 9a-1p
5,12,19,26 | Mon | 9a-3p

Adults

AARP Volunteers will assist you in preparing your 2006 state and federal tax returns every Monday from 9:00 - 3:00 and every Friday 9-1 through the month of February.

Story Time for Preschoolers
6,20 | Tues | 10:30-11:15a
Ages 3-5



Children will enjoy stories and other fun activities with Miss Alma and her puppets. Please pre-register.

Lisa Yee Author Visit
7 | Wed | 10:30-11:30a
Grades 4-Up



Author Lisa Yee has been an inventor, a hand model, and was once paid to eat chocolate. Her writing assignments have included cans of refried beans, a speech for a President of the United States, and television specials for Disney. Come listen to the hilarious bestselling author of *Millicent Min*, *Girl Genius* talk about writing. Pre-register. Co-sponsor: Friends of the Metropolitan Library System.

Read to a Special Dog
8 | Thur | 6:30-7:30p
Ages 6 and Older

Loveable dogs and their trained owners will help children develop confidence and skills in reading. So, bring your favorite picture book and enjoy a time of reading in our meeting room. Please pre-register.

Birthday Parties from Around the World: China
10 | Sat | 10:30-11:30a
Ages 4 & Older



Kids will enjoy fun activities and food while discovering the country of China. Join us at 10:30 a.m. on the second Saturday of each month for another "Birthday Parties from Around the World" with Miss Alma and her puppets. Please pre-register at 721-2616.

Warr Acres Book Club
12 | Mon | 11a-Noon
Adults

Enjoy sharing a good books with friends. The Warr Acres book club will discuss *Julie and Romeo* by Jeanne Ray. Call 721-2616 for more information.

QUACK open a good BOOK!

Friends Booksale 2007



Sat. & Sun. | Feb. 24-25
9am-5:30pm

Oklahoma Expo Hall
Oklahoma State Fairgrounds

Sponsored by Friends of the
Metropolitan Library System

Warr Acres Library continued

Play Time for Babies and Tots

14,21,28 | Wed |

9:15-10a

Ages 8 months-2 Years

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



Family Place:

1-2-3 Play with Me!

14,21,28 & March 1 | Wed

10:30-11:30a

Children 10 Mths.-3 1/2 Yrs.

Playing with your baby 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 children 10 months to 3 1/2 years of age and their parents/guardians. Please pre-register for this program at the Reference Desk.

Coffee Break

19 | Mon | 9:30-10:30a

Adults

Join us for coffee & conversation in a relaxed, informal setting. Coffee & light refreshments will be served at the library.

How to Talk to Toddlers

20 | Tues | 3-4p

Adults: Parents/Caregivers
of Small Children

The way we speak to toddlers affects their language development as well as their behavior. The language you choose can make the difference in whether or not your child listens, cooperates, and learns. Come and learn some simple ways to stimulate your child's best



behavior and best language. Co-Sponsor:
Oklahoma City/County Health Dept.

Drumming

22 | Thur | 7-8:30p

Teens

Teens enjoy drumming. Learn drumming techniques from the experts and jam with your friends. Teens pre-register by calling 721-2616.



Teens

Sweet Biscuits

27 | Tue | 7:30-8:30p

All Ages

Rhythmically Speaking presents Sweet Biscuits, the story of the creation, development & evolution of black towns in Oklahoma. See page 15 for the description.



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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.

Goodwin, Doris Kearns. *Team of Rivals: the Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln*.

973.7092/L736gd/BIOGRAPHY

William H. Seward, Salmon P. Chase, and Edward Bates all ran for the Republican presidential nomination in 1860 and lost

it to Abraham Lincoln. This joint-biography demonstrates how Lincoln drew them all into his cabinet and forged them into one of the most impressive political teams in American history.

Jacobs, A.J. *The Know-It-All: One Man's Humble Quest to Become the Smartest Person in the World*.

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"Esquire" magazine editor A.J. Jacobs spent one year reading the entire 32 volumes of the 2002 edition of Encyclopedia Britannica, and this book is his memoir of how he did it and what he got out of it. What other book can you think of that includes among its key descriptive terms "raster master," "hot seat," and "whale poop"?



We're here to serve you.

MLS LIBRARIES

	M	T	W	TH	F	S	S
BELLE ISLE 5501 N. Villa, OKC, 843-9601	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
BETHANY 3510 N. Mueller, Bethany, 789-8363	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	—
CAPITOL HILL 334 S.W. 26th, OKC, 634-6308	9-8	9-8	9-8	9-8	9-6	9-5	—
CHOCTAW 2525 Muzzy Street, Choctaw, 390-8418	9-8	9-8	9-8	9-8	9-6	9-5	—
DEL CITY 4509 S.E. 15th, Del City, 672-1377	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	—
DOWNTOWN 300 Park Ave., OKC, 231-8650	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
EDMOND 10 S. Boulevard, Edmond, 341-9282	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
MIDWEST CITY 8143 E. Reno, MWC, 732-4828	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
RALPH ELLISON 2000 N.E. 23rd, OKC, 424-1437	9-8	9-8	9-8	9-8	9-6	9-5	—
SOUTHERN OAKS 6900 S. Walker, OKC, 631-4468	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	1-6
THE VILLAGE 10307 N. Pennsylvania Avenue, The Village, 755-0710	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	—
WARR ACRES 5901 N.W. 63rd, Warr Acres, 721-2616	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-6	9-5	—

MLS EXTENSION LIBRARIES*

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

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