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New *info*

February is National Black History Month and your Metropolitan Library is the only place you need to visit to find out more about the contributions of African Americans to the modern world.

If you're doing a little research, go to the MLS website at metrolibrary.org. Go to "Library Resources" and click on "Research Guides." The first one you'll see listed is "African American History in Oklahoma."

This kind of guide is called a "pathfinder" and it's a first step in locating materials on a given topic owned by MLS. This one is mainly intended to help those in high school and undergraduate college classes begin a research paper about African American history in Oklahoma or to help anyone researching African American history in general.

You can always take it for granted that MLS is going to have just what you need, and if you could use some help finding it, ask a librarian. They're here to help!





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The Freedom Road Runs Through Oklahoma City

by Larry Johnson

**James E. “Jimmy” Stewart
was a courageous activist
and tireless promoter of
equality for Oklahoma
City’s African American
population throughout the
critical civil rights period
of the 1950s and 1960s.**

After becoming president of the Oklahoma City chapter of the NAACP in 1950, Stewart helped secure the 43rd National Conference of the NAACP in Oklahoma City.

The event was held June 24-29, 1952 at Calvary Baptist Church and featured nationally known speakers including famed labor leader Walter P. Reuther from the United Auto Workers, Minnesota Senator Hubert H. Humphrey, and integrationist federal judge W. P. Waring. Also present were the Association’s own famous leaders, Thurgood Marshall, Walter

White, Roy Wilkins, Clarence Mitchell, Roscoe Dunjee, and Henry Lee Moon.

Delegates attended meetings and workshops each day and produced a number of resolutions including a call for statehood for Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico; an end to foreign aid for South Africa until Apartheid ended; increased pressure for the removal of segregation and ‘Jim Crow’ laws; support for trade unions; and a call for national religious organizations to integrate and help end segregation. That year was also a presidential election year and, while the NAACP charter forbade endorsement of a candidate, the Association chided both President Truman and candidate Eisenhower for their neglect of racial issues during the campaign.



Attendees of the 1952 NAACP National Convention, Calvary Baptist Church, 300 N Walnut (June 1952)

After each day's sessions, attendees enjoyed dances and dinners at such places as Blossom Heath, Mike and Nell's Club, the Brockaway Community Center, and even a 'Chuck Wagon' picnic was held at Lincoln Park - all sponsored by local civic clubs - not to mention the great jazz clubs in Deep Deuce.

Many delegates were impressed with their stay in Oklahoma City and remarked that the black community here was much

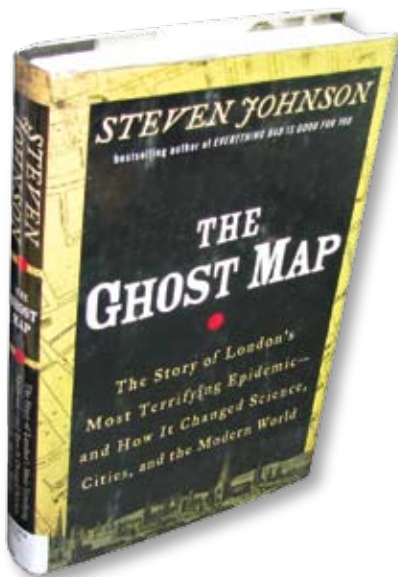
better off than in any other southern state. Still, while the noted white speakers such as Humphrey and Reuther stayed at the luxurious Skirvin Hotel, their black counterparts were restricted to hotels and boarding houses in Deep Deuce and the surrounding area. The limited number of rooms available quickly filled and Oklahoma City's African American community opened their private homes to delegates from around the country.

Despite these difficulties, the convention was a success, owing largely to Jimmy Stewart's remarkable planning and leadership skills. The end of segregation was not far off, but there was still a difficult road ahead.

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



The Ghost Map: The Story of London's Most Terrifying Epidemic—And How it Changed Science, Cities and the Modern World by Steven Johnson

London in 1854 was a very different place than it is today as far as sanitation was concerned. Human excrement was deposited in dung hills, cesspools, or in the basement of houses. When Edwin Chadwick decided to do something about the appalling smell or The Great Stink and channel sewerage into the Thames, people began to get sick with cholera in alarming numbers. The only problem was that no one made the connection between drinking water and the disease until medical doctor John Snow came along. The accepted belief was that smells in the air, or miasma, were the cause of illness and this factual account, which reads like fiction, tells how people eventually came to see the truth in

Snow's analysis. An unexpectedly masterly-written page turner.

Also recommended:

Strangely enough author Sandra Hempel decided to write about the same topic at the same time on the other side of the Atlantic in *The Strange Case of the Broad Street Pump: John Snow and the Mystery of Cholera*. 614.514/H491s

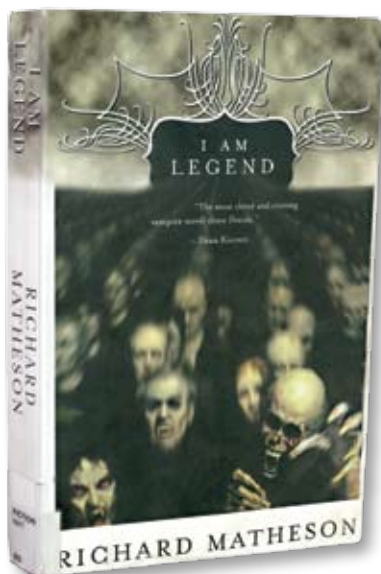
For a fiction mystery written about the events check out *The Great Stink* by Clare Clark. FICTION/CLA

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

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ON THE SHELF

Reviewed by Christine Bassett



I Am Legend by Richard Matheson

After butchering Jack Finney's science fiction classic *Invasion of the Body Snatchers* in its latest screen incarnation, Hollywood gave us a third version of another perennially popular SF novel, *I Am Legend*. The latest re-telling of Richard Matheson's cliché-twisting vampire novel hit the googleplexes in December.

Take a look at the book, a post-apocalypse thriller.

Robert Neville, for some reason he spends the book trying to figure out, is immune to bacterium that turn humans into something very like vampires. The plague is described in scientific rather than supernatural terms, but the end result for Neville is the same—he may be the last human on Earth.

Matheson's twist on the story is that it is Neville who becomes the feared and hated one in this sanguinary new world. Instead of a single vampire hunting victims in a city of normal humans, he is the single normal human hunting in a city of vampires. They are not the legend—he is.

Any fan of the "Twilight Zone" TV series, for which Matheson wrote 17 scripts, will enjoy this unusual spin on a classic genre situation.

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

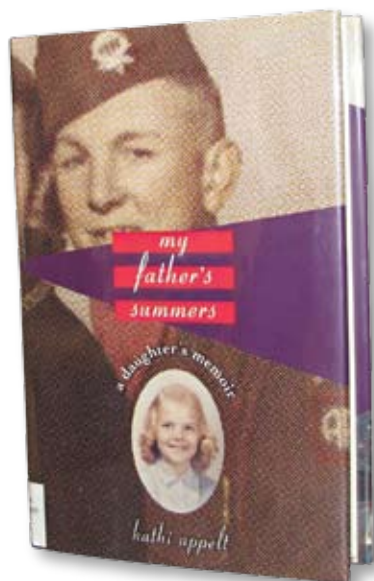
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Reviewed by Doug Bentin



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My Father's Summers: a Daughter's Memoir by Kathi Appelt

Reviewed by Phyllis Davidson

In *My Father's Summers: a Daughter's Memoir*, Kathi Appelt uses a series of very short chapters to reveal how her life as a child was hinged on "When Daddy comes home from Arabia." Repeated delays in his return should have warned her, but she is still surprised when he returns only long enough to leave again and marry another woman. He trades a loving wife and three adoring daughters for an alcoholic wife and two step sons. She and her sisters are sentenced by the judge to spend summers

and alternating weekends in a dysfunctional home where they have no desire to be. This emotional memoir conveys the angst of children everywhere who long to put their families back together.

Phyllis Davidson is a reference librarian at the Downtown Library. She is the editor of a family newsletter, teaches genealogy classes to customers at the library, and delves into her own family history outside the Library walls.

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Four Legs Bad, Two Legs Good! Written and illustrated by D.B. Johnson

Reviewed by Jana Hausburg

"Hey, kids, who wants to read a satirical allegory of Soviet totalitarianism?" Certainly, if your local children's librarian tried something like that at the next storytime, kids would get up and run off in droves.

Unless the story happens to be this little gem by D.B. Johnson, inspired by George Orwell's classic *Animal Farm*.

I don't ordinarily review children's books, but when this story crossed my desk, I had to get the word out. It's the story of Orvie, a pig that can walk on two legs and runs No-Man farm. Filled with self-importance, he claims to hold up a tumbledown building by leaning against it in a chair. He orders the animals to cater to him while he enforces the rule that is painted on the side of the barn: 4 legs bad, 2 legs good.

But Duck walks on two legs, too. She wants to be the farmer for a while and wear the big green boots. Orvie, however, won't hear of it.

"You're too little duck," he says.

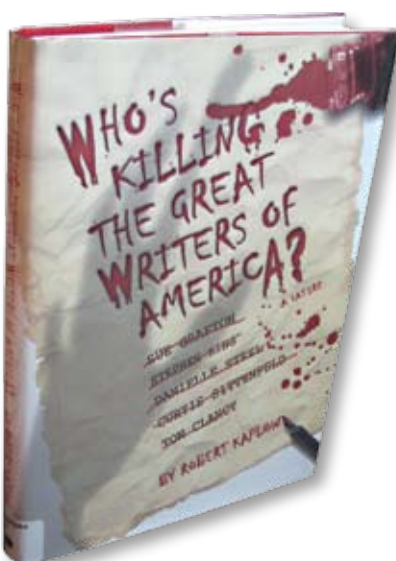
Duck, however, has other plans. Soon, the other animals are caught up in her mischief.

With hand lettered text and colorful illustrations with a Cubist feel, you and your child will find yourself rooting for Duck and her quest for equality.

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.



Reviews & Recommendations



Who's Killing the Great Writers of America? by Robert Kaplow

Reviewed by Jana Hausburg

Someone is stalking and murdering the great writers of America! How will the publishing world survive without the creator of Kinsey Millhone, or the author of the romantic/dramatic novels easily adapted into television movies, or the writer of the techno/political thrillers of a post-Cold War era? And who's next on the killer's hit list?

After Sue Grafton, Danielle Steel, and Tom Clancy end up dead – murdered in a manner appropriate to their literary styles – Stephen King rouses himself out of a depression brought on by injuries he sustained while walking (he

was hit by a van in the summer of 1999). His main motivation to investigate is the disappearance of his wife, Tabitha. King believes he's being lured out into the open by the killer, but what can he do? His life is meaningless without Tabitha. Leaving the safety of his fortress-like home, King heads out into the world toward certain death.

Hilarious satire and cameo appearances by Steve Martin, Francois Truffaut, Gerard Depardieu, Ann Coulter, Kenneth Lay, and Anne Bancroft, to name a few, make this book an amusing way to spend the afternoon.

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Horror Films of the 1980s by John Kenneth Muir

Reviewed by Doug Bentin

If you already like horror movies – and you know who you are, so I won't ask for an embarrassing show of hands – you probably won't need John Kenneth Muir's *Horror Films of the 1980s*. Even though the book discusses and reviews more than 325 movies released in the U.S. between 1980 and 1989, you already know to stay clear of *Phobia*, John Huston's single foray into the abyss of horror.

No, what you want to check the book out for are Muir's opinions so you can smack yourself on the forehead and holler, "Is this guy out of his mind?!" Just wait until you get to Appendix G, "The Fifteen Best Horror Films of the 1980s." To borrow the title of an underappreciated horror-historical melodrama

from 1973, and now the screaming starts.

Muir provides a solid introduction to the decade in horror, talking about what scared us during the 1980s, why, and how societal anxieties were addressed in horror movies. Students of the genre know that there is always something in the national zeitgeist that serves as the basis for what scares us on film.

There's a lot to argue about as the book contains more than 800 pages of text. Ranting is always fun, but with a list price of \$59.95, this is a volume you'll want to check out from the library.

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Take a Book to Your Pad...



29th Annual Friends Booksale 2008

Sat. & Sun. | Feb. 23-24

9am-5:30pm



Free Admission

Oklahoma Expo Hall | State Fairgrounds | Oklahoma City



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The Extraordinary Life of Cathay Williams



“My Father a was a freeman, but my mother a slave, belonging to William Johnson, a wealthy farmer who lived at the time I was born near Independence, Jackson County, Missouri. While I was a small girl my master and family moved to Jefferson City. My master died there and then the war broke out.”

The words belong to Cathay Williams, a female slave born in 1842. Her life differed in only small ways from the lives thousands of others born into slavery in America, but then, as she wrote for *St. Louis Daily Times* in January of 1876, “the war broke out.” The American Civil War.

When Union troops arrived in Jefferson County they found themselves the center around which hundreds of freed slaves rotated. The Army took the former slaves to Little Rock, and the commanding officer wanted Cathay to accompany him as a cook for the officers but Cathay “had always been a house girl and did not know how to cook.” She learned and witnessed the Battle of Pea Ridge. She traveled with Col. Benton to Shreveport, New Orleans, Savannah, Macon, and wound up as cook for Gen. Sheridan in Virginia before being sent to Iowa.

Cathay’s life reads like an fascinating one—but then the war ended and she needed a job. She found one, and what a job it was.

“On the 15th day of November 1866 I enlisted in the United States army at St. Louis, in the Thirty-eighth United States Infantry Company A, Capt. Charles E. Clarke commanding.” The kicker was that women were not allowed to enlist in the Army before 1948. But since no physical exams were given at the time of enlistment in 1866, a clever woman could join the ranks. She faked being a man and Cathay Williams became William Cathey, making her the one and only documented female Buffalo soldier to serve in the United States Army.

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“We are so excited that the Friends of the Metropolitan Library System and the Oklahoma Arts Council are co-sponsoring this terrific program for all ages,” said MLS Director of Outreach Services, Dana Morrow. “This is one you just have to see!”

Rhythmically Speaking Presents:

A HIDDEN SOLDIER: I JUST NEED A J*O*B!



Rhythmically Speaking presents the story of Cathay Williams who disguised herself and reversed her name to join the Army as William "Cathey". Williams was not trying to make history, she just needed a J*O*B! From 1866 to 1868 Cathay Williams was a soldier in the 38th Infantry, Company A, making her the one and only documented female Buffalo soldier to serve in the United States Army.

Sat., Feb. 2	Belle Isle Library— 2pm
Mon., Feb 4	Ralph Ellison Library – 5:30pm
Tues., Feb. 5	Choctaw Library – 3:30pm
Wed., Feb 6	Luther Library – 3:15pm
Fri., Feb 8	Southern Oaks Library – 2pm
Sat., Feb. 9	Downtown Library – 10:30am
Tues., Feb 12	Village Library – 10am

Tues., Feb. 12	Del City Library – 6:30pm
Thurs., Feb. 14	Capitol Hill Library – 1pm
Sat., Feb 16	Bethany Library – 2pm
Tues., Feb 19	Edmond Library – 7pm
Wed., Feb. 20	Midwest City Library – 10am
Sat., Feb 23	Warr Acres library – 2pm

All Ages. Seating is limited. Doors open 15 minutes before each presentation.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Metropolitan Library System and the Oklahoma Arts Council.



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Belle Isle Library

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

HOURS

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



2008 Winter Readfest

Feb. 1 - March 31

Ages 55 and Older

Reading program for age 55 plus adults. Gifts and prize drawings. Begins 2-1-08 and ends 3-31-08. Call 405-606-3835 for information. Co-sponsor: Friends of the Library.

Score Small Business Counseling

Feb 2,16 | Sat | 9a-Noon

Adults

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

Free Tax Help @ the Library

Feb 9,23 | Sat | 9:30a-1p

Feb 5,12,19,26 | Tue | 9:30a-2p

Feb 6,13,20,27 | Wed | 9:30a-2p

Adults

E-filing ONLY. AARP Volunteers will assist

you in preparing your 2007 state and federal tax returns on Sat beginning Jan 26. No appointments taken, first come, first served—Must be there by noon for Sat, and by 1p on Tue and Wed. Co-sponsor: AARP

Rhythmically Speaking Presents:

"A Hidden Soldier: I Just Need A JOB"

Feb 2 | Sat | 2-3p

All Ages

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English as a Second Language

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

Tue & Thur | 9:30a-Noon

Adults

Ongoing enrollment. You can join the class at any time with Mid-Del Adult Learning Center. Improve your English speaking, reading, and writing skills in this free class for people who are new to the English language. For questions and to register, call Mid-Del Learning Center at 739-1783.



Happy Valentine's Day

Feb 13 | Wed | 10-11a

Pre-kindergarten

Hear stories about Valentine's Day. Playtime will follow in children's room. Pre-register with Belle Isle Reference Desk.



Child Guidance Consultation

Feb 14 | Thur | 9:30a-4p

Ages Birth-5 years

Ages 1 month - 5 years

This is a great opportunity to book a free one-on-one consultation 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 and/or legal guardian. Consultations are by appointment only and take approximately 1 hour.

Parents, sign up early as appointment slots fill up fast! Please call Child Guidance Services with City-County Health Department at 425-4412 to pre-register.



Metro OKC Knit Guild Group

Feb 17 | Sun | 3-5p

Teens & Adults

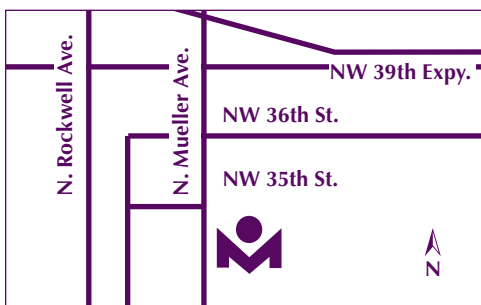
The Metro OKC Knit Guild group meets at Belle Isle Library. Everyone—any knitter or person who's never knitted, but would like to learn—is welcome. Each monthly program will include a lesson of a new knitting technique and examples of charity knitting projects. February's lesson is "Different Cast-On Methods." E-mail the guild at metrookcknitguild@cox.net or call 823-6866 for questions about the group. 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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Yoga for Fitness

Feb 2 | Sat | 9:30-10:30a

Adults

Margarida Pires Woll will teach five weeks of yoga beginning Feb. 2 through March 1. Classes are free. Bring your own mat and enjoy this wonderful experience. Limited enrollment. Call 789-8363, ext.3, to register.

Child Guidance Consultation

Feb 4 | Mon | 9a-4p

Ages Birth-5 years with Parent/Legal Guardian

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

Toddler Story & Play Time

Feb 7,21 | 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. 3.

The Children's Hour:

Evening Story Time

Feb 12 | 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. 3.



Tools for Effective Parenting

Feb 13,20,27 | Wed | 1-2:15p

Ages Birth-5 years with For Parents/Caregivers of Young Children

This five session course will help promote good parent-child relationships. Learn basic parenting skills including effective praising, limit setting, ignoring, time out, natural/logical consequences and problem solving. These skills help parents learn how to pay attention to their child's behavior and actions. Pre-register with the Oklahoma City-County Health Department at 425-4412. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City-County Health Department.



Valentine's Day Story Time

Feb 14 | Thur | 10-10:45a

Ages 3-6

Celebrate Valentine's Day at the library! Enjoy stories, songs, nursery rhymes, a fun craft and holiday refreshments. Pre-register at the library Information Desk or call 789-8363, ext. 3.



Rhythmically Speaking Presents:

"A Hidden Soldier: I Just Need A JOB"

Feb 16 | Sat | 2-3p

All Ages

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Winter Story Time

Feb 28 | Thur | 10-10:45a

Ages 3-6

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



Capitol Hill Library

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

HOURS

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



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Children's Books Written by

African-American Authors

Feb 2 | Sat | Noon-3p

Parents and small children

Celebrate National Black History Month with us by focusing on Black authors of children's books, some of them from the state of Oklahoma. We will concentrate on picture books for little children and perhaps read a few of them. This is for all interested persons.



After School Cool

Feb 5 | Tue | 4-5p

Ages 11-17

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



Got Game?

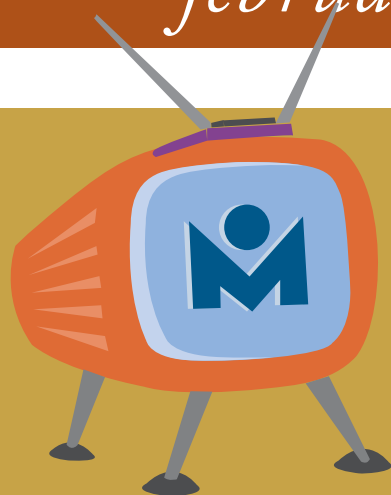
Feb 5 | Tue | 5:30-7:30p

Ages 11-17

Are you a Guitar Hero Master? Do you have Dance Dance Revolution skillz? Can you handle Mario Kart like a pro? Then join us for an evening of gaming tournaments with PS2 and Gamecube. Refreshments included. Ages 11-16. Call Angela for more information: 634-6308.



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Read About It

Discussions with Authors & Book Reviews

TIMES

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

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Tulsa, Okmulgee, Henryetta & Muskogee

Cox Channel 29
Cushing, Drumright, Enid & Stillwater

OKLAHOMA CITY— A mother's wisdom, a wake-up call to Americans, and the Library book sale will be topics featured on 'Read About It,' the cable TV show brought to you by the Metropolitan Library System. This month, hostess B.J. Williams will welcome the following guests.

February 4 Hannibal Johnson, an Oklahoma attorney and author, will discuss *Mama Used to Say: Wit & Wisdom From the Heart & Soul*.

February 11 Dorothy Alexander, retired attorney, is a poet and publisher and editor of Village Books Press.

February 18 David Boren, president of the University of Oklahoma, former senator and governor, will discuss *A Letter to America*. Also Shirley Pritchett, longtime member of the Friends of the Metropolitan Library System, will discuss the upcoming Friends Book Sale.

February 25 Glenda Carlile, executive director of the Oklahoma Center for the Book, will discuss the Oklahoma Book Awards.

Guests and program schedules are subject to change without notice.

Capitol Hill Library continued.

Printed Bottles and Hearts

Feb 9 | 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 Valentine gift. The library will provide the bottles and hearts. Pre-register by calling the library, or sign up at the Reference Desk



Conversational Spanish

Feb 11, 18, 25 | Mon

5:30-7p

Adults

This course is intended to teach basic conversational skills that would help you survive, if you were visiting a Spanish speaking country. The class involves learning Spanish for common questions: (Who, What, When, and Where). The class will meet for 13 sessions, from Feb. 11 through May 5th. We will be studying from the text *Spanish for Gringos*, 2nd Ed. Please call the library to register for this course, or to find out more details about the class.



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Capitol Hill Advisory of

Teens

Feb 28 | Thur | 6-7p

Teens

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



Choctaw Library

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

HOURS

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

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2008 Winter Readfest

Feb. 1 - March 31

Ages 55 and Older

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Child Guidance Consultation

Feb 4 | Mon | 9:30a-3:30p

Ages birth-5 years with Parent/legal guardian

Free Child Guidance Consultation

Appointments for children ages birth up to 5 years. Each child must have a parent and/or legal guardian with them. Sessions include discussion about the normal range of early development and any parenting questions you may have in regard to your child. Consultations are by appointment only and take about an hour. Pre-registration is required. Please call Child Guidance Services with City-County Health Department at 425-4412 to pre-register.



Conversational Spanish

Feb 4,11,18,25 | Mon | 4-5p

Adults

Teens and adults are invited to participate in these conversational Spanish sessions. Beginning students have an opportunity to practice and improve their skills with a Native speaker instructor.



Conversational Spanish for Intermediate and Advanced

Feb 4,11,18,25 | Mon

5-6 p

Adults

Teens and adults are invited to participate in these conversational Spanish sessions. Intermediate and advanced students have an opportunity to practice and improve their skills with a native speaker instructor.



Lapsit Story Time

Feb 5,12,19,26 | Tue

9:30-10a

Ages 6 months-3 years

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



Preschool Story Time

Feb 5,12,19,26 | 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.



GED Classes

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

Tue & Thur | 1-3p

Ages 16 and Older

In this GED class, attendees will review math, English and social studies to prepare for the GED Test. Class and materials are free. Registration is ongoing. Questions? Please call Mid-Del Learning Center at 739-1783 or the Choctaw Library 390-8418.



Co-sponsor: Mid-Del Learning Center and Eastern Oklahoma County Technology Ctr.

Rhythmically Speaking Presents:

"A Hidden Soldier: I Just Need A JOB"

Feb 5 | Tue | 3:30-4:30p

All Ages

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Tai Chi With Chris Francis:

Beginners Group

Feb 6,13,20,27 | Wed | 5:30-6:15p

Adults

T'ai Chi Chuan 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. Tae Chi teaches awareness of balance 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. Co-sponsor: Choctaw Library Guild.

Tai Chi With Chris Francis:

Intermediate & Advanced Group

Feb 6,13,20,27 | Wed | 6:30-7:30p

Adults

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Family Place:

1-2-3 Play with Me

Feb 8,15,22,29 | Fri

10-11a

10 Months - 3 1/2 Years

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 children 10 months to 3 1/2 years of age and their parents/guardians. Please pre-register for this program at the Reference Desk or call 390-8418.

Family Place: Open Play

Feb 9 | Sat | 10-11a

6 Months-5 Years 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.



Teen Advisory Board

Feb 14 | 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. Come share your program ideas with other teens in the community.



Ethnic Genealogy

Feb 16 | Sat | 10-Noon

Adults

Kathy Huber, genealogy librarian for the Tulsa City-County Library, will lead this workshop. Ms Huber will provide tips and guidance on ethnic family research including African-American and Native American using many types of records that are available. Huber has attended many genealogy workshops and conferences and has participated in classes at the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research at Samford University and the National Institute on Genealogical Research at the National Archives in Washington, DC. Resource materials will be provided. Pre-registration required. Co-sponsor: Eastern Oklahoma County Technology Center and Tulsa City-County Genealogy Center.

INCOME TAX

Tax Help: AARP & VITA

For Adults. AARP trained volunteers will assist you in preparing your 2007 state and federal tax returns. No appointments taken. First come, first served.

Belle Isle Library—AARP, E-filing ONLY.
Saturdays, Feb 9,23, 9:30a-1p
Tuesdays, Feb 5,12,19,26, 9:30a-2p
Wednesdays, Feb 6,13,20,27, 9:30a-2p

Del City Library—AARP
Saturdays, Feb 2,9,16,23, 9-11a
Mondays, Feb 4,11,18,25, Noon-4p
Thursdays, Feb 7,14,21,28, Noon-4p

Edmond Library—AARP E-filing ONLY.
Wednesdays, Feb 6,13,20,27, 10a-4p
Thursdays, Feb 7,14,21,28, 10a-4p & 6-8:30p

Ralph Ellison Library—VITA Adults
Saturdays, Feb 2,9,16,23, 9a-5p
Trained volunteers will provide free basic tax help on 2007 returns. Bring a copy of last year's return, W-2 income forms, & information about deductions. A photo ID is required to file taxes.

Southern Oaks Library—AARP
Wednesdays, Feb 6,13,20,27, 9a-2:30p
Thursdays, Feb 7,14,21,28, 9a-2:30p

The Village Library—AARP
Saturdays, Feb 2,9,16,23, 10a-3p
Tuesdays, Feb 5,12,19,26, 10a-8p
Wednesdays, Feb 6,13,20,27, 10a-3p

Warr Acres Library—AARP
Mondays, Feb 4,11,18,25, 9a-2p
Thursdays, Feb 7,14,21,28, 9a-2p

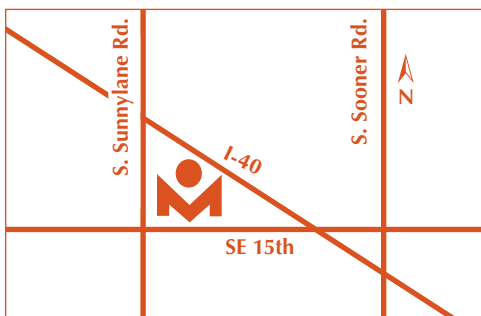
Del City Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: Closed



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AARP Tax Assistance

Feb 2,9,16,23 | Sat | 9-11a
Feb 4,11,18,25 | Mon | Noon-4p
Feb 7,14,21,28 | Thur | Noon-4p
Adults

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Basic Computer Training

Feb 5,12 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p
Feb 8,15 | Fri | 2-3p
All Ages

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



Child Guidance Consultation
Feb 11 | Mon | 1-4p
Ages Newborn-5 years

The Oklahoma City/County Health Department is doing free consultations for young children. Children must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Sessions include discussion about the normal range of early development. Parenting questions are encouraged. Appointments required. Call 425-4412.



Rhythmically Speaking Presents:
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Feb 12 | Tue
6:30-7:30p
All Ages

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Chocolate Festival

Feb 14 | Thur | 6:30-7:30p

Ages 6-12

Celebrate Valentine's Day at the Chocolate Festival. There will be stories, activities, and fun! Oh yes, chocolate too!

The African-American Family

Feb 19 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p

Adults

Devale Long from the University of Oklahoma's African American studies department will discuss the current state of the African American Family. Please call 672-1377 to pre-register.

Bears Story Time

Feb 20 | Wed | 10-10:20a

Ages 1-5

Big bears, brown bears, and more bears at Storytime. Come for wonderful stories and other fun bear activities!

What's Your Name

Story Time

Feb 26 | Tue | 6:30-7:15p

Ages 4-8

There are many great picture books about personal names. Come for some of those stories and other activities, too!



Preschool Story Time

Feb 1,8,15,22,29 | Fri

10-10:40a

Ages 3-6

Join us for stories, fingerplays, and an occasional game or craft.



Asian Film Fest

Feb 2 | Sat | 1-4p

All Ages

Enjoy an Asian Cultural Festival the first weekend of February at the Downtown Library. The first event is a free Asian film fest on Feb. 2 from 1-4pm. The three films that will be shown are *Buddha Mind Monastery*, *A New Year Ping Wei*, and *Kung Fu Hustle*. Event continues on Feb 3.



Lunar New Year

Celebration: 2008

Feb 3 | Sun | 1-5p

All Ages

To continue a weekend of Asian Culture, join the Downtown Library for the 2008 Pre-Lunar New Year's celebration Feb 3. Come watch and experience the local Asian cultures and talent from around the state. The event is free and will consist of Asian influenced artwork from Oklahoma artists, information booths and performances from Asian communities of Oklahoma. Information booths will be located on the 4th floor and open to the public from 1-5pm. Performances will take place in the 46th Star room from 2-3pm. See Dragon Dance performed by the Giac Quang Temple Youth Group, and the Lion Dance performed by the Chinese Society.



Wednesdays With Writers

Feb 6 | Wed | 11:30a-1:30p

Adults

A new lunch time opportunity is happening at the Downtown Library. On the first Wednesday of each month through April, everyone is invited to lunch with Oklahoma writers. Come to the Downtown Library, visit the 1st Edition Café and Espresso Bar to purchase lunch, then join the writers at their tables in the atrium to eat lunch together, visit, exchange writing experiences and get to know these talented Oklahoma writers and their books.

Wednesday Night at the Movies

Feb 6,13,20,27 | Wed | 6-8p

All Ages

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

Feb 6: *A Walk in the Clouds* (PG-13)

Feb 13: *Tristan + Isolde* (PG-13)

Feb 20: *Under the Tuscan Sun* (PG-13)

Feb 27: *Ever After* (PG)

PM Come Play With Me

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

10 Months-5 Years w/adult

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



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10:30-11:30a

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Year of Piano

Masterworks

Feb 10 | Sun | 2-3p

All Ages

Second Sundays at the Downtown Library will continue to bring Wayne McEvelly in concert with "A Year of Piano Masterworks. February's concert will present "The Romance of Chopin". Bring the whole family to enjoy an hour of extraordinary piano music in a relaxed and comfortable setting. Admission is free. Seating is limited and begins at 1:30 pm in the 46th Star Auditorium.



E-Mailing Basics

Feb 13 | Wed | 3-4p

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.



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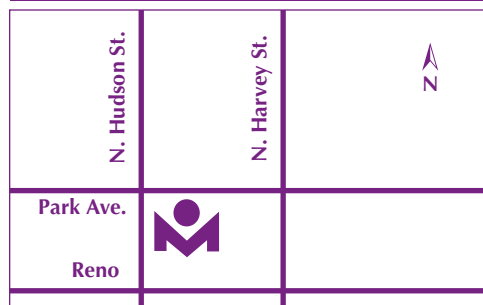
Downtown Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: 1-6



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Andes Manta Presents: Traditional Music From the Andean Highlands

Feb 17 | Sun | 2-3p
All Ages



You saw them in November 2006. Now they are passing this way again for one show only! Don't miss this exciting trip through the Andes with traditional music from the Andean Highlands presented by Andes Manta. Together, these brothers from the Ecuadorian Andes play 35 different traditional instruments.

Daytime Book Discussion for Elementary Age Children Practicing Alternative Education Methods

Feb 20 | Wed | 10-11a
Elementary Age (5-11)

Join us at the Downtown Library for a book discussion. Book topics change from month to month. For more information call the Downtown Library Children's Reference Desk at 606-3862.

Basic Internet Searching Instruction

Feb 21 | Thur | 10-11a
Adults



Learn to navigate the Internet using search engines and other online tools. Register at the Information Desk or call 606-3879.

Basic Instruction for Beginning Computer Users

Feb 27 | Wed | 5:30-7p
Adults



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

Child Guidance Consultations

Feb 28 | Thur | 9a-Noon
Birth-5 Years with parent



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

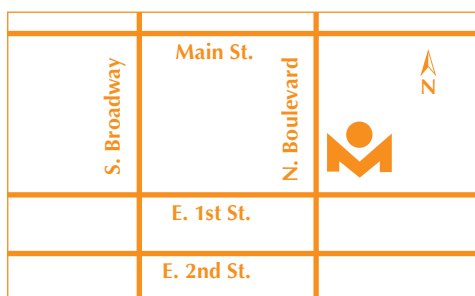
Edmond Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: 1-6



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Exhibit: Tea, Anyone? —Tea Sets and Pots

Feb 1-29, Library Hours

All Ages

A private collection of tea sets and tea pots acquired over a 35 year period.

Simple Living

Feb 2,16 | Sat | 10-11:30a
Adults

Simple Living Oklahoma is a space to exchange ideas on modern life. In this simplicity group, you will have the opportunity to explore issues of simplifying your life in relation to work, money, success, clutter, consumerism, and media in our world. The goal is to encourage people to find more peace and fulfillment in their lives by living more simply. Join us at the Edmond Library.

Stamp Club

Feb 2,16 | Sat | 10a-Noon
4th Grade and up

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

Farsi

Feb 3,10,17,24 | Sun
1:30-2:30p

Adults & Teens

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



Parachute Play

Feb 4 | Mon | 9:30-10a
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. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City-County Health Department.

Preschool Story Time

Feb 4,11,18,25 | Mon
10-10:30a

Ages 3-6

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



English as a Second Language

Feb 4,6,11,13,18,20,25,27
Mon & Wed | 1-4p

Adults



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

ESL/Citizenship

Feb 4,6,11,13,18,20,25,27
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.



Lapsit, Playtime, Story Time

Feb 5,12,19,26 | Tue
9:30-10:15a & 10:30-11:15a
Birth through age two



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

Chess Club for Kids

Feb 5,19 | Thur | 3:30-5p
Grades 2-7

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

GED

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

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

Adults

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



55+ Coffee Break

Feb 6,13,20,27 | Wed | 9:30-11a

Seniors

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

AARP Tax Assistance

Feb 6,13,20,27 | Wed | 10a-4p

Feb 7,14,21,28 | Thur | 10a-4p & 6-8:30p

Adults

Free Tax Help at the Library every Wed. & Thurs. 10:00-4:00 & Thurs. evening 6-8:30p. E-FILE ONLY. AARP Volunteers will assist you in preparing your 2007 state and federal tax returns. No appointments taken, first come, first served. Must be there by 3:00 p.m. for the 10a-4p tax help session.

Get Ready, Get Set, Go to School

Feb 6,13,20,27 | Wed

10a-Noon

Ages 4-5 w/parents

In this six-week program puppets Dina Dinosaur and Wally Problem Solver will teach 4 and 5 year-olds and their parents' skills to help the children succeed in school. Topics to be covered are school rules, doing your best in school, understanding feelings and how to deal with them, and friendship and helping skills. This program will include puppets, stories, art activities, and games. Class size is limited to 10 children and their parents. Call 425-4412 to register. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City/County Health Department.



Computer Instruction with Eddie

Feb 6,13,20,27 | 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.

Computer Instruction with Dave

Feb 6,13,20,27 | Wed

7-8p

Ages 18 & Older

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



Children Reading to Dogs

Feb 7,14,21,28 | Thur

6-7:30p

Children who can read

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



Music With Susan

Feb 8,22 | Fri | 9:30-10a

or 10:15-10:45a

Ages 2-3

Join with Susan in musical activities designed especially for this age group. Classes are held on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month. Registration for the 2nd Friday always begins on the 1st day of the month. Registration for the 4th Friday always begins on the 15th day of the month. Pre-register by calling 341-9282, ext. 4.



Music With Susan

Feb 8,22 | Fri

11-11:30a

Ages 4-6

Join with Susan in musical activities designed especially for this age group. Classes are held on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month. Registration for the 2nd Friday always begins on the 1st day of the month. Registration for the 4th Friday always begins on the 15th day of the month. Pre-register by calling 341-9282, ext. 4.



Story Time with Angela

Feb 9 | Sat

10:30-11:15a

Ages 4-7

Roses are red, and violets are blue. Angela



will be here with Valentine stories and crafts for you.

Reader's Choice Book Discussion

Feb 9 | Sat | 10:30a-Noon

Seniors

The Readers' Choice Book Discussion group meets once a month at the Edmond Library. Please call 341-9282 to register after January 12. (Limited to 15.)

Edmond Library Book Bunch

Discussion Group

Feb 9 | Sat | 2-3:30p

Seniors

The Edmond Book Bunch meets once a month. The title for this month's discussion is *The May Trees* by Annie Dillard. Although the group is currently full, please call 341-9282 to get on the waiting list after January 12. (Limited to 15.)

Autism Meeting

Feb 11 | Mon | 7-9p

Adults

This is a support group for parents of children with autism. There will be occasional special speakers. No registration is necessary.



55 Drive Alive

Feb 12 | Tue | 9:30a-4:30p

Seniors

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

Child Guidance Consultation

Feb 13 | Wed | 10:30a-4p

Ages Birth-5 years

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Parenting With Style

**Feb 19, 26 | Tue | 1:30-3p
Adults**



In this three session class you will discover your personality type and how it affects your parenting style. Understanding your parenting style will help you make the most of your strengths and help you to understand why others parent differently. You will complete a personality inventory to help you identify your personality type and receive the book *MotherStyles—Using Personality Type to Discover Your Parenting Strengths* by Janet Penley. A fee of \$15 will be charged to cover the cost of the book and personality inventory. Facilitated by Sarita Naegeli and Teresa Widick. Call 425 4412 to register. Co-sponsor: OCCHD.

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7-8p

All Ages



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Sustainable Edmond

Feb 19 | Tue | 7-9p

Adults

Sustainable Edmond is a group in which participants examine quality of living in Edmond. Topics for meetings include smart community planning, achieving the goal of affordable housing, and energy efficiency. Co-sponsor: Edmond Public Library.

TAB

Feb 21 | Thur | 4-5p

Teens



Would you like to work on programs for other teens, and serve your community as well? The Edmond Library Teen Advisory Board has sponsored several programs in the past, including a game night, a mystery night, and other fun programs. Planning sessions are held once a month, or as needed. Volunteer credit is available. If interested call 341-9282, ask for Ronna.

Manga-Anime Club

Feb 26 | Thur | 4-5p

Teens



The Edmond Anime/Manga club draws manga, discusses manga, and learns more about manga and anime. If you have any questions, please call 341-9282.

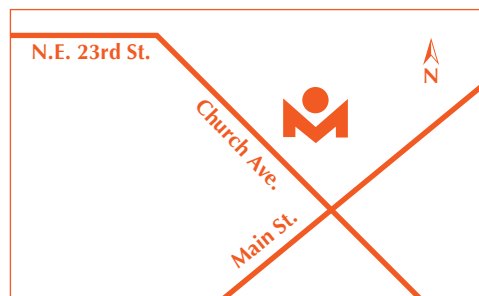
Harrah Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: Closed



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Jones Library

111 E. Main St., Jones
(405) 399-5471

HOURS

Tue & Thur: 9:30-5:30 Sat: 1-5
Mon Wed Fri & Sun: Closed



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Ages 55 and Older

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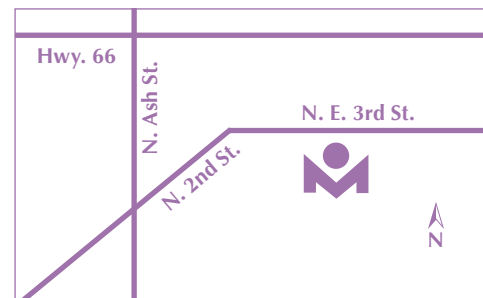
and ends 3-31-08. Please call 405-606-3835 for information. Co-sponsor: Friends of the Library.

Luther Library

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

HOURS

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



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Feb. 1 - March 31

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Rhythmically Speaking Presents:

"A Hidden Soldier: I Just

Need A JOB"

Feb 6 | Wed

3:15-4:15p

All Ages



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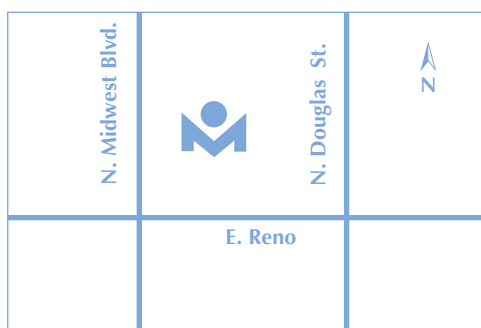


Midwest City Library

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

HOURS

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



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Feb. 1 - March 31

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Exhibit: Antonio's Unique Metal Art

Feb 1-29, Library Hours

All Ages

The metal art of Antonio Grigsby, Oklahoma City, will be featured at the Midwest City Library during the month of February. Grigsby's designs are driven by pure imagination. Working with 90, 60, and 45 degree angles, he creates unexpected and unusual three dimensional sculptures which explore the possibilities of working with metal. The exhibit is free and open to the public during all library hours.

Exhibit: Contemporary African-American

Art Quilts, The Work of Lola Jenkins

Feb 1-29, Library Hours

All Ages

As part of our celebration of Black History Month, the work of African-American fiber artist Lola Jenkins will be on display at the Midwest City Library Gallery throughout the month of February. Ms. Jenkins' award-winning art quilts feature contemporary portrait collages. At the Centennial State Fair in September, her quilts won Best of Show, five First Place awards, two Second Place awards, and one Third place ribbon. The exhibit is free and open to the public during all Library hours.

55 Alive Defensive Driver Safety Course

Feb 2 | Sat | 9a-2p

Ages 16 and Older

AARP presents safe driving tips to help prevent and reduce the tragedy of injury and death for drivers on today's roads. Attendees are eligible by Oklahoma Law to get an insurance discount for 3 years. The course is centered on senior drivers. However, anyone 16 and older may take the class. There is a \$10 materials fee payable on the day of the class. Make checks out to AARP.

Co-sponsor: AARP

Community Quilting class with

Soldier Creek Quilting Group

Feb 4,11, 18,25 | Mon | 9:15a-1:30p

Adults

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

Family Place:

1-2-3 Play with Me

Feb 4,11,18,25 | Mon

10-11a and 11a-Noon

10 Months - 3 1/2 Years

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 you parenting questions. This program is intended for children 10 months to 3 1/2 years of age and their parents/guardians. Pre-register for this program at the Reference Desk..



Scrapbooking Crop

Feb 4 | Mon | 6:30-8:30p

All Ages

What is a Crop? The name comes from the activity of trimming or cropping photos. Scrapbooking Crops are designed to allow you to meet new friends in a group setting while working on your scrapbooks. Some people attend crops merely for the socialization, while others go to complete as many scrapbook pages as possible. No matter what your intent is, you will surely benefit from a fun gathering with like-minded scrapbookers! Register at the Information Desk or call 732-4828.

Mardi Gras Masks

Feb 5 | Tue | 4-5p

Ages 10-16

Celebrate Mardi Gras by making your own Mardi Gras Mask. Due to limited supplies registration is required. To register please call 732-4828.



Teens

Teens Helping Other Teens

Feb 5,19 | Tue | 5-6p

Ages 12-18

Join the Youth Council of Midwest City. T.H.O.T. is where teens can have fun and help their community. For more information contact Sam Richards at 737-4828.



Teens

Mid-Del Toastmasters

Feb 5,12,19,26 | Tue | 6-8p

Adults

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

Feb 6 | 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 pre-register. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City-County Heath Department.



Scottish Gaelic Language

Learner's Group

Feb 6,20 | 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.



Teen Anime/Manga Club

Feb 7 | Thur | 4-5p

Ages 13-18

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



Teens

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Book Bug Club

Feb 7 | Thur | 4:30-5:30p

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 *Be My Valentine* by Rosemary Wells. You can pick up a copy of the book at the Information Desk. Pre-registration is required by calling 732-4828 or visit the Information Desk to sign up.

Adventure Book Club

Feb 7 | Thur | 5-6p

Ages 9-13

Join us for fun and adventure while we read the "Series of Unfortunate Events" books. Copies can be picked up on registration. Register at the Midwest City Information Desk or by calling 732-4828.

Interpreting Dreams for Self-Discovery

Feb 7 | Thur | 6-7p

Adults

Dreams are a communication from our inner subconscious mind to our outer conscious mind. Dreams are always present, honest, truthful feedback. Dreams are symbolic rather than literal. The Interpreting Dreams for Self-Discovery lecture will include information on basic dream symbols, some different ways to apply dreams to life & exploring experiential and interactive elements. The instructor will provide handouts & a question and answer session. Call 631-4468 to register for this free workshop. Co-sponsor: School of Metaphysics.

Hunter Education Safety Course

Feb 9 | Sat | 9a-2:30p

Ages 10 & Older

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

Open Mic Poetry Reading

Feb 11 | Mon | 7-8p

Ages 14 and Older

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

Young Writers Club

Feb 12 | Tue | 4:30-5:30p

Ages 8-12

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

Chess Club

Feb 12 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p

All Ages

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

Yarn Club

Feb 13 | Wed | 4-6p

All Ages

Attention crochet and knitting enthusiasts! Bring your favorite pattern, or browse the library's selection. Crochet hooks, knitting needles, and scrap yarn will be available. Register at the Information Desk, or call 732-4828.

Yu-Gi-Oh Tournament

Feb 14 | Thur | 4-5p

Ages 10-16

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

Talk It Up Book Club

Feb 14 | Thur | 4:30-5:30p

Grades 4-6

Join us in the Talk It Up Book Club! We will have a snack, play a game and make a craft! We will be discussing *Who Cloned the President?* by Ron Roy. Pick up a copy of the book at the Information Desk. Call 732-4828 or visit the Information Desk to pre-register.

Keeping Your Brain Active

Feb 18 | Mon | 6-7p

Adults/Seniors

Come find out ways to develop your brain power! Every time you learn something new, you build new brain cells. This program will give lots of suggestions and tips to stimulate your thinking. Co-sponsor: Autumn Bridge Hospice.

Midwest City Readers' Society

Feb 19 | 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.

Teen Reads!

Feb 19 | Tue | 4-5p

Ages 10-16

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



Teens

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arts & entertainment

Sudoku Society

Feb 21 | Thur | 4-5p

Ages 10-16

Do you like Sudoku? Try your hand at our games. Register by calling 732-4828.



Teens

Philosopher's Café

Feb 21 | Thur | 4:30-5:30p

Grades 3-6

How do you know you're here? Can a question be an answer? Think you don't have a clue? Well, think again. Join us for snacks, stories, songs, poems, answers and more questions. Pre-registration is required. Call 732-4828 or visit the library Information Desk to sign up.

Child Guidance Consultation

Appointments

Feb 25 | Mon | 9a-4:30p

Ages Birth-5 years

Child Guidance Consultation appointments in the library are provided by Child Guidance Services, Oklahoma City-County Health Department, free of charge. Each child must have a parent or legal guardian with them. Sessions include discussion about the normal range of early development and any parenting questions you may have in regard to your child. Consultation by appointment only and take approximately 1 hour. Parents, sign up early as appointment slots fill up fast! Call Child Guidance at 425-4412.



children & FAMILIES

Terrific Threes

Feb 25 | Mon | 5-6p

Adults

Come join in as we discuss characteristics of the three year old child. We will explore the areas of language, physical, social, and emotional development. Bring your questions with you. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City-County Health Department.

Big Brain Academy

Feb 25 | Mon | 6-7p

Adults/Seniors

Learning new things and making new connections can keep our brains young and healthy, and it can be fun, too! In this program, we'll be playing Big Brain Academy on the Nintendo Wii, and learning that video games aren't just for kids anymore! Sign ups are limited, so call 732-4828 or visit the Information Desk to register.

Whose Line? Improv Night!

Feb 26 | Tue | 5-6p

Ages 13-18

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

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



Nicoma Park Library

2240 Overholser, Nicoma Park
(405) 769-9452

HOURS

Tue-Thur: 9:30-5:30 M & Sun: Closed
Fri & Sat: 10-3



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Feb. 1 - March 31

Ages 55 and Older

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Ralph Ellison Library

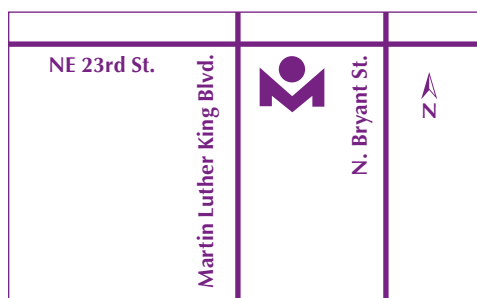
2000 N.E. 23rd, OKC
(405) 424-1437

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5

Sun: Closed



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Art Contest

Feb 1-Feb 28, During Library Hours

All Ages

Enter the library's art contest (Feb 1-28) for a chance to win one of three awesome prizes. Prizes will be awarded to the top entry in each of the following areas: children (up to 11), teens (12-18) and adults (19 and older). Entries will be displayed in the library. Questions? Contact Kim at (405) 424-1437.

VITA Income Tax Assistance

Feb 2,9,16,23 | Sat | 9a-5p

Adults

Trained volunteers will provide free basic tax help on 2007 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

Feb 2 | 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!

Rhythmically Speaking Presents:

"A Hidden Soldier: I Just Need A JOB"

Feb 4 | Mon

5:30-6:30p

All Ages

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Let's Talk Toastmasters

Feb 6,13,20,27 | 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.

Preschool Story Time

Feb 12,26 | Tue

10-10:40a

Ages 1-5

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



Art Workshop with Danny Gordon

Feb 13 | Wed | 10-11

All Ages

Come to the library and let professional artist Danny Gordon show you how to create dazzling works of art. Pre-registration is required.

Jazz Concert With

Phillip Mitchell

Feb 16 | Sat | 2-4p

All Ages

Come to the library and enjoy a free jazz concert with Phillip Mitchell and crew. Pre-registration is required.



African American Read-In

Feb 19 | Tue | 9:30a-Noon

K-6

Come and celebrate African-American literacy at the library during Black History Month with our annual Read-In. There will be storytellers, free book giveaways and library card sign-ups. Pre-registration is required. Questions? Call 405.424.1437.

Ralph Ellison Library continued.

Genealogy Workshop

Feb 20 | Wed | 6-7p

Adults

Come to the library and let Debra show you how to trace your family heritage. Space is limited. Register by calling Kim at 405.424.1437.

AARP Monthly Meeting

Feb 21 | Thur | 10-11:30a

Adults 50+

Discussion of issues affecting Seniors 50 years and older.

Storytelling with Al Bostick

Feb 28 | Thur

10-11a

Children

Come to the library and enjoy an afternoon with renowned storyteller Al Bostick. Pre-registration is required.



Acting Workshop with

Al Bostick

Feb 28 | Thur | 5-6p

Teens

Show your dramatic side! Come to the library and let Al Bostick show you how to succeed in acting. Pre-registration is required.



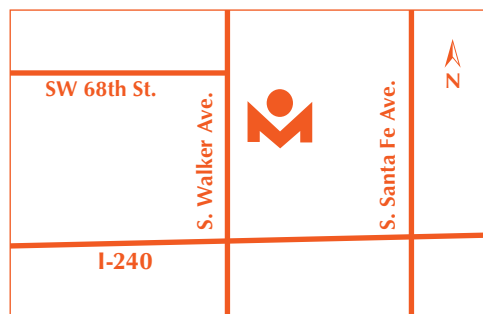
Southern Oaks Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: 1-6



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Ages 55 and Older

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Child Guidance Consultation

Appointments

Feb 1 | Fri | 9a-4p

Ages Birth-5 years

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Financial Aid Workshop

Feb 2 | Sat | 11a-12:30p

Teens and Adults

Are you thinking about how to get money for college? Money is available for qualified applicants via college grants! Learn about student loans! Get professional advice FREE! Call 631-4468 for more information. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City Community College.

Preschool Story Time

Feb 4,18,25 | Mon

10:30-11:15a

Ages 2-6 with Adult

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



GED

Feb 4,6,11,13,18,20,25,27

Mon & Wed | 3:30-6p

Adults

Review math, social studies, English skills and reading comprehension. Register with the instructor the first day you attend class. Materials are free. Co-sponsor: Mid-Del Adult Learning Center.



AARP Tax Help

Feb 6,13,20,27 | Wed | 9a-2:30p

Feb 7,14,21,28 | Thur | 9a-2:30p

Adults

Volunteers will assist you in preparing your 2007 state and federal tax returns. First come are first served. Co-sponsor: AARP.

Rhythmically Speaking Presents:

"A Hidden Soldier: I Just Need A JOB"

Feb 8 | Fri | 2-3p

All Ages

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making her the only female Buffalo soldier to serve in the US Army. Co-sponsor: Friends of the Metropolitan Library System and the Oklahoma Arts Council.

Video Game-a-thon

Feb 9 | Sat | Noon-4p

Teens

Do you dream in 3D graphics? Do your fingers twitch every time you see a joystick? You may have a condition referred to as Consolitus: the desperate need to "virtualize" reality. We have the cure: Four hours of DDR, Super Smash Brothers Melee, Mario Kart, and more. Join us anytime between 12:00-4:00pm. Real snacks will be provided.



Music With Susan

Feb 11 | Mon | 10:30-11:10a

Children ages 2-6 with

Parent/Caregiver

Celebrate Valentine's Day with this special music program. Join us for musical fun and activities selected just for this age group. Call 631-4468 to pre-register or visit the Information Desk.



Southern Oaks Book Club

Feb 12 | Tue | 11:30a-12:30p

Adults

If you enjoy reading and discussing books, come to the 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.

Fun To Be Four

Feb 15 | Fri | 2:30-3:30p

For 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. Call Child Guidance at 425-4412 to pre-register. Co-sponsor: Child Guidance.



Parenting With Style

Feb 19, 26, Mar 4 | Tue

9:30-11a

For Parents/Caregivers of Young Children

In this three session class you will discover your personality type. Understanding your parenting style will help you make the most of your strengths and help you to understand why others parent differently. Complete a personality inventory to find your personality type and receive the book, "MotherStyles—Using Personality Type to Discover Your Parenting Strengths," by Janet Penley. A \$15 is charged to cover the book and inventory. Call Child Guidance at 425-4412 to pre-register.



SO Write: Creative Writing Club for Kids
Feb 21 | Thur | 4:30-5:30p
For Kids Ages 9-12

Come share your writing with us! Kids will do some mad libs, some writing games or exercises, and share something they've written. We'll also have a snack. Pre-register by calling 631-4468 or by visiting the Information Desk.

Parachute Play
Feb 22 | Fri | 10:30-11a
Ages 3-6 with Parents



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

Book Adventure: Kid's Book Club
Feb 28 | Thur | 4:30-5:30p
Kids in grades 1-3

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

The Village Library

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

HOURS

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

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"To Be Announced..."

The Village Library's Improv Group

Feb 1,15 | Fri | 5-6p
Teens



Come participate in hilarious games with

the teen comedy improv group, "To Be Announced..." at the Village Library. No experience necessary! Sign-up at the Information Desk.

AARP Tax Assistance

Feb 2,9,16,23 | Sat | 10a-3p
Feb 5,19,26 | Tue | 10a-8p
Feb 6,13,20,27 | Wed | 10a-3p
Adults

AARP trained volunteers will assist you in preparing your 2007 state and federal tax returns. No appointments taken. First come, first served.

Tai Chi with Mickey Sherman
Feb 4,11,18,25 | Mon | 9-10a
Adults

Join Tai Chi instructor Mickey Sherman for these free, fun and informative sessions. For 16 weeks we will meet at 9 am. New participants can check in with the instructor. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

English as a Second Language
Feb 4,6,11,13,18,20,25,27
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. Register at 739-1783. Co-sponsor: Mid-Del Learning Ctr.

Music With Susan
Feb 7,14,21,28 | Thur
10-10:30a



Ages 2-5 years

Fun and gentle yoga for little ones and their parent(s).

Attic Light Book Club
Feb 7 | Thur | 4-5p

Ages 8-10

Come to The Village Library to join in a book discussion group. Pre-register at the Information Desk or by calling 755-0710.

Booktime

Feb 7,14 | Thur | 4:30-4:45p
All Ages

Come and join us in reading a few books aloud. Short, sweet, and highly entertaining.

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Anime Club
Feb 14 | Thur | 4-5p
Ages 13-18



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, pick up some freebies, and be prepared for some fun discussion. Snacks will be provided. Anime may contain material that is considered unsuitable for ages 13 and younger. Please pre-register at the Information Desk.

Spanish Language Class
Feb 14,21,28
Thur | 6:30-8:30p
Adults



Join instructor Claudia Marin for a fun, free class to learn the basics of Spanish. Students will meet for 16 sessions on Thursday nights from Feb 14-May 29. Please call 755-0710 to sign up, as space is limited. Sponsored by the Village Friends of the Library.

Book Discussion Group
Feb 18 | Mon | 3-4p
Adults

We always have a lot to say at the Village book discussion group! Join us every third 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.

Metropolitan Library Commission of Oklahoma County
Feb 21 | Thur | 3:30-5p



The Village Library
 10307 N. Pennsylvania Ave
 The Village, OK 73120
 405.755.0710

The public is welcome to attend.

Computer Basics for Adults
Feb 21 | Thur | 6:30-8p
Adults



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

The Village Library continued.

Temper, Temper! Handling Children's Tantrums

Feb 28 | Thur | 5-6p
Adults

Learn what fuels a tantrum, how to prevent outbursts, and strategies for helping your child develop self control.



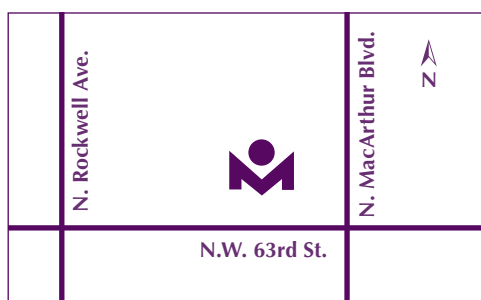
Warr Acres Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: Closed



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Feb 7,14,21,28 | Thur | 9a-2p

Adults

AARP Volunteers will assist you in preparing your 2007 state and federal tax returns 9 a.m.-2 p.m. every Monday and Thursday until Monday April 14. (No appointments; first come are first served.)

English as a Second Language

Feb 4,6,11,13,18,20,25,27

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

Adults

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



Story Time for Preschoolers

Feb 5,19 | Tue

10:30-11:15a

Ages 2 1/2 to 5 years

Children will enjoy stories and other fun



activities with Miss Alma and her puppets. Please pre-register at 721-2616.

Caldecott Art Club for Children

Feb 9 | Sat | 10:30-11:30a

5 years and older

Children and their families will make decorative art and borders for their artwork and Valentines. Caldecott Medal winner Trina Schart Hyman's books will be the inspiration for our creative fun. Call to pre-register.

Book Club

Feb 11 | Mon | 11a-Noon

Adults

The Warr Acres Library Book Club meets each month. We will discuss *Mount Vernon Love Story* by Mary Higgins Clark.

Play Time for Babies and Tots

Feb 13,20,27 | Wed

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

Ages 8-30 months

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



Wow Art

Feb 14 | Thur | 7-8p

Teens

Wow your sweetheart with art! We'll be creating projects with the help of local artist Kiona Wootton-Millirons. Call 721-2616 to pre-register.



Coffee Break

Feb 18 | Mon | 9:30-10:30a

Adults

Join us on the 3rd Monday of each month for coffee and conversation in a relaxed, informal setting. Light refreshments will be served.

Toilet Triumph

Feb 19 | Tue | 2:30-4p

Adults

Toileting doesn't have to be a challenge. Come and learn ways to make this developmental stage more fun and rewarding for the whole family. Call Child Guidance at 425-4412 to sign up. No daycare is provided.



Children Reading to Dogs

Feb 21 | Thur

6:30-7:30p

Age 5 & 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 at 721-2616.



Child Guidance Consultations

Feb 22 | Fri | 9a-4p

Ages Birth-5 years

Appointments are provided by Child Guidance Services, Oklahoma City-County Health Department, free of charge. All children **MUST** be accompanied by parent or legal guardian and have a scheduled appointment. Each appointment is approximately 1 hour with discussion about the normal range of early development and any parenting questions you may have in regard to your child. Schedule an appointment at 425-4412.



Rhythmically Speaking Presents:

"A Hidden Soldier: I Just Need A JOB"

Feb 23 | Sat | 2-3p

All Ages

Rhythmically Speaking presents the story of Cathay Williams. When "Cathay" Williams disguised herself, and reversed her name to join the Army as William "Cathey" she was not trying to make history, she just needed a J*O*B. From 1866 to 1868 Cathay Williams was a soldier in the 38th Infantry, Company A, making her the one and only documented female Buffalo soldier to serve in the United States Army.



Genealogy for Beginners

Feb 26 | Tue | 7-8:30p

Adults

This class is designed for the beginning genealogist. We will discuss getting started with an emphasis on using the library databases.

Wright Library

2101 Exchange, OKC
(405) 235-5035

HOURS

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



2008 Winter Readfest

Feb. 1 - March 31

Ages 55 and Older

Reading program for age 55 plus adults. Gifts and prize drawings. Ends 3-31-08. Call 405-606-3835 for information. Co-sponsor: Friends of the Library.

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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.

Powell, Takesha D. *The African-American Writer's Guide to Successful Self-publishing: Marketing, Distribution, Publicity, the Internet — Crafting and Selling Your Book*.
070.593/P886a

It seems at times that anyone who can hold a pencil wants to write a book. It can't be for the money — most writers have to hold a day job or two to support their writing habit — so it must be for the satisfaction of saying what the author feels needs to be said. If that's how you think of writing and publishing, take a look at this book and get some good advice.

Hardy, Sheila Jackson. *Extraordinary People of the Civil Rights Movement*, by Sheila Hardy and P.S. Hardy.
J323.0922/H271e

This book was written for children, but at nearly 300 pages it serves as a fine introduction for anyone to the lives and work of a collection of courageous men and women. "Courage" is a word that gets bandied around a lot and therefore has lost some of its meaning, but these folks risked their lives, literally in some cases. Hats off.



We're here to serve you.

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

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

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