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New info

Now that you've settled comfortably into 2009, you can start looking forward to library programs and events again. We're gearing up in February with an event we're really proud of--a dramatic presentation for children and families based on the Oklahoma Book Award winning tale by Tim Tingle, *Crossing Bok Chitto*. Our friends with Rhythmically Speaking have turned the book into a play called *The Under Water Bridge*, and MLS is bringing it to you 11 times this month.

You'll want to take a look at our monthly calendar to find out when and where the production is playing near you. Take a few minutes to browse the calendar and we know you'll discover other events you'll want to add to your February Must Do list as well.

It may still be cold outside, but you can always enjoy the warmth of your favorite MLS library. Come on in. Our weather's always fine.



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The cast of Rhythmically Speaking's production of *The Under Water Bridge*.



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DIVORCE, Oklahoma Style

by Larry Johnson

February's the time of year when we often give our attention and, thanks to the determined marketing efforts of Hallmark and Hershey's, our wallets, to all things love and romance. Romance may be in the air this month but for some reason Oklahoma has one of the nation's highest divorce rates. Sociologists and the clergy will give you a dozen reasons why Cupid's arrows have so many poison tips, but I think there may be a little history involved as well.

As it happens, Oklahoma was once the divorce Mecca of the United States. Despite Oklahoma's much-celebrated rapid development after land was opened to white settlers, the first decade was marked by economic and ecological difficulty. Territorial lawmakers in a desperate search for revenue streams took advantage of their murky legislative license to write Oklahoma's divorce laws in such a way as to encourage the unhappily wedded from stricter climes to come here for a quickie divorce.



Applicants for separation were faced with only scant requirements. A divorce-seeker had to maintain a residence in the territory for only 90 days, provide the obligatory grounds, and appear in court. There was no requirement that the other party even be notified nor receive his or her share of property. Typically, the applicant arrived in Oklahoma City, Guthrie or Perry and then traveled to a remote county far from a telegraph line or a railroad (to reduce the chances of the story being picked up by pesky journalists) to file for divorce. After waiting in the city of choice for three months a hefty fee was paid and the divorce granted. There was money to be made for everyone: lawyers, hoteliers, merchants, and the courts.

Ads for legal services were placed in several major newspapers and barkers rode the rails bird-dogging divorce-seekers for lawyers in Oklahoma's cities. Not that it was necessary. Oklahoma was well-known for its lax laws and national newspapers were filled with humorous stories of east coast financiers, socialites, and members of royal families trying to amuse themselves in

Oklahoma City while waiting out the 90 day term. The most amusing came after the Supreme Court declared the laws too lax in 1893 and all divorces granted previously were void. That made thousands of folks across America guilty of bigamy. But for the most part these men of means in matrimonial limbo were excellent guests and provided much needed infusions of cash and culture to our young town. Here's a look at some of the hotspots of the era: the Lee Hotel and Delmar Garden.



Larry "Buddy" Johnson has been with MLS since 1998. Not only a librarian at the Downtown Library, he is the brilliant mind behind the Oklahoma Images database which is a collection of pictures and essays that illustrate the history of central Oklahoma.

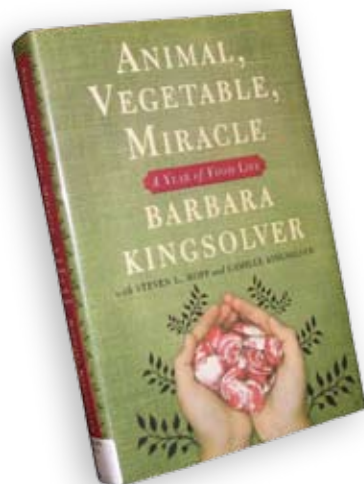




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ON THE SHELF



Animal, Vegetable, Miracle: A Year of Food Life

by Barbara Kingsolver

Reviewed by Terrie Thomas

What would it be like raising all your own food or limiting what you eat to what you can buy within 100 miles? Could you do this for an entire year? What would you plant and how much? Could you harvest your own chicken? Would you starve or die of food boredom in the winter?

Kingsolver's family took on this challenge and lived to tell about it in this charming and informative book. A blend of personal journal and cookbook combined with in-depth essays, this excellent read covers the true costs of the

food we eat and its impact on our health and environment. It will make you more aware of what you eat, and may even make you want to plant a garden or eat a farm fresh egg from a farmer you know by name.

This title is also available as an audio book.

Terrie Thomas is a reference librarian at Belle Isle. She has a passion for journaling and being outdoors, plus enjoys volunteering at Skyline Urban Ministry. Her cats like it when she reads and knits.

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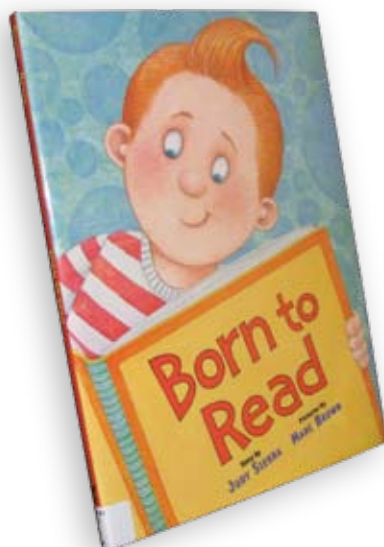
ON THE SHELF

Born to Read

Story by Judy Sierra

Pictures by Marc Brown

Reviewed by Kelley Riha



Finally, here's a picture book that's actually written to be read aloud. *Born to Read* is written by puppeteer/ storyteller turned children's librarian, Judy Sierra. I first met her (writing style) through *Wild About Books* in which librarian Molly McGrew takes a bookmobile into the zoo-- you get the gist. Sierra's *Wild About Books* is dedicated to Dr. Seuss and mimics his rhyme and wacky reason. Kids of all ages love that stuff.

Working at the library, my perception of reading to and with children underwent a change. In the old days, we parents focused our children on the alphabet about the time they started kindergarten. If the children knew the letters and sounds, we felt our job was done and the teachers would do the rest. Studies of brain development reveal children's brains develop to 90% of the adult size by 4 years old. With the knowledge of early brain development, it is

imperative parents read to and with their children from the day they are born.

Born to Read is a keeper with text like: "Readers win and winners read" and "readers can do anything." The pages are large and colorfully detailed by Marc Brown's illustrations. There are even a couple of life lessons tucked into the story. This "read aloud" is a good one, worth its weight in gold. You can tell a good read aloud because it is entertaining to family audiences as well as a classroom of kids. A good read aloud can calm the savage beast in any wild child.

Kelley Riha is Community Information Coordinator in the MLS Outreach Dept. She is a long-time performer for children and can be seen regularly on the MLS television program Read About It, where her specialty is discussing books written for the youngest readers.



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ON THE SHELF

Elissa's Quest

by Erica Verrillo

Reviewed by Kim Ventrella



Thirteen-year-old Elissa struggles to find her place in the close-knit community of High Crossing. With no connection to her parents and no friends, Elissa finds solace in nature and ability to talk to animals. Her life changes forever when her father arrives in town and takes her away from her healer grandmother on an expedition to visit the Khan. She is troubled by her father's cold demeanor, but she holds out hope that he will come to love her with time. These hopes are dashed as she learns that her father plans to trade her to the Khan in exchange for soldiers. Consumed with anger and grief, she agrees to live with the Khan, and her father gets his wish. In the Khan's Citadel, she is horrified to learn that the Khan plans to

marry her as soon as she comes of age. Elissa escapes his notice for a time, but in the end she must call upon her Gift of talking to animals to overcome the evil ruler.

Steeped in myth, this adventure/fantasy will appeal to reluctant or beginning readers, though established readers will find more depth in Laini Taylor's *Faeries of Dreamdark: Blackbringer*, another fantasy about a courageous heroine who can talk to animals and finds herself in the middle of a larger mythological tale.

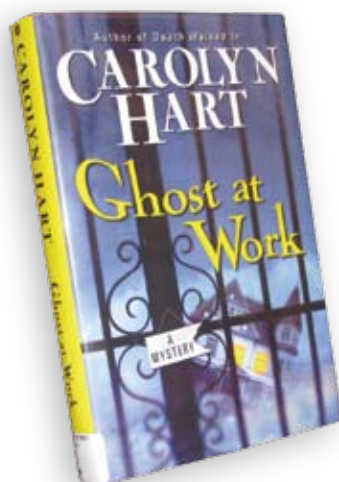
Kim Ventrella is a young adult librarian at Ralph Ellison Library. She writes young adult book reviews for the Oklahoman and one day hopes to publish a novel of her own.

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ON THE SHELF

Ghost at Work

by Carolyn Hart

Reviewed by Phyllis Davidson



Bailey Ruth Raeburn was happily enjoying her eternal life in heaven until she decided to join the Department of Good Intentions. She wanted to go back to earth and help someone in big trouble. In spite of Bailey's impulsive nature, station agent Wiggins put her on The Rescue Express and assigned her to help someone in her own hometown of Adelaide, Oklahoma.

She arrived just in time to find Kathleen Abbott staring in consternation at a dead man lying on the back porch of the rectory. The lack of blood from the bullet hole in his head made it obvious that the body had been deliberately placed there. Bailey Ruth immediately went into action and helped Kathleen transport the body by wheelbarrow to the nearby cemetery. Then she began an investigation to determine who was trying to pin the murder on Kathleen or her husband, the rector.

Bailey is able to disappear and fly around at will, so hiding the murder weapon in the chimney is easy. She can also change her clothing with only a thought, invisibly sit in on private conversations, and reappear to question suspects. She violates so many of "The Department's" rules that she despairs of passing her probation and ever getting a chance to rescue another person. It's worth it, though, when Bailey discovers that Kathleen is her sister's granddaughter. Fortunately for those who enjoy unique mysteries, all her transgressions are forgiven and she will be back.

This title also available as an OverDrive WMA Audiobook.

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.



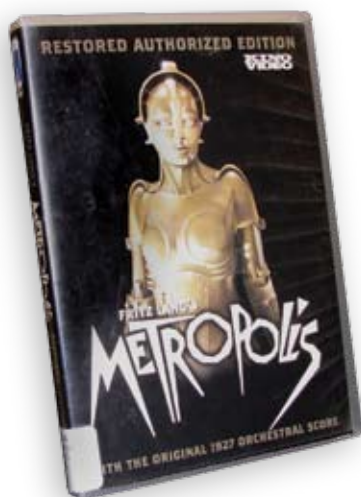
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ON THE SHELF

Metropolis

Reviewed by Doug Bentin



It's not just modern movies that are wildly expensive and threaten to bankrupt the studios that produce them. In 1927, director Fritz Lang created a wonder to behold for Germany's UFA studio, a science fiction epic that today, with expenses adjusted to modern funds, would cost around 200 million dollars to make.

The film was *Metropolis*, and it is still the yardstick that measures all grand special effects movies. It's a tale of the future, when workers toil away with soul-degrading jobs to support the extravagant lifestyle of the rich. A son of wealth stumbles upon the underground areas where the work is done and, inspired by a rabble rousing working girl, the sparkling Brigitte Helm, he leads a revolution.

You'll run out of fingers counting the SF film conventions that originated in this movie. It's silent, and it's in black and white, but the production design is awesome and the special effects still look great. The largest of the crowd scenes required 37,000 extras—and they were real people and not computer generated phonies.

Every fan of cinematic science fiction needs to at least sample the glories of *Metropolis* just as every reader of the genre should try H.G. Wells. This is silent filmmaking at its loftiest.

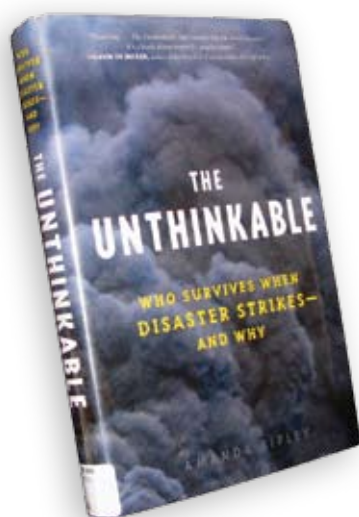
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ON THE SHELF

The Unthinkable: Who Survives When Disaster Strikes – And Why by Amanda Ripley

Reviewed by Jana Hausburg



When I think of the terrible events of September 11th, 2001, it is the people trapped on the top floors of the World Trade Center that haunt me. The same questions torment me: How would I have reacted? At what point would I have known that there was no way out? Would I have looked for an escape until the very end, or simply shut down and given up?

When Ripley's book came across my desk to be cataloged, I was immediately intrigued. In it, she explores the split-second choices we make when faced with disaster, starting with the 1917 explosion of the Mont Blanc munitions ship and ending with September 11th. Talking with brain scientists, trauma psychologists, and other experts, Ripley breaks down the human response to the catastrophic into three key components: denial, deliberation, and the decisive moment.

Her research uncovered some startling overlaps. "People in shipwrecks, plane crashes and floodwaters all seemed to undergo a mysterious metamorphosis. They performed better than they ever would have expected in some ways and much worse in others."

Why do nine out of ten Americans live in places prone to earthquakes, hurricanes, and tornadoes? Do people really panic in an emergency? Is it better to play dead or to take action? Those curious about the way the brain has evolved to deal with disasters will find *The Unthinkable* full of information that just might come in handy the next time the unimaginable strikes.

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.

Lifetime Reader's Society

Winter ReadFest 2009

February 1st - March 31st

If you are lucky enough to be 55 years or older, go to your favorite MLS library and join this fun reading program. Receive a free special book bag at sign-up, read books and earn prizes. Don't delay! Co-sponsor: Friends of the Library, OKC Thunder Basketball Team.




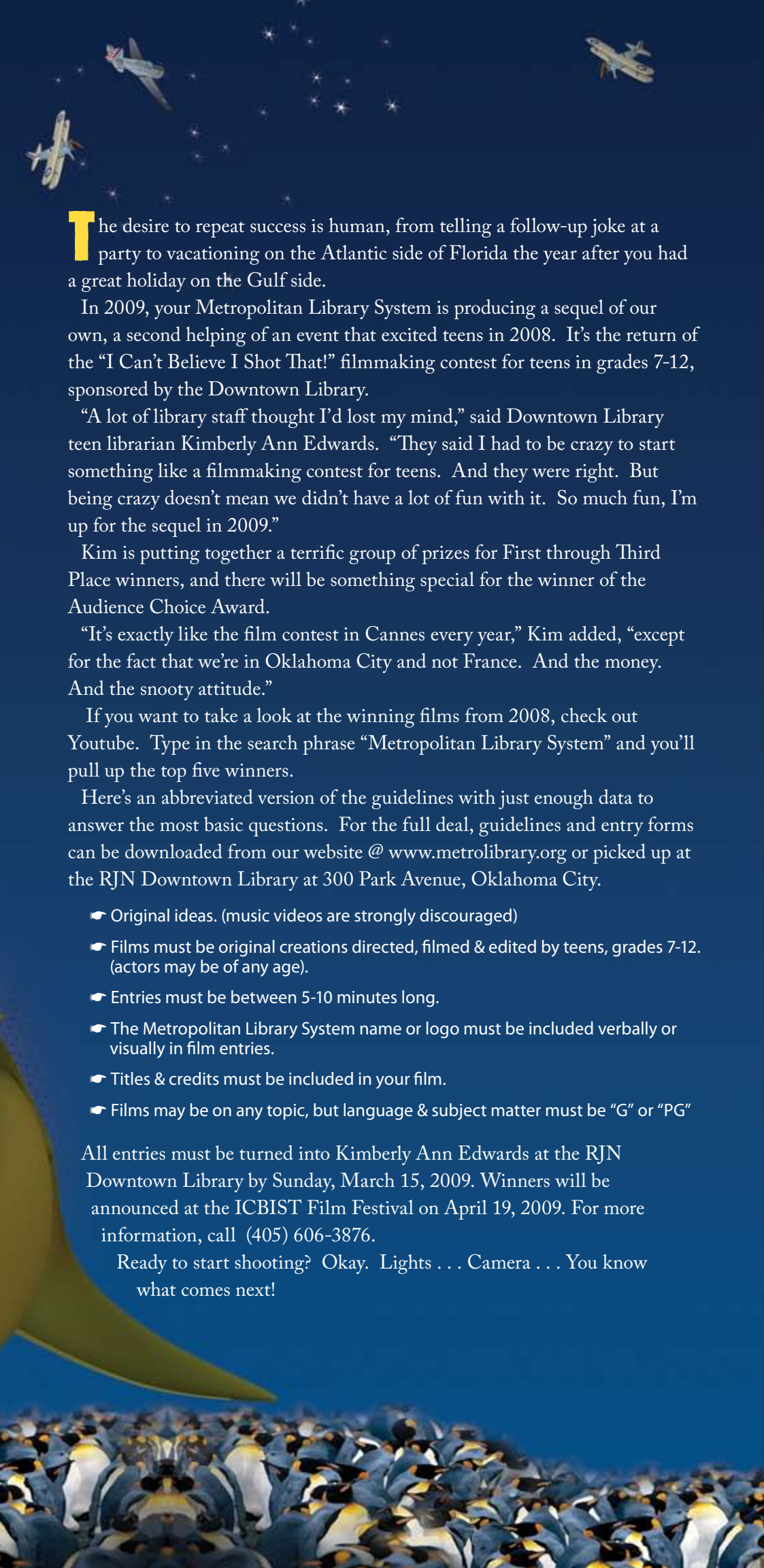


The Metropolitan Library System Presents...

I CAN'T BELIEVE I SHOT THAT! THE SEQUEL

*When the movie makers of Hollywood
do something well, they tend to do it
again. The Dark Knight anyone?
All hail the mighty Sequel!*





The desire to repeat success is human, from telling a follow-up joke at a party to vacationing on the Atlantic side of Florida the year after you had a great holiday on the Gulf side.

In 2009, your Metropolitan Library System is producing a sequel of our own, a second helping of an event that excited teens in 2008. It's the return of the "I Can't Believe I Shot That!" filmmaking contest for teens in grades 7-12, sponsored by the Downtown Library.

"A lot of library staff thought I'd lost my mind," said Downtown Library teen librarian Kimberly Ann Edwards. "They said I had to be crazy to start something like a filmmaking contest for teens. And they were right. But being crazy doesn't mean we didn't have a lot of fun with it. So much fun, I'm up for the sequel in 2009."

Kim is putting together a terrific group of prizes for First through Third Place winners, and there will be something special for the winner of the Audience Choice Award.

"It's exactly like the film contest in Cannes every year," Kim added, "except for the fact that we're in Oklahoma City and not France. And the money. And the snooty attitude."

If you want to take a look at the winning films from 2008, check out Youtube. Type in the search phrase "Metropolitan Library System" and you'll pull up the top five winners.

Here's an abbreviated version of the guidelines with just enough data to answer the most basic questions. For the full deal, guidelines and entry forms can be downloaded from our website @ www.metrolibrary.org or picked up at the RJN Downtown Library at 300 Park Avenue, Oklahoma City.

- Original ideas. (music videos are strongly discouraged)
- Films must be original creations directed, filmed & edited by teens, grades 7-12. (actors may be of any age).
- Entries must be between 5-10 minutes long.
- The Metropolitan Library System name or logo must be included verbally or visually in film entries.
- Titles & credits must be included in your film.
- Films may be on any topic, but language & subject matter must be "G" or "PG"

All entries must be turned into Kimberly Ann Edwards at the RJN Downtown Library by Sunday, March 15, 2009. Winners will be announced at the ICBIST Film Festival on April 19, 2009. For more information, call (405) 606-3876.

Ready to start shooting? Okay. Lights . . . Camera . . . You know what comes next!



The Village Library

The Village Library turns 19 years old in 2009, but the opening of the 14,044 square-foot building in 1990 was the culmination of a 25-year dream.

Library service arrived in north central Oklahoma County in 1967 when MLS opened a 3,000 square-foot store front library. Seventeen years later, the library expanded into the retail space next door, and the following year The Village Library Friends group was formed with the goal of encouraging the construction of a building dedicated to library service on land that had been donated for that purpose in 1970. A temporary sales tax was approved by voters in 1987, and the project was a GO.

Today, manager LaVetta Dent leads a dedicated staff of 22 in providing top flight service in one of the library system's most welcoming environments. If you've never visited The Village Library, you're missing one of MLS' brightest jewels.



The Under Water



Tim Tingle is an enrolled member of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, a sought-after speaker and storyteller, and an award-winning author of Native American fiction and folklore. His 2006 book for children, *Crossing Bok Chitto*, was the first ever to win the Oklahoma Book Award for best author and best illustrator.

This month, Oklahoma City's well-loved children's theater company, Rhythmically Speaking, in conjunction with the Friends of the Metropolitan Library System and the Oklahoma Arts Council, brings you a dramatic adaptation of Tingle's most honored book in libraries around Oklahoma County. Their play is called *The*



Bridge

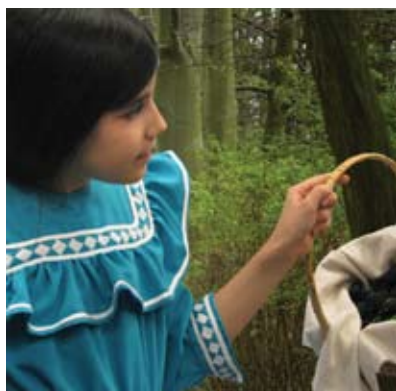
*Rhythmically Speaking
Presents a Tale About the
Power of Friendship.*

Under Water Bridge.

It tells a story of the power of the friendship between a Choctaw girl and a slave boy, and how their friendship proves to be stronger than the forces of slavery.



Rhythmically Speaking has been entertaining children and adults in library programs for most of the company's 12 years in existence. Performer/producer/director/writer DWe Williams puts as much emphasis on education as she does on entertainment, making her troupe the perfect partner for a public library.



"In every performance," Williams explained, "there is what we call a 'teachable moment,' and that is the opportunity to educate."

Rhythmically Speaking Presents *The*

Under Water Bridge is suitable for all ages, but seating is limited at all library venues. Admission is free.

Schedule of Performances

February 7, 2:00pm

Bethany Library, 3510 N. Mueller

February 8, 2:00pm

Belle Isle Library, 5501 N. Villa

February 11, 6:30pm

The Village Library, 10307 N. Penn

February 15, 2:00pm

Downtown Library, 300 Park Avenue

February 16, 7:00pm

Edmond Library, 10 S. Boulevard

February 17, 6:30pm

Midwest City Library, 8143 E. Reno

February 18, 6:30pm

St. John's Missionary Baptist Church,
5700 N. Kelley Ave.

February 19, 1:15pm

Capitol Hill Library, 334 SW 26th

February 21, 2:00pm

Warr Acres Library, 5901 NW 63rd

February 23, 6:30pm

Choctaw Library, 2525 Muzzy Street

February 24, 6:30pm

Southern Oaks Library, 6900 S. Walker

February 28, 2:00pm

Del City Library, 4509 SE 15th

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

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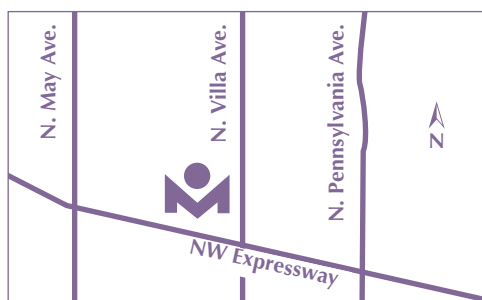
Friends of the Library Booksale - Feb. 21 and Feb. 22, 9a-5:30p, located in the Oklahoma Expo Hall, State Fairgrounds, Oklahoma City.

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



2009 Winter Readfest

Feb. 1 - March 31

Ages 55 and Older

See page 9 for details.

Family Place: 1-2-3 Play With Me

Feb 2,9,16,23 | Mon

6:30-7:30p

Infant - Age 4 with parent or guardian



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, an important time for bonding and an educational experience for your child. A different community resource professional will be available each week to answer your parenting questions. Pre-register for this program at the Reference Desk.

Free Tax Help @ the Belle Isle Library

See page 23 for dates & times

ESL: Learn English as a Second Language

Feb 3,5,10,12,17,19,24,26

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

Adults

Ongoing enrollment. With OKC Public Schools. You can join the class at any time. 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, come to the class.



Score Small Business Counseling

Feb 7,21 | 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.

Rhythmically Speaking Presents:

The Underwater Bridge

Feb 8 | Sun | 2-3p

All Ages

See page 13 for description & schedule.



Sweet Hearts

Feb 12 | Thur | 10-11a

Pre-kindergarten

Make a valentine, fold and cut some hearts, and hear some fun stories about Valentine's Day. A snack will be provided. Pre-register at the Reference Desk or call 843-9601.



Parent Talk

Feb 12 | Thur | 12:30-3:30p

Ages birth to 5 years with Parent/Guardian

Parent Talk provides parents individual appointments to talk about concerns or ask questions about behavior and child development. Call 425-4412 for an appointment. FREE. Co-sponsor: OCCHD.



Metro OKC Knit Guild Group Meeting

Feb 15 | Sun | 3-5p

Teens and adults

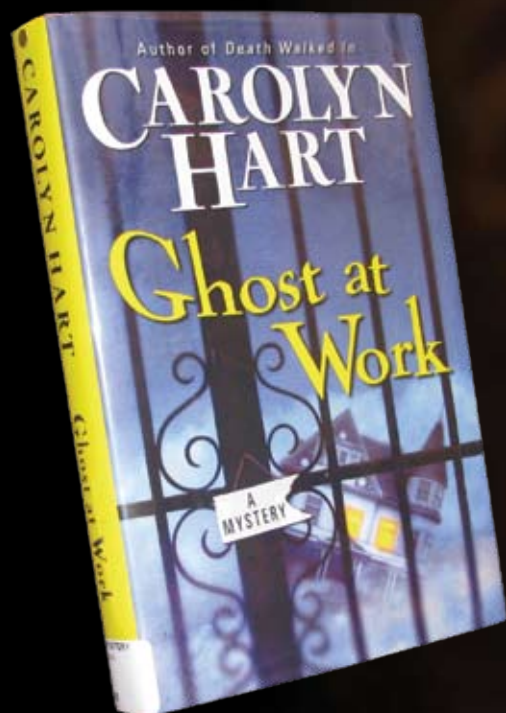
The Metro OKC Knit Guild group is meeting at Belle Isle. Everyone—any knitter or a person who's never knitted, but would like to learn—is welcome. Each monthly program includes a lesson of a new knitting technique and examples of charity knitting projects. For questions about the group, e-mail the guild at metrookcknitguild@gmail.com or call 463-0466.

Build Your Own Business

Feb 24 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p

Adults

Learn why business plans are important, where to find funding, and how to start and manage a business. Seminar presented by SCORE, "Counselors to America's Small Business", a nonprofit organization dedicated to entrepreneur education and the success of small businesses nationwide. SCORE is a resource partner of the U.S. Small Business Administration. Co-sponsor: SBA.



Carolyn Hart Discusses: *Ghost at Work*

Feb 1 2-3p Edmond Library

Feb 2 2-3p Bethany Library

Feb 3 3-4p Del City Library

Feb 7 10-11a Choctaw Library

Don't miss local and internationally-known author Carolyn Hart discussing her new book series featuring Bailey Ruth Raeburn. Hart, best known for her Death on Demand and Henrie O series of mysteries, begins a new journey with a new protagonist. Bailey is an emissary from Heaven's Department of Good Intentions who helps those in need in Oklahoma, Bailey Ruth's home before she entered Heaven.

She doesn't meddle—she helps out, and the rules—well they sometimes need to be adjusted.

Co-sponsor: Friends of the Library.

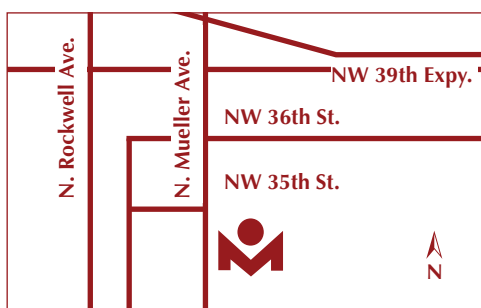
Bethany Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: Closed



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Ages 55 and Older

See page 9 for details.

Carolyn Hart Discusses *Ghost at Work*

Feb 2 | Mon | 2-3p

All Ages

See above for details.

Toddler Story & Play Time

Feb 5, 19 | 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.

Rhythmically Speaking Presents:

The Underwater Bridge

Feb 7 | Sat | 2-3p

All Ages

See page 13 for description & schedule.



Ear Infections and Language Development

Feb 9 | Tue | 3:30-5p

Adults

Winter time and ear infections appear to go hand in hand. This workshop will offer information about ear infections, how to recognize the symptoms, what can play a role in causing an ear infection and how they may affect your child's language development. Call 425-4412 to enroll. Co-sponsor: OCCHD.



Children's Hour: Evening Storytime

Feb 10 | Tue | 6:30-7p

Ages 3-8 years

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.



Valentine's Storytime

Feb 12 | Thur | 10-10:45a

Ages 3-6 years

Enjoy Valentine's Day stories, songs, nursery



rhymes and a fun craft as well as Valentine refreshments to celebrate the holiday.

Pre-register at the library Information Desk or call 789-8363, ext. 3.

Silver Strings Performance

For Valentine's Day Event

Feb 14 | Sat | 2-3p

All Ages

Valentine's Day event with the Putnam City H.S. Silver Strings orchestra under the direction of Anne Guevara. Lots of free entertainment and light refreshments for everyone attending.



Trip Around the World: Africa

Feb 19 | Thur | 6:30-8p

Third - Sixth Grade

Don't miss this exciting opportunity to travel the globe right in your very own local library. The Junior League of Oklahoma City and World Neighbors are teaming up to offer innovative and hands-on experiences for children in grades third through sixth. They will have a great time learning about the different cultures in Asia, Africa and Latin America. The program is free, but space is limited so pre-register at the Information Desk. Co-sponsors: Junior League of Oklahoma City and World Neighbors.

Fun, Snacks, Coffee & Games

Feb 20 | Fri | 10-11:30a

Adults

Every 3rd Friday of the month Bethany

Library hosts this get together for meeting people, playing games and sharing in conversation. Free.

Winter Story Time

Feb 26 | 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.



Children Reading to Dogs

Feb 28 | Sat | 10:30-11:30a
Ages 5 and older

Lovable dogs and their trained owners will help children develop reading skills. So grab your favorite picture book and enjoy a time of reading in our meeting room. Dogs and owners are trained and certified as dog therapy teams by Therapy Dogs International. Please pre-register at the Information Desk or call 789-8363, ext. 3.



Oklahoma meets each Thursday evening for group support, films, lectures, etc.

Make Paper Snowflakes/Hacemos copos de Nieve de Papel

Feb 7 | Sat | 2-3p
Ages 6-12 or older

Let's cut out paper snowflakes. How many points does a snowflake have? Three, four, six, eight? Find out for sure and make lots of them to tape on windows, hang from the ceiling, put on the Christmas tree, use to decorate package or greeting cards. All materials supplied free.

Hacemos copos de nieve de papel. Cuantos puntos tiene un copo de nieve? Tres, cuatro, seis, ocho? Descubralo y haga muchos que puede pagar con cinta en las ventanas, colgar del techo, colgar en el arbol de Navidad, decorar paquetes o tarjetas de felicitaciones. Todas las cosas necesarias son disponibles gratis.

Conversational Spanish II

Feb 9,16 | Mon
5:30-6:30p
Adults

This class is designed for individuals who already have a basic understanding of the Spanish language, and want to further increase their Spanish speaking skills. The class will meet for 10 weeks beginning on Monday, February 9th, and will continue on Mondays until April 13th. Call 634-6308 to register.



Conversational Spanish

Feb 11,18,25 | Wed
5:30-7p
Adults

Conversational Spanish class for Spring 2009. This course is intended to teach basic Spanish speaking skills (Who, What, When, and Where). The class will meet for 13 sessions starting on Wednesday February 11th, and will continue on Wednesday evenings until May 6th. Please call 634-6308 to register.



Build Your Own Business

Feb 14 | Sat | 1-2p
Adults

Learn why business plans are important, where to find funding, and how to start and manage a business. Seminar presented by SCORE, "Counselors to America's Small Business", a nonprofit organization dedicated to entrepreneur education and the success of small businesses nationwide. SCORE is a resource partner of the U.S. Small Business Administration. Co-sponsor: SBA.

Rhythmically Speaking Presents:

The Underwater Bridge

Feb 19 | Thur
1:15-2:15p
All Ages

See page 13 for description & schedule.



Candlemaking

Feb 21 | Sat | 11a-Noon
Adults

In this program two different candle styles will be demonstrated. 1. The Dip Method and 2. The Pouring Method. There will also be information provided on how to use fragrances and dyes. Free candles will be provided to those who attend the program. Call 634-6308 to register.

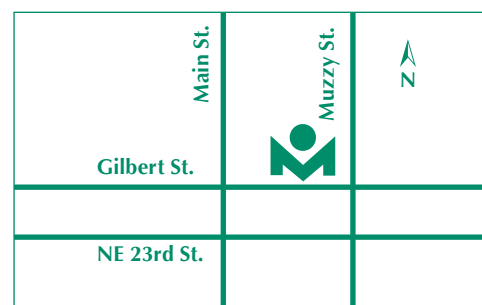
Choctaw Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: Closed



2009 Winter Readfest

Feb. 1 - March 31

Ages 55 and Older

See page 9 for details.

GED

Feb 2,4,9,11,16,18,23,25

Mon & Wed | 9-11a

16 years & older

Students are invited to attend free GED classes. Review English, social studies, science and math skills in preparation for the GED test. Materials are provided. Classes are open to students 16 years and older who are not currently enrolled in high school. For students age 16-17, an official withdrawal slip is required. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City Community College and State Department of Education.



Child Guidance: Parent Talk

Feb 2 | Mon | 12:30a-4p

For parents and caregivers of young children

Sessions include discussion about the normal



Capitol Hill Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: Closed



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Ages 55 and Older

See page 9 for details.

Pre-K Storytime/Cuentos

Para Niños

Feb 3,10,17,24 | Tues

10:30-11a & 1:30-2p

Pre-kindergarten

Stories, games, fingerplays in English and Spanish (as requested) for children.

Cuentos, juegos, etc. en español y inglés (a petición) para niños.



Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance

Feb 5,12,19,26 | Thur | 6-7:30p

Adults

Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance of



Begin the New Year by Learning Some New Computer Skills!

The Digital World is Waiting to Be Explored!

The first five classes of 2009 will be at the Downtown Library, 300 Park Avenue, from 6:00 – 7:30pm:

Jan. 20 Computer Basics with Microsoft Word

Feb. 17 Computer Basics with Email

Mar. 7 Internet Searching: How to Find What You Are Looking For

Apr. 21 PowerPoint

May 19 Job Searching and Resumes

All classes will be held on the first floor in the Route 66 Computer Lab.

Call the Downtown Library at 231-8650 for more information or to register.



range of early development as well as any parenting questions you may have in the areas of speech, language, development and behavior. Children do not have to be present. Call 425-4412 to schedule an appointment. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City County Health Dept.

Conversational Spanish

Feb 2,9,16,23 | Mon | 5-6p

Teens and adults

Teens and adults are invited to participate in these conversational Spanish sessions. All levels of students have an opportunity to practice and improve their language skills. Native speaker Maria Bozarth will lead these sessions. Pre-registration required.



Lapsit Story Time

Feb 3,10,17,24 | Tue

9:30-10a

Ages 6 months-3 years

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



Story Time

Feb 3,10,17,24 | 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.



T'ai Chi With Chris Francis-Beginner's & Intermediate Group

Feb 4,11,18,25 | Wed | 5:30-6:30-p

Ages 16 and older

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

T'ai Chi With Chris Francis-Advanced Group

Feb 4,11,18,25 | Wed | 6:30-7:30p

Age 16 and older

Participants MUST have previous T'ai Chi experience to be enrolled in this class. Pre-registration required.

Carolyn Hart Discusses *Ghost at Work* during Choctaw Library Pageturner's Club

Feb 7 | Sat | 10-11:30a

Adults

See page 15 for details.

Teen Chocolate Fest

Feb 12 | Thur | 6-7p

Teens

It's a chocolate celebration! Join us for chocolate trivia and several yummy games. Chocolate lovers, this event is not to be missed! Call 390-8418 or stop by to sign up.



Family Place: Open Play

Feb 14 | Sat | 10-11a

Ages 6 months to 5 years with Parents/Legal Guardian

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. Call 390-8418 to register.



BeTWEEN Books: All About Chocolate

Feb 14 | Sat | 2:30-3:30p

Grades 3-6

Share favorite reads and stretch your reading comfort zone. Celebrate the history of chocolate and participate in fun related activities and games. Pre-register at 390-8418.

Children Reading to Dogs

Feb 18 | Wed | 4-5p

Children who can read

These dogs lend you their ears! They listen while you read to them. Children read to an uncritical and appreciative audience, while improving reading skills. All dogs and owners are trained and certified as dog therapy teams. Please pre-register at 390-8418.



AARP Defensive Driving

Feb 21 | Sat | 9:15a-4p

Ages 16 and older

Attention ALL LICENSED drivers! AARP presents safe driving tips to help prevent and reduce the injury and death for drivers on today's roads. Participants are eligible for a discount on your auto insurance premium. Space

limited. Pre-register by calling 390-8418. Fee is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-members. Pay in cash or a check payable to AARP for course materials. Co-sponsor: AARP.

Rhythmically Speaking Presents: *The Underwater Bridge*

Feb 23 | Mon |
6:30-7:30p

All Ages

See page 13 for description & schedule.



Anime/Manga Club

Feb 26 | Thur | 6-7p
Teens

Share and discuss your favorite Anime and Manga. Screen new Anime episodes every month! Meet with us the last Thursday of each month.



Parachute Play

Feb 27 | Fri | 10:30-11a
Ages 3-6

Come play games with a parachute. Children will have the opportunity to practice skills such as: following directions, socializing with others, using language, and using small and large muscles...AND it's loads of fun! Limited sign-up, please pre-register at the Choctaw Library 390-8418.



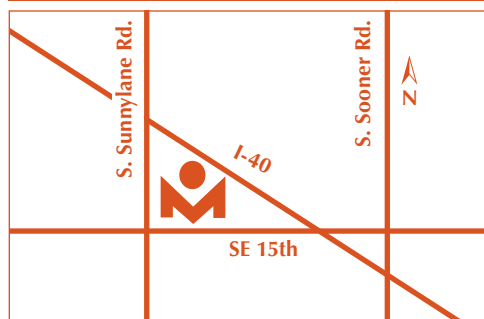
Del City Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: Closed



2009 Winter Readfest

Feb. 1 - March 31

Ages 55 and Older

See page 9 for details.

AARP Tax Assistance at Del City Library

See page 23 for dates & times.

Carolyn Hart Discusses *Ghost at Work*

Feb 3 | Tue | 3-4p

All Ages

See page 15 for details.

Storytime Aerobics

Feb 5 | Thur | 6:30-7p

Ages 1-5 years

Find a remedy for your kids' cabin fever with Storytime Aerobics. Come exercise for your little ones' body and brain with stories and a fun work out. Juice provided!



Family Place: 1-2-3 Play With Me

Feb 6,13,20,27 | Fri | 10-11a

Infant - Age 4 with parent or guardian

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, an important time for bonding and an educational experience for your child. A different community resource professional will be available each week to answer your parenting questions. Pre-register for this program at the Reference Desk.



Parachute Play

Feb 9 | Mon | 10:30-11a

Ages 2-6

Bring your preschoolers to the library to have some breezy fun with parachute play. The library and the Oklahoma City/County Health Dept. are offering a chance for little ones to learn teamwork and improve their skills at following directions, while getting some exercise and meeting new friends. Healthy snacks provided. The Oklahoma City/County Health Dept. requires pre-registration for their programs, so please call 425-4412 to get in on the fun. Co-sponsor: OKCCHD.



Parent Talk

Feb 9 | Mon | 12:45a-4p

For parents and caregivers of young children

Have you ever wished your kids came with an instruction manual? Parents have a chance to receive free one-on-one guidance about the early development of speech, language, and behavior skills in their children, as well as receive answers to general parenting questions. Consultations provided by the Oklahoma City/County Health Department by appointment only. Call Child Guidance at 425-4412 to reserve your session. Co-sponsor: OCCHD.



Valentine Storytime

Feb 10 | Tue | 6:30-7:15p

Ages 4-8

Encourage your child's love of reading at Evening Storytime with Valentine's Day stories and activities. Children can learn, play

and create while making new friends, while enjoying "lovely" refreshments.

Movie Night @ Del City Library Celebrating Black History Month

Feb. 12 | Thur | 6-8p

Teens

Join the Del City Library as we celebrate Black History Month at the movies! Call 672-1377 for more information. The movie schedule is:

Feb 12: *Dreamgirls* (PG-13)

Feb 19: *The Pursuit of Happyness* (PG13)

Feb 26: *Remember the Titans* (PG)



Chocolate Festival

Feb 14 | Sat | 2-3p

Ages 5-11

Your children can celebrate their love affair with chocolate on Valentine's Day by reading chocolate stories and other tasty activities. Join other chocolate lovers for a fun story time with activities and refreshments.

Cars and Trucks and Things That Go

Feb 18 | Wed | 10-10:20a

Ages 1-5

Bring your future race car drivers in for action-packed stories and activities for a motoring morning story time about cars, trucks and things that go.



Build Your Own Business

Feb 23 | Mon | Noon-1p

Adults

Learn why business plans are important, where to find funding, and how to start and manage a business. Seminar presented by SCORE, "Counselors to America's Small Business", a nonprofit organization dedicated to entrepreneur education and the success of small businesses nationwide. SCORE is a resource partner of the U.S. Small Business Administration. Co-sponsor: SBA.

Two Centuries of Photography in Oklahoma

Feb 24 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p

Adults

John Lovett, Curator and Librarian for the Western History Collections at the University of Oklahoma Libraries, will take viewers on a visual journey through 200 years of photography in Oklahoma. Join us as we take a glimpse into the history of our great state and look into the history of Oklahoma photographers, Oklahoma settlers, and American Indian pictographs. Call 672-1377 for more information and to register

January/February Thursday Noon Tunes

Downtown Library Atrium every Thursday from 11:30 to 1:00pm

Feb. 5: Roger Lienke - singer/songwriter

Feb. 12: Michael Fresonke - classical style/
original music

Feb. 19: Dolce - folk/rock

Feb. 26: Sequoyah Elementary Choir and Strings

Downtown Library | 300 Park Avenue | Oklahoma City, Oklahoma | (405) 606-3833

All performances are free and open to the public.



Rhythmically Speaking Presents:

The Underwater Bridge

Feb 28 | Sat | 2-3p

All Ages

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Downtown Library

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

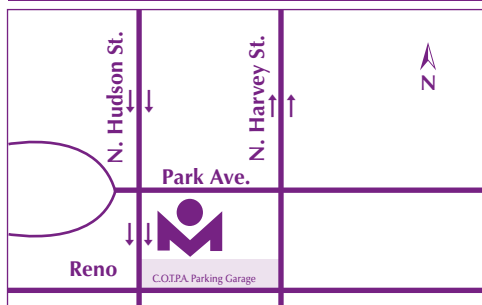
HOURS

Mon-Thur: 9-9

Sat: 9-5

Fri: 9-6

Sun: 1-6



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Exhibit: Portraits and Photography

Feb 1-28 | Library Hours

All ages

Nick Wu and Christopher Soo will combine their artistic talents to create an unusual exhibit that will show in the Downtown Atrium through the month of February. The show places portraiture and photography of the same subject together to bring out the beauty in both media. Mr. Wu teaches portraiture at the Norman Firehouse Art Center. Mr. Soo is a local photographer. Both artists work in other fields but art is their passion.

Asian Festival

Feb 1 | Sun | 1:30-4:30p

All Ages

Come join the Downtown library for the 2009 Asia Festival celebration on Feb. 1. Come watch and experience the local Asian cultures and talents from around the state. The event will consist of Asian influenced artwork from Oklahoman artists, information booths and performances from the Asian communities of Oklahoma. Information booths will be located on the 4th floor in the Friends Event room and open to the public from 1-5pm. Performances begin at 2:00 p.m. and will take place in the 46th Star Auditorium. Free Admission. For more information please call 606-3876.



Wednesday Night at the Movies

Feb 4,11,18,25 | Wed | 6-8p

Ages 13 and older

February is Black History Month and each Wednesday the Downtown Library will be showing episodes from the award-winning PBS documentary *Eyes on the Prize: America's Civil Rights Movement, 1954-1985*. Please call 606-3876 for more information.

Noon Tunes

Feb 5,12,19,26 | Thur

11:30a-1p

All ages

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

Feb 5: Roger Lienke - singer/songwriter

Feb 12: Michael Fresonke - classical style/original music

Feb 19: Dolce - folk/rock

Feb 26: Sequoyah Elementary Choir and Strings



PM Play with Me!

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

Infants - 5 years w/adult

Join us for fun with toys and friends. A simple craft and a story are included. During snack time, there will be a short discussion of the



topic of the month. This group usually meets the first Thursday of the month. Call to register at 231-8650, ext. 4.

Play With Me! Play Group Feb 6 | Fri | 10-10:50a Infants to 5 years with Parents/Guardian



Join us for fun with toys and friends. A simple craft and a story are included. During snack time, there will be a short discussion on the topic of the month. This group usually meets the first Friday of the month and is limited to families and small groups. Call to register at 231-8650, ext. 4.

Introduction to the Art of Portraiture Feb 7 | Sat | 1-3p Adults



Nick Wu, whose art is displayed in the Downtown Library Atrium during February, will teach a class on drawing portraits in the Friends Room, 4th Floor. Sketch paper, pencils and a model will be provided for students. Beginning students or those wishing to improve their art will find the class helpful. This free class is limited in size and pre-registration is required. Register at the Information Desk on 1st floor of the Downtown library or call 606-3879.

Trip Around the World: Africa Feb 7 | Sat | 2-3:30p Third - Sixth Grade

Don't miss this exciting opportunity to travel the globe right in your very own local library. The Junior League of Oklahoma City and World Neighbors are teaming up to offer innovative and hands-on experiences for children in grades third through sixth. They will have a great time learning about the different cultures in Asia, Africa and Latin America. The program is free, but space is limited so pre-register at the Information Desk. Co-sponsors: Junior League of Oklahoma City and World Neighbors.

Piano Masterworks: Romance of Chopin Feb 8 | Sun | 2-3p All ages



Master pianist Wayne McEvilly returns for a spring Second Sunday series of concerts. His performances will spotlight 18th and 19th Century masterpieces. February brings The Romance of Chopin to the Downtown 46th Star Auditorium. Everyone is invited to enjoy this free concert.

Preschool Aerobics Feb 13 | Fri | 10-10:30a Age 5 years and younger with Parents/Legal Guardian



Move to fun music. Enjoy a story and a snack. This program is limited to families and small groups. Call 231-8650, ext. 4 to register.

Rhythmically Speaking Presents: The Underwater Bridge

Feb 15 | Sun | 2-3p

All Ages

See page 13 for description & schedule.



Computer Basics and E-mail

Feb 17 | Tue | 6-7:30p

All ages

Join us at the Downtown Library for a computer basics class including e-mail instruction. This class will offer instruction for setting up your own free e-mail account, sending e-mails, attachments and other e-mail functions. This is the second in a series of classes that will be held the 3rd Tuesday of every month. All classes will be held in the Route 66 computer lab on the first floor of the Downtown Library. Please call 231-8650 to register.



Storytime

Feb 20 | Fri | 10-10:30

Ages 2-5

Enjoy stories, fingerplays, a snack and more every third Friday of the month. Call to register at 231-8650, ext 4.



Harlem Renaissance —Music, Books, Art

Feb 22 | Sun | 2-3p

All ages

The creativity expressed by the African-American musicians, writers, artists and performers during the 1920s and 1930s in Harlem, known as the Harlem Renaissance, will be showcased at the Downtown Library. Music from that period will perform some of those old songs and style by Jerome Bragg and combo on the 46th Star Stage. Art prints from artists during that period will also be exhibited Feb thru April 15 in the Philomatheia Hall. Free. Call 606-3879 or 606-3878 for information. The Renaissance series continues in March. some of those old songs and styles.



Find It—Legal Resources at Your Library

Feb 23 | Mon | 5:30-7p

All ages

Libraries are not just about books anymore. They are about information from many sources. Marriage and Divorce In Oklahoma will be the first topic for an ongoing series about legal resources available for public use

at the Downtown Library and the Oklahoma County Law Library. Judge Lisa Hammond, Julie Simmons-Rivers, and Ok Co Legal Aid Representatives will speak. The series will continue on the last Monday of each month and explore the free resources and how to access them on various topics affected by law. Register at 606-3879. Meets in Friends Event Room on 4th Floor. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma County Law Library.

Build Your Own Business Feb 26 | Thur | Noon-1p Adults

Learn why business plans are important, where to find funding, and how to start and manage a business. Seminar presented by SCORE, "Counselors to America's Small Business", a nonprofit organization dedicated to entrepreneur education and the success of small businesses nationwide. SCORE is a resource partner of the U.S. Small Business Administration. Co-sponsor: SBA.

Music Time with Miss Ginger

Feb 27 | Fri | 10-10:30

Ages 2-5

Enjoy songs, musical games and a story with Ginger Waldrip of Ginger's Kindermusik. Plan to come every fourth Friday of the month. Instruments will be provided for those who have registered at 231-8650, ext. 4, or by e-mail.



Edmond Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: 1-6

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

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Farsi Language Class

Feb 1,8,15,22 | Sun

1:30-2:30p

Adults

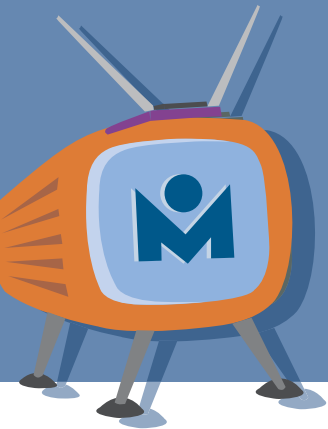
Learn the Farsi (Persian) language from an



READ ABOUT IT

Discussions With Authors & Book Reviews

Cox Channel 7 (OKC Metro area)
Sat. mornings at 10:30am



OKLAHOMA CITY— Observations on children and grandchildren, the philosophy and techniques of an artist, and the current and historical image of lawyers are a few of the subjects that will be 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 7 Marion Hill, local author, will discuss *Death Books A Return*. This is Hill's second in the Scrappy Librarian series and explores a 50 year old murder.

Guests and program schedules are subject to change without notice.

February 14 Sandra Shaphard Oklahoman and poet, uses her upbeat poetic style in her book *Grandmotherhood*.

February 21 Tom Palmore, an artist who has been called a maverick of the photo-realist movement, will discuss *Earthlings: The Art of Tom Palmore*.

February 28 Rennard Strickland, a professor of law and Dean Emeritus at Oregon University School of Law, will discuss *The Lawyer Myth: A Defense of the American Legal Profession*.

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 written and spoken Farsi will be introduced.

Carolyn Hart Discusses *Ghost at Work*
Feb 1 | Sun | 2-3p

All Ages

See page 15 for details.

GED- Additional Class
Feb 2,5,9,12,16,19,23,26
Mon & Thur | 9:30-12:30p
Age 18 & older



Study geography, math, English so that you prepare to take the GED test. Enroll with the instructor on the first day of class. Must be at least 18 years old or have permission if younger. Enroll with instructor on the first day of class. Materials are free. Coordinated by Oklahoma City Community College.

Preschool Story Time
Feb 2,9,16,23 | Mon
10-10:30a

Ages 3-5

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



English as a Second Language

Feb 2,4,9,11,16,18,23,25

Mon & Wed | 1-4p

Adults

Improve your written and spoken English in this class offered by OCCC. Class and materials are free. Enroll with the instructor on the first day you attend class. Co-sponsor: OCCC.



ESL/Citizenship

Feb 2,4,9,11,16,18,23,25

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

Adults

Improve your written and spoken English in this class offered by OCCC. Class and materials are free. This class also includes preparation for the U.S. Citizenship test. Co-sponsor: OCCC.



Lapsit: Playtime and Story Time

Feb 3,10,17 | Tue

9:30-10a & 10:15-10:45a

& 11-11:30a

Ages Birth-2 Years

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



Chess Club for Kids

Feb 3,17 | Tue | 3:30-5p

Ages 8-13

The Edmond Library Chess Club is a place where beginning chess players can learn and improve their skills. There will be a once a school year \$20 supply fee. At this time, club enrollment is full. Please contact Connie Hong at conniehong.ok@gmail.com for additional information. Ms. Hong is the coach for these sessions.

GED

Feb 3,5,10,12,17,19,24,26

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

Age 18 & older

Must be at least 18. In this GED class you will prepare for the GED test. You will review English, social studies, and math skills. Materials are provided. Enroll with the instructor on the first day of class. Free. Co-sponsor: OKCCC.



55+ Coffee Break

Feb 4,11,18,25 | 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, enjoy Scrabble, or bring your own game. We will have some books on the side for you to browse.

VITA Tax Assistance at Edmond Library

See page 23 for dates & times

Computer Instruction with Eddie

Feb 4,11,18,25 | 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 4,11,18,25 | Wed 7-8p

Ages 18 & older

Free! Join Dave for individual computer instruction. Every Wednesday night assistance is offered in increments of 30 minutes to an hour; sign up for your time. Call: (405) 341-9282, ext.4 to register.

**Children Reading to Dogs**

Feb 5,12,19,26 | Thur | 6:30-7:30p
For children who 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.

Stamp Club

Feb 7,21 | Sat | 10a-Noon
4th grade and older

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

Introduction to Creative Writing

Feb 7,14,21,28 | Sat | 2-3p
Adults

Join author Joan Fedje and develop your skills in creative writing for short stories, novels, memoirs, or family histories. Bring your ideas, your hopes, any writing experience or publication, a notebook and pen or pencil. This week's session will focus on point of view.

Make Festive Holiday Stamp Greeting Cards

Feb 7,14 | Sat | 2-3p

Adults

Make festive Holiday greeting cards using stamps! All supplies furnished. There will be a supply charge of \$5.00 per person (for marker(s)).

Build Your Own Business

Feb 9 | Mon | 7-8p

Adults

Learn why business plans are important, where to find funding, and how to start and manage a business. Seminar presented by SCORE, "Counselors to America's Small Business", a nonprofit organization dedicated to entrepreneur education and the success of small businesses nationwide. SCORE is a resource partner of the U.S. Small Business Administration. Co-sponsor: SBA.

Tools For Effective Parenting

Feb 10,17,24 | Tue

6-7:30p

Parents

This five session course will help promote good parent-child relationships. You will be learning basic parenting skills including effective play, 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. Parents utilizing these techniques have experienced positive changes in their relationships with their children. Call 425-4412 to register. Co-sponsor: OCCHD.

**So Many Books, So Little Time Story Hour**

Feb 12 | Thur | 3:45-4:45p

Grades 1-3

Join us for a story time devoted to our favorite authors or special themes. We'll have stories to read or tell and activities or crafts to go along with them. Pre-register by calling 341-9282, x 4 or stop by the Children's Desk at the library.

Art of Manga Pencil Drawing

Feb 12 | Thur | 4-5p

Teens/Young adult

Join the Edmond M/A Club as they welcome local artist Alexandra Brodt. This is the first of two classes on the Art of Manga. Class 1 focuses on Basic Manga using pencils. Registration begins Feb 2. Call 341-9282, ext. 4 to register. Materials provided.

**Music With Susan**

Feb 13,27 | Fri | 9:30-10a or 10:15-10:45a

Ages 2-3

Join Susan in musical activities designed



especially for this age group. Classes are usually held on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month. Registration for the 2nd Friday begins on the 1st day of the month. Registration for the 4th Friday begins on the 15th day of the month. Call 341-9282 ext. 4 to pre-register.

Music With Susan

Feb 13,27 | Fri | 11-11:30a
Ages 4-5

Join Susan in musical activities designed especially for this age group. Classes are usually held on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month. Registration for the 2nd Friday begins on the 1st day of the month. Registration for the 4th Friday begins on the 15th day of the month. Call 341-9282 ext. 4 to pre-register.

**Reader's Choice Book Discussion**

Feb 14 | Sat | 10:30a-Noon

Adults

The Reader's Choice group will encourage you to read and discuss outstanding contemporary fiction. This month's selection is the hilarious recent book by Bill Bryson *The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid*. Reserve your copies at least two weeks before the meeting.

The Edmond Book Bunch

Feb 14 | Sat | 2-3p

Seniors

The Edmond Library Book Bunch meets once a month at the Edmond Library. The title for this month's discussion is *Cold Mountain* by Charles Frazier. Although the group is currently full please call 341-9282 to get on the waiting list. (Limited to 15).

Rhythmically Speaking Presents:

The Underwater Bridge

Feb 16 | Mon | 7-8p

All Ages

See page 20 for description & schedule.

**Sustainable Edmond**

Feb 17 | Tue | 7-9p

Adults

At this monthly meeting of Sustainable Edmond members discuss how to improve quality of life in our community in ways that make sense economically, environmentally, and socially. Sustainable Edmond promotes environmental stewardship through individual, community, and business understanding of environmental concerns. Chapter of Sustainable Oklahoma.

INCOME TAX

Tax Help: AARP & VITA

For Adults. AARP trained volunteers will assist you in preparing your 2008 state and federal tax returns. No appointments taken. First come, first served.

Belle Isle Library—AARP, E-filing ONLY.

Tuesdays: Feb 3,10,17,24, 9a-2p

Wednesdays: Feb 4,11,18,25, 9a-2p

Saturdays: Feb 7,14,21,28, 9a-1p

Del City Library—AARP

Mondays: Feb 2,9,16,23, Noon-4p

Thursdays: Feb 5,12,19,26, Noon-4p

Saturdays: Feb 7,14,21,28, 9-11a

Edmond Library—VITA Tax Help.

Wednesdays: Feb 4,11,18,25, 10a-3p

Thursdays: Feb 5,12,19,26, 10a-3p & 6-8p

Southern Oaks Library—AARP

Wednesdays: Feb 4,11,18,25, 9a-2:30p

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

The Village Library—AARP

Tuesdays: Feb 3,10,17,24, 10a-7:30p

Wednesdays: Feb 4,11,18,25, 10a-3p

Saturdays: Feb 7,14,21,28, 10a-3p

Warr Acres Library—AARP

Mondays: Feb 2,9,16,23, 9a-2p

Fridays: Feb 6,13,20,27 9a-2p

Readers' Theatre: Acting Without Memorizing

Feb 19 | Thur | 3:45-4:45p

Ages 8-11

Do you like to be in plays, but you don't want to memorize your part? Do you like to talk like other people or animals? Can you sound like a wizard, a king, a grumpy bear or a robot? Then Readers' Theatre might be just the thing for you! Join us and try out this fun and easy way to develop your acting talents. Registration begins Feb 2. Please pre-register by calling 341-9282, x 4 or stop by the Children's Desk at the library.

Advanced, Basic Computers for Seniors

Feb 21 | Sat | 2-3p

Adults - geared for Seniors



We will begin with a discussion and demonstration of the Internet. We will also discuss e-mail. Included topics will be: How to send e-mails, automatic filing of mail in desired folders, and attaching pictures or files to e-mail. Attention will also be given to digital pictures, connecting the camera to the computer, uploading pictures, and using a flash drive. Call 341-9282, ext 4 to enroll.

Lapsit: Playtime and Toddlerobics

Feb 24 | Tue

9:30-10a & 10:15-10:45a

& 11-11:30a

Ages Birth-2 Years



Enjoy a special time with your young child at the library. We will have a playtime with the toys in the story time room. This will be followed by a circle time which will include a short session of aerobics.

Lullaby and Good Night

Feb 25 | Wed | 3:30-5p

Adults

Having a routine which includes reading to your child can ease both bedtime and naptime challenges. We will discuss sleep challenges as well as the advantages of reading, singing lullabies and nursery rhymes so that the whole family can get a good night's rest. Call 425-4412 to register. Workshops facilitated by Robyn Sears and Louise Hagar. Co-sponsor: OCCHD.



Harrah Library

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

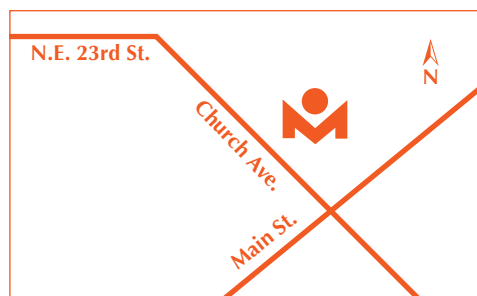
HOURS

Mon-Thur: 9:30-6

Fri: 9-5

Sat: 9-5

Sun: Closed



Tail 'Waggin Tutors

Feb | 9a-Noon

1st - 6th Grade

Shirley Taylor will be available with her therapy Duke, for children to practice their reading skills. Please call the library for dates, 454-2001. Times may vary.



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



2009 Winter Readfest

Feb. 1 - March 31

Ages 55 and Older

See page 9 for details.

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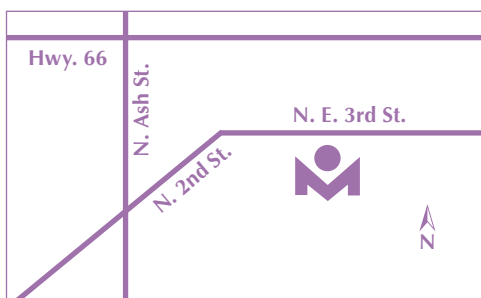
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Luther Library

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

HOURS

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

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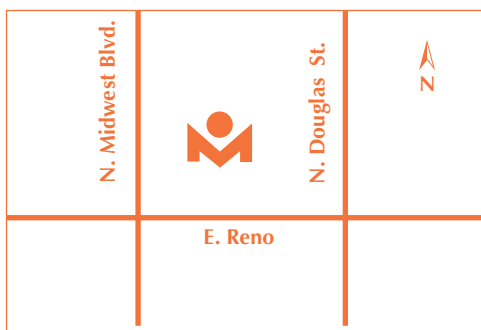
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Midwest City Library

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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See page 9 for details.

Exhibit: Art Quilts By Lola Jenkins**Feb 1-28 | Library Hours****All Ages**

In celebration of Black History Month, the Midwest City Library is pleased to again host the work of African-American fiber artist Lola Jenkins. Ms. Jenkins' award-winning art quilts feature contemporary portrait collages. The exhibit is free and open to the public during all Library hours.

Exhibit: Memories of Slavery**Feb 1-28 | Library Hours****All Ages**

A collection of slave paperwork, sketches, and artifacts will be on display at the Midwest City Library throughout the month of February. "Memories of Slavery" is the result of extensive research done by Ms. Ida Thompson. The exhibit is free and open to the public during all library hours.

Community Quilting Class with Soldier Creek Quilting Group**Feb 2,9,16,23 | 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 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.

Preschool Storytime**Feb 2,9,16 | Tue | 10-10:45a****and 11-11:45a****10 Months to 3 years****with parents**

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

**Gamefest****Feb 2 | Mon | 4-6p****Feb 26 | Thur | 7-8p****Ages 10-16**

It's that time again! Ready to play Wii, Guitar Hero, Game Cube, Singstar and a variety of other games? Come to the Midwest City Library to play games, eat food and have fun! Rated TEEN.

**Digital TV Transition****Feb 3 | Tue | 10-11a****Adults**

What is the Digital TV Transition? Why are we switching? What should I do to be ready? This program will answer all these questions and more. Join us at the Midwest City Library and learn what you need to know about the Digital TV Transition. For more information about this free program please call 732-4828, or visit the Information Desk today! Co-dponsor: FCC.

Kids Only Video Game Party**Feb 3 | Tue | 4-6p****Ages 6-12**

Join us for a Kid's Only video game party.

All games are rated E. Pre-registration is required. Sign up at the Information Desk or by calling 732-4828.

Teen Board Games**Feb 3,10,17,24 | Tue****5:30-7p****Ages 10-16**

The Midwest City Library has checkers, backgammon, UNO, Monopoly, Sorry, Risk and Taboo.....all we need is you. Come join the fun every Tuesday at 5:30 pm in the Teen Central area.

**English as a Second Language****Feb 3,5,10,12,17,19,24,26****Tue & Thur | 6-8:30p****Adults**

This course is designed for individuals to improve their English language skills. Through everyday conversation, students will learn, review, and practice English grammar, vocabulary, and pronunciation. For more information please call 682-7873. Co-sponsor: OCCC Adult Learning Center.

**Mid-Del Toastmasters****Feb 3,10,17,24 | Tue | 6-8p****Adults**

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

Parachute Play**Feb 4 | Wed | 10:30-11a****Ages 3-6 with parents**

While playing games with a parachute, children will have the opportunity to practice skills such as following directions, socializing with others, using language, using small and large muscles, and remaining in control during very active play. Facilitated by Child Guidance Speech-Language Pathologists Cheryl Custer and Tracy Goebel. Class size is limited to 20. Please call 425-4412 to pre-register. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City-County Health Department.

**Book Bug Club****Feb 5 | Thur | 4-5p****Grades 1-3**

Join us in the Book Bug Club! We will have a snack, play a game and make a craft. We will be discussing *The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs* by Jon Scieszka. You can pick up a copy of the book at the Information Desk. Pre-registration is required. Call 732-4828 or visit the Information Desk to sign up.



30th Annual Friends Booksale 2009



Saturday & Sunday | February 21-22
9am - 5:30pm

Free Admission

Oklahoma Expo Hall | State Fairgrounds | Oklahoma City



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Reptiles and Amphibians!

Feb 5 | Thur | 7:30-8:45p

All Ages

Come join the OKC Herpetological Society on the first Thursday of each month at the Midwest City Library! If you are interested in reptiles and amphibians, these meetings are for you. The OCHS promotes the scientific study and conservation of herps, emphasizing regional herpetology. This is your chance to learn about herps, and even show off your own. Any properly caged, nonvenomous reptiles or amphibians are welcome. For more information, call Larry Daniel at 737-8331, or send him an e-mail at jostoy1@aol.com. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City Herpetological Society.

Saturday Morning Cartoons

Feb 7 | Sat | 10a-Noon

Ages 6-12

Come eat some popcorn and watch a cartoon. This month's movie is the Disney film *Wall-E*.

Movie Night

Feb 9 | Mon | 5:30-7:30p

Ages 10-16

Come watch a movie at the Midwest City Library. Shortly after each film we will discuss the topic/theme of each movie and your likes/dislikes. Any questions, contact Suzette at 405-732-4828.



Teens

Children Reading to Dogs

Feb 10,24 | Tue | 7-8p

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 too. It is especially valuable in building self confidence and self-esteem for those needing an uncritical, appreciative, listening audience to improve reading skills. All dogs and owners are trained and certified as dog therapy teams. Co-sponsor: Creatures and Kids.



Origami Valentines

Feb 11 | Wed | 5:30-7:30p

Ages 10-16

Want to send a special gift to your special someone for Valentines Day? On Wednesday, February 11 at 5:30 p.m. we will make Origami Valentines....a special gift from the heart. Please sign-up at the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828.



Teens

Scottish Gaelic Language Learners'

Group

Feb 11,25 | Wed | 7-8:30p

Ages 10 and older

This free program provides an opportunity for beginners to observe language lessons & interaction of more advanced students. Questions? Call Judy Durbin at 737-5140. Co-sponsor: Scottish Gaelic Language Learners' Group.

Free Health Tests & Screenings

Feb 12 | Thur | 1-6p

Adults

The Oklahoma Lion's Mobile Health Screening Unit will provide the following free tests & screenings: hearing, eye, glaucoma, blood pressure, bone density, & blood sugar (fasting for the previous 12 hours required for accurate testing - only water, black coffee, or plain tea). Allow at least 30 minutes to complete all tests. Registration taken by the Lion's Club volunteers at the library. No telephone registration. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City Lion's Club

Hunter Safety Education

Feb 14 | Sat | 9a-2:30p

Ages 10 and older

This home-study-based course is designed to improve your hunter safety skills and performance on hunter safety tests. Obtain a workbook 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. Details about the ODWC Hunter's Education program can be viewed online at www.wildlifedepartment.com/hunted2.htm. Ages 12 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is required, call 732-4828.

Fibromyalgia/Interstitial Cystitis/Chronic Pain Support Group

Feb 14 | Sat | 2-4p

All ages

This group is for those suffering severe disabling pain that disrupts relationships and the ability to work or engage in life. One of the objectives of the group is to reduce the isolation of persons in constant pain. Family, friends and caregivers are welcome. For more information contact Brenda Moore-Finch at 405-390-8624.

Celebration of Black History & Culture

Feb 15 | Sun | 1-5p

All ages



Join us for a celebration of Black History through music, stories, local authors, food, and displays that demonstrate the richness of the African-American culture. Festivities will begin when the library opens at 1pm. Visit the Information Desk for a schedule of activities, or call 732-4828.

Midwest City Reader's Society

Feb 17 | 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.

Rhythmically Speaking Presents:

The Underwater Bridge

Feb 17 | Tue |

6:30-7:30p

All Ages



See page 13 for description & schedule.

Music Listening Party

Feb 18 | Wed | 6-7p

Ages 10-14



It's all about music....the beat, the words, how its' performed and, most of all....what it means to you. Come listen and enjoy music inspired by artists that seek social change. Please sign-up at the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828.

Talk It Up Book Club

Feb 19 | Thur | 4-5p

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 *Charlie Bone and the Invisible Boy* by Jenny Nimmo. You can pick up a copy of the book at the Information Desk. Pre-registration is required. Call 732-4828 or visit the Information Desk to sign up.

AAA Motor Vehicle Crash Prevention Course

Feb 21 | Sat | 9a-4p

Licensed Drivers

Save money on your auto insurance and become a safer driver. Mark Sprayberry, a certified AAA instructor, will be conducting this class at the Midwest City Library. A \$30 materials fee will apply for nonmembers; for AAA members, the fee is \$20. Pre-registration is required. Call Becci at (800) AAA-CLUB (222-2582). Co-sponsor: AAA

Toddler Aerobics

Feb 23 | Mon | 10-10:30a

and 11-11:30a

Ages 2-5 with parents



Preschoolers may join in the aerobics class that features lessons & exercises designed to develop fine & gross motor skills. Parents/caregivers will participate with their child. Pre-registration is required. Call 732-4828 or visit the Information Desk to sign up. which lie deep within these notions.

Who's Line Is It Anyway?

Feb 25 | Wed | 5:30-7:30p

Ages 10-16



The Midwest City Library will sponsor an Improv's 4 Teens. No professional acting experience necessary....just a willingness to have fun!! Please register at the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828.

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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Ladies Craft Group

Feb 10 | Tue | 10a-Noon

Adults

Women of all ages create craft items suitable for the season on the second Tuesday of the month. We will be working on Valentine items this month. Call the library for more information.

Children Reading to Dogs

Feb 12,19 | Thur

3:30-4:30p

Ages 3 and older



Jane Neely will bring her therapy dog, "D'Leo" to listen to children as they improve their reading skills after school. Call the library for more information.

Choctaw Women's Aglow International

Feb 14 | Sat | 9:40a-Noon

Adults

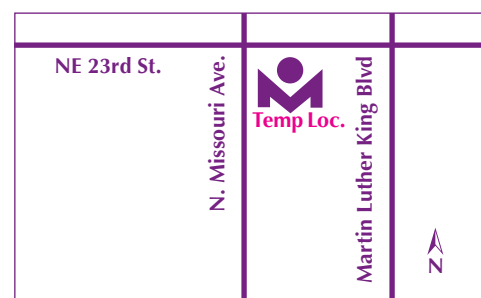
The interdenominational group of the Choctaw International Women's Aglow meets every second Saturday from 9:40 am to noon. Come for inspirational speakers, fellowship and refreshments. For more information call 371-7316 or 677-8909.

Ralph Ellison Library Temporary

1918 N.E. 23rd, OKC
(405) 424-1437

HOURS

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



The Ralph Ellison Library, now located at 1918 N.E. 23rd, (site of the former Hollywood Video) will be at this address for about a year while the 2000 NE 23rd location is under an extensive renovation and expansion process.

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Ages 55 and Older

See page 9 for details.

Black History Month

Feb. 2 - Feb 28, Library Hours

All ages

Come celebrate Black History Month at the library. Call 424-1437 for details.

Build Your Own Business
Feb 17 | Tue | 11:30a-12:30p
Adults

Learn why business plans are important, where to find funding, and how to start and manage a business. Seminar presented by SCORE, "Counselors to America's Small Business", a nonprofit organization dedicated to entrepreneur education and the success of small businesses nationwide. SCORE is a resource partner of the U.S. Small Business Administration. Co-sponsor: SBA.

Rhythmically Speaking Presents:
The Underwater Bridge
Feb 18 | Wed |
6:30-7:30p
All Ages



Held at St. John's Missionary Baptist Church, 5700 N. Kelley Ave. Call 424-1437 for more information. See page 13 for description & schedule.

Southern Oaks Library

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

HOURS

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



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Ages 55 and Older
 See page 9 for details.

Fan Fiction & Fan Art Contest Continues
Feb 1-Mar 15 | Library Hours
All Ages

You can still submit your entries for the 3rd annual Scarlet Kitsune fan fiction & fan art contest! All entries must be copyrighted characters. Entries will be accepted until Sunday, March 15 at 6:00 pm. Call John at 631-4468 for rules. Winners will be announced March 21 at 2:00 pm. Must be present to win! Co-sponsor: Scarlet Kitsune Anime Club!

Preschool Storytime
Feb 2,9,16,23 | Mon
10:30-11:15a

Ages 2-6 with parent

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. All children should be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration is required. Please sign up by calling 631-4468 or by visiting the Information Desk.

GED

Feb 2,4,9,11,16,18,23,25
Mon & Wed | 3-6p
16 years & older



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

Family Place: 1-2-3 Play With Me
Feb 3 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p
Infant - Age 4 with parent or guardian



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

Free Tax Help @ Southern Oaks Library
 See page 23 for dates & times.

Score Business Counseling
Feb 6,20 | Fri | 10a-1p
Adults

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

Harlem Renaissance Crafts
Feb 7 | Sat | 2-3p
Ages 10-16



Come celebrate the Harlem Renaissance with art activities that represent this revolutionary period in American art. Artists from the Oklahoma City Museum of Art will hip teens to the music, philosophy, dance, literature, drama, and visual arts that defined this movement. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City Museum of Art!

Parachute Play
Feb 10 | Tue | 10:30-11a
Ages 3-6 with parent



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

Southern Oaks Book Club
Feb 10 | 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 to reserve your copy of the current book selection.

Book Adventure: Kids' Book Club
Feb 10 | Tue | 4:30-5:30p
Ages 6-9

Join us for a book adventure! Meet with kids your age to discuss a great book. We will have a snack and make a craft or play a game. Call or visit the library to find out what book to read before attending the program. Pre-registration is required. Sign up by calling 631-4468 or by visiting the Information Desk.

Homework Help
Feb 12,26 | Thur | 4-6p
Grades 1-5

Do you know someone who needs help with those last minute papers and tests? Or maybe they just need help bringing up their reading scores? High school and college students will be available to answer questions or read with young people. Call 631-4468 for more information. Please pre-register!

Trip Into Toddlerhood
Feb 17 | Tue | 2:30-4p
Parents and caregivers of young children



Come join in as we discuss the characteristics of toddlerhood. We will explore the areas of language, physical, social and emotional development. Call Child Guidance to register at 425-4412 for the free workshop. Co-sponsor: OCCHD.

Kids Create

Feb 17 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p

Ages 8-12

Unleash your creativity! Come join us for some arts and crafts and writing activities for kids. We'll have fun creating new things. Feel free to bring a craft project you've done, or something you've written to share with us. Sign up at the Information Desk or by calling 631-4468.

Rhythmically Speaking Presents:

The Underwater Bridge

Feb 24 | Tue

6:30-7:30p

All Ages

See page 13 for description & schedule.



Seussical Saturday

Feb 28 | Sat | 2-3p

For families and children of all ages

Celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday (March 2) with us! Crafts, games, fun, and everything Seussical will be enjoyed by all! Sign up is required. Please call 631-4468 or visit the Information Desk to sign up.



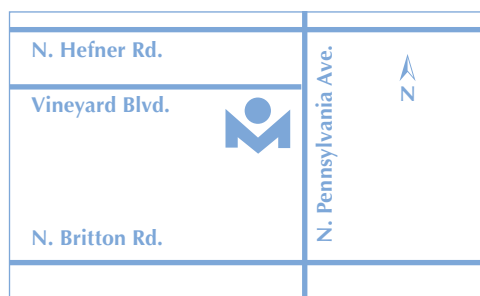
The Village Library

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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Introduction to MS Excel

Feb 2,9,16,23 | Mon

6:30-8:30p

Adults

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



reserve your instruction time. Village Library
(405) 755-0710.

Free Tax Help @ The Village Library

See page 23 for dates & times.

Music With Susan

Feb 5,12,19,26 | Thur

10-10:30a

Ages 2-6 years

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



Children Reading to Dogs

Feb 5,12,19,26 | Thur

3:30-4:30p

Children who can read

Come and read to a dog! Readers can come to practice and improve their reading skills. The dogs with their owners act as an uncritical, appreciative audience with excellent listening skills! Bring your own book or borrow one from us.



Village Kids' Book Clubs

Feb 7 | Sat | 10-11a

Ages 6-8

Let's get together and discuss a great book! We will have a snack and make a craft or play a game. Come by the Information Desk to get a copy of the book to read. Please read the book before attending the program. Pre-registration is required by calling 755-0710 or stop by the Information Desk.

Rhythmically Speaking Presents:

The Underwater Bridge

Feb 11 | Wed

6:30-7:30p

All Ages

See page 13 for description & schedule.



Metropolitan Library Commission of Oklahoma County

Feb 19 | Thur | 3:30-5p

The Village Library
10307 N. Pennsylvania
Oklahoma City, OK 73120
405.755.0710

The public is welcome to attend.



Introduction to MS Word

Feb 19 | Thur | 6:30-8p

Adults

Free computer class for adults! Learn the features of the Microsoft Word window, how to create, save and print letters and other documents, and how to print envelopes and mailing labels, and more. Come in or call to sign-up. Village Library (405) 755-0710.



Anime Club

Feb 26 | Thur | 4-5p

Teens

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



Teens

Build Your Own Business

Feb 27 | Fri | 11:30a-12:30p

Adults

Learn why business plans are important, where to find funding, and how to start and manage a business. Seminar presented by SCORE, "Counselors to America's Small Business", a nonprofit organization dedicated to entrepreneur education and the success of small businesses nationwide. SCORE is a resource partner of the U.S. Small Business Administration. Co-sponsor: SBA.

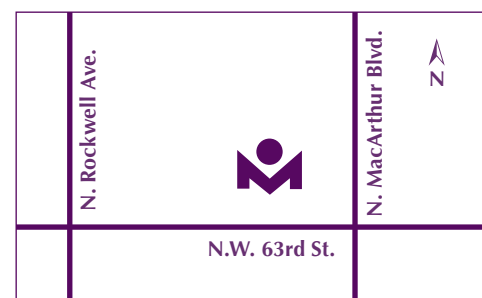
Warr Acres Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: Closed



2009 Winter Readfest

Feb. 1 - March 31

Ages 55 and Older

See page 9 for details.

AARP Tax Assistance at Warr Acres Library

See page 23 for dates & times.

English as a Second Language

Feb 2,4,9,11,16,18,23,25

Mon & Wed | 5:30-8p

Adults

Beginning ESL classes are back! The classes will be on Monday and Wednesday evenings. Registration will be with the teacher.



The Metropolitan Library System Presents



the 2nd
annual **asian**
festival

Downtown Library | Jan. 31 & Feb. 1

Saturday, January 31

10am-4:30pm | 4th Floor Auditorium

Film screenings by master animator Hayo Miyazaki:

My Neighbor Totoro • *Castle in the Sky* • *Spirited Away* (Oscar-winner)

Sunday, February 1

1-4:30pm

Art Exhibit | Music | Dance | Information Booths

Performances begin at 2pm

Downtown Library | 300 Park Avenue
Free Admission. Questions? Call 606-3876

 **Metropolitan**
LIBRARY SYSTEM
www.metrolibrary.org

Music Play with Susan
Feb 3, 17 | Tue | 10:30-11a
Ages 2 1/2 to 5 years



Bring your preschooler for a fun musical time of learning with Ms. Susan. Please pre-register by calling 721-2616.

Common Challenges with Toddlers
Feb 3 | Tue | 3:30-5p
Adults



Temper tantrums, biting, limited communication and toileting are some of the most common issues facing parents of toddlers. Parents and child care providers are welcome to come and discuss ways to deal with these challenges. Free of charge. Please call Child Guidance at 425-4412 to register.

Family Place: 1-2-3 Play with Me
Feb 3, 10, 17, 24 | Tue
6:30-7:30p
Infants - Age 4 w/parents



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, an important time for bonding and an educational experience for your child. A different community resource professional will be available each week to answer your parenting questions. Pre-register for this program at the Reference Desk.

Warr Acres Book Club
Feb 9 | Mon | 11a-Noon
Adults

The Warr Acres Library Book Club meets the second Monday of each month. We will discuss the romance *Loving Frank* by Nancy Horan. This historical fiction novel chronicles the relationship between architect Frank Lloyd Wright and his affair with Mamah Cheney.

Play Time for Babies and Tots
Feb 11, 18, 25 | Wed
9:15-10a or 10:30-11:15a
8 months - 2 1/2 year olds with adult



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

Children Reading to Dogs
Feb 12 | Thur
6:30-7:30p
5 years and older



Loveable dogs and their trained owners will help children develop reading skills. So grab a favorite book and enjoy a time of reading. You may bring your own favorite book or read one from the library. Dogs and their owners are trained and certified as dog therapy teams by Therapy Dogs International. Please pre-register.

Caldecott Art Club
Feb 14 | Sat | 10:30-11:30a
Ages 5 and older

Come draw a flip book of birds inspired by the book, *Song of the Swallows*, by Leo Politi, or draw a magical picture, based on the book, *Cinderella*, by Marcia Brown. Children are invited to join us on the second Saturday of each month for creative fun based on award winning books. Please call 721-2616 to pre-register.

Warr Acres Coffee Break
Feb 16 | Mon | 9:30-10:30a
Adults

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

Soap Making Class
Feb 19 | Thur | 6:30-8p
Teens 12-17



Come create with us! Artist Kelly Thompson will show teens how to make soap figures suitable for giving as gifts. Please call ahead to pre-register.

Rhythmically Speaking Presents:
The Underwater Bridge

Feb 21 | Sat | 2-3p
All Ages



See page 13 for description & schedule.

Build Your Own Business
Feb 26 | Thur | 7-8:30p
Adults

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Genealogy for Beginners
Feb 28 | Sat | 2-3p
Adults



Designed for beginning genealogists, this class will include a discussion of how to use the Internet as a genealogy research tool. We'll also cover researching resources at the library.

Wright Library

2101 Exchange, OKC
 (405) 235-5035

HOURS

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

S. Agnew Ave.		S. Rockwood Ave.	S. Penn Ave.
	Exchange Ave.		
	S.W. 15th St.		

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Candle Making Class
Feb 12 | Thur | 2-3:30p
Adults

Join Kelly F. Thompson for a fun afternoon of candle making. Participants will learn the art of making candles, and get to take one with them.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Friends Booksale 9a-5:30p Oklahoma Expo State Fairgrounds
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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.

Schlink, Bernhard. *The Reader*. Tr. By Carol Brown Janeway.
FICTION/SCH

Two of the best movies of 2008 both starred the luminous Kate Winslet and were adaptations of serious novels. The first book, from Germany, tells the story of a young man who could possibly save the life of a former Nazi concentration camp guard if he is willing to admit to having had an affair with her.

Yates, Richard. *Revolutionary Road*.
FICTION/YAT

Yates has been called the voice of the post-war Age of Anxiety, and he's speaking loud and clear in this tale of a married couple who try to live on dreams and fantasies in a 1950s America that demands compromise and conventionality. Their tragedy is that they cannot even share the same dreams.



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** 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	—

**The Ralph Ellison location at 2000 NE 23rd will close on August 4 for renovation. A temporary location at 1918 NE 23rd will open on August 18.

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.