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Every time I show up for work in February, after galumphing along through the cold and, frequently, wet, I'm glad I don't work in Vostok Station, a Russian Antarctic research center located at the southern Pole of Cold. The Northern and Southern Hemispheres each have a Pole of Cold. That's where the lowest temperatures have been recorded.

You think it's cold in Oklahoma? On July 21, 1983, the lowest temperature ever recorded on Earth was recorded at Vostok Station: -128.6 degrees.

You probably can't even think about that without having an ear turn to ice and break off, so think about February with your Metropolitan Library System instead. Big doings this month so you'll want to check out our articles on a terrific new program from Rhythmically Speaking and, of course, one of central Oklahoma's favorite annual traditions—The Friends of the Library Booksale.

I wonder where the Pole of Tropical Warmth is?



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King Cotton

by Larry Johnson

*Before the economic collapse
of the Depression Oklahoma
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producer of cotton with over
four million acres planted
with the white stuff,
second only to Texas.*





Growing up, I always had a sort of primal love for maps. I'd call it cartophilia, but that sissy word isn't powerful enough to explain my emotional attachment to maps. Thankfully, it's never been a problem or become a full-blown mania. I haven't lavished the rent on a Waldseemuller or neglected my children while poring over the new Rand McNally. In fact, all that geography made me a better student of history and taught me at an early age the impermanence of this world as I said my goodbyes to Upper Volta, Biafra, and the U. S. S. R. and welcomed East Timor and The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

What haven't changed in many years are the little icons dotting the United States map puzzles we assembled as kids. These nifty puzzles cut into state shapes have been around since Victorian times, but it wasn't until the post-war education boom that they were enhanced by symbols of a state's industrial or raw material prowess. Sure, the graphic may have changed, but pick up the Oklahoma piece and you'll see an oil well, a cow and a wheat stalk just as you would have for the last 60 years or so.

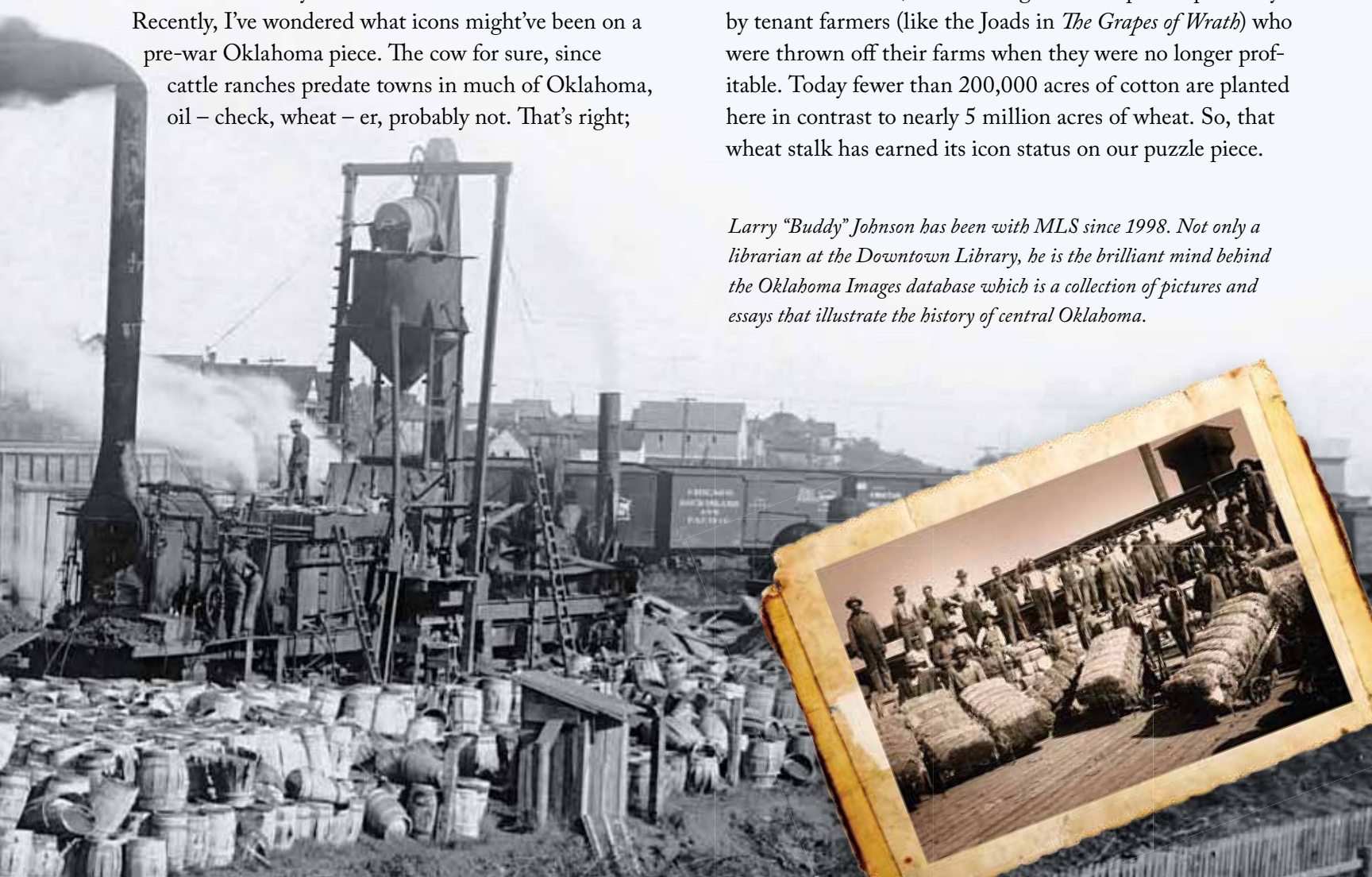
Recently, I've wondered what icons might've been on a pre-war Oklahoma piece. The cow for sure, since cattle ranches predate towns in much of Oklahoma, oil – check, wheat – er, probably not. That's right;

before the economic collapse of the Depression Oklahoma was the nation's second-largest producer of cotton with over four million acres planted with the white stuff, second only to Texas. In 1925, the cotton crop in Oklahoma was cashed in at \$157 million. Wheat? \$31 million. What's more, 95 million of those dollars flowed through Oklahoma City.

Oklahoma City's position astride nine railroads made it a hub for transporting agricultural products in the region and the city featured a cotton compress (for making denser, easily transported bales) and a cotton oil mill. But it was also home to the Cotton Exchange on the southeast corner of Harvey and Second (now Kerr). In the mornings Oklahoma cotton was graded in the light of the north-facing ground floor windows for strength, color, moisture and other factors. Then the dealers officed above would buy and sell millions of bales to mills around the country and the world.

Cotton's halcyon days in Oklahoma didn't last long. Just a few short years after the Cotton Exchange was built in 1923 and expanded in 1928, commodity prices plummeted. Whereas wheat was grown on farms owned by the families who lived on them, cotton was grown and picked primarily by tenant farmers (like the Joads in *The Grapes of Wrath*) who were thrown off their farms when they were no longer profitable. Today fewer than 200,000 acres of cotton are planted here in contrast to nearly 5 million acres of wheat. So, that wheat stalk has earned its icon status on our puzzle piece.

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





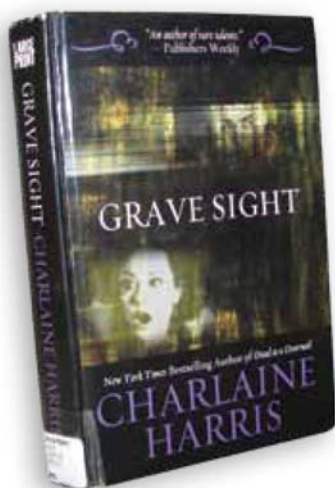
Reviews & Recommendations



Grave Sight

by Charlaine Harris

reviewed by Phyllis Davidson



Harper Connelly was an ordinary teenager living in a highly dysfunctional family until the day she was struck by lightning. Afterwards, she developed the ability to find dead bodies, determine their cause of death, and often to witness their last moments of life.

By the time she is in her mid-twenties, Harper makes her living by locating missing bodies. She and her stepbrother, Tolliver, travel around the country providing a service to families who want closure. Tolliver acts as Harper's business manager and bodyguard, because most people don't seem to appreciate what Harper does--seeing her as a charlatan or ghoul.

Harper is called to the little Ozark town of Sarne to locate the body of Teenie Hopkins, a missing teenager. Not only does she find Teenie, she learns

that the girl's older sister didn't die from natural causes either. When the two girls' mother is found beaten to death, Harper just wants to leave town and let the law handle it, but the law throws Tolliver in jail on trumped-up charges. Solving the case herself may be the only way to get them out of this grave situation.

No need to wait for sequels. *Grave Surprise*, *An Ice Cold Grave*, and *Grave Secret* are already waiting on your library's shelves.

This title also available in a large print edition.

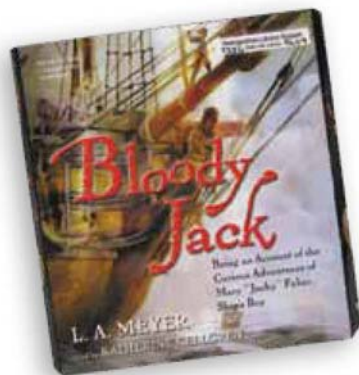
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Bloody Jack

by L.A. Meyer / read by Katherine Kellgren on 6 compact discs

reviewed by Phyllis Davidson



Poor little Mary! Her family dies in an English plague, and she ends up begging for pennies with a small gang of street rats. When the leader of the gang is murdered, Mary dons his clothing, takes his shiv, and transforms into a boy, calling herself Jacky Faber. She asks another gang to take in the little ones, who are already skillful beggars, and Jacky heads for the docks.

She happens upon a ship that is looking for six ship's boys, and because she can read, she is chosen to go to sea on the *Dolphin*. At first it seems heavenly, because she finally has enough to eat, but soon she is battling pirates and trying to stay

out of the clutches of evil officers. Jacky's biggest challenge is keeping the secret of her gender, especially from Jamie, the ship's boy with whom she is falling in love.

The reader's thick cockney accent adds authenticity to this story written for juniors. Girls will enjoy hearing about how Jacky deals with her secret, and boys will like the exotic adventures. The story is rich enough to shorten several commutes for the rest of us. I'm looking forward to the sequel, *Curse of the Blue Tattoo*, and others.

This title also available in book form.

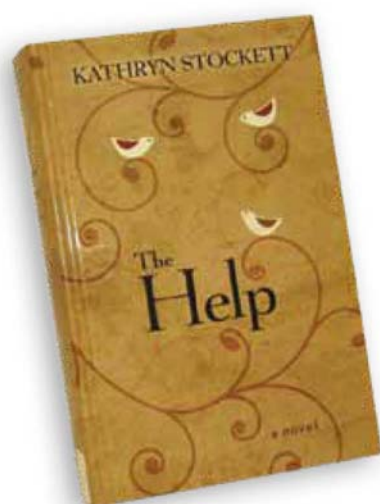


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The Help

by Kathryn Stockett

reviewed by Christine Bassett



The Help are the black maids in Jackson Mississippi during the early 1960's when the majority of whites subscribed to the racial prejudices of the era; segregation was the norm and the help were mistreated and abused like second class citizens.

Eugenia Skeeter Phelan is different from her white friends and hopes to interview some of the maids about their experiences for a book as a protest to the attitudes of her friends. At first *the help* refuse to talk, fearing job loss or retribution from employers, but maids Aibileen and Minnie agree to be interviewed and others soon follow. The story unfolds with suspense as we eagerly wait to see whether the white ladies will find out that their maids are secretly writing about their lives. Will Skeeter's book be published or not? What will the consequences be for the help if this happens?

Stockett writes with a combination of humor and pathos, bringing out the irony of the attitude of the

white women who find it distasteful to allow their colored help to use their own personal bathrooms but conduct fund raisers for the poor in Africa.

This type of attitude is contrasted in the story with the friendships that develop between Skeeter and the colored interviewees as they write the book.

This is a book that is greatly enhanced by listening to it on audio CD. The voices of Jenna Lamia, Bahri Turpin, Octavia Spencer and Cassandra Campbell as Skeeter, Minny, Aibileen and the narrator, bring the characters to life as the story is told in the first person from the point of view of Skeeter and the maids. Not to be missed.

This title also available in large print and as an Audio CD recording.

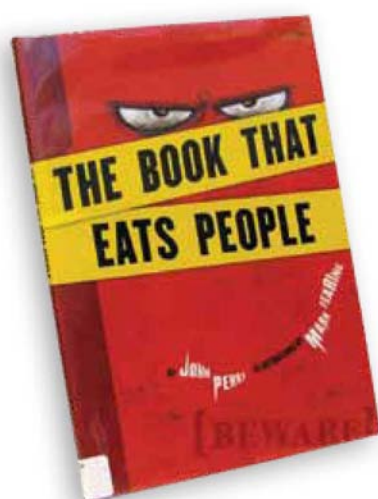
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The Book That Eats People

by John Perry ; illustrations by Mark Fearing

reviewed by Jana Hausburg



"Have you ever heard a book burp?"

This book is more dangerous than any others challenged in school libraries or lurking on Banned Book lists. Literally. It's not the ideas inside that will get you into trouble. Merely reading the book will put your life in danger.

You see, this book EATS people! Chews them up. Swallows them down. Don't believe me? Well, ask Sammy Ruskin or Victoria Glassford or Chuck Anderson (who deserved it). They'd tell you, if they were still alive. Which they aren't.

Are your hands sticky from the peanut butter sandwich you had at lunch? *Don't read this book.* Do you smell like minty fresh toothpaste? *Don't read this book!* Do you have chocolate chip cookies in your pocket? I'm begging you—*don't pick it up!* Still don't believe me? Don't say I didn't warn you.

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.



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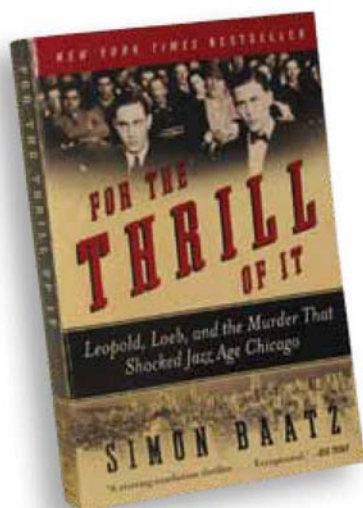
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For the Thrill Of It: Leopold, Loeb, and the Murder That Shocked Jazz Age Chicago

by Simon Baatz

reviewed by Doug Bentin



It's as tantalizing and elusive as a retirement cottage in Shangri-La. For some, anyway. It's the perfect murder.

In Chicago in 1924, two young men with more intelligence than moral grounding decided they could create the perfect murder and kidnapped 14-year old Bobby Franks to prove it. Nathan Leopold and Richard Loeb, who were 19 and 18, murdered the boy and left the corpse in a drainage ditch. They then tried to extort \$10,000 from Franks' parents, but the real motive was the planning and pulling off of the perfect murder.

They were captured and confessed two weeks later.

Clarence Darrow defended them and managed to convince a judge to give them life in prison.

The judge was not being soft on crime. "To the offenders," he said, "particularly of the type they are, the prolonged suffering of years of confinement may well be the severer form of retribution and expiation."

Author Baatz, an associate professor at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice, has researched the case impeccably and written it up in a novelistic style. The book reads like a police thriller, just the kind of book Loeb enjoyed.

Doug Bentin appears weekly on the MLS TV program "Read About It." Check out his movie reviews in The Oklahoma Gazette, and his occasional film writing on the Oklahoma Film Critics Circle website, <http://ofccircle.org/>

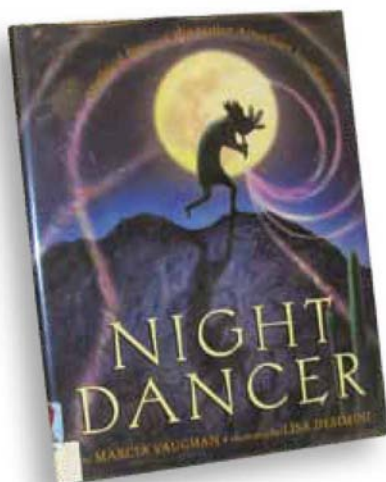
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Night Dancer, Mythical Piper of the Native American Southwest

by Marcia Vaughn, with illustrations by Lisa Desimini

reviewed by Kelley Riha



Winter is the time for stories; telling them, reading them, but most of all sharing them. One story not to miss is *Night Dancer*, a beautiful story of the ancient hump-backed flute player, Kokopelli. With a repetitive chorus inviting the listeners to sing along with Kokopelli's catchy refrain, children of all ages will join in.

Written for 3-7 year olds, the text is simple and fanciful as different desert dwellers fall in behind Kokopelli in a pied piper fashion. The animals dance on two legs in the moon-bright light. Earth is colored in grays with cactus green, punctuated by brilliant red and pink cactus flowers. Night is displayed in shades of darkest blue and lavenders with a multitude of stars above. Mysterious music glows like the Northern Lights emitting from Kokopelli's flute as he dances and leaps across the desert sand.

Info borrowed from the Lee & Low Books website tells how author Marcia Vaughn started her career as a school librarian. "I always seemed to be changing the books I read aloud, making the short ones longer and the long ones shorter to hold the students' interest. Then one day it happened. I was reading *Tikki Tikki Tembo* to a second grade class, making some changes to the story, when KABAM! A voice in my head said 'Marcia, stop changing other peoples' books and write your own.' That's just what I did."

The Metro Libraries also carry Vaughn's *Dorobo the Dangerous*. Check 'em out and share them.

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.

Get Hooked On Reading!



Booksale's Coming

Are you a bookworm? Hooked on reading?

Have we got a deal for you!

It's something we like to call The Friends of the Library Booksale and it's coming your way on Saturday and Sunday, February 20 and 21 from 9am to 5:30pm at the Oklahoma Expo Hall, State Fair Grounds, Oklahoma City.

"It takes a lot of people to get this annual show on the road," said Metropolitan Library System Director of Development Diane Sarantakos "and I think most people realize that in February, when the actual Booksale takes place, we'll need a lot of volunteers to help out. What they may not think about is the fact that the entire thing is about 99 percent volunteer, and we need help with every aspect of the project."

The Booksale began in 1980 and since that time has developed into one of the largest events of its kind in the nation. Bibliophiles and book dealers come from as far away as Florida to take a look at the hundreds of

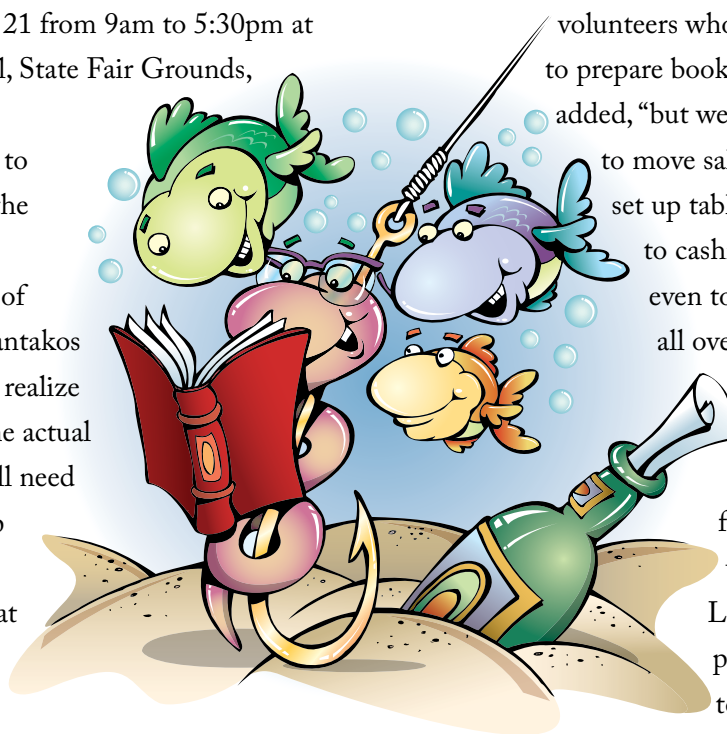
thousands of books, magazines, audiotapes and videos that sell for \$1.00 or less. Admission is free and browsers have a great time.

"We currently have about 30 loyal, hardworking volunteers who work at the sort site all year to prepare books for the sale," Sarantakos added, "but we need a thousand volunteers to move sale items to the Fairgrounds, to set up tables, to keep the coffee perking, to cashier, to cheer everyone on, and even to clean up the mess when it's all over."

A major advantage to joining the Friends is that on Friday evening, February 19 from 5:30 to 9pm, volunteers who are also Friends of the Library are invited to a pre-sale party and given an opportunity to purchase items before they

go on sale to the general public.

Anyone interested in volunteering to help with the Friends of the Library annual Booksale can check out the volunteer sign-up form on the Friends' website, www.mlsfriends.org or call (405) 606-3763 with questions.





Rhythmically Speaking presents: “The Way It Was: Oklahoma’s Soulful Stories”



For several years now MLS has worked with the children’s theater troupe Rhythmically Speaking to produce delightful and informative programs in recognition of Black History Month.

In the past we’ve focused on Black towns in Oklahoma, but there were many strong Black communities in towns that were not strictly Black. In 2010, Rhythmically Speaking will take a look at some of these towns and communities.



“We decided to take a closer look at three of these communities,” said Rhythmically Speaking playwright and director DWe Williams, “the one-room schoolhouse in Chickasha (that had been moved from Verdon), Greenwood in Tulsa (aka The Black Wall Street), and Rentiesville.”

“Many ideas came together for me through a series of unusual connections,” Williams continued. “Derrick Minter was in the State Artist-in-Residence program with me. He was from Rentiesville and so was the Harvard-educated historian John Hope Franklin. ‘My challenge,’ Franklin said, ‘was to weave into the fabric of American history enough of the presence of blacks so that the story of the United States could be told adequately and fairly.’ Franklin retired to Durham, NC, (to raise orchids) where I’m from. These things got me thinking about Rentiesville.”

The Chickasha schoolhouse is the only one left that was built by African-Americans on African-American owned land for use by African-Americans. It was built in 1910 in Vernon and moved to Fisher Street, which was named for Ada Lois Sipoul Fisher, the first black student admitted to OU Law School.

“Greenwood,” Williams said, “is one of the most famous black communities in Oklahoma and was the site of a race riot in 1921. Greenwood had everything you needed—groceries, department stores, auto repair shops. Many people worked in the white part of town but got Thursdays off (maid’s day off) and spent the day shopping in Greenwood.”

Williams has been working on this project for over a year.

“The fascinating thing about stories like these,” she believes, “is that they open up history to people not usually interested in history. If you’d told me when I was younger that I’d be spending so much of my time with history, I’d have said you were crazy. For me, it’s always the story, and these stories are great.”

See page 30 for the schedule of “The Way It Was: Oklahoma’s Soulful Stories” performances.

Co-sponsor: Friends of the Metropolitan Library System, Oklahoma Arts Council, Arts Council of Oklahoma City, National Endowment for the Arts



Southern Oaks Library

1975 was not the best year your Metropolitan Library System has ever had. Budget hits forced us to reduce service hours by 22 percent, closing most libraries on Mondays.

Good things were going on for us in 1975 as well, and perhaps the best of all was the opening of the Southern Oaks Branch at 6900 S. Walker. This 16,693 square foot facility replaced the store front library at Southern Hills. 12,250 square feet were devoted to public service space, and there were 66 free parking spaces.

Southern Oaks also housed a drive-through bookmobile dock. Mobile libraries could pull up and swap out their collections, making sure that new material was always available. When the bookmobile service was finally discontinued, this docking area was renovated for storage.

Another plus at Southern Oaks was office space for the Oklahoma City Literacy Council. The OCLC was also allowed to use meeting rooms to train tutors. MLS had been partnering with the public schools to provide English as a Second Language, GED and Citizenship classes at two sites. Now, that project is much wider spread around the system.

Southern Oaks is still going strong and is scheduled for a major renovation soon. We’ll let you know when that gets underway.

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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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Metropolitan Library Commission of Oklahoma County

Feb 18 | Thur | 3:30-5p

MLS Service Center

300 N.E. 50th

Oklahoma City, OK 73105

The public is welcome to attend.



Belle Isle Library

5501 N. Villa Ave., OKC

(405) 843-9601

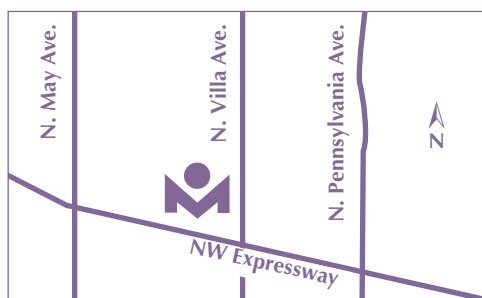
HOURS

Mon-Thur: 9-9

Sat: 9-5

Fri: 9-6

Sun: 1-6



2010 Winter Readfest

Feb. 1-March 31

Seniors

If you're going to read anyway, you may as well get gifts and win prizes! For ages 55+, sign up to read and get a free book bag from Feb. 1 through Mar. 31. Prizes include gift cards, books, iPods, and other fun things. Call 606-3835 for more information. Co-sponsors: Friends of the Library, Library Endowment Trust.

Wii Tournament & Signup for Winter Readfest

Feb 1 | Mon | 1-3:30p

Seniors

Belle Isle will start off the Winter Readfest for seniors 55+ with a Wii Tournament.

Bring someone along to be on your team or come alone and join a team. Stop by the Reference Desk and sign up for the 1st Annual Tournament. If you know what game you want to play on the Wii, let us know. Light refreshments will be available.

Children Reading to Dogs

Feb 1,8,15,22 | Mon

6-7:30p

Children who can read

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



Conversational Spanish Class

Feb 1,8,15,22 | Mon

6:30-8:30p

Teens and older

Conversational Spanish class for spring 2010. This course is intended to teach basic Spanish speaking skills (Who, What, When, and Where). The class began on Jan. 25 and will continue on Monday evenings until April 19. Register at the Reference Desk or call 843-9601.



Tax Help by AARP Volunteers

Feb 2,9,16,23 | Tue | 9a-1p

Feb 3,10,17,24 | Wed | 9a-1p

Feb 6,13,20,27 | Sat | 9a-Noon

Adults

AARP trained volunteers will assist you in preparing your 2009 state and federal tax returns. No appointments - first come, first served. E-filing only. Co-sponsor: AARP.

ESL: Learn English as a Second Language

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

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

Adults

With Oklahoma City Public Schools. Improve your English speaking, reading, and



writing skills in this free class for people who are new to the English language. Ongoing enrollment. You can join this class at any time. For questions and to register, come to the class.

Service Corps of Retired Executives

Feb 6,20 | 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. Co-sponsor: Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE).

Money Talk: An Afternoon with Adam Smith, The Father of Modern Economics

Feb 7 | Sun | 2-3p

All ages

Have you ever wondered about our modern economic system and how we got in this mess anyway? How about meeting the man who is considered the father of modern economics, Adam Smith, author of "The Wealth of Nations?" Mr. Smith will be here in the form of Dexter MacBride, local citizen and scholar. We'll enjoy some refreshments in honor of Smith's Scottish heritage. Sign up at the Reference Desk.

Sweet Hearts

Feb 11 | Thur | 10-11a

Pre-kindergarten

Stories about hearts and Valentine's Day will be shared by Miss B. Playtime and an activity will follow. Pre-registration begins Feb. 1st. 843-9601.





Tax Help: AARP

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Belle Isle Library—AARP, E-filing ONLY.

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Saturdays: Feb 6,13,20,27: 9-11a

Edmond Library—AARP E-filing ONLY

Wednesdays: Feb 3,10,17,24: 10a-3p

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Southern Oaks Library—AARP E-filing ONLY

Wednesdays: Feb 3,10,17,24: 9a-2:30p

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

The Village Library—AARP, E-filing ONLY.

Tuesdays: Feb 2,9,16,23: 10a-3p

Wednesdays: Feb 3,10,17,24: 10a-3p

Saturdays: Feb 6,13,20,27: 10a-3p

Warr Acres Library—AARP, E-filing ONLY

Mondays: Feb 1,8,15,22: 9a-3p

Fridays: Feb 5,12,19,26: 9a-3p

Rhythmically Speaking Presents: "The Way It Was: Oklahoma's Soulful Stories"

Feb 14 | Sun | 2-3p

All Ages



Rhythmically Speaking will bring to life the rich history of Oklahoma's black towns and communities. From the one room school house in Chickasha to Black Wall Street in Tulsa and many places in between. This is a show that you will not want to miss. Please celebrate Black History Month with us as we journey through our state and learn about the lives and towns that have shaped it. Co-sponsors: Friends of the Metropolitan Library System, Oklahoma Arts Council, Arts Council of Oklahoma City, and National Endowment for the Arts.

Laughter Yoga Workshop

Feb 16 | Tue | 7-8:30p

All ages

A workshop that explores laughter and yoga. Sign up at the Belle Isle Reference Desk.

Lauren Pelon presents: The Living History of Music

Feb 20 | Sat | 2-3p

Ages 10 to adults



Lauren Pelon traces the story of music and instruments throughout history and performs music from the 1st to the 21st centuries on archlute, guitar, lute-guitar, lyre, recorders, gemshorns, cornamuse, krummhorn, schreierpfeife, shawm, rackett, pennywhistles, concertina, ocarina, hurdy-gurdy, psaltery, eagle bone flute, Kiowa courting flute, electric wind instrument, pedalboard, and voice. Pelon's compositions are featured, along with music from ancient Greece, medieval and renaissance Europe, Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Ireland and the Americas.

Metro OKC Knit Guild

Feb 21 | Sun | 3-5p

Teens and adults

Everyone—any knitter or a person who has 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 metrookccknitguild@gmail.com
Co-sponsor: Metro OKC Knit Guild.

Bethany Library

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

HOURS

Mon-Thur: 9-9

Fri: 9-6

Sat: 9-5

Sun: Closed



2010 Winter Readfest

Feb. 1-March 31

Seniors

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Parent Talk

Feb 1 | Mon | 1-4p

Birth to age 5 w/parent or guardian



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

Toddler Story and Play Time

Feb 4 | Thur | 9:30-10:15a

and 10:30-11:15a

Ages 2-3 with adult



Enjoy a story, song, 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.

An Author Event: Meet Terrye Robins

Feb 4 | Thur | 7-8p

Ages 10 and older

Terrye Robbins, Oklahoma novelist, writes about sleuth Allison Kane. Robbins writes a different sort of detective/discovery story. reminiscent of *Murder She Wrote*. Refreshments will be served after the event.

Drawing With Danny

Feb 6 | Sat | 2-3p

Ages 8-12

Join artist Danny Gordon for a fun, basic drawing class. Students will learn to look for basic shapes and lines in a variety of subjects which will make drawing easier and more fun! Space is limited for this free class. Sign up early! Pre-register at the library Information Desk or call 789-8363, ext. 3.

Valentine Story Time

Feb 11 | Thur | 10-10:45a

Ages 3-6

Enjoy Valentine's Day stories, songs, nursery rhymes and a fun craft as well as Valentine refreshments to celebrate the holiday. Please pre-register at the library Information Desk or call 789-8363, ext. 3.



Silver Strings and Chocolate

Feb 13 | Sat | 2-3p

All Ages

Sweets will abound and wonderful music from the Putnam City Silver Strings will fill the room. Bring your loved ones for this enjoyable treat.



Lauren Pelon presents: The Living History of Music

Feb 18 | Thur

6:30-7:30p

Ages 10 to adults

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Family Place: 1-2-3 Play With Me

Feb 18,25 | Thur

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

Infants to age 4 w/parent

Playing with your baby or child is not only important for bonding but is also an educational experience for your child. A different community resource professional will be available each week to answer your parenting questions. Pre-register by calling the library or visiting the Reference Desk.



Wii Snacks & Fun

Feb 19 | Fri | 10-11:30a

Adults

The third Friday of the month, Wii games will be here for you to exercise and enjoy. Join the fun and meet new people.

Rhythmically Speaking Presents: "The Way It Was: Oklahoma's Soulful Stories"

Feb 20 | Sat | 3-4p

All Ages

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Children Reading to Dogs

Feb 27 | 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.



Trip Around the World

Feb 27 | Sat | 2-3p

Grades 3-6

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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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Move and Groove Story Time

Feb 1,15 | Mon | 10:30-11a

Ages 1-5

Toddler and pre-schoolers are invited to hear a story and learn some exercise moves. Parent participation is encouraged. Please call 634-6308 for more information.



Family Place: 1-2-3 Play With Me

Feb 2,9,16,23 | Tue | 10-11a

Infants to age 4 w/parent

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 by calling the OKCC Health Dept. at 425-4412..



Capitol Hill After School Club

Feb 3,10,17,24 | Wed | 3:30-4:30p

Elementary age

Don't spend all afternoon waiting for your turn on the computer! Come play board games or make a craft, make new friends and have a snack. Every Wednesday at 3:30pm.

Mommy and Me Book Club

Feb 5 | Fri | 10-11a

Moms and babies/toddlers

Bring your babies to play while you discuss current literature with other moms, and read a book to your baby.



Capitol Hill Artist's and Writer's Club

Feb 5 | Fri | 3-4p

Teens

Hey teens! Join us after school every Friday to express artistic talent in different media. Supplies and refreshments provided. Call 634-6308 for more information.



Conversational Spanish Class

Feb 10,17 | Wed | 5:30-7p

Adults

Conversational Spanish class for Spring 2010. This course is intended to teach basic Spanish speaking skills (Who, What, When, and Where). The class will meet for 14



Downtown Library Computer Classes 2010



Everything You Need to Know to Learn Computer Basics!

All classes are at the Downtown Library,
300 Park Avenue, in the Route 66 Computer Lab*.
Classes are held Tuesdays from 6-7:30pm.

February 2: Resumes and On-line
Job Searching

February 9: Computer Basics—
Internet Searching

February 16: Blogging—A How To

March 2: Computer Basics

March 9: Computer Basics 2

March 16: Excell Basics

April 6: Internet Fraud

April 13: Computer Basics— Keyboarding

April 20: Email and Gmail

May 4: Computer Basics

May 11: Computer Basics 2

May 18: eBay—How to Buy & Sell Safely



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www.metrolibrary.org

Questions? Call (405) 606-3879 for answers or to register.

**Every Wednesday from 9-11am the Route 66 Computer Lab is open for job searching, resume assistance and one-on-one computer instruction.*

sessions starting on Wednesday, February 10th. The class will continue on Wednesday evenings until May 12th. This program requires pre-registration. Please sign up at the Information Desk, or by calling the library.

"I Heart the Library"

Feb 12 | Fri | 3:30-4:30p

Ages 6 and older

Visit your favorite library (Capitol Hill) for Valentines treats and a craft to give to your one true love.

Chocoate Festival

Feb 16 | Tue | 5-7p

Teens

Did you know Chocolate has a "rich" history? Come learn the facts and the fiction behind the yummiest treats, make and eat your own chocolate confections, and try your hand at Chocolate trivia. Ages 12 to 17. Seats are limited, please pre-register. 634-6308.



TEENS

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Feb 17 | Wed | 6-7p

All Ages

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Soap Making

Feb 20 | Sat | 11a-12:15p

Adults

Learn the process of making soap from scratch using the cold process method. Use your imagination to make soap creations for your own personal use, or to give as gifts. Participants will receive free soap samples to take with them.

"Love,Love, Love" Story Time

Feb 25 | Thur | 6-6:45p

Ages 4-12

Dont let the spirit of love end on Feb. 14. Keep the love flowing all month long! Hear a story and create a lovely craft.

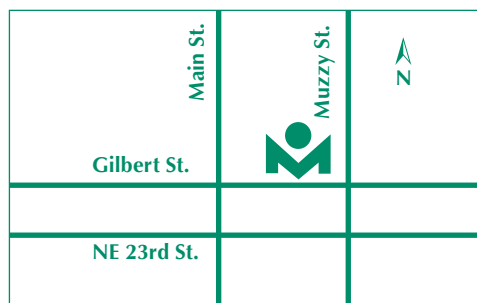
Choctaw Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: Closed



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GED

Feb 1,3,8,10,15,17,22,24

Mon & Wed | 9-11:15a

Age 16 & older

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



Lapsit Story Time

Feb 2,9,16,23 | Tue

9:30-10a

Ages 6 months-3 years

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



Preschool Story Time

Feb 2,9,16,23 | Tue

10:30-11a

Ages 3-5 years

Come to the library for stories, songs, fingerplays, and fun to help build early literacy skills. Please call 390-8418 or stop by the Reference Desk for more information.



Games at Your Library

Feb 2,9,16,23 | Tue | 3:30-5p

Feb 4,18,25 | Thur | 3:30-5p

Kids and teens

GOT GO! Expand your brain power and play some games at the library. On Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, the community room will be open for kids and teens to play games. Play GO, Chess, Checkers, Dominoes, card games and more.

Preschool Aerobics

Feb 5 | Fri | 10:30-11a

Ages 2-5

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



Parent Talk: Child Guidance Consultations

Feb 11 | Thur | 1-5p

Parents or caregivers of young children

Individual appointments available between 1:00-5:00pm (approx. 45 min.) Sessions include discussion about the normal range of early development as well as any parenting questions you may have in the areas of speech, language, development, and behavior. Children do not have to be present at session. Call Child Guidance to register! 425-4412. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City County Health Department.



Choctaw Library's Second Annual Chocolatefest

Feb 11 | Thur | 6-7p

Teens

Join in on some fun and tasty activities in celebration of one of our favorite foods—Chocolate! Test your speed, wit and agility while enjoying several types and forms of chocolate. You don't want to miss this!



TEENS

Children Reading to Dogs

Feb 17 | Wed | 4-5p

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 a non-critical, appreciative audience with excellent listening skills! Bring your own book or borrow one from us.



Parachute Play

Feb 19 | Fri | 1-5p

Ages 3-6 with parent

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



Thursday Noon Tunes

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

February 4: Stephanie Jackson – Classical & Pop Guitar

February 11: Oklahoma City University Student Pianist

February 18: Stringents – Rock String Quartet

February 25: Sequoyah Elementary Choir

All performances are free and open to the public.

Downtown Library
300 Park Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
606-3833



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during very active play. Facilitated by Child Guidance Speech-Language Pathologists. Class size limited to 20. Please call 425-4412 to pre-register. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City County Health Department.

Rhythmically Speaking Presents: "The Way It Was: Oklahoma's Soulful Stories"

Feb 22 | Mon | 6-7p



All Ages

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Ookami Anime Club

Feb 27 | Sat | 2:30-4p



Teens

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

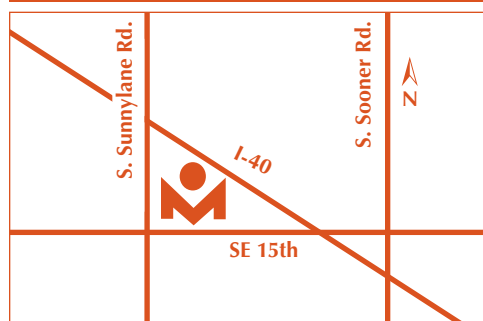
Del City Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: Closed



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Tax Help by AARP Volunteers

Feb 1,8,15,22 | Mon | Noon-4p

Feb 4,11,18,25 | Thur | Noon-4p

Feb 6,13,20,27 | Sat | 9-11a

Adults

Del City Library hosts AARP tax help volunteers Mondays and Thursdays, noon to 4pm, and Saturdays, 9:00am to 11am. Tax help is provided on a first-come, first served basis.

After School Gaming

Feb 2 | Tue | 3-5p

Teens

Bring your friends and join us for snacks, video games, and board games. Our games include Guitar Hero, DDR, MarioKart, Rock Band, Super Smash Bros and more. Call 672-1377 for more info.



Annual Doll and Stuffed Animal Parade

Feb 6 | Sat | 2:30-4p

Ages 4-11

Del City Library's Annual Doll and Stuffed Animal Parade with Judges and entertainment and refreshments! And children bringing their dolls or stuffed animals! This is an annual event. Every child receives a ribbon!

Del City Book Club

Feb 8 | Mon | 7-8p

Adults

Del City Book Club meets monthly at the Del City Library to discuss a book chosen by its members. Join anytime and suggest a title for upcoming meetings! This month we are reading *The Glass Castle: A Memoir* by Jeanette Walls. The Book Club meets Monday, Feb 8, at 7:00 pm. Please call 672-1377 to sign up and reserve a copy of the book.

Color Me Red Storytime

Feb 10 | Wed | 10-10:20a

Ages 1-5

Valentines are red and so are strawberries, fire trucks and roses. Hear stories about things that are red and join us in a fun activity to make your own red booklet.



Storytime Aerobics

Feb 11 | Thur | 6:30-7p

Ages 1-5

Burr! It's cold. Come warm-up with music, cool aerobics, and stories at Storytime Aerobics. Join us for exercise for growing bodies and expanding minds. Bring a friend, make new friends and enjoy a cool juice drink.



Love Sucks! Chocolate Fest

Feb 5 | Fri | 3-4p

Teens

Valentines Shmalentines! Calling all teen "chocoholics!" Join us for a free program full of chocolate eating, activities, and fun. Compete in an Oreo stacking contest, design your own banana split, and much more! Call 672-1377 for information and to sign up.



Teens

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PlayTime

Feb 18 | Thur | 10-11a

Ages 6 months-3 years

Young children are invited to play with toys provided by the library. Guest is staff from Sooner Start! Sooner Start is a joint agency effort of the Oklahoma State Departments of Education, Health, Human Services, Mental Health Services, the Commission on Children and Youth, and the Oklahoma Health Care Authority.



Winning Resumes - Winning Jobs

Feb 18 | Thur | 6:30-7:30p

Adults

Want to know how to create a professional resumé? Want to know how to make yourself a winning candidate? We will teach the essential tools you will need to assist in finding a job. Employment Manager Roy Ballou and leading recruiters from some of the top companies in Oklahoma City will lead these sessions.

Dinosaur Storytime

Feb 23 | Tue | 6:30-7:15p

Ages 4-8

Dinosaurs big and small! Come hear stories about them all! There will be other activities, too!



Tips From the Consumer Queen

Feb 25 | Thur | 6-7:30p

Adults

The reigning Consumer Queen of Edmond,

represented by Patsy Smith, will be giving even more expert couponing advice, frugal tips, and helping you fight the rising costs of the economy by changing the way you shop. This session goes above and beyond the last Consumer Queen class and offers advanced couponing tips from an expert. Please call or stop by the Information Desk for more information.



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Resumés and Job Searching

Feb 2 | Tue | 6-7:30p

Adults

This class will assist you in creating a professional resumé, provide searching tips for finding jobs on-line and filling out on-line job applications. Please register at 606-3879 or ask for Wendy if you have question. Class is held in the Route 66 computer lab.



Wednesday Night at the Movies

Feb 3,10,17,24 | Wed | 6-8p

Ages 13 and older

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

Feb 3: *The Color Purple*

Feb 10: *How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days*

Feb 17: *Antwone Fisher*

Feb 24: *Malcolm X*

Noon Tunes

Feb 4,11,18,25 | Thur

11:30a-12:30p

All ages

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

Feb 4: *Stephanie Jackson*

Feb 11: *OCU Student Pianist*

Feb 18: *Stringents*

Feb 25: *Sequoyah Elementary School Choir*



PM Play with Me Play Group

Feb 4 | Thur | 6:30-7:30p

Infants to age 5 with adult

Join us for fun with toys and friends the first Thursday of every month. A simple craft and a story are included. During snack time, a short discussion is held on the topic of the month. Call 231-8650, ext. 4 for more information.



Play with Me

Feb 5 | Fri | 10-10:50a

Infants to age 5 with adult

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



Downtown Asian Festival 2010

Feb 6 | Sat | Noon-4p

All ages

Join us at the Downtown Library for the 2010 Downtown Asian Festival! This year's festival will include information booths, food, arts and crafts, and performances. The festival shares past and present Asian cultures with the library community through presentation and performances. Admission is free.



Computer Basics: Internet Searching

Feb 9 | Tue | 6-7:30p

Adults

This class will cover basic computer functions as well as some of the in's and out's of basic Internet Searching. Please register at 606-3879 or ask for Wendy if you have question. Class is held in the Route 66 computer lab.



Preschool Aerobics

Feb 12 | Fri | 10-10:45a

Ages 5 and younger w/adult

Preschool aerobics will get you moving and grooving with warm-ups, stretches, activities and a cool-down. An active story will wrap up your aerobic experience. Call 231-8650, ext. 4 to register.



Ernestine Hill Clark Concert Series:

Romance of Chopin with Pianist Wayne McEvilly

Feb 14 | Sun | 2-3p

All ages

Ernestine Hill Clark has served the Metropolitan Library System for many years in several capacities, including Director of Development. To honor her upon her retirement, the MLS Endowment is making the Ernestine Hill Clark Concert Series possible. These concerts were chosen to honor Ernestine because of her enjoyment of the beautiful piano performances by Wayne McEvilly and her generous spirit of giving to others. Co-sponsor: MLS Endowment Trust.



Blogging

Feb 16 | Tue | 6-7:30p

Adults

Come to this class and learn how to create your own blog. The class will include blog sign-up, settings, picking your template, adding links and get you started writing. Please register at 606-3879 or ask for Wendy if you have question. Class is held in the Route 66 computer lab.



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Music Play with Miss Ginger

Feb 26 | Fri | 10-10:50a

Ages 2-5 w/adult

Enjoy songs, musical games and a story with Ginger Waldrip of Ginger's Kindermusik. Instruments will be provided for those who have registered by calling 231-8650, ext. 4.



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(405) 341-9282

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Preschool Story Time

Feb 1,8,15,22 | Mon

10-10:30a

Ages 3-5

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



Intermediate ESL

Feb 1,3,8,10,15,17,22,24

Mon & Wed | 1-4p

Adults

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



Chess Club for Kids

Feb 1 | Mon | 3:30-5p

Ages 8-13

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

Beginning ESL

Feb 1,3,8,10,15,17,22,24

Mon & Wed | 5-8:30p

Adults

For students who have not previously studied English, and who would like to begin at the beginning. Classes provided by Oklahoma City Community College. If you would like to enroll in this class, please call OKC Community College adult education at 682-7873.



Lapsit: Playtime and Story Time

Feb 2,9,16 | Tue | 9:30-10a

and 10:15-10:45a & 11-11:30a

Ages birth - 2 years

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



GED

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Ages 16 and older

Review English, social studies, science, essay writing and math skills in preparation for the GED test. Materials are provided. Classes



are open to students 16 years and older who are not currently enrolled in school.

Edmond Chess Club for Teens

Feb 2,9,16,23 | Tue

6-7:30p

Teens 13-17

Edmond Teens in middle and high school, who enjoy playing Chess or would like to learn more about this game are invited to come and join. Free. Organized by a local parent and coach. Boards will be provided.



Children Reading to Dogs

Feb 2,16 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p

Children who can read

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



55+ Coffee Break

Feb 3,10,27,24 | Wed | 9-11a

Seniors

This is a Coffee Break just for you. Snacks, good conversation, scrabble or games you bring yourself. Find out about new books offered in the library system. Don't miss out on the fun!

Computer Instruction with Eddie

Feb 3,10,17,24 | 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.



Toileting Triumph

Feb 3 | Wed | 3:30-5p

Parents or guardians

With the development of new language skills, motor skills, attitude and activity level come many challenges. Toileting doesn't have to be one of those challenges. We'll talk about signs of readiness, why this learning experience can be so frustrating, ideas for working with parents through this stage and much more. Come discuss ways to make this exciting milestone more fun and rewarding for everyone. Call 425-4412 to register. Facilitated by Robyn Sears. Co-sponsor: OCCHD.



Lifetime
Reader's Society

WINTER READFEST 2010

February 1st - March 31st

Readers 55+ Sign Up!
Read Books for Fun & Prizes



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Computer Instruction with Dave**Feb 3,10,17,24 | Wed 7-8p****Ages 18 & older**

Free! Join Dave for individual computer instruction. Every Wednesday, assistance is offered in increments of 30 minutes to an hour. Call (405) 341-9282 ext. 3 to register.

**Parachute Play****Feb 3 | 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. Class size is limited to 12 children and their parents. Facilitated by Pam Collins & Dan Hester. Pre-register: 425-4412. Co-sponsor: OCCHD.

**Brown Bag Lunch with Novelist Terrye Robins****Feb 4 | Thur | 11:30a-1:30p****Adults**

Terrye Robins, Oklahoma novelist will be munching lunch with Edmond fans at 11:30a. The protagonist of Robins' novels, sleuth Allison Kane, is goodhearted and involved with her church, ministry, and family. Robins writes "a different sort of detective/discovery story..reminiscent of *Murder She Wrote*. Plan to attend this brown bag lunch, beverages will be provided. *Pre-registration is necessary.

Stamp Club**Feb 6,20 | Sat | 10a-Noon****Grades 4 and higher**

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

Advanced Farsi**Feb 7,14,21,28 | Sun****1:30-2:30p****Adults and Teens**

For those who have some familiarity with spoken and written Farsi. Supply charge is \$20. per month, payable to the instructor.

**Beginning Farsi****Feb 7,14,21,28 | Sun****2:30-3:30p****Adults and Teens**

For students who are beginning to study Farsi. Materials cost \$20. per month. All written materials provided by instructor.

**Edmond Manga and Anime Club****Feb 11 | Thur | 4-5:30p****Ages 13-17**

Edmond teens meet to chat, discuss anime and manga trends, draw, view screening episodes and hang out. Free club meets second Thursday of the month at 4pm.

**Music With Susan****Feb 12,26 | Fri | 10-10:30a****and 10:40-11:10a****Ages 2-3**

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

**Music With Susan****Feb 12,26 | Fri****11:15-11:45a****Ages 4-5**

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

**Reader's Choice Book Discussion****Feb 13 | Sat | 10:30a-Noon****Adults**

Join this group to read and discuss outstanding literature. Call the library this month for the group's selection.

Edmond Library Book Bunch**Feb 13 | Sat | 2-3:30p****Seniors**

The book for February is *Red Dirt: Growing up Okie* by Roxanne Ortiz. Questions? Call the Edmond Library at 341-9282.

Rhythmically Speaking Presents: "The Way It Was: Oklahoma's Soulful Stories"**Feb 13 | Sat | 2-3p****All ages**

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Library System, Oklahoma Arts Council, Arts Council of Oklahoma City, and National Endowment for the Arts.

World War II—The Popular War**Feb 15 | Mon | 7-8p****Seniors**

This is a program that celebrates the myriad sacrifices and courageous actions of our World War II veterans on all fronts. Mickey Sherman, the presenter, manned a .50 caliber machine gun in a rear-facing turret on top of the fuselage of an A-20 Havoc attack bomber. His many pictures add to his retelling of his own war experiences, and those experiences of those who served during this dark period of world history. Co-sponsor: Mickey Sherman.

Sustainable Edmond**Feb 16 | Tue | 6:30-8p****Adults**

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

Teaching Children to Be More Cooperative**Feb 17 | Wed | 3:30-5p****Parents or guardians**

Sometimes being a parent isn't easy. We will talk about when to discipline and when to ignore unwanted behaviors. Come and learn the guidance techniques used by experts to teach your child how to cooperate more often. Call 425 4412 to register. Co-sponsor: OCCHD.

**CyberMARS for Seniors****Feb 20 | Sat | 2-3p****Seniors**

Have you ever wondered where the old Card Catalog went? Well, it has resurfaced in another format and now we call it CyberMARS! In this class we will learn how to find a Book, CD, Cassette, or a DVD, and this includes a search in all 17 Metro Area Libraries. We are also able to search by: General Keyword, Author, Shelf # (Dewey Decimal), Title, or Subject. The neat thing about this is if you have Internet access at home, you are able to do all this from your home computer. Please call 341-9282, extension 4 to register.

**Lapsit: Playtime and Toddler Aerobics****Feb 23 | Tue | 9:30-10a****and 10:15-10:45a &****11-11:30a****Ages birth - 2 years**

Enjoy a special time with your child at the



The Metropolitan Library System Invites You To Meet:

Terrye Robins

The Author of Trouble in Paradise, Revenge in Paradise, Justice in Paradise and Creator of the Allison Kane Mystery Series Chats About Life and Literature!

Thursday, Feb. 4th, 12pm

Bring your own brown bag lunch and relax.

Edmond Library, 10 S. Boulevard, 341-9282

Meet the Author is free and open to the public.

Thursday, Feb. 4th, 7pm

Bethany Library, 3510 N. Mueller, 789-8363



library. We will have a playtime with the toys in the story time room. This is followed by a short session of aerobics, emphasizing movement to music.

Children Reading to Dogs

Feb 12 | Fri | 9a-Noon

All ages

Come in out of the cold and practice your reading skills by reading to Duke our friendly therapy dog. Call 454-2001 for information.



Quilting and Sewing

Feb 15 | Mon | 10a-4:30p

Adults

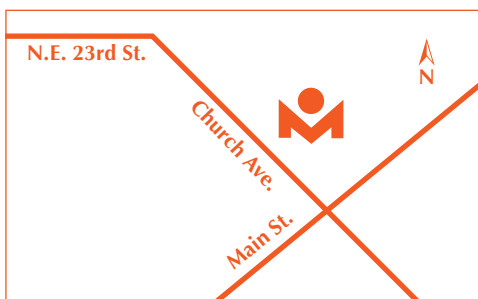
Come and enjoy the fellowship and learn to quilt and sew.

Harrah Library

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

HOURS

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

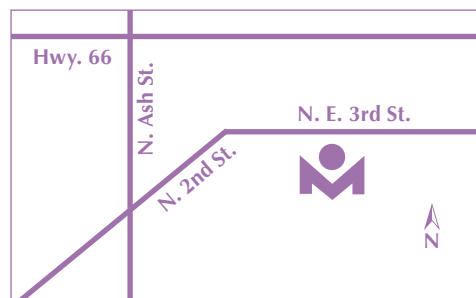


Luther Library

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

HOURS

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

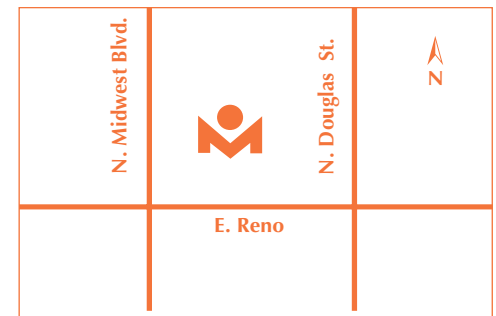


Midwest City Library

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

HOURS

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



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Feb. 1-March 31

Seniors

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Exhibit: Art Quilts by Lola Jenkins**Feb 1-28, Library Hours****All Ages**

To celebrate Black History Month, the work of African-American fiber artist Lola Jenkins will be on display at the Midwest City Library Gallery throughout the month of February. Invited back by popular demand, Ms. Jenkins' award-winning art quilts feature contemporary portrait collages. The exhibit is free and open to the public during all Library hours.

Exhibit-Early Oklahoma: Black Hopes, Black Dreams**Feb 1-28, Library Hours****All Ages**

In recognition of Black History Month in February, the Midwest City Library is pleased to host Early Oklahoma: Black Hopes, Black Dreams, a traveling exhibit on loan from the Oklahoma History Center. This nine-panel exhibition tells the stories of Chickasha's Ada Lois Sipuel, who broke down the color barriers in higher education; early Oklahoma journalist Roscoe Dunjee; and Edwin McCabe, an early Black leader in territorial Oklahoma. The exhibit is free and open to the public all library hours in February.

Family Place: 1-2-3 Play With Me**Feb 1,8,15,22 | Mon****10-11a and 11a-Noon****Infants to age 4 w/parent**

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 by calling the library or visiting the Reference Desk.

**ESL****Feb 2,4,9,11,16,18,23****Tue & Thur | 5-8:30p****Adults**

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

**Meet and Greet****Feb 2 | Tue | 5:30-7p****All ages**

The Midwest City Library, in partnership with the Midwest Chamber of Commerce and, the Mid-Del Public Schools, would like to invite you to attend a meet and greet event on Tuesday, February 2, 2009 at 5:30 p.m.

Midwest City residents can speak with local and state officials regarding various topics and issues. No registration is required. For more information please call 405-732-4828.

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

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

**Parent Talk****Feb 3 | Wed | 1-5p****For parents or caregivers of young children**

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

**German for Beginners****Feb 4,11,18,25 | Thur | 6-7p****All ages**

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

**Alive @ 25****Feb 6 | Sat | 1-5p****Teens**

The Library, in partnership with the Midwest City Police Department, presents this free program to help young adults and teens drive safely. To attend, please register at the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828.

**Lego Robotics****Feb 9 | Tue | 3-5p****Teens**

Please register at the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828. Co-sponsor: OSU/OKC - Extension.

**Midwest City Reader's Society****Feb 16 | 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.

Speech and Language Disorders**Feb 17 | Wed | 3-4:30p****For parents & caregivers of children 12 mos-5 yrs**

Many parents have questions or concerns about the way their child speaks or how well they understand. How do you know if your child's speech or language skills are developing within normal limits? This workshop will present information on normal development and how to recognize when you should seek help from a Speech Pathologist. Facilitated by Speech-Language Pathologists, Cheryl Custer and Tracy Goebel. Call Child Guidance to register at 425-4412. Co-sponsor: OCCHD.

The Weavers Guild of Oklahoma City**Feb 20 | Sat | 10a-Noon****Adults**

The Weavers Guild of Oklahoma City would like to invite you to participate in our February 2010 program. This month's topic - Growing and Using Natural Dyes presented by Heather Clark Hilliard. For more information, please call 405-260-2095.

African American Cultural Heritage**Feb 21 | Sun | 2-5p****All ages**

The Midwest City Library will host our 2nd Annual African-American Cultural Heritage Celebration in honor of Black History Month. This year we will celebrate aspects of African American culture through spoken word, dance, exhibits, books and song. This program is free and available to the public.

Lunch and Learn**Feb 23 | Tue | 12:30-1:30p****Adults**

Ready to get 2010 off to a good start financially? If yes, please join us at our quarterly Lunch and Learn Program sponsored by the Midwest City Library and Allegiance Credit Union. This program will address credit report issues, specifically how to resolve derogatory problems. Limited seating is available and free lunch is provided. To attend, please contact the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828. Co-sponsor: Allegiance Credit Union.

Let's Be Friends**Feb 23 | Tue | 6-7p****For parents & caregivers of young children**

Children's play develops through different stages from solitary to cooperative play. We will talk about these stages and methods to teach social skills and problem solving during play. We will also focus on teaching children how to recognize, label, and appropriately

handle emotions. Facilitated by Sarita Naegeli. Register by calling 425-4412. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City-County Health Department.

Rhythmically Speaking Presents: "The Way It Was: Oklahoma's Soulful Stories"

Feb 25 | Thur | 7-8p

All ages



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Venomous Snakes of Oklahoma

Feb 27 | Sat | 10-11:30a

All ages

With the abundant wildlife and natural areas we have in Oklahoma, encounters with venomous snakes occur quite frequently. With proper safety guidelines and knowledge of venomous snakes, one can learn to identify venomous snakes from nonvenomous snakes, learn to avoid snakebite and what to do in the event of snakebite, and learn to respect and appreciate them for their inherent beauty. To attend this class please register at the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City Herpetological Society.

Say Yea! — Teen Writing Workshop

Feb 28 | Sun | 3-5p
Teens ages 10-16



Teens, have you ever wanted to have your creative writings published? If so, come join us at our writing workshop for pre-teens and teens ages 10 to 16! You will meet and work with local published teen authors, Natasha Bradley and Jasmine Bradley as they share their secrets as to how they wrote their debut book: *Jessika's Diaries: Life's Not Fair*. All attendees will have the chance to have their poetry and short stories published! Registration is required. For more information and registration, please visit the Information Desk or call 405-732-4828. Co-sponsor: On The Ball Publishing.

Nicoma Park Library

2240 Overholser, Nicoma Park
(405) 769-9452

HOURS

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



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Children Reading to Dogs

Feb 11,18 | Thur

3:30-4:30p

Ages 4 and older

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



International Women's Aglow of Choctaw

Feb 13 | Sat | 9:40a-Noon

Adults

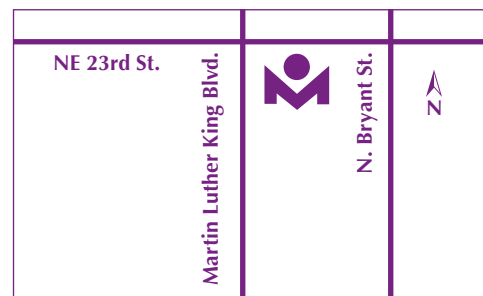
The interdenominational International Women's Aglow of Choctaw meets every second Saturday. Inspirational speakers, fellowship and refreshments. For more information, please call: 371-7316 or 677-8909.

Ralph Ellison Library

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

HOURS

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



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Black History Trivia

Feb 1-28 | Library Hours

All ages

Come to the library during the month of February to try our Black History Month Trivia. If you get all of the questions correct, you could win an amazing prize. And you'll definitely learn something!

Al Bostick Presents Black Voices

Feb 2 | Tue | 6-7p
All ages



Experience the Harlem Renaissance first-hand through the voices of Langston Hughes, Zora Neale Hurston, Paul Laurence Dunbar and many others. Al Bostick, storyteller, griot and Renaissance Man, presents this highly acclaimed performance. Call the library now to reserve your seats (405) 424-1437.

Teen Advisory Board

Feb 3 | Wed | 4-5p
Teens



Do you want to help plan teen programs, talk about books and get volunteer hours? The Teen Advisory Board is a group of teens in grades 7-12 dedicated to making the library an awesome place for teens. Call (405) 424-1437 for more info.

Black History Music Series

Feb 3,10,24 | Wed

5:30-6p

All ages

Stop by the lobby for some sizzling hot tunes from local artists.



Black History Lecture Series

Feb 3,10,24 | Wed | 6-7p

Adults

Learn about current issues in Black History from scholars, community leaders and local authors during our three-part lecture series.

Anime/Manga/Gaming Club

Feb 4,18 | Thur | 3-4:30p

Teens

Do you like to watch anime, play video games or talk about manga? Come to the Anime/Manga/Gaming Club for all that plus food and role playing games. Call (405) 424-1437 for more info.



Ralph Ellison Special Friends Meet-and-Greet

Feb 6 | Sat | 1-2p

All ages

Come and learn more about the library and the Special Friends at this informational session.

Black Ellison One Man Play

Feb 6 | Sat | 3-4p

All ages

Morris McCorvey will be performing a one-man play about the life of Ralph Ellison to celebrate the legacy of this Oklahoma author. Call ahead to reserve your place (405) 424-1437.



Teddy Bear Vote 2010

Feb 8-13 | Mon | 9a-8p

All ages

It's that time again! Come to the library any time between February 8-13th to vote for your favorite teddy bear. At the end of the week, someone will win each bear. These bears are super cute and will make a great gift for your sweetie!

Preschool Story Time

Feb 9,23 | Tue | 10-10:30a

Ages 3-5

For all children ages 3-5, join us for story time. There will be songs, fingerplays, puppets, occasional crafts and special stories. Please preregister, or call 424-1437.



Teen Crafts-Mardi Gras

Masks

Feb 9 | Tue | 5-7p

Teens

Do you want to make awesome crafts for



free? This month we'll be making Mardi Gras masks. Call (405) 424-1437 for more info.

Finding Your Roots- Genealogy Workshop

Feb 11,14,25 | Thur | 6-7p

Adults

Learn how to trace your black roots in this three-part genealogy workshop. We will cover the basics of doing genealogy research online, as well as issues specifically affecting African Americans. Call the library to reserve your spot @ (405) 424-1437.



Love Stinks Chocolate Festival

Feb 13 | Sat | 3-4p

Teens

Do you like chocolate? Stop by the library to taste some amazing chocolates and to celebrate Valentine's Day. We'll have tons of candies, brownies, cookies and more to satisfy even the biggest sweet tooth.



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Paul Mitchell's Jazz Band

Feb 17 | Wed

5:30-7:30p

All ages

Come to the library and rock out to some super smooth tunes from Phil Mitchell's Jazz Band.



Family Night

Feb 22 | Mon | 6-7p

All ages

Come enjoy Story time, games, snacks, find out about new books offered in the library system. Come enjoy an evening of fun. Please pre-register or call 424-1437.

Southern Oaks Library

6900 S. Walker, OKC

(405) 631-4468

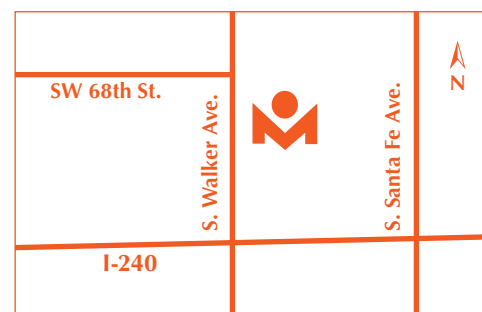
HOURS

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Fri: 9-6

Sat: 9-5

Sun: 1-6



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Preschool Story Time

Feb 1,8,15,22 | Mon

10:30-11:10a

Children ages 2-6 with parent/caregiver

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 at the Information Desk.



GED

Feb 1,3,8,10,15,17,22,24

Mon & Wed | 3-6p

Age 16 & older

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



Free Tax Help: AARP

Feb 3,10,17,24 | Wed | 9a-2:30p

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

Adults

AARP trained volunteers will assist you in preparing your 2009 state and federal tax returns, on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9am-2:30pm. No appointments - first come, first served. E-filing only. Co-sponsor: AARP.

Score Small Business Counseling

Feb 5 | Fri | 10a-1p

Adults

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

Financial Aid Workshop

Feb 5 | Fri | 2-3:30p

Teen & Adults

This workshop will provide potential students with information on how to obtain scholarships, grants and students loans from the federal government, the state, colleges, and private sources. You will be able to ask questions about the different types of aid and pick up valuable handouts. Call 631-4468 to pre-register. Co-sponsor: Sergio Gallegos, Oklahoma City Community College Financial Aid Services.

An Author Event: Meet Terrye Robins

Feb 9 | Tue | 11:30a-12:30p

Adults

Terrye Robins, of Chelsea, Oklahoma, will discuss her Christian-fiction books in a fun presentation. She'll discuss her three books, *Trouble in Paradise*, *Revenge in Paradise*, and the newest addition, *Justice in Paradise*, and answer questions. This is a great opportunity for all inspiring authors. Refreshments provided and books will be available for purchase and signing.

Homework Help

Feb 9,16,23 | Tue | 4-6p

Grades 1-5

High school and college students will be available to answer questions or read with young people. Call 631-4468 to pre-register.

Anime Club

Feb 10 | Sat | 6:30-8:30p

Teens 14 and older

The Scarlet Kitsune Anime Club will be



screening FUNimation screening reels, feature films and other anime titles. Call 631-4468 for more information. Snacks will be provided

Book Adventure: Kids' Book Club

Feb 11 | Thur | 4:30-5:30p

Kids ages 6-9

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

Lauren Pelon presents: The Living History of Music

Feb 19 | Fri | 1-2p

Adults

Lauren Pelon traces the story of music and instruments throughout history and performs music from the 1st to the 21st centuries on archlute, guitar, lute-guitar, lyre, recorders, gemshorns, cornamuse, krummhorn, schreierpfeife, shawm, rackets, pennywhistles, concertina, ocarina, hurdy-gurdy, psalter, eagle bone flute, Kiowa courting flute, electric wind instrument, pedalboard, and voice. Pelon's compositions are featured, along with music from ancient Greece, medieval and renaissance Europe, Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Ireland and the Americas.



Parachute Play

Feb 26 | Fri | 10:30-11a

Ages 3-6 (w/parent or guardian)

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



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Feb 27 | Sat | 2-3p

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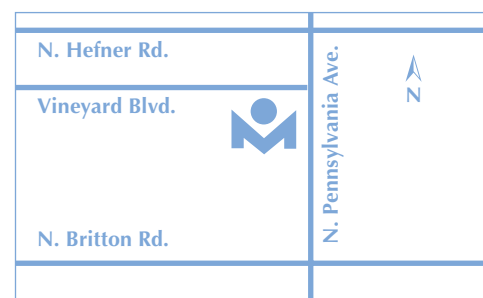
The Village Library

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 Microsoft Excel

Feb 1,8,15,22 | 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.



Parent Talk

Feb 2 | Tue | 1-5p

For parents and caregivers of young children

Sessions include discussion about the normal range of early development as well as any parenting questions you may have in the areas of speech, language, development, and behavior. Children do not have to be present at session. Individual appointment times are 40-45 minutes in length. Please call 425-4412 to schedule an



appointment. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City-County Health Department.

Do Fence Me In

Feb 2 | Tue | 6-7:30p
For parents and caregivers of young children



Next to love, setting limits is a parent's second most important gift to a child. This workshop will offer suggestions for providing clear, consistent and predictable expectations. Facilitated by Sarita Naegeli. Please call 425-4412 to preregister. Co-sponsor: Oklahoma City County Health Department.

Children Reading to Dogs

Feb 3,10,17,24 | Wed

6:15-7p

Feb 4,11,18,25 | 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.

Storytime

Feb 9,16 | Tue | 10-10:30a

Ages 2-6



Come and join us for stories, songs, and crafts! Please stop by the Information Desk to preregister, or call 755-0710.

Healthy Life Styles

Feb 9,16,23 | Tue | 6:30-7:30p

Adults

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

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Winning Resumes - Winning Jobs

Feb 15 | Mon | 2-4p

Adults

Want to know how to create a professional resume? Want to know how to make yourself a winning candidate? We will teach the essential tools you will need to assist in finding a job. Employment Manager Roy Ballou and leading recruiters from some of the top companies in Oklahoma City will lead these sessions.

Book Discussion Group

Feb 15 | Mon | 3-4p

Adults

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

Village-Something Interesting for Teens

Feb 18 | Thur | 4-5p

Teens

Friends. Food. Fun. Anime. Games. Crafts. New activity every month! Register at the Information/Reference Desk or call 405-755-0710 for more information.



Introduction to MS Word

Feb 18 | 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 more. Come in or call to sign-up. Village Library (405) 755-0710.



Knitty Committee

Feb 27 | Sat | 10-11a

Adults

Interested in knitting or learning how to knit? Join the Knitty Committee on the 4th Saturday at 10am. Bring your yarn and join the fun.

Warr Acres Library

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

HOURS

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

Sat: 9-5
Sun: Closed



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Tax Assistance

Feb 1,9,15,22 | Mon | 9a-3p

Feb 5,12,19,26 | Fri | 9a-3p

Adults

Mondays and Fridays AARP will offer tax assistance to members of the community who need help in preparing their 2009 taxes. Help is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Simple forms only. Electronic filing available..

English as a Second Language

Feb 1,3,8,10,15,17,22,24

Mon & Wed | 5:30-8p

Adults

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



Storytime for Preschoolers

Feb 2,16 | Tue

10:30-11:15a

Ages 2 1/2 to 5 years

w/adult

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



Warr Acres Book Club
Feb 8 | Mon | 11a-Noon
Adults

The Warr Acres Library Book Club meets the second Monday of each month. This month we will be discussing *Still Life* by Joy Fielding.

Choosing a Quality Child Care
Feb 9 | Tue | 3:30-5p
Adults



One of the most important decisions you will make for your child is who will care for him/her while you make a living. Your child will spend many hours with the teachers at child care and will learn much from them. Let us help you know what to look for, what questions to ask and how to choose. Facilitated by Deborah Shapiro M.S. CCC-SLP Speech-Language Pathologist & Robyn Sears M.S. Child Development Specialist. Call 425-4412 to register. Free of charge. No child care.

Playtime for Babies and Tots
Feb 10,17,24 | Wed
9:15-10:30a and
10:30-11:15a
8 to 30 months old w/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. Choose one of two sessions: 9:15am or 10:30am (Siblings are welcome) Pre-register at 721-2616.

Children Reading to Dogs
Feb 11 | Thur
6:30-7:30p
Ages 6 and older



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

Parent Talk
Feb 12 | Fri | 9a-Noon
Adults



Individual, private sessions for parents or caregivers of young children, include discussion about the normal range of early development as well as any parenting questions you may have in areas of speech, language, development, and behavior. Children do not have to be present at the session. Call 425-4412 to schedule your FREE appointment

Warr Acres Coffee Break
Feb 15 | Mon | 9:30-10:30a
Adults

Coffee Break meets the second Monday of each month at 9:30. Join us for light refreshments and conversation. We will follow our Coffee Break today with an informative session on Elder Law, beginning at 10:30am.

Elder Law
Feb 15 | Mon | 10:30-11:30a
Seniors

Jill Watskey, Attorney, from the Senior Law Resource Center will discuss powers of attorney, advance directives, and the various ways property can pass at death. She will discuss what probate is and how to avoid it. The goal is to educate people about their options so their assets can pass to their loved ones as simply, quickly, and cost-effectively as possible. Options for paying for long-term-care such as Medicare, Medicaid, and VA benefits will also be covered.

Anime With Alex
Feb 18 | Thur | 6:30-8p
Ages 12-18



Like to draw anime? Want to make your own chibi? Anime expert Alex Brodt will lead this fun creative class Please call to register: 721-2616.

Caldecott ART Club for Children
Feb 20 | Sat | 10:30a-11:30p
Age 5-11

After reading the Caldecott winner, *One Fine Day*, children will paint with small brush strokes like artist Nonny Hogrogian for their take-home craft. Join us every month for award-winning books and art fun. Please call to pre-register.

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Beginning Genealogy
Feb 27 | 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



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The Way It Was: Oklahoma's Soulful Stories

Oklahoma's Black Towns and Communities – An invaluable part of state history that is often overlooked.

Join storyteller DWe Williams and Rhythmically Speaking for a look at this forgotten corner of Oklahoma's History.



Wednesday, Feb. 10, 6:30pm	The Village Library, 10307 N. Pennsylvania (755-0710)
Saturday, Feb. 13, 2pm	Edmond Library, 10 S. Boulevard (341-9282)
Sunday, Feb. 14, 2pm	Belle Isle Library, 5501 N. Villa (843-9601)
Monday, Feb. 15, 6pm	Ralph Ellison Library, 2000 NE 23 rd (424-1437)
Tuesday, Feb. 16, 7pm	Del City Library, 4509 SE 15 th (672-1377)
Wednesday, Feb. 17, 6pm	Capitol Hill Library, 334 SW 26 th (634-6308)
Thursday, Feb. 18, 7pm	St. John's Missionary Baptist Church, 5700 N Kelly (478-3344)
Saturday, Feb. 20, 3pm	Bethany Library, 3510 N. Mueller (789-8363)
Monday, Feb. 22, 6pm	Choctaw Library, 2525 Muzzy Street (390-8418)
Tuesday, Feb. 23, 6pm	Warr Acres Library, 5901 NW 63rd (721-2616)
Thursday, Feb. 25, 7pm	Midwest City Library, 8143 E. Reno (732-4828)
Saturday, Feb. 27, 2pm	Southern Oaks Library, 6900 S. Walker (631-4468)
Sunday, Feb. 28, 2pm	Downtown Library, 300 Park Avenue (231-8650)



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2010 CALENDAR



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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.

Kimmel, Daniel M. *I'll Have What She's Having: Behind the Scenes of the Great Romantic Comedies*.

791.43617/K498i

What movie genre has been more (deservedly) maligned over the last several years than the romantic comedy—since most of the recent ones have been neither romantic nor comic. But diehard fans of the genre can have some Valentine's Day fun with this book as Kimmel takes us behind the scenes of some favorite movies to demonstrate that the path of true cinematic love never did run smooth.

Doyle, Ursula, ed. *Love Letters of Great Men*.

808.86/L8971lo

Have you ever wondered what a love letter from Beethoven would contain? Me neither. Sounds creepy. But if you do ponder such things, this small book, inspired by the movie *Sex and the City*, can fill in the gaps in your romantic education. Included are letters from Mark Twain, Mozart, Henry VIII, Pliny the Younger, and even that swooning Victorian lover-boy, Charles Darwin. It's love, love, love—wall to wall and floor to ceiling.



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MLS LIBRARIES

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

MLS EXTENSION LIBRARIES*

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*HARRAH 1930 N. Church Avenue, Harrah, 454-2001	9:30-6	9:30-6	9:30-6	9:30-6	9-5	9-5	—
*JONES 111 E. Main, Jones, 399-5471	—	9:30-5:30	—	9:30-5:30	—	1-5	—
*LUTHER 310 N.E. 3rd, Luther, 277-9967	9:30-6	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.